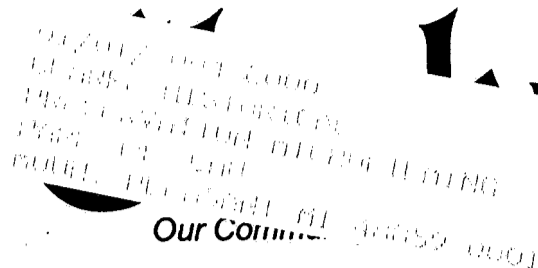


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School election on Tuesday... Candidates attempt to show uniqueness

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The eight candidates competing for two Clarkston school board seats agree on many issues, and some admitted last week they are all equally qualified.

Their challenge at a Thursday, May 29 candidate forum was to tell why they should be chosen in the June 9 school election.

Moderated by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area the forum allowed each candidate to give opening and closing statements and featured questions written by an audience of about 40 citizens.

"We kind of look and sound the same," candidate Tim Smith said. "We should focus on learning about our differences. Let's get past the rhetoric and concentrate on how we think. You should look for those of us with a history of making commitments and investing real time for our kids."

Opening statements generally revealed candidates' desire to help students, but they tried to be distinctive in their perspective.

"I believe in retaining good teachers, keeping as much money [as possible] in the classroom, strong fiscal management and promoting strong after-school programs," Jeffrey Allsteadt said.

Diane Weller said the school board currently has no one with young children in district schools.

"When making decisions, a board member must look at what impact decisions will have not only today, but in years to come."

Candidate profiles can be found on page 14 A.

Sherri Kerby drew a business analogy between a large, standardized manufacturing firm and someone who produces "hand-crafted" products.

"Every child who enters our system is a unique individual with individual needs and talents, and every teacher is a craftsman," Kerby said.

As owner of a day care center, Jean Dasuqi said she works with parents and children on a daily basis.

"I see everyone that is involved. I know what families want from their education," she said.

"I'm running for school board because I have firsthand knowledge that the Clarkston school system works," Clarkston graduate Julie Maier said. "My family and friends are living proof that graduates of Clarkston go on to be successful in their chosen fields. I'm not a politician, I'm a parent."

"I've been interested and involved in the school system for about 12 years," John Koval said.

Tony Miller praised the Clarkston school district for helping him when he was a speech-impaired student.

"I do know what this community stands for," Miller said. "I would like to give back what has been offered and everything that has been given to me."

Some of the questions revealed almost unanimous thinking. In general terms, candidates agreed that the school

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Relaxing before the Clarkston school board candidate forum at the Independence Township Library are (from left) Sherri Kerby, Tim Smith, Jean Dasuqi, Julie Maier, John Koval and Tony Miller (not pictured are Jeffrey Allsteadt and Diane Weller. Photo by Don Schelske

Senior picnic fun



Liz MacEachern, right, tries to distract hula hoop contestants by spraying them with her water gun. More pictures on page 3. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Soccer benefit set to raise money for sprayground

BY KYLE GARGARO

Clarkston News Editor

In their continuing effort to raise funds for a Sprayground at Clintonwood Park, a soccer benefit is set for Saturday, June 14 at Avondale Meadows School in Rochester Hills.

The group is looking to build the Sprayground at Clintonwood Park in the memory Renee Przybylski. Przybylski is a former day camp counselor and Clarkston High School graduate who lost a battle with leukemia in December 2001.

Volunteers are attempting to raise more than \$153,000 to construct the park.

The soccer benefit event is being hosted by the Michigan Gators - Metrostars Soccer Club and the Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

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Rochester Hills resident Vicki Morrison was very moved when she learned about Przybylski and the Sprayground in her memory. Morrison has put on other benefits in the past and contacted the family and Independence Township Parks and Recreation to offer her assistance in helping to raise money for the Spraypark. All proceeds will benefit the Spraypark at Clintonwood.

Half the players participating are professional soccer players, Former Detroit Lions Safety Kurt Schultz will also be at the event.

The event will take place from noon

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Briefly

Clarkston boy on bike hits car

A 13-year-old Clarkston boy was riding his bike, helmetless, north on the sidewalk along Main Street, Tuesday, May 27, near the Washington Street municipal parking lot, when he hit a vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle was heading east from the parking lot about to turn onto Main Street, when the two collided.

Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs said the driver was moving very slow and came to a stop before the collision. It appeared the boy ran into the car, Combs said, who was just feet away and saw the accident.

"He flew off his bike, crashed onto the hood and fell onto the pavement," Combs said.

"I thought, 'Uh, oh, he's gotta be hurt,' but luckily he wasn't."

The boy received minor cuts and bruises, and did not require transport to a hospital.

"The point of this whole thing," Combs said, "is he wasn't wearing a helmet. He could've been killed, suffered a head injury, or a cracked skull. When he was in the ambulance, he said, 'I'm going to start wearing my helmet.' Let that be a lesson."

Stakoe to hear from residents

State Rep. John Stakoe announced he will sponsor regular coffee hours Monday, June 9.

Stakoe will be available for an informal get-together from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Springfield Township Hall, 12000 Davisburg Road in Davisburg.

"The involvement of residents is vital to our system of government," Stakoe said. "I welcome the opportunity to hear from people at any time. Knowing how busy people are, I want to offer as many occasions as possible for people to share their ideas and concerns."

Residents unable to meet Stakoe during the scheduled office hours can contact his Lansing office at (866) 334-0010 or by e-mail at johnstakoe@house.mi.gov to make an appointment.

Parks and Rec ready for opening day

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation is planning the opening day ceremony for the 2003 youth baseball and softball season.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 7 at the Clintonwood Park baseball fields.

The opening day ceremonies will include: introduction of all teams, first pitch ceremony, color guard, national anthem and games starting at 11:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

A parade will start at 10 a.m.

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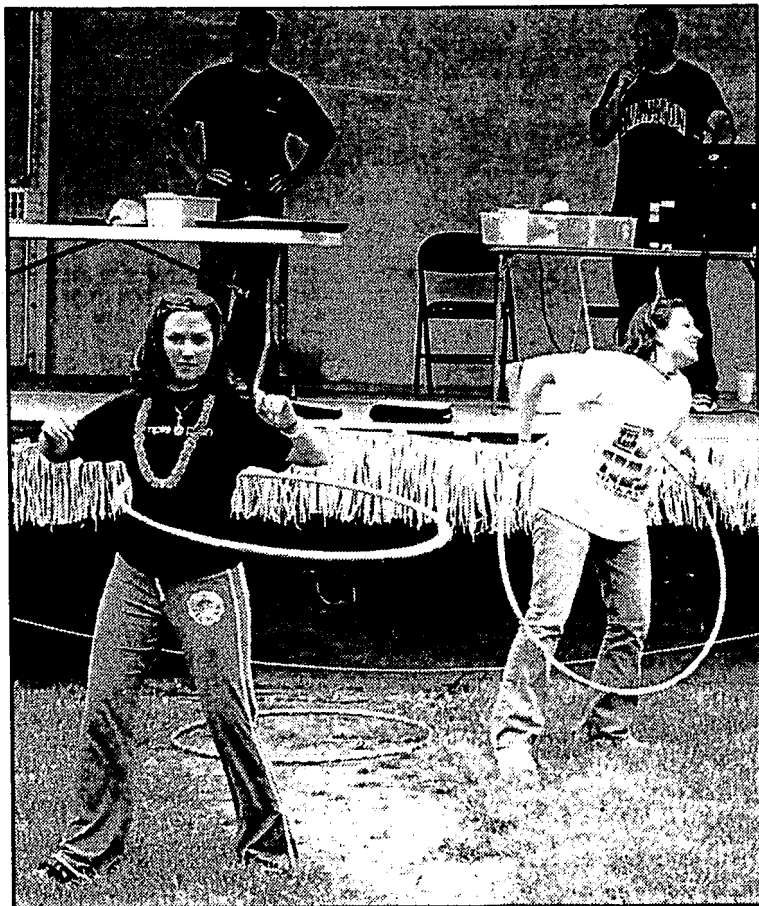
Seniors picnic in park on last day of school

Clarkston High School seniors celebrated their last day of school, Friday, May 30, with a Senior Picnic at Clintonwood Park.

The soon-to-be graduates took their Senior Walk, a recent tradition where the students make their last walk through the halls of CHS in their cap and gown.

Afterwards they headed to the park to begin the festivities. This year's theme was "Paradise Picnic" and featured a D.J., dunk tank, orbitron, decorated car contest, tug of war and a whole lot more.

The annual event is sponsored by Palace Sports and Entertainment.



Jenny Hopcian (left) holds her own in the hula hoop contest.



Nathan May (above) gets dizzy on the Orbitron. Nicole Seabert (below) aims to spew the watermelon seed into the bucket. The wide variety of activities gave seniors plenty of choice at the Clintonwood Park Senior Picnic.



A group of Clarkston High guys (above) participate in a competitive game of roller hockey, while Tyler Hereford (right) does the limbo. It was all part of the fun for soon-to-be Clarkston High School graduates at Clintonwood Park.



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Candidates

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board handled the prior bond issue properly, opposed use of school facilities for after-school Bible studies, opposed privatization of school services and said 1994's Proposal A helped the taxpayer but has not helped properly fund public schools.

Even disagreement came in friendly terms and in matter of degree. All, for example, support the concept of teacher "developmental days," but some voiced questions about elements of the program.

Smith said the program is "critically important" for teachers, but he believes parents have not been informed of the benefits.

"I have struggled to find out, 'What have you learned as a teacher that's going to help my child in the classroom' at your developmental day?" he said.

"I'm not so sure I support them every week," Miller said, noting 27 developmental days for high school teachers. "It does burden the community tremendously."

Kerby gave unabashed support, noting the challenges of teacher contracts and state certification requirements. "I think the administration has done the best with the resources they have to provide the required training," she said.

One citizen submitted a question about whether each candidate could be a "team player" on the school board, and asked about each candidate's top priority.

"I have to be a team player all the time," Dasuqi said, again referring to her day care business. "I have a lot of different ends of the ball that I have to keep happy."

"I can be a team player," Koval said, "but I don't think I have to stop being an individual."

"I do have my own opinions," Miller said, using his "priority" answer as an example. "I don't believe the cuts go to the kids. If there's a money issue in this district, there should be no financial reward for anybody, from the top to the bottom. Northwest, American Airlines and oh, by the way, General Motors, is cutting people's pay. We need to set this money aside for the children, and not the people running the show."

Smith said the role of the school board is to serve as a "check and balance" in school policy.

"I think the term 'team player' is a little bit loaded," he said. "You should have healthy debate. You should have open disagreement in a public forum so people can see there is some dialogue going on."

Candidates also debated whether community service should be a requirement for graduation. Most said it should be encouraged, but not required.

"Community service is something you want to do on your own," Maier said. "Making a kid do it, I don't think you're necessarily teaching them anything."

Miller called community service "another demand" on students. "Kids will do what they want to do, and if you force their hand, they're going to turn back on you."

"Sometimes if you don't require people to stretch themselves, then they don't," Kerby said. Although it is "an involved question," she said she would consider making it a requirement.

Dasuqi was the only candidate to wholeheartedly support the requirement.

'Putting some level of accountability into our school system is a good thing.'

**Tim Smith
School Board Candidate**

"It's the place of the schools to teach," she said. "If we don't teach students to give, what are we teaching them? It's OK to take sex education away from the family and teach it in the school, but it's not OK to teach them to volunteer?"

Candidates fielded a question about the value of teacher tenure, but several admitted they did not fully understand the concept.

"I think it's real important to find out what teachers are teaching well," Allsteadt said.

"I don't support teacher tenure as a reward that no other industry provides," Kerby said. "I believe teachers need to be just as competitive and be required to perform just as responsibly as any one of us in any other profession. I don't believe any of us deserves a guaranteed job."

"Holding on to the best teachers is a priority for the school district," Smith said, but "I have a fundamental concern about when you have a guarantee, when you have somebody who reaches a point and then they start to relax."

"I do believe teachers deserve to be guaranteed a job," Dasuqi said, "but if tenure means they no longer have to be accountable to a higher standard, then that's something we have to look at."

Koval believes tenure does not necessarily protect bad teachers. "It doesn't leave a total lack of accountability just because they're tenured," he said.

One audience member wrote, "What ideas do you have to increase the accountability of our administration?" Most candidates said they have not noticed problems of accountability, but of communication.

"We have a lack of engagement from the community in order to insert themselves to make sure they can understand what's going on," Smith said. "We have to stop making them feel at arm's length, and I think that's happened."

"It's every board member's responsibility to know the policies," Koval said. "I consider that a normal function."

There was virtual agreement that the federal No Child Left Behind and Michigan's Education YES legislation are unfair.

Koval said his problem is the Michigan Educational Assessment Program is used as the measuring stick for compliance.

"I have serious questions about the quality of the results of the MEAP test," he said.

Smith agreed, claiming that the MEAP is counterproductive "because learning stops" while students prepare for the test. He said the principle of accountability is good, however.

"Putting some level of accountability into our school system is a good thing," he said. "I also think we should put some level of accountability into our parent system."

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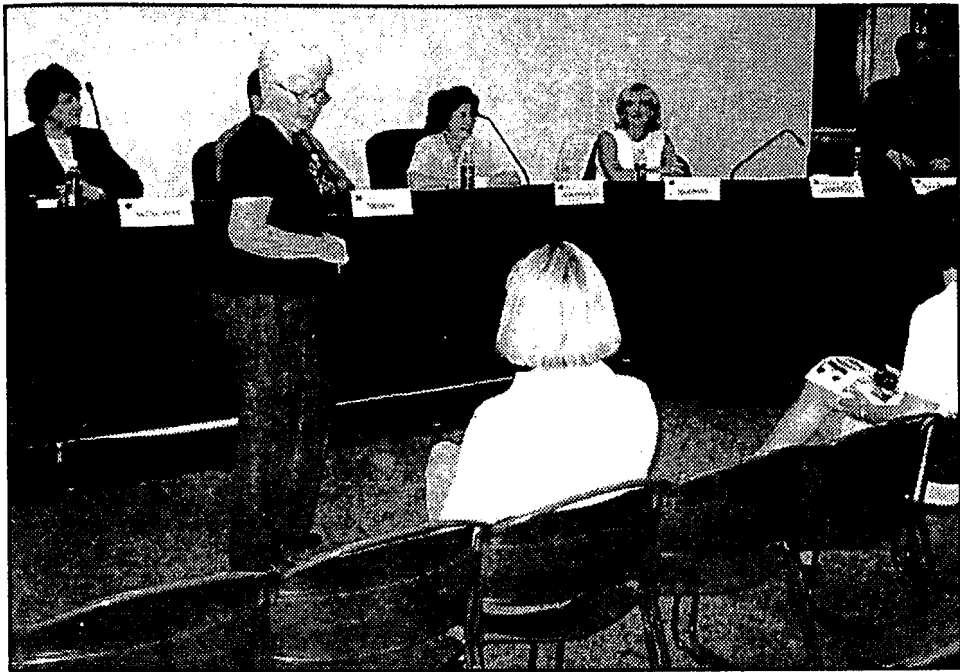


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Ann Wettlaufer, moderator from the League of Women Voters, briefs audience members prior to the Clarkston school board candidate forum at the Independence Township Library. Audience members were invited to write questions on cards, which were then screened before being presented to candidates. Photo by Don Schelske

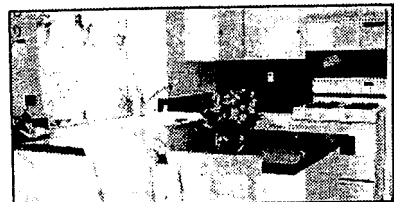
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Renee Przybylski at a summer camp. Photo provided.

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to 6 p.m. at Avondale Meadows School which is located at 1435 W. Auburn Road between Crooks and Livernois in Rochester Hills.

The KSG Band, a group formed by Keenan George who passed away last summer, will also be providing entertainment at the event.

Recipe Corner

By Lorna M. Bickerstaff

This recipe for Salmon Loaf was given to me several years ago by Patricia Dooley of Bloomfield Hills. Her husband Perry and his family lived in my childhood neighborhood in Pontiac.

Salmon Loaf

1 1/2 sliced of white bread
1 cup milk
4 teaspoons butter

Bring above ingredients to a boil and let cool.

Add:
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1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped onions
2 beaten eggs
salt and pepper

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Opinion

Editorial

Vote yes, then keep schools accountable

Some simple facts lead *The Clarkston News* to recommend a "yes" vote on the June 9 school ballot proposals.

Building overcrowding caused by an increase in students is not the fault of the school administration. It has come because more people have moved into the Clarkston area, and part of the reason for the population growth is the reputation of Clarkston Community Schools.

Because the new facilities are needed, the \$83.7 million bond issue deserves voter support.

Meanwhile, the threat of reduced state funding if the district does not levy the full 18-mill "non-homestead" property tax is also not the fault of the school administration. It is a provision of the voter-approved "Proposal A" in 1994.

Because of this, the proposal to restore this level of taxation deserves voter support.

Other considerations, however, lead this newspaper to issue a caution along with our support of these proposals.

While the tax rate will technically not increase, for example, the amount of tax collected absolutely will increase. The new bond issue means property owners will be taxed longer to pay off the district's debt, and restoration of the non-homestead tax means businesses will lose Headlee Amendment protection from increased taxes.

(Besides, businesses tend to pass on their overhead costs to the consumer, so higher prices will likely be part of the "cost" of this portion of school taxation.)

In addition, some readers have raised interesting questions about other potential cost-saving moves and the number of administrative positions in Clarkston Community Schools.

While the school district should be commended for their announced budget cuts (including pending teacher layoffs), it appears that district coffers will enjoy a healthy balance for at least the near future.

So, school officials should remember the taxpayers who make their spending possible, and seek additional ways to be thrifty and cost-effective.

School staff (and, dare we say, students) should spend more of their money at local businesses who pay extra taxes in addition to handling numerous requests for donations to worthy school causes.

Many of the policy and spending decisions fall to the board of education, and we urge voters to choose trustees who will strive for both quality education and wise spending.

Check out the candidate profiles elsewhere in this edition of *The Clarkston News* and evaluate how well they answered (or failed to answer) our questions. **DMS**

The Clarkston News encourages everyone to vote in the school election on Monday, June 9

Letters to the Editor

Reader attempts to give facts on election

Okay, let's call a spade a spade.

The Clarkston School District's bond election is a tax increase no matter how you look at it. Maybe not today, but certainly in the years 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029.

First Dr. Roberts states, "The district is not asking residents to increase the current seven mill debt rate. Instead, the district is asking for residents to extend the current rate for six additional years." (Clarkston News 5-21-03)

Time is money, folks. The current average weighted residential assessment in Independence Township is \$129,143 (per the Township assessor) and the extension of the seven mills is for a period of six years, from year 2024 to 2029. Let's calculate that future tax in today's dollars. \$129,143/1,000 x 7 mills=\$904 per year. \$904 x six years=\$5,424. That's in today's dollars, not 2024-2029 dollars.

Dollars you personally may or may not be spending then, but certainly your children and grandchildren will be responsible for. Using a conservative rate of inflation of 1.5 percent per year, a dollar today will be worth only .73 in 2024. \$1 divided by 73 cents = a factor of 1.37. Multiply \$5,424 times 1.37 = \$7,431 future tax dollars, calculated at today's average property tax assessment level, which will surely increase, possibly double, maybe even triple, by 2024. If the assessment doubles you are looking at \$14,862. Tacking on six more years to your tax liability is no different than tacking on six more years to your mortgage, you're still paying more no matter how you look at it.

And that raises another question, will the proposed physical improvements actually last that long? Will they need to be refurbished and/or replaced by the year 2024?

Secondly, the 4.5 mill renewal as part of the 18 mills the non-homestead properties must pay is not necessarily a tax increase. In 2003 most of it is a renewal. The remainder does however override a Headlee roll-back. And the district's long term plan is to have the voters renew the 18 mills each year, thus effectively and annually negating the application of a Headlee roll-back altogether.

This violates the intent of Headlee, which is to limit the income to any taxing authority to what they had the previous year plus the rate of inflation, plus new construction.

Furthermore, the people that, by and large, pay the 18 mills are for the most part disenfranchised in the election, as they are the owners of commercial and industrial properties and owners of taxable personal property. They may not necessarily live in the community, and if they don't, they don't have a vote. If memory serves me correctly the Boston Tea Party was all about taxation without representation. Aside from all the houses, just think about Hosler's new facility, POH/Genysys, Comerica and Recticel just off Sashabaw Road to name a few. All brand new tax dollars to the district.

The proposals are separate issues, the first discussed above is Proposition II, and the latter proposition I.

These are the facts. It is not my decision individually as to whether or not the proposals by the school district should or should not be approved by the electorate. But it is important the voters understand the long-term financial ramifications of this proposal. As Dr. Roberts states in his column, "As long as every resident is armed with facts and information, I will be satisfied."

Henry M Hogan Jr.
Clarkston

Doctor believes Allsteadt is right choice

Please be aware of an important election on June 9, 2003.

This election will give us the ability to renew and extend our bond issue and elect our school board.

Jeffrey P. Allsteadt is one of the candidates. I have known him since birth and have known his parents for

many years. His qualifications and experience in business, the court system and in our community, qualify him to be a superb addition for our school board.

Please join me in voting for him.

Dr. James A O'Neill
Clarkston

Second grade Pine Knob students enjoy tour

The second grade classes of Pine Knob Elementary took a walking tour of downtown Clarkston last week. The tour is part of the second grade curriculum study of Clarkston History. We would like to thank all the people involved in making this a fun, learning experience for all of us.

First, we want to thank Mr. Don Schelske, at *The Clarkston News*. He gave an interesting history of the building and early Clarkston. Next the people at Clarkston Bank talked to us about the interesting photos on their walls, the check sorter and even locked us in the bank vault.

Later we walked to the Clarkston Union to hear the history of the church building, see the church pews and hand axe cut beams in the basement. We then visited Morgan's Service station for a brief history lesson, in-

cluding the bank robbery. Gaylene Portela of The Chocolate Moose invited us all in for a special sweet treat to go with our history of the building.

It was a beautiful day for a walk through Clarkston and then to the Independence Township Library. There the Clarkston Historical Society taught us about early Clarkston and we were able to enjoy some hands-on activities. We also toured the Clarkston Heritage Museum at the library.

We are thankful to all of you for helping us with this learning experience our children will remember for a long time.

Marilyn Brown, Janice Driver,
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Faded Ink

Just what is Billy Boy up to?

Republicans are turning a paler shade of white. Democrats are shaking their heads. Political pundits are jumping with joy. Former United States President William Jefferson Clinton has gone and done it again. He smiled, spoke and has got everybody in a tizzy. Two-term presidents, he said, should be able to run for the White House for a third term. If Bill had his druthers, the 22nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America would be vanquished from the books and sand-blasted off any obelisks that happen to be inscribed with said amendment.

