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## Flag-waving



Taylor Ricca, 2 (left) and sister Brittany, 4, were smiling and flag-waving for Clarkston's annual Fourth of July parade. The parade was sponsored by the Independence Township Firefighters Association. For more pictures of the parade, see the back page.

## Pay to play gone?

Clarkston schools may eliminate pay to participate for sports, thanks to a windfall in savings in their insurance costs.

The board of education recently learned that it will not have to spend about \$100,000 already budgeted for insurance, thanks to a competitive bidding process that lowered the costs over last year. At Monday night's meeting, superintendent Gary Haner suggested the board use the money to eliminate pay to participate, which brings in about \$80,000 per year from fees charged to students who want to participate in athletics.

The board is expected to consider the recommendation at its Monday night meeting, when it will conduct a budget review.

"Pay to participate is one significant holdover from the old cuts," Haner said. Most other programs which had been cut in recent years have been restored, thanks at least in part to a change in the way the state funds schools. All districts now receive a grant for each pupil from the state. Clarkston, with a growing population, has seen its budget grow by over \$3 million for 1995-96.

If there is money leftover in the insurance account after pay to participate is eliminated, Haner suggested it be used toward playground equipment. Some pieces of equipment were removed last year due to safety concerns. They have not yet been replaced.

"I think these two items are so important," he said.

Several board members have already said they support eliminating pay to participate.

## Minor league baseball team for township?

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

If a deal can be worked out, Independence Township could become home to a new minor league baseball franchise starting next summer.

The New Central Baseball League, which will not have major league affiliations, has approached the township about renovating one of the baseball fields at Clintonwood Park at its own expense and leasing it from the township.

At its July 5 meeting, the township board of trustees voted unanimously (treasurer John Lutz was absent) to allow parks and recreation director Ann Conklin to proceed with negotiations. The vote was unanimous, though major questions were raised about whether the proposal is entirely positive for the township.

The new league is expected to make an announcement soon about its formation. The schedule is expected to include 80 games per season, half of them at home. Other sites also being considered are Novi,

Muskegon and Midland.

"It would enhance what we are trying to do," Conklin said, pointing to unsuccessful attempts to upgrade the park because of financial constraints. If the baseball team renovated the field, it would be available for use the rest of the year by the township, which would retain ownership.

However, township clerk Joan McCrary expressed concerns about a huge influx of traffic 40 nights a week at a time when many residents want to put the brakes on growth. She was also concerned the existing parks and rec staff couldn't handle the increased workload.

For the deal to happen, the two sides would have to agree on a contract that would cover things like how much revenue the township would receive and who would handle services such as maintenance, staffing and roads.

"One of the key questions to me is what kind of revenue is it going to generate and how could that impact citizens of this community favorably," said trustee Jeff McGee. He noted Pine Knob Music The-

atre has a much larger capacity than the ballfield would have.

"Does the township want to go into business with a business?" trustee Bruce Mercado asked. He asked for a public hearing on the issue before any contracts are signed. That hearing has now been scheduled for July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the township annex. Organizers of the CBL are expected to attend and public comment will be taken.

Conklin believes there is a pent-up demand for recreational services in the township, and she pointed to a full house on July 4 at the park and formation of the new RiverDawgs baseball club as evidence.

She also pointed out that if the new team builds its own park, the township won't get to use it. The club would eventually build its own park if the league is successful.

"They keep coming back to us because they want this location," she said. "They were interested in the new high school field but it won't be ready for three years... We are just here asking can we continue this

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## The news in brief

### School board elects officers

Bill Craig is the new president of the Clarkston board of education after elections Monday night at the board's annual organizational meeting.

Former president Thomas Howard said he was not interested in being re-elected to the position, having served in it for most of the last two years. "My long-term belief is that these positions should not be filled by the same person for a long time," he said. The vote for Craig, who was elected to the board in 1993, was unanimous and he was the only person nominated.

Janet Thomas was elected vice president, Sheila Hughes secretary and William McGregor treasurer. Hughes and McGregor served in those capacities last year. Craig was vice president last year.

### Land conservancy asks schools for rights

Dr. Thomas Stone of the Independence Land Conservancy asked the Clarkston board of education Monday night for a scenic easement to part of its newly acquired property on Flemings Lake Rd.

The vacant land will be the site of the new high school. Stone said it was one of three areas of school property "worthy of preservation."

The ILC holds easement rights to 19 parcels encompassing 290 acres of land in the township. The easement would allow the district to retain ownership of the land but would promise not to develop the scenic part.

"We ask you to consider the opportunity and the responsibility, and we offer our services to you," Stone said.

### City petition deadline Aug. 8

Petitions are currently available for Clarkston City Council positions. They may be picked up from the City Manager Art Pappas or City Clerk Jeanne Selander Miller and must be notarized and filed at City Hall, 375 Depot before 4 p.m. Tuesday, August 8.

The following council positions will expire the first council meeting after the local election Nov. 7: those of Council members Bill Basinger, Steve Arkwright and James Schultz.

City Hall is open every weekday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call the City Manager at 625-1559.

### Drugs confiscated

Deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department responding to a medical call at a Sashabaw Rd. home came away with more than they bargained for June 29.

A 25-year-old resident of the home was arrested after police found a safe containing what they suspected was three, one-pound bags of marijuana. Deputies already suspected the home's residents of drug dealing and the Narcotics Enforcement Team was called in. The man was released pending the investigation.

### Edison to clear lines here

Detroit Edison line clearing crews will be working in Clarkston and in Brandon Township in July and August, continuing their schedule of trimming trees away from electrical wires. The work has reduced both the number and duration of power outages, the utility said.

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## He's got the beat Best of both worlds enjoyed by new chief

BY EILEEN OXLEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The home is not unlike others on Holcomb. Quiet, historic, with the addition of stunning floral gardens and brightly painted shutters, it could be the proud dwelling of almost any resident in Clarkston.

But out in back, in the midst of all the delphiniums, roses, carnations and bleeding hearts, you're likely to find Clarkston's new police chief, Paul Ormiston, who admits he loves to dabble in landscaping.

"I planted the whole front yard this year," says Marilyn, a Clarkston school teacher and his wife of 20 years. "But Paul does the big work."

The "big work" includes not only the serene and lovely gardens, but waterfalls, pools and fountains which turn the Ormiston house into a home.

Now that he's Clarkston's new chief, Ormiston feels he'll be able to have the best of both worlds. He previously was a patrol officer for the City of Auburn Hills which took him away from home for hours. But now Paul, an admitted family man whom Marilyn says "never brings his work home," will be able to spend more time with his favorite people. They include his wife, son Jon, 17, an upcoming senior at Clarkston High School, and daughter Molly, 13, who'll attend Clarkston Middle School as an eighth-grader this fall.

He will also be able to offer Clarkston residents "one of their own" in overseeing the city's now two-year-old police department.

"He's a man of high integrity and vast experience who can take us to the next level we need to go to. I'm very excited to have him with us," said Steve Arkwright, City Councilman and liaison between city and police. "I think he's going to be very receptive to the residents and give them what they want."

"He's not going to hit the pavement walking — He's going to hit it running. I think he already has."

Arkwright is probably right. Since Ormiston took over as police chief July 1 he's been to work as early as 6 a.m. most mornings five days a week, chatting amicably with Sgt. Scott Dickey and other officers, readying them for a new phase in city policing.

"I'm like a player coach so I'm on the streets," said the soft-spoken chief. "But, not only as a supervising officer. I also do as much as they (the officers) do — traffic, parking enforcement, investigating and answering complaints, patrolling ..."

"What I was doing in the final days there (in Auburn Hills) is what I intend to do here."

The Clarkston News wanted to acquaint readers with Clarkston's new police chief and what he hopes to accomplish. Here are his answers to a questionnaire.

Why did you want the job?

In my position with the Auburn Hills Police



Left to right, the Ormistons: Marilyn, Molly, Paul and Jon stand to the right of an honorary plaque

Department I was assisting in the implementation of a somewhat new and innovative form of policing referred to as "problem-oriented community policing." This form of policing asks the officer to utilize all of this knowledge and resources to solve a problem permanently rather than temporarily.

For example: The officer responds to a home in which there is a dispute between the parents and their rebellious child. Rather than merely calming the situation and referring the parents to a counseling service, the officer listens objectively to all sides of the issue and assists the family in their effort to resolve the problem. This may not only involve the child receiving counseling but the parents may need some guidance in parenting skills so they may be referred as well. The officer will then follow up on the situation offering support to the entire family while they work at restoring the family unit. In this way the officer has helped the child as well as the parents in diverting a child from a potentially destructive life path which can have a very negative impact on an entire community.

This same approach would be used in responding to any concern which a citizen has. Be it a traffic concern, an abandoned building which is posing a threat or any other concern which is facing the community. This form of policing does not limit itself to just "criminal" matters but rather expands toward any issue which impacts the community. The reason I wanted this job was so that I could ensure that this form of policing could be instituted in the community in which I and my family live.

What do you see as your biggest challenge as Clarkston's police chief?

Prior to my actually starting my job as police chief I felt that my greatest challenge was going to be getting the officers to accept my philosophy toward policing. I was very much pleased to find that the officers already had the commitment level necessary to implement the community policing concept. Now I see my biggest challenge as maintaining the support of the community while soliciting their help in solving the issues which arise.

You see, my philosophy also holds that the community itself is responsible for solving its own concerns. I am not foolish enough to believe that the

given to Paul for his work with the Auburn Hills Police Department before coming to Clarkston.

police department will ever be capable of solving everyone's concerns without the help of the affected people themselves. In other words, I feel that the community has a responsibility to assist in the solving of problems. In some cases this may simply mean that they report crimes or suspicious circumstances so that the police department is aware. In some cases a person's responsibility may be more difficult because they are asked to miss work to testify in court. After all, living in a safe and secure environment does not just happen, it takes the efforts of all.

Do you have any changes in mind? What's the first thing you'll do?

As previously stated, I intend to move the department toward the community policing concept. This has already begun by the implementation of foot patrols. This has allowed for a much increased closeness with the residents and an improved flow of information. I will also be working with the Independence Township Senior Center in the development of a CAST (Cops And Seniors Together) Program. This program provides our senior citizens with an increased sense of security because they grow to know an officer on a personal level. The officer makes himself available to the senior any time of day or night and assists them in any fashion possible. It is hoped that efforts such as these will put the police between the senior and those who tend to prey on their vulnerability. I can assure you that these two programs are just the beginning of many others which will follow. It is my hope that those who may have other community oriented program ideas will not hesitate to contact me or one of the officers.

How will you deal with new as well as long-standing parking problems downtown?

I intend to make myself available to the recently redeveloped business association in hopes that my experience and education in traffic engineering can be utilized to solve or reduce these concerns. This is a perfect example of where it will take the efforts of an entire community to solve a problem. Input will be required from everyone. From the person who is parking their vehicle to the local, county and state highway engineers. From the business owner to the

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# Schools to take up private bus contract Monday night

Barring any last minute problems in coming to an agreement, the Clarkston board of education should receive a contract from a private bus company Monday night for its consideration.

The contract was expected to be received in time for the July 10 meeting, but superintendent Gary Haner said Monday night some details remained to be worked out. He said the district has given the potential contractor, National, until next Monday to work out the details.

"The hold up is not the financial package," Haner said.

"The hold up is verbiage... There were just a very few items left open."

Trustee Janet Thomas said she would like more information on National's other school contracts and on the cost savings per year.

If the board votes to hire a private company, it could do so on a management-only or full-service basis. If an outside company is hired to provide full services, transportation employees would no longer be school district employees, but would go to work for National. National would also become owner of the district's bus fleet.

The budget approved by the school board for the 1995-96 year includes a provision to go to two-tiered bussing to allow for common starting times in some of the buildings. In the past Haner has said the district cannot afford two-tier bussing without a private contractor.

Monday's meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the school administration building on Clarkston Rd.

# Minor league team interested in township

Continued from 1A conversation?"

## Other board action July 5

● A request for an extension of the tentative preliminary plat approval for the Mellema Subdivision (Pine Knob and Clarkston roads) was approved. The original approval was granted July 19, 1994 and was good for one year. However Oakland County's approval has been held up by a policy change, so the developer requested a one-year extension.

● A request by the owners of the proposed Mr. B's restaurant on Dixie Highway near M-15 for an exception to the zoning ordinance regarding amusement devices was approved, 4-2. Trustees Mercado and Mel Vaara voted no.

The zoning ordinance would have allowed only four such devices and the owners were requesting 15, including four pool tables, 4 electronic dart boards and seven pinball-type games. The majority felt comfortable the machines were not Mr. B's primary business and the floor plan would accommodate that number of machines. Adult and children's games will be in separate areas of the building.

"The emphasis is not on gaming," said township supervisor Dale Stuart. The permit requires annual renewal by the township.

● The board voted unanimously to retain its policy of not subrogating sewer liens to mortgage liens on township properties. The request to change the policy came about after a special assessment district for sewers was approved for the Cranberry Lake area. Some residents said mortgage companies prefer to have the first lien on their properties, but township attorney Gerald Fisher cautioned against such a move.

"It may give rise to liability to the general fund," he said. "Because obviously someone's got to come forward (and pay) if there's a shortfall." The problem would occur in foreclosures where there were sewer

debts still payable on a property.

● McCrary asked the board to consider revising its ordinance governing solicitors. She said the township is inundated with applications, especially during the summer, and she is concerned about children being left unattended in township neighborhoods and at shopping centers.

"The children are at risk, let alone the people in the neighborhoods. They don't know who's coming through their subdivisions," she said.

McCrary said adults are checked through law-enforcement computers before a permit is issued for soliciting but children cannot be checked.

The board directed attorney Fisher to revise the ordinance to include special provisions for minors and to require the township permit to be visible at all times on the solicitor.

● The board approved the annual variance of its sound ordinance to allow the Meadow Brook Historic Races at Waterford Hills Raceway August 4. The race features historic automobiles and is part of the annual Concours d'Elegance of Meadow Brook Hall.

● The board went into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

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# Officer honored for job well done

BY EILEEN OXLEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Police Sgt. Scott Dickey admitted he was a little surprised when the city presented him with an award at the June 26 council meeting.

"I didn't know you guys were going to do this," said the young officer, with a modest smile.

Clarkston's City Council honored Dickey, 27, who literally took over the city's police department when former Chief of Police Robert DeVore resigned in December. The officer shouldered his numerous responsibilities well, said Councilman Steve Arkwright, who presented Dickey with an honorary plaque that commended him for outstanding work.

