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## District plans to spend \$69.6 million in '04-'05

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools will need about \$2.2 million from fund equity to balance the budget for 2004-2005.

The school board on Monday adopted a "major funds" budget anticipating \$67.4 million in revenue and \$69.6 million in spending for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

As is the norm for school budgets, this one is based on income and enrollment projections which will not be firm until at least fall. The projections are conservative, however, at least based on recent experience.



Bruce Beamer

Bruce Beamer, executive director of business and financial services, reviewed the proposed budget at a public hearing attended by only three members of the "public" (including trustee-elect Joan Patterson and trustee candidate Diane Weller).

The budget assumes no increase in enrollment from the 2003-2004 school year (officials were surprised by lower-than-expected enrollment last year) and no increase in the state's "per pupil" foundation grant.

With those estimates, "We're not anticipating the state making a cut in state

aid in fiscal year 2005," Beamer said. Michigan's fiscal year begins in October, and the governor and legislature continue to debate ways to balance the state budget. Beamer expects to see the full \$6,947 per pupil grant promised last year.

The new budget includes the estimated \$1.6 million in reductions and "revenue enhancements," which includes a pay-to-participate athletics program and a net reduction in 4 full-time equivalent teaching positions.

The expected deficit, however, will reduce the overall fund equity of about \$8 million, or 11.6 percent of the total "major funds." School officials had set a goal of maintaining a 15 percent fund equity.

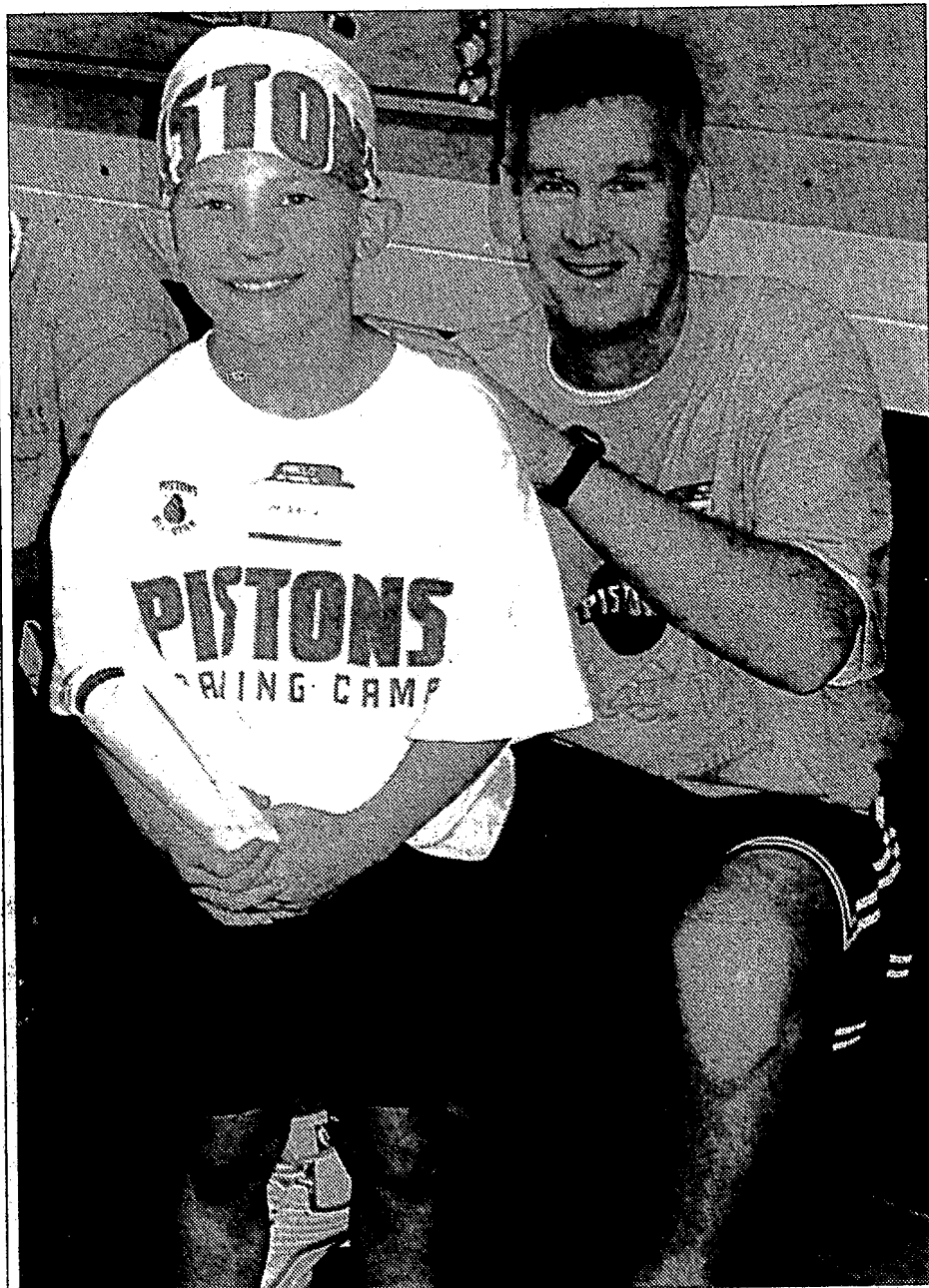
A number of variables may change, depending on state budget decisions. Last year's teacher contract, for example, calls for a 2 percent salary increase in 2004-2005 if the state increases the foundation grant. Beamer included adequate funds in the budget to cover that increase, but if state aid stays level teachers will receive only a 1 percent pay raise.

The expected \$69.6 million spending is well above the final 2003-2004 budget figure of \$67.2 million, but Beamer noted a number of unique line items.

They include payments to employees who took the severance package this past spring, another transfer to the special fund anticipating the opening of new facilities in fall 2005, a 10 percent increase in health coverage premiums and a 10

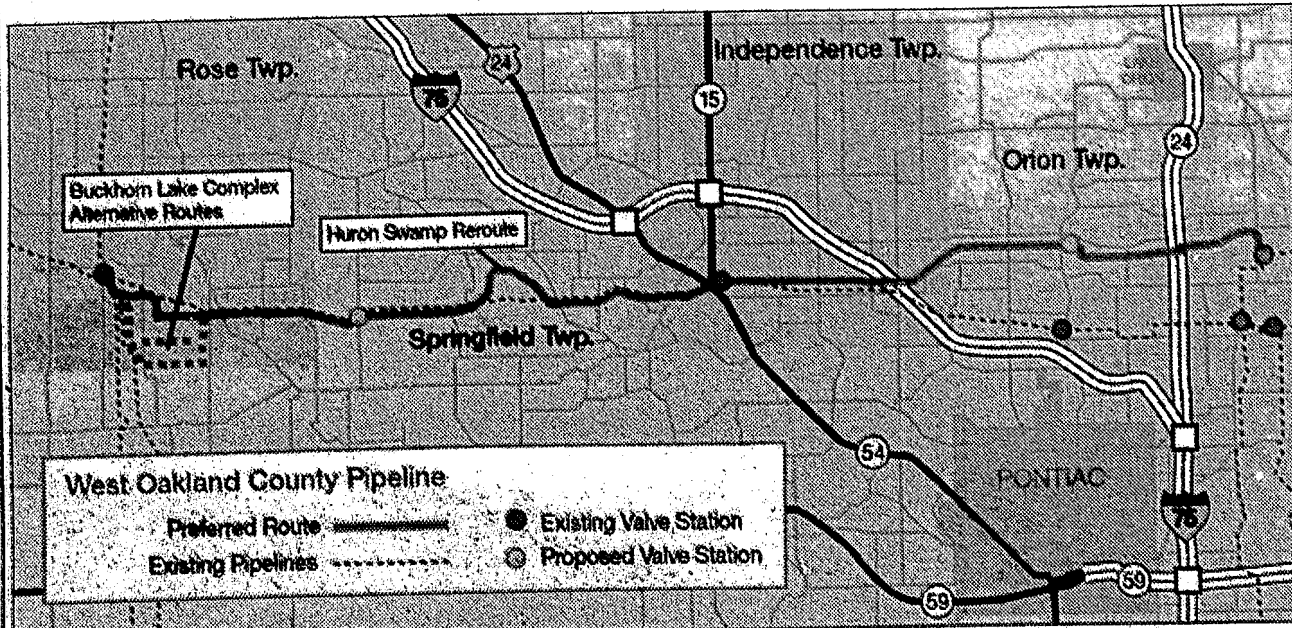
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## Ready for some hoops



Gregory Miller's camp t-shirt proves to be an excellent place for an autograph from Coach Dave at the end of basketball camp. Students finished the morning with autographs from the coaching staff. See more pictures on 28A. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

## Residents protest plans for new natural gas pipeline



A map sent to potentially affected property owners shows the route of the proposed West Oakland Pipeline proposed by Consumers Energy to fulfill the growing need for natural gas in southeast Michigan. Map provided by Consumers Energy

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Should a new natural gas pipeline affect protected wetlands or private property?

That was part of the debate at a Wednesday, June 23 public hearing conducted by the Michigan Public Service Commission at the Springfield Township Civic Center.

A proposal from Consumers Energy for a new West Oakland Pipeline has garnered protests from those critical of a route which includes natural features such as the Great Huron Swamp in Springfield Township and Buckhorn Lake in Rose Township.

The plan calls for 24.4 miles of a 36-inch natural gas pipeline to be built through Rose, Springfield, Independence and Orion townships. Some claimed the utility's maintenance and construction easements would involve a 100-foot wide path along the route.

The original proposed route is roughly the same as that used by an existing 22-inch line installed in 1951, but proposed deviations brought protests from property owners who say protecting the wetlands will de-

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Best Image Possible

# Briefly

## PB, suitcase drive reaches goal

Members of Clarkston's Girl Scout Troop 317 recently reached their goal to help families in Brazil by collecting 60 used suitcases and 30 jars of peanut butter.

The collected goods will be taken to Brazil this September for distribution. Troop members will meet in August to fill the suitcases with donated children's clothing, shoes and the peanut butter.

## Local company to reconstruct OCRC garage

The Road Commission for Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners, at its regular meeting June 24, approved a \$2.1 million contract with Heritage Contracting, of Clarkston, to complete the reconstruction of its Davisburg garage, which was largely destroyed in a Jan. 20 fire.

The new contract covers installation of all mechanical systems in the new portion of the building, restoring the part of the building that could be salvaged following the fire, installation of the electrical and fire-suppression systems as well as site work. Heritage, which was the low bidder for the contract, also holds the contract to erect the new portion of the garage. That contract was awarded May 27 for \$319,000.

The reconstructed garage is expected to be ready for use by Dec. 31.

## Fire Department plans blood drive

The Independence Township Fire Department is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Friday, July 2 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the main fire hall at 6500 Citation Drive.

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## Postponed CHS class reunion

Clarkston High School's class of 1978 will hold its "25 plus 1" reunion on Aug. 8, 2004 at Liberty Banquet and Grill in Clarkston at 6:30 p.m.

The event, which was supposed to take place last summer on the true 25th anniversary, will feature a buffet dinner and music from a DJ. Tickets are \$50 per person for the full evening or \$20 per person to attend after 9 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Jayne (Lasner) Bannister at (810) 694-2818 or Ann Rathsburg at (248) 620-0387.

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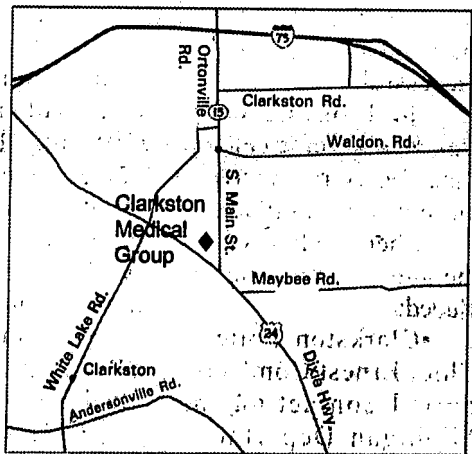
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# The Second Front

## Local lifeguards keep area beaches, water safe with training

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The work of a lifeguard isn't merely keeping a watchful eye on Clarkston's beaches and waterfronts from a tall tower. Hours of training and certification are required to be part of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation lifesaving staff, facts that often go unnoticed.

"People see us during the day up on the stands and doesn't seem like we're doing much, but it takes a lot of preparation," Kevin Breen, Independence Township aquatics director, said.

Twenty-five lifeguards make up this year's staff for the Parks and Recreation Department. Starting with training in the preseason, the staff constantly updates skills and certification.

"We have people here (Deer Lake) from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the public," Breen said.

Individuals interested in becoming a lifeguard have to start off by meeting one basic requirement: age. Candidates must be at least 16 to be a lifeguard. From there candidates are given a written exam covering facts, lifesaving scenarios, how to scan the water for potential accidents and rescue breathing and then complete a 200-meter swim.

"You have to be in pretty good shape," Breen said.

Before the beaches open to the public every year, lifeguards update CPR skills, practice important rescue breathing in the actual lakes, perform passive and active "save" situations and different types of backboarding for victims.

"You have to be able to backboard someone in under three minutes," Breen said. "Most of us can do it in one minute thirty seconds."

This is all in addition to weekly trainings, meetings, first aid updates, missing persons searches and boat rescues, a skill not required of the staff.

"The CPR can be challenging, but we've gone over it so much," Mike Jefferies, lifeguard, said.

Such preparedness makes the lifeguards the first source to call in an emergency.

"If there is an accident on the lake, the guards are called first since they're better trained," Breen said. "It takes the rescue divers an hour to get here."

Keeping in shape is an important aspect of the lifeguard's job. Many of Independence Township's lifeguards are training together for the upcoming triathlon later this summer in downtown Clarkston. Many staff members were high school swimmers and teach swimming lessons in addition to guarding.

The hard work of the aquatics staff has paid off. Independence Township was recently recognized with a platinum award from Ellis and Associates, a group that goes to beaches nationwide to make sure safety and procedural protocols are being met at all times.

Ellis comes announced to local beaches, such as Deer Lake, and videotapes daily activities in addition to administering performance exams to staff members. The review of safety practices tends to happen three times a season.

"We follow the 10/20 rule from Ellis. We have to recognize a situation in 10 seconds and respond in 20," Breen said.

Being able to provide the community with first class service is a plus to many guards when working with local residents.

"The community is really fun to work with. I've met a lot of regular people," Katie Osterhage, beach director, said. "People recognize you when you go out."

Meeting together outside of the work environment



Aaron Bedor, Vicky Baetens, Mike Jefferies, Kevin Breen, Ian Haaseth, Robert Sloan and Katie Osterhage are just a few of the individuals that make up this year's lifeguard staff with Independence Township Parks and Recreation department. Hard work and training are part of the behind-the-scenes work the staff members put in to make area beaches safe every summer. Photo by Alicia Dorset

is one of the perks for staff members.

"I've made a lot of new friends here in the time I've been here," Ian Haaseth, lifeguard, said.

Being friends with each other makes for a more enjoyable working environment, according to Breen.

"We have a really good group here," Breen said. "We feel comfortable with each other and rely on one another to keep the beaches safe. When you're friends with everyone, you come to work and don't want to let them down."

### A picnic spot in the parking lot



Renick Anderson, Megan Hanselman, Tatum Anderson, Mary Beth Anderson, Keagan Anderson, Alyssa Hamelin and Kayla Hamelin enjoy a picnic lunch in the parking lot at the Independence Township Library on June 24. The students were on a break from vacation Bible school to enjoy a program at the library.

Photo by Alicia Dorset.

### Slide vandalized in Depot Park

Bob Pursley of Clarkston's DPW reported at the June 28 Clarkston City Council meeting that a slide in Depot Park was vandalized by two young adults after the June 25 "Concert in the Park."

A member of the DPW staff tried to catch the vandals, but was unsuccessful.

The broken section was being removed on June 29. A replacement piece has been ordered.

Other highlights from the June 28 meeting included:

- Clarkston Police's Chief Ernest Combs reported contacting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to work on finding an agreement

for large vehicles traveling on M-15. The trucks, most likely trying to avoid construction delays on I-75, have recently broken traffic signals downtown.

•A final site review for The Clarkston Conservatory will be given by the council pending a written agreement in regard to parking allotments with the Clarkston Mills lot. The council wanted to make sure adequate parking will be available when multiple events occur downtown simultaneously.

•A request from the DPW to purchase a new lift machine for the city was deferred to the budget committee for further review.

•The council approved the following budgets for the fiscal year 2004: \$741,106 for the general fund; \$22,400 for local street funds; and \$39,300 for major street funds. The increased rates were due to last year's snow storm.

•The council also approved budgets for 2005: \$758,672 to the general fund; \$22,100 for local street funds; \$34,100 for major street funds; a 13.3633 mil; and a three percent increase wage increase for the city's police employees.

•Also approved were an increase in REU sewer rates and payment for traffic signal maintenance with MDOT.

-By Alicia Dorset

# Board debates, approves contract with high bidder

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The majority of bids awarded for Clarkston schools bond construction projects have been to the lowest bidders, who have quoted prices well below construction manager estimates.

A high bid for a furniture consultant generated some debate at the June 14 school board meeting, but trustees eventually voted 5-1 to accept the staff recommendation.

The district will pay \$242,800 to French Associates to provide evaluations, specifications and supervision for new furniture in relation to bond construction sites.

Slated for full or partial furniture replacement are Pine Knob Elementary School, Sashabaw Middle School (which will become a grade 6-7 building), Clarkston Middle School (which will become an 8-9 building), the new Early Childhood Center and renovated administration building, and the Community Education/Alternative High School building.

Two other contractors offered bids of \$184,715 and \$213,133 for the same work, but district staff recommended French Associates, the firm already handling architectural design duties for the bond projects.

"French and Associates was the high bidder, but they provide knowledge and understanding from its past design that lacks from the other bidders," according to Bruce Beamer, executive director for business and financial services, adding that the move would prevent "finger pointing" between two contractors if furniture designs conflict with building designs.

Deputy Superintendent David Reschke said the importance of meeting

deadlines was another reason for the recommendation.

"We feel we have some influence on [French and Associates'] intent in keeping us as a client," he said. "A delay with furniture would be disastrous."

Trustee Mary Ellen McLean questioned the recommendation, not clearly seeing how the higher contract would necessarily lead to better service.

"I don't feel I can read apples to apples on this," McLean said.

Trustee Sheila Hughes supported the move, however, citing experience on a committee choosing furniture for the current high school building.

Board Secretary Steve Hyer agreed: "One finger-pointing exercise will remove any cost savings we have [from a low bidder]."

Trustee Tony Miller was the only no vote on the furniture consultant contract.

The board voted unanimously on low bids for several other bond-related contracts, including:

- A \$15.2 million package for the grade 6-7 building is about \$1.8 million less than the contract manager estimate, and will include items such as demolition, masonry and concrete, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, sheet metal, glass, paint, food service and gymnasium equipment, bleachers, elevator and fire protection.

- A \$10.9 million package for the Early Childhood/Administration complex is about \$154,000 less than estimated, and will include all aspects of renovation and new construction except for landscaping.

- A \$428,500 package for the current Community Education Center is about \$8,000 below estimate, and will include building and electrical demolition in preparation for renovation work.

## League hosts District Judge candidate night

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area will sponsor a candidate night for the 52-2 District Judge on Tuesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. in suite B at the Clarkston Public Access Center.

Each candidate will be given two minutes to present an opening statement to the audience. A question and answer period will follow, where one minute will be given to each candidate to answer each question. The questions will be submitted in writing by members of the audience.

At the conclusion of the question and answer period, one minute will be

given each candidate for a closing statement in reverse order of opening statements.

Audience members will have an opportunity to meet and pose questions to the candidates.

This event will be carried on cable television. A schedule of candidate forums and known rebroadcast information is also available on the group's Web site, [www.lwvoa.org](http://www.lwvoa.org), in the 'event calendar' section.

The center is located on 5255 Maybee Rd. in Clarkston. For more information, call (248) 647-1350.

## Board honors McLean

In other business at the Monday, June 14 meeting of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education:

- Trustees approved continued membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

- The board honored Trustee Mary Ellen McLean, who chose not to run for reelection after eight years on the school board.

Following past practice, the board will plant a tree in McLean's honor at a school site of her choice.

- The board approved a five-year extension of the district's beverage contract with Coca-Cola Company, citing the company's willingness to cooperate in a move to reduce the amount of carbonated beverages available to students.

Previously announced plans will proceed, replacing soda beverages in lunch lines with lower-sugar options such as sports drinks and bottled water.

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# Schultz looking for help on downtown picnic

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The woman who was largely responsible for saving the July 4 parade several years ago amidst the downtown construction is back at it again.

Ginny Schultz however is not looking to create another downtown parade this time. Instead she is seeking help on a downtown picnic she is organizing. The picnic will take place Sept. 5 at Depot Park from 1-4 p.m. Schultz said the picnic is open to village residents only, not citizens of either Springfield or Independence Townships. She asks village residents to bring their own picnic basket, but not to worry about ice cream. She said ice cream is being provided by Crook's Dairy Farm in Brandon Township.

