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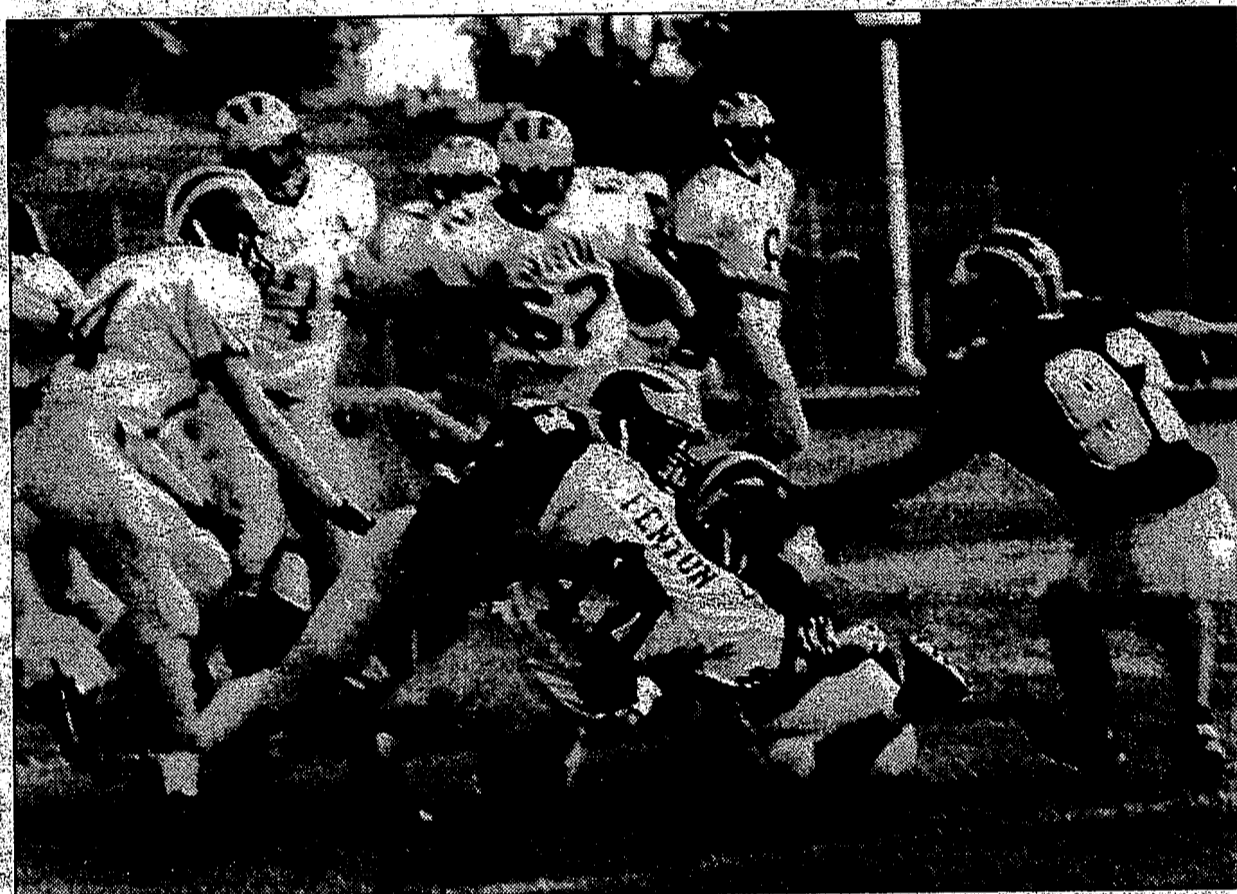
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## The boys are back in town!



The Wolves held their annual blue-gold scrimmage Aug. 11. Here, Nick Fenton (44) gets wrapped up by a host of blue defenders. The Wolves head on the road Thursday to scrimmage state powerhouse Farmington Harrison with JV and varsity action beginning at 5 p.m. The Wolves kick off the regular season, at home Friday, Aug. 24, with a game against state runner up the last two seasons, Utica Eisenhower. Game time is set for 7 p.m. Check out section B for more photos from the blue-gold game. Photo by Ed Davis.

## Alternative middle school starts this fall

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston school district will explore unchartered territory in the 2001-02 school year.

At their Aug. 13 meeting, the Clarkston Board of Education, by a 6-1 margin, voted to adopt an alternative middle school program for Clarkston and Sashabaw middle schools, beginning this fall.

Trustee Kurt Shanks cast the lone "no" vote. He said he could not support the program because of cut-backs at the middle school level this year, as well as the overall financial state of the district.

He also said other middle school issues, such as the improvement of curriculum, should take precedence over an alternative middle school.

"I don't think we can afford it," he said. "I just don't think this program is going to work. I'm not ready to take this risk."

Vice President Janet Thomas, speaking in favor of the program, said it will benefit students who are at risk of dropping out of school.

"I think we're hiding our heads out in the sand if we don't acknowledge that there are students that need help," she said.

Prior to the decision, a separate vote was held on an amendment to implement the program on a one year basis, for the 2001-02 school year. Voting in favor of the amendment were treasurer Ron Sullivan and trustees Shanks, Steve Hyer, and Mary Ellen McLean; voting against that amendment were president Karen

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## Main Street repaved next week

### Work to shift to East side around Labor Day

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Coming to a standstill on Main Street is nothing new to Clarkston area motorists. But they'll just be getting more of the same in the next few weeks.

As construction downtown continues throughout the summer, area motorists have had to have patience as they make their way down Main Street.

Many times, traffic has been limited to one lane with flag traffic as work along M-15 continues. That trend will continue for a few more weeks, Michigan Department of Transportation Resident Engineer Jim Natschke said Monday.

"We know the traffic down there has been pretty bad lately," Natschke said. "We just ask people if they're not shopping in the downtown to find another way through the area for now."

This week's construction changes include milling

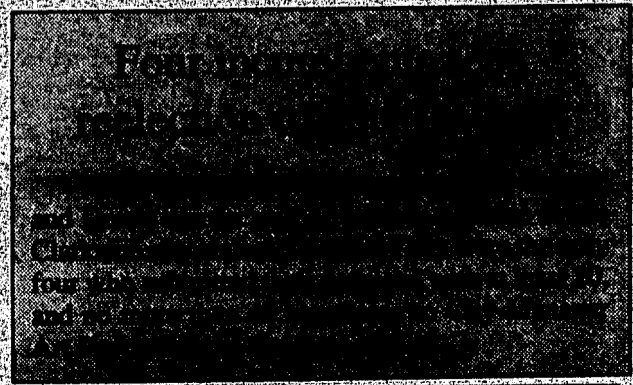
of the pavement on Main Street, which means taking off about two inches of pavement in order to prep it for resurfacing, which should occur next week, Natschke said.

In addition, M-DOT will be doing some repair work on cracks in the road and will begin placing street pole lighting foundations this week as well. Natschke said paving Main Street will take only a few days and no road closures are scheduled.

Next week, paving of M-15 will occur, only one layer will be put on at this stage of the project, and then another pavement job will done towards the project's completion, Natschke said.

Preparatory work for sidewalks along the west side of the street will begin next week and pouring of the sidewalks should begin in a few weeks.

Work on the east side of Main Street should begin around Labor Day, Natschke said.



## The News in Brief

### Independence Twp. hosts special meetings

The Independence Township Board will host two special meetings this month.

On Monday, August 20, board members will interview three applicants for the position of director of Department of Public Works: current DPW Acting Director, Linda Richardson; Larrie Ordis, formerly a consultant and contract manager with the City of Ecorse; and William Pottinger, supervisor of the Auburn Hills DPW. The interviews will start at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Library Youth Activities Room, 6495 Clarkston Rd.

On Thursday, August 30, the board will host a special meeting regarding the fire department's ALS program, status, hiring process, department rank structure, fire codes and technical rescue presentation.

That meeting will be at Independence Township Fire Station #1, 6500 Citation Dr. at 7 p.m.

### Almond Ln., DPW director and liquor license on next Independence agenda

Independence Township Board members have a full agenda for their August 21 meeting. Among other duties, they will appoint a DPW director, discuss water drainage on Almond Lane, and hear a liquor license request for Stillwater Grill Restaurant north of Liberty Golf Club. They will also host two public hearings for Consumer's Energy disruption permits and hear second readings and adoption of two rezoning requests at Cranberry Acres.

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

### Making the most of middle school

Students starting middle school this fall will have the opportunity to meet hundreds of their future classmates at the 5th annual Making the Most of Middle School, Wed., August 22.

Students will learn what middle school is like from a student's point of view. They will be led through a series of fun-filled, team building and cooperation building activities led by other students already at the middle schools -- their hosts, members of the Clarkston Middle School and Sashabaw Middle School Optimist clubs, with help from adult volunteers from the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. The event is supported by Clarkston schools.

The event is at the Clarkston soccer field at Clarkston Middle School on Waldon Road from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the site. Parents or guardians must register their student and provide a phone number where a responsible adult can be reached during the event.

For more information, contact Don Brose at 623-7900 or the student's middle school.

### Annual pancake breakfast before Labor Day Parade

The annual Sept. 3 Labor Day pancake breakfast will be served from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Clarkston Masonic Temple at the corner of Main and Washington streets.

Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee are on the menu. The cost is: \$5 adults; \$4 seniors; \$3 kids 5-12. There is no charge for children under age 5.

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# The Second Front

## Romanian visitor finds big differences

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Romanian native Daniela Rogojan recently had a chance to experience a culture vastly different from her own.

Rogojan was in Michigan for five weeks, visiting family and friends in the area, including second cousin Pat Maloney of Clarkston. She had a chance to visit many American institutions during that time, including a trip to Eastern Michigan University.

She stayed in Southfield with great aunt Tillie Surdu, whose parents were born in Romania. During her stay, Rogojan visited a wide variety of American institutions.

Maloney, who said this was the first time she had a chance to meet her cousin, said Rogojan was fascinated by what this country has to offer.

"She was intrigued with the shopping malls and grocery stores," she said. "We took her by Independence Elementary. She couldn't believe how big and beautiful our schools were."

Rogojan also visited such landmarks as Greenfield Village, the Detroit Zoo, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She even checked out the Greektown casino, although Maloney said that didn't last long.

"It made her sick, how they were throwing their money away," Maloney said.

Recently, she had a chance to talk about contrasts between her native land and the American culture. With the help of Surdu, who interpreted those questions, she described those differences.

Rogojan, born in Satu Mare, Romania, is currently a high school physical education teacher in her hometown.

A typical class day in Romania begins at 7 a.m. and finishes around 2-3 in the afternoon. She said there is a 10-minute break after each class, and then a 20-minute lunch break.

"In Romania, the students get a sandwich from home or they buy something from the store," she said.

Rogojan said popular sports in her native country are football (or soccer, as it's known in this country), basketball, and gymnastics. There are no baseball, golf, or swim teams to speak of, and only two towns in the country with schools that play ice hockey.

She said she was disappointed with a decision by her school to cut physical education programs from two hours per week to one hour per week. She said the school is placing more of an emphasis on academic subjects.

"They introduced English, German language, and mathematics," she said. "They think language is more important, and the sport is not important. We hope in the future, it goes back to two hours per week."

Rogojan said she believes those classes will not help students in real-life settings. "They learn things that they never use during their lifetime," she said. "They teach more math than they'll need in their life. It's too much at one time — they don't give students a chance to learn."

Her school is divided into a junior high school and a high school. Classes run Sept. 15 through June 15.

In order to go on to college, students in Romania



Romanian native Daniela Rogojan (center), a high school physical education teacher in her home country, recently enjoyed a five-week stay in America. During that time, she visited many family and friends, including great aunt Tillie Surdu (left), and second cousin Pat Maloney (right), a Clarkston resident. Photo by Jeff Patrus

must take an entrance examination. Rogojan said there are two types of colleges in her country — private college, which are paid for by the students, and government colleges.

"I was a good student — the government gave me a scholarship," she said. "You must be a very good student in order for the government to pay for college."

During her visit to America, Rogojan noticed a stark difference between the hospitals here and in her native country. "I see the hospitals here, and I was shocked," she said.

She described conditions at Romanian hospitals where there have been two people sick in one bed, and two bathrooms available for 50 people who are sick.

Her monthly salary is one that is a stark contrast to that of her American counterparts — \$70 per month.

"It's very difficult to survive with this salary," she said.

She said the Romanian government's financial situation makes it difficult to receive adequate health care. "They don't have medicine," she said. "The government doesn't have enough money to pay for factories for medicine."

She also said doctors in her native country are not paid that much, with the exception of a select few.

Other things that many Americans take for granted, such as automobiles and housing, are tougher to come by in Romania, she said.

Her husband has a car, she said, but it's one that's 17 years old. In addition, she said many Romanians walk to work or ride bicycles.

She also said the two of them cannot afford to

buy a house, and so they live in an apartment. "The people who have money in Romania have a big house — lawyers, people who have businesses," she said.

As a result of her financial situation, she said there is only room to buy the bare necessities.

"I just buy what I need," Rogojan said. "The money's so limited. I just buy the necessary things, and that's it."

Overall, she said she enjoyed her five-week stay in this country, and will miss the kindness shown to her during her stay.

"The people are happy," she said. "They smile. They are friendly."

For her part, Maloney said her cousin's visit was a learning experience for her as well. "It was an educational thing for me, because I didn't realize they were so poor," she said.

Nonetheless, Maloney said Romania's situation is better now that they are under a democratic system of government, as opposed to the previous Communist regime.

"They have more freedom now," she said. "It's a much better country, with better living conditions. They have more freedom."

She also said she hopes her family has a chance to visit Rogojan in her native country in a couple of years.

Maloney said while Rogojan enjoyed her visit to America, she was anxious to return to her native land in time for the school year and to see her family once again.

"She was anxious to get back to her students," she said. "She missed her husband and family. She had a very nice trip here, but she was homesick."

## Spectrometer, piano, Kodak carousels and funding donated to Clarkston schools

The Clarkston Board of Education approved the following donations at its Aug. 13 meeting:

■ A Perkin Elmer 3110 atomic absorption spectrometer, valued at \$4,500, to be used for Clarkston High School's science department. The item was donated by The Budd Company of Troy.