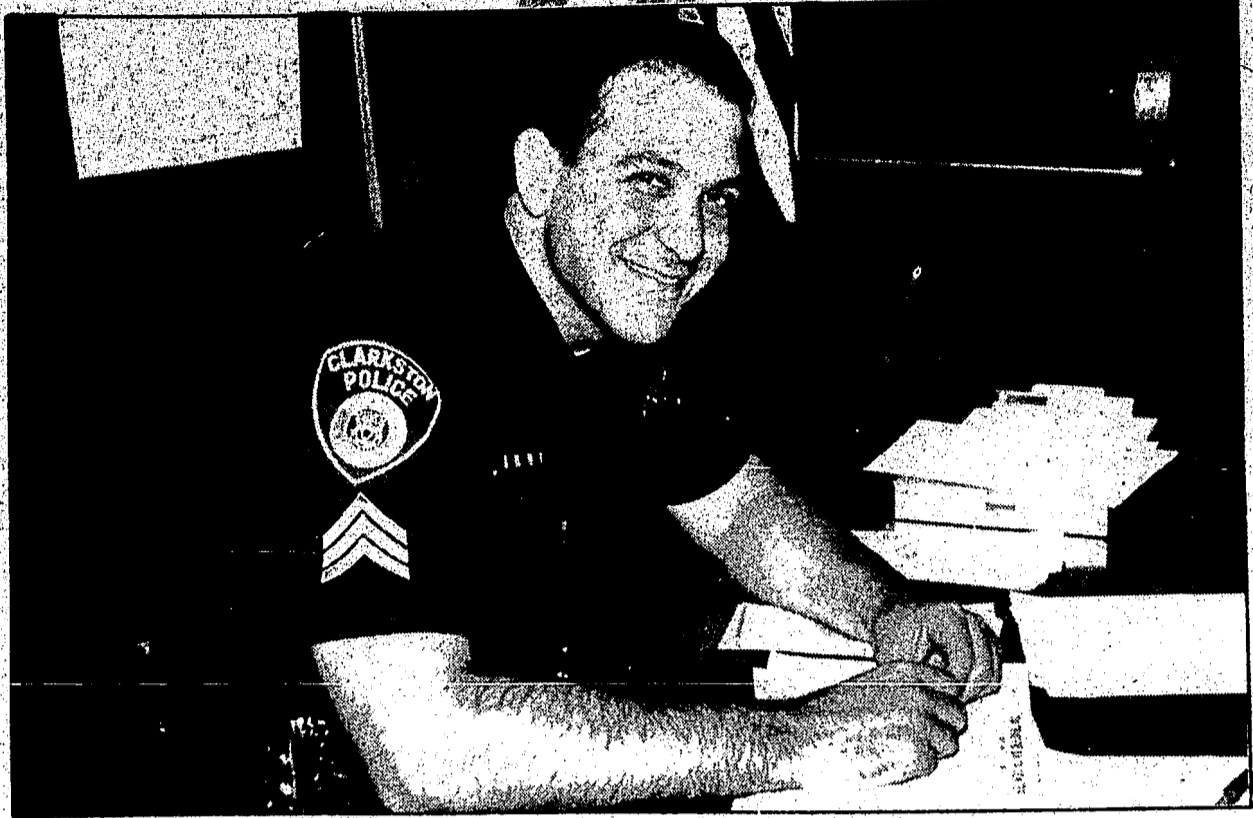
"As a resident, I'm here to offer my personal thank-you for doing a job very well. It's been an honor to work with you, Scott," Arkwright said.

Later Dickey admitted the job had been "an adventure. It's been an exciting and learning experience... The job itself is a challenge in all aspects. Being promoted and in charge of a police department at the age of 27 is a little overwhelming."

Dickey is the only original police officer left from the CPD which was created when Clarkston became a city in 1992. He began as a patrol officer and was promoted to corporal, then to sergeant and officer-in-charge when DeVore left. His duties, besides mainly working the night shift from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., have included paperwork, scheduling, applying for grants, regular road and patrol duties and personnel issues.

During his time spent with the CPD he has twice been honored as MADD Officer of the Year for two years in a row (1993 and 1994). He says he won the honor for his "dedication to the issue of drunk driving."

Prior to his role in Clarkston, Dickey worked for the City of Livonia for three years as a reserve officer. He graduated from the Macomb Police Academy and



Clarkston Police Sgt. Scott Dickey

also worked as a bookkeeper for a country club in Port Huron. Raised in Detroit, Dickey had a role model in his father who is now a retired Detroit police officer. His father influenced both Dickey and his brother who works for the Madison Heights Police Department.

"It's something I always wanted to do," he said. "I got to watch (my dad) on TV. He did raids and stuff like that." Dickey's dad was part of the former "Big Four," a specialized unit designed to combat high-

crime areas in Detroit.

New Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston, who took over the department July 1, doesn't know Dickey very well yet, but says people have raved about him.

"I have heard nothing but good about Scott and what he's had to do here. The department, although small, has the same duties and responsibilities as many larger organizations — And he rose to the occasion," Ormiston said.



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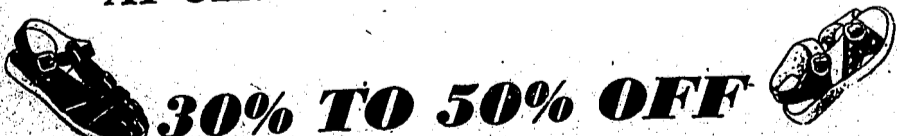
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## In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

### Fans love that country music

The female caller's voice had a southern twinge to it I couldn't quite place. She wanted to speak to our entertainment editor. Wanted to know if we'd done a story, photo or review on Vince Gill, who recently appeared at Pine Knob.

When I told her we hadn't she was only mildly disappointed. She admitted with a laugh she'd seen him "so many" times but just wanted to know about the latest show. She was calling from Ohio, she said. Now that's what I call a true fan.

I've been noticing lately that even I, who never thought I could like anything remotely like country music, have been listening more and more to what's being called "young country." Some old-line country fans cringe at that appellation, but there is definitely a difference.

Having grown up with classical music (and having slaved over the oboe in high school), I am the last person I ever thought would come to appreciate country music. However, when the British Invasion of the 1960s hit, I, like millions of others my age, turned to the guitar. So the affection for popular music and good guitar goes way back.

As I was driving home one night last week punching buttons on the car radio, I found myself wondering: Just what is it about this new-style country music that makes it so easy to like? I think I can answer that at least partially: It reminds me of the rock music that was popular in the late '60s-early '70s. Sometimes back then it was called country rock or southern rock. Its leaders were the original Allman Brothers Band, the Eagles and many more.

Funny thing is, now no one is making that kind of music—except for "young country" artists. Some of them are re-recording the music of bands like the Eagles, and some are honoring the influence of the early Allman Brothers. All of them still play real guitars, and you'll seldom hear electronic instruments.

Maybe I like it because it's somehow familiar, but with a fresh, new twist. Maybe it's because everything else I hear nowadays is somehow less than satisfying.

As I punch the buttons on the radio, I can hear the same songs over and over on the top 40 station, I can hear the same oldies over and over on the nostalgia station, or I can hear the same adult alternative songs on "The River." So I end up pushing buttons a lot. Even public radio, which is unique and which I love, sometimes sends me station surfing when they get into a foreign groove. (There's only so much Asian music I can take.)

I'm sure soon enough I'll begin to notice the repetition on the country station, but for now it's all blissfully new to me. Of course, I still have to punch the button when something that's just way too silly or twangy comes on, but at least I get a good laugh out of it.

Mostly, what's best about it is strong voices, big guitars and heartfelt lyrics. With that combination, you can hardly go wrong, no matter what the genre. Maybe today's headbangers should take note.

## Letters to the editor

### No. 19 semi-popular

Dear Mr. Sherman,

Well, ain't that a stitch! My dentist likes Number 19, too!

I mean, not that it matters one tinker's hoot, but your Drs. Taylor and Frenchi must have matriculated from the same dental college as my Dr. Fredal in Utica.

Yes, there must be something in the water or in the curriculum about ole' No. 19. After all, as the far lower left molar, it probably offers the most challenge to our chopper healers.

Certainly, tackling the big "uno-niner" requires the most displacement of the jawbone, the most twisting, contortions and clamping of the tongue (especially if one is right-tongued) and the deepest penetration of the needle. Oh, our protectors of the ivories are a sadistic bunch, indeed!

Or, it may simply be that they are all true sportsmen\*. It can't be overlooked that Joe Montana (as a K.C. Chief) and Johnny Unitas were nineteens. So are Steve Yzerman and Scott Mitchell.

I got to thinking about this trivial pursuit and phoned the Pistons' front office (by now I was really caught up in this!). Their records indicate that No. 19 hasn't been used as a jersey number since '68-'69, when it was sported by Bob Nieman (say who?) and earlier in the '60s by those unforgettables Reggie Harding, Joe Strawder and Dorie Murray. Len Chapel, too.

Well, in any event, the Pistons obviously don't have their act together (in more ways than one) and just have no respect for the finer things and numbers in life.

Thanks for your thoughtful insight and socially-

significant probing into the anatomy of Dear Old 19. I enjoyed it.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Webster, Orion Township

(\* - Additional sports info credit to Mike Kalohn, Prime Time Sports Cards.)

### Party thanks

We would like to thank all the Class of '95 parents, Class of '96 parents, and the many volunteers we had helping work the post graduation all-night party at Deer Lake Racquet Club.

All the time and effort paid off with another great party for the graduating class. We would like to especially thank our co-chairs, who started working last February to organize and plan the party.

They are: Jan Eby, Joy Kelly and Robyn Collier on ways and means; Dave and Carla Endreszl and Dick and Marilyn Lash on clean-up; Betty Kozma and Sharon Wenger on favors; Donn and Jan Colbrunn on publicity; Mary Tankersley and Kris Anderson on refreshments; Laura Surre, Lisa York and Sue Deevey on decorations; Carolyn Holland as treasurer; Gary and Donna Bass and Doug and Sharon Doty on security; Terry and Theresa Harp and Fred and Debbie Maitrott on entertainment; and Dave and Roxanne Reschke on the senior dinner.

We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.

Many thanks again,

Party co-chairs

Carole Webster, Cindy Swick, Sheila Hughes

More letters on page 8A



## Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

### All taxpayers can do is cry a lot

It's amazing to me what people on the public dole do with money given them by us taxpayers.

What is it about public money, taxpayer dollars, that makes it so different than dollars earned by businesses or the professions?

Look at the big dollars tax-supported colleges pay professors to not teach, to write books for their profit and give year-long sabbaticals with pay.

Politicians get great perks and excellent pay for the jobs they do. Remember, it's only a job. They chose that line of work instead of engineering, etc.

And, they often get earlier retirement benefits than private sector folks, more holiday and personal days off and even get more parking privileges than we voters. We don't have to look as far as Lansing or Washington to see these benefits we taxpayers give either.

Then there are those who chose a job in the military. Did you read about the generals and admirals having we taxpayers fly them and their families to various places around the world . . . in our planes?

I'm not talking TWA! In one case a general's trip cost over \$100,000. Many, including more than the occasional politician, have government planes fly them hither and yon when Northwest would do it for a

lot less.

Again, they chose the military to make their livelihood; their job.

These professors, politicians and generals are paid taxpayer money by those who are paid taxpayer money, which you and I know is plentiful.

Detroit and Chicago (among others) are more examples of taxpayer money being different from our paycheck money.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has given these cities many millions to build and maintain housing. The housing may have been built, but it certainly isn't maintained. The Feds have come into both towns to try to correct problems.

What's the problem? The Detroit News says, "bloated payrolls, rent delinquencies, abuse and misuse of funds" is much to blame.

The answer for HUD problems continues to be pour more taxpayer dollars into it.

The answer also continues to be . . . taxpayer money being paid to people on the public dole by people on the public dole and the taxpayer continues to pay . . . and cry a lot.

# A look back

## 15 YEARS AGO (1980)

Possible layoffs plague employees of Independence Township. The layoffs are expected to continue in the light of state shared revenue budget cuts, says Township Clerk Christopher Rose. Full-time township employees number 55 to 60. Those slated for layoffs include two positions under consideration as well as employees of animal control and the treasurer's office who have already lost their jobs.

The second application within two weeks for an adult foster care home in Independence Township has been received. The proposed location on Timber Ridge Trail joins that of the first proposed home on Parview which is pending finalization through the licensing bureau of the State Department of Social Services. Currently there are 185 adult foster care facilities licensed by the state in Oakland County. If both township sites are approved they will increase the total to nine such homes in the township.

The wetlands ordinance in Independence Township is simplified by eliminating the step of applying for a township permit, says township clerk Christopher Rose. The step may be omitted if the applicant has a permit from either the Army Corps of Engineers or the State Department of Natural Resources. Formerly applicants who abided by the additional step often found information was duplicated at the township level, says Timothy Palulian, head of the building and planning department.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1970)

A contract between the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township is signed by both boards over capacity in a sewer line. Now the Village can proceed with a contract with the Oakland County Department of Public Works for the laying of lines within the Village limits. Until the Village had been given capacity in the interceptor, bonding companies wouldn't finance the sewer project.

Army Specialist 4 Frank S. Everingham, 20, is awarded the Silver Star award near Tay Ninh, Vietnam. Everingham received the award for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against a hostile force. During that time he was on a reconnaissance mission and his unit came under intense small arms fire. The platoon leader was wounded and Everingham took control. While placing himself at risk in the line of enemy fire, Everingham put men in strategic fighting positions and assisted in the evacu-

ation process.

The Independence Township Recreation Summer Program is in full swing with 39 Little League baseball teams. In addition, school playground activities including games, races, sports participation, crafts and reading are underway at several elementary schools.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1945)

News from "By the Way": Way last April when we were all wishing for summer weather and someone predicted an unusually cool summer, we though he was crazy. But Tuesday night and Wednesday we began to think he really knew what he was talking about. The thermometers in Clarkston registered 48 degrees early Wednesday morning... The famous Iwo Jima flag raised by the marines on Mount Suribachi last March is to be presented to the American Legion for its national headquarters in Indianapolis if plans materialize. There is no flag on Suribachi — a radio tower has supplanted it... Among those who love to come to Clarkston to fish in Cemetery Lake are Mr. and Mrs. William Diebolt of Detroit. They spent last weekend at the J. Thompson Miller home on S. Main St.

Playing at the Drayton Theatre is "Women in the Window," starring Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett. "God is My Co-Pilot" with Dennis Morgan, Dane Clark, Raymond Massey and Alan Hale, is at the Holly.

## 60 YEARS AGO (1935)

The State Liquor Commission grants a Special District Distributor's license to William J. Barry. Now liquors are available at the Caribou Inn for the convenience of the public. "We believe that the Commission made a good choice in Mr. Barry as we believe that he will follow the spirit as well as the letter of the law and that the office will be conducted in a proper manner as contemplated by the voters."

The Holly Theatre features four pictures over the next week: Will Rogers in "Doubting Thomas," Al Jolson and Ruby Keeler in "Go Into Your Dance," Gary Cooper and Anna Sten in "The Wedding Night" and Jack Buchanan and Lili Damita in "Brewster's Millions."

Specials at Kroger's include French Brand Coffee, two pounds for 39 cents; Camay Soap, six cakes for a quarter; Campbell's Beans, five cans for 27 cents; fresh ground hamburger, two pounds for 29 cents; and bananas, five pounds for a quarter.