"It's nothing fancy," Schultz said with a smile from inside her antique store in downtown Clarkston. "Just a nice place to see your neighbors and make some new friends. I just thought now that we got all the construction done downtown, it would be a nice time to celebrate."

Schultz said she is planning on having several different activities during the picnic to entertain the old and young alike. Potato sack races, three-legged races and a penny scramble, where people will hunt for a penny in a pile of sand or sawdust are all in the works. She is simply looking for volunteers to help with the festivities or for possible musical acts to provide some music. Schultz said she was not looking for any specific type of music for the event.

Additionally, children will be able to hop inside a fire truck or police cars, as both government bodies are helping with the picnic, Schultz said. The sheriff's department will also be represented, she said.

City Manager Art Pappas said the Clarkston City Council at its June 7 meeting approved \$500 out of its general fund in support of the picnic. The event itself was approved at its May 24 meeting, Pappas said.



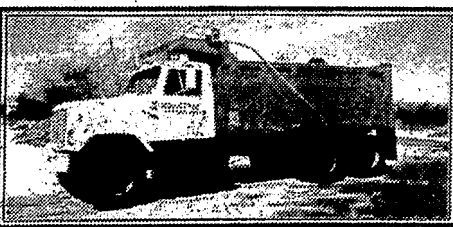
Mitchell and Rachel Wayne show off the potato sacks with organizer Ginny Schultz at Depot Park. Schultz is hoping lots of village resident children and their parents participate in the upcoming Depot Park Picnic Sept. 5. Photo by Ed Davis.

"She's a go-getter," Pappas said of Schultz.

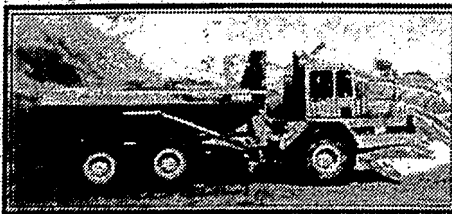
People interested in helping or learning more about the early fall downtown picnic are encouraged to con-

tact either Ginny or James Schultz at 248-625-3122 or can stop by their Country Store off of M-15 just north of Washington between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

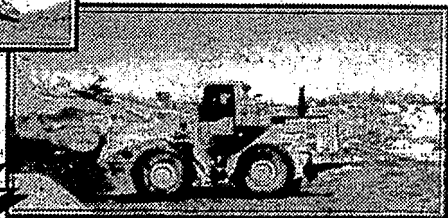
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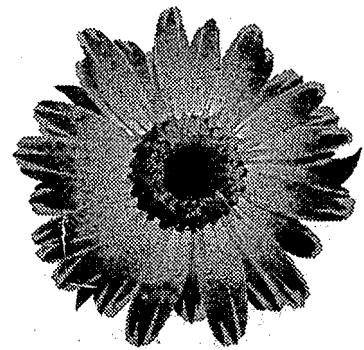
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# Opinion

## Become a leader

*Thinking out loud:*

• Clarkston school officials have cut \$1.6 million from their 2004-05 budget. In a related topic, the board voted unanimously to give Superintendent Al Roberts a 2.5 percent pay raise. His new salary will be \$138,000 with another \$4,000 bonus possible if performance goals are accomplished.

Now I am not here to begrudge anyone their salary, however when it is the public's money we need to always take a closer look. As the head of the district, and supposedly its leader, would it not speak volumes if Roberts decided not to take a raise this year?

Everybody in the school district is tightening their belts to save money so the school district can avoid cutting valuable services to students. The entire community is tightening their belts after they were generous enough to pass an \$84.7 million bond proposal in June 2003. Don't you think the head of the schools should do the same and be able to survive on the \$134,564 he made last year? I am not even talking about the other perks in the superintendent's contract.

While I realize the pay freeze decision would be more symbolic than anything, that is what leadership is about. Every now and again you need to put your money where your mouth is and set the tone for the district. It would give Roberts a lot more credibility the next time he is complaining about the lack of state funding or asking the voters to give the school district even more money.

• I do applaud the school board not filling the position vacated by the retiring John Diliiegghio and instead restructuring duties so his salary can be taken off the books. That is exactly the kind of forward thinking the district needs. When cuts need to be made the first place the board should look is the administration rather than the classroom.

• Michael Moore's documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" was the highest grossing movie of last week.

How people can go watch that movie and expect to be educated is beyond me. All the examples of Moore playing fast and loose with the facts in previous documentaries would not allow me to take anything he does seriously.

I should not even call it a documentary. In a documentary you should receive both sides of the issue in order to make an informed decision. The work of Moore is a lot closer to a propaganda film than a documentary.

• Independence Township is gearing up for another Fourth of July celebration. Just to make sure everybody is on the same page I thought I would remind our readers that the events will take place on Saturday, July 3 this year.

From the parade in the morning to the fireworks at dusk, you can count on Independence Township to put on a great show.

Remember it is an election year so the parade will probably be longer this time. We have to give all the candidates a chance to campaign.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

## Letters to the Editor

### Community should be outraged

The Supervisor of Independence Township would have us believe that back in November 2002, the voters only turned down a community center with a pool and a township hall. It must have slipped his mind that senior facilities were also included in that election.

On Nov. 5, 2002 the township voted on two proposals concerning senior facilities. The first proposal had to do with building recreational facilities, including senior facilities and a township hall. The second proposal was for the purpose of paying the operating and maintenance expenses of just the recreational facilities including senior facilities. The wording on both these proposals are quite clear. Both of these proposals were turned down by 75 percent of those who voted in that election. I am sure the township would provide a copy of these proposals to anyone who would like to verify them as well as the results.

In a board meeting on Nov. 18, 2003 our supervisor, along with another board member, made comments about the taxpayers voting against a new township hall. In the context of that comment they were very willing to uphold that part of the proposal that the taxpayers turned down. Now, the supervisor and the board seem to be picking and choosing what parts of those proposals they want to uphold and which ones they do not. In this case, obviously, they do not want to uphold the part about the recreational facilities including senior facilities.

We live in a democracy, we have the right to vote, especially on controversial issues. When the supervisor of our township actually recommended not going to the people for a vote on the senior center, whether it was for new millage or not, every person in this community should be outraged. We have soldiers dying in the name of democracy, the right to vote. It is what our country is based on. If it has come to the point where our elected officials feel they cannot uphold the results of our elections in their entirety, perhaps it is time for them to resign their positions.

In discussions leading up to these proposals, there were serious concerns about seniors not willing to pay or being able to afford the user fees as suggested. Many seniors in that case would not use the facility. That being the case, it seems to me that the taxpayers are go-

ing to end up subsidizing this facility. As I stated before, someone has to pay for these projects. They are not free.

Comments were made about not raising our taxes and changing the character of assets and the general fund borrowing from other funds. No matter how you put it, the taxpayers will be funding this senior center in an amount well over \$1.4 million. The money we provide to the township, as Stuart put it, are called taxes and should be used to run the day-to-day business of the township government. The township is not in the banking business. We do not pay taxes so that Stuart and the board can borrow from fund to fund to build projects. We have special millage elections for that.

I have the utmost respect for most of our senior citizens. They are delightful, fun loving people and I am sure they have endured many hardships and challenges. However, there are other generations that also have and are enduring many of those same hardships. No matter how deserving we might be, society does not "owe" us because we have done through these challenges, and society does not "owe" us just because we are becoming elderly. That is absurd as well as presumptuous.

The residents of Independence Township are a very generous people when it comes to the needs of its citizens. Wants are a different story. I strongly suggest that this issue be put to the voters in the next feasible election. I also suggest that wording include the cost of the building, cost of the land, operating costs and any indirect costs.

The citizens need to know the total amount of this project. In the long run, after everything is said and done, this center may very well cost us a \$14 million figure like the one in the Rochester area.

This proposal may pass overwhelmingly. But then again, it may not. I urge all those who agree with my point of view to write *The Clarkston News* and the *Oakland Press* and call the township officials and just say, "I want to vote on the senior center issue."

But not to be able to vote on this issue when \$1.4 million tax dollars are involved is just wrong.

Cathy Houck  
Independence Township

### There is reason to change leadership

I am a resident in Springfield Township and I feel that John and Millie Ham of Springfield Township need to wake up and open their eyes. This is in response to their letter to the editor "No reason to change Springfield leadership," in *The Clarkston News*.

Look around you. Nancy Strole, along with the Supervisor and Treasurer, are weak and self-serving.

• "The protection of the environment." Merriam-Webster Dictionary defined environment as surroundings. That would mean the safety and well being of our persons and property.

• "With growth." They actually go to painstaking

efforts to discourage it.

• "Strong fiscal administration." No, tens of thousands of dollars in litigations, and wild flowers.

• "Balanced approach to well planned growth." Yeah, right...downtown.

My name is Michelle Beck and I will welcome this slate of candidates, it is time to clean the yard and get rid of the deadwood.

Thank you for your consideration

Michelle Beck  
Springfield Township

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## Do female frogs croak?

Growing up in the late 1960s through the 1970s one of the things my family did together, after dinner, most nights, was watch game shows.

We watched *Jeopardy*, *Wheel of Fortune*, *Match Game*, *Family Feud*, *The Price is Right*, *Let's Make a Deal* and *Hollywood Squares*. (I am sure there's more, but space is tight.)

So, with sinful delight I smiled as I read the following e-mail on Hollywood Square quotes. Whether or not the quotes are true, I could care less -- I can imagine the celebrities saying them. In the hallowed halls of Don't Rush Me-dom I am not a journalist, I just try to make folks smile or get mad. Hopefully, you'll smile like I did.

**Don't  
Rush Me**



**Don Rush**

Hollywood Squares host Peter Marshall is asking the questions.

**Do female frogs croak?**

Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough.

**If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?**

Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

**True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.**

George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

**You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?**

Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.

**According to Cosmo, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?**

Rose Marie: No, wait until morning.

**Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?**

Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

**In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say, "I Love You?"**

Vincent Price: No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty.

**What are, "Do It," "I Can Help," and "I Can't Get Enough?"**

George Gobel: I don't know, but it's coming from the next apartment.

**Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?**

Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.

**Charley, you've just decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any during the first year?**

Charley Weaver: Of course not, I'm too busy growing strawberries.

**In bowling, what's a perfect score?**

Rose Marie: Ralph, the pin boy.

**It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps. One is politics, what is the other?**

Paul Lynde: Tape measures.

**During a tornado, are you safer in the bedroom or in the closet?**

Rose Marie: Unfortunately Peter, I'm always safe in the bedroom.

**Can boys join the Camp Fire Girls?**

Marty Allen: Only after lights out.

**When you pat a dog on its head he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?**

Paul Lynde: Make him bark?

**If you were pregnant for two years, what would you give birth to?**

Paul Lynde: Whatever it is, it would never be afraid of the dark.

**According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?**

Charley Weaver: It got me out of the army.

**It is the most abused and neglected part of your body, what is it?**

Paul Lynde: Mine may be abused but it certainly isn't neglected.

**Back in the old days, when Great Grandpa put horseradish on his head, what was he trying to do?**

George Gobel: Get it in his mouth.

**Who stays pregnant for a longer period of time, your wife or your elephant?**

Paul Lynde: Who told you about my elephant?

**When a couple have a baby, who is responsible for its sex?**

Charley Weaver: I'll lend him the car, the rest is up to him.

**Jackie Gleason recently revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?**

Charley Weaver: His feet.

**According to Ann Landers, what are two things you should never do in bed?**

Paul Lynde: Point and laugh.

E-mail comments to: [dontrushmedon@aol.com](mailto:dontrushmedon@aol.com)

## A Look Back

*At our community's history  
through the pages of  
The Clarkston News*

### 15 YEARS AGO (1989)

• Charlotte Brannstrom, 51, of Independence Township, just returned from a five-day trip to New York City. She spent part of the time with her 23-year-old daughter, Margaret, and her two granddaughters. The rest of the time, she was pampered by Avon Products, Inc., as a recipient of the 1989 Women of Enterprise Awards. "They just treated us like royalty," Brannstrom said. "The people at Avon are so people-oriented."

• The new clerk in Independence Township is Joan McCrary, of Rattalee Lake Road, Independence Township. Township Board members appointed McCrary after interviewing three finalists for the position June 29. McCrary, a five-year member of the zoning board of appeals, currently works for Tomblinson Harburn Associates, an architectural firm in Lansing. She is married with three grown children.

• Area residents will be hearing a lot about groundwater in Independence Township in the next three years. Independence was one of two areas selected for a groundwater study, and a meeting for area residents is to be scheduled later in July, said Kevin Mills, staff attorney and project director for East Michigan Environmental Action Council, Birmingham.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• Clarkston is taking the first steps toward learning whether it is entitled to a portion of Independence Township's approximately \$460,000 general fund surplus. A letter described by Village Trustee Ruth Basinger as "just asking what part would have been paid by the village" will be sent by the Clarkston Village Council to township officials. The council discussed the matter at its June 25 meeting. No motion was made. Village President Fontie ApMadoc reported that Independence Township Trustee Jerry Powell had suggested the idea.

• There are indications that the economy is slowing down right here in Independence Township. And that's not all bad, according to Timothy Palulian, building and planning department director. New housing starts have dropped during the first six months of 1979 from 159 last year to about 105 this year. "Overall, it's just a general reflection of the economy," Palulian said. "Interest rates are high, money is getting tighter."

• Independence Township's 1978-79 audit is "very clean," according to auditor John Nantais. Draft copies of the audit by Doeren Mayhew and Co. of Troy were studied by four township board members at a meeting last week. Most of the questions directed to the three members of the auditing firm hired by the township involved areas of controversy. And most of the nearly two-hour long meeting was spent discussing the sewer fund.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1954)

• The Clarkston School Board Election and Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, July 12. Everyone is urged to cast a vote and also to attend the meeting in the evening.

• Although Clarkston has no recreation department, a number of boys, with John Ronk as manager, have organized a baseball team and they have entered the Pontiac League. Lee Kelley of Kelley's Hardware has furnished balls and bats and has paid the league fee.

## Space & animal savers & Pearl Harbor in '63

If the Green-Peacers had their way there would be no industrial parks, subdivisions or commercial developments.

The world would be nothing but weeds, vines, trees, swamps and the nonhuman living things that enjoy that kind of life. Some of these people are pushing for taxes to buy land to stop over development of land, thus filling open, green space.

Then, of course, when they are successful and all the land is taken off the tax roll they will complain their taxes are too high. Public, government owned parks don't pay taxes they rely on taxes.

The Green-Peacers are the same, or direct descendants of the save-all-living-things people.

It's these people I'm questioning, and at the same time congratulating on their success in not only saving the mosquitos, but in getting them to multiply to enormous numbers in the year 2004.

Those buzzing buzzards have most of the populace up in arms... flaying arms, that is. We're going to have home-trained SWAT teams ready when the need arises.

I do wonder, though, if some of these save-all-living-things people don't have second thoughts and are thinking of picketing and interrupting production in Raid, Off and Backwoods Cutter making facilities instead of climbing a tree and living in it for decades.

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I'll start this repeat like the very old and long-retired *Detroit Free Press* columnist Jim Fitzgerald. "And then I

wrote:" and he'd add the date.

My, "And then I wrote" date is October 9, 1963.

I was in Honolulu and Pearl Harbor for three weeks during World War II, but I couldn't tell you one thing about the place.

I had been a naughty boy between Panama and the Islands and was confined to the ship. Something about insubordination and direct disobedience of orders.

Just because officers didn't think Arthur Roy, of Saginaw, and I should be playing chess in the signal light cubicle on the smoke stack while other members of the crew were chipping paint and having a clean sweep down for and aft.

In the end, perhaps our confinement to the ship was worth it because we never put on report again, though we played chess on the same smoke stack nearly every day. Anyway, I got off the ship only three times in Hawaii. Once when I told the officer of the deck I had a tooth ache and the only dentist was attached to the island base. This wasn't easy. I still have never had a tooth ache.

One other time most of the crew was ashore playing baseball near some pineapple plantation and I volunteered to help take beer to them. A sailor couldn't play ball without a beer. I guess.

The other time I volunteered to patrol boat duty. Imagine. Patrolling just off the docks at Honolulu. Anything to keep idle hands busy. Well, we kept busy.

The crew confiscated some pineapples on a barge and tossed them up on deck to keep other hands busy.

It was almost a relief to take to the sea again even though we were loaded with 5-inch shells and headed out to supply our troops in Okinawa.

**Jim's  
Jottings**



**Jim Sherman**

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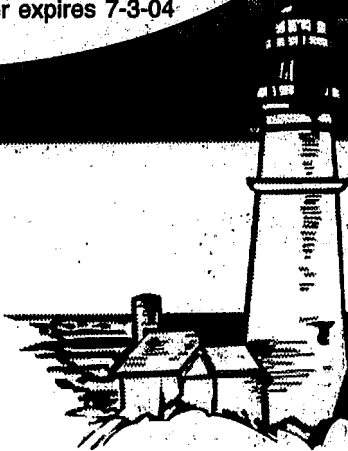
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## Treasurer announces summer taxes will be due Sept. 14

Property owners should receive their 2004 summer tax bills by the first week of July.

Please contact the Treasurer's Office if you do not receive your bill. Property owners without an escrow account will receive the actual bill. Property owners that have an escrow account will receive a copy of the bill for your records. Payment of the bill covers from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 for all education related taxes. The bills are payable through Sept. 14 without penalty.

This year the State Education Tax will return to six mills. Last year the State of Michigan, which autho-

rizes local municipalities to collect the SET, reduced the levy to five mills for one year only. The SET is collected statewide and becomes part of the State aid formula to equalize spending on students state-wide.

For last year a principal residence (previously referred to as homesteaded) in the Clarkston School District had 16.9974 mills levied on the property. For 2004, a total of 17.9678 mills is levied. The Assessor's Office sent out changes in the taxable values last February. A mill is equal to one dollar per thousand. Your tax bill is determined by multiplying the millage rate by the

taxable value per thousand. For 2003 a home with a taxable value of \$150,000 would have paid \$2,550 for summer taxes. If the taxable value of the same home in 2004 is \$153,500 the summer tax bill would be \$2,757.

The township offices will be closed Monday, July 5. The township will be sending some information about the West Nile Virus with your bill. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions call the Department of Public Works at (248) 625-8222.

**Jim Wenger**  
Independence Township Treasurer

## Thank you for your example of teamwork Detroit Pistons

Thanks to the Detroit Pistons for showing our youth who are involved in team sports that you don't have to be a "super star" to excel in team sports.

Thanks to Pistons coach, Larry Brown for extending his philosophy of team play to lead the Pistons to the NBA Championship.

Being a team player prepares our youth for coping with life's demands. Yes, some will be better or more

skilled at a specific sport, however she or he must still rely on the team effort to lead to a successful result.

I have heard too many kids say they don't want to participate in a sport because they aren't "good enough". I have been at games for 8 to 10 years olds where the coach or a parent is focused only on the "big" play by an individual player. The rest of the kids burn out and lose their enthusiasm for the sport instead

of learning skills and just having fun being a part of the team.

I think most people who watched the finals of the NBA Championship can say they stayed up late to watch the games and enjoyed every minute watching a team effort win out over the so called "super stars".

**Nancy Knitter**  
Clarkston

## Legal marriage should only be between a man and a woman

I am writing this letter to urge you to support the Michigan Marriage Amendment and the Federal Marriage Amendment. These amendments would amend the Michigan constitution and the United States Constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

It is imperative that We The People protect the institution of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The ultimate purpose of marriage is to join together a man and woman to raise children, the future generations who will run our country.

Same sex couples also want the right to marry and raise children, however research has proven that children do best in a home with a married mother and father. Two women cannot teach their "son" how to be-

come a man or teach him masculinity. Nor can two men teach their "daughter" what it feels like to experience her first menstruation or how to become a woman.

I strongly urge you to evaluate your position on the issue of allowing same sex marriage. If we allow same sex unions, marriage will become meaningless and the next person who wants to challenge the definition of marriage or other social laws to meet their agenda will be knocking on the capital's door. The same sex couples, which represent about 5 percent of our population, are forcing their definition of marriage on everyone else. They claim that not allowing them to get married violates their civil rights. What about the right of a child, to have both a mother and father?

Who is standing up for the rights of children?

We must stand strong and support the Michigan Marriage Amendment and the Federal Marriage Amendment. I urge you to contact your government representatives and let them know your opinion. For contact information for your government representatives or more information about the issue please visit [www.formarriage.org](http://www.formarriage.org).

Will you be someone who will stand up for our future generations and protect marriage, an institution that has served our society for five thousand years?

**Anna Anderson**  
Clarkston

## Another Clarkston resident shares history of Concerts in Park

I was pleased to read Doug Doty's update and time corrections of "Music in Depot Park." This is one more addition to its history.

After Gini and I brought the local concert idea back from Vermont where many villages have local band concerts, the Village Council approved the idea and agreed to fund the music.

