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5 run for 2 seats as new chief comes aboard

BY MARIE CHESTNEY SLAFF WRITER

The big question in Clarenceville Public Schools is whether the district will get new school board members at the same time its new superinten-dent, Tom Tattan, arrives from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Schools
Two incumbents - Wilson Bowden of Beatrice and Gary Gasser of Angling - face three challengers in the June 10 school board election in which two four-year seats will be filled.
Challengers are Thomas Aldrich of Brentwood, Beverly Guertin of Negaunee and Brian Silvernail of Frement.
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The two new board members will take their seats July 1, the same time Tattan takes over the

top Clarenceville job.
Incumbents Bowden and
Gasser both sat mon interviews
and helped pick Tattan as successor to Superintendent David
Kamish. But, among the three
challengers, the newly chosen
superintendent also gets high
sucks.

superintendent also gets high marks.

What I've heard is that he's well qualified and likes kids," Aldrich said.

They say he's a hands-on person who deals well with administrators, "Silvernail said.

"They raved about how much he accomplished in Plymouth-Canton; that he's student oriented, people arriented and a real googetter," Guertin said.

Classers and the board screened 57 superintendent applicants and Tatten stood out from the start. Based on an on-site visit to

Plymouth-Canton, Gasser said he saw Tatten as being an educational leader with a strong curriculum background.

Bowden did not attend a recent candidates interview held by the Observer. Gasser could not make the group interview and was interviewed separately. Amid the excitement of June's school election and the excitement of Tattan's arrival, Chareneeville residents will also be saying good-by to Kamish, their highly popular superintendent for the last five years and educator in the district for more than 30 years.

As Clareneeville students themselves, both Silverneal and Guertin have known Kamish a long time, and will miss the personal touch be brought to his job. "He knows every student,"

employce, parent." Silvernail said.
Guertin remembers Kamish as her principal at the former Edgewood Elementary.

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Passage of Proposal A by Michigan voters in 1994 has been a boon to Clarenceville, said the three challengers. With Proposal A, the bulk of the dis-

ame. If elected, Aldrich said he If elected, Aldrich said he would work to make sure things weren't changed 'just for the sake of change."
I'm from the old school; kids today are getting a lot of technology thrown at them. But they

don't have a lot of old basics, discipline. We need to make sure stuff isn't being shelved just for the sake of change but with a the sake of change but with a real purpose in mind. We changed the grading from A-B-C to 4-3-2. Was there a good rea-son? We need to slow down the pace of merging the old with this new stuff."

Silvernail believes students should be better trained for the world of work. "Kids graduate and can't even read and write."

Guertin believes Clarenceville students should be encouraged to explore every option open to them. "There's been a lack of giving students the opportunity to look into everything available. We need to strengthen their background."

OBITUARIES

ANNA COLLEEN ADRAGNA
Mrs. Adragna, 71, of Farmington Hills, died May 20 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.
Born in Cleveland, Olno, Mrs.
Adragna was a homemaker.
Survivors include her daughters, Colleen Nagel, Aileen,
Cardi Howard and Amy Landon,

10 grandchildren and two greatndchildren

Mass was celebrated May 23 NOW OPEN

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at Our Lady of Loretto Church with the Rev. Charles Morris officiating. Burial was in Chris-tian Cultural Memorial Ceme-

tian Cultural Memorial Ceme-tery, Rochester Hills.

Arrangements were made by the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Redford Township.

WILLIAM H. SPICER

Mr. Spieer, 44, of Farmington (ed May 26).

Born in Detroit, Mr. Spieer (as a graduate of Farmington (high School and attended Oaksand Community College. He (as the owner of Lakeview Mareti Walled Lake.