# If It Fitz

by Jim Fitzgerald

*To win streets back,  
make drugs legal*

The Detroit Drug Leadership Council wants to end the costly, futile, bloody war on drugs. Its first step would be to give Detroiters the chance to vote on the legalization of such drugs as cocaine, heroin and marijuana.

Onward and Upward.

With legalized drugs, overnight there would be a tremendous drop in "drug-related" crime. No more crack house murders. No more innocent people killed in drug-war cross fire. Fewer robberies by dopers trying to finance the next fix.

Overnight, law officers could stop risking their lives — and spending our money — busting users and sellers. Some of the money saved could be used to educate against the use of legal drugs.

But — also overnight — wouldn't there be an increase in drug users, due to legal availability and lower prices? I put that question to Corbett O'Meara, director of the newly-organized DDLC. O'Meara, 29, works for a public-defender organization and will graduate from Wayne State University Law School this year. He is the son of U.S. District Judge John O'Meara and was deputy press secretary for the Clinton-Gore Michigan campaign in 1992.

"Ask yourself why you don't shoot heroin or smoke crack," O'Meara said. "If the answer is because drugs are illegal, you ought to consult a mental health specialist. The reason most people don't do crack or heroin is that it is stupid and destructive. What is stupid now will still be stupid when drugs are legal."

"If what is keeping you off drugs is fear of prosecution, you are an accident about to happen. Your self-destruction will not be stayed off by continued prohibition. My streets, schools and city are too valuable for me to sacrifice in a futile effort to keep you from hurting yourself."

Asked why he's fighting for legalized drugs, O'Meara ponders a few seconds and says, "I guess it's just the windmill I chose to tilt against." His own drug use, when younger, was limited to pot.

"Detroit suffers incredibly from the illegalization of drugs," O'Meara said. "Young men with severely limited opportunities see the bleakness of economic desperation all around them every day. To their great credit, most of them resist grabbing the rotten carrot of short-lived economic freedom through selling drugs... The fact that some of them can't resist does not allow us to morally indict them."

"Desperate people make desperate moves, and in a nation where cigarettes, booze and Twinkies make fat cats rich, the leap to the rationalization of drug sales is not a great one."

"We want our streets and schools back. We need our children, fathers and families back. Drug prohibition has taken these things away. Let's take them back."

The DDLC's first goal is to gather enough petition signatures — around 7,300 — to put a drug-legalization proposal on the Detroit ballot next spring. If it were approved, considerable state and federal action would also be required before drugs would be legal in Detroit. Something like casinos.

"A fundamental precept of our drive is that once the legalization debate is fully entered, the battle and war are won," O'Meara said. "What we fight is people's unwillingness to even address the issue. Bringing drug legalization to the dinner tables of Metropolitan Detroit is our goal. Logic and reason will carry the battle from there."

Around 35 petition circulators are already signed on. If you want to help, or simply comment, write the DDLC at 5855 Fourth Street No. 4, Detroit 48202. Or phone O'Meara at 1-313-872-1209.

Onward and Upward.

# Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

*Justice awareness*



By a route not directed toward me, I received a letter, a flyer and a ribbon from the Justice Pro-Se of Michigan organization.

According to the letter, the Dearborn based group is co-directed by Oxford's Dominick Vincentini.

"Justice Pro-Se of Michigan, a self-advocacy organization of individuals committed to pursuing justice and individual rights."

Their purpose and goals are "to study, understand and defend the U.S. Constitution, the Constitution for this State and the inherent, unalienable Rights of the individual secured thereunder; to promote the pursuit of justice through the enlightenment and education of American citizens on issues critical to our Republic."

That paints a pretty good picture of where they are coming from.

They have started an educational series of handbooks "intended to foster patriotism." The first in the series was the "Jurors' Handbook."

And, as you may have guessed, this handbook explains a juror's rights.

I didn't get the handbook; it got pilfered somewhere along the line. Needless to say, it's probably a

good idea to have one. I'll start looking for my copy soon.

Along with the letter was a flyer and a Woodland Camouflage ribbon. The ribbon looks suspiciously the same as all those red AIDS Awareness that the Hollywood types wear. Except, of course, this one's shades of brown and green — no reds.

This ribbon, as the flyer explained, was the Patriot Awareness Ribbon. While I'm not a marketing genius, this may be a public relations foe-pa (French by phonetics never fails). And, only for this reason: the wearin' o' the ribbon is a joke.

Everyday you turn on the idiot box (that's television to you and me) you can see a different colored ribbon for a different cause. I believe Americans are desensitized to ribbons. We've seen them too much. Whenever there's some gala awards ceremony on TV I always look for the folks not wearing ribbons.

I may agree with the concept but camo is such a hard color to match an outfit to.

The Patriot Awareness Ribbons are worn by individuals who are proud to be a patriot: represent every individual's unalienable Rights; repudiates the concept of group rights; yaddi, yaddi, yadda.

*Got a comment for Fitz?*

*Call (313) 222-8755.*

# Gene Hunt II by Virginia Block

Over the years, several hundred of you have asked our help in locating ancestors, descendants, lost friends or biological parents. We have never claimed that we had attained the titled certification required for "genealogy researcher."

What we have found are ways to discover paths to resolving the knotty problems, climbing the "stone walls," or reluctantly admitting that "there ain't a tater where we're diggin'."

Golden friendships have developed in the 25 years since we embarked on our personal search for "family." Introduction to ways to seek out the easiest road to discovery was to find truth in the printed works of "The Handbook for Genealogists," Hal Greenwood's writings, and others.

To find these people who taught us about Jacobus, Rubicam, Pine and all the great teachers, we first were led to Carol Ring of Berkley. In our estimation this lady has shared more knowledge to more people than any other person we know.

Carol was led to researching her family history in search of finding a genetic link to her children that were born with cleft palates. The late Dr. Burns Newby, a plastic surgeon practicing in Birmingham, as a member of the "Mormon church," started Carol in the direction of looking "back" for a pattern to the defective "genes."

The journey into the past made Carol an author-

ity on the most exciting, rewarding hobby one can find. A mutual friend (and former neighbor) suggested that we contact Carol because "she did family history."

Armed with a sheet of notebook paper with notes, and "knowns" about the Apperson, Newel, Orndorff, Clark, Leiman, and Aughterhaur family lines, we called on her.

Later we would include hubbie's families, but under the assumption that 30 minutes with Carol would "do the trick," we are now convinced that God gave us directions that day to a lasting friendship meant to have us "go and do likewise."

As we write this column, we are celebrating 74 years of life filled with the blessings of many friendships built on seeking our identity and confirmation in a peaceful, non-violent addiction to "people."

We have to admit we've kept every letter we have received in 15 years of "columns," and much of what we have learned has come from readers who shared a wealth of their knowledge.

The joy of sharing extends much farther than from you and me, and results in more enjoyment for all.

As we look back at the earlier written letters, we find many answers for new readers, so will attempt to still make matches as we can.

Thank you all for making it all: Happy Hunting!

## More letters

### Frustration with Clarkston schools

My child was a student at Clarkston High School, in his senior year. On the first day of class we came upon a situation that was brought to the attention of the appropriate staff. This situation was going to keep my child from getting his diploma. Myself the parent requested several meetings, knowing we had to make corrections that were not impossible nor partial, asking that my child be removed from this class. The problem was consistent all semester, my child coming home with nothing but discouragement and frustration. Upon their decision to fail my child they were asked how will he benefit from failing him. They could not give me an answer. Needless to say my son did not graduate with his class.

However, they did teach him that perseverance and respect for those in authority will get you nowhere fast. I think because the situation and circumstances were brought to the district's attention by myself and child they should have taken necessary steps to correct the problem. Instead they ignored the problem hoping it would go away. Well it did.

He is convinced that even though we took the necessary steps in life the educational system is unfair and does not look at the students as individuals. He at this point is discouraged with "a better education" not to mention handling situations in a correct manner.

I used to think that the Clarkston school district had the needs of the children in mind. At this time I have proof they do not. They are an organization that has government immunity, and have proven that they use it to the fullest.

As a parent who has another child coming upon graduation next year this situation and others make me very skeptical of the intentions of Clarkston school district as a whole.

It comes to mind that we have voted in two other millages that were supposed to produce a new school. Well they bought land twice and sold it, where is the money from those two pieces of land. And why was another millage passed for the same empty promise. I have proof the money is not being spent for quality

#### education

Parents and children beware this district is without conscience, morals and explanations.

If these thoughts will make one parent aware of the true intentions of the Clarkston school district then my efforts have been blessed. And so have you. Don't think that anyone in this district has your child's best interest in mind or heart.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Fern  
Davisburg

### Thanks

Early Wednesday morning 3 Blue Eagle Coach buses, plus 4 parent-driven vans, rolled north onto I-75, and took 110 4th graders, plus 52 chaperones, from Springfield Plains Elementary to an exciting and educational adventure onto Mackinac Island.

This trip was a very carefully orchestrated part of the 4th-grade curriculum covering Michigan history. Even though I'd been to that part of northern Michigan numerous times, I had never experienced it in that way.

Between fort tours, a hayride, the Butterfly house, a pizza lunch, "spoons" on a rainy evening, the carriage tours, fudge, "taps" played every evening, barbeque chicken and corn, bike rides, Hartwick Pines, the lovely Murray Hotel and the comraderie and bonding of a whole 4th-grade class, I realized all the time and energy that went into planning this unique trip.

A very special thank you to the fine committed 4th-grade teachers who planned our exceptional adventure — Linda Linenger, Jessica Cameron, Gloria Lacy and Heather Smith — and to our principal, Dr. Sharon Devereaux for being such a big part of it all.

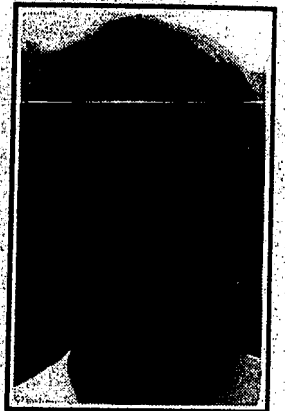
As the buses pulled into Springfield Plains Friday evening, there were many weary faces, from those three activity-filled days. But each one of those faces had a common bond — a very contented smile on it, and for that I say thanks!

Marsha Combs

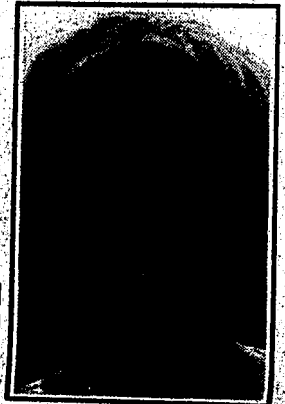
## What's your favorite part of the circus?

By Eileen Oxley

What's your favorite part of the circus?



JASON ZUKER: Going into the part where they were doing magic tricks— And seeing the big snake.



JAMESON HOPPER: Horseys! Elephants! Two times!



BOB BEATTIE: I thought the elephant act was very good.



AMY LICATOVICH: The trapeze people.



BRANDON GIBSON: Where they went on the handlebars and swung around.



## Herb festival returns

The annual herb festival returns to Bordine Nursery in Clarkston July 15-16 with two days of mini-lectures and demonstrations, as well as theme garden displays and plant sales.

Classes begin at 11 a.m. each day and run through 4 p.m. On Saturday, topics include drying and preserving herbs, main dishes, container gardening, vinegars and oils and herb blends.

On Sunday, classes will cover making potpourri and pomanders, herbal wreaths, desserts and munchies. All are free.

Display gardens will include the traditional knot garden, culinary garden, everlastings, fragrance garden, pizza garden and Colonial themes.

### Attention, space enthusiasts:

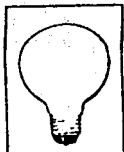
The Clarkston News is offering readers four sets of free tickets to the Detroit Science Center appearance of Michigan astronaut Colonel Jack Lousma on July 20 at 6 p.m.

Lousma will appear as part of Space Week activities at the museum, located at 5020 John R. (right behind the Detroit Institute of Arts). The week's activities include the premier of a new film, "theater, a 3 1/2 story domed screen.

Four sets of tickets for two are available; limit one per customer please. They may be picked up in The Clarkston News office, 5 S. Main St., during normal business hours.

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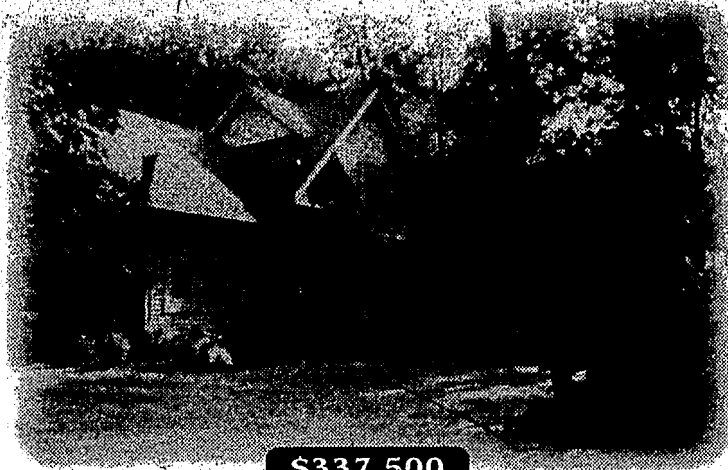
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## Herb Festival July 15 & 16

### Saturday - July 15th

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Main Dishes/Grilling & Pastas  
1:30 to 2:00 -  
Herbs in Containers  
2:30 to 3:00 -  
Salad Herbs/Vinegar & Oils  
3:30 to 4:00 - Herb Blends

### Sunday - July 16th

11:00 to 11:30 -  
Potpourri & Pomanders  
12:00 to 1:00 -  
Main Dishes/Grilling & Pastas  
1:30 to 2:00 - Herbal Wreaths  
2:30 to 3:00 - Desserts  
3:30 to 4:00 - Herb Munchies

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# Design work begins on new high school

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston High School

Faculty of Clarkston High School have been meeting this summer to put together their "wish lists" for the new high school to be built on Flemings Lake Rd.

Dr. Michael LaBay, deputy superintendent for instruction, told the board of education Monday night that educational specifications are being formulated which will be given to the district's architects to translate into a new school.

Though the district is using the new Rockford High School as its model, the new CHS will not be a carbon copy.

"We began department by department," LaBay said. "We are talking about such things as the philosophy of teaching . . . and how people want to work together in this facility."

Departmental meetings are taking place over the next two weeks, and by August 28 their ideas are expected to be presented to the board of education, which has the final say.

There was some discussion about involving the public in the discussion of the new school's specifications, but no decision was made on how and when to do that.

A timeline presented to the board shows that site work is expected to begin on Flemings Lake Rd. next May. The school's academic area is expected to be ready by August, 1998, but the pool and auditorium are not expected to be ready until December of that year.

In addition, the topic of Phase III of the district's building plans, which could include a new elementary school and additions at existing schools, was dis-

cussed. Last year's facilities committee recommended that if the new high school was approved, the board come up with a Phase III proposal right away due to overcrowding.