Doug and Nelson Kimball built the first band shell closer to the parking lot "so people with physical dis-

abilities could sit in their car and hear the music." For a certain amount of money donation anyone could conduct the band in a march at the end of the concert.

It was Maddy Kimball who led the children in the march around the park to the music. Gini and I did not want to see this wonderful tradition vanish so we led the march after she was not able to do so. (Remember the "Band Aid" badges when you gave a donation for

the concert?)

Barb Thomson graciously donated the present gazebo in memory of her husband Ted, in 1988. The free concerts have brought so much pleasure to so many people throughout the years.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this tradition a success.

**Gini and James Schultz**  
Clarkston

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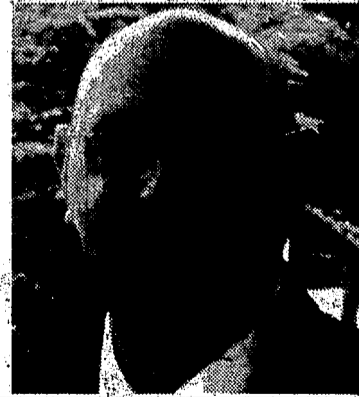


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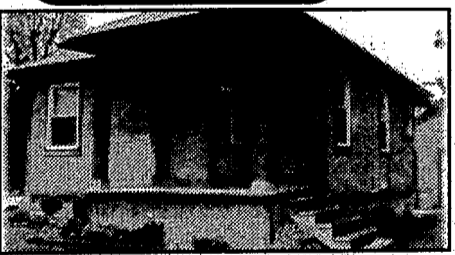
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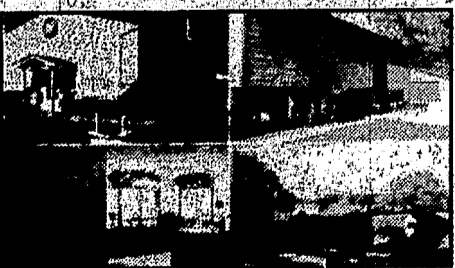
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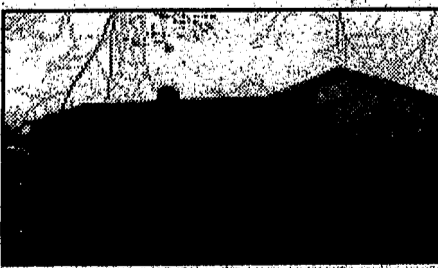
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# Athletic club set to expand

BY DON SCHELSEKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There's a lot of exercising going on at the Deer Lake Athletic Club this summer, both inside and outside.

Construction crews are working hard to build a new summer play pool, a glass enclosure to convert the existing pool to year-round use, two new tennis courts, additional seating for Bullwinkle's Lounge and an outdoor garden for even more seating and special receptions.

According to co-owner Jacqui Milzow, a new entrance and deck area on the north side of the athletic club complex should be open by mid-July. The tennis courts should be finished by the end of July, and the current outdoor-only pool will close after Labor Day with the intent to reopen with "the glass house" by the end of October.

The new play pool will feature a gentle-slope entrance and water slide. The "glass house" will have retractable doors to allow all-season use of the original pool.

Co-owner Forrest Milzow is supervising the construction, which began in April. Despite the rainy spring, work seems to be progressing well. Jacqui Milzow expressed amazement at how fast some things come together.

Pointing to the almost completed deck, for example, she said, "When I came down yesterday, there was no deck."

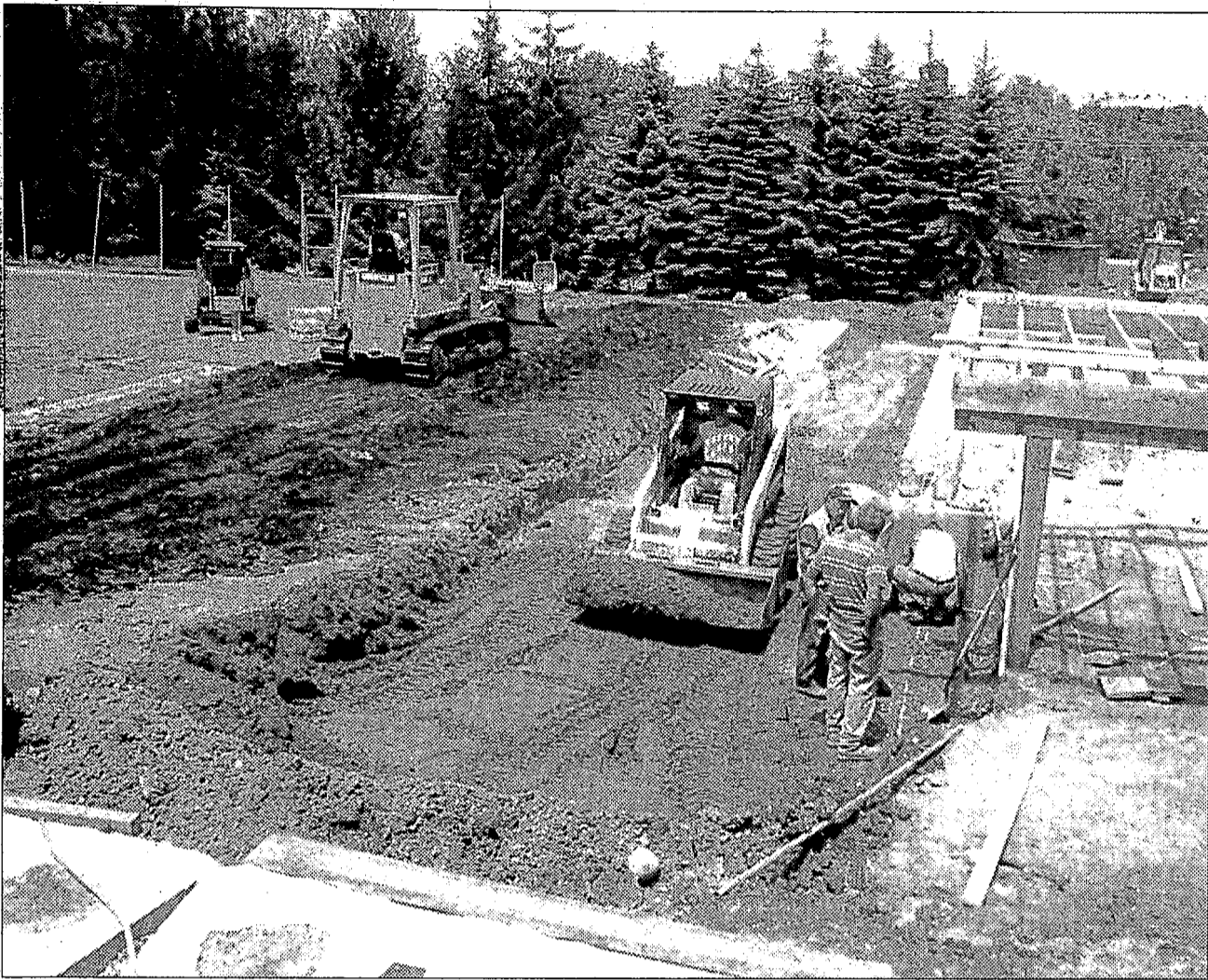
The deck will allow for barbecues and other special events, with the garden able to accommodate between 100 and 150 guests for wedding receptions and the like.

Indoor patrons will also benefit from a new view of the pool and garden area with special landscaping to be added, too.

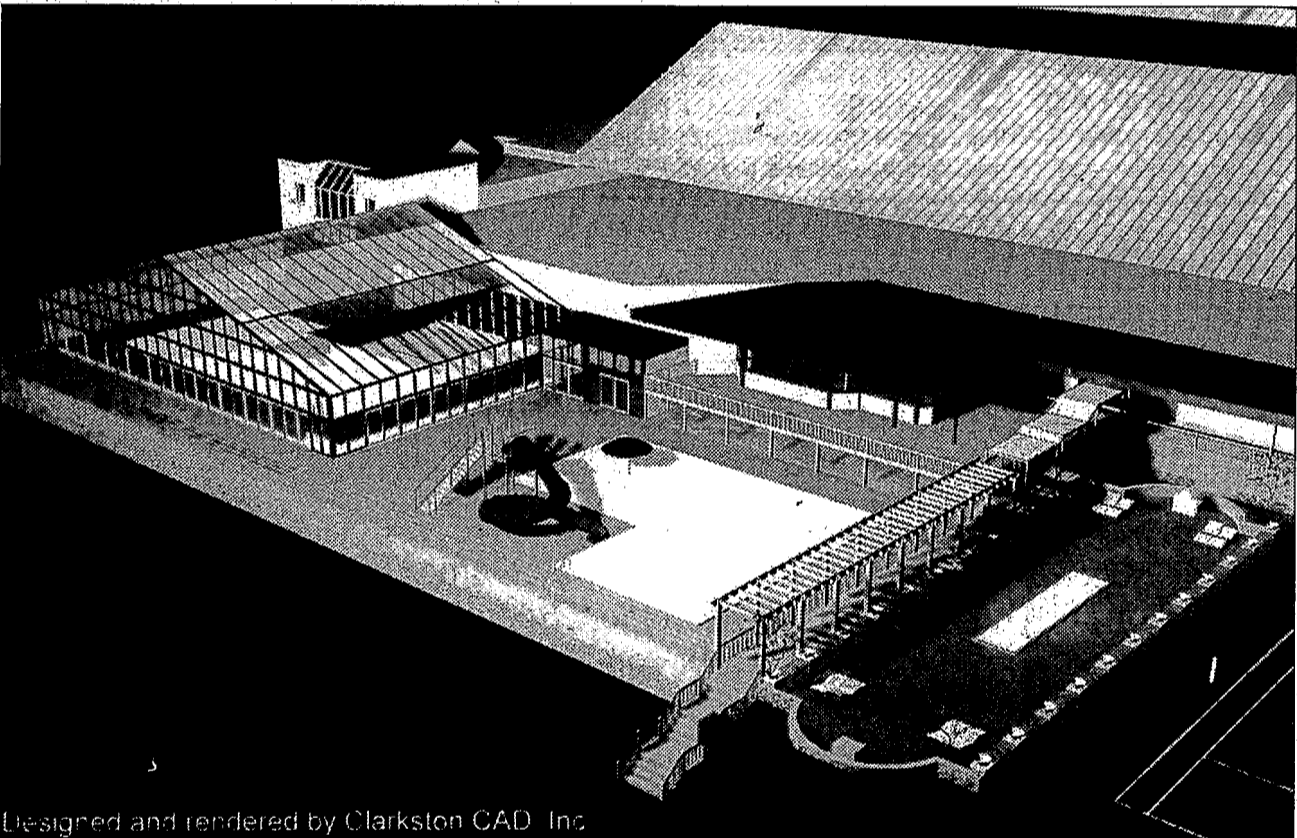
"I'm always amazed at what they can do with landscaping," Jacqui Milzow said, adding that the window shades are currently drawn to shield diners from the view of construction.

The Milzows started the business with four tennis courts in 1973, and have always tried to stay flexible, "as demands change." Last year, for example, they converted one racquetball court into an expanded nursery and a kids gym. This year, another racquetball court was converted into a new upstairs fitness room (with special equipment for a women's circuit) and a downstairs seminar room.

"We consider this as four walls and space," she said, noting that an unused volleyball court on the north side will be used for new parking space to make up for the spaces lost by the new construction.

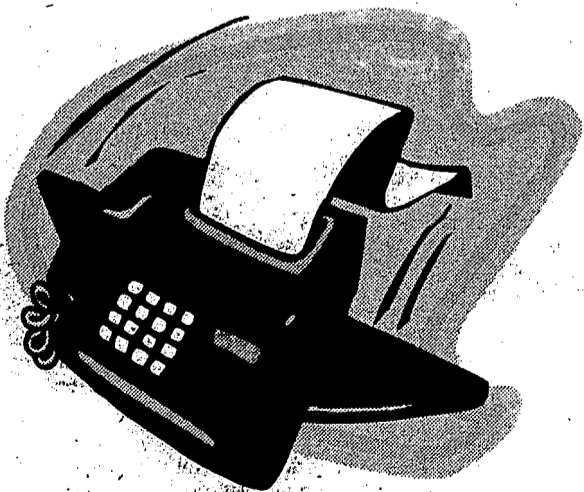


Construction workers help transform space at the Deer Lake Athletic Club into a new deck and a special garden reception area. The work should be finished by mid-summer to allow patrons expanded use of the banquet center and Bullwinkle's Lounge. Photo by Don Schelske



Designed and rendered by Clarkston CAD, Inc.  
An architect's drawing shows a new "glass house" over the existing swimming pool, a new deck and entrance to Bullwinkle's Lounge, a new play pool and a garden reception area. Drawing provided by Clarkston CAD

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# New principal ready for duty at Clarkston MS this fall

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News  
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When students arrive at Clarkston Middle School for the first day of the 200-2005 school year, they'll be greeted by a new face: Shawn Ryan.

Ryan was recently selected as the new principal for CMS to fill Linda Foran's position when she takes over duties at Sashabaw Middle School. Even with the new title, Ryan is no stranger to Clarkston schools and working with students.

For the past two years, Ryan has served as the assistant principal at Clarkston High School. When Mike Krystyniak announced his retirement from SMS and Foran to take over his role, Ryan applied for the open spot at CMS.

"It's a big honor to be called up to the majors," Ryan said.

Ryan's move to CMS isn't merely just a job switch. He will be an important of the transition to the middle school split planned for the next school year to grades 6/7 and 8/9.

"It's an honor to be the last principal at Clarkston Middle School," Ryan said of the school's final year before the switch.

With experiences as a classroom teacher and administrator, Ryan possessed a diverse background ideal for the middle school.

"I want to get everyone on board, find the school's climate and add my personality," Ryan said. "I think that's what I've brought."

Ryan met his staff at the end of the school year before summer vacation began. Currently he spends half his day finishing up his responsibilities at CHS and the other half at CMS. In July he will be at

CMS full time.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting the new people and challenges of being a principal as compared to an assistant principal," Ryan said.

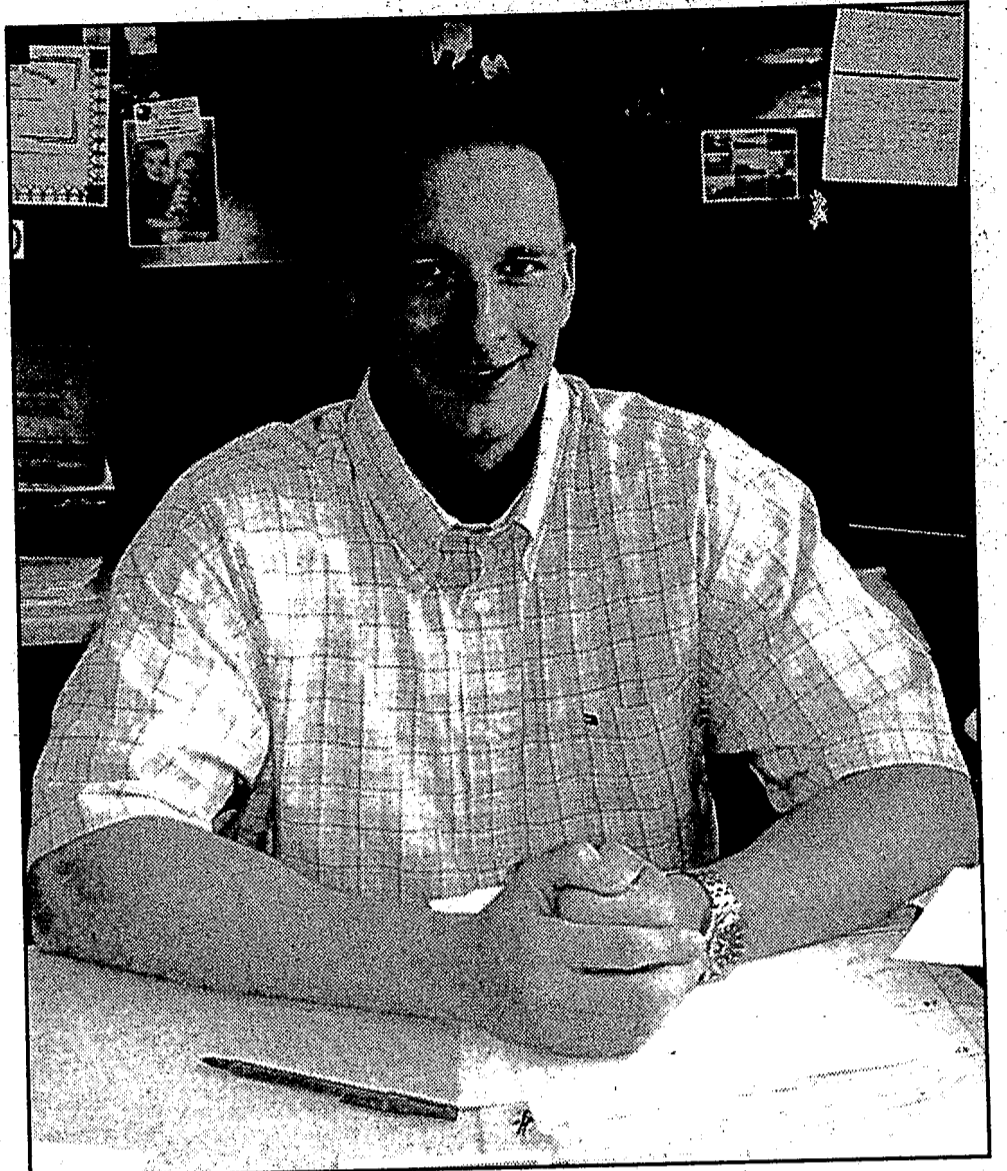
Ryan received his undergraduate degree from Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. He has a teaching certificate from Oakland University and a master's degree in education leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

Originally from Big Rapids, Ryan started substitute teaching in Clarkston in 1996 after he did his student teaching in the district.

Keeping Ryan company at home are his two young sons, Jacob and Alec. Ryan enjoys traveling and working out.

Always ready to listen to those around him, Ryan is excited for his new role.

"I have a lot of energy and am people minded," Ryan said.



Shawn Ryan finishes up some work at Clarkston High School, where he has served as assistant principal for the past two years, before heading out to his new home as principal of Clarkston Middle School. Ryan will take over for Linda Foran, who moved to Sashabaw Middle School. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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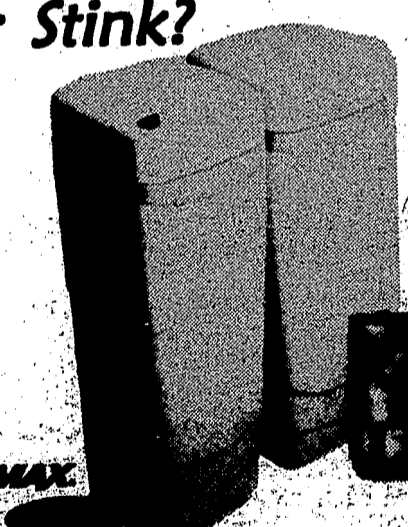
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**June 18:** Assault report on Spring Meadow. A 60-year-old Clarkston woman allegedly struck a former landlady.

**June 21:** Possible identity theft report on Drayton. The victim was sent a bill for an unauthorized credit card, with someone apparently stealing the person's Social Security.

Home invasion on Sunnyside Drive. Someone kicked in a front door and took two jewelry boxes with contents valued at more than \$1,000.

Open door alarm at Chase Plastics on Waldon Center.

Larceny of cell phone from vehicle on Crestview. Suspect smashed driver side window.

Arrest for improper use of 9-1-1 at Farmer Jack on Dixie Highway. A 66-year-old homeless man allegedly called 9-1-1 for a ride to the Davisburg Post Office. The prior offender was given another warning.

Credit card fraud report on Cecilia Ann. Subject reported an unauthorized cell phone account.

Larceny of contractor tools from cube van on Clintonville Point.

Report of manufacturing/sale of marijuana on Seebaldt. While responding to a domestic dispute call, deputies saw a suspicious man enter the home, but failed to get a response when knocking on door. The deputies saw marijuana plants growing in clear view on the property. The plants were seized and turned over to the Narcotics Enforcement Team.

**June 22:** Home invasion on Longhurst Drive. Someone took a PlayStation 2 from the basement.

Larceny of stereo from unlocked vehicle on Greenview.

Larceny from Detroit Edison lot on Flemings Lake Road. Someone cut through a fence and stole approximately 4,500 feet of copper wire valued at about \$1,012.

Embezzlement report at the offices of Charles Munk, D.D.S. on Main Street. A business manager found business credit card receipts for items purchased but never brought in for office use. Items included video games, children's clothing and Christmas decorations. A former business manager is a suspect.

Assault and battery on Warbler. Deputies were dispatched to assist state court officers in seizing property. A 57-year-old woman returned home and became irate, grabbing a court officer's boltcutters and holding them in a threatening manner. Officers subdued the suspect, and charges are pending action by the county

prosecutor's office.

