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Kirsten Mainguy, 9, hands the goat a treat at the Oakland County 4-H Fair in Springfield Township. Turn to the back of the Millstream section for more pictures. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Real estate 'has never gone down'

Area market flourishing

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Despite an economy which has seen better days, Real Estate companies here in Clarkston say they are doing excellent business.

"We are doing very good business," President of Brokerage Services at Real Estate One Dan Elsea said. "We have not tasted or seen the economic downturn."

The major reason the real estate market is booming in the Clarkston area, as well as around the country, is the low interest rates currently available.

"The low interest rates make it a good market for both buyers and sellers," broker/owner of RE/MAX Chris Dishon said. "Whenever interest rates are down it is an excellent time to invest. Real estate has never gone down since I started in this business."

None of the real estate professionals interviewed wanted to venture a guess on how long interest rates would stay down or where the market will go in the future. However, they all agreed now is the time to buy.

"I think this is one of those times where in five, six or seven years from now people will be talking about how they bought a home in 2003 and how this was the best time to do it," Elsea said.

Realtor Steve Hartman from Max Broock said there is a lot of housing action going on in the Clarkston

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Schools save \$10 million on bonds, begin projects

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools — and the taxpayers — will save about \$10 million on the bond issue approved June 9.

Action by the board of education on July 23 led to sale of \$83.7 million worth of bonds at 4.7 percent interest, well below the 5.5 percent estimated at the time of the election.

Anita Banach, director of marketing and communications for the district, said the combination of the lower interest rate and the subsequent reduction in the amount needed from the state's bond loan fund means about \$10 million less to be added to the district's capital improvement debt.

The bonds are underwritten by UBS Financial Services Inc., who Superintendent Al Roberts said took an "aggressive market approach."

Meanwhile the board also voted to start spending bond money right away, granting bids for roof replacement and new computer technology.

The district will spend \$1,133,825 for repairs to roofs at Sashabaw Middle School and Pine Knob, North Sashabaw

and Bailey Lake elementary schools.

Bruce Beamer, executive director of business and financial services, said the replacement is needed because of deck installation problems. Because of the potential for roof deck deterioration, the replacement is considered an emergency.

Work was expected to begin almost immediately, and Beamer said work should be complete before classes begin at the three elementary buildings. Roof work at Sashabaw Middle School should be complete by Sept. 5.

The district will pay Dell Marketing LP \$189,490 to replace approximately 200 computers at Clarkston High School.

According to Matt McCarty, executive director of technology, replacement of old computers was "one of the key components" in the technology portion of the new bond issue. Most CHS computers are entering their sixth year of service, McCarty said, staff and lab computers "have been heavily used."

The bid from Dell was not technically the low bid. Bill Craig, executive vice president of the Wright and Hunter consulting firm hired to help the district with technology purchases, said a bid



Workers load materials on the roof of Sashabaw Middle School, where work has begun on roof replacement. It is one of the first projects to be paid with money from the \$83.7 million bond issue approved by voters June 9. Photo by Don Schelske

from DynTek Services Inc. (originally submitted at \$165,520) had to be revised up to \$178,720 "to make it compliant with bid specifications."

McCarty also said the Dell bid deserved consideration because of the style

of case offered and previous experience with Dell computers.

In spending unrelated to bond issues, the board voted to approve a one-

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Briefly

Stakoe to talk with Clarkston residents

State Representative John Stakoe announced he will sponsor coffee hours in Clarkston.

Stakoe, along with state Senator Mike Bishop, will have an informal get-together at Pete's Coney II in Clarkston from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 1.

On Monday, Aug. 4, Stakoe will be at the Clarkston Village office from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the Independence Township Hall from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"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.

Check out what is happening Around Town on page 2 of the Millstream section.

Springfield mails West Nile Virus brochures

Springfield Township, in conjunction with Brandon, Groveland and Rose Townships, has published the first brochure in a series discussing West Nile Virus and actions citizens can take to help protect themselves and their families from the disease this summer.

The brochure was mailed out with the latest tax bills.

The townships decided to work together on this project because they could do more with the available funds.

They also wanted to address issues particularly relevant to less urban areas like northwest Oakland County.

These include issues such as the role of wetland wildlife in mosquito control, how to protect yourself from West Nile Virus when your immediate surroundings are heavily vegetated, and the preferred urban habitat of the main mosquito species transmitting the virus.

Residents in Springfield will receive three brochures discussing West Nile Virus over the summer. The townships are also partnering on the production of an educational video that will be aired over the communities' cable channel.

The first brochure describes how the virus is transmitted, who is most at risk, and actions people can take to reduce their exposures to mosquito bites, as well as ways to minimize the number of mosquitos breeding in back yards and around homes. Sources of additional information are also provided.

The remaining brochures will be distributed in early August and mid-September

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The Second Front

Clarkston woman joins Peace Corps

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Her life will be completely different than what she's known for her 22 years, but it's something she's wanted to do for a long time.

Jodie Bargeron will board a plane for Mali, West Africa as a volunteer for the Peace Corps on Aug. 12.

"I've always dreamed of doing this since high school," the 1999 Clarkston High School graduate said.

It wasn't until her junior year at Grand Valley State University that she began to take steps toward making a decision.

At that time, she logged on to the Peace Corps website and found they were holding an informational meeting at Michigan State University. She and her then roommate attended the meeting, which is where Bargeron picked up an application packet and met with a recruiter.

A year later, last August to be exact, she sent in the application.

Specifically, it was while studying a semester abroad in South Africa, Bargeron made her decision to join the Peace Corps.

"When I went to South Africa, I thought if I like this, I'll go. It was an easy decision."

There she studied at the University of Natal and worked in an HIV clinic doing pre-and post-test counseling and working with a support group.

"Working with the women at the clinic was awesome. I loved it. And the people were so welcoming," Bargeron said, surprised by the latter because of assumptions typically made of Americans by others.

It's the ability to do long term community work in a foreign land that has drawn her to the Peace Corps.

Bargeron, who graduated in April with a degree in social work, was willing to go wherever the Peace Corps sent her.

"There's nowhere I wouldn't want to go," Bargeron said, who writes poetry, is into music, likes travelling, obviously,



Clarkston's Jodie Bargeron points out Mali, Africa, where she'll be heading in August to work for two years as a member of the Peace Corps. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

and is active in politics, particularly the Green Party.

She's lived in Clarkston since fourth grade and, before South Africa, had only travelled out of the country for a college trip to Mexico.

Now it's off to Mali, West Africa. There she'll work in health education, focusing on nutrition and HIV, during her two year term which includes an additional three months of initial training.

On Aug. 11 she flies to Philadelphia to meet with others going and take some language lessons, then she'll fly to Paris for a layover before heading to Mali.

"I have a little bit of nervousness, but I'm mostly excited," Bargeron said, who also volunteered in a battered women's clinic in Grand Rapids during college.

The hardest thing is leaving

friends and family behind.

"It's hard to take that I won't hear their voices for two years." There will be no telephone, no E-mail and postal mail takes a month to get to the United States and vice versa.

"It's gonna be hard not being able to pick up the phone and hear her voice on the other end," mom Jan Bargeron said.

Jodie, Jan and dad Dale are going to purchase mini tape recorders and try sending the recordings back and forth. If they can be mailed without receiving any damage, this will be an option for the family to hear each other's voices.

The distance between loved ones isn't the only challenge for Bargeron. Adjusting to a very different culture is another.

"Growing up in the states women are accustomed to living a certain way."

In Mali, Bargeron will have to wear more conservative clothing, live in a mud thatch hut, and be accompanied by a man everywhere she goes for protection, among other differences.

"It's very communal, like there's only one water pump."

And then there's Yellow Fever and Malaria and "so many illnesses we don't have here" to worry about.

She is concerned as well about the language barrier, particularly the native language. "There are also six to seven regional languages."

The national language, French, she isn't worried about learning, though Bargeron tackled six years of Spanish in school.

"I'm thinking French would have been more useful," she laughed.

Bargeron will receive a living stipend for food and rent. She'll live with a family there. She'll also get money to buy a bike and larger necessary supplies.

After her service, she earns a readjustment fee, "to help me get my feet back on the ground when I get back to the States."

As a Peace Corps volunteer she is eligible for a tuition reduction, and Bargeron plans to take the offer up for graduate school

to get her master's in social work and have a "more normal career."

But, Bargeron said, "I can see myself doing this after retirement. They take people in their 60s and 70s."

"We're very proud of her and support her 100 percent," Jan said. "But it's not without worry, though we try to focus on all the positive aspects. It's what she wants to do. I give her credit for her bravery. I don't think I could do that. This will be a good experience for her."

In the end, Bargeron hopes to "get experience for my first social work job, make friends, learn about their wonderful culture I don't know much about, and experience everything else you would normally when you're travelling."

In other words, "It's gonna be an awesome adventure."

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Jodie Bargeron

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Jan Bargeron, Jodie's mother

'Online' opportunities abound for local residents

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some people may have questions, others may have fears. The answers to modern computer and Internet questions are available, however, from several local sources.

It's worth the investment and the investigation, because people who do not take advantage of the Internet are missing "the world," according to Joe Herpers, vice president of sales for Clarkston-based Contemporary Computer Concepts.

"It's the first place I go to look things up," Herpers said. "If it's a word I don't understand, if it's a translation. For me it's supplanted the Yellow Pages. It's a great resource."

Rob Bondy, CEO of the firm he calls "3C," said people need not be afraid of the ever-increasing technology. While some older folks (he defines older as "over 30" in the computer context), may be hesitant to dive in if they have not so far, help is available.

"Somebody has already done whatever you're going to, so there are millions and millions of people who are able to help you," Bondy said.

Mollie Lynch, director of the Independence Township Library, is one of those people, and she knows more.

The library has computer stations for young children and teen agers (both with filtering software) and a room reserved for adult users and for training. Obtaining a card from the reference desk gives folks 30 minutes of free access to the Internet.

"They're well used," Lynch said. "The teen one is always full after school, and the training center gets full on a regular basis. When there's a power failure, we get a lot of people coming in to use our computers."

A three-session instruction class is offered, usually once a month, to give people the basics.

"A lot of it's just playing, and getting used to it," she said.

There are other classes available, as well, and Lynch teaches a special class for those interested in computer genealogy research.

In addition to having full access to the Internet at the library, Lynch is excited about resources available to home computers through the Library of Michigan's "E-Library." Home users can log on to www.mel.org with a driver's license or state ID number.

"This is great for all kinds of things," she said, including history, newspapers, and general reference. "It's amazing what's at your fingertips."

Patrons can print Web pages for 10 cents a page (25 cents "if there's a lot of color"), Lynch said.

Computer users now have more options for connections, and Bondy can explain the advantages and disadvantages of each. In addition to the "dial-up" connection through a standard telephone line, telephone companies offer a "digital subscriber line" for those within a certain distance of a DSL hub.

"It's a decent service," Bondy said. "It's still non-business class, so that's something people have to be aware of."

A number of consumers are now taking advantage of cable modems through Comcast. This service pro-

vides direct — and full-time — Internet connection through the same cable that brings television programs into the home.

Bondy said cable modems have a lot of advantages, but may have some variations depending on how many people are using it.

"That's a shared bandwidth environment," he said. "As the neighborhood starts getting it, your speed's going to go down. Some days it will go really fast and some days it will be dead."

Although satellite Internet connection is available, Bondy believes it has too many security problems at this point. He believes the future is in wireless technology, although he admits some security problems there, as well.

"I think the solutions are there, but right now it's just not cost-effective," he said.

Security is a key for anyone involved in using the Internet, but software is available to provide the needed protection. The key is to have a properly configured system and take advantage of the security resources.

"People have to be aware and understand what they do," Bondy said, noting problems caused when people turn off the security functions because of slower surfing.

To protect against "spam" and other security problems, Bondy also recommends every computer user to

have a second e-mail address for interactive Web pages, saving the primary e-mail address for regular correspondence.

The other key is "preventive maintenance." Like regular oil changes for a car, regular tasks such as backing up data (not to the Internet, Bondy said), cleaning files and defragmenting the hard drive, will help keep the computer running smooth.

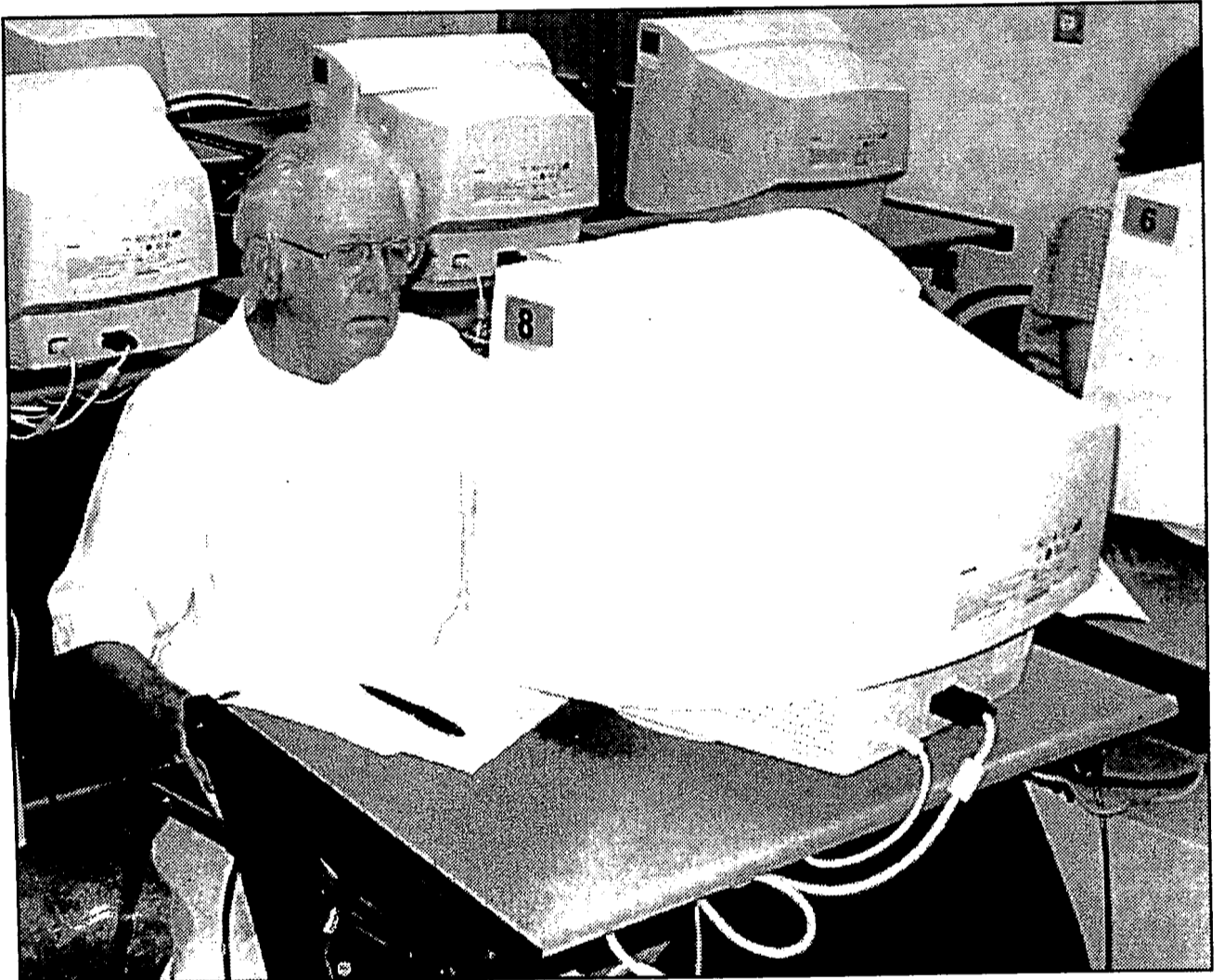
And super upgrades are not always necessary. If a person is doing basic e-mail and Internet work, minor upgrades may be all that's necessary.

"A little bit of [random access memory] in there, and if the hard drive's too small, maybe a system reconfiguration, but most of those machines will work for a long time," he said.

Bondy looks forward to the day when homes will be totally integrated with the Internet. It will not be long before most folks will have telephone, television and Internet service through the same connection, and "it will be a bargain."

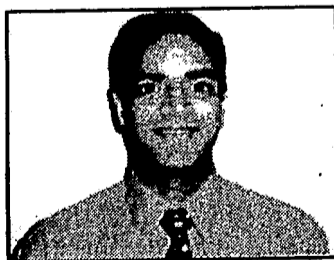
In the meantime, folks should not be afraid of present and future technology. To take advantage of the "information superhighway," Bondy offers the same advice given to many motorists: ask directions.