A better plan, he said, would be to allow two-term presidents to run again, after somebody else has occupied the office. Of course, our boy Bill said, this would not affect him personally, just all the good presidents that follow.

Looking back at ol' Bill's track record of doing what he says, the thief of happiness, worry, may be rearing its head for nonbelievers. I can hear it now.

"E-gads, NO!" shout loyal Clinton haters disguised as mild-mannered Republicans. "We couldn't exorcise the Devil before, what will we do if he's reincarnated? The world as we know it will end. All life forms related to banking and moral high ground will be ground forever under the rubber of his running shoes."

"It LIVES!" the politicos cry, their bodies quivering with delight. "Life is again worth living, reporting and commenting on."

"Oh, golly gee and darn it all," lament disheartened Democrats, heads hung low. "When will we ever be free of his shadow? Is there a way to kill the monster we created? When will any of us ever get our turn at running the White House?"

So what is Bill up to?

What has he started in motion?

Does he want to run for president again?

I think not. I do not believe any red-blooded Republican would allow the Constitution of These Here United States to be tweaked by or for their arch-nemesis, that dope smokin', draft-dodgin', womanizin' Bill



Don't Rush Me

Don Rush

Clinton. Nope, nadda, zilch. Do something so Bill Clinton can again run for (and therefore win) an election? Hardee, har, har. That will only happen when Rosie O'Donnell or Babs Streisand pries the gun from Charlton Heston's cold, dead hands.

The Dems don't want him to run either. They've suffered too much. The only reason they lost control of Congress, et al, was the Bill Clinton backlash. Love him or hate him -- there is no in between. Bill's Clintonesque helped create the great divided state we now live.

So why did Bill bring it up?

William Jefferson Clinton, if anything, is a political genius. And because he's smarter than the average cheeseburger he knows he'll have no support from either side of the aisle. So again, inquiring minds want to know, why?

Well, folks, around these parts, I'm sort of known as sort of an "answer man." If I don't know an answer, I can quickly whip one up with a straight face. That said, I believe I have the answer. And, no it is not because Bill's really a red, white and blue patriot, who cares deeply about the American people -- for as long as he runs for President, he keeps his wife Hilary from running.

Nope.

Here's what I think.

I think what Bill really wants is for President Josiah Bartlett (D-Hollywood) to have the third term option, thereby allowing Martin Sheen a few more years at the helm of NBC's *The West Wing*. (For those of you not in the know, anti-nuke activist and actor Sheen portrays the fictional US President, Josiah Bartlett.)

Come on, everybody knows Bill Clinton is infatuated with (among other things) Hollywood. He loves the limelight, the actors and the oo-la-la actresses. He loves them and they love him right back. So, at this moment in time former President Clinton is giving back. He wants Martin Sheen and company to have the gig as long as they can. And that means Bartlett/Sheen needs a third term.

End of discussion.

Any other questions?

Comments for Don can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

A look back

in
The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1988)

• If absentee ballots are any indication, there will be a good voter turnout for the June 13 school election in Clarkston. According to Independence Township Deputy Clerk Rosemary Howey, 140 absentee ballots had been taken out by Friday, June 3. The voters will decide the fate of a 5.5 mill tax increase and a \$5.2 million bond issue, as well as elect two school board members from a field of eight candidates.

• After eight years of serving as one of four Independence Township trustees, Dale Stuart has decided to call it quits. "Frankly, I'm tired of being the only board member concerned about spending," Stuart said, using the word "frustrating" to describe his last four-year term. Stuart plans to continue with his Waterford Township law practice and might consider returning to the political arena in the future, he said.

• A proposed \$25 vehicle registration fee would bring revenue for road improvements back to the communities of origin if approved by voters in the Aug. 2 primary election. Independence Township Supervisor Frank Ronk is one of eight officials chosen by their peers to work with the Oakland County Road Commission to determine how much revenue would be generated in each community.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

• Independence Township is in good shape financially. So good that \$122,000 sits in the improvement revolving fund and a surplus of approximately \$190,000 from the fiscal year that ended April 1, sits in the general fund. One mill of taxation this year in Independence Township raised \$143,904. One mill is \$1 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

• William Valasco, an assistant football coach at Bloomfield Hills Andover, has been hired as head football coach at Clarkston High School. Valasco will take over Clarkston varsity coaching post from Rob White, who is leaving the district this year.

• The two week old Preece triplets are back together again at home with their parents and two sisters on Marconi Street in Independence Township. Aaron John, who weighed 6 pounds and three ounces at birth, was at Children's Hospital in Detroit because of a congenital heart problem. At home to greet Aaron were Sean Daniel, who weighed six pounds and three ounces at birth and Nicholas Martin, who weighed six pounds and 1.5 ounces at birth.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

• Dr. Clyde M Campbell will deliver the Commencement Address to the 65 graduating seniors, Monday evening June 15. Dr. Campbell, a nationally known educator has received much recognition for his recently published book in the field of educational literature as well as numerous professional articles.

• Marine Private Darrel V. Thybault, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thybault is now undergoing training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif. Private Thybault enlisted in the Marine Corps at Detroit recently. He was a student at Clarkston High School and was employed at Beach's Service Station.

• One of the acts that appeared on The All Star Variety Show in Clarkston on April 11, will appear on "Auntie Dee's" television show on June 24 at 5 p.m. Many of you will remember the "Three Little Taps" consisting of Susie Wade of Pontiac, Julie D'Arcy of Walled Lake and Larie Anne Walter of Clarkston.

Just Jotting

When police officers are talking among themselves do you think they use the same choices of words they do when talking to reporters?

Hard to believe one cop would say to another, "We used tire deflation devices to apprehend the suspect," when they shot out the tires or threw nails on the road to catch somebody.

We human beings, and maybe all animals for all I know, lose height as we age. A doctor told me recently that we shrink days and gain it back at night. So that's why my 34-inch inseam pants are fine in the morning and drag on the ground at bedtime.

Jackie Mason includes a skit on Starbucks in his nightclub acts. This comes to me from Joe Seelig's column in the *Highlands Today*, Florida newspaper, via Jottings reader Fran Bertram.

Quoting Mason, "If I said to you, I have a great idea for a business. I'll open a whole new type of coffee shop. Instead of charging 60 cents for coffee I'll charge \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.50.

"Not only that, I'll have no chairs, no water, no free refills, no waiters, no busboys, serve it in cardboard cups and have the customer clean it up for 20 minutes after they're finished.

"Would you say to me, 'That's the greatest idea for a business I ever heard? We can open a chain of these all over the world!'

"No, you would put me right into a sanitarium."

Mason also says each French word at Starbucks (Latte, etc.) adds another four dollars.



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

The comedian might be right, I wouldn't know. Just the coffee cost comments have kept me out of them.

Television commercials can be so enlightening. I don't remember the product, but the ad shows that women and men have similar urgings when hearing running water.

An ad H & R Block airs says the average American has 14 credit cards. FOURTEEN! H&R wants to make some money by helping people regain control of their debt. I can see why a customer would apply for a credit card to get 15 percent off their initial purchase, but certainly they don't continue using them. Do they?

The weather, in rhyme, for June in *The Old Farmer's Almanac 2003*:

June 1-8: Not half bad for Dad and grad.

June 9-21: Father of the bride should march her inside, lest showers interrupt the nuptials!

June 22-30: Lower necklines, higher degrees; raindrops rustle in the trees.

There's a tv commercial being aired (I watch too much tv) where a wife says to her sofa-sitting husband as she leaves the house, "Would you do (some internet thing) while I'm gone?"

The camera shows the guy wasting the whole day watching the tube, then as he hears his wife pull into the drive he jumps onto the computer and completes his job before she gets into the house.

It reminds me of so many things Hazel asked me to do, especially during our early-married years, and I would stall and forget.

Aging (and maybe some urgings) brought reasoning. So very few jobs I was asked to do took longer than changing a light bulb.

What has four legs and an arm?" A happy pit bull!

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Local charity looks to raise funds

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston charity Lend a Helping Hand is looking to raise some money for Clarkston Realty employee Susan Burns.

Burns is in stage three of Melanoma, which is the most serious form of skin cancer. Burns needs approximately 30 shots for treatment, with each shot costing \$1,000.

"Right now they don't have a cure but this vaccination would really slow down the process," Lend a Helping Hand member Michelle Phaup said.

The Clarkston charity is holding a golf event to help pay for the medical expenses. The event will be held at Devil's Ridge Golf Club in Oxford on Thursday, June 12.

Golf tickets are \$125 per person and includes 18 holes of golf and cart, breakfast, hot dogs at the turn, steak and chicken dinner, entertainment and prizes.

To register for the golf outing, contact Brenda Benedict or Michelle Phaup at (248) 625-1400

or send a fax to (248) 625-6361.

Lend a Helping Hand

is a relatively new charity in the Clarkston area.

"Our goal is to do

fundraising to offset medical cost for people in the community with serious medical conditions," Phaup said. "We hope to grow this organization and help a lot of people."

More than one million Americans are diagnosed each year with skin cancer, the most common form of cancer. Of these, about 54,200 people will be diagnosed with melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer.

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Susan Burns

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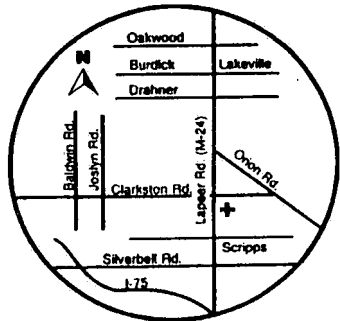
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A classic home with character and comfort

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Writer

Rich with history, the house at 9910 Davisburg Rd. in Davisburg stands with a "quiet elegance."

To owners Tom and Doris Holt, it is a place they can call home.

Seymour Turner, son of Dwight Turner, an original settler, constructed the home in 1853.

"It's built in a practical way," Doris said. "I think the floor plan is very functional. It's not jazzed up. It's pretty straightforward. I feel it has a quiet elegance about it."

According to conversations the Holts have had with previous owners, it is said the central part of the home is the oldest, but it is uncertain when the east and west wings were erected.

The Holts have a picture, circa 1912, of its then owners, the Coles, standing in front of the home, with both wings. "So, the wings are at least that old," Doris said. (According to history, Cole ownership dates back to 1895.)

The approximately 2,500 square foot home has had no architectural changes made by the Holts, who have been owners for the past 15 years. However, they have made many updates.

The fireplace they rebuilt in stone; a stone foundation was added under both front porches; one of the porches was enclosed with custom made windows and doors; and the electric supply was updated in the kitchen and two bathrooms; among other beautification projects.

There are still signs of the home as it once was, such as old floor boards in an upstairs closet, and cisterns and hand hewn beams in the basement.

"We've redecorated and furnished the house with a collection of 40 years of marriage," Doris said. This includes family pieces like a blanket chest and telephone bench; antiques; and refinished furniture.

There is original art work adorning

the walls. Some were painted by Tom's brother, such as the portrait of Tom when he was a young boy hanging in the living room. Other pieces the Holts have collected from places they've lived prior including Virginia, Philadelphia and Utah.

Visitors might also notice several elephants scattered around the house. Doris said, "I just like elephants. Some were gifts. Some are special antiques."

But Doris clarified, "This is not a museum here. This is a house. It's something we feel comfortable with every day. It's not an investment collection or anything like that."

On an interesting side note, the home was struck by lightning twice. On one occasion, the lightning came through the kitchen window and hit an iron pump beside the sink, knocking a skillet from the hand of the homeowner. The second time, the lightning came in the north living room window, which was then a back bedroom.

Prior owners, who moved in October 1959, cultivated a Bonsai garden, which developed into a business for them, during their stay. It was called the Ozawa Bonsai Garden, and a gift shop was run out of the home.

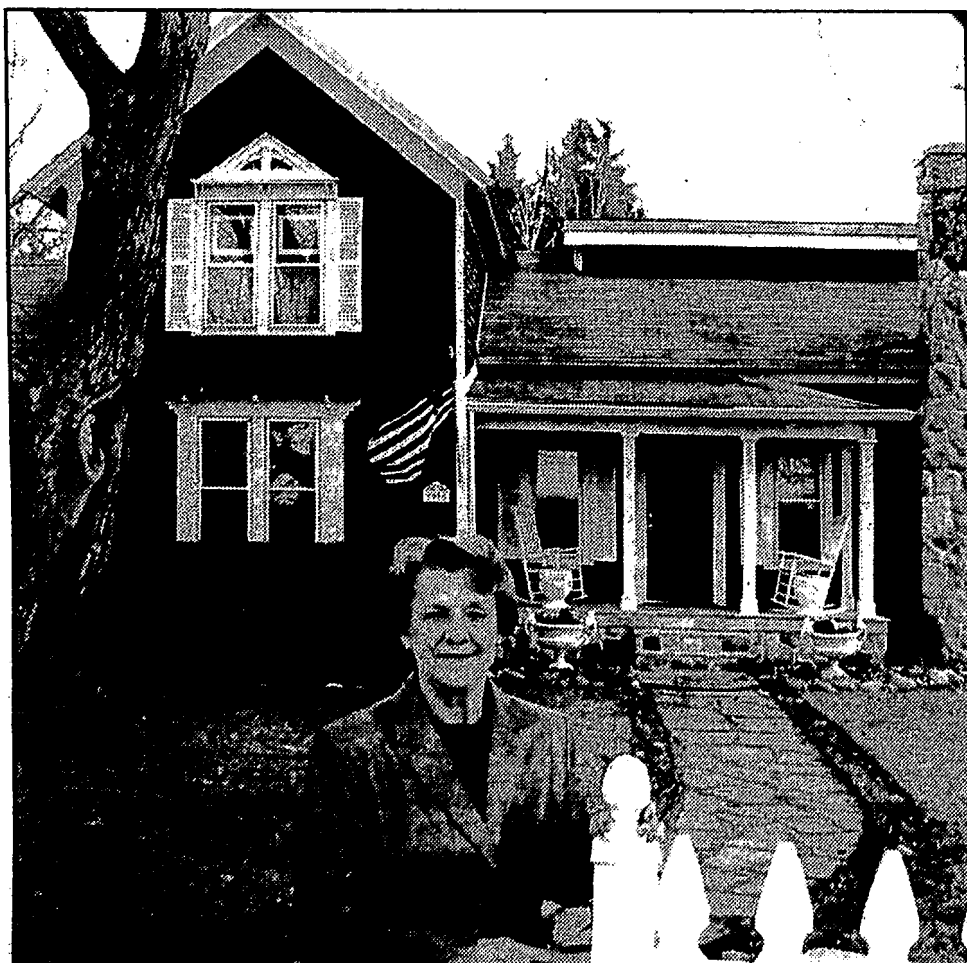
The Holts have turned the gift shop area into a Florida room complete with boxed-in beams and an enclosed laundry. It is adjacent to the fully-functioning green house.

Doris said the green house is a wonderful area to relax and take in the quiet, private surroundings. "One thing I love to do when it gets dark out is turn off the lights and just sit."

Reminiscent of the Bonsai garden days, Japanese symbolism is scattered throughout the informal garden and patio area.

Classes in Bonsai were once held on

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Owner Doris Holt stands outside her 1853 home in Davisburg. The home will be featured on the SCAMP Home Tour. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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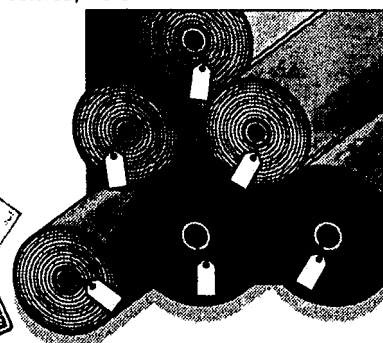
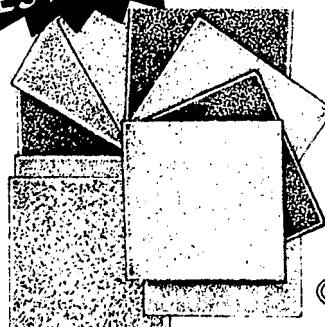
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Independence Township

Sunday, June 1, malicious destruction of plants and shrubs on Pinehurst Court; as well as vehicles on Cedarbend and Willowpark.

Two boat motors and a battery charger were stolen from a yard on Eastview.

Saturday, May 31, breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property on Andersonville at Bay Court Park. An equipment barn was entered after an unknown person broke the padlock. A tractor and utility vehicle were driven out of the barn, damaged and left abandoned elsewhere in the park.

Friday, May 30, a breaking and entering attempt on Summerhill. The homeowners were asleep when they heard glass breaking. A storm door shattered. No one entered the home.

A 24-year-old woman was arrested on Maybee for operating under the influence of liquor.

Money and other items were stolen from a home on Maple. The complainant's daughter and daughter's boyfriend are suspected.

Six larcenies from vehicles were reported on Spring Meadow, Eastview, Shannon Court, Cornell, and Lancaster Lake Court.

Malicious destruction of property occurred to vehicles parked on Pine Knob and Flemings Lake.

Thursday, May 29, larceny of prescription drugs

on Maple. An unknown person stole pills from a residence during a Memorial Day party.

A cell phone and a camera was taken from a purse, left unattended by a Clarkston High student at school on Flemings Lake.

A 20-year-old man and a 19-year-old woman were issued appearance tickets for minors in the possession of alcohol on Parview.

Six larcenies from vehicles occurred on Cranville, Caribou Trail and Cranberry Lake.

Malicious destruction of property occurred to a vehicle parked on Cranville.

Wednesday, May 28, larceny of construction equipment on Andersonville. More than \$2,000 worth of tools were stolen from a construction site.

Larceny from a vehicle on Staghorn.

Tuesday, May 27, an unlawful driving away of an automobile on Pine Knob. A 1999 Ford Taurus was stolen from the parking lot during a concert at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

Burglary at a residence on Windward Court. A laptop computer and men's ring were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry.

Malicious destruction of property on Northview. Garbage cans were run over by a vehicle. The complainant stated this is a common occurrence and high school students are responsible.

Landscaping trees were stolen as well as some ma-

liciously destroyed on Coulter Lake.

Malicious destruction of property on Shappie. A vehicle had a window broken out.

Springfield Township

Sunday, June 1, a man on Deerhill was arrested on two misdemeanor warrants out of Waterford and Flint, and fleeing and eluding police. The man had taken, without permission, a motorcycle, with expired plates, from his sister's home. Michigan State Police ordered him to pull over on southbound I-75 past E. Holly Road, but he fled to his home on Deerhill where a Springfield Township deputy confronted the man regarding his actions and arrested him.

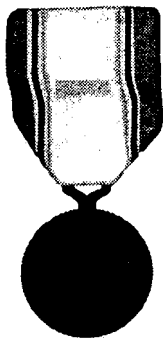
Tuesday, May 27, malicious destruction of property at a park on Dilly Road. An unknown person threw a beer bottle in front of the park bathrooms. Reports stated the bottle appeared to have been filled with flammable contents. When the bottle broke after being thrown, a plastic piece attached to the bottom of the metal bathroom door burned.

Auto theft on Dixie. The complainant stated she allowed a 30-year-old woman to stay at her home. The complainant ran errands between 8-10 a.m. and upon returning found the woman was gone and had taken the complainant's truck.

Monday, May 26, neighbor trouble regarding trespassing over property lines occurred on Bigelow.

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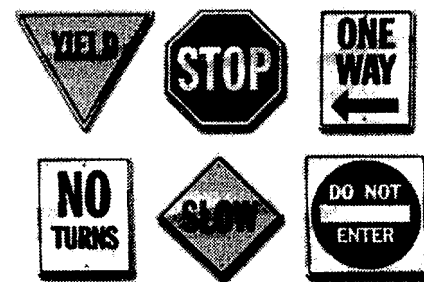
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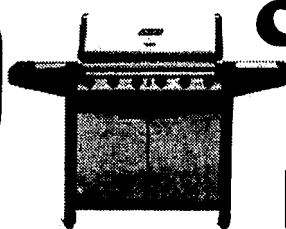
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Miller has the skills to be on school board

On Monday, June 9 you will have a chance to make a difference in the Clarkston Community School Board of Education election.

Tony Miller is the right choice. I have known Tony for the last 25 years. Tony was a remarkable person not only for his giving attitude, but his will to succeed. Not only was Tony a great athletic star here in the community, but he has since continued his passion for sports and kids while coaching several successful football teams at Clarkston High School.

I assure you that Tony knows the coming challenges that Clarkston Schools are faced with and he will make the right choice with all kids in mind. We all should feel so fortunate to have the choice to make Tony Miller part of the Clarkston Community School Board.

Don't forget to vote June 9.

Tammy Sansom

Garden club appreciates help with donations

On behalf of the Clarkston Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, we would like to thank Frank's Nursery for its generous donation of plants and helpers in planting the flower tubs which line Main Street Clarkston every summer.

This is the first time in recent memory that a local business has donated both plant materials and the workers to assist Garden Club members. We are most appreciative.

Special thanks to Jan Pennapacher, Frank's Nursery Assistant Manager and her crew: Janet Hall, Holly Rondo and Barry Glegg. You were great.

Elena Forber
Grace Savage
Civic Improvement Co-chairs

Clarkston Elementary raises money for charity

The Clarkston Elementary K-Kids collected \$53 for Give Kids the World in Orlando, Florida.

We would like to thank the Clarkston neighborhoods that contributed cans. We would also like to thank both Farmer Jack's and Kroger grocery stores for letting us use their machines.

Annie Castillo
Clarkston

Write a Letter To The Editor . . .

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Look to The Clarkston News next week for results from the school election.