Larceny of license plate on Horseshoe Court.

Larceny of approximately 325 CDs and two packages of cigarettes from vehicle on Mohawk.

Larceny of license plate at the Sashabaw Road Park and Ride lot.

Larceny of jewelry from bedroom on New Castle. A former cleaning woman is a suspect.

Domestic assault report on Briarwood Court.

**June 23:** Family trouble on Dixie Highway near Clintonville Road.

Malicious destruction of property report on Clarkston Road west of Baldwin Road. A driver reported a pellet hitting the passenger side of the vehicle.

**June 24:** Open door alarm on Village Park Drive. Family trouble at Lancaster Hills Apartments.

**June 25:** Family trouble on Maybee Road near Hummingbird.

Suspicious circumstances on Mann Road.

Fraud report on Oakhill Road near Rama Court. A subject received a call from a collection agency concerning two overdue accounts with DTE Energy totaling more than \$1,700. The accounts were open with the victim's Social Security number.

Fraud report at the Liquor Cabinet on Dixie Highway. A man tried to purchase beer with a driver license but could not answer questions about his address or birth date. The man left the store and left the drivers license, which was from Isabella County.

**June 26:** Harassment on Oakhurst Ridge.

Theft of prescription medication at DTE Energy Music Theater. The theater security supervisor said someone stole prescription Hydrocodeine from his briefcase in his office.

**June 27:** Lost cell phone on Dixie Highway and Deer Hill Drive.

Malicious destruction of property (dents to vehicle) at DTE Energy Music Theater.

Assist Michigan State Police with motorcycle crash on southbound I-75 at M-15.

**June 28:** Report of harassment and violation of bond conditions on Maybee Road near Sashabaw. A driver claimed another woman yelled obscenities and threw a pop bottle at the car. Passengers, however, would only corroborate the yelling. The two parties are involved in a pending home invasion case.

## Springfield Township

**June 21:** Intimidation/threats on Dixie Highway near Davisburg Road. In a delayed report, the victim claimed the suspect was tailgating, then at stop light got out and started banging on the car. The suspect later admitted to tailgating and yelling because of the victim's son's alleged rude behavior, but denied banging on the car. Case closed.

**June 23:** Civil matter on King Road, upsetting phone calls between the complainant's 14-year-old daughter and his ex-wife.

Threats report on Clark Road.

Arrest for possession of marijuana at Springfield Town Square shopping center on Dixie Highway. A 45-year-old Holly man admitted to taking a bag of marijuana allegedly found in the parking lot after it has been hidden in a Dumpster, but the amount recovered was less than that seen by another employee. Case is under investigation.

Larceny of \$500 from purse in clubhouse at Bavarian Village Apartments on Bluewater.

Larceny of gift cards from unlocked pickup truck on Walnut Hill Drive.


Arrest for driving while license suspended (warrants for failure to comply with judge) and driving with defective equipment on Citation Drive near M-15. A 70-year-old Davisburg man coming from 52-2 District Court was found to have a smashed windshield which deputies said constituted obstructed vision for the driver.

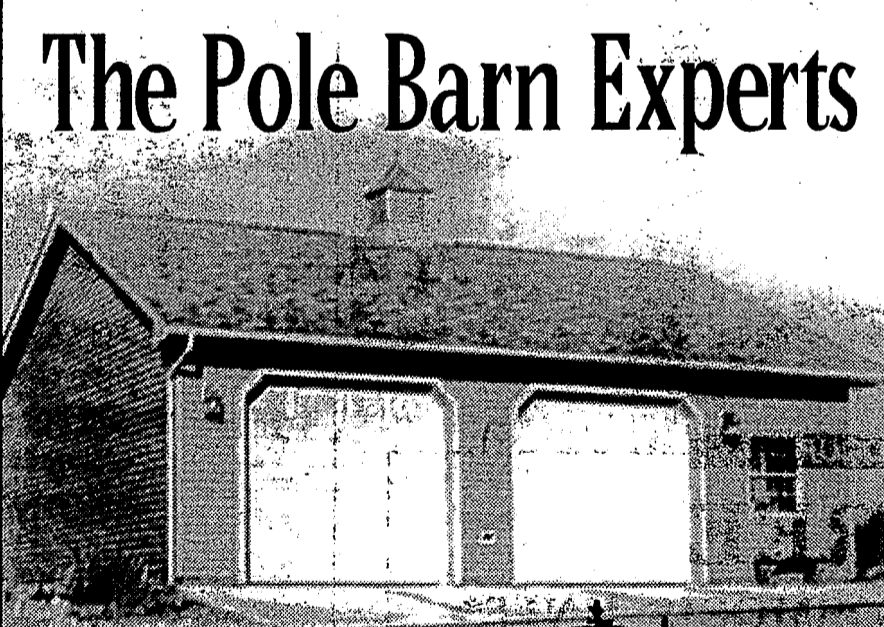
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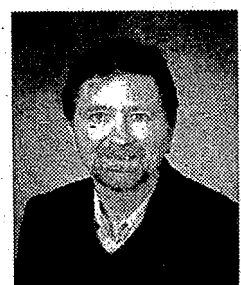
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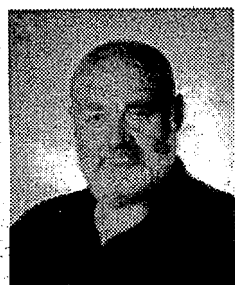
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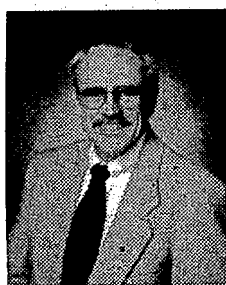
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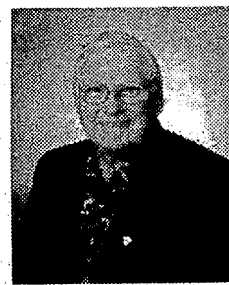
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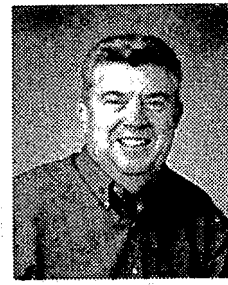
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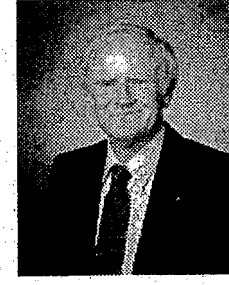
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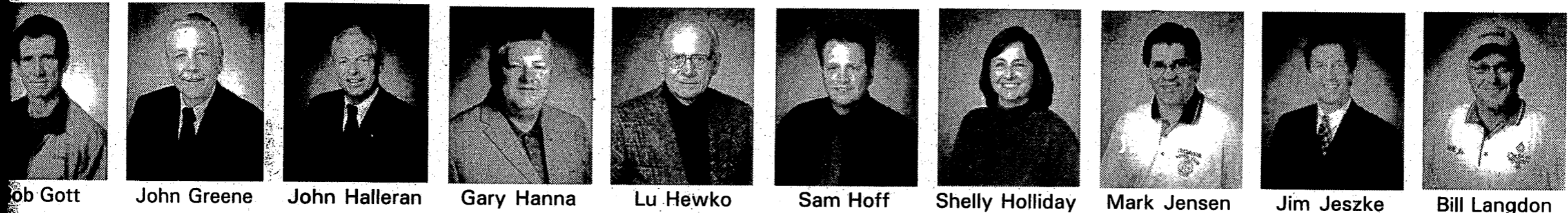
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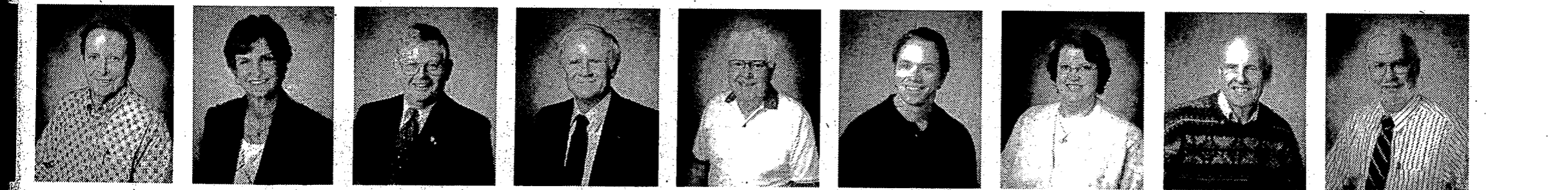
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## Soul's Harbour brings a fresh Christian mix to "Concerts"

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"We really love doing music."

With that attitude driving her passion for music, Kim Niec, along with husband Dennis, will entertain Clarkston "Concerts in the Park" patrons Friday, July 2 with their band, Soul's Harbour.

Playing at churches, coffee houses and any other venue that enjoys good music, Kim and Dennis strive to share fun, inspirational and meaningful music to those who want to listen.

"It's kind of our coffee house ministry that we travel around with," Kim said.

The husband-and-wife duo plays contemporary Christian music with a mix of pop music songs from yesterday and today as well. Kim and Dennis are known for taking older seculars and hymns and giving them a fresh sound.

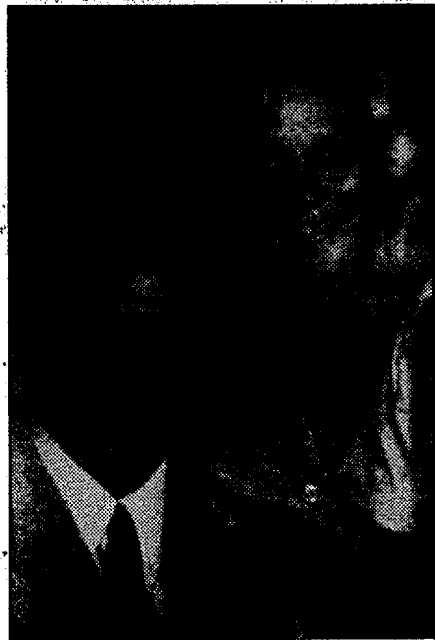
"Some songs have a Christian feel to them," Kim said. "It's all in how you look at it."

The duo idea started six years ago when a coffee house setting was started at the couple's church. Kim and Dennis are both professional musicians and have traveled worldwide playing music and keeping each other updated on the latest musical trends.

"My husband is great at keeping me on my toes and doing my best," Kim said.

While the couple performs a mix of Christian songs and original material, they also enjoy singing some favorite Beatles' songs as well.

"We love so many different types



Dennis and Kim Niec are the duo behind "Soul's Harbour", the next local spotlight at the weekly "Concerts in the Park" series on July 2. Both professional musicians, the husband-and-wife team first started performing six years ago. Photo provided.

of music," Kim said. "It just comes from all over."

Kim, a Clarkston native, and Dennis drive from their hometown of Fenton to attend Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Performing as the local spotlight for the annual concert series is a treat for Kim, who looks forward to seeing some familiar faces.

"We'll bring a lot of energy, a lot of fun and hopefully some new tunes that they'll want to hear again," Kim said. "It's just great being a part of this. It's a great idea."

## Ellis Barn sale a success for SCAMP fund-raising, awareness

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The barn sale to benefit SCAMP raised close to \$8,000 for future programs and participants during June 17-19.

"It went absolutely wonderful," Donna Clancy, SCAMP executive director, said. "I said if we didn't make a dime at least more people would know about SCAMP."

The sale took place over three days and was hosted by employees from Clarkston Community Schools transportation department. Merchandise from the sale was donated from individuals throughout the area to fill the historic-Ellis Barn on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township.

"You can now see the tables," Clancy said. "There is enough stuff gone that it is amazing. There was something for everybody. People came and bought lots of everything."

In addition to the sale itself, visitors to the sale were treated to a climbing rock wall located in front of the barn.

In addition to raising money for SCAMP, more awareness about the program was gained from sale goers. Some simply stopped by the event to find out what SCAMP was all about.

"One man stopped by to find out what SCAMP was and I explained to him all about it," Tammy Layton, sale organizer, said. "He ended up donating \$20 into our collection."

Layton, who came up with the idea for the sale as a way to benefit an important cause to her, was pleased with the results.

"I think we did pretty good. So many more people know about SCAMP now," Layton said.

There is no definite decision whether or not the barn sale will take place again next year. Since the Ellis barn will be moved to Springfield Oaks, an important deciding factor for the sale's future will be finding a new location. Layton welcomes any member of the community who would like to provide space or give suggestions.



Bunny Newmarch and Amy Beatie help ring up a pair of lamps at the barn sale to benefit SCAMP on June 17. The sale raised close to \$8,000 for the program. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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# Sports

## Independence Township t-ball camp a big success

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Smiling faces, great weather and a little exercise all came together last week at Clintonwood Park.

Clarkston varsity coach Phil Price led an Independence Township Parks and Recreation pre-t-ball camp which ran two sessions. The first ran from June 14-18 and the second from June 21-25 for boys and girls between four and six years of age. About 150 kids were enrolled in the camp over the two-week period, Price said.

The focal point of the camp was simply to try to instill some basic fundamentals in the young athletes, Price said.

"It's non-competitive. We play a game against another team on the last day (of the camp). You basically learn, after you hit the ball, what do you do? You put the bat down. Then where do you go? First base. You just try to instill real basics," Price said.

In addition to basic hitting concepts, defense is also emphasized. "We work on fielding ground balls, getting the glove to the ground. It's neat to see little kids out here running around," Price said.

Someday, some of these athletes might end up playing for Price, who has served as a coach for the Wolves for 13 years. This year, his team made it to the regional final before losing to Brother Rice for the second consecutive year. His team won a share of the OAA I this year as well, also the second straight year Clarkston was crowned league champions.

"The township does a great job supporting it and promoting the camp," Price said.

A handful of current and former players of both the softball and continue to stay involved with the program, helping Price with the camp, he said.

"I think it's good that you learn from not just males or not just females," he said. "I just try to teach them to get out and play. It's going well."

Price said he gets kids to return to the camp year after year, but he doesn't have to institute anything new.

"With kids this age, four, five, six years old, it's only a week long. You can do just do the same thing with them and they have fun," Price said.



Will Mengyan, 4, lines up a hit on the t-ball stand. Photo by Ed Davis.

## Theryoung competes in goalball in the Paralympics

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

A 1997 Clarkston graduate is heading to Athens to represent her country this summer.

Robin Theryoung will represent the United States this summer in the Paralympics, a form of the Olympics for athletes with physical impairments. Theryoung plays goalball, a sport which was developed after World War II for the blind and visually impaired. Theryoung was born with a condition called congenital albinism. The condition has not taken away her vision completely. She can read if she puts the text up close, and has very, what she called "blurred" vision. She said it is classified as B-3 visual impairment and she is legally blind.

Theryoung, at the age of 14, was encouraged to go to a camp at Western Michigan University, where she is pursuing a master's degree in orientation and mobility, to learn more about the game. The camp was sponsored by the Michigan Blind Athletic Association.

The game is described as a cross between soccer and team handball and is played on a volleyball sized court. Three players participate on each team, a center and two wings. The center's job is said to be more defensive while the wings are more looking to score.

Theryoung plays wing. All players wear blindfolds so players with different levels of vision impairments compete at the same level. Tactile markings on the court enable players to maintain their orientation and bells in the ball allow the players to track and block the ball by throwing their bodies in front of it. Each team defends a nine meter goal. The gym must remain silent during play so athletes can concentrate and react instantly to the ball.

She said the crowds she plays in front of are small, and generally made up of friends and family, but games played in Europe and Canada can draw a crowd of thousands of people.

Theryoung has participated in a number of national teams representing the US dating all the way back to 1996. She was part of several United States of America Blind Athletes gold medal teams including the 2003 team, which took the gold in Colorado. She also won gold in the world championship in 2002 in Brazil and was part of the bronze medal team in 2001, in the Malmo Womens International Cup in Sweden.

However, representing her country at the Paralympics, the highest level possible, is a dream come true, she said.

"It's my first Paralympics and I feel blessed and

honored to represent the US in Athens," she said.

The Paralympics are often confused with Special Olympics, but they are two very different forms of competition, Theryoung said. The Paralympics are for athletes who have physical impairments only, while the Special Olympics are for athletes who suffer from mental disabilities.

Theryoung has been able to train with her teammates in Colorado since January. Her goalball team is the first time in Paralympics history that full-time training has been allowed for a team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. That extra time together working with her teammates, should pay off down the road.

"It's a big deal that we've been able to work and practice together for that long," she said.

Theryoung volunteers each year at the Michigan Blind Athletic Association Sports Camp for visually impaired children. In her spare time she enjoys singing, playing guitar and watching sports. She is a huge Detroit Red Wings fan, which has been interesting while living in Colorado.

"I took a lot of heat for it," she said with a laugh. "It was good to see them (Colorado Avalanche) get knocked out early just like we did."

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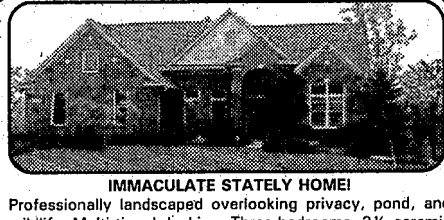
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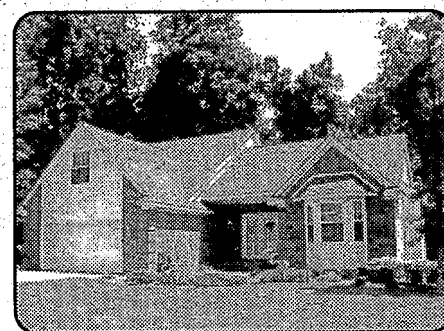
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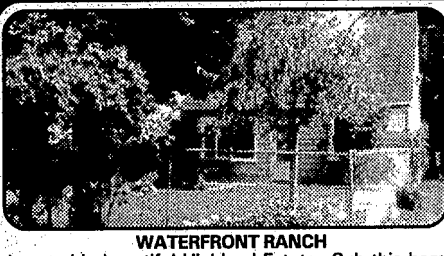
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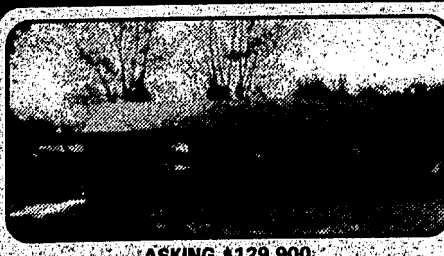
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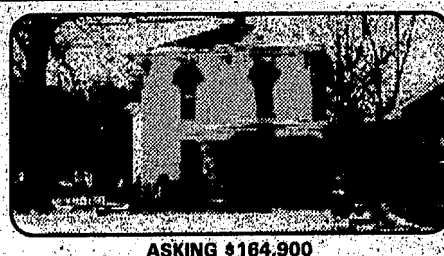
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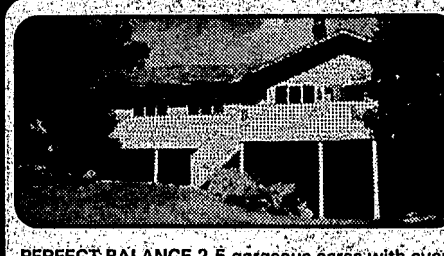
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# Clarkston Sea Wolves serves as foundation for swim team

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The future is now.

That's the thinking of Kenwyn Chock, coach of both the boys and girls swim teams and Clarkston High School.

Chock is also head of the Clarkston Sea Wolves, a developmental co-ed swim team for area swimmers, which serves kids as young as five years old, all the way through their senior years at CHS.

The Sea Wolves participate in the Rochester Area Swim league and compete against other club teams in the area. The vast majority of the Sea Wolves are athletes from the Clarkston community, however there are members of the team from other communities, Chock said. There are 82 kids on the Sea Wolves team, Chock said, an increase from about 60 athletes from a year ago.

The club practices and competes throughout the summer and picked up its most recent win June 26 with a win over Lifetime Fitness in Rochester, edging out the competition by the score of 308-300. The Sea Wolves also defeated Great Lakes Athletic Club in its opening meet of the season. The Sea Wolves have four meets remaining in their summer schedule, including a June 30 meet at Clarkston High School.

Athletes learn and compete in a variety of strokes including the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and relays, which have a "40-year cap" on them. The cap means that the total number of years between the four-person relay team cannot be over 40 years of age. Relays are swam in both freestyle and medley styles. Events are also broken down into age ranges, Chock said.

"There are a lot of first-year swimmers out here, and especially with the younger ones, we just try to get them interested and competitive and hopefully we can keep them for the fall," Chock said.

The fall marks the beginning of the girls varsity season, while boys swimming begins in the winter

months. The girls team had a good turnout again last year and Chock said the Sea Wolves is a major reason why interest in swimming continues to rise in the area.

"The parents like to try them out in the summer to see if they can handle it. All of our swimmers at the varsity level started out as Sea Wolves," Chock said.

