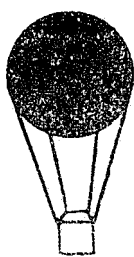


Gentle Allison

This energetic dog has just the right knack for carrying duck eggs — without breaking them. 'Crackers' the duckling hatched from an egg Allison left at the doorstep.

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Balloon Bash

For a schedule of events at the annual Springfield Hot Air Balloon Festival, see Page 1B.

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'Family' faces more time in court

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The five defendants in an LSD conspiracy case seemed in good humor throughout the three-hour preliminary exam July 8 in 52nd District Court, Independence

Township.

The youths waved and winked at witnesses, talked among themselves and made faces at the TV and newspaper cameras.

The preliminary examination was adjourned after testimony from three witnesses. It is to continue at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 4, before Judge Gerald McNally.

Stanley Watkins, 17, of Clarkston; Jason Smith, 18, of Clarkston; Bryce Kidder, 17, of Clarkston; Mark Bierman, 20, of Troy; and Phil Laycock, 18, of East Lansing were charged with one count each of conspiracy to deliver LSD. This felony carries a maximum sentence of seven years in prison.

At the exam, Kidder's attorney, Doug Chartrand, began by objecting to the exam being recorded by the media. He said the media had labeled his client as a member of "The Family," while "(Kidder) is a member of only one family, and that is one with a mother and father and sister, the Kidder family."

Judge McNally turned down Chartrand's objection, explaining that the attorneys had been aware of the media involvement in the court and could have objected before the exam began.

During the three-hour-long exam, witnesses testified that the 10-member "Family" was supposedly "for people from bad families — with a rotten family life," although they said they couldn't testify about each member's biological family.

The group was allegedly organized to sell LSD throughout Oakland County.

Jennifer Reynolds, 17, of Clarkston said, "When we started out, we were going to make money, buy a house, move in together and take a trip."

According to witnesses, the group began selling LSD in the Clarkston area in November 1991 and had planned to branch out to the junior high schools, Waterford, Lake Orion and through Oakland County.

Matthew Kurilik, 18, of Clarkston a self-proclaimed co-leader of the group, testified that he had used and sold

(See FAMILY, next page)



"THE FAMILY" await their preliminary exam on July 8. The alleged members of this group are (from left) Stanley Watkins, Phil Laycock, Mark Bierman, Jason Smith and Bryce

Kidder (not pictured). They are charged with conspiracy to deliver LSD, a felony that carries a maximum seven-year prison sentence.

Water tower slated for DPW site

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

It appears that Independence Township will be building another large-scale water tower within its borders.

On July 7, the Independence Township Board gave the Department of Public Works (DPW) permission to design and take bids on a new 500,000-gallon storage tank. This 50-foot, silo-shaped tank will be located at DPW headquarters on Flemings Lake Road, off Clarkston Road.

According to DPW Director George Anderson, the elevated water tower is estimated at \$800,000 and would be paid for either through the sale of revenue bonds or a short-term loan from the township's sewer department to the water department.

When completed, Anderson said, all necessary ground

storage will be complete to serve the southern half of the township. This tower will also help with commercial fire plugs down Sashabaw and Pelton roads, he added.

Originally, the developers for Country Club of the North had agreed to pay for the construction of the tank once they started developing their proposed subdivision and golf course on Clintonville and Waldon roads. Anderson said the township couldn't wait for the Country Club to get around to building it, however.

The golf course's developers won't be held liable for construction costs, DPW officials reported.

With water towers at Flemings Lake Road and White Lake Road — feeding off nine townshipwide wells and the eventual supplying of water to Maybee and Sashabaw roads via a new watermain — the township's water distribution system will "come full circle," DPW officials said.

Swinging in the park

Big band sounds of the "golden era" of American music are the forte of the Cosmopolitan Big Band, which performs during the third free concert in Clarkston's Depot Park.

The 7-9 p.m. performance, sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, takes place Friday, July 17, at the park on Depot Road, west of Main Street.

The 12-piece orchestra comprises five brass, four saxophones, rhythm section, piano, bass and drums. The selection includes a variety of pieces from the 1940s, including Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Glen Miller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Woody Herman.

Concessions this week are provided by the Clarkston Band Boosters. Concert-goers should bring their own bug spray and blankets or lawn chairs.

To contribute to the concerts in the park fund, send a check to: Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Concert Fund, 5897 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, Mi 48346.

Upcoming concerts are:

- Friday, July 24: Moose & Da Sharks ('50s band)
- Tuesday, July 28: The Shaumburg Youth Choir
- Friday, July 31: Baldue Mountain Ramblers

'Family' drug ring case presses forward in court

(FAMILY, from previous page)

LSD. He said that he received 50 hits of acid (LSD) with a market value of \$200 from Watkins. He used some of the drug, gave some away and sold the rest. The money he received from the sale of drugs was used to buy food, he said.

Kurilik said the Family met every weekend in private homes and later in Kingswood Motel in Royal Oak. Reynolds testified that Watkins had wanted notes taken at each meeting. She read from a page dated "Saturday 4, 1992" during her testimony. At this meeting the group discussed "beans," which is mescaline; the "lovers' quarrels" in the group; investing the money they were making from the sales of drugs; and the fact that Watkins wanted the members to get jobs, so they would have money to buy drugs.

Holly Goodrich, 17, of Clarkston — who is Wat-

kins' former girlfriend — and Kurilik testified about a trip that they, Watkins and Laycock took to East Lansing where Laycock bought 50 hits of acid, which were white with a pink rosebud on each.

The acid the Family eventually decided to sell is called "McDonald's Acid." It is light brown in color and has golden arches.

Only Kurilik stated that he had "heard I wasn't to be charged" with a crime in exchange for his testimony.

Reynolds said that Family members who were and weren't charged were aware of the circumstances.

"We knew what was coming down," she said. "I went to them (the police) myself. I know that I could still be charged."

When asked if fear of prosecution was her reason for testifying, she stated, "I was scared of Kelly (Watkins)," which brought sounds of protest from the defendants. Later she said she was afraid of Watkins because "he has connections," and she wouldn't expound on that.

Earlier, stories that Watkins' previous group — the Clarkston Vagabond/Vampire Dominion — were told in which Watkins had convinced people that he was a vampire and had supernatural powers.

Smith has said that the stories about vampirism were

all untrue.

William Lansat, attorney for Laycock, asked the East Lansing man's bond be reduced since his parents were disabled and could not pay. The request was denied, and Laycock and Watkins remain in Oakland County Jail.

After the examination, Detective Doug Edgar of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, said members of the Family chose to sell LSD because "it's cheap, easy to make and with cocaine someone could get life in prison, while with LSD the most they'll get is seven years."

Holdup suspect found

A 26-year-old Bay County man was to be arraigned before Judge Gerald McNally of 52nd District Court July 16 in connection with three area holdups.

The holdups occurred July 8 between 9:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. said Detective Dirk Feneley of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The suspect allegedly tried to rob the Frame's-N-Art store on Dixie Highway, Independence Township, at 9:30 a.m. The store manager ran out of the store screaming for help and the man fled the scene.

At 4:50 p.m. the man reportedly went into the Hallmark store on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, showed a gun and tried to rob the store. He ran out after the clerk pushed an alarm button.

About five hours later, the man allegedly tried to rob the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Feneley said the man was to be charged with attempted armed robbery. His name is being withheld until he is charged with the crime.

Correction

A story about pay-to-play sports in last week's edition of The Clarkston News should have said that Clarkston school board Trustee Thomas Howard had said, "Too many times, choices are made on sports over non-sports programs. It bothers me that people will come together to support interscholastic sports, when we've just voted to cut back on our elementary music program."

The upcoming cuts include slashing music classes by 50 percent in grades K-5 and eliminating kindergarten music altogether. The elementary music program was one of many areas impacted by the district's \$1.2 million in budget cuts.

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Piano donated by local family

In memory of the late Herb and Jonathon Rose

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

In memory of her deceased husband and son, children's librarian Anne Rose has presented her workplace with the gift of music.

Nearly five weeks ago, Rose saw the fulfillment of a legacy, begun by her and late husband Herb, when a new, \$34,000 Petrof piano was delivered to the Independence Township Library.

Rose said family and friends had been saving money for quite some time to buy a gift fitting for her 11-year-old

"The piano will be here forever, giving the community the opportunity to use it whenever they wish."

Anne Rose



LIBRARIAN Anne Rose (left) and granddaughter Katie Rose, 9, pose next to a

new piano donated by their family, in memory of the late Herb and Jonathon Rose.

son Jonathan, who died of cancer in 1971.

"Initially, we were going to donate money in our son's name but then decided a gift to the community might be more appropriate," she said. "Up until Herb's passing, we hadn't decided on the gift, however, we knew it would be significant."

Herb Rose, 63, died last year after being struck by a truck during a long-distance bicycle race in Alma.

Shortly after her husband passed away, Rose said she got the idea of buying a new piano for the library, where she works as the youth services librarian. She started working at the library in 1973 and has served as a librarian since 1981.

Rose said her family's appreciation for music spurred the piano's purchase.

"Our whole family, especially Herb, loved music," she said. "The piano will be here forever, giving the community the opportunity to use it whenever they wish."

"Its presence is functional, as well as serving as a memorial," Rose added.

The piano was officially baptized July 14 when Bailey Lake Elementary conducted a talent show at the library.

School rejects TV lessons

BY AMANDA PESKE

Kids in the Clarkston school district won't be watching the controversial Channel One on television this year during class.

Instead, Clarkston schools is to upgrade existing technology.

Channel One, the commercial news channel offered nationwide by satellite, was rejected by the Clarkston Board of Education because it was a commercial news channel — area residents didn't like the idea of sending their children to school to watch commercials.

In addition, the effectiveness of learning through television was questionable. The children didn't always watch the broadcast when presented in class, according to David Reschke, curriculum director for the district.

Reschke said that the board may review again the possibility of using Channel One, but building the curriculum through technology will prove stronger in the long run.

In the future, Reschke predicts, Clarkston will

have at least one computer lab per room. He said technology upgrades would never take the place of a teacher but would become a useful tool in classroom instruction.

Already at Clarkston High School, a satellite dish has been installed, along with television monitors in physical science classes.

Other technology additions include graphing calculators for math classes, primarily for geometry classes.

Along with the technology upgrades are curriculum improvements in the social studies department, putting more emphasis on geography and current events, which may compensate for not using Channel One, Reschke said.

Most of the technology improvements have been funded through tax levies, but voters may see a possible bond issue for technology improvements in March 1993, said Reschke.

It will take about three years for the completion of the improvements at an estimated cost of \$250,000 for the next 3-5 years, Reschke said.

Amanda Peske is a senior at Clarkston High School.

Final date set for kindergarten screening

Parents with kindergartners entering Clarkston Community Schools next year should make sure their child has been screened.

The final summer screening of students in Clarkston schools is Tuesday and Wednesday, July 28 and 29, at Pine Knob Elementary School, 6020 Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

The screening is for students eligible to enter kindergarten Aug. 31 this year. To be eligible, the student must be age 5 on or before Dec. 1, 1992.

In addition, the student must reside within the school boundary lines, be properly immunized, and have an official county or state birth certificate. Immunization records, birth certificate, Social Security number, and two documents providing residency should be presented at the screening.

On the date of the screening, children will be given a series of tests, which help officials gather information to help determine placement. After the screening is complete, parents have the opportunity to discuss the results of the screening with staff. The appointment takes about one hour.

To schedule an appointment for the screening, call Sharon Malone at the Clarkston Administration Office at 625-4402.

Sheriff's Log

Monday, July 6 ... a Perry Lake Road, Independence Township, resident issued a complaint against a neighbor who supposedly swerved as if to hit him while driving down the street.

Someone caused \$50 damage while attempting to break into a building on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Copper gas supply lines were broken at a construction sight on Cottonwood, Independence Township.

A privacy fence was damaged by a vehicle on Paula Drive, Independence Township.

Two 911 hang ups were reported: one on Waldon Road and the other on White Lake Road, Independence Township. Nothing was found at either site.

Tuesday, July 7 ... an auto was scratched by a shopping cart in the Kroger parking lot on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Police assisted a medical emergency on Parview Drive, Independence Township.

Wednesday, July 8 ... police assisted with a medical emergency on M-15, Independence Township. Patient had chest pains.

Someone suffered a head injury during a fall on Lancaster Hill, Independence Township.

Thursday, July 9 ... a Pheasant Run, Independence Township, suffered an apparent heart attack.

Electrical equipment was taken from a home on Deerwood Court, Independence Township.

A barking dog was reported by neighbors on Bronco, Independence Township.

The radio was stolen from a car on Lancaster Hill Drive, Independence Township.

An Edgewood, Independence Township, resident reported that her garbage cans had been burned.

The radio was stolen, and the front window and dash were damaged on a car on Stickney, Independence Township.

Someone drove across the lawn of a Tremblant, Independence Township, home.

The driver's side window was damaged on a car on Flemings Lake Road, Independence Township.

Friday, July 10 ... someone damaged a lawn on Pine Knob Road, Independence Township, by driving "doughnuts" in it.

A Long Point, Springfield Township, resident mowed over his foot.

An open door was reported on Kroft, Springfield Township. Nothing was disturbed.

Suspicious circumstances were reported by a Cranberry Lake Road, Independence Township, resident. She

had received numerous hung-ups; then four white males ran through her yard screaming.

Saturday, July 11 ... an open door was reported on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Nothing was found.

Sunday, July 12 ... barking dogs were reported by neighbors on Muskaday Independence Township.

Someone set a fire in a newspaper box on Clark Road, Springfield Township.

A male calling himself "Satan" left messages on the answering machine at a Villa Crest, Springfield Township, residence.

The above information was compiled from reports at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Go figure

Two white men in their early 20s were thwarted in their attempt to steal about 10 boxes of vaginal suppositories and creme from M&R Drugs, Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

On July 9, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department was called to the drug store on a report of retail fraud. According to the police report, store employees chased off the would-be criminals.

Two dropped from Career Center payroll

Two school employees were to be laid off, due to a loss of federal money coming to Clarkston schools.

The school board voted 6-0 June 22 to eliminate two positions at the Clarkston Career Center. Those cut are lowest in seniority in that department: Wendy Bruz, whose position will be dropped July 24; and Susan Single, whose position was dropped June 30.

According to Duane Lewis, director of personnel for Clarkston schools, the positions were totally funded by the Job Training Partnership Act federal grants. For the 1992-93 school year, funding for the program was cut 25 percent — an across-the-board cut to all schools or agencies providing services in Oakland County.

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Fifth-grade busing put to rest at N. Sashabaw

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

Parents at North Sashabaw Elementary School should be relieved to learn that their fifth-graders won't be bused to Pine Knob Elementary after all.

On July 8, the Clarkston Board of Education came to

a consensus that another series of swaps might be more plausible to combat overcrowding.

The new plan includes moving two North Sashabaw education classes into one room, and placing a class of fifth-graders in one of the rooms previously occupied by the vacating special education class.

The board also agreed to move a kindergarten class

to the Clarkston Community Education building across the street to curb the space problem with North Sashabaw's kindergartners. This class of kindergarten students will be placed in the room used by the Kids Connection "Latchkey" program, which will move to Pine Knob Elementary.

Originally, the school district had considered busing 25 North Sashabaw fifth-graders to Pine Knob Elementary School to alleviate the number of pupils per class and make room for another kindergarten class. This proposal didn't sit well with some parents, however, as they implored school officials to examine other alternatives at a June 15 public forum.

Parental spokesperson Marsha Green said she was relieved to hear of the board's decision not to transfer fifth-graders.

"I'm very pleased by the decision," she said. "And from what I've gathered, from the few parents I've talked to, they're pleased too. We do realize, however, that this is only a temporary solution to the overcrowding issue."

Superintendent of Schools Gary Haner said the new arrangements are good for only one year. Next year, he said, school officials will re-evaluate the moves and determine if alternative changes in locale need to be made.

School board meeting now at 7 p.m. Mondays

The Clarkston school board will be starting its regular meetings a half-hour earlier from now on to cut back on those late-night sessions.

On July 6, the board approved the time change at its annual organizational meeting. This means that meetings now begin at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month.

The change was made so the board could have ample time to discuss pending matters and cut down on the possibility of meeting until the "wee hours."

Fire call

Monday, July 6 ... Responded to a medical call on East Church; female patient had fractured ankle; transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (SJM), Pontiac. ... Answered a public service call on Lingor; resident locked out.

Tuesday, July 7 ... Responded to a rollover accident on Pine Knob Lane; patient signed off medical release. ... Answered a medical emergency on Parview Drive; female patient complained of chest pain, transported to SJM. ... Responded to a medical call on South Main Street; male patient with a bee sting reaction. ... Answered a complaint on White Lake Road of stumps burning along the road. ... Responded to a fuel spill on Mary Sue, gas had spilled on the side of the road.

Wednesday, July 8 ... Answered a medical call on Eeve; possible stroke victim. ... Helped a resident on Ortonville Road who was locked out of car. ... Responded to a possible personal injury accident on M-15 at Clarkston Road; run was canceled. ... Answered a medical call on Parview Drive; 80-year-old female fell and was taken to SJM. ... Automobile accident on northbound I-75, no injuries were reported. ... Answered a medical call on Ortonville Road; patient was complaining of chest pains. ... Responded to an automatic alarm on Pine Knob Road; batteries were low; there was no fire. ... Answered a medical call on Lancaster Hill Drive. ... Responded to a medical call on Hunter's Creek.

Thursday, July 9 ... Responded to a medical call on Pheasant Run; female patient having trouble breathing. ... A semi-truck suffered mechanical failure and dumped oil on the road on I-75 at M-15.

Friday, July 10 ... Answered a medical call on Oakhill Road; female patient with possible stroke.

Saturday, July 11 ... Responded to a report of a vehicle on I-75; found a overheated truck and no occupants. ... Answered a medical call on Sashabaw Road; male patient had been hit in head with a bucket. ... Answered a medical call on Bow Pointe. ... Responded to a medical call on Dvorak. ... Answered a call of Stickney where a car had hit a tree; one patient was injured and transported to North Oakland Medical Center (NOMC).

Sunday, July 12 ... Answered a lock-out call on Main and Washington streets. ... Responded to a medical call on Clarkston Road; male patient hurt ankle and was transported to NOMC. ... Responded to a medical call on Rohr Road. ... Answered a call on Sashabaw Road; child had sand in eyes, transported to clinic. ... Answered a medical call on Parview Drive. ... Responded to a medical call on Delmas; female patient with breathing and seizure problems, transported to NOMC.

The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 696 calls of July 12.

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Weather wishes

Julie Campe

Neither cats nor dogs have fallen from the sky today, but it has rained so hard and so long that I find myself searching the sky for signs of the legendary creatures.

Only torrents are there though. They fall in such concentration and at such a straight angle that they look as if they were "sheets" of rain, and finally another weather-related term makes sense.

Cheering has erupted in the office, but not from my coworkers. A flash of lightning seems to have set off sportswriter Jim Gibowski's indoor basketball hoop, which "cheers" whenever someone makes a basket. But today, no one has taken a shot — only the weather.

Nowadays when it rains, it's business as usual. Work and life must go on. But when nature presents something so thundering it seems that we ought to do something to match it. I would have liked to have stopped writing and simply watched the rain for a while ... or to have stepped out into it and looked straight up ... or to have swished through the rivers forming in the streets and sidewalks ... or at least to have dropped everything and watched "Singing in the Rain."

Instead, I merely continued typing, being sure to save my work on the computer every few minutes or so, in case the power disappears.

Adulthood has such constraints. Though it's convenient to blame work and deadlines, I doubt I would have done any of those things had it been a weekend.

It is nothing like childhood.

There was a time that I would have taken full advantage of such a storm. Once, my brother Andrew, who had not yet peaked in horribleness and so was tolerable, and my friend Alexandra, who was beginning to be corrupted by Andrew, and I danced and splashed and shouted in the rain.

It was a hot, heavy summer evening, and we were sitting around the kitchen table trying out swear words we had learned. (Well, Alex never actually said any, though she may very well have been thinking them.)

When rain suddenly began to pour, we could hardly believe it. We ran out into it and tried to catch raindrops in our mouths. (If the truth must be known, I tried to catch raindrops in my mouth while Andrew and Alexandra tried to push me down.)

But almost as soon as we began to relish the moment, the storm slackened to a mere drizzle. And we found ourselves only damp instead of drenched, and the humidity seemed to have doubled. So we returned to the house and retreated to the cool basement. And recalled other experiences with rain.

... such as the first mud puddle I ever stirred with a stick. The puddle on Laurelton Road in front of our house had settled, so the clear water rested atop the mud. But with one sweep of the stick, the puddle clouded up like tea clouding up with milk. And I have liked mud ever since

... especially the slippery clay behind the barn that Andrew and I used to mold into bowls and pears and forks ... until we became bored

... and we began to play in the real mud, the mud that looked and felt (but did not smell) amazingly similar to the gifts our German shepherd Ilsa used to leave on the lawn — and sometimes on the neighbor's lawn, which Andrew had to clear with a special scooper

... which he didn't mind at all because he loved everything about Ilsa, even that.

Ilsa has departed from this world, though the mud has not. And Andrew, Alexandra and I have too long neglected the seasonal temperaments. But maybe we can remedy that in the next storm

... if we're not working, that is, nor wearing clothing that we care about nor forgotten the simple pleasure of cool mud and large raindrops.

Opinions

Reporter's Notebook

The light patterns above the new radio tower on Flemings Lake Road have been switched — much to the approval of an Independence Township man.

About three weeks ago, Paul Shann of Cranberry Lake Road reported that the "strobe-like" lights atop the 275-foot-tall radio tower were keeping him awake at night. He said he had to pull the shades on his southside bedroom window in order to get to sleep.

Apparently, the lights were shining across the lake and into his home.

Shann said he hoped the township would switch the

light patterns, where the strobes would be used in the day and the standard "red" ones in the night.

Surprisingly, after returning home from a recent vacation, he found his wish had come true.

George Anderson, director of township's public works department, said he was unaware of the lights ever bothering any of the neighbors. He said the two types of lights had been temporarily wired that way at first, with the strobes eventually scheduled for day usage.

Now, with the lights on a regular schedule, Mr. Shann can go to bed without feeling he's in a disco.

A Look Back

This week 5 years ago

Tommy Devault, 31, of Pontiac drowns at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

Janet Thomas is named Clarkston school board president for the eighth straight year.

Contaminated water is discovered in 10 more residential wells, totaling 19 in all, along Northview Drive, Independence Township.

This week 10 years ago

Clarkston High alumnus Tim Birtsas signs a professional baseball contract with the New York Yankees.

Margaret Bernard, a 75-year-old Independence Township woman, wins \$1 million in the Michigan Lottery.

Timothy Parke, a 16-year-old Independence Township boy, dies in a freakish truck accident on Davisburg Road, Springfield Township.

This week 25 years ago

The Clarkston News office moves from 5818 Ortonville Road, Independence Township, to 5 S. Main St., Clarkston.

Doris Ballentine, 66, of Clarkston dies.

Sue Peters of Clarkston weds Rod Allen of Clarkston.



Jim Sherman

Jim's Jottings

Story time

It must be a slow summer for 6-year-old Charlie Rzakowolski of Addison Township. He came up with this story for his folks: "Dragons Cave."

"Once upon a time there was a dragon named George, and George did not like bushes. But every other dragon did. One day George liked them too, and that's probably how George Bush got his name."

"It's one o'clock in the morning," the angry father called out to the young fellow keeping his daughter company. "Do you think you can stay here all night?"

"Gee, sir, I don't know," he replied. "I'll call home and ask."

After man came woman -- and she's been after him ever since.

Love at first sight is a great money-saver. It's hard to bury the past when everyone around you is carrying a shovel.

The Sunday School class was studying the Ten Commandments. Teacher asked, "Can anyone tell me which commandment has only four words in it?" One little boy in the back raised his hand. "Keep off the grass," he answered proudly.