"Ask questions," he said. "Plan out what you want to do and talk to somebody and get some advice. Advice is free."



Vince Rauth takes advantage of the computer room at the Independence Township Library. The library has computers available for public use and offers training for those who want to take advantage of the "information superhighway." Photo by Don Schelske

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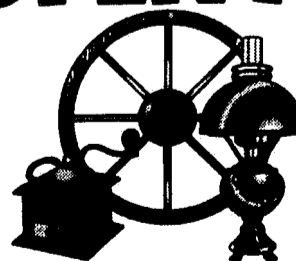
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Buyers express interest in old hall

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was good to have an offer, but the offer apparently wasn't good enough.

After a closed session July 10, the Springfield Township Board voted to reject a purchase offer for the old township hall at 650 Broadway.

Details were not disclosed, but Clerk Nancy Strole was pleased to have a proposal.

"There seems to be some more interest" in the building, vacant since the township offices moved to the new Davisburg Road complex in March 2002.

Construction began on the 3,000-square-foot building in 1902.

"It wasn't planned that we would be there 100 years," Supervisor Collin Walls said.

Walls said the building was appraised for \$300,000 in December 2001, but is listed for \$275,000.

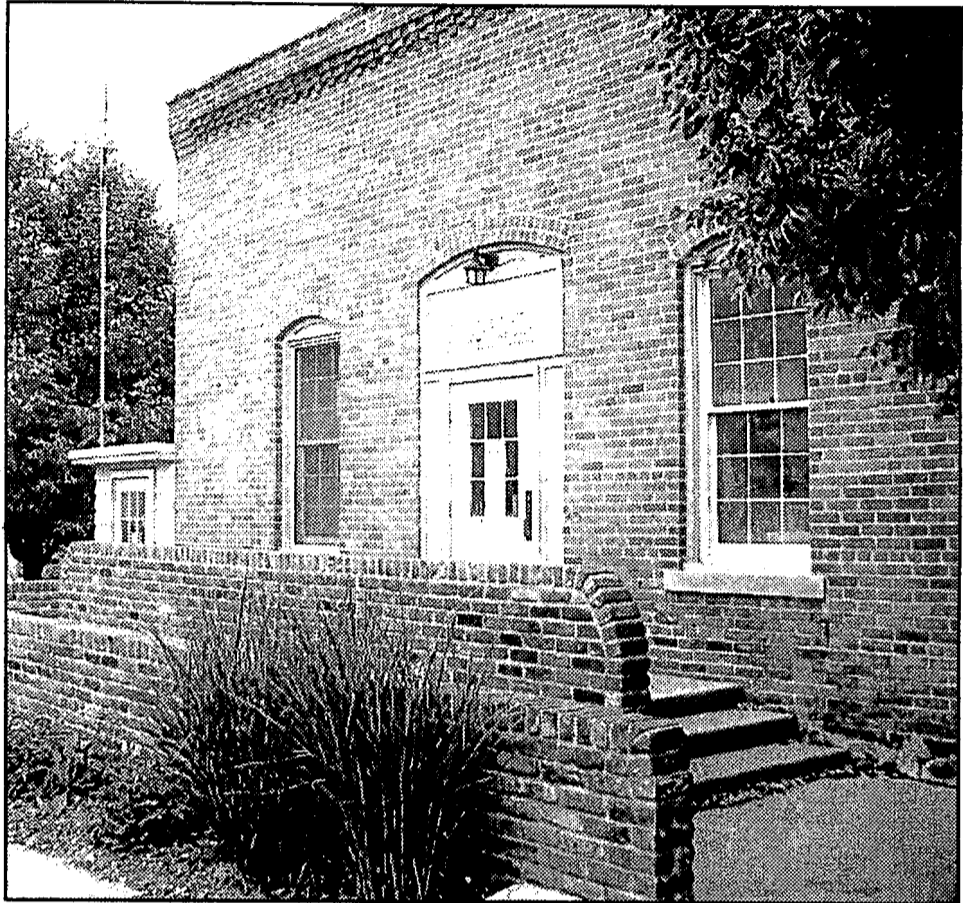
Strole said she is not discouraged by the failure to make a sale so far.

"The past year hasn't been the greatest time for the market," she said.

Things may indeed be changing. Shortly after the board rejected the first offer July 10, Walls said another offer was made. Township officials have issued a counter offer and are awaiting word from the potential buyer.

Walls said the building would be suitable for either office or retail use.

"It would be nice to see some more [business] activity downtown," he said.



The old Springfield Township Hall stands ready for potential buyers. The 100-year-old building is available for office or retail use in downtown Davisburg. Photo by Don Schelske

Events to honor National Guard/ reserve employers

Clarkston's American Legion Post 63 will host special ceremonies in appreciation of businesses who employ members of the Michigan National Guard or military reservists.

The ceremonies will take place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11 at the post, 8047 Ortonville Road (M-15). Similar ceremonies will take place in Lansing Tuesday, Aug. 12.

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) is encouraging all businesses employing Guard members or reservists to RSVP for the event.

"Businesses who send their employees off to defend freedom and promote peace around the world show us every day that patriotism comes in many forms," said Rogers, a former U.S. Army officer and former small business co-owner.

Congress has adopted a resolution honoring the employers of reservists and National Guards called to active duty.

Each event will begin with a brief reception followed by a ceremony, during which businesses will be recognized. There will also be an opportunity for photographs.

Businesses are encouraged to bring their reservist or Guard employee(s) to the ceremonies. Because of space limitations, the ceremonies can only accommodate the employer and the reservists and Guard members.

RSVP by calling Karie Barnes in Rogers' Washington office, (202) 225-4872. Reservations may also be made online at www.house.gov/mikerogers/signup.htm.

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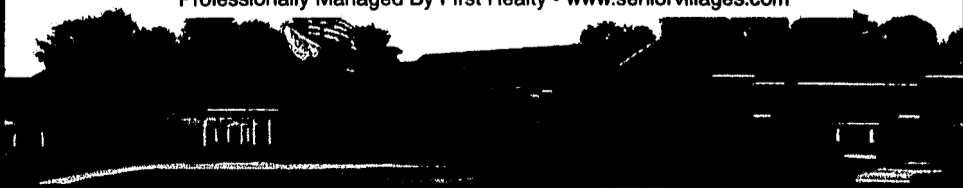
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Opinion

Thinking out loud, again

Random thoughts out of the head of your friendly, local editor:

• The old saying, "charity begins at home," is being followed by many in the Clarkston area.

When we started the Millstream section a few months ago our goal was to promote people in our community giving back to the community. Well, we can barely keep up with you guys. Everyone from the Rotary to the Historical Society are taking time out of their busy schedules to make Clarkston a better place to live.

I am impressed with not only the number of organizations but also the amount of activities these organizations do.

As someone with two jobs and in the midst of planning a wedding I realize the constraints of time. However, helping out one of these many service organizations would go a long way in keeping our community a great place to live.

Once again if anyone has a service organization they want to get some publicity for don't hesitate to give us a call.

• Some things never change when speaking of high school students. They usually enjoy music that makes their parents batty, have fashion sense captured in pictures that will come back to haunt them in 25 years and work jobs that are designated for low person on the food chain.

Back when I was in high school, the low job was grilling burgers at the local fast food restaurant. However in today's job market I would nominate a new job for the rock bottom designation. That would be the teenager hired to hold a large sign near a busy street advertising the specials of the day at their particular business.

Now, I salute these kids because work ethic seems to be rare at times among that demographic. However, standing out under the blazing sun being mocked and ridiculed by other teenagers driving by is a really tough gig.

• Add The Allman Brothers Band to the list of artists well past their prime. I went to their show Sunday night and it was an extreme letdown. Last time I saw them, about eight years ago, they played inspired rock music, but this time they seemed to be phoning it in.

• I think the bottled water industry has pulled a fast one on us. Our bodies are 75 percent water, while the earth is 80 percent water, yet we are paying about a dollar for 16 ounces of the stuff.

I am as guilty as anyone. I have about half a dozen half empty water bottles rolling around my car. We are continuously preached to that drinking a lot of water is the key to good health, but are we any healthier than we were 15 years ago when you would rarely see people walking around town with bottled water?

Chalk one up for the marketing geniuses from our country.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to those who helped with mission

Last week I had the opportunity to travel with 26 teens from St. Daniel's Catholic Church in Clarkston who took part in a Home Repair Mission in Jellico, Tennessee.

I was amazed to watch Andrea Galaviz, Lauren Smith, Dan Laliberte, Kelly Dougherty, Evan Dougherty, Anne Maxwell, John Maxwell, Sarah Napier, Garrett Phillips, Erin Hoffman, Kate Kohs, Cori Pinkos, Robert Gunderson, Nick Koenigsnecht, Ryan Stock, Lisa Wilke, Emma Misuzawa, Andrea Forst, Bill Petrusa, Nate Petrusa, Brian Arpke, Marie Timm, Kellie Gaier, Marina Dabrowski, Tony Coccione and Brad Rawe as they showed compassion, commitment and camaraderie as they roofed a home for an elderly woman, painted a family's home

and sided and painted for another family.

It was exciting to watch these teens give of themselves for four days and gain many life-long learning experiences along the way.

I also want to thank Bob Hadded, Youth Minister at St. Daniel's, for his commitment to building assets in each and every one of the teens that attended the Home Repair Mission.

And finally, thanks to Mike Dougherty, Mary Pinkos, Denise Gunderson and Brian Stock for being such great mentors for the teens and myself on this trip. The value we have placed on these young people will carry them into the future. Continue to do the great work.

Maggie Maxwell
Clarkston

The first Kiwanis golf outing a big success

Our first North Oakland Lakes Kiwanis Charity Golf Outing raised more than \$1,400 on June 14.

We would like to thank you for your participation. Through your generous contributions we were able to send two foster children to summer camp and we are purchasing a brick to help support Spraypark at Clintonwood Park.

We would like to thank all of you who contributed

prizes and hole sponsor money. It is people like you who make this world a better place to be. This event could not be the success that it is without you.

We thank you again for your generosity and look forward to next year.

Tammy Anderson
Chairperson/Secretary

Soccer program is flourishing in Clarkston

Being very involved in the Clarkston Select Soccer program for years, we were taken aback by your article "introducing" select or travel soccer to Clarkston.

For years Clarkston's travel club was affiliated with the Independence Township Parks and Recreation program, but we grew beyond their capabilities. We split into a separate entity led by some very dedicated and giving parents who donated hundreds of hours of volunteer efforts to launch our own Clarkston Select Soccer Club (CSSC.)

We have met and overcome many obstacles and are growing bigger and better every year. We enjoy a great working relationship with the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department and the

Clarkston School system. Recently held CSSC try-outs for the fall and spring seasons next year drew a record number of kids.

Today, we serve more than 250 young soccer players and their families from the Clarkston area and are very proud of our program and the level of play we have achieved. We train youngsters to compete at a level that prepares them for high school competition and play.

As parents working together, we have created an enviable program and look forward to many years of great soccer in the Clarkston area. To find out more about us please visit www.clarkstonsoccer.org

Mary and Andy Pinkos
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Reporting back to duty

Little three year old Sean Rush now sings proudly, "O-Can-nee-da!"

And that's it, eh.

Like his old man (that would be me), he doesn't know the rest of the anthem those hosers to the north sing. Of course his lack of verbiage on the anthem side has not stopped him from proclaiming, "I am Canadian."

While he does have a little Canadian blood running through his veins (Not, it's not Labatt Blue nor Molson nor any other Canadian ale/lager/beer) on both sides of his parental makeup, we keep on telling him he was born in America, so he is automatically an American citizen. So, what has our blue-eyed, blond-haired, All-American lad singing the praises of Canada and not the good ol' U. S. of A? (Hint: it is not their national health care system. No, it's nothing so socialistic.)

Quite simply we -- Sean, his older brother, Shamus, their mother, Jen and their father, I your hero -- spent seven wonderful and relaxing days there recently. Yep, we took eleven hundred American greenbacks across the bridge from Port Huron to Sarnia, turned them into a cool fifteen hundred funny Canadian magentabacks, looneys and tooneys. (Let me state for the record right now, I'll never get used to Canadian currency and coinage.)

While I am sure our president George W. Bush would have liked us to shoot our wad on United States soil, we're above nationalistic policies. Rather, we see ourselves as the ever-friendly American neighbors. We wanted to help pump up the Canadian economy and I think we did a good job. When we drove back over the Blue Water Bridge, after all the conversions back to American money, we had sixty bucks and a quarter tank of petrol (not to mention the two bottles of scotch we picked up at the duty-free shop).

While I tried hard not to be the stereotypical, know-it-all, rat-smackin' American tourist, things almost turned ugly the first full day we were there. We went up to some festival in Goderich (the sister city to Bay City, Michigan) and were having a merry time. There were magicians, food vendors, dunk tanks and kid shows and in the pavilion downtown, a country and western Canadian band.

Don't
Rush Me



Don Rush

They played songs made famous by American artists like John Denver and Waylon Jennings. And, then they started in on, "This land is your land, this land is my land," and we started to sing along, "From California to the New York Island. From the redwood forest to the gulf stream waters."

The only problem was they were singing, "From Manitoba to the Prince Edward Island. From the redwood forest to the cold, cold waters, this land was made for me and you."

They ripped off Woody Guthrie for their own nationalistic gains! To make matters worse I was humming the Canadian version the rest of the week. (And, since I thought about it, I'm humming it now, too.)

As we walked around the businesses in downtown Goderich, the kids wanted an ice cream. So, we stopped at a little shop, they picked out theirs and I paid with a ten dollar bill. The lad behind the counter paid me my change (in change) and was shocked and mortified and probably thought I was coming over the counter by the look on my face.

"I gave you a ten," I said.

He looked at me as if to say, "And, I gave you the change back, eh, you moron."

Then I thought a little bit . . . oh, they use coins here. I smiled sheepishly and herded the boys out onto the street. Oops, my bad.

* * *

The Canadian reputation as the beer-guzzlin' champion nearly took a hit. On Wednesday evening, around 7:30, I realized we were out of beer. I quickly jumped into the minivan and headed to the nearest town (Bayfield, Ontario) and the state-run liquor/beer store only to find it had closed at 6 p.m.

The typical American, I ranted and raved, "How can this be!?" I seriously doubted the wisdom of a nation in love with beer, not being able to buy after 6 p.m., until I was clued into this native philosophy. "American drink beer 'til it runs dry, then buys more. Canadian drink beer until one case remains, then stocks up, early, eh."

* * *

In truth, we had a great time and stayed at a great place, a log cabin owned by Scott Austin (who also sells fresh and smoked fish in Bayfield.) Scott also is a goose hunting guide. If you'd like to get a hold of him, his e-mail address is: gooseman@bmts.com

Comments to the ugly American can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

A look back

in
The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1988)

- Two newcomers were elected as trustees and an incumbent was not re-elected in the only contested race for the Independence Township Board Aug. 2, in which 17 percent of the registered voters cast ballots. All Republicans, the new trustees are Frank Millard, with 948 votes, and Mel Leroy Vaara, with 929. Millard also holds a seat on the Clarkston Village Council and Vaara is assistant superintendent of Clarkston schools.

- Lois Stiles won the Republican nomination for Springfield Township treasurer and J. Calvin Walters earned the sole slot on the November ballot for clerk in two contested township primary election races on Tuesday. The only other contested race was for park commission. Incumbents Robert Clark, E. Roger Bower and Betty Hull retained their positions.

- Sometime between Friday, July 15 and Thursday morning, July 21, the Nuernberg mausoleum at Lakeview Cemetery was broken into. "It's pretty sick when someone would do a thing like this," said Linda Richardson, cemetery superintendent. A person or persons broke a lock on the iron gate at the entrance of the mausoleum, which faces White Lake Road in Independence Township.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

- An appeal by Independence Township residents for lower sewer taxes was loud and clear Tuesday night. The township board held a public hearing on proposed uses for the surplus funds that total approximately \$322,000. Tax reduction on the 2-mill ad valorem sewer assessment paid by township residents was the major request. Suggestions by citizens ranged from using some of the general fund surplus to ease the tax burden to taking a harder look at the sewer funds.

- Sushil Lahiri, fired and then granted a moratorium this spring, can have at least another eight months in his job as Independence Township Librarian. The moratorium was extended until April 1, 1979 by a 3-2 vote of the Independence Township Board at a special meeting July 26. The board imposed a set of conditions on Lahiri's continued employment pending a meeting with the library advisory board which had asked for Lahiri's dismissal.

