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is coming to Clarkston. Find out who's taking part and why, and how you can join the event. See page 3A

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Strutz case dismissed

Judge rules no probable cause for police to enter home during party

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A case involving Independence Township residents charged with resisting and obstructing police at a New Year's Eve party where seven minors were ticketed for possessing alcohol in their home, was dismissed from Oakland County Circuit Court June 22.

Judge Edward Sosnick granted the defendants' motion to suppress the evidence and quash the bindover of Michael and Peggy Strutz's case. (Judge Gerald McNally of the 52nd District Court sent the case to circuit court in March.)

Defense Attorney Todd Fox said the case revolved around police entry into the home. The judge agreed.

In his ruling, Sosnick said both the United States and Michigan constitutions require probable cause and a warrant to search a dwelling, with a few delineated exceptions. Those applicable to this case are emergency aid, community caretaking, and exigent circumstance exceptions, he said.

Sosnick also said police must show there was an actual emergency. During the preliminary examination, the prosecution did not show specific and objective facts of an actual emergency, or that immediate action was necessary. Police could have promptly obtained a warrant by phone or fax, he said.

The ruling continued that an officer cannot make a warrantless search or arrest unless the misdemeanor

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Lawn watering restrictions

Effective immediately, residents served by the Independence Township Community Well System will be under a water restriction for lawn sprinkling until further notice.

Residents in even-numbered homes are asked to water their lawns only on even numbered days, and odd numbered addresses should have lawns watered only on odd numbered days.

Due to high demand, the system is not able to keep up, resulting in low pressure and below normal storage tank levels.

For more information, contact the Independence Township Department of Public Works, 625-8222.

Everybody loved *this* parade!



Julie Maier, front center, rides in the July 4 parade with Sandy Matich and grandchildren from the Bullen, Matich, Maier and Downs families. More photos begin on page 15A. Photo by Ed Davis.

July 4 parade keeps tradition alive

Schultz's idea became a reality and was enjoyed by thousands

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The threat of rain didn't dampen the spirits of the thousands of Clarkston area residents who lined Holcomb Road for the July 4 parade last week.

Weather reports indicated that thundershowers were supposed to roll into the area in the morning hours, but mother nature cooperated with Gini Schultz and the annual Clarkston July 4 parade went off without a hitch.

Schultz organized this year's parade after it's usual route down Main Street was not allowed for safety reasons by its usual sponsor, the Independence Township Fire Department.

However, Schultz, like many Clarkston residents, hated the idea of the annual parade not happening. She approached the Clarkston City Council in late April to discuss the idea of an "Alternative July 4 parade." That idea became a reality that was enjoyed by an estimated 5,000 people last week.

"Everyone in the community has been so supportive," Schultz said. "I can't say enough about the area we live in."

The parade which featured many new floats and participants from year's past, lasted about 45

minutes. The parade went down Holcomb Street, beginning at Miller Road and ended at the Deer Lake Athletic Club.

In addition to the traditional floats and bands, this year's parade featured many decorated bikes which were ridden by Clarkston children who filled Holcomb with a sea of red, white and blue for all to see.

In addition, bands performed on porches of houses on Holcomb Street, residents decorated their houses with American Flags and residents offered lemonade and put their trash cans near the street to limit litter.

"It was so nice the way everyone came together and cooperated. I didn't hear of any complaints about trash or noise," Schultz said.

Schultz said she was organizing the parade up to the last minute.

"We had to situate the dogs away from the horses and the pom pon away from the cheerleaders so their music wouldn't combine and things like that. It took a lot of organization to put it together to make sure all the floats and participants of the parade didn't interfere with each other," she said.

Please see July 4 parade on page 8

The News in Brief

Photographing of Independence Township properties begins this week

Exterior digital photographs of Independence Township properties will be taken by staff from the Oakland County Equalization Department July 11 through July 25.

The photos are standard procedure for the township assessing department and are used to identify the property and also address special features such as a lake view or a major secondary building.

The photographs will be provided to Independence Township free of charge and will be available to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Independence Township Fire Department and Building and Assessing departments. The photos will also be housed at Oakland County. Photos will be available by subscription only to real estate professionals who purchase rights into "@access Oakland".

Photos can be posted to the database, but

blocked from realtors at the homeowner's request. This would still permit use of the photo by police and fire departments and other designated municipal employees. Homeowners may also request photos not be taken of a residence by contacting the Assessor's Office.

County field staff will use their own well-marked personal vehicles with an "Oakland County Digital Photo Project" sign in the window. The Sheriff's Dept. has a list of all personnel and their vehicle information. Staff will wear green vests with "Oakland County" stamped on the back and a photo I.D.

Most photos will be taken from the sidewalk, street or road. If necessary, staff will walk onto the property, but will inform the homeowner of their presence before photos are taken.

For more information, contact Assessor Dave Kramer at (248)625-8114 or Karen Blinkilde, project director at (248)858-0781.

Class of '51 principal and teachers -- where are you?

Planning for the Clarkston High School Class of 1951 50th reunion is underway. The dates are August 24 and 25 at the Waterford-Pontiac Elks Club.

All class members have been contacted. Committee members are still looking for former Principal James H. Quick and the following teach-

ers: William Ladd, Arthur Heinburger, Patricia Stites, Helen Carey, Pamela Anderson, Richard Carleson and Melvin Stoebler.

Anyone with information about the missing links to the reunion should call Frank Chaffee at 673-0881 or Zona Sommers at 625-1811.

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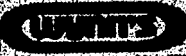
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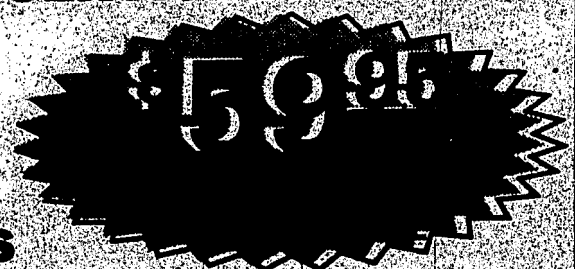
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The Second Front

Relay for Life: A block party with a purpose

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although only in its second year in Clarkston, the Relay for Life is well on its way to becoming a fixture in the community.

The relay, which benefits the American Cancer Society, will be held from 10 a.m. July 22 through 10 a.m. July 23 at Clarkston Middle School, 6595 Middle Lake Road.

After the opening ceremonies, a Survivors Walk will feature people who have battled the disease, and then the relay will begin. At least one member of each team will be walking on the track for the entire 24 hours of the relay.

Pledges are collected by the teams prior to the event and donated to the American Cancer Society. One key fundraiser is the purchase of luminaries, bought in honor of a loved one who is currently fighting cancer or has succumbed to the disease. They are \$10 each.

Last year, the inaugural Clarkston Relay for Life raised over \$34,000 for the American Cancer Society, and brought over 300 people to Clarkston Middle School, according to Jennifer Chwalik, area executive director.

Those taking part say cancer has touched their lives, and they want to honor those fighting cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives.

Penny Shanks, executive director of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, said the event is a good fit for the community because it shows Clarkston residents supporting one another.

"It's almost difficult to find someone whose life has not been impacted (by cancer)," she said. "It's something we can do that's positive for those that currently have cancer or will be diagnosed in the future."

The chamber will sponsor a team for the relay, and about 20 members of the chamber have signed up. Their theme is "Discover Clarkston, Discover a Cure," and team members will wear yellow hard hats to represent the current M-15 construction, she said.

The Independence Township Fire Department has thrown its support behind one of their own members who has been affected by the disease.

Ralph Przybylski, a firefighter with the department, said his daughter, Renee, who has been battling cancer for about 1-1/2 years, will sponsor a team for the relay. Przybylski said about 25 people have signed up so far to be a part of his daughter's team, including several members of the fire department.

Several other local businesses will take part in the event, including: St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland, Continental Teves, Miro Cancer Center, and Clarkston Middle School, Chwalik said.

Another area business doing its part is Cherry Hill Lanes, which held a bowl-a-thon for the second straight year, raising \$2,300 in the process.

Sue Kuhla of Cherry Hill Lanes, along with her husband Frank, will be part of a team spearheaded by their daughter, Lisa Sieradski of Clarkston.



The staff at Waterfall Jewelers in Waterford has put together a team for the Clarkston Relay for Life as a tribute to Tom Brown Sr., the founder of the store, who died six years ago from cancer. Pictured are (l-r) Christine Strong, Al Dady, Joe Strong, Dawn Harkey, Cheryl Martin, and Mark Ettinger.



Clarkston resident Geri Fancher, a cancer survivor, will be captaining the Hope Town USA team in Clarkston's second annual Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society.

They will race in memory of Sieradski's niece, Lindsay Rivard, who died from a cancerous brain tumor, known as medulla blastoma, at the age of six in October 1999 after fighting the disease for about a year.

"There are a lot of family members on the team," Kuhla said. "It (the disease) really affects everybody. It affects all of us, sooner or later."

She said there about 20 members of the team, which is called Lindsey's League. The team raised approximately \$8,000 in last year's inaugural event, tops among the participating teams, and Kuhla said the team hopes to raise about \$10,000 this year.

Sieradski, whose husband, Steve, is also a part of the team, said she and her family's participation is their way of honoring Lindsay.

"It gave us the chance to do something in her memory," she said. "We're hoping we can help someone else. It's been very difficult for our family to deal with her loss. She's definitely been our inspiration."



Martha Newsted of Clarkston is heading up a team of breast cancer survivors, called the Perky Pink Ladies, at the Relay for Life, to be held July 21-22 at Clarkston Middle School.

She said the community's efforts in getting behind the relay have not gone unnoticed. "It's nice to have the support of the community," Sieradski said. "It's a great event."

A team known as The Perky Pink Ladies, mostly breast cancer survivors, will also be a part of the upcoming relay.

One of those team members is co-captain Martha Neusted of Clarkston, who was diagnosed with the disease four years ago. She said the American Cancer Society was particularly supportive in helping her fight the disease.

"A lot of people helped me through six months of treatment," she said. "This winter, I decided it would be a good time to pay them back. It's been a very rewarding experience."

Neusted said her team members have worked together to get as much donated as we could, so that all of the money is donated to research.

Although there will be plenty of opportunities for socializing and having fun, Neusted said it is still important to realize the event is designed to help fight a

disease with widespread impact.

"It's like a block party with a purpose," she said. People have been very generous, and they've been very rewarding. It gives me a lot of faith that so many people have been so generous. We're getting there (in terms of finding a cure for cancer), but we need to keep on."

Another team captain, Geri Fancher of Clarkston, will spearhead the Hopetown USA team. This is her first year as a team captain, and she has 38 team members on board.

"Last year, I was invited to join another team," she said. "After experiencing the relay, it was so incredible that I decided to form another team, and we would do fundraising all year long. We just think it's the most incredible thing."

Fancher said she developed cancer at 28, and will celebrate her 50th birthday this year. She has never taken part in any event of this nature, but now plans to be an active participant.

"I had never really participated in anything like this," Fancher said. "I'm hooked and probably will be for life. I went last year (to the Clarkston relay), expecting to go for a couple hours, but I walked a total of 14-1/2 hours. It was so incredible."

She has team members from Oxford, Lake Orion, and Brandon, in addition to Clarkston. "I don't know how the word spread," she said.

Fancher is impressed by the efforts her team members have made in raising money year-round toward the relay. She also said the Clarkston community should come out and support the efforts of all the people taking part in the relay.

"My team is really amazing in that they're really willing to participate year round," she said. "They've put in a lot of effort on this. Everyone from the community should come out and see what it's all about."

Another business is taking part in the event for the first time: Waterfall Jewelers of Waterford. Chris Strong of Waterfall Jewelers said Fancher was very instrumental in getting the staff there to take part.

"Geri is the one that came in our store, and she's very passionate about all this," she said. "We decided as a store, as a team, to get involved."

Waterfall Jewelers, a family-owned business, lost one of their own to cancer six years ago when Tom Brown Sr., the founder of the business, died from prostate cancer. The staff decided to get involved and formed a team for the relay.

In addition, they wrote a letter to their customers asking them to get involved in the relay. Several luminaries are on display in the store. "It touches so many people," said Strong of the disease.