Dieter to a friend: "They told me to wear loose clothing to my new exercise class, but I told them that if I had any, I wouldn't need the class."

Police captain to rookie police officer: "Just suppose that someone approaches you with a sharp

knife. What steps would you take to protect yourself?" The rookie said, "Long ones."

The waiter in a posh restaurant was overly attentive to the young couple. "So romantic," he thought. "They're probably celebrating their anniversary."

He beamed happily as he served them course after course and made sure their champagne glasses were full. He was about to bring them dessert when, to his horror, he saw the man slide to the floor.

Hurrying over to her, he whispered, "Pardon me, but your husband is under the table."

The woman, maintaining here composure, said, "I'm afraid he's not -- because he just came through the door."

She was an old-fashioned girl and deeply concerned about her boyfriend's lavish spending habits.

Tactfully, she tried to suggest that he build a nest egg rather than shower her with gifts, but he didn't take the hint.

Finally, she consulted her mother. The mother, wise in the ways of the world, had a simple solution to stop the boy from spending all that money.

She told her daughter, "Marry him!"

I just don't understand why its possible for rich folks to go broke and still not be poor.

Letters to the Editor

Problem solver

I first became acquainted with Nancy Strole, our township trustee, in 1990 when our neighborhood became concerned with an environmental problem.

Ms. Strole got right to work to check out our concerns. She herself investigated and did not delegate this to an associate.

In July 1991, when all of the township was without power, Nancy again came to our neighborhood's rescue, with information on where to get dry ice and other help so that we could better survive the storm.

Nancy works just as hard on the small individual problems of her constituents as she does on a townshipwide problem. If Nancy did not know the person to contact about a problem, she kept calling until she got an answer. Nancy Strole has always gone the extra mile to help.

I urge all Springfield Township voters to keep Nancy on the township board by casting your vote for Nancy Strole for township clerk in the Aug. 4 election.

Cindy Greene

Proven record

On Aug. 4, voters will decide the future direction of our country. Although the spotlight may be on national and state races, the greatest impact to our daily life may well be determined at the local level.

One choice that could impact Springfield Township residents more than any other is the election of township clerk.

At a time when our township's population increased

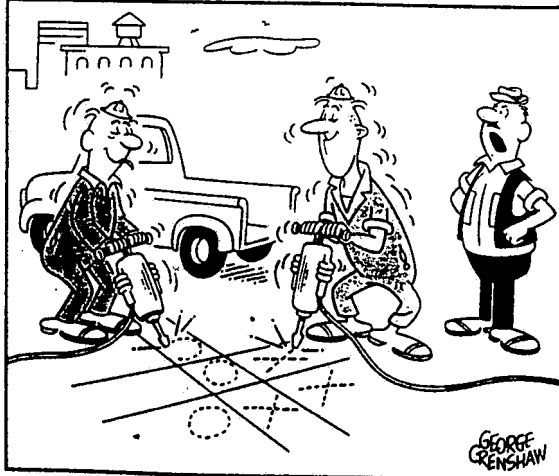
nearly 20 percent in the 1990 census, we can ill-afford to have an unproven township official. Nancy Strole, currently township trustee, is the only candidate with Springfield government experience running to replace the retiring Clerk Calvin Walters.

Whether it's pursuing lower taxes by serving as an officer on a statewide property tax relief initiative or balancing the environment and the quality of life, Nancy Strole has always been on the forefront for Springfield Township.

Don't allow our township to falter by someone who must learn via "the learning curve." Nancy Strole will continue to be a valuable and experienced asset as Springfield Township clerk.

Jim Carlton

NERDLY by George Greshaw



ALL RIGHT, WISE GUYS...LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!

'If it Fitz . . .'

Failure is a two-way street



Jim Fitzgerald

Thinking quickly drives away failure

It was humiliating, a kick in the viscus. Last month I flunked a test. How could I flunk when I'm so smart I know the plural of viscus is viscera? I couldn't remember the last time an authority figure looked sternly into my face and announced I'd failed.

I never flunked tests in college because my G.I. Bill subsidy was good for four years only. If I flunked something, I'd have to attend an extra semester or more to earn my degree. That would mean paying my own tuition and room and board, except all my personal funds were tied up in non-refundable beer bottles.

On the surface I was a typically frivolous student, but down deep - viscerally - I realized I had to graduate in four years or forever forfeit my opportunity to make \$45 a week as a provably educated journalist rather than \$75 as an ignorant factory worker.

Every time I read about a college athlete taking five or six years to complete his studies, I decry the injustice of jockstrap idolatry. If I'd been born with no neck, I might have stayed at Michigan State University long enough to avoid being accused of lying.

The charge was made in May, after I wrote that I graduated from MSU in 1951. Richard Reihmer of Detroit responded: "I was in the first graduating class of Michigan State University in 1955; you were in the 1951 graduating class of Michigan State College. I had the notion that you might be a bit pretentious, but with literally dozens of people reading your column, you should be more careful."

I knew that. So did all my readers, who are all literally my acquaintances to whom I not only deliver this newspaper free, I also read them my column while sitting on their backs. It was from me that they learned the little-known fact that Michigan State was automatically promoted from college to university in 1955 when the average weight of its middle linebackers reached 350.

Anyway, even if I graduated from MSU when it was called MAC - Michigan Agricultural College - I didn't flunk tests there. My memory of my elementary and high school education is hazy, probably because of wagon-train dust but it could well be that I never flunked a test until June 26, 1992, in a Grosse Pointe gas station.

So it's no wonder I was viscerally embarrassed when the attendant said I flunked my emission test.

My 1984 Oldsmobile had never before flunked the auto exhaust test mandated by the Federal Clean Air Act. It has only 70,000 miles on it, and I regularly say "Yes do it, please," to the deeply concerned names-on-shirts men who say it needs a tune-up. Whatever that is.

I always drive to Grosse Pointe to be tested, rather than at my neighborhood downtown Detroit station, because I've been told by people who know that a car should be driven several miles just before the big test. Sort of like burning the midnight gas.

So what went wrong? The attendant shrugged and, adding to my humiliation, handed me a document headlined: "Failed Vehicle Instruction." The most telling instruction was that it would cost me up to \$80 to improve enough to pass a second test. Plus the \$10 I'd paid to flunk the first test.

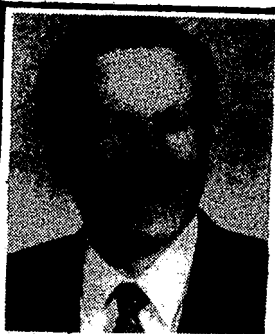
Like changing classes the first week at MSU, I decided to change gas stations swiftly, before my photo was posted in service bays throughout the state.

It wasn't the money, it was the pride. Lately there's been much publicity nationwide about greedy auto mechanics selling hundreds of innocent customers parts and services they don't need. I was too proud to be screwed in an indiscriminate scam.

I drove to another station, in another county, and passed the \$10 test. Total possible savings: \$70.

People who know advise me it might be unfair to name the first gas station, because the drive to the second station could have improved my emissions. OK.

But, deep down, I believe it was my stubborn intelligence that un-flunked my reputation and improved my viscus.



From the superintendent ...

Where does our money go?

Gary Haner

It's heartening to see that the school district's efforts to explain financial issues are beginning to make headway.

Evidence of that appears in recent questions asking us to explain where our money goes. We are happy to have people questioning us, causing us to re-examine our spending and further explain school programs to our constituents.

Some topics — especially the unexpected cuts in school revenues — seem to be well understood. For example, the following events have reduced expected school funds for next year:

Event	Amount reduced
Property tax freeze	\$1,200,000
DDA-captured taxes	730,000
Social Security payments	60,000
State aid recapture	450,000

On the other hand, school expenditures are not as well understood. The school board's public meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend, and budget items are under continual discussion.

Budget hearings are also held in a public forum, and budgets are published and audited regularly. In spite of this, there are still many questions about how Clarkston schools uses its revenues.

From 1988 through 1992, school revenues did increase by about \$8 million, or 46 percent over 1988 levels. Where has that money gone?

1988 was a low point in our district. After several years of slowly decreasing revenues and drastic cutbacks, voters approved an increase of 5.5 new mills. This millage increase reinstated programs that had been cut in 1987 and allowed for some inflationary increases.

Clarkston schools put programs back into the curriculum, eliminated pay-to-participate in co-curricular activities, and basically kept programs at 1986 levels. The 5.5 new mills accounted for a 13 percent increase in revenues in that one year alone.

Other significant increases in expenditures since 1988 include the following:

■ 12 percent increase in costs to fund federal, state and county programs, which "pass through" our district. For example, Clarkston schools is the site for the North Oakland County Autistic Program. We are totally reim-

bursed for the costs of this program, but all money — both revenues and expenditures — pass through our district.

Other "pass-through" programs include portions of the Oakland Technical Center, Adult Education and Community Education. This pass-through money inflated our revenue by 12 percent but is totally paid out at no cost to local taxpayers.

■ 6 percent increase since 1988 due to expanded programs and other expenses. These include the expansion of our middle school curriculum in both junior high schools, mandatory computer services charged by Oakland Schools, billbacks by the county's special education department, over \$300,000 in additional textbook purchases, and an expansion of co-curricular activities.

At the same time, medical insurance costs also increased, although these costs were controlled by negotiating new medical coverage with our unions.

■ The balance of the increase represents the overall rise in the cost of doing business during the four-year period 1988-1992. This includes negotiated wage/benefit increases of about 6 percent for the past four years.

The state average during that same time period was 6 percent, and the county average was about 1 percent higher than the state. In spite of these increases, our current starting salaries for teachers with a bachelor's degree rank 21st out of 27 Oakland County districts. Beginning salaries for a teachers with a master's degree rank 18th out of 27.

In summary, where has the increase of 46 percent gone? If you consider the 13 percent increase provided by a new millage to reinstate previously slashed programs, plus the other items above, it is easy to answer the question.

Clarkston continues to hover — along with Holly and South Lyon — as one of the three lowest funded districts in Oakland County on a per pupil basis.

At the same time, we continue to lead the county with the highest percentage of budget expenditures going directly to children, not to administrative costs.

Independent auditors verify these statements every year and compliment this district on running efficiently and cost-effectively. We are proud of our track record.

Gary Haner is superintendent of Clarkston schools.

Inside view: Clarkston schools

Instructional staff consists of qualified people

BY DUANE LEWIS

The certified instructional staff of Clarkston Schools is made up of 319 full- and part-time teachers, counselors, media specialists and special services staff members.

This group of highly trained and experienced professionals provides quality instruction and services for the 5,650+ students enrolled in Clarkston Schools. The breakdown is as follows:

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS — 91	
Andersonville Elementary	14
Bailey Lake Elementary	23
Clarkston Elementary	17
Pine Knob Elementary	21
North Sashabaw Elementary	16
ELEMENTARY SUPPORT — 21.4	
Music	2.40
Reading Support	1.50
Math Support	2.25
Media Specialists	3.00
Gifted	2.00
Physical Education	4.40
Title I Reading/ Math	4.95
Computer Keyboarding	0.40
Foreign Language	0.50
SECONDARY TEACHERS — 123.9	
Clarkston Junior High	31.5
Sashabaw Junior High	40.6
Clarkston High School	51.8
SECONDARY SUPPORT TEACHERS — 12	
School Counselors	8
Media Specialists	3
Drug Abuse Counselor	1
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS — 43.9	
Teachers of EMI	3.0
Teachers of EI	4.0
Teachers of Learning Disabled	16.0
Preschool	2.0
Speech	4.4
Psychologists	4.0
Social Workers	5.0
Teachers of AI	4.0
Federally Funded Teachers	1.5
OAKLAND TECH. CENTER-NORTHWEST — 24	
Teachers	19.0
Counselors	3.0

Support Teachers 2.0
The advanced degrees held by instructors of Clarkston Schools shows a high commitment to improving skills and knowledge in the teaching field. The degree status of our staff is as follows:

Bachelor's Degree	39.6 percent
Master's Degree	53.6 percent
Educational Specialist	6.2 percent
Doctor of Philosophy	0.6 percent

In addition, 63 teachers took advantage of a tuition reimbursement plan over the past two years and continued their education at the university level.

Years of teaching experience are analyzed as follows (not necessarily in Clarkston):

1-10 years	26.5 percent
11-15 years	11.2 percent
16-20 years	22.4 percent
21+ years	40.0 percent

As you can see, our teaching staff is dominated by experienced, tenured teachers. But this good experience must be complimented with new skills and a chance for teachers to re-learn skills long forgotten. If we expect our students to work in groups, to use the tools to technology, and to know more about modern science, math, and geography, we must be sure our teachers have the skills and knowledge to deliver. Clarkston Schools commits over \$25,000 annually to the training and inservicing of its teaching staff. This is money well spent.

Of course, teachers and their performance are evaluated on a regular basis. Clarkston Schools designs evaluations to improve the quality of individual and collective teaching performance in the classroom. Probationary teachers (new teachers who are not tenured) must be evaluated a minimum of once each semester and tenured teachers are evaluated a minimum of once every two years.

Teachers who are identified as having areas of deficiency may be placed on a plan of assistance. This plan is developed by the administrator making the evaluation and contains specific areas needing improvements as well as timelines and specific ways to improve.

Other components of such a plan include recommendations for professional development activities that will help the teacher improve in the identified areas of deficiency. This process has been successful in targeting instructional weaknesses and helping the Clarkston staff

become better instructionally.

As a group, the Clarkston teaching staff is enthusiastic in their instruction of students. Many teachers sponsor or coach extra-curricular programs and spend hours outside of school working with students and improving their instructional skills.

Duane Lewis is director of personnel for Clarkston schools.

Bouquet

Fine Fourth

The Independence Fire Fighters Association would like to extend a grateful "Thank You" to all who participated in making this year's Fourth of July a successful celebration.

We were proud to have Mr. Red Beattie as our 1992 Grand Marshal. He was the perfect choice to go with the theme of "Made in the U.S.A."

Our masters of ceremony, Mr. Byron MacGregor and his wife JoJo, did an outstanding job. They were extremely kind and entertaining people—a true pleasure to word with, and we hope they will honor us with their presence in the future.

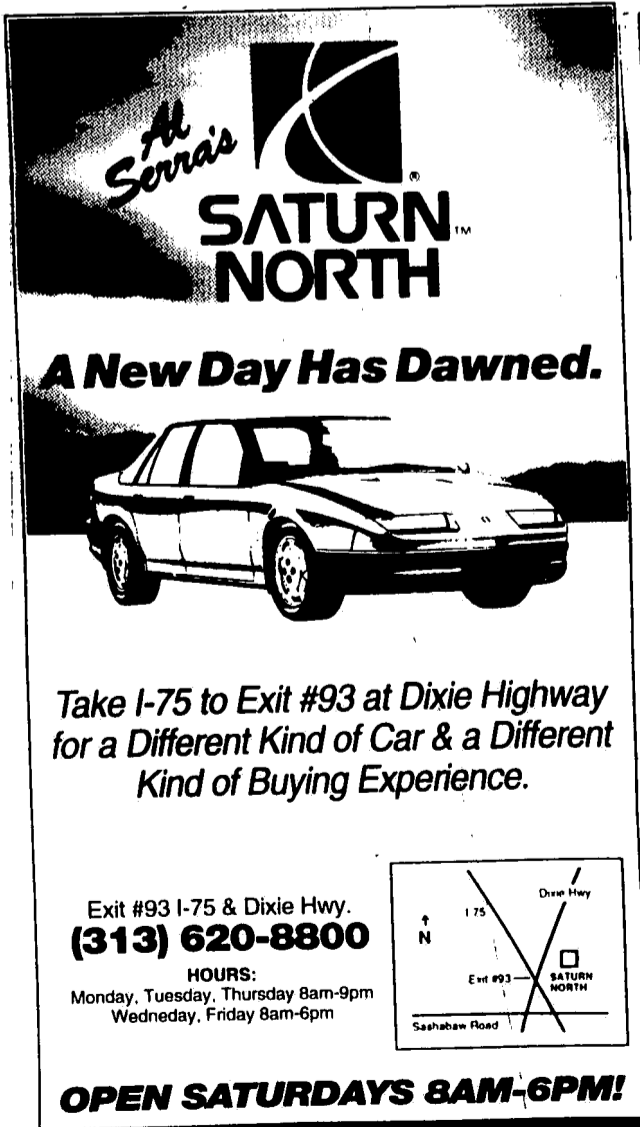
It was truly the highlight of the parade when a KC 135 tanker from Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S.D., flew over town.

We would like to acknowledge the judges for a fine job with such difficult decisions to make. Much gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morse for their contribution in our hours of need.

It is most important that we recognize all the effort and imagination that went into the entries for the parade. Without your participation there would be no parade. We hope to have your continued support for many years to come.

Finally, we would like to offer our deepest gratitude to our local merchants who offered either their services or donated funds for the awards. Thank you for your generosity.

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Township police move to new substation

Police have a new "substation" in Independence Township.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) employees who cover in Independence Township now work out of the former First Federal building on M-15 and Dixie Highway. The new address is 5799 Ortonville Road. The non-emergency phone number is 620-2470. Formerly, the police operated out of a small building adjacent to the township hall on Main Street in the Village of Clarkston.

Sgt. Steven Parker of the Oakland County Sheriff's

Department said the reason for the move was "because there were 20 people working in an extremely small building. We needed the space."

The move was complete Monday, July 13, and so far, the transition has been smooth.

"They (the officers and staff) love it here," said Parker. "It functions well as a police station. There are separate places for the commanding staff, the detective bureau — there is even a separate locker room for the officers to change. It is absolutely fantastic."

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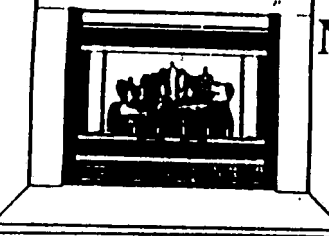


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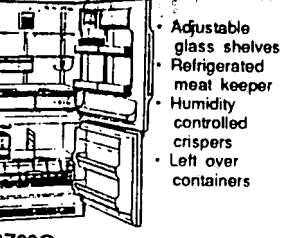
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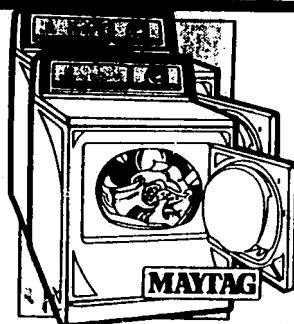
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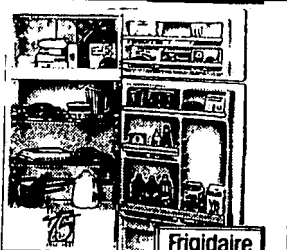


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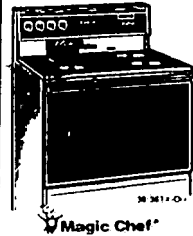
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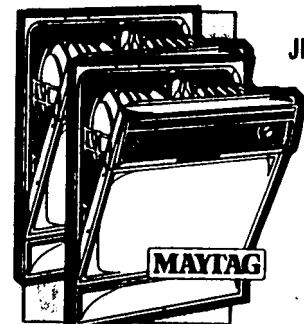


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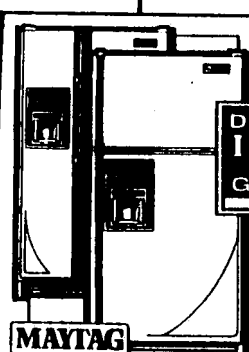
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Absentee ballots available at township

Area residents who plan to vote by absentee ballot in the Aug. 4 primary election have only a couple more weeks to act.

The deadline for ballots to be mailed is Aug. 1. However, those qualified to vote absentee may vote in the clerk's office until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Registered voters may vote absentee if:

■ Person expects to be absent from the community the entire time the polls are open on election day.

■ Person is physically unable to attend the polls without the assistant of another.

■ Person cannot attend the polls because the tenets

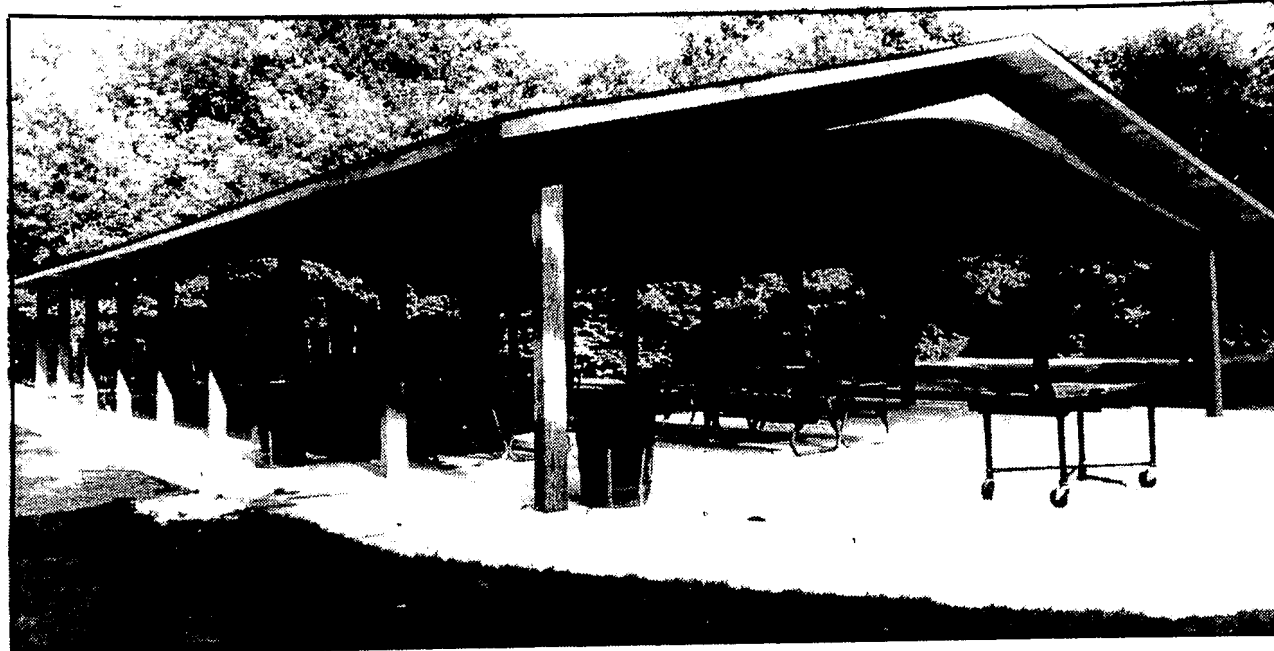
of his or her religion.

■ Person has been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than where he or she resides.

■ Person is 60 years of age or older.

■ Person is confined to jail and awaiting arraignment or trial.

Independence Township residents who qualify and wish to vote absentee ballot should call the clerk's office at 625-5111 or stop in at 90 N. Main St. Springfield Township residents should call the township hall at 625-4802 or stop in at 650 Broadway.



New shelter

INDEPENDENCE Oaks County Park in Independence Township has a new picnic shelter. The shelter, built by the Hoo Hoo Club, is

located adjacent to the Sadle & Irwin Cohn Amphitheater. The structure's roof interior contains six different types of wood.

Hearing on rezoning

Residents in the Clarkston-Sashabaw road area of Independence Township may want to attend the Thursday, July 23, Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

A 7:30 p.m. public hearing covers a rezoning request for that area. The meeting takes place at the township annex, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston.

MIK Development requests that four parcels south of Clarkston Road, west of Sashabaw Road and north of Flemings Lake Road be rezoned from rural residential to single-family residential. Rural residential requires a 3-acre minimum lot size. Single-family residential requires a minimum 15,000-square-foot lot size.

In addition, the developer asks that two other parcels be rezoned from single-family residential to office service II.

For more information, call 625-8111.

Fallen tower worker progressing slowly

Recovery is coming slowly for a Missouri man who fell from the White Lake Road-Dixie Highway water tower April 14.

