

# Clarenceville grads celebrate passage

The Class of '98 at Clarenceville High School said goodbye to friends and hello to adulthood as they graduated Friday, June 12.

The Clarenceville High School Band directed by Raymond Torres performed, as did members of the senior Choral group and vocal music students directed by Dawn Roberts.

Superintendent Thomas Tatten and high school Principal David Simowski offered comments and this year's commencement address was given by Dale Weighill, a 1988 graduate of Clarenceville High. Assistant Principal Harold Makinea presented the class and diplomas were given by Simowski and senior class sponsors Ernest Bouck and Susan Gross.

Class valedictorians are Colin Black, Joseph Novell and Laura Ronayne, Class salutatorians are Raulda Enorio, Agnieszka Palarz and Melissa Stallings.

This year's Outstanding School Citizen was Raulda Enorio, Outstanding Senior Female was Jennifer DeCaire and Outstanding Senior Male was John Peterson.

Class officers are: Sarah Liang, president; Kristin Jaber, vice president; Raulda Enorio, secretary/treasurer; Ernest Bouck and Susan Gross, class sponsors; and Denise Bear class business manager.

Members of the Class of 1998 included:

James Edward Auger, Christina Bastac, Angela Marie Beckman, Michelle Marcia Berry, Melissa Maria Berry, Colin Randolph Black, Gary Adam Blake, Andrew Michael Brown, Christina Marie Burmeister, Nathan Albert Caspers, Alyssa Lyana Cheek, James Anthony Ciaramitaro, Erin Mario Colby, Derek Allen Colard, Lance Richard Couturier, Amber Michelle Cox, Vicki Dauer, Kirk Zois Damavolitis, Jennifer Antonia DeCaire, William Marc Volkman, Tiffany Aleen Dixon, Amy Lynn Dorst, Michael Andrew Egedy,

Muhamed Eled, Raulda Enorio, Agnieszka Palarz, Shilo Bernetha Eskridge, Matthew A. Lynn, Christine Marie Ferretti, Julie Ann Fielding, Candace Lynn Fillingim, Christopher William Forman, Fawn Lynn Foucha, Brian James Frodenburg, Susan Kathy Gardner, Ryan Edward Globish, Angela Marie Henson, Susan Meredith Hoelt, Melissa Ann Hubel, Carol Lynn Hrlje, Paul Gregory Inzano, Kristin Michele Jaber, Douglas Raymond Jackson, Heather Lee Ann Jacobs, Safija Kajoshaj, Jacqueline Kibulko, Bethany Ann Kingsbury, Christopher Alan Koerke, Robin Elizabeth Kromer, Melissa Jane Stallings, Joseph David Lambert, Theresa Lynn Lathrop, Sarah To Liang, Jao D. Lim, Jessica Ann Marzec, Nicole Reed Maviglia, Brian Matthew Moran, Stephen Donald Morris, Brian Robert Mraz, Angela Susanne Neal, Rebecca Anne Neely, Joseph Norman Novelli, Agnieszka Natalia Palarz, Priti Ishvar Patel, John Daniel Peterson, Casey Mitchell Phear, Kerry Lyn Redigan, Laura Ann Ronayne, Craig Joseph Rose, Tammy Jewel Saylor, John Louis Schiffman, Jamie Marie Schmitt, Robbie Lee Schneider, Angela Suzanne Shapardanis, Mark Daniel Simmons, Giovanna Skrela, Rhonda Marie Smith, Robyn Angela Smith, Melissa Jane Stallings, Justin Gregory Sundberg, Philip Robert Tatum, Eric John Tondreau, Justin Adri Villanueva, David Roy Westerman and Lisa Marie Wolverton.

### Emotional moment:

Clarenceville graduate Amy Dorst fights back tears as she receives her diploma

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# Stepping into the future



Goodbye: Senior Fawn Foucha hugs Clarenceville High School principal David Simowski after receiving her diploma. At top, Clarenceville High School's class of 1998 valedictorians are Joseph Novell (left), Colin Black and Laura Ronayne. Novell plans to attend Wayne State University and pursue a career in the sciences. Black plans to continue his education at Lawrence Technological University to study computer engineering. And Ronayne will attend Madonna University in Livonia. She plans to become a registered nurse and work at an assisted living or nursing home.

# Optimist police officer of the year displays valor with infectious vigor

Shelly Turner is not exactly sure why she became a police officer, but perhaps Farrah Fawcett or Kato Jackson are owed a debt of gratitude.