She said the goal of the Waterfall team for their first year in the relay is to raise \$10,000 for the American Cancer Society. She said she is optimistic that the event will be successful.

"Because of our interest, we've had other people show a lot of interest and raise money in their own store," Strong said. "It's going to be a nice day. It looks like there will be a lot of people."

Call (248)557-5353 for information.

Meeting consensus: Change MEAP tests

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff
Writer

Clarkston residents had the opportunity to give State Rep. Ruth Johnson their "wish list" July 9 for the state's MEAP test.

Johnson hosted a meeting that morning in the Independence Township Library to gain an understanding of the concerns facing area educators about the test. Eight people attended.

Johnson asked the audience, "If you could have one thing changed in Lansing with regard to the MEAP test, what would it be?"

A couple of the audience members suggested the MEAP should be taken out of the hands of the state's Treasury Department and be put into the hands of the Department of Education. The Treasury Department gives out money for the state's Merit Scholarships, which is why they head up the test.

Others want a clearer understanding of what the MEAP is all about. They also want information given to the media so the public may have a better understanding of the test.

Johnson said she and Springfield Township Trustee Elaine Field-Smith, her



State Rep. Ruth Johnson hosts a meeting on the state of the MEAP tests Monday.

district legislative aide, who was also at the meeting, would take their concerns to the state House.

Anita Banach, public relations coordinator for Clarkston Community Schools, said the district has to wait a long time to get MEAP results back from the state, which affects how the different buildings set their goals for the school year.

Banach also said the way the state reports data from the test needs to be adjusted.

She added it is illogical to compare how one grade level in a district performs in a given year with how that same grade level performs in subsequent years; for example, how fourth grade students in 1999-2000 compare with fourth grade students in 2000-01. She said each class is unique and should be judged apart from one another.

"You're comparing apples and oranges," she said. "There needs to be a different way that it is desegregated."

Nancy Hanna, a Clarkston resident who teaches in the Westwood Heights school district, outside of Flint, agreed

with Banach. "I think you hit it on the head when you talk about how it is reported," she said.

She did say the test has been helpful in aligning the schools' curriculum. "I think the MEAP has done a wonderful job as far as fine-tuning the curriculum," Hanna said. "I think it has helped."

Geri Moore, director of curriculum, research, and evaluation, said the language used in the test often confuses students, and, as a result, the test is not an accurate indicator of student achievement.

"It's not a true assessment of what their ability is," she said. "You're changing the language around. It's not normal conditions."

Hanna also said the test may not be the best way to measure student performance, and said state legislators should take a closer look at the wording of the test to get a better understanding of what the students are facing.

"I truly believe that would be paramount, for them to get some insight," she said. "I'm not sure that this is the best tool."

She said teachers are concerned that they are judged solely on the MEAP results, instead of their overall performance.

"Teachers become fearful," Hanna said. "They feel that how my kids score on this test is a direct reflection on themselves."

Testing on new watermain begins

Installation of the 12-inch watermain has been completed on the west side of Main Street, Michigan Department of Transportation Senior Inspector Bruce Caldwell said Monday.

Currently the watermain is undergoing township and county testing for bacteria. MDOT resident engineer Jim Natschke said the main went through pressure testing last week.

The next step will be the installation of electrical conduits for street lighting. Curb work and pavement re-

pairs will follow, Caldwell said. He is hoping work on the west side will be complete by the end of July.

Work will then begin on the east side which Caldwell said should go a bit faster than the west side. He did not know when, if any, future road closures would take place along Main Street.

Hookup to the water supply of Independence Township is not mandatory for Clarkston residents and business owners, but is encouraged by members of the Clarkston city council for health and safety reasons.

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Around the world in a couple of hours

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

During a two-day stretch, ham radio operators connected with Puerto Rico, Canada, and the Bahamas — all without leaving the confines of Springfield Oaks County Park.

The Oakland County Amateur Radio Society (OCARS) sponsored their annual Field Day June 23-24 at the Oakland County 4-H Fairgrounds, located at Springfield Oaks in Davisburg.

Approximately 10-15 people took advantage of the opportunity to set up shop. They began their adventures on 2 p.m. June 23 and didn't stop for 24 hours.

During that time, the operators made connections with other ham radio operators from a wide variety of locales.

Johnston and Pontiac resident Del Brown operated in a novice tent, set up for beginning ham radio operators. Johnston said for the most part, his connections were in the continental United States, although he also reached the Caribbean, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and Columbia.

He said that not too much time is spent with each individual connection. "You get their information, give them yours, and move on," he said.

Rick McKibben of Clarkston was busy making a call to the Bahamas, and expressed his excitement after getting through to that country.

He explained the ability to connect with different locations is based on the length of wave that the operator works with. "The longer the wave, the further it can go," he said.

Another team of ham radio operators, Jim Vigne of Gingelville (in Orion Township) and Al Bailey of Waterford, were busy receiving calls from throughout the world. Vigne said he had received 1,168 calls as of 11 a.m. June 24.

While that may seem like a lot of calls for that amount of time, Vigne said the number is typical for members of the OCARS club. "That's pretty average



Ham radio operators Jim Vigne of Orion Township (left) and Al Bailey of Waterford connect with fellow operators from around the world during Field Day at Springfield Oaks County Park.

for our group," he said.

He said the duo, as well as all ham radio operators in OCARS, records its calls with the American Radio Relay League, a reporting agency for ham radio operators in the United States.

"It's an organization that consists of all of us," he said. "It's to support the hobby."

The members of OCARS also passed out literature describing their hobby, and how people can get involved in that pastime.

According to a flyer issued by AARL, the national association for amateur radio, the Federal Com-

munications Commission (FCC) issues amateur radio licenses in the United States.

To earn a technician license, which is the introductory amateur radio license issued by the FCC, potential ham radio operators must pass a 35-question written test, covering basic electricity issues and rules which operators need to know to operate their radios.

For more information on how to become an amateur radio operator, contact AARL at 1-800-32-NEW-HAM (1-800-326-3942), or visit their Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/HamRadio.html>.

Clarkston man dies in motorcycle crash in Orion Twp.

BY LISA VALENTINE

Lake Orion Review Staff Writer

A Clarkston man died on Saturday after he lost control of his motorcycle on Indianwood Road.

The accident happened around 2:35 a.m. on Saturday on Indianwood near Creekwood Road. According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Clarkston resident David Rivers, 21, was driving his motorcycle westbound on Clarkston Road alone when

he lost control. He left the roadway to the right of Indianwood and crashed.

Rivers was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, where he later died from his injuries. Oakland County Sheriff's Department Deputy Ken Hiller said the extent of his injuries had not been released yet.

"He was alone on the bike and he was wearing a helmet," Hiller said. "We don't know yet why he lost control, but alcohol may have been a factor."

Hiller said it won't be known if alcohol was involved until blood tests come back with the Medical Examiner's report.

"We should have that in a couple of weeks," Hiller said.

The accident remains under investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Crash Reconstruction Unit.

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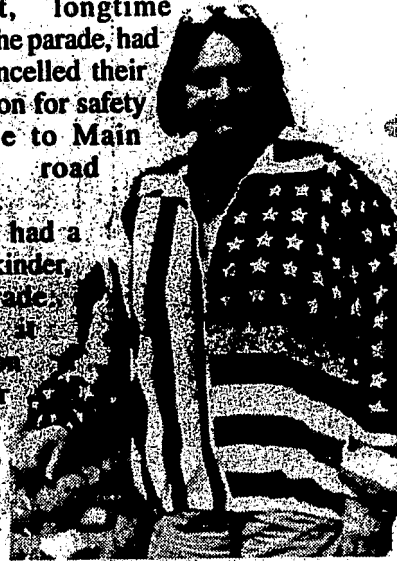
Editorial

The little woman who could

When Gini Schultz decided to organize her "alternate" 4th of July Parade we heard more than a few chuckles and skeptics who said it couldn't be done.

The Independence Township Fire Department, longtime sponsors of the parade, had correctly cancelled their big production for safety reasons due to Main Street road construction.

But Gini had a vision of a kinder, gentler parade. Physically, it would fit on a smaller route -- Holcomb Road, one block west of Main Street. But



Gini Schultz

more importantly, it spoke to the small-town sensibilities in all of us.

Gini knew that bigger was not always better. She refocused the parade from large floats to lots of residents on foot and bikes, plus creative entries, entertainment, and participation from residents along the parade route. You might say this was an interactive parade.

The hard work and determination of Gini and her husband, James, also brought themselves, the parade and Clintonwood Park festivities and fireworks, as well as the community state-wide recognition. The couple was featured in a front page photo and story in *The Detroit News and Free Press* on the morning of the 4th. The newspaper dubbed Gini, "the woman who saved the Fourth of July."

We have printed seven letters to the editor this week praising Gini and her family for their hard work in organizing Clarkston's Fourth of July Parade. This is the first time so many of our letters to the editor have been devoted to one subject except for political campaigns.

The letters are a well-deserved tribute to Gini and her devotion to keeping Clarkston's 4th of July Parade tradition alive.

This also shows how individuals can and really do make a difference in their communities ... if only they first get involved.

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Letters to the Editor

Returned wallet proves some families value honesty

The week before the 4th of July, our son experienced a type of independence of his own. He obtained his driver's license and was enjoying this newfound freedom.

While watching the fireworks at Clintonwood, he lost his wallet! When he realized it was gone, he and his dad retraced his steps, but they were unable to locate it.

We thought the likelihood of his wallet being recovered was slim. Our son was upset for losing the wallet and for now having to wait for his actual license to arrive in the mail, thus restricting that wonderful freedom to drive.

On Thursday, July 5, we received a call from John

Chapman, stating that his daughter Lindsay had found our son's wallet Wednesday evening after the fireworks. Needless to say, there was great elation in our home. Freedom had again been won!

In this day and age, we frequently hear of all the bad things that kids do. Our family would like to publicly thank Lindsay for having the integrity to return Kirk's wallet. It is refreshing to know there are those that still encourage honesty in their families. We are most appreciative of your efforts.

Gary and Nancy Hanna
Clarkston

Parade shows what can be done when people care

Thank you, Gini Schultz, and the many others, for your determination and dedication to Clarkston. The legacy of the 4th of July Clarkston Parade is uninterrupted due to your commitment to the community; it shows what can be done when people care.

Our thanks for being the kind of neighbors that make this area one which we are proud to call home.

Sincerely,
Arlene and Tom Stone
Clarkston

Gini should be congratulated for her idea and success

Thank you Gini Schultz for bringing back the small town atmosphere that brought me to Independence and Clarkston. No other event of recent years was as exciting and endearing to everyone as the 4th of July 2001, on Holcomb Road, Clarkston, Mi.

Each time the U.S. flag was marched by, we were given the opportunity to briefly pause and reflect what our flag represents and how fortunate we all are to live here in the United States of America.

The parade started on time, the weather was perfect, the parade participants were mostly local and the Holcomb Road garden tour was beautiful!

Gini Schultz, you are to be congratulated for your marvelous idea and splendid success!

Seeing families and friends celebrating by waving and clapping hello as the parade passed by was a happy

Peggy Dryer
Independence Township

'Thank goodness for Gini and Jim's love for community'

Big time thanks to Gini and Jim Schultz for pulling together a great 4th of July parade!

community and willingness to put forth a huge amount of effort.

At our end of Holcomb we enjoyed every bit of it ... from the Robertson Court Synchronized Swimmers (yes we could see your faces from our hill!) ... to so many kids with decorated bikes ... to the "flyover" that always fills one with patriotic pride!

There's nothing like a hometown parade to generate community spirit and pride! We think the Parade of 2001 will be one to remember!

Thank goodness for Gini and Jim's love for our

Steve and Jennifer Arkwright
Clarkston

Gini Schultz should be 'heroine of the hour'

We would like to thank Gini Schultz for her vision and determination in continuing the 4th of July Parade. And she pulled it off without a hitch!

anywhere on the street, and they all had very positive comments about how "hometown" the parade was on "our" street.

The parade started on time, the floats were great, the whole thing was wonderful! Every person in it looked happy to be there. Smiling faces everywhere.

Thanks Gini, and we recommend you as "Heroine of the Hour," in there to the last minute with the scoop detail.

