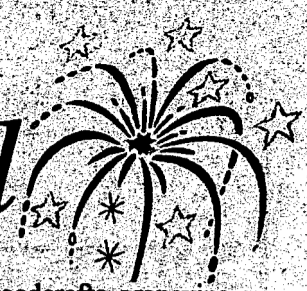


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Schools hear input from township, residents on new elementary

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township and Clarkston schools weren't horsing around when they recently expressed a desire for more teamwork and cooperation.

That spirit was evident at Thursday's planning commission meeting when district business director Craig Kahler shared plans for the new elementary school at Hubbard and M-15, situated on the old Baylis horse farm.

Though the board wasn't required to take formal action, it voted 5-0 to recommend special land use and preliminary approval for the the 24-acre site. Cynthia Lohmeier and Todd Moss were absent.

Kahler said the district wanted commissioners "to give their opinions on planning issues." A more cooperative effort stemmed from a joint board meeting earlier this year. The meeting also provided an update for the general public.

He said the 69,000-square-foot school will host 600 students and approximately 40-50 staff members. The building will be Greek Revival in style, capturing the historic flavor of Clarkston.

Plans call for computer and science labs, a "cafetorium" (combination cafeteria/auditorium), a media center, play fields and four classrooms for each grade level, including two kindergarten rooms. There will be separate traffic loops for parents and buses, he said.

Following Kahler's presentation, a public hearing was held in which local residents expressed con-

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Making a splash

Cousins Abbey Smith and Al Wagner, both 3 1/2, have some fun at Bay Court Park Beach. The recent hot spell has made for good swimming weather lately.

Subcommittee doing 'homework' on ordinance

A Clarkston City Council subcommittee appointed to study a proposed building inspection ordinance is "making progress," said councilman Dave Savage.

The ordinance, which would require inspections of buildings in Clarkston's historic business district, garnered concern from downtown business and property owners at a recent public hearing.

Concerns ranged from who would pay for the inspections to how frequently they should be conducted. Annual fire inspections are currently provided

free of charge. The new ordinance could require structural, heating, plumbing and electrical inspections as well.

The idea for an ordinance was raised when local officials expressed concern for the age and proximity of the old buildings.

Savage said the goal is to achieve "some kind of balance in putting together an ordinance that meets everybody's needs." The group is planning future meetings, some of which include getting together with

Independence Township fire chief Gar Wilson and city engineer Gary Tressel, he said.

Food Town president and Mills Mall owner Ed Adler has also agreed to serve on the committee. "He'll represent the business community," Savage said.

The subcommittee, composed of Savage and fellow council members Anne Clifton and Dan Colombo, has met once and plans to continue its research. One issue is whether the current fire inspection is adequate.

The News in Brief

MDOT sets up construction hotline

For information on state roads for summer traveling, the Michigan Department of Transportation recommends calling their hotline for construction updates.

In the metropolitan Detroit area call (800)641-MDOT. For updates in the west or southwest portion of the state, call (616)482-PAVE.

Clarkston Foundation golf outing this month

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The offices will be open for business Monday, July 6.

The Clarkston News office will be open for business Friday, July 3 and Monday July 6.

Free Depot Park concerts begin Friday

Air Margaritaville leads off the 19th season of free Concerts in the Park. The group performs Jimmy Buffet-type music Friday July 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Depot Park, located on Depot Road off Main Street south of Washington, in Clarkston.

The concerts are sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. Next Friday, July 10, Paul Ventimiglia performs jazz.

If you would like to be a sponsor, donation categories are: Sponsor \$100; Patron \$50; Contributors \$25. All sponsors are recognized in each program. For more information call the Chamber at 625-8055.

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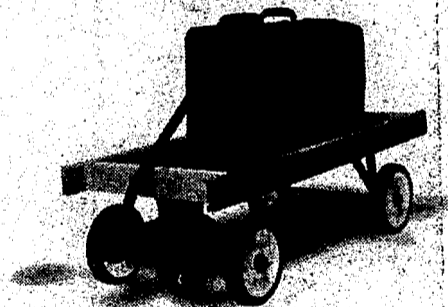
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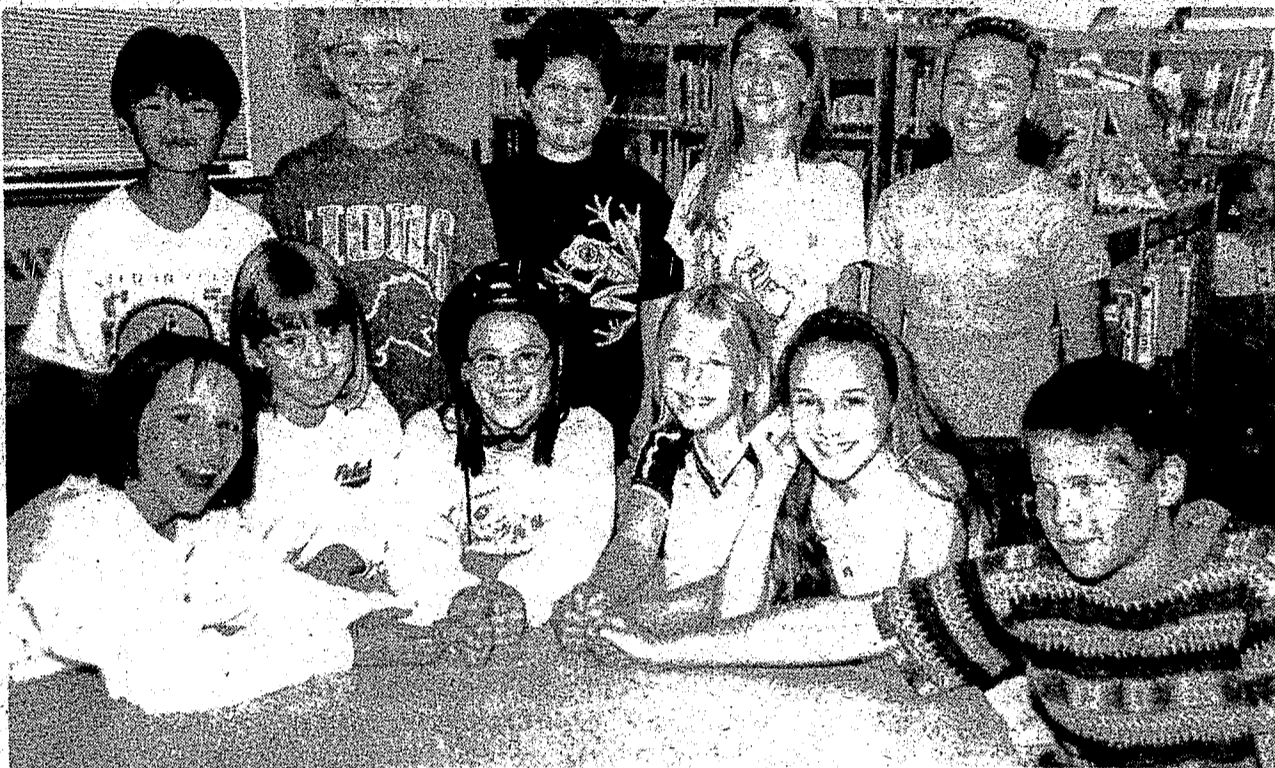
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Fifth-grader Ryan Pino, winner of the bike helmet, gets some help from a young staff member.



Last year's staff poses with the bike helmet: Row one, Jenna Beno, Courtney Henderson, Jill Bukoski, Ashley Zewatsky, Sarah Garcia, Steven Johns. Row two, Young Kwak, Trey

Bergquist, Zach Spencer, Jessica Sullivan, Chantelle Detkowski. Not pictured: Kaitlyn Brown.

Extra, extra! Read all about it!

Student newspaper sharpens kids' skills

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A few months ago, Young Kwak was just another unemployed journalist.

But by January, the straight-shooting fifth-grader had landed a job at *Eagle Beat*—the new Andersonville Elementary newsletter run by students, with three adults providing just a little direction.

Since the newsletter's birth after Christmas, Young provided a regular column that, among other topics dear to kiddom, examined a controversial break-through about candy and cavities.

His research provided some hope for the young readership. "They have discovered that peptide, which is found in spit or saliva, fights cavities. So, you are probably thinking that, if you spit in your gum before chewing it, you won't get cavities. You're close," he wrote.

"They are working on a way to make peptide an ingredient in gum. This means that you will soon be able to tell your parents that you are chewing gum so that you DON'T get cavities."

The good news didn't come without a glitch. "But, you will still have to brush your teeth," he added.

According to adult volunteers Pam Henderson, Chris Cotter and Diane Burder, who head up the advisory board, the newsletter was created "for kids, by kids." A staff of 12 students included both fourth- and fifth-graders for the following positions: two editors, six writers and four production people. Kids would give up their recess one day a week for the meetings.

A unique aspect was setting up the selection process like the real world, complete with job descriptions, applications, writing samples and interviews. Approximately 37 students applied. It was tough to hone down the hiring, but Henderson said that became "real world" too.

"We explained it would happen," she said. To prepare for that possibility, "We asked them, 'How would you feel if you didn't get the job?'"

Students who made up the staff last year include the following: editors, Trey Bergquist and Jill Bukoski; writers, Young Kwak, Zach Spencer, Chantelle Detkowski, Courtney Henderson, Sarah Garcia and Ashley Zewatsky; and production, Jessica Sullivan, Kaitlyn Brown, Steven Johns and Jenna Beno.

Read the *Eagle Beat*

Once the process started, it was a challenge to select a name, and set up the procedures which included that dreaded time frame for any newspaper — deadlines. St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital donated the *Eagle Beat* letterhead and students went shopping for a printer.

The advisors said they ran their institution like a real newspaper. At editorial meetings they chose the topics. Editors worked on a regular "Letter from the Editor" and developed ways to evaluate the readership.

Trey even had to handle a talking-to with a writer who didn't meet his deadline. "I said, 'You've got to do your job or we'll find someone else.'"

Meanwhile, writers took off with their stories. Originally, advisors thought they'd want to do articles about Andersonville. "The kids seemed to do more outside the school. I think they really wanted to be creative," one said. Examples included stories about "Treat Street," a local candy store profiled by Zach, and Ashley's "Jammin' Results," a student poll of favorite music groups.

After the articles were written, the entire staff critiqued them as a group. "They read them aloud before they go in. Prior to that, they've spent many hours putting them together, drafted three or four times," Henderson said.

After the final draft, which was approved by the editors, production students and others stapled the newsletters and distributed approximately 600 copies to classrooms. Four newsletters were produced last year. A suggestion box, for ideas from young readers, was also implemented.

The production team marketed one especially successful venture. Handmade posters were distributed around the school, encouraging students to look inside the next issue to find something special.

The surprise turned out to be a Bike Safety Quiz and drawing for a free bike helmet, sponsored by Care Choices HMO. The staff decided that was an important topic, and one the newsletter, being an informative body, should spearhead.

"I wanted to do it because that's the number one reason of kids getting head injuries," Jenna said.

Young said he saw the information as preventative. "And so kids know that something can really happen. It's not fake."

Ashley expounded her philosophy beyond the bike helmet realm. "I want kids to be safe and for them to have a happy life," she said, simply.

At their last meeting before the close of school, the staff enjoyed a pizza party and drew the lucky winner of the bike helmet: fifth-grader Ryan Pino.

Afterwards, advisors shared their thoughts about the year's success — and shed a few tears. Their younger counterparts presented each with a thank-you note and long-stemmed red rose.

They chuckled as they reflected on some of the live-and-learn experiences — like the time the paper slipped and smeared during the first printing.

"The kids were the ones who really came up with ideas. We were there, more or less, to prod them," said Burder.

"Actually, we started with nothing and it turned out fabulously. I'm tickled with it," added Cotter. "It was way better than we ever thought."

"I think the best part, it was the kids that did it," said Henderson.

But if you want the real ... er, story ... just ask the young staffers. Like anybody in the news world, it's always gratifying to see someone appreciate your work.

"Some kids in my class, they really enjoy it," said one youngster. "They don't flip to the back. They take their time and read it."

Commissioners want details clarified

White Lake - Dixie project delayed

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A proposed planned unit development for White Lake Road and Dixie Highway has been delayed once more.

Independence Township Planning Commissioners tabled approval, 5-0, for developer David Johnson's plans to build a multi-use project that includes homes and a commercial center on 260 acres next to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's proposed new medical center.

The action was taken after commissioners and nearby neighbors expressed a myriad of concerns at Thursday's public hearing. Todd Moss and Cynthia Lohmeier were absent.

Those attending Thursday's meeting expressed concerns about traffic, drainage, density and environmental issues, as well as the fact that the development would abut existing neighborhoods.

At an earlier meeting, commissioners asked for more detail regarding the project, which Johnson eventually provided to the building department.

In a tearful voice, Foster Road resident Beverly Marthaler said she believed a zoning change would decrease her property value and destroy trees and wildlife.

"We came out here, thinking this was the country. This was not the master plan when we moved out here. If I had known this would happen, I would not have built my house here," she said.

However, another resident, familiar with several of Johnson's projects like Bay Harbor, a multi-million-dollar community on Lake Michigan, noted "development will come ... And I'm glad to see he (Johnson) is doing it because he does a wonderful job."

Jeff Dehring of Carlisle/Wortman Associates said planner Dick Carlisle recommended preliminary approval, although there are various issues to be worked out. "But they're on the right track," he said.

He remarked there has been a great deal of cooperation between POH and Johnson to develop an integrated system with common walkways and other features. He described the property as "topographically challenging."

Approximately 280 homes are planned for lots from one-third acre to an acre or more, with a price range of \$250,000 to over \$1 million. Nearly 100 acres of park land — 20 percent of that wetlands — is included.

New residents whose lots abut the wetlands would be encouraged to keep their backyards natural and fertilizer-free.

The proposed PUD includes five different neighborhoods and a commercial center next door to the POH site. Proposed as "Park Place," uses could include restaurants, a produce market, a drug store and a day care center, as well as medical-related facilities.