■ A Kimball piano, valued at \$800, to be used at the Community Education Center. The piano was donated by Clarkston resident Lorelei Masserang.

■ Six Kodak carousel slide holders, valued at \$30, to be used at the Clarkston High School media center. The slide holders were donated by Clarkston resident

Frank Mayer.

■ A total of \$2,462 to be used for the purchase of banners, as well as a sign addition, for National School of Excellence Recognition for Springfield Plains Elementary School. The money was donated by the Springfield Plains Parent-Teacher Association.

# School diversity not as simple as black and white

## Clarkston schools diversity committee stresses differences among students, staff

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series on the diversity committee. Next week: What do the students say?

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dave Smith is an African American who has always felt comfortable in Clarkston. But he is also aware that not every African American may feel that way.

Smith is an insurance agent at State Farm at the corner of Sashabaw and Waldon. He and his wife, Dee, live in Waterford. Dee is a teacher at Springfield Plains Elementary and he is on the Clarkston Schools Diversity Committee. Its main goal is to teach a basic principle — have respect for people.

Smith has been an active member of the committee for the last two and a half years. It began as a task force four years ago when Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts approached Jim Butzine, a social worker at Clarkston High School about forming such a group. Butzine went onto become one of the diversity committee's chairpeople.

Dr. Sharon Devereaux, principal at Springfield Plains Elementary, is the committee's other chairperson and volunteered for the group, she said.

After many hours of studies, attending workshops and meetings, the committee was formed and last year developed the district's respect code: "Mutual respect among all members of our school community is the cornerstone of our interaction and behavior. We acknowledge the dignity and worth of one another. We strive to create a welcoming atmosphere by our courtesy to others and our conduct."

Smith said the respect code is the cornerstone of the diversity committee. It is posted in every school in the Clarkston Schools District.

"I'd love to see it in every business in Clarkston and every public facility. It's about as basic as you can get and it's a real good guide post. Regardless of racial, ethnic, or social-economic differences we may



State Farm agent Dave Smith and diversity committee co-chair and Springfield Plains Elementary School Principal Sharon Devereaux think the committee can make a difference. Smith is also a member of the Waterford schools diversity committee.

have, we can all agree on the respect we should be giving one another," Smith said.

And while it's no secret there are not a lot of racial differences in Clarkston schools, that doesn't mean there's a lack of diversity, Dr. Devereaux said.

"When our kids think of diversity, usually I think the first thing that comes to mind is race or cultural differences. But our definition of diversity goes beyond those issues, it's really broad. There is a lot of social-economic diversity in Clarkston and there are so many subtle ways people are diverse. Ask anyone and they can tell you a time they felt like they were an outsider, like they were different," Dr. Devereaux said.

Smith emphasized he's always felt welcome in Clarkston. But he said Clarkston has a reputation for not being that welcoming to people of minority races.

"Being an insurance salesman, people may not expect their salesman to be black in Clarkston. I don't think it makes a difference to the majority of the people I've worked with, but I have found with some people over time they may prefer to do business with someone they're more comfortable with," Smith said.

As a result, Smith has two types of business cards, one with his picture and one without it.

"Sometimes people are less comfortable referring friends to my office. And I've had comments to my staff or to other people that let me know there are some people who have made up their mind about people of other cultures and it's going to take a lot of time and education to change that," Smith said.

And that's where the diversity committee comes

into play. Both Dr. Devereaux and Smith agreed education about diversity, if enforced at the elementary school level, can pay dividends down the road.

"Children are in the strong formative years early on and they're much more ready to accept things at an earlier level. By the time they get to middle or high school they start feeling some of these things, maybe a lack of respect or whatever," Dr. Devereaux said.

Smith added, "My involvement in the committee brings the perspective of a black business owner in the community that not only has a financial interest, but I can also bring a much broader perspective of the people who live, move and leave this area," he said.

"The sooner we can help kids get comfortable with who they are and with learning about people of other backgrounds, colors and cultures and understand that we all have different abilities whether we have a learning disability or are handicapped or whatever it may be — the sooner we can get kids comfortable with that, the sooner they will be more productive students and citizens," Smith said.

The diversity committee is made up of teams from each school and include a teacher, parent and administrator, Dr. Devereaux said. The first meeting of the teams is Oct. 2 at North Sashabaw Elementary and is not an open meeting. However, parent involvement in the committee is encouraged and growing, Dr. Devereaux said. Interested parents should contact their school's principal.

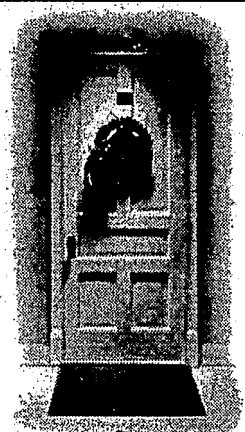
In May, parents helped out with Springfield Plains's diversity project which was based on Detroit's 300th birthday. Students lined the hallway with poems, stories, artwork and projects which celebrated the city's rich diversity, Dr. Devereaux said. Six park benches were also constructed by students and were donated to the city and can now be found in Detroit's Lakeview Park.

Dr. Devereaux said the schools are constantly reevaluating their curriculum and are finding many parts of the current curriculum, such as literature and social studies stress diversity.

This year's goals for the diversity committee include continuing to implement the respect code, implementation of the resource manual and service learning, or having students volunteer throughout the community.

"We're not trying to promote any particular religion, race or lifestyle. The bottom line is to promote respect for all people. Dr. Roberts stresses that it's not a tolerance for diversity, but a celebration of it," Dr. Devereaux said.

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# Are Dixie changes on Springfield's horizon?

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The old saying, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression," may as well have been the theme for the Springfield Township Board's discussion on the Dixie Highway corridor.

The board discussed their concerns about the corridor at their Aug. 9 meeting. In a memo to the board, trustee Dave Hopper said the corridor "is considered by most people to be the major entryway into Springfield Township."

He said many of the issues are discussed in the Dixie Highway Corridor Plan, which was completed in October 2000.

Hopper divided his concerns into four major categories: traffic, pathways, visual concerns, and large retail buildings:

■ **Traffic:** Hopper said while the addition of a center turn lane has been significant in improving the traffic flow along Dixie, a boulevard entry area should be considered along the I-75 service area, particularly with the possibility of a service station in the northeast corner of Dixie.

He said the township should pursue a quote from the county and state for a boulevard in the area. "There is a safety proponent to it," he said.

Clerk Nancy Strole said she was disappointed that the Road Commission for Oakland County has not looked into the possibility of a boulevard in the area. She said the commission informed the township they would provide information to that effect.

"The outcome may be that a boulevard may be prohibitive for a lot of reasons," she said. "My concern is that the Road Commission has not been forthcoming with what it said it would do two months ago."

■ **Pathways:** According to Hopper, the township's master plan and the Dixie Highway Corridor study both suggest that pedestrian pathways be

The township should design a pedestrian pathway system and incorporate it into the construction of Dixie Highway.

Dave Hopper — Springfield Township Trustee

developed along the highway.

He said a pathway would provide an alternative for residents to visit local businesses, as well as an area to be used for recreation.

He said it was not until he moved to Springfield Township that he realized the effectiveness of pathways. "I didn't realize how often pedestrian pathways get used until I moved here," he said. "I didn't anticipate there would be that many people using it."

Hopper said the township should design a pedestrian pathway system and incorporate it into the construction of Dixie Highway.

"Because of Dixie Highway, we'd have to require a lot of right of way," he said. "We are going to ask our planner (Dick Carlisle) to look into that. I'm amazed at the amount of people that use them."

■ **Visual:** Hopper said a joint meeting with the township board and Planning Commission should be arranged to establish guidelines for the visual appearance of the corridor. He said the development in the area should project a positive visual image and establish a distinct township identity.

"The Planning Commission is working on design standards," he said. "They all feel that we should do something, but the question is, how far do we go? We don't want them to look exactly the same."

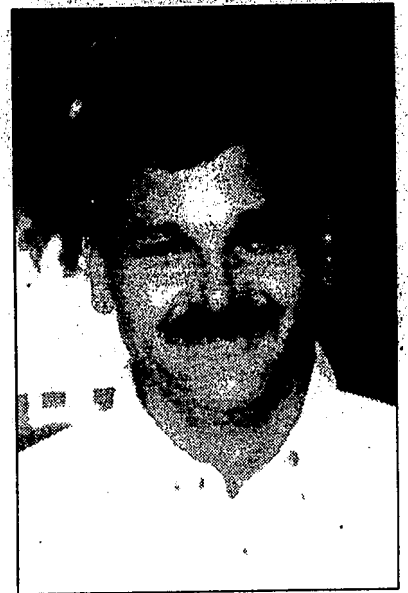
Trustee Dennis Vallad said this can be accomplished, but said there is room for individuality within this concept. "The intent is not to have every building look the same," he said.

■ **Large Retail Buildings:** Hopper said it is important that special land use requirements be applied when dealing with the development of commercial stores exceeding 80,000 square feet. He said the township's master plan only says that this type of development should be "discouraged," which he said does not help the township in responding to proposals for this type of development.

"It is allowed under the master plan," Hopper said of the so-called "big box" development. "I don't think we envisioned we'd be a target for big box developments. I think it detracts from the rural character of the township."

He said while he doesn't necessarily oppose such developments, he would like to see the township have a say in how those developments are constructed.

"There should be input from the township," he said. "Let's have it on our terms."



Springfield Township Trustee Dave Hopper

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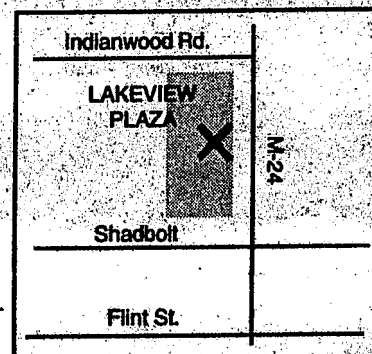
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## Letters To The Editor

### Independence shouldn't purchase property for hall

This is in response to the statement made by a reader (in the August 8 Letters to the Editor) concerning the 12.5 acres available on Clarkston Road (which could be purchased for construction of a new Independence Township hall), that he states is, "one site that has no negative points."

There are two negative points I would like to mention. Number one, the township does not own the property and our taxpayers would have to pay the \$1.2 million to obtain it. The second negative point is the increase in traffic that will occur in the next fifteen years.

Our township presently has about 33,000 people. The saturation point is approximately 45,000. This means we have about 35 percent growth. The traffic will increase proportionately. However, because the parks and rec department plans to increase dramatically the programs for our young people as well as our senior citizens, the traffic on Clarkston Road will be even greater.

We have a site, presently owned by the township

that does not have these negatives. That site is to either side of the present DPW on Flemings Lake Road. The added traffic increase will not affect this site since there are only five or six potential building sites on Walters Lake Road, and they are at the south end of the road.

It's true that Clarkston High School is across the road. However, when we examine the traffic pattern, we find the school is only open half the year. Also, their heavy traffic is from 7 to 8 a.m. and from 2:20 to 3 p.m. Our heaviest traffic for the township hall would be from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The heavy traffic for school events, i.e. football and basketball games, occur after the township hall is closed. This should not drastically change in future years.

I feel the best site for the township hall is the presently owned property by the school board behind our present library. If this is not possible, the next best location is the Flemings Lake Road property.

Thank you,  
John Thomas

### Miss Poppy article shows youth doing good things

I would like to thank you for the article on our Junior Miss Poppy, Chantel Blay.

Your reporter, Jennifer Nemer, did a fantastic job interviewing Chantel and taking pictures. She is a real caring person who took her time, showed her interest and made Chantel feel very special.

Articles like this one allow the public to see our youth are doing many good things for our communi-

ties and for other people.

We appreciate what you did for us and once again we thank you for everything. You made Chantel feel so very, very special.

Respectfully, Ivy Lee Reinhardt  
Chief Pontiac 377  
American Legion Auxiliary

### Thanks for bringing MDOT to the rescue

I want to thank Clarkston News editor Maralee Cook and Mr. Allen Schneck, a transportation engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation for making a difficult situation livable.

I have Muscular Dystrophy which inhibits my mobility somewhat. At a time when everyone on Main Street is having to deal with major inconvenience, it

was certainly appreciated that Mr. Schneck came up with a solution allowing me access to my residence at the Sutherland House.

Once again, thank you for your help and please forward my appreciation on to Mr. Schneck of MDOT.

Sincerely,  
Lane R. Barrett

### The killing of Palestinian people has to stop

Pre-emptive strikes equal premeditated murder. Israel has engaged in the extermination of the Palestinian people for 54 years and the American people have been taxed to finance this holocaust.

The killing has got to stop and the only way to do this is to withhold all financial and military gifts to Israel. The billions of dollars that Americans must give to finance a renegade country whose deeds equal the Nazis should be halted permanently.

Harsh words perhaps. However, past injustices do not equate with license to lie, steal and murder. That is precisely what the Jewish people have done since 1945 and we have all been cowed into believing that protest over Jewish/Israeli crimes must never be addressed.

It's time to take the Decalogue seriously and to recognize that no people are exempt from these precepts.

Sincerely,  
Irene Rauth

### NACC supports open space preservation proposal

Many people, including those of us in the North Area Citizens Conference, are concerned about the surge of building and development that is pressing northward. These concerns include the rapidly increasing population density, open spaces and fragile infrastructure. Addison Township (east of Oxford Township) has so far experienced only the beginning of such pressure, but it is inevitable.

To address such concerns and still permit township local control, state Rep. Ruth Johnson, Chair of the Land Use and The Environment Committee in the Michigan House of Representatives, has created the Open Space Preservation Proposal. This was introduced in the House hopper on June 26.

This proposal requires that up to 50 percent of build-

able land be kept as absolute open space. Such open space is only comprised of buildable land and does not include golf courses, roads, required set backs, wetlands, or any other unbuildable areas or features.

At the August 6 Addison Township Board of Trustees meeting, Johnson personally presented this proposal and answered questions. As, unlike many townships in the area, Addison already has implemented a working Planned Unit Development Ordinance that is similar, the Board accepted this proposal favorably. It was agreed that the Board of Trustees will formulate a resolution in support of this proposal to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Jessica Moore  
Addison Director  
North Area Citizens Conference

# Get them kids back to school!

Yikes.

The start of the school year is upon us. We're into mid-August and soon the chalk dust will fly.