The crowd was great too! We had not a bit of litter

Joyce and Colby Little
Clarkston

Clarkston's 2001 4th of July parade was personal

Congratulations, Gini!! You did it! You did it with style and class!

made me cry, and the Synchronized Water Ballet team made me laugh. This year's parade was so personal, so dedicated to Clarkston's celebration of the Fourth of July, so real.

Although I am a newcomer to Clarkston (I've only been here sixteen years), I believe this was the finest parade ever. I loved it because there was dulcimer music and lemonade and cookies and a garden tour before the parade.

Thank you, Gini for making this year's parade so special for all of us.

I loved it because Clarkston residents joined in with genuine old-fashioned support. I loved it because it focused more on children and flowers instead of politicians and artificial grins. I loved it because the Civil Was Soldiers

Please, please, take charge of next year's Fourth of July Parade.

Sincerely,
Judy McConnell

Read more letters to the editor on page 8A

Best Image Possible

Get ready for those exciting days of yesteryear

Man, I can't wait for the boys to get older. There's so much we can do together. A man and his boys -- I can feel the adrenaline pumping through my veins.

(For some blasted reason, I can't get that Helen Reddy song out of my head, "I am woman, hear me roar, da, da, da, da, da, da, da.")

Unfortunately for the lads under my tutelage, those bonding times won't be in front of the TV or computer monitor playing video games. There will be no sharing of the Gameboy. This father won't be passing down to his sons the family Super-duper-mega-wild, hand-held, stereophonic and digitally remastered Nintendo.

Let other kids be computer wizards, mine are destined for geekhood. I think before they're old enough to read (or care) I'll hang a sign out front of the house proclaiming, Nerds R Us. Ah, but there's always a down side to every Don Rush idea, namely, dear wife Jen won't like being included in our special club. Maybe the sign should read, Boyz to Nerdz.

I'll work on it, I have a few years to fly some test balloons and see what sticks. Like I say, it's unfortunate for the boys they have a geek for a father. Oh, I know, I know, you readers find that hard to swallow, what, with my swab and deboner ways and all. Folks, that's just a well-rehearsed facade. On the inside I carry more than one pen in my shirt pocket.

(Dang blab-it -- I worked so hard, for so many years to build that *international man of mystery* mystique, just to blow it with one admission. Rats!)

Well, anyhow, I have ensured my boys admission into the BOWU -- Boys Organization for the Way Uncool -- and it was actually their mother's fault -- in an indirect way, of course. Jen discovered a book from her youth, which was a book from her father's youth. The book -- *The Boy Mechanic, 1,000 Things for Boys To Do, Book 2*.

This gem of literature was published by Popular Mechanics. It's jammed with fun activities, tricks, and projects sent in by folks from across the country. The

**Don't
Rush Me**



Don Rush

problem for the modern younguns, Shamus and Sean R, is that the book was published in 1915.

I'm not sure, but I bet "fun" back in the days of yesteryear and "fun" in 2001 are two different animals.

Too bad for Shamus and Sean. They don't know it yet, but their Papa has a diabolical plan in store for them; a plan so heinous that teens reading this article today will call it "cruel and unusual" punishment. What makes the plan so diabolical is its simplicity -- the three of us are gonna "do" that book.

Oh, I'm not that much of a monster, I'll skip over the things like: "Bicycle Oil Lamp Changed to Electric Light," or "Uses for a Bamboo Pole." (But, did you know, you can cut into three lengths, "a good bamboo pole (about 18 feet long)" and make the following things: a Window Shade Stick, Duster Holder and Clothesline Pole?)

No, I'm talking about some good-fun stuff. On page 363 there are directions on how to make, "A Small Shocking Machine." Accompanying the plans is a picture of a smart looking lad with his hand on a switch, ready to let his contraption hum. Across the table are his sister and two brothers, holding some sort of electrode, smiling. The book calls this gizmo, "An amusing as well as instructive shocking machine . . . or in a manner a current is given to a (medical) patient."

Won't the teachers like this show and tell presentation . . .

There's also the how-to low-down on: "A Homemade Blowtorch," "A Pea-Shooting Gun," "A Fire and Burglar Alarm," "An Electric Fountain," "An Electric Shaving Mug (great for Father's Day)," "How to Make An Electric Furnace," "The Construction of a Simple Wireless Telephone Set (sounds 'simple')," "A Simple Motion Picture Machine," "A Power Windmill," "How to Make a Blowgun," "A Snowball Thrower," and my personal favorite (every kid will want one, then we'll see who the cool guys really are), "How to Make a Monoplane Glider." The book even says how to get yourself inside and take off . . .

I better make sure we all have life insurance.

Comments for Don to:
donrushmedon@aol.com

the People Poll

By Jennifer Nemer

What's the best book you've read lately?

"A book about insects, particularly about praying mantises. My son really loves science and just bought a few hundred praying mantises. These guys really have personality."
— Sher Jagtiani



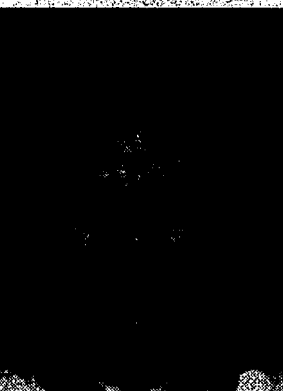
"The James Clavell series which includes 'Tai Pan' and 'Shogun.' It's very interesting history."
— Walter Bachmann



"Right now, I'm reading 'Dead Souls' by the Russian writer Gogol. It's about a 15-year-old guy who buys dead souls and sells them to others as if they were living souls. I like the realistic writing."
— Mike Simpson



"One of the best books I've read lately is by Bill O'Reilly: 'The O'Reilly Factor.' I liked it because it dispels a lot of myths about parenting, education, integrity and responsibility without using psychobabble. It's a book about values and how to instill them in your children, what to expect from the government, citizenship and giving ack to your community."
— Margaret Bachmann



Just Jotting

Bet you didn't know that 'myth' is a female moth.
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The next time I go to Nashville to see The Grand Ole Opry I'm going to request they sing "I Think I'll Call You Peripheral Vision 'Cause You're Seeing Someone On The Side."
* * *

Guys often flirt with barmaids and try telling stories to bartenders. Glenn Stokes used to serve up drinks at the bar in Pete's Roadhaus in Lake Orion. Once I offered up a 'new' story and he stood there stone-faced and said, "You can't tell a story to bartender," inferring they've heard them all.

After a golf outing at Copper Ridge in Davison we stopped at The Bull Ring in Goodrich for a refreshing glass of lemonade.

I'd recently heard what I thought was a good get-acquainted line, and to bartender Shelly, and said, "How do you convince a guy named Bob-he's dyslexic?"

She shot back, "That's what I've been asking a customer from Capac."

I ordered a second lemonade.
* * *

This is the time of year when I start craving, no, need, toasted bacon and tomato sandwiches with salad dressing. Other times of the year tomatoes are only for color. The flavor starts now.

Though I've noticed it only subconsciously before,

**Jim's
Jottings**



Jim Sherman

today's bacon fries flatter than it used to. It used to curl so much I bought Hazel one of those flatteners to hold the bacon down during cooking.

Don't gimme no talk of bacon/cholesterol. My count is 135.
* * *

Recently I got a couple of green sheet notices from the Oakland County Treasurer, C. Hugh Dohany. It looked like a mass-mailing cause it gave no property number for which it said I owed for 1997 & 1999 taxes.

Since there was a phone number for C. Hugh I decided to call. You are being forewarned to not expect to get through to 858-0611 without hearing several minutes of commercial for the "Silicon Valley" of Michigan, the new technology capital of the world, the greatest place to live and work, ad-nausea.

I feel for those who dial long-distance to get this elongated message when all they want to know is the late fee.
* * *

Here's a sign of the times I hadn't heard of before. Son Jim was sitting in his pickup near a trout stream up by Frankfort, when a man walked up to his truck wearing a bulletproof vest, but with no hat.

Looking closer, Jim noticed the man had a rain jacket over his game warden uniform. Maybe the vest was for warmth.
* * *

Bumper sticker #1: What has 4 legs and an arm? A happy pit bull.

Bumper sticker #2: PETA - People Eating Tasty Animals.

Bumper sticker #3: If you can read this, I've lost my trailer.

More Letters to the Editor

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Gini Schultz kept the 4th of July tradition alive with 'alternate' parade

Congratulations to Gini Schultz from Clarkston Country Store and Main Street Antiques for organizing the 4th of July parade. The alternate route down Holcomb Road due to construction on Clarkston's Main Street kept tradition alive and was refreshing with plenty of hometown flavor.

The musical groups on residents' lawns, lemonade stands and the many children riding bicycles added

viewing pleasure to the event. It was good to see some of our more senior members of the community display their heritage, from the grand marshals, Dr. Rocky Bullard and Barbara Thomson, to the life-long families of Attorney Tom Bullen and wife, Sally, along with Mrs. John Stageman, representing a four-family generation.

A gracious Holcomb Road resident offered her

lawn chairs to us, so we had ring-side seats across the street from our Clarkston High School government teacher, Mr. Leigh Bonner and Mrs. Bonner.

Gini Schultz was humble in keeping the street clean by bringing up the rear with scoop and wheelbarrow.

Sincerely,
Bob and Margaret Bloom

Thanks to Gini and Jim for 'the will to keep things going and get it done'

Special thanks to Gini Schultz and her husband, Jim, for taking the time to assemble the Fourth of July Parade. Thanks for the hundreds of phone calls, the board meetings you attended, and the will to keep things going and get it done.

From our standpoint the parade looked like a success both in participants and attendance. The bicycle group was "special fun" for the kids and we appreciate the labor and materials the Schultz family contributed, from help inflating the balloons down to hand-cutting

each roll of colored crepe paper.

It was both fun and an important Clarkston tradition.

Sincerely,
Ann and Tom Pytel

'What a community! Thanks, Holcomb Road residents

Dear 4th of July participants,

It is with our deepest appreciation we write to thank all of you who had an entry in the parade, and to those of you who came to view the parade.

We are very proud to be a part of this community that gave us so much support in our parade effort.

In order to receive in life, one must give, and you all gave.

We want to thank this newspaper for all of the most favorable publicity.

The musical groups that performed on Holcomb

— Modesty Forbids, Exit 69, Loraine and Roger Cass and their dulcimer playing friends, and Roger and Dan McCarville's Irish music, were a fantastic addition to the morning's entertainment. Thank yous abound.

On Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning we needed the fantastic assistance of Scott Meyland; Tom Lamm; Terry Evans; Anne and Tom Pytel; Dom Mauti; Ken Barks; Susie Juras; John Mouyos; Kevin Kavanaugh; Pat Masur; Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston and the Clarkston city police officers; Lt. Dale LeBair and Sergeant Paul Bidinger of the Oakland

County Sheriff's Dept. and their helpful deputies — what a crew!

St. Daniel Catholic Church's staging area was spectacular. It made everything flow so easily. You did have the parking lot enlarged for us?

The parking at Deer Lake Athletic Club for the ending couldn't have been better. What cooperation!

You made it all possible.
Our grateful appreciation,
James, Gini and Sarah Schultz

Rising Stars present 'Robin Hood'

The Rising Stars will present the play "Robin Hood" on July 19 and 20 at Andover High School on Andover Road in Bloomfield Hills. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$3 per person.

"Robin Hood" is an updated version of the classic legend featuring most of the well-known events in the life of the hero, packed full of humor and eccentric characters.

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Pontiac, Sylvan Lake, Waterford, White Lake, and the surrounding area make up the Rising Stars. It is the only Repertory Theater for young people, grades six through nine, in Oakland County.

The Rising Stars are sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Parks and Recreation Department and directed by Thomas L. Logan of Pontiac and Danielle N. Paccione of Waterford.

For ticket information, call (248)433-0885.

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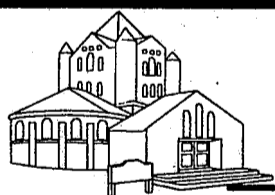
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Schultz was congratulated and thanked by members of the city council at its July 9 meeting. Schultz in return thanked the council for its support, along with Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston for his efforts during the parade.

Even though our office has received several letters to the editor hoping Schultz would organize next year's parade, that won't happen Schultz said.