Haner suggested the board consider putting Phase III on the ballot no later than June, 1996. New trustee Kurt Shanks, who led the successful bond campaign for the high school, said he thought February was as early as it could be accomplished.

Trustee Janet Thomas suggested a new facilities committee be seated since the approval of the new high school has changed the district's space configuration for the future.

"The situation is different than it was when other studies were done," she said. "There needs to be a complete review."

No formal action was taken on Phase III.

## In other action at Monday's meeting:

- The board approved adding a part-time paraprofessional and a part-time teacher to its reading program, using At Risk grant money to pay for the positions.

- The board agreed to decide where portable classrooms will be placed at its meeting Monday, July 17. The decision must be made now, even though many students do not enroll until August, due to the necessity of securing permits from the fire marshal.

- Board members listed what they consider to be key issues for the coming year, and agreed to try to prioritize the list at a later meeting, possibly next Monday.

- A budget overview will be conducted with the board and its new business manager July 17.

- Several parents discussed overcrowding at Pine Knob Elementary School. They said the building

will be at least 110 students over its core capacity in the fall and questioned adding portables.

"Our kids already don't have enough computers for one per classroom," said parent Helen Carson. "Nobody has been as upset about Pine Knob as you have the other schools."

## Chili cook-off, country music come to Davisburg

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will benefit from the 16th annual Farmer Jack Great Chili Cook-off and Country Music Festival July 14-16 at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

The cook-off is sanctioned by the International Chili Society. Up to 60 cooks will compete on Saturday, July 15 with the winner receiving \$500 and a chance to compete in the world championship.

There will also be free country music. Friday will kick off with local bands around 4 p.m., followed by Sammy Kershaw. On Saturday and Sunday, the music begins at noon, with Jeff Carson, Michelle Wright and Victoria Shaw scheduled for Saturday; Darrin Norwood and Mark Collie on Sunday.

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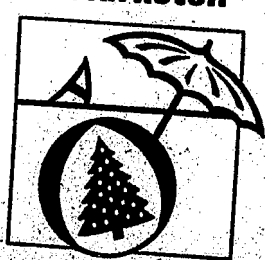
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# Clinic, Morgan Lake rezoning before township

Two talked-about rezonings will come before the Independence Township Planning Commission July 13.

Morgan Lake Golf Classic developers will ask for an additional rezoning of 50 acres of property, and a medical office complex planned on M-15 is also asking for an 11-acre rezoning to planned unit development.

The controversial Morgan Lake Golf Classic has already received the go-ahead from the township for rezoning of 286 acres near Maybee and Rohr roads. The entire planned residential development will consist of about 250 units (including an 18-hole golf course).

This new rezoning request from developer Michael Clark asks for nearby property on Maybee,

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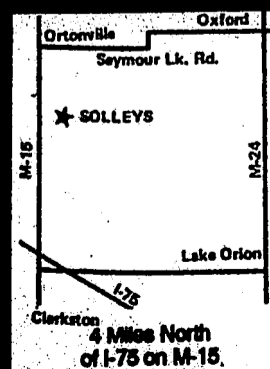
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Morgan Lake Golf Classic developers will ask for an additional rezoning of 50 acres of property, and a medical office complex planned on M-15 is also asking for an 11-acre rezoning to planned unit development.

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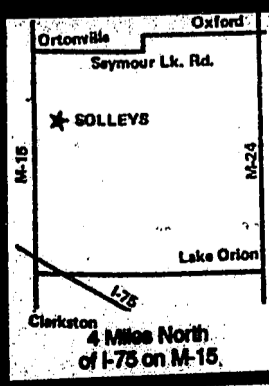
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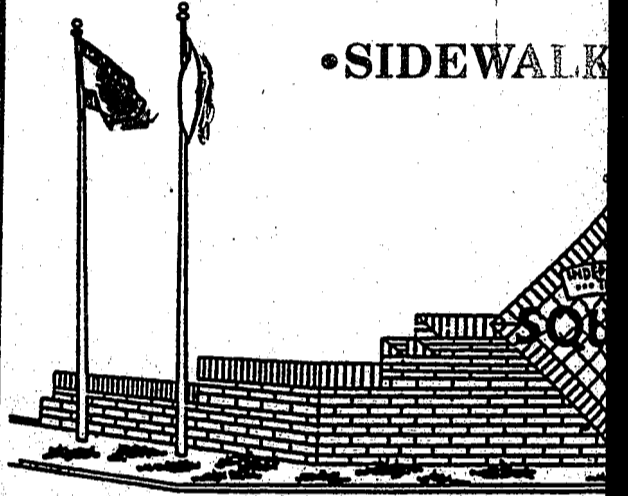


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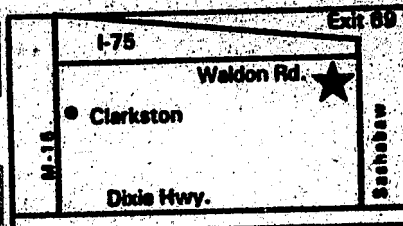
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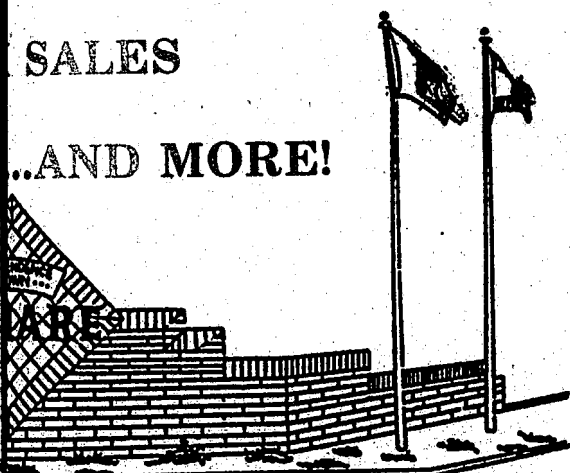
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# City stalls on rezoning, developer says

**BY EILEEN OXLEY**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After many meetings on his proposed office building without resolution, Bob Olsen isn't ready to cry "uncle."

Olsen and his wife Deanna met with Clarkston's City Council Monday night for the third time — again to find the rezoning issue concerning their property was tabled for further study. The Olsens criticized council for "delay tactics" in not voting on a decision to rezone the five-parcel lot at Waldon and Main from residential to business so they can move ahead with their plans.

"You said the decision was to be made July 10 (tonight)," said Deanna Olsen. City Clerk Jeanne Selander Miller read from the July 10 council meeting minutes which stated that was true.

But Councilman Bill Basinger said, "We have a commitment if we have all the facts. It was not a binding decision."

At the last council meeting June 26 a committee was appointed to make findings of fact on the proposal. Council members Basinger and Karen Sanderson and Mayor Sharron Catallo were appointed. Two weeks ago they met without the Olsens, who had asked

July 26 to be included in the committee meetings. Bob Olsen said they were invited to a second committee meeting last Thursday.

"As I walked into the committee meeting you said a delay was pending because of some litigation," Bob Olsen said to Basinger. Olsen also stated that Basinger told him he was checking with city planners McKenna & Associates but Olsen questioned whether the city really had such a planner. He also accused Basinger of "stall tactics."

"He (Basinger) said, 'You're just trying to have us vote before we get our facts together,'" Bob Olsen said after Monday night's meeting.

After a heated discussion between the Olsens and some council members Monday, council said they wanted to move up the next regularly scheduled council meeting one week — from July 24 to July 17. The change was proposed because certain council members will be unavailable July 24. Council passed a motion 7-0 to reschedule the meeting.

"I don't think a one-week delay is unreasonable. It was almost nine months later when you came with all your ducks in a line ...." Basinger said, pointing to what he felt was a lengthy time period in which the Olsens prepared a presentation of their project for the first council meeting. The planning commission recommended denial.

"So it's not unreasonable for council to take two-

and-a-half months to get all our information," he added.

"We think it's not gonna go," said Olsen near the discussion's end. "We are going to have to do what we have to do."

Council said they anticipated a vote and decision July 17.

## In other council action:

● A motion was approved to ratify new Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston's contract, 7-0. Councilman Steve Arkwright said he was also working with Clarkston Police Sgt. Scott Dickey to develop guidelines for the CPD.

● Sanderson said the Clarkston Downtown Business Association was still waiting for direction from Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County on how to begin a parking study downtown. A letter from Richard Beaubien of city engineering firm Hubbell, Roth & Clark was included in the council packet and provided some information.

● Councilman Steve Secatch said he had checked about using limestone for the walkway from the White Lake Safety Path to the Depot Park gazebo for physically challenged visitors. He said he would find out about cost. Pappas told him Community Block Grant funds could still be used for the walkway even though labor would be done by the city's Department of

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# The rescuers Kids try to save injured fox

Some caring Independence Township children were instrumental in rescuing an injured fox cub in the Deerwood Subdivision Friday.

Torre Antonazzo, 12, was the first to spot the animal. He quickly called over a friend, Dan Regiani, who was mowing a lawn nearby.



The injured fox after it was caged by a Humane Society worker. Both photos by Teresa Vermeullen.

"At first I didn't believe they found a fox," Dan said. "Then I saw something moving in the bush." Neither boy had ever seen a fox in the subdivision where they live before.

"At first I thought it was a cat," Torre said. "Then I saw it was limping. We went home and thought we should get some food and a camera."

As neighborhood children quickly gathered to get a glimpse (they named the fox Multi, after its coloring), a neighbor called the Michigan Humane Society's North Shelter in Auburn Hills. A worker arrived quickly and picked up the animal, which had been secured under a laundry basket by the children.

"She said we did a good job in finding it," Torre said of the worker, who sped away with the injured animal. "She wanted to know if it bit us... It looked real scared too."

Unfortunately the fox was more badly injured than the children realized and had to be euthanized at the MHS. John Watkins, assistant manager of the North Shelter, said three legs were broken, one was crushed, and the animal had severe head trauma.

"We think he had been in this condition for some time, possibly a day, and he was very thin," Watkins said. "Most likely he was hit by a car. I can't imagine anything else that could do that much damage."

Neighbor Teresa Vermeullen, who called MHS, praised the children for their quick action.

"The children are truly the heroes; I only placed the call," she said. "All the children took turns baby sitting to ensure the safety of the injured fox. What a neighborhood of truly wonderful, caring children."



These children were involved in the rescue of the fox: (front row, left to right) Maria Vermeullen, Torre Antonazzo, Stephen Coryell, Angie Regiani; (second row) Ryan Coryell; Dan Regiani, Jason Coryell and the MHS worker. Other children who were involved were Teddy Pierce, Joey Regiani and Aaron Moehling.

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# Local brass band in Friday's concert

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

The Light Metal Band's name may be a bit deceiving.

Those who are familiar with heavy metal music may assume the band plays a lighter variety of rock and roll. However the band is in actuality a brass quintet composed of two trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba.

According to band member David Burch, of Clarkston, "Performances showcase a wide variety of musical styles." Selections may include the Masterpiece Theater theme, ragtime, traditional band music like The Stars and Stripes Forever, Ain't Misbehavin' and many other favorites.

The Light Metal Band will be featured Friday in Depot Park as this week's installment of Concerts in the Park. "We appeal to a wide age group," Burch said. "I really believe a person who hasn't been exposed to a brass quintet before will enjoy it."

Burch said the band has been together for about four years and some of the members are former music teachers. None of them currently make a living at music, but see the band as one way to continue to enjoy a hobby they love.

"I'm the only non-music major in the group," Burch said. "All of us now have careers that are not in music. This allows us to stay active in music."

The band may be familiar to some from an earlier appearance at the cider festival. They've played many other towns' concert series, and are popular at Christmastime with merchants who want to provide shoppers with a festive experience. They also play many private engagements, such as parties and weddings.

"We rehearse once a week and we try to perform publicly a couple times a month. And we do this year round. Christmas is probably our busiest time."



The Light Metal Band

Despite the busy schedule, Burch said the band is still fun for its members, not a second job.

"We look forward to it. I think all of us look at this as a means of maintaining our sanity in an otherwise crazy world.

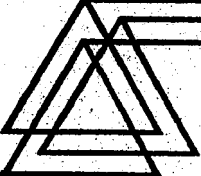
"You can come to a rehearsal with a terrible attitude from a bad day at work. Once you start to play it helps you forget the bad day you've had. It's a lot of fun."

Burch said the band usually also makes a little plug for the importance of music education in the schools, pointing out the teamwork skills students learn.

"You shouldn't necessarily look at it as a way to prepare skills for a career in music," he said. "You can be reasonably accomplished but not legendary and you can bring a lot of enjoyment to your own life... without being a full-time musician."

Concerts in the Park are sponsored, as always, by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

This week's concert will be preceded by a community picnic in the park, also sponsored by the Chamber. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be for sale. The Chamber hopes the picnic will be an opportunity for its members to meet residents in a relaxed atmosphere.



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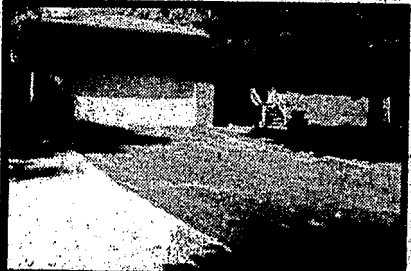
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# Relief coming for Cramlane, Waldon residents

**BY DARRELL W. COLE**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Countyline Contractors includes over 1,700 lineal feet of 12-inch storm sewer pipe, costing over \$37,000.

Hubbell, Roth & Clark said they've worked with Countyline on past projects.

Flooded basements and ditches may no longer haunt residents of Cramlane Drive and Waldon Road.

Independence Township and the Road Commission for Oakland County agreed to split the costs of a drainage project in those areas. The township's board of trustees approved a \$59,328 bid from Countyline Contractors of Plymouth for the project.

The township's 50 percent share of the cost will be about \$31,000 because the road commission agreed to a total project budget of about \$57,000, with a maximum of 10 percent extra for engineering costs. Township engineers Hubbell, Roth & Clark said their expenses would exceed county specifications, but agreed to reduce their bill so the township could meet those cost boundaries.

The township received bids from five other companies, ranging in price from \$65,000 to \$97,000.

In late January the township applied for the 50/50 county drainage payment plan because residents in the Cramlane/Waldon areas were being affected by flooded ditches, apparently caused by the development of Waldon Woods.

Township engineer Randy Ford said he suspects the flooded ditches were caused by the 18-acre, 38-lot development because the ditches were clear before it was built in the summer of 1990.

About 13 homes have been affected by the drainage problems, he said.

The township was forced to look for funding alternatives because the developer, Mike Hofer, couldn't be forced to pay for it. Before the 50/50 payment plan was applied for, several meetings took place between township officials, the developers and residents.

