## C'ville schools chief will resign

Clarenceville Public Schools Su-perintendent Michael Saibler plans to resign June 30, after five years on the job.

"Beginning in 1934, we began a long and exciting journey to im-prove the educational opportunities offered to Ciarenceville students," be wrote in his letter of resignation submitted to the Ciarenceville

submitted to the Charlesceving Board of Education. "And I believe that we have been successful in accomplishing all of our established goals."

SHIBLER SAID that last week. SHIBLER SAID that last week, he settled on a contract with the Rockford Board of Education in shurban Grand Rapids, a school district with roughly twice as many students as Clarenceville. Rockford, an out-of-formula district, is experiencing increasing corrollment of about 300 students a

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we would probably get four or five years from Mike because he's an upcoming superintendent in the state," Wood continued. "It's our loss and their gain."

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AMONG SHIBLER'S accomplishments, Wood cited the guaranteed high school diploma, competency testing, and the academic letter.

With the help of a survey sent to district homes, asking residents what changes they'd like to see in the district's schools. "He helped us establish long and abort term goals," Wood said.

"By doing that we were able to stay out of financial trouble as far as deficit spending that a lot of the informula districts have gone through."

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School Boards Association is scheduled to attend tonight's board
meeting, to help board members
begin a Midwest search for a superintendent.

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"It isn't the best timing," Shibler said, as Clarenceville voters will be asked in just 11 days to approve a 3.5 mill increase in general operating militage.

Shibler said be'll continue to appear before groups to urge passage of the militage. The issue goes before voters April 24.

"We think he did an outstanding bit his five years as superintendent in Clarenceville," said Richard Wood, board of education president.

When Shibler was selected from a field of 90 candidates, "We said

## DDA — clean up downtown

Melting snow and spring winds un-covered an annual problem in Farm-ington and other communities. Trash.

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And members of the Farmington
Downtown Development Authority
are encouraging their city to step up
enforcement in the way local businesses and landlords handle their
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"It seems that ... until they (property owners) do something, the problem of trash and littering will remain," said DDA member Merrill Miller. "The concept of keeping downtown attractive can be promoted by this committee. It is blight."
The issue was put on the April 4

agenda by DDA member Frank Chaption, whose family is part target of a downtown thopping center and was recently ticketed after trash from the center blew into neighboring properties and neighboring complained. Clappino could not attend the April 4 meeting, but felt the issue abould be addressed. "This is not a brand new probert Deadman, who also sits on the DDA board." Maintaining a clean facility is a cost of doing business."

He added that the trash problem is not unique to downtown but must monitored at all shopping centers.

WHILE AWAITING results of a study on using benches and decora-tive trash cars in the downtown area, DDA members suggested the

city try to pet more barrels out to encourage shoppers and visitors to dispose of their trash properly. "There are great stretches where there aren't any (trash cans)," said DDA member Jody Soroen. "Most adults will use them, if they're pro-vided."

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DDA president Harry Wingere-nios suggested that some trash cans be installed so that people could drive by, and not have to get out of their cars.

Deadman stressed that the city with a craw of six to handle public works projects, cannot be responsi-ble for picking up the trash. "Land-lords and tenants just have to pay special attention this time of year," he said. "The city doesn't have the manpower, or the inclination, to take care of garbage. We're just not going to do it." or ears. Deadman stressed that the city,

Deadman suggests shopping cen-ter landlords use regular clean-up crews to make an extra effort this time of year, then make another ef-fort in the fall. Routine maintenance "is not enough this time of year," lie added.

THE CITY sends out warnings be-fore ticketing landowners for unslightly garbage, which can' be seen along fence lines and in bushes;

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Deadman sald that because of pra-ticket warnings, by the time such matters get to court, they are treat-ed seriously. He cited one problem several years ago, in which a busi-ness was fixed \$500 per day mill they handled their problem.

## Parent told to wait for court decision

A parent who has sued Farming-ton schools over what he claims is unfair treatment of his elementary son was told last week to wait for a judge's decision.

School attorney J. Kingsley Cotton responded to Lorne Leon, who spoke during a public comment segment of the April 4 school board meeting. Cotton said since the matter was al-rendy in court, school officials would

not comment during a board meeting.

"You had your choice. You have chosen to use the (state appeals) process...and also chosen to go to circuit court," Cotton said. "The board and administration has directed me to respond in those forums. We are not going to respond in this forum."

Leon has sued superintendent

Graham Lewis and the Farmington school district to get more help for their son, who has been qualified as learning disabled.

The sult, filed in January, followed months of hearings at the county and state levels. The Leons claim the district has not implemented a state hearing officer's decision; the district claims it has.

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Loon has appeared at several re-cent school board meetings, berating officials for not releasing school records pertaining to his son and criticizing the board for not starting an investigation of the matter. Leon said he expected a decision any day from Circuit Judge Fred Meester, who is bearing the case in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac.

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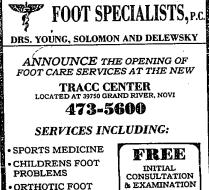
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