However, commissioners said they had problems with Johnson's intentions, saying the parcel was master-planned for medical technology and not commercial use.

Johnson said he would prefer to pull Park Place out of the PUD and revisit the issue later. He said he had spent "15 meetings" with the township and wanted to move forward with his plans.

"We've worked endlessly to resolve all the issues," he said. "We think this is a long journey, and it's a journey that we don't want to hold up."

Commissioners eventually tabled the PUD after efforts to clarify the issue failed.

Afterwards, property manager Gary Hayward, of

Johnson's company Victor International, said Johnson "should have stressed the uses support the neighborhood and POH." A variety of uses such as a drug store and restaurants would be needed by many people, including hospital staff, visitors, patients and neighbors, he explained.

Hayward agreed the delay has halted plans. "We have to get the PUD before we can proceed at all," he said.

Later, commission chair Steve Board admitted "the specifics got stretched a little." But he agreed the township's Vision 2020 plan calls for the site to be medical technology.

"David's trying to accommodate that, but he recognizes there are some other uses that work there too. We're trying to get him to firm that up a little bit more," he said.

Celebrate the 4th circus-style in Springfield

The Springfield Township Fire Department and the Davisburg Rotary are sponsoring the Walker Bros. Circus, set for Sunday, July 5 at Springfield Oaks County Park on Andersonville Road.

Tickets are currently available at the fire department and the township parks and rec offices. Tickets bought in advance are \$6 for adults, and free for kids ages 12 and under.

The circus shows are scheduled for 2 and 4:30 p.m., and comes complete with everything you'd expect from a circus: trapeze artists, elephants, animal tricks, clowns and many other attractions.

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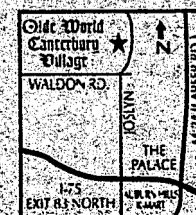
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Meet the candidates during July

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

Local residents will have the opportunity to get to know the candidates running for government office in the August 4 primary. Three area civic groups are presenting the candidates at forums in the next few weeks.

All of the forums include a question and answer period, and some will be taped by local cable companies for broadcast at a later date.

As of this date, not all of the candidates have been confirmed for each forum.

Thursday, July 9: Meet the Candidates Night hosted by the Sherman-Wudarcki-Sutton Post 582 VFW, at the old township hall, 486 Mill St., Ortonville, at 7:30 p.m.

Each candidate running for office will have five minutes speaking time with a question and answer opportunity to follow.

Confirmed to appear so far are candidates for County Commission District #1, Bill Patterson and Tom Athans. Also attending are Jeff Gallant, Patricia Woods, and John Lauve, candidates for the House of Representatives, District #46.

Wednesday, July 15: The League of Women Voters presents a Candidates Night for all candidates running for the 16th State Senate District and 46th State House District. It is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd.

According to LWV member Lola Koch, the following candidates are attending: state Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, state Rep. Tom Middleton, Michael Odette and David Lillis, all running for state senator.

Gallant, Oakland County Commissioner Ruth Johnson, John Lauve, Pat Woods and Roxanne

Lamontaine, running for state representative, are also confirmed.

Each candidate will be allowed a one-and-one-half minute opening statement, followed by questions directed at each candidate by representatives from area newspapers, including The Clarkston News.

Previously screened questions from the audience will follow with 30 to 60 seconds allowed for a response. The questions will be screened for relevance or duplication by League of Women Voters members and read by the moderator.

TCI Cable Company of Independence Township will broadcast the forum at 7:30 p.m. Monday July 20, July 27 and August 3, and Thursday, July 23 and July 30.

Thursday, July 23: The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Candidates Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Poolside room at Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Rd.

Candidates for State Senate District 16, State Representative District 46 and County Commissioner Districts 2, 4 and 5 have been invited.

Candidates will have the opportunity for a one

minute statement introducing themselves to the group. Candidates for state senate and state representative will also have an opportunity for questions from the audience.

The breakfast will be a sit-down meal of country fresh scrambled eggs, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, hash browns, muffins, juice and coffee. The cost for the breakfast is \$10 per person. To purchase tickets for the breakfast or for more information, contact the Chamber office, 625-8055.

Independence and Springfield townships, Clarkston and Davisburg are part of Michigan Senate District 16, along with Addison, Leonard, Lake Orion, Orion, Oakland, White Lake, Waterford, Auburn Hills, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Lake Angelus and Orchard Lake Village.

Clarkston, Davisburg, Independence and Springfield townships are also part of Michigan House District 46, with Holly, Groveland, Brandon, Rose and Highland townships.

Springfield Township is served by Oakland County Commission District 2, while Independence Township is split into three districts -- 2, 3 and 4.

Pippen Puppets at Independence Library

The Pippen Puppets will open Camp Read! 1998, Reading is Dino-Mite, with their professional puppet show, the Adventures of Tiny Dino, a story proving size doesn't matter even if you are a dinosaur.

The dinosaurs are coming to the Independence Township Library every week for kids in grades 1-5 (new grade in the fall). Join your friends and have fun with a great group your own age. Grades 1-3 meet in the morning from 10:30 to 11:45. Grades 4

and 5 meet from 1 to 2:15 p.m. starting June 25 through August 6.

Books, games, take-homes, and more await all area kids at the library at 6495 Clarkston Road.

A preschool program is available Wednesday mornings for children 3-5 years of age. New kindergartners are included in this group.

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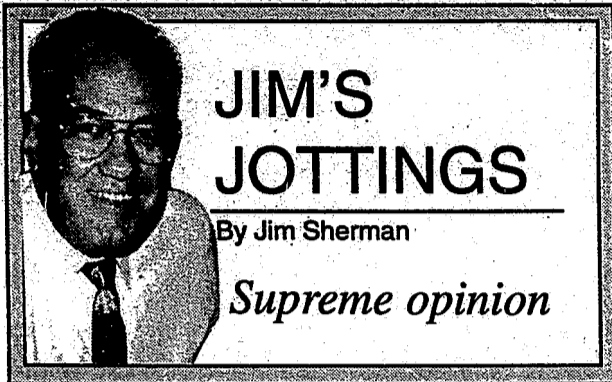
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OPINION

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The Clarkston News



I think it's time for a celebration, or at least a toast in recognition of a U. S. Supreme Court decision.

Last Monday the nine supreme judges made a unanimous decision. Usually, the only time they agree is when they refuse to hear a case.

Interested in the unanimous case? They said federal courts have the authority to handle lawsuits against state agencies or officials even when some claims have to be dismissed because of a state's immunity. Some waited a half a year to hear that.

My complaint with the Supreme Court, written here several times before, is that they continually give decisions by the barest of margins.

Last Monday they gave three 5-4 decisions and one 6-3 decision.

I suppose the Supremes would blame Congress for not writing clearer laws, laws that they could agree on.

But then we read the Court was "split along ideological lines." What's this stuff? To we ordinary citizens laws seem to be quite clear . . . disobey them and go directly to jail, do not pass GO, as the Monopoly card reads.

To the bench setters in Washington a law can apparently be interpreted according to their own ideas, which come from their rearing and political affiliation. That's an opinion of one. If we asked two others the opinion would be split 2-1, I suppose, assuming we can find a Democrat.

* * *

If we were frequent travelers we try to memorize, certainly write down, some travel tips Gerry Volgenau had in his Free Press column a few weeks ago.

He said the tips came from the Women's Travel Club, Inc in Aventura, Florida.

- Carry a Financial Times if you are traveling alone and want good service.
- Lubricate the inside of the nostrils with antibiotic cream before flights to ward off germs.
- If the hotel room is cold, reverse the sheet and blanket so the blanket is next to your body.
- In souvenir-heavy countries, pay the tour guide not to take you to his stores.
- Talking out with strangers you've met on the tip? Require them to leave a photocopy of their national identity card or their passport with the concierge.
- Wear the hotel shower cap under your hat in heavy rain.
- When accosted in bars, extend you hand and say, "Hi, my name is Sister Mary Margaret."

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Look for these bumper stickers:

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

Lord save me from your followers.

Hang up and drive.

IRS: We've got what it takes to take what you've got.

Friends don't let Friends drive Naked.

*Rolling along and Ei-liners
will return next week.*

EDITORIAL

About political and thank you letters

It's the time of year for two specific kinds of letters to the editor: thank yous and political endorsements.

We are happy to print both kinds of letters, but with some restrictions.

In thank-you letters, we cannot print lists of names of people, businesses, etc., to be thanked. We feel this is best done in person, in a personal card of thanks or even a "Card of Thanks" advertisement in this newspaper.

There are a couple of reasons we have this policy. First, because of tight space restrictions. Some letters of thanks list 20, 30, 40 or more names. That takes up a lot of space. More importantly, sometimes in the rush to get a thank you in the newspaper, names are inadvertently left out -- that leads to hard or hurt feelings.

We don't wish to discourage your letters of thanks in our letters to the editor column. Volunteerism is a wonderful aspect of life in this community. People volunteer not to get their names in the local newspaper, but for the betterment of the community.

When writing a letter of thanks, instead of listing all who helped (supported, donated, etc.), write something like, "For all those who helped our project -- the individuals, businesses and service groups, a sincere thank you is sent. Because of your involvement . . ."

We will not publish lists of names for or against politicians for the same reasons. Additionally, we will not accept letters to the editor from political candidates for a period of one month prior to elections.

Letters for or against political candidates will not be accepted the week prior to the election, because there is not sufficient time for a rebuttal. That means for the August 4 primary, the last issue we will publish letters regarding the election is July 22. No letters with political themes will be published in our July 29 issue.

Our deadline for getting a letter to the editor published is noon of the Monday preceding publication.

Letters must be signed and we must have a phone number where we can reach you during the day.

Thank you.

Letters to the editor

Ruth's experience counts

To The Editor:

Although my wife and I vote on a regular basis it is not our custom to become actively involved with political candidates. However, when we needed help or advice, we have been able to count on Ruth Johnson who has represented north Oakland County on the Board of Commissioners for nine years.

Ruth is now running for State Representative and because of her determination to get things done while looking out for the interest of her constituents, we felt obligated to help her with her campaign.

Talking to her and working closely with her, only strengthens our conviction that she is what's needed in politics today. She is hard working, honest, and looks after her communities needs.

She has fought to stop trash dumps being put in our neighborhoods, cut Oakland County's property tax rate four times, fought to put more Sheriff's deputies patrolling our streets and worked to strengthen education. She has the experience to make our voice heard in Lansing.

I hope that Ruth can count on the voters to support her when it comes time to vote.

Sincerely,

Al Peel
Holly Township

Impressed with Gallant

Dear Editor,

Improve our state government! Vote for Jeff Gallant, who is running for state representative in the 46th District. He is a successful lawyer, who is willing to help Michigan have good government.

I like Jeff personally and I am impressed with his ability to talk and listen to people.

Catherine Lobb

Gallant goes door-to-door

Dear Editor,

Recently, Jeff Gallant came to our door to give us his views on what was important in the upcoming political election. It was pleasant to have an opportunity for direct access and immediate response from a candidate. Through our discussion, we gained a good understanding of Jeff's position and what we could expect from him should he be elected to the state legislature.

Door to door campaigning is something we took for granted during the years we lived in the south, but have not found to be common here. Thank you, Jeff, for taking the time to visit our home. Good luck to you in your run for State Representative in the 46th District.

Andy and Sandy Marrical
Clarkston

Wants drain code input

Dear Editor:

The Michigan Legislature is presently working on revisions to the Michigan Drain Code. I am interested in hearing from citizens who have had local experiences, good or bad, with the Drain Law. As we debate changes to certain portions of the code it would be helpful to know how the current code has impacted real people's lives.

I encourage readers who wish to offer something to the legislative process to contact me immediately at 1-800-423-8282, or P. O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Karen Willard
State Representative

Common sense views

Dear Editor:

Jeff Gallant, candidate for 46th district state representative, contacted in person all of my neighborhood.

I have never met a candidate at our door before. He explained his common sense views. He listened to our concerns.

I feel Jeff truly cares about his community.

Mari Ann Staley
Independence Township

DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush



This ain't Don's Stop and Drop Station

Before I delve into the seamy underbelly of what I'm about to converse on let me say this:

I love cat people. I really do. They are caring, warm, purring individuals, if only a little uptight. Type A personalities come to mind.

Having said that . . . who's the smacking-fracking brainiac who lets out that blizzen-rizen white and black and brown cat every morning in my neighborhood?

Who is it? I want to know -- the inhabitants of the little elf house on my hill (that would be myself and my wonderdog Mickey) would appreciate it if you can keep that feline at bay.

"But, Don," you cat people are saying, "why are you once again slam dunking God's furry little critters with such venom -- you must hate all cats."

Oh ye of little faith, I don't hate all cats . . . I hate the idea of cats jumping up on the kitchen table or counter, I hate the idea of their sandpapery little tongues licking my hand. I hate the sound of one hacking up a fur ball. I hate the idea of one watching me from a distance -- hiding.

But I do not hate cats. I lived with a cat once and I didn't hit him or kick him or yell at him once. I even scratched behind his ears once or twice. I just hate this neighborhood cat. "But, why," you ask?

I have a garden where I'm trying to grow food for myself, family, friends and co-workers. And, this cat is using my food garden as its own private, outdoor kitty box. By a show of hands, how many people

out there want some of my veggies this fall?
Me neither!

That short Irish fuse I have is starting to ignite and that is why I am writing. Before I turn in to a hunk-o-hunk of burning Neanderthal and drag out: a) a rusty, cruel and mean looking steel trap; or b) the handy dandy Red Rider BB gun, give some words of wisdom to me, oh cat-lovers.

What can I do -- peaceful-like -- to shoo God's precious little depositor away? Do they not like some sort of smell? What about a scare-crow? Razor wire (oops, how'd that get in there)?

Please, write me . . .

Now, as to be an equal opportunity whiner . . . who are the not-too-bright folks who own those two big ol' white dogs that run loose every morning? These are pretty dogs but I ain't running *Don's Stop and Drop Station for Wayward Domesticated Critters*. I do so love scooping up after others' pets.