And, much like when I was a kid participating in the drama that was high school, about this time of year I can't wait for school to start.

Back in the last century (that makes me sound older than my prime-of-life 38 years) I couldn't wait for the first day of class, because that meant the last day of "two-a-day" football practice. Don't put on your judgement hats. I wasn't some mamby-pamby whiner. I was just practical -- there is only so much fun a body can have while it's racked with pain -- so the monotoned meditations of first hour macroeconomics were welcomed, if only because the body can heal much faster while it sleeps. (Hey, that might explain why I got a "C" in economics. And to think, I blamed the teacher for the past 20 years.)



don  
rush  
don't rush  
me

In this century, I can't wait for the first day of class to start because it means all the cool cats and chicks (how's that for some "out-of-date" lingo) in baggy, falling off the posterior pants won't be hanging at the corner party store all hours of the day and night. It means they won't be on the road all day, with their why-should-I-care-about-your-hearing-if-I-don't-care-about-my-own, bombastic, bass belching stereos blaring words that I wish my three-year-old wouldn't hear.

What that means is a.) I can get a parking spot at said corner party store and b.) my sons can learn about the queen mother of all swear words from me, versus some drive-by curser.

"Smackin', frackin', blizen, rizen!"

"Poppy, what does smackin', frackin', blizen and rizen mean?"

"Not now Shamus, someday when you're older,

me and you will have us a talk. Suffice to say, it's 'blizen' not 'blitzen.' Now, go along and play and let Poppy finish working on (fill in the blank, because every home improvement project or general auto maintenance project requires or results in, shall we say, blue language)." \* \* \*

Speaking of "back to school," I saw that Al Gore has come back to America after a prolonged summer vacation in Europe.

Nice beard.

Now the always-reinventing-himself former Vice President of the United States, really does look like a college professor.

Or the Unabomber, depending on the angle. \* \* \*

Speaking of angles, any way I look at it, there is only one hope for Jerusalem and that involves the Israelis and Palestinians to let the Dalai Lama take over things.

Yep.

The Dalai needs new digs to preach peace as the Chinese don't want him and his Tibet ways mucking up their (and the world's last) bastion of communism.

Jerusalem needs peace that the Palestinians and Israelis can't give.

I say, set up the Dalai like the Pope is set up at the Vatican. Make Jerusalem a state unto itself. Invite the holy from all religions to meditate and get closer to God within the city walls.

If there ever was a reason for the United Nations (and sometimes I have my doubts), it should be to promote world peace. Their mission should be to send the Israelis to their bedroom and the Palestinians to their bedroom.

If they can't play like good-little neighbors instead of the brothers and sisters that they are, then they can't play at all. Take their toy (their city) away until they can learn to get along.

Better yet, send them to school so they can learn anger management.

E-mail comments to: donrushemd@ AOL.com

## the People Poll

By Jennifer Nemer

The Clarkston News asks:  
**Do you think  
Independence Town-  
ship has too many  
medical facilities, or  
are more needed?**

"I don't know if there are too many. There's certainly a lot. I prefer small individual buildings instead of large monstrous ones where you have to walk a half mile from the parking lot. Who wants to do that, especially when you're not feeling well."  
-- Cindy Casey



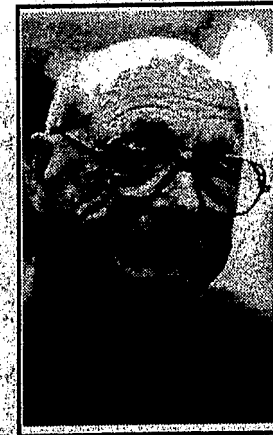
"I can't say we've got too many. We can always use a better medical facility that's staffed properly. I'm for that."  
-- John Weber



"I don't think there's too many. But now, we just need good doctors to fill them."  
-- Hazel Sloan



"It's sufficient the way it is, really."  
-- George O'Neil



## Wanted: Good citizens for local government

This week newspapers have reported there are over 90 candidates planning to run for Detroit City Council seats.

In the City of the Village of Clarkston there appears not to be much interest in city council seats. Over the last three years no more than one extra candidate has run for elective office, and replacements for resigning council members are hard to find.

Fortunately, four candidates have filed petitions for their own city council seats for November's election: Walt Gamble, Dan Colombo and Dave Savage, plus Derek Werner, recently appointed to fill a vacancy following the resignation of Karen Sanderson. Unless there are write-in candidates, each man will be reelected.

Overall, our area is blessed with intelligent, educated and committed residents who serve on local boards, commissions and committees. In last year's township elections there were several candidates who filed for most of the offices.

But it's apparently still hard to find good help.

Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas said it's always a struggle in the city.

"Once in awhile (council members) actively recruit people. (Mayor) Sharron (Catallo) says for appointments, to try to get people who represent different parts of the city. We've done that on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. But now the council pretty much represents the downtown area," Pappas said.

Rolling  
Along



Maralee Cook

Michigan Townships Association Executive Director Larry Merrill addressed the need to continuously search for citizens to participate in local government in the July issue of *Michigan Township News*. While he addresses the problems for townships, his points can be applied to any local government.

Merrill said citizens have become less involved in community government over the years.

"I can't help but wonder whether a concerted effort is consistently made by many townships to shake the bushes to find quality people to serve on various appointed township boards and commissions, join township on-call fire departments or take on those part-time jobs.

"Reaching out into the community and recruiting people to serve in township positions is one more task many officials probably feel they can easily do without. It is a little like soliciting money -- no matter what worthy cause you're advocating, it isn't fun hitting people up, especially people you don't know well."

Merrill continues that it's tough for many officials to get to know many township newcomers and it is rare for residents to take the initiative to ask for an appointment to a township position.

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls agrees. "I didn't know everybody 10 years ago and I darn sure don't know everybody now. It's humanly impossible. Sometimes people will express an interest in a position as a reaction to something that's going on in their neighborhood. But it's getting more difficult. People's lives are more complicated than they used to be," he said.

Merrill says it takes work to get people more

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# Neff returns until new Clarkston El principal hired

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The search is on for a new principal at Clarkston Elementary School, and a familiar face has come out of retirement to handle the job on an interim basis.

Approximately 8-9 candidates were interviewed Aug. 14 to fill the vacant post, according to Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent for K-8 operations for Clarkston Community Schools.

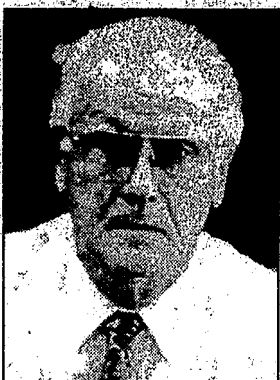
From that pool, Reschke said he will narrow down the list for follow-up interviews Aug. 15, and hopes to have a candidate in place by the time those interviews are completed.

"If we can get a good candidate out of that bunch, we'll go with them," he said. "If not, we'll look elsewhere. We hope we're successful this week. We'd like to have one before school starts."

The Clarkston Elementary position was vacated last month when Charles Rowland III, the former principal, resigned to take a position in the Rochester school district.

In the meantime, the district has hired Bill Neff, a former principal and central office administrator in the Clarkston district, as interim principal at the school.

He began his duties Aug. 13, and will stay on



**Former Clarkston schools administrator William Neff is filling in at Clarkston Elementary until a new principal is hired.**

board until the position is filled on a full-time basis. He said he is not a candidate for the full-time job, but will assist with the transition for whom-ever is selected.

This will be the second stint as an interim principal at Clarkston Elementary for Neff, who retired from the Clarkston school district in 1992. Previously, he served in that role from Aug.-Nov. 1996. In the past, he has also served as interim principal at Pine Knob Elementary.

He was also principal at Andersonville Elementary during the 1980's, and simultaneously served as director of elementary education, holding those jobs for about three years.

Before coming to Clarkston, he was a principal in the Pontiac school district from 1962-1976.

"When I came to Clarkston in 1976, I came as director of elementary education," he said. "I became assistant superintendent for K-12 instruction. I handled issues from vocational education to student discipline, and I evaluated administrators."

He said he was approached by the district approximately three weeks ago about taking the interim job.

"I have nothing but good feelings about the Clarkston schools," Neff said. "I've helped them out a number of times. When they call me and I can help them out, I'm very happy to do so."

Neff currently lives in Clarkston with his wife, Dorothy, who is also retired from the Clarkston district, having worked as a Title I director. The couple has three children who graduated from the district: Karen Postal, Steve Neff, and Lori Neff.

In his spare time, he said he has several activities he enjoys.

"I do stained glass, read a lot, and I've got a boat that I love to take around the Gulf of Mexico fishing," he said. "I'm a fisherman down there. Each year in October, I bicycle around the Chesapeake-Ohio canal. That's one of the highlights of the year."

# Springfield Township fire stations get some sprucing up

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Board took care of two items of Fire Department business Aug. 9.

At their board meeting that evening, the board awarded bids for asphalt paving for fire station #1 on Broadway, and a fill station for fire station #2 on Rattalee Lake Road.

The first bid was awarded to Tracey Asphalt Paving, Inc. of Waterford for \$4,150. The bid includes

patching all holes and low areas with asphalt and compact, applying vegetation killer to cracks and edges, applying a bond coat to the entire surface, and resurfacing the lot with asphalt.

Two other companies submitted bids for the project: Mike Ottman Asphalt Paving, L.L.C. of Clarkston, for \$3,950, and Allied Construction of Clarkston, for \$5,250.

According to Fire Chief Charles Oaks, the board

went with the bid from Tracey because they felt they would be getting more for the money than from Ottman, despite the difference in bids.

Oaks said Tracey's bid included removal of compact dirt, applying a 1-1/2-inch coarse base coat, and then a 2-1/2 inch coat after that. By contrast, he said Ottman's bid only involved the removal of asphalt.

He said Ottman's bid "was not real clear," and also said he would go back to them to give them a

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# Frazier new Independence Planning Commissioner

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After three months of being a member short, the Independence Township Planning Commission seat has been filled.

Lisa Leger Frazier will replace Theresa Gillis, who resigned for personal and professional obligations May 1, after a little more than three months with the board.

Supervisor Dale Stuart appointed Frazier, effective immediately, at the August 7 Township Board meeting—just in time to get her feet wet at the August 9 Planning Commission meeting.

Frazier is a certified planner with a specialization in environment who has worked for engineering firms and owned her own consulting firm. Before moving to Independence Township in October from a small town in Florida, Frazier was deputy mayor and prior to that an elected official for six years.

In the fall, Frazier, who grew up



**Lisa Leger Frazier, Independence Township Planning Commission's newest appointee**

in Michigan, will be working with the Nature Conservatory, an international organization based in Lansing. They'll be opening a new office in the area and Frazier will act as the project director for the Clinton/Shiawassee Headwaters.

Frazier also has been on the safety path committee.

"Planning is my forte, my hobby," said Frazier.

"My experience is in development and municipal and environmental planning—years of experience, and I am more than happy in sharing my knowledge. I'm also looking forward to the education I will receive with working for the township," she said.

Frazier looks at her new role as a civic duty.

"I know it's another responsibility, but I believe in our form of government that we the people run; and so, we the people have to go out and

do something."

Frazier said she's impressed with the township's vision for future development with the 2020 Master Plan and is looking forward to being a part of it.

"I like to do this," she said. "It's fun to know what's going on in the township and to get to know the many people involved."

Trustee Dan Travis, who serves on both the Township Board and Planning Commission, welcomed Frazier. "We have lots of work ahead of us, but I'm looking forward to your contribution."

Stuart, who struggled for some time finding a replacement, said, "(Frazier) has a great deal of experience and will be a productive addition."

Until he found Frazier, Stuart said he had interviewed a number of candidates and made a decision, when the potential appointee backed out. Stuart still has to fill yet another open commission seat with the recent retirement of planning member Richard Oppman.

Frazier and her husband Bill have three children: Audrey, 7 1/2; Natalie, 5; and Billy, 2 1/2. After 13 years in Florida, the Fraziers moved back to Michigan to be with their many relatives in the area.

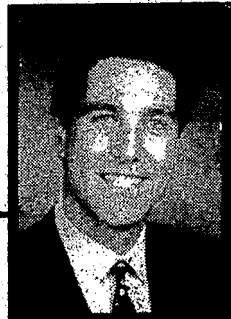
## Adult CPR and basic first aid classes offered

The Lake Orion/Oxford Early Childhood Professional Network is sponsoring an Infant, Child and Adult CPR Class, Sept. 25 from 6-9 p.m. and Basic First Aid, Sept. 26 from 6-10 p.m. Both will be held at the Lake Orion Community Educational Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps Rd. Cost for Basic

First Aid is \$25 per person plus \$15 for book and materials. Cost for CPR class is \$25 plus \$10 book and materials. Books and material fees are due to the instructor at the beginning of class. These classes are designed for parents and childcare providers. These are National Safety Programs approved by the Division

of Day Care Licensing. To register, call 693-5439 or stop by the Resource Center's main office at 455 E. Scripps Rd. Payment is due upon registration. Cash, checks, VISA and Mastercard will be accepted. You must register at least one week in advance. Space is limited so register asap!

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# A Look Back

## 15 YEARS AGO (1986)

The wheels of government are slowly turning toward installing a full traffic light signal at Main Street and Waldon Road in downtown Clarkston. State highway department employees are in the process of preparing a drawing to present to the Clarkston Village Council. The geometrics include the widening of Main and Waldon at the intersection.

About 120 teachers were absent Aug. 18 from the Clarkston Education Association's general meeting, and the result was too few votes to ratify the tentative teachers' contract. Hoping that teachers will be back from vacations, the CEA has scheduled another meeting on Monday, Aug. 25. School is to begin for teachers on Aug. 26 and for students Aug. 27.

Tardiness worked against the developers of the Clarkston Road Newport condominiums Aug. 14. Having received some plans for the project several days after its established deadline, the township planning commission tabled a request by Frank Walker and William Hahn to rezone the condo site to Planned Unit Development (PUD).

## 25 YEARS AGO (1976)

Clarkston High School Principal Dom Mauti said the school will reward good attendance. Students who have not missed more than two classes in a 10-week course may be able to avoid taking a required test at the end of the course. Those who miss six or more days in a 10-week course and 12 or more days in a semester course may fail the class.