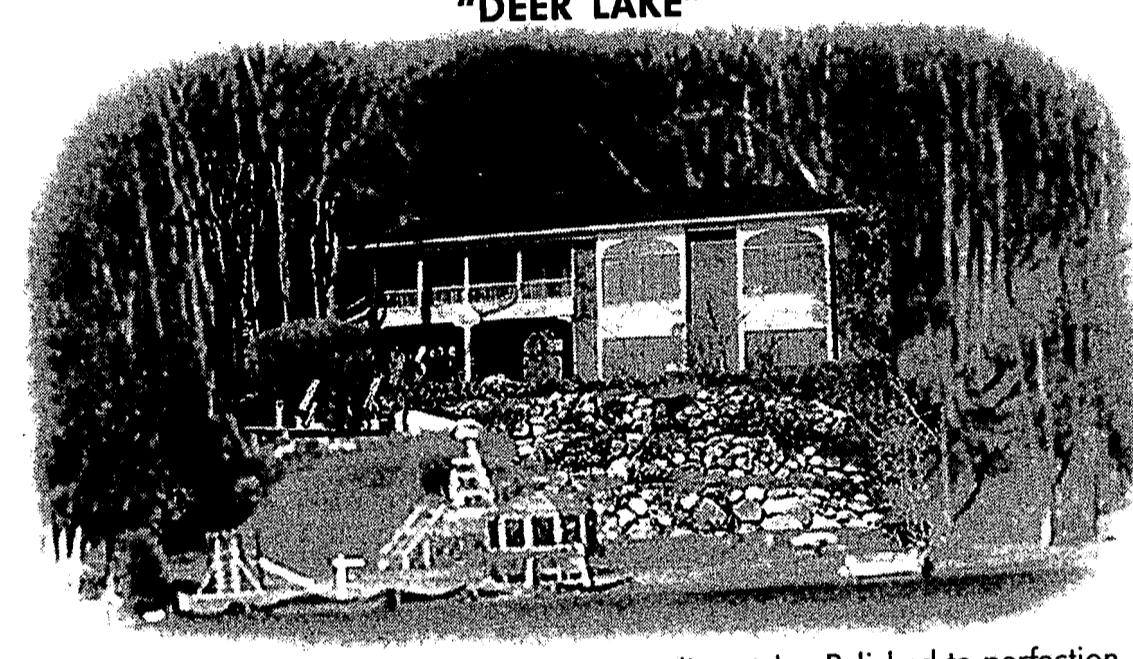
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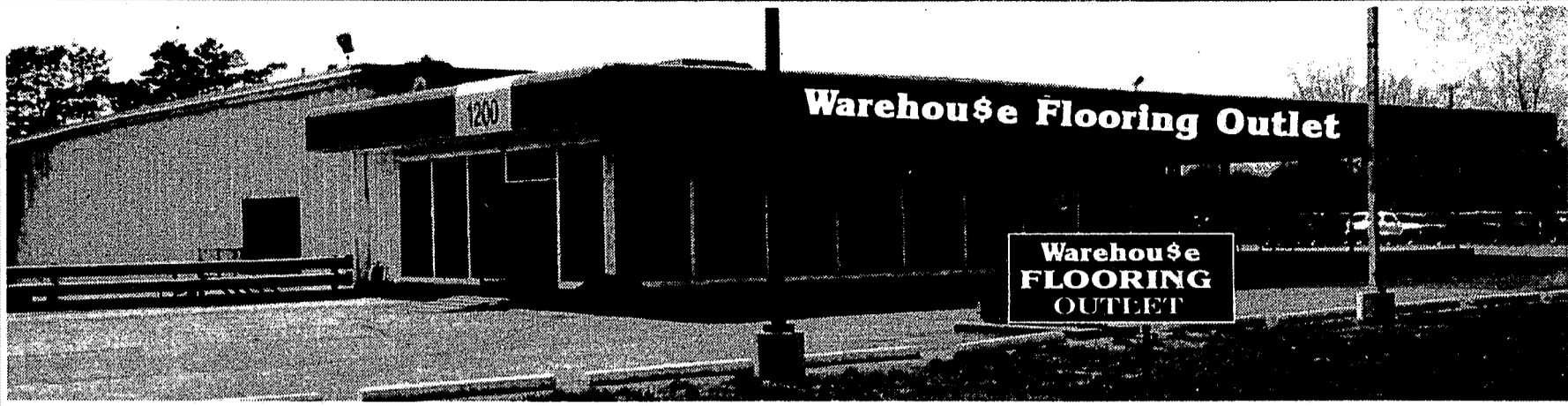
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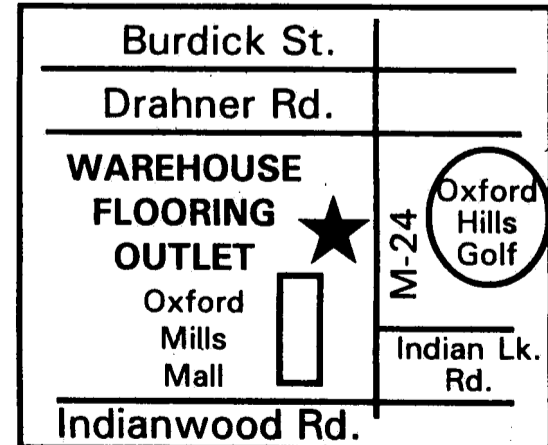
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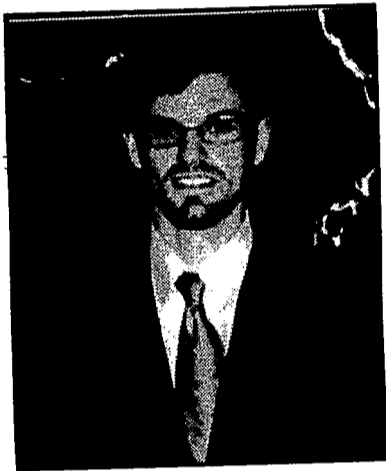
The Monday, June 9 school election will include:

- Two four-year seats on the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education,
- a proposal to extend school debt by borrowing an additional \$83.7 million for capital improvement needs, and
- a proposal to restore the full 18-mill "non-homestead" property tax for local school operations.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Precinct locations and formal wording of the ballot proposals may be found in the Public Notice on page 7B.

Eight candidates are competing to fill seats currently filled by Kurt Shanks and Janet Thomas, both of whom chose not to run for reelection.

The Clarkston News asked all candidates to complete a questionnaire with uniform questions concerning their background, qualifications and positions on issues. Their responses follow:



Jeffrey Patrick Allsteadt, 29, 7210 Bluewater Condo #148, judicial law clerk, son of Patrick and Kathy Allsteadt and brother to two sisters with children.

Experience in school district activities:

Approved substitute teacher in Clarkston Schools for all grades, judge for the high school Destination Imagination team, chairperson of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Mentors Plus program, board member for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, judge for Clarkston Optimist oratorical contest

Do you support restoring the full 18 mills "non-homestead" tax levy?

Yes, I support the ballot proposal. The renewal is for a 4.5-mill increase for 2003 to provide funds for operating costs. The 4.5 mills are a combination of .127 mill, which is a restoration of the Headlee reduction, and 4.4873 mills that expired with the 2002 tax levy. The advantage is that it adds \$1.2 million to the schools. In my opinion there is no disadvantage to Clarkston taxpayers.

Do you support the \$83.7 million bond issue?

Personally I support the ballot proposal. The advantage of the \$83.7 million is that they will improve the schools for years to come in many ways. Some of the benefits reaped from the bond are six new classrooms at Pine Knob Elementary School and computers. At Sashabaw

Middle School 24 new classrooms, technology improvements expanded cafeteria additional classrooms for art, music, science, and computer labs. This is just a few examples of how the bond money if it passes will help the Clarkston school district. The disadvantage is that although it does not increase taxes it does extend the current loans by six years. Clarkston taxpayers will have to decide for themselves if the consequence of extending the loans by six years is worth the benefit of improving the school system.

What is your position on "developmental days?"

I strongly support the concept of developmental days. It is important for teachers to have the opportunity to continue to develop as a group. This is a new concept and the advantages/disadvantages should be looked at. I question the possibility of reworking the logistics of the concept so it does not interfere with class time as much, though.

What is the biggest challenge currently facing Clarkston schools?

The biggest challenge facing the school district is the budget. In light of the state budget cuts, it is important that the school board take every step to retain money in the classroom first. If enough teachers do not retire or leave, then the school board may have to fire a few teachers. The result of this is increase class sizes, scheduling difficulties, loss of opportunities for our students.

Why should voters choose you from the field of candidates running for board of education?

The citizens of Clarkston should vote for me because I have a strong track record in the community working for kids. As a substitute teacher in the district I see things from a unique perspective. As chairperson of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Mentors Plus I have made

a difference in children's lives. I believe public service is important. One way I can give back to my community is to serve on the Clarkston School Board. Voting for me is an investment in the principles of accountability, community vision, dedication, and determination to make our district even better for our kids.



Jean C. Dasuqi, 5315 Bronco, owner and operator of Lil' People's Place Childcare Center, 19-year district resident, married with two children who are Clarkston High School graduates.

Experience in school district activities:

Clarkston Middle School Jr. Optimist adult leader, Pine Knob PTO, Sashabaw Middle School PTO, Athletic Booster, chairman of the After Games Pizza Party for 1997 season, chairman of the Food Committee for the 1998 All Night Graduation Party, co-chairman of the After Games Pizza Party for the 1999 season, Decoration Committee of 2001 All Night Graduation Party

Do you support restoring the full 18 mills "non-homestead" tax levy?

I support the "non-homestead" tax levy. If this is not renewed the district will lose a substantial amount of funding which will affect the quality of our children's education. As property owners we need the reputation of our schools as an invaluable tool in maintaining the property values of the community that also insure the continual success of area business.

Do you support the \$83.7 million bond issue?

Yes, I do support the bond issue. We need this bond to provide a solution to the overcrowding of all our schools.

What is your position on "developmental days?"

I support the district's developmental days. I do realize that it places an additional burden on the working families. But with the continual testing and assessment demands of "No Child Left Behind" and "Education Yes" it is imperative that we continue to maintain our standard of staff development, first to help teachers reach the assessment re-

quirements that the act imposes and secondly, to help teachers maintain their creativity level so as not to become a district that teaches to a test.

What is the biggest challenge currently facing Clarkston Schools?

Overcrowding is currently the most important issue facing our district. Passage of the bond will allow the district to continue to provide excellent education for our children.

Why should voters choose you from the field of candidates running for the board of education?

I am a long term resident of the Clarkston community with a strong commitment to the excellence of our school district. I will bring a passion for the education of children. My childcare business experience has given me an awareness of the needs of both families and teachers, and an understanding of budgets and financial issues. Also, I have endorsement from the Clarkston Education Association.



Sherri Kerby, 47, 5458 Ridge Trail North, administrative assistant with the Center for Executive and Continuing Education and the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center, 12-year district resident, married with four children (including two currently at Clarkston High School).

Experience in school district activities:

Current: member of CHS PTSA, founding member and current president of the Academic Boosters of Clarkston. Previous: SMS PTA, CMS PTA, Bailey Lake PTA, chairman of groundskeeping committee, public relations vice president and computer room volunteer, career connections coordinator and senior party decorating committee (2002, 2003).

Do you support restoring the full 18 mills "non-homestead" tax levy?

I definitely support it. I think the schools need that money.

Do you support the 83.7 million bond issue?

Yes. The bond issue will not increase the tax rate, but will

extend the current debt levy by six years. The district will be able to renovate and add on to facilities in an effort to alleviate overcrowding.

What is your position on "developmental days?"

Professional development is a key issue in every occupation, and teachers are no different. Since we require our teachers to expand their knowledge base through professional development, it is our responsibility to provide them with the means to accomplish this requirement. Developmental days make professional development for teachers possible without the need for excessive use of "guest" teachers and lost instructional time.

What is the biggest challenge currently facing Clarkston schools?

Overcrowding. The proposed bond issue is essential to maintaining the quality of education in Clarkston by providing adequate space for all students. The passage of the non-homestead renewal is also important to maintain current funding.

Why should voters choose you from the field of candidates running for the board of education?

I am an advocate for children and their right to receive an appropriate education which will adequately prepare them for future careers. I feel that Michigan's public schools should address the educational needs of every student as an individual. As a member of the Clarkston Board of Education, I will keep the needs of the students and the quality of their education as my primary consideration.



John W. Koval, 48, 6350 Almond Lane, firefighter/basic EMT with Bloomfield Twp. Fire Department, 19-year district resident, married with two daughters who are Clarkston High School graduates.

Experience in school district activities:

Over the years, I have participated in almost every activity my daughters have been involved in. I am currently president of the Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association
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(Band Boosters). I have held a position on the Executive Board in the CSIMA on several occasions over the past 10 years.

Do you support restoring the full 18 mills "non-home-stead" tax levy?

The full 18 mills were part of Proposal A which was voted for by the residents of the state of Michigan. Without the full amount the Clarkston schools will lose too much money from an already underfunded budget from the state. If we as a community wish to maintain our current quality of education afforded our students, this money is absolutely critical.

Do you support the \$83.7 million bond issue?

I have spent many hours in some of the present buildings and have seen first hand the overcrowding situation that exists. I believe the plans by the current board and administration will alleviate these problems. I am convinced that these improvements are necessary and the only way to fund these projects is through a bond as there is not enough money in the general fund to accomplish this.

What is your position on "developmental days?"

I would prefer that we have

a regular and consistent school day as much as possible. However I realize the importance of continuing education for our educators and I also realize the importance of planning time for our teachers. I believe the quality of our curriculum will benefit directly from this time spent.

What is the biggest challenge currently facing Clarkston schools?

The per pupil grant from the state of Michigan makes it increasingly difficult to maintain the quality of curriculum which is offered in Clarkston. I do not believe that school funding should be based on a vehicle which is subject to economic ups and downs. It should be of a more consistent nature.



Julie Maier, 42, 6061 Middle Lake Road, self-employed marketing-advertising

consultant, lifelong district resident, married with two children attending Clarkston High School and Clarkston Middle School

Experience in school district activities:

Current: Student Opportunities Committee Member, Build a Bright Future Parent Committee, Clarkston Middle School 6th Grade Dance Committee, 6th Grade Camp and PTA Volunteer, Clarkston High School Varsity Cheerleading Volunteer

Previous: Clarkston Elementary PTO Volunteer

Do you support restoring the full 18 mills "non-home-stead" tax levy?

I support this ballot proposal because if the full 18 mills are not restored, Clarkston schools will lose approximately \$1.6 million in funding for the next school year. Homeowners will not see an increase in their property taxes and by law, all districts are entitled to levy \$18 mills on business, industrial and rental properties as well as second homes in the school district.

Do you support the \$83.7 million bond issue?

Many people are concerned at the amount of this bond proposal. I want to assure the people that this bond proposal will not raise the current tax rate. And,

as an elected school board official I will work diligently to ensure that monies are spent appropriately. That being said, I wholeheartedly support the bond issue because I think it accomplishes some very critical initiatives like reducing the overcrowding in the high school by moving 9th graders to CMS, creating an 8/9th grade building at CMS and a 6/7th grade building at SMS. I also support restoring the former CMS building to its original condition as it is a historic landmark in this community. Many other long-overdue capital improvements that otherwise would not be accomplished will also occur because of this bond.

What is your position on "developmental days?"

This issue is complicated. Parents that I have spoken to are generally non-supportive of developmental days. The school administration maintains their necessity in order for Clarkston schools to make continuous improvements mandated by the state. I believe there is a compromise between the two parties that takes into consideration the issues expressed by parents, while also ensuring that Clarkston schools maintain a quality education for our children.

What is the biggest challenge currently facing Clarkston schools?

Other than the ballot proposals mentioned above and developmental days, I think the biggest issue for Clarkston Schools is funding from the state. School funding is being reduced while expectations (No Child Left Behind, Education Yes) are being increased. The question is how to work within a limited budget to ensure our children receive the education they deserve.

Why should voters choose you from the field of candidates running for the board of education?

I am a 1979 graduate from Clarkston, my parents are graduates of Clarkston, my grandmothers both graduated from Clarkston, my four siblings are Clarkston graduates, two of my children and nine nieces and nephews will graduate from Clarkston. I understand this community since my family has lived in it for seven generations and I support Clarkston Public Schools because I have firsthand knowledge of family and friends who enjoy wonderful careers in the fields they have chosen. I want to make sure the traditions of the past are not lost.

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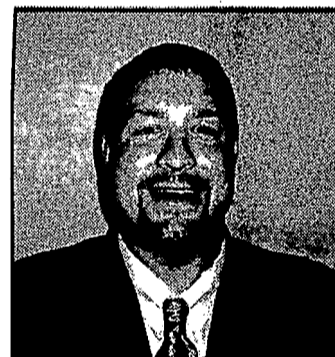
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Chairperson for the Clarkston Friends and Family golf outing; Participated with Lighthouse North and the Rush for Food Drive; Participated in the Clarkston Leukemia ride.

WHY DO I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CLARKSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION?

As a lifelong resident of Clarkston for over 30 years I have observed and participated in the growth of this wonderful community. From the support I had as a speech impaired child in the Clarkston Community School District to the support I have witnessed through after school activities, I know what this community stands for. I would like to give back what was offered and given to me, knowledge, dedication! I feel with my business/engineering background I have a tremendous amount to offer the Clarkston Board of Education. I know and understand some of the challenges that Clarkston Schools are faced with from both a budget an growth perspective, all of which can become a win...win situation. None of these decisions are easy but ones that must be made in the best interest of all students. I will strive for "Equitable Education" and give the commitment to serving all our students.

WHAT IDEAS/CONTRIBUTIONS WILL I SHARE IF ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?

Understanding the economical challenges that we all are faced with, education is one that cannot fall behind! Our future depends on the educational standards that are administered through our school district. I have personally come to appreciate the many fine, talented students that we have in our district. From a Friday night Football game to a Winter Play, the talent is astronomical. All of this would not be possible without our dedicated teachers and support staff we are so fortunate to have here in Clarkston. Though, Commitment alone will not suffice, dedicated, streamlined processes are a form in the future and must be adapted too. Please choose me to participate in the ever-changing educational process never losing sight of the end goal, education is substance, substance is the future, and the future will always change.

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while ensuring that the needs of our future Clarkston graduates are met for generations to come.



Tony Miller, 9265 Wabun Drive, senior mechanical engineer, 30-year district resident, single (parents still live in district).

Experience in school district activities:

I graduated from Clarkston High School in 1991; I was a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Blue and Gold Club at CHS. I was a participant within the football, wrestling and baseball programs. I was an intricate part of the 1991 State Champion Wrestling Team. I have been a member of the Clarkston football coaching staff for nine years. I've also been an athletic booster member for seven years.

Do you support restoring the full 18 mills "non-homestead" tax levy?

I do the support the "non-homestead" tax levy. On the other hand, I do know that this is near and dear to every citizen's current situation. If you own businesses or rental properties in the community, then this issue may concern you more.

Do you support the \$83.7

million bond issue?

I support the 83.7 million bond issue as well. I think as a community this is a "Win-Win" situation. Our tax dollars are not going to go up due to this bond proposal and we are going to gain numerous improvements. The district will be able to improve existing schools and assist in the over crowding that many of our school levels are faced with. As for the community, the changes that are scheduled to take place will only raise our property values. The beauty of all this, everybody wins!

What is your position on "developmental days"?

I support developmental days.

What is the biggest challenge currently facing Clarkston schools?

The biggest challenges are resolving the overcrowding within the school levels and budget deficits from the state. Yet, from a smaller localized view, I believe that one major issue in this community can be resolved by the voters within this community. By voting YES on the two ballot issues, the \$87.3 million bond and the non-homestead tax renewal. Both are vitally important to not only our financial stability but also our ability to provide the standard of education that Clarkston deserves.

Why should voters choose you from the field of candidates running for the board of education?

As a lifelong resident of Clarkston for more than 30 years, I have observed and participated in the growth of this wonderful community. From the support I had as a speech impaired child in the Clarkston Community Schools district to the support I

have witnessed through after-school activities, I know what this community stands for. I would like to give back what was offered and given to me, knowledge, dedication! With my business/engineering background I have a tremendous amount to offer the Clarkston Board of Education. I know and understand the challenges Clarkston schools are faced with from both a budget and growth perspective, all of which can become a win...win situation. None of these decisions are easy, but ones that must be made in the best interest of all students. I will strive for "equitable education" commit to serving all our students.



Tim Smith, 39, 5748 Bellshire Lane, marketing/communications executive, four-year district resident, married with two children attending Pine Knob Elementary School.

Experience in school district activities:

I have been very active and involved in school, community and extra-curricular activities. As a member of Pine Knob Elementary PTA, I organized the building of the brand new outdoor classroom, assisted with the new playground build and participated in planning fun fairs, bingo nights and fundraisers. I

have been a regular participant in class projects, guest reading and chaperoning field trips.

Do you support restoring the full 18-mill "non-homestead" tax levy?

Yes. This is part of the Proposal A reform that has reduced property taxes and changed the funding formula for schools. The state assumes the district will collect the full 18 mills, and if we lose this rate, Clarkston schools will lose in excess of \$1 million dollars from their annual budget. This restoration of the 18 mills does not impact homeowner taxes, and will simply restore the rate to the mandated amount.

Do you support the \$83.7 million bond issue?

Yes. Classroom overcrowding is one of the biggest issues our teachers face today. Educating our kids in an environment that is conducive to learning is critical. This bond will further our ability to accomplish this goal. The quality of life in the community is directly tied to the success of the schools. When the quality of education begins to erode, the fabric of the community will erode. We cannot allow this to happen.

What is your position on the district's "developmental days"?

I believe these days are tremendously helpful for our teachers. It allows them to improve skills and challenge our children to move to the next level. I do, however, believe that there needs to be better communication so that parents can understand what is happening during these days. Parents should be informed on what new skills teachers are learning and how that knowledge is directly impacting the quality of education

for our kids. The district and schools need to make a concerted effort to communicate the benefits before, during and after these developmental days. This information should be available on the web site, through classroom bulletins and newsletters and PTA meetings.

What is the biggest challenge currently facing Clarkston schools?

The biggest challenge we face is finding a way to open up an improved dialogue between the district and the parents. There are critical issues facing Clarkston's schools such as budget cuts, mandatory standardized testing and the reduced role the parents are accepting in educating their children. These issues will only be solved appropriately with sincere and direct two-way communication. We must use vehicles like our web site, classroom newsletters and cable access television to engage the community in these issues. With community support we can save valuable class time lost by forcing teachers to teach toward a MEAP test. Our children spend several weeks before the MEAP test, learning how to take a test, and not learning the content of what the test is measuring. As a community, we must wake up our legislators and insist they understand that many children will be left behind because of this law.

Why should voters choose you from a field of candidates running for the board of education?

Five reasons: 1. Communication. 2. Attitude. 3. Caring. 4. Involvement. 5. No fear. These issues are, simply put, what I stand for in this campaign. How I incorporate these issues into
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Jeffrey Allsteadt

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 action will be what sets me apart. We must have better communication with one another at all levels. We must approach challenges with an attitude that we can and must do better. We must have a willingness to get involved, even if it is inconvenient. Most of all, we cannot be afraid of rocking the boat — we must be willing to take risks and challenge the status quo. I am willing to stand up and ask tough questions, to be a lone voice if necessary. My largest contribution will be an understanding of how we can exchange ideas and seek innovative thinking to solve challenges through sincere discussion. I am a father of two elementary aged children. I am involved and interested in the needs of kids, parents and edu-

cators on a daily basis today, and will continue to be tomorrow. I will represent a confident voice to this important group as a member of the school board, and I would like very much to be part of our future growth.



Diane Weller, 38, 4510 Major, part-time accountant,

four-year district resident, married with three children attending Pine Knob Elementary School.