- Money which had been set aside for an ill-fated road graveling program has been transferred into Independence Township's police services account to get the police department through another crisis budget year. Township board members who came up with \$60,000 for the department last week, have agreed informally that a police millage request will have to appear on an upcoming ballot - but they have not yet moved to put it there.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

- The annual Golf Tournament sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the Indianwood Club, near Lake Orion. A. W. (Bud) Hawke is the general chairman and he is arranging for the big day. All of the Clarkston business men and their friends are invited to participate.

- On sale this week at Rudy's Market is, Gold Medal Flour, 25 pounds for \$1.99; Cane Sugar, five pounds for 49 cents; Crisco, three pounds for 79 cents and round steak, 79 cents a pound.

My roadside trash piques my interest

I live on an increasingly popular, formerly gravel, now blacktopped rural road (or so it was when we moved here in 1971).

However, rural it isn't now. In the past five years over 300 homes have been built in/on/off a 2-mile stretch of my once-quiet street.

Increased traffic brings an increasing assortment of people, which has among it a proportionate number of litterers. Our "throwaway society" label certainly applies to those who take my mowed yard to be a neat trash receptacle.

I've accepted this, and make my rounds almost everyday picking up gum wrappers, cigarette packages, fast food wrappers and napkins, wiper blades, an occasional hubcap, nonrefundable juice cans, empty water bottles, and . . . and . . . well, the package I found this week may be difficult for me to describe.

However, I've told readers before this is a personal column that sometimes has material that used to be reserved for adult consumption.

And, I've written of advertisements on television for products that used to be sold in drug stores in brown paper bags, and how I view them as private, mother-daughter-doctor intimacies, not to give me more clicker-finger exercises.

What the heck is this new thing called "OB?" Don't tell me. I blush just imagining.

Back to my roadside trash. The package I found has the same connotation as the aforementioned mother-daughter-doctor cases, only add father to this mix.

I have noticed, by glances only, displays of these things are getting greater visual prominence in pharmacies, espe-

cially the chain drug stores.

The dominant words on this black, white, red and yellow box are: "Ultimate Feeling."

There are 12 to a box, that further states, "Avoid excess heat, store at room temperature." My yard is warmer than room temperature and so was I when I started reading the box.

But, I, who hadn't had any exposure to these things since my Navy basic training film in 1944, was curious. It said it was the World's #1 brand. Could be. I can't question that.

Apparently there is some good in them because they are "effective against pregnancy, HIV (AIDS) & STDs," whatever STD is.

I continued to mow my lawn after picking up this box, and my mind wandered and wondered. Who threw it out the window, and why was it thrown away?

There were a half dozen sealed packages in the box. Beside the box was an unsealed, broken thing. More questions.

Were they tossed because they were faulty? Did two people decide it was time to start a family? Did a wife-girlfriend find the box in his glove compartment and display her anger?

Did their children find them, blow one up and decide they were all faulty when the one broke, and toss the box?

Was she driving when he found the box in her glove compartment?

Like every other product in America today, this one has warnings, too. Like never use one the second time, and consult your physician if you are allergic to latex.

Many of my contemporaries have moved into condominiums and apartments, off main roads, into private enclaves where highway litterers are ne'er to be seen.

I hope they read this and realize what they are missing. But then, this discarded box almost gave me more excitement than I could stand.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Faded Ink

The boys of summer



The International Services Group team recently won the Independence Township Boys 9-10 Major baseball league. The squad went 11-1 which was a big improvement from last year when they won three games. The team roster is Nick Aguayo, Mitchell Baenziger, Jacob Blake, Ian Brennan, Jacob Brokenshaw, Brian Burger, Weston Lee, Larry Malace, William Manera, Kyle McCafferty, Vinnie Post, Juan Reyes, Jake Sims, Dominic Spadoni and Drew Smith. *Photo provided.*

Final standings for the Independence Township Parks & Rec. baseball/softball on page 18A.

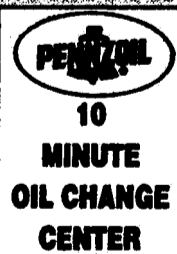
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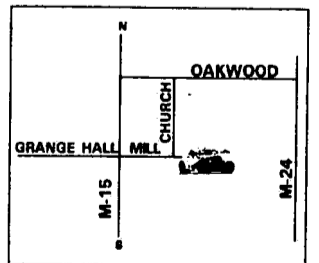
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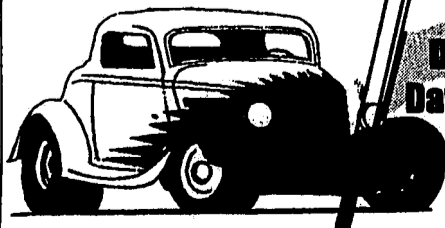
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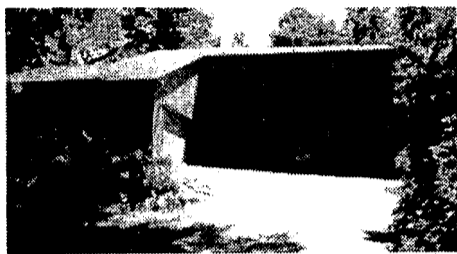


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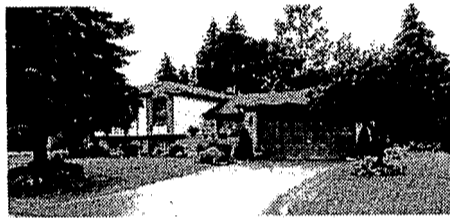
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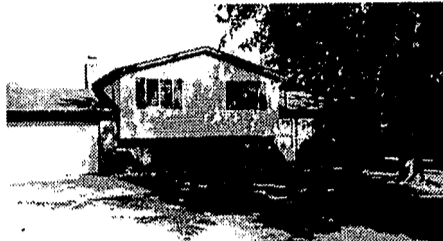
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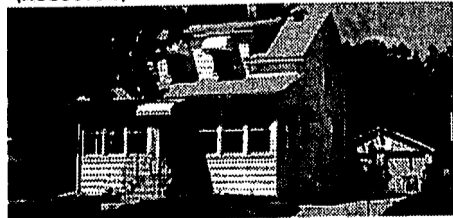
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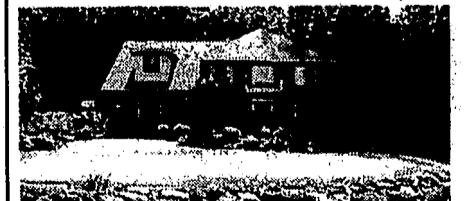
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Clarkston student joins United States hockey team

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston High School student Tim Miller is hitting the road to try to further his hockey career.

The 16-year-old has been selected to play for the USA under 17-year-old hockey team in a national tournament being held in Prievidza, Slovakia during August.

"I am pretty excited," Miller said. "I want to represent the USA and our hockey program to the best of my ability."

The tournament lasts for 10 days and the United States will play different teams from all around the world.

Miller, a defenseman, had to go through a rigorous tryout before making the team. A tryout in Michigan had 87 players competing for 20 positions. Those 20 players traveled to New York to play other districts from around the United States. After watching the games, only 20 players were selected to participate on the USA team.

"I thought I had a shot but it was great when I learned I would be on the team," Miller said.

When Miller returns from overseas, he will be relocating to Omaha, Nebraska to further pursue his hockey career. Miller will play for the River City Lancers of the United States Hockey League. He will be the youngest member of that organization.

Miller will live with a host family in Omaha.

"I have never been away from home this long but I am excited about going. This is the highest level of hockey before college," Miller said.

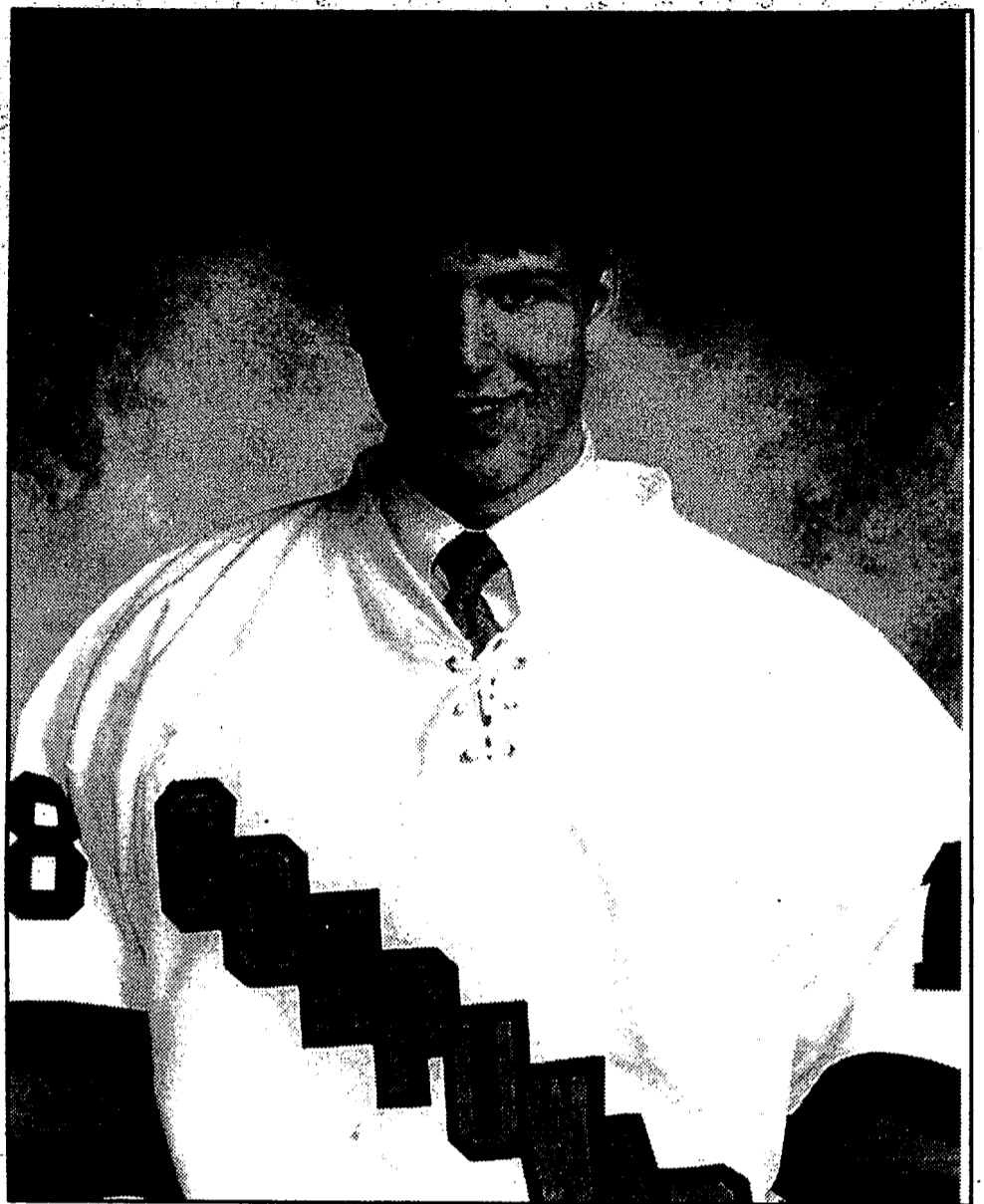
Playing Junior A in the USHL will enable him to maintain his college eligibility. Miller is hoping to eventually play college hockey. At this point New Hampshire, Michigan State, Michigan and Minnesota are on his radar for college.

"It is not 100 percent that is the route I want to take but that is what I am leaning towards," Miller said.

Miller was drafted in the Ontario Hockey League by the Plymouth Whalers this past May. However at this time he has declined an invitation to join the team. If Miller plays for the Whalers he would lose his college eligibility.

Last year, Miller led the Compuware Midget Major AAA hockey team in goals and penalty minutes.

Clarkston's Tim Miller will be a part of the USA under 17-year-old hockey team in a national tournament being held in Prievidza, Slovakia during August. *Photo provided.*



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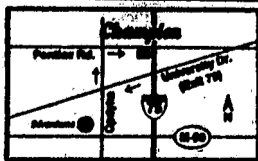


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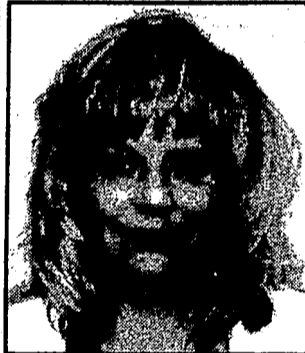
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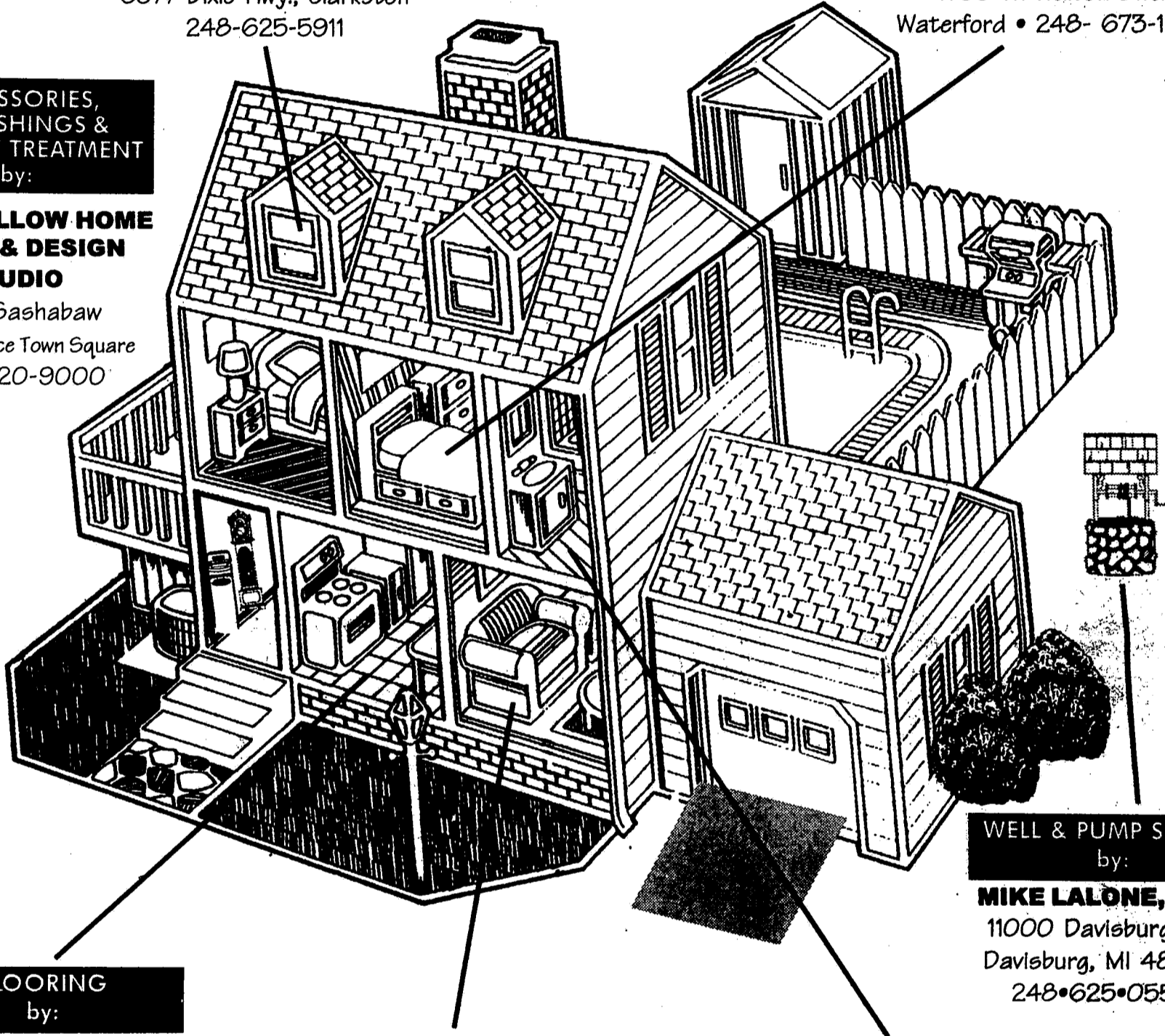
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Obituary

Laurette H. Parr

Laurette H. Parr, of Clarkston and formerly of Hambr, N.Y., died July 23, 2003 at age 94.