The most expensive part of the bid from



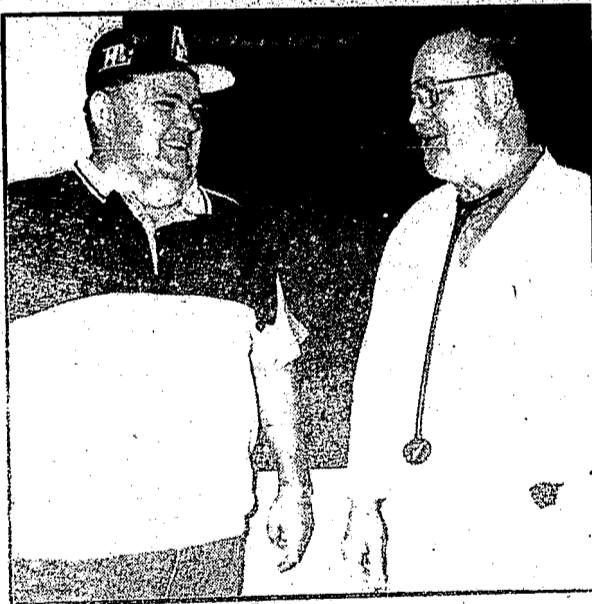
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The downtown area was a happening place Friday night as several Main Street businesses opened their doors for an extra-hours Moonlight Madness sale as well as fun. The event, sponsored by the Clarkston Downtown Business Association, drew strollers from Carol's Village Grill— who purchased "walking nachos"— to

Tierra Fine Jewelers. An added treat at Carol's was the Pontiac Chapter of the Barbershop Society whose members doubled as waiters. Owner Don Borgesser (right) joined them for an old-fashioned rendition of "Let Me Call Your Sweetheart."

## Ronald R. LePere, D.O.

Dr. LePere continues to provide Ambulatory Care as well as Family Practice, as he has done for the past 35 years.



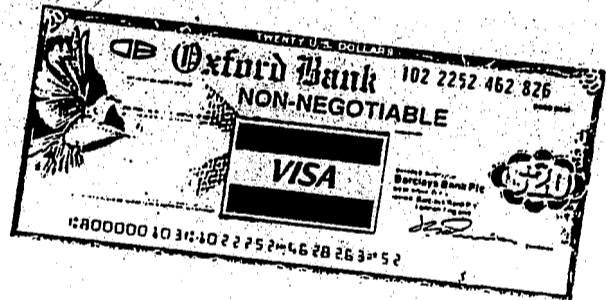
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# Police chief

From 3A

person who paints the parking space lines. I believe that, with a cooperative and innovative frame of mind, this concern can be addressed in a very positive fashion.

**Will you enforce the parking ordinance?**  
Yes.

**Do you think growth around the city will cause more crime-related problems?**

The more people you have, the more potential for crime you have. The City of Clarkston is not contained within a vacuum so it would be foolish to believe that it wouldn't be affected by what goes on around it. It is for this reason that our department will strive for a close-working relationship with county and state law enforcement agencies. In addition, I will continue to work with our local schools and churches in an effort to have a positive influence over our youth, many of whom reside beyond our city borders.

**What will you expect from your officers?**

I will expect each of them to be contributing members of the department. Not only in terms of a demonstrating a high level of commitment to the enforcement aspect of the job, but also in terms of the development of the department itself, always keeping the goals and ideals of the department at the forefront of their thoughts.

Former Police Chief Robert DeVore expressed concerns about the police budget not being adequate for areas like equipment. Have you had a chance to look at the city budget and its allowance for the police department? How will you deal with it if you feel it isn't sufficient for the department's

needs?

I have taken a preliminary view of the police budget and find it adequate. In general terms, I view my role as police chief as the person who is responsible for seeing that the department lives within the budget. Monitoring all expenditures and taking those steps which see to it that we are providing the highest level of service in the most cost-effective fashion.

It is also my responsibility to not only recognize future needs of the department, but to explore the most cost-effective way to meet those needs and to plan for those needs. I am very attuned to the difference between a need and a want and I intend to be very prepared when seeking funds to meet the department's needs. However, having said that, I respect the city board and the responsibility they have to meet the needs of the entire city and not just the police department.

**Did you take a pay cut for this job?**

When someone leaves an organization after 23 years of service to take a new position with a different organization, they can never expect to match the benefit package earned over those 23 years. However, as I mature and my family grows, I have come to realize that there is much more to life than a paycheck. I have come to appreciate some of the simpler benefits which this job provides. Working within the community in which I live, being able to help neighbors and ensuring that all that can be done is being done to improve the quality of life for my family and the families of the community.

**Did you take a leave of absence with the City of Auburn Hills Police Department or terminate your job there?**

By contract, I could have requested a 30-day leave of absence. However that would have delayed their efforts to find a replacement for me. That, combined with the confidence which I have in myself

and my ability to serve this community, made me make no such request.

**Why did you accept a six-month contract? That doesn't seem like very much job security.**

I currently have a one-year renewable contract with the City of Clarkston. On January 1, 1996 both the City and I have the option of reviewing the salary.

**Are there any issues left to be settled in the contract?**

No.

**What kind of relationship does the police chief have to have with the city council? The Oakland County Sheriff's Department?**

It is important that the council trust the judgment and integrity of their police chief. Although a certain degree of trust has already been built through the hiring process, it is something that has to be earned daily. In terms of judgment, I suppose I could make an error and the relationship would survive. However, if the board begins to question my integrity, I would have to say that I'm in deep trouble.

Concerning the OCSD — I hope to maintain a very good working relationship with the deputies. Although I have not had an opportunity to meet with the Independence substation's commanding officer Doug Hummel (due to his being on vacation), I have met with several of the deputies assigned to the substation. Some of these officers I have known for over 20 years and have always held in high esteem so I foresee no concerns. In fact, deputies from the substation worked in tune with our officers during the recent 4th of July parade (one of the highest crowd-drawing parades in recent years) and, much to the credit of all of the involved officers, there were no reported mishaps or incidents of negative consequence for anyone in attendance.

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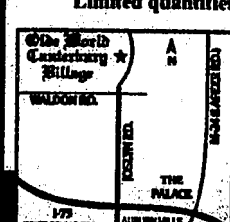
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# This Duck Blind is for eating, not for hunting

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

If your tastes run to fine wines, wild game or fish and a great cigar at the end of a meal, The Duck Blind could become your new favorite place to dine.

The restaurant, owned by two Clarkston men—attorney Dick Campbell and former Village Place owner Chris Clark—opened for dinner in May on Dixie Highway, just north of Sashabaw Rd. It opens daily at 3:30 p.m. and sells out "every night" on roast duck, a house specialty, Clark said.

The building has a history as a restaurant but not necessarily a good one. "It has been four different restaurants in the last five years," Clark said. "It didn't scare me but it's going to be tough to overcome—that people don't think it's another fly-by-night place... We completely renovated this place."

It's tasteful interior, with handsome, oversized wood booths and wildlife art by Clarkston artist Russell Cobain is consistent with the name. Chalkboards are strategically placed throughout the room listing the specials of the day.

As Clark tells it, the two partners were sitting around trying to come up with a name they could build a theme around. "I've never been in a duck blind in my life," Clark said. The decor and menu followed after Campbell, who already owned the building, came up with the name.

Campbell is the former owner of Club Players in Waterford. Clark owned the Village Place for 11 years, selling it two years ago.

"I took about a year off," he said. Then he met Campbell, and in January they started working on the new restaurant.

Food is prepared fresh every day, including the duck, which takes four hours to roast and is priced at \$11.95 for a complete dinner. "We cook so much for that day and when we're out, we're out," Clark said.



Chris Clark is co-owner of The Duck Blind, a new restaurant which serves dinners only on Dixie

Other popular dishes include duck sausage (\$4.95) and buffalo (\$10.95), though fresh fish such as swordfish (\$12.45) and salmon (\$13.85) are available too. There's even a kids menu (called "ducklings") for the wee folk, priced at \$3.95 and under.

And, Clark said, there's a humidor and smoking room for cigar aficionados. Smoking is allowed in the special room and in the bar; the rest of the tables and booths are non-smoking. The arrangement seems to be calculated to avoid having cigar smoke drift over to those who don't appreciate it.

Come fall, Clark expects to be offering wild game nights, as well as wine and beer tastings. He has a sommelier on staff, David Egres, who has prepared the wine list.

But don't let that make the restaurant sound fancy—it's not. "It's just kind of a place to relax, hang out with friends," Clark said.

And though the atmosphere is comfortable, a lot of thought has gone into the details. "It's not just another place the owners have thrown a coat of paint on," Clark said. "We're here, 16-17 hours a day. We put our heart and soul into this."

*The Duck Blind, 4922 Dixie, just north of Walton, is open seven days a week at 3:30 p.m. and continues serving meals until 11:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, and 10 p.m. Sunday. (No reservations.) Call 674-3411.*

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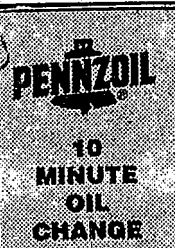
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# St. Dan's kids learn by doing

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Each day as they arrived for class, the children toted in cans and boxes of food and household goods for donation to Lighthouse Clarkston. On Friday, Jane Powell, Lighthouse Emergency Service Manager, stopped by to say thanks and pick up the donation, which was piled on the church altar.

--By Annette Kingsbury



Mickey Ginn, volunteer chairperson for St. Dan's vacation Bible school (left) accepts thanks from

Jane Powell of Lighthouse for the children's donation.



Jenica Dabrowski (left), 4, mom Katie and sister Quinn, 2, model the T-shirts they painted in vacation Bible school.

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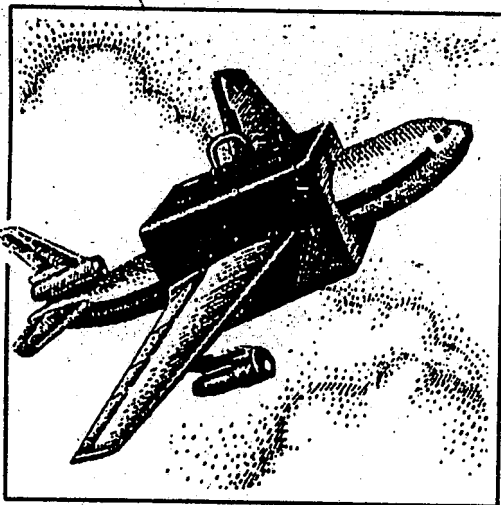
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# Sheriff's Log for Independence Township

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**, failure to pay for \$5 worth of gas on Ortonville Rd. The white female went into the station and paid for pop but not the gas.

**Harassment on Maybee.**

A window was broken on a 1993 GMC van parked in a Shappie driveway.

A chain and lock were stolen from a house under construction on Waldon.

**SATURDAY, JULY 1**, breaking and entering at a house on Dartmouth. The door was found open and four guns, a stereo and VCR were missing. The entire house was ransacked by thieves who apparently got in by breaking an basement window.

Larceny of a computer from an unlocked car parked in an Algonquin driveway overnight.

Catsup and firecrackers were put into the library night depository.

**SUNDAY, JULY 2**, a Holly man, 45, stopped for going over 80 mph on M-15 was arrested on three outstanding warrants. When he asked the officer to go back to his car and get his wallet and cigarettes, the officer found a rock of suspected crack cocaine.

A Pontiac man, 38, was caught trying to leave a Sashabaw store with a grocery bag full of liquor and other items he hadn't paid for valued at \$112. The man had a prior conviction for retail fraud and was wanted for failure to appear in court on another such charge.

Malicious destruction of three mailboxes on Timber Ridge.

**MONDAY, JULY 3**, a yard light was broken and a landscaping boulder pushed over on a lawn on Timber Ridge.

Dumpster fire at the school administration building. A passing motorist saw the blaze and called the fire department. Several juveniles were seen in the area.

**Hang-up calls on Indianwood.**

**Home intrusion on Ridge Trail.** A door was kicked in and \$2,300 worth of belongings stolen, including a TV, VCR, keyboard, CD player and some 100 CD's. The resident said a cleaning lady failed to reset the burglar alarm when she left.

Two doors valued at \$1,000 were stolen from a 1989 Jeep parked in an Eston Rd. driveway.

**Lost or stolen license plate on Ennismore.**

A 31-year-old Clarkston man refused treatment after his car hit a tree on Maybee. Police arrested the man for suspected drunk driving when they noticed he could hardly stand up.

**Threats on Paramus.**

**Failure to pay for \$19.87 in gas on Sashabaw.**

**TUESDAY, JULY 4**, larceny of the wheel inserts off a 1994 Chevy on Pine Ridge. A planner, tapes and the car's registration were also stolen.

**Spouse abuse on Clearview.** A Clarkston man, 36, was arrested after he threw a rock through the window of a car containing his wife and three children, striking his wife in the head.

Wind blew a limb down on a 1995 GMC pick up parked on Chickadee, causing considerable damage to the car.

Malicious destruction of a 1989 Buick on Tuson. The radio and dashboard were smashed and the ash tray emptied on the seats.

Police were called about a drunk driver on Clarkston Rd. near Eston and ended up arresting a 24-year-old Auburn Hills woman near her home when she tested nearly twice the legal limit for alcohol.

A full can of beer was thrown at a car, chipping the windshield, after a traffic altercation on Sashabaw.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**, larceny of a phone from an unlocked car on Tuscarora.

Domestic assault and battery on Olympus. A warrant was requested on a man who allegedly choked and slapped his wife.

**THURSDAY, JULY 6**, failure to pay for \$11.26 worth of gas on Sashabaw. The car's license plate number was traced to a 17-year-old Clarkston boy.

Larceny of a six-foot picnic table from a rear yard on Dixie, where it had been chained.

A grass fire on Dvorak was thought to have been started by firecrackers. Two juveniles were questioned.

A window was damaged on a 1990 Chevy Lu-

mina on Ortonville Rd.

The mirror and turn signals were damaged on a 1994 Suzuki motorcycle after it was pushed over on Mann.

Domestic assault on Pine Knob Rd. The man fled after allegedly choking and dragging his wife and threatening to kill her.

Larceny of five checks on Sashabaw Rd. The resident left the checks in a car loaned to a friend. They were later cashed.

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**, home invasion on Onadaga. A rock was thrown through a window and a VCR, tape player, stereo, two CD players, 300 CD's, three speakers, a computer and jewelry were stolen. Police believe the thief carted the loot away in garbage bags since an empty box was found on the site.

Two bikes were found in the bushes on Snowapple.

Breaking and entering of a 1985 Oldsmobile on Dixie. The car was jacked up and the tires and wheels stolen, along with the stereo. About \$3,000 worth of damage was done.

Failure to pay for \$24 worth of gas on M-15. The car was traced to a 24-year-old Orion Township man, whose mother paid for the gas.

Larceny of 35 feet of cable from a house under construction on Waldon. It was the third time someone stole materials being used to secure the lot, including the second time in a week.

Non-injury accidents on Sashabaw (two) and on M-15.

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**, larceny of two bicycles from a garage on Caribou.

Larceny of a 1994 Honda three-wheeler on Sashabaw. The vehicle had been chained to a post with a "for sale" sign on it.

Non-injury accident on Pine Knob Rd. A 17-year-old Clarkston boy escaped injury when his car rolled attempting to avoid a deer.