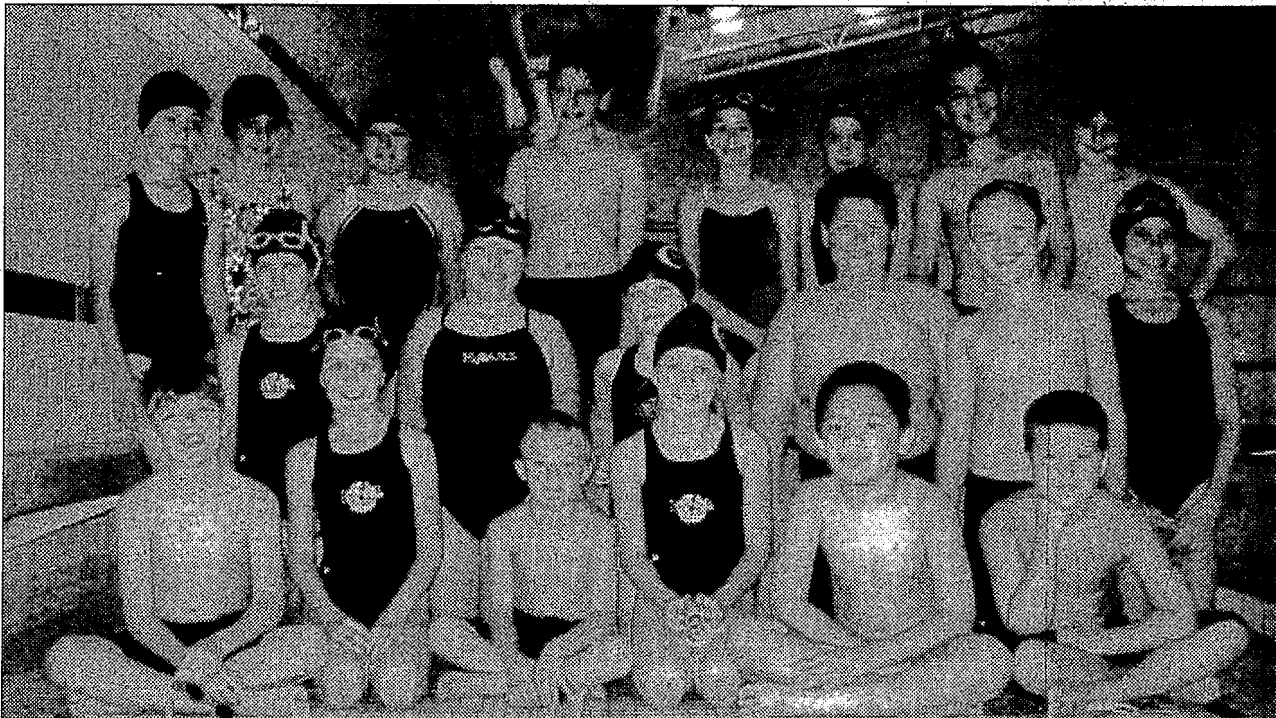
Clarkston also offers swim lessons for athletes as young as pre-school. Chock said the basic progression then for a Clarkston-area swimmer is to begin with the early-age swim lesson, then go ahead to Sea Cubs, which is a division of the Sea Wolves for grades K-5, then regular Sea Wolves and then to compete at the varsity level. Thirty of this year's Sea Wolves were high schoolers and 30 others were at the elementary level.

Chock said another reason for swimming and the

success of the Sea Wolves is because swimming, by its very nature, caters to athletes who might not be able to participate in other sports. She said athletes who suffer from outdoor allergies or have asthma, have taken a liking to swimming. Also, athletes who might have weight problems or are diabetic have also found a home in the swim program, Chock said.

"In the water, they're floating. It's just basic buoyancy. They're not as stressed. Plus, with pollutants in the open air or with ozone days, some kids can't go out. We don't have ozone days here. A lot of the parents, for medical reasons, put their kids in our swim program," she said.

The Sea Wolves finals for the B Team take place July 23 and begin at 4 p.m. at Lake Orion. The A Team finals are July 24 at Oakhurst beginning at 7:30 p.m.



These members of the Clarkston Sea Wolves, in grades K-5, are part of the foundation for future success of the Clarkston High School swim program. Photo by Ed Davis.

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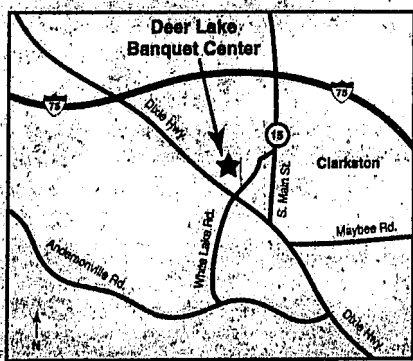
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# Players hone skills at Clarkston basketball camp

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

It seems everywhere you turn in Metro Detroit people are trying to find a way to capitalize on the recent success of this year's NBA Champion, the Detroit Pistons. Even Clarkston girls varsity basketball coach Ann Lowney has gotten into the act.

Lowney ran a girls basketball camp at Clarkston High School last week where she had around 100 kids from grades four through nine honing their basketball skills and learning the fundamentals of the game. High school players and Clarkston team coaches helped Lowney run the camp, which has run every year since 1997. Lowney took the 2000 year off due to her pregnancy.

This year, Lowney said the camp was basically broken down into two different sections. One for grades four through six and another for grades seven through nine. For the younger kids, fundamentals was the name of the game, Lowney said.

"We're doing a lot with passing, shooting and catching, just the real basic stuff to get them into the game," Lowney said.

Additionally, the camp focused a lot on conditioning, which was tailored especially to girls, called plyometrics, or jump training. Lowney said when girls jump they traditionally land a little off balance with their head extending over the toe. She said the ideal form is for the head and toe to be lined up together. She learned some drills she instituted at a website called [www.girlscanjump.com](http://www.girlscanjump.com).

"Science says that our body structure is so we put more strain on our ligaments so we need to work with the girls to have better balance in the leg and so we put them through these agility drills to work on that and not many camps do that," she said.

Lowney said she uses the same drills all the way through the varsity level.

Additionally, Lowney stole a page out of Detroit Pistons coach Larry Brown and Detroit Shock coach Bill Laimbeer's strategy book. She attended a clinic those two ran in May and now is using some of

the strategies instituted at that camp with her own.

"He just is a smart man (referring to Brown). It was the best two hours I ever spent. I learned about the girls can jump stuff from Laimbeer and Larry Brown talks about defense and sharing the ball. We're really working on that extra pass," Lowney said.

Lowney said the success of the Pistons and Shock, who both won titles in last season, has really increased in the interest in basketball locally.

"It's just nice to have the kids out here. The recreation departments really don't offer basketball. I bet most of the kids play soccer and so I think basketball is kind of different for them. We just try to teach them some fundamentals and have them have some fun," Lowney said.

With the camp running annually for the last eight years, Lowney said she gets girls who sign up every year and therefore has to institute new ideas each and every year to keep the camp fresh. She said she taught several new drills and games for the athletes, who hopefully will take them home with them and continue to work on their skills.

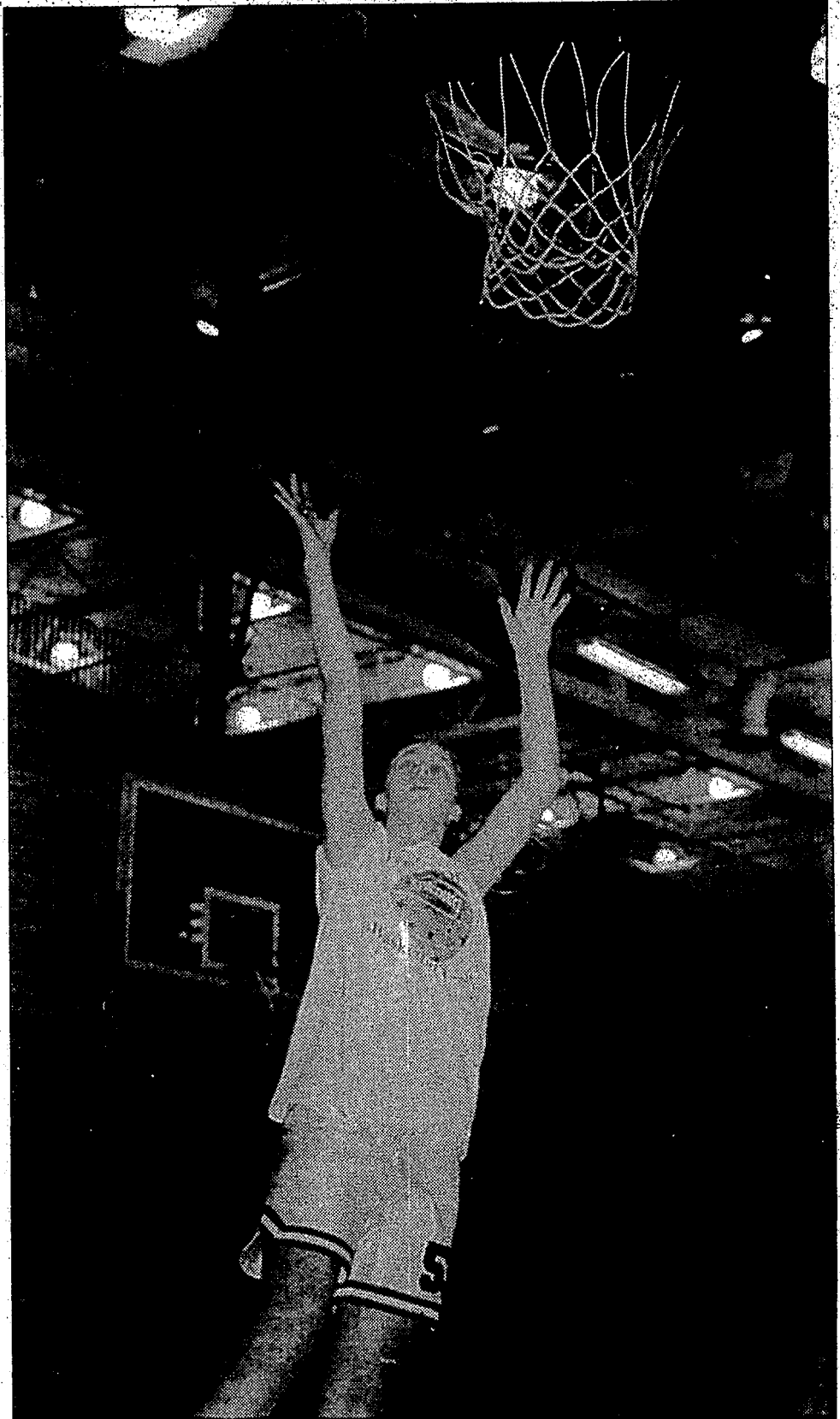
"Sometimes kids will just go home, shoot in their driveway for 10 minutes and then get bored. I tried to really give them some fun, competitive games that they can do on their own and hopefully that will give them some more time and practice," she said.

One of the athletes who has been a regular at Lowney's camp is Jennifer Johnston, sister of Chris Johnston, who led Clarkston's boys team in scoring this year. She will be entering the ninth grade and will play on the JV team this year, coach Dan Stevens said.

"We're learning how to do things off the dribble and how to get out of tough situations. It's really fun and probably the best year since I've been doing this," Johnston said.

She said this year's camp had a focus on taking the ball to the basket.

"I've really improved my ball handling a lot this year (as a result of the camp)," Johnston said.



Jennifer Johnston, an incoming freshman at Clarkston High School who will play on the junior varsity team this fall, was one of around 100 local athletes who participated in Ann Lowney's "Dare to Dream" clinic at CHS last week. Photo by Ed Davis.

## Manuel finishes solid season

Trevor Manuel, a 2001 Clarkston High School graduate, just finished his first baseball season at Western Michigan University.

Before transferring to WMU, he played two years for Lenoir-Rhyne

College in North Carolina. Manuel was the only walk-on chosen for the 2004 Western baseball team. He finished the season with a .308 batting average and led the team with a .471 on base average.

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# Budget

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percent increase in utilities (part of which will include heating of partially completed construction this winter).

Beamer said the district is now required to pay 14.87 percent of retirement benefits, up from 12.99 percent, "and no one is thanking us."

Beamer said the anticipated \$1 million in additional revenue comes in part because of a 5.5 percent increase in non-homestead tax revenue.

The total taxable value of property in the district is \$1.8 billion, with non-homestead taxable value increasing to \$391 million, according to the state tax rate request form.

The "major funds" include the standard general operating fund, plus community education, local, state and federal grants, new building costs, special education and autistic program.

The district also has "special funds" including athletics, food service and childcare, plus the continuing debt service fund.

## Clarkston Community Schools "Major Funds" Budget

	Original 03-04	Final 03-04	Original 04-05
Revenue	\$65,222,967	\$67,042,260	\$67,370,173
Expenditures	\$64,329,787	\$67,200,176	\$69,580,425

Beamer said there are possible ways to avoid the 2004-2005 deficit spending, including limiting spending to 98.4 percent of the budget, making additional staffing adjustments or seeing a significant increase in enrollment and/or state aid.

Keeping rein on the bond construction budget is also crucial to the district's overall bottom line, Beamer said.

"We must stay on time with our construction schedule," he said.

Superintendent Al Roberts voiced concern about

handling special education expenses. While federal Medicaid reimbursements are supposed to cover about 40 percent of that budget, Roberts said the reality is closer to 17 percent.

"By today's rules, we are pretty well directed on what we must provide for special education students," Roberts said. "Any shortfall comes out of our general fund budget."

When considering all district budgets, including debt service, Beamer said the district is keeping track of \$152,030,355 for fiscal year 2005.

# Pipeline

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stroy many trees and cause potential safety problems.

With about 100 people attending, Administrative Law Judge Sharon L. Feldman and MPSC staff listened to 35 speakers, most of whom protested plans for the pipeline.

Those supporting the plan were representatives of labor unions whose members would benefit from the jobs to build the pipeline. In addition, Wixom Mayor Mike McDonald gave testimony to a good relationship between that city and Consumers Energy in a 1990's pipeline project.

Springfield Township resident Warren Galbraith said Consumers already has a bad track record in connection with the current pipeline easement.

He said maintenance crews have come to cut trees on a neighboring property, "and just left them on the ground."

"This is no way to protect the environment," Galbraith said.

Eugene Acey was one of several to remind the MPSC that a federal agency denied permission for a similar pipeline route in the 1990s, citing wetland concerns. Acey went further with his protest, however.

"We are very concerned about the wetlands and the birds and the animals," he said. "I'm concerned about the people. This pipeline affects more than wetlands; it affects land owners. It will take out 99 feet of their land, land they will not be able to use as they so desire, land they paid for."

Acey acknowledged the need for a pipeline, and said accommodating public utilities is part of the price for some property owners.

"It's like paying your debt to society, I suppose," he said. "We have already paid that debt. Why must we pay it again?"

Peter Marchbank, head of a citizens group which has fought a new pipeline for several years, said there are about 20 water wells along the route — including one on his Shaffer Road property — unaccounted for in Consumers' survey.

"Is this an oversight by Consumers, or is this an outright possible deviation in terms of what they're trying to do to understate the well locations and the impact on the homeowners?" he said.

Marchbank said the proposed route and the wide construction easement would effectively take out his front porch. After years of fighting the proposal, he said he and his wife have decided to build a new house elsewhere on his property, to avoid the risk of a pipeline explosion.

Marchbank said the citizens group collected between 400 and 500 signatures from those opposed to the route.

"I believe there's a pipeline needed," he said. "We're not against that. We're against where it is put."

Several public officials and environmental groups weighed in at the public hearing.

State Rep. John Stakoe (R-Highland) called for "continued dialogue" to solve the problems, citing the "unique and pristine area" in western Oakland County.

"Part of the problem is we weren't engaged early on [with Consumers Energy's plan]," Stakoe said. "Some of that has been resolved, but it's left some difficult feelings here. There were a lot of decisions made early on in this process without involving local authorities."

County Commissioner Bill Bullard presented a county board resolution opposing the original route, and Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls said township consultants had not had time to evaluate the alternative routes.

The Springfield and Rose township boards had previously filed "petitions to intervene" in opposition to the Consumers Energy plan.

Michael McGee of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, whose Indian Springs Metropark is adjacent to the proposed route, said the authority has no problem with the suggested alternate subject to their approval of construction and restoration methods.

Also arguing for protection of wetlands were representatives of the Huron River Watershed Council and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy.

Consumers Energy officials did not speak, but several were on hand to offer information and answer questions. Linda Sims, community service manager, was present at the hearing and later said she understood some of the residents' concerns.

"It showed us there's a lot more we need to do to communicate with the people who are affected," Sims said. The company had requested but were denied permission to have an open house prior to the public hearing.

"The need for the pipeline has not changed," Sims said.

According to MPSC procedures, testimony and cross-examination will continue through September. The target date for a commission decision is Dec. 1.



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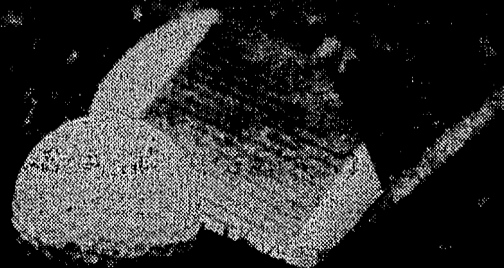
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# Future basketball stars learn good pointers from the Pistons

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Who better to learn basketball basics from than recent NBA Champions the Detroit Pistons?

More than 45 future basketball stars filled the gymnasium at North Sashabaw Elementary School June 21-23 for a Junior Pistons summer basketball training camp led by Coach Steve Moreland, director of camps and clinics for the Pistons, and his coaching staff.

"Watching you play today, you guys were awesome," Moreland told the campers at the close of the camp on June 23. "I knew you were good, but not this good."

During the three-day training sessions, campers were drilled on ball handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding.

Moreland encouraged the campers to run when not practicing to keep speed up, always pass to teammates as the winning Pistons are known for and keeping an eye on defense when in a game.

"This has been a special three days," Moreland said.

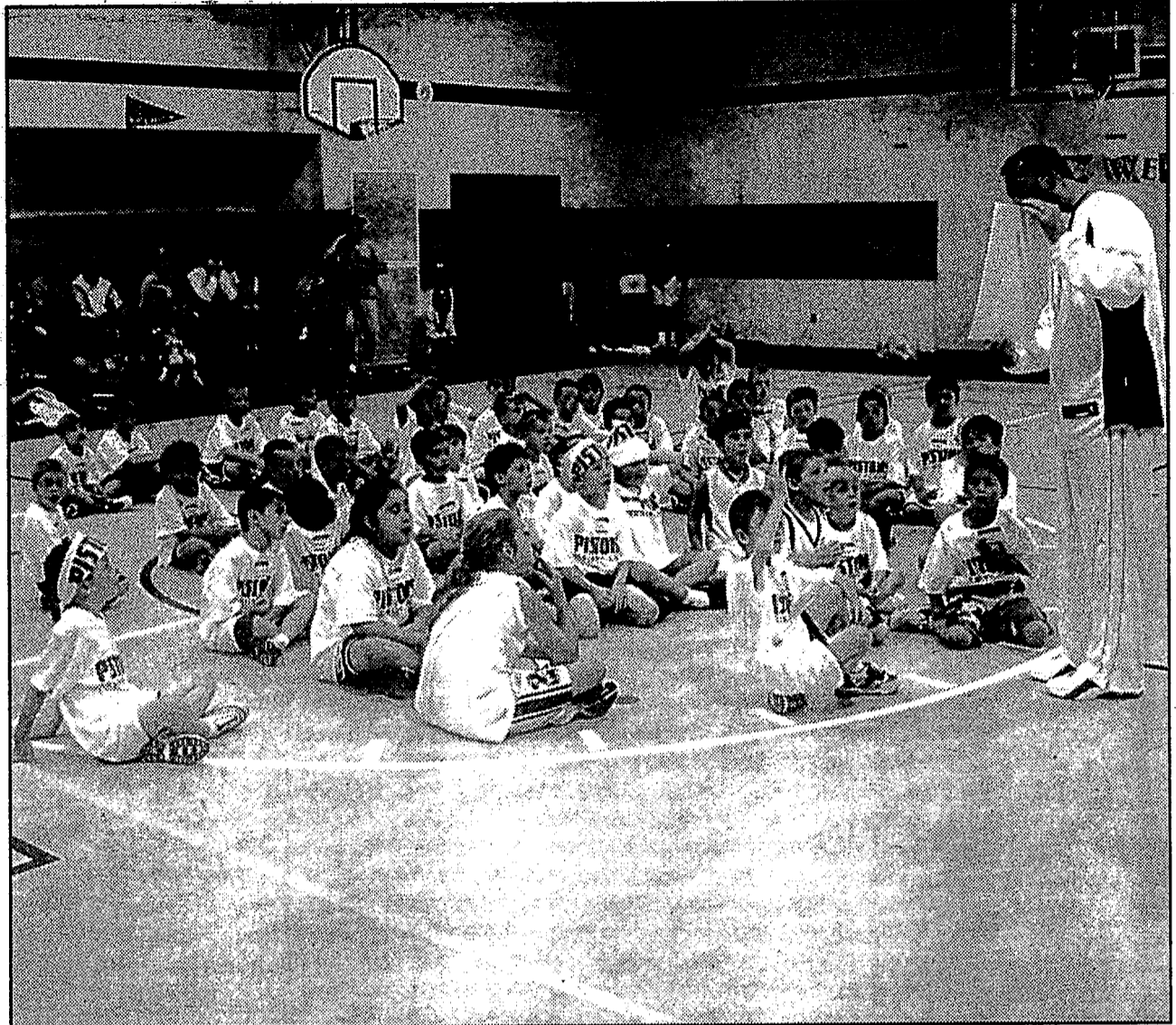
Gregory Miller was one of the many eager campers who was excited to become a Piston in the future and immediately knew his favorite part of the camp experience.