This canine pair runs across Clarkston Road every morning, at least twice, sniff around my trees, leave their deposits and go home. I'm telling you they're going to get hit by a car one of these days.

Or a brick -- sorry my cat-loving friends, I couldn't trap or shoot a dog.

(I think this hot weather, no air conditioning and less sleep is making me a crank-a-saurus -- what do you think?)

A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1983)

Pine Knob gets the OK to sell alcohol with the extension of a liquor license. It's just a matter of time before patrons will be banned from bringing their own alcoholic beverages.

Flowerthieves hit Lakeview Cemetery, with somebody stealing flowers off the graves. Cemetery supervisor Jack Parker says he's had 15 complaints since Memorial Day.

As the Independence Township Board prepares to sift through the 19 applicants for clerk, it appoints deputy clerk Rosemary Howey for a temporary position until the post is filled. Howey does not have a vote on the board.

25 YEARS AGO (1973)

Despite issuance of some tickets to people congregated in the village parking lot at Main and Washington, the lot continues to draw traffic. At least two downtown merchants are still complaining.

The possibility of having all village streets resurfaced is under consideration by the Clarkston Village Council. The village has \$35,500 in its street fund and planned to have resurfacing done after sewer work was completed.

Richie Havens and Tower of Power will appear at Pine Knob music Theatre tomorrow.

50 YEARS AGO (1948)

The Clarkston Merchants trounce the Walled

Lake Siders on the home diamond in a fine game that is won by all around team play. Clarkston scores three runs in the first inning.

This week 14 children visit the school library on Wednesday and are greatly pleased with the books they are able to obtain. Two girls take their little 4-year-old sister with them, who is delighted with all the picture books. Young folks of this community are urged to make use of the library this summer.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are Robert Young, Maureen O'Hara and Clifton Webb in "Sitting Pretty" and Gary Cooper and Paulette Goddard in "Unconquered."

60 YEARS AGO (1938)

The Rev. Dwight Large is the new pastor at the Clarkston M.E. Church. He comes from the Court Street Church in Flint. Rev. Large is well known and very popular with the young people.

Specials at Barnard's Food Market on Dixie Highway include Grade A-1 frankfurters, 16 cents a pound; pure ground beef, 18 cents a pound; Pillsbury Flour, five pounds for a quarter, and head lettuce, a large head for a dime.

Celebrating Holly's Centennial, the Holly Theatre hosts several presentations: Lou Gehrig and Smith Ballew in "Rawhide," Errol Flynn and Olivia De Havilland in "Adventures of Robin Hood" and Edward G. Robinson and Jane Bryan in "Slight Case of Murder."

Policy on Letters

To our readers:

The Clarkston News reserves the right to edit all letters to the editor and to limit the number of letters from one person or on one topic.

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Letters from political candidates will not be published. We give precedence to letters from local residents and discourage copies of letters sent elsewhere.

All letters must be signed with an original signature (not typed, copied or faxed). They must include a complete address and phone number where you can be reached during the day for verification.

We may withhold names upon your request BUT we MUST know the name, address and phone number of the writer. **UNSIGNED LETTERS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.** Deadline is noon Monday.

Address your letters to: The Clarkston News, 5 South Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346

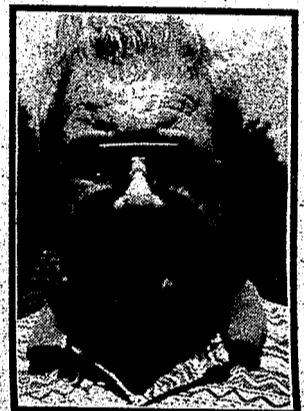
People poll

By Eileen McCarville

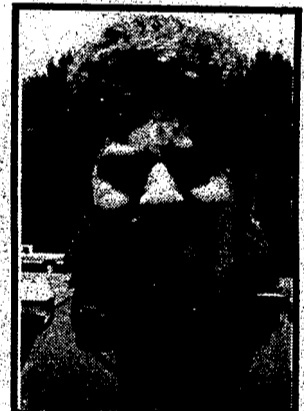
How will you celebrate the 4th of July?



SANDRA BORGESSEN, CLARKSTON: Camping. Nothing exciting.



FRED GROSS, CLARKSTON: Like always, stay home, do nothing. Relax.



MICHAEL MacDONALD, FARMINGTON HILLS: I'm going to Pentwater (near Ludington) on the west side of the state with friends. Barbecuing, going to the beach.



ROCHELLE WITEK, WYANDOTTE: Actually, I'm going up north with a bunch of my friends to a friend's cabin. We're going to spend the whole weekend up there. We're going to have lots of fun and bond with the girls.



KENNY DAVIS, CLARKSTON: I'll probably go up north to Hale, Michigan. And I'll probably watch the fireworks from the high school up there.

FIT FOR LIFE

by Heather Haepers



Myths

There are so many fitness myths out there that it is impossible to dispel them all. The following are a few of the most popular ones:

Myth: If I eat late at night, I will gain weight.

Truth: It does not matter what time of the day you eat. What does matter is how many calories you consume in a 24 hour time period.

Myth: Doing abdominal crunches will help to reduce the flab on my waistline.

Truth: There is no such thing as spot reducing. If this were true, then all gum chewers would have skinny faces. The only thing that will help is to be consistent with cardiovascular exercise and reducing your caloric intake.

Myth: To lose weight I just need to reduce my intake of fat.

Truth: Calories, calories, calories - It is calories that matter the most. If you consume fewer calories in a 24 hour time period than you expel, then you will lose body fat. But remember, you should still keep your daily fat intake below 30 percent of your total calories.

Myth: Resistance training will make me bulk up.

Truth: In order to "bulk up" it takes very specific training and a lot of it. Not only that, but a large majority of people don't even have the genes necessary to really build up - especially women. Increasing muscle size requires training to failure. This means that you can barely finish the last repetition in a set because the muscle is completely fatigued. To increase strength but not bulk the last few repetitions should be tough, but you can complete them.

Myth: I can turn fat into muscle.

Truth: This goes along with the spot reduction myth - muscle is muscle, fat is fat. Muscle is built or strengthened with resistance training, and fat is burned during cardiovascular exercise. For example, doing tricep extensions will not reduce the flab on the back of your arm. It will strengthen the muscle underneath, and cardiovascular exercise and calorie reduction will help in reducing the body fat that is there.

Hopefully, this has helped to dispel some common misconceptions. If you have any specific questions regarding health and fitness you would like answered, please write the Clarkston News editorial department, 5 South Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346. Attn: Heather Haepers.

4th of July

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ments battle it out using water, fire hoses and their best team efforts. It's fun to watch.

Entertainment

Enjoy a day of live entertainment! The fun will begin at approximately 12:00 noon and continue until the fireworks at approximately 10:00 p.m. The tentative program schedule includes:

- Noon-1:15 p.m. The Rich Eddy Band (50s & 60s)
- 1:45-2:15 p.m. Rock around America
- 2:45-4:00 p.m. Midnight Fife and Drum
- 4:30-6:00 p.m. Heritage Concert Band
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. D.J.
- 8:15-9:45 p.m. Counter Play (50s & 60s)

All times and entertainers listed are tentative. Parks and Recreation reserves the right to adjust the schedule.

Games

Most games have a small charge.

Kids Games: Ring Toss, Cupcake Walk, Duck Pond, Skeet Ball, Face Painting, Squirt Gun Race and more!

Moon Walk, Rock Climber, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides and Dunk Tank.

Demonstrations

- Noon-5:00 p.m. Civil War Demonstrations with live cannon shots
- Noon-5:00 p.m. K-9 Rescue - adopt an animal
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. Caricature Artist
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. Abe Lincoln

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Where can you find a mind-and-body-building activity for your children that's free?

A FREE Summer Recreational T'ai Chi Workshop for youth aged 14-16 and families will be offered as a joint venture of the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth and Ennis Center for Children, a private non-profit organization strengthening families and children in the Pontiac-Clarkston area. An eight-week series will begin July 7, 4-6 p.m. and will be hosted at the CCA (Clarkston Christian Association), corner of Sashabaw and Maybee Roads.

T'ai Chi is an ancient Chinese technique designed for wellness and self-defense. This non-combative, slow motion form of martial arts focuses on balance, form, posture, concentration, flexibility and skill-building. Persons of all ages can benefit from learning this disciplined technique of physical and mental exercise.

Deputy Sheriff Fred Hall, T'ai Chi Instructor, will offer a demonstration of the T'ai Chi martial arts form at the Festival of Fun, July 4 at Clintonwood Park. The follow-up weekly series will run July 7 - August 25 at the CCA, and is available free of charge

to area youth and families.

Registration forms are available at the CCA, Bridgewater Apts. and Hidden Lakes Community rooms, and at the Independence Township Library. Youth under age 18 will need a signed parent permission form, and youth under age 14 may attend only with a parent/ guardian also participating.

For more information, call Ennis Center for Children at 91 S. Telegraph, Pontiac, phone (248) 333-2520.



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UNIT #312 & #313,
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UNIT #320, KARIN MARSHALL
Baseball Cards, Desk, Pine Cabinet, Sectional Sofa & Misc. Items.

UNIT #408, CLAUDE ELKINS
Cabinets, Wheelbarrow, Misc. Const. Items, Electrical Fixtures & Parts.

UNIT #410 MICHAEL ROBERTSON
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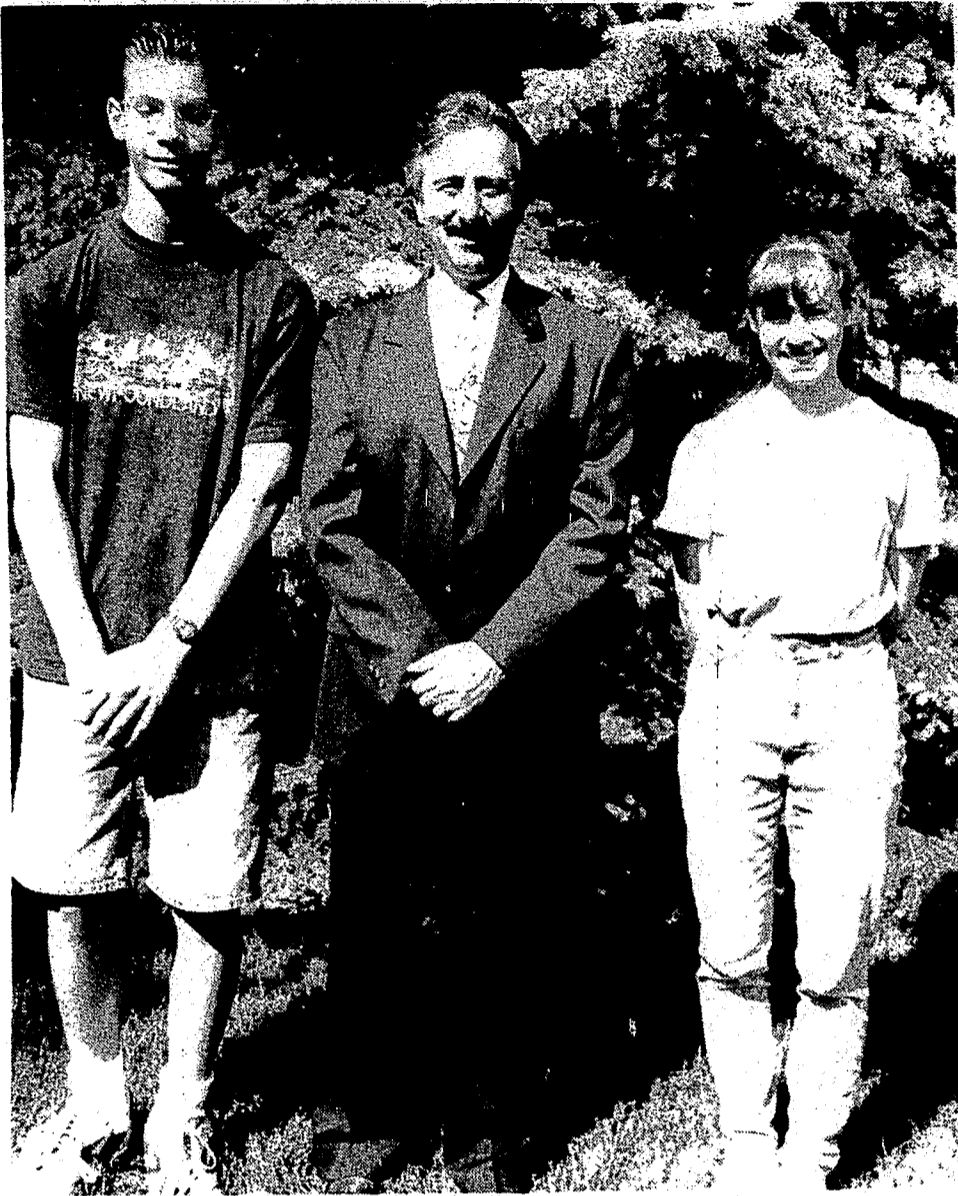
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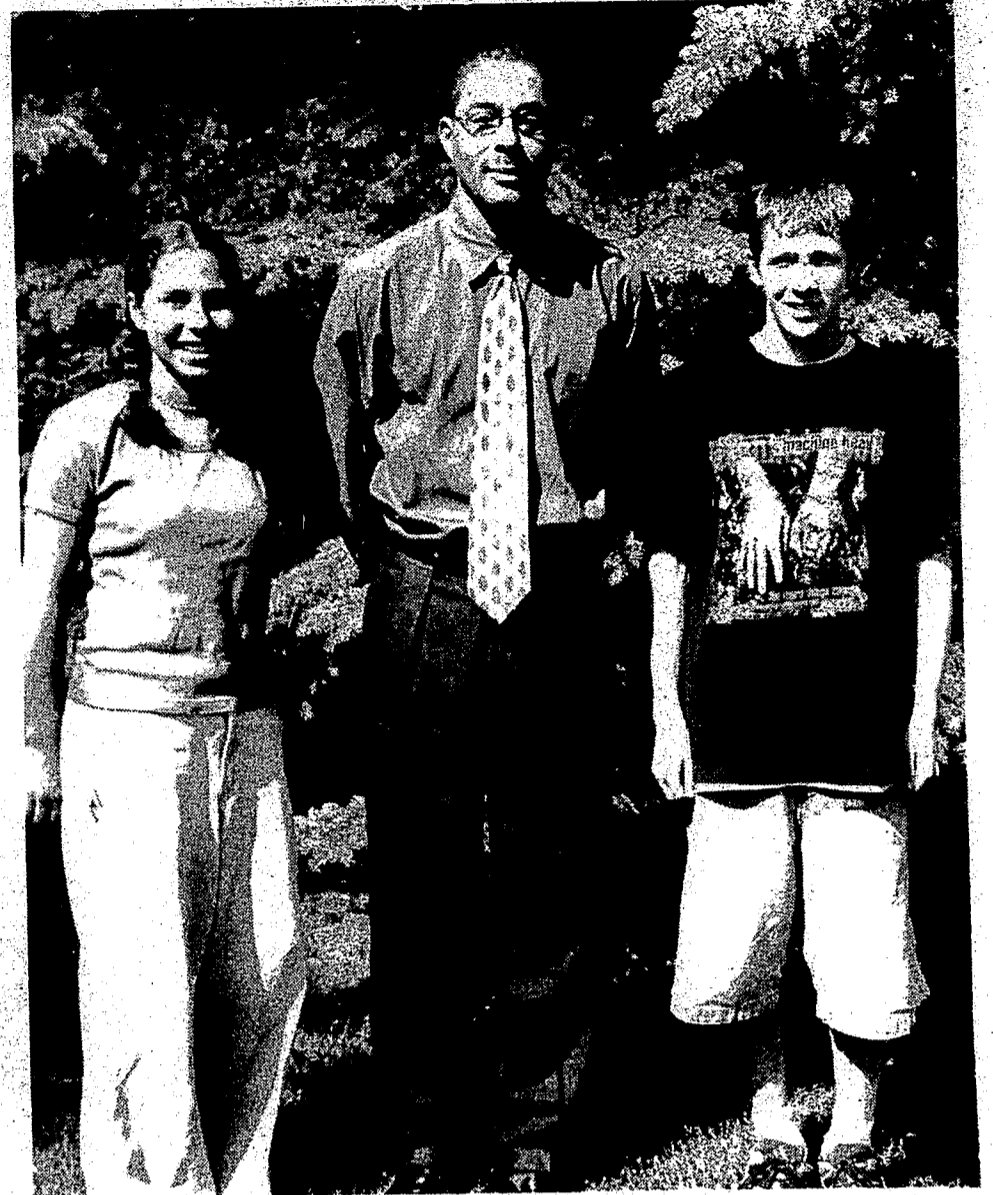