Non-injury accident on Clintonville.

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**, larceny of a beeper on Mann. The owner accidentally left it behind and when he returned for it it was gone.

Felonious assault on Clintonville.

Car/deer accident on Dixie.

## Fire call

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**, burnt electrical smell at the post office. Nothing was found.

Smoke alarm activating on Ortonville Rd.

Medicals on Garnet Circle and Ortonville Rd. In each case, one patient was taken to an area hospital.

Burning complaints on Pine Knob Trail and on Westview.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27**, rollover accident on northbound I-75.

Medical at Sashabaw Middle School.

Medical on Clintonville Rd.

Pedestrian injury accident on Sashabaw.

Bicycle accident on Pine Valley.

Lightning struck a house on Deerhill Ct.

Medicals on Allen Rd. and on Sashabaw Rd.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**, medical on E. Church; one to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Medical on Bronco; one to Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

Medical on Olde Sturbridge Trail; one to a local hospital.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29**, bicycle accident on Ligor; one to POH.

Medical on White Lake Rd.; one to an area hospital.

Assist to Holly FD in the fire at Holly High School.

Dumpster fire on Maybee Rd.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**, minor injury accident on White Lake Rd.

Smoke investigation on Sugarloaf.

**SATURDAY, JULY 1**, medical on Shappie; one to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Medical on Autumnwood Ct.

Burning complaint on Hillandale.

Grass fire on Sashabaw.

Medical on Oneida.

**SUNDAY, JULY 2**, burning complaint on Eastlawn.

Medical on Sashabaw.

Injury accident on Maybee.

**MONDAY, JULY 3**, medical on Dixie.

Rollover accident on southbound I-75.

Medical on Eastlawn.

Medical on Dixie; one to North Oakland Medical Centers.

Grease fire in a kitchen on Glenwood Ct.

Small car fire on Sashabaw.

A gas line inside a restaurant on Sashabaw Rd. ruptured.

Dumpster fire on Clarkston Rd.

**TUESDAY, JULY 4**, car fire from possible fireworks with heavy damage on Oak Park.

Firefighters were called to remove a ring from a finger on E. Church.

Medical on E. Church.

Medical at Clintonwood Park.

Wires down on Paramus and on Cramlane.

Tree on fire on Oakhill Rd.

Burning complaint on Mary Sue.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**, bee sting on Miller.

**THURSDAY, JULY 6**, small grass fire on Dvorak.

Medical on Woodcreek Trail.

Burning complaint on Heath.

Medicals (two) on Clintonville.

Utility pole fire at the village offices on Depot.

Burn on Ennismore.

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**, medical on Clintonville.

Medical on Eston.

Truck fire on northbound I-75.

Medical on Robertson Ct.

Minor injury accident on Sashabaw.

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**, Roller Blade accident on Middle Lake Rd.

Wires arcing on Eastlawn.

Burn at Independence Oaks Park.

Medical on Mary Sue.

Rollover accident on Pine Knob.

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**, medical on M-15.

The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 846 calls this year through 6:03 p.m. July 9.

## Clarkston Police

**MONDAY, JULY 3**, larceny of landscaping was reported where someone took plants from a resident's yard on Clarkston Road.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**, the CPD assisted the Oakland County Sheriff's Department on Robertson Court when lightning struck something.

Clarkston officers removed debris from the road after lightning struck a tree at Miller and Glenburnie.

**THURSDAY, JULY 6**, a medical was reported on Miller involving a 2-year-old girl who was stung by a bee.

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**, a car accident occurred on N. Main when a parked vehicle owned by an Ortonville man was struck by a vehicle driven by a Clarkston woman.

The CPD assisted the Independence Township Fire Department during a small fire on a utility pole behind City Hall.

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## Mill Pond revisited

# City asked to take control of water level

BY EILEEN OXLEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ed Adler has a lot of power — but he doesn't want it.

"I would like to be absolved of this responsibility," said Adler during an interview with The Clarkston News last week.

Adler repeated his plea at Monday night's Clarkston City Council meeting. The owner of Clarkston Mills, who in 1978 purchased the building built by the Clarke brothers and once owned by Henry and Clara Ford, inherited a package deal — the water and flowage rights of the old Mill Pond and control of its dam. The dam is one of many which are spread along the Clinton River chain and Adler has control of the water level which affects the Mill Pond, the Upper Mill Pond and Parke and Cemetery lakes. Adler says all other dams along the chain are under the control of the Oakland County Drain Commission.

"We have flowage rights and water rights up to Crooked Lake in Independence Oaks Park," Adler said. "The dam regulates the flowage. It flows underneath to the headwaters of the Clinton River. What I would like to do is have the Drain Commission take this over."

But some residents whose property butts up to the affected waterways aren't happy and say their water levels are either too low or too high. They believe Adler is to blame.

"It's just dried up. There are dead fish and smell and everything else. I don't know why Adler doesn't just leave it (the control of the dam) alone. Why does he have the sole power?" said Orval Kaye, who lives on a stream affected by Parke Lake water levels.

"Because he owns the dam," said several council members.

Several weeks ago two residents complained of water levels and Adler stated he wanted to be rid of the responsibility.

"I don't want people mad at me like those two people. One guy says it's too low, another says it's too high," Adler said. Adler says he does the best he can to regulate the flowage and that it's really "self-regulating."

"I can't help it if it doesn't rain," he said to one disgruntled resident who complained of dryness.

Adler says he's concerned about possible liability problems as well as the power he doesn't want.

"We've got the water rights all the way to Whipple Lake. I guess we could drain Whipple Lake if we wanted to," he quipped. After the initial meeting several weeks ago City Manager Art Pappas said he would ask the Oakland County Drain Commission to



Ed Adler, owner of Clarkston Mills, wants out of his responsibility in controlling the Mill Pond dam.

be present at Monday night's council meeting.

Joseph Kozma, chief engineer of the engineering and construction division of the Drain Commission, appeared at Monday night's council meeting and said riparian owners (those whose property butts up to the Mill Pond and Upper Mill Pond) would have to petition in order to create a special assessment district to take on the costs of transferring dam control to the county. Kozma stated that a two-thirds majority would be needed to pass the petitions and that up to a \$10,000 deposit would be required for a preliminary engineering study.

If the state's Department of Natural Resources found the dam to be inadequate it would be condemned and a new structure would have to be built. He pointed to a past situation on Lake Louise where the DNR condemned the old dam.

"The price of construction was \$250,000 and the legal fees and rest of the construction amounted to \$400,000," Kozma said.

Adler said that several years ago the situation was discussed but never got any further than discussion.

"I tried to get the city to do a special assessment district but it didn't work out. I tried to give (the dam) to the village. They didn't want the responsibility," Adler said.

Kozma said only property owners on the Mill Pond and Upper Mill Pond would be assessed and not Parke Lake whose levels are self-regulated by an ogee spillway (also called a weir) from the Mill Pond and up to five feet lower than the Mill Pond and Upper Mill Pond water levels.

"If Parke Lake is downstream and only a beneficiary of Mill Pond, you can't get people to sign those petitions," he said.

Like others attending the meeting, Mill Pond resident Ron Schebor was worried about the cost — and bothered by the initial study expense.

"Based on what Mr. Kozma said, I don't think there's a person that would sign a petition at this point. It's like (signing) a blank check. We need some kind of assurance. It's like the chicken and the egg," he said.

But Kozma said the funds would have to "accompany the petitions."

"The county's not going to take that burden in doing the study if people pull out of their obligation and (the county's) left holding the bag," he said.

Kozma said Tuesday that he would send a copy of a blank petition to the city along with pertinent information.

If affected residents want to push the situation Kozma said it would be up to them to initiate it.

"If they want the project they'll have to circulate a petition unless the city wants to do it — and I don't think they do," he said.

One affected resident who also complained of dry-up problems said he would be happy to discuss the situation with other riparian owners.

"I've called Mr. Adler several times. He was always polite. I think it's wrong to hang this on one guy," he said.

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# Country fair set for Bay Court Park

BY EILEEN OXLEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dreamkeepers of Bay Court Playscape plan to hold on to their vision.

On Saturday, July 15, they'll host a "Good Old Fashioned Country Fair" at the park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will feature all those delights country fairs are noted for — a pie-eating contest, dunk tank, tug-of-war, sack races, bake sale, hot dog stand, cotton candy and popcorn. Every half hour a new special event such as the pie-eating contest will take place.

Tickets will be sold for 25 cents apiece and be used to cash in on events. Guests may also purchase all-day wrist bands which will give them unlimited privileges.

Maureen Owen, who co-chairs the Dreamkeepers with Sheila Ritter and chairs Bay Court's fundraising committee, said the Dreamkeepers wanted something geared toward children and affordable for families.

"We just wanted to focus on the family and to create some good old-fashioned fun without the glitz and glitter," Owen said. Therefore the fair will include things like "floating ducks," where every child will get a prize, and organize-your-own sack races so folks can vie against family members, other groups or friends.

The Dreamkeepers are a group of volunteers who have committed themselves to time, maintenance, ideas, effort and materials concerning the Bay Court Playscape. Their goal is to raise \$5,000 a year for the annual upkeep of the playscape "because it's a wooden structure. It has to be sealed every year and boards need to be replaced. We want to keep it in the same tradition as it was when it was built," Owen said.

At this time, both the "Good Old-Fashioned Country Fair" and "Taste of Independence" (which ran last year after the playscape was completed) are set for this year's fundraising events in order to achieve the \$5,000 goal. "Taste of Independence" will be held Sunday, September 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Bay Court Park and feature food from area restaurants.

Owen said she hopes both events will reinforce the fact that Bay Court and its playscape are for the

kids and the community in which they live.

"Basically the purpose behind the fundraisers is to have old-fashioned family fun and, in return, to support the role of the Parks and Recreation Department in the community. Though Parks and Rec is

backing this, people shouldn't take it for granted. It's the support of the people in the community that makes the difference."

For more information about either event, contact Parks and Recreation at 625-8223.



## Young singers at Palace

"Charisma," a girls vocal ensemble from Sashabaw Middle School, performed the National Anthem at the Palace of Auburn Hills for the Neon game Sunday, July 9. They were invited to sing after going through an audition process which began last October. Their director is Becky Linder. Pictured are (front row, left to

right) Kristi Koresh, Gretta Fauth, Karen Emick, Jessica Hupfer, Lisa Smith, Katherine Williams; (back row) Diana Moore, Cara Forney, Jennifer Kerney, Becky Erickson, Jessica Williams, Courtney Cooley, Laura Richardson and Beth Quisenberry. Not pictured is Lisa Knakal.

## City council criticized on rezoning

From 14A  
Public Works.

● Sanderson suggested that a meeting be scheduled between council and Clarkston Schools Transportation Director Kevin Bickerstaff to discuss the problem of congestion from school buses within the

downtown area.

● Councilman Doug Roeser has been compiling information about groups that use Depot Park for fundraising activities.

● Council passed a motion 7-0 to redesignate Councilman James Schultz as street administrator.

● Pappas called NBD Bank and found a loan for a new DPW truck would have to be financed over five years. "That doesn't fit with what we wanted to borrow," Pappas said Tuesday, adding that the city wants to borrow approximately \$60,000 for a new truck. Arkwright felt the city should keep the old truck but Secatch disagreed.

"You figure a truck lasts three years. We've already gone three years over," Secatch said. He stated he would ask DPW Supervisor Bob Pursley to appear at council's next meeting. Pappas also said Pursley wants a cellular phone because he gets many calls while away from his office.

● Council approved an assessing contract for \$5,800, 7-0.

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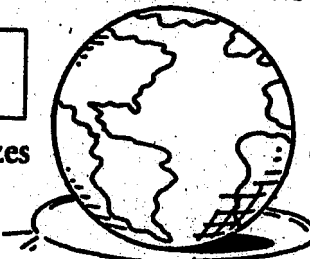
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## Knob notes

By Eileen Oxley

Hole-ing up with Courtney



Hole: Courtney Love is third from left.

Other generations had Janis Joplin, Bette Midler and Madonna—but '90s kids have Courtney Love.

The outrageous bad-girl singer of Hole is no mystery. She bares it all before the public and doesn't care. Like Nirvana, the former rock group led by her late husband Kurt Cobain, she's been said to speak from not only the heart, but from the gut, doubling as both saint and sinner for the angst-ridden teens of today.

"I'm a Courtney Love fan because I think she's a woman who goes beyond the limits of anything to say what she wants to say and to do what she wants to do... I think she's been through hell and back," said a teen-aged girl before a Hole concert recently.

That hell includes a lonely childhood that scarred her growing up, the suicide of husband Cobain, the pressures of bringing up the Cobains' baby Frances Bean alone and frequent dallying with drugs.

The fact that she has become a sort of fetching punk-with-spunk rock icon certainly hasn't hurt Love's career. It's added a romantic sidebar to Love's musical talents which include a raspy rock-ed-out voice, plaintive guitar and moving lyrics.

"Live Through This," Hole's most recent album which went gold, is packed with "intellect, humor, volatile emotion and recklessness inside churning and contagious melodies," according to "The Los Angeles Times." Ironically the album's featured single, also called "Live Through This," was written and recorded before Cobain's untimely death. It has become Love's survival chant and accompanies other hits like "Violet" and "Doll Parts." The latter has become "the latest teen anthem for pubescent girls terrorized by their own tender, morphing bodies," according to a recent article on Love that appeared in "Vanity Fair." But the other, "Violet," could be viewed as Love's personal battle cry.

"Go on, Take everything, Take everything, I want you to," she yells and dares defiantly.

Because she knows — if you did — her persona and music would still survive.

**Other concerts this week:**

Brooks and Dunn wsg mark Chesnutt and Wade Hayes (July 14)

Jefferson Starship, John Kay & Steppenwolf and Procol Harum (July 15)



Alvin Masters selling sweet cherries last week at the Oakland County Farmers Market in Pontiac. He said he expects to have tart cherries this week from his family's farm in Springfield Township.

## Summer in a bowl

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

One of life's little pleasures, often overlooked in this busy world, is picking fruit. And if you enjoy this quiet summer activity, and then turning your harvest into tasty desserts and preserves, now is the most glorious of seasons.

Strawberry picking is winding down and tart cherries should be available any day, followed by blueberries and raspberries. And though Michigan is one of the country's top producers of the tart pie-type cherry, it's not exactly easy to find them on store produce shelves.

That is partly because most of the crop goes into canning. But it's also because the cherries, once picked, are highly perishable. Many times the pits and stems come off during picking and the fruits need to be used immediately.

Nevertheless, the tart, jewel-red berries can be found at Oakland County's two farmers' markets, one in Pontiac and one in Royal Oak. And they're brought to you by a Springfield Township farm, Masters Valley of Pines.

Alvin Masters was at the Pontiac market last week selling two varieties of sweet cherries, the dark red Cavalier and the yellow-and-red Emperor Francis. He was doing a swift business, with men in business attire among the shoppers stopping by for a pint or quart of the sweet fruit.