Supervisor Frank Ronk of Independence Township said the wife of 42-year-old James L. McDonnola recently called officials at the Independence Township Fire Department to report on her husband's status. Ronk said she reported that her mate isn't suffering from brain damage, but his broken bones are taking a long time to mend.

She is optimistic that he'll eventually recover fully, though, Ronk reported.

It's been nearly three months since McDonnola fell some 60 feet inside of the tower after he was knocked off the top of the structure. The accident occurred when part of the boom used to position pipe collapsed.

It took a special high-angle rescue team of Independence Township firefighters nearly two hours to extract the fallen worker, who fell into a coma shortly after the fall.

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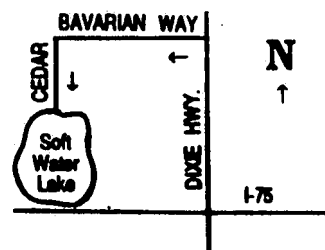


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By Melissa Moe

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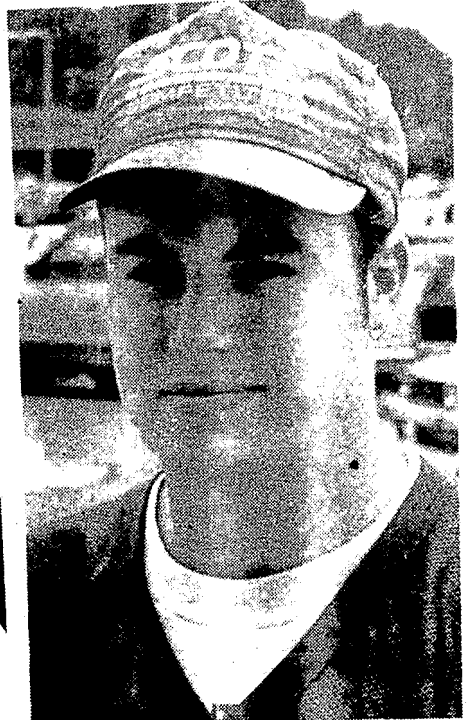
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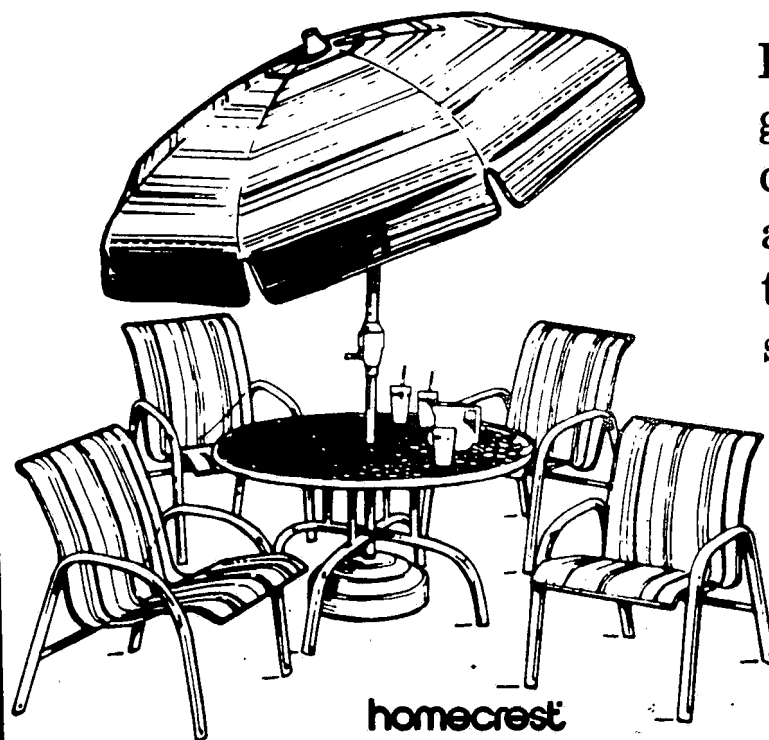
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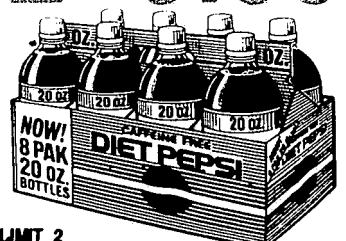


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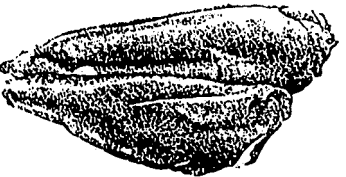
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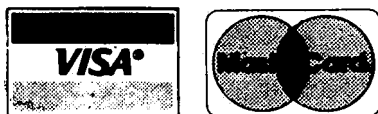
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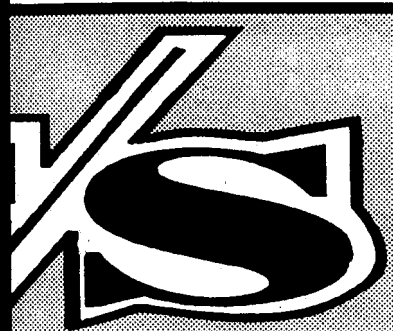
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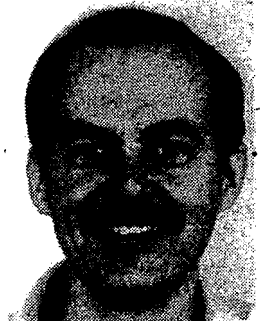
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Sports

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You won't get up to speeds of 200-plus m.p.h., but you can whiz by at 80 or 85 m.p.h. on I-75.

And best of all, you've got a better chance of getting a flat tire than getting a speeding ticket. Having a state police or Oakland County law enforcement officer pull you over for going 15 miles over the limit is rarer than drivers who *actually* use their

blinkers when changing lanes or turning (since the police department in Clarkston just began July 1, it's too early to group them with other area non-ticketing officers).

Those old-fashioned days in the mid-'70s when President Jimmy Carter changed the speed limit from 70 m.p.h. to 55 are nearly gone. Most expressways are now back up to 65. Hey, slowing down may save lives and cut down on our need to export oil, but it doesn't help get you faster to your hairdressing appointment or your tee-off time.

There are several places in Independence Township and Clarkston that offer speedsters a variety of road layout and driving challenge. Following are eight of the top roadways where you can put the pedal to the metal without having to worry about seeing that red flashing light in your rear-view mirror:

I-75 (a.k.a. The Gov. John Engler Speedway)

Posted speed: 55 and 65

Average speed: 65 and 75

Speedster speed: 70 and 85

The long straight-aways of I-75 are favorites for those who like to set their cruise control at 80. It's also the most popular place to not use a blinker while weaving in and out of traffic. (For more information on how to get out of speeding tickets, contact Gov. Engler's chauffeur in Lansing or contact the Auburn Hills Police Department).

Waldon Road, near Clarkston Junior High/ Clarkston Elementary/ Clarkston High School (a.k.a. Safety Patrol Memorial Strip)

Posted speed: 25 (when school is in session)

Average speed: 33

Speedster speed: 40

This small strip of road is a tailgater's heaven. When elementary students are having recess, nearly everyone who does drive the posted 25 m.p.h. can expect a tailgater inches from their bumper.

M-15, downtown Clarkston (a.k.a. the Doughnut Grand Prix)

Posted speed: 30

Average speed: 32

Speedster speed: 40

The long lines of traffic and two traffic lights make it difficult to speed, but drivers enjoy the challenge of creating their own additional right-hand lane (who needs road-widening?) to get ahead. Avoiding the many jaywalkers near the Clarkston Cafe and the Clarkston Village Bakeshop while speeding up to make a traffic light is a true test of driving skills.

Holcomb Road in Clarkston, from Washington Street to Deer Lake Beach (a.k.a. Beach Boys' Drive)

Posted speed: 25 and 35

Average speed: 35 and 45

Speedster speed: 45 and 50

The traffic is not only getting more crowded on Holcomb but it is getting faster. The (25 m.p.h.), intersection of Holcomb and Washington is a special favorite of those who like to frighten pedestrians walking toward downtown Clarkston.

Andersonville Road (a.k.a. Davisburg Dragway)

Posted speed: 50

Average speed: 58

Speedster speed: 63

Let's not forget about Springfield Township. Andersonville Road is one of the area's best-kept secrets for flat-out speeding. The Andersonville drivers are making sure the city is quickly coming to the country.

Clarkston Road: (a.k.a. The Long and Winding Roadway)

Posted speed: 45

Average speed: 53

Speedster speed: 60

This is another tailgater's delight. And the long stretch of winding road gives drivers plenty of opportunity to tailgate. Nighttime is best, when a tailgater's bright lights burst onto the rear-view and side mirrors of the driver ahead, who is desperately trying to see and navigate through the darkened curves.



EVEN when there aren't concerts at the New Pine Knob Music Theatre, it still doesn't stop cars from using the Pine Knob only lane in order to pass one or several cars.

Sashabaw Road near Pine Knob (a.k.a. the New Pine Knob Dragstrip)

Posted speed: 45

Average speed: 55

Speedster speed: 60

This is probably the area's most exciting two-lane driving. Who cares if you don't have tickets to see Paula Abdul or James Taylor? Just get in that "Pine Knob Traffic Only" right-lane and pass about five cars that are in the correct left lane.

Dixie Highway: (a.k.a. Southern 500)

Posted speed: 45

Average speed: 55

Speedster speed: 65

This roadway would equal I-75 in pure speed if it weren't for all those traffic lights. However, that still doesn't stop the most experienced speedsters who see the red lights as if they were amber.

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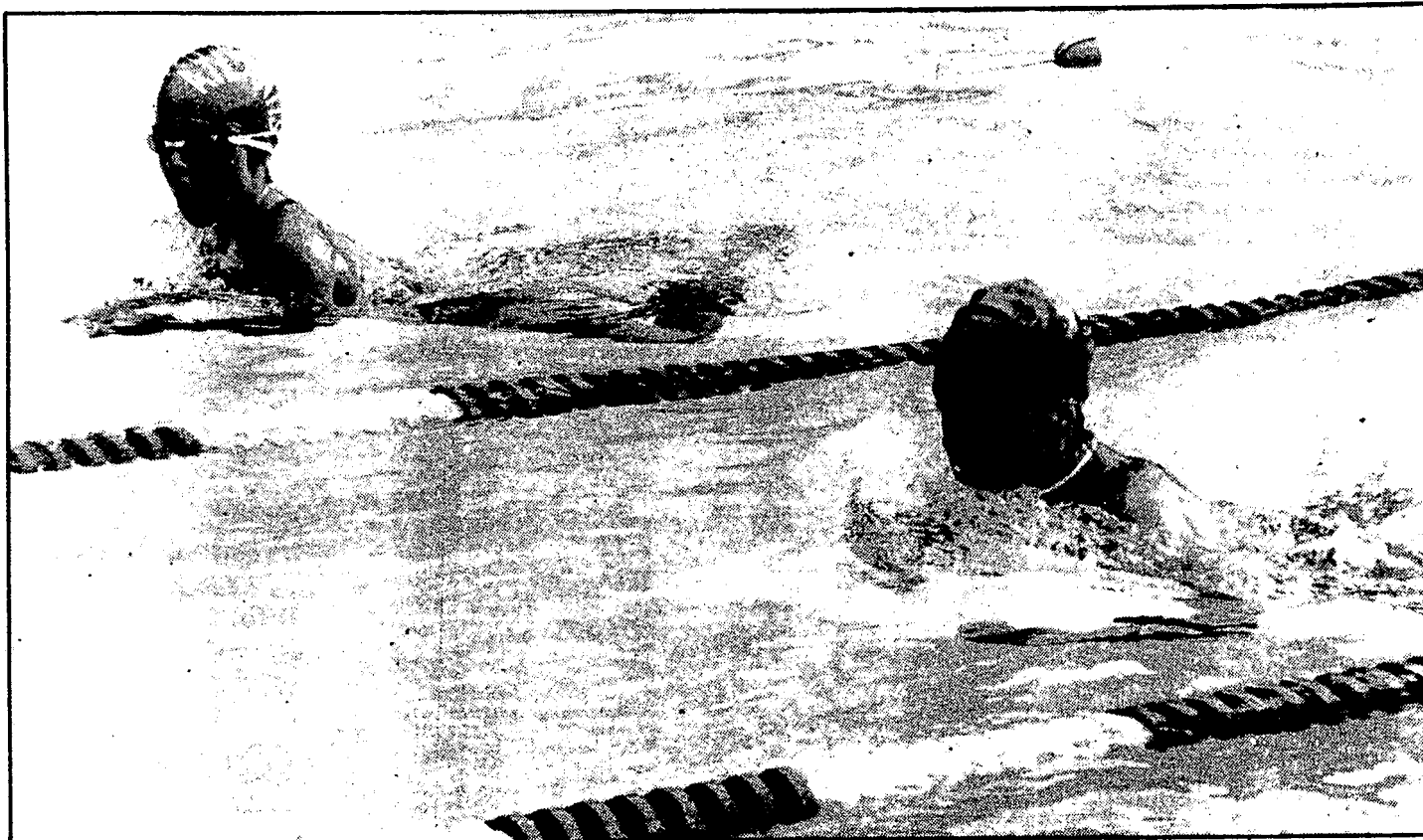
Dolphins make splash at Deer Lake pool

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
Clarkston News Staff Writer

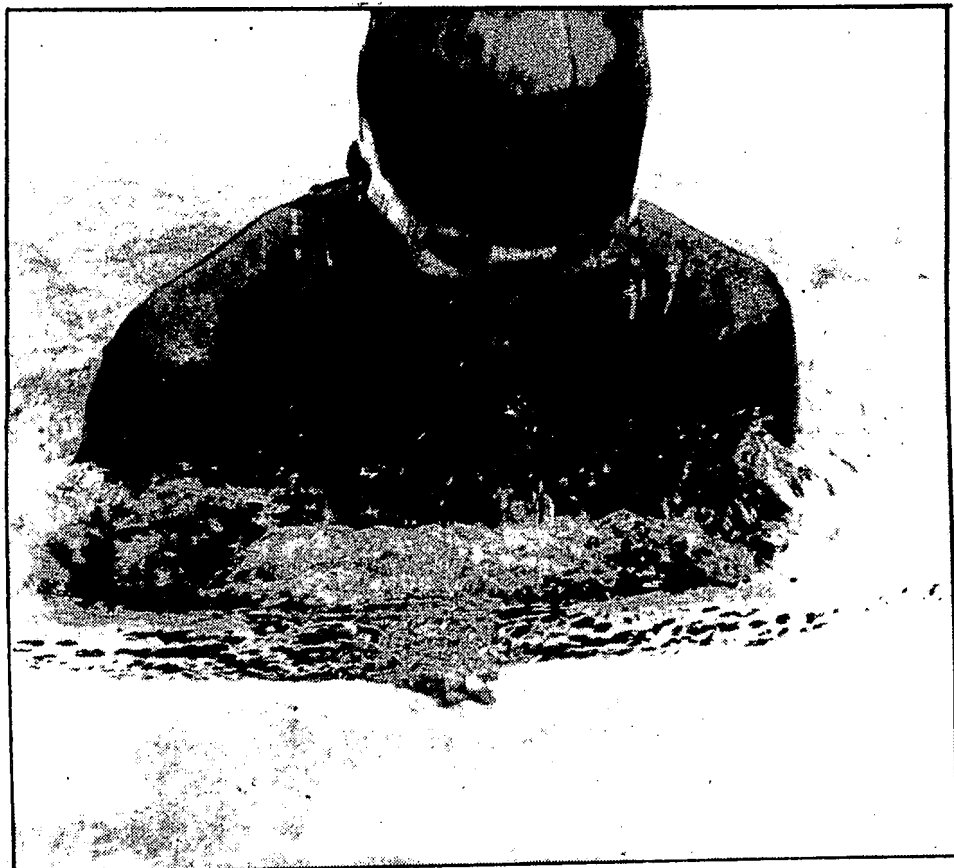
The Deer Lake Dolphins, nearing the end of their regular season, will be competing in the league preliminaries on July 21 in Pontiac and the league finals July 23 in Pontiac.

The Dolphins, who have their home meets at the Deer Lake Racquet Club, are coached by Don Neal. Bonnie MacDougal is the team's assistant coach.

Thirty-eight Dolphins, age 6-16, have competed this summer. They are Blair Anstey, Chris Atkins, Derrek Barns, Lauren Basinger, Nicholas Body, Andrew Body, Liz Clark, Kim Deacon, Lorne Deacon, Ashley Halleran, Elizabeth Harlton, Michael Howell, Lydia Jenaras, Travis Jewell, Heather Jewell, Bridget Kennedy, Amy Licatovich, Lauren Lozano, Adrienne Meyer, Lauren Meyer, Mike Moran, Matt Moran, Jay Pace, David Pesnichak, Lisa Pesnichak, Collean Ramsey, Erin Robinson, Kristi Ruth, Angela Ruth, Jayson Scheiderer, Renee VanKlaveren, Dennise Vidosh, Donn Vidosh, Pat Wall, Kelly Wall, Justin Walsh, Leah Walsh and Jennifer Zorza.



ELIZABETH Harlton (right) and an Old Farm opponent were involved in a close breast stroke race.



LISA Pesnichak competes in the breast stroke. Old Farm defeated the Deer Lake Dolphin. 329-222.

Photos by James Gibowski



JENNIFER Zorza pushes off in the backstroke during a July 6 meet against Old Farm at the Deer Lake Racquet Club.



FREESTYLE swimmer Angela Ruth gets shouts of encouragement from teammates Ashley Halleran, left, and Kim Deacon.

Rec. department helps thousands stay fit

Ann Conklin has been the director of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department for the past three and a half years. She previously was employed for more than 11 years at the recreation department in Howell and was its director for over eight years. Conklin, 36, was graduated from Tecumseh High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, majoring in municipal recreation.

▼ How many participants use the recreational facilities and senior center during a one-year span?

■ The senior department in transportation last year alone, we had 6,536; nutrition 10,074; their classes, programs and athletic events 15,683; special events 5,548; and trips 470.

The recreation department, in all activities, it was 42,139. (That number broken down was) classes and recreational activities 22,891; our athletic leagues 13,207; our special events 6,041.

▼ What's your yearly budget?

■ Our total budget for 1992 is \$968,231. Our revenues are \$457,141, and our tax dollars are \$511,090 — which means 53 percent of our budget is from tax dollars; 47 percent is self-generated.

▼ What can you do and what can't you do because of your budget?

■ Right now I'm starting to do the budget for January '93 through December '93. We sit down and decide what types of programs we want to do and what activities, special events, staff we need. Then we make a presentation to the township board and try to justify it. If they are supportive of it and the budget gets passed, we can do it. If something comes up that's not in the budget, however, we normally have to wait a year.

▼ Who decides to have a millage for the rec. department?

■ It's a combination. There's an advisory board, the administrative staff and the township board. We've only gone for one millage since I've been here, and the full intent of that millage was to give us some capital improvement money to develop Bay Court. Bay Court was purchased in July of 1988, and it's just basically sat. ... We thought we'd try a millage as one source, and obviously the residents of Independence Township said "find something else." So now we're seeking other methods of funding.

▼ Do you see any other millages in the future?

■ It's hard to tell. Right now I guess we aren't recommending one in the very near future. It'd be nice for capital projects because the facilities are not meeting the recreational needs.

▼ What did you cut because of recent budget cut-backs?

■ We cut a lot of special events. We had a pre-baseball picnic, a post-baseball picnic. Traditionally, we had a huge event out here in the (Clintonwood) park; we cut that. We cut all overtime. We went through each individual program and cut where we could. The bottom line was about \$87,000 that we cut.

Sports Q&A

(As told to Clarkston News Staff Writer James Gibowski)

▼ How are the facilities lacking?

■ We don't have adequate meeting space. We don't have adequate facilities for our recreational programs and classes. The community groups and agencies that like to have meetings on a regular basis, there are some meeting spaces but they're not adequate. There is not a competitive indoor swimming pool in the area, and we're trying to work with the various industries to see how we can get one that is going to provide the competitive swimming and recreational swimming needs. And we don't have adequate gym space for us to offer all the programs we want.

We need a gym almost every night of the week after school. And because of the strong sports programs the schools have, they can't release the gyms to us unless it's on a Saturday or Sunday. We do use some of them ... but everybody doesn't want to commit their Saturdays or Sundays to play volleyball or basketball.

▼ How many employees are there at the rec. department?

■ There are 13 full-time employees. There's myself, there's four at the senior center, there's five at the park, then there's three additional at the recreational offices.

Seasonal and part-time at our peak ... we have probably about 150 people on the payroll right now. That includes lifeguards, daycamp counselors, scorekeepers, umpires, the full range.

▼ Do you have any problems getting officials, umpires, referees?

■ Not generally. Softball and baseball usually is pretty easy.

We've had a difficult time ... at first, getting strong soccer officials. But Fiona Brown, our soccer director, has worked on that. As more and more people come into the sport and get trained in it, it gets better. Last fall we had a real difficult time finding quality soccer officials but in the spring she seemed to have bridged that problem.

▼ When will the four new baseball/ softball fields be completed? Will this allow more teams to play or just make it easier in scheduling?

■ Probably be a little combination of both. We hope that the fields are gonna be done within the next month. Then they need to sit for a while, to germinate for the grass to take hold. We're planning on playing on those next spring, early summer. We hope to eliminate some of the school fields we're using now that are in terrible condition ...

... It'll make scheduling a little bit easier. It's going to make maintenance a lot easier because now we're going to six different sites, and we're going to go to one, maybe two different sites. Plus we're going to own the fields, do what we want to them.

And we're gonna take a serious look at the morning program and find out what the parents want, if they want to continue the morning program full-blown or if they want to move some of those games to the evenings. ... We're going to do a survey.

▼ How does the rec. department help avoid having "Little League" parents?

■ We give each coach a letter that they hand to the parents which we try to outline our philosophy that this program is for the kids and isn't for the parents. Unfortunately, you get some parents that think this is supposed to be an extremely competitive program. There has to be a happy balance. There has to be some competition but at the same time there has to be a positive learning experience ...

... Overall, the parents in Clarkston and Independence Township are really supportive of their kids in the program. There's 1,200 kids in baseball and softball. We probably have a dozen that we've had complaints.



ANN Conklin, standing near the intersection of four baseball-softball fields under construction, said the new fields should be ready by next spring.

▼ Which sports have grown the most in recent years as far as participants?

■ Volleyball definitely has grown a lot. A lot of the senior activities because there's more seniors eligible to participate. ... There seems to be a lot of interest for kids 6-and-under as well. Our Kiddy Kicker Soccer program was offered for the first time two years ago, and there's 200 kids in it — that's 3- and 4-year-olds playing soccer.

▼ What's been your biggest accomplishment as director?

■ Being able to offer constructive recreational programs for the residents of this community. There's so many other choices out there, negative choices, that the kids and young adults are faced with. And to be able to offer constructive programs ... a wholesome constructive recreation activity. That's rewarding. It's something that Tim Doyle (the previous director) did and I'm carrying on.

We've been somewhat successful with grants but that's because the community and the projects speak for themselves.

