

4 eye 2 C'ville school board seats

By Sue Mason
staff writer

FOUR CANDIDATES for two seats on the Clarenceville Board of Education will stand off on the issues affecting the district at a candidates forum set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4 at Grandview School, Livonia.

Incumbent Barry Sherman and challengers Sharon Pommerville, Vernice Dunklee and Timothy Wiggle will field questions from residents during the program. The Clarenceville School District includes portions of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford Township. Sherman, Dunklee and Pommerville are Livonia residents while Wiggle lives in Redford Township.

Answering questions has become almost second nature to the candidates, who expressed their views on issues facing the district during recent interviews by The Observer. Questions put to the candidates were:

- Should voters override the 1985 amendment that requires the district to roll back its operation-

millage by 1.8 mills this year?

DUNKLEE: We're a small district and not really a rich community. We have made so much progress in the last few years and I would hate to see that interrupted. I would hope voters would override the amendment and I like the idea that we can vote on it.

POMMERVILLE: Yes, because

the tax rate would remain the same. The savings would be \$63 a year and I think people can afford that for the overall education of students. The school district is on the upswing, on a positive note.

SHERMAN: I definitely support an attempt to override the amendment. There's no doubt a rollback will affect the operations of this school district and it will affect those areas that we've most recently added. Once the people understand what it's all about, I feel they'll be supportive of this. They always have been.

course we've been taking in the last few years, I think that will help. We're known as a progressive district and we've been a leader in academics. The academic letter is an excellent program and the addition of (Superintendent) Michael Shillbier to the district is an asset. He's a young man with good ideas that we need to keep this district going and making advances. We also have a good, dedicated teacher and support staff, but at some point we're going to have to bring up their salaries so we can compete with other districts.

• How do you think education should be financed?

DUNKLEE: I've read about the different proposals but none have stuck in my mind. I would like to see more information on equalizing the state money behind every student. I'm inclined to look at some program that would make state funding consistent across the state.

POMMERVILLE: I haven't given much thought to that. Property tax is the way we've always been taxed and it's always been on our tax bills. Property values and the walks of life are different in each school district and the quality of the education is determined by what each district does with the money it collects.

SHERMAN: When the tax dollars come in local the school district maintains local control, but when they come from the state you lose that control. There's no doubt we have to have tax reform, but I don't have a solution other than property tax. I wish I had an answer. As a board member I deal with the same frustrations other residents do.

WIGGLE: I would like to see Clarenceville get the full benefit of its local taxes. Clarenceville's biggest problem is it's an in-formula district. Where it can gain money is if property values increase within a few years and it becomes out of formula. That would benefit the district.

• What programs do you think need to be stressed in the Clarenceville district?

DUNKLEE: The priority with me, if we get the money, is to get the learning centers opened with a full-time staff in every school building.

WIGGLE: If we continue on the

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Hopefuls offer varied experience



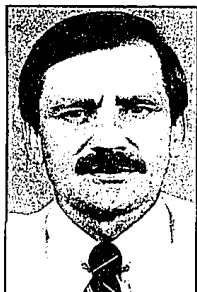
Name: Vernice Dunklee, 37, 10-year resident of Livonia.
Marital Status: Married, mother of three children — one freshman and one sophomore at Clarenceville High School and a sixth-grader at Botsford Elementary School.
Education: Graduate of Bentley High School, Livonia.
Employment: Self-employed.
Organizations: Member of the Botsford School PTO, serving five terms as president and three terms as secretary; Clarenceville Educational Excellence Committee; coordinator of Botsford's Bucket Brigade program; editor of the Michigan Association of Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD) newsletter; treasurer of the MACLD gymnastics program and coordinator of the MACLD summer gymnastics program.



Name: Sharon Pommerville, 44, 15-year resident of Livonia.
Marital Status: Married and the mother of two children — one attends Grandview Elementary School.
Education: Graduate of Redford Union High School; attends Schoolcraft College, where she is studying hotel-motel and cosmetology management.
Employment: Vice president of Trebor Construction Co., Livonia; also has been a licensed cosmetologist for 20 years.
Organizations: Member of Livonia Needlecraft Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, National Federation of Independent Business, and Friends of Grandview; network director for the National Association for Female Executives.



Name: Barry Sherman, 35, 12-year resident of Livonia.
Marital Status: Married and the father of two children — both attend Botsford Elementary School.
Education: A graduate of Clarenceville High School, associate of arts degree from Schoolcraft College and a bachelor of arts degree from Madonna College.
Employment: A police officer for the city of Livonia; part-time adult education instructor with Livonia and Redford Union school districts.
Organizations: Livonia Youth Assistance Program-Community Action Council, serving as council chairman; Livonia Youth Commission's scholarship selection committee; member, board of directors, Livonia Optimists Club; Clarenceville and Farmington Community Education Advisory Council.