Experience in school district activities:

PTA member for four years (one year as president, one year as treasurer), Parent Advisory Team, PTA Council.

Do you support restoring the full 18 mills "non-homestead" tax levy?

Yes. We are expected to collect this by the state. If we do not, we lose about \$1 million of our revenue. That is a critical amount of money.

Do you support the \$83.7 million bond issue?

Yes. We are in desperate

need of reducing the number of children in the high school. I believe the revamping of the buildings is a well thought out way of doing that without greatly increasing operational costs.

What is your position on the district's developmental days?

I believe the developmental days are a great tool. It has greatly reduced the number of substitutes needed for training. This both reduces costs and increases the learning process.

What is the biggest challenge currently facing Clarkston schools?

Budget cuts. With the state constantly making budget cuts, there will be cuts to be made in our school budget yearly. This

will be the biggest challenge, to make cuts without losing the quality of our education.

Why should voters choose you from the field of candidates running for the Clarkston Board of Education?

I have three children in elementary school. I am a mom wanting to ensure a great education for them when making decisions. I will be looking at what ramifications they will have on our children, both for the short-term and the long-term.

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Obituary

Fred J. Engel

Fred J. Engel, of Clarkston and formerly of Redford Township, died May 29, 2003 at age 95.

He was preceded in death by his wife Esther; father of Winnie (Bob) Waterland of AZ, Marcie (the late Earl) Mitchell of Macomb and Bill (Sandy) Engel of Clarkston; also survived by many loving grandchildren.

Fred was a member of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church. Funeral service was held June 2, 2003 at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarkston. Interment Oakland Hills Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Katlyn Alexandra Baker

Katlyn Alexandra Baker, of Goodrich and formerly of Ortonville, died May 30, 2003 due to an accident at age 12.

She was the beloved daughter of Thomas and Danette; dear sister of Jessica, Alyce and David; granddaughter of Thomas and Corrine Baker of Grayling and Monarae (the late Rodney) Dunn of Clarkston; great granddaughter of Hayward and Betty Dunn of Waterford; also survived by many loving family members; best friends Megan and Jordan Fernandez.

Katie was a sixth grade student at Goodrich Middle School and had attended Belle Anne Elementary, Ortonville. She loved playing softball with the Brandon Northstars team.

A Funeral Mass was held on June 3 at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Goodrich. Rite of Committal Ortonville Cemetery. Donations in Katie's memory may be made to Brandon Northstars team.

Louis Charles Crouch

Louis Charles Crouch, of Waterford and formerly of Clarkston, died on May 29, 2003 at age 76.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy; father of Ronald Young of Waterford, Jeffrey (Renee) Crouch of Lapeer, Denise (Paul) Malik of Rochester Hills, Gordon (Cindy) Crouch of Waterford. Also survived by 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Crouch was a member of Cedar Lodge #60 F. & A.M. A funeral service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston on June 2. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Parkinsons Foundation. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Louise Scheuern

Louise Scheuern, of Clarkston, died on May 24, 2003 at age 74.

She was the wife of the late George; dear mother of Mark (Theresa) Scheuern of Grand Blanc; loving sister of Louis Capognia, Ann Capognia, Inez Dimas

and Norma Swift.

Louise was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. A funeral Mass was held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pontiac with Father Tim Leboe as celebrant on May 28. Interment at Lakeville Cemetery in Clarkston. Arrangements entrusted to the Huntoon Funeral Home, Pontica.

Mary Barbara "Barb" Hacker

Mary Barbara Hacker died on May 29, 2003 at age 78.

She was the wife of Gordon L.; mother of Gordon E., Trish (John) Hennig, Tom (Bonnie) Hacker and Laura (John) McGarry; grandmother of Kassie, Tessa and Olivia.

Mrs. Hacker was a registered nurse for more than 40 years serving at Bay City General and Standish Community Hospitals.

The Funeral Mass was held on June 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville. Rite of Committal Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made in memory of Barb by individuals planting a tree. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Apartment fire at Lancaster Lakes

A ground level apartment on Lancasterhill, at the Lancaster Lakes complex off of Dixie Highway in Clarkston, caught fire after its 43-year-old renter left a screw driver charging with a different charger unit. Police reports stated the charging unit appeared to have heated up, catching the bedroom door and wall on fire. The one bedroom apartment was heavily damaged and other apartments in the building suf-

fered some smoke damage.

No one was home at the time of the fire, at approximately 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 1, and only two residents within the building were in their apartments and had to be evacuated while the Independence Township Fire Department extinguished the flames. The renter's two cats died from smoke inhalation.

The renter has no insurance.

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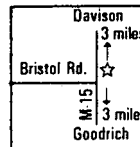
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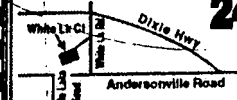
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Clarkston baseball captures another district title

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Another goal was checked off the list for the Clarkston High School baseball team last weekend.

A week after grabbing the league title, the Wolves followed it up with a District title. Clarkston beat Waterford Kettering 16-6 before knocking off Waterford Mott 2-0 in the championship game.

In the championship game, Bobby Slaughter pitched a complete game shut-out. Slaughter allowed three hits and walked two while striking out eight.

"It was a really great game," Clarkston coach Phil Price said. "Slaughter pitched a fabulous game and we really played well defensively with no error."

Clarkston scored their two runs in the fourth inning. Derek Ranck led off with a single which was followed by a Sam Palace double. Aaron Powell walked to load the bases while Addison Turk got the big hit with a two RBI single.

Ranck had two hits and a run scored. "Everybody expected us to win the district but sometimes that is harder to do. We faced quality teams and beat a real good pitcher for Mott," Price said. "The kids responded with two well played games. We were at home and we took



Members of the Clarkston High School baseball team pose with their district title trophy. Photo provided.

care of business." Earlier in the day, the Wolves beat Kettering 16-6. Matt Orris went the distance and picked up the win. Orris also had two hits at the plate. Ranck had two

hits, two RBIs and four runs. Matt Brady and Chase Morris each had three RBIs. Clarkston scored five runs in the fourth, four runs in the fifth and five runs in the sixth.

The Wolves move onto to regional competition Saturday, June 7 at West Bloomfield against Walled Lake Northern.

Wolves overcome injuries to win softball district title

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Despite being hit by the injury bug, the Clarkston High School softball team was able to capture a district title last Saturday.

The Wolves beat Waterford Kettering 11-5 in their first game before knocking off Waterford Mott 5-2 in the championship game.

Kelly Robinson picked up the win in both games.

Caitlin McLean had three hits, including two doubles, and two RBIs in the first game.

McLean was playing centerfield for Suzie Giroux who was injured with a torn muscle in her shoulder.

"McLean was a big key for us that day," Clarkston coach Al Land said. "She was a real sparkplug for us."

Katy Kleinedler had two hits for the Wolves.

Clarkston also played with an injured Heather Giroux who got in the game despite a broken tailbone.

"I wasn't sure how the injuries were going to affect us but the girls

'I wasn't sure how the injuries were going to effect us but the girls really stepped up and played at the next level.'

Al Land
Clarkston Softball Coach

really stepped up and played at the next level," Land said.

"Heather was able to play and make some plays in the field and at the plate. I thought her play was very inspirational and took a lot of pride. The kids saw Heather out there and I think it inspired them."

The status of both players availability for the regional competition is up in the air at this time.

The Wolves are slated to play Walled Lake Western at West Bloomfield on Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m.



Senior Jamie Gove swings the bat in a game earlier this season. The Wolves captured a district title last weekend. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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Clarkston's Bauer earns varsity letter

Eric Bauer, a graduate of Clarkston High School and the son of Steven Bauer and Mary Bauer of Clarkston, received his second-year varsity award for his contributions to the Albion College men's track and field program.

Under the direction of head coach Dave Egnatuk, the Britons finished second in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Bauer threw the shot put 44 feet, 6.5 inches, which was good for fifth place at the MIAA Championships.

Home

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the patio that had been enclosed. The Holts removed the enclosure, expanded the patio and built a pergola, topping it with wisteria.

The patio overlooks the garden area complete with two ponds, fountains, flower beds, walkways, mature trees and plantings.

Also on the one and a half acre lot is a dog run for Bentley, the Holts' 12-year-old Kuvasz, a Hungarian breed.

The Holts have always enjoyed historical homes, and refurbished two others before. They currently have the home up for sale in hopes of retiring to North Carolina.

"This is by far the largest house project we've ever done," Doris said. "When we came to the area, we couldn't find what we were looking for in our price range -- a house that had character and a homey feeling."

But they fell in love with this house. "It had that comfortable feeling of a home and had enough grounds to have three dogs. (The Holts have no children.) Frankly, we didn't realize it was going to be so much work."

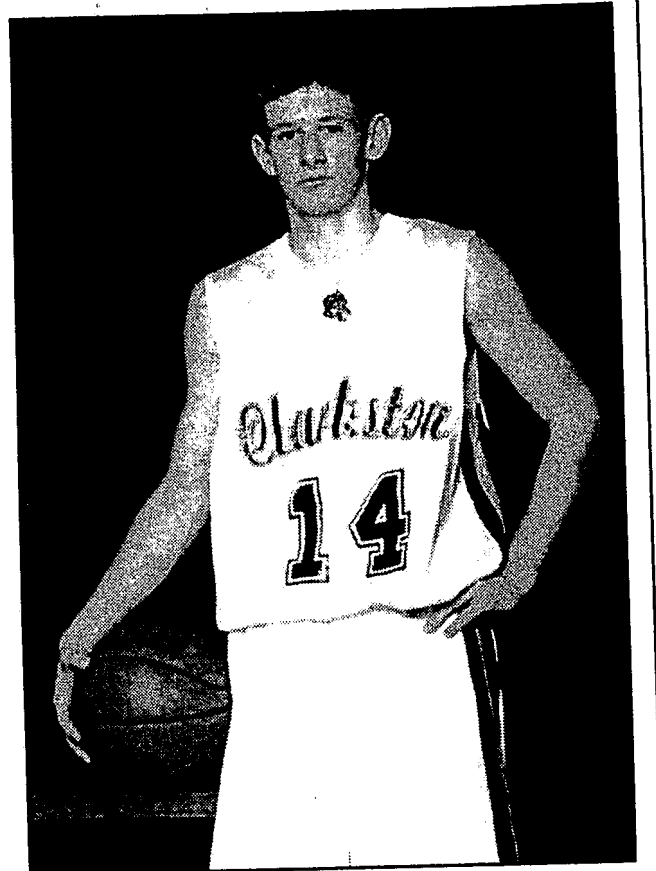
Athlete of the Week Robbie Clark

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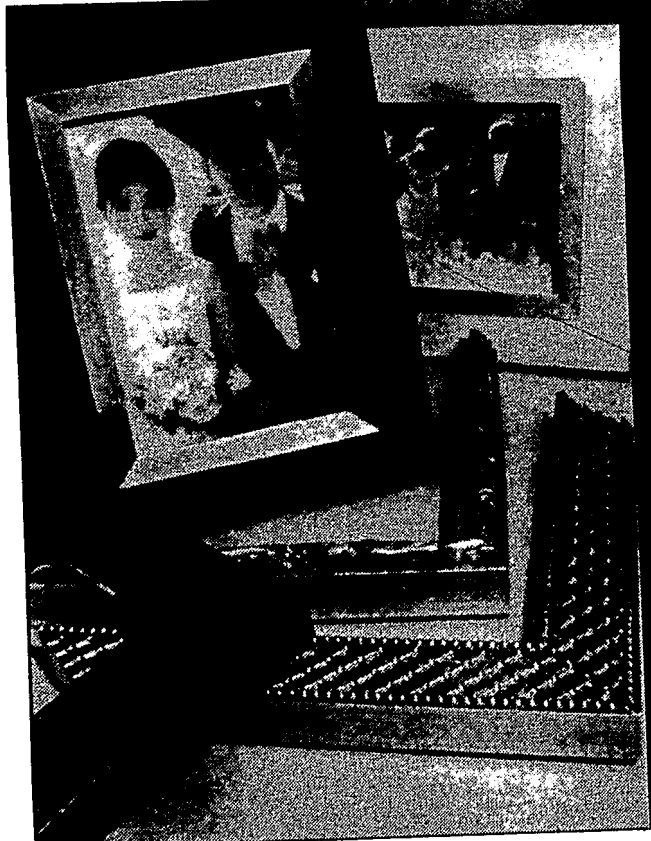
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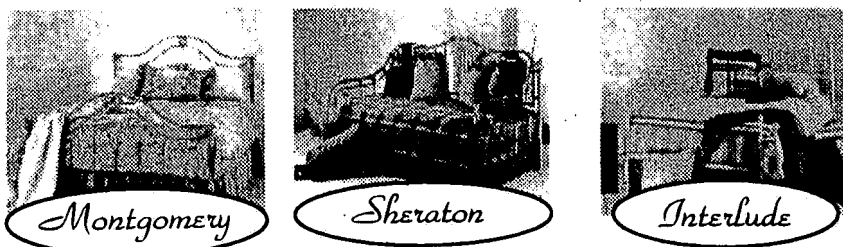
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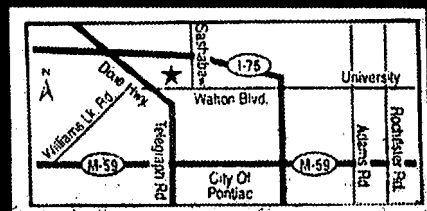
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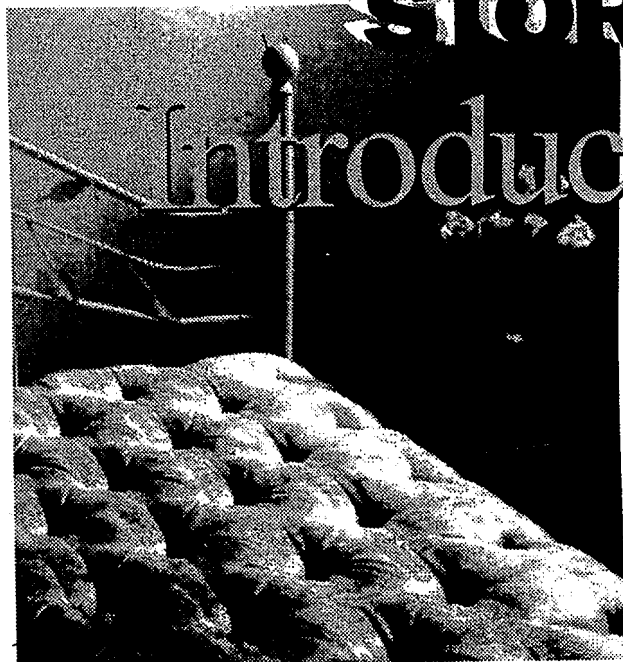
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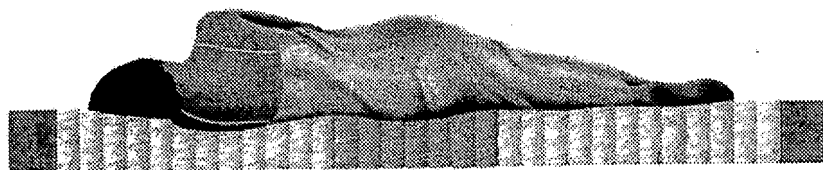
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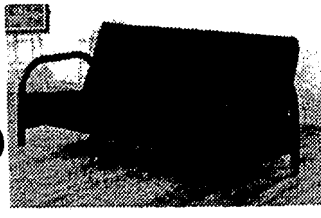
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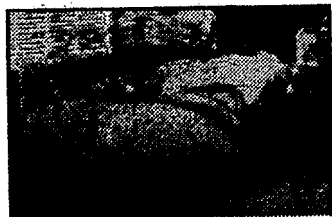
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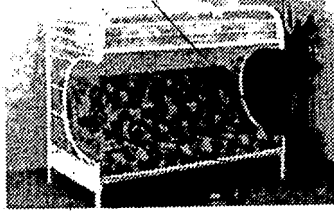
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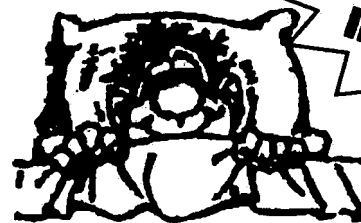
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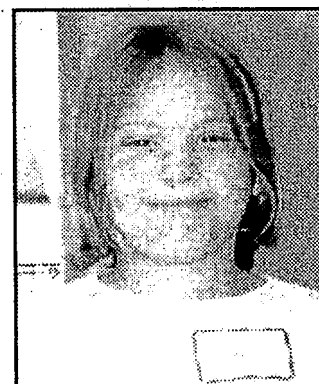
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"The (Clarkston State) Bank because we got to go inside the vault."

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"The Chocolate Moose because my friend's mom owns it."

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By Jennifer Nemer

The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing all the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

Local honored for 'hands-on' charity

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Robert McGowan is almost embarrassed by the honor of being Clarkston's Citizen of the Year.

Aside from naming other worthy people who deserve the title, he just enjoys doing the things for which he was honored.

"What we give back to the community are often things we like to do anyway," he said. "I'm kind of humbled by this thing."

McGowan was chosen for the annual award by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce for his work with the Food Bank of Oakland County and for his help with new "community garden" in Independence Township.

McGowan and his wife, Dr. Barbara Hamilton, moved to Independence Township from Birmingham more than 10 years ago. Having purchased a dairy farm once operated by members of Clarkston's founding family, they wanted to restore some of the original function.

They heard about a new local garden club, and became involved in a joint garden project. For two years, they met every Saturday to work the garden, then they donated the produce to area soup kitchens and other charity groups.

Over time, the membership waned, so there was a new challenge. McGowan was motivated to take master gardener classes, and learned that volunteer service was a requirement for that certification. He invited other master gardeners to join the effort, then established the partnership with the Food Bank of Oakland County.

That helped make both labor and distribution easier, and the 2,800-square-foot garden has been praised by the food bank for producing more than 10,000 pounds of fresh, organic vegetables over about 10 years.

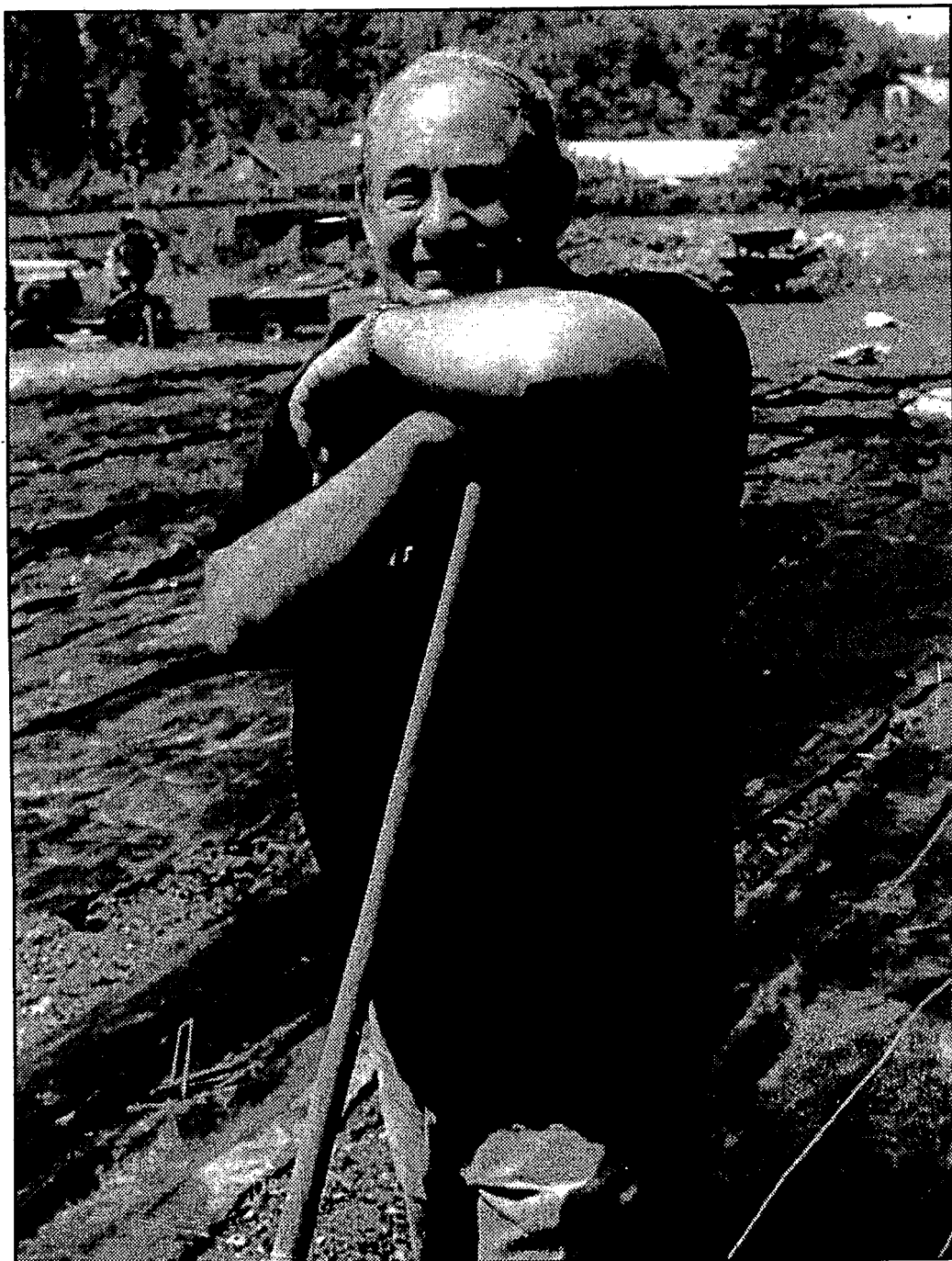
A marketing-advertising executive during the day, McGowan has also helped the food bank develop their logo, brochures and stationery.

The idea for the community garden came after Independence Township came into possession of the old McCord farm. As ideas for its use were considered, McGowan said Trustee Dan Travis approached him about the idea of a garden.

County Commissioner Tom Middleton then approached him with the idea of an alternative-sentencing project with the 52nd District Court. A community garden in Novi was a success, so would McGowan help form one in Independence?

McGowan laughed when reflecting on how it all came together.

"I'm a non-joiner," he insisted, "but this



Robert McGowan takes a break from his charity garden work. While he's proud to help out the Food Bank of Oakland County, he finds gardening provides a sort of therapy to help unwind after the daily grind. Photo by Bob Flath.

garden has just grown" in more ways than one.

The project allows non-violent offenders to avoid jail time by paying a fee and doing manual labor in the community garden. The produce, again, will be donated to the food bank.

Again emphasizing that many people have contributed to the success of the project, McGowan said the district judges and the township board came on board quickly.

"It went through the township board without a dissenting voice, let alone a dissenting vote," he said. "It was really inspiring to see that kind of support in the community."