Parr was the loving mother of Gerald (Donna) Parr of PA., David (Patty) Parr of ME. and Linda (Donald) Fitzner of Clarkston; grandmother of Lorraine Giordano of NY, David and Anne Miller of Waterford, Deborah and Steve Spencer of Waterford, Craig (Donna) Parrk,

Jeffrey (Joanne) Parr, Leslie and Joe Lipsett, Patricia and Gary Wike all of PA.; David Parr, Jr. and Kelly Parr of MA and step grandmother and great-grandmother to many; sister of Marcella Grady of NY, the late Margaret Stevens of CA, Donald (Grace) Romans of NY and John (Pat) Romans of TN.

Laurette retired from A & P (meat department.) She loved birds, traveling and was an avid collector of Carnival Glass. Laurette was adopted into the Wolf Clan

of the Seneca Native American Tribe of S.W. New York. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice or the American Red Cross.

Robert Lee Waddell

Robert Lee Waddell, of Clarkston, died on July 27, 2003 at age 76.

He was the father of Sharon (Rogers) McCarty of DeWitt.

Bob retired from General Motors after 42 years of service. Funeral service is Thursday, July 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Interment Sashabaw Plains Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Independence Township Senior Center or Waterford Senior Center.

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Food service supervisor Janet Allen said a consortium consisting of the Clarkston, Brandon, Lake Orion and Oxford districts contacted the vendors to seek extension of current bids, and all three agreed to maintain the same prices offered in 2002-2003.

Homes

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area. "There are a tremendous amount of houses on the market. With the interest rates staying low we are still doing high sales. We are having a pretty good year," Hartman said.

The fastest selling houses in the Clarkston area are in the \$300,000 or lower range.

"The \$200,000 to \$300,000 houses always do well," Dishon said.

The market for the \$500,000 and over houses is going a lot slower according to the local real estate companies. However, they are quick to point out that is normal no matter how good or bad the market is at the time.

"It is always strongest on the lowest end. That is entry level with first time buyers so that market is always strongest," Elsea said.

RE/MAX's Dishon said they are getting a lot of urban sprawl with people moving north and west which brings them to Clarkston. He said the urban sprawl is not just regulated to people south of Clarkston.

"We are getting a lot of original Clarkstonites who want to maintain that small town feel and they are moving a little farther north and west," Dishon said.

Hartman from Max Broock said they are not getting as many people from the southern part of Oakland County.

"I think a lot of that has to do with General Motors and Chrysler not bringing in as many people. However, people from Rochester and Troy continue to come up this way," Hartman said. "When people are deciding whether to move or not these low interest rates seem to be giving them the nudge they need."

When asked where in the Clarkston area most people are moving, those interviewed said there was no real great movement to one specific area. Although, Hartman pointed out, a number of people are moving up Dixie Highway towards Springfield Township.

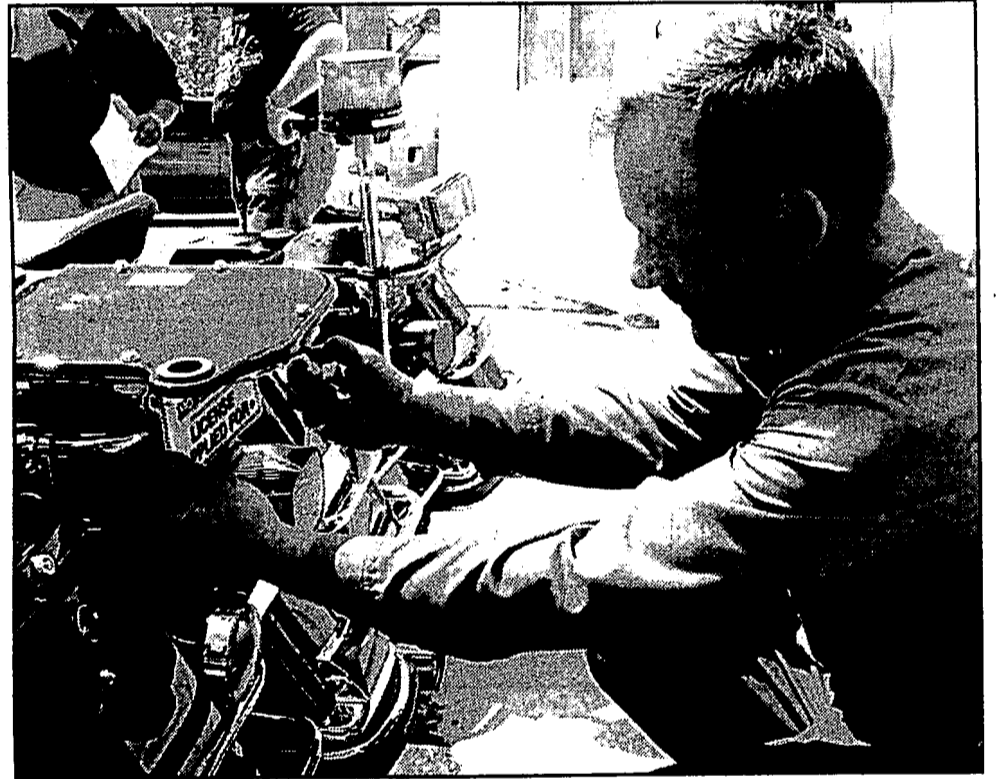
"Other than that I can't really put my finger on anything," Hartman said.

All the real estate professionals suggested to buy now because, according to Elsea, "it is a great window but eventually that window will close."

Clarkston PD adds 3 2-wheelers to fleet

Chief Ernest Combs and Officer Alan Kitzens (right) show off the department's new bikes. All three bikes are paid for out of the pockets of the officers who ride them including Kitzens, James Keller and John Morgan. Chet Adkins, of Saginaw Valley Harley Davidson (below, left), delivers one of the three new leased motorcycles to the Clarkston Police Department on Thursday, July 24.

Morgan (below, right) owner of Morgan's Service and recently hired Clarkston reserve officer, a volunteer position, places a license plate on his new motorcycle. The department only had two motorcycle officers prior to Morgan's hiring. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.



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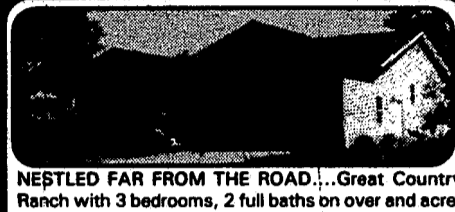
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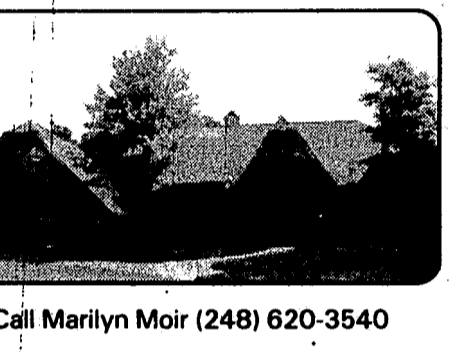


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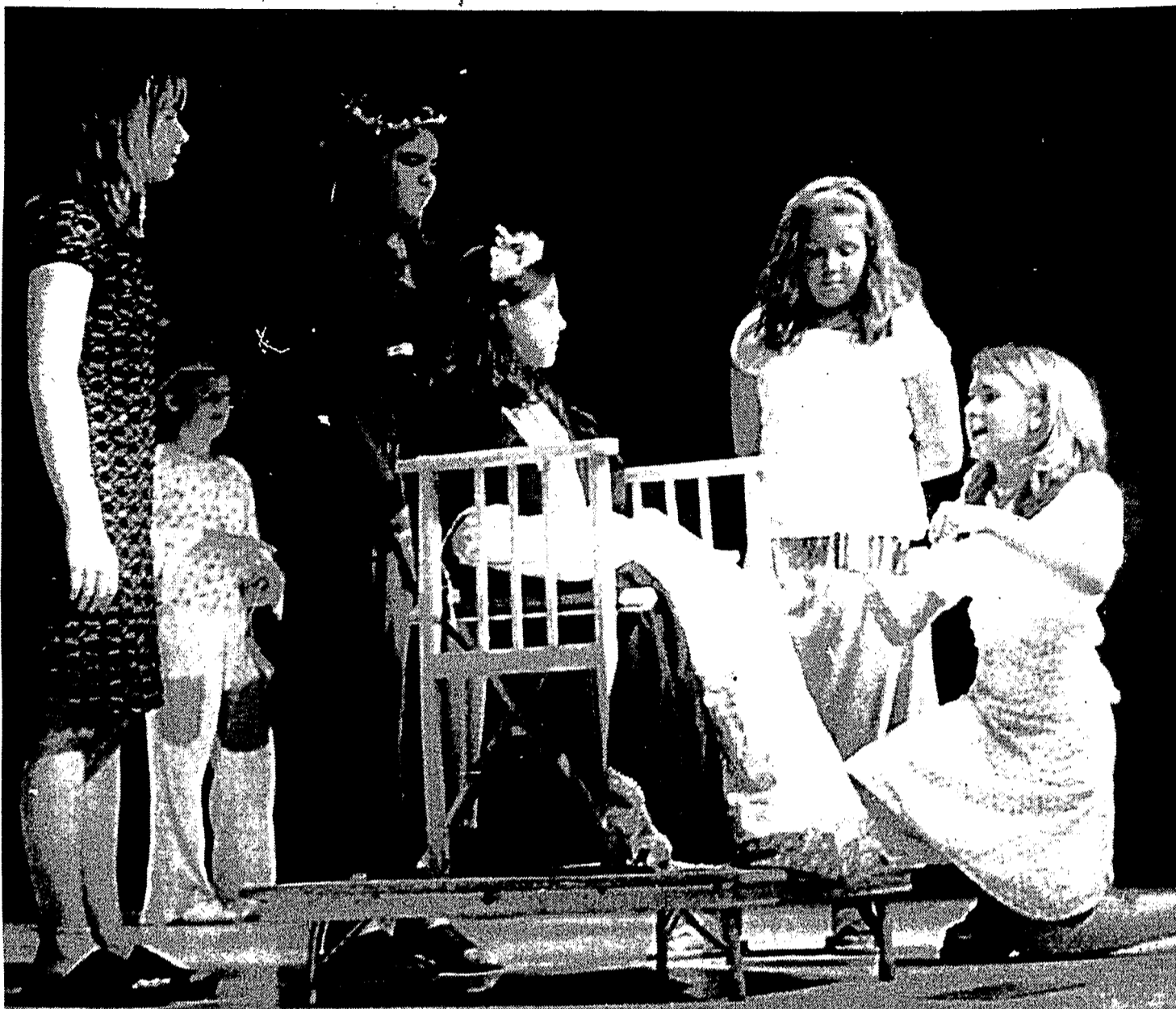
Young thespians show off their talent

Several fourth through eighth grade students participated in a two-week theatre camp through Clarkston Community Education with instructor Susan Craves, a seasoned actress both on stage and on camera.

The kids were taught basic acting skills including audition techniques, stage movement, vocal projection and character development.

On July 24 they performed, for family and friends, three short plays and acting exercises at Pine Knob Elementary.

—Jennifer Nemer



One of the short plays the students performed was "The Queen's Bean Soup." A cook (top, left) prepares some bean soup for the queen. Another cook (above) kneels and presents her bean soup to the queen. A peasant girl (left) approaches the queen with the best bean soup of all.

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sunday, July 27, larceny from a vehicle and home invasion occurred on Caribou Trail. Someone entered an open garage and unlocked vehicle and took loose change.

Breaking and entering of a garage on Deerwood. Sports equipment, tools and golf clubs were stolen.

Malicious destruction of properties. A mailbox was knocked down on Greenview. A light pole was damaged on Northcrest Crossing.

Larceny from vehicles on Mann and Fawn Valley.

Saturday, July 26, injured person at DTE Energy Music Theatre. A 16-year-old woman was heading towards an exit when someone threw a glass bottle, striking her in the head. She was taken to the hospital where she received seven staples.

A 32-year-old Toledo man was cited for trespassing and possession of marijuana at DTE Energy Music Theatre. The man did not have a ticket for the concert.

Friday, July 25, disorderly person on Pine Knob at DTE Energy Music Theatre. A 30-year-old Howell man was causing problems with security personnel. He was cited and asked to leave the venue.

Malicious destruction of property on Maybee at North Sashabaw Elementary. Someone etched several sexual remarks into the newly installed playground equipment. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.

Two 19-year-old men were arrested for burglarizing a boarded up building at Bay Court Park on Andersonville.

Attempted fraud on M-15. Two businesses reported an African American man attempted a "fast exchange" to con cashiers out of money.

A 23-year-old man was arrested on Parview for operating under the influence of liquor, a second offense, and driving with a suspended license, a second offense.

An assault and battery occurred between two men at DTE Energy Music Theatre. A 22-year-old man was cited.

A 19-year-old man was cited for trespassing after he was ejected from the DTE Energy Music Theatre and attempted to purchase another ticket to re-enter.

Three men were cited for trespassing when they attempted to re-enter the DTE Energy Music Theatre after being ejected.

Larceny of landscaping lights on Spring Meadow Court.

Malicious destruction of property to vehicles occurred on Pine Knob and N. Marshbank.

Thursday, July 24, possession of marijuana and trespassing on Pine Knob at DTE Energy Music Theatre. A 21-year-old Bay City man was arrested after refusing to leave the premises when asked several times.

A 27-year-old man spat blood in the face of a female security guard at DTE Energy Music Theatre. The blood entered the woman's mouth. She requested an HIV test and filed a police report for informational purposes.

A 24-year-old man was arrested on Clement for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, a first offense.

A 25-year-old Toledo man was cited for trespassing when he attempted to re-enter the DTE Energy Music Theatre after being ejected.

Malicious destruction of property to two vehicles occurred on Pine Knob.

Wednesday, July 23, larceny of golf clubs from the back of a truck parked on Clarkston.

Larceny of 10 windows at a home under construction on Scott Circle.

Sixteen mailboxes on Drayton were damaged.

A 40-year-old man was arrested on Dixie for operating under the influence of liquor, a first offense.

Tuesday, July 22, an 18-year-old man was cited for under 21 consumption of alcohol at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

Breaking and entering on Pine Knob. A 23-year-old homeless man was living in an unoccupied home. The homeowners found him when checking on the residence.

A 21-year-old man was cited for assault and battery and being a disorderly person at DTE Energy Music Theatre. The man hit a security guard in the face while upon ejection from the venue. A woman he was with was also cited for disorderly person.

Malicious destruction of property on Hawksmoore. Two mailboxes were damaged.

Larceny of a sprinkler timer at a subdivision on Oakhill.

Monday, July 21, indecent exposure at a fast food restaurant on Sashabaw. A man "streaked" amidst vehicles in the drive-through line and past the drive-through window. He was wearing nothing but a baseball cap and tennis shoes. The incident was caught on surveillance.

Larceny on M-15. A black lab dog was taken from its home. The owner suspects her ex-boyfriend.

Springfield Township

Sunday, July 27, larceny of jewelry was reported from a home on Windemere Court.

Disorderly conduct and minor in the possession of alcohol on Andersonville. A 17-year-old Clarkston man was reported to have been letting horses out of a stable at the 4-H fair, causing horses to flee. He registered a preliminary breath test of .083.

Saturday, July 26, obscene phone call on Dixie. A 24-year-old woman, an employee at a car dealership, told police she received a sexually explicit call at work. On Monday, July 28, a 50-year-old woman from the

same business reported the same.

Wednesday, July 23, neglect/child abuse on Hillsboro. The babysitter/neighbor of a seven-year-old girl reported the girl had confessed her mother was "mean" to her when drunk, hit her and locked her in a closet. The girl had bruises on her left leg. The case has been turned over to the detective bureau.

Tuesday, July 22, disorderly person and minor in the possession of alcohol on Andersonville. Oakland County 4-H Fair workers reported an intoxicated, 20-year-old Clarkston man, refused to leave the grounds and was causing trouble. The man was cited. He registered a preliminary breath test of .07.

City of Clarkston

Thursday, July 24, an 18-year-old woman damaged her vehicle as she turned off westbound Church, onto southbound Buffalo and ran into a telephone pole, which had been pulled up from the ground during construction and lying on the side of the road. Damage occurred to the passenger side door.

B&E attempt in downtown Clarkston

It appeared someone attempted to break into a locked laundry room at the Sutherland House apartment building on S. Main Street on Thursday, July 24.

Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs said it does not appear anyone gained entry, and assumes the attempt occurred during the night. The door had pry marks and appeared to have been pushed with force, reports stated.

There are currently no suspects.