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GIRL'S 11 & 12	W	L
Tri-County Custom Sports	8	1
Bunny Hut	6	3
Clarkston Burger King	5	4
Jim Evans	4	6
L.B. Muffins	3	6
The Impressive Type	1	7

BOY'S WIDGET MONDAY/WEDNESDAY	W	L	T
Repair Plumbing	10	0	
Dairy Queen	8	2	
Travel Hub	5	4	1
Dr. Hennessey	3	5	1
McDonald Tube Products	3	7	
Dairy Dream	1	9	

BOY'S MIDGET MONDAY/WEDNESDAY	W	L
Lakeland Builders	10	0
Avalanche Publications	7	3
James Evans & Associates	6	4
Beardslee Excavating	3	7
Rudy's Market	2	8
Rumph Chiropractic	2	8

BOY'S PONY	W	L
Moscovic Builders	9	1
Little Louie's	8	2
Dairy Dream	2	8
Gregg's Carryout	1	9

GIRL'S 13 - 16	W	L
Megan O'Neill	9	0
Bowman Chevrolet	7	1
Oxford Bank	7	4
Saturn North	6	3
Clarkston Burger King	3	8
Dr. Iacobelli	2	8
Mathison Mechanical	2	9

BOY'S MIDGET TUESDAY/THURSDAY	W	L
Spring Lake Country Club	10	0
Pack 'N Mail	8	2
A S T	5	5
Douglas Water Conditioning	4	6
Clarkston Internal Medicine	4	6
Travel Master	1	8

BOY'S PEE WEE UPPER	W	L	T
Little Rascals	5	1	
Clarkston Jaycees	5	1	
Pontiac Met Club #6	4	2	
NBD Bank	4	2	
Spectrum Printing	4	2	
ABC Finishing Construction	3	2	1
Brose Electric	3	3	
Wint's Little Diggers	2	3	1
Keift Engineering	2	3	1
Clarkston Rotary Club	1	4	1
Clarkston Pest Control	1	5	
AC Tire	0	6	

BOY'S WIDGET TUESDAY/THURSDAY	W	L	T
Williams Brothers Asphalt	8	1	1
Pontiac Met Club #6	6	3	1
Randy Hosler	6	4	
Machine Engineering	3	6	1
Waterfall Jewelers	3	6	1
Cummings Construction	2	8	

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DARRELL Hart, an all-star for the Men's Monday-Wednesday League, belts the softball during his team's 14-11 loss against the Men's Wednesday-Friday League all-stars.

Swinging stars



THIRD Baseman Matt Vickory (right), an all-star for the Men's Wednesday-Friday League team, completes a forceout. The annual Independence Township Parks and Recreation all-star softball games were played July 11 at Clintonwood Park. More all-star results are on Page 23A. (Photos by James Gibowski)

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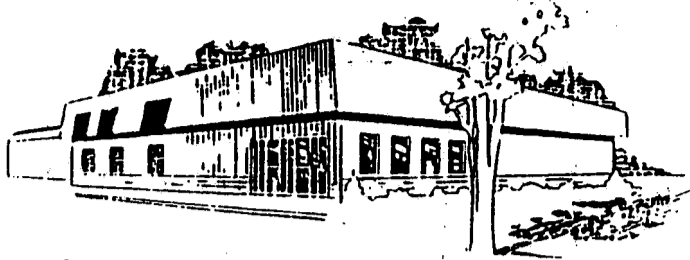
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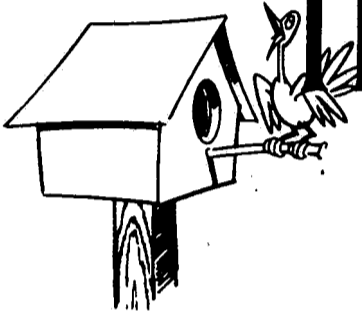
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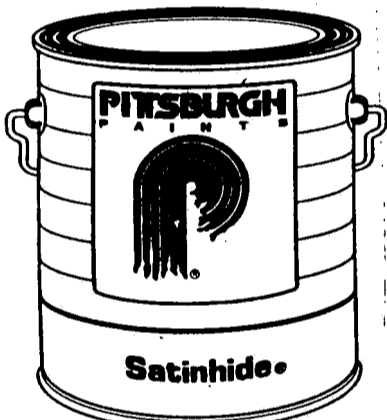


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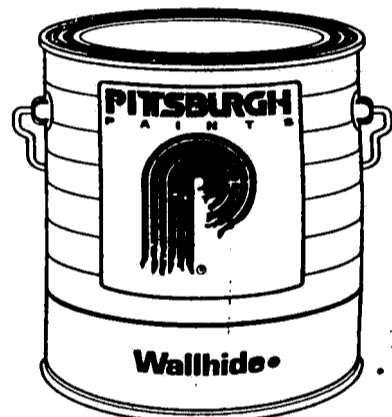
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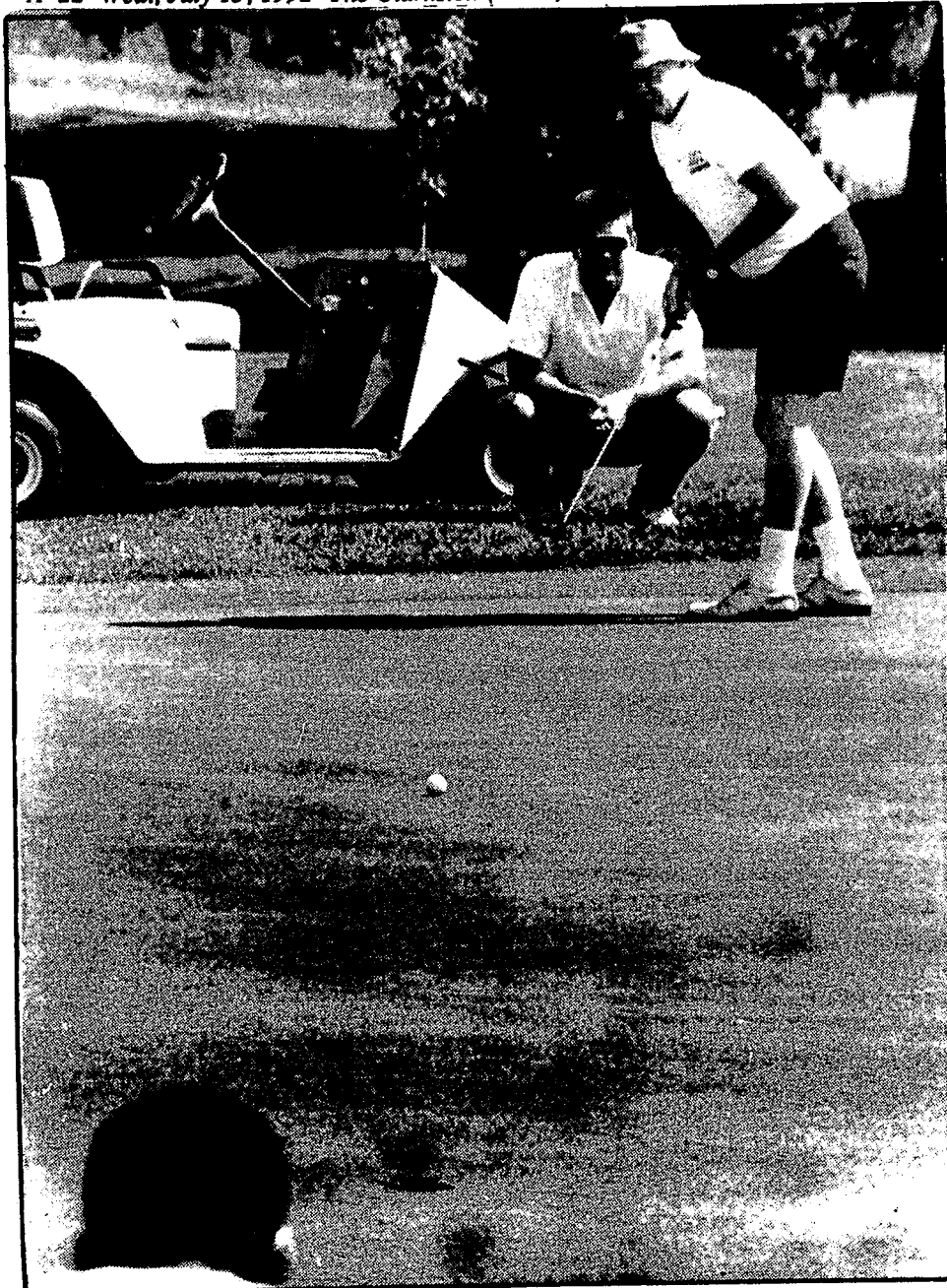
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ALL eyes are on the hole after Chris Krueger putts. (Related photo on Page 26A)

Golfers give boost to new athletic building

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two Clarkston High School golf coaches helped their foursome win the first Clarkston Athletic Booster Club Golf Classic July 11 at Spring Lake Country Club.

Varsity golf coach Jim Chamberlain, JV coach Tim Kaul and teammates Len Wasilk and Bill Cumberworth joined forces to shoot a 62 to capture first in the 10-team best-ball benefit scramble. The first-place team split up winnings of \$200.

Two shots behind the leaders was the second-place team of Dave Tinkis, Keith Jahnke, Mark Meservy and Bob Lemon. It earned \$160.

Two teams tied for third with 68's, splitting \$100. Tied for third were the teams of Robert VonBargen, Ed Gignac, Vern Post, Sam Savas and Rick Detkowski, Brent Michelsen, Ray Rowland, Greg Gwisdalla.

The remaining teams and their scores were:

(70) Kurt Richardson, Don Buchanan, Mike Stefanski and Chris Krueger; Dave Reschke, Gary Haner, Mike Labay and Kerry Kammer.

(73) Fred Ritter, Fred Johns, Bill Wint and Roger Diederich; Brent Cooley, Jeff Tungate, Vince Licata and Dave Yarber.

(74) Dale Ryan, Marc Cooper, Bruce Mercado and Dave McChesney.

(76) Jill Jones, Fred Jones, Gordie Richardson and John Lutz.

Twenty-five dollar gift certificates were also given to Lutz for coming closest to the pin on the fifth hole, Rowland coming closest to the pin on the 17th hole, Michelsen having the longest drive on the seventh hole and Meservy nailing the longest drive on the 15th hole.

Profits from the golf tourney will help pay for the new athletic building, which is nearly completed. The building will aid high school and junior high football, track and soccer teams.

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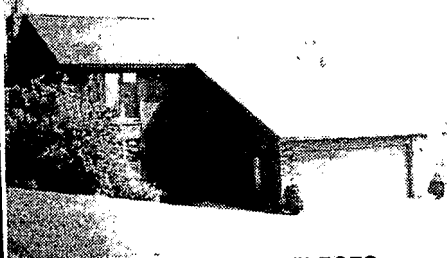
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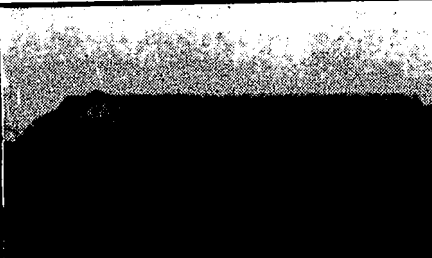
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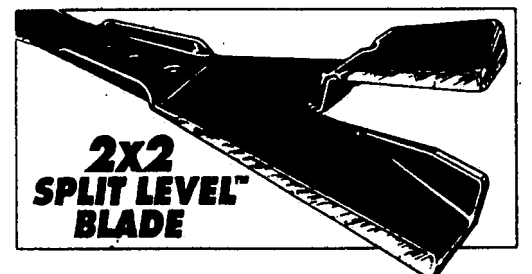
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Adult softball standings

AS OF JULY 12

MEN'S TUES/THUR OPEN	W	L
Hoops	12	3
Prescription Fitness	8	6
JLW Flames	8	7
Paul's Place	8	7
Superior Concrete	7	8
Outlaws	5	10
Clarkston K of C	4	11

WOMEN'S TUES/THURS	W	L
Breakers	16	0
T. Lanfears	11	6
Clarkston Auto Body	9	8
Victors Club	8	9
Greggs Carryout	5	12
Draper Punch and Die	1	15

CO-REC FRIDAY	W	L
Norco	6	0
Ashley Magic	5	2
Town & Country	3	4
Quality Lawn	2	4
Dairy Dream	2	5
Mr. Big	2	5

MEN'S TUES/THURS "B"	W	L
Reflections	14	3
Hawkin's Equipment	12	4
Sylvan Lanes	7	9
Coach's Corner	6	9
Northwest Propane	4	12
The Lodge Sharks	5	11

MEN'S MON/WED	W	L	T
Catalina Lounge	13	1	
I.M.D.	12	1	
Between the Eyes	6	5	1
Lyon Gear	5	6	
Tenuta's	5	8	
Mighty Clean	5	9	
Stix	4	8	1
NASA	0	12	

MEN'S WED/FRI	W	L
Johnnies Car Wash	13	3
Layman Well Drilling	10	5
Food Town	10	5
Long Graphic	8	7
Peppi's North	6	8
Waterford Courts	5	10
CTS/Unitel	0	14

MEN'S MONDAY DOUBLEHEADER	W	L
PLD/Atlas	14	0
Kraftwood	13	1
Catalina Lounge	11	3
Car & Driver	10	4
Pizza Daves	8	6
HG Anderle	7	7
TNR	7	7
Drayton Collision	6	8
Custom Carpets	4	10
Possum Corner	3	11
Inland Lakes Landscaping	1	13
Unique	0	14

HOME RUN LEADERS AS OF JULY 12, 1992

NAME	#	TEAM	LEAGUE
Scott Giroux	15	PLD/Atlas	Non-DH
Mike Turk	14	PLD/Atlas	Non-DH
Keith Neeb	13	Catalina Lounge	Non-DH
Don Sharp	12	PLD/Atlas	Non-DH
Jose Rasoda	12	Pizza Daves	Non-DH
Ryan Holler	11	Pizza Daves	Non-DH
Tony Corbett	10	PLD/Atlas	Non-DH
Rich Pana	10	Hoops	T/TH Open
Rich Wood	9	Pizza Daves	Non-DH
Andy Wade	9	Drayton Collision	Non-DH
James Keith	8	Pizza Daves	Non-DH
Mark Cosby	8	Hoops	T/TH Open
Roger Belcher	8	Catalina Lounge	Non/Wed
Dan Cole	8	Hawkins Equipment	T/TH "B"
John Morris	7	Car & Driver	Non-DH
Mark Brancheau	7	Car & Driver	Non-DH
Gary Root	7	Drayton Collision	Non-DH
Chris Harrie	7	Kraftwood	Non-DH
Bob Mortimore	7	I.M.D.	Non/Wed
Greg Garrett	7	Reflections	T/T "B"

All-star game results

(July 11 at Clintonwood Park)

MEN'S 35 & OVER	23	FRI CO-REC EVEN	12
SUNDAY MEN'S	12	SUN CO-REC EVEN	3
MEN'S MON/WED	11	WOMEN'S #1, 3 & 6	0
MEN'S WED/FRI	14	WOMEN'S #2, 4 & 5	5
SUNDAY CO-REC ODD	12	T/TH "B" #1, 3 & 6	7
FRIDAY CO-REC ODD	3	T/TH "B" #2, 4 & 5	1
		MONDAY DOUBLEHEADER	15
		TUES/THURS OPEN	14

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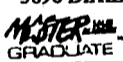


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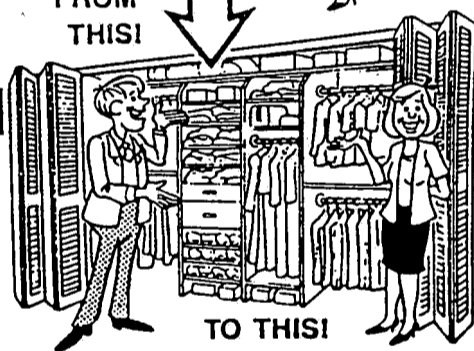
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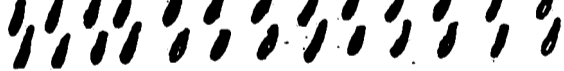
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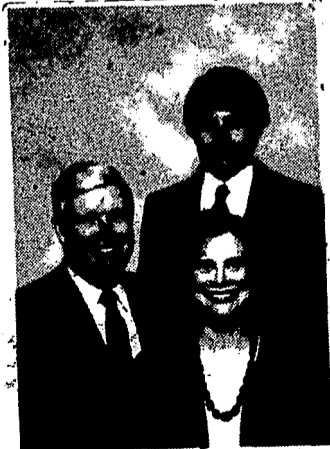
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Volleyball standings

AS OF JULY 6

Women's Lower Quads - Monday 6:15

Sandblasters	17 - 3
Sand Diggers	15 - 5
Sand Fleas	16 - 4
BadaBing	14 - 6
Sandbags	7 - 11
Sugarsacks	6 - 14
NAPA	3 - 17
Buttheads	0 - 20

Women's Upper - Monday 7:30

Vanilla Thunder	19 - 1
No Names	13 - 7
Mud Turtles	12 - 8
Summer Sandies	9 - 11
S.T.I.	9 - 11
Triple Power	8 - 12
Beach Bums	7 - 13
Ready or Not	3 - 17

Men's Upper - Tuesday 6:15

Attack This	23 - 2
Break Point	22 - 3
Surf Punks	14 - 11
Close Calls	14 - 11
Joint Venture	10 - 15
Flatliners	8 - 17
Custom Carpets	6 - 19
Primal Screams	3 - 22

Men's Lower - Tuesday 7:30

Dig It Baby!	22 - 3
Wilson	18 - 7
The Nads (GoNads!)	16 - 9
Crome Domes	13 - 12
Brian Hasseth	12 - 13
The Bullets	9 - 16
Matt's Rats	6 - 19
No Names	5 - 20

Co-Rec Upper - Wednesday 6:15

Sand Diggers	22 - 3
Clean Up Crew	21 - 4
Sand Sharks	14 - 11
Spiked Punch	11 - 14
Bullets	10 - 15
Mike McEvoy	9 - 16
Airborne	9 - 16
Summer Fun	4 - 20

Co-Rec Lower - Wednesday 7:30

The Netters	16 - 4
Sandblast	13 - 7
Nuts and Butts	13 - 7
High Dogs	12 - 8
Volley Follies	10 - 10
Hochst Celanese	10 - 10
Sand Fleas	6 - 14
S.I.V.S.	0 - 20

Co-Rec Quads - Thursday 7:30

Skywalkers	23 - 2
Jody Lopucki	22 - 3
Matt Martin	18 - 7
Eric Peadley	12 - 13
Jeff Poiner	9 - 16
Pumpkin Patch	6 - 19
Dave Hertler	5 - 20
Becky Coward	5 - 20

Men's Doubles - Thursday 6:15

7 Dave Smith	22 - 3
6 Ben Pusheck	20 - 5
10 Kyle Bray	19 - 6
9 Robert Trumble	18 - 7
16 Steve Blanchard	17 - 8
1 Gregg Valley	16 - 9
12 Fred Hehl	15 - 10
8 John Herron	15 - 10
3 John Rogers	10 - 15
4 Dave West	10 - 15
15 Jeff Poiner	10 - 15
5 Jim Rogers	8 - 17
11 Bruce Farwell	7 - 13
2 Pat Ragains	6 - 19
14 Wayde Drinkhorn	5 - 15
13 Jeff Suddeth	2 - 23

Club claims 3 national champs

The Clarkston Wrestling Club sent four wrestlers to the AAU National Wrestling Championships and came home with three national champions.

Wrestlers P.J. Vandermere, Franco Vega, Joe DeGain and Pat DeGain represented Clarkston at the tournament in Amarillo, Texas, July 10-12. The event featured freestyle and Greco-Roman participants from all 50 states.

Representing Michigan, Vandermere, Pat and Joe DeGain took home gold medals for winning their respective divisions.

Vandermere, 16, took first place in

the cadet division's freestyle competition. Weighing 160 pounds, he also took second place in the Greco-Roman contest.

Joe DeGain, 14, won the school boy division's Greco-Roman competition. The 160-pound DeGain also took third in the freestyle tournament.

Pat DeGain, 10, captured the midget division's Greco-Roman title. Weighing 100 pounds, he also took second place in the freestyle competition.

Vega, 12, also placed at the championships with fourth- and fifth-place finishes in the freestyle and Greco-Roman contests respectively.

Golf outing benefits SCAMP

The 5th Annual SCAMP Golf Outing swings into action Friday, July 17, at Spring Lake Country Club in Independence Township.

Over \$3,000 in prizes will be offered during the event, which begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. sharp. The day begins with games from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

The \$75 cost includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a continental breakfast and an awards dinner.

Prizes and awards will be presented for lowest scores, longest drives, closest to the pin and other contests. The second hole will also feature a hole-in-contest contest sponsored by Flannery Motors. Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and Al Serra's Saturn North are also sponsors.

The outing is one of three major fund-raisers that benefit Clarkston SCAMP, a five-week summer day-camp for North Oakland County children and young adults with special needs. In its 17th year, SCAMP

provides 325 campers with academic reinforcement and recreational activities, which include swimming, music, arts and crafts, field trips, camping and more.

Cheerleading tryouts July 22 at SJHS

Tryouts for the Sashabaw Junior High Cougars cheerleading squad take place next week.

Clinics take place 9 a.m. to noon Friday, July 17, and Monday, July 20, in the upper gym at SJHS, said Coach Melissa Kentner. Tryouts are 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 22.

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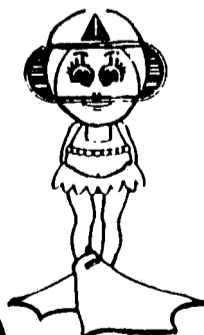
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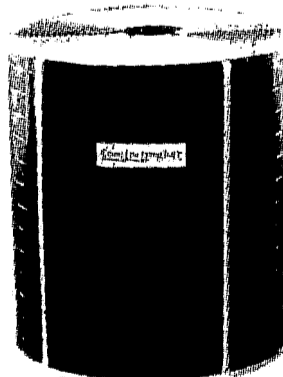
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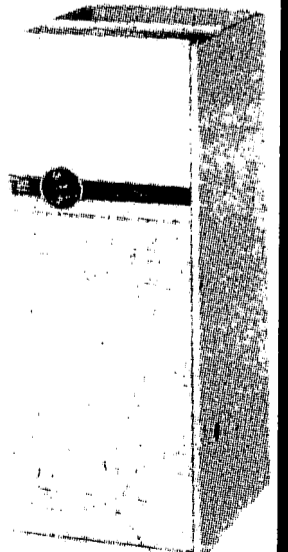
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Over the fence

KELLY Howenstine (above) swings for the fences during Saturday's Home Run Derby at Clintonwood Park. Mike Turk Jr. (right) watches a ball sail over the fence during the men's major division part of the derby. His father, Mike Turk Sr., won the men's major division by slamming five homers with 10 pitches. Ted Bauer placed second with three round-trippers. Ryan Roberts won the men's minor division with six dingers and Dave Miller took second with four taters. In women's action, Lisa Forsyth and Dallas Thorn each hit seven homers (the women batted from second base while the men batted from homeplate). However, Forsyth took first after hitting two of five in a play-off and Thorn hit one. Winners received batters which were donated by Tri-County Custom Sports. The Home Run Derby was preceded and proceeded by Independence Township Parks and Recreation adult softball league all-star games. (Photos by James Gibowski)



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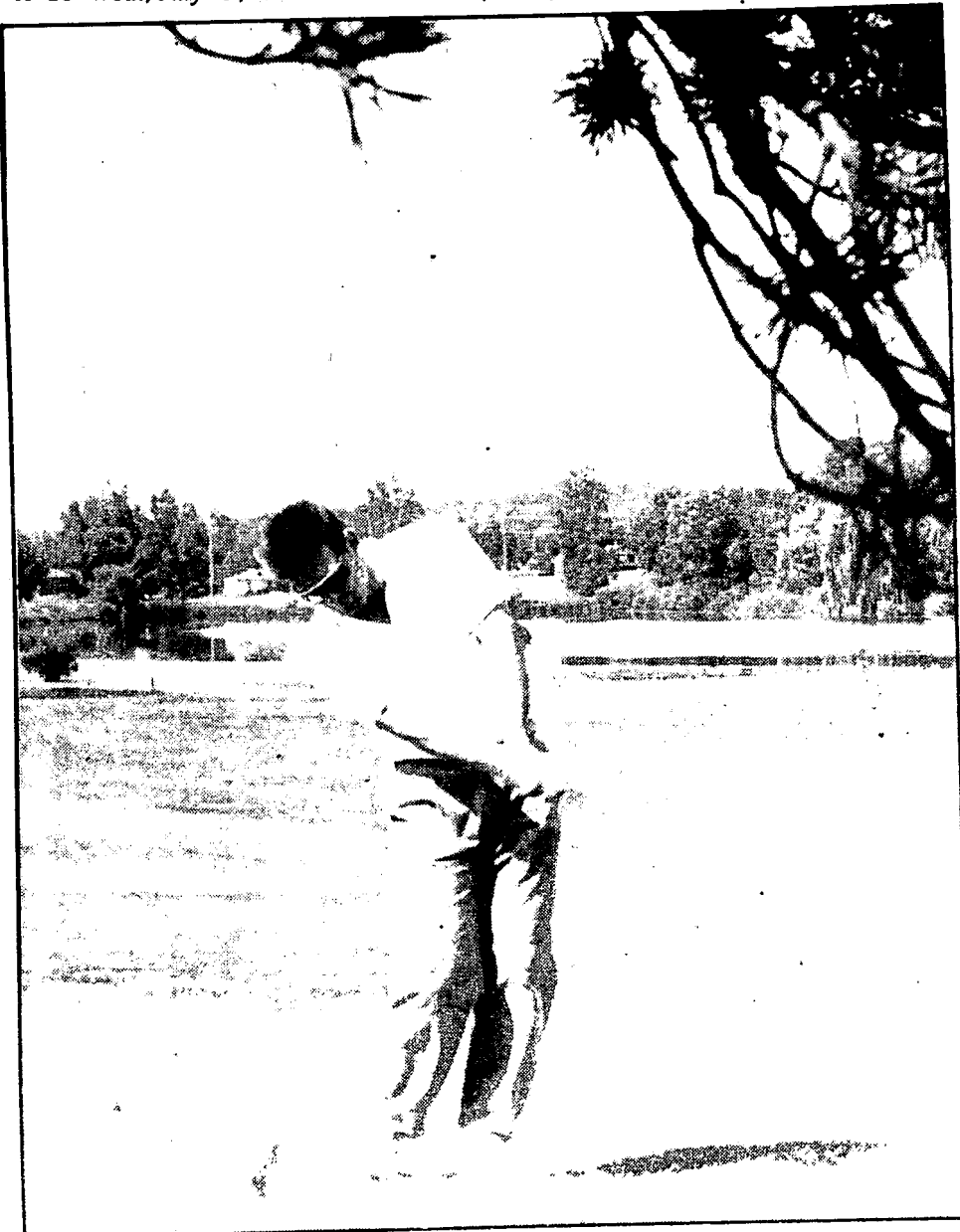
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In the swing

MIKE Stefanski hits an iron shot during the first Clarkston Athletic Booster Club Golf Classic July 11 at Spring Lake Country Club. Stefanski and his three teammates shot a 70 in the best-ball scramble. (Photo by James Gibowski)

Recreation Roundup

YOUTH GOLF SCRAMBLE

This four-person scramble is for golfers ages 9-17. After nine holes of golf at Spring Lake Country Club, golfers will be treated to pizza and pop. Golfing begins at 8 a.m. Friday, July 24. Cost is \$10 for league members and \$20 for non-members. Pre-registration at the rec. department is required.