"When we got to play all the games," Miller said.

Miller, a third grade student at Bailey Lake Elementary, plans on trying out for the Pistons when he gets older.

To the delight of all the young basketball hopefuls, each camper was awarded a certificate of participation, an "All-Star Piston" sticker, a Rip Hamilton poster and the chance to get autographs from Moreland and his staff.

"This is the age group we would hang out with all the time if we could," Moreland said.



Coach Steve Moreland displays a Rip Hamilton poster to camp attendees as a parting souvenir for three days of hard work at the end of the June 21-23 Junior Pistons summer basketball training camp. The basketball hopefuls at North Sashabaw Elementary cheered once they saw the championship-winning player's poster. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

For more Junior Pistons photos, please see 9B

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Try enjoying every cigarette you don't smoke

By Ernie Harwell

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I'm thankful that it was a habit I didn't need, and I quit cold turkey. Of course, I know quitting is not as easy for many smokers because smoking is very addictive. But it's very encouraging that so many people have quit smoking - or never started.

For instance, when I came to the big leagues in 1948, 23 or 24 players on every 25-man roster smoked tobacco, chewed it or both. Nowadays, the average major league team might have one or two players who smoke. And most players have learned that tobacco chewing can be even harder to quit, because the nicotine gets into your system faster.

So when young people ask me about smoking, I tell them it's far easier - and healthier - to never start, than it will be to quit. For smokers who ask for advice on how to quit, I pass along a novel technique another former smoker once shared with me. He told me that every time he got the urge to smoke, he thought of all the cigarettes he had not smoked since quitting. Each day, the number is greater, and provides greater motivation and pride in having quit.

Using his formula, I'm spending 2004 enjoying the 185,000 cigarettes I did not smoke, since quitting half a century ago.

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Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



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# Can house hunting really be considered a sport?

This is the time of year when I start to become starved for sports action. Sure, the Tigers are doing better than they have in recent years and that's a bonus, but once the Pistons wrapped up their championship by dismantling the Lakers in five games and Clarkston's baseball and softball seasons came to an end, the sports world, in my view, has pretty much dried up.

I like to watch some golf here and there, and I can tolerate major league baseball, but it's not really my thing. As a part-time employee of the Palace, I also get to catch some of the WNBA's Detroit Shock as well. However, I must admit the part of the calendar year from mid-June until late August is the toughest part of the year for me as a sports fan.

Free agency, the draft and recent cuts in the NFL kept me interested in the NFL. I will readily admit that the part of the paper I flip to the most is the sports section and in there, you read about contract negotiations, which of course, involves sports agents. Well, this summer I have been working with another type of agent for the first time in my life - real estate agents.

My wife and I are looking to buy a house. This is a new experience for us and like any "first-timers" we're learning as we go. (Kind of like Matt Millen does I suppose).

I used to pass by the real estate and business sections of the paper with little or no interest. But now things like PMI, mortgage loan rates and percentages of houses selling are all suddenly as interesting to me as an 80-yard touchdown run.

This was all overwhelming to me at the beginning and while by no means do I consider myself an expert, I do think I've learned quite a bit over the last several weeks. I've managed to develop a system for keeping

housing terms and ideas organized in my head. Think of it as the sport fan guide to real estate.

**Real Estate Agent** - I kind of equate this to a combination of sports agent and director of scouting. This person acts as the link between player and team (buyer and seller) and brings forth the minor leaguers (houses on the market you might not have known about without an agent).

**Seller** - The president or CEO of the sports team. Square footage, a garage, property value and the year of the furnace and roof are all equally important as a 40-yard dash times, number of bench press repetitions and the shuttle run times of each and every player on a sports team.

**Buyer** - The fan. If the team (the house) is not good, then the buyer will have to check out other minor leaguers (prospective houses) brought to them from

the agent's farm club system (the listings).

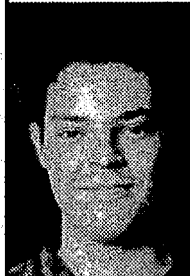
**House** - The group of selected minor leaguers (perspective houses) that make the team due to an outstanding workout at the combine (house inspection), which is finally agreed upon in terms by the seller and buyer via the real estate agents involved.

We're still combing the farm system for that needle in a haystack, but we have made some progress. We know we're not going to be able to afford Peyton Manning due to salary cap restrictions so to speak, but we'd like more value than Grant Hill has served up over the last few years as well.

Maybe by the time I have my fantasy football draft under my belt, I'll also be a home owner. Until then, it's Tigers, Shock and the PGA that'll have to get me through this "abyss" known as summertime.

E-Mail Ed at eadavis80@hotmail.com

## The Bottom Line



Ed Davis

## Bringing in the heavy equipment



Excavation crews begin work in Clintonwood Park on the in-progress Spraypark on June 25. Al Doren of Independence Township helped coordinate the delivery of the crane for the work, which was brought in from Redford especially for the project. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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In the financial and investment worlds, few things are as simple as we'd like them to be - and the issue of "maximum" 401(k) contributions is a perfect example. On one hand, the laws governing 401(k)s limit contributions to a maximum of \$13,000 in 2004; if you're 50 or over, you can put in an extra \$3,000. However, your employer may only allow you to contribute six percent of your salary to your 401(k) - and that amount may fall short of the \$13,000 ceiling.

Which figure applies? It's the lower one. If the six percent limit results in you putting in only \$10,000 to your 401(k), then that's what you can contribute. Conversely, if the six percent limit meant you could actually put in \$17,000 to your 401(k), you'd be limited by the \$13,000 cap.

So, what can you do if you reach one of these ceilings and you'd like to put more away? You could try to lobby your company's benefits area to change the rules, but you may not have much success. Companies are often restricted on what they can do by "non-discrimination" laws designed to limit the amount of contributions made by highly paid employees.

Consequently, you're better off looking for other tax-advantaged investments. Start with a traditional or Roth IRA. In 2004, you can put in up to \$3,000 to your IRA, with another \$500 as a "catch-up" contribution if you're 50 or over. Each type of IRA offers tax advantages: A traditional IRA grows on a tax-deferred basis, while Roth IRA earnings grow totally tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. Furthermore, you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment you choose.

After "maxing out" on your 401(k) and IRA, what should you do if you still have money to invest in tax-advantaged vehicles? You may want to consider purchasing a municipal bond, which offers interest payments that are free of federal taxes. Municipal bond interest may also be free of state and local taxes; however, some "muni" may incur the alternative minimum tax. In general, you will achieve the greatest benefit from municipal bonds if you are in one of the highest tax brackets and if the "spread" - the difference in yield - between municipal bonds and taxable bonds is relatively small. Go through the "ceiling."

You'll almost certainly help yourself a great deal by putting in as much as you can afford to your 401(k). If you can't put in the maximum, contribute what you can. But if you do "bump" into the 401(k) ceiling, it's nice to know you can find other ways to take your retirement savings to higher levels.

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# Obituary

## Ferna Mae Marlowe

Ferna Mae Marlowe, of Holly, died unexpectedly on June 26, 2004 at age 74.

She was the wife of Carl for 56 years; mother of Sue (Rick) Randall of VA, Dawn (Paul) Shampine of Lapeer, Carla (Craig) Frownfelter of Holly, Wanda Marlowe of GA, Brenda Marlowe of Clarkston and Melanie (Mike) Spires of Highland; grandmother of Trevor Randall, Heather Singleton, Allen, Keith and Amber Shampine, Nicole Stabley, Corey and Ashley Frownfelter and Isaiah and Alicia Spires; great-grandmother of six; sister of Lee (Joyce) Sanders of NJ, Paul (Mary) Sanders of NV, Carl (Janet) Sanders of White Lake and Fred Sanders of Waterford; sister-in-law of Orval (Donna) Marlowe of Clarkston.

Mrs. Marlowe was a member of the Clarkston Community Church, a 4H leader for 14 years in Davisburg and was active at Oakland County extension. She loved to sew, knit and crochet. A Funeral Service was held at the Clarkston Community Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Clarkston Community Church.

## Loren J. Sullivan

Loren J. Sullivan, from Germfask and formerly of Clarkston and Royal Oak, died June 28, 2004 at age 75.

He was preceded in death by his wife Avis and sons Daniel and Barry; father of Vicki (Roger) Miller and Gail (Ron) Lewis all of Oxford; grandpa of Tammy, Tina, Tanya, Aron and Trevor; great-grandpa to Victoria, Lorin, Alyssa, Vanessa, Blake and Hailey; brother of Raymond (Sally) of Prudenville; Patrick of Houghton Lake and Maureen of FL.

Mr. Sullivan retired from Chrysler as an Industrial Sculptor. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and wood carving. A Funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal Lakeview Cemetery. Prayer Service 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and directly at the church Thursday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

## Jeffrey Damon Carte

Jeffrey Damon Carte, of Clarkston, died June 24, 2004 at age 39.

He was preceded in death by his mother Lois; father of Liana; son of Clarence (Loretta) of WV; brother of Gary (Terina); step-brother of Tim Koppal, Michael (Karen) Minard; Paul Wilkin and Jean Wilkin.

Jeff graduated from Clarkston High School. Memorial service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Alano Club.

Obits can also be found at

[www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com)

## Tommy M. "Tom" Parker

Tommy M. Parker, of Davisburg and formerly of Waterford, died June 20, 2004 after a courageous battle from a recent lung transplant at age 55.

He was the husband of Lynne for 23 years; father of Gary (Kristine) of Rockford, Jeff (Chris) of Shelby Township, Amy and Brian both of Davisburg; papa of Paige, Megan, Nora Clare, Reed and Meredith; son-in-law of Al & Lois Serra of Waterford; brother of Jack (Dianne) of NC.

Mr. Parker retired from Sisters of Mercy, Farmington Hills. He was an avid reader who loved his family. A Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Independence Township Library or the Springfield Township Library.

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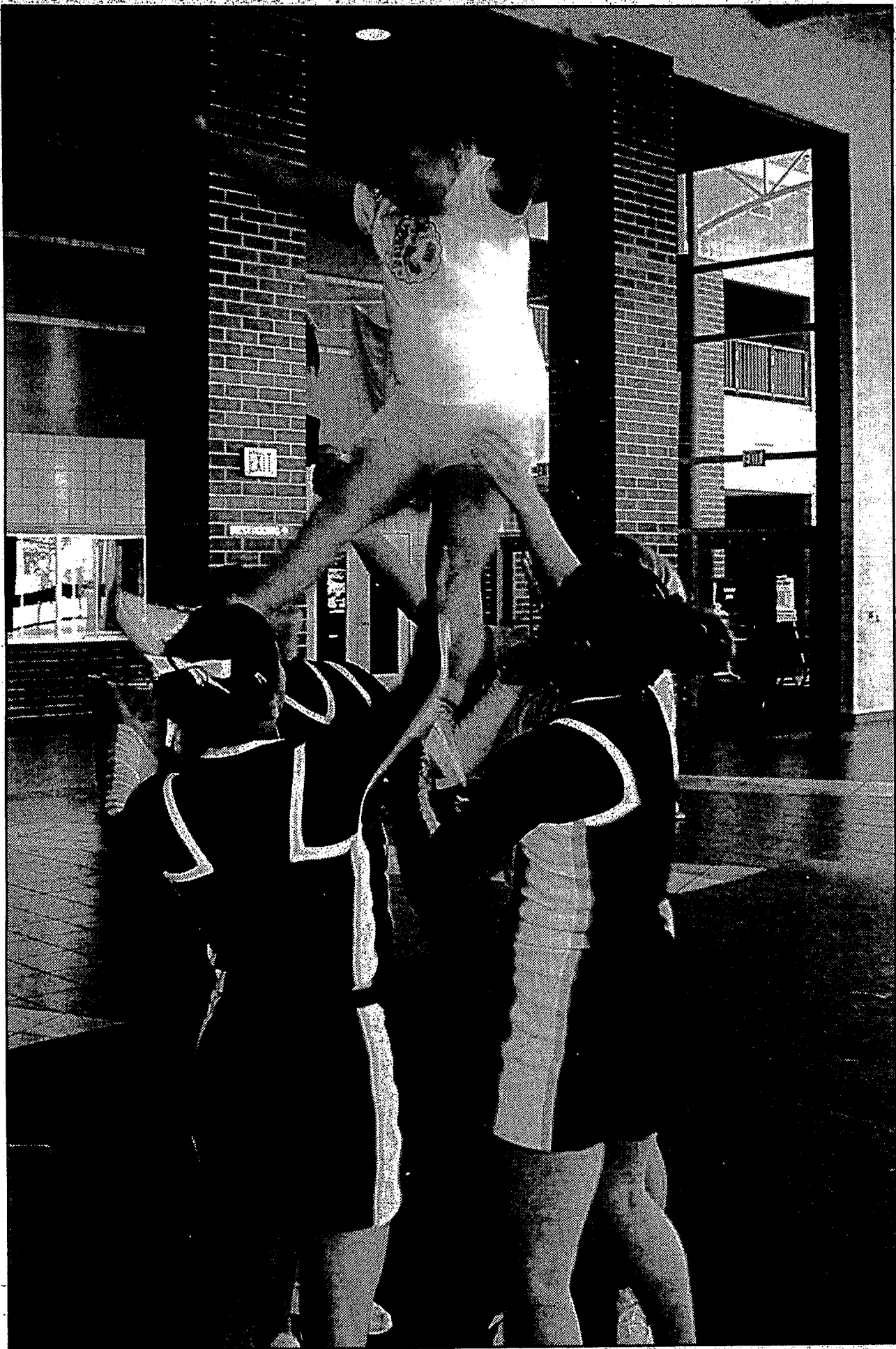
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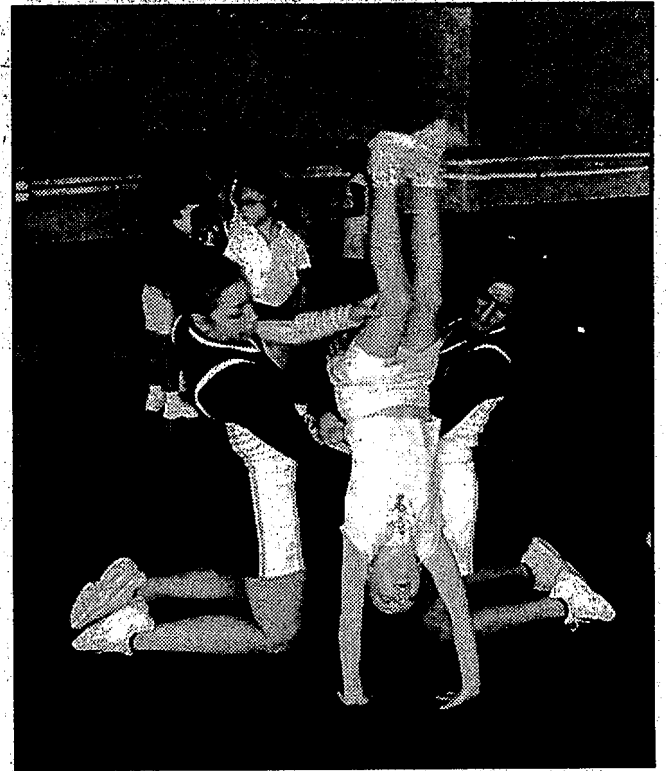
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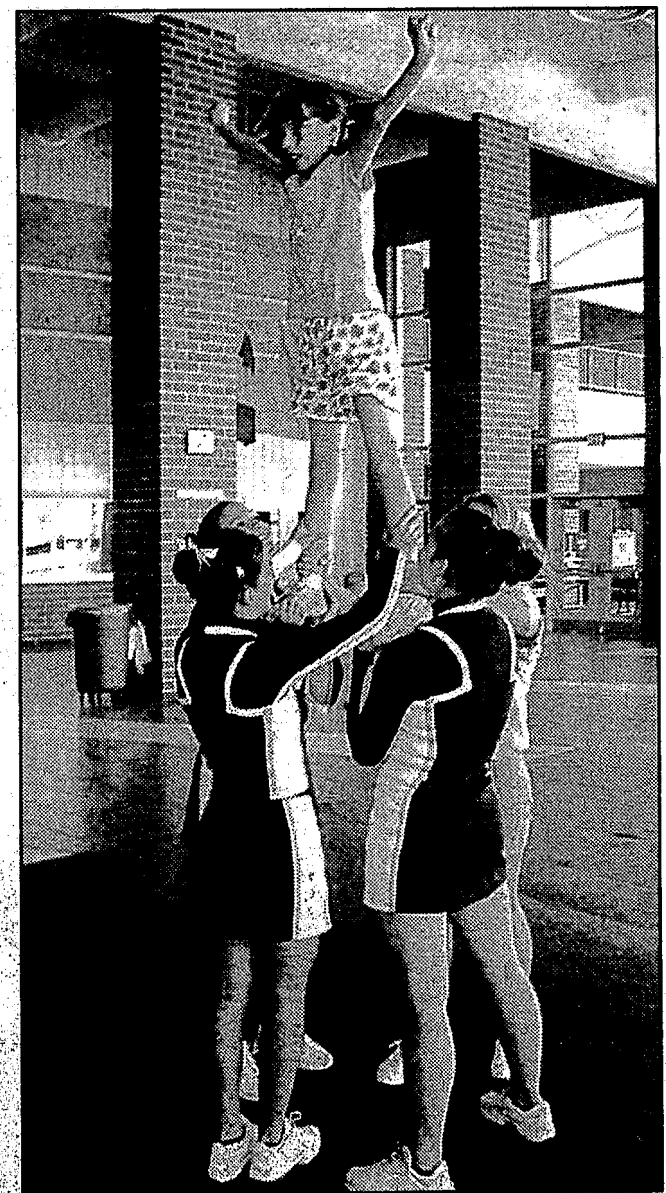
# Cheering on their favorite team



Sierra Pass executes a tough jump while members of the CHS varsity cheer team stand ready for a catch. Stunts were a popular part of the clinic.



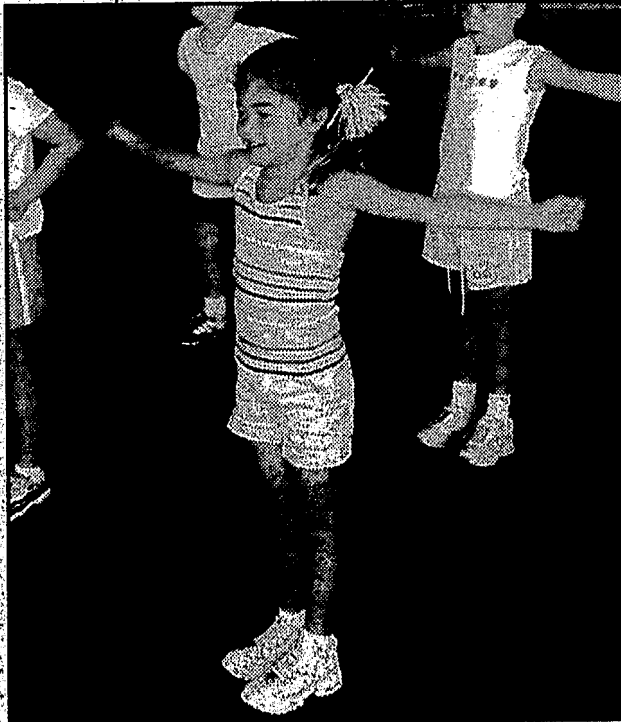
Gillian Ward gets some helping hands from Clarkston High School cheerleaders Samantha Wahaley and Sarah Jennett on a back handspring. Ward was one of the young participants at a beginning cheerleading clinic hosted by the CHS varsity team and coach June 21-25.



Meredith Tomich gets a boost from clinic staff as she perfects a lift. Participants learned beginner jumps, lifts and cheers during the five-day workshop.



ABOVE: Clinic participants put the finishing touches on their cheer during a final practice of their routine. The clinic participants put together a cheer routine for their parents on June 25 for the final day. RIGHT: Maddie Bright finishes a cheer for the Wolves.