He said Thursday he expected to have tart cherries in this week. His family grows "probably four to six varieties" to ensure a long season. "Tart cherries is what we end with," he said. In all, the farm produces 18 different varieties of sweet and tart cherries combined.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture ex-

pects 1995 to produce the second-highest yield of tart cherries in the state since they've been keeping records. The forecast, released June 30, is for 320 million pounds, up 52 percent from last year's crop of 210 million pounds. The record crop occurred in 1964, with 380 million pounds.

The MDA says a cool spring, the absence of a late, killer frost and the high temperatures of a couple of weeks ago are all factors in the big crop. In fact, "There is concern not all of the 1995 crop will be processed," the MDA said in a prepared statement.

Virtually all of the crop is processed for canning, an MDA spokesman said, most of it in the Traverse City area and elsewhere along Lake Michigan. "But I'm sure this year if you wanted to pick (your own) you could find some. The crop is fairly large."

According to an MDA listing of farms and farm markets, the closest U-pick tart cherries are available at the Long Family Orchard and Farm, 1342 Commerce Rd., Commerce Township. A call to their hotline last week revealed that tart cherries were expected to be available soon. Call (810) 362-3774 for updates on picking.

Americans must love their cherries. This year the US tart cherry crop is forecast at 391 million pounds, in addition to 58 million pounds of sweet cherries.

Following are some tried and true cherry recipes, including one for those who don't have the time or inclination to pick their own.

Try some  
cherry recipes,  
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## Milestones



### Callison-Kowalik

Robert and Brenda Schultz of Clarkston, and Dean and Bobbie Callison of Waterford announce the engagement of their daughter Joi Lynn Callison, to Sean Henry Kowalik, son of Dan and Florence Handyside of Eastpoint. The bride-to-be attended Ferris State University and is attending Baker Business School in Flint, majoring in accounting. She is an administrator and bartender at Bennigan's in Southfield. The prospective groom is senior manager at Bennigan's in Warren. An October wedding at Clarkston United Methodist Church is planned.



### Saunders-Kanigowski

Jeff and Carole Ryden of Waterford and Otto and Susan Saunders of Waterford announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Saunders, to Brian Kanigowski, son of Edward and Susan Kanigowski of Sterling Heights. The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School who earned a bachelor's in social work at Bowling Green State University and a master's in social work from the University of Michigan. She is a student assistance coordinator for Clarkston High School. The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Sterling Heights High School and is employed as a paramedic for Medstar Ambulance. An October 1995 wedding is planned at St. Malachy Church in Sterling Heights.

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## At school

Cassandra Friedl of Clarkston was awarded the Honorary Trustee Scholarship for transfer students at Michigan State University. The competitive scholarship was based on academics, work experience and community involvement. A 1994 graduate of Clarkston High School, Friedl plans to transfer to MSU as a sophomore and pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. She attended Oakland Community College last year and earned a 3.5 GPA while working two part-time jobs for Food Town and as a pianist at the Victoria Wedding Chapel. Currently she is a summer intern for General Motors Delphi. "I was very excited to receive this scholarship," she said. "Attending school and working two jobs was difficult, but I am glad to see my hard work paid off."



Dawn Emick, a June graduate of Clarkston High School, is a recipient of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. The \$1,500 merit award is renewable for three additional years. She is also a one-time recipient of a \$500 merit award from the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation. Throughout high school Dawn was active in cheerleading, vocal and instrumental music, track, Interact, Spanish Club and National Honor Society. She was ranked 11th academically in her class. She is the daughter of Bob and Mary Ann Emick. She plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall.



● Heidi Barnes, Janice Rumph, Derek Barnes and Jonathan Gravenstreter, all of Clarkston, travelled to East Lansing June 21-23 to participate in 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University. They spent three days learning about career opportunities and enhancing their knowledge in a variety of fields, including sports, music, communications, SCUBA diving, youth issues and science and technology.

● Randolph Braun, Gary Cardinal, Gary Green and Cynthia Matusko, all of Clarkston, were named to the Academic Achievement List for second semester at Siena Heights College in Adrian. All are part-time students who received at least a 3.5 GPA.

● Jason Gross of Clarkston has been named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll for 1994-95. The honor roll recognizes scholar athletes who achieve a minimum 3.5 GPA for the year. Gross, a junior, plays on the golf team at Kalamazoo College.

● Kevin Thomas of Clarkston and Rebecca Abdo of Davisburg graduated from Grand Valley State University at the end of the winter semester, 1995. Thomas received a BS; Abdo a BA.

● Palge Avallone and Susan Siver of Clarkston and Dana Rose of Davisburg made the President's List at Baker College for the spring quarter, each earning a 4.0 average during full-time enrollment.

● The following students made the Dean's List at Baker College for the spring quarter, signifying a 3.5 or better GPA: from Clarkston, Terri Banks, Chris Cusumano, Stan Duda, Martha Puskas, Holly Taylor and Denise Young. From Davisburg, Kelly Gilbert, Angela Walding and Janet Ward.

● Renata (Srugis) Capozzoli of Clarkston received a BS in elementary education with a concentration in science from Oakland University at the end of

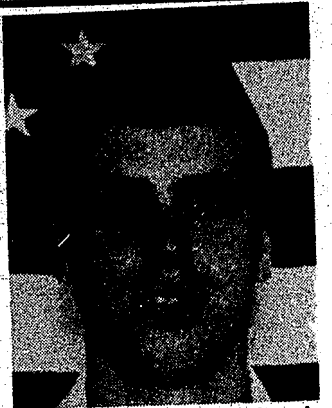
winter semester. She earned a GPA of 3.5 and was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Bruno and Magda Capozzoli and a 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School.

● Amy Rayner of Clarkston has been named to the 1995 Dean's List for the spring semester at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C. The list requires a 3.75 GPA and full-time status. Amy is the daughter of Ronald Rayner of Clarkston.

● John Rock of Clarkston and Kirk Nowery of Davisburg earned degrees from Northwood University in Midland in May. Both received bachelors in business administration.

## In service

Air Force Airman 1st Class Loren Butler has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of William Butler of Waterford and Nancy Butler of Lake Orion. A 1990 graduate of Lake Orion High School, he received an associate's degree from Oakland University in 1994.



● Army 2nd Lt. Robert W. White is one of 16 soldiers deployed to Oklahoma City from the 54th Quartermaster Company, Fort Lee, VA to support the Oklahoma State Medical Examiner's Office and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The team of soldiers was sent to Oklahoma City to recover, process and identify remains of the victims of the federal building bombing disaster. The company is the only active duty mortuary affairs unit in the Army and it is the first time the unit was called upon to support a mass fatality operation within the U.S.

White is the son of Robert A. and Suzanne White of Clarkston, a 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

## Reunions

● The Waterford Mott High School Class of 1980 will have its 15th reunion on Saturday, July 22. For more information call Penny Kane at (810) 666-9548, Lisa (Campbell) Lill, (810) 698-4053, Debra (Gibbs) Soda, (810) 664-8063 or Beth (Scott) Richardson at (810) 683-2249.

● The Pontiac St. Frederick's School memorial mass and reunion has announced a change in location for its luncheon. The luncheon has been moved to the Waterford Elks Club on Scott Lake Rd. The festivities take place September 17 with mass at 11:30 a.m. and lunch following. Tickets are available at the Madonna Shop on W. Huron St. in Pontiac (681-3964) or by calling Kathleen Widdis at 674-2730.

## Health beat

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# The Dawg Pound

Results rounded up by Jack Leach



## 11-year-olds

**July 6:** The Young Dawgs hosted league-leading Davison and dropped an 18-5 loss at Clintonwood Park.

Derek Ranck started on the mound and was relieved by Jason Rupe in the second inning. Matt Marley went 2-2 with 2 RBIs to pace the Dawg's offense.

**July 8:** Facing the ever-powerful Yankees was a humbling experience for the 11's. Ranck surrendered 12 runs in the first inning to hand the Yankees a 19-2 mercy-shortened victory over the Dawgs.

**July 9:** The Troy Hurricanes ran into the Dawgs' Chris Collins, who pitched hitless baseball for five innings to close down the Hurricane attack. Meanwhile, Derek Ranck was pounding a two-run home run and was 3-3 with 3 RBIs. Also contributing to the Dawgs' power was Collins at 3-4 and two RBIs along with Gary Strutz who hit 2-4 and scored twice.

## 12-year-olds

**July 6:** The Yankees hitting proved to be too much for the Dawgs who were hard hit for an 8th-inning loss. Greg Keister started and went three innings. He was relieved by Dan Holody (1) and Lance Picchura (4).

**July 8:** The Dawgs' Brian Endreszl rocked a two-run triple and went 2-4 with 4 RBIs to lead the balanced attack to an 11-5 win over the Rochester Prowlers. Holody went three to claim the victory and Keister came in for four innings to seal the deal.

**July 9:** Torrey Antozzi tallied 4 RBI and went 3-4 to power the Riverdawn attack to a 16-3 mercy victory over the Rochester Aztecs. Ryan Kaul and Lance Picchura each turned in three innings to pitch the win.

## 13-year-olds

**July 8:** The young teen Dawgs hosted the Troy Titans at Clintonwood Park with Nick Petrinice going to the mound for the opening three innings. Brett Crawford closed for four, but the Titans pressed hard to give the Dawgs the 8-6 defeat. John Robinson cracked a two-run double.

**July 9:** The Whitlock Dragons (11-4) were held to four hits through the sixth inning by Ryan Marino and the Dawgs were showing sterling defense, turning a classic 6-4-3 double play and an airborne fly ball

spear by Jon Bemis in centerfield. Brett Crawford (triple) and John Robinson (double) paced the Dawg offense, but Whitlock persisted to tally the 9-3 win.

## 14-year-olds

**July 8:** A clutch base hit in the bottom of the seventh by the DH, Chad Umcheid drove in Eric Jenks for the 11th-hour victory over the crosstown rival Oakland Indians by a score of 8-7 at Clintonwood Park.

**July 9:** The Riverdawns dropped a double bill to the hard-hitting Rochester Tigers 18-2 and 15-5 at Borden Park. Despite the losses, the Dawgs (12-6) are still in the running for a tournament berth that can be clinched with season-ending wins over the Troy Hurricanes (11-7) and the Rochester Hawks (16-2). The Riverdawns are currently occupying third place in the NOBF Sandy Koufax Division--American League.

## 15-16-year-olds

**July 5:** Oakland University was the setting for a night contest with the Rochester Bulls. Dennis Bush went the distance and Jarrod Thomas ripped a three-run double, but it fell just shy as the Bulls prevailed in a 5-4 win.

**July 6:** At OU again, the Dawgs faced the undefeated Tricounty Dragons. The Dragons pitcher, Jason Petoskey, hurled a three-hit performance and cracked a two-run homer 380 feet over the centerfield fence to single-handedly top the Dawgs 11-1.

## Sports shorts

● The eighth annual SCAMP golf outing will be held at Spring Lake Country Club on Friday, July 21 and tickets are now available. This year's outing will be in memory of Del Lohff, a dedicated SCAMP board member and major supporter of the golf outing.

The day begins with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The \$85 cost (\$38 of which is tax deductible) includes 18 holes with a cart, breakfast, lunch, dinner and prizes. Hole sponsors, gift donors and golfers are needed. Proceeds benefit Clarkston SCAMP, a five-week summer camp for over 300 children and young adults with special needs. For more information call Geri Batt at 625-3330.

# Cherry recipes

## Cherry crumb muffins

From 101 Cherry Recipes by Carole Eberly

2 c. flour  
3 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 1/4 c. tart cherries, pitted and chopped  
1 egg  
1/4 cup oil  
1 cup milk  
Topping  
1/4 cup butter  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 cup flour

Sift flour, baking powder, sugar and salt together. Add the cherries. Beat egg, oil and milk together and add to dry ingredients. Fill prepared muffin cups 2/3 full with batter.

For topping, melt butter, add brown sugar, cinnamon and 1/2 cup flour. Sprinkle this mixture over the batter.

Bake at 375 degrees F. for about 30 minutes.

## Easy cherry crunch

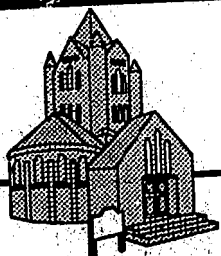
1/3 cup melted butter or margarine  
1 cup cherry pie filling  
1 cup flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp. baking powder  
dash salt  
1 egg  
dash cinnamon

Mix dry ingredients; add egg and stir until crumbly. Sprinkle over pie filling placed in a 9 inch pie plate. Dribble melted butter over the top and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake at 375 degrees F. 30-40 minutes until lightly browned on top. Cool before serving.

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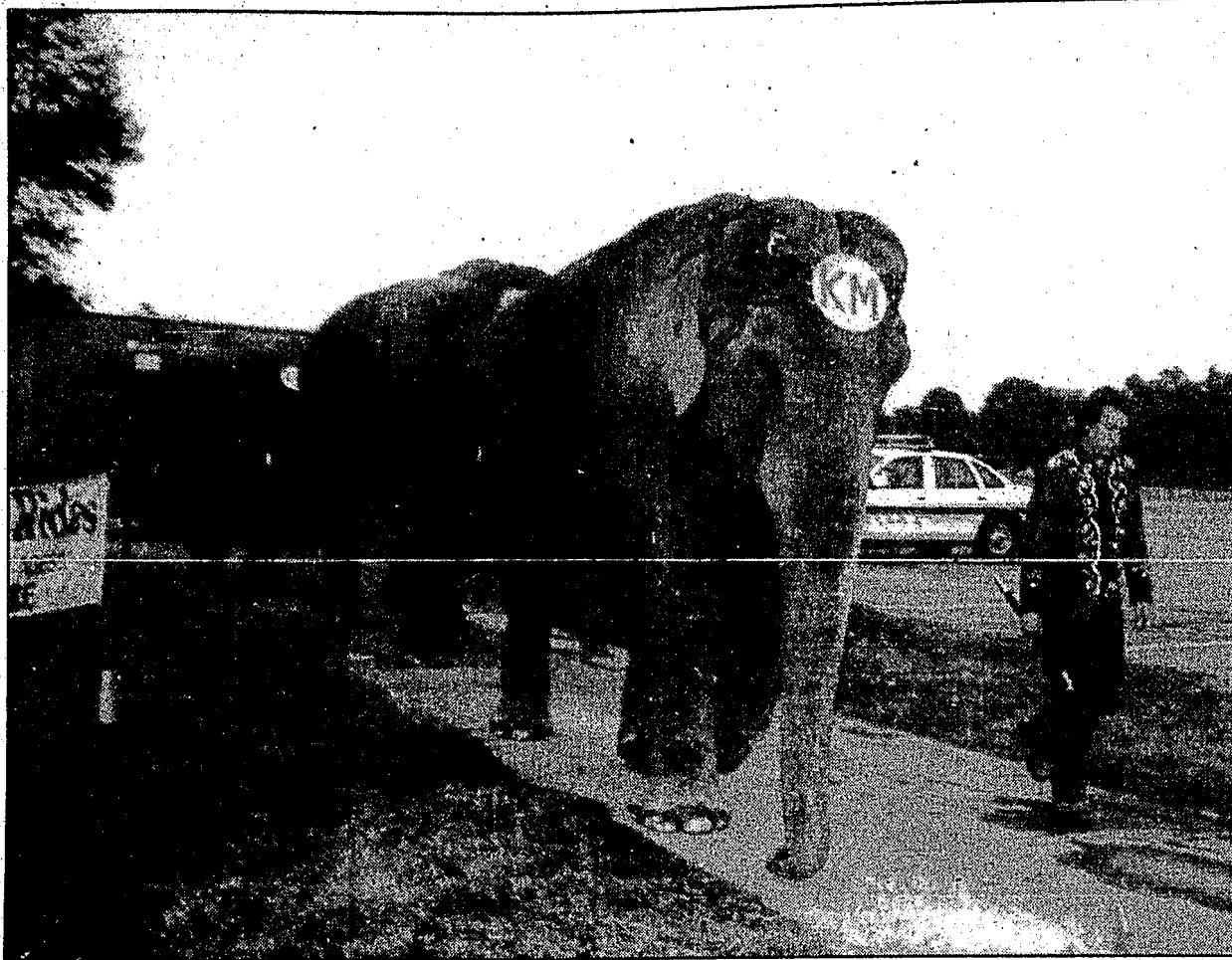
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with clowns, elephant rides, side shows and more.