Name: Timothy Wiggle, 36, 18-year resident of Redford Township.
Marital Status: Married and the father of three children — two attend Clarenceville High School, one attends Clarenceville Junior High School.
Education: Graduate of Farmington Senior High School.
Employment: Sanitation foreman with Redford Township.
Organizations: Member of Parent to Parent, the Clarenceville Educational Substance Abuse Committee, Plymouth Rock No. 47 of the Masons and the Shrine, past member of the Clarenceville Educational Excellence Committee and a block captain for Neighborhood Watch.

short takes

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST
James Pohl of Farmington was named physical therapy director at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

His duties include supervising the physical therapy staff, ensuring that physicians' orders are completed, developing patient education programs and coordinating new programs.

James Pohl He previously worked at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, first as senior staff physical therapist, then as physical therapy assistant director.

He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association orthopedic section. He has a special interest in sports medicine, industrial rehabilitation and program development.

EARNs AWARD
Dr. Richard Smith of Farmington, assistant superintendent of federal, state and local governmental relations, received the Anthony Wayne Award for Leadership from the Wayne State University College of Education during its scholarship awards luncheon.

The Anthony Wayne Award for Leadership is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership, professional achievement and demonstrated success towards excellence in education and the community at large.

NAMED MANAGER
David Byrd of Farmington Hills was named account manager of Structural Dynamics Research Corp.'s Automotive Business Group.

The Madison Heights-based firm deals in automotive design and process engineering, development engineering and product validation using computer-aided technologies. Byrd is responsible for total account management of the staff and supplier divisions of General Motors. He is responsible for the American Motors and Original Equipment Manufacturers accounts.

Before his appointment, he was coordinator of the firm's management information system. He joined the company in March.

Byrd is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

NEW MEMBERS
Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce has welcomed 12 new members.

They include: Hovinga Business Systems, Inc., 23884 Research Drive, Canton business systems; Bar Financial Corp., 37000 Grand River, financial planning and insurance; National Bank of Detroit, 32900 Middlebelt, bank; Anderson & Anderson, 29912 Orchard Lake, attorneys; Partners In Placement, 20270 Middlebelt, Suite No. 1, Livonia, employment agency; Midco Tool Sales, 35854 Johnstown, tools; Wood-Gibbs Associates, 37000 Grand River, Suite 190, insurance agent.

Also: Entech Services, 29100 Northwestern Highway, No. 110, Southfield, temporary service, clerical and technical; Di-Mar, Inc., 20780 Orchard Lake, contractor; Monthly Merchant, 36385 Grand River, No. 204, advertising monthly; Marshall & Poe, CPAs, 34405 12 Mile, No. 133, CPAs; and Brinks Home Security, Inc., 37325 Schoolcraft, Livonia, security systems.

NEW DEVELOPMENT
Barton Berman, president, and Joseph Slavik, director, of the recently formed BBC Group, Inc. have announced that the Farmington Hills company has begun selling single-family homes in Homestead Village in Brownstown Township.

BBC Group, which seven months ago targeted 10 new subdivisions for 1987 starts, has secured seven locations with new homes ranging from \$75,000 to \$200,000. It projects \$50 million in sales over the next two years.

The grand opening of Homestead Village is scheduled for mid-May. Two model homes, a 1,520-square-foot colonial and a 1,357-square-foot ranch, are open for viewing, with seven other homes under construction.

Homestead Village is just east of Arsenal, south of Van Horn. It is the first of seven new developments scheduled by BBC Group to open this year. BBC Group will have new single-family models in Woodhaven, Canton, Novi, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield, as well as condominium projects in Sterling Heights and Riverview, opening from mid-May through this fall. BBC Group was formed last year by Barton Berman of Amurcon Corp. and Joseph Slavik and Richard

Coarse of the Slavik organization, together representing a century of experience in real estate development, construction and syndication.

ASSISTANT VP
Comerica Bank-Detroit, principal subsidiary of Comerica Inc., has announced that Treva Burnstrom of Farmington Hills was appointed funds management department assistant vice president.

Burnstrom joined the bank in 1980 as a management trainee. She was promoted to funds management officer in 1984.

GAINS EMMY
Donald Carter of Farmington Hills earned an Emmy award for directing at the annual awards of the National Association of Television Arts and Science, Detroit Chapter.

The ceremony was held in Dearborn May 8. This was the second Emmy for Carter in the category of studio directing for "Good Afternoon Detroit," aired on WXYZ-TV, Channel 7.

Carter has been with the station since 1980 after previous directing assignments at WLX-TV in Jackson and WTOL-TV in Toledo.

WINKELMAN'S OPENING
An Aug. 1 opening is projected for the new 4,500-square-foot Winkelman's in Hunters Square on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

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