A wide-ranging animal control ordinance has been passed by the Independence Township Board. It will go into effect 30 days after it has been published. The ordinance prohibits everything from loose dogs to animal cruelty, with fines from \$10 to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail imposed for animal owners disobeying the law's provisions.

In keeping with their goal of being a Clarkston area service group, the Jaycees are undertaking one of their biggest projects ever. The men are engaged in selling the Home Sentry smoke alarm by General Electric. Funds raised by the project will be turned over to the Independence Township Fire Department for the purchase of Burns Awareness equipment.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1951)

The Citizens' Committee for a school building program in the Clarkston district met Aug. 13 to continue the study of building needs, costs, and the problem of financing these facilities. Leo Heenan, Pontiac architect, who heretofore had submitted several plans and models for school buildings, was introduced to the group by chairman Robert Walter.

A large crowd attended the school reunion in Clarkston Aug. 11. Former teachers and pupils came from great distances to renew acquaintances and reminisce. At noon, about ninety gathered in the Township Community Center for the delicious potluck dinner. In charge of the reunion were: chairman, Mrs. L.F. Walter; program chairman, Mrs. Pearl Urch; secretary, Mrs. R.C. Ainsley and Miss Ada Scrace.

The following items were on special at Terry's Market in Clarkston: sliced bacon, 39 cents/lb.; carrots, two bunches for 19 cents; Old South frozen orange juice, three cans for 55 cents; butter, 68 cents/lb.; Defiance blended juice, 46 oz. can, two cans for 49 cents; fresh Elberta peaches, three lbs. for 29 cents; Defiance dog food, three cans for 28 cents.

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## Police and fire

### Independence Township

**Sunday, Aug. 12,** personal injury accident at Maybee and Dvorak.

Wires down at Maybee and Dvorak.

Automatic alarm at Rattalee Lake

**Saturday, Aug. 11,** grass fire at I-75, south of Clintonville.

Personal injury accident at I-75 and M-15.

A malicious destruction of a vehicle was reported at Mann Road and Clintonville. The victim said when he went to the vehicle, he noticed all four tires had been slashed at the sidewall area. The vehicle was keyed on all areas, except the rear driver's side quarter panel. The case was turned over to the Independence Township Detective's Bureau.

A larceny from a vehicle was reported at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. The victim said after filling his gas tank, he took some money out of an envelope. He said he left the envelope, containing \$800, in his car. The window was down and the door was unlocked. When he came back, he found the money stolen. No suspects or witnesses have been reported.

A malicious destruction of property was reported at Mann and Clintonville. The victim said sometime during the night, three of his car's tires were slashed, and sugar was poured into the gas tank. The case was turned over to the Independence Township Detective's Bureau.

**Friday, Aug. 10,** personal injury accident at Andersonville and White Lake.

Personal injury accident at Sashabaw at Moody Drive.

Building fire at Oakhurst.

A larceny in a building was reported at Woodcreek and Sashabaw. The victim said between April 30-June 7, someone stole at least \$2,500 worth of jewelry from her home. She said she noticed items missing around June 7, but did not write a report on it. She said numerous people were in and out of the home, including contractors and teenage friends of her son.

**Thursday, Aug. 9,** wires down at Clarkston.

Personal injury accident at I-75.

Personal injury accident at Dixie and M-15.

Wires down at North Main.

Automatic alarm at Elk Run.

A larceny of a bicycle was reported at Woodcrest

Range. The victim said his son's bicycle was on the porch, unlocked, and someone stole the bicycle.

A larceny in a building was reported at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road. The victim took three cases of beer and a bag of dog food without paying for the items. The total value of the items was \$71.61.

An auto theft was reported at Dixie and Maybee. The victim said the vehicle was stolen from a lot between Aug. 8-9. The vehicle does not have a license plate.

**Wednesday, Aug. 8,** automatic alarm at Adderstone.

An incident of second degree home invasion was reported at Sedona and North Eston. The victim said sometime between Aug. 1-5, someone entered the garage and stole a set of golf clubs. The victim said other sets were in the garage, but only one was stolen, and nothing else appears to be missing. The case was turned over to the Independence Township Detective's Bureau.

A malicious destruction of property and larceny from a vehicle was reported at Perry Lake Road. The victim said his brother's vehicle was vandalized while parked in the driveway. The right rear window was smashed out. The right side door lock and keyhole were pried and broken. No witnesses or suspects have been reported.

A larceny was reported at the DTE Energy Music Theater. The victim said she had her cell phone in the purse, and believes someone took it from there.

A larceny from a vehicle was reported at Deer Park Trail and Deer Hill Drive. The victim reported the following items stolen: 30 CD's, valued at \$510, and an air conditioning vent. The victim said she was swimming with her daughter at the above location. She came back to her unlocked vehicle to find someone had entered it and taken the above items. She said she did not see anyone near her car, nor did anyone else.

A non-residential burglary was reported at Ortonville and I-75. The victim said when he arrived at the above location in the morning, he found the outer door glass broken and called 911.

The building was checked, and the only damage reported was to the front door glass and frame. No entry was made.

An incident of driving with a suspended license was reported at White Lake and Mustang Drive. The responding officer met with the suspect, who said he was driving his wife's car, tried to avoid another car, and went into the ditch. He admitted to driving with a suspended license. A report was taken and sent to the prosecutor's office for review.

### Springfield Township

**Friday, Aug. 10,** an attempted breaking and entering was reported at Dixie Highway and Old Pond Road. The victim said someone pried a screen on one of her side windows. She said she did not believe entry was gained, nothing appeared to be missing, and the plastic case that was in the window was still in place.

**Wednesday, Aug. 8,** a malicious destruction of property and larceny from a vehicle were reported at Bluewater and Dixie Highway. The victim said he parked his vehicle in the parking lot by his apartment July 17. He returned to his vehicle July 18 and discovered someone had taken his headlight covers and window guards. The right and left side of the vehicle were also keyed. He said his insurance company said he needed to file a police report to make a claim, which is why he did not file a report earlier. No suspects have been reported.

**Tuesday, Aug. 7,** a larceny was reported at Andersonville and Hall. The victim said he parked his vehicle in the driveway between Aug. 6-7, and his steering column had been damaged. He also said his checkbook was taken from the inside pickup truck. No suspects have been reported.



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# Water restriction for Hillview Estates

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Problems with water pumping in Independence Township led officials to adopt a new ordinance and enforce an emergency water restriction for one area of the community, until further notice.

Residents in the Hillview Estates Subdivision, made up of 113 homes in the northeast portion of the township, will be required to follow an odd/even outdoor watering schedule or be fined.

Supervisor Dale Stuart released a declaration August 13 stating the

Hillview Subdivision's "supply or pressure demand for water cannot be satisfactorily accommodated and general welfare is likely to be endangered."

Residents with even-numbered addresses are asked to limit their outdoor watering to even-numbered days, as are odd-numbered addresses for odd-numbered days.

The restriction is in effect 24-hours a day, seven-days a week.

If anyone is found in violation, a warning will be issued. Those warned who further refuse to comply will receive a civil infraction which will start at \$75,

said Department of Public Works Interim Director Linda Richardson.

Township Attorney Steve Joppich said fines can be given on a daily basis for anyone who continuously fails to follow the restriction, and fines can pile up. Anyone fined who still violates the restriction could be subject to court action.

Previously, there had been no ordinance in place that would allow officials to enforce an outdoor watering restriction like this. But at last Tuesday's Township Board meeting, the emergency ordinance, drafted by Joppich,

was adopted.

Richardson said the Hillview area runs off one large pump. The biggest problem with water pressure showed up between 4:30 and 9:30 a.m., mainly due to automatic lawn sprinklers. With the excessive heat last week, "peak hours" for problems were stretching to 11 p.m., she said.

"As long as we start cooling down, we should be okay," said Richardson. "But it's hard to say."

A voluntary watering restriction has been in place for the rest of the township since July 12 and will continue.

## Drinking water okay for Waters Edge, after brief concern

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An error in water sampling caused a brief concern that drinking water in the southwest corner of Independence Township may have been contaminated.

In May, the Department of Public Works (DPW) collected samples from Waters Edge, an area off Andersonville near the Waterford border. Results from Oakland County came back positive, indicating there could be bacteria in the water source.

However, Interim Director Linda Richardson said it was a sampling error of the DPW that caused the positive result. "It was nothing to do with the water. It was sloppy sampling on our part."

The DPW admitted to not collecting the required number of follow-up samples within 24 hours of the positive sample result--violation that does not pose a threat to the quality of the supply's water, said Richardson. The DPW should have taken a resample and samples up and down stream, she said.

Later in May and June they did resample. Five follow-up samples--in the original sample spot, two up stream and two down stream--were collected and revealed the water was in compliance with health standards.

This was the first time samples were taken in that area, said Richardson, who added the water comes from Waterford Township wells.

The DPW is required to monitor drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis, to insure drinking

water meets health standards. The DPW is taking steps to assure monitoring will be provided as required in the future for Waters Edge.

Richardson said if the follow-up samples would have come back positive, a warning to boil water would have been issued.

For more information, contact Linda Richardson at 625-8222 or the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality at (734)953-1472.

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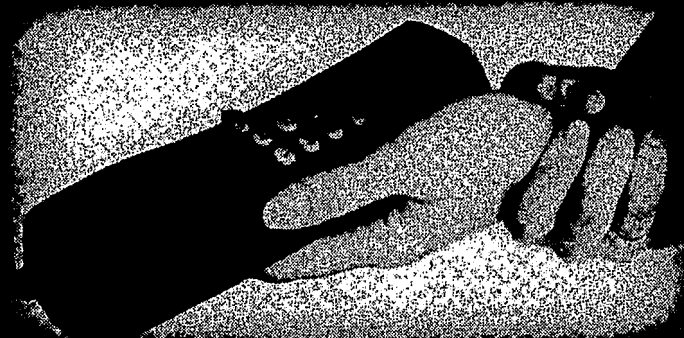
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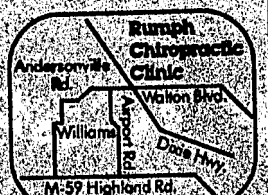
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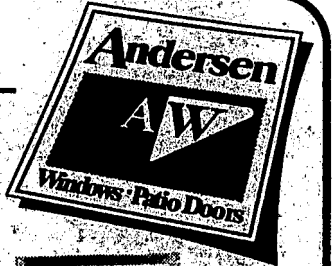
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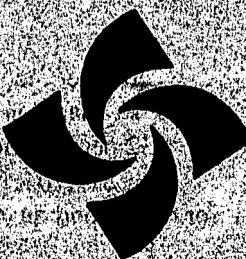
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# Business News

In and around Clarkston,  
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## Bytner Design Associates...

# 'Details spun from the warmth of tradition'

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Always wanted that dream kitchen?

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longer. Bytner Design Associates, specializing in kitchen interiors, is here to help.

And "you don't have to break the bank to get the kitchen you want," said

owner Pam Bytner, a Brandon Township resident, who's custom design studio has been located in downtown Clarkston, inside the Washington Mills Mall, for the past four years.

Bytner's kitchen design work has even received national recognition, being featured in several magazines including "Better Homes and Gardens," "Kitchen and Bath Business," "Renovation Style," and more.

According to Bytner, who's background is in interior design, not a lot of kitchen designers come into the field with that type of a background. "This sets us apart."

Jennifer Smith, of the sales department, is a recent addition to Bytner Design Associates and also has a background in interior design.

For those clients not already working with an interior designer, Bytner said, "this gives us an edge to extend service to people they may not get elsewhere. We can interface with other professionals or fill in where there are none."

With kitchen design, there are two types of distributors, Bytner explained--stock, where cabinets are pre-made; and made to order.

Over the last few years, Bytner said, she has seen an increase in customizing with stock distributors, "but they don't have that design expertise," she said.

Bytner's approach is "to marry our expertise in space planning and

spatial aesthetics with your vision to create truly unique and individualized interiors."

"We pull in the personality of the home as well as the client," Bytner said. "We can do an unlimited number of things. It's only limited by imagination and budget."

Kitchens can cost from \$20,000 to \$200,000 and everywhere in between. Bytner said there are numerous ways to get that one-of-a-kind kitchen on a fixed budget. She will tailor the project to a specific budget and be creative on how to achieve that desired kitchen.

The range of service is flexible as well; from providing only cabinetry to complete project management.

A broad range of products are offered, plus several lines of custom cabinetry in a variety of styles including handcarved cabinets, inlay design cabinets, and cabinets made from reclaimed woods and hard pine--all in many price ranges.

In addition to kitchen design, Bytner Design Associates specializes in master suites, luxury baths and closets, home offices, home theaters and libraries, bars and more.

Bytner, certified in kitchen design, has been doing kitchens for the past 12 years and has a strong referral base in Birmingham, Bloomfield and Grosse Pointe. She would like business in Clarkston to grow.

But, because of the minimal amount of traffic the mall sees, Bytner said, "Nobody knows we're here. We're quite a well kept secret in Clarkston."

"We'd like to let the people know we're here," she said. "There's no one in this area who does what we do."

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With their interior design backgrounds, Bytner Design Associates owner Pam Bytner, above, and Sales Rep. Jennifer Smith, can help you get the kitchen you've only imagined. Below and right are examples of one-of-a-kind kitchens designed by Bytner.



## Business Briefs

Clarkston Financial Corp. was ranked ninth for total return among Michigan's Top 50 list by Crain's Detroit Business, David T. Harrison, President and CEO, has announced. The list appears in the July 30 issue.

Clarkston Financial Corp. is the holding company for Clarkston State Bank, which opened in January 1999.

The Michigan Top 50 list is made up of companies that provided the best total return during the year ended June 29. Companies were selected from those trading at \$5 share or more on that date. Clarkston's total return for the period was 102.19 percent, high within the overall range of 157.87 per-

cent to 19.34 percent for the Top 50 companies.

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just north of downtown Clarkston is slated to open in August. Web address: [www.clarkstonstatebank.com](http://www.clarkstonstatebank.com).

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Clarkston Financial Corporation posted double-digit growth in earnings, assets, deposits and loans outstanding for the second quarter of 2001, compared to 2000's second quarter, David T. Harrison, President and CEO reported August 1.

Results for the second quarter revealed a net income of \$98,485, or \$0.09 per share, on a fully taxable basis, a 32 percent increase over net income of \$74,704, or \$0.08 per share, for the second quarter of 2000.