"One year was enough," Schultz said with an exhausted laugh late last week. "It took a lot of work, but I had tremendous support from everyone in this community. I just couldn't let a year go by without the parade."

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Clarkston teen's wish to meet N'Sync comes true

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was simply a hug and a handshake, but after June 30 Clarkston teen Sara Razi didn't want to wash her hands or even the shirt she had on.

That's because it wasn't just anyone who gave her that hug and held her hand, it was the guys from N'Sync, one of today's hottest boy bands. And it was all courtesy of a dream come true through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Sara, 14, who has Spinakere Bellarataxia SCA Type 7, a disease of the nervous system which has led to loss of eyesight and the ability to walk, doesn't want to forget the events of the day. She likes to ask her mom, Sue, to go over the day's events with her to remember as many details as possible, like her limo ride.

One of Sara's many highlights of the experience included traveling in style to Comerica Park, accompanied by mom, dad Hossein, and brother Sam.

The limo ride was a first for Sara, who now hopes her family will win the lottery, or sell her younger brother's autographed N'Sync picture, so she can have a limo of her own.

But a limo ride only got the fun rolling that day. Later, Sara got front row seating at a VIP sound check party where Justin, Lance, J.C., Chris and Joey sang two songs and answered questions.

Afterwards, it was one-on-one with the band and more importantly, in Sara's mind, one-on-one with Justin, the N'Sync member who's stolen her heart.

Though the time with Justin and the rest of N'Sync "went so fast," Sara said, she savored every moment—like how they talked about their favorite TV shows,

music, and what the guys did in Detroit the night before.

Sara, who's favorite TV show is "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," also loves the computer game, and was so excited to find out the guys love to play the game before they go on stage.

Even mom enjoyed meeting the band. When it came time for pictures, mom said, "this one's for me," and was able to get a Kodak moment with Lance, her favorite!

Unfortunately, Sara, who's weakening condition left her very rundown from the day's activities, had to leave before the concert began.

But the N'Sync excitement isn't over for Sara. At the end of this month, she'll have another opportunity to be part of a special N'Sync day.

The family, who was planning a trip to Las Vegas, found the timing coincided with an N'Sync charity event, Challenge For Children, and since Sara didn't get a chance to enjoy the concert, she'll enjoy festivities with N'Sync once again.

Sue said, "I can't say enough about Make A Wish." She can't believe how quickly they responded to her daughter's wish.

Sara was only diagnosed with the disease in October and Sue made the call to Make-A-Wish two months later. She heard back from the organization right away. In April, she found out Sara would be meeting N'Sync, a wish made possible thanks to the local UAW-599 and GM Flint Operations, who hosted a golf outing to raise funds for Sara.

"Make A Wish just made it a very special day for us," Sue said.



It was hard for Clarkston teen Sara Razi and her mom, Sue, to say, "Bye, Bye, Bye" June 30, after spending the day with her favorite boy band, N'Sync.

Local woman is first time author

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident Catherine Ruhfel is starting a new chapter in her life.

The "self taught" writer recently released her first book and is hoping this accomplishment will develop into a string of novels.

"Reunion" is the love story of two children who witness a brutal murder and because of certain circumstances are torn apart only to be reunited in mid life.

Publisher Willem Meiners said, "Beautifully written, the book deals with the underlying classic theme of challenges that must be overcome, hardships that must be faced, as stumbling blocks turn into stepping stones."

Ruhfel—who noted the story takes place in the Wisconsin countryside but actually begins and ends in Holly—said she has already received a number of calls from people with positive feedback.

And not only is this Ruhfel's first book, it's really the first thing she's ever written. Crafting her skills just a few years back, she "plugged away" at writing when time allowed. Ruhfel, 59, is an avid reader and said she bases her writing standards on the good literature she's read.

But as a day job, Ruhfel, who has lived in Clarkston since 1989, is a nurse with Henry Ford Health Systems. She's a graduate of anthropology at Oakland University and is looking to make writing a second career after she retires from nursing in three to four years.

Regarding the publication of her first book, Ruhfel simply feels relieved after all the hard work.

Ruhfel, who is married and has three grown children, has already begun writing her second novel also about a murder in a small town, this time in Minnesota.

You can find "Reunion" for \$18.95 at www.publishamerica.com. Or call toll free 1-877-333-7422.



Catherine Ruhfel, Clarkston resident and first-time author.

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

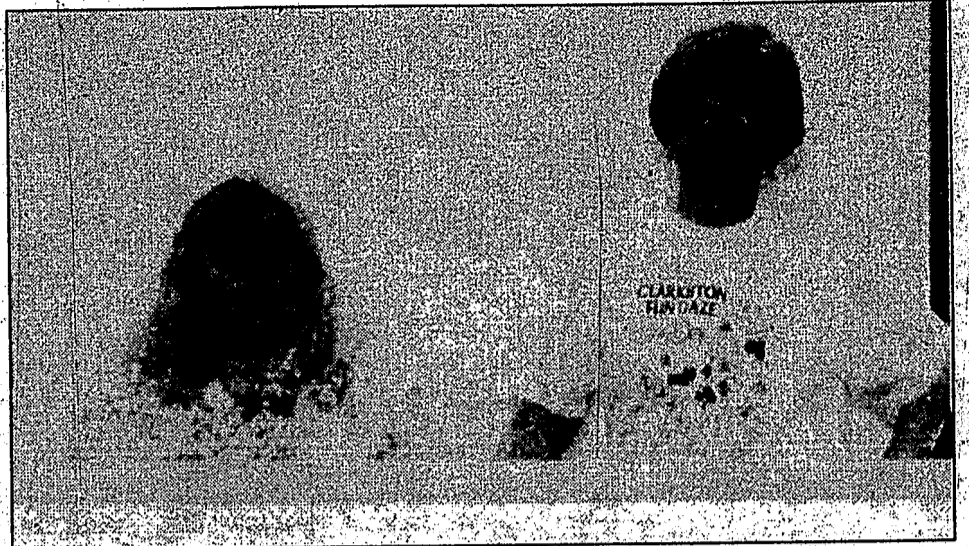
Lighthouse Clarkston, an organization which helps low-and no-income families with food, clothing and personal items, moved into a new facility this week.

At 6330 Sashabaw, south of Waldon, the location previously housed medical offices. Grant funds allowed Lighthouse to purchase the 4,000 square foot building which will feature a welcome center, children's play area, two private interview rooms, private staff offices, pantry, a large clothing room as well as separate rooms for food storage, personal care items and more, said Supervisor Katie Stewart.

Services will be offered beginning Mon., July 16, after Lighthouse takes a week to set up. Client service hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, staff is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Since January, Lighthouse Clarkston has been stationed at the Clarkston Community Education building at Church and Waldon. They were forced to move from the old Sashabaw Presbyterian Church on Maybee which was too small and not structurally sound enough to house their equipment and goods.

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Administrative Assistant Connie Stapleton, right, Supervisor Katie Stewart, in the new Lighthouse Clarkston at 6330 Sashabaw.

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Strutz case

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is committed in his presence; probable cause that a misdemeanor has been committed is not sufficient.

From outside the house the officers did not see any minor with alcohol in their possession, Sosnick said. In this case, any potential misdemeanors are punishable by less than 92 days. The officers' search of the house and arrest of the defendants was unlawful, he said.

On the night of the incident, the Strutzes—who could have faced up to two years in jail or a \$1,000 fine on each count of resisting and obstructing an officer—refused to let police enter their home when deputies felt it necessary to check inside for possible underage drinkers. Police noted in reports seeing six people run upstairs in the house when they arrived as well as 20 cars parked on the street and in a turnaround next to the Pinewood home.

During the New Year's Eve incident, Michael Strutz shut the screen door and began closing the inside door when police wanted in. The officer then pushed open the screen door and kicked open the inside door, reports say.

Sosnick said a police officer may break open an inner or outer door to make an arrest without a warrant in cases of a felony. But if a officer is refused entry by a subject in a case where he is attempting to make a warrantless misdemeanor arrest, no provision is made. The defendants clearly refused the officer's entry, and the potential crimes were only misdemeanors, so the entry was also unlawful, he said.

Lt. Dale LaBair, of the Independence Township Oakland County Sheriff's substation, whose deputies were involved in the incident, said his stance has not changed. He believes the deputies made a good call. But LaBair said the real issue of the case was the

safety of the kids who were found to have been drinking.

Faith Samuel, who works with Victim Services for the Oakland County chapter of M.A.D.D., Mothers Against Drunk Driving, agrees.

She has been following the case since the beginning and said, "It's a sad day for our community when we send the message to our teens that it is okay to be drinking while underage."

Samuel added, "It's sad it had to happen in the first place, that the parents allowed this to happen in their presence."

Prosecutor Bob Cooper said the case is being evaluated and may be appealed.

But Fox said the incident has been simply unfortunate. In fact, Peggy Strutz, an instructional aid at Clarkston Elementary, even lost her job as a result.

Anita Banach, public relations coordinator for Clarkston Schools said Peggy Strutz was terminated after being found in violation of the district's policy #4213, regarding student well-being.

"There were quite a few policies we felt she may have gone against," said Banach.

Now that the charges have been dropped, will Peggy Strutz get her job back? Banach said, "the outcome of the case has nothing to do with her position here. She was an employee at will. It was not a contracted position."

Fox said the Strutzes are outstanding citizens who have been portrayed to be something they're not.

The Strutzes seem to be doing much better now, Fox said, and hope to get back to leading a peaceful life.

The Strutzes did not return calls by presstime.

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A Look Back

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Developers of the Lancaster on the Lakes apartments have hurdled their first obstacle toward construction over potential traffic problems. The Independence Township Planning Commission granted conceptual approval for the complex. At issue were traffic problems that could be generated by apartment residents entering and exiting the complex off Dixie Highway.

The excess school equipment auction, scheduled for July 19, is the Clarkston school district's first ever auction, according to William Jackson, the district's financial manager. Persons wishing to buy items can inspect them the day of the sale, beginning at the auction locations, the Clarkston High School cafeteria and bus garage. The auction will move from one site to the other.

A lawsuit was filed last week on behalf of Anthony Palazzola in connection with the plane crash that killed Clarkston High School principal John Kirchgessner. The midair crash near the Oakland-Pontiac Airport in Waterford Township last March involved two planes, one flown by Patrick Gorrie, and the other carrying Palazzola and Kirchgessner.

25 YEARS AGO (1976)

The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission meets July 19, and the summer recreation program at Andersonville School will be continued until at least the day after. That's the word from Independence Township Supervisor J. Edwin Glennie, whose recreation department, he says, still expects reimbursement from Springfield Township in the amount of about \$525 for the eight-week program.

The Clarkston Board of Education has appointed two new central office administrators and set their salaries. William Neff has been named as director of elementary education at a starting salary of \$26,594. Melvin Vaara was named director of secondary education. His salary was set at \$29,079. Conrad J. Bruce has been named administrative assistant in charge of personnel relations, athletics and student services. His salary was set at \$27,287.

David Leak has been reelected Clarkston Board of Education chairman by a four to two vote cast by secret ballot at the board's organizational meeting. Eric Reickel was named vice president, Fernando Sanchez was reelected secretary and Janet Thomas was named treasurer.

50 YEARS AGO (1951)

Mr. Leslie F. Greene was appointed Superintendent of the Clarkston Community Schools by the Board of Education. Mr. Greene took his undergraduate work at Kalamazoo College, majoring in the field of chemical science, and also was very active in athletics. His graduate work was completed in the field of school administration at the University of Michigan.

A large crowd gathered in Clarkston on July 4 to enjoy the day's program, sponsored by the Fire Fighters Association. As usual, the parade was one of the big features. Headed by the Drum and Bugle Corps, the colorful lineup marched from Miller Road down Main Street to W. Washington, where the prizes were distributed.

When the Campbell-Richmond Post No. 63 of the American Legion met at the Community Center, the officers for the coming year were elected. Frank Green was named Commander; Al Kinsey, Senior Vice Commander; Lee T. (Dub) Masters, Junior Vice Commander; Clark Soulby, Finance Officer; Stanley Furman, Adjutant; Clifford Waterbury, Historian; Vern Ridgeway, Chaplain; Ray Reid, sergeant-at-arms; and Herbert Baynes, Service Officer.