The community garden is a "win, win, win" proposition, McGowan said, because it

saves the county money in jail expenses, the garden produces food for the food bank, and there is the benefit gained by the participants when they work with their hands.

That's something McGowan appreciates himself. After working in the office, he enjoys coming home and getting his hands dirty.

"If you sit behind a desk all the time, when you get home you want to be out," he said. "You want to be involved. You want to do something that's 'opposite.' You can't get more real than getting your hands in the dirt."

In addition to everything else, McGowan is in his first year as a member

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Around Town



Nancy and Dave Gignac live in an 1894-built home on Waldon Road. They will be featured on the SCAMP Home Tour. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

The Andersonville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization will hold a special **open house** for Principal William Potvin, who will retire at the end of the school year after 40 years in Clarkston education, Tuesday, June 10 from 3-6 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Questions, call the school at (248) 623-5200.

Sign up today for sponsorship or tickets to the Lend a Helping Hand Annual **Golf Charity Event** at Devil's Ridge Golf Club, 3700 Metamora in Oxford, Thursday, June 12. Cost is \$125/person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, hot dogs at the turn, steak and chicken dinner, entertainment and prizes. Proceeds will support medical treatment for Susan Burns. Contact Brenda Benedict or Michelle Phaup at Lend a Helping Hand (c/o Clarkston Realty) (248) 625-1400.

Club 5529 (located inside the Clarkston Christian Association on Sashabaw Road) is featuring **Unplugged V.3**, Back from Nowhere and Huddle Friday, June 13. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cost is \$7 at the door. General admission seating. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit www.5529music.com.

District residents may enroll their children in summer **swim lessons** at the Clarkston High School pool. Registration will be held on Saturday, June 14 at the Clarkston High School cafeteria from 9-10 a.m. Call Clarkston Community Education at (248) 623-4321 for more information.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is sponsoring their 10th annual **golf outing** at Pine Knob Golf Course on Monday, June 16. An 8 a.m. shotgun start is scheduled. Price is \$120/golfer which includes a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with cart, and lunch. Many prizes will be awarded such as money for top men's, women's and mixed team low scores. Longest drives, closest to the pin, and straightest drives will also be rewarded. Door prizes will be given out to many and goodie bags for all. A live auction, 50/50 raffle tickets, and a "skins" competition will also be available. Proceeds will help send up to 70 children to a week long summer camp. Call the CAYA office at (248) 625-9007 for more information.

If you're looking for something fun to do this summer that includes learning leadership skills, being a **Counselor-in-Training** is for you. This summer, Independence Township Parks and Recreation is offering a program for high school students to become a camp counselor. You will participate in exciting leadership activities, attend camp on a daily basis, and go on field trips and beach days with the campers. The training runs from June 23-Aug. 15. If interested, call (248) 625-8223 or pick up an application at 90 N. Main St.

Clarkston Community Education is sponsoring the **High School Summer School** this year. Classes will be offered Monday through Friday beginning June 23

Clarkston Home Tour

For more than 20 years, Clarkston SCAMP has been featuring area homes -- big and small, new and old -- on a special tour to benefit a five-week summer camp for special needs children and young adults.

This year, the Clarkston Home Tour 21 has five homes on display including those owned by Nancy and David Gignac at 6415 Waldon Rd., Anne and Michael Mizusawa at 37 N. Holcomb, Kevin and Melissa Knapp at 7161 Deerhill Court, Tim Birtsas at 20 Main Street, and Doris and Tom Holt at 9910 Davisburg Rd.

The tour will be held Sunday, June 8 for the general public. Registration is in Depot Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Homes are open from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person (\$22 age 60 and over) and include a tour of the homes and a light lunch at Mesquite Creek.

The night prior, Saturday, June 7, is Patron Night. Information is available by calling (248) 620-1882. Tickets start at \$65 per person and include a tour of the homes and a champagne reception at 8:30 p.m. at Thomasville Furniture.

The Clarkston Home Tour 21 is sponsored by RBI Companies, owned by Tim Birtsas, a Clarkston SCAMP board member.

The history of Clarkston SCAMP begins in 1976 as the result of some concerned individuals in the community wanting summer recreational activities and maintenance academic work for multiply impaired children and young adults.

With just a few dollars of seed money and lots of determination, a small group of people raised the money to fund the first five-week summer day camp. Seventy-five students attended.

Now approximately 350 students attend each summer from northern Oakland County to southern Genesee County.

Traditionally 90 percent of the students have one or more disabilities (autism, mental and/or emotional impairment, learning disability, speech and language delay or physical handicap). The remaining 10 percent are identified by school personnel as students "at risk" and in need of a positive summer experience. Daily camp activities include music, art, motor skills, academic games, field trips and special on-site visits by groups for educational entertainment purposes. Clarkston SCAMP 2003 will take place from June 23 through July 24.

For more information call (248) 620-1882 or visit www.clarkstonscamp.com.

--Jennifer Nemer

and ending July 25. No class will be held on July 4. High school students may pick up registration forms from their counselors at the high school. To view classes offered this summer, visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec.



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of the Independence Township Planning Commission. He admits that he still has lots to learn about some of the technicalities of zoning, setbacks and variances, but he has a better appreciation of those who deal with local planning issues.

"I'm in awe of my fellow planning commissioners," he said. "You have to know so much about so many things. The only part I have some knowledge about going in is aesthetics, building materials and appropriateness of structures. The rest I'm learning as I go."

He's a busy man, but McGowan tries to look at his activities in balance. Hands-on gardening, especially, seems to be good therapy.

"When I can actually get out in the garden and do things, and not manage, that is recreation," he said.

In addition, he has come to appreciate his daily 45- to 60-minute commute

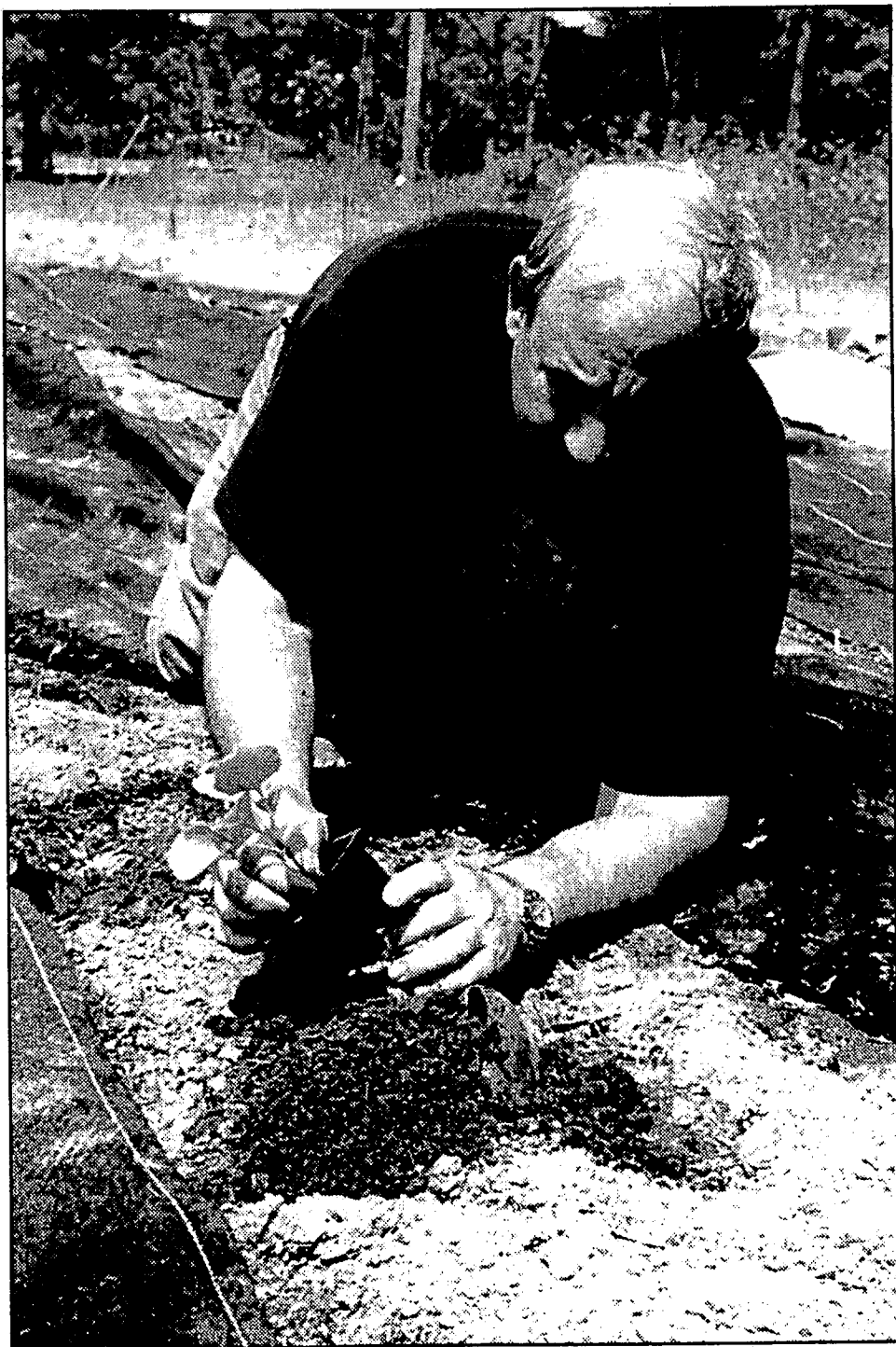
'There are times that I can't wait to get into the car to commute.'

Bob McGowan

to work, having discovered the joy of books on tape.

"I've been able to do some 'reading' that I never ever would be able to do," he said. In addition to traditional books, he sometimes listens to college courses on tape.

"There are times that I can't wait to get into the car to commute," he said. "It's a way of telescoping time, because reading is important to me and I have to commute."



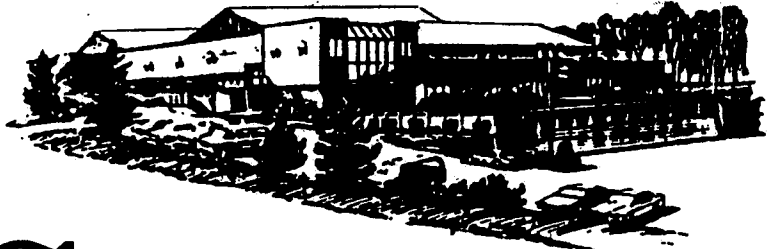
McGowan plants seedling. Photo by Bob Flath.

High School to host summer camps

The Clarkston High School Athletic Department is running numerous sports camps during the summer season. For information on what camps are available or to register for the camps, call the Athletic Department at (248) 623-4002.

Look for the Clarkston Middle School Honor Roll in The Clarkston News next week.

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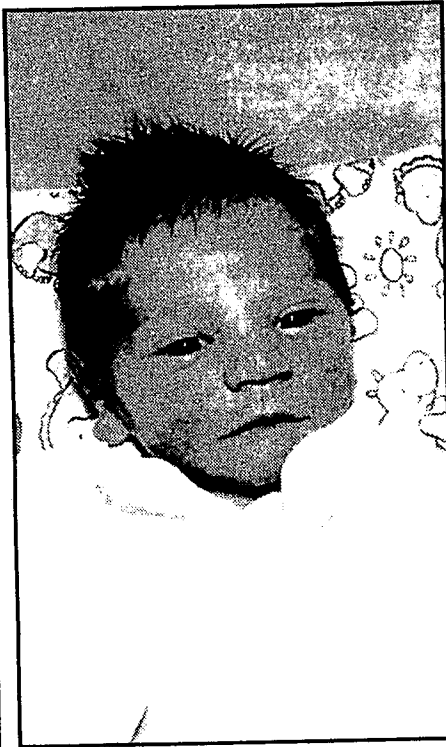
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Milestones



Ethan Alexander Shiff

Parents Dean and Rena (LaCroix) Shiff of Clarkston, along with their daughter Alicia, are pleased to announce the birth of **Ethan Alexander Shiff**.

Ethan was born on Feb. 6, 2003, weighing 5 lbs. and 14 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are John and MaryAnn Shiff, Ken LaCroix of Waterford and Frank and Rita Nance of Tennessee.

At school...

Kenneth E. Leonard was named to the Dean's List in the Haworth College of Business at Western Michigan University.

Leonard is a 2000 Clarkston High School graduate and is the son of Floyd and Joy Frick of Davisburg and Alan and Mary Leonard of Clarkston. He will graduate in December 2003.



Andrew Douglas Roeser

Jeffrey and Heather (Jackson) Roeser of Clarkston would like to announce the birth of their son **Andrew Douglas Roeser**, born April 30, 2003 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Andrew weighed 7 lbs. and was 19

inches long. He was welcomed home by his big brother, Jacob.

Proud grandparents are Douglas and Judith Roeser of Clarkston, Susan Jackson of Clarkston, and Arthur (Ozzie) Jackson of Ortonville.

At school...

Clarkston's Amy Kulon, Sara Dunlavey, Sean Majken Eley, Sally Feller, Matthew Getty, Laura Ginn, Stacie Goodman, Jordan Guelde, Jessica Hendren, Mark Kraus IV, Michael Licata, Kyle Luichinger, Tara Matkosky, Eric McGinnis, Elizabeth, Milam, Kelly O'Neill, Katy Piechura, Steven Seibert, Eric Steckling, Carly Tatu, Takouhy Teberian, and Melanie Whetstone were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Paul Anthony Marks, Adam Mark Richard, Courtney Frances Robinson, Anna Rose Stanczyk, Lisa Marie Thibodeau, and Lindsay Michelle Tigue, all of Clarkston, are part of 986 top high school seniors from 296 schools throughout the state to receive Regents Merit Scholarship awards through The University of Michigan.

Recipients were selected based on grades, class ranking and test scores. They will receive a \$1,500 scholarship

In service...

Marine Corps Cpl. **Marty V. Martinez**, whose wife, Carly, is the daughter of Leslie Staunton of Clarkston, is preparing to reboard ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Martinez's unit had been on a routine overseas deployment since August 2002 participating in exercises and operations in Djibouti, Kosovo, Kenya, the Arabian Gulf and Iraq. Martinez was preparing to return to his home base when he received orders to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in March.

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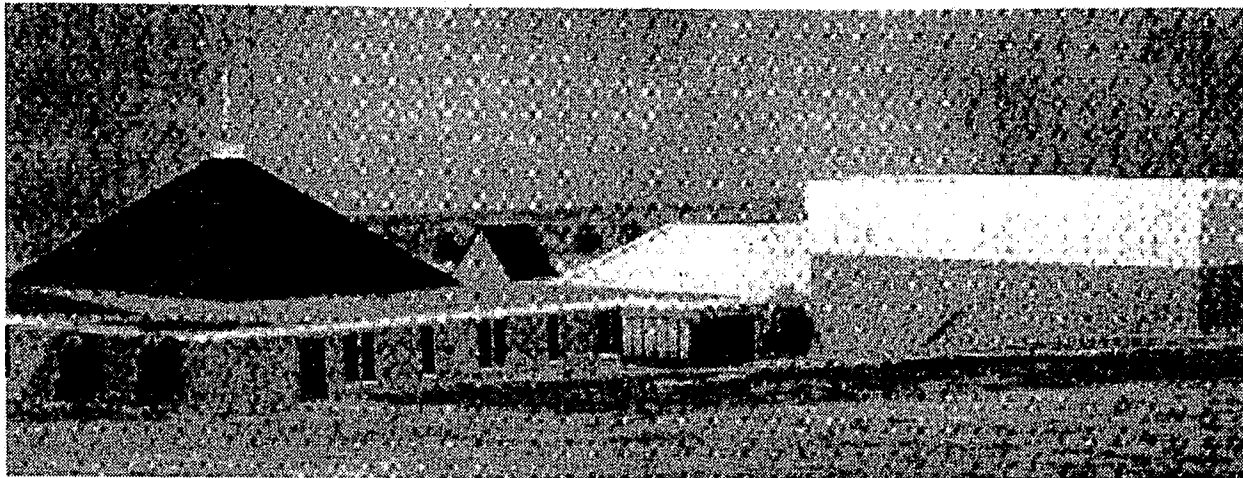
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Religion



The above shows an artist's rendering of what St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church will look like after the addition of their new Family Life Center. Photo provided.

Church to break ground on Center

St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston will begin excavation later this month on the construction of a Family Life Center addition.

A ground breaking worship service will be held Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck luncheon at noon and Bible study from 6-8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Family Life Center, an 11,300 square foot addition to the already 20,000 square foot church, will be used for classrooms, office space, fellowship hall and gymnasium. Construction is said to be completed by Easter 2004. It is a three-year pledge in terms of the financial plan.

The congregation involved itself in a year-long campaign in hopes of seeing the construction of a Family Life Center become a reality. The past year, St. Trinity's focus was "Share!: One God, One Body, One Purpose." This included holding activities such as prayer vigils, All Church Bible Studies, fellowship celebrations, speakers and committees, bringing the entire congregation together to focus on expanding the church building and heightening their spirituality.

St. Trinity has a long history, holding its first worship service in Pontiac in 1885. The church has called

Clarkston home since 1975, located at 7925 Sashabaw Rd., just north of Clarkston Road.

Call (248) 625-4644 for more information.

--Jennifer Nemer

Public invited to St. Trinity activities

St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's Senior Pastor Joseph Love invites the community to join in the many activities planned at the church in the coming months including:

- Vacation Bible School, Monday through Friday, June 23-27, from 9 a.m. to noon.

- A July 4 outdoor worship service. There will be food and entertainment prior to viewing fireworks from the church parking lot and ball field.

- An installation and ordination for Associate Pastor James Krueger, Sunday, July 27 at 3 p.m.

Stand for what you believe in

A recent encounter with someone out in the community brought on a friendly religious debate.

This person, who does not believe as I do, loves to tease me about being a Christian. I don't mind. It's done in jest.

And I enjoy our healthy debates. I find it can be refreshing.

Talking about my Lord brings me closer to Him, even when I'm feeling far away.

So many of us are too timid to speak up for Christ for fear of being rejected, laughed at, or looked down upon.

I'm definitely not as bold as I should be in talking to others about Christ, however I don't shy away when the subject is broached either.

I encourage others to step outside their shell and tell someone who does not know Christ as their Savior, how He has impacted your life.

It's not only a chance to possibly introduce Christ into someone's life, it's a great way to improve your own relationship with the Lord.

"I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me -- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace," Acts 20:24.

Just Jen



Jennifer Nemer

Music at Club 5529

Club 5529 (located inside the Clarkston Christian Association on Sashabaw Road) is featuring Unplugged V.3. Back from Nowhere and Huddle Friday, June 13. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cost is \$7 at the door. General admission seating. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit www.5529music.com.

AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOURS



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PONTIAC

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Services: 10 am Sunday
Traditional worship & music Bible Study, 8:30 and 11:30
Sunday School during Worship
Nursery provided
Coffee Hour 11 am
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Coffee Time

Christian Education Opportunities for all and Special Youth Activities
Co-Pastors: Rev's Janice and Roy Langwig
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C.E. Dir. Julie Smith
Sat. Worship Music Leader: Steve Keith
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CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(A Stephen Ministry Church)
6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 625-1611
(2 blocks S. of M-15)
Website: clarkstonumc.com
Sunday Worship: 9am & 11am (blended)
6pm (contemporary)
Sunday School-all ages: 9am, 10am, 11am
Sunday Fellowship Times 10am & 12 noon
Sunday Prayer Times: 8:30am & 5:30pm

ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75) 625-4580
Pastor: Msgr. Robert Humitz
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Religious Education: 625-1750
Mother's Group, RCIA,
Scripture Study, Youth Group

CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Winell at Maybee Rd. 623-1224
Dave Coleman, Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor: Clancy Thompson, Director of Student Ministries: Amy Horvath
Worship Services 9:00, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.
Christian Education Classes 9 am & 10:15 am
Evening Praise & Worship 6:00 pm
(Nursery & Child care provided)
Wednesday Family Program 7:00 pm

SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston
Worship 10:30 am Nursery Provided
Phone (248) 673-3101

ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod"
7925 Sashabaw Road
(1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater)
Clarkston, MI 48348
(248) 625-4644
Worship: Sun. 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.,
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Preschool: 3-4 years old
Preschool: 620-6154

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road
Clarkston (248) 625-1323
Home of Clarkston Christian School
Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman
Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson
Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am
School of Discipleship 11:00 am
Nursery Care at all services
Wednesday: Children's Ministries
5:30-8:00 pm
Sunday: Youth Ministries
5:00-7:00 pm
www.clarkstonchurch.com

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
(W. of M-15, just S. of I-75) 625-3288
Sunday Worship: 8:15 am (traditional worship),
9:45 (blended worship)
11:15 am (contemporary praise)
Nursery available
Sunday School (all ages) 9:45
Staff Pastor - Senior Pastor
Jonathan Heierman
Wed. evening - Dinner & Bible Study 6 pm
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5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-3380
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15)
Pastor: Russ Reetsma
Sun: 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult
Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Evening Service
Mon: 6:30 pm Awana
Wed: 10:00 am Morning Prayer Partners.
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
Sunday 8:00 am &
10:00 am Service
(248) 625-2325

LIVING PRAISE CHURCH

5860 Andersonville Road, Clarkston
(Historical Church) (248) 623-1215
Pastors: Fred & Karen Wherritt
Sunday: Worship Service 10 am
(Contemporary Praise)
Children's Ministry 10 am
Sunday Morning phone: 623-2596
Wednesday: Bible Study & Prayer 7 pm
Children & Youth Ministry 7 pm
2nd Wednesday of each month is
Ladies Meeting only

NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH

an Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am
Worship location: 4453 Clintonville Rd. at
the corner of Mann Rd., 1/2 way between
Maybee Rd. and Walton Blvd.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 451 Clarkston, MI
48347
Office Phone: (248) 922-3515
Sunday Morning Phone: (248) 425-4279
Website: www.northoakschurch.org
Pastor Steve I. Brown

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
(248) 394-0200
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Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
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DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-2311
website: www.dixiebaptist.org
Home of Springfield Christian Academy
& Children's Ark Preschool
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School
& Adult Bible Fellowship
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA
7:00 pm Teen Meetings
& Adult Bible Study
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9.6v Cordless Drill Kit	Too Low to Show! \$99
12v Cordless Drill Kit	Too Low to Show! \$139
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18v Drill Cordless Kit	Too Low to Show! \$199
18v Jig Saw Cordless Kit	\$249
12v Cordless 1/2" Drill Kit	Too Low to Show! \$169
14v Cordless 1/2" Drill Kit	Too Low to Show! \$199
18v Cordless 1/2" Drill Kit	Too Low to Show! \$269
18v Cordless Drill & Saw	Too Low to Show! \$359
18v Cordless Drill & Recp	Too Low to Show! \$379
18v Cordless Hammerdrill Kit	Too Low to Show! \$289
2900 Watt Generator	\$1029
4300 Watt Generator	\$1549
6000 Watt Generator	\$1949
18ga Brad Nailer Kit	Too Low to Show! \$129
16ga Finish Nailer Kit	Too Low to Show! \$179
15ga Angle Finish Nailer	Too Low to Show! \$219
2HP Air Compressor	Too Low to Show! \$349
18v 5 Pack Kit	\$619
1/2 VSR Drill	Too Low to Show! \$99
Drywall Screwgun	\$77
Deck Screwgun	\$88
V.S. 7.5 Amp Recipro Saw	Too Low to Show! \$99
Jig Saw Kit	Too Low to Show! \$99
4.2" Angle Grinder	\$55
1/4 Sheet Palm Sander	Too Low to Show! \$49
5" Random Orbit Sander	\$69
Variable Speed Belt Sander	\$179
1/2" Hammerdrill	\$139
3.25" Hand Planer Kit	\$149
10" Miter Saw	Too Low to Show! \$229
12" Dbl/Bevel Miter Saw	Too Low to Show! \$349
12" Slide Compound Miter Saw	Too Low to Show! \$599
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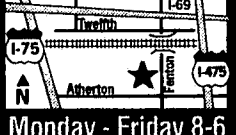
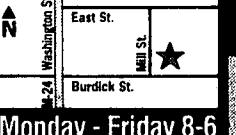


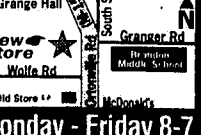
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Please see every store. Some items may be out of stock. We will do our best to get you the product as fast as possible. Longway closed on Sunday. All prices before tax. It is our policy to not accept returns on advertising. If there are errors, we will make every reasonable effort to accommodate our customers.

