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Action Committee, she said her business expertise would be an asset to state government.

She also talked about her involvement on social issues and civic organizations.

As we go to a term-limit legislature, we can't afford simple acc candidates, she said.

Jaycees President Mark Blasical read questions prepared by the Oakland County Republicans and gave each candidate two munities to respond.

All four agreed that court reform was necessary.

Joliceuer said as an advocate for menetally handicapped and above and an eglected children, a family court would be a more efficient way for a "wraparound court system" to operate. Rackowski said he would try to do away with the 36th District Recorder's Court and use that

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"We need to have a loser pays policy," she said.

policy, she said.
Raczkowski said he would not support a gas tax to fix roads but would support using revenues carned by the state's general fund to be put into an infrastructure fund. In addition, he would have the Detroit Tigers repay money from the state to build a new stadium.

He would also

money from the state to build an enve stadium. He would also increase taxes on trucks at higher weights.
Sever said the state's citizens should vote on any proposal for a gas tax. He said the state should also come up with a 10-15 year strategy rather than short-term solutions.

"I would fight the governor if he were to reappropriate more money for state roads from local roads," Sever said.

Webb said surveys in the com-

munity indicate roads are the top issue, but in an election year, the issue would be a "political

pothote."

She said she would not make a decision on whether to support a tax until she was serving in Lansing and could work on a solution. She did say the issue

must be addressed soon

"It has become a safety issue and an economic issue," she said. "Businesses are leaving or won't enter (the state) because of our roads."

Jolicoeur said she would oppose a gas tax and would make tough budget decisions using general fund money for

"We made the mistake of allowing gas tax to be used for school aid," she said. "That money should be used strictly for roads."

She said truck weight restric-tions and the resulting taxes should also be brought in line with surrounding states.

The candidates all saw health reform as a continuing debate. Sever said more efforts at preventative medicine and reform of prescription drug costs were issues hed push. Web said tort reform and changes in malpractice suits could improve the health environment and reduce costs.

Retirees from page A1

ed teacher Dave Catherman and special education instructor Gail Moore have been in the district since the early 1960s. Both have retired.

Such a turnover is a drain on Such a turnover is a drain on the Personnel Department, espe-cially since longtime Director Bob Coleman also retired. New director Larry Lobert will be sift-ing through applications and organizing interview committees this summer.

The district projects to save \$744,660 alone based on the retirement of 20 teachers, said

Cheryl Cannon, assistant super-intendent of Finance.

High turnover mirrors a national trend, one which has some experts predicting a teacher shortage. A lack of instructors will not likely be a problem in Farmington, though.

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problems have been able to hold down jobs and live productive lives despite their handicap. But it's in the realm of her

business experience where Joli-coeur thinks she can best help the 37th House District.

the 37th House District.
Jolicoeur, who is pro-life, has worked in business for 25 years and runs Target Equipment Leasing, Inc., of Farmington Hills. Starting with \$20,000, has built the company into a \$5 million business. I know how to read a financial report, said the Oakland Community College graduate. I read them for a living. She hopes that will translate

munity College graduate. 'I read them for a living.'

She hopes that will translate into sound fiscal management of the state by the legislature. And Jolicoeur said she will be happy to return to her business and family life and not become a career politician.

"I worked to get term limits passed," she said. 'I'm not looking for a career; I have one.'

While building a successful business, Jolicoeur has been involved with several organizations including the Girl Scouts, Oakland County Chamber of Commerce and St. Bede and St. Michael Catholic churches.

At the state level, Jolicoeur has worked on the board of the Michigan Strategie Fund. She has received numerous awards and is a past president of the Greater Detroit Notional Association of Women Business Owners.

She has had an impact in

ers.

She has had an impact in Lansing, helping legislators craft a bill that taxed the user of leased property rather than the business that leases it. That has benefited small businesses especially, she said.

Jolicoeur said she would work

to improve the work force by try-ing to get more Job Training Partnership Act money used for job creation.

job creation.

In the area of crime, Jolicoeur sees a dangerous trend when it comes to juvenile crime. She would push for more boot camps white tougheoing laws on younger violent offenders.

"We have pandored to the juvenile delinquents," she said. They get too many warnings and are sent home."

The 37th District in particular

The 37th District in particular and Oakland County are not getting their fair share of tax dollars back for those paid, she

said.
"I realize we will never get 100
percent of our money," she said.
"There are communities that
need more. But we are getting
63-70 cents on the dollar. We are
a donor county."

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Roads are a serious public safety issue in the state and district, she said. But part of the problem with the infrastructure has to do with how it is funded. That is the same problem education faces.

"Our state is the only one in the entire nation where sales tax is not used for schools," she said. They have been supported by the general fund." She would push for more

She would push for more basics in education and more time in school for children.

"There is becoming a gap between our country and Europe," she said. "They go to school 280 days a year and our kids go to school for 180 days."

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Many of the problems in school have to do with children being disruptive and people expecting teachers to "baby sit" rather than teach.

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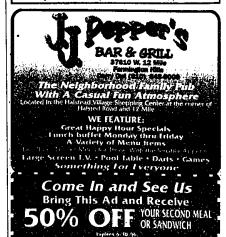
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