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(Above) This clown was all smiles handing out candy to children who lined the street. (Top right) Irene McCabe's house, at 9 N. Holcomb, was one of many which was decorated along the parade route. (Middle right) These Vietnam Veterans took part in the parade. (Bottom right) The Shriners show off Old Glory for all to see. Photos by Ed Davis. More photos on page 16A.

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(Top left) Holcomb Road was flooded with children who decorated their bikes and rode down Holcomb Street to participate in the parade. (Right) Gini Schultz, who put this year's parade together, pets one of the horses on Holcomb. (Photo by John Meyland) (Bottom left) Pictured above, from left, are Claire Ross, Rachel Didion, behind Rachel is Maria Ross. In the car is Rebecca Didion. (Photo by John Meyland)

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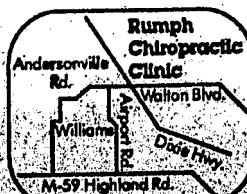
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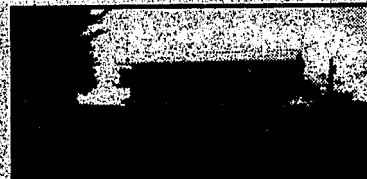
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(Left) Members of the Clarkston High School color guard wave their flags during the parade. (Top right) This young Tiger Cub was proud to march down Holcomb. (Bottom right) These two dogs show they're all about the stars and stripes as they walk down Holcomb. More photos on page 18A.

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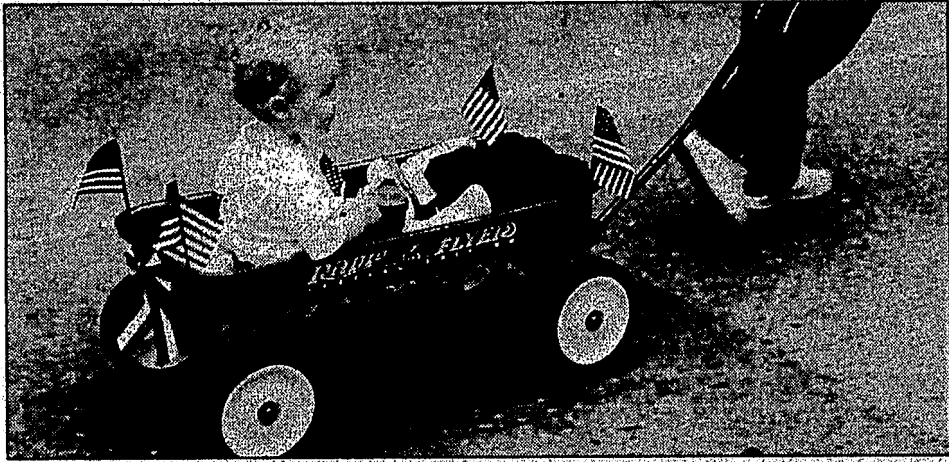
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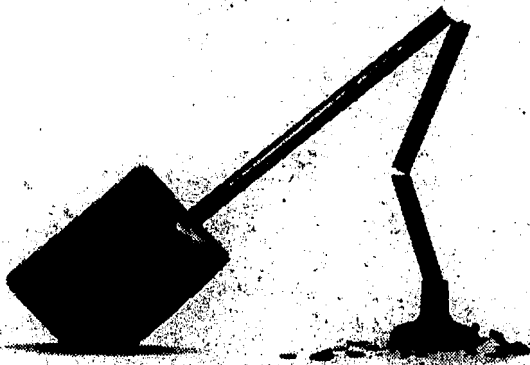
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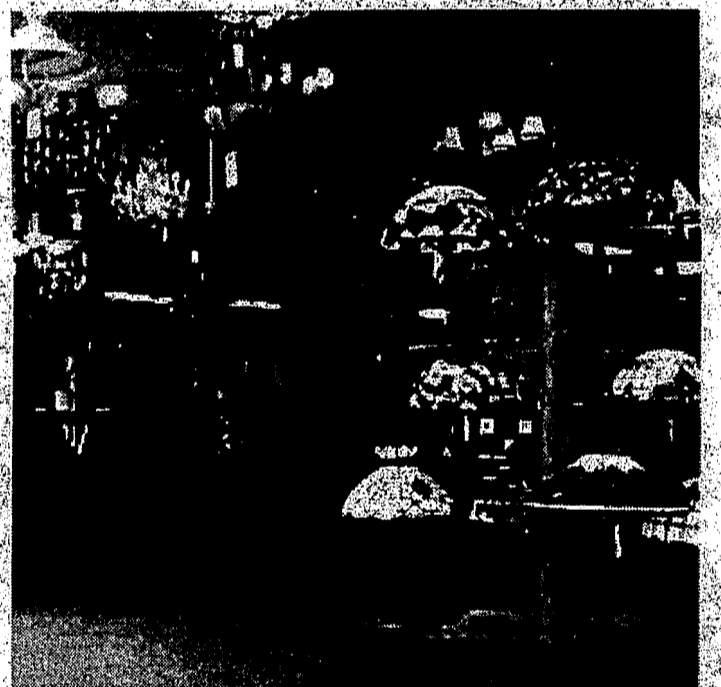
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New development offers beautiful lots

Luxurious homes fill scenic Parks at Stonewood new development in Independence Township

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Most of the homes look like something from 'The Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous,' but prospective buyers won't need millions of dollars to land a home in The Parks at Stonewood.

The new development, located at the southwest corner of White Lake and Dixie Highway, is made up of five different residential areas, each with its own unique character.

Parks at Stonewood rests on 256 acres of previously undeveloped land, and perhaps the greatest characteristic of this luxurious development is that nearly half of the acreage will remain untouched. Some houses are over 5,000 square feet, not including basements.

Paul Toepp III, The Parks at Stonewood Sales Manager, said over 100 acres of the land will remain undeveloped park area retaining the area's vast natural beauty. The man behind the development is Clarkston resident David V. Johnson, Chairman of Victor International, the developing company of The Parks at Stonewood.

"A lot of people don't know that Mr. Johnson is from the area," Toepp said. "He has great vision and does tremendous work. No detail is left unfinished in the homes he's done."

Toepp said Johnson has built 18 other communities in the county and also developed the Bay Harbor area on the coast of Lake Michigan. Johnson said governor John Engler now refers to Bay Harbor as "The Crown Jewel of Michigan." Johnson's other recent development is Turtle Lake in Bloomfield Hills.

The development's greatest strength is its design. Johnson has integrated the area's natural beauty. The development includes nature trails and is only minutes from I-75. A children's play area called will also be integrated into the community.

The five neighborhoods within the development include the following: **Park Ridge** — An area of remarkable topography with mature woods and dramatic lots. Its custom homes feature traditional architecture, floor plans and interiors to reflect today's lifestyles and tastes. Lots are available and owners can bring their own builder and architect upon approval.

Park View — Homes will be located amid rolling woods and meadows and are designed in a traditional country-type architecture. The rear of many of these homes, most with walkout lower levels, will face open space preserve, including ponds, woods or meadows.

Village Park — Village style homes which blend



(Above) This home, over 5,000 square feet, features a three car garage, fireplaces, commercial quality kitchen appliances and breathtaking views out of its well placed windows which overlook the scenic woods of Independence Township. (Right) This sitting room offers a great view of the woods, gorgeous Brazilian cherry hardwood floors and a high ceiling. Photos by Ed Davis.



'I think it will arguably one of the top communities in the Midwest.'

Paul Toepp III — The Parks at Stonewood Sales Manager

neo-classical architecture with contemporary floor plans, including front porches and sidewalks to encourage a neighborhood feeling among residents.

Peninsula Park — A grouping of 17 homes in a secluded setting on an upland ridge nestled into a nature preserve. The lots are clustered to provide all residents access to outstanding views of the park land.

Park Place — Will feature 18 units of condominiums within the Village at Stonewood, along with up-scale shops, offices, a bank and three restaurants are planned. Prices within this area range from around

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Independence Township Parks and Rec youth baseball and softball standings (as of July 2)

Boys 9-10 Major	W	L	T				
The Tigers	8	0	0	Clarkston Coalition	6	4	1
All Points Construction	5	2	0	Clarkston Rotary Club	2	7	0
John Richards Homes	5	3	0	Clarkston Burger King	1	8	0
Clarkston Auto Wash	4	4	0	Girls 14 and Under	W	L	T
Edward Jones	3	5	0	North Oakland Sales	4	0	0
Materials Unlimited	3	5	0	Lorimer Building Co.	4	2	1
Clarkston Cad, Inc	3	5	0	T-Baseball Major			
S&L Autobody	3	6	0	Aulgur-Raisin Buildings			
Lowrie's Landscape	2	6	0	Bank One			
Boys 11-12	W	L	T	Clarkston Rotary Club			
Oxford Truck and Trailer	7	1	0	James D. Williams			
Kieft Engineering	6	2	0	Kinetico by Village and Country			
Clarkston Pool Corp	5	3	0	Oakhurst Golf and Country Club			
Lee Cleaners	4	4	0	Smith's Disposal			
Machine Engineering	4	4	0	Spectrum Printing			
Northwest Propane	4	5	0	The Mariners			
CSB	3	5	0	Tool Sport and Sign			
Smith's Disposal	3	5	0	Boys 8&9 Minor			
Prudential Cham.-Stiehl	1	7	0	A.C. Tire			
Boys 13-14	W	L	T	Ashley & Co. Magical Productions			
Gary Fiteny, DDS	9	0	0	Clarkston Optimist Club			
Navarre Appraisal	7	2	0	Ind. Woods MHC			
Chase Plastics	6	3	0	Nichols Heating & Cooling			
Scott Quality Homes	3	6	0	Outback Steakhouse			
Clarkston Burger King	1	8	0	Oxford Bank			
All-Star Amusements	1	8	0	Tigers			
Boys 15-18	W	L	T	Tool Sport and Sign			
Broner&Kraut	3	0	0	Village Trophy			
Orion Rental	2	1	0	Wint Little Diggers			
Clarkston Pest Control	1	2	0	Girls 10 & Under			
Tire Warehouse	1	1	0	American Legion			
American Legion	0	2	0	Clarkston Internal Medicine			
Michigan Telephone	0	2	0	Clarkston Optimist Club			
Girls 12 and Under	W	L	T	Gary Fiteny, DDS			
Beardslee Excavating	7	2	1	Mercado Dentistry			
Optimeyes	7	2	0	Saturn North			

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Chamber Golf Classic packs 'em in

The 14th annual Chamber Golf Classic was a sold out event June 28 at Heather Highlands Golf Course. With lush greens and hot weather, golfers enjoyed the hospitality of the chamber which included over \$5,000 in prizes.

Waterfall Jewlers sponsored a hole-in-one with a chance to win a \$10,000 jewelry shopping spree, but though two golfers came close, there were no hole-in-one winners.

Winners in the golf classic included the following: Men's Team — Jim Peurach, Mike Kelly, Bob Peurach and Matt Peurach with a score of 60.

Women's Team — Dede Anderson, Mary Fogg and Joyce Dubois with a score of 72.

Mixed Team — Bill Langdon Jr., Toula Langdon, Scott Sheldon and Lisa Sheldon with a score of 65.

Fred Ritter of Clarkston Auto Wash won a set of Talor Made irons in the grand prize raffle. Tim Smith, Palace Sports and Entertainment entertained golfers with behind the scenes stories of the stars that he's worked with.

The chamber thanks the many supporters of the annual golf classic, especially the corporate sponsors: Bank One, T&C Federal Credit Union, Hometown Directories, Robert and Kelly Kostin Attorneys, Hubbel Roth & Clark, Kieft Engineering, Kelsey Employment Services and DTE Music Energy Theatre.

CHS to hold football camp

Clarkston High School will host a football camp for younger athletes later this summer.

Clarkston varsity football coach Kurt Richardson said the camp will be offered for students between 5th and 9th grade for \$100. The camp runs from July 30 through August 3 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Students can register at community education up until the camp begins. Call 623-4550 for more information.

Football schedules on-line

Football schedules for MHSAA member schools for the upcoming 2001 season are now available on the MHSAA website, www.mhsaa.com.

There are two different reports available. The first is by school in HTML and PDF format and secondly, a week-by-week in an HTML format. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to access the PDF file.