Colucci honored with award

Joseph M. Colucci, a 1958 graduate of the MSU mechanical engineering program and a member of the National Academy of Engineering, was honored with the Claud R. Erickson Distinguished Alumnus Award on May 4 at the College of Engineering's spring commencement ceremony.

Each year, the college selects an engineering alumnus to receive the Claud Erickson Award for attaining the highest level of professional accomplishment, for providing distinguished and meritorious service to the College of Engineering and the engineering profession, and for engaging in voluntary service at the local, state, national, and international levels.

"In receiving this award, I have to tell you that it is the culmination of a career that has prospered not only from what I may have accomplished, but also from the actions, support, and contributions of many others," Colucci said.

Colucci is recognized around the world for his work in improving commercial fuels for better vehicle performance and reduced emissions. He was elected in 2002 to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). Membership in the Academy is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. The 2,138 members of the NAE promote the technological welfare of the United States by making themselves available to provide leadership and guidance to the government regarding the application of engineering resources to social, economic, and security problems.

Colucci, who was born in Brooklyn, had an interest in automobiles from an early age. He attended MSU as an undergraduate, then earned a master's in mechanical engineering at the California

Institute of Technology.

As a young engineer, Colucci was part of a team that developed the catalytic converter and unleaded gasoline at General Motors Research Laboratories. This accomplishment led to a global reduction in vehicle emissions. Then in 1989, Colucci proposed a way to further reduce emissions by making gasoline "cleaner" through changes in its chemical composition and physical properties.

His reformulated gasoline was compatible with all existing and new vehicles, so when his idea was put into practice, the nation's air quality improved in a fairly short time, with no need to wait for the development of alternative fuels or alternative vehicles. The concept of reformulating gasoline has spread to countries around the globe. Diesel fuel is now being reformulated as well, in order to reduce emissions from diesel vehicles.

After 36 years with General Motors, Colucci retired in 1995, having served 20 years as department head for Fuels and Lubricants, and 3 years as executive director of Materials Research.

Currently the president of Automotive Fuels Consulting in Clarkston, Michigan, Colucci works with such clients as General Motors Research and Development Center, Exxon Company USA, Mobil, Chevron, Shell Oil Company, and the National Renewable Energy Center. He also serves on the advisory board of Hart/IRI Publications and on the board of trustees for the Society of Automotive Engineers Foundation.

A resident of Clarkston, Michigan, since 1985, Colucci is committed to his family, which includes his wife Sue, three adult children, and eight grandchildren.

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 2003

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2007.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Jeffrey Patrick Allstead	Julie Maier
Jean C. Desuqi	Tony Miller
Sheri Kerby	Tim Smith
John W. Koval	Diane Weller

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following propositions will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

I. OPERATING-MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL NON-HOMESTEAD AND NON-QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, exempting therefrom homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Clarkston Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 4.5 mills (\$4.50 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for the year 2003, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2003 is approximately \$1,634,040 (4.4873 mills of the above is a renewal of millage which expired with the 2002 tax levy and .127 mill is a restoration of the Headlee reduction)?

II. BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Clarkston Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eighty-Three Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$83,735,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping an addition or additions to and/or partially remodeling, refurbishing, re-equipping existing school facilities; acquiring and installing education technology; constructing and equipping improvements to playgrounds, athletic fields and outdoor athletic facilities, developing and improving sites?

The following is for information purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2003, under current law, is zero (-0-) mill. There being no increase over the current 7 mills based upon borrowing from the School Bond Loan Fund Program. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, will not exceed twenty-six (26) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.96 mills (\$1.96 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive
- PRECINCT NO. 1A
Voting Place: City of Village of Clarkston, 375 Depot Road
- PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: North Sashabaw Elementary School, 5290 Maybee Road
- PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive
- PRECINCT NO. 4
Voting Place: Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell Street
- PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Pine Knob Elementary School, 6020 Sashabaw Road
- PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: North Sashabaw Elementary School, 5290 Maybee Road
- PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Independence Elementary School, 6850 Hubbard Road
- PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Clarkston Elementary School, 6595 Waldon Road
- PRECINCT NO. 9
Voting Place: Clarkston Elementary School, 6595 Waldon Road
- PRECINCT NO. 9A
Voting Place: Andersonville Elementary School, 10350 Andersonville Road
- PRECINCT NO. 9B
Voting Place: Oakland Technical Center Northwest, 8211 Big Lake Road
- PRECINCT NO. 9C
Voting Place: Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Road
- PRECINCT NO. 10
Voting Place: Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road
- PRECINCT NO. 11
Voting Place: First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road
- PRECINCT NO. 12
Voting Place: Bailey Lake Elementary School, 8051 Pine Knob Road
- PRECINCT NO. 13
Voting Place: Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Road
- PRECINCT NO. 14
Voting Place: Pine Knob Elementary School, 6020 Sashabaw Road
- PRECINCT NO. 15
Voting Place: Bailey Lake Elementary School, 8051 Pine Knob Road

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of April 15, 2003, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Clarkston Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
Clarkston Community Schools	18.00	1996 to 2003 Incl. (Non-Homestead) 2000 to 2003 Incl. 2002 to 2003 Incl. 2002 to 2003 Incl.
Township of Independence	2.4257	2002 to 2003 Incl.
	1.00	2002 to 2003 Incl.
	.75	2002 to 2003 Incl.
Township of Orion	2.5641	2002 to 2003 Incl.
	2.50	Unlimited
Township of Springfield	1.00	2000 to 2003 Incl.
	.50	Unlimited
	.7920	1996 to 2003 Incl.
	1.00	1997 to 2006 Incl.
	1.50	1998 to 2007 Incl.
Township of Waterford	1.36	1993 to 2004 Incl.
	1.50	1996 to 2006 Incl.
	.8039	1996 to 2006 Incl.
	1.00	1997 to 2007 Incl.
	.63	2002 to 2011 Incl.
Township of White Lake	.9302	2002 to 2011 Incl.
	.30	Unlimited
	.7963	1994 to 2003 Incl.
	1.00	1994 to 2003 Incl.
	.80	1994 to 2003 Incl.
	1.00	2002 to 2011 Incl.
County School District of Oakland	3.6483	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.25	2002 to 2011 Incl.
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
	.80	2002 to 2011 Incl.

Patrick M. Dohany, Treasurer
Oakland County
Dated: April 15, 2003

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Ronald D. Sullivan
Secretary, Board of Education

Want to know what is happening Around Town? Check out page 2 of the Millstream section each week in The Clarkston News.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO.

2003-288,555-DE

Estate of Helen C. Blankenship, Deceased. Date of Birth: January 5, 1931.

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Helen C. Blankenship, who lived at 2722 Edgevale, Waterford, MI 48329, died April 7, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen Hope, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Waterford, MI 48328 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

5/28/03
Karen Hope
P.O. Box 92
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, June 12th, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE PC #2003-004

Bernard Fekete, Victor International Corp, Petitioner

REZONING REQUEST

FROM: R-1R (Suburban Residential)

TO: PUD (Planned Unit Development)

29.83 Acres

also

AMEND Parks of Stonewood PUD

Final Site Plan and include Additional Property

Amendment to include: Additional 29.83 Acres for Attached Single Family Residential Development

Common Description: Clement Road, West of White Lake Road

Parcel Number: 08-31-151-001 & 08-31-126-004

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. to consider Case B-88, 10 Robertson Court, Parcel I.D. 08-20-402-003 for a request for a variance of eleven feet for the rear setback.

Artemus M. Pappas
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CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Due to the School Election on June 9, 2003, the City Council will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at 7:00 in the City Hall, 375 Depot Road instead of Monday, June 9, 2003.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases

Case #03-0045 Wayne Maciejewski, Petitioner for Farmer Jack

APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR OUTDOOR SALES FROM APRIL THRU AUGUST Dixie Highway & White Lake Rd., C-2 Farmer Jack - White Lake Commons 08-29-351-020

Case #03-0046 Pat Dimattia, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 3' TO CONSTRUCT DECK (VARIANCE EXPIRED)

St. Andrew Drive, Unit 10, R-2
The Bluffs of Pine Knob
08-23-303-010

Case #03-0047 Matthew Rouse, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIZE VARIANCE OF 384 SQ FT TO CONSTRUCT 2nd GARAGE (DETACHED)

Center St., Pt of Lot 5, R-1A
Grandview Subdivision
08-33-226-020

Case #03-0048 Melba Humphrey
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT DETACHED GARAGE IN FRONT YARD

Dora Lane, Block 11 & 12, R-1A
Supervisor's Plat of Morgan Lake Sub
09-25-476-025

Case #03-0049 Stewart Trepte, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 25' TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE

Horseshoe Circle, Lot 10, R-1R
Equestrian Lake Village
08-03-101-010

Case #03-0050 Gerald Darling, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 5' PLUS SIZE VARIANCE OF 252 SQ FT TO CONSTRUCT 2nd GARAGE (DETACHED) ON DOUBLE FRONTAGE LOT

Maplewood Ave., & Eston Rd., Lots 21-25 and 38-42, R-1A
Sunny Beach Country Club
08-12-335-044

Case #03-0051 Eva Cooper-Bonderczuk, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 34' TO CONSTRUCT DECK

Kootima Dr., & Wabun Dr.,
Lots 1-5, R-1A
Thendara Park Country Club
08-11-281-012

Case #03-0052 Robert Hill, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO BUILD DETACHED GARAGE PRIOR TO DEMOLITION AND REBUILD OF EXISTING HOME

Mary Sue Ave., Pt of Lots 75 & 76, R-1A
Sunshine Acres
08-35-176-007

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (249) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel
Director

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2003
7.00 P.M.

A Public Hearing will be held regarding the 2003 - 2004 City Budget on June 10, 2003. Copies of the proposed 2003 - 2004 budget are available for inspection at the City offices, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, during regular office hours after June 6, 2003.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Artemus M. Pappas
City Manager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 26th, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following: FILE PC #2003-019

Robert E. Shell, Oakhill Corners LLC, Petitioner
REQUEST AMENDMENT OF FINAL SITE PLAN
FOR OAKHILL CORNERS PUD
TO INCLUDE A MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Amendment to Include: Preschool of 75 students, and Staff of 6 To occupy building #1 (which is currently vacant) and Add approx. 5100 sq ft of Play Area

Common Description: SW Corner Oakhill & M-15
Parcel Number: 08-05-101-056

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

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The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 12th, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to hear the following petition;

FILE PC#2003-017

Mike Clark, Petitioner

REZONING REQUEST

FROM: R-1R (Rural Residential)

TO: R-2 (Multiple Family Residential)

Parcel Identification Number: 08-36-300-020, 021, 025 & 026
Common Description: Mann Road, East of Clintonville
Road 20 Acres

Intended Use: Residential

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At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following: FILE #PC 2003-016

Nancy Murphy, Lallybroch LLC, Petitioner

REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL

For EQUESTRIAN TRAINING FACILITY

In accordance with Section 5.15

IN R-1R (Rural Residential) Zone

ARTICLE XI, SECTION 11.05

Special Land Use Request: Horse Training Facility and Single Family Residence

Parcel Identification Number: 08-08-152-003

Common Description: E side of Allen, S of Rattalee Lake
Road 36+ Acres

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at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 46346, to consider the following: FILE PC#2003-020

Mr. Kevin Christianson, Victor International, Petitioner

REQUEST REZONING

FROM: MH (Heavy Industrial)

TO: PUD (Planned Unit Development)

Also AMEND PARKS OF STONEWOOD FINAL SITE PLAN TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

Parcel Identification Number: Pt of 08-31-301-001

Intended Use: Residential

Common Description: 52 of 6 Acre Parcel,
off White Lake Road, S of Clement

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MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 27, 2003

(Meeting held on Tuesday, May 27, 2003,
due to observance of Memorial Day)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 .m. by Mayer Pro Tem Meyland.

Roll: Present: Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Werner.

Absent: Catallo, Savage.

Minutes of May 12, 2003, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Depot Road Landscaping under New Business.

Meyland reported on the ZBA meeting of May 22, 2003, for variances on the Plum House at 69 South Main. The plans submitted were approved contingent on the Historic District Commission review.

Gamble asked about the Mill Pond water level. Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, City Engineers, reported that the Mill Pond level should be rising as the water main work that required that the level be lowered is complete.

Acting Chief Combs reported on Police activities for the "Click it or Ticket" program. Combs reported that there have been complaints on skate boarding in town. There have been incidents of skateboarding on the wall surfaces which could lead to injury and damage to the wall caps. Combs asked the Council to consider a skate board ordinance restricting use of skate boards in certain areas.

Combs state that the PBTs and fingerprinting services were generating revenues that he would like to see put in a reserve for police purchases. The council asked that the Finance Committee consider this request when preparing the next budget.

D.P.W. Supervisor Purley's reported that the D.P.W. was still working on debris pickup from the recent ice storm. Purley stated that part-time employee Todd Bradley has been hired. Bradley is a West Bloomfield fire department employee. Bradley's hours dovetail with Purley's and makes scheduling more productive. Purley reported that the tot lot needs to be re-chipped; also, the merry-go-round is beyond repair, and a new one is needed.

Gamble asked if large trees falling into the Mill Pond should be removed. Gamble is to bring this item to the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board.

Mr. Olsen was present to request permission from the Council to allow him to fill in his property without an easement, from the chestnut tree to the pine trees in the back of his lot. Obtaining the easement was costly, and Mr. Olsen feels that if he is allowed to fill in his lot beyond the area requiring an easement, it would be satisfactory. Tressel asked for plans to show what fill would take place.

Resolved That the amended fill proposed be approved providing the City Engineer feels all necessary requirements are met by the new plans to be submitted by Mr. Olsen.

Tressel updated the Council on the Water Main project. Tressel stated that most equipment was stored on the right-of-way, and if there was debris that should be cleaned up, he would so instruct the contractor.

Resolved that the City Council authorized replacement of the deteriorated culvert at the price not to exceed \$9,500.

Tressel reported that irrigation repairs are on-going in Depot Park. There is to be a meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, to review plantings in the newly constructed planter areas on Depot Road.

Waldon Road will be started after school is out. Main at Washington Street should have the irrigation system within a few weeks.

Tressel reported that East Church would be curbed from Main Street to the City limits.

Moved The that regular meeting of the City Council be held on June 10, 2003, instead of June 9, 2003, due to the School election.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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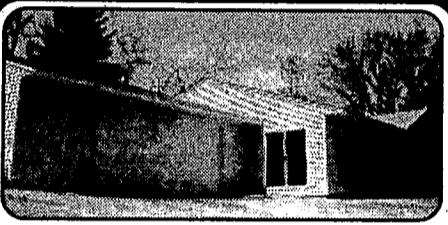
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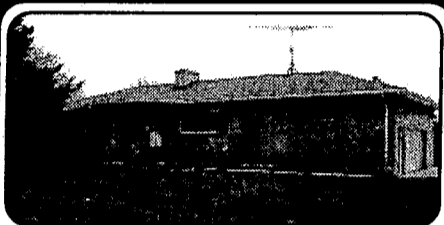
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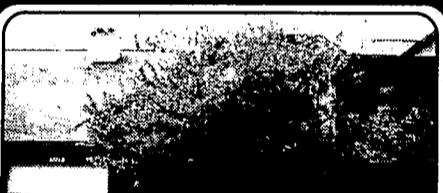
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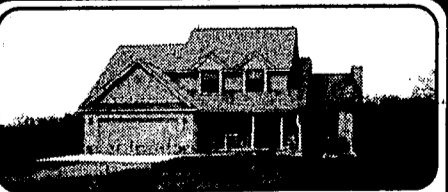
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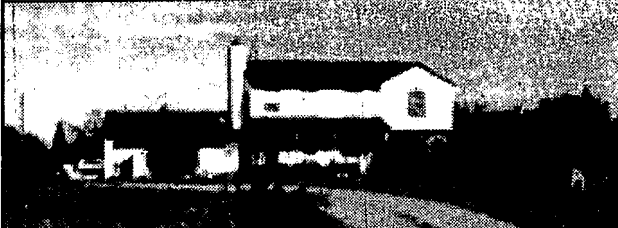
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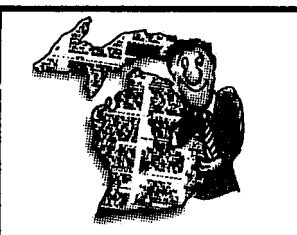
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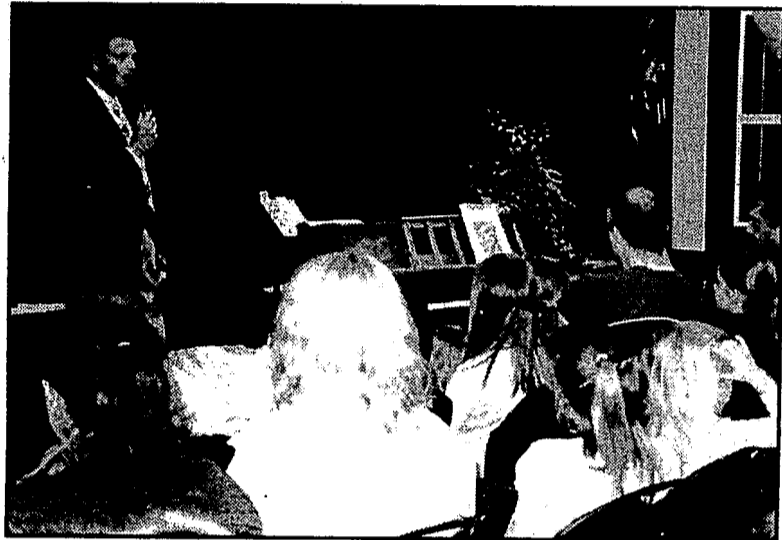
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Fifty years ago, the cost of gas was 23 cents a gallon, the first copy machine was made, and Elvis Presley was the King of Rock 'n' Roll. It was also when Clarkston Elementary first opened its doors to youngsters.

On Friday, May 23, the school celebrated their milestone with a special reception that brought together former and current teachers, principals, students and school families.

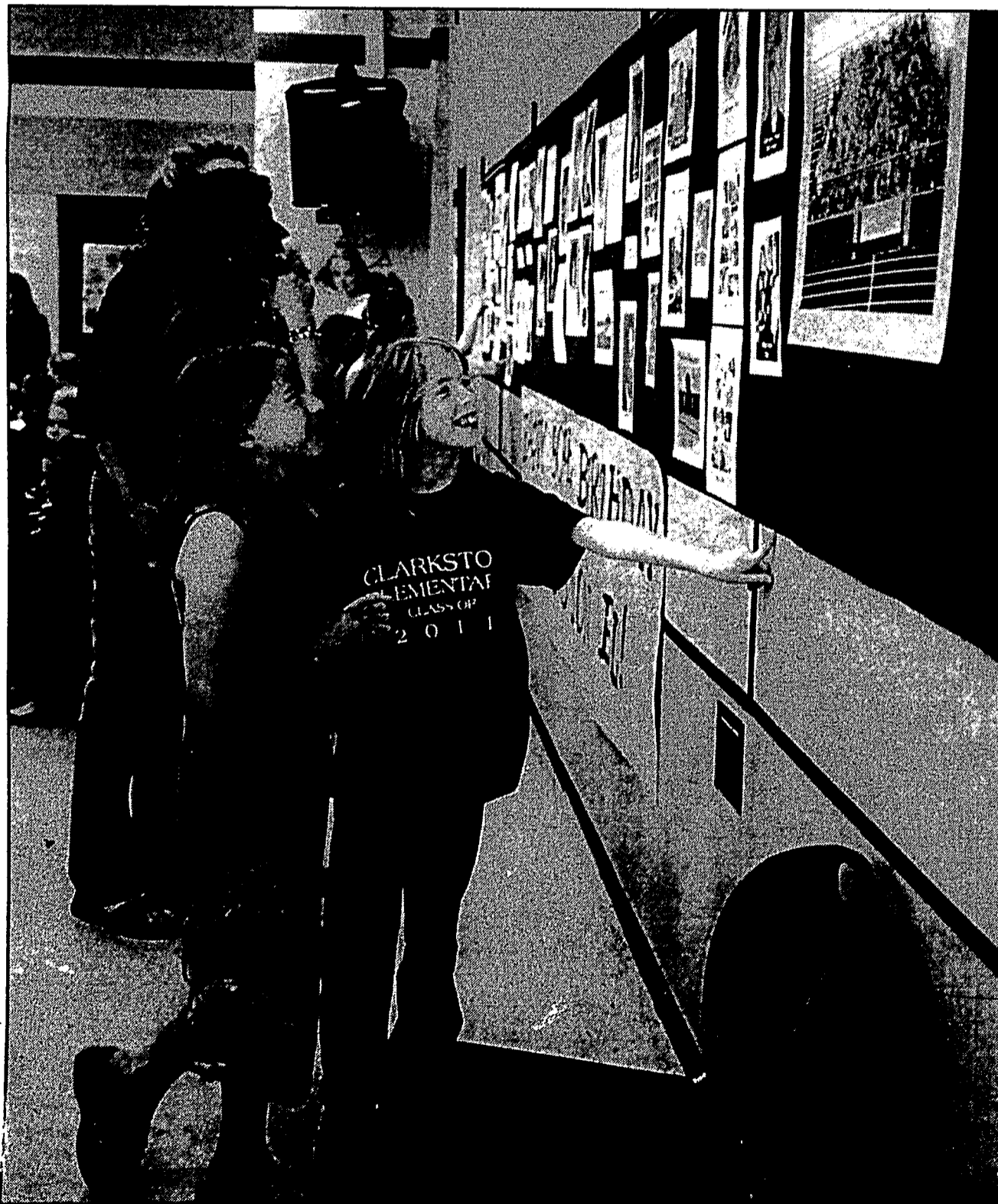


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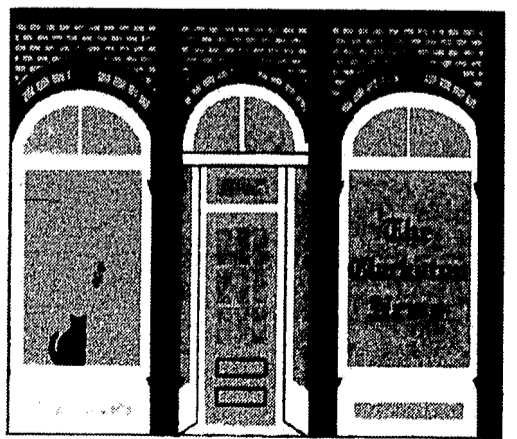
Former student George White (left photo) fondly recalls his school days at Clarkston Elementary School. At the time, he lived next to his then principal Ruth Purslow, and still does today. He fondly remembered the teachers coming out with the kids at recess to play with them. During White's time at Clarkston Elementary School, two addi-

tions to the building were constructed. Former Clarkston Elementary student George White (above) reminisces with former teachers MaryAnne Dedrick (1979-2002), Doris Bonnell (1985-1999) and Ruth Kelsey (1970-1996). White was a student at Clarkston Elementary School from 1952-1958.