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A class in designing and applying wild colors on T-shirts takes place at Plasterworks (in the Independence Town Center) 2-4 p.m. Thursday, July 23, for ages 6-11 and 4-6 p.m. for ages 12 and over. Cost is \$13.50 per person. Participants should know their shirt size.

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Women can build a basic wardrobe and create a '90s look in this one-day workshop. Local hairdressers and make-up artists will demonstrate the latest techniques and styles.

The program takes place at the Educational Development Center (in Ritter's Country Square) 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Cost is \$35 per person.

COUNTRY-WESTERN DANCE APPETIZER

A one-day introductory country-western dance class gives participants an opportunity to try several kinds of dancing. The program is 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 25, in the Carriage House at Clintonwood Park. Cost is \$7 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required.

BALLROOM DANCING APPETIZER

A one-day session of ballroom dancing will take place Saturday, July 18, in the Carriage House at Clintonwood Park. The cost is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Pre-registration is necessary.

KIDDY KICKER SOCCER

Kiddy Kicker Soccer is for 4- to 6-year-olds. Registration is now through Aug. 7.

Participants receive a T-shirt. Matches take place 10-11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, beginning Aug. 29. Cost is \$18 for residents and \$23 for non-residents.

YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

Deadline to register for fall and spring soccer is Friday, July 17. Age divisions are under-8, under-10, under-12 and under-14.

Fee includes shirt and socks. Players must provide their own shin guards. Some divisions compete with other communities. Leagues begin in mid-September. Cost varies, depending on choice of seasons.

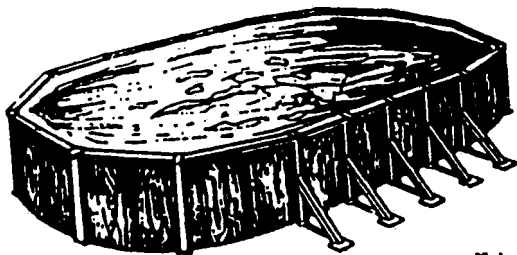
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City, township fail to approve districtwide library

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The opening chapter of the Clarkston City Council was delayed a half hour because of a 90-minute special hearing about books.

The first-ever city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. July 13 was overshadowed by the 6:30 p.m. hearing about the proposed district library and additional library millage request.

When the night was over, the district library idea was near death, and the city's future connection with the Independence Township Library was in limbo.

District would operate independently

The district library, as proposed, would operate independently from the township and the city, have its own budget and would have the authority (after a vote by the people) to levy up to two mills for operation.

Two mills is \$2 for every \$1,000 assessed property valuation.

An eight-person committee was formed (four from each the township and city) to hammer out the proposal. Both the city and the township needed to make a decision about the new library by July 17 in order to get the proposal on the Sept. 18 ballot.

The township and the city held separate public hearings on the matter Monday night.

A letter outlining the hearing was distributed to Clarkston residents over the weekend. About 20 residents attended the meeting.

No such notice was given to township residents, and only about five people attended that hearing.

Independence Township Library Director Mollie Lynch had a busy night, first attending the city hearing and then traveling a few blocks north on Main Street to the township gathering.

Librarian requests 1.75 mills

Lynch told the Clarkston City Council that a 1.75

library millage was needed to adequately bring the library up to par. In the past year, the library grew from about 4,000 to 20,000 square feet. Township and city residents are currently paying 1.0088 mills for the library.

"I'd love to be able to tell you we can operate on one mill," said Lynch. But she added that the increase to 1.75 is a must. "We need it, whether it's a district library or not."

Lynch said the lack of books is obvious.

"It sends shivers, having people go away without getting them information," said Lynch. "As a professional, I cringe at what I can't answer."

She said township and city residents often have to travel to other libraries to get needed materials. Lynch also noted that inter-library loans of materials from other libraries are costly, averaging about \$15 per item.

Anne Weber, a Clarkston resident who also was on the library committee, said she strongly favored the district library.

"This is the way the library should be set up," said Weber.

Nearly everyone on the city council voiced approval of the district library. Several members also agreed that more books and materials are needed for the expanded library and they personally would pay the 1.75 millage. But they also voiced their concern about asking the voters to approve a millage increase, especially after telling residents that the change to cityhood would not raise taxes.

'Bad timing for millage election'

Several members of the audience said voters would turn down the increase to 1.75 mills. One person said the "timing" was bad. Another said, "I'm concerned people will perceive this as another school election."

Lynch pointed out to the audience and the council that the requested increase was not related to cityhood.

"The library would be asking for an additional

millage, regardless," said Lynch.

Councilman William Basinger said many would still blame cityhood for the increase in millage.

"Regardless to the amount of people that say it has nothing to do with cityhood, it will be," he said.

Mayor Sharron Catallo suggested a compromise.

Village favors smaller increase

"There's another way to do it, still give you an increase but not as much of an increase," said Catallo.

Catallo told Lynch she could first get the district library started and get a smaller increase in millage and then later go back to the voters for more mills.

"I have reservations about having to go to voters three times in a couple of years," said Lynch.

After the public hearing ended, the council then put into motion a request for a library millage of 1.25 mills, which would be put on the ballot along with the district library request. The measure was passed 7-0.

Lynch then left to attend the township hearing.

Township against smaller increase

Moments after the Clarkston City Council finished its meeting, Lynch came back to tell the city council that the township didn't agree with the compromise and were for the 1.75 mills.

According to township Treasurer John Lutz, he made a motion at the township hearing for the 1.75 mills and the district library to be put on the ballot, but there wasn't enough support and the motion failed.

However, after further discussion, Lutz said there was a "consensus" to have more discussion with Lynch. Lutz said the district library is dead, but he expects the township board to eventually put the 1.75 library millage on the ballot.

The Clarkston City Council has a contract with the township for library services through Dec. 31 of this year. Whether or not the city wants to extend that contract, or whether or not the township would offer to extend that contract, is still in question.

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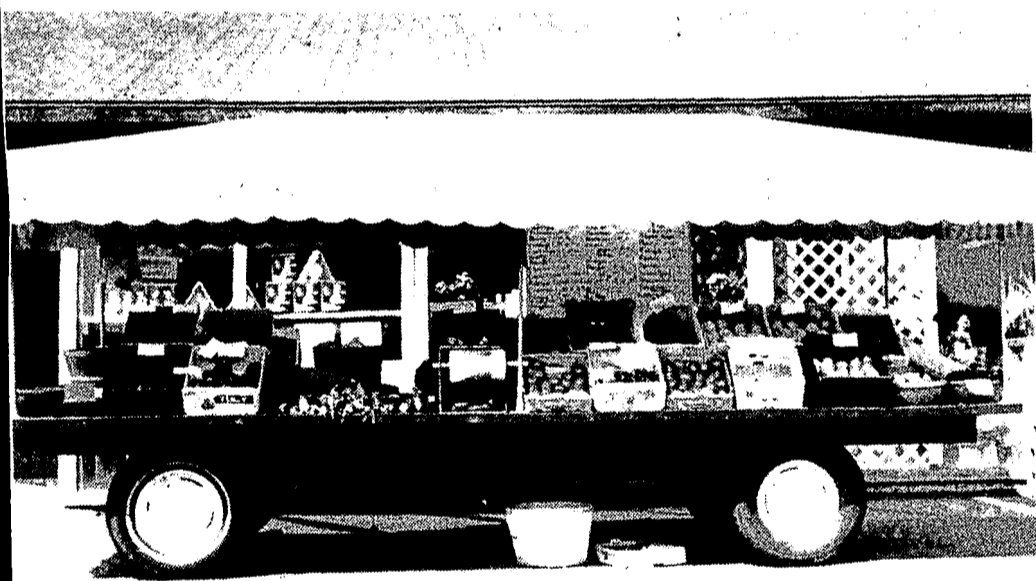
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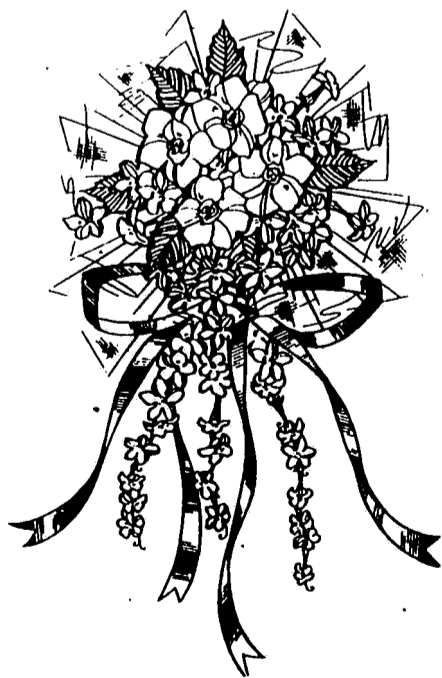
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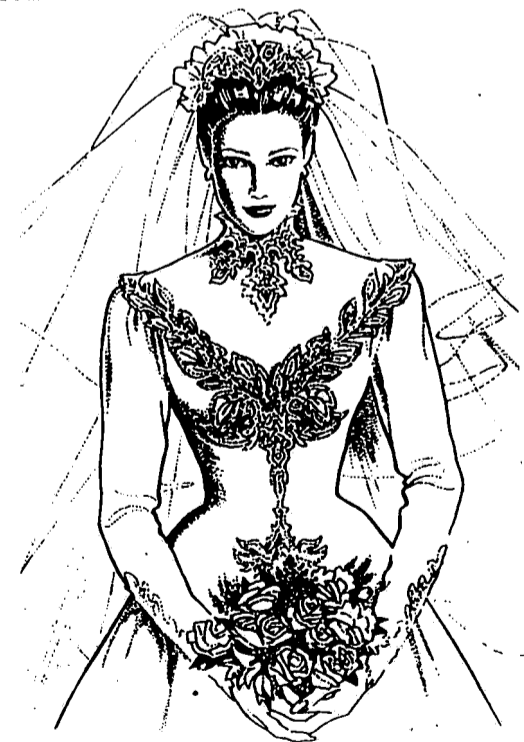


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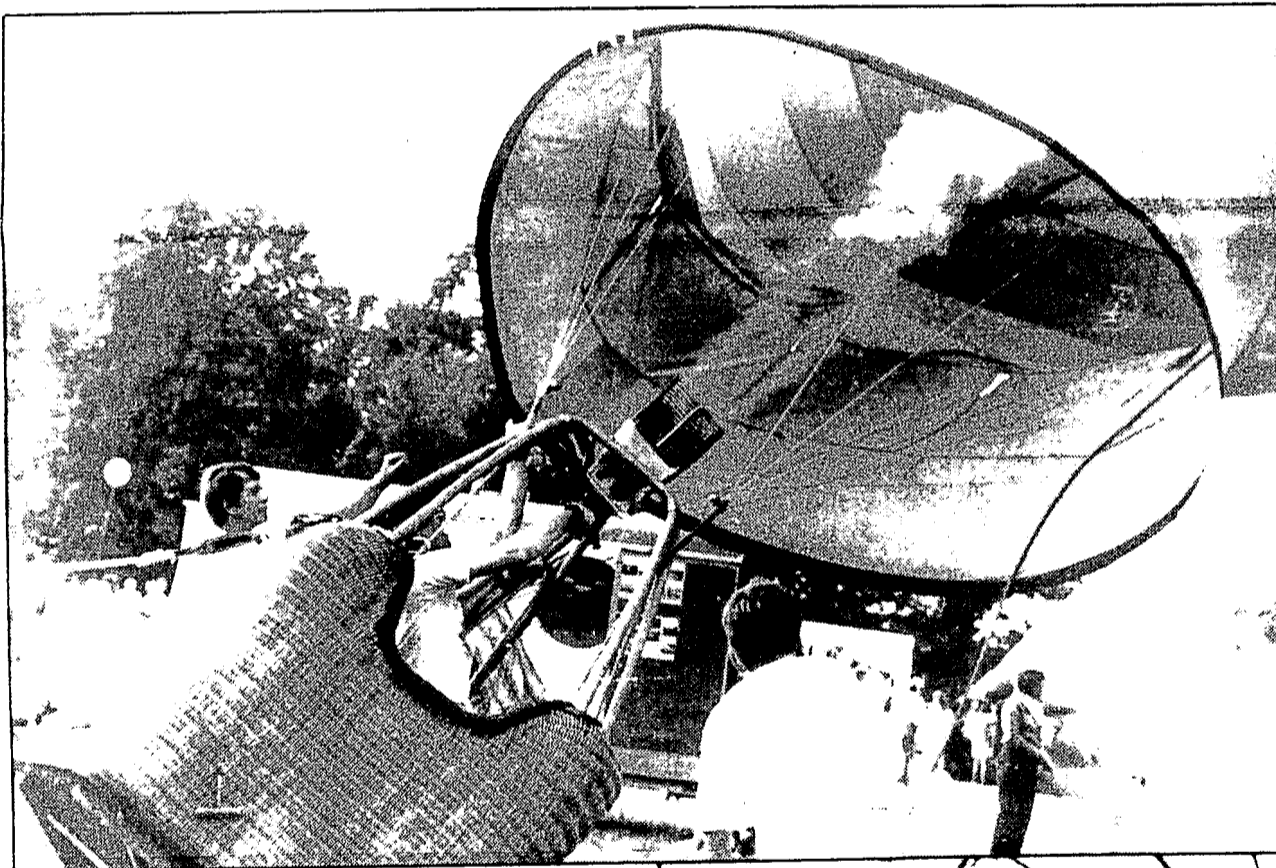


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another breath-taking show. On Friday evening, July 17, a "balloon glow" should make for a colorful display at the park.



Balloon bash

The Clarkston News

Reflections

Wednesday, July 15, 1992

Section B

Promoters of the Seventh Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival at Springfield County Park are promising high-flying fun July 17-19.

Festival times at the Andersonville Road, Springfield Township, park begin 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

A balloon glow kicks off festivities on Friday, July 17, at 6 p.m. Evening launches are planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, weather permitting.

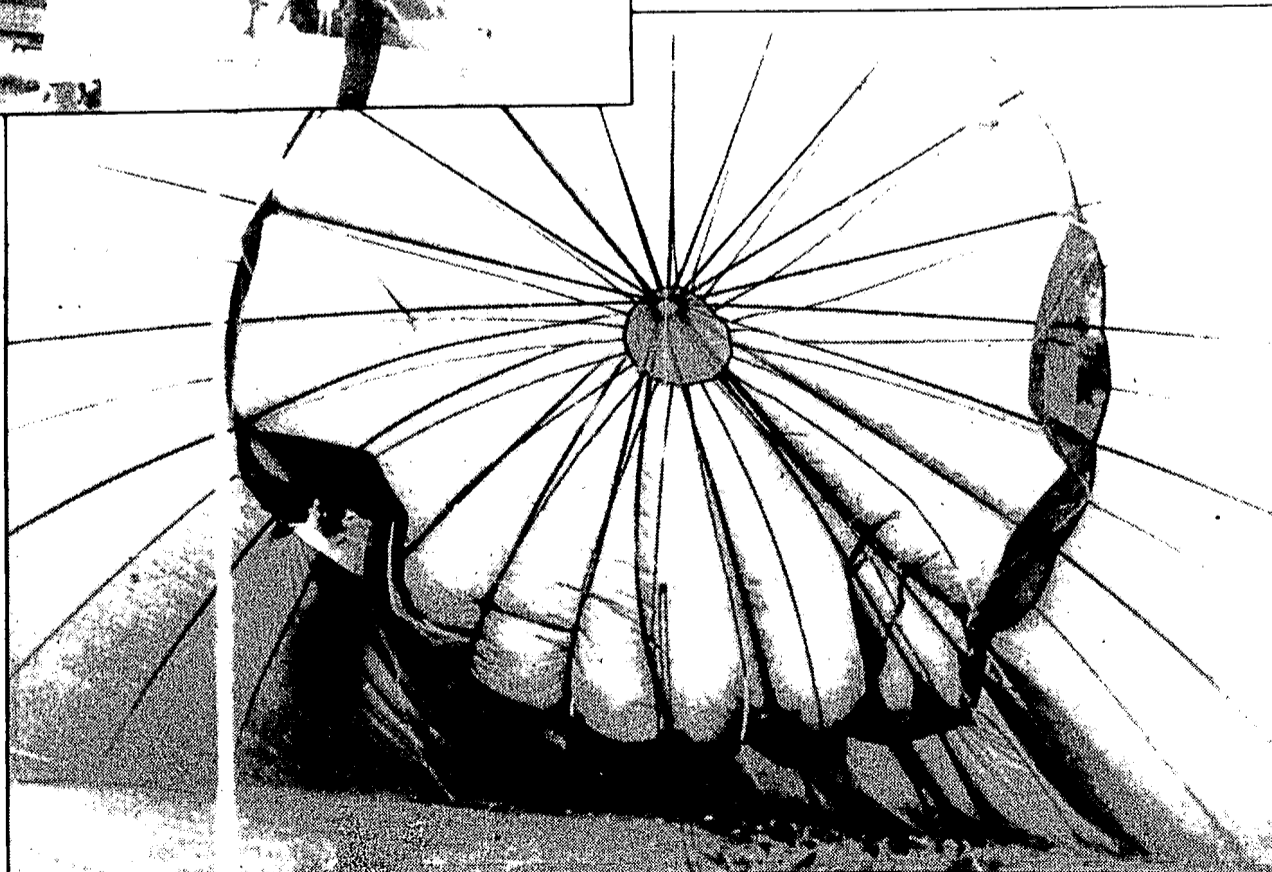
Other festivities include: a kite flying contest on Saturday; the D&D Promotions Craft Show Friday, Saturday and Sunday; the Detroit Tigers Alumni Baseball Clinics Saturday; Sky Riders Parachute Jumpers Saturday and Sunday; and the Radical Riders Sports Car Show Sunday.

A photo contest, live entertainment by the Oakland County Traveling Music Show and others, pony and hay rides, kids' games and concessions will also be offered.

A parking fee of \$3 per day or \$5 for all three days will be charged at the gate.

The Hot Air Balloon Festival is sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and The Davisburg Rotary Club.

For more information, call 625-8133 or 698-2516.



Senior Spotlight

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The nutritionally balanced lunch is cooked on the premises and served daily at noon. Cost is \$2 for those over age 60 and their spouses and \$3 for those younger. Reservations for lunch are due by noon the day before. Special arrangements may be made for those unable to pay the meal costs. Homebound meals are also available. Menu available by phone (625-8231).

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Senior golf program: Friday mornings at Spring Lake Country Club, Maybee Road, Independence Township; special senior rate with golf card (\$2 for resident members; \$5 for non-resident members).

Summer bowling: 1 p.m. Wednesdays at Cherry Hill Lanes North, Dixie Highway, Independence Township; special discounted rates for seniors; just-for-fun league.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Unless noted, all activities take place at the Senior Citizens Activity Center in Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. For more information, call 625-8231 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Community education at a glance

Where in the world ...

Detective game — Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego and Where in the USA is Carmen Sandiego — combines graphic adventures, trivia games, mysteries, geography, history; for those entering grades 3-5; four-week sessions take place 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$36 fee; registration deadline: July 16.

Lacrosse Camp

Coaches teach kids ages 7-13 the basic skills of the sport of lacrosse, including dodging, feeding, scooping and shooting. All equipment is provided. The program takes place 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 3-7 at the Clarkston Community Education Center. Fee: \$75. Registration deadline: Friday, July 24.

Employability development

"Directions," a course offered through the Clarkston Career Center, is designed to build employability skills. At its conclusion, students may begin occupational training, on-the-job training or employment. The three-hour-per-day class is Monday through Friday, Aug. 3-28. Call 674-4791 for eligibility requirements and details.

Funshine Preschool

Summer and fall 1992 registration underway for the eight-week 3- and 4-year-old preschool (9-11:30 a.m.) or extended care (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Registration costs \$25 per family.

Fall Kids Connection

Current users of Kids Connection (before- and after-school child care) may register for the fall session 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Clarkston Community Education Center. New users may register 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. now through mid-August. The program is open to children in kindergarten through fifth grade. (Linda Irwin, 674-3141)

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Rotary officials applaud progress of Kiev chapter

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

Barely two months old, the new Rotary Club in the Ukraine is doing as well as can be expected.

Lubomyr Hewko, newly inducted president of the Clarkston Rotary Club and one of the principle organizers of the Kiev Rotary Club, said the fledgling chapter is enthusiastic but somewhat confused over its newfound self-reliance.

"So far, the 70 members are very much interested in their new chapter, but unfamiliar with the motto, 'Service Above Self,'" Hewko said. "The members are uncertain of their duties because their government usually took care of all their service-related needs.

"It will take some time for them to gain confidence in themselves and their organization," he added.

Hewko was on hand May 9, as Kiev was awarded its own Rotary International charter in the Kiev Palace of Culture. He said that Rotary representatives from 20 countries attended the festive ceremony, which was televised live throughout the now independent country.

Rotary International claims over 26,000 chapters in 184 nations around the world.