Results for Q2 2001 include a tax expense of \$45,000. There was no tax

expense for 2000's Q2. Net income rose 92 percent on a pretax basis. The 2001 per-share amounts were adjusted to reflect a 10 percent stock dividend (paid in Nov. 2000) which increased the number of shares outstanding to 1,026,012 from 931,600 in 2000's second quarter.

Interest income from loans rose 32 percent to \$498,000 from \$378,879 in 2000's Q2--despite the volatile interest rate environment. Noninterest income was up 43 percent to \$80,390 from \$56,000 in the year-earlier quarter. The loan loss provision was \$24,888. There were no delinquencies or charge-offs during the quarter.

# Everest Academy director dedicated to service

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Climbing "Always Higher" is a motto Everest Academy has held to over the past several years, and now, a new executive director has been enlisted to help continue that mission.

Keith Laser comes to the independent, private Catholic school from Baltimore. There, he was principal over 200 children, in a K-8 Catholic school similar to Everest. Both schools are affiliated and directed by the Legionaries of Christ.

As executive director, a newly created position, Laser will coordinate the goings on at Everest. With a principal for the third through eighth grade girls school, a principal for the third through eighth grade boys school, and other staff members, Laser will aim to bring those various aspects together. He'll make sure all needs are met, plan for the future, and see that the school is staffed properly as well as focus on getting a high school program up and running, and more.

Laser also strongly believes in following the school's mission to teach the intellect, educate the heart and form the character. He said it is important to instill in children a strong academic background and spiritual and human manners, along with a heavy emphasis on team work and sportsmanship.

A low student/teacher ratio at Everest gives a more personal experience for the child, which Laser finds important. It also gives the opportunity for school leaders to work with parents to find what motivates their child to reach their full potential, said Laser.

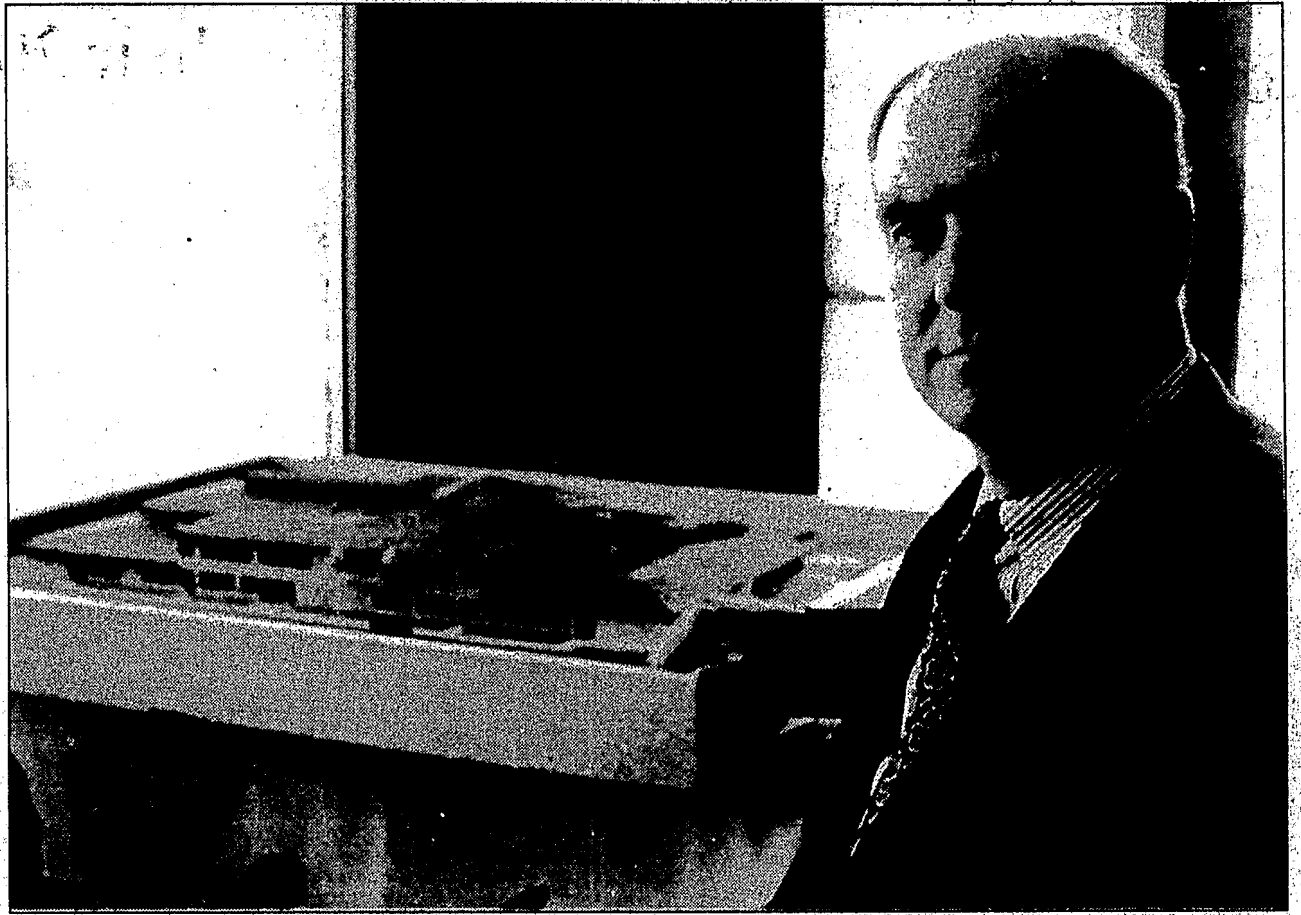
"We're blessed here with good solid role models who are dedicated to the vision and want to be here."

For Laser, education was a way for him to serve. But he didn't find that out until later in his career.

He had spent over 20 years as a Navy helicopter pilot with over 3,000 hours of flying--"without crashing," he adds. During his military career, Laser attended the Naval Academy at Annapolis, was the commanding officer of HSL-48, a helicopter anti submarine squadron, and navigator on the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower.

As an extension of his experience in the Navy, Laser said, education was a way for him to serve and use his leadership skills. After the Navy, Laser earned a master's and certification in education.

Education also gave Laser, who has taught math and science in the past, the chance to be more involved in the lives of his seven children, who range from ages two to 17.



**New Everest Academy Director Keith Laser stands with a model of the academy. High school classes will be offered to ninth graders beginning next year. The school opened with 32 students in 1992. Now there are 460 students enrolled. A new two-story building with 22 classrooms and an atrium will open next year on the school's 40 acres of property on Clarkston Road. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.**

Laser and his family are brand new to Michigan. They've only been Independence Township residents for a month, but, Laser said, he's enjoying it very much.

Of course, it's been a busy month for Laser with moving into a new home, getting adjusted to a new work environment, and overseeing the many changes and additions at Everest.

When school doors open later this month, students will be able to enjoy a new playground, landscaping, carpet, and Internet access in the library. In the spring, the school will add lacrosse and golf to their sports program as well.

From 32 students when the school opened in 1992 to 460 students enrolled this year, Everest continues to grow.

Laser said by this time next year, the school will

introduce a new 22 classroom, two-floor "beautiful" building. The new facility, on the school's 40-acre property, will have an outdoor heated atrium for year long use.

"It will really add to the community," he said.

Also in 2002, Everest will begin the high school program, starting with the addition of a ninth grade and adding a grade for each consecutive year.

Laser said, it's imperative the high school has much to offer such as various sports and activities. But, more importantly, a program must challenge the students academically and meet the spiritual needs of the children, in a safe environment.

Everest Academy is located at 5935 Clarkston Rd. Call 620-3390 for more information.

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## Johnson sponsors bills on open space preservation

Two issues important to area residents -- preservation of open space and zoning -- were the topics of a forum hosted by state Rep. Ruth Johnson Aug. 6.

Approximately eight people showed up at the forum, held at the Independence Township Library. Those people included Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, Clerk Joan McCrary, and Treasurer Jim Wenger.

Johnson said she has introduced legislation before the state House on both fronts.

House Bill 4995 would establish local control for open space in individual neighborhoods, she said.

"The land, or open space, would be owned by the neighborhood," she said. "It would be like a park. Springfield and Independence townships already use this, and there are several townships that are looking at this. So far, I'm getting very positive feedback."

Wenger said Johnson's proposed bill allows for a good deal of preservation of open space, and allows municipalities to have a stake in the matter.

"To me, Ruth's proposal is a lot better than previous ones that may not be well thought out," he said. "It's a better legislation for open space, and you still have local control."

Johnson said a number of her constituents have approached her about the importance of preserving open space in their communities. "They wanted to be sure the open space is kept in perpetuity," she said.

House Bill 5038 would coordinate zoning between municipalities and counties. Townships, cities and villages statewide would submit zoning plans to their respective counties for approval.

Currently, Oakland County townships follow this procedure, but cities and villages do not, Johnson said. She said haphazard planning leads to confusion over who is responsible for the area's development. Under her plan, local municipalities would retain local control while working with their respective counties on planning concerns.

"When a township does a plan, they would share a master plan with a county," Johnson said. "They wouldn't be looking at two incompatible things. You want to make sure the development is consistent."

Under this plan neighboring municipalities can check with their respective counties to see what their zoning looks like, thus leading to more consistency.

"Everybody knows if there's a change that's next to the township," she said. "Everyone can zone in a consistent manner. It's a real good, easy way to know what their neighbors are doing, so they can zone consistently. It preserves local control, and gives more input to citizens."

## Springfield fire stations

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chance to match the amount of work that Tracey would be willing to perform.

The fill station for Station #2 job was awarded to Air Source One, Inc. of Taylor. The company submitted the bid of \$5,538, beating out Coon-DeVisser Company of Royal Oak, with a bid of \$5,539, and Breathing Air Systems of \$6,030.75.

Oaks said Coon-DeVisser's bid did not include separate control knobs for the air compressor, whereas Air Source's bid

He said Coon-DeVisser bid separately on the control knobs, which would cost the township about \$3,000 extra.

"It wasn't feasible," Oaks said.



State Rep.  
Ruth Johnson

## The Clarkston Village Players invite you to their 2001-2002 season

The Clarkston Village Players, who perform at the Depot Theater at 4861 White Lake Rd., will present six plays and a special presentation this 2001-2002 season.

Show dates and times are as follows:

"The Subject Was Roses" by Frank G. Gilroy

Show dates: Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16

This engrossing Pulitzer Prize play is a tender and lucid story of a pampered son who went off to war and returns a man of his own. This change, however, has devastating effects on both his mother and his father, who are engaged not only in a struggle over who can win their son's favor, but also to rekindle their own lost love.

"Night Mother" by Marsha Norman

Show dates: Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30

This drama won both the Pulitzer Prize and the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize. This is an eloquent, enthralling and ultimately shattering play about a young woman unable to come to terms with the hopelessness of her life and the hopelessness of her mother's ability to convince her that life is worth living.

"Breaking Legs" by Jerry Sterner

Show dates: Nov. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17

This winner of the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Play is a funny and illuminating look at Wall Street and a young hot shot, who in his attempt to manipulate the take over of The New England Wire and Cable Company, meets his match in a dynamic female counterpart. This is an adult comedy.

"Other People's Money" by Tom

Dulack

Show dates: Jan. 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

In this hilarious comedy, the worlds of the Mafia and the theater clash when a professorial playwright seeks funding for his new play from the family of a former student. The "family" turns out to be minor Mafia godfathers who are willing to underwrite the play while the lusty unwed daughter of the house sets her eyes on her former professor.

"Night Watch" by Lucille Fletcher

Show dates: March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16

This ingeniously devised thriller was an outstanding Broadway success. Troubled by unsettling memories of the recent past, Elaine Wheeler is further upset when she sees a dead body in the window of the apartment next door. When the police find nothing but an empty chair she is seized with terror and a menage of suspects complicating the solution.

"Lucky Stuff"

by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Show dates: May 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

Based on "The Man who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo" by Michael Butterworth, this zany musical and funny murder mystery farce tells the tale of an unassuming English shoe salesman forced to take the corpse of his recently-murdered uncle on a week-long vacation to Monte Carlo.

There will be a special presentation entitled, "Shakespeare's People" beginning May 31 through June 2. Tickets are \$12.

For tickets, call the CVP ticket hotline at 625-8811. Tickets are also available at Tierra Fine Jewelry, 64 S. Main St., 625-2511.

To ensure season tickets, purchase before August 20.

For more information, visit [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org) or email at [depot@clarkstonvillageplayers.org](mailto:depot@clarkstonvillageplayers.org).

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## Good citizens wanted for local government

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involved but may even be a little risky. Strangers appointed to commissions can undermine the preferred direction of the board, or he or she may have previously unknown skeletons in the closet.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said he carefully considers each name he receives as a potential appointee. But one of the reasons it takes so long to fill a vacancy is that care must be taken that someone is not just seeking a position to further his or her own agenda. "I want someone who will add something to the mix, someone with experience and who will fit in with the vision of the township," he said.

He still must fill a vacancy on the Independence Township Planning Commission, left by the resignation of Richard Oppman.

Stuart said he will contact people who speak up at meetings, but he does not press residents who shy away from public service. "It will easily end up as another vacancy," he said.

Merrill says a community is "significantly strengthened by a governing board that puts a premium on being as inclusive as it can in getting many people involved."

Here are his reasons why:

- Being perceived as a "good ol' boys' club" does not build community support for millages, solve difficult problems or build consensus on controversial issues.

- More diverse viewpoints will foster more creativity, greater options and broader community buy-in to a selected course of action.

- If committee positions are held by too few persons, there is a risk of burn-out and leadership vacuums when those who hold multiple positions leave office.

- New people bring in more people. They talk positively about the government issues and projects.

- When people connect with local

government they are more likely to want to play a positive role instead of just complaining. At a time when trust in government is severely challenged, citizen involvement helps people see the township as open and friendly.

- When a vacancy occurs there are a stack of applications to review from people who have something of real value to donate—their time, energy and vision.

Merrill suggests two ways to increase participation. Challenge people who show up at meetings to complain to get involved and offer them an application for one of the many boards or commissions. Engage residents in conversation about issues when they come in to pay taxes, apply for a building permit or register to vote. He also suggests ads or stories in local newspapers will generate interest.