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DISTINCTIVE PERSONAL BANKING



Michael Fischer (left) and Lissie Okopny (right), are this year's recipients of Sashabaw Middle School's Principal's Award. They're shown with principal John Diliiegghio, who said the award honors eighth-graders who show overall, outstanding achievement.



Sashabaw Middle School eighth-graders Roxanne Tripi (left) and Shane Bennett (right), who were honored with SMS's Cougar Spirit Award this year, pose with assistant principal Charles Rowland. The award is given to those students who best demonstrate enthusiasm, a high degree of involvement in and outside school and general school spirit.

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Springfield Oaks balloon fest takes place in August this year

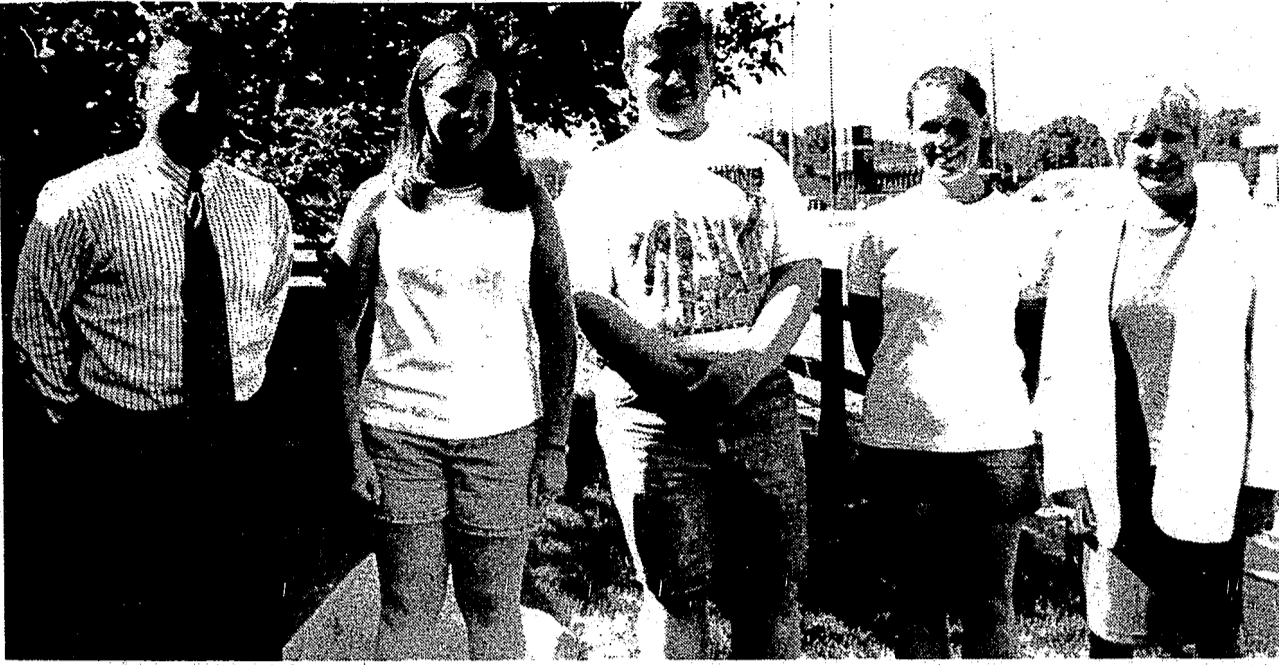
The 13th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival is set for August 28-30 at Springfield Oaks County Park. The festival has been moved from its usual September slot.

Festivities begin Friday night with the "Festival of Lights" balloon glow at sunset. Inflated balloons, tethered to the ground, are lit to give a "glow" against the dark sky. Morning and evening flights are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

The Hot Air Balloon Festival is a charity event to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. An event fee of \$5/vehicle will be charged.

Springfield Oaks County Park is located on Andersonville Road near Hall Road in Davisburg.

For more information call Denise Felker of Remax Today at (248) 620-1000. Visit Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us for discount coupons and park maps.



These Clarkston Middle School eighth-graders shone the last day of school as they were honored with three annual awards. Pictured, left to right, are principal Vince Licata, Stacie Goodman, Caleb Borchers, Kayla Baker and assistant principal Ginny Farmer. Stacie and Caleb each received a Principal's Award, presented for outstanding scholastic ability,

contributions to the school, leadership qualities and personality. Kayla received the McGrath Spirit award, in honor of the late Bud McGrath, a former school counselor who had a soft spot for kids, Licata said. It's traditionally given to the student who best exemplifies a good attitude, who is hard-working and who goes out of his or her way to care for others.



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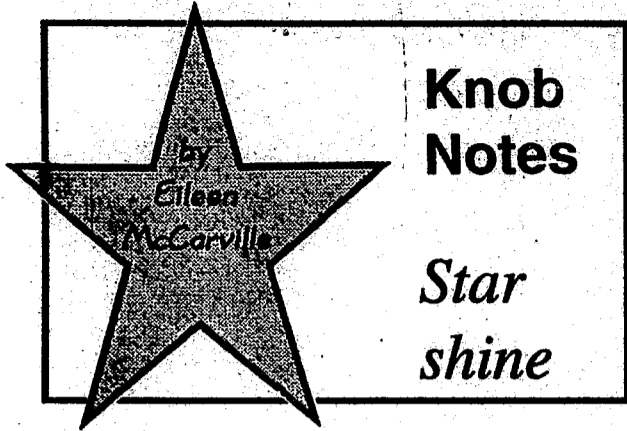
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Star shine

It's not typical for a country star to land on the cover of adolescent fan fodder like *16 Magazine*, *Tiger Beat* and *Teen*. But that's just what happened to Bryan White, who was also picked as one of *People* magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People in the World."

But the 24-year-old, who sets young females' hearts aflutter as the Leonardo DiCaprio of country, wants to be remembered for his talent. He's doing pretty well so far.

His first single, "Rebecca Lynn," from his debut album "Bryan White: Someone Else's Star," soared to #1 on the Billboard charts. And his star continues to rise with hit after hit, many of them going gold or platinum.

Last week White waxed philosophical to *The Clarkston News* about his life, loves and music.

Q: How long have you been performing?

A: Since I was 5 or 18, any way you look at it. My dad and my mom were both musicians long before I was

bom. I've been playing drums since I was 5. I started playing in clubs when I was 12 years old.

Q: Were your parents country musicians?

A: My dad, he got hooked on country at an early age, the Southern rock style mostly. My mom was rhythm and blues, Top 40.

Q: Your co-producer at Asylum Records says you're "an old soul leading a youthful movement in country music." What do you think he means by that?

A: Well, they say an old soul, in Nashville where I am from, is a person with a voice who sounds older than they really are. I've been successful at this young age. Old souls like Don Williams and John Conlee, I can bring them back, bring back the younger crowd to country. They find out so much more that way.

Q: Who are your major influences in music?

A: Steve Wariner. He's this guy who's been around for almost 20 years. He's been having huge hits reoccurring in his career. He was my idol growing up. He's a versatile guy but he also has jazz, rhythm and blues influence. Also Vince Gill and Bonnie Raitt.

Q: Why don't you wear a cowboy hat?

A: For some people it's almost a tradition, sort of a thing. I just don't think it complements me. I just don't think it looks good on me.

Q: Many of your female fans would dispute that and say anything looks good on you. How do you handle all that adulation?

A: Thank God for them, because without the fanatic fans I wouldn't have a career. If they weren't excited to see me I'd have to work extra hard. I love that. I love it that they're excited to see me, but I think I've

gained fan status from all ages.

Q: A lot of your work seems to focus around kids. You've done so many fundraisers, from Pediatric AIDs Foundation to Special Olympics.

A: Yes, many things I like to be involved in are the kinds of things to do with kids. I'm kind of a kid fanatic. Their future is ours and they're going to be taking care of us in the long run. I don't know how we or they would go through a situation without music.

Q: You're also a role model for them. Talk about that.

A: I like to think my music has an effect on kids in the right way, which is not straying from me. It's me. I try to make sure they know how important they are to me. And it's OK to put someone's poster on your wall and to stay away from temptations like drinking and partying. I never wanted to be that way and I'm not now.

Q: You do a lot of romantic songs. Any reason?

A: I think I do well with ballads, love songs. I think the style and I complement each other well.

Q: Do you ever want to break out of the country mold and rock 'n' roll?

A: No, not deliberately. I've got my own thing... I wouldn't pack up and go there.

Q: Two questions about your homestate, Oklahoma. I see you did a benefit and raised scholarship money for injured and homeless children from the

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Oklahoma City bombing. How strongly did that affect you, being that you're a city native?

A: To me, that was one of the most devastating things that ever happened. Oklahoma City always seemed like a safe place for a kid. I went to high school proms in that area.

Q: I see Hanson, another young and successful music act, is from nearby Tulsa. Do you know them?

A: I've never met those guys.

Q: Back to the kid in you again, you recorded "When You Wish Upon a Star" for "The Best of Country Sings the Best of Disney." Why did you pick that song?

A: It's always been a favorite tune. It represents hope, you know, that you can do anything if you put your mind to it. Dreams really can come true. Did you know, I also did the voice for a character from an animated film called "Quest For Camelot?"

Q: Yes, I read about it. What are some other things you're doing?

A: I have a duet with Shania Twain; it's number 7. It was really great working with her, a highlight in my career. I also did a duet with Amy Grant for a Civil War project, a musical coming out about the Civil War with all Civil War songs. They're going to do pop and country... It's going to be cool.

Q: It's been publicized that LeAnn Rimes, who



Bryan White and LeAnn Rimes

you're touring with, has a tremendous crush on you. Is there any truth to that rumor?

A: Well, in a lot of areas, we've put (the press rumors) to rest. It's totally a friendship thing. I've known her since she was 12 years old. I've always been kind of a big brother to her. She's got a boyfriend and I've got a girlfriend. I'm 24 and LeAnn's only 15.

Q: How do you see your music changing in the next few years?

A: The next record I'm starting, I'm actually co-

producing this time. I've taken a step in another direction. The fans will finally hear the perspectives on how I sound. In the years to come, I'll still keep trying to make sure they like the music I make. I'll try to maintain my status, be committed and build my talent.

Q: What's your favorite Bryan White song?

A: I'm not biased... "Someone Else's Star," that's one. It really started everything for us. And I didn't write it (chuckles). I wish I would have.

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Oakland County Parks music show hits the road

Oakland County Parks isn't just for campers, swimmers and golfers. The parks system's "Singsations", a touring singing and dancing group, has something for music lovers of all ages.

Singsations offers two, 45-minute performances as entertainment for family reunions, company picnics and Oakland County Parks special events.

The 1998 shows are "Animation Celebration" with great music of the animated screen, including "Just Around the Riverbed" and "Somewhere Out There". "Rock Around America" is a walk down memory lane with songs like "New York New York", "A Teenager in Love" and "In the Still of the Night".

Back by popular demand are Charleston Workshops, which teach the dancing rage of the twenties, The Charleston, and Talk Backs, where audience members can interact with performers. (Note: Talk Backs must be booked with a show.)

