

C'ville grad enters race for school board



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Dale Weighill, 18, is running for the Clarenceville school board, and he's serious.

And why wouldn't he be?

After all, the 1988 Clarenceville High graduate served on the district's sequentialennial committee, was senior class president and National Honor Society president, and his classmates voted him "outstanding school citizen."

"I've been thinking about it for about a year," said Weighill, who said he plans to declare political science as his major at the University

of Michigan-Dearborn where he attends.

"I think I can offer a new perspective on the school board, some new viewpoints the current members haven't thought on."

"I'm not the 18-year-old candidate for the board, I'm a candidate for the board who happens to be 18. I'm reaching out to parents too."

Clarenceville includes portions of Farmington Hills, Livonia and Redford Township.

WEIGHILL PLANNED to turn in more than twice the required number of petition signatures needed to place his name on the ballot last week.

He is seeking the seat on the board currently held by Gary Gasser, who is also seeking election to the seat.

Ironically, Gasser was appointed to the seat vacated last June by longtime member Barry Sherman, who was elected to the board soon after graduating from high school.

As the student representative on the sequentialennial committee, Weighill registered over 1,000 people that summer.

"I really enjoy politics," he said, adding he was active in the Dukakis campaign last fall.

"I've had two initiatives I've been looking into," Weighill said about his major concerns if elected to the board.

One involves making geography, currently an elective, a required class.

"You see so much in the newspapers lately of American kids falling behind in the area of geography. On a map, they know Michigan and Florida and that's it — it's ridiculous."

Weighill also suggests having a student and teacher sit in on school board meetings, as non-voting members, "because they're not elected."

The reason? "From what I've found from talking to the teachers is there's a lack of communication between the school board and the teachers."

WEIGHILL SAID school board elections are typically low-key.

"We're planning on sending pieces of campaign literature to every person who voted in the last election," he said, adding he may follow up with phone calls, going door-to-door, and contacting some parents and some of last year's seniors.

If administrators were surprised at him filling for the office, Weighill said they didn't let on, and added they were very helpful. "I thought they would be very apprehensive or surprised, but they didn't seem surprised."

While he is suggesting some changes on the board, Weighill said he doesn't want to seem critical of the current board, "because I'm not."

He supports the 3.5 millage increase which the board is seeking in the April 24 school election. "There's going to be a lot of problems, I think, if the millage doesn't pass."

On the school finance issue being debated in the state Legislature, "There's sort of been a lack of leadership on the part of Gov. Blanchard and the state Senate. You can see by the fact that Clarenceville has to raise its millage."

To date, Weighill has enlisted family and "about five or six friends" to help with the campaign.

The election is scheduled for June 12.

Pastor hears coalition's call for help

Refugee recounts his life in homeland

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Those are the words of a 32-year-old Salvadoran refugee who lived in the capital city of San Salvador and was employed as a jewelry worker.

His story was translated by Julie Beutel, a hospitality worker at the Detroit/Windsor Refugee Coalition, who assigns household tasks and arranges medical services.

The Salvadoran refugee's name was withheld for safety reasons. He left behind a wife and child. According to coalition workers, many refugees fear for the safety of loved ones left behind and they worry about reprisals.

It was lunchtime and the scene took place in the coalition's main center at St. Anne's convent, located next to historic St. Anne's Church on West Lafayette in Detroit.

At the first hearing, usually 3-40 days after the interview, the refugee must submit an eight-page, personal information form. The refugee must prove before an immigration judge and refugee determination board member that he is eligible and that he has a credible basis for refugee claim, as stated under the United Nations definition, said Davis.

The final hearing takes place before two refugee determination board members, usually in Toronto for Detroit's refugees, two months after the first hearing.

The entire process takes three to three and a half months, barring problems.

From November 1, 1987 to October 31, 1988, the coalition successfully aided 175 refugees to legally enter Canada, said Davis.

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In addition to Central Americans, the coalition, which was founded in 1982, has hosted Colombians, Sri Lankans and Lebanese.

In November 1986, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Although the law provided amnesty for aliens who could prove they had been in the U.S. since 1981, it also mandated sanctions for employers of illegal aliens.

This caused panic and refugees attempted to enter Canada to avoid deportation.

By the beginning of 1987, 6,000 refugees tried to cross from the United States into Canada — more

than 30 times the number that had previously sought asylum, according to information supplied by the coalition. The Canadian government then tightened up its admissions policy.

McCABE, A FORMER Sacred Heart seminarian, has worked with the Corktown Cooperative, the Southwest Detroit Construction Co-operative, Manna Meals Soup Kitchen and as a child-care worker at Christ the King School.

"The U.S. Government sees what we're doing as helping them because we are getting them out of the country and we are saving them the expense of deporting those people," said McCabe. "So they just sort of allow what we are doing and tolerate it."

According to McCabe, both U.S. and Canadian immigration officials know coalition workers by sight.

The coalition has relied on the Canadian press, American press coverage has been minimal, said McCabe. "I find that the people in the United States are apathetic about refugees."

He added that the coalition does not take a stand on U.S. policy. "Our objective is to help people who are in danger of being deported," said McCabe. Canadian immigration officials were unavailable for comment.

Landscape architects receive award for Heritage Park plan

John Grissim and Associates, Inc. has earned an Honor Award from the Michigan Chapter of The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) for the design of Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

The award was received by Ken Welkel of Farmington Hills-based John Grissim and Associates and Dan Potter, director of special services at the annual awards banquet Feb. 25 in Grand Rapids.

One of two statewide honor awards among 28 entries, it stands for excellence in landscape architecture and park design.

Heritage Park is in the heart of Farmington Hills on the former Spicer Estate. It is a 212-acre parcel rich in historic and natural features.

On the property is a small farm house, large estate home and three farm buildings, as well as fields previously under crop production. The remainder of the property is a natural area with varied natural habitats

typical of southeastern Michigan. These include wetlands, open meadows, transitional woodlands, and mature hardwood forests.

In addition, the Upper Rouge River meanders through the lowlands of the park.

As the park master plan was being developed, the community and landscape architects met to discuss each step of the design process. During the analysis, the participants became familiar with the relationships between the diverse habitats, natural systems and visual factors within the park. It was then a logical concept to restore the meadows and historic farm into informal recreation areas and retain the natural areas for education and passive activities.

From this close working relationship with the city and its residents, the Heritage Park master plan was developed. Throughout the analysis and design phases, the community became aware of a process where

the landscape architect balanced utilization with preservation.

"Heritage Park is not only a significant project for the City of Farmington Hills and our offices, but for the profession as a whole. It was an opportunity for a community to be involved in the planning and design process, and to experience first hand the significant role landscape architecture is playing in the shaping and conservation of our environment," said C. Carey Baker of John Grissim and Associates.

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