Walls said over the years finding appointees has "ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous. Sometimes we have a couple of vacancies and a dozen applicants. Other times we have to beat the doors down."

He said Clerk Nancy Strole is good about finding residents interested in public service.

"I'll take suggestions for appointees from anyone. But that doesn't diminish my role of supervisor in making the appointment," he said.

Currently there is one spot open on the Springfield Township Planning Commission due to the resignation of Dave Moroz. Walls said he will fill the vacancy after the Planning Commission finishes its master plan update.

Merrill said it's important to keep beating the bushes for appointees. "Getting people involved may take work, but that's a short-term perspective. Long term, many hands make light work."

E-mail Maralee your thoughts on local government at [Shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:Shermanpub@aol.com)

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## Edna E. Eaves

Edna E. Eaves of Clarkston died Aug. 7, 2001 at the age of 91.

She was born in Athens, Ala. on July 9, 1910. She was the wife of Johnnie "Jack" and was the mother of Cheryl (Robert) Futrell of Clarkston. She was the grandmother of Jennifer (Allan) Robbins and is survived by many nieces and nephews. She is also preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Nancy Boyd and siblings Nancy "Bessie", Vera Hill, Jack Boyd, Malcome Boyd, Fred Boyd, Maxine and Christine Boyd Spence.

Mrs. Eaves was a member of Waterford Township Church of Christ.

Funeral service was held Aug. 10 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Oakland County Medical Care Facility or Independence Township Meals on Wheels.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home. www.legacy.com.

## Lavern M. Boutell

Lavern M. (Mike) Boutell of Wellington, Fla., formerly of Ortonville and Clarkston, passed away Aug. 9, 2001.

He was born July 29, 1917 and is survived by his wife Vivian and his sister Doris Bussard. He is also survived by his step-son Jack (Kathy) McCall and grandchildren Jennifer McCall, Stormy (Val) McCall, Jerry McCall and two great-grandchildren, Eddie and Allyson. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Boutell owned and operated the bakery in Ortonville for many years. He was a Mason and WWII

Veteran. Memorial service was held Aug. 12 at Palms West Funeral Home in Royal Palm Beach, Fla.

## Charlotte A. Patterson

Charlotte A. Patterson of Lake Orion died Aug. 12, 2001 at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ernest "Pat." She was the mother of Holly Ellen Stephens of Independence Twp and was the grandmother of Beth (Gordon) Garten of Waterford, David (Jennifer) Stephens of Farmington Hills and Paul Stephens of Bay City. She was the great-grandmother of Gidget, Jeff and Darra.

Funeral service will be at St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church Aug. 20.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Eden Alternative Fund, Detroit Zoo or Alzheimers Association. (www.legacy.com).

## Leola M. Stageman

Leola M. Stageman died Aug. 14, 2001 at the age of 93.

She is survived by her daughter Sally (Thomas) Bullen of Clarkston, and her sons, Dr. John F. Stageman (Janet) of Maple Point, Michigan and Dr. Donald L. Stageman (Dawn) of Holland. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John C. Stageman. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren; Linda Downs (Steven), Benjamin Bullen (Mary), John Bullen (Eileen), Julie Maier (Chris), Sandra Matich (Kirk), and Chris Stageman, Alex Stageman and Michael Stageman.

Her great-grandsons are Grant, Wesley and Matthew Downs, Benny, Sarah and Sammy Bullen, Emily, Tommy and Diana Bullen, Nichole and John

Maier, Amber, Nick and Adam Matich, and Andrew Stageman Parker. She is also survived by one brother, Kenneth Francis, of Bay City and was pre-deceased by two other brothers, Arthur and LeRoy Francis, and a sister, Hazel Weber.

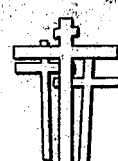
She was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church of Clarkston, to which memorials may be made. Rev. Philip Somers of New Castle Bible Church in Mackinaw, Ill. will officiate at the funeral to be held at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may also be made to the New Castle Bible Church. Memorial service will be held Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. Visitation will be at the Wint Funeral Home Aug. 17 from 7-9 p.m. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery.

Last but not least, she loved the Lord with all her heart and soul, and all who knew her share in the hope that her eternal peace is with him and with all her loved ones, forever.

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The Clarkston Rotary Club presents the 61st annual **Labor Day Parade**. This year's theme is "Old Past--New Roads to the Future." The Rotary invites area businesses and organizations to join the fun with a float, band, clowns, or other entry. Show the people of Clarkston your energy and team spirit. Register by Fri., August 24. There is no entre fee for participating. Call Vince Peraino at (248)394-1663 for more information.

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"**Bag a Butterfly**," Sat., August 18 at 2 p.m. at the Nature Center of Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake. Interpreter Karen Blake will give you a look at the life of butterflies and their close relatives, moths. Learn what flowers and food plants will entice butterflies into your yard and how to successfully raise common caterpillars. Then search the wildflower edges for butterflies in a "catch and release" hunt. An optional bug box kit is available or you may bring your own. Fee is \$1 per kit (optional). For ages five years and older. Preregistration is required. Call 625-7280.

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St. Daniel Catholic Church will host a **blood drive** for the American Red Cross, Sun., August 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cushing Center. Appointments are recommended and can be made by calling 625-4583. St. Daniel Church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive at the corner of Holcomb Road in Clarkston.

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"**Making Your Own Potpourri**," is Sun., August 19 at 2 p.m. at the Nature Center of Indian Springs. Interpreter Linda Waters will show participants how easy it is to make delightful homemade potpourri. Many of the ingredients may be grown in your yard or purchased at local stores. Various ingredients will be provided, but please bring a zip-lock plastic bag. Fee is \$2 per person. Preregistration is required. For ages 12 years and older. Call 625-7280.

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The Clarkston/Waterford Chapter of the **Business Network International** will hold a meeting Tues., August 21 from 7-8:30 a.m. at Total Insurance Services at 7640 Dixie. For more info, call (810)323-3800.

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On August 25 from 9-11 p.m., a **Summer Star Party** is scheduled at Independence Oaks. Telescope viewing (weather permitting) with the Oakland Astronomy Club, a planetarium show and an astrocraft will help everyone appreciate the wonders of the summer night sky. Not recommended for preschoolers. Cost is \$2 per person. Call 625-6473.

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It's more than half way done! The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the Main Street construction crossover on Sat., August 25, from 4-9 p.m., at the **Main Street Ice Cream Social**. There will be ice cream stands, food, popcorn, face painting, music, children's activities, and fun! Shopping open until 9 p.m., with special sales events. Rain or shine, there will be plenty to see and do in downtown Clarkston. Call 625-8055 for more information.

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The Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts of Waterford will host guest performers from Germany's Gospel Art Studio, a performing arts school and touring company, to perform a dramatic play on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer entitled "**Candles In The Window**." The drama was inspired by the life and work of Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and resistance worker executed by the Gestapo. "Candles" is an intimate meeting of two women struggling with grief, betrayal, guilt and passivity in post World War II England. The event will be held at The Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Rd. on Sat., Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. Box office opens at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale August 5 for reserved seats and are \$8 and \$7 for students, seniors and groups of 20 or more.

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Fun, fun for the entire family. The annual **Labor Day Fair** will be at the First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Rd. on Mon., Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event follows the community parade in Clarkston and is a family oriented event. Featured will be a classic car show, giant rummage sale, Midway games for the kids, craft show, auctions, pony rides, bake sale, great food, and more. Mark Farnsworth, a popular local DJ, will be back with 50's music throughout the day. Admission is free. Parking is \$2 donation to the local youth ministry. Everyone is welcome.

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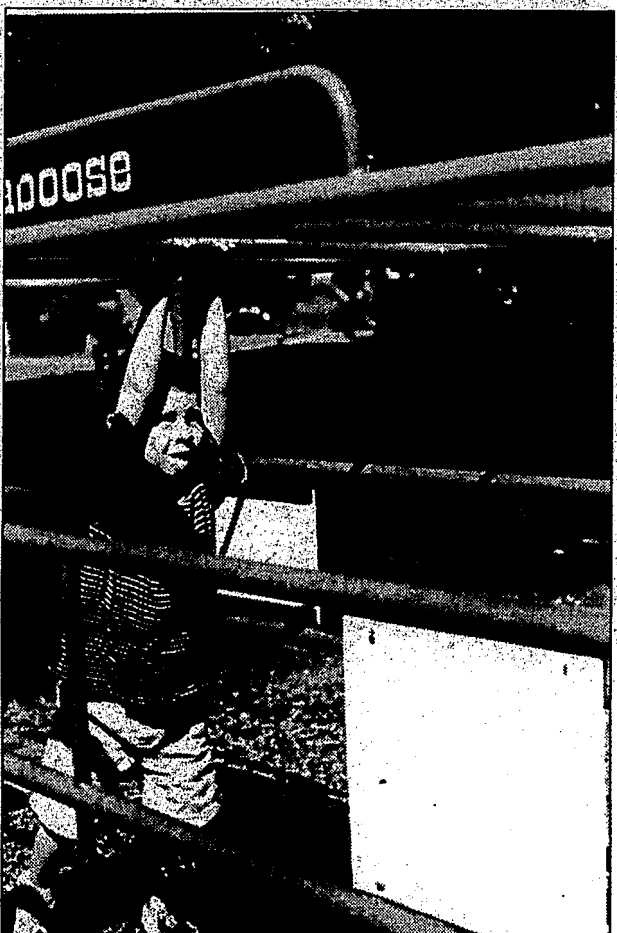
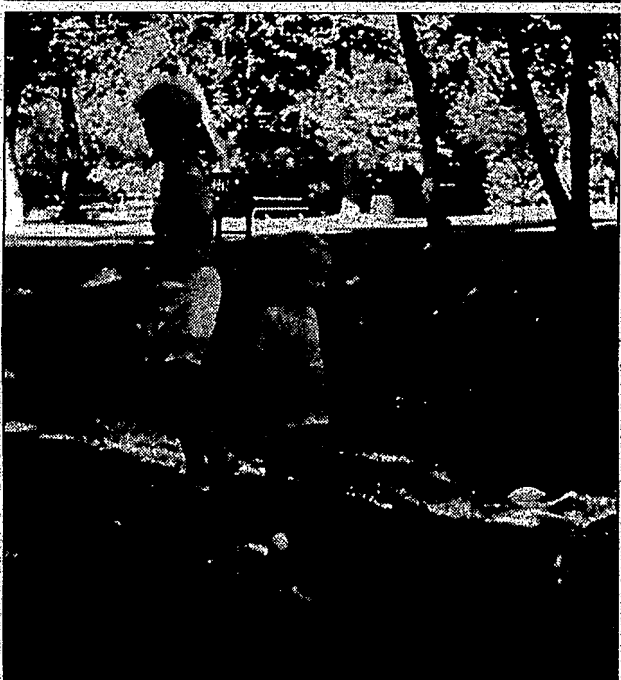
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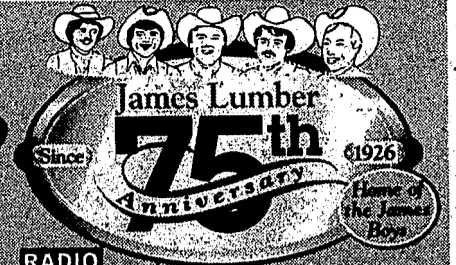
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# Clarkston schools implement alternative middle school program beginning fall 2001

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Foyteck, Thomas, and secretary Sheila Hughes.

According to Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent for K-8 operations at Clarkston Community Schools, about 22-24 students will take part in the program during its inaugural year, with about half from each school. He said he anticipates another 6-8 students will join the program during the course of the year.

He said the program will be held on a four-station teaching unit at Clarkston Middle School.

During Reschke's presentation to the board, he outlined the four major goals of the program:

- Improved attendance.
- Strengthen math and communication skills.
- Perform successfully through ninth grade after leaving the program.
- Successful transition to Clarkston High School.

Reschke said about two years ago, Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts asked members of the central office administrative team to examine alternative methods to improve the success of middle school students.

Around that time, a number of eighth grade students were struggling in math during the early part of the school year. In tracking those students, Reschke said a number of them eventually dropped out of high school as a result.

With that in mind, Reschke said Clarkston administrators met with a number of professionals, including social workers, teachers, and principals, to help identify common characteristics among those students. Three primary characteristics were identified: poor attendance, poor academics, and discipline problems.

The district then began looking at the possibility of an additional middle school program for the 2001-02 school year, Reschke said.

A key aspect of the potential alternative school, Reschke said, was the use of hands-on activities and an em-

phasis on the students producing quality work. He said the use of video production would be heavily emphasized, particularly in covering Friday night home football games at Clarkston High School and working on announcements for Clarkston and Sashabaw middle schools.

"Alternatives that involved kids in production learning was probably the best bet," Reschke said.

On May 24, Reschke and Jeff Peariso, a teacher at Sashabaw Middle School, met with Roberts to explore costs and discuss where to place students within a potential program.

Peariso will be one of the teachers assigned to the new program, working with both Clarkston and Sashabaw students.

According to Reschke, Roberts interviewed current Clarkston teachers informally about teaching in the program, but he said no one from inside the district was interested, due to the emphasis that would be placed on the video technology aspect of the school.

The district then interviewed eight candidates for teaching at the school, Reschke said, and has expressed interest in hiring a specific teaching candidate. Reschke said the district is awaiting a response from that candidate.

Reschke acknowledged that the program was a risk, and they would make mistakes, but also said the time is right to try a new approach to help out those students who need it.

"We'll make mistakes, but let's try something different," he said. "We've not done anything like this."

He also said the students who will be in the program are used to receiving attention because of attendance and academic concerns, and said they will be receiving a more positive sort of attention in the school. He also said the focus is still on educating the entire middle school population as a whole.

"I don't think we're forsaking the other kids," he said. "We're adding an-

## The new middle school program — what it means

The Clarkston school district has adopted an alternative middle school program for the 2001-02 school year. Here are some of the facts about the new program:

■ Approximately 22-24 students will be in the program during its first year, with about half from each school. In addition, about 6-8 students will be added during the course of the school year.