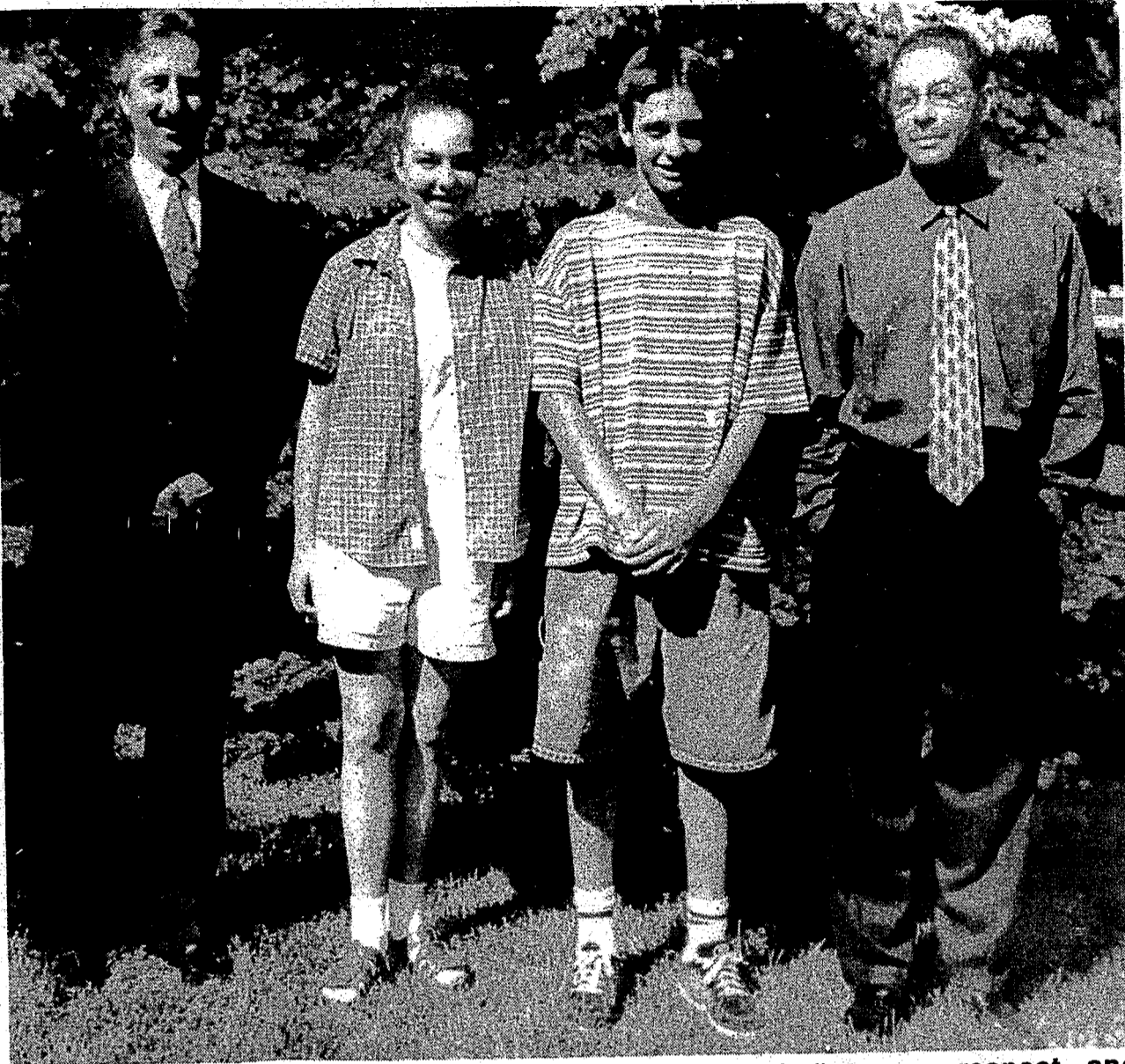
Performers are Meg Murphy of Davisburg, Richard Payton of Bloomfield Hills; Scott Emery of South Lyon; and Jennifer Lynn Ripari of Clarkston.

Murphy is a junior at Clarkston High School and a member of its Madrigal group. Payton is a junior at Lahser High School and a member of its Knightsingers. Emery currently attends Michigan State University. Ripari is a musical theatre major at Oakland University and a member of Meadowbrooke Estate.

Singsations performances cost \$150 and can be booked Tuesdays through Sundays June 20 - August 15.

Singsations performs at Addison Oaks County Park July 4, 18, 25 and August 8 and at Groveland Oaks County Park July 4, 12 and 25 and August 1.

For more information call (248) 858-0916, 888-OCPARKS or TDD: (248) 858-1684. Visit the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us for discount coupons and maps to the parks.



Sashabaw Middle School students Maggie Ness and David Griffith pose with principal John Dillegghio (left) and assistant principal Charles Rowland (right). Maggie and David each received a SMS Faculty Award, which recognizes eighth-graders who have

demonstrated "reason, respect and responsibility," said Dillegghio. The entire faculty votes for the students who best show "just general excellence in citizenship, understanding and helping other kids in the school."

Oakland County Parks has visitors 'climbing the wall'

Tired of the usual sack races? The Oakland County Parks can send guests at birthday parties, family reunions and company picnics "up the wall" with its latest addition, The Climbing Wall.

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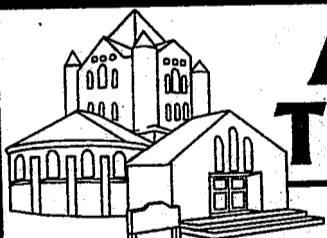
ject fun into their special event," Jim Dunleavy, recreation supervisor, said. "The Climbing Wall is great for team-building exercises, boosting self esteem and providing an aerobic workout."

Starting in mid-June, The Climbing Wall will be available for rent for \$250 for a three-hour visit. Parks staff will set-up and take down the unit. Users must weigh under 230 pounds.

Other Mobile Recreation units for rent include: Orbotron (human gyroscope); Sports Mobile (games

like a parachute and foosball table); In-line and Skate Mobiles, Puppet Mobile (six original productions); Bumpa Bounce (giant, inflatable bouncer); Dunk Tank; and performances by Oakland County Parks' Singsations (shows include "Rock Around America" and "Animation Celebration"). Other units include bleachers, stages and buses.

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Dave Johnson says if you build it right, they will come

Meet Springfield's modest mogul

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The long and winding road to Dave Johnson's Springfield Township estate is lined with sun-splashed trees. At the end of the road is a stately dark-green gate that leads to acres of rambling horse corrals. Gardens of purple pansies and tall, golden lilies beckon at the entrance.

Punctuated by the sounds of chirping birds and the occasional scolding of a squirrel, it's a simple, quietly elegant setting. It seems fitting for a man who seems to value nature so much he bought a whole island to keep condos from going in.

That's ironic, because Johnson is a developer. For some, that's a bad word. It conjures up images of a scoundrel who plows up woods and wildlife for yet another pricey sub. But Johnson has earned the reputation of being a highly sensitive one.

For instance, his proposed 260-acre development, Parks of Stonewood, near White Lake Road and Dixie Highway, incorporates nearly 100 acres of park land. His finished projects are renown for being not only luxurious, but environment-friendly.

Consider Bay Harbor, the 1,200-acre, \$500 million resort that runs five miles down the western shores of Lake Michigan from Petoskey to Charlevoix. According to a recent article in *Crain's Detroit Business* magazine, the former limestone quarry and cement plant was long deemed an eyesore. It was labeled a "moonscape" and had fallen into foreclosure.

Johnson's company, Victor International Corp., teamed with CMS Energy to turn it into a community of expensive homes, a yacht club, an inn, world-class golf courses and more.

In another development, Bloomfield Township's Heron Bay, Johnson nixed plans for 128 lots at the Old Echo Day Camp, and developed only 55. The project was the first in the state to sell million-dollar lots.

Like other structures on Johnson's 180-acre estate, the main house is almost entirely made of stone. Hence, the name for the estate, Stonewood. The heavy, wooden doors, rounded at the top, are reminiscent of those from a chapel.

The muted earth tones add to the monastic atmosphere and Johnson, 48, is every bit its proprietor, speaking in the soft, hushed tones of a priest at confessional.

"That's a giant Petoskey stone," he says of his marble-like desk. "It's from the bottom of Bay Harbor Lake." The giant stone was cut into a slab, polished and inlaid. Small horse figurines dot the room and there's a cutout of a small girl given a prime spot at the window.

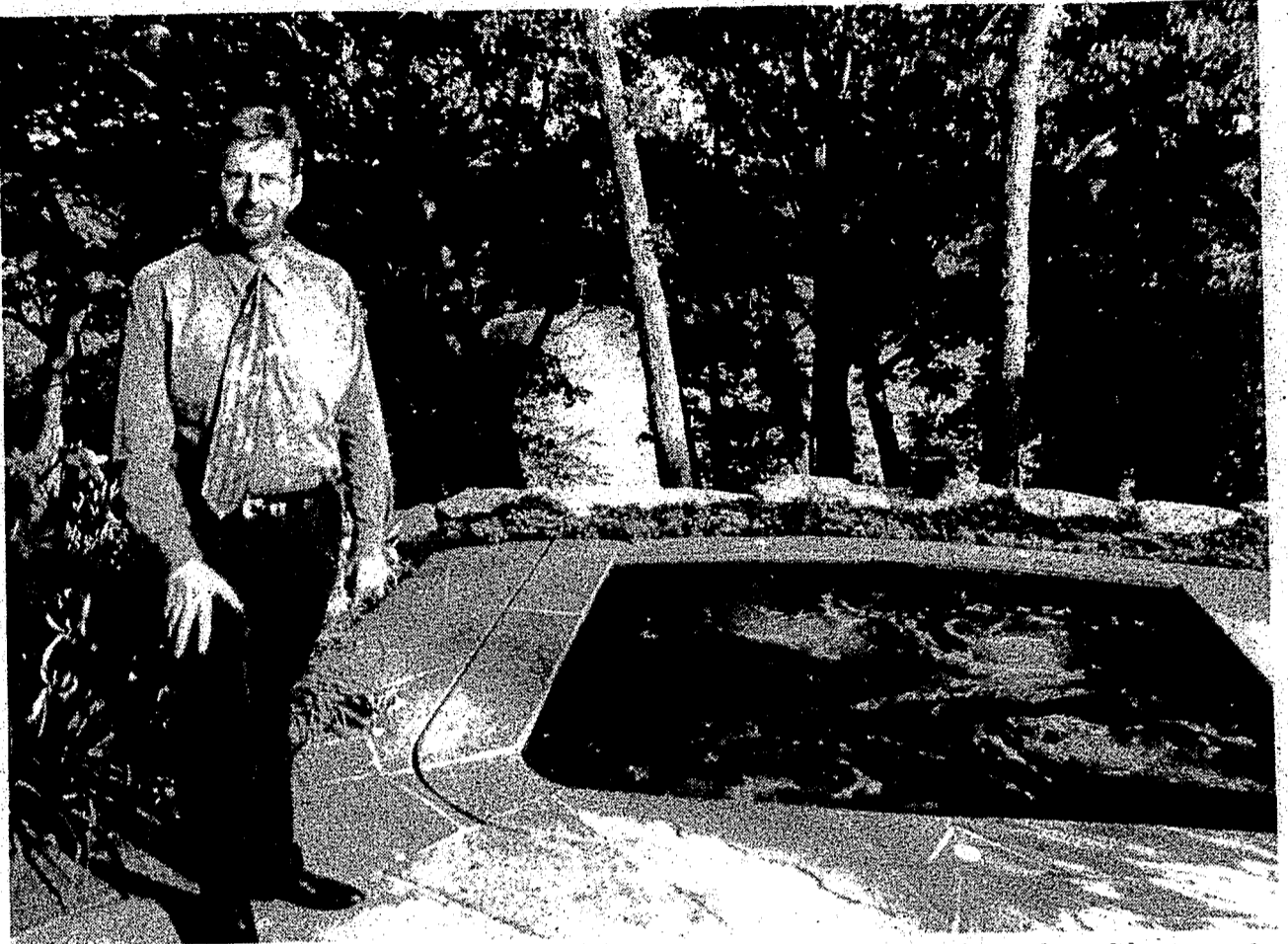
"Sammie," he smiles, his pet name for 9-year-old daughter Samara, with whom he spends "quality time." He and his ex-wife share joint custody.

Johnson doesn't spend a lot of time in this idyllic setting, which includes all of Foster Lake. He's busy planning future projects and frequently flies via personal jet to South Fox Island off Lake Michigan. About two-thirds of the 3,300-acre island is his; the rest is state land. Its twin, North Fox Island, is the property Johnson saved from the condo project.

Johnson bought his spectacular Springfield Township estate several years ago because of "my passion for horses." Ten Tennessee Walkers, which travel to horse shows, live there. "I loved the quaint, family-type atmosphere of Clarkston and its close proximity to Oakland Airport," he adds.

He bought it for business reasons too. "I really felt there was a new creation of an epi-center with Chrysler, the Palace and the new Taubman mall ... for people moving out to this area. I made a move to where the path of progress was."

His knack for entrepreneurship began as a kid growing up in Detroit. He credits his parents for his



David V. Johnson poses near the hot tub on his property.

devoted work ethic. His late father Victor, a tool-and-die maker for whom he named his company, was a Swedish immigrant. His mother, now elderly, recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of Michigan.

At 8, his first job was mowing lawns. By the age of 10 he had "a major lawn business. I rented the lawn mower from my dad." It wasn't fancy, "just a walking

'Determination has to do with any success in life. You have to create your opportunities.'

Dave Johnson

one."

In college at Michigan State in the late '60s, he was a packaging major who, with two friends, bought a floundering gas station and turned it into a success story. By the time he graduated in 1971, he owned seven stations and had 35 employees.

"It seemed to be a way to make money and answer a market. We took poor performing stations and turned them around. We had fixed-price rent and we operated on low-margin, high-volume ... Actually, I liked the real-estate end of the gas stations," said Johnson, noting MSU's political climate at the time.