Combs said Clarkston has not had a breaking and entering in a very long time. "This is not the kind of crime we have in this town and I'm not going to tolerate it. If I find out who did this I'm going to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law."

If anyone has any information regarding this crime, they are asked to call the police department at (248) 625-0088.

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Youth Baseball/Softball Final Standings

Boys 9-10 Major	
International Service Group	11-1
Baker's Alignment & Brakes	10-2
American Servicing Corp.	9-3
Maple Construction	8-4
Wint's Diggers	8-4
T & C Federal Credit	7-4-1
Jack Shader, DDS	5-7
Clarkston Burger King	4-8
Chase Plastics	4-8
M-59/Airport Rd Big Boy	2-9-1
Clarkston Dairy Queen	2-10
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Boys 11-12 Major	
The Tigers	10-2
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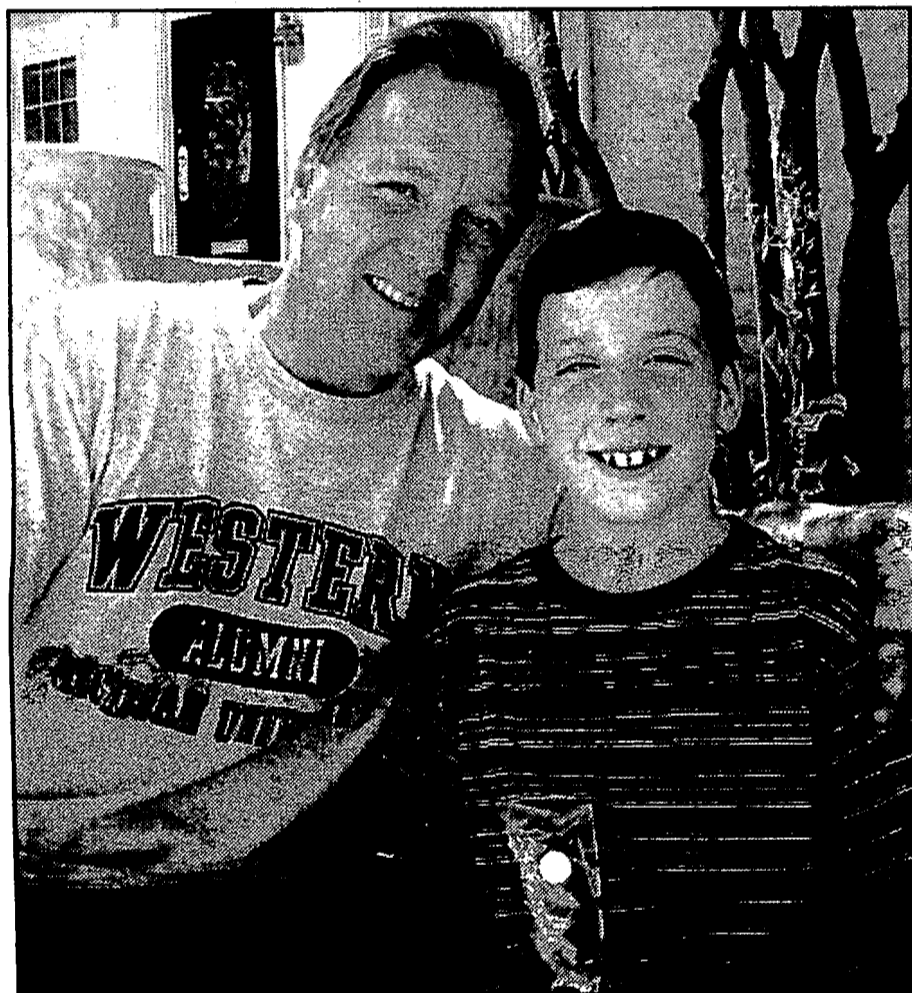
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Smiles of the week



Chuck Hamann and son Matt sit along Main Street and enjoy some treats from the Chocolate Moose. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

House fire on Maplewood

A small fire occurred at a home on Maplewood at 12:40 p.m. on Saturday, July 26. A 40-year-old woman was cooking in the microwave when she heard a zapping noise, police reports stated. Minutes later, the microwave and refrigerator lost power and the woman could smell smoke. She

checked the home and saw smoke coming from the roof above the kitchen area. The Independence Township Fire Department was called and extinguished the fire. Damage was limited to the kitchen. The cause is believed to be an electrical malfunction.

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Laziness is only half the problem

One of the joys of working for a newspaper is working with other people who work for newspapers.

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Case in point this week is Jennifer Nemer's column last week. My young colleague offered a great piece of social commentary on how we could offer even more conveniences for "a lazier society."

Several of the points were well taken (I've always wondered about that nine-minute snooze button), but there's a piece missing from the jigsaw puzzle called American culture.

Not only are we lazy, we're also cheap.

For example, once upon a time we had full-service gasoline stations. Contrary to the opinion voiced

by a colleague at the Oxford printing plant, I was not alive to witness the real-life scene from the "Back to the Future" film, in which six neatly-uniformed attendants rushed out to service every car. Some of us, however, remember having at least one person to whom to say those immortal words, "Fill 'er up!"

What happened? Somebody started offering a lower price for gasoline if one pumped the fuel oneself. The concept was based on cost savings to the employer (hiring fewer attendants) being passed on to the customer. (Today's high self-serve gasoline prices is a topic for a separate discussion.)

Drive-through groceries? Well, once upon a time all markets were "full-service." The customer went up to the counter (OK, it wasn't "drive-through") with a list and the clerk obtained the needed goods. The advent of the "supermarket" (now, itself, an antiquated term) allowed more variety of choice, but fewer employees to help the customer.

Indeed, some markets used to have home delivery as a matter of routine. Today, it is the rare store that has an employee help load the groceries into your car. I once worked next door to an old-fashioned hard-

ware store in which you couldn't get three feet inside the door before a smiling face greeted you and took you directly to the merchandise you needed. Great people, great service, but you paid for it.

Now, I hate to admit, I tend to patronize the "big box" stores if I need a major tool or appliance. From time to time, my wife even shops at one of those grocery stores where you take your own bags and do your own bagging. Budget constraints have made it necessary to look for bargains, and the success of those enterprises is based on people's desire to spend less money, even if it means sacrificing service and quality.

It's really very simple — we want what we want, we want it now, we want it cheap and we want it from people who are willing to give it to us that way.

The question to be asked is: What happens when we're on the other side of the counter? In our jobs, how many of us are willing to produce the highest quality possible in the least amount of time possible with the most effort possible to please the customer at the lowest pay possible?

If only we could do it all with remote control...

**Reporter
At Large**



**Don
Schelske**

Recipe Corner

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Mary Hastings served these very tasty hors d'oeuvres at a luncheon she hosted at her Brandon, Fl. condo. Mary was the banquet manager at the Brook Lea Country Club in Rochester, NY before her and her husband retired to Florida. Three of their children still reside in New York. The other three are in Florida.

Tortilla wraps/rollups

I just use whatever I have in the crisper bin. You will need the following:

Tortilla shells - soft, they come in sundried tomato, spinach, wheat and the standard corn.

I spread a generous layer of cream cheese to which I usually add chives.

You can layer whatever you have over that. I have shaved turkey or ham, salami, grated cheese, bacon, chopped tomato and in the middle a spear of asparagus or green onion. Roll up tightly and wrap in saran and

refrigerate. If I am using it for hors d'oeuvres, I will slice just before serving. You can also serve in lieu of a sandwich. In that case, I warm up the tortilla for a minute, fill with your favorite filling, tuck in the bottom and serve. The sky is the limit - just use your imagination and create. And you can use fat free ingredients if you desire.

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--Doris McElmurry



"Oh yeah. I think they're doing a good job, whether or not there are weapons of mass destruction. A change needed to be made. I like the idea of having a central ally, and making a change in a very volatile region."

--Scott Lowes



"Yeah. It's a long process. There won't be results right away, but people get anxious. I'm patient enough to wait and see."

--Tracy LeRoy



"No. I want our boys brought home."

--Ann Collier

By Jennifer Nemer

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Coalition president promotes positive

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Susette Hart has always been a "glass half-full" person.

She doesn't deny the reality of challenges in life and the local community, but as president of the Clarkston Coalition For Youth, she is convinced of the potential for the positive to win out.

"I will not deny that we have issues in this community like every other," Hart said, "but I think the potential for not having those issues here is present also. I just have a really big heart for youth."

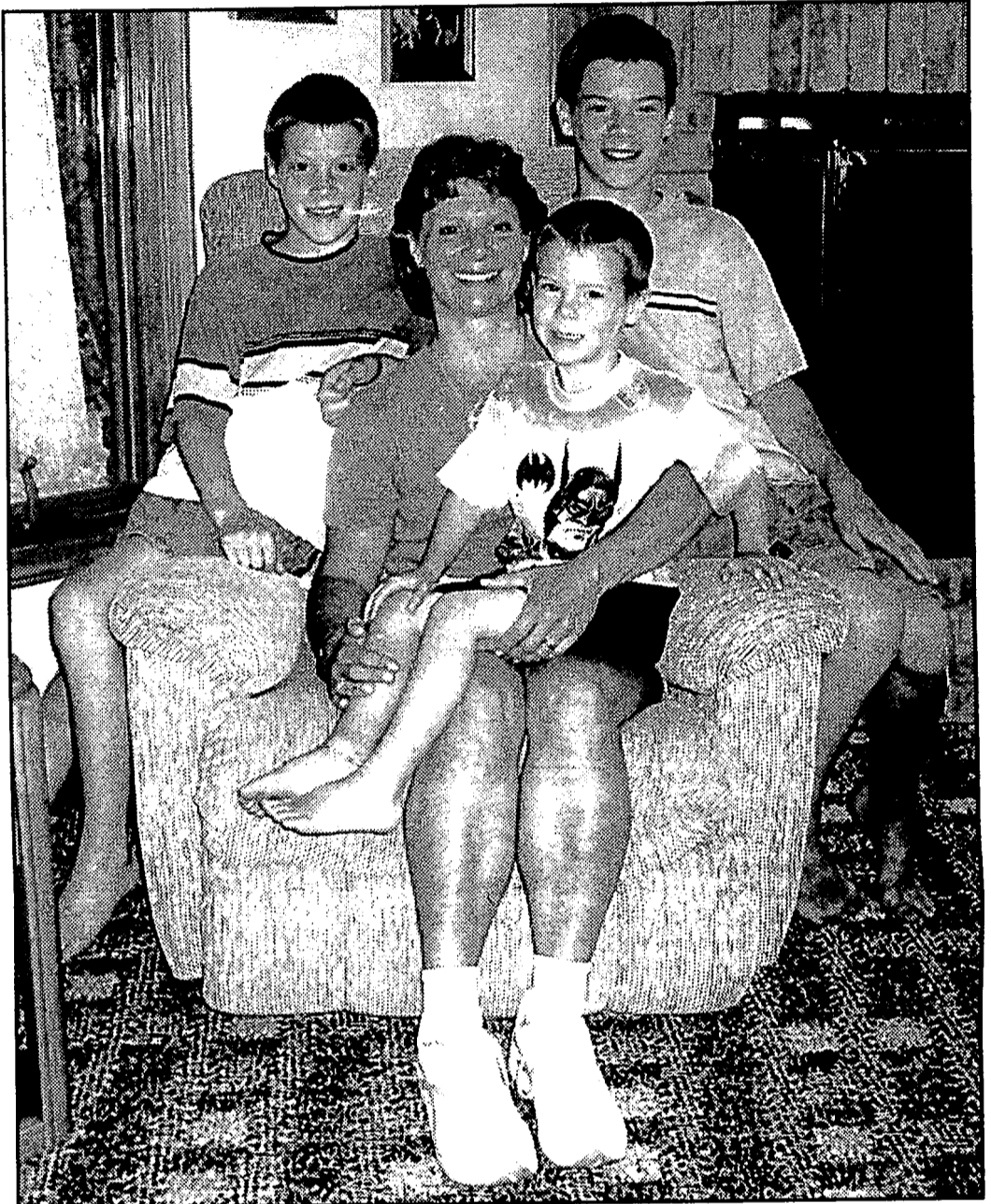
The coalition was founded in the late 1990s as a way to help fight substance abuse in the community. Their philosophy gradually evolved to one of promoting 40 developmental assets identified by the Minneapolis-based Search Institute as having a positive influence on young people's decisions and behavior.

"In the presence of these tremendous qualities, they're in the best position to be competent, caring, responsible and reliable," she said, according to the research. "The fewer of these assets that are present in their lives, the greater the opportunity for the high risk behaviors to come into their lives."

The challenge taken on by the coalition is to educate people in various segments of the community to promote at least a few of the "assets" in their work. The group has garnered participation from churches, schools, government and the business community.

"If we're about building and sustaining a healthy community, the beautiful byproduct of that is going to be that we will, in fact, be in a position to reduce all the high risk behaviors," Hart said. "When someone has cared, it has made a difference."

The coalition is not so much a group recruiting members as it is promoting op-



Susette Hart is flanked by three of her nine children, (from left) Michael, 10; Matthew, 5; and David, 13. Hart is passionate about her family, and gives credit to husband Tom for the "team process" in their parenting. Photo by Don Schelske

'We're not about people attending meetings. We're about people actively engaged in enhancing the lives of youth where they're at.'

Susette Hart
Clarkston Coalition For Youth

portunities for people in the community to capitalize on the opportunities to do what they already do well.

Toward that end, the coalition has organized a thrice-yearly "leadership forum" involving "key stakeholders" including representatives of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Clarkston Community Schools and local governments. One result of the January forum was the creation of a cooperative Web site for community events (www.clarkstoncalendar.org).

"It's that kind of effort we hope to see more of as we travel on together," she said, "collectively recognizing the strengths we have in pulling together."

The coalition is also working on a "community youth mapping" project, hiring youth to conduct interviews of other students using an instrument developed through Michigan State University. The goal is to help de-

termine what young people believe makes up a good community. Hart hopes to have results of that project at this fall's leadership forum.

"We went in listening with open ears," she said. "I think it will be a wonderful instrument to help the key stakeholders look at some of the potential areas to be developed."

Aside from such projects, the coalition is most interested in helping a wide variety of groups respect and support each other in a common purpose (again, based on the 40 "assets"). In addition, those who wish to volunteer their efforts will be used in practical ways according to their own skills and interests, with an emphasis on relationships.

"We're not about people attending meetings," Hart said. "We're really about people

Please see Hart on page 8B



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Around Town



The Independence Township Library's film series of Monday Mysteries concludes on Aug. 18 with the showing of the classic Alfred Hitchcock thriller, "North by Northwest." Photo provided.

Crosshill Community Preschool, located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church at 803 Broadway, is accepting enrollment for the afternoon 4's and Early 5's program for the 2003-04 school year. The young 5's class is for children who may be developmentally immature to start kindergarten, usually children with late summer or fall birthdays. For more information, call Cheryl at (248) 634-8067 or the director at (248) 625-6399.

Club 5529 (located inside the Clarkston Christian Association on Sashabaw Road) will feature bands Thirsty 4 More with special guest SevenGlory (alt/modern/rock) on Friday, Aug. 1. Doors at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 at the door. For

more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit www.5529music.com.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) is hosting a "Parade of Ponds" event Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. This is an opportunity for residents to tour some of the most spectacular ponds and waterfalls in the Clarkston area. This is a self-guided event. Cost is \$10/person. Children 12 and under are free. All proceeds will be donated to the NOHLC. Tickets are available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce at (248) 625-8055, from Aquarius Waterscapes at (248) 620-0400 or the NOHLC at (248) 846-6547.

Please register your child for fall kindergarten by attending Clarkston Community Schools orientation Aug. 7 from 6:30-8:30 at Pine Knob Elementary, 6020 Sashabaw. This is an informational meeting for parents and a fun evening for your new kindergartner. Please bring for your child: two proofs of residency, birth certificate, immunization record and social security number. Call (248) 623-3900.

The **Widowed Support Group** will meet for an informal sharing meeting Thursday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m., facilitated by bereavement counselor Alicia Brown. All meetings are held at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. There is no registration and meetings are free. Recently widowed men and women, of all ages, are invited. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, or if anyone would like to be on a mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at (248) 625-5231.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is holding a **Family Fun Night 2003** Aug. 8 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hart Community Center. Cost is \$3/person and includes beach games, Dino Dig, face painting, food and beverages, contests, magic show, raffle ticket and door prize drawing, sand castle contest and Team Reptile exhibit. For more information or to register, call Parks and Rec. at (248) 634-0412. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is located at 12000 Davisburg Rd. at the Springfield Township Civic Center in Davisburg.