Students, parents and staff (left photo) enjoy the historical photos and memorabilia that adorned the walls during the celebration. Current principal Betty Kozma (top photo, left center) and Clarkston Elementary's first principal (1952-1972), Ruth Purslow, release 50 balloons in recognition of the school's birthday.

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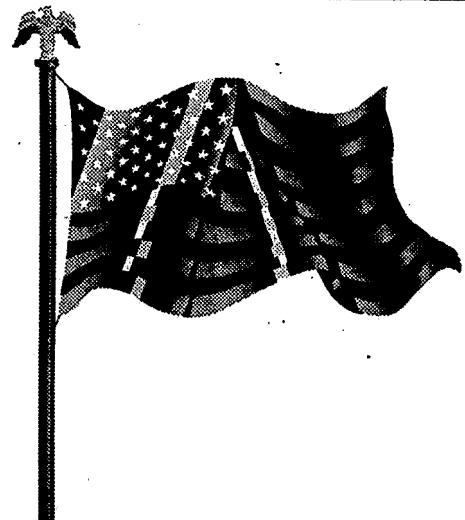
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Planning for your financial future can be difficult and confusing. Should I invest in stocks? What are CDs? What about my retirement and when should I start saving?

Robert Whitcomb and Jay Smith, both with Raymond James Financial, have some simple guidelines to keep in mind for planning your financial future.

First, set your financial goals. Exactly what do you want to achieve with your money? Are you saving for retirement or maybe college for your children? Whatever the goal, make sure you have the target clearly in sight.

Second, make sure all of your short-term investment needs are covered. Every household should have at least three-months of income stashed in an emergency fund.

"The very first thing you do is set aside three months worth of expenses," said Smith. "You never know what's going to happen or when you could be out of work."

And third, set up your life-long investments - this mean insurance. Make sure that you have adequate coverage on not only your belongings, but also everyone in your family.

After taking these steps, you can now look into investments that can make your money work even harder for you. One of the most commonly used are the mid-length investments which normally run from one to five years. These include such products as CDs and are used to save for a specific goal over a specific length of time.

When looking at the long-term, five years or more, most people refer to either IRAs, stocks and stock mutual funds, and bonds or bond funds. In general, these options are used for future living expenses, whether retirement or to produce a monthly income. IRAs are one of the most basic forms of long-



Jay Smith

term investing. They are most often used to prepare for retirement or future living expenses. First time long-term investors can find these very user friendly. Stocks and stock mutual funds are the some of the more commonly known investments. They offer a higher long term rate of return than most investment options since the investor is actually buying ownership in something. Most investors will use this option to save for retirement or possibly college. However, Whitcomb and Smith warn that this option should not be used for small investments.

Bonds and bond funds are different from either IRAs or stocks because they pay their interest out, possibly in the form of a monthly check. These are often used as a source of future income or to balance an investment portfolio.

When looking to diversify your investments, after you have taken care of your short-term and life-long investment responsibilities, Whitcomb and Smith give the following guidelines:



Robert Whitcomb

■ Invest in mutual funds over individual stocks.

■ Add in bonds and bond funds for diversification.

■ Look at purchasing individual stocks last.

■ Beware of investing on the web - many sites that are available are selling a product for a commission, not providing educational investment information.

"I really think you have to be a little careful about all those websites," said Whitcomb. "They may not be exactly what you think and they are very general."

If all of this still seems a bit daunting, then take Whitcomb and Smith's last piece of important financial advise: find a financial planner to assist you in your decisions. If you're not quite sure where to find a planner, you can visit www.fpa.org or ask around to a couple friends.

"Your financial planner should be in your hometown," said Whitcomb.

Before deciding on a planner, make sure to get referrals and always ask for an interview.

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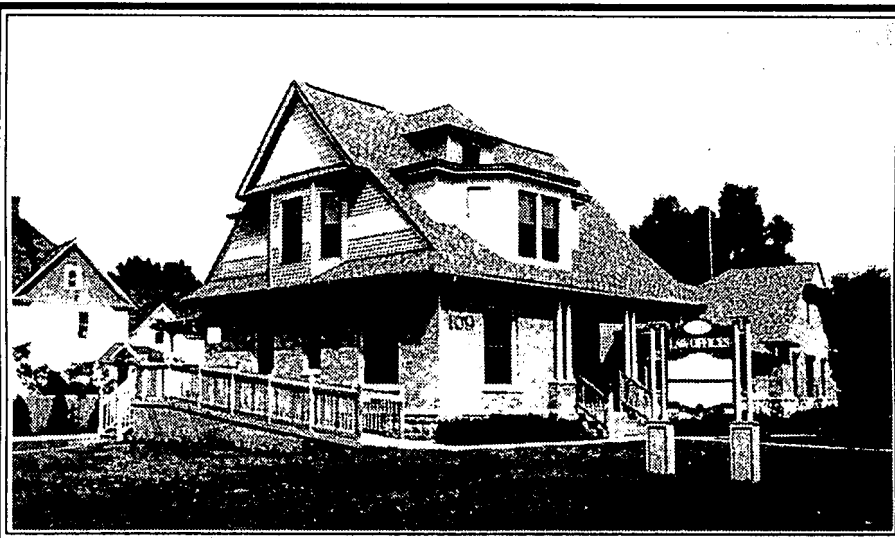
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There are many different loan products available in the world of finance and many different reasons for taking out a loan.

"Customers should look at personal loans as a kind of forced savings account," said Dennis Sights, president of the Oxford Bank Finance Center.

He explained that personal loans should be used when the borrower already has the money put away, but doesn't want to pull the funds so they stop growing equity. Also, customers should use personal loans to get themselves away from debt, not into debt.

"Loans are very good for the customer because they allow them to maintain their own money," said Vera Ashby, vice-president of the finance center, "but many people use them just to get something they want now and don't have the money for."

When considering a personal loan, there are numerous products available:

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When looking into different lenders, make sure to consider these important loan variables: the current interest rate, any processing fees, any application fees, any prepayment clauses and make sure the term of the loan fits the purpose.

An example would be taking out a 15-year loan for a used car.

Personal loans can be a wonderful financial tool when used appropriately.

However, both Sights and Ashby warn against using them as a way to purchase something just because the money is not available.

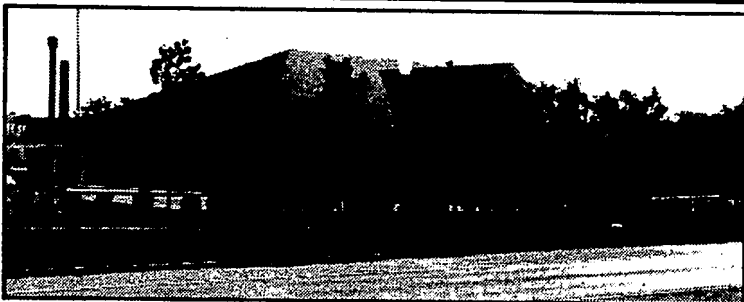
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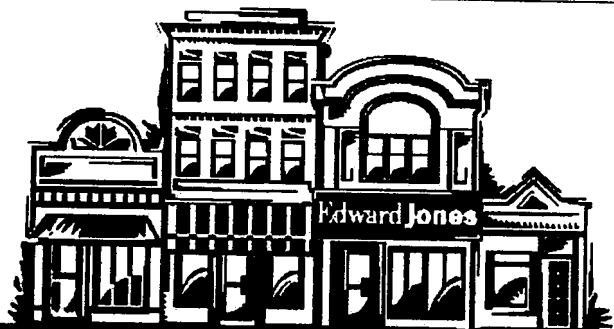
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Of course, if you read newspapers, advertisements or browse the Internet or listen to the

telemarketers, you can find any number of "sure-fire" strategies. Typically, these sales-driven techniques are not grounded in solid investment theories.

Unfortunately, though, many people are still susceptible to claims of "unbelievable opportunities" that must be acted upon "right now."

Here are two things to keep in mind about such offers. First, if an opportunity is unbelievable, don't believe it.

Second, no true investment possibility must be acted upon right now. If it's legitimate, it will still be there tomorrow.

That being said, what type of investment strategy should you follow? Everyone's needs are different, of course, but you should consider these very important guidelines.

Set realistic expectations -- During the late 1990s, double-digit returns spoiled many investors. Historically, however, 15 or 20 percent returns are not the norm.

If you base your financial plans on too-high expectations, you may fall short of your goals. That's why it's prudent to anticipate 6 to 7 percent returns on well-diversified portfolios.

Buy quality -- Always look for well-managed companies with proven track records. These are the firms that tend to be successful over the long run, despite occasional short-term difficulties.

And these are typically among the first stocks to recover when the market improves from a down period.

Stay diversified -- Spread your investment dollars over a range of companies and industries. And then, diversify beyond stocks into bonds, certificates of deposit, money market accounts and government securities.

The better diversified you are, the better your chances of having some holdings perform well, even while others may slump.

Look for favorable buying opportunities -- "Buy low and sell high" may be the oldest piece of investment advice around. Unfortunately, it's impossible to follow -- because no one can predict when a stock will reach its "high" or "low" points.

Instead of fretting about this type of market timing, try to discern when good stocks might be attractively priced as sometimes occurs in bear markets.

And keep in mind, even though past performance doesn't guarantee future results, that in each of the 29 previous bear markets, the market eventually recovered 100 percent of its pre-bear value -- and then moved on to new highs.

Invest for the long term -- Most people who try to make quick profits by picking "hot stocks" tend to get burned. Investing is a long-term process.

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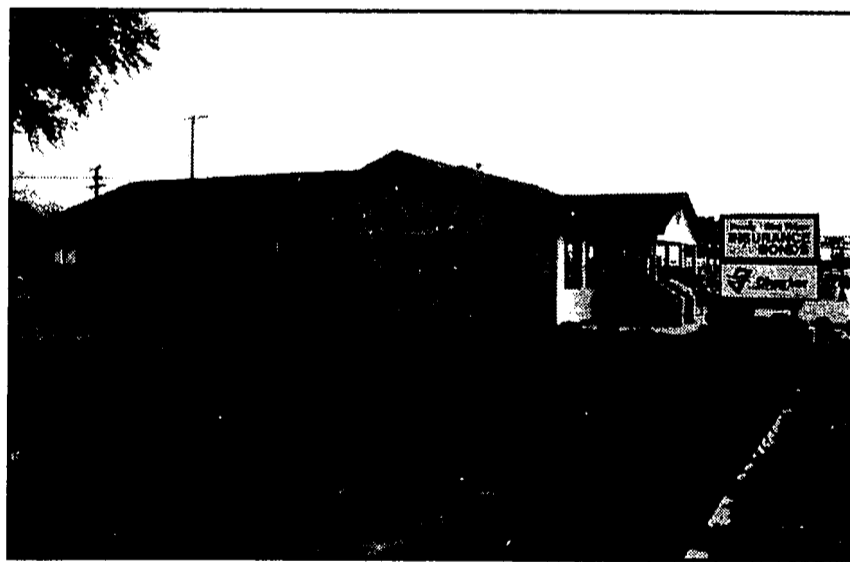
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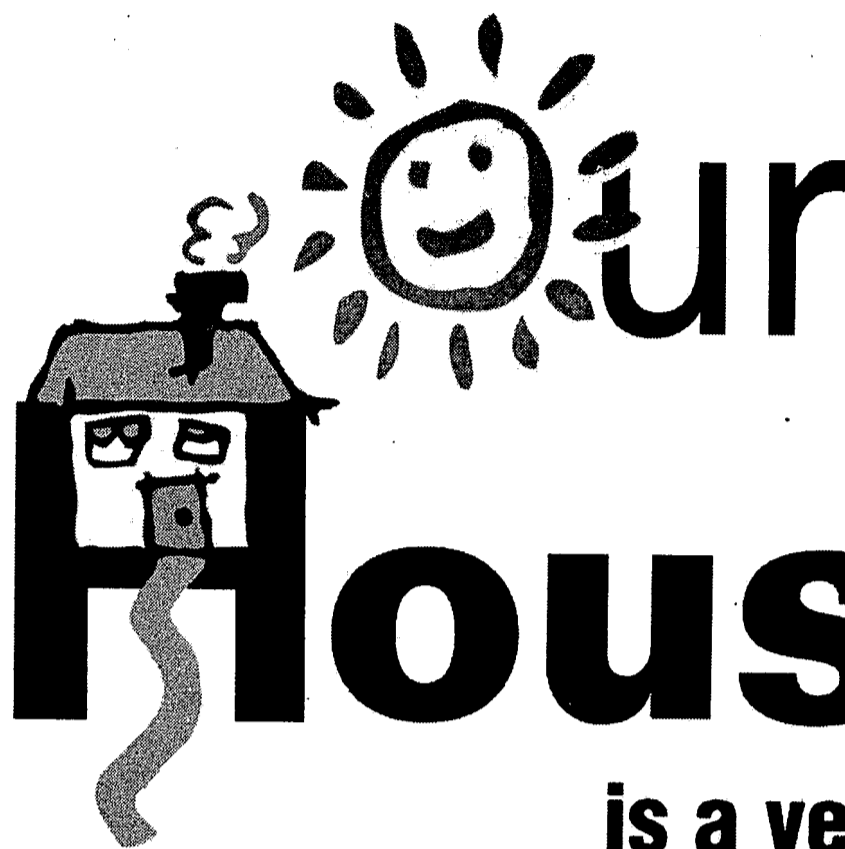
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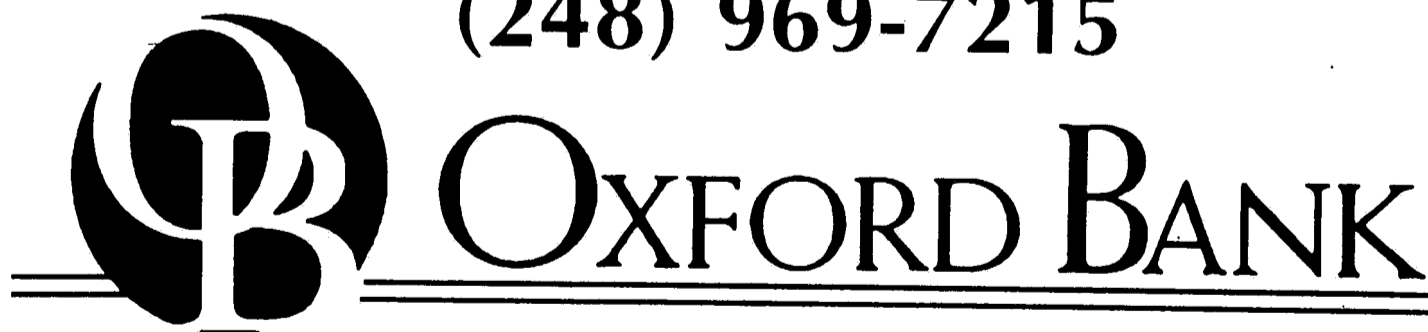
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Clarkston State Bank enjoys continued growth and success

In spite of challenging economic times Clarkston State Bank (CSB) and its holding company, Clarkston Financial Corporation (CFC), enjoy continued growth and success. That was the good news that greeted shareholders at the Corporation's annual meeting May 6 at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

Edwin Adler, Board Chairman, reported that Charles L. Fortinberry, Bruce H. McIntyre and Robert A. Olsen were reelected to the company's board of directors. Fortinberry, 47, is president of Clarkston Motors, Inc., an automotive dealership. He is a director of the Corporation. Mr. McIntyre, 73, is President of McIntyre Media, LLC, a media consulting firm. He is the Secretary and a director of the Corporation and the Bank. Mr. Olsen, 58, is President of Planned Financial Services, Inc. He also serves as a director of the Corporation and the Bank.

At the annual meeting, CSB President and CEO, Dawn M. Horner, told stockholders that CSB, which opened its doors January 4, 1999, ended 2002 with over \$115 million in assets, and saw deposits grow by 42 percent during the year. "Despite low interest rates growth continues," Mrs. Horner said. "During 2002 we added two experienced loan officers which helped boost our loan growth by over 50 percent. One important thing to note is that we have not sacrificed the quality of our loan portfolio in our expansion. Loan losses were minimal for 2002."

In addition, the bank has grown from eight employees when it opened to 37

today with over 100 years in combined banking experience, said Mrs. Horner.

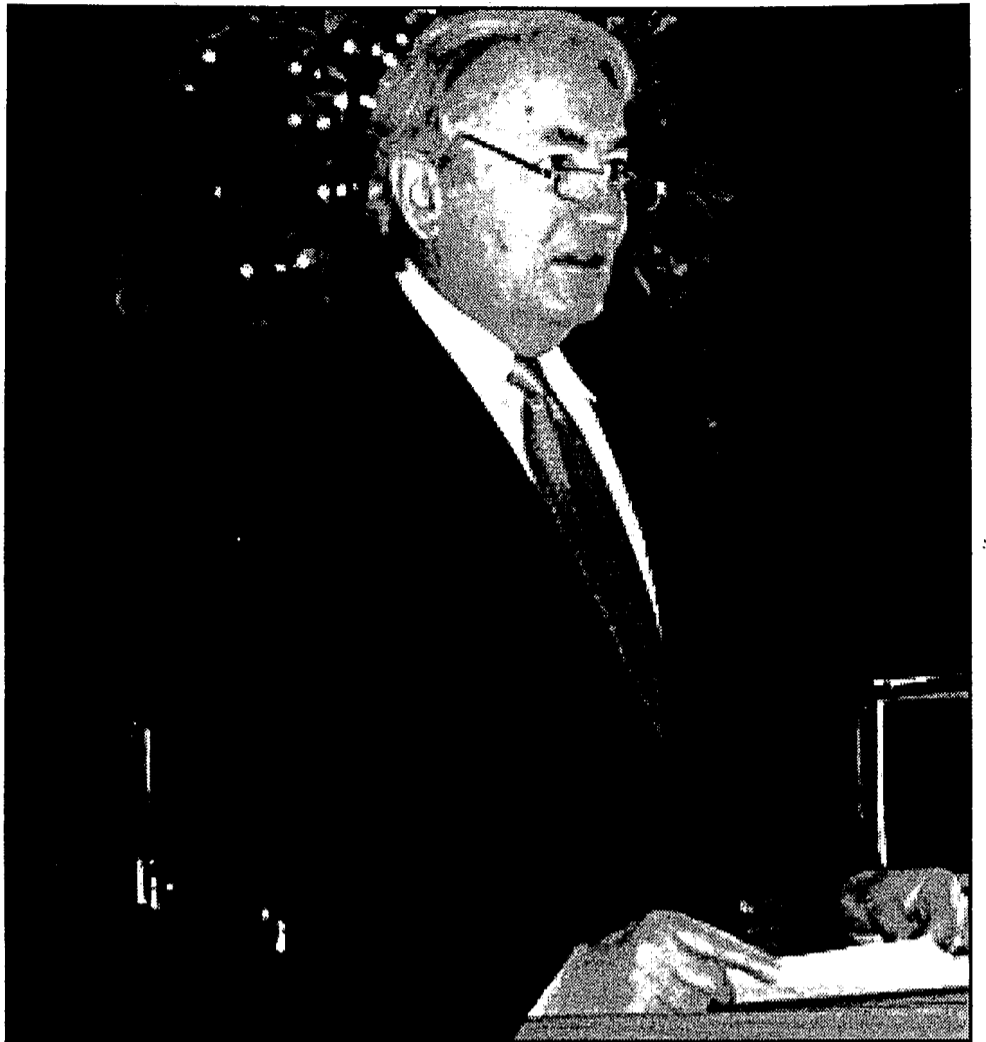
While 2002 was a great year for the bank, it was also a time of great sorrow, due to the death of Dave Harrison, the bank's founding president and CEO, added Mrs. Horner. "Dave started the bank on the right track and we are so proud he chose us to be part of it."

Grant Smith, the bank's Chief Financial Officer, reported that for the first quarter of 2003, assets grew to \$123 million. Net income for the three months ending March 31 jumped 71 percent to \$213,883, or \$0.21 per share, over the first quarter of 2002.

Mrs. Horner said that plans for 2003 include the addition of an experienced mortgage lender which will help to continue to expand its mortgage services. Internet banking will be implemented by late summer, and a facilities committee is in the process of locating property for another branch in Independence Township. The bank closed a temporary office on M-15 north of Clarkston that had been opened in 2001 to handle banking operations for customers while M-15 through town was under construction.

Mr. Adler added that opening another branch in the Sashabaw corridor is also a priority over the next three to four years, however the bank will be careful about expansion to preserve capital.

Mrs. Horner said CSB's commitment to the community will continue through its support of local events, partnerships with students of two elementary schools in the school bank program, and honoring local student achievers.