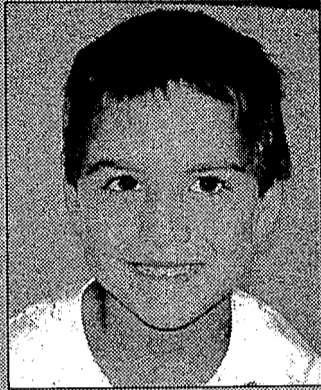
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By Alicia Dorset

## People Poll

Who is your favorite Detroit Piston?



"Ben Wallace. His name is Ben like me."  
—Ben Siecinski



"Ben Wallace. He's a good dunker."  
—Ben Snider



"Ben Wallace. He's a good basketball player."  
—Savannah Fields



"Rasheed Wallace. He's a good slam-dunker."  
—Joshua Penvose

By Alicia Dorset

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Board member loves happy SCAMPers

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kathy Calcaterra has been an active member of the Clarkston SCAMP Board of Directors since 1990. She is a faithful worker at the program's fund-raisers and is a great cheerleader for the summer special needs program.

"I don't do that much," is her humble protest. "The story is SCAMP."

There's a story behind Calcaterra's involvement, however. Her daughter, Carmen, has special needs herself and began attending the SCAMP program when she was four years old.

Carmen is now 22, has graduated to working with others with special needs, and has a proud mom who sees the benefits of the program from both directions.

"She's the reason my family got involved in SCAMP," Calcaterra said. "It's so good for her self-esteem."

Indeed, Calcaterra was recruited for the board because there was no parent representation at the time.

"I've loved every minute of it," she said.

As a board member, Calcaterra is part of the group who make it possible to hire certified teachers, bus drivers and other support employees (about 300 in total). SCAMP has five major fund-raisers (home tour, SCAMP Walk, ice cream social, golf outing and a run), all of which take place between May and August, so now is a busy time.

It's a labor of love, however, as many people in the community respond when the call comes.

"The support we get from this community is just phenomenal," she said. "You make one comment [about a need] and you have 12 people answering."

For the recently completed home tour fund-raiser, for example, about 150 volunteers are needed, but Calcaterra said there is never a problem finding those volunteers.

While she's not on the actual SCAMP staff, she enjoys going to the Independence Elementary School campus (this year's SCAMP location) just to be near the action and to see the joy on the children's faces.

"I just come and have fun. I just love



Kathy Calcaterra and her daughter, Carmen, know first-hand the benefits which come from the annual SCAMP program. Carmen began attending the program at age 4, and now is one of those who "shares love" with younger special needs children. Photo by Don Schelske

being around here to feel the energy," she said. "Everybody that's here wants to be here. They're a very special group of kids. That's the magic of SCAMP."

The five-week program (which this year is serving about 360 students) allows special needs children to enjoy a full gamut of summer activities, including camping, hiking, swimming, boating, art and music.

Calcaterra chokes up a bit as she describes what that experience means to the SCAMPers.

"It's a summer for these kids that they wouldn't have otherwise. They're surrounded by kids who accept them and they're surrounded by staff who love them

'The benefit a lot of people don't understand, and you don't unless you work it, is what everybody gets back from those kids.'

Kathy Calcaterra  
SCAMP board member

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# Around Town

**The Independence Township Fire Department** is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Friday, June 2 from 1-7 p.m. at the main fire hall at 6500 Citation Dr. Drop-ins are welcome, but an appointment is preferred. Please call (248) 625-1924 for an appointment.

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**Club 5529** presents Huddle with special guest Eighty Six Drama on Friday, July 9. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$7 at that time. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit [www.5529music.com](http://www.5529music.com).

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**The Widowed Support Group** will hold its July meeting on Thursday, July 1 at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center. This month's topic is a caring and sharing meeting to support one another. The meeting, facilitated by Alicia Brown (bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint and Son), is free of charge and open to everyone. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (248) 625-5231.

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**Club 5529** presents an open mic night on Friday, July 2. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$6 at that time. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit [www.5529music.com](http://www.5529music.com).

**Do you ever wonder what causes a septic system to fail?** Are you concerned about the safety of your well water? To answer these questions and more, the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program is offering a well and septic workshop. The workshop will be held on Thursday, July 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Carriage House inside Clarkston's Clintonwood Park. The program is open to the public at no cost and attendees will receive a free information packet. Please register with Koreen Lowe at (248) 858-0896.

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Celebrate Independence Day at Clintonwood Park on July 3. **Uncle Sam's Festival of Fun Car Show** will kick off at 11:30 a.m. as one of the many Festival of Fun activities. The Festival of Fun starts at 11 a.m. following the parade in downtown Clarkston. Uncle Sam's Car Show will last until 1:30 p.m. and the top three winners will receive trophies at 2 p.m. This is an open-class car show judged by the public's vote. Cars that register before July 1 pay \$10 and cars that register on the day of the event pay \$20. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Enter your car today and join the fun. For registration information, call Dawn Roby at (248) 625-2071 or Erin Socks at (248) 625-8223.

Registration for **men's and women's singles tennis leagues** are being accepted for ages 16 and up at Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Leagues are for intermediate to advanced players. Matches are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Clintonwood Park and/or Clarkston High School. Choose between two sessions: Session 1 begins June 22 and ends July 15; session 2 begins July 20 and ends August 5. Cost per session is \$20 per resident or \$30 per nonresident. Please visit Parks and Recreation to register or call (248)625-8223 for more details.

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**The Clarkston High School class of 1984** is having its 20-year class reunion on Saturday, August 14 at Deer Lake Racquet Club. For more information or to help find missing classmates, contact Janet Swan at (248) 627-6996 or e-mail at [janetswan@earthlink.net](mailto:janetswan@earthlink.net).

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**Independence Township Parks and Recreation** is accepting registrations for summer baseball/softball camps. Camps are available for ages 4-14. All camps are held at Clintonwood baseball fields and are instructed by the Clarkston varsity baseball coaching staff. All participants will receive a t-shirt. Dates and times vary, but all camps start in June. Deadline to register is June 4 or until sessions are full. Please call Parks and Recreation at (248) 625-8223 for more information.

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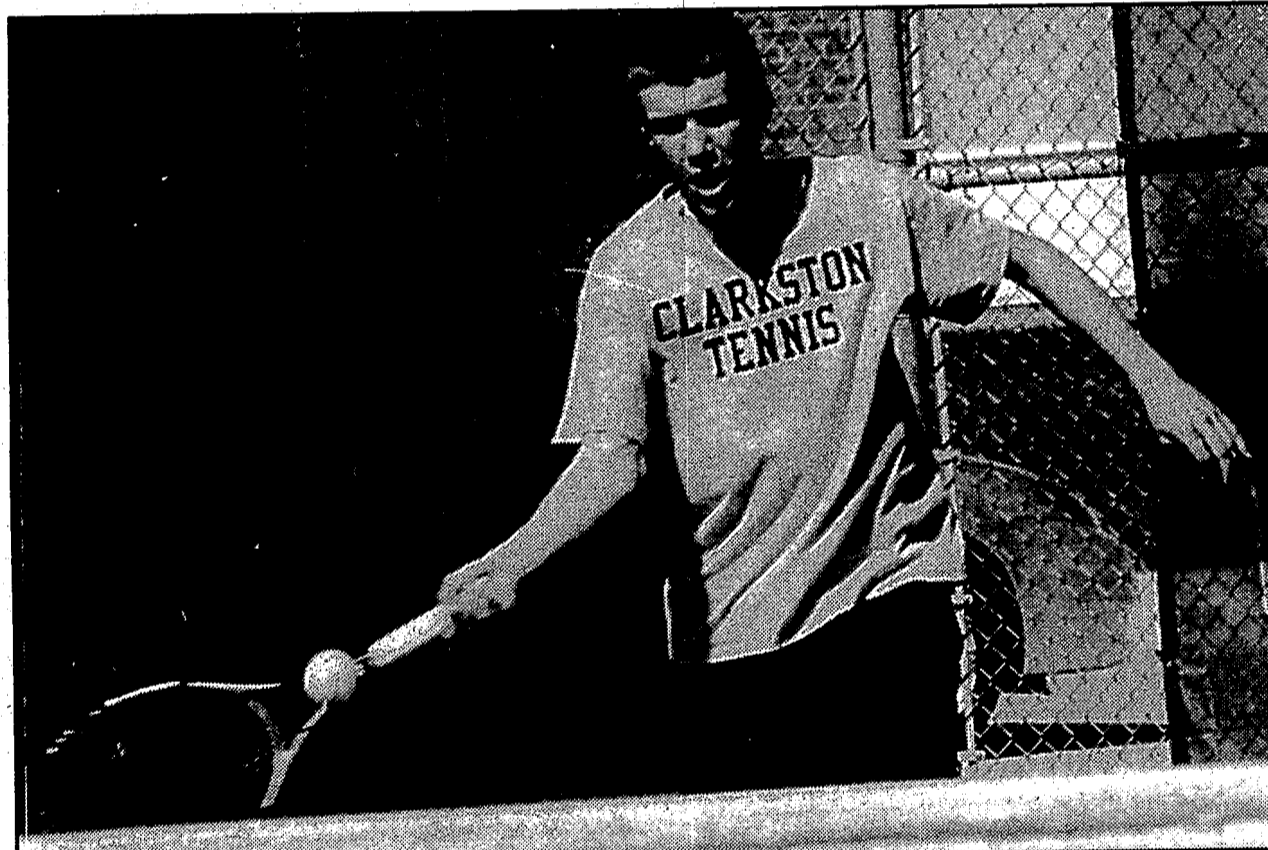
It's summertime and there are some great things offered for middle school students. **Clarkston Community Education Youth Enrichment** will be offering a "Future Wolves Soccer Camp" taught by the Clarkston High School soccer program. We will be offering art camps taught by art teacher Claudia Kegllovitz and even a pottery camp. Registrations are currently being taken for the "Fall Middle School Poms Club." For more information, call (248) 623-4321.

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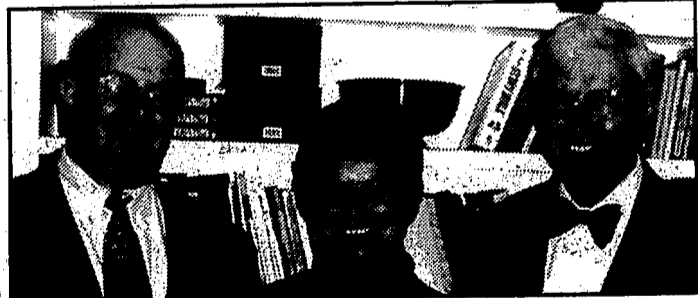
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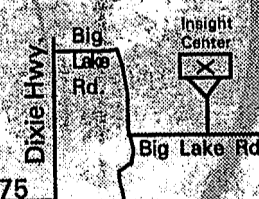
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# Masons come to the assistance of a local family in need

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When the Clarkston Masons, Cedar 60, received a letter from a local family asking for help in a time of need two months ago, they acted as quickly as they could.

Starting on June 24, the Masons helped build a six-foot tall, pressure-treated wood fence for the Belchers, a Clarkston family dealing with the hardships associated with their young son's rare genetic disease.

Cameron, age 3 1/2, suffers from an unusual genetic disease called "Chromosome Ring 14." The disease causes seizures, mental retardation and problems with motor skill and general growth development.

Because of these symptoms, Cameron tends to run away when playing in his backyard and has learned to scale the property's chain link fence in a matter of seconds, putting his safety in jeopardy. A new, stronger fence was needed to keep Cameron out of harm's way.

"It's pretty overwhelming on their part," Tom Braun, Clarkston Mason and past master, said. "They're a really nice couple."

Having been turned down for several grants for the fence, Cameron's mother, Belinda, contacted the Masons looking for help. Her father, a former mason in Georgia, told her in the past the Mason organization was there to always help others when needed. That's when



Members of Clarkston's Masons Cedar 60 help create a much-needed wooden fence for the Belcher family of Clarkston. The fence was needed to keep the couple's young son, Cameron, safe in the yard. Photo provided.

she turned to the Clarkston chapter.

"We're helping out a brother's kid," Braun said. "It's more of an obligation."

Responding quickly to the call for help, the Masons raised more than \$2,200 for the fence materials and donated time and labor to complete the project.

"The Masons are the best kept secret in Oakland County," Braun said.

In addition to requests such as this, the group, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary this fall, also donates food monthly to the Lighthouse of Clarkston and helps with a reading program at Andersonville Elementary school.

"Nationally, the Masons donate \$ 1 million a day in the United States," Braun said.

With the project complete, the Masons are pleased knowing they provided help when needed.

"It's been overwhelming. They (Belchers) come up to you and don't know how to say thank you," Braun said. "Any little thing we can do is a plus. Now he (Cameron) can go out in his backyard and won't have to be watched."

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# Milestones



Sarah Mahrle

Sarah Mahrle of Clarkston has been recognized as one of Comcast's Leaders and Achievers with a \$1,000 grant from the Comcast Foundation for her outstanding commitment to community service.

Mahrle is a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School and will be attending

Michigan State University this fall. Mahrle is the daughter of Larry and Kathy Mahrle.

The Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program acknowledges high school seniors for exemplary community service, leadership skills, positive attitude and academic achievement.

## At school...

The following students, and Clarkston residents, were named to Oakland University's Dean's List for the 2003-2004 academic year: **Alisa Andree, Elisabeth Baker, Rachael Barnett, Shayla Blower, Tygre Callaway, Dustin Coleman, Scott Contor, Amanda Crowl, Kimberly Dodd, Marcia Dodich, Monique Garrison, Lora Gianino, Jeanne Hamilton, Nicole Hoffmeister, Jessica Holman, Laura Johnson, Bernadette Korb, Heather Murphey, Nancy Nienstedt, Joseph Owens, Eric Reinke, Gina Reynolds, Corey Sadowski, Jennifer Schindler, Brandy Schlusler, Darrin Schwartz, Christopher Thompson, Julianne Warchuck, Nicole Yovich, Kathryn Zarzycki and Colleen Zitzman.**

Oakland University's School of Health also honored **Jonathan Lutz** of Clarkston for outstanding work in his area of study, medical laboratory sciences.

Lutz was honored at the first annual student recognition banquet on June 9.

The following students, and Clarkston residents, at DePauw University were named to the 2004 spring Dean's List: **Michael Claus and Breanne Fougine.**

Students had to earn at least a 3.5 GPA to be named to the list. DePauw is located in Greencastle, Ind.

The following students, and Clarkston residents, were named to the Dean's List at the University of Dayton: **William Freed, Katherine Douglass and John Douglass.**

Students had to maintain at least a 3.5 GPA to receive this honor. The school is located in Dayton, Ohio.

**Lance Piechura** has achieved University Honors and the James B. Angell Scholar distinction at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Piechura is currently in Washington, D.C. working as an advocacy and legislative affairs intern with the Coalition for American Leadership Abroad. He will begin his senior year when he returns in the fall.

**Mary Brewer** of Clarkston received a doctor of pharmacy, cum laude, from Creighton University for the spring 2004 term.

Creighton is located in Omaha, Neb.

**Mercedes Combs** of Clarkston received a bachelor of science degree in psychology/graduate preparation from Northern Michigan University in May 2004.

**Rebecca Knott** of Clarkston received a bachelor of arts degree in management from Luther College on May 23.

Knott is the daughter of Greg and Linda Knott of Clarkston. Luther College is located in Decorah, Iowa.

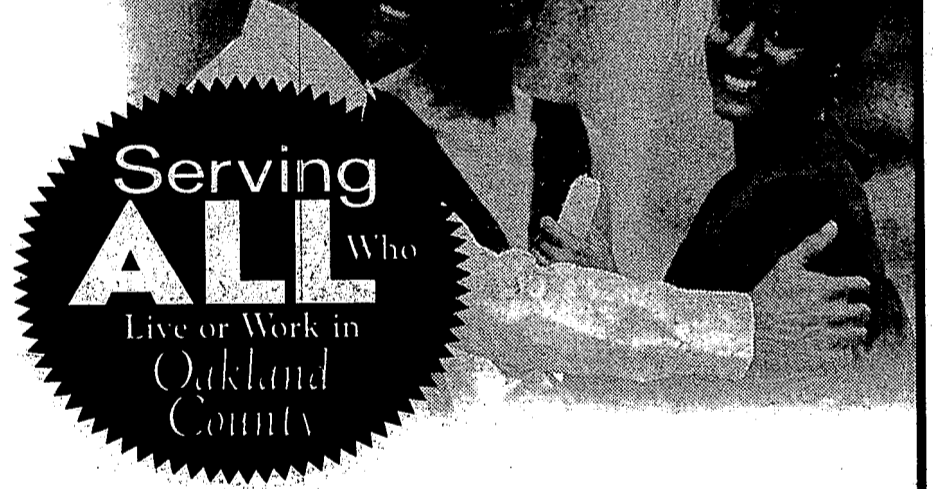


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# Religion

## Lessons received through giving

Recently I found myself in Newport News, Va., where eight months ago a hurricane devastated much of the area. A week or so before we left, I almost decided not to go. I was feeling guilty about missing work. People were giving me a hard time, and I felt selfish for going. I decided to go anyway. I couldn't have made a better choice.

The trip for me was timeless. It wasn't equal to a number of days or hours, but simply a moment: an experience of patience and love. When I found out we would be staying with Mennonites and Amish, it was no huge deal. I knew we wouldn't be doing much other than sleeping and storing our luggage at their church. But as soon as we arrived, I sensed there was something different here.

Our work consisted of painting, mounting moldings and hanging doors. The work was sometimes tedious, but definitely brought us together. The homeowners were so appreciative, and went out of their way to thank and feed us. We worked hard to accomplish something beautiful and demonstrate Christ to each other. In the midst of this, we learned more about each other and ourselves. Most important, we learned humility.

As our stay lengthened, my appreciation for this culture grew. There was no TV in the living room. Instead there were games and puzzles and couches for sitting and connecting with one another. In the



**Spiritual Matters**

**Erin Wilke**

evenings people went to the ocean or biked through the nearby trails, or talked. These people were so devoted to others that there was no time for a television.

Most of us use time for an excuse. I know I do. We want to do everything we can to help, and devote our lives to Christ in some way. But we don't have time to go out and serve. We are struggling with our own commitments: jobs and families, house payments and school. There is barely time for church on Sunday. How can we possibly find time and energy to give away?

I learned on this trip that there are a billion ways to work as Christ's hands. Not everyone's call is mission work, but whether its an hour, a day, or a week of your time, you are needed somewhere.

Visit with your neighbors. Listen to your children. Discourage watching TV. Encourage creativity. Become a mentor. Practice acts of love to each other every day.

All too often we think a monetary gift will take the place of the time we should devote. Your time is priceless. It is the one thing we can devote to Christ, by loving and serving. And yet, we are selfish with our time, reluctant to give it away. Always be eager to give. Our time is not ours to keep.

I hope someday for a culture in which I will not feel guilty for missing work to serve people, but that I would feel guilty not serving. He gave us decades of time here on this Earth. Are we giving any of it to Him?

*Erin Wilke is a parishioner who attended a mission trip with St. Daniel's Catholic Church Youth Ministry Program last month.*

## In our churches...

Clarkston United Methodist Church, which meets at 6600 Waldon Road, plans a fun beginning to the Independence Day holiday.

The church will host a **pre-parade breakfast** beginning from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3 in the parking lot outside the fellowship hall.

All proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.

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Clarkston Community Church will have a special **Independence Day celebration** at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 4, with a special musical to honor service men and women and thank God for our country.

The church meets at 6300 Clarkston Rd. Call (248) 625-1323 for more information.

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Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Blue Grass Dr., will host vacation Bible School July 19-22.

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The adventure will start each day at 8:10 a.m. and end at 12:10 p.m., with a special family luau from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22.

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The **Academy of Arts Drama/Music Team** will be at Dixie Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 to perform the stage musical, "He Loved Me."

The musical drama, written by Wendy Chavers, tells the story of newlyweds Mike and Paige Weaver as they face unexpected challenges and pressures of life. When Mike's younger brother needs help, Mike takes him in, but the problems his brother had threatens to tear the young couple apart.

The 90-minute program features The Academy of Arts Players from Taylors, S.C. on their 33rd tour of the United States. Admission is free of charge, but a free-will offering will be taken for the team's expenses.

Dixie Baptist Church meets at 8585 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. For more information, call (248) 625-2311.

Local pastor moves on to new ministry.  
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A group of happy SCAMPers enjoy smiling with Kathy Calcaterra. While she is not an actual staff member, as a board member Calcaterra loves seeing the fruit of the board's fund-raising efforts. Photos by Don Schelske

# SCAMP

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for who they are," Calcaterra said.

It goes beyond the benefit to the participants, however.

"The benefit a lot of people don't understand, and you don't unless you work it, is what everybody gets back from those kids," she said. "[Volunteers] want to give, but they don't realize how much they're going to give back."

Indeed, it appears to be the SCAMPers who are "silently teaching," she said.

"These kids struggle to get through daily existence, and they're a happy group of kids. These kids teach you constantly."