The **3rd Annual Clarkston Friends and Family Golf Outing** will be Friday, Aug. 15 at Pine Knob Golf Course. A shotgun start is at 2 p.m. A \$100 entry fee includes golf, lunch, dinner, door prizes and more. Bring a dinner guest for just \$40 more. All Clarkston alumni football players, supporters, parents, friends and fans are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Clarkston football program. If golfing isn't your forte, they maybe a donation is. A hole sponsor is \$100. For more information, to purchase tickets, become

a sponsor, or make a donation, contact Rogers Chiropractic Center at (248) 623-6200. Golf and hole sponsor reservations must be secured before Aug. 5.

The Independence Township Library's film series of Monday Mysteries continues on Monday, Aug. 18 with the showing of the classic Alfred Hitchcock thriller, "North by Northwest." Show begins at 7 p.m. and is held in the library's Community Meeting Room. There is no cost to attend. Call (248) 625-2212 for more information.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation's **Finish 'N' Fun** is a way for first through fifth graders to end their summer break on a high note. Held Aug. 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be daily activities like putt-putt, bowling, movies, water park and more. Cost is \$25/day for residents or \$35/day for nonresidents. For further details or to register, call Parks and Rec. at (248) 625-8223. Independence Township Parks and Recreation is located at 90 N. Main St. at the township hall in downtown Clarkston.

Parents needing care for their elementary-aged children may sign up for **Kids Club** at the Clarkston Community Education Center. Care for children in grades 1-5 will be offered at their home school during Developmental Days; and, care for kindergartners will be offered at the South Sashabaw Early Childhood Center. Kindergartners will be bused to the center from their schools. Children who are already registered for Kids Connection may also register for Kids Club. For more information, visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us. Click on Community Education. Or call, (248) 623-4321.

Preparations are underway for Clarkston's next parade, sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club. The parade will be held Monday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. along Main Street. Individuals, civic organizations or business groups, classic car collectors and children on decorated bicycles are welcome to participate in the parade. This year's theme will be announced soon. Find an online application at www.clarkstonrotary.org or by contacting Joel DeLong at (248) 625-9741 or E-mail mindyjoel@netscape.net.

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Bob Jones III set to come to Dixie Baptist Church

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Dixie Baptist Church in Clarkston is getting ready to welcome Bob Jones III to their church.

The president of Bob Jones University will be speaking on Sunday, Aug. 3 during the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services.

"We are really excited about having Bob Jones come to speak at our church," Pastor Vanaman said. "I have a long time relationship and friendship with him."

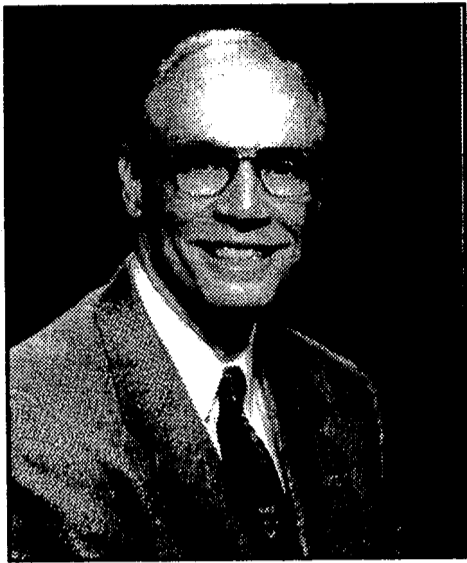
Vanaman is a 1974 graduate of Bob Jones University. Dixie Baptist Church is celebrating their 49th anniversary and wanted Bob Jones III to come and mark the occasion.

"He has been here many times before but hasn't made the trip for four years. He spoke at our 45th anniversary. We are really looking forward to having him come again. He preaches the word of God and encouragement," Vanaman said.

The third generation preacher has served in numerous capacities at Bob Jones University including those of speech teacher, assistant dean of men, assistant to the president and vice president.

In 1971, Dr. Jones was appointed president of the university, following his grandfather and father in the presidency as well as in an evangelistic ministry. In 1998, he was appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of the university.

His speaking engagements have



Bob Jones III

taken him to all parts of the world, and he has conducted tours of the Holy Land and Europe.

In connection with the university's tax case before the U.S. Supreme Court, he appeared on such national programs as "Nightline," "Good Morning America" and "Donahue."

In recognition of Dr. Jones' interest in and friendship with the State of South Carolina and her people, Governor David Beasley presented him with the state's highest civilian award, "The Order of the Palmetto."

Anyone is welcome to attend the services at Dixie Baptist Church. The church is located at 8585 Dixie Highway.

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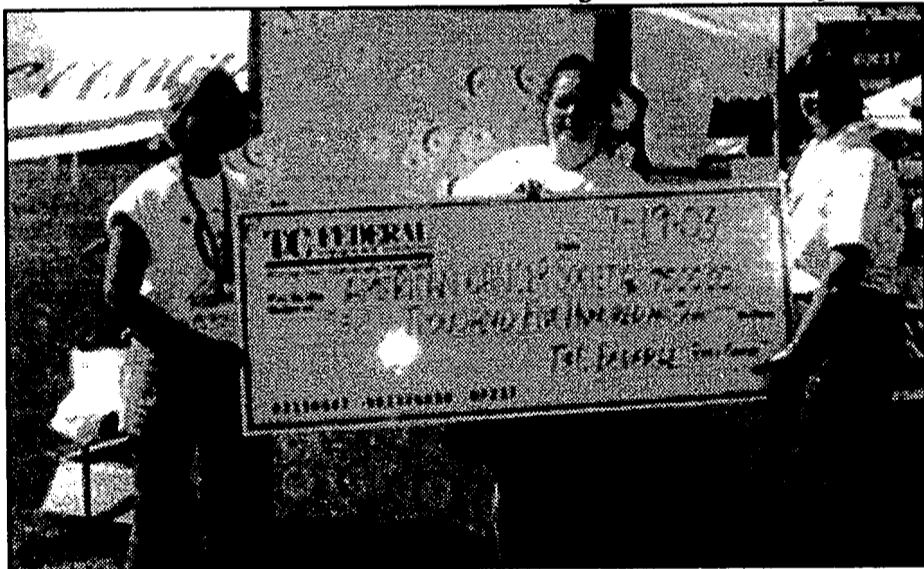
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T&C raises \$7,500 for Relay



T&C Federal Credit Union volunteers joined hundreds in the 24-hour American Cancer Society event, Relay for Life, July 19-20, to help fight cancer. T&C employees, members, friends and family raised more than \$7,500 for the fourth annual Clarkston event. As a gold sponsor of the event, T&C was awarded a plaque for their team "Tough Cookies," comprised of more than 40 volunteers. Pictured from left to right is Jennifer Schulte of the American Cancer Society, Lisa Tyrrell and Linda Hanneman. Photo provided.

Labor Day parade planning begins

Preparations are underway for Clarkston's next parade, sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club.

The Labor Day Parade will be held on Monday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. along Main Street through downtown Clarkston.

Individuals, civic organization or business groups, classic car collectors and

children on decorated bicycles are welcome to participate in the parade. This year's theme will be announced next week. You can find an on-line application at www.clarkstonrotary.org or by contacting Joel DeLong at (248) 625-9741 or E-mail at mindyjoel@netscape.net.

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Milestones



Elizabeth Harlton and Christopher Pesola

Bruce and Kathryn Harlton of Clarkston, and Brian and Wendy Pesola of Marquette, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, **Elizabeth Kathryn Harlton and Christopher Brian Pesola**. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduation of Clarkston High School and attends Central Michigan University, pursuing a degree in therapeutic recreation. She is a member of the American Therapeutic Recreation

Association and volunteers for Michigan Ski for Light. The future groom is a 1997 graduate of Marquette Senior High School and a 2002 graduate of CMU with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is employed by Aramark in Mt. Pleasant and is a past president of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and CMU Student Council. An October 25, 2003 wedding has been set.

At school...

Clarkston's **Feng Du, Daniel Holody, Daniel Jorgenson, Cosmin Maier, Raymond Smith II, Ashley Solley, Erin Torrone, Brian Vargo, Adam Wadecki, Justin Walsh and Brian Samuel**, of Davisburg, made the Dean's List at the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

Nikki Weber graduated cum laude and was awarded her juris doctor from Temple University, James Beasley School of Law on May 22. Nikki was a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School and 2000 graduate of Hillsdale College. She has accepted a position with the firm of Dewey Ballantine LLP in Manhattan, N.Y. She is the daughter of Ron and Pat Weber of Clarkston.

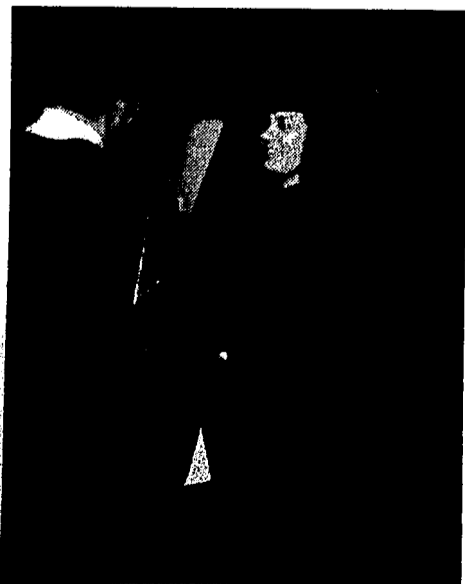
Jennifer J. Davis of Clarkston graduated from Northwood University with an associate of arts degree. She is the daughter of John and Edith Davis.



Kara Huth

The United States Achievement Academy announced **Kara Renea Huth** of Clarkston has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner. Huth, who attends Clarkston Middle School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The USAA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent and ability. Huth is the daughter of Renea and Tracy Huth of Clarkston, and granddaughter of Shirley and Robert Taylor of Swartz Creek, Alexander Paul Morgan of Burton and Irene Huth-Schneider of Yakima, Wa.



Nikki Weber

SCAMP Concours in the Park set for Aug. 1

SCAMP Concours in the Park has more than historic cars to showcase this year.

In this, SCAMP's 28th year, Jack Hunt is being honored for founding the summer camp for special needs youth. Hunt, a board member of the North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation, is 95-years-old and is still very involved in the board activities and all fundraisers for SCAMP.

He will be at the Concours in the Park event, which showcases vintage cars, Friday, Aug. 1 from 6 p.m. to dusk at Depot Park. All proceeds from this event will benefit Clarkston SCAMP.

This year the vintage car list includes a 1934 Vauxhall BX Roadster owned by Terry and Judy Frisch of Waterford. Only 54 of these vehicles were produced and this may be the only car remaining of the original 54. General Motors bought Vauxhall in 1925 and remains the present owner. Vauxhall recently celebrated its 100th anniversary of producing cars. Other cars featured include a 1949 Bentley, a 1965 Sunbeam Tiger, a 1930

Model A Sprint race car and many other outstanding specimens of automotive history.

The event has been held on the first Friday in August for many years and has always featured an ice cream social staffed by SCAMP supporters. This year the social will include the famous mac and cheese from the Clarkston Union and other picnic foods.

Clarkston SCAMP has been providing a summer camp experience for individuals with special needs in northern Oakland County and southern Genesee County since 1976. The focus of this five week program is to build self esteem and maintain academic achievement through recreational activities and social events. The program has grown over the last 26 years with approximately 350 individuals participating in 2003.

For more information on the SCAMP Concours in the Park contact, Donna Clancy at (248) 620-1882. For more information the vintage cars please contact Laura Respecki at (248) 541-1577 or visit www.clarkstonscamp.com.



SCAMP founder Jack Hunt and SCAMP students pose beside a 1934 Roadster, which will be featured at the Concours in the Park, Aug. 1. Photo provided.

Optimist Club donations total \$13,000

During the past year, the Optimist Club presented 20 donations to individuals and groups in the Clarkston area for youth activities, treasurer Joe Barger reports.

The donations include: \$4,881 to youth clubs; \$100 to the American Red Cross; \$1,854 for youth appreciation; \$100 to the Madrigal singers; \$100 to Jennifer Kenderick, congressional leadership student; \$300 to the Oratorical Contest winners; \$458 to the Tri-Star basketball participants; \$106 to Junior Gold, covering 40 participants; \$1,000 Michigan State scholarship to Erin Browe; \$1,000 Michigan Tech scholarship to Lauren Bendes; \$1,000 Hope College scholarship to Briana O'Donnell; \$150 to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance golf outing; \$100 to the Fireman's Fund; \$150 to the Fourth

of July fireworks; \$200 to Brooke Hills and Megan Kleinedler, Student Council standouts; \$343 to Essay Contest winners; \$150 to American Cancer Society; \$360 to Ian Duncanson, music camp scholarship; \$360 to Patricia Okrasinski, music camp scholarship and \$360 to Nicholas McFadden, music camp scholarship.

Most of the funds disbursed to area individuals and charities were generated during the Optimist fund-raiser dinner dance and auction held in March of each year. A majority of their grants are made to support the youth of the Clarkston community.

The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday morning at the Liberty Golf Club and Grill on Maybee Road.

Look for Milestones on page 4B each week in The Clarkston News.

Religion

Look at the big picture

We are hearing the term "Big Picture" almost everyday. You could listen to a report on the War on Terrorism, prescription drug benefits or the economy in general, and the "Big Picture" eventually comes up. Of course in most cases, the big picture is different depending on which side of the great political divide you are standing on.

All of these big picture debates made me wonder about the big picture regarding my faith. What is God's definition of the big picture? There are many in the church who can sometimes get tunnel vision and not see the big picture. There are many in the religious world who have defined and redefined the big picture so many times that millions are lost and confused. Maybe you sometimes struggle with what the big picture should be and what you are supposed to do with your life. If that is the case, I would like to remind you of four things concerning God's Big Picture.

1. Let us not forget what happened. There is only one event in history big enough to change time. We went from "B.C." to "A.D." because of the One who was born of a virgin, sinless in life, sacrificed in death and victorious over the grave. I'm talking about the only begotten Son of God, the exact representation of God's being, the second part of the Trinity, Jesus Christ.

It was Christ who gave His life on the cross and then rose from the dead three days later. Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius are all dead. Christ is alive! Let us not forget what happened.

2. Let us not forget why it happened. Christ died in our place to pay the penalty for our sin. Our sin separates us from God. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin and gave His life for us freely so we could have a personal relationship with God. He came to seek and to save that which is lost. Christ died for us because He loved us. Let us not forget why it happened.



Out of the Woods

Pastor Bob Galey, Oakland Woods Baptist Church

3. Let us not forget the truth of God and the "truth" offered by the world have nothing in common.

The truth offered by the world is always changing. What was considered immoral 30 years ago is considered acceptable today. What was disgusting 40 years ago is now an alternate lifestyle. And, if we stay on the same road we are now, I promise you what you think is terrible today will be tolerated 30 years from now, if not sooner.

The Bible says the truth will set you free. Jesus said He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In God's big picture, the truth is not some philosophic argument written a long time ago with limited applicability for today. In God's big picture, the truth is Jesus Christ. You can know Him and He can set you free. You can know Him and follow His teaching because He is the same yesterday, today and forever. The world would tell you God is dead or Jesus was just another teacher. Let us not forget the truth of God and the truth offered by the world have nothing in common.

4. Let us not forget where we are headed. As a Christian, this last point is huge! Because I have admitted to God I am a sinner; because I have believed in my heart God raised Jesus from the dead; and because I have confessed my faith in Jesus as my Savior and Lord forever; I am headed to heaven! Knowing I will spend eternity with God helps me live my life now.

The world lies when it says this life is all you have. The world would tell you to take all you can get while you still can and the most important thing in life is your own happiness. But the big picture is, there is life after this one. And, because I know where I am headed, I can have life more abundantly right now. When circumstances are hard I only have to remember this too shall pass and someday soon I will be with God in heaven.

So the next time you hear someone mention the "Big Picture," smile a little. Smile because you know the really big picture of life is to know Christ and to live for Him. If you have never accepted Christ before, remember salvation is as simple as your "A,B,C's. (Admit, Believe and Confess). Then you will have the big picture too.

Bob Galey is the pastor of Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road in Clarkston. He can be reached at (248) 625-7557.

Whales can sing

You've got to be kidding? Only people can sing. Well, birds too.

Our high school music instructor used to say, "If you can sing, sing out. Singing is a gift from God and is a wonderful way to worship Him."

Scientists have discovered whales can sing. Some people have heard the recordings of them doing so. Scientists haven't yet learned to understand their language, but they have identified individual verses in the song of the whale.