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Mesi earns 4th place at Track and Field Championships

Special to The Clarkston News

The Detroit Cheetah Track Club from Detroit participated in the 2001 USA Track and Field Championship at Millikin University and Decatur, Ill. held July 3-7 as part of the Verizon Youth Series.

Lauren Mesi from Clarkston, who went to Clarkston Middle School this past year and representing the Cheetah Club won a fourth place medal in the youth girls 4x800 meter relay, where the team had an outstanding time of 9:57.86 in very hot weather conditions.

Mesi also competed in the long jump, where she finished in 12th place against 39 competitors and the 800 meter where she took 26th against 46 competitors from around the nation.

The Association host for the 2001 Youth Athletics Nationals, USATF Ill., geared up for a firestorm of athletes and spectators: "We are preparing for upwards of 3,000 athletes and over 7,500 spectators to attend this year's meet," according to Mary Watters, Illinois Youth Chair and Administrative Coordinator for the nationals.

Youth athletics has the same age divisions as the Junior Olympics program - Bantam (10 and under), Midget (11-12), Youth (13-14), Intermediate (15-16) and Young Men/Women (17-18).



Pictured above is Lauren Mesi, who had a strong overall performance in the 2001 Youth Athletics National Championship. Courtesy photo

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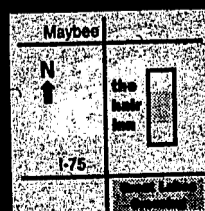
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\$800,000 to over a million. It will be a gated community.

Exact businesses which will be in Park Place are not yet determined, nor are the starting prices of the condominiums; However, prices for the other four neighborhoods within the development range from \$295,000 to over \$2.5 million.

A few families have already moved into the The Parks at Stonewood and many prime lots are still available for purchase, Toepp said. Most lots start at well over \$100,000, but a few were available for less.

In addition to the setting, location and Clarkston schools, homes are also furnished with security alarms and have township water and sewer.

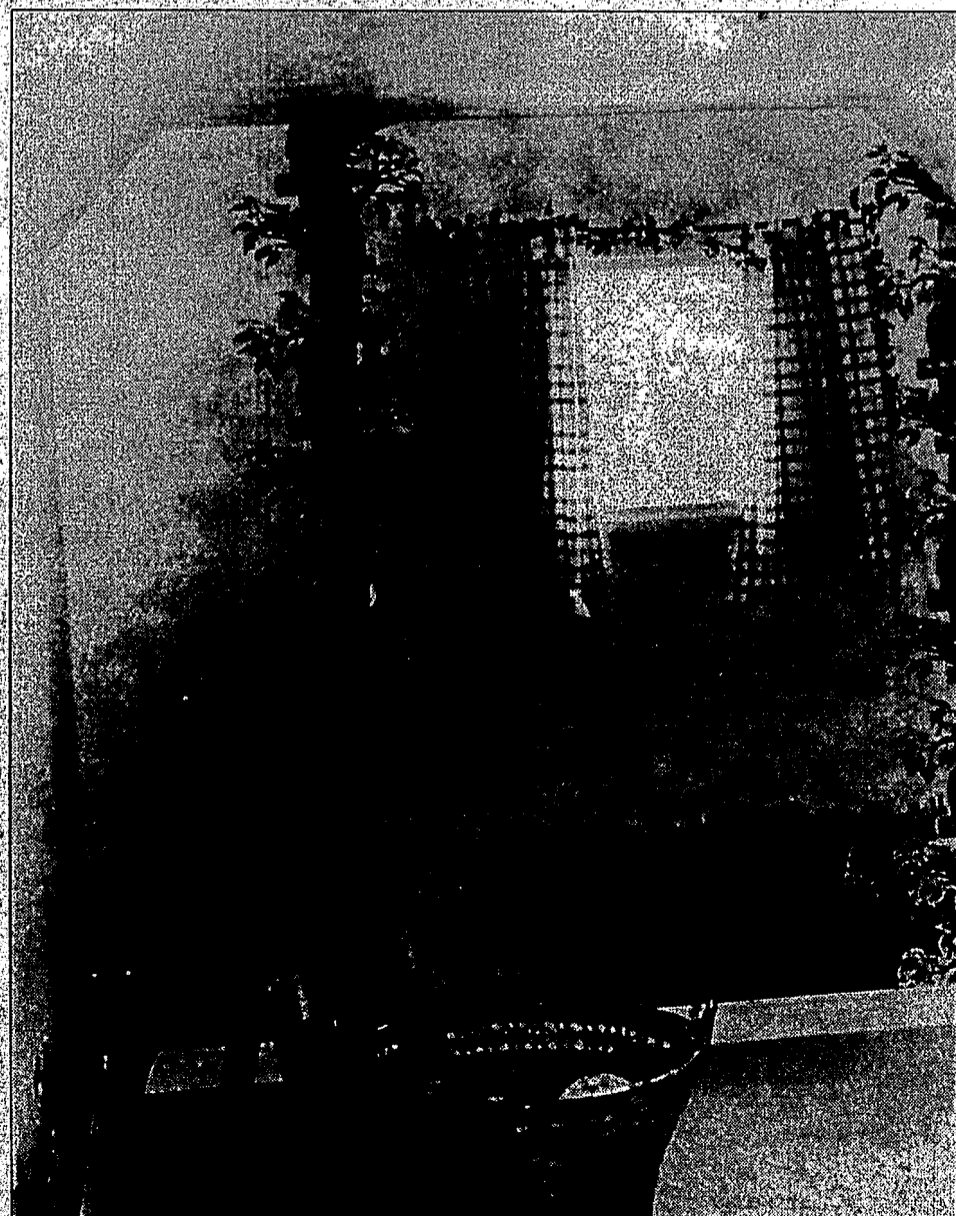
Wooden garage doors, Brazilian cherry hardwood floors and staircases railings as well as granite bathrooms combine to give these homes an elitist feel.

Each buyer can, of course, pick and chose which fixtures they'd like ranging from the type of granite, to carpet, to cabinet wood and other fixtures throughout the house.

Toepp said around 1,000 trees have been planted in the area. Some homes feature his and hers closets; fireplaces which can be viewed from two different rooms, spacious master bedrooms, luxurious bathrooms with custom fixtures and kitchens which feature commercial quality kitchen appliances.

"I think it will arguably one of the top communities in the Midwest," Toepp said. "Mr. Johnson is a real conscious developer and has worked extremely hard here to capture the beauty of the area's surroundings. I think it speaks for itself."

(Top) Homes like this one start at around only \$400,000 in The Parks at Stonewood. Notice the beautiful wooden garage doors. (Middle left) This welcoming foyer with a towering window and beautiful chandelier are the norm at the Parks at Stonewood. (Middle right) Equisite granite topped sinks and dark wooden cabinets make this kitchen one to remember. (Bottom left) Winding staircases like the one above are one of many beautiful things that make the homes in The Parks at Stonewood so special. (Bottom right) This beautifully detailed decorated children's room is a dream for any little one. Photos by Ed Davis.



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Around Town

Registrations are now being taken for July and August camps including Dan Fife Basketball and Basketball Fundamentals, Dare to Dream Girls Basketball Camp, Gymnastics, Cheerleading, Sports Technique Camp, Magic Camp, and Summer Theater Camp. Register now at Clarkston Community Ed, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 6300 Church St., off Waldon. Or call 623-4550. Visa/Mastercard/Discover accepted.

Clarkston resident Chris Cusumano will be the featured artist at the "Preserving The Light" photography exhibit at Seescape Gallery from July 13 through August 28. Chris's work reflects his dedication to both photography and conservation. The artist's reception will be Fri., July 13 from 7-9 p.m. Seescape Gallery is located at 64 S. Main St., enter off Waldon. Summer hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, or by appointment. Call Jo Grossman for more details, at (248)922-9116.

"Indian Springs Boys Junior Championship" will be at the Indian Springs Metropark Golf Course on Fri., July 13 (rain date is July 16). Golfers will be flighted by age--12 and younger (nine holes); 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18 (18 holes). The nonrefundable entry fee is \$16.50 for players 13 and older, and \$13 for players 12 and younger. This includes greens fees and tournament fees. Entry applications and fees must be received at the starter's desk by 5 p.m., July 6. For more information, contact Indian Springs Golf Course at 625-7870.

Learn the miraculous life cycle and basic identification of one of nature's most beautiful creatures through slides and hands-on activities at "Beautiful Butterflies" Sat., July 14 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Independence Oaks nature center. The program is free and suitable for school-aged children and adults. Preregistration is required. Call 625-6473.

Dr. David Parker, a member of the voice faculty at Bob Jones University, will be a guest soloist at Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Rd. off Sashabaw, on Sun., July 15 at 11 a.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Call 625-2700 for more information.

It looks like exciting things are going on at Maranatha Baptist Church. From July 16 through July 20 at 9:30 a.m. to noon there will be a special fun filled Vacation Bible Time program called "Operation Sword and Shield," open to children K4 through sixth grade. They will enjoy a special program of singing, skits, action stores, crafts, and refreshments. Free admission. Everyone welcome. Join Maranatha for adventures in faith. Teens will have a special rally during the week of "Operation Sword and Shield." Rally times are Wed., July 18 and Fri., July 20, 7-9:30 p.m. both nights. Come for the karate demo and whacky water war! Maranatha Baptist Church is located at 5790 Flemings Lake Rd., Clarkston, one half mile from Sashabaw near I-75. Call

625-2700.

Clarkston Community Education's Adult Enrichment Program will host Swags and Jabots, Thurs., July 19 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$35.

located at 1361 Giddings Rd. in Pontiac, will host a special meeting with Rev. Frank Seamster from Fairburn, GA on Sun., July 22 at 6 p.m., Mon., July 23 at 7 p.m., and Tues., July 24 at 7 p.m. For more information call, (248)373-0311 or (248)673-5899.



Red Garter Band coming to Depot Park

The Waterford-based Red Garter Band will be making a stop at Depot Park for Clarkston's Concert in the Park series July 13, located on Depot Road, west of M-15 in downtown Clarkston, at 7 p.m.

Doug Jacobs, leader of the Red Garter Band, came to Detroit by way of San Francisco, his hometown, as well as New York, New Orleans and Chicago. He was responsible for establishing Red Garter Dixieland style clubs in those cities, and when he got to Detroit he decided to stay.

He owned, operated, and played banjo at the Red Garter Saloon on Library Street in downtown Detroit when, in 1974, he decided to devote his popular band to country club events, private parties and corporate parties.

Over the years, his Red Garter band has enlivened summer festivals, private clubs, grand openings and

malls. As well as thousands of private parties for many different occasions. The band has entertained every Michigan governor since John Swainson, and U.S. President since John F. Kennedy (with the exception of Bill Clinton). The band has also made appearances on major radio and TV stations, and it would be difficult to find a large Michigan corporation that hasn't called them to add warmth and excitement to this event.

His happy listeners include people of all ages who sing and dance along with his toe-tapping 20's, 30's and 40's Dixieland tunes. Whether boomers, seniors or children, the response to his music is always the same: big smiles, sincere applause and request for personal favorites.

The concerts are sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. Call 625-8055 for more information.

Session three swimming classes at the Clarkston High School pool will be July 19 through July 27. Register by calling 623-4550.

"Tot Fun-Insects 'n' Spiders," is Sat., July 21 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Children ages three to six years of age will learn how to tell an insect from a spider during this program at the Nature Center of Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake. Live spiders and insects will be on hand to greet you, and you'll make a craft to take home. Fee is \$2 per child. Preregistration is required. Children must be able to sit quietly so they do not frighten the animals. For more information or registration call 625-7280.

Calvary Missionary Church,

"Garden Tea Party Festival" is Sun., July 22 from 1:30-4 p.m. Sip tea at the Rubach Sensory Garden at Independence Oaks and enjoy an afternoon of garden-related events including crafts, story time and gardening tips from Oakland County master gardeners. Following tea will be a special performance by Tammy Stone, the "Music Lady." Her performance includes Cuddles, a joke and song dog puppet as well as songs, finger plays, inspirations and surprises sure to delight the audience. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. at the Cohn Amphitheater. The cost is \$3 per person, includes the tea party and concert. Call 625-6473 for more information.