■ Two teachers will be employed by the district to teach at the school. One of them is Jeff Peariso, who was a teacher at Sashabaw Middle School last year. The other has yet to be determined. In addition, the two teachers will have a number of support personnel to assist them, according to Dave Reschke, assistant superin-

tendent for K-8 operations at Clarkston Community Schools.

■ Classes will be held in a four-station teaching unit, located on the grounds of Clarkston Middle School.

■ The students will be in at least four class periods in a "production learning" program at the school, with the possibility of a fifth class period, Reschke said. In addition, there will be one elective period, which will be held at the students' home schools.

■ Students will arrive at the school through traditional means of transportation, Reschke said. In the afternoon, students from Sashabaw Middle School will be transported back to that school, where they will take their normal means of transportation home.

other option. It's an inexact science when we're dealing with human beings. I would say because it's out of the box, it's a little scarier."

Board president Karen Foyteck said a lot of attention will be focused on the program because it hasn't been tried before.

"There isn't a model to adopt — we don't have that," she said. "Everybody's going to be looking."

Thomas said while she thinks the program is important, there will be risks involved, particularly in the early stages. "I think we have to be careful that we don't expect any guarantees from this

program," she said.

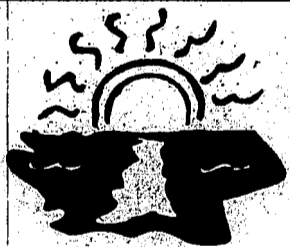
Trustee Mary Ellen McLean said she wants to see some objective criteria in assessing the students' progress during the first year of the program.

"I would like to see some basic, skeleton information, some sort of benchmark on measurable items, such as MEAP and attendance," she said. "I'd like to see a concerted, objective benchmark."

Foyteck said she is optimistic that would happen.

"Should it move forward, I'm confident that reporting will be frequent and contain a lot of information," she said.

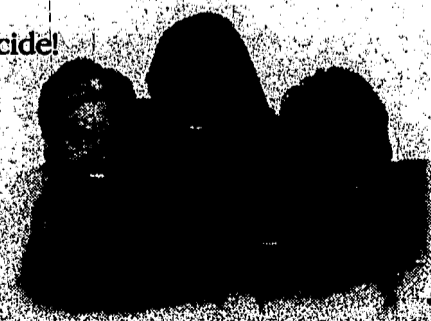
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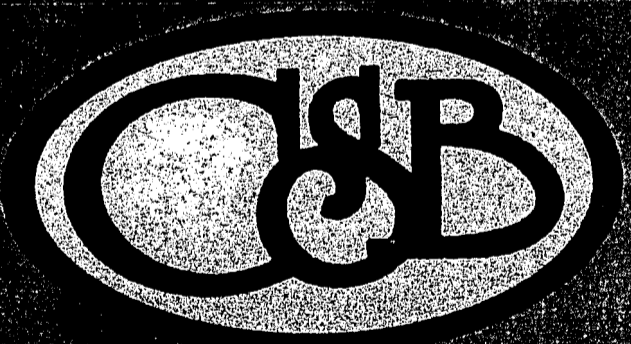


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## Spray Masters are number one, again

*Davisburg water ski club takes first place in tournament at Stoney Creek Metropark*

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

A team of local water enthusiasts made a splash as they came out on top in a recent competition.

For the second year in a row, the Spray Masters Water Ski Club took first place at the Michigan Water Ski Association show ski tournament at Stoney Creek Metropark July 29.

Clarkston resident Laura Waisel, a club member since its beginning 15 years ago, said taking first is indescribable.

She's enjoyed seeing the club grow from 12 skiers to its 48 members today. "It's nice to see how the club has progressed, how we've grown together and how we work together," Waisel said. "It's a unique sport which makes (winning) even more fulfilling."

Member Marian Lawson said Spray Masters do much more than just ski. Their performances include storylines, dancing and themes. And acts are done as doubles, trios and lines showcasing their talents by attempting pyramids, swivels and jumps, going barefoot, or with shoe skis and wakeboards.

"It's fun! That's why we do it," admits Logan

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On top of the pyramid from left is Logan Lawson and Jenna Vowell. Second tier from left is Sydney Bassett, Amy Valmassel, Liz O'Connor, and Sheena Vowell. On bottom from left is Doug Ritthaler, Mike Tierney, Scott Valmassel, Shawn McLouth, Paul O'Connor, and Brad Shea.

## Local man wins silver medal at Michigan Senior Olympics

*Len Bokuniewicz of Clarkston takes second in 100, 200 at Michigan Senior Olympics*

BY ED DAVIS  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Len Bokuniewicz used to jog a few miles here and there as part of his training routine even though he was a sprinter. After a few hamstring pulls though, he learned a simple lesson from a more experienced runner.

"Sprinters need to sprint," he said.

Bokuniewicz's love and knowledge of running helped him win his first ever silver medal in the Michigan Senior Olympics held in Midland Aug. 5.

Bokuniewicz, 54, has been competing in the Michigan Senior Olympics four of the last five years. His times of 13.56 in the 100 meters and 27.98 in the 200 meters were not his best times since competing in the event, but they gave him his highest place.

"Actually the competition was greater in the next division, ages 55 to 59," he said. "Some of the guys I competed against in years previous had to move up. My time would have taken third in the 55 to 59 division and my 200 time would not have been good enough to win a medal."

His first year competing, Bokuniewicz ran a 13.3, but he shaved three tenths off his time from last year.

Bokuniewicz had played a lot of softball prior to getting involved in sprinting, but he eventually became a runner. However, not before hurting himself as a beginner.

"I started by pulling a lot of hamstrings, but I just started asking other runners tips. This one guy in this race had different shoes for every event. I figured he must know what he's doing. So I learned a lot from him. It just helps me stay in shape," he said.

Bokuniewicz said he tries to practice at least three times a week in order to stay fit.

"I'd encourage anyone to take up the sport. My tip is to learn things so that you're not hurting yourself out there," he said.

Bokuniewicz said as much as he enjoys running he knows his limitations. A distance runner, he is not.

"One time I tried the 800 and it just killed me," he said. "I could hardly make my way back to the blocks."

"I was a pretty fair high school hurdler at St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn. Actually, I think you'd say I'm quick, not really fast. I get out of the blocks well and I'm usually right up there at the beginning of the race. But I don't seem to have suffi-

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Len Bokuniewicz has fallen in love with running in his mid 50's. His efforts helped him win two medals at the Michigan Senior Olympics Aug. 5. He hopes to continue to compete until his 80's. Photo courtesy of Len Bokuniewicz

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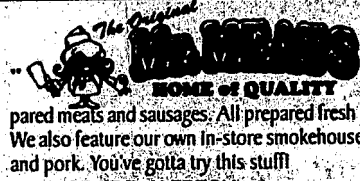
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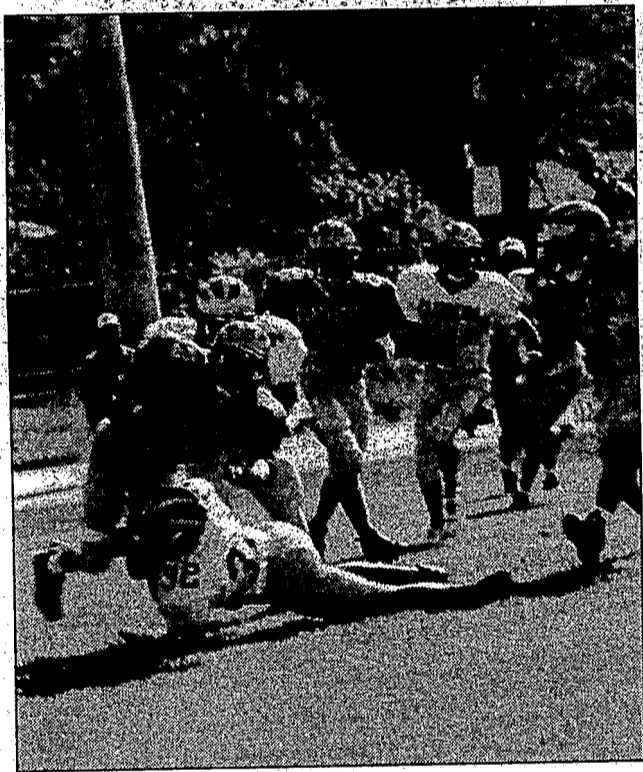
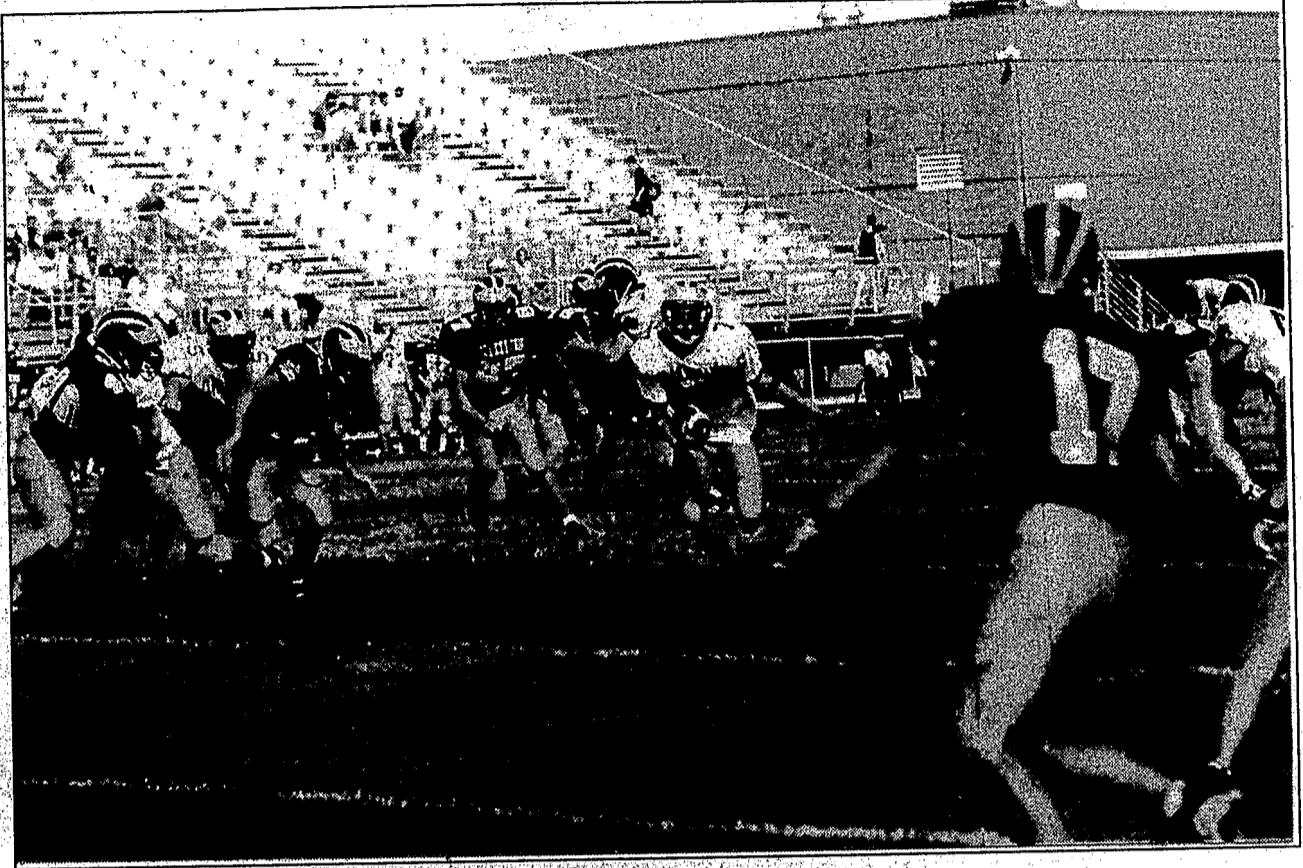
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(Top left) Clarkston varsity football coach Kurt Richardson instructs a player to head his way for further instruction. (Bottom left) Shane Bennett (33) is wrapped up by M. Vercauteran (32). Bennett should get a lot of carries this fall. (Top right) B. Moore (7) finds a gaping hole in the blue team's defense and picks up some good yardage on this carry. (Bottom right) Justin Wheaton (white) tries to break a tackle. Photos by Ed Davis.

*Check out next week's Clarkston  
News for the 2001 Clarkston  
Wolves Varsity Football preview!*

# Detroit Science Center welcomes Clarkston Lego Maniacs

*Award-winning middle school group part of grand reopening*

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Over 40,000 people had the opportunity to see how creative middle schoolers from Clarkston can be last week.

Seven students from the Clarkston area were part of the presentations and pizzazz at the grand reopening of the Detroit Science Center, "Marshall Field's Weekend of Wonder" July 28-29. The students are part of the Clarkston Lego Maniacs Team which placed first in presentation at the state competition last December.

Students Brent Bendes, Nick Bono, Blake Weiland, Laura Barlow, Jeff Neff, April Pieknik and Megan Pambid are students at Sashabaw Middle School. The team is coached by Terri Bendes, Executive Assistant at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce as a past president of Sashabaw Middle School PTA and North Sashabaw Elementary PTO.

The Lego Maniacs team was invited to present at the Science Center by their team sponsor, GM Truck and Bus Division in Pontiac.

"This is a great honor for the kids who work really hard each year on their Lego robot inventions," Terri Bendes said.

The students from Sashabaw Middle School demonstrated how their robot is programmed and performs, as well as presented information to the public on how to start a Lego League Team.

"The students did a great job representing F.I.R.S.T. Lego League, their sponsor, General Motors Truck Town Division and Clarkston. They really had fun showing the children attending how their robot worked and sharing how much they learned and enjoyed being on a Lego League Team.



**Lego Maniac team members Nick Bono, Brent Bendes, April Pieknik and Laura Barlow demonstrate how their robot works at the grand re-opening of the Detroit Science Center. Photo courtesy Terri Bendes.**

"It was a great learning experience for our team and the new Science Center is Wonderful!" Bendes said.

Each year students in all 50 states compete in a creative problem solving/challenge. Students learn con-

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## Water ski

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Lawson, Marian's son and one of Spray Masters youngest members at age ten.

Members range from age ten to 40, many from Clarkston and others from all over Oakland County.

Each season, from May through September, the Spray Masters--who practice on Big Lake in Davisburg two to three times a week--also perform shows for local lake associations.