They are convinced the sound is a complicated language. The whole song is complex and longer than human symphonies. A single whale song can last up to 22 hours. That's a whale of a song isn't it? (Please excuse the pun. I learned it from my father.)

The humpback whale's songs change a lot from year to year, yet each humpback in the entire ocean can understand and sing the same song immediately. Scientists wonder how the whales keep the verses straight since their songs change so often. They compose their songs with rhymes. This makes them the greatest poets on earth. I personally prefer Longfellow.

Whales seem to have a consciousness. Our pets seem to be trying to tell us something. Evolutionists believe language is an advanced development and early human beings could only grunt or growl. Archaeologists find the earliest human civilizations had a complicated spoken and written language.

The whale brings to our attention the fact that our Creator is the author of language and music so even animals have their way of communicating with each other. In Genesis 4:21, we find that Jubal, son of Lamech, was the father of all who handle the harp and organ.

In Ephesians 5:19, we are encouraged to sing songs, hymns and spiritual songs and make a melody to the Lord in our heart.



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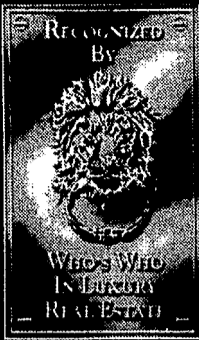
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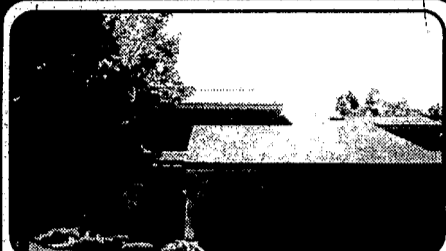
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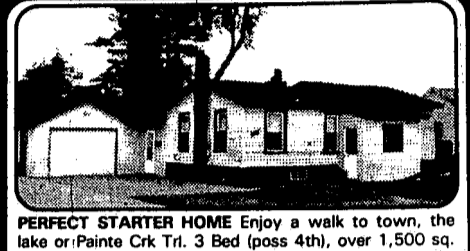


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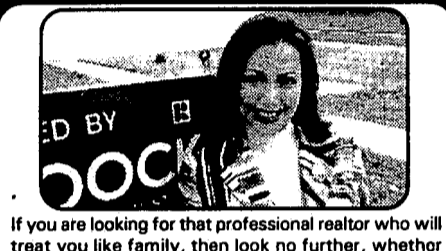
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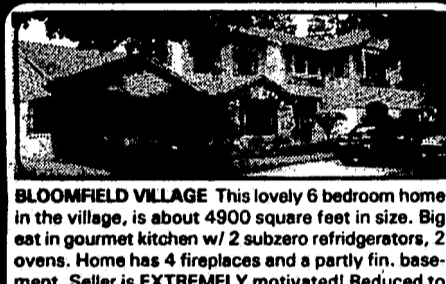
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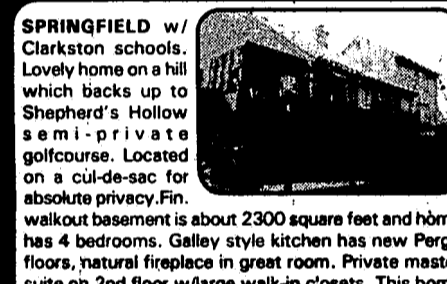
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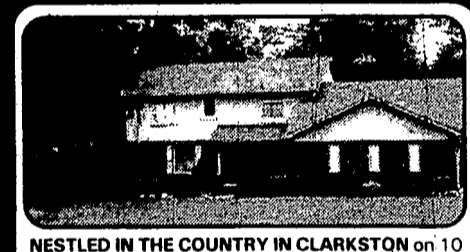
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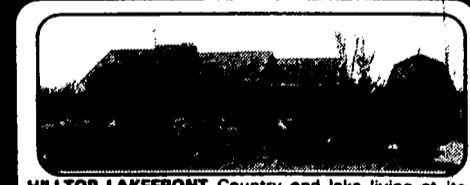
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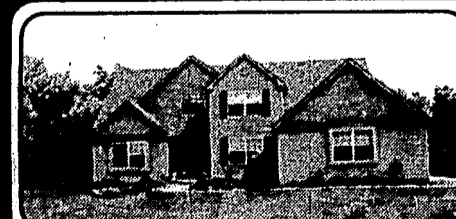
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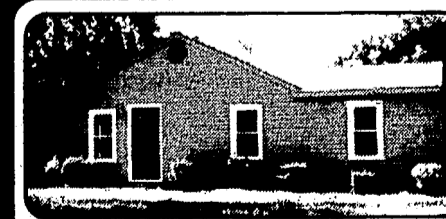
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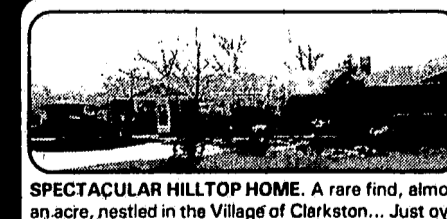
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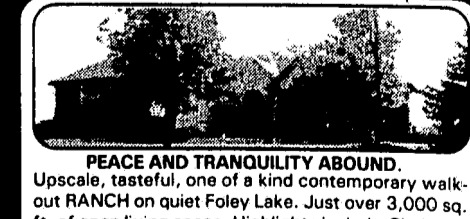
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Car wash set to raise money for Spraypark

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After a successful Clarkston Relay for Life event July 19-20 where participants raised \$155,000, one Relay team has yet more fundraising they'd like to do.

The Cancer Slayers, a 40-member team who has been part of Relay since its Clarkston beginning in 2000, want to help with the fundraising efforts of the Clintonwood Spraypark, being built in memory of Renee Przybylski, who died of leukemia in December 2001.

A car wash will be held, Sunday, Aug. 3 at Bank One on Dixie Highway, at Maybee, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All money raised will go towards the Spraypark.

Cancer Slayer Patty Blaine said, "When we first heard about the community raising money for the Spraypark at Clintonwood, we decided at one of our meetings that when we were done fundraising for Relay we wanted to do something to raise money for the Spraypark. I talked to other teams from Relay and they jumped at the chance to be a part of it too."

Jim and Jerri Fancher, on the Hopetown relay team, are donating signs for the event through their business, Rich Signs. Franks Frogs, another Relay team, are coming to the car wash with their "walking frog."

"Most of us first met Renee through Relay," Patty said. "She was a big part of bringing the Relay to Clarkston. She was a joy to work with. We do miss her smile."

During the 2003 Relay event, the Cancer Slayers put up a banner of Renee. "She will always be a part of this event. Her family always comes out to support the Relay. They are a part of a team that her friends put together called Team Renee." Renee's parents, Michelle and Ralph, will also be coming out to the car wash.

Patty said, "We invite people to come out and help and we encourage everyone to come and get their car washed."



Pictured are some of the 40-member Cancer Slayers Relay for Life team. The Cancer Slayers will hold a car wash on Aug. 3 to raise money for the Spraypark at Clintonwood. Photo provided.

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actively engaged in enhancing the lives of youth where they're at."

A local doctor, for example, is following the "asset" approach in his medical practice, she said, and a local advertising writer has provided services for coalition promotional pieces.

Even as a parent, Hart recognized the "asset" program as an organized concept of something she had felt for years.

"It was the big 'aha,'" she said. "This is what I had been striving for without having a clue. The assets are simply a framework to identify where we need to put our efforts."

As president of the coalition, Hart now promotes this framework, hoping to get people to join the conscious effort to provide some of the assets in their contact with young people.

No one individual is responsible for all 40 assets,



Surrounded by her children's art work, Susette Hart reviews materials concerning "the asset approach." The Clarkston Coalition for Youth works to help the entire community promote 40 "assets" seen as positive influences on youth. Photo by Don Schelske

but the hope is that the collective effort will cover all the bases.

"If we are able to make available to everyone in the community the total picture, and if each of us are able to identify that piece of the picture we can concentrate our efforts on, then inevitably our youth will get what they need," she said.

An example of respect for other segments of the community, Hart said, is an effort by the Clarkston school district to minimize the number of school events on Wednesday evening, in recognition of church and civic group activities.

She admits it is not a "quick fix," but "an 18-year plan." Nonetheless, it is a long-term plan that will "set up our youth for success, not failure."

It's been a long-term commitment for Hart as a parent. She and husband Tom have nine children (one of whom is adopted) ranging in age from 30 to nine.

"We love parenting," she said. "At this point, I'm happy to report we've been effective."

With hectic schedules and a variety of demands,

the Harts began hosting an annual "cousins camp" at their Independence Township home five years ago. It's only one two-night affair each year, but it gives a great opportunity for support of the extended family.

"I knew the value of building relationships," she said. "I looked for a way to do what I could do in a realistic way. It's an awesome experience for all of them."

With one of their daughters in the high school marching band, the Harts host a bonfire for the band to offer another fun event with provision for safety and supervision.

"I believe very strongly in boundaries," she said. "I also believe every opportunity is a learning opportunity."

Around 1997, when the coalition began to focus on the asset approach, Hart became involved. First, it was as part of a "parent network," and she eventually became part of the coalition's board of directors.

"I've always been committed to family and children, and I've always volunteered," she said. "When the coalition began to take a look at this asset framework, I felt it provided something tangible."

Following what she said is a nationwide trend in local communities, Hart is attempting to spread the message at the county level, and there are plans to bring together 21 existing local coalitions for cooperative efforts.

"It hurts my heart to read or hear about any youth that is not reaching their full potential," she said. "If I can aid the process, then I will have felt the time and energy is worth it."

In her spare time, Hart enjoys birding. Although their property is a good spot, the family also enjoys traveling to Canada each spring to see the birds. Reading is another pastime (especially after the kids are in bed), and she enjoys cake decorating as well.

In the meantime, Hart continues her campaign to recruit as many people as possible to join the coalition's efforts. She emphasized that no special qualifications are needed.

"We all have a passion," she said. "We all have some wisdom. The potential is there for everyone. If somebody is struggling, we'll help them come up with a way [to participate]."

Using resources from the Search Institute, the coalition has made available books for parents and others either for purchase through Independence Township Parks and Recreation or for borrowing from the Independence Township Library.

For more information on coalition activities, call (248) 922-3004.

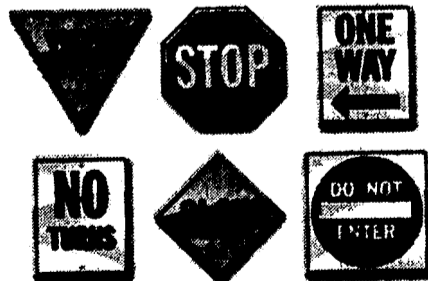
The 'Asset Approach'

According to the Search Institute, the 40 "developmental assets" are in eight categories:

- **Support** - Young people need to experience support, care and love from their families and many others.
- **Empowerment** - Young people need to be valued by their community and have opportunities to contribute to others.
- **Boundaries and expectations** - Young people need to know what is expected of them and whether activities and behaviors are "in bounds" or "out of bounds."
- **Constructive use of time** - Young people need constructive enriching opportunities for growth through creative activities, youth programs, congregational involvement and quality time at home.
- **Commitment to learning** - Young people need to develop a lifelong commitment to education and learning.
- **Positive values** - Youth need to develop strong values that guide their choices.
- **Social competencies** - Young people need skills and competencies that equip them to make positive choices, to build relationships and to succeed in life.
- **Positive identity** - Young people need a strong sense of their own power, purpose, worth and promise.

The Clarkston Coalition For Youth recruits participation from various segments of the community to promote different "assets" according to their strengths.

For more information on the coalition, call (248) 922-3004. For more information on the 40 assets, visit www.search-institute.org.



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City council looks to keep Depot Park clean

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Soon a trip to Depot Park should be a cleaner experience for its visitors.

The City of the Village of Clarkston council, at their Monday, July 28 meeting, approved the purchase of two dispensing supply stations for scooping dog droppings, at the request of Department of Public Works Supervisor Bob Pursley.

Pursley said he fields two to three citizen complaints a week regarding an abundance of piles in the park.

"It's also a health concern to people," council woman Anne Clifton said.

The stations are on a post, buried in the ground, with a receptacle and dispenser which comes with 800 baggies mounted to the post. A sign also comes with the order.

The units had been pricey in the past, Pursley said, but have since come down.

After searching, Pursley found a Florida company selling the dispensers for \$299, including shipping. Other companies Pursley found charged \$299 plus shipping.

Pursley said he wanted two units, placing one on each side of the river in visible spots.

Mayor Sharron Cattalo said she thought the idea was worthwhile, and offered to purchase one out of her own pocket. The city will pay for the other.

The council is hoping residents will take advantage of the dispensers for a cleaner park experience for everyone.

Also at Monday's meeting:

•The council approved an increase for gazebo rentals for weddings and such at Depot Park.

City Manager Art Pappas said the city has charged \$100 for years, while other communities currently charge \$300 to \$400. He suggested raising the rental fee to \$200.

"I think people will look at this as a bargain," Clifton said.

The approved fee increase will only apply to new bookings. Pappas said he already has weddings booked into 2004.

•The council also approved the purchase of landscaping at the Washington and Main streets municipal parking lot for a cost of \$19,528.

Consultant Gary Tressel of Hubbel Roth and Clark said the landscaping should be completed before Labor Day, after the ongoing construction is completed on Washington. Part of the parking lot is currently being used to stage construction equipment and will remain that way for approximately two to three weeks, Tressel noted. Plans will be presented at the next meeting for repaving of the parking lot.

The landscaping will include adding two trees, day-lilies, a small fence to keep pedestrians out of the landscaping, and more.

Tressel said the purchase is covered in the city's budget.

Clifton was the lone negative vote. (Councilman Dan Colombo was absent). She felt the city should hold off on the landscaping of the middle island in the parking lot, costing the city an extra \$3,000.

Look for a picture page each week in the Millstream section.

Morgan volunteers for police department

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Residents may be used to seeing him in a very different capacity as owner of Morgan's Service, but John Morgan can now also be seen in uniform tooling around town on a motorcycle as Clarkston's newest reserve police officer, a volunteer position.

Morgan will have his "first big assignment," Police Chief Ernest Combs said, this Friday, Aug. 1, escorting parading classic cars to Depot Park for SCAMP's Concours in the Park.

It was when Clarkston Officer Alan Kitzens, a good friend of Morgan, encouraged Morgan to join the police academy, he did just that.

"He knew I had a motorcycle and said, 'Why don't you go to the academy?'" Morgan, 45, said, who has been riding motorcycles for the past couple of years as a hobby.

"My mother (Dora, who passed away 11 years ago) said as long as she was alive she didn't want me riding (motorcycles) on the road. I wonder what she's saying up there now."

The Clarkston police department had only two motorcycle officers prior to Morgan, who along with the other two officers, had their newly leased motorcycles delivered last week. Morgan, as well as the other two motorcycle officers, pay for the lease of the bikes out of their pockets.

Born and raised in Clarkston and a 1975 Clarkston High School graduate, Morgan has worked at the service station since junior high school. Morgan's has been a staple in Clarkston since 1932.

Morgan averages one night a week with the police department, working after he closes up shop at Morgan's.

"I like what I do," Morgan said of the repair shop. "Clarkston's been good to us. There are a lot of good people in Clarkston."

He admitted if he had not had the family business to go into after high school, he would've gone into law enforcement.

"Clarkston doesn't have a full time officer. All the officers have a lot of experience. I think a lot of people look at Clarkston's police department as a bunch of rent-a-cops and rookies, but that's not the case. It is



John Morgan, Clarkston's newest reserve police officer, is pictured here competing in a police rodeo at Michigan State University, July 26. He placed seventh out of 35 motorcycle officers. Photo provided.

an excellent department. I feel honored to be associated with them."

Morgan has been married to Connie for 25 years. They have four daughters: Stephanie, 22, Sarah, 20, Samantha, 15 and Miranda, 11.

The youngest Olympic boxing champion was Jackie Fields. He won the featherweight boxing title in 1924 at the age of 16 years and 162 days.

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Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE WALDON VILLAGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 83, as amended, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, for the purpose of amending the Waldon Village Planned Unit Development situated in Section 27 of the Township, in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to amend the site plan for the Towne Center Phase of the PUD and to amend the regulations for the development and use of the property.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

The approximately 33.4 acres of property in Section 27 of the Charter Township of Independence known as Parcel 08-27-100-014, 08-27-100-015, 08-27-100-028, 08-27-100-038 and 08-27-100-041, more particularly described on the attached legal description (the "Property"), was previously reclassified in the Zoning Ordinance and on the Zoning Map as PUD, Planned Unit Development, subject to and in accordance with an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance adopted on August 5, 1997, inclusive of a Site Plan, Permit Conditions, Development Agreement and other documentation set forth in said amendment to the Zoning Ordinance ("Original Waldon Village PUD Ordinance").