Historically, western-style service clubs were out-

lawed under the former communist regimes of eastern Europe, and conversely, Rotary International by-laws barred formation of Rotary Clubs in countries that violated human rights of their citizens. However, Hewko and the Clarkston Rotary Club began laying its foundation in Kiev in 1989, when the former Soviet Union started opening up to the west and its capitalistic ideologies.

Three years and three presidents later, the Clarkston Rotary has seen its efforts bear fruit.

"This step, in my mind, is the first one in bringing down the walls of limited understanding between our two cultures," said Brent Cooley, the exiting Clarkston Rotary president. "Rotary International is still alien to them because they've been under political oppression for so long.

"Personally, I see small accomplishments like this one as a step toward global peace," he added.

Hewko said Kiev's charter has also sparked a based Interact group is collecting books to help bridge the cultural gap.

He said Interact is currently collecting outdated school text books — of no value here — with intentions

membership drive in the neighboring town of Lviv, which is the second largest city in the Ukraine. If all goes well, Hewko said Lviv could be gaining its own charter within a year.

Locally, Hewko said the Rotary Club's student-of shipping them over to schools and libraries in the Ukraine.

Hewko said Interact has helped garner more than two tons of books for this international project. They're presently being stored in the 52nd District court house, Independence Township. Eventually, these periodicals will shipped overseas — via the Sabre Foundation — which deals in the mass distribution of books and learning materials to European nations.

"Very little is known about the West, due to decades worth of censorship," Cooley said. "This way, the people can learn through our books, and our students can feel they're playing a part in the education of a country.

"The translation aspect will be worked out over there," he added. "Hopefully, these books can open their eyes to a world they never knew existed and can now be a part of."

Rotary donates pavilion to Bay Court park

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bay Court Park is closer to opening and becoming a gathering place for the community.

The Clarkston Rotary Club has donated \$1,200 for a pavilion at the park on Andersonville Road, Independence Township.

With the money, the park is on its way to matching funds it received in a Department of Natural Resource (DNR) grant. Ground breaking for the pavilion is planned for late fall or early spring. Construction will take about a month to complete.

Brent Cooley, president of the Rotary Club, has taken this on as his "president's project."

"It's a piece of getting Bay Court open for the public," he said. Previous president's projects have included the organization of a clown troupe, installation flag poles in cemeteries, and donation toward a van for the township senior center.

Cooley said that the check did not end Rotary's commitment to the park. The club's support for the park will continue through the years. However, this was a fitting beginning, he said.

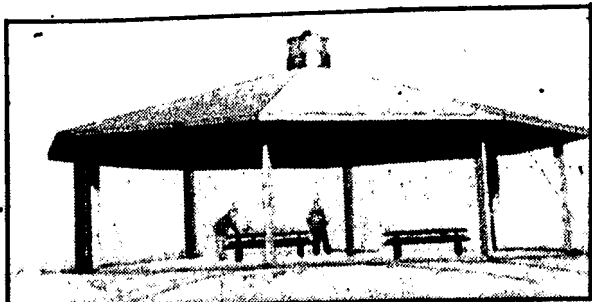
"I was on the lookout for a project that would give the maximum to the community," said Cooley. "The Rotaries have a rich history for serving the community. I was looking for something that would give to future generations."

"When we do this, other organizations who are looking for projects with significance will notice and help the park," said Cooley.

Ann Conklin, director of the township parks and recreation department said the donation was a welcome contribution to the park.

"We are very pleased (by the Rotarian gift). It will help us to begin the development of Bay Court," she said.

Bay Court Park, which was purchased by the township in 1988, will "optimistically open in the spring of 1993," said Conklin.



A DRAWING shows the pavilion to be constructed in the township's Bay Court Park on Andersonville Road.



CLARKSTON Rotarians Lubomyr Hewko (left) and Brent Cooley display two of the

banners exhibited at Kiev's activation ceremony.

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Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Stoecklin of Bronco Drive, Independence Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lynne Stoeckl Paul Allen VanHeulen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard VanHeulen of Grand Blanc. The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Clarkston High School and also was graduated from Western Michigan University (WMU), Kalamazoo. Her fiance is a 1986 graduate of Ottawa Hills High School and also was graduated from WMU, where he is studying for a graduate degree. He is employed at Pine Rest Christian Hospital, Grand Rapids. An Oct. 10, 1992, double wedding is planned with the bride-elect's sister, Pamela Marie Stoecklin, who is to marry Scott Simot.

New arrivals



It's a boy for Doug and Kim Colling formerly of Clarkston and now of Big Rapids. Parker Douglas Colling was born at 2:37 p.m. Saturday, June 20, 1992, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Colling of Homer; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Verch of Clarkston; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beardsley, formerly of Clarkston and now of Macomb. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Verch of Alger, Mr. and Mrs. Court Colling of Waterford, and Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Loughed of Clarkston.

Greg and Sally Seaman of Kingfisher Lane, Independence Township, are pleased to announce the birth of their new baby boy.

David Alexander Kent Seaman was born Tuesday, June 30, 1992, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

His older sister and brother, Amy and Ryan, were excited to welcome Alex home.

Honors

Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes students from the Clarkston area who placed in the top 10 percent of their classes.

They are: senior Christopher Bailey of Woodside, junior Leanne Cowper of Almond Lane, sophomore Michelle D. Folwell of Bluewater Drive, sophomore Amy H. Ginn of Rattalee Lake Road, senior David J. Lektzian of Sashabaw Road, and senior Shelley Purdy of Mary Sue.

Sophomore Jennifer L. Fussman, daughter of Ms. Betty Jo Fussman of Glenburnie Lane, Independence Township, recently was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

Jill Catherine Pilarcik of Greene Haven Drive, Independence Township, recently was named to the dean's list at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for the second semester have been named to the dean's list. Clarkston-area students are Michelle A. Darby of Reese Road and Stacey L. Green of Sun Valley Drive.

Sophomore Kirk Nowery of Davisburg has been named to the dean's list for spring term at Northwood Institute, Midland.

Four area students were awarded \$225 music scholarships at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for summer study.

Colin McIntyre, Lindsey Lloyd and Jillian Wyatt of Clarkston Junior High and James Simonson, a student at Clarkston High School, received scholarships from Marshall Music Co.

Engagement



Linda Searfoss of Waterford and Gerald Flanigan of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Jerri Lynn Flanigan, to Luke Decker, son of Roy and Carolyn Decker of Durand. The bride-elect is a graduate of Waterford Kettering High School, and the prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Corunna High School. Both are employed at Oakland County and attend Oakland Community College. A June 1993 wedding is planned.

At college

Stacy Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carr of Davisburg, is one of 110 high school students participating in the Michigan State Board of Education Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences at Olivet College, Olivet, June 28 through July 11. A Clarkston High School student, Carr was to study creative writing and women's issues in the program.

Robert Keen of Springfield Township received a scholarship to attend the 4-H Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp at Ocqueoc July 19-25.

Kristy King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. King of Clarkston, has been named to the Achievement List at William Woods College, Fulton, Mo., for her accomplishments during the 1992 spring term.

Jennifer Lynn Fussman of Independence Township has been initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honorary at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

Fussman, daughter of Betty Jo Fussman of Glenburnie Lane, is a graduate of Clarkston High School. She currently is a sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan.

Kelley Elizabeth Miller of Chapel View Drive, Independence Township, was among the 4,900 students who earned academic honors for the spring 1992 semester at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. She is studying liberal arts.

Katie McArthur, 14, of Springfield Township took first-place honors in the Lady Smith & Wesson Division at the Second Chance Combat Shoot in Central Lake.

Katie used a .22 caliber revolver to knock over five bowling pins—eight yards away—in 7.1 seconds. She received a Smith & Wesson semi-automatic pistol for winning the amateur contest June 12-19.

Cheryl Gahrs has been awarded the doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, East Lansing.

Gahrs is the daughter of James and Diana Gahrs of Clarkston. She is a 1983 graduate of Arapahoe High School in Littleton, Colo.

Quentin Joseph Chiappetta of Clarkston was graduated from the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y., with a bachelor's degree in music composition.

Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gillespie of Pinewood Drive, Clarkston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Sue, to Craig Alan Kovarik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kovarik of Traverse City. The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Owosso High School and a 1991 graduate of Central Michigan University Mount Pleasant. She is a graphic designer with Ace Medical of Los Angeles. The perspective groom is a 1983 graduate of Suttons Bay High School and received his undergraduate and master's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is employed by the Space and Communication Group of Hughes Aircraft Co. of Los Angeles. An Oct. 17, 1992, wedding is planned in Gills Pier.

Around Town

Local events open to the public are printed in **Around Town** as a community service. Call 625-3370 or write to **The Clarkston News, 5. S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346** two weeks in advance.

Thursdays - T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); a support group for weight loss; weigh-in 6:15 to 7 p.m.; meeting 7-8 p.m.; new members should arrive early; \$16 registration fee (teens, \$8) plus \$3 a month; Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5300 Maybee Road, Independence Township. (620-1838)

Friday, July 17 - Fifth Annual SCAMP Golf Outing at Spring Lake Country Club; games begin 7:30-8:45 a.m.; 9 a.m. shotgun start; \$75 ticket includes 18 holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast and awards dinner; proceeds benefit Clarkston SCAMP, a five-week summer day camp for children and young adults with special needs; on Maybee Road, Independence Township. (625-3330 or 673-8600)

Friday, July 17 - Five-year reunion for Clarkston High School's Class of 1987 at the Deer Lake Racquet Club; 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.; \$20; send payments to Melissa Wilkinson, 6633 Langle, Clarkston, MI 48346; on White Lake Road, Independence Township. (625-0858)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 17, 18 and 19 - Springfield Oaks Seventh Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival at Springfield Oaks County Park, Andersonville Road, Springfield Township. (858-1683)

Saturday, July 18 - Night Golf at Indian Springs Metropark; 9 p.m.; a nine-hole, four-person golf scramble tournament; 18 teams maximum; \$25 entry fee (required by July 10) includes greens fees, power cart and night light golf ball with two light sticks; bring flashlight and bug spray; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7870)

Sunday, July 19 - Tasty Teas at Independence Oaks County Park; 2-3:30 p.m.; sample and learn to brew herbal concoctions; \$1.50 per person, \$5 per family; pre-registration required; \$4.50 vehicle entry fee; on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township. (625-6473)

Sunday, July 19 - Concert in the Park in Clarkston's Depot Park; 6-8 p.m.; Christian and contemporary music; sponsored by St. Trinity Lutheran Church; in case of rain, concert takes place in church on Sashabaw Road, north of Clarkston Road, Independence Township; on Depot Road, west of Main Street, Clarkston. (625-4644)

Saturdays - Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Church of the Resurrection; 10 a.m.; 6490 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (Carol, 625-5130)

Mondays - Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the

Church of the Resurrection; 5:30 p.m.; 6490 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (Grace, 627-4058, after 6 p.m.)

Mondays and Wednesdays - Tai Chi Chuan Beginning Class in the Clarkston area; 7-8 p.m.; call for site and cost; registration required; meditation in motion; relieves stress; increases focus, concentration, balance, stamina; strengthens muscles. (313/ 235-9864)

Tuesday, July 21 - Oakland Shores of Sweet Adelines rehearsal at Clarkston United Methodist Church; 7 p.m.; for women interested in singing barbershop harmony; call in advance; on Waldon Road, Clarkston. (363-1929)

Wednesdays - Clarkston Area Optimist Club meeting at Spring Lake Country Club; 7:30-8:30 a.m.; service club for men and women with theme of "Friend of Youth"; 6060 Maybee Road, Independence Township. (625-5000)

Wednesday, July 22 - Preschool storytime at the Independence Township Library; 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.;

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free; films, stories, puppets, flannel board activities, games and songs; for 3- to 5-year-olds; 6495 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (625-2212)

Wednesdays, through Sept. 25 - Wednesday Night Health Hut at Clintonwood Park; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; variety of fitness and recreation activities for mentally and physically challenged and their caregivers; \$2 per person per session; pre-registration required; on Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (625-8223)

Thursday, July 23 - Nature Sampler -- Pond Life at Indian Springs Metropark; 10 a.m.; for ages 10-12; exploration of pond habitat; wear boots; registration required; \$2 vehicle entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Friday, July 24 - Summer Stars at Indian Springs Metropark; 9 p.m.; learn about stars and planets of summer night sky; indoor slide presentation, outdoor observation; registration required; \$2 vehicle entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Out of Town

Saturday, July 18 - M-59 highway cleanup; call for time and location; sponsored by Auburn Hills Beautification Commission. (370-9429)

Saturday, July 18 - Workshop on divorce recovery and surviving sexual abuse at the Waterford Church of Christ; 3-8 p.m.; free; speaker: James Grotts from Agape Counseling Center, Flint; 4991 Williams Lake Road, Waterford. (674-1553)

Sunday, July 19 - Genesee County Radio Club's Fourth Annual Amateur Radio and Computer Swap and Shop; 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; admission: \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door; at Dom Polski Hall on North Linden Road. (313/ 232-1266 or 313/ 742-3866)

Monday through Friday, July 20-24 - Vacation Bible School at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church; 9 a.m. to noon; "The Greatest Adventure: Jesus Saves the World"; 270 Grange Hall Road, Ortonville. (627-6222)

Monday, July 20 - Candidates Night with the Republican Congressional Candidates in the new Ninth District; 7-9 p.m.; featuring: Michael Balian, Chuck Forrest, Megan O'Neill, Todd Tindall; at the Oxford Village Civic Center (in council chambers); 22 W. Burdick St., Oxford. (681-1990)

Tuesday, July 21 - Rainbow Connection Family Fun Night at The Rolladium; 6:30-9 p.m.; \$5.95 per family (up to five, must include one adult); \$2.75 per individual; \$1.50 skate rental; national champion skating demonstration; benefits non-profit Rainbow Connection that grants wishes to chronic and life-threatening illnesses; 4475 Highland Road (between Pontiac Lake Road and Crescent Lake Road), Waterford. (651-1261)

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Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 - Pontiac/ Waterford Chapter of Parents Without Partners general meeting at Airway Lanes; 7:30 p.m.; in the banquet room; 4825 Highland Road, Waterford Township. (628-6128)

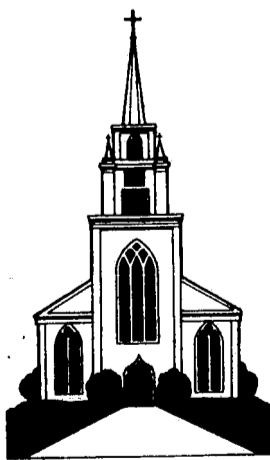
Wednesday, July 22 - Mormon Tabernacle Choir concert at Meadow Brook Music Festival; 8 p.m.; \$25 for pavilion seating, \$12.50 for lawn; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (Ticketmaster, 645-6666)

Wednesdays - Rochester Catholic Chorale rehearsals at the Older Persons Center; 8 p.m.; newcomers welcome; tenors especially needed; repertoire includes traditional and contemporary; past performances range from liturgies and weddings to symphony concerts, TV appearances and a Hollywood movie; 312 Woodward St., Rochester. (656-0666 or 739-2902)

Thursday, July 23 - Meet the Candidates Night at the CAI Building; 6-9 p.m.; no speeches, no debates, no program, just questions and answers; includes candidates for: Waterford and Independence township boards, county commission, state House, U.S. House of Representatives; North Oakland Community Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road, Waterford. (674-4881)

Thursday, July 23 - AIDS forum at Waterford Ambulatory Care Center; 7-8 p.m.; physician Paul J. Treusch answers questions; 1305 N. Oakland Blvd., Waterford. (666-9000)

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PUPILS clown around with Assistant Principal Brent Cooley following the announcement that they won small televisions. From left are: Jeremy Doty, Marc May, Nick Shires, Cooley, Mary Ellen O'Rourke and Eric Ryan. The pupils were among the 394 pupils who participated in the Clarkston High School

Renaissance Program, which means they pledged to have no unexcused absences during the second semester of the 1991-92 school year. A drawing determined which of those pupils received the televisions, which were purchased with donations from the community.

WordSquares By Tom Hoyes

WordSquares are letters in a square that spell the same words in the same order horizontally and vertically.

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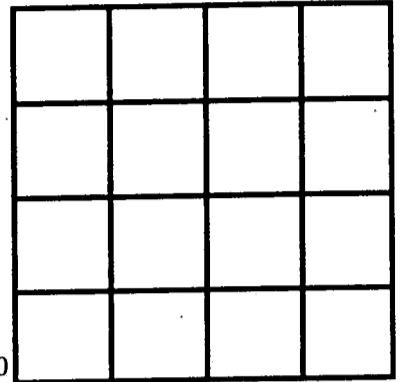
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← Answers to last week's puzzle

Tom Hoyes resides in Independence Township. He is a public access volunteer for cable programs aired on Independence-Clarkston Channel 65.

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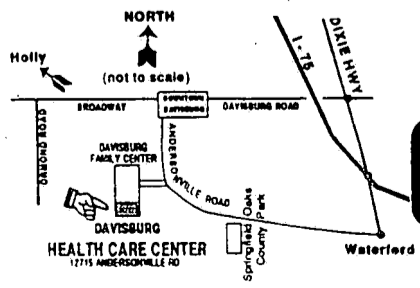
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More than pot holders offered in this craft store

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Crochet pot holders and tissue boxes are what comes to mind when "crafts" are discussed.

At Joanne and Co. Custom Crafts, these things aren't available, but shoppers will find plenty else to interest them.

Joanne Bowman of Waldon Road opened the store in May, and business has been so good she will be moving in August from the back to the front of Ritter's Country Square on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

The shop houses the work of 43 crafters. Items in contemporary, Victorian, Southwestern and country styles are available, including painted sweatshirts, porcelain dolls, handmade clocks and even a carousel horse.

Bowman said she strives for variety in her offerings. "I don't allow more than one kind of crafter in the store," she said. "There is too much competition then."

So far, the response from shoppers has been good, she said.

"Customers say that Clarkston needed this kind of



JOANNE BOWMAN of Clarkston opened Joanne and Co. Custom Crafts in Ritter's Country Square in May. "Everyone likes to look at handcrafted goods — even if they

don't buy them," she says. Business has been doing so well that she is moving Aug. 1 to a bigger store in the building on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

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Items in the store range in price from \$1 to the \$375 carousel horse. Most items are under \$100.

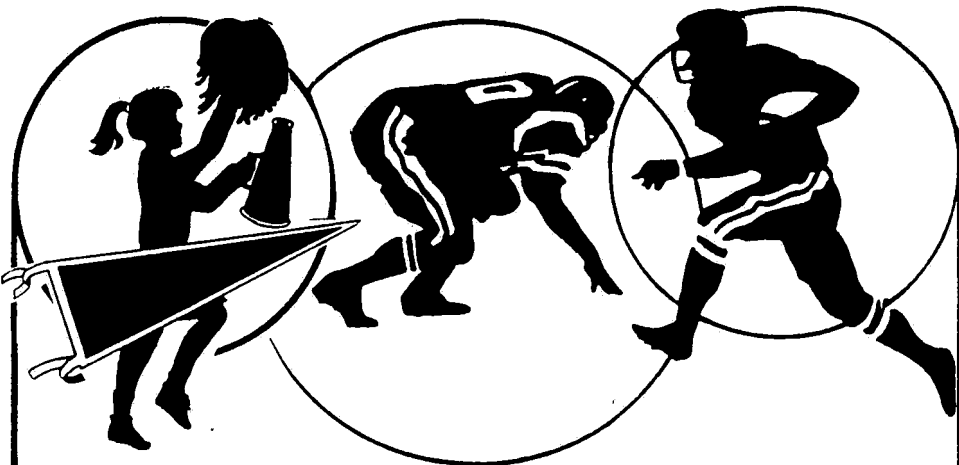
While the store is run by Bowman, it has been a family affair. Her husband, Greg, made the oak displays and her children Crystal, 8, and Nadine, 3, spend much of their time in the store helping where they can.

What's new in business

shop," she said. "The elderly find it hard to get to the mall, and they can come here and get nice gifts."

Running a business is a welcome challenge to Bowman, but it's not new to her. For the past 12 years, she has helped her husband with his carpentry business.

"This (business) is something that I have always wanted to do," said Bowman. "I enjoy this kind of store, and the customer enjoys it when they walk in. Everyone



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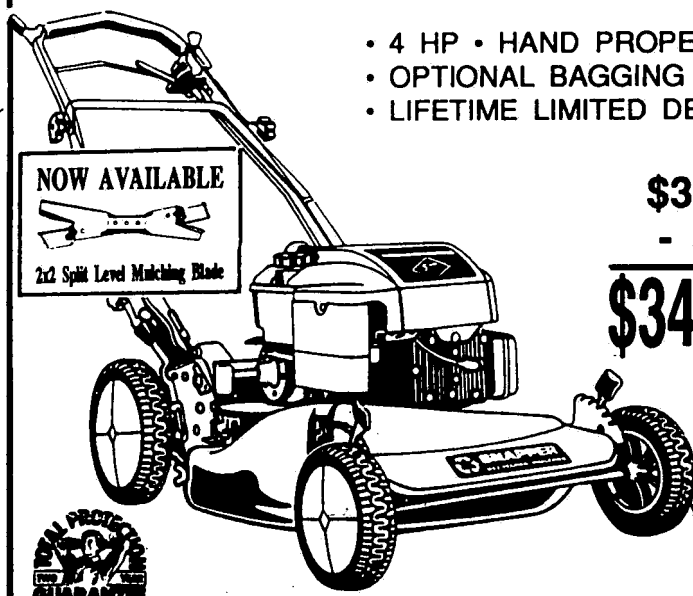
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Business Briefs

New manager



Dana R. Lowell

He lives in the Clarkston area with his wife Donna and three children.

Tower part of plan

A 280-foot tower in Springfield Township is part of Consumers Power Co.'s plan to launch a state-of-the-art communications system.

The communications system consists of a new workload information network (WIN) system and a 210-foot 800 megahertz tower at Consumers Power's Royal Oak service center.

Three other towers within the region's service territory — at 280, 270 and 240 feet in height — are also used to improve communications and develop data lines necessary to operate WIN. That includes the 280-foot tower on Rattalee Lake Road, east of Gibbs Road, Springfield Township.

The four towers use the same high-band wavelength as cellular phones. This will eliminate many of the problems associated with a low-band system, such as static and "dead zones," which were occasionally experienced during radio transmissions in the metropolitan Detroit area.

A Clarkston-area resident was appointed product and marketing manager for garage door openers in Stanley Door Systems, Troy.

Dana R. Lowell will have product/marketing responsibility for Stanley garage door openers. He has held various product manager and marketing positions since joining Stanley Home Automation Division in 1988, after five years of strategic product planning with the Chevrolet Division of General Motors.

Lowell, a native of Boston, holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, and a master's degree in business administration from Oakland University, Rochester.

These problems were caused by hilly terrain and tall buildings, which limited or prevented consistent effective communications between utility radio dispatchers and field employees.

When fully operational in the metro region next month, the WIN system will be 90-95 percent voiceless and paperless. That means most work functions will take place on computer, including communications between field employees and radio dispatchers.

According to company officials, the new system means improved scheduling, faster and more accurate field communication, faster field and office date retrieval, a call-ahead feature that will automatically call and alert the next customer on the day's schedule, and improve material ordering.

The metro region of Consumers Power serves more than 740,000 customers in Oakland, Macomb and parts of Wayne, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

Two elected to water quality board

Two Springfield Township officials have been elected to the Areawide Water Quality Board (AWQB).

Collin Walls, township supervisor, and Nancy Strole, township trustee, will represent the township block of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

AWQB is the regional forum that oversees and coordinates water quality management activities in southeast Michigan. It is responsible for the implementation of the water quality management plan for southeast Michigan.

AWQB coordinates programs for water treatment and regulation of pollution and serves as an advocate for local water quality concerns at the state and federal levels. The 27-member board includes representatives of local government, business and environmental organizations.