"I was in the gas-station business when they were rioting on the streets," he chuckled.

He grew up fast, going to work for Howard Keating Jr., a prominent Birmingham developer. By 23 he was the firm's president, then started his own firm, Maple Associates, a couple of years later.

Today, Johnson's current Southfield-based company, Victor International, boasts 30 prestigious developments across the state of Michigan. He says he loves the challenge of developing poor or physically challenging parcels into masterpieces.

Bay Harbor, for example, "is the largest reclamation project in the U.S. The governor has called it the crown jewel of Michigan." The resort recently captured a state environmental excellence award.

Johnson says he's dedicated to the philosophy

that "more is not better" in developing quality real estate. "There is a market that will recognize quality."

He has a "non-typical" approach to doing things creatively. "For instance, in the Clarkston piece, you've got dramatic forests. The whole idea is to develop something that works in harmony with the community. You try to do something that has a long-term positive impact on the area."

Johnson has been working long and hard with Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and Independence Township planners, to integrate a pleasing project at White Lake and Dixie. The two properties abut each other and are aiming for coordination with housing, a commercial strip featuring medical supplies centers and restaurants, common walkways, driveways and the park.

"We're trying to blend the project and be self-buffering from White Lake Road and internalize the development with paths, nature trails and sidewalks. It's remarkably low-impact from a housing standpoint."

Johnson is glad communities like Independence are a stickler for detail and put him through a thorough planning process. "Our end product always reflects that."

Nothing has deterred Johnson from his goals — not even a serious injury at the age of 23, when he dove into his pool and broke his neck. He was paralyzed from the neck down and doctors told him he'd never walk again. Yet, Johnson continued to conduct business from his hospital bed.

He beat the odds and, today, walks with a marked limp. A container full of beautiful canes, of all shapes and sizes, stands inside the front door.

He said he has "a lot of help from God and friends" to thank for his recovery.

He has his parents to thank for the example of good role models. "My dad was a great guy and I liked his work ethic. And he was honest and ethical, and his handshake was his word."

Most of all, he has himself to thank for his success.

"I have a strong belief in God and that he created all of us. Determination has to do with any success in life ... You have to create your opportunities. I don't sit and wait for God to hand it to me."

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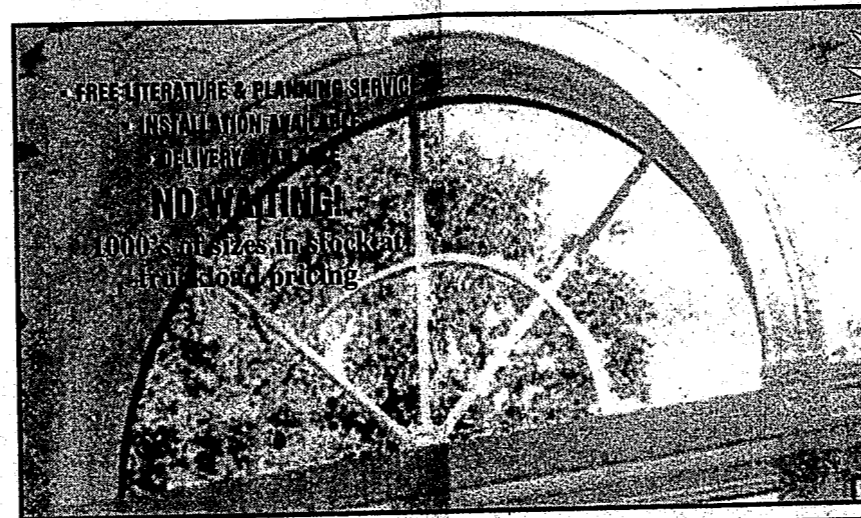
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Police and Fire

Monday, June 22, a 23-year-old New Jersey man and a 20-year-old New Jersey man were cited for soliciting without permits on Northcrest Crossing.

A 19-year-old Clarkston man was ticketed for marijuana possession and three moving violations on Thendara.

Tuesday, June 23, harassing phone calls on Maybee.

A Clarkston man was stopped for speeding at Main and Middle Lake in the city. He was arrested following a Breathalyzer test which revealed a blood alcohol level of .17 (.10 is legally drunk). He was arraigned at 52-2 District Court and posted bond, with a preliminary exam set for a future date.

A 21-year-old Clarkston man was cited for disorderly conduct at a Dixie restaurant after punching a coworker for no apparent reason.

A \$100 cellphone was taken from the glove box of an unlocked car on Pine Knob Rd.

A home was invaded on Tahoe Ct. Cabinets were opened, and several rooms were rummaged through, but it was not determined if anything was missing.

Wiper arms were bent on a car on Whipple Tree Lane.

Reckless driving complaint on Parview.

Some copper piping and bathroom plumbing items were taken from four lots under construction on Glenwood Creek.

Harassing phone calls on S. River Road.

A 37-year-old man was found hunched over in front of a Waldon business. He was found taking off his clothes, then putting them back on. A search turned up several different prescription drug bottles that were empty. He was taken to the North Oakland Medical Center for treatment.

Medicals on Old Cove and Waldon.

Car fire on I-75.

Injury accident at the Pine Knob Golf Course.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Timber Ridge.

Wednesday, June 24, a 24-year-old Clarkston man was cited for disorderly conduct for swearing and yelling at deputies during an OUIL stop outside of his home on Mary Sue.

The rear passenger window was broken on a car at a Maybee business.

A \$250 cellphone, a \$295 cellphone and a \$200 radar detector were taken from cars parked at a Horseshoe Court residence. The cars were unlocked in the driveway and no damage was reported.

Two males were spotted attempting to break into a house on Whipple Lake Road.

A 27-year-old female employee was caught on tape taking cash from customers paying for gas at a station on Dixie. The store manager said the matter would be handled within the company per its policy.

Medicals on Sashabaw, Deerhill and Clintonville.

Thursday, June 25, a \$1,000 mountain bike was taken from an unlocked car in a driveway on Michigammi. It was later found among some shrubbery.

Damage was done to a gate at a private beach on Pinehurst in the city. Three Clarkston youths were referred to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

An AM-FM stereo, CD player and CDs were reported taken from a car parked in the city lot at Main and Washington.

A cellphone was taken from a car on Algonquin. A \$400 cellphone was taken from a car on Seneca.

A personal protection order was delivered to a 27-year-old man on Andersonville.

Several items were missing, and wedding napkins were placed throughout a residence on Mann. The man in the house said they were taken by his ex-wife.

Medicals on Marshbank, Mann, Clarkston Rd., Dixie, Sashabaw and Clintonville.

Friday, June 26, twenty mailboxes were damaged on Greenview.

A Waterford woman was arrested for drunk driving on White Lake Road in the city. Her Breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol level of .18. She posted bond from Oakland County Jail; her arraignment is set for July 7 in 52-2 District Court.

Cameras caught a 30-year-old Waterford woman taking money from a cash register at a Dixie flower shop.

A \$150 cellphone, a \$30 pager and a wallet were taken from a car on Iroquois.

Medicals on Mann, Clintonville, White Lake Rd., and Clintonwood Park.

Fuel accidentally spilled onto the driveway of a

Dixie gas station. The pavement was washed successfully.

A 15-year-old girl was treated and released to her mother after a physical altercation with her older half-sister on E. Circle.

Injury accidents on Dixie and Sashabaw.

Saturday, June 27, a red pickup was spotted driving across a lawn on Ranch Estates. The homeowner recorded the plate number and turned it over to police.

A broken window resulted in \$400 in damage on Wellesley.

Two teenagers, one from Clarkston and another from Rochester Hills, were caught with three stolen mailboxes on Maybee. They were also ticketed for being minors in possession of alcohol.

A \$100 cellphone was taken from a car on Fire-side. The passenger-side window was rolled down, with the phone on the front seat.

Injury accidents on I-75 and Sashabaw.

Medical on Sashabaw.

Grass fire on I-75.

Sunday, June 28, a 44-year-old man was ticketed for a host ordinance violation after police broke up a party taking place at his house. The man appeared to be intoxicated.

Mail was found scattered all over the road on Forest Ridge.

Injured baseball player at Clintonwood Park.


Five people suffered minor injuries in an accident on Sashabaw. One was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for treatment.

Medicals on Sashabaw, Clarkston Rd. and Depot.

Injury accident on Sashabaw.

A Clarkston woman was stopped for speeding at Main and Washington in the city and found to be in possession of some marijuana and drug paraphernalia. At first she said the items were her nephew's; then she admitted they were hers and that she was attempting to quit smoking by substituting marijuana. She was cited for speeding and marijuana possession and released.

Monday, June 29, a W. Washington resident in the city reported some personal items, including sunglasses and a briefcase, were taken from his car.



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Residents voice concerns about new school location

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cerns ranging from traffic speed and signalization, to paving of Hubbard and the safety of students walking to and from school. One man worried that students might wander off the premises and fall into ravines on his property.

Commissioners, too, had concerns, including Rich Oppmann, who felt parents might be "confused" about which loop to use. "The thought of having a bus drive is a nice thought. (But) there's going to be a lot of confusion in the crossover," he said, suggesting a last-minute turn-around for drivers.

Oppmann also worried about paving Hubbard, which has been discussed for only a section up to the school's driveways. "It's going to deteriorate further with buses using that road," he said.

Chair Steve Board wondered if the district might incorporate the old fencing into the project, as well as existing barns and outbuildings. "This is perhaps one of the finest examples of a horse farm we'll ever see."

Board said he recently walked the site and "scared

up a white-tailed deer," which got him to thinking how kids would miss out on a chunk of local history.

"I'm thinking about a sixth-grade student, looking out the window at an old horse farm. And they're never going to see that again ... I just think there's a better way to preserve this site than taking our bulldozers and knocking it down. Everybody thinks of this as a rural area. We don't have rural areas. We have subdivisions."

Public hearing, rezonings set for planning commission

Two rezoning requests for single-family home developments are on the agenda for July 9's Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

Trinity Investments is requesting rezoning 31 acres on the northwest corner of Clarkston and Pine Knob roads from rural residential to suburban residential. Clarkston Holdings, Ltd. is requesting the same

Board even joked that he would organize some volunteers to paint the fence.

Later, he reiterated that cooperation between the township and schools had "greatly improved" and that Kahler's presentation was purely voluntary.

"They gave us a chance to review a site plan and establish issues relative to our ordinances and requirements," he said. "I think that was pretty nice of them ... They didn't have to do that."

zoning change for 70 acres east of Pine Knob and north of Greenview roads.

On Thursday a public hearing will also be held for a Sashabaw Road coffee house proposed by two Detroit Vipers. Petitioners are seeking special land use approval in office service two zoning.

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Brownies and Girl Scouts from Fairwinds Council enjoyed a week of fun activities at Day Camp June 22-26. The annual event, held at Bay Court Park, included swimming, nature hikes, cooking, games, arts and crafts, archery and other great things to do.

Day Camp drew nearly 130 girls from the North Oakland area, including Clarkston and Ortonville. This year's theme was "Silly Swimmers." Both adult volunteers and youngsters seemed to get into the spirit.

For example one dessert made by the kids, called "Sand," consisted of layers of crushed shortbread cookies, pudding and that creepy-crawly favorite — Gummy Worms.

In case it didn't turn out, they had one goodie as a back-up, noted Scarlett Mosher, who coordinated the event with another parent volunteer, Gale Roberts. The treat? Girl Scout Cookies, of course.

As the motto says, "Be Prepared," quipped Mosher.

— By Eileen McCarville



Back-to-back: Splish (right) and Splash (left) planned lots of activities for Day Camp. Oh, by the way, the Silly Swimmers' real names are Scarlett Mosher and Gale Roberts.

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Katie Smith, 7, and Amber Recinella, 7 carry a big container full of water to douse the campfire. Amber's little brother Vincenzo, 3, helped too. "We're water maids," Katie said.



A group of older scouts cooks pizza over a campfire.

The Clarkston News SPORTS

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Dodds' soccer skills taking her to Eurpoe

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School senior Alaina Dodds, along with several other top Oakland County soccer players, will be commencing their own British invasion later this month.

Dodds was chosen to play on a soccer team that will travel to England, Wales and Scotland starting July 17. The team is part of a group called the Worldwide Soccer Tour that takes players from all over to compete against some of the best teams from Europe.

Dodds was chosen by the assistant coach from West Bloomfield after Clarkston's 1-0 win over the Lakers in the district semifinals May 20.

"He watched the game, and came up to me afterwards and offered to have me on the team," she said. "We're going to play against teams from all over the world."

The team is called Michigan United and is coached by Dee Pak Shivraman, head coach at Farmington Hills Mercy. He said he was impressed with Dodds' speed and ability to move from defense to offense.

"She sets a very fast pace, and it's tough to teach that kind of speed," he said. "Her work ethic is also very impressive. I wanted a special group of players on this team, and Alaina is a big part of that." He also credited Clarkston JV girls soccer coach Tami Mitchell for giving him a good scouting report on Dodds.

The team is made up of players from teams such as Farmington Hills Mercy, Rochester Adams and Milford.

'I wanted a special group of players for this team, and Alaina is a big part of that.'

Dee Pak Shivraman



Clarkston High School senior Alaina Dodds, pictured in action from last season, will be part of the Michigan United, a team of high school soccer players going to Europe this summer to compete against teams in three tournaments.

Fitzgerald let go as CHS girls varsity soccer coach

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The big turnover in varsity coaches at Clarkston High School is continuing, as the girls soccer program will have a new head coach next spring.

CHS Athletic Director Dan Fife confirmed Friday that Brian Fitzgerald has not had his contract renewed as varsity girls soccer coach.

"We needed a change in the program," Fife said. "It just isn't what I wanted in terms of direction of the program. Brian worked hard at his job, but I felt it was time for a change."

Fitzgerald coached the Wolves through three seasons, the best coming in 1997 when the team finished with a 10-9 record and made it to the district finals. Last season, the team slumped despite returning nearly the entire squad. Clarkston finished in fifth place in the OAA Division II with an overall record of 5-12-2. The team once again advanced to the district finals before losing to eventual state-runner-up Rochester Adams.