Beginning Mon., July 23, through Clarkston Community Ed, is Fashion

Toppers from 9-11 a.m. for \$35. Also July 23, MS Word 7.0 Basics will run for four weeks at the Clarkston High School. Cost is \$95. Call 623-4550.

The Waterford/Clarkston Chapter of Business Network International will hold its regular meeting Tues., July 24 at Total Insurance Services, 7640 Dixie Highway, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Call (810)323-3800 for more information.

Listen to Gene Jones and friends as they perform tunes of yesterday and today at the Harmonica Man Concert at Cohn Amphitheater at Independence Oaks, on Wed., July 25 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per person. Call 625-6473.

Clarkston Community Ed is offering Computer Basics/Windows 95/98 for four sessions at Clarkston High School from 9 a.m. to noon for \$95; Easy Window Treatments the No Sew Way from 9 a.m. to noon for \$35 for one session; and MS Word Basics for four sessions for \$95. All classes begin Thurs., July 26. Call 623-4550 for registration.

Tots, three to six years old, along with an adult friend are invited to investigate nature through stories, songs, a hike, snack and other hands-on activities at "Tuning Your Tot Into Summer." Come to Independence Oaks County Park either Thurs., July 26 from 10-11:45 a.m. or 1:15-3 p.m., or Sat., July 28 from 1:15-3 p.m. For more info, call 625-6473.

The Nature Center of Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake will have a "Bug Hunt," Sat., July 28 at 2 p.m. Interpreter Karen Blake will help children five years and older learn what makes a bug. After an indoor session on how to build a proper bug, children will head outside to capture and then release local insects. An optional bug box kit is available, or you may bring your own. Fee is \$1 per kit (optional). Preregistration is required. Call 625-7280.

"Legacies of Ancient Indians," is Sun., July 29 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center. Interpreter Steve Horn will introduce people who were experts at surviving in the outdoors, and the many foods and tools they used everyday, many of which we still use today. A slide presentation and artifacts will round out this program. Preregistration is required. Families and scouts are welcome. For more information/registration call 625-7280.

The Lego Mindstorming Robotics Camp is offered at the Clarkston Community Education Center, July 30 through August 3 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Campers will learn what robots are by building and programming a Mindstorm Lego Robot while completing a fun mission. For students in fifth through eighth grade. Call 623-4550 to register.

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Obituaries

Gene Felker

Former Ortonville resident Gene Laverne Felker died in Genesys Hospital, Holly on July 3, 2001. Mr. Felker, of Davison, was 73 years old.

Mr. Felker was surrounded by his family at the time of his passing.

According to his daughter, Kim Gucwa, Mr. Felker was retired from the construction business. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards and ceramics during his retirement.

He was born on March 19, 1928 to Cecil and Olive Felker, who, along with his stepmother, Peg Felker, preceded him in death.

Mr. Felker was enlisted in the United States Army during World War Two and the Korean War. After his military duties he joined the Pontiac Police Department, where he was an officer though the 1950s, before joining the then newly formed police department in Ortonville. After law enforcement, Mr. Felker went on to supervise several construction companies, before retiring.

Mr. Felker was a charter member of the Sherman-Wudarcki-Sutton Veterans of Foreign War Post 582; and a member of the American Legion post in Clarkston.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Jackie Sharp; nine children, Bill (Peggy) McDonald of South Dakota; Steve (Lori) Felker of Waterford; Gina (Brian) Collette of Florida; Shelley (Alan) Morgan of Millington; Laurie (Don) Talbot of Ortonville; Brad "Rocky" (Brenda) Felker of Florida; Jeff (Barb) Felker of Metamora; Kim (Mark) Gucwa of Brandon Township and Kurt (Sheila) Felker of Clarkston.

Mr. Felker is also survived by 25 grandchildren, five great grandchildren and three sisters, Wilma Buffmeyer, Shirley Martin, both of Wayne; and Virginia (Dick) Freyburger of Commerce Township.

Pastor Robert Harvey officiated the July 6 services at the Lewis Wint Funeral Home in Clarkston. Military honors and interment at Ortonville Cemetery.



Mr. Felker in 1957

Frankie Louise Miller

Frankie Louise Miller of Clarkston died July 2,

He who is in love with himself has at least this advantage—he won't encounter many rivals.

—George Christoph Lichtenberg

2001 at the age of 87.

She was the beloved wife of the late Jason C. Miller. She was the dear mother of Jess (Sandra) Boatright of Waterloo, Iowa, Nancy Nemeth of Brighton and Cheryl (Michael) Spencer of Waterford. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held July 6, 2001 at Coats Funeral Home in Waterford. Interment at Hillview Memorial Gardens in Springfield Twp. Memorials may be made to Pine Tree Assisted Living of Clarkston.

Gene Laverne Felker

Gene Laverne Felker of Davison, formerly of Ortonville, died July 3, 2001 at the age of 73.

He was the former husband and best friend of Jacqueline Sharp (Felker). He was the father of Bill (Peggy) McDonald of S.D. Steve (Lori) Felker of Waterford, Gina (Brian) Collette of Fla., Shelley (Alan) Morgan of Millington, Laurie (Don) Talbot of Ortonville, Brad "Rocky" (Brenda) Felker of Fla., Jeff (Barb) Felker of Metamora, Kim (Mark) Gucwa of Brandon Twp., Kurt (Sheila) Felker of Clarkston. He is also survived by 25 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the brother of Wilma Buffmeyer, Shirley Martin, both of Wayne, and Virginia (Dick) Freyburger of Commerce.

Mr. Felker was a charter member of Sherman-Wudarcki-Sutton VFW Post no. 582 and served in the US Army during WWII and the Korean War. He served as a Pontiac Policeman during the later 1950's.

Funeral service was held July 6 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment at Ortonville Cemetery. (www.legacy.com)

Lathen E. Craig

Lathen E. Craig of Clarkston died July 4, 2001 at the age of 84.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret. He was the father of Roger (Joyce) of Ariz., Becky, Craig (Barb) of Clarkston. He was the grandfather of Roger, Kelly, Jamison, Nick and Matt. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren. He was the special friend of the Waterford Community Church.

Funeral service was held July 7 at the Waterford Community Church in Waterford with Rev. Paul E. Wilson officiating. Interment at Ottawa Park. Memorials may be made to Waterford Community Church

Missionary Fund. (www.legacy.com)

William D. Vandermark

William D. Vandermark of Royal Oak died July 5, 2001 of congestive heart failure at the age of 60.

He was the husband of Jeanette (Buhr) and the father of Tim (Sally Fei) of Fenton and Chris of Clarkston. He was the brother of Robert (Mary) of Clarkston. He was the son-in-law of Jeanie (the late Aloys) Buhr. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Omer and Beatrice.

Mr. Vandermark was a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and was employed by Davis Tool & Engineering in Detroit.

Funeral service was held July 10 at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Arrangements made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church.

Bernice Laverne Sutton

Bernice Laverne Sutton of Waterford, formerly of Rochester and Kansas City, died July 9, 2001 at the age of 97.

She was the wife of Robert for 72 years and the mother of Robert (Jan) of Clarkston. She was the grandmother of Alice (John) Burbank and Amy (Mark) Johnson. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her grandson John Robert "Jack."

Memorial service will be held July 14 at 3 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston where friends may visit from 2 p.m. until the time of service. Inurnment at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind. (www.legacy.com)

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Monday, July 9, a personal injury accident was reported at Sashabaw, north of Maybee.

A grass fire was reported at Ortonville Road.

An automatic alarm was reported at Elk Run Court.

An automatic alarm was reported at Heatherwood.

Sunday, July 8, a larceny from a vehicle with force was reported at Southhampton and Maybee. The victim said someone broke out the passenger window of his car that was parked in the driveway. The suspect went through the glove compartment but did not see anything. The case is currently open.

A second degree home invasion was reported at Snowapple. The victim said he used his leaf blower on July 5, and noticed it missing July 6. He later noticed the other items missing: a Craftsman circular saw, valued at \$60, and a reciprocating saw, valued at \$100. No signs of forced entry to the garage were reported.

A malicious destruction of property to a vehicle was reported at Warbler and Maybee. The victim said someone smashed the driver's side window of his vehicle. The responding officer observed that person used a stone wrapped in twine to break the window. Although there was cash lying on the seat, it was not taken. The case is currently open.

A personal injury accident was reported at Thendera.

A personal injury accident was reported at White Lake & Dixie.

Saturday, July 7, a malicious destruction of property was reported at Fox Creek Apartments on Fox Creek East and Clintonville. The victim said she parked her car in the complex the previous day. She was notified by an employee of Fox Creek that her car window had been broken. She said she has no idea who may have done this, and that nothing was missing from her

car. No suspects have been reported.

A case of fraud and larceny in a building was reported at Greene Haven. The victim said she had a check returned to her from her bank on her closed home equity account. The name on the check is the victim's cleaning person. The victim's name was signed on the check, but it is not her handwriting. She said the suspect, a 43-year-old Clarkston female, wrote a check to herself and forged the victim's signature. The suspect has a key to the locks on the home's screen doors. The interior doors are left unlocked when the victim has a cleaning appointment. The case is currently open.

A malicious destruction of property was reported at DTE Energy Music Theater. The victim said she parked her vehicle at the theater on July 4. When she came back, she noticed her vehicle had a scratch on its left side.

A larceny was reported at Lake Waldon Drive and Waldon Road. The victim said on July 6 someone stole mail from the mailbox on Lake Waldon. He reported there may be some checks from TCF Bank missing. He has since contacted the bank and cancelled his account.

Wires were reported down at Dixie.

A personal injury accident was reported at Sashabaw at Independence Oaks Park.

Friday, July 6, a personal injury accident was reported at DTE Energy Music Theater.

A personal injury accident was reported at Clarkston at Sashabaw.

A grass fire was reported at Mountain View.

A building fire was reported at Mustang.

A personal injury accident was reported at I-75 and Clarkston.

Thursday, July 5, a larceny from a vehicle and malicious destruction of property was reported at the DTE Energy Music Theater at Pine Knob and Clarkston. The victim said someone broke into her car

and stole all her CD's and took \$100 in cash from her purse. The driver's door window was broken out, and the driver's side rear window was broken out. No suspects have been reported.

A larceny in a building was reported at Longhurst and Southhampton. Upon arrival, the responding officer spoke with the victim. She said she had a party and there were a few people she did not know at her house. She said that when she was distracted at different times during the night, items were removed from the house by some of the guests. The following items were stolen: a Compaq computer, valued at \$1,500 (including the CPU, monitor, speakers, keyboard, and mouse); a Sony television, valued at \$400; a Sony VCR, valued at \$200; a Sony radio, valued at \$150; a class ring, valued at \$300; a Topaz ring, valued at \$100; an emerald ring, valued at \$100; an Amythest ring, valued at \$100; a necklace, valued at \$100; and a pair of hoop earrings, valued at \$40. The officer noticed a vehicle drive by the house with dark tinted windows. He initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver said he was at the party earlier. He also said he had the victim's radio in the trunk. The driver, a 19-year-old Waterford male, was transferred to the Independence Township substation to speak with police. His vehicle was impounded, along with the stolen radio in the trunk. The case was forwarded to the Independence Township Detective's Bureau.

Springfield Township

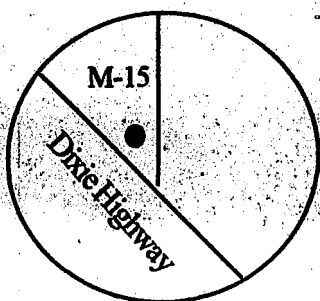
Sunday, July 8, a malicious destruction of a mailbox was reported at Hillsboro. The victim said someone damaged her plastic mailbox during the evening hours. No suspects or witnesses have been reported.

Friday, July 6, a larceny was reported at Rattalee Lake. The victim said her swing was sitting by her front door. It was last seen the previous day, and discovered missing. There are no suspects at this time.