Fourth freebies

More than 1,000 people were treated to a few free treats during the Fourth of July festivities in downtown Clarkston.

Group One, Inc., Realtors on Church Street, Clarkston, gave away 1,200 hot dogs, 1,300 balloons, 500 doughnuts, plus lots of soft drinks and cookies.

The second annual give-away took place with the help from lots of area merchants, who donated the items, said Barbara Lee, realtor associate.

Teachers assemble

Larry Rosso and Sally Lindeman, teachers employed in the Clarkston school district and members of the Clarkston Education Association, recently joined some 8,500 other voting delegates in the National Education Association's annual Representative Assembly at the Washington, D.C., Convention Center.

The business meeting brought together the largest democratic deliberative body in the world. Convention sessions started July 5 and ran through July 8.

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton visited the convention floor July 7, spending an hour in an "education town meeting," responding to questions from education employees on subjects ranging from pre-school needs to higher education issues.

New magistrate



Dana L. Fortinberry

For the past four years, she has served as chief of that office's Sex Crimes Unit, prosecuting cases of rape, child physical and sexual assault and domestic violence. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Macomb County Child Abuse and Neglect Information Council.

She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Oakland County Bar Association, and the Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professionals Woman's Association. In addition, she serves as a committee member for the annual gala benefiting Leader Dogs for the Blind.

A graduate of Michigan State University, East Lansing, and the Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Fortinberry resides in the Clarkston area with her husband, Charles, and their three sons.

Judge Gerald E. McNally of 52nd-2 District Court, Independence Township, announced the appointment of Dana L. Fortinberry to 52-2 court magistrate.

Fortinberry was sworn in by McNally on Monday, June 29. She will adjudicate cases at the court on Fridays beginning in mid-July.

Fortinberry has been an assistant prosecuting attorney in Macomb County since 1985.

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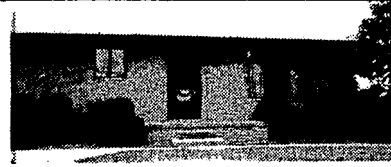
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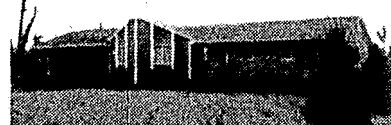
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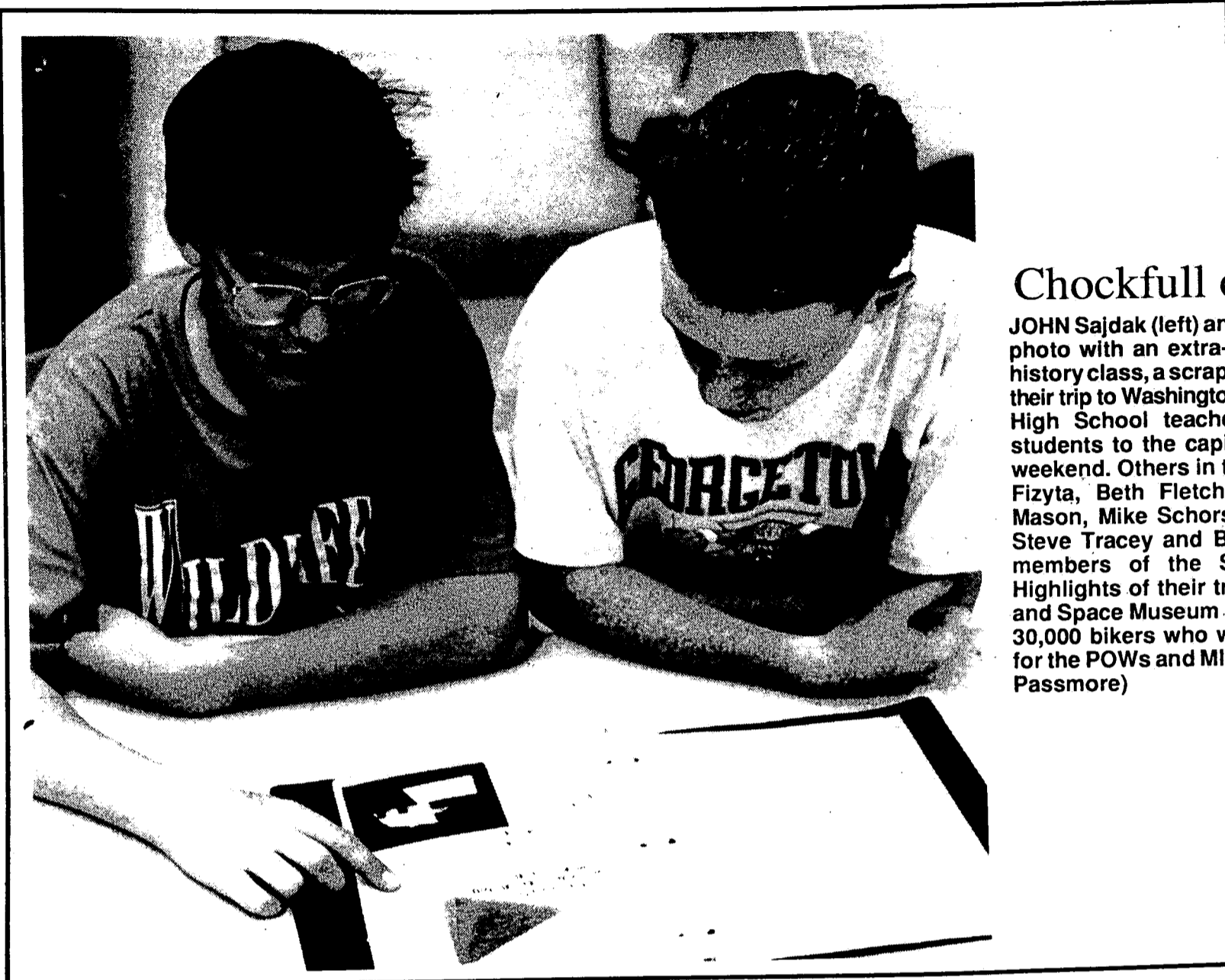
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JOHN Sajdak (left) and D.J. Parkin pose for a photo with an extra-credit project for their history class, a scrapbook of memories from their trip to Washington, D.C. Sashabaw Junior High School teacher Sue Kiser took 10 students to the capitol over Memorial Day weekend. Others in the group include Anna Fizyta, Beth Fletcher, Sun Lee, Michelle Mason, Mike Schorsch, Stephanie Seltzer, Steve Tracey and Brandon Williams — all members of the SJHS GATE program. Highlights of their trip were visiting the Air and Space Museum and seeing a protest by 30,000 bikers who were raising awareness for the POWs and MIAs. (Photo by Catherine Passmore)

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Dog delivers duck egg to doorstep of Foster home

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer



When the Fosters moved into their Lakewood, Independence Township, home a year ago, 7-year-old Monica's uncle told her that duck eggs can be found near a lake.

A year later, the Fosters' dog proved his words were true. And for now, Monica has a fuzzy, feathery, waddling friend.

Monica and her mother, Sonia, tell the story together.

The day before Mother's Day, Allison, the Fosters' usually hyper dog, was running around with something in her mouth. Ken Foster told her to drop it, and she put her head to the ground. Out rolled an unblemished duck egg from her mouth.

Allison had found the egg under the gas meter. There was no nest, and the egg was cold.

"Monica was ecstatic," recalls mom Sonia. "I called Jill Jones, who has an incubator and we put the egg in it. It was more to humor Monica than anything."

After 20 days, Sonia was sure that the egg would not hatch. So she planned to bury it. A friend suggested she wait one more week. Seven days later, on day 27, "Cracker" was hatched.

"I went into the back room and out of the corner of my eye saw a brown thing jumping around," says Sonia. "I went to get Monica because the first thing a duck sees is the thing that is imprinted as their parent or something."

Monica takes over the story telling from here. "My mom went in the room to sew and then came and got me. I was in my bedroom crying because she had killed some ants."

"Monica is a real nature lover," explains Sonia.

Monica continues: "I went into the room, and there was this duck. We put it in a box with a light shining on it for a couple weeks. Then she was in a play pen, and now she is in a cage and outside."

The Fosters live on Middle Lake, which means Crackers, a female mallard, may swim in the lake and walk about as much as she wants.

The Fosters want Crackers to be as wild as she can be and keep energetic Allison away from her so she'll be afraid of dogs. Next week, the small duck will head off for wildlife rehabilitation. She will be taught how to survive in the wild and then will be let free in a program approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

That could make things a little sad in the Foster household.

"We have let Monica know that wildlife is wildlife, but we can help when it is needed," says Sonia. "After Allison touched the egg, even if there was a mother, she wouldn't have come back. Monica is kind of sad about Crackers leaving, but she understands that Crackers isn't a pet and she has to go."

MONICA Foster cuddles with Crackers, the mallard duck, with hyper-but-gentle Allison

at her side. Allison delivered the unbroken duck egg by mouth to the Foster doorstep.

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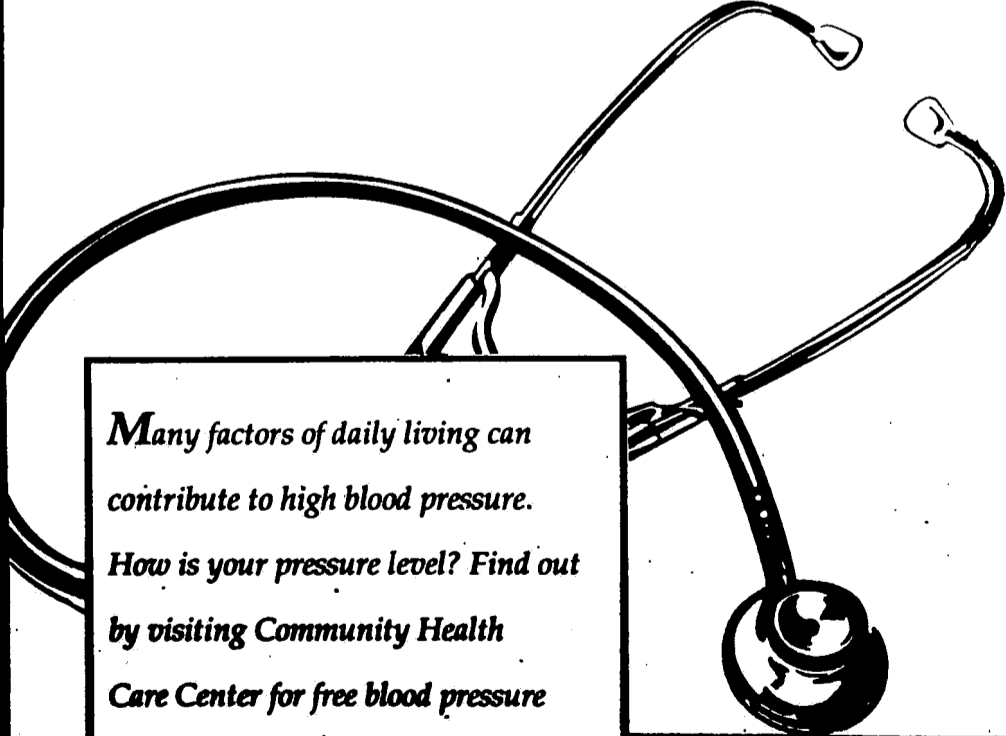
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ABWA gives business award to clinical director

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For soft-spoken Gary Wood, his career is not merely a way to make a living. It is part of the way he lives his life.

"Most of my life has been spent in the helping profession," said Wood, 47, clinical director at Insight Recovery Center, Springfield Township.

"This is a continuation of an early commitment," said the Flint resident. "My creator led me into it. I was made for it and led into it."

Others appreciate the path his career has taken.

In fact, the Inde-Springs Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) awarded Wood its Business Associate of the Year Award for Wood's exceptional qualities on the job.

Insight Recovery Center is a 52-bed in-patient and out-patient chemical dependency treatment center on the grounds of the Colombiere Center, Big Lake Road. As clinical director, Wood is responsible for all of the clinical staff and the day-to-day client care at the facility.

He was nominated by ABWA member Lennie Brown-Whitlock, who works with Wood.

Wood definitely deserves the award, she said.

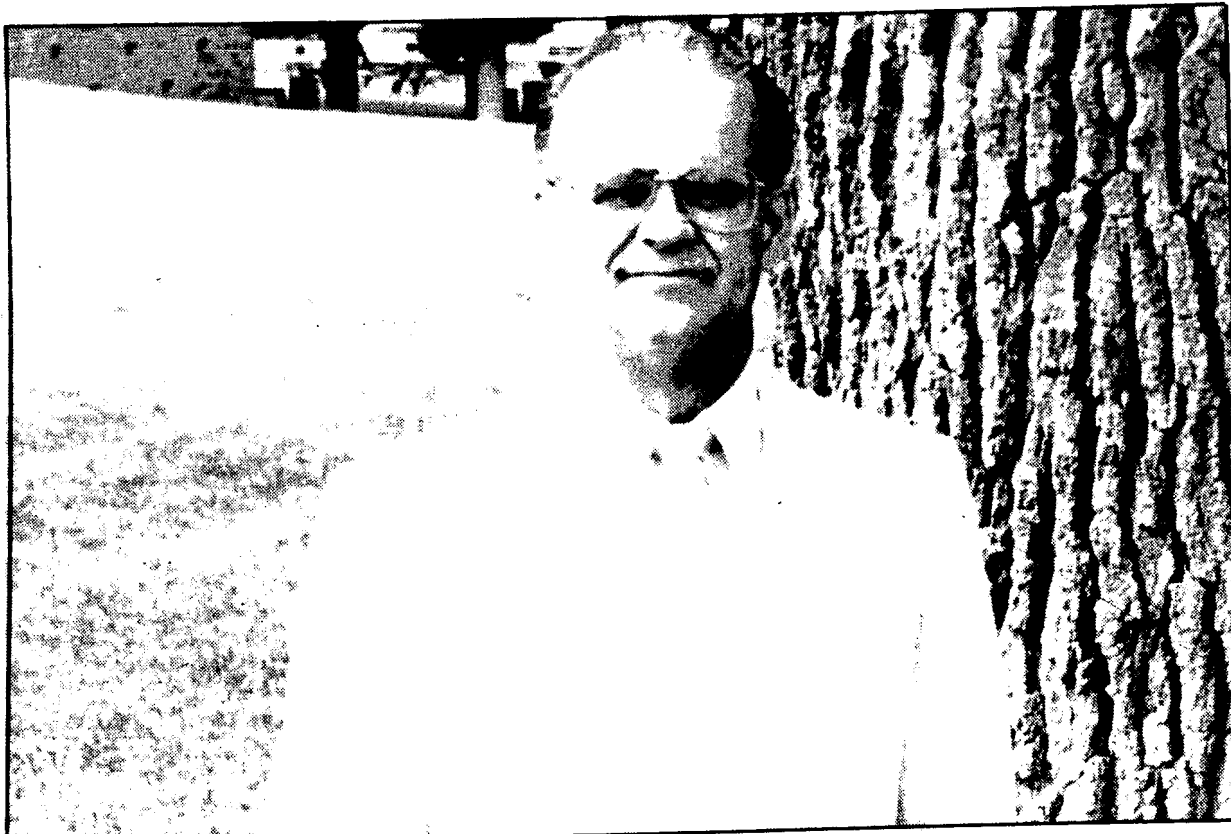
"The presence of his contagious humor is a valuable asset, which adds a distinct level of enjoyment and enhances the working environment," she said.

She also described the soft-spoken man as "an extraordinary leader, a compassionate and deeply sensitive person, and a spiritually gifted human being."

Wood holds two master's degrees with majors in social work and religious education. He was employed by Insight in Flint between February 1987 and June 1990, when he became clinical director at the Colombiere facility.

His credentials include certification by the Academy of Clinical Social Workers and the State of Michigan. He also holds membership in the National Association of Social Workers and is a board certified diplomat in clinical social work.

Wood earned his master of social work degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has been instrumental in developing various programs to benefit patients and the general public. These include a foster parent support group program for the Department of Public



GARY Wood finds it natural that he has worked in the helping profession most of his

life. For him, the way of living and making a living go together.

Assistance in Boise, Idaho; a youth telephone hot-line; continuing educational seminars on stress management for supervisors and managers of business and industry through the University of Michigan-Flint; the first stop-smoking clinic for McLaren General Hospital in Flint; and the spirituality group he co-facilitates at Insight Recovery in Clarkston.

Brown-Whitlock had high praise for Wood's development of the spirituality group to add a deeper dimension to the client's recovery process.

For Wood, that aspect was an obvious facet of

recovery.

"People need some kind of spirituality to maintain sobriety; it provides a serenity they can rely on in hard times," he said.

However, Wood did not expect to receive an award for his effort.

"I was really surprised," he said. "It's a tribute when your own staff nominates you for an award."

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8 p.m. - **A Difference of Opinion:** Motivational series hosted by Dr. John Cowan.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

7 p.m. - **The Power of Love:** Religious talk and variety program hosted by Ted Slankster.

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8 p.m. - **Microwave Plus:** Microwave cooking with home economist Betty Wagner of Independence Township. This week: Irish/American meals.

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Boundary and Polling Change:

Precinct 1 United Methodist Church
6600 Waldon Road

Precinct 10 Oakland County
Sheriff Sub-Station
5799 Ortonville Rd. (M-15)

(Former Polling Place -
Clarkston Senior High)

Poll Changes: (where you vote)

Precinct 4 Professional Building
5825 (M-15) Ortonville Rd.

(former Polling Place -
Clarkston Senior High)

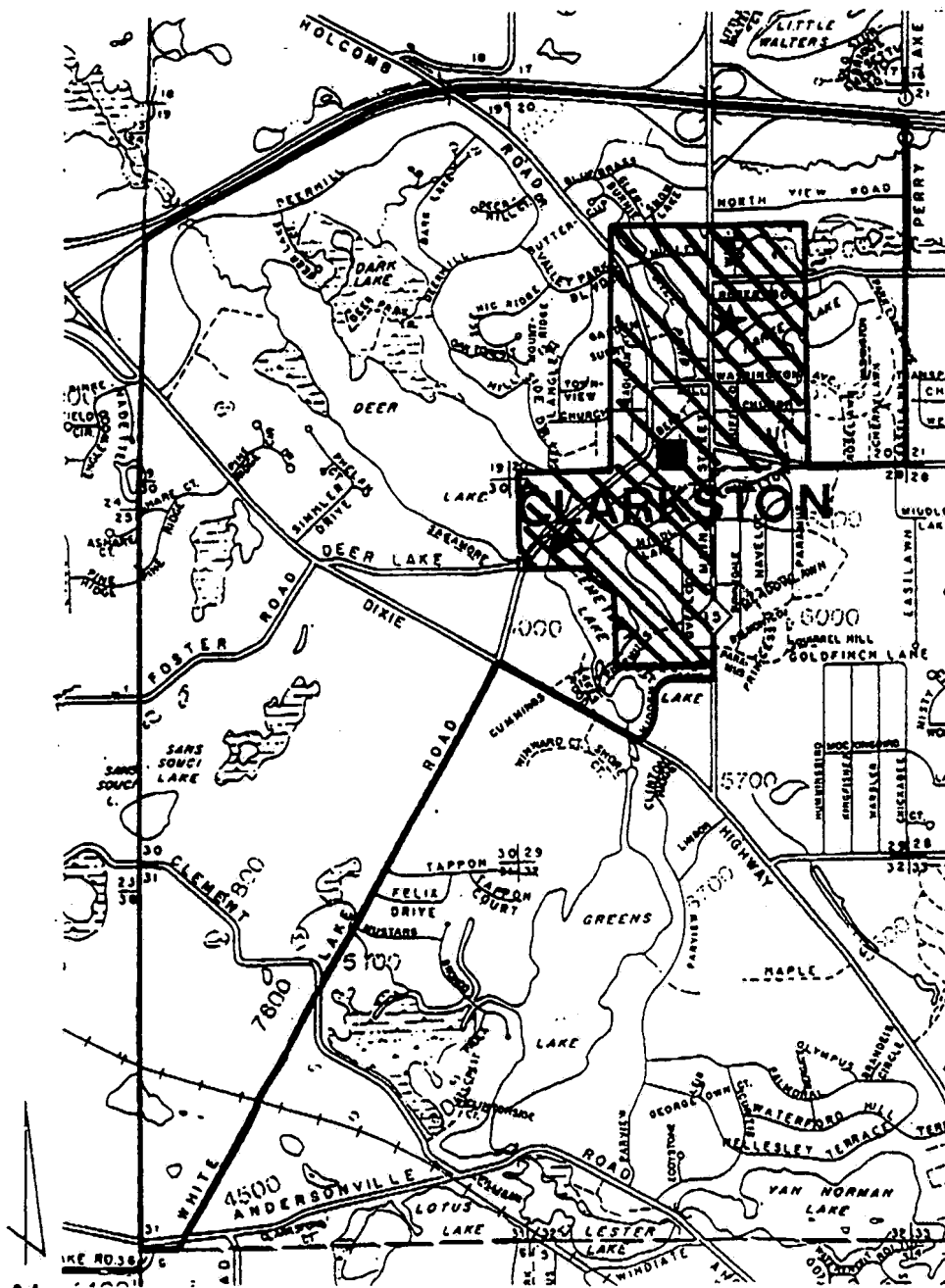
Boundary Change:

Precinct 3 Senior Citizens Center
5980 Clarkston Road

Precinct 8 Clarkston Elementary School
6576 Waldon Road

Precinct 9 Clarkston Elementary School
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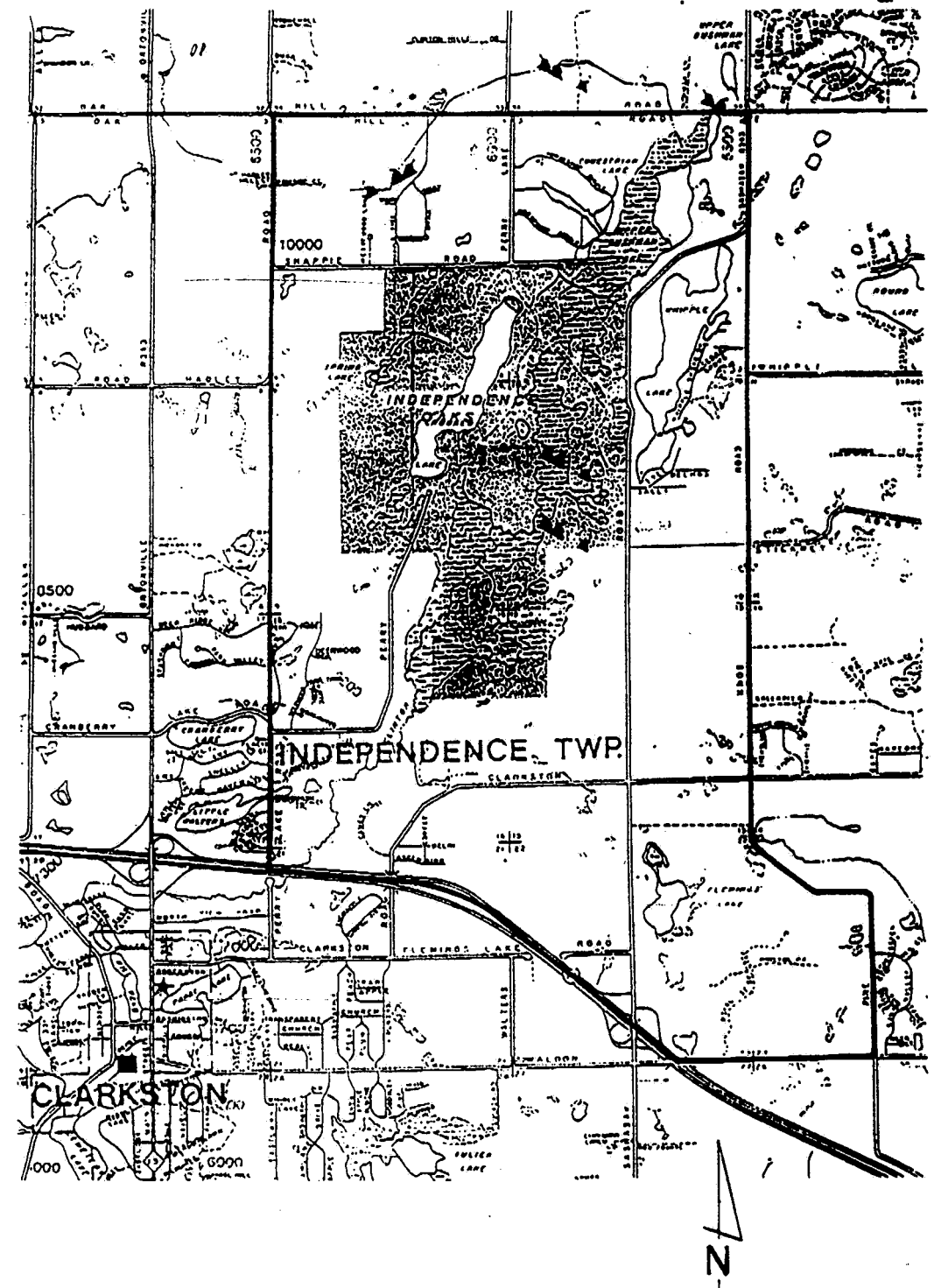
INDEPENDENCE PRECINCT 1



PRECINCT 1 Polling Place: United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road

All those residents lying south of the centerline of I-75, west of the centerline of Perry Lake Road and west of the east line of Section 20, north of the south line of Section 20 (centerline of Waldon Road), east of the east boundary of the Village of Clarkston, north of the north boundary of the Village of Clarkston, west of the west boundary of the Village of Clarkston, south of the south boundary of the Village of Clarkston, west of the centerline of M-15 (Ortonville Road), west of the centerline of Hidden Lane, north of the centerline of U.S. 10 (Dixie Highway), and west of the centerline of White Lake Road and east of the west boundary line of the township.