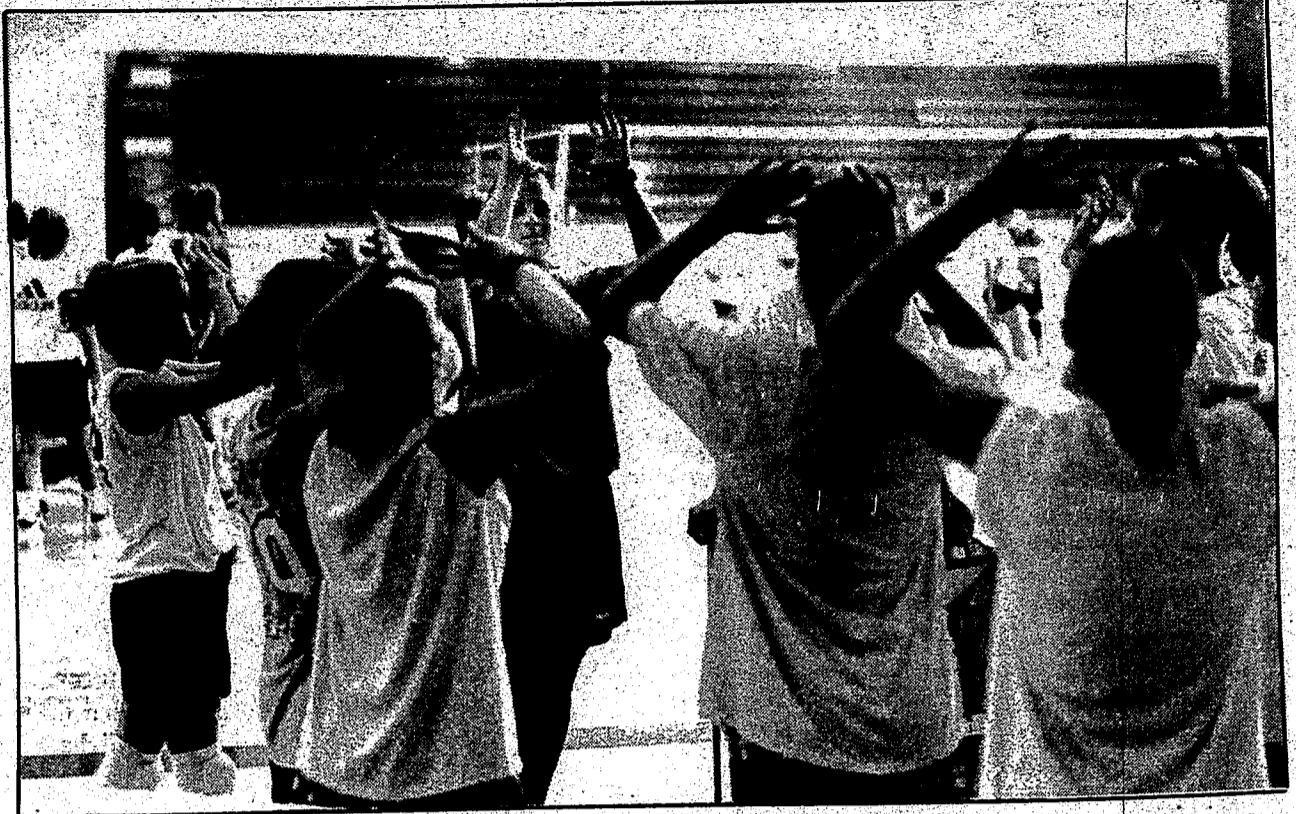
Fife said the position has been posted, and he has received one application from a candidate on staff. He said he should have the position filled by the end of the month.

Including this coaching position, there will be six

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Clarkston High School senior Ingrid Zimmerman works on defensive drills during the Clarkston Volleyball Clinic last week at the high school.



Heather Steinhelper, a 1993 CHS graduate, demonstrates the motion required in setting the ball at the Clarkston Volleyball Clinic at CHS last week. Steinhelper was joined by other Clarkston volleyball alumni in teaching skills to current and future CHS volleyball players at the camp organized by varsity head coach Gordie Richardson.

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Fitzgerald's contract not renewed as girls soccer coach

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new varsity coaches in CHS athletics when the new high school opens next year. The coaches of the varsity pom pon, baseball, boys golf and girls tennis all retired, and the contracts of the varsity hockey coaches were not

renewed as well.

Fitzgerald did not return phone calls seeking comment.

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Summer sizzlin'

I promise right now, not ever to complain in February when it's five degrees and it's snowing. This heat is just ridiculous. Good thing I get to spend most of my day in air conditioning.

●From the ol' mailbag (oops, that's a Don't Rush Me line), we received a letter from Teri Anne Thomson, a member of the Clarkston High School 1975 and 1976 state championship girls golf teams. She gently reminded me that retired golf coach Jim Chamberlain has coached more than one state-title winning golf team.

Chamberlain coached the girls golf team to back-to-back state championships in 1975 and 1976, making him one of very few coaches that can claim to win state championships in boys and girls golf.

Chamberlain is also the only golf coach in the state to be elected to the state golf coaches' Hall of Fame for boys and girls golf.

Teri's teammates on that team were: Mary Jane Anderson, Vivian Booker and Allison Booker. Great job, everyone, and congratulations, coach Chamberlain. I hope those tee shots are always straight for you.

●The NBA Draft went down last week, and there was the usual trades, swapping of draft positions, and spin-doctoring about how the new player will be the one to push his team over the top.

The Pistons went with a player I'm familiar with, Bonzi Wells of Ball State University. I saw him play in college, and he lit up my beloved CMU Chippewas for 33 points one game. Then again, Wells has had plenty of company in lighting up CMU in recent years.

His selection puzzles me somewhat. Yes, he's a talented player who knows how to score. He is the Mid-American Conference's all-time leading scorer, but the Pistons already have four shooting guards on its roster: Joe Dumars, Malik Sealy, Jerry Stackhouse and Charles O'Bannon. I know the watered-down, underclassmen-dominated draft isn't about filling needs anymore as much as it's about drafting talent, but the Pistons passed up on a 6-foot-11 player named Michael Doleac that I thought could come in and help at a need spot right away.

Wells can play. He led the MAC in steals the last two seasons, proving he already knows how to play defense, but I can't help but wonder if the Pistons are trying to give themselves insurance in case Stackhouse leaves as a free agent. If that ends up happening, and the team is able to sign up one or two quality free agents up front, the Pistons might become closer to the 54-28 team of 1996-97 instead of last year's 37-45 bad dream.

Of course, none of this may matter in a couple

weeks. The NBA owners are expected to vote for a lockout of the players starting today. Even the glass-is-always-half-full NBA commissioner David Stern is forecasting a long and bitter labor war. The NBA has prided itself on never losing any games due to labor stoppages, but don't expect that to last long. Players' salaries are spiraling out of control even by today's standards, and team owners might even open up their books this time and show everyone that they're losing as much money as they say they are. If that's the case, it could be a long time before the men play at The Palace again.

●Major League Baseball has finished up another round of interleague play, and I feel the same about it this year as I did last.

Interleague play, while deplorable to those who still have Brooklyn Dodgers pennants in their homes, is a good idea for the game. Attendance and interest is up during those matchups, and seeing series like Braves-Yankees, Mets-Yankees, Cubs-White Sox and Padres-Mariners helps to spice up the otherwise dull and endless regular season. Individual matchups like Barry Bonds vs. Randy Johnson, Greg Maddux vs. Bernie Williams and Ken Griffey Jr. vs. Kevin Brown are what the game needs to build on in order to become the national pastime again.

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Golf outing benefits chamber

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their 11th annual Golf Classic on June 25th at Heather Highlands. Nearly 130 golfers enjoyed a fabulous golf day on the wonderful Heather Highlands course.

"The greens are perfect. You hit your ball and it sticks," said Ron Davis of Cardinal Coffee. "Heather Highlands' course is just perfect!"

The Classic raised over \$11,000 for the Chamber and serves as the single most important fundraising event for the Chamber programs, projects, and operating funds.

"This event is the life and blood of the Chamber's treasury," stated Marc Cooper, Chamber president. "For many years it was the only reason we could keep our office open."

Area dignitaries attending the event included: state representative Tom Middleton, county executive Brooks Patterson, Independence Township supervisor Dale Stuart and Clerk Joan McCrary.

Following 18 holes of golf, the group was joined by additional Chamber members to enjoy a buffet luncheon and hear guest speaker Ken Rogers of Oakland County's Office of Economic Development. Rogers gave an overview of the growth, strength and special needs of Oakland County to the group. The audience interrupted Rogers several times with applause.

"Ken Rogers is the guy who really knows what's happening in Oakland County's growth and development. We're really pleased he took time out of his day to bring us up to date on the hottest growth trends and development," stated Mick Morrow, of Professional Mortgage Associates.

Prizes for the Longest Drive went to: Men: Marty Peltier; Women: Donna McCloskey.

Prizes for Closest to the Pin went to: Men: Sam Karadshed; Women: Kay Pearson.

First Place in the Scramble Classic went to:

Men: Blaker, Stone, Klems and Powell (Simplified Employment Services); Mixed: Ohmdahl, Peters, guests (M&N Catering).

Corporate sponsors for the Golf Classic included NBD Bank, Bordine's Nursery, Clarkston Eccentric, GMAC Mortgage, T&C Federal Credit Union, and Michigan Directory Company. They were recognized following the luncheon with Chamber logo embroidered ball caps as a thank you.

One of the outstanding features of the Chambers golf classic is that everyone wins a prize and then many more win additional prizes in the door prize and raffle drawings.

This year's golfer prizes included putters, chippers, golf umbrellas, club covers, ball retrievers and shoe stretchers.

The Grand Raffle, a set of Cobra II Titanium irons, was won by Hugh Lombardi of Palace Entertainment.

Lombardi also helped with festivities by donating several tickets to Pine Knob, Palace and Meadowbrook events. Hot tickets included four tickets each to see Hanson, Celine Dion, Michael Bolton, Foreigner, Kansas and the Shock. Eight lawn tickets each to many other events were also given away.

One of the highly sought after door prizes was donated by Thomasville Furniture. The golf lamp had several tables chanting, "The Lamp! The Lamp! The Lamp!" as each name was drawn. To heighten suspense the lamp was drawn last and winner Anne Chesley teasingly offered to hold an auction later in the parking lot.

"We are very pleased with the turn out today," added Wendy Halsey, President-Elect. "From the volunteers, to the golfers, to the corporate sponsors, hole sponsors and prize donors — this Classic is a fabulous event because the chamber members are such fun, exciting and generous people!"

U-14 Riverdaws take tough losses

The 14 and under Lady Riverdaws had a tough time in the Waterford Outlaw tournament this past weekend. The Dawgs had one victory, a tie and two defeats. The victory came over Lanse Creuse with the tie occurring with Anchor Bay.

On Monday, June 29, the Dawgs lost a doubleheader to the league's first-place team, the Brandon North Stars. The first game was a 15-12 marathon going 3 extra innings. Hitters smacking more than one hit included Diana Doyle and Sara Percoulis. Kerry Mitchell and Courtney Robinson each had doubles.

The ladies lost the second game 5-1 in a shortened game due to darkness. In that game, Jamie Gove was the number one hitter with two singles. Kerry Mitchell also had a single. Sara Percoulis pitched two strong games but fielding errors did the Riverdaws in.

A visit from the lady Bulldogs from Brighton for a doubleheader began the Clarkston girls' season. Brighton took the first game 9-7 despite some fine pitching by Sarah Percoulis. Sarah struck out 9 batters in the 6 inning opener, with the Riverdaws getting bit by 6 errors. Catcher Samantha Smith led the hit parade for Clarkston going 2 for 2 with a walk including a triple.

The second game saw the girls from Brighton finish off the sweep with a 12-1 victory. Nicole Dontje started on the hill for Clarkston with a little trouble finding the plate while facing the 1 hit pitching of the young lady from Brighton. The lone hit was an R.B.I. double by Jamie Gove scoring Percoulis, who had walked.

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Deer Lake a gathering spot for senior tennis players

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For four area seniors, summer is not a time to retreat to air-conditioned buildings or to stroll the beach.

It's time for tennis.

H.R. Fritz, 72, of Brandon Township, Ray Hardesty, 66, of Sylvan Lake, Tom Selberg, 74, of Waterford, and Ken Kemp, 74, of Walled Lake, are all regulars at the Deer Lake Athletic Club's outdoor tennis courts. The four, along with a few others, get together three times a week for rounds of tennis under the sun.

"We all love tennis and enjoy getting together like this," Selberg said. "We're all members of the club, and it's fun to play this way. We do get a little competitive about it, but it's fun."

"It's nice because if it's raining, we can go indoors and play there," Hardesty said.

For all four men, tennis is not just a post-retirement hobby. Kemp took up the sport in high school and continued playing when he was stationed in Australia during World War II. Selberg also started during the war.

"I started playing when I was 17 years old and stationed in Hawaii," he said. "A shipmate and I were looking for a hobby to take up while we were out there, and we both went a bought rackets. I've been playing ever since."

The four have been getting together for seven years, each forming different doubles teams. They used to be members Crescent Lake Raquet Club in Waterford, but when the Oakland Christian Association bought it, they brought their tennis-playing tradition over to Deer Lake.

"The facilities here are tremendous," Kemp said.



These four county residents get together three times a week at Deer Lake Athletic Club for some fun and competitive tennis. From left to right: Tom Selberg, Ray Hardesty, Ken Kemp and H.R. Fritz are between the ages of 66 and 74.

"The locker rooms and restrooms are well-done, and when we get done, there's the restaurant to go into, where we can wet our whistles if we want to."

Kemp added that playing tennis in groups this way is a fun way to stay active and to maintain competitiveness with others.

"It's fun to maintain friendships this way," he

said. "We play hard against each other, but it doesn't get to a blood and guts type of thing, either. We just enjoy it."