Shelly Turner

"Too much time watching 'Charlie's Angels' as a kid, I guess," said the 10-year veteran who is the Farmington Hills Optimist Police Officer of the Year. "I really don't know."

Turner, 31, does know she's enamored with police work. Her career has ranged from exhilarating undercover detail to routine neighborhood patrol.

She's earned numerous awards, including a valorous conduct citation and a chief's citation.

Her infectious zeal even inspired her brother Ken Solak, who followed his sister's lead in law enforcement and became a Sterling Heights police detective.

After encountering what Turner did Sept. 16, such enthusiasm would've evaporated for many.

Police were trying to arrest a man at a hotel whom they believed to be involved in stolen goods. When confronted, the man leaped from the second floor of the Clarion Hotel on 12 Mile where he met Turner on the ground. A fight ensued.

He punched her in the face, fracturing her cheekbones and causing extensive damage to an eye socket. Despite those injuries, she still managed to

chase the man and get a description of his car.

A day later, police arrested him.

After reconstructive surgery, Turner returned to work in 3 1/2 weeks. The emotional toll took longer to battle.

"It's still with me; it will be," she said. "I felt confident what I did that day was right. Everything I did was right."

"Physically, I couldn't stand up to a guy that was twice my weight and a foot taller than I am. Maybe I could sit back and be a Monday morning quarterback. Even looking at that ... I did my job."

"It's difficult. Emotionally I got over it, but I'll always think about it."

She has someone who understands. Her husband is also a police officer. The couple has two children, Kayla, 3, and Nicholas, 16 months. She is due to deliver the family's third child this weekend.

"When I was injured, he was very understanding. He knew I wanted to go back to the road and not give in," Turner said. "I'm not a quitter. I love police work. I love what I do."

Three weeks out of high school, the 1984 Warren Mott graduate found what she wanted to do when she became a public safety officer at Macomb Community College. She then joined Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department.

After a year as a Farmington Hills cadet, Turner was promoted to police officer in 1988.

A few years later, she worked in the department undercover

surveillance unit. During those times, she sat alone in an unmarked car for up to seven or eight hours waiting for something to happen, which often did.

Turner witnessed drug deals, car break-ins and burglaries. She once saw a 14-year-old break out a restaurant window and start to run off with the cash register before she radioed for help.

"That's the exciting part, catching someone in the act," she said.

While patience and intuition saw her through solitary undercover detail, her warm personality tuned her into her role as a patrol officer. She returned to uniformed patrol two years ago.

"Being back in uniform and putting on your game face, it was a little difficult at first," said Turner, who scrunches her face for a solicited laugh. "It's nice to interact with people again like Mrs. Johnson who is watering her lawn. ... It's nice to be a person again, which you sort of lose when you're working in narcotics surveillance."

Turner brandishes a disarming sense of humor, which isn't limited to her patrol duties. She's been doing clerical work in the weeks leading up to the birth of her third child, kibitzing regularly with women in records.

When a clerk extols the virtue of steamed hamburger buns that are mushy, the noticeably pregnant Turner chimes in "You mean like mine?"

"You're going to do some silly things; you're going to see some silly things out there," she said. "You can't take life too seriously."



## Good fathers—needed now more than ever

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- Good fathers are present when their children stumble and when they soar.
- Good fathers challenge, but never chastise.
- Good fathers take time to play with their children.
- Good fathers don't just talk; they listen.
- Good fathers embrace responsibility.
- Good fathers admit mistakes.
- Good fathers set limits—and enforce them.
- Good fathers believe that parents are our children's first and most important teachers.

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President, Michigan Education Association

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# Town meeting set for St. Alexander's Church

Farmington Hills city government will go to the people, this time the southeastern area, Thursday, June 25.

At 7 p.m., city officials will meet with residents at St. Alexander's Church at 27835 Shilohssee. Although the session will focus on issues pertaining to the southeastern portion of Farmington Hills, "Anyone can come," said Mayor Aldo Vognozzi.

Bev Papani will give an overview of the upcoming library property tax proposal on the Aug. 4 ballot while Fire Chief Richard Marinucci and Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer plan to talk about ongoing

public safety improvements.

Also, a representative from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council will discuss recent developments.

Residents will be updated on the Grand River project, Waldron Park issues and the summer youth program. Afterward, residents may ask questions and offer comments.

The meeting is expected to run until 8:45 p.m. St. Alexander's Church is on Shilohssee and Independence.