Section 2 of Ordinance

An amendment to the Waldon Village Planned Unit Development rezoning is granted subject to, and all development and use of the Property shall be under and in conformity with the Original Waldon Village PUD Ordinance and the following amendments to the Waldon Village Planned Unit Development Site Plans, Permit Conditions, Development Agreement and PUD Affidavit:

1. The Amended Site Plans, dated May 16, 2003, as revised to-date, and only as approved by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees.
2. The First Amendment to Permit Conditions for the Waldon Village Planned Unit Development.
3. The First Amendment to Development Agreement for Waldon Village Planned Unit Development.
4. Any and all conditions of approval of the Independence Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission pertaining to the proposed amendments to the Waldon Village Planned Unit Development.
5. Recordation with the Oakland County Register of Deeds office of an Affidavit by the owner of the Property prior to commencement of construction and prior to the sale of any property in the as yet undeveloped portions/phases of the Waldon Village Planned Unit Development Property, containing the legal description of the entire project, specifying the date of approval of the amendment to the Waldon Village Planned Unit Development and declaring that all future development of the Property has been authorized, restricted and required to be carried out in accordance with the original Ordinance, as amended.

Section 3 of Ordinance

Amended only as specified in this Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, including without limitation the Original Waldon Village PUD Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

TOWNSHIP BOARD
AGENDA
7:30 P.M.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: August 5, 2003

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes - July 15, 2003
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Second Reading and Adoption - Amendment of Oakhill Corners PUD, southwest corner of Oakhill/M-15, 08-05-101-056
 - e. Second Reading and Adoption - Amendment of Waldon Village Town Center PUD, southwest corner of Sashabaw/Waldon Road, 08-27-100-028 & 038.
 - f. Resolution - Authorizing West Nile Virus Fund Expense Reimbursement Request.

Public Hearing - Special Assessment District

1. Sashabaw Corridor Drain
Unfinished Business
1. Resolution Approving Assessment Roll - Sashabaw Corridor Drain
2. School Liaison Officer
3. Reconsideration of the Holcomb Road/ Bridge Lake Road Paving Project.

New Business

1. Liquor License Transfer - 6697 Dixie Highway
 2. Permission to Hire - Laborer
 3. Deficit Elimination Plan
 4. Approval of Payment for ITC (DTE) Easement
 5. Approval of 2003 RCOC Tri-Party Projects
 6. Michigan Municipal League Trustees Election
- Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business.

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action.

A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

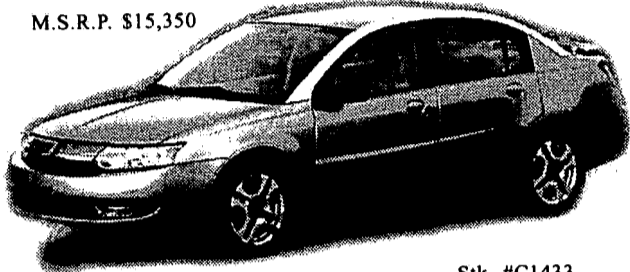
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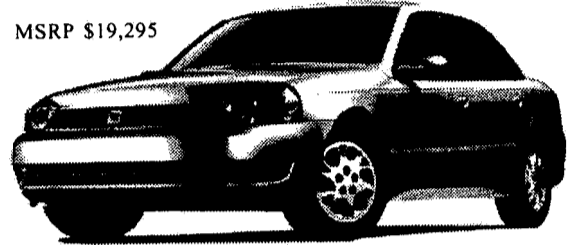
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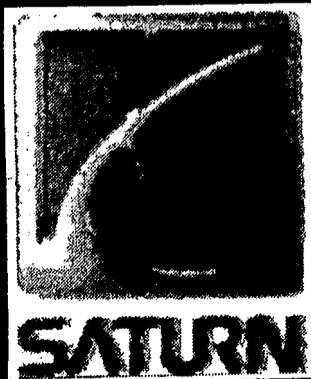
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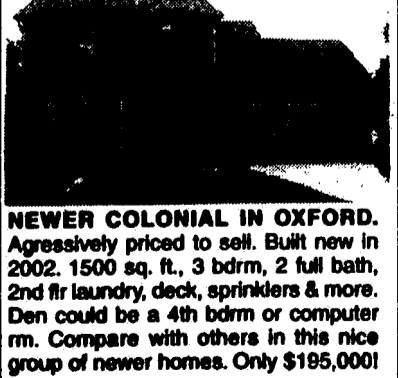
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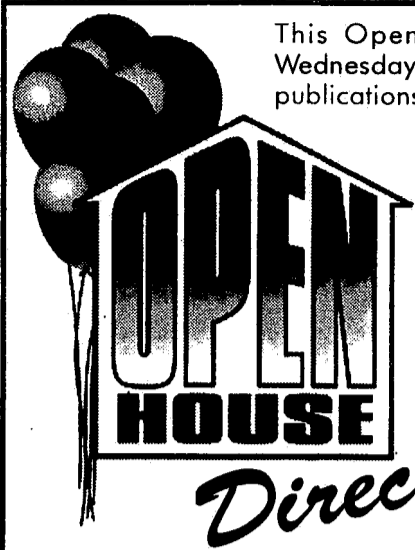


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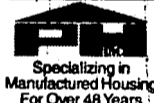
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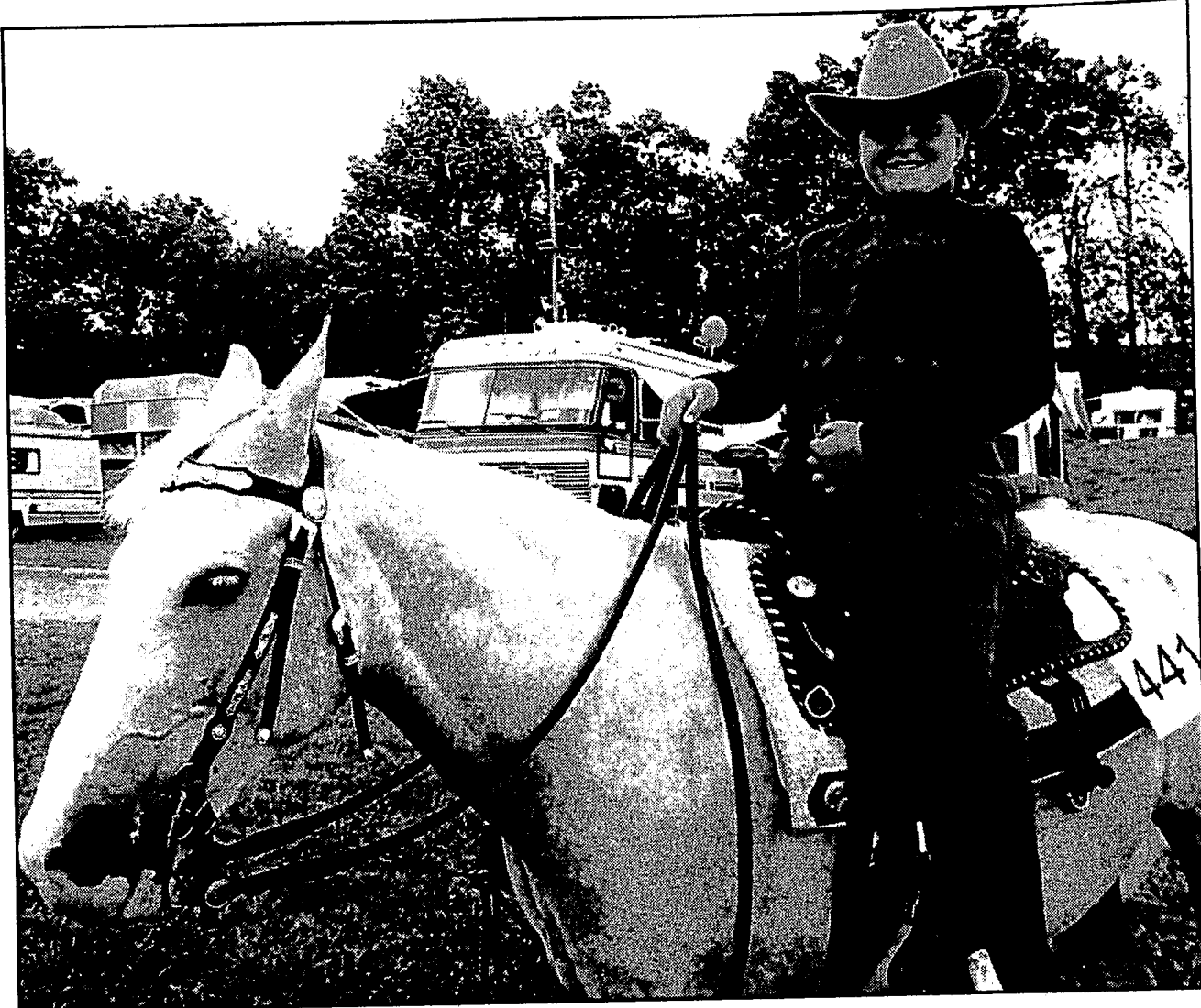
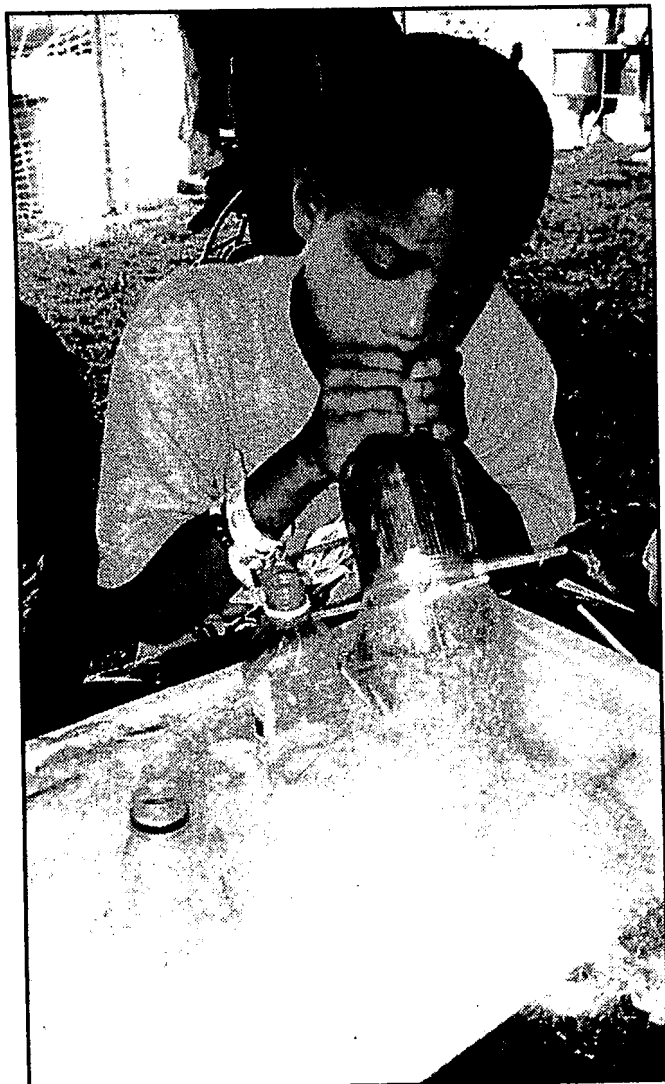
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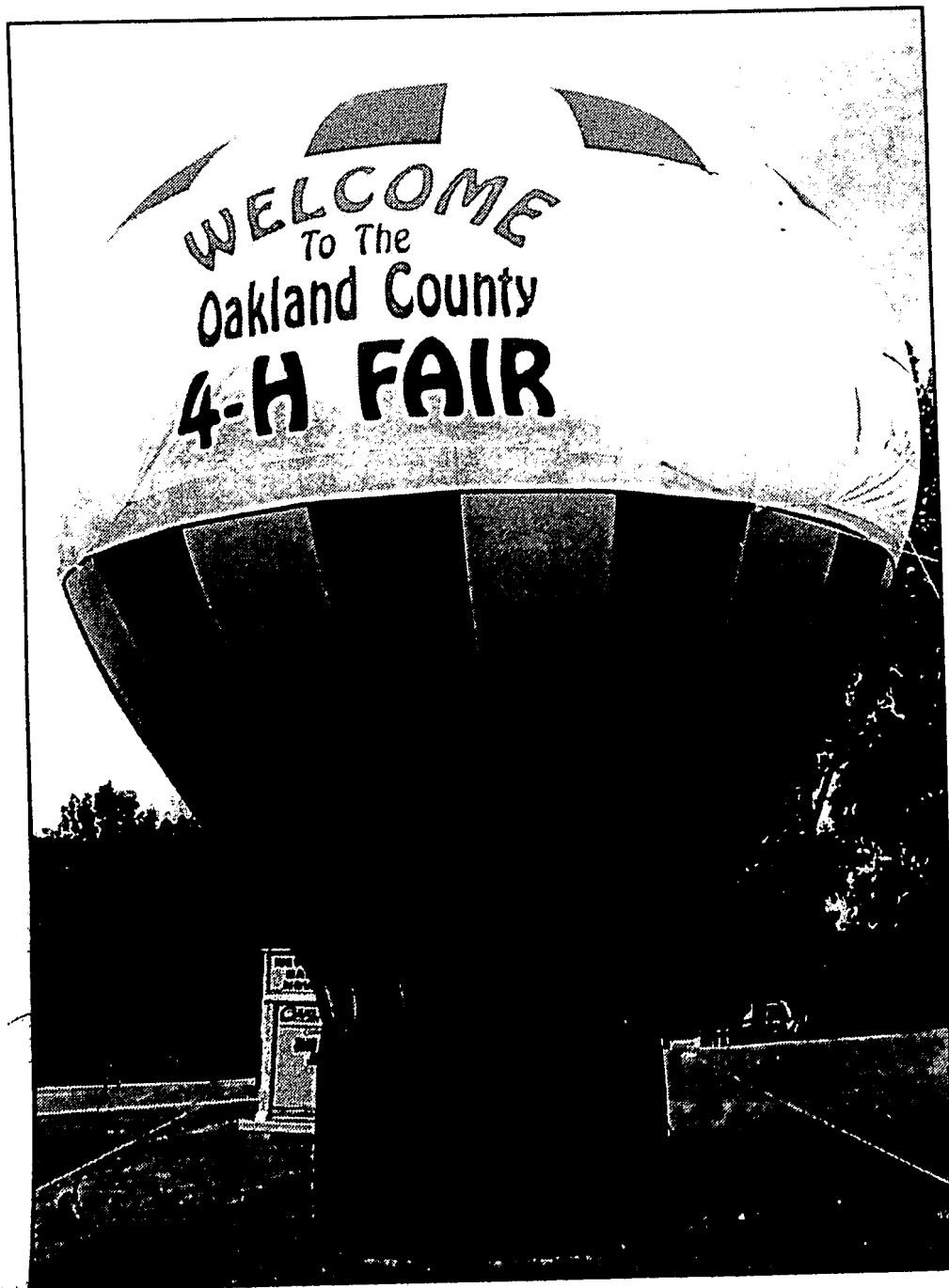
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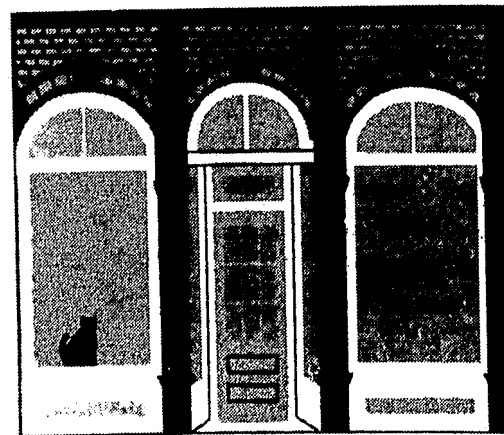


Cory Cogdell, 10 (above, left), experiments with bubbles in the Science Tent at the Oakland County 4-H Fair at Springfield Oaks County Park. Ten-year-old Kacie Williams, on horse Ariel (above, right), awaits competition. Williams has been riding for three years. Sitting on a stuffed pony, two-and-a-half-year-old Jesse, and mom Lisa Anderson of Clarkston (right), get excited for the camera in the Farmer-for-a-Day Tent. The July 22-27 event provided lots of opportunities for youthful fun and competition, and the adults had fun, too.



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