The group all met through a senior tennis club that formed at Crescent Lake. Although they are not part of a formal group at Deer Lake, formality takes a back seat to fun and friendship for these four.

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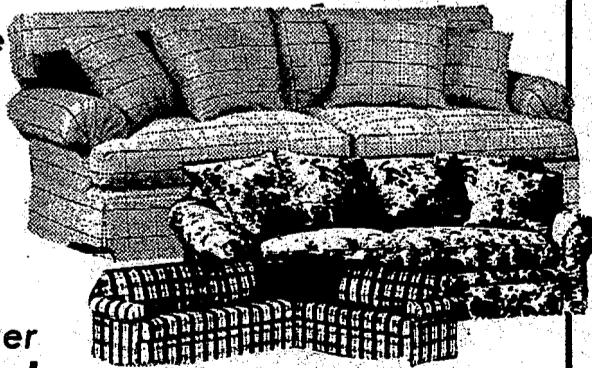
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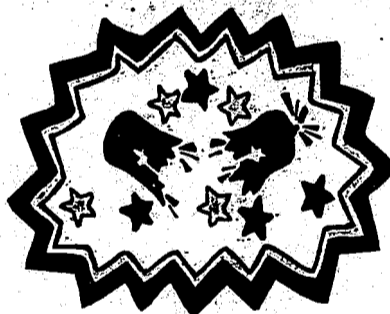
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Michigan Rams go 2-1 at tourney

The weekend of June 19-21, the Michigan Rams, a baseball team made up of players from Clarkston, Lake Orion and surrounding areas, played in a tournament at Madonna University and went 2-1.

In recent Little Ceasar's Elite League action, the Rams dropped a tough 5-4 decision to Miamester in an eight-inning contest. Chris Mitchell and Eric Jenks, both veterans of the CHS varsity baseball team, chipped in with strong relief pitching. Jenks and John Drallos each had a single, double and a run batted in. Spencer Hynes of Clarkston nearly won the game for the Rams with a 375-foot blast that curved foul in the bottom of the seventh. His next hit went straight to the 368-sign in right field, but was caught.

The Rams head to St. Clair Shores for a tournament over the July 4th weekend, with additional action scheduled for Battle Creek and Cleveland later this month.

Springfield Oaks hosts Bowhunter rendezvous

The 18th annual Bowhunter Rendezvous hosted by the Michigan Bow Hunters Association will again be held at Springfield Oaks fairgrounds in Davisburg.

The weekend event is July 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for both days and children 15 and under are admitted free.

The Michigan Bow Hunters Rendezvous provides an excellent opportunity for bowhunters of all ages to share a fun filled weekend with other bowhunters. This year the event will feature such notable seminar speakers as Fred Bear Museum Director and archery historian, Frank Scott; bowhunting humorist, Maggie McGee; bowhunting TV show host, Tom Nelson and DNR research biologist, Steve Schmidt.

The family oriented weekend provides a wide variety of interesting and enjoyable events, activities and displays including an entertaining shooting exhibition by the Michigan Longbow Association, MUCC's live Wildlife Encounters Show, Yoder's Big Game Exhibit with live Whitetail and Mule Deer, the Bowhunting Museum and the world renowned broadhead collection of Michigan's own Floyd

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There will be free archery shooting and instruction for the kids. In addition, those attending Rendezvous XVIII will have an opportunity to shoot the new 3-D Course and a variety of novelty targets or just browse the many vendor booths for a new bow, accessories or a hunting trip, wildlife art, craft items and more. Also, free trophy scoring will be provided by Commemorative Bucks of Michigan.

Food, camping and ice are available on the grounds, parking is free and door prizes will be awarded every hour.

A buffet dinner will be provided Saturday evening for those who purchase advance dinner tickets, followed by the annual bear hunt drawing and the evening program hosted by Bowhunter Magazine's Maggie McGee. Dinner tickets will be available on the grounds at the Membership desk. A Sunday worship service will be provided by the Christian Bowhunters of America.

Springfield Oaks fairgrounds is located one mile south of Davisburg on Andersonville Road. Davisburg is three miles west of Dixie Highway on Davisburg Road.

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It's a girl for Thomas and Nicole (Adkins) Estes of Walled Lake. Casey Lauren was born April 11, 1998 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. She has a 2-year-old sister Haley Erin. The grandparents are Ron and Mary Lake of Clarkston and Dallas Adkins of Harrison and Shirley Estes of Westland. Great-grandparents are Mary Ellen Detmer of Marquette and Mildred Adkins of Commerce Township.

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Cortney Roberts from Clarkston High School has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Cortney will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Cortney is the daughter of Kim and Larry Epley of Clarkston. Grandparents are Leona and Philip Banycky of Pontiac.



Romeins celebrate 25 years together

Tom and Carolyn Romein of Clarkston celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a party at their home June 20. They were married June 20, 1973 at the Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington. The Romeins have two sons, Michael, who attends Michigan State University, and Eric, who will be a senior at Clarkston High School.

It's a girl for Steven and Amy (West) Morris of Clarkston. Emma Josephine Morris was born April 22, 1998 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, weighing 8 lbs., 20 oz. The grandparents are Robert and Patricia Weir of Clarkston and Robert and Sandy Morris of Clarkston. Great-grandparents are Baker and Ella James of Waterford.

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It's a girl for Michael and Kellie Roeser of Clarkston. Emily Corrine was born May 25, 1998 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. She weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz., and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by a brother, Michael Fred. The grandparents are Fred and Gail Roeser of Clarkston and Margaret Hunt of White Lake Township. Great-grandparents are Grant and Lois Newton of Florida.

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Obituaries

Nona Brabbs

Nona G. Brabbs, 84, formerly of Clarkston, died June 29, 1998.

Mrs. Brabbs was a member of the Oxford (FL) Assembly Church of God.

She is survived by daughters Barbara Siegert of Clarkston and Luellyn Paxton of Florida; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brother Albert Fraser; and sisters Mattie Brooks and Fern Pence.

A graveside service will take place Friday at Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home.

William Kepler

William W. "Bill" Kepler Jr., 60, of Clarkston, died June 22, 1998.

Mr. Kepler was a Korean War veteran and a retired ironworker of Local 426.

He is survived by his wife Carol; sons William III of Keego Harbor, Mark of Lake, and Ron Fraley of Clarkston; daughter Kathy Melke of Clarkston; mother Jean Carter of Highland; five grandchildren; and sister Jeanette Carter. He was preceded in death by a son Rob, father William Sr., and sister Janeane Carter.

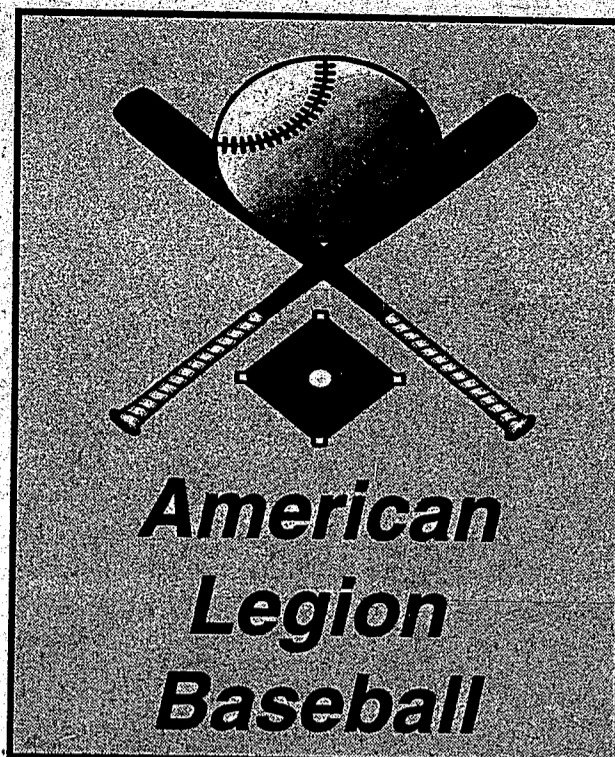
A funeral service took place Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Helen Tosich

Helen Tosich, 82, of Colorado and formerly of Pontiac, died June 23, 1998.

Mrs. Tosich is survived by daughters Joy (Eugene) McCurdy and Mikki (Lennie) Kraushaar; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Daniel.

A funeral service took place Monday at Canterbury on the Lake Chapel in Waterford. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.



Clarkston's American Legion Post #63 played four games this past week. In the first game, Josh Riggs pitched a strong game to get the victory 5-4. Nate Jerdon was the hitting hero, going 3 for 4 with a double. Phil Johnston also had multiple hits. Jake Noel and Bret Gove rounded out the hitting attack.

At Rochester High School, Clarkston ended up with a suspended game tied 4-4 behind the fine pitching of Phil Johnston. In that game Bret Gove scored the final run to tie it in the 7th with a lead off double.

On Sunday, June 18, Clarkston lost a double header to a strong team from Oxford. Blanked in the first game 12-0, Clarkston pitchers just couldn't get in the groove and Adam Leech had the only hit.

In Game two, they lost a heartbreaker 6-5 with an excellent pitching performance provided by Nick Petrinec. Hitters in the second game included Adam Leech, Jeff Oliver, and Bret Gove. Petrinec went the distance and provided the control Clarkston needed after their problems in the first game.

Clarkston picked up a win at home against Shelby on Wednesday, June 10th. Travis Boyd picked up the 5-1 victory and Jeff Oliver got the save. Oliver drove in the first run with a triple and Bret Gove drove in the final run with a triple in the 4th to complete the scoring.

On Sunday, June 14, Clarkston took a twin bill from Auburn Hills at Avondale High School. The first game was a 10-0 shortened game with Keith Perez picking up the victory on the mercy rule. Perez was almost unhittable striking out 11 batters in 5 innings and giving up only one hit.

In the second game, Phil Johnston was the victor with a score of 7-3 and also swinging his way on for two hits. Travis Boyd pitched two strong innings in relief to pick up the save. Adam Leech had the hot bat on the day going 4 for 5 with two doubles in the second game.

Others who had strong hitting performances were Josh Rigg, Bret Gove, John Robinson and Nate Jerdon who was also the defensive player of the day throwing out 4 runners from his catching position.

Clarkston will take a couple of days off leading into the Grand Ledge tournament over the 4th of July holiday weekend.

BCS Sluggers get first win of season

The BCS Sluggers, an Independence Township Parks and Rec 9-10 year old baseball team, won its first game of the season Thursday with a 13-8 win over Clarkston Rotary.

Bradley Gail, Brad Kalano and Daniel Peteuil combined to get the win on the mound. Scoring runs in the game were: Chris Anderson, Nolan Cesario, Shawn Bollman, Jake Davis, Erik Feeley, Kalano and Peteuil. If you have boys or girls little league summaries to submit, please fax to The Clarkston News at 625-0706, or drop off at the office, located at 5 S. Main St. downtown. Any questions, call Brad at 625-3370.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On Thursday, July 16, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Charter Township of Independence Annex Building located at 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346, the Independence Township/City of Village of Clarkston Cablecasting Board will be holding a public hearing as part of a performance review of the current cable television operator under its Franchise and to identify future cable television-related community needs and interests in connection with the cable operator's Franchise renewal request and the Cablecasting Board's authority to review and advise the Township Board and City Council on matters related to cable communications including Franchise renewals.
July 1, July 8, July 15, 1998

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TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA
7:30 p.m. DATE: July 7, 1998

- Call to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Opening Statements and Correspondence
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - Approval of Purchase Orders
 - Public Forum
 - Old Business
 - 1. 2nd Reading - Sidewalk and Safety Path Regulation Ordinance
 - New Business
 - 1. Bid Award - Woodhull Lake Subdivision Road Paving SAD
 - 2. Waterford Hill Raceway - Noise Variance
- 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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Registered voters may vote absentee ballot in the August 4, 1998 Primary Election if the qualify in one of the following categories:

- I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls open on election day.
 - I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistant of another.
 - I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
 - I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
 - I am 60 years of age or older.
 - I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail or awaiting arraignment or trial.
- Independence Township residents who qualify and wish to vote absentee ballot should call the Clerk's Office at 625-5111 ext. 233 or write the Clerk at 90 North Main Street, P.O. Box 69, Clarkston 48347 for an application which must be signed and returned before a ballot can be issued.

The deadline for ballots to be mailed is Saturday, August 1, 1998 at 2 p.m. However, those qualified to vote absentee may vote in the Clerk's office until 4 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 1998

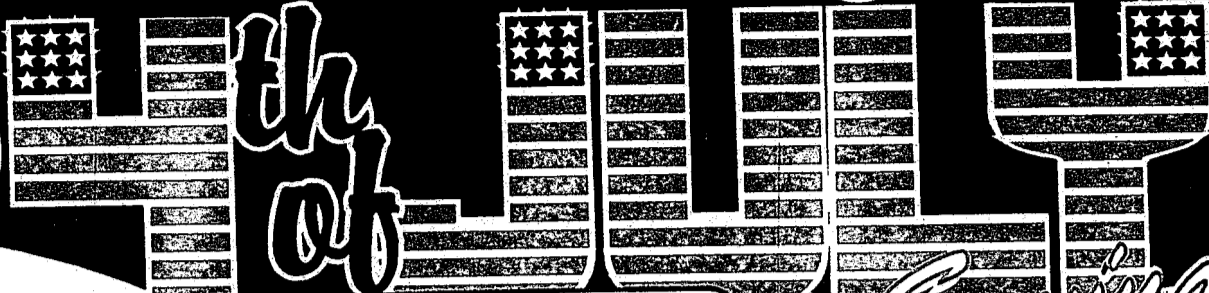
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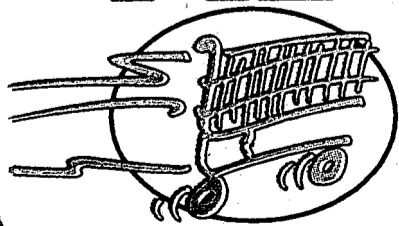
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