

CLARENCEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

For Clarenceville Public Schools two candidates are running for a two-year term and one is unopposed for a four-year term.

Matthew Boettcher, lived in Clarenceville five years, Livonia for 23 years. Graduated Stevenson High 1980. BS in accounting University of Detroit, juris doctor. University of Detroit, member firm of Baris, Sott, Denn & Driker 1989 to present.

Marita Neal, lifetime resident Clarenceville, 1973 graduate Clarenceville High, billing manager Southfield law firm. Sunday School teacher, treasurer Band Boosters, member School Band Renewal Committee, school chaperone and volunteer.

Louis Manyo of Farmington Hills did not respond. He is running unopposed for a four-year term.

If elected, what would you personally bring to the Board of Education?

As a father with children in Clarenceville schools, and as an attorney with a business training background, I bring to the district the desire to contribute, as well as the skills of an experienced negotiator with a unique understanding of the many legal and economic issues that confront the district.

If elected to the Clarenceville Board of Education, I will strive to continue and improve the opportunities available for our children using an open mind for all issues brought before me. I believe my commitment to education as well as enthusiasm for getting involved in the children's future, makes me a worthy candidate.

What are your thoughts about the state high school proficiency exam and endorsed diploma?

Proficiency examinations and endorsed diplomas are the result of graduating students who lack the necessary basic education. They identify a problem but do not address or correct the causes of that problem. Their use also will not help to ensure that our children are receiving a proper education.

Proficiency tests are proof that student has comprehended required information. Test can be useful tool if results are known with adequate time for to work on any weak areas, learn the materials and retake the test if needed. Endorsed diploma offers students extra boost, helps district identify areas to focus energies on.

What should be the district's primary responsibility to its students?

Trying to be too many things, our public schools have lost the focus on basic education. The district's primary mission should be to teach our children to read, write and to do arithmetic. We should strive to educate good citizens, but our educators cannot be expected to shoulder that entire responsibility.

Primary responsibility is to help students prepare for future. Preparation must be targeted for college-bound and student entering trades. Must help all students prepare for everyday life by offering curriculum that balances academic and practical skills, providing them with the faculty to achieve goals.

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills:
A \$350 cellular phone was stolen from a rental car parked on Farmersville May 19-20.

Three Yonca golf clubs (\$800) and an \$800 Nikon camera were stolen from a black 1993 Ford Taurus parked on Congress May 20.

A \$300 cellular phone was stolen from a shopping cart at Sam's Club on Haggerty May 20.

Four eyeglasses frames (\$800) were stolen from Co-op Optical on Orchard Lake May 21.

A \$3,600 Acer lap-top computer, \$50 carrying case and \$380 in cash were stolen from a residence on Vacri May 11-21.

A \$500 leaf blower and a \$150 Echo grass trimmer were stolen from a garage at a residence on Rhonwood May 7-21.

In Farmington:

Furces and contents worth \$380 were stolen in the early morning hours of May 22 when someone entered an unlocked doorwall at a house on Brittany Hill. Police suspect the same culprits stole items from two unlocked vehicles at the same time. A van on Lunbury was missing a stereo and a cell phone worth \$2,000 and a car on Heatherton was missing cassette tapes worth \$200.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Sterling Heights man, 19, for driving a white 1990 Ford Mustang on 12 Mile at Middlebelt at 1 a.m. May 22 while drunk. The driver had a blood alcohol of .13 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

Police arrested a Oconomowoc, Wis., man, 28, for driving a white 1996 Ford F-260 van north on Orchard Lake at Hull at 1:40 a.m. May 22 while drunk. The van had driven over the center lane several times. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

Police arrested a Hills man, 32, for driving a black 1991 Lincoln Continental on Grand River at Drake at 9:30 p.m. May 22 while drunk. The car was speeding and the driver had a blood alcohol level of .1 percent.

Police arrested a Westland man, 45, for driving west on I-696 at 3:40 a.m. May 23 while drunk. The car had been traveling south on the northbound lanes of Orchard Lake before driving onto the highway. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:
The words "The Marlboro man" were keyed into a red 1995 Ford Taurus parked at Wilcox Associates on Enterprise May 19-20 causing \$700 in damage.

A maroon 1997 Nissan Sentra was scratched (\$3,000) while parked at Harrison High School May 21.

Veteran honored



Remembrance: The Lexington Alarm Society of Children of the American Revolution paid respects May 18 to a veteran of the American Revolutionary War. A wreath honoring all who fought in that war was placed at the grave of Levy Green in North Farmington Cemetery. Charles Kerwin of Farmington gave a prayer at the grave site. The children are, back row from the left: Bobby Kerwin, Tara Tuymman, Patrick Pruitt, Stephanie Pruitt, Susan Hartwig, Charles Kerwin and Sean Tuymman. In front from the left are: Sara Buetler, Elana Buetler, Beth Pruitt, David Buetler and Tristen Llewellyn. The Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) is a patriotic youth organization comprised of descendants of the American Revolution. It encourages children to show their patriotism, to be proud of their heritage, and to love the country. It teaches government, conservation, history and cultural awareness.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTOPHER JAY DAVIS

Christopher Jay Davis, 26, died May 18 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

He is survived by parents, Larry and Sharon Davis of Farmington; brother, Aaron Davis of Farmington; sisters, Stephanie Davis of East Lansing and Allison Davis of Wisconsin; and grandmother, Margaret Davis.

Funeral services were May 20 at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

Memorials can be sent to Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48331.

WALTER PEKLO

A memorial service will be held for Walter Peko at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road (south of Eight Mile).

JAMES R. FRIELING

James R. Frieling, 54, died May 21 at his home in Westland. Formerly of Farmington, Mr. Frieling was an E.M.T. Specialist and a member of Single Point Ministries and Ward Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by son, Scott of Texas; daughter, Sandra Brown of Texas; parents, Robert and Jean Frieling of North Carolina; brothers, Pete of Hartland, Calvin of Royal Oak and Jeff of Kansas; sisters, Barbara Frieling of Pontiac, Betty Diab of Virginia and Susan Dill of Farmington; and two grandchildren.

Summer Classes & Registration at the Farmington Family YMCA

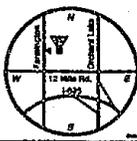


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