Edwin L. Adler, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Clarkston Financial Corporation, the holding company for Clarkston State Bank, tells stockholders that the bank is committed to opening another branch on the Sashabaw Corridor in three to four years. The meeting was held at Deer Lake Racquet Club on May 6.

The four CSB branches are located at 15 S. Main Street, Clarkston (Main Office); 6600 Highland Road Ste. 2 in Waterford; Farmer Jack Sashabaw at 6555 Sashabaw Road; Farmer Jack Dixie Highway at 7121 Dixie Highway.

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Is replacing your old car worth all the effort?

Is your old car squeezing you for everything you're worth? Are you fighting the urge, with every last ounce of determination, to head for the dealer's showroom or used-car lot? Well, whether it's the once-trusty family sedan, the once-shiny sports car or the pickup that was once the envy of truckers from Idaho to Ohio, your once-prized vehicle probably represents a sizable investment.

Thinking about investing perhaps no more than the amount of a down payment to fix it up just may make the soundest financial sense. A little money can go a long way toward upgrading a car.

Here's how to consider this option objectively:

1. Visit a mechanic, and let him inspect your car. After compiling a list of mechanical needs, he can approximate the cost to put it back in good shape. If the car is paid for, you'll probably save money by giving it a new lease on life. Further, by having it repaired, you can make your car serviceable for another two to three years while saving toward its replacement. After all, you'll probably have more value to bargain with when you're ready to trade.

2. Diagnosing mechanical problems is one consideration, but how about a manicure? Car owners should look to buffing out the paint job, fixing dented fenders or replacing missing trim. Some touch-up work or perhaps a new paint job may be needed. How about pinstripes

or adding rims to dress up the tires a bit?

3. Next, look at the interior. Does the fabric need to be cleaned and/or repaired? Would a sunroof make "Old Faithful" snazzier?

To estimate the costs of a cosmetic upgrade, you'll need the help of a body and paint shop, as well as an upholstery and trim professional.

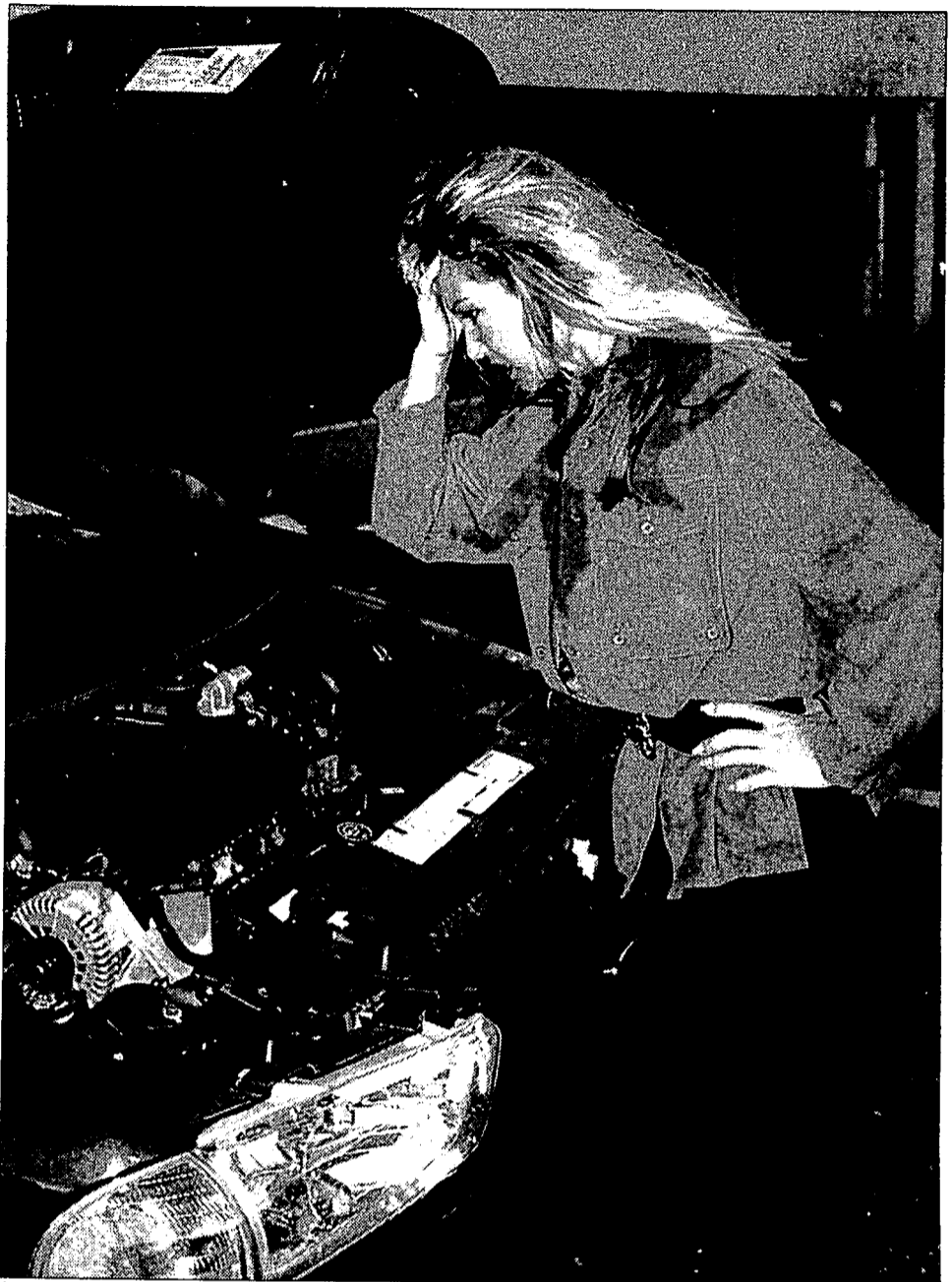
If you decide to revamp the car you already own, depending upon the extent of the project, you may need a little help from your bank. Most banks will be eager to finance a loan for repairs on an older car — the sum will be less than a loan for a new car and, therefore, there's a reduced risk. Your payments will be smaller and on a shorter term also.

So, the options beckon:

- * a new car that may strain the budget and depreciate once you drive off the lot,
- * a used car that's an unknown, and
- * the once-beloved car you already own.

Remember, regardless of the work your car requires, it may not be as costly as the first two options. Put the pencil to it, and arrive at a conclusive figure. Treat your car to a make-over or an upgrade and, in return, it will give you extended years of driving enjoyment.

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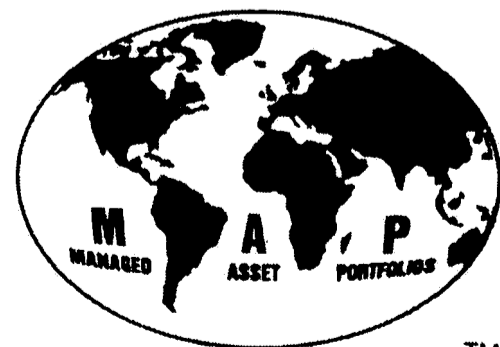
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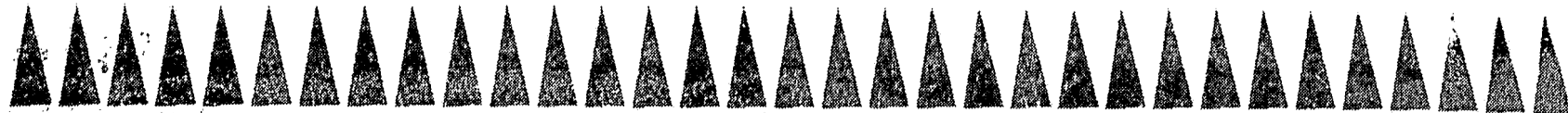
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A fixed income doesn't have to be a bad thing if it is planned for correctly. You should know what you are spending each month, so you can plan to make your dollars stretch accordingly.

Some helpful tips for making your dollars work the most for you are cutting back on expenses such as the amount of detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, dish liquid and such that you use. Small items like these can add up quickly.

Another way to save is if you live near town, try walking or riding a bicycle. Both are excellent forms of exercise and save gasoline, oil and wear and tear on your vehicle.

If you do drive, take good care of your car with a regular maintenance schedule and cleaning. You can continue to put the payment in the bank after the car is paid for, so when you decide to buy another vehicle, you will have a good down payment.

It's also important to know exactly where your income is, and know exactly how much you're paying out for fixed expenses such as rent or mortgage, insurance, utilities and such.

Once you know your expenses, you can figure out your yearly expenses and divide by 12. You'll then know how much you'll be spending each month, and you can put aside the money even when the bill might not be due for a few months.

Most people will spend about 25 years in retirement, so planning is a necessity. Retirement

planning should begin as soon as you start your first job and can establish an IRA.

An IRA is a personal retirement fund that an individual can establish by making contributions each year. These are usually tax deductible the year of the contribution and is subject to tax the year it is withdrawn. An individual can contribute up to \$2,000 per year into an IRA, with withdrawals beginning at ages 59 and 1/2.

A Roth IRA is a personal retirement fund that an individual can establish by making contributions each year, which are non-tax deductible and can be up to \$2,000 per year. The money contributed is taxed in the year the contribution is made and is withdrawn tax-free after the individual reaches age 59 and 1/2.



Another option for retirement savings are annuities, which are flexible insurance contracts designed to provide income and help to achieve long-term savings goals. An annuity is a long-term contract between you and an insurance company.

After making a single sum premium payment, or a series of periodic payments, individuals can then receive regular annuity payments from the insurance company. These payments can be made over a definite period of time, or can last a lifetime.

Annuity owners have the choice of receiving regular fixed interest rates (fixed annuity) or having their annuities grow depending on the growth of underlying variable accounts (variable annuity).

For retirement planning that saves a little more for the family, a type of life insurance policy called Modified Endowment Contract (MEC) is something to consider.

MECs are life insurance contracts with many of the benefits of accumulation found in annuities. However, if anything happens to you, your family usually receives more than your initial premium, not less.

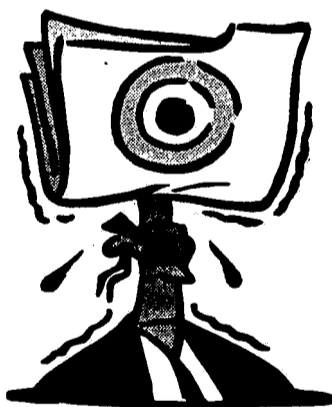
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Becoming a 'Missus:'

Basics of taking on a new name

Besides getting used to having someone to call their husband, some brides also must adjust to a new last name.

There is no law that says you have to get a new name — it's a matter of personal choice. Stacey Waldman, 26, of New York, New York, knew that her grandmother and mother took on their husbands' names. She called upon tradition when deciding to take on a new moniker. "I knew it was the thing to do," she said. Others offer multiple reasons for making the switch, like Jennifer Hopwood, 25, of New York, New York. "I changed it out of respect to my husband's family (he's the last male with that name), for tradition, to make it easy on our potential children, and — most importantly — to symbolize the union of our lives."

Where to begin? You can't start the paperwork until after your wedding, so make honeymoon reservations in your maiden name. When you return from the "R and R," wait for the copy of your marriage license, the legal permit you got to get married. Depending on your state, it takes a few weeks or months to get the copy. Once you get the certificate (and make a bunch of copies), contact the Social Security Administration to get a new Social Security card. Visit www.ssa.gov or call (800) 772-1213 for more information. Next, visit your Department of Motor Vehicles to change the name on your license. Each state's rules varies, so call or visit the Web site of your DMV to know what to bring with you.

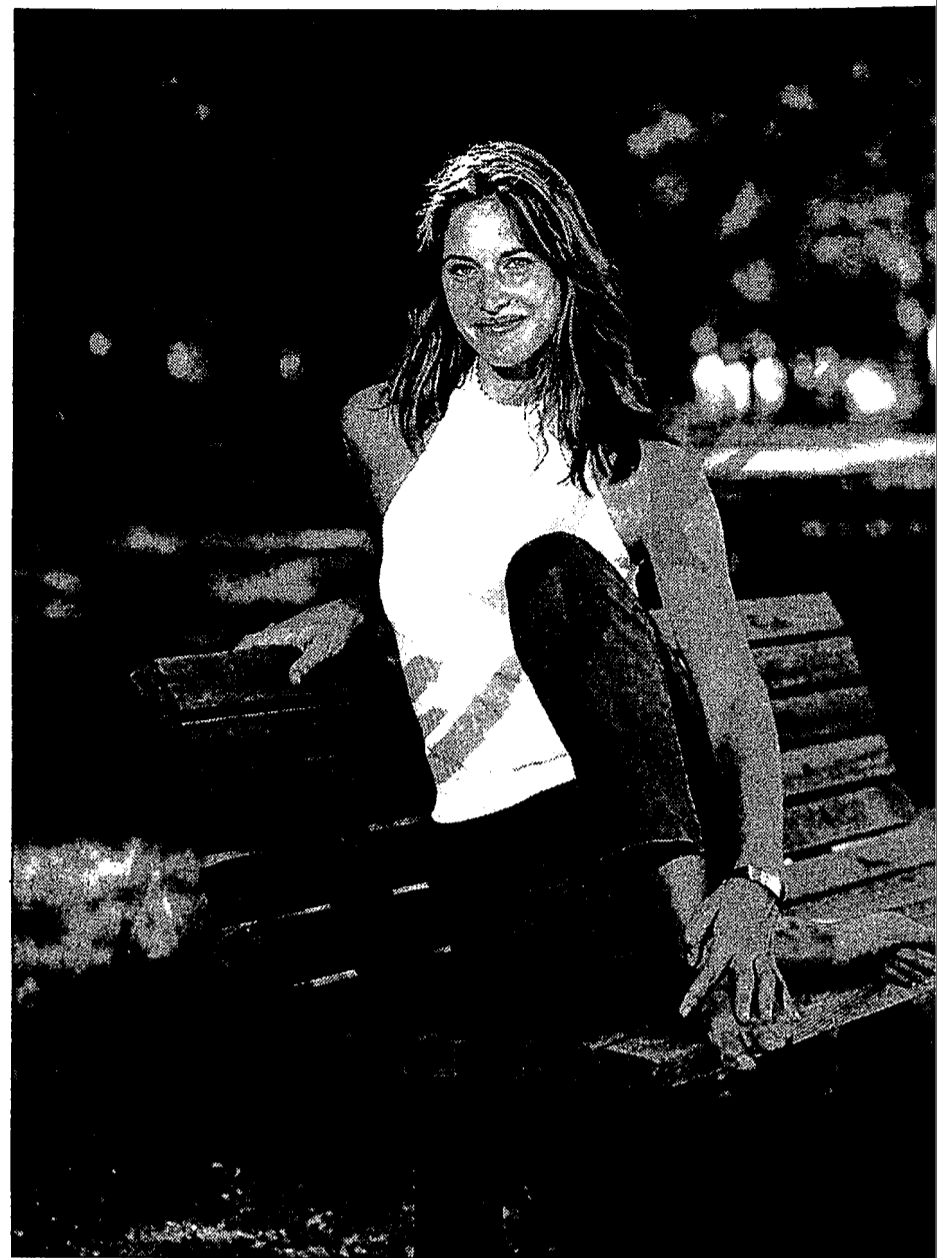
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Don't think of changing your name as a hassle. Lori Lohmeyer, 25, of Astoria, New York, says it took her about 8 months to change her name. "It's easier than you'd think, except things keep popping up with your old name on them that you forgot to change."

Becky Sher, 26, of Bethesda, Maryland, said organization can make the transition to a new name smoother. "I wish I had made a list of all the things that needed to be changed and just done them right away." Hit the bookstore or the Web for resources to help you out.

There is no time limit on how long you have to change your name. Don't stress: Take your time making your new moniker official. Despite any headache or hassles, it does reap rewards. Robyn Fields, 29, of Forest Hills, New York, says, "It's exciting to see your new name on everything once it's changed. I smile every time I see



No time to sit around. Tackle anything dealing with finances. Change the name on your paycheck, checking and savings accounts, credit cards, loans (car or student), wills, insurance policies and mortgages or leases. Contact phone, electric cable and other utility companies.

Seniors may be richer than they think

Don't trash that smelly old fishing tackle box. It might hold thousands of dollars in hidden treasures.

Dozens of different wooden lures bought for a buck in the 1930s can be worth \$500 to \$1,000 each today.

Nearly every American over 40 has something worth \$50 to \$1,500 that he or she thinks is trash, says antiques expert Tony Hyman, author of 16 books on collecting.

Surprising valuables include briar pipes, bowling shirts, lace scraps, perfume bottles, children's marbles, detective novels, costume jewelry, electric guitars, postcard collections, catalogs, phonograph records, pottery vases, wind-up toys, teddy bears, canning jars, political buttons, metal lunchboxes, bobbing head dolls and 1960s baseball gloves.

Unfortunately, most people don't know which items are valuable, what they're worth or where to sell them. The secret of turning this "junk" into cash, says Hyman, is finding the people who want it and are willing to pay well for it.

While millions of people collect stamps, less than a dozen compete for items in most hobbies. Buyers of cigar boxes, match covers and Transformers are hard to locate. Finding these specialty buyers can be worthwhile.

For example, Texas pen collector Boris Rice paid \$15,000 for a Parker

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Aztec pen that turned up at a church rummage sale in Connecticut for \$55.

"I'll pay more than \$1,000 for at least 50 different toys from the 60s," says Illinoisan David Welch, warning it can be hard for you to know which ones are valuable. "That's why I give free appraisals."

Evan Olins in Honolulu pays between \$50 to \$1,500 for colorful silk shirts made in Hawaii. Buyers like Rice, Welch and Olins may live miles away, but anyone can easily sell to them by mail or phone.

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"Don't dispose of anything more than 15 years old without first getting good free advice," suggests Hyman. "Even Grandma's cast iron cookware might put \$1,000 in your pocket."

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- Caulk and insulate windows and doors to close air gaps.
- Use fans to keep air moving and cut air conditioner use.
- Avoid using the oven during the day. Try to run the dishwasher, washing machine and dryer only in the evening when heat from those appliances won't increase the demands on your air conditioner.
- Close shades, blinds or curtains to keep sunlight out of the house.
- Make sure windows and doors are closed when the air conditioner is on.
- Turn off lamps, TV and other appliances when not in use.
- Raise the air conditioner's thermostat as high as possible, without sacrificing comfort.

Faded Ink

How in the world are we going to pay for it?

This is a sentiment expressed by more and more parents as they contemplate the staggering costs of sending their kids to college. Tuition, room and board, meal plans, fees, books and other costs associated with higher education are soaring due to severe budget cuts at the federal, state and even institutional levels. Throw into the mix an uncertain economy, widespread job loss and a stock market slump, and middle-income and even upper-middle income families are frightened.

But Vincent Waterhouse, president of GetCollege.Com, Inc., says that families can save up to 50 percent or more on the total cost of attendance if they are armed with the right information. "There is a lot of myth and misinformation out there that can cause families to make bad financial decisions," he says.

Waterhouse, who advises families with college-bound children, states that middle-income Americans, the backbone of America, have been especially hard-hit when it comes to paying for college. "With today's economy, 401(k) plans down, the stock market tanking, and the total cost of attendance at a college or university increasing three times faster than the rate of inflation, middle-income and upper-middle income families are experiencing what is known as "financial meltdown," he explains.

Compounding the problem is the kind of advice they are getting. "These families with college-bound students are about to make the biggest investment they will ever make concerning their child's future, and they make their decisions based on a 15-minute conversation with a 50-something guidance counselor named Mildred, who has had limited if any training in the complexities of higher education financing," bemoans Waterhouse.

Making matters worse is the antiquated federal methodology used for determining who is eligible for assistance. "Based on formulas designed in 1965, the government estimates that a family of five with one child in college can live on \$23,000 a year. That's your electrical bill in L.A.!" says Waterhouse.

There is a lot that the federal government and the institutions themselves don't want the public to know, says Waterhouse. The following are five of the most pervasive myths that are working against families with college-bound kids:

Myth 1 -- Only Low-income Families Get Financial Assistance

Financial assistance in the real world of higher education is given to everyone. Parents must understand what the true definition of need-based and need-blind means. To reduce the total cost of attendance at both public and private institutions, families must understand the practices and principles of tuition reduction, tuition overrides, ward of the court, and retention grants. How is the average American family supposed to figure out what sort of financial aid package is right for them? It takes a lot of knowledge and planning to figure out the best way to acquire college financing.

Myth 2 -- There are Billions of Dollars in Scholarships

"Of the so-called billions in scholarship funding only about five percent ever get awarded," says Waterhouse. "We call these carpal tunnel scholarships because you must write out 50 to 60 applications in hopes of getting a windfall of \$1,000. Now if you waive that \$1,000 in front of a financial aid officer, you could lose up to \$3,000 in aid dollars that the institution was already going to give you. In fact, Waterhouse says that colleges are very reluctant to lose good, academically minded students. They will find the dollars to help them stay in school if they need financial assistance. All schools have their own grant funds, they can even tap into their own piggy-bank of endowment funds if need be. "Princeton University has been helping middle-income and upper-middle-income students with their endowment funds for years," he adds.

Myth 3 -- Loans Are the Best Way to Pay for College

"When a student graduates from college with thou-

sands of dollars in loan debt how is he or she going get a decent apartment, a car that really runs and even entertain the thought of having a family?" asks Waterhouse. "Our children are buried in debt before they have a realistic understanding of what debt really is." Waterhouse recommends that families avoid large loans at all costs and do a financial self-evaluation of all their options for financial assistance while their child is in their junior year of high school.

Myth 4 -- You Must Have a Very High GPA to Get Into an Ivy League College

Although first-tier colleges and universities court students who have exceptional grades, they look at a variety of factors when making admission decisions. "In today's world, the high school population is more academically armed and your better schools understand this, so they now are looking for a more 'angular student' to keep the balance in their student selection. Remember, colleges admit human beings, not numbers," cautions Waterhouse.

Myth 5 -- Families Shouldn't Seek Help with Educational Firms That Charge a Fee

a college education has become more complex than ever in recent years. "Americans seek the services of professionals in the fields of law, medicine, accounting, real estate, financial planning and a host of other services," says Waterhouse. "Higher education is no different. The uneducated consumer needs help understanding the complexities of the higher education market."

GetCollege.Com, Inc. provides services for families with college-bound kids that cover everything from completing the FAFSA form, CSS Profile, the admissions application, college selection, and obtaining adequate financial aid. All services are tailored to each student's abilities and their family's needs. "Unique to this firm is that we stay with the family and student for the entire four to five year enrollment," adds Waterhouse.

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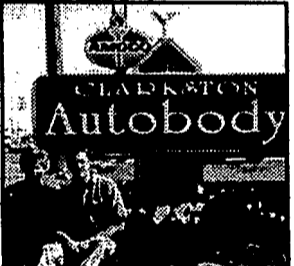
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