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Get ready to enjoy the sixth annual Clarkston High School Pom Pon Golf Outing Sun., August 12 at Liberty Golf Course, formerly Clarkston Creek. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person which includes 18 holes with cart and steak dinner. Games for the day include Vegas Hole; 50/50 Raffle (prize

money split 50/50 with pom squad and winner); Longest Drive (men and womens); Closest to the Pin; Skins; and door prizes. To register call Nikcyi Cifani at (248)673-2890. Or mail your name, address and telephone number along with your check in the amount of \$75 per player to Nikcyi Cifani, 4615 Oakvista, Clarkston, MI, 48346. Registration deadline is August 1.

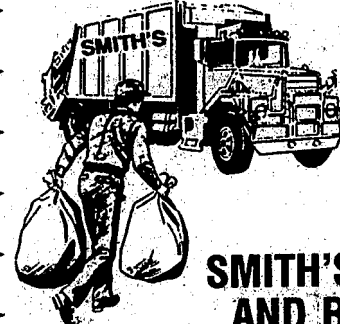
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Parade vs. Poison: It's a battle on the 4th

Maybe we should have renamed this issue of The Clarkston News "The Gini Schultz Gazette" because this issue is loaded with pictures, stories and letters to the editor about the July 4 parade Gini organized.

All this credit and press is deserved. Gini did a great service to this town by allowing the tradition to continue. The more I've gotten to know Gini over the last few months the more I've gotten to like her. She's always been very helpful, kind and welcoming to me whether I needed some facts on a parade story, or simply dropped by her store to say hello. Gini has been another great person in this community I've met through this job. We've gotten so many letters to the editor praising Gini and the parade that we should have set her up with her own PO Box.

But contrary to popular belief, Holcomb Road and Clintonwood Park were not the only two places a good time could be had this past July 4. No sir — Pine Knob, I mean DTE, was packed with people dressed a little less conservatively than the ones who lined Holcomb Road earlier in the day. That's because WRIF helped put together the Grand Slam Metal Jam which featured a lineup of four washed up 80's bands including Enough's Enough, Quiet Riot, Warrant and the headliner, Poison.

What a contrast in the ways people conduct themselves and the way people entertain themselves. Something tells me Gini didn't camp out to get tickets for this one and would have found herself a little out of her element on the lawn that night.

Let me take a minute to share with you the differences in the people who watched the parade the people who watched Poison.

Clothes — Generally speaking, most of the folks who lined Holcomb wore conservative summer clothes such as shorts, t-shirts, polos or sandals. Nothing really out of the ordinary here. Meanwhile, the Poison fans wore concert shirts that sold for around \$30, or tight jeans, black leather pants, bras, or simply no top at all.

Participation — This may have been the strongest point of Gini's parade. She got a lot of people involved, especially kids and helped decorate their bikes herself before the parade. On the contrary, no fan stepped foot on stage, or played an electric guitar, but loads of people reliving their youth sang along with such hits as "Talk Dirty to Me" and "Something to Believe In."

Concessions — I gotta' give Gini the edge here. Some residents offered free lemonade to those watching the parade. Meanwhile, at DTE my buddy shelled out \$7.50 to buy me a cold one.

Parking — This one is pretty close actually. I was lucky enough to get a spot in The Clarkston News parking lot, but it was hard to come by because it looked like many other parade watchers had the same idea. While there's no longer a parking fee at DTE, but by the time we got there we had to walk about a half mile before finding a spot on the crowded hill.

Community Support — Gini was very thankful and appreciative of everyone who supported and participated in the parade this year, and the feeling was mutual. Residents lined Holcomb for as far as the eye could see July 4. Meanwhile, even though the last time Poison had a top 10 hit was probably during Bill Clinton's first administration, thousands of fans packed DTE. I don't know if the show was sold out or not, but it was real close if it wasn't. While Gini said she can't say enough about this community we live in, Poison singer Bret Michaels said at least a half dozen times that there is no place he'd rather be on July 4 than Detroit Rock City.

Overall Value — Pavilion tickets were over \$30 and lawn were \$15.50. Fortunately, I had free tickets from a friend of mine. So it's a tie here. I had a good time at both events, which featured very, very different crowds.

E-Mail Ed your summer happenings at aedavis11@aol.com or clarkstonnews@adn.net.



Ed Davis

The Bottom Line

Riverdaws down Lake Orion

BY BENSON LANGE
Special to the Clarkston News

The 12-year old Riverdaws dropped two games to the Lapeer Spirit on June 19 despite a huge hitting performance by short stop Eric Ogg and second baseman J.J. Ciennik. Ogg went 4-for-7 with two singles, one double and two RBI. Eric Weiland and Brandon Harris added two hits and one RBI each. This team fell short in two close games to the visiting Sterling Heights Titans on June 25. Brandon Harris pitched, played third and batted brilliantly. He went 4-for-6 with one RBI and two runs. Eric Weiland, Eric Ogg and David Brelinski each had three hits and three runs scored. Nick Stepanski and Andrew Ciennik added two hits. Both doubled and had one RBI.

The 14-year old Riverdaws defeated Lake Orion 9-5 to bring their season record to 9-3-1. During their July 1 game, pitcher Danny Mutz allowed only two runs and struck out six of the Dragons. Brian Chase pitched the final two innings and generated five strikeouts. Jon Reynolds led the offense with a triple, a single and three RBI. J.J. Lange hammered a triple, a pair of singles and an RBI. Kevin Chase hit a pair of doubles, a single and an RBI. Danny Mutz hit a double and generated an RBI. Steve Shiel and Devin Fuller both produced an RBI from a hit.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE:
CITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the city Council scheduled for July 23, 2001, will be held on July 24, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.
Artemus M. Pappas
City Clerk

Published July 11 and 18, 2001

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HEARING OF ASSESSMENT
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Clarkston Mill Ponds, in the City of the Village of Clarkston and Township of Independence, County of Oakland, will meet at the Independence Township Fire Station, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston Michigan at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 26, 2001 to review, to hear any objections to, and to confirm a three year Special Assessment Roll for the purposes of implementing an Aquatic Weed Control and Waterfowl Control Program for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, for the improvement of the Clarkston Mill Ponds. The total assessment is estimated at \$12,000.00 with individual assessments to be presented at the Hearing. The Special Assessment Roll will be on file at the City of the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township Offices for public examination.

Any person may appeal and be heard at the said Hearing which is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30913 Part 309 of Public Act No. 59 of 1995, Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the Hearing held for the purpose of confirming the Special Assessment Roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any special assessment dispute. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the time and place of review is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Oakland County Drain Commissioner, Attention: Ms. Gayle Murphy, Building 95 West, One Public Works Drive, Waterford, Michigan 48328-1907, at or prior to the time of review, in which case personal appearance is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
June 25, 2001

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:07 p.m.
Roll Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage.
Minutes of June 12, 2001, accepted as presented.
Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Parking Lot under unfinished business.
Meyland reported that the ZBA had met on the issue of recreational vehicle storage. A copy of the ZBA minutes of June 14, 2001, was distributed.
Savage reported on the proposed signage for the City offices that had been presented at the last meeting by Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, City Engineers.
Moved That the Council accept the recommendations of the subcommittee regarding the lighting and signage as proposed and presented by Savage.
Gamble reported that the tentative schedule of the Lake Improvement Board for the Clarkston Mill Pond will have a hearing on Thursday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Independence Fire Department Station No. 1 on Citation Drive.
Payment authorized for salaries of the City officers totaling \$6,875 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.
Payment authorized for Planning Commission member salaries totaling \$310 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.
Bob Pursley, DPW supervisor is to research repairs to the noon siren.
Mr. Kacy was present to request that the Council consider resurfacing the entire west alley from the point of the proposed repair to West Washington Street. Mr. Kacy will also have to study the drainage system for his property. Tressel estimated that the cost of resurfacing the remainder of the alley to West Washington would be an additional \$5,000. Tressel stated that he would look at overlay of the alley.
A representative of Broock Realty was present to object to removing the parking on Depot Road.
Mr. Adler stated that he would retain the spaces west of the alley and there were no plans at this time for an addition to the Mills building.
Tressel stated that he would request that the contractor put together a price for wall to wall paving, with a square foot cost noted.
Tressel stated that parking on Depot Road north of the alley would be eliminated.
Neil Wallace, owner of 39 South Main, questioned the Council as to why the property owners were not advised of the parking lot project earlier. He did not know that the work would be started until he saw the markings on the parking lot. Mr. Wallace also stated that the price given to him for connection to the draining off his roof was excessive. Gary Tressel discussed the drainage from 31 and 39 South Main. Mr. Wallace was extremely upset with the process of the notification of work to be accomplished. Mr. Wallace stated that he would not allow the construction work to be conducted on his property. Discussion of the easements at the rear of 31 and 39 South Main and the walkway from South Main to the parking area brought out questions as to who was allowed to work in these areas.
The Easements, contracts, and memo of understanding were discussed. These were documents executed by the City and Lehman Investment Company represented by Mr. Adler.
Resolved That the 2001 - 2002 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$677,987 be adopted per the copy attached to the official minutes.
Resolved That the 2001 - 2002 Local Road Budget be adopted in the amount of \$25,550 per the copy attached to the official minutes.
Resolved That the 2001 - 2002 Major Road Budget be adopted in the amount of \$42,200 per the copy attached to the official minutes.
Resolved That the 2001 - 2002 General Fund millage rate for the City of the Village of Clarkston General Fund be levied at 13.8704 mills, 6.9352 mills being levied on the July tax billing and 6.9352 mills being levied on the December tax billing.
Resolved That the millage rate for water system construction debt retirement be levied at 1.5000 mills on the July tax billing.
Moved That Adam Frank be employed as full-time employee with a six-month probationary period at the salary given in the salary schedule following.
Resolved That the following salaries be established for the 2001 - 2002 budget year:

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City Manager	\$5,250
Treasurer	\$11,500
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Clerical	\$10.25/Hr.
Clerk	\$2,000 per year; compensation for elections to be determined.
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Full-Time employee, Starting Salary:	\$10.00/Hr.
Full-Time employee, Meloche:	\$11.33
Supervisor:	12.36/Hr. plus \$65 per pay salary

City Attorney Tom Ryan completed the first reading of the following proposed ordinances as prescribed by the State of Michigan: Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, Building Code.
Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk



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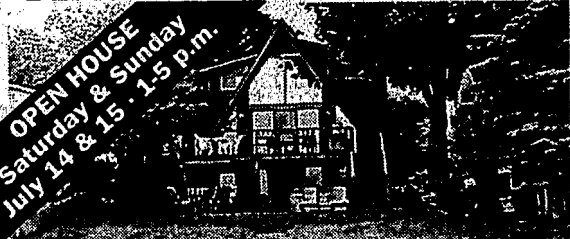
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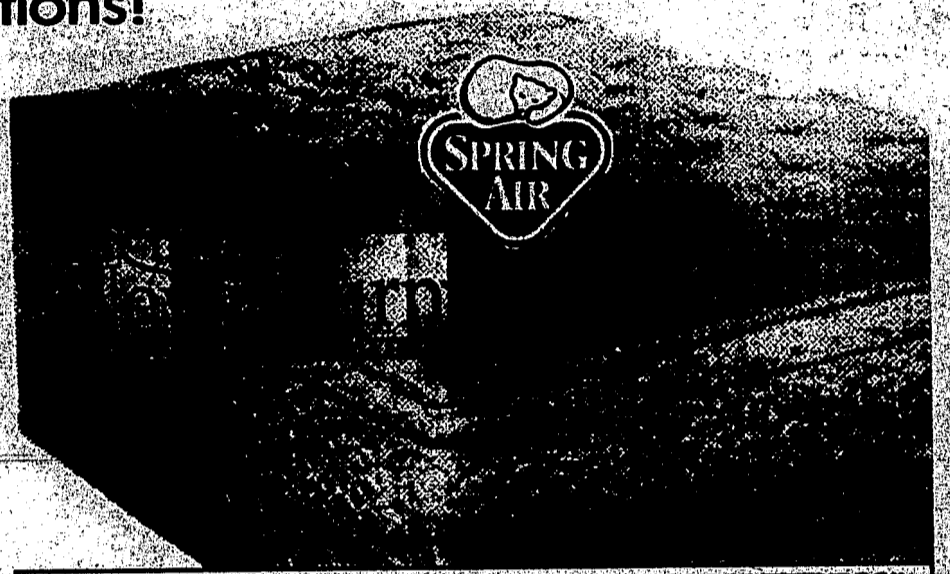
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