"We just wanted to do something for the community that would be nice for the families and raise money for a local charity," Rick Detkowski, Chamber board of directors member, said.

"Something that a family could afford to go to," added Leah Harroun, also on the chamber board.

Faces glowed, eyes grew wide and voices oohed and ahhed over acrobats, trapeze artists and silly clowns.

"The part that made this all worthwhile was to see the smiling faces of the kids ... This is our community and it's nice to see that," Detkowski said.

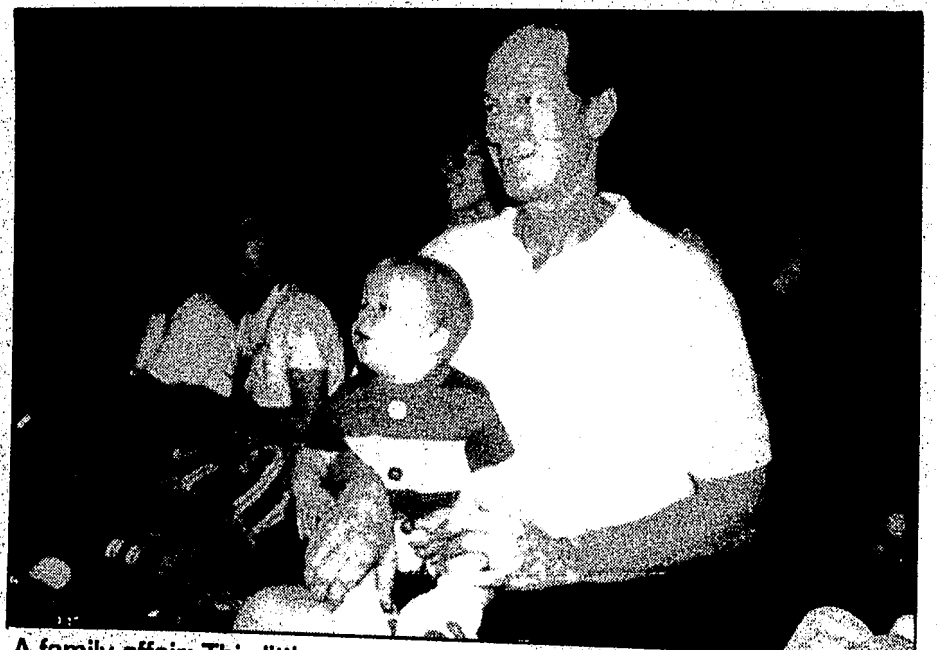


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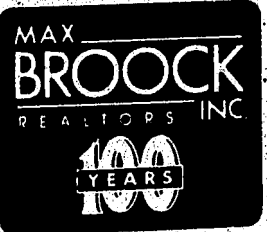
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### Sandra Freel

Sandra Lee (Sandie) Freel, 52, of Clarkston died July 7, 1995.

Mrs. Freel retired from Clarkston Pharmacy after 15 years of service.

She is survived by her husband Lee, two sons, Jim (Mary) and John (Tracy), both of Flint; a daughter, Jennifer (Scott) Bucholz of White Lake; her father, James Russ of Madison Heights; and parents-in-law James and Clara Freel of Clarkston.

Funeral services were July 10 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Richard Nelson officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of South-eastern Michigan.

### Blanche Matheis

Blanche P. Matheis, 83, of Clarkston, formerly of Chicago, died July 8, 1995.

Blanche was a member of St. Trinity Lutheran Church in Clarkston where her son-in-law Michael is the pastor.

She is survived by a daughter, Diane (the Rev. Michael) Klafehn of Clarkston; a step-daughter, Joan Perry of Illinois; a granddaughter, Wendi; great-grandchildren Gina and Nicholas Cacioppo; a brother, Paul (Mildred) Steinke of Florida; sister- and brother-in-law George and Mildred Matheis of Illinois; and friend Mildred Goodwin of Pontiac.

Funeral services were held July 11 at St. Trinity Lutheran Church in Clarkston where the Rev. Michael Klafehn and Lance Klotz officiated.

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### Players announce auditions

The Clarkston Village Players have announced auditions for "A Murder Has Been Arranged," the first of five plays for the upcoming 1995-96 theater season. Both men's and women's parts are needed.

The auditions will be held August 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road (at the railroad tracks). Other plays announced by the Players include "The Cemetery Club," "Wrong Turn at Lungfish," "On Golden Pond" and "Dark Rituals."

In addition, a one-woman play entitled "Shirley Valentine" will be featured along with a Comedy Night August 25 at 8 p.m. For more information call (810) 625-1826.

## Donations sought for drunk-driving video

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, TCI Cablevision and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department are cooperating in the making of a video that will try to drive home the message that drinking and driving don't mix.

You'd think most people would be aware of the fact already. But OCSD Deputy Keith Overby, who is volunteering his off-duty time to lead the project, said that isn't so. Overby has worked with boot-camp offenders who are not impressed by made-for-TV movies showing the effects of accidents on someone else.

So he's planning to produce a strictly local video that will show what has happened to local people

affected forever by drunk drivers. He has received a lot of help from TCI and MADD, but is looking for donations to cover editing costs so the video will look professional.

According to Joan Rich of Oakland County MADD, the video will be used during victim impact panels, which are held three times a month and are mandatory for first- and second-time drunk driving offenders. The video will also be used at presentations for schools and service organizations.

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● The Clarkston Eagles are taking applications for tables for an Oct. 7 craft show. Prices are \$15 a table or two for \$25. Call 625-9838 or 334-1335 for reservations.

● "Lawn and Garden Control Naturally" will discuss alternatives to spraying and dusting with poisons July 29 at Independence Oaks County Park.

Time is 1 p.m. and the program is free. Call 625-6473.

● Personal estate planning will be the topic of a seminar at the Independence Township Library Tuesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. The seminar is presented by Merrill Lynch and will feature a local estate planning attorney. Call Perry Richards at 645-7125 or Edmond Lynch at 645-7235 to reserve a seat.

● Crafters are sought for the North Sashabaw Elementary Show for Oct. 7. Cost of tables is \$20-\$25 and proceeds benefit the fifth-grade trip to Toronto. Call 673-2500 to reserve a spot.

● The Inde-Spring Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet July 25 at Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston. Networking begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:45. Meeting and speaker follow dinner. The event is open to all working women; cost is \$12 for dinner. To RSVP call Vickie at 623-2500.

● An American Girl Tea Party will be held at Hart Community Center in Davisburg Friday, July 14, noon-2 p.m. Come and experience an afternoon of fun with American Girl dolls and characters from the books which give children an understanding of American history. This elegant event for children ages 7 and up will include a luncheon of finger sandwiches, cookies and tea. A Victorian craft project, video, doll display and games and prizes are also planned. Come dressed as your favorite American Girl character. Bring a tea cup and saucer. Fee is \$5; pre-registration is required. The event is sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation. Call 634-0412 for more information.

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● "Young Entomologists" is a class for 3rd-through 5th-graders interested in insects and the interesting things they do. The class will be held Saturday, July 22 at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required; call 625-7280.

● Discover what animals eat during "What's for Dinner" at Independence Oaks County Park on July 22. Tour nature's buffet and taste a variety of food animals eat. Cost is \$2 per person; time is 1 p.m. Call 625-6473 for more information.

● A balloon race will be held at Seven Lakes State Park in Holly July 21-21. At 7 p.m. each day there will be a mass ascension of 25 balloons. There will also be hay rides, a petting zoo and balloon rides, both tethered and untethered. Admission to the park is \$4 a day; for more information call 634-9400. Proceeds benefit the park's children's playground project.

● Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford will offer a new, one-year medical assisting certificate program beginning in the fall. For more information call Karen Kittle at (810) 360-3094.

● Concerts in the Courtyard begin July 16 at Horizon/Greenery health care facility, 4800 Clintonville Rd. in Clarkston. The concert, which is scheduled for 3-5 p.m., will feature harpist Kelly Yousoufian and

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● The Detroit Zoo will offer free admission days for children on Mondays through Aug. 28. Up to four children will be admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Monday hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The same deal is underway at the Belle Isle Zoo Tuesdays through Aug. 29. Hours there are 10-5 daily. Call (810) 398-0903 ext. 3180 for more information.

● The Great Lakes Chorus, an 85-voice women's performance chorus, is currently holding auditions for new members. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights. Call (810) 939-5879 or 651-0430.

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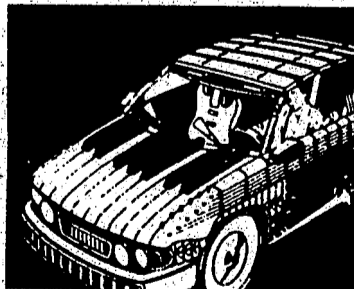


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On July 18, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex, the organizers of the Central Baseball League will make a presentation regarding the possibility of locating a minor baseball franchise in Independence Township.  
Public comment will be received from any interested parties.

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**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON**  
**CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING DATE**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**JULY 17, 1995**

The City Council will hold its regular meeting on Monday, July 17, 1995, instead of Monday, July 24, 1995.  
The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

Jeanne Selander Miller  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1995**

On Thursday, July 27, 1995, the City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals will hear Case B-47 at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

This is a request by Mr. Dean Hixton of 160 North Holcomb at the corner of Miller Road, Parcel I.D. No. 08-20-180-001, to increase his garage to a larger size. This would require a side setback variance.

JAMES SCHULTZ, CHAIRMAN  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**

**TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA**  
**7:30 P.M., JULY 18, 1995**

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- List of Bills
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Public Forum
- Plante & Moran 1994 Audit
- Central Baseball League Presentation

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Permission to Reject Bay Court Park Beach Building
- 2. Award Bid - Fire Station No. 1

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Appoint Downtown Development Authority Members
- 2. Request for Resort Class C Liquor License
- 3. Permission to Sell Alcohol at Bay Court Park for 1995 Taste Fest

- 4. Permission to Form a Community Foundation
- 5. Permission to Post Fire Inspector
- 6. Permission to Post Clerk I - Fire

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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**SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN**

**BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**

Supervisor Stuart called the meeting to order July 5, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: McCrary, McGee, Mercado, Stuart, Travis, Vaara.

Absent: Lutz.

There is a quorum.

1. Approved agenda with the addition of Central Baseball League as No. 6 under New Business and Closed Session — Pending Litigation.

2. Approved minutes of the Special Meeting May 31, 1995 as amended.

3. Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 6, 1995 as amended.

4. Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 20, 1995 as amended.

5. Approved payment of the list of bills totaling \$507,366.43.

6. Approved the issuance of purchase orders in the amount of \$17,238.01.

7. Approved to extend for one year Preliminary Plat of the Meltema Subdivision.

8. Approved to grant exception to Article III, Section 4-58 a2, to allow the 15 Amusement Devices based on the owner's floor plan presented 7/5/95.

9. Approved to receive into the record the letter of 6/7/95 from Paul Wyzgoski and upon advice not to allow subrogation of liens.

10. Mr. Jerry Fisher will prepare an amendment to the Solicitors Ordinance.

11. Approved the Sound Ordinance Variance for Waterford Hills Raceway same as previous year.

12. Approved to authorize Ann Conklin, Township Supervisor, Township Attorney to further discuss the possibility of a Central Baseball League with applicants.

13. Approved motion to close the Regular Meeting to enter Closed Session to discuss Pending Litigation at 9:15 p.m.

14. Approved motion to re-open the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

15. Approval to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk

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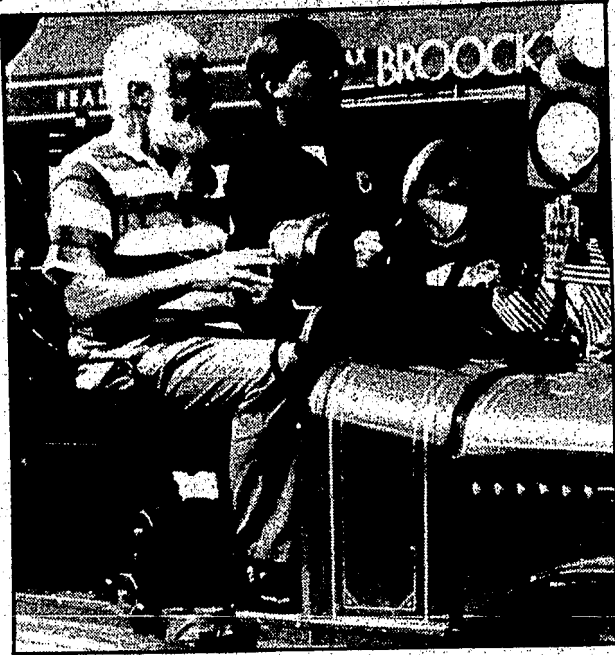
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Grand Marshal Dr. James O'Neill was escorted through town by Independence Township Fire Fighters.



Bob Cook and wife Mary Alice enjoyed Clarkston's July 4 parade from the comforts of their N. Main Street home.

## A red, white and blue affair in Clarkston

By Desiree & Don Rush



The Clarkston News has been "standing tall" for over 65 years. Here, Mr. and Mrs. Uncle Sam (The Clarkston News' Tim and Susan Speed) wave to the crowd.



One of the best views in town for Angellna Vasquez was on her dad's (Ben) shoulders.



Emcees Dale Ryan (left) and Dave Tinkis.



The front row is place to be for watching the annual parade, just ask these three gentlemen (from the left), William Fiff and Clark Easley of Independence Township and Ad Aulgur of Spingfield Township.

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