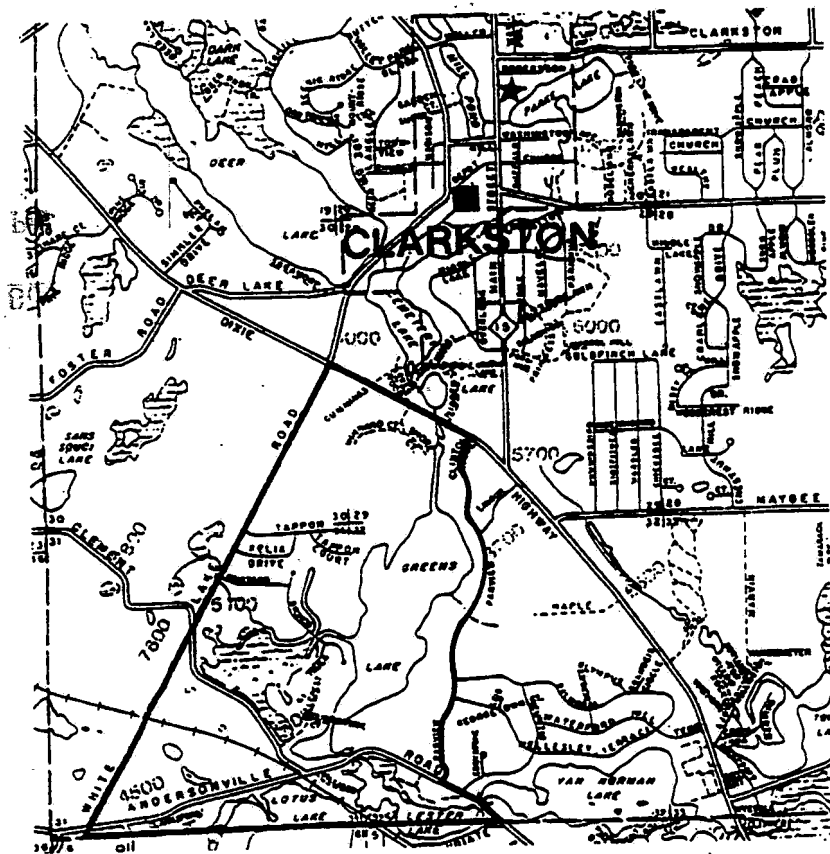
INDEPENDENCE PRECINCT 3



PRECINCT 3 Polling Place: Senior Citizens Center, 5980 Clarkston Road

All those residents lying east of the centerline of Hadley Road, east of the west line of Section 9 and Section 16, east of the centerline of Perry Lake Road, north of the centerline on I-75, north of the centerline of Waldon Road, west of the centerline of Pine Knob Road and Sashabaw Road and south of Oak Hill Road and south of the north boundary of the Township.

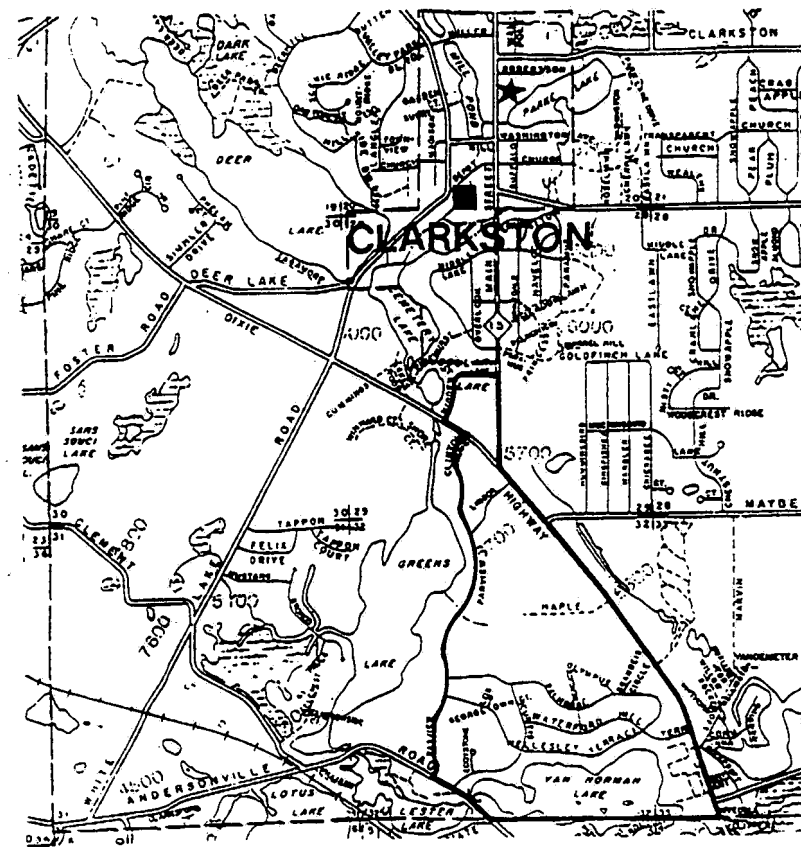
INDEPENDENCE PRECINCT 8



PRECINCT 8 Polling Place: Clarkston Elementary, 6596 Waldon Road

All those residents lying east of the centerline of White Lake Road, south of the centerline of U.S. 10 (Dixie Highway), west of the centerline of Parview Drive and south of the centerline of Andersonville Road and north of the south boundary of the Township.

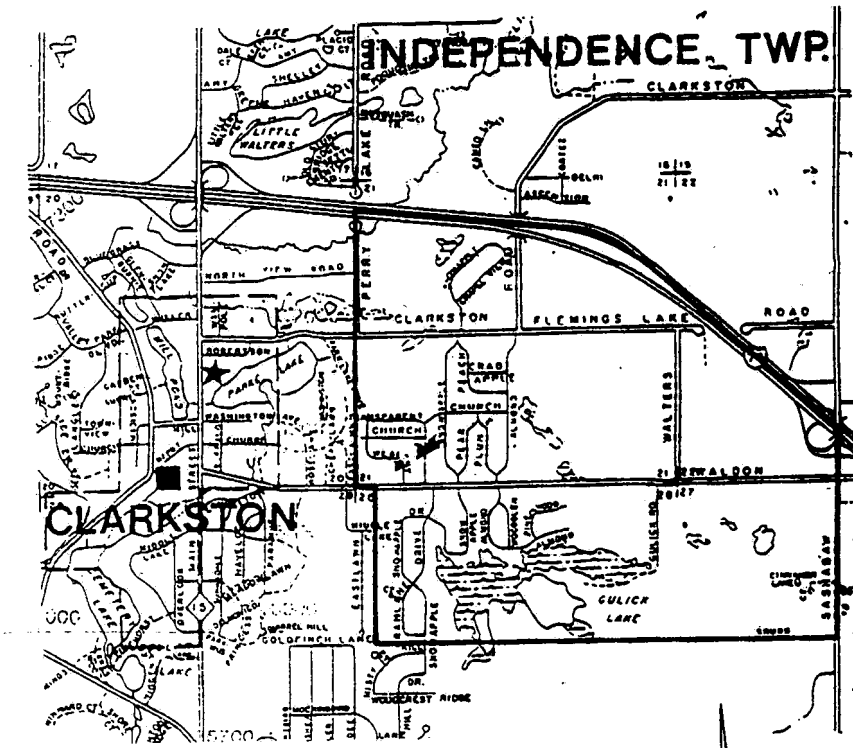
INDEPENDENCE PRECINCT 9



PRECINCT 9 Polling Place: Clarkston Elementary, 6596 Waldon Road

All those residents lying north of the centerline of Andersonville Road, east of the centerline of Parview Drive, east and south of the centerline of Hidden Lane, west of the centerline of M-15 (Ortonville Road) and southwesterly of the centerline of U.S. 10 (Dixie Highway) and north of the south boundary of the Township.

INDEPENDENCE PRECINCT 10



PRECINCT 10 Polling Place: 5799 Ortonville (M-15) Oakland County Sheriff Sub-Station

All those residents lying east of the centerline of Perry Lake Road, east of the west line of Section 21, east of the east boundary of the Clarkston Ridge Estates Subdivision, north of the E-W $\frac{1}{4}$ line of Section 28 and Section 27, west of the centerline of Sashabaw Road and south of the centerline of I-75.

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Obituaries

Charlotte I. Abare

Charlotte I. Abare (Borowski), 77, of Stuart, Fla., and formerly of Clarkston, died July 9, 1992. She was retired from Higbie Manufacturing in Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Darlene Beach.

Mrs. Abare is survived by her husband, William H.; children, Darrell and his wife Lee of Algonac and Judy and her husband Darrel Blackett of Clarkston; grandchildren, Debra Senevey Lemond, Denise Senevey Kring, Jeffrey Blackett, Jill Blackett, Julie Blackett Garza, Bill Abare, Brian Abare and Rebecca Abare.

She is also survived by her sisters, Helen Bonura of New York and Marion Micon of Los Angeles; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Monday, July 13, at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. Douglas R. Trebilcock officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Heart Foundation of Michigan.

Harold E. Hadden

Harold E. Hadden, 72, of Waterford died July 10, 1992. He owned and operated Terry Machine Co., Waterford, with his two brothers from 1948 to 1977.

Mr. Hadden was a veteran of World War II, having served as a naval air pilot in the U.S. Marines. He was a member of the BPOE Pontiac Lodge No. 810, Pontiac; and American Legion Post No. 274, and The Loyal Order of the Moose No. 964, both in Fort Meyers Beach, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Loise (Tewell) Hadden; children, Janice Blanchard of Waterford, Harold E. Hadden Jr. (Bud) of Clarkston, and Jenny Carter of Waterford; grandchildren, Jason Blanchard, Philip Carter and Matthew Carter; brothers, Charles and his wife Stella of Waterford, and Edmund and his wife Alice of Keego Harbor; and brother- and sister-in-law, Joe and Eloise Woodruff of Indiana.

The funeral was Monday, July 13, at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Burial was at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Independence Township.

Ray D. Higdon Sr.

Ray D. Higdon Sr., 62, of Auburn Hills died July 7, 1992. He was the head of maintenance at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Air Force Navy.

Mr. Higdon is survived by his wife, Roberta; children, Wendy and her husband Mark Kraus III of Clarkston, and Ray D. Jr. and his wife Joy of Pontiac; and grandchildren, Mark IV, Nicole, Kimberly and Scott.

The funeral was July 10 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. Kurt Gebhard officiating. Memorial tributes may be made to the Rainbow Connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Charter Township of Independence PUBLIC NOTICE

Registered voters may vote absentee ballot in the August 4, 1992 Primary Election if they qualify in one of the following categories:

- I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.
- I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
- I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
- I am 60 years of age or older.
- I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Independence Township residents who qualify and wish to vote absentee ballot should call the Clerk's Office at 625-5111 or write the Clerk at 90 North Main St., Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48346 for an application which must be signed and returned before a ballot can be issued.

The deadline for ballots to be mailed is Saturday August 1, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. However, those qualified to vote absentee may vote in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 1992.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

Read, rock, rap

Children don't have to be bored this summer. A Tuesday Summer Reading Club is in progress at the Independence Township Library and is filled with fun activities for kids.

Those in new grades 1-3 meet 10:30-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays. Those in new grades 4-6 meet 1-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays. To register, call the library on Clarkston Road at 625-2212.

Special events are planned for the program, which has a "Read, Rock, Rap" theme.

Coming up are "Coco Goes West" on July 14, with Maureen Schiffman and puppet friend Coco. On July 28 is Eugene the Amazing Clark with lots of magic.

On Aug. 4, Michael Deren will present stories and songs using saxhorn, fife, concertina and fiddle. His appearance was paid for with help from a Humanities Council grant.

Aug. 11 brings "A Reasonable Facsimile," and Aug. 18 is the grand finale annual club talent show.

Benefit needs bowlers

Bowlers have a chance to raise money for a good cause.

A bowl-a-thon for cancer patient Shannon Clark, a Clarkston Junior High School teen-ager, is set for 1-5 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at Cherry Hill Lanes North, Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Michele Phaup, one of the organizers of the benefit, said the goal is to find 216 bowlers who will gather pledges of at least \$100, which would earn more than \$20,000.

"We're far away from 216," said Phaup. The proceeds will be donated to "Shannon's Fund" and may be used for anything she wishes, said Phaup.

To sponsor a bowler or to bowl, contact sponsor Max Broock at 625-2944. Shannon's grandmother, Phyllis Braun, is employed by Max Broock.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Charter Township of Independence NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on: JULY 23, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #92-1-015
REZONING REQUEST BY:
MIK DEVELOPMENT

FROM R1-R (Rural Residential) to
R1-A (Single Family Residential)
PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: 08-15-351-005,
006 & 007 also 08-22-101-001 (part of)

and
REZONING THE FOLLOWING PARCELS FROM R1-A
(Single Family Residential) to OS-2 (Office Service Two)
PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: 08-22-101-014
and 08-22-101-001 (part of)

Parcel Identification Number: see above
Common Description: South side of Clarkston Road,
West of Sashabaw Road and North of Flemings Lake Road.
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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JOAN E. MCCRARY, CLERK

Day camp registration

Swimming, sports, games, boating, nature studies, crafts and cook-outs are the order of the day for children enrolled in Camp Fire North Oakland's day camp.

Camp runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays July 20 through Aug. 7, and extended hours are available for working parents: 7-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.

The camp takes place at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township. Financial aid is available for low-income families. To register, call 338-4036.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE SPECIAL MEETING July 8, 1992

Supervisor Ronk called the special meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex.
Roll Call: Present: Lutz, McCrary, Mercado, Ronk, Saile, Vaara. Absent: Travis.

There is a quorum.
1. Discussion regarding the District Library Agreement.
2. Approval of motion to set a Special Meeting Monday, July 13, 1992 at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Approval of motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE AND CLARKSTON SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING July 6, 1992

Supervisor Ronk called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Independence Township Library.
Independence Township:
Roll Call: Present: Lutz, McCrary, Mercado, Ronk, Saile, Travis, Vaara. Absent: None.
Clarkston Schools Board of Education:
Roll Call: Present: Helporn, Van Klaveren, Hughes, Karlstrom, Howard, Foyteck, Thomas.
1. General discussion regarding DDA School Funding.
2. Approval of motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

The Charter Township of Independence SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD July 7, 1992

Supervisor Ronk called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex.
Roll Call: Present: Lutz, McCrary, Mercado, Ronk, Saile, Travis, Vaara. Absent: None.

- There is a quorum.
- 1. Approval of agenda as submitted.
- 2. Approval of minutes of the joint meeting of the Village of Clarkston and the Township Board of June 15, 1992, as presented.
- 3. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Township Board of June 16, 1992 as presented.
- 4. Approval of motion authorizing payment of bills totaling \$409,350.86.
- 5. Approval of motion authorizing the issuance of purchase orders in the amount of \$51,872.83.
- 6. James Brennan spoke under the Public Forum segment of the agenda.
- 7. Judy White spoke under the Public Forum segment of the agenda.
- 8. The Township Board conducted a public hearing to receive comments and objections to the Bow Pointe special assessment district.
- 9. Approval of motion to authorize the Bow Pointe special assessment district, including parcel 08-27-276-001.
- 10. Approval of motion to authorize the Township Supervisor to prepare a Bow Pointe special assessment roll.
- 11. Approval of motion to adopt a resolution for an entertainment permit and outside service for Mesquite Creek, Inc.
- 12. Approval of motion to grant a Class C Liquor License to Shou Liang Tan.
- 13. Approval of motion to grant a variance of the noise ordinance for the Meadow Brook Historic Places at Waterford Hill on July 31, August 1 and 2.
- 14. Approval of motion to promote Jeff Cooper to Maintenance Man I.
- 15. Approval of motion authorizing DPW to seek bids for a water storage tank on Flemings Lake Rd.
- 16. Approval of motion authorizing Parks and Recreation to purchase a 1990 Hustler mower.
- 17. Approval of motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Springfield man helps reenact JFK assassination

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

It's been nearly 30 years since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and some people — including Bruce McArthur — still wonder if the Dallas Police nabbed the right guy.

The 45-year-old Springfield Township man was one of nearly 100 people invited to participate in the reenactment of this controversial murder last month. Conducted

“As far as anyone knows, this is the first independent study done on this case, and I think we've proven the Warren Commission wrong.”

Bruce McArthur

in the sleepy town of Central Lake, Mich., each participant was asked to take on the persona of alleged killer Lee Harvey Oswald and fire at a makeshift JFK.

McArthur said this project was the brainchild of close friend Richard Davis, who hosted the reenactment at his Central Lake shooting range.

“Richard had always been intrigued by the events

surrounding the assassination, but I think the movie, “JFK,” really set him off,” he said. “As far as anyone knows, this is the first independent study done on this case, and I think we've proven the Warren Commission wrong.”

The Warren Commission Report of 1964 concluded that Oswald had acted alone in the assassination of Kennedy.

McArthur said the range was equipped with a platform, the same height as the book depository's six-story window, from where each guest would shoot. The weapon used was a Carcano rifle — the same vintage of Italian-made gun allegedly used to kill Kennedy.

For three days, each participant was given the opportunity to shoot at a head-and-shoulder target of JFK, which was being propelled at the same angle and speed that the motorcade was traveling away from the depository Nov. 22, 1963.

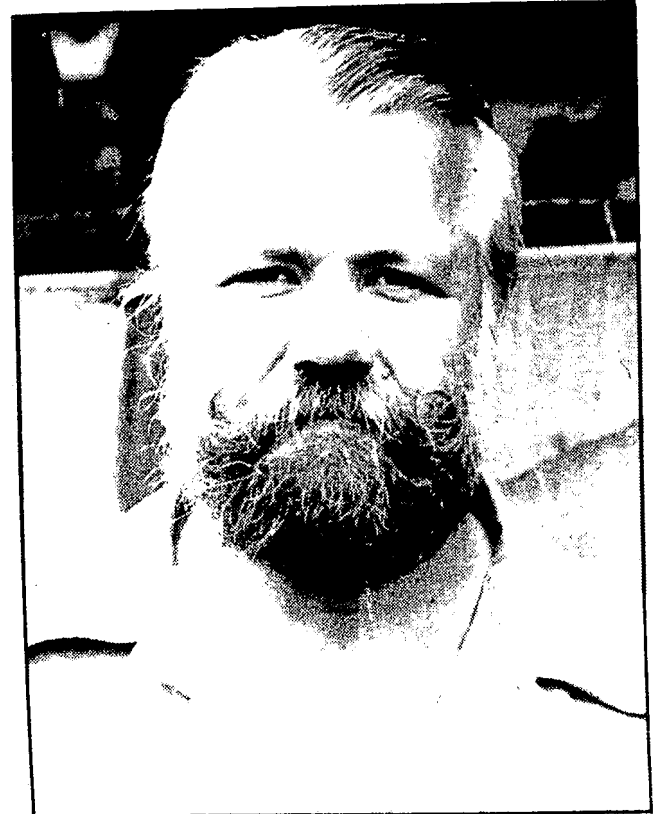
During this exercise, McArthur said only 30 percent of the participants were able to duplicate Oswald's supposed accuracy, but no one could match his speed. According to the Warren Commission Report, McArthur said, Oswald reportedly squeezed off three shots in 5.6 seconds with two hitting their target.

The report also went on to say that the last two shots were fired within 1.66 seconds of each other. Here, McArthur says, is where the report is faulty.

“Sure, we had some guys get off three shots in 5.6 seconds, but nobody even came close to the 1.66 seconds in between the second and third shots,” McArthur said. “And of those who did get their shots off in time, very few bullets hit their mark consistently.”

McArthur, who owns the Flint and Frizzen Gun Shop in Springfield Township, said he equaled Oswald's supposed accuracy of two hits out of three, but it took 7.1 seconds. He doubts Oswald could have done much better.

“Oswald was considered just a marginal shooter at best when he was in the armed services,” McArthur said.



BRUCE MCARTHUR was one of several guests invited to participate in a reenactment of the John F. Kennedy assassination at Central Lake, Mich.

“Of those who participated in Central Lake, about 90 percent would be considered very well versed in firearms.”

McArthur said the project has gained a lot of media coverage and continued the fervor created by the movie “JFK.”

“After we did it, Richard got a lot of calls from people asking him how he went about setting everything up,” he said. “Our goal is to get over 1,000 qualified people to attempt this scenario with the same type of rifle.”

“If we can have all these people shoot and not match the reported speed or accuracy, I think we'll have a case,” McArthur added. “I'm not saying it can't be done, but it should prove that Oswald didn't act alone.”

In addition to the actual shooting, the project also supplied its participants with another tidbit of informa-

Pond 6-pounder



SEVEN-year-old Nathan Parker proudly displays a 6-pound, 4-ounce, 22 1/2-inch large-mouth bass he caught last week off the dock at the Mill Pond in Clarkston. The Clarkston-area youth said he used a bluegill as bait and battled the fish for three to four minutes. (Photo by James Gibowski)

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tion, not covered by the Warren Commission.

“When looking at pictures of the crime scene in 1963, we noticed that the discharged cartridges were found neatly stacked by the window,” McArthur said. “However, when we fired the gun, we found that these empty cartridges were shooting half way across the room.”

“When would Oswald find the time to retrieve these cartridges and why stack them by the window?” McArthur asked.

Over the past three decades, numerous people and organizations have been fingered as hating Kennedy enough to kill him. McArthur said the disappearance of too many witnesses and pieces of valuable evidence point to an internal cover-up.

“Personally, I feel, because there's been such a controlled cover-up, we can eliminate the mafia from the list of suspects,” he surmised. “I think it was an in-house hit perhaps carried out by the CIA.”

Despite the project's findings and his own theories, McArthur said the Kennedy case has too many variables to ever be solved completely.

“At this time, I don't think we'll ever be able to find out the truth, unless an accomplice decides to ‘fess up from his death bed,’” he said. “And even if there were additional shooters, they're probably very old or dead by now.”

“Everything about this case is hypothetical,” he added, “and dead men tell no tales.”