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Survivors include his hrithers

Nicholas and Charles; sisters, Eleanor Strong and Elizabeth Spicer; companion of Janet Grant and her son, John. Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farming-ton, Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

RUTH GISSONS

Van Tasset; niece, Virginia Clarke. Memorials may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMuera, Farmington Hills

48334.
Private services and burial arrangements were by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farming-

CARL F. SHELTON
Mr. Shelton, 65, of West
Bloomfield, formerly of Farmington Hills, died May 29.
Born in Slayden, Tenn. Mr.
Shelton was an engineer/president of State Fabricators. He
started as an engineer and
worked his way to president of

the company. He was a graduate of Cooley High School and Lawrence Technological Univer-

sity. Mr. Shelton was a World War

Il veteran.
Survivors include his wife,

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; sons, Kevin and Timothy; brother, James Shelton; four grandchildren.
Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Jean M. Love of Clarenceville United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemery, Livonia.
Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100,

Southfield 48076.

Mrs. Mueller, 88, of Lexington, Ky. died May 17. Born in Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Mueller was a longtime employe of Lanphar and Co. in Detroit and Farmington.

Since 1982 ahe made her home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, moving last fall to Lexington.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Helen Miller, infeces, Sally Boutcher and Pam Newhouse; nephews, Richard Meers, nephews, Richard Meers, William Meers and Neil Miller. Cremation has taken

Hills ice arena melts down for dry floor activities the arena for the month that the one surface will be dry. The sur-face will be refrozen in mid-July. -We already have planned a Roller blade camp and clinic." Nelson said. BY WILLIAM COUTANT

Farmington Hills Ice Arena staff members are preparing to change speeds with a number of dry floor activities this summer. Arena Manager Jerry Nelson said one of the arena's two ice surfaces will be converted for dry floor activities beginning June 9. The process takes about four days.

days.

The arena has scheduled and is working on other events for

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The two-surface arena was completed in September of 1995 to include figure skating, hockey and other ice skating programs. It was also designed to become a multi-purpose facility.

"One month should give it a good trial," Nelson said.

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activities are also being consid-

Nelson, who became arens Nelson, who became arena manager in February of 1995 after a long career as parks and recreation director in St. Clair Shores, said the arena's conces-sion business has been better than expected. Nelson said the Ice Arena Advisory Committee is still try-ing to come up with a tenant for

the restaurant area.

Susan McKendrick, president of the Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club, said the club's probationary membership in the United States Figure Skating Association will be another plus for skaters at the arens.

This will make our club eligible for USFSA events, she said, adding that skaters at the club competing in USFSA events had to represent other arenas and clubs.

clubs.
The USFSA is the qualifying organization for the Olympics. The Hills club also has representation from the lee Skating Institute of America.
Anyone interested should call McKendrick at 476-2199 or

Kathy MacMillan at 477-3843 for more information.

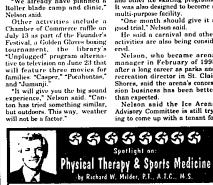
Nelson said anyone interested in the Roller Hockey programs can register at the arena or call 478-8800 for more information.

The clinic will run from June 17-21 for four age groups: 6-10, 11-15, 16-18 and adult.

The clinic is designed for par-ticipants with little or no skills. Instructions and scrimmage play is the focus.

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The camp program runs from June 24-28 for ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-15, 16-18 and adult and is designed for players with hockey skills. The cost is \$90 for the clinic and \$86 for the camp, which includes all equipment.



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'Cops for Kids' run Saturday

Organizers of the seventh annual Cops for Kids 10K are expecting more than 250 participants at Saturday's event. The run, which raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, is organized by the Farmington Hills Police and starts and finishes on the grounds of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus north of 11 Mile between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. Registration begins at 7:30

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a.m. at H building, the 10K com-petitive run and 5K non-competi-tive run/walk start together at 9 a.m. There will also be a one-

tive run/walk start together at 9 a.m. There will also be a one-mile fun run.

The \$18 fee, which goes to MDA, includes a T-shirt, and food and beverages after the run. In addition to an overall men's and women's winner, there will be awards for winners in 14 categories by age, sex and for police officers and police teams.

Brett Marquardt, 8, Michigan's goodwill ambassador for MDA, will be on hand to help present the awards.

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"This will be our seventh year and OCC. has really worked behind the seenes to make this work," anid Inspector Marty Bledsee. "OCC and the sponsors have been great and really made this even a success." The run raised about \$4,000 for MDA last year and has raised more than \$16,000 since the first event.

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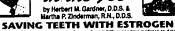
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