Still to come this season are shows August 16 on Big Lake, August 18 on Lake Voorheis, and August 19 in Greenville for the Danish Festival. Waisel said there will be a training team (new members) exhibition August 23; and on August 20, the group will host a Learn to Ski class through Springfield Township Parks and Recreation.

Earlier, the team also participated in the Central Region Show Ski tournament in Rock Island, Illinois where they took third place.

Members of Spray Masters Water Ski Club for 2001 include Sydney Bassett, Kurt Bemman, Lois Bemman, Denise Bemman, Brinna Cooney, Matt Dornbush, Laura Gruber, Kyle Harris, Jim Hart, Kim Hart, Brendan Kirchner, Jarrett Kirchner, Shelley Kirchner, Steve Kirchner, Jim Lawson, Logan Lawson, Marian Lawson, Shawn McLouth, Brenda McLouth, Mitchell McLouth, Matthew McLouth, Liz O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Leia Polzynski, Doug Ritthaler, Kathi Ritthaler, Brad Shea, Paul Stevenson, Chris Sudbury Deane Tierney, Mike Tierney, Laura Waisel, Bill Waisel, Jon Waisel, Sheryl Wendt, Skip Wendt, Wendy Wendt, Daryl Wendt, Amy Valmassei, Scott Valmassei, Daniel Valmassei, Diane Vowell, Sheena Vowell, Jenna Vowell, Mark Zacks, Eric Zacks, Dusty Zacks, and Evan Zacks.

The Spray Masters always welcome new members. If interested in joining, call Laura Waisel at 625-2568.



Spray Masters Water Ski Club member Doug Ritthaler lifts teammate Amy Valmassei.

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**We're all going back to school**

I made my way to Clarkston High School last week to take some pictures of football training camp. It was also a time to talk to trainer Gail McClellan about conditioning in the heat. Thankfully the heat has taken a vacation of its own, but now that football is right around the corner that means school isn't far behind. But the Wolves won't be the only ones returning to the halls of Clarkston High School this fall. I'll be there to join them. I'm going back to school too.



**Ed Davis**  
**The Bottom Line**

No — I'm not taking classes at CHS. I'll be teaching them. I'll be substitute teaching this fall in the Clarkston School District. It's an exciting change for me. And while some of you will see my face in your classroom, you won't see it in our paper much longer. My last day at The Clarkston News is Aug. 29.

I'm going to be going to the University of Michigan Flint for teacher certification this fall and taking classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The other days of the week, I'm available to substitute.

It will be a little awkward at first to be in front of the class and not on the sideline or baseline of a basketball court or soccer field. It will be a little different seeing the student athletes with books and pencils as opposed to jerseys and pads. But I'm looking forward to the change and can only hope that the great students, parents and faculty members of the Clarkston community accept me as a teacher as much as they have made me feel welcome as a sports writer here at The Clarkston News.

I'll be on the sideline Aug. 24 when the Wolves open their season against state powerhouse Utica Eisenhower, but after that, the sports pages will be

turned over to current Clarkston News staff writer, Jeff Patrus. Jeff already got a taste of this sports crazed community when he covered the Troy Athens football game last year when I was on my honeymoon.

I've let Jeff know how lucky he is to work with the fine coaches in this district. They have always been very kind, understanding and fun people to work with. I'd like to thank Dan Fife, Gordie Richardson, Kenwyn Chock and Kurt Richardson who were all kind enough to write letters of recommendation, which I submitted to guest teacher coordinator Sharon Warner last week. City Councilman Scott Meyland also wrote a nice letter for me, as did my editor, Maralee Cook.

There are dozens of other people I have to thank who have helped me since I stepped foot in this office in the January of 2000, but I'll save that for another column.

Both of my parents are teachers, so I think it's in my blood. I've been told by quite a few people, both teachers and coaches that I'll make a good teacher. I hope they're wrong. I hope I make an excellent teacher.

In the meantime, get ready to go back to school Wolves. I'll see you on the sideline for a little while this fall, and after that I'll be seeing you in the classroom.

Coincidentally, I wrote this column the same week I worked on a story about the district's respect code.

I hope all the students honor that code when I'm a guest teacher in the classroom. But judging how I've been treated as a writer here at the News, respect in Clarkston is something that shouldn't be lacking come this fall. And I'm sure Jeff will be very appreciative of that once he's the one with the camera and the notepad at all the games.

*E-Mail Ed your thoughts or comments to aedavis11@aol.com or clarkstonnews@adni.net.*

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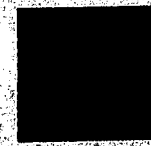
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# Cheer teams unite at competition, get ready for season



The freshman, junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders attended Cheer Michigan Team Camp Aug. 3-6 at Eastern Michigan University. The teams learned new, innovative material to use for this upcoming season at games and competition. Photo courtesy Chandra Price.

# 12-year old Clarkston Riverdaws win Grand Blanc tourney

**BYBENSON LANGE**  
*Special to The Clarkston News*

The 12-year old Clarkston Riverdaws baseball team finished 24th out of 48 teams at the Cooperstown, N.Y. American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame tournament this month. The Riverdaws made it the second round before losing to the Jacksonville, Fla. Thunder. Brandon Harris, J.J. Ciennik, Eric Ogg and David Brelinski provided the hitting punch. Brelinski led the team batting .409 and Ogg hit three homers. Ogg's homerun balls will be enshrined in the Youth Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

The 14-year old Clarkston Riverdaws took first place in tournament play in Cadillac July 28 and 29. Clarkston beat the Michigan Lake Area Rams from Tonton 15-8 in game one. Next, Gand Rapids fell to the Riverdaws's wrath, 18-0. To win their pool, Clarkston beat Team Cadillac 15-2 in game three. Clarkston Riverdaws went on to defeat Petoskey All-Stars 14-7 to win the tournament first place trophy.

12-year old Clarkston Riverdaws baseball team won the Grand Blanc Tournament by sweeping all five of their games. The Riverdaws scored 56 runs and turned five double plays. Pitching staff consisting of Brandon Harris, David Brelinski, Josh Hall, Eric Ogg and Kyle Tatsak held their opponents to only nine runs in the five game series. Ogg, in game four, generated seven RBI by hitting three home runs, including a grand slam.

Clarkston defeated Clio in the championship game 21-0 on 22 hits. J.J. Ciennik led the offensive effort by batting .778 for the tournament, David Brelinski batted .700, Nick Stephanski, Eric Ogg and Stephen Bazner batted .625. Brandon Harris, Chris Drake and Josh Hall batted .600 for the series.



Pictured above is the Clarkston Riverdaws 12 year old team. In front, from left, are Kyle Tatsak, Justin Quantz, Erick Weiland and Chris Drake. Second row, from left, are Drew Howard, Brandon Harris, Nick Stephanski, Eric Ogg and Colton Tweed. In back, from left, are Andrew Ciennik, Cody Noel, David Brelinski, J.J. Ciennik, Stephen Bazner and Josh Hall. In back are coaches Jim Ciennik, John Ogg and Jim Stephanski. Photo courtesy Benson Lange.

## Olympics

Continued from page 1B

cient strength down the stretch and often get passed," he said.

Even though the competition at the next age division is tougher, that doesn't deter Bokuniewicz any.

"It just keeps me going, it keeps me limber" he said. "As long as I can stay healthy I'd love to compete into my 80's," he said.



## Golf for a great cause

In late June it was discovered that Lu Kuhta has a rare form of bone cancer. As a show of support we at Lakeland Hockey and Wolfpack Basketball are sponsoring a golf tournament. Please come out for a fun day of golf and show your support for a great girl.

The tournament will be Aug. 24, shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Liberty Golf Course (formerly Clarkston Creek). Lunch, prizes, drive contest and a sports memorabilia raffle will also be part of the day.

Cost is \$65 per person and hole sponsorship is \$50. Walk-ons are welcome.

For more information, contact Jack Mellen at 623-2785, Joy Kelly at 625-6649 or Ted Bennett at 620-5326.

## Football schedules available on-line

Football schedules for MHSAA member schools for the the upcoming 2001 season are now available on the MHSAA website, [www.mhsaa.com](http://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.

To get to the schedules click on the sports link on the home page of the MHSAA web site and then click on football.



# Rush for food heads your way Aug. 17

Friday, Aug. 17 the Clarkston High School football teams will be putting together their fourth annual Rush For Food.

Clarkston football players will be going door-to-door throughout the community gathering non-perishable food items that evening.

All players are asked to attend and should wear their home football jersey. Players are to meet at the Clarkston High School football field at 5 p.m. There, players will be assigned a group and

collection area. Each group will bring its collected food to the Clintonwood Park Pavillion by 7:30 p.m. This is not a race, but a team effort to gather as much food as possible for Lighthouse Emergency Services.

Burgers, desserts and drinks will be provided following the food drive. Parents are encouraged to help sort and deliver food to the Lighthouse. The event should end by 8 p.m.

Direct all questions to Mary Anne Kenerson at 391-4887 or Julie Mdehlig at 620-2708.

# Fall sports picture day falls on Aug. 22

| Time       | Sport   |
|------------|---|
| 11 a.m.    | Boys golf (JV & Varsity)<br>at Liberty Golf Course                      |
| 12 p.m.    | Varsity girls bball in gym  |
| 12:20 p.m. | JV girls bball in gym   |
| 12:40 p.m. | Freshman girls bball in gym   |
| 1 p.m.     | Varsity football on field   |
| 1:30 p.m.  | JV football on field  |
| 2 p.m.     | Freshman football on field  |
| 2:30 p.m.  | Girls swim at pool  |
| 3 p.m.     | Freshman cheerleading<br>Meet outside pool and decide<br>JV boys soccer |
| 4 p.m.     | Freshman boys soccer  |
| 4:20 p.m.  | Varsity boys soccer   |
| 4:40 p.m.  | Cross country by track  |
| 5 p.m.     | Varsity cheerleading  |
| 5:30 p.m.  | JV cheerleading   |

\*\*\* All pictures will be taken Aug. 22

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### CLARKSTON

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY

**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS**  
Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Clarkston Mills Ponds in the city of the Village of Clarkston and the 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 determine the practicability 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 estimated annual cost of the Program is \$12,000.00.

This Hearing is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30910 of part 309 of Public Act No. 59 of 1995.  
**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS**  
Publish: June 27, July 4

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

**SYNOPSIS**  
**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
Supervisor Stuart called the August 7, 2001 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wenger,  
Absent: Wagner.  
There is a quorum.  
1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2001 as submitted.  
2. Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 26, 2001 as submitted.  
3. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount of \$48,255.99.  
4. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$697,923.68.  
5. Approval of agenda as amended.  
6. Approved motion authorizing the appointment of Lisa Frazier to the Planning Commission.  
7. Approved motion to adopt the Emergency Ordinance - Regulating Water Usage.  
8. Approved motion granting the Clerk permission to vote on behalf of the Township Board for the Michigan Municipal League Trustees for the Worker's Compensation Fund.  
9. Motion to enter into closed session at 7:55 p.m.  
10. Motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.  
11. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.  
Published 8/15/01  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON**  
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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2001**  
**7:30 P.M.**

#### NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

The City of the Village of Clarkston will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 27, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, County of Oakland, for the purpose of discussing the reallocation of 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The City Council is considering transferring these funds to the Independence Township Senior Citizens Center for the purchase of a van. Funds under consideration are as follows: 1998, \$1,697; 1999, \$2,000; 2000, \$4,000, and 2001 for \$2,400, for a total of \$10,097. These funds are presently programmed for equipment for the senior center kitchen.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing. Persons attending the hearing shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and suggestions regarding the reallocation of these funds.

Art Pappas  
City Manager

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**AGENDA**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
**TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

DATE: August 21, 2001

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Opening Statements and Correspondence  
Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Approval of Purchase Orders  
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run  
Approval of Agenda  
Public Forum  
Public Hearing - Consumer's Energy, Disruption Permit - Castle Ridge Condominium  
Public Hearing - Consumer's Energy, Disruption Permit - Windstone Park Condominium  
**Unfinished Business**  
1. Appointment of D.P.W. Director  
2. Almond Lane Drainage  
3. Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from RIA to OS2, Lot 11, Cranberry Acres, N.W. Corner of M-15 & I-75, Parcel 08-17-300-015.  
4. Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from RIA to OS2, Lot 12, Cranberry Acres, N.W. Corner of M-15 & I-75, Parcel 08-17-300-016.  
**New Business**  
1. Consumer's Energy, Disruption Permit - Castle Ridge Condominium  
2. Consumer's Energy, Disruption Permit - Windstone Park Condominium  
3. Discussion Regarding ZBA Required Deed Restriction  
4. S.A.D. Request for Contribution  
5. Liquor License Request -- Stillwater Grill Restaurant  
6. Ordinance Code Amendment Regarding Solicitors  
7. Permission to Drill Test Wells  
Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.



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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

**DECLARATION OF**  
**WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY**  
**AND NOTICE OF**  
**ALTERNATE DAY WATERING BAN**

Independence Township has received notification that the supply or pressure demand for water in the areas of the Township served by the Hillview Subdivision well system cannot be satisfactorily accommodated and general welfare is likely to be endangered in that portion of the Township. Therefore, pursuant to Section 20-28 of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances, a water supply emergency is hereby declared in the areas of Independence Township, as listed below.

As to such areas of Independence Township, pursuant to Section 20-28 of the Township Code of Ordinances, it is unlawful for any person to utilize water from the Township water supply system for the watering of lawns or landscaping or for any other outdoor use, except on an alternate day basis such water usage may occur on even-numbered days solely for properties with even-numbered addresses and on odd numbered days solely for properties with odd numbered addresses. This Declaration of Water Supply Emergency and the above alternate day watering ban shall remain in effect 24-hours per day, 7-days per week until further notice.

Dale Stuart, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Independence

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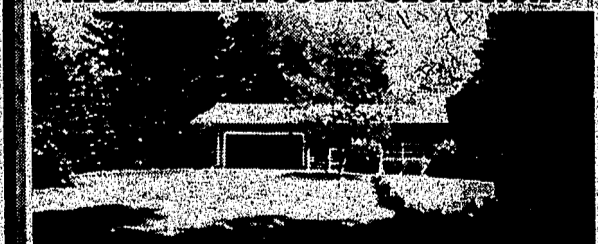
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