Husband Mark and son Dominick have both learned that lesson. Calcaterra said her husband is a regular worker at fund-raisers, and her son is "a prime

example" of someone who years ago fell in love with the students he thought would be the beneficiaries of his work.

It's a great example of the SCAMP motto: "The greatest gift is love shared."

In addition to helping with the annual SCAMP fund-raisers, Calcaterra likes the occasional golf outing, although she doesn't claim greatness in the sport.

"When you have one good shot out of five, you feel the day's worth it," she said. "I just love getting out on a nice day with my husband."

She really enjoys being a mom to Carmen and a homemaker, however, in addition to the work for SCAMP.

"This is my extra-curricular activity," she said.

Those interested in donating to or volunteering for SCAMP are encouraged to call (248) 620-1882.



Kathy Calcaterra checks schedule details with secretary Lezlie Hallman in the office at Independence Elementary School, this year's SCAMP base.

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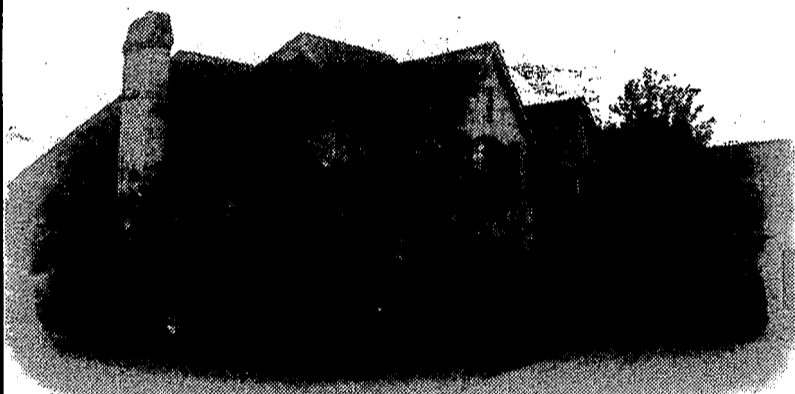


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# Pastor moves to new pulpit

After 19 years of faithful, friendly and fruitful service at Clarkston United Methodist Church, Pastor Doug Trebilcock will be transferred to the Midland Aldersgate United Methodist Church on July 1 at his request.

Trebilcock was going to retire on July 1, 2005 and work on the staff of the Midland First United Methodist Church in a retired capacity. Suddenly, the Aldersgate UM Church became open and Bishop Linda Lee appointed Trebilcock to the church, which will enable him to be in active service for the future.

Trebilcock's last services at the church were Sunday, June 13. An open house buffet and program was Saturday, June 12 at the Clarkston Elementary School where Kay Trebilcock worked for a number of years.

Pastor Richard Drake of the Chelsea United Methodist Church will replace Trebilcock and will preach his first sermon on Sunday, July 11 at the 9:30 a.m. service. A welcome picnic will follow at Baycourt Park.

Trebilcock is proud of his long tenure at the 164-year-old church. On May 2, 45 young individuals confirmed their faiths and joined the membership of the church.

"It has been a great privilege to be a part of their lives and call to ordain ministry," Trebilcock said.

During the last three years, the CUMC has been part of a redevelopment process with the denomination, identifying strengths and challenges to continue to grow spiritually and to reach out to the growing Clarkston community.

From the study, a church profile was created which helped Lee and her cabinet select Trebilcock's replacement. Trebilcock is proud of the study and his replacement.

The church as grown over the years of Trebilcock's leadership in a number of services, staff, membership, budget and building. A building addition was completed soon after Trebilcock arrived. He is proud of the church and its outreach, growth and history in the community



and the church's great potential growth of which he has been a vital part.

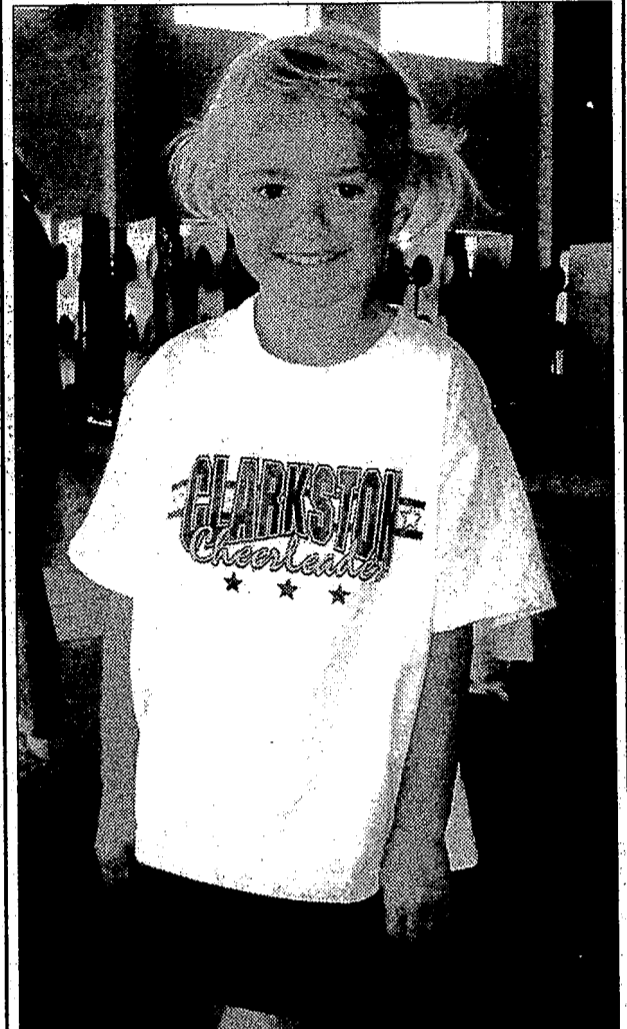
Before coming to Clarkston, Trebilcock served in churches in St. Clair, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Howell and Glenview, Ill. Trebilcock is a "yooper" who has felt a special kinship with many of the Clarkston teachers who were brought from Northern Michigan University by Superintendent Les Green.

Moving to Midland and serving the Aldersgate UMC will enable Trebilcock and Kay to be near part of their family. Kay's parents live there along with their oldest son, Mike, who teaches history at Midland Central Intermediate School. Their youngest son, Brian, is a middle school math teacher in Clio and lives in Flint.

Trebilcock and his wife have enjoyed the Clarkston community where both their sons were raised and graduated from Clarkston High School.

Trebilcock's first Sunday at Aldersgate is July 4.

## Smile of the week



Caylee Price proudly displays a Clarkston High School cheerleading t-shirt. Photo by Alicia Dorset

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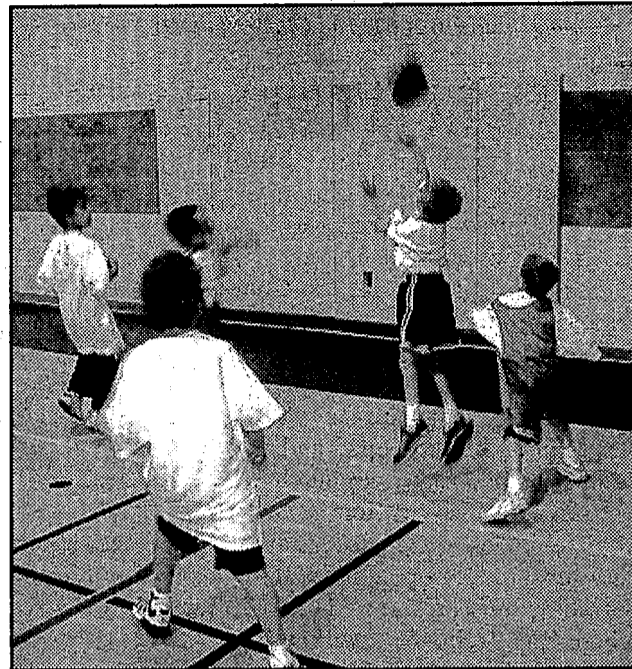
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# Learning from the best



Joshua Smith receives a Pistons All-Star sticker after receiving a certificate of participation on the last day of camp. Campers proudly displayed their awards as they went home. Photos by Alicia Dorset.



Junior Pistons hopefuls run to the end of the court for a shot during a final game at the Junior Pistons summer basketball training camp on June 23 at North Sashabaw Elementary School. More than 45 students attended the camp.



Coach Steve Moreland makes sure his "opposing" teams shake hands at the end of a game. Moreland stressed the importance of good sportsmanship to the junior players.



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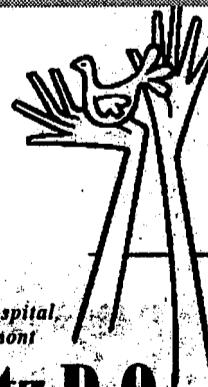
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# Renting a car for first time is an underappreciated joy in life

I've been told after age 21, there are no more exciting birthdays. At first, I agreed. Look at the rundown up to that point:

- AGE 10: First double-digit birthday.
- AGE 13: First teen birthday and ability to see a PG-13 movie without mom.
- AGE 15: Driver's education begins (and continues for those of us not-so-sharp behind the wheel).
- AGE 16: Receive driver's license, possibly a car or the permission to borrow one from an unsuspecting family member.
- AGE 17: Ability to see an R-rated movie "legally" for the first time.
- AGE 18: Voter's registration begins.
- AGE 19: Trying to get into Casino Windsor becomes a lot easier. And most of Canada, for that matter.
- AGE 20: First non-teen birthday.
- AGE 21: Ability to "legally" enjoy a beer with your dad while he talks about when the drinking age was 18 and what a privilege this is.

Approaching my 24th birthday in less than a week, I was saddened to think that the next exciting birthday would be when

I turned 65 and could collect what's left of my Social Security.

But that all changed when the "check engine" light came on in my car the other morning and I was presented with an underappreciated right of passage for today's young adults: renting your first car.

"Great, I'll have to rent the car in my name since you're not old enough," my mom said as we walked to the car rental counter at my car dealership.

It was the type of comment that made you realize no matter how old you are, you're always 7 years old in your mom's eyes.

When I took my paperwork to the counter, my mom was right behind me, VISA in hand.

"Oh, you don't have to do that," Jeff, Enterprise employee, said. "How old are you?"

"Twenty-three, almost twenty-four," I said, realizing I should have just said 23 3/4 to really make myself seem like a little kid.

"No problem then. You're old enough to rent a car," Jeff said.

I was floored. I had no idea. I was saving my 25th birthday to rent a car. This was an unexpected treat and proof that monumental birthdays don't end at 21.

"Why thank you," I said. "Now what sports car do I get?"

And that's where this fun story loses it's humor as the "coolness" factor

dropped immediately.

I was positive that, seeing as I was 23 3/4 and this was my first rental car, I would have my choice of a 2005 Thunderbird or one of those snappy Hummers I see off-roading down my street. Sadly, I was mistaken. The fact that I'm a Spartan didn't even help me that much.

"Well, since this is your first rental card, and you're a Spartan, I'll set you up with our hottest choice for you: a 2005 Buick Century," Jeff said.

Now, don't get me wrong. Buicks are nice cars. I just had high hopes of an Audi TT with option rally fun pack waiting for me at the door.

"Did I mention it has a CD player?" Jeff asked.

"Wow. I thought those were standard nowadays. How 1997 of my rental," I said.

As I drove into Clarkston with my CD-infused Buick, I began to think that birthdays can only get better after 21 and

that most of my friends and acquaintances are wrong. Take a look at these important milestones:

- AGE 23: Car insurance rates drop.
  - AGE 25: Allowed to go on certain cruise lines without a legal guardian. You've also lived a quarter century and your car insurance rates drop again.
  - AGE 30: Your friends send you horrible "Over the Hill" cards.
  - AGE 50: Membership is presented to an exclusive organization with a snappy card for your wallet- AARP.
  - AGE 55: Senior coffee discount now available at McDonald's.
- Look at all those eventful moments in your life! Renting a car for the first time and enjoying a 25-cent cup of coffee are just two more reminders the simple activities of life can sometimes be the most exciting.

Like listening to a CD in my Buick Century on I-75.



Between the Lines

Alicia Dorset

## Medicare card discussion provides helpful information

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Area residents gathered at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg on June 17 to hear a lecture from the Area Agency on Aging on the new Medicare prescription cards set to debut in the next few years.

The lecture was promoted by the Independence Township Senior Center after concern grew that many people were concerned about how the new program will work with the 2006 drug law, changes to current benefits and changes to 'Plan B' of current plans.

"It really doesn't sound as bad as legislation makes it out to be," Carrie Shea, AAA 1B representative, said about the new set up.

Participants received large packets of information that included timelines of important dates for the program as well as prescription cost worksheets to calculate what program was best for each individual.

Shea warned the attendees about waiting to make a decision to join the new program or hold on to current discount prescription drug cards, which many people have.

"If you just have those discount

cards, that isn't considered credible insurance and you will get penalized," Shea said.

Shea also explained what would happen to individuals who had health insurance as part of a retirement package from former programs and how that would tie into the new Medicare guidelines.

"It's projected that 20 percent of retiring plans will drop prescription care because of the new plan," Shea said. "Retiring plans only have to be as good as Medicare."

Betty Gordon came to the morning lecture to find out more about the new program and the many aspects of it.

"I need to read more information on it, go over it again and contact my reps," Gordon said. "It's confusing."

Besides giving resident crucial information to make informed decisions about Medicare, AAA also urged participants to contact their elected officials to let them know what they specifically want with health care coverage and ways to make it easy to understand for all.

"I am still lobbying for changes because one day it will affect me," Shea said.

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# Science Academy starts off summer in the crime labs

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

On June 12, 2004 at 11:30 p.m., the principal's office was broken into. The only thing that was reported missing was the principal's favorite coffee mug.

There were only five teachers in the school at this time. Each suspect was questioned and the crime scene was searched for evidence.

Over the next five days, it will be your job to find the teacher responsible for this crime.

Students in the Clarkston Foundation's Science Academy summer workshops were given this assignment during the recent camp on forensics and crime scene science at Clarkston High School.

In addition to important assignments to finding the principal's mug and Mrs. Rollinginit's diamond necklace, future forensic scientists learned about careers in the field as well as getting some hands-on experience to solving a crime with science knowhow.

"I really like science," Elizabeth Thornton, a Clarkston sev-

enth grader, said. Thornton attended the workshops because of a possible interest in the field later on in life.

The forensic workshop was one of two science camps provided by the foundation this summer. The second will deal with zoology in July and will allow students to go behind the scenes at the Detroit Zoo.

"One thing we try to present is the career aspect," Jason Siko, workshop coordinator and CHS science teacher, said. "It exposes the kids to careers in science."

For this workshop, students worked with problem solving skills, observational skills and other investigative methods necessary when working in a crime scene.

Students learned how to analyze a fingerprint, take information from a textile analysis, work with hair samples and even recreate a crime scene.

"I wanna be a crime scene investigator when I'm older," Danielle Balance said.

The workshop stemmed from a survey of last year's foundation participants and found a growing interest in forensics,

thanks in part to a growing focus on the field in the media.

"We surveyed the kids from last year and picked the one with most frequency in response," Siko said of the choice.

A highlight of the workshop was a presentation from Barbara Martin, an Oakland County forensic artist. Martin reminded

the students about the growing need for forensic artists in the future.

"It's a great way to see the connection of science that interests them," Darlene Roche, workshop instructor, said.

Not only did the students learn more about a potential career field, but the teachers were

able to benefit from the detailed scientific aspects of each presentation.

"This is just as fun and interesting for us as staff as it is for the students," Siko said. "We really appreciate it because of our science backgrounds. We can also understand the science behind it."



Elizabeth Thornton uses a steady hand while using a pipette during a June 17 "crime investigation" at Clarkston High School. The activity was one of the many included in the summer forensic workshop from the Clarkston Foundation's Science academy.



Danielle Balance focuses all of her attention on who stole Mrs. Rollinginit's diamond necklace as she works with some crime scene clues. The students followed scenarios throughout the work sheet to try their hand at being forensic scientists. Photos by Alicia Dorset

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# More Around Town

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**Crosshill Community Preschool** is accepting enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year. Crosshill provides a developmental program with free play, directed activities, art, music, gym and snack. The preschool is a non-profit organization, and it is the policy that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. The preschool is located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church at 803 Broadway in Davisburg. Classes are available for 3s, 4s and young 5s. For enrollment or more information, please call Vicki at (248) 889-4249 or the director at (248) 634-1064.

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**Get on the registration wagon!** The Youth Enrichment Department of Clarkston Community Education offers a wide variety of summer camps for kids. Brochures are now available at the Community Education Center. There are many opportunities including theatrical dance, art camps, soccer and much more. Camps are being offered for elementary through middle school age students. Registration has begun and classes fill up quickly. For more information, call (248) 618-

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know  
**INDEPENDENCE TWP**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

July 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

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

FILE #PC 2004-025

Patrick & Dolores Bayley, Petitioners  
REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL  
HORSE FARM

Article XI, Rural Residential District (R-1R)  
Section 11.05.2

Special Land Use Request: **HORSE FARM**  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-08-300-028  
Common Description: Allen Road, North of Hubbard  
14.5 Acres

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

JOAN E. MCCRARY, Clerk

Publish 6-30-04

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
TOWNSHIP BOARD  
AGENDA  
7:30 p.m.  
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: July 6, 2004

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-June 15, 2004
    - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
    - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
    - d. Second Reading and Adoption of a Zoning Ordinance #83-Proposed Text Amendments:
      - Sec: 5.03 Accessory Bldgs. subsection 1.g swimming pools
      - Sec 5.22 Site Condominium Projects
      - Sec 5.24 Cluster Lot Developments
      - Sec 7.02.4.a table of Off-Street Parking
      - Sec 18.02.1 Permitted Principal Uses
      - Sec 25.10 Site Specific Relief Authorization, Art. XXX Schedule of Regulations, footnote e
    - e. Resolution-2004 Tri-Party
- Unfinished Business  
New Business
1. Liquor License Transfer-6722 Dixie Highway
  2. Flemings Lake Road Water and Sewer SAD Agreement
  3. Resolution-MERS
  4. Appointments to Cablecasting Board
- 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 consid-

9351, (248) 623-4321 or visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.

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**Zero Gravity** hosts its second annual skate camp July 12-17 and 19-24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. These off-the-hook skate camps are geared toward intermediate and advanced skaters who want to up their skill levels. Pro skater Jeff Stockwell will be working with each skater throughout the week. The camp will take place at Zero Gravity Skatepark (adjacent to the Waterford Christian Association) in Waterford. Cost is \$199 per skater and includes an unlimited skate pass to the skatepark for the week of camp from 3-10 p.m. each day. To preregister, sign up at the park Monday-Friday from 3-10 p.m. For more information, call Loren Covarrubias at (248) 673-7177 or visit www.zerogravitysk8.com.

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**Young at Heart Senior Group** meets every Thursday for their weekly lunches for individuals 50 years of age and older or individuals with disabilities of any age. Lunch is served at noon at the Hart Community Center for a fee of \$4.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**CLARKSTON**

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
375 DEPOT ROAD  
CLARKSTON, MI 48346  
PUBLIC NOTICE

### LAST DAY TO REGISTER

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ALL ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Primary Election will be held in the City of the Village of Clarkston on Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered no later than July 6, 2004. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or the City office.

If you wish to register at the City office, please call ahead for business hours.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ZONING  
ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on July 6, 2004, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees will consider adoption of an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 83, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, for the purpose of amending Subsection Article V, Subsection 5.03.1(g); Article V, Subsection 5.24.3(b); Article VII, Subsection 7.02.4(a); Article XVIII, Subsection 18.02.1; Article XXV, Section 25.10; and amending footnote (e) of the Schedule of Regulations in Article XXX. A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Township Clerk's Office for public review and inspection. The following is a summary of the Ordinance:

#### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

The Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, hereby ordains:

- Section 1. Article V, Section 5.03, Subsection 1 (g) of the Zoning Ordinance is amended in part to require a 10-foot side and rear setback in R1-A, R1-B, and R1-C Districts and to require a 50-foot setback for swimming pools in the R-1R District.
- Section 2. Article V, Section 5.24, Subsection 3(b), of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to delete reference to Subsection 5.23d.
- Section 3. Article VII, Section 7.02, Subsection 7.02.4 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to set the number of stacking spaces required for a bank to (4) spaces consistent with other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Section 4. Article XVIII, Section 18.02, Subsection 18.02.1 is amended to reference Section 17.02 in place of Section 16.02.3.
- Section 5. Article XXV, Section 25.10 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to renumber it to Article V, Section 5.30.
- Section 6. Article XXX of the Zoning Ordinance, "Schedule of Regulations: Footnote (e) is amended to correct errors and, add provisions relating to setbacks and density.
- Section 7. Except as expressly set forth above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 8. The Ordinance shall become effective on the date provided by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
JOAN E. MCCRARY, TOWNSHIP CLERK

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP**

### NOTICE

### LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Charter Township of Independence that the last day to register to vote for the Primary Election held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 is July 6, 2004. Registrations are taken at any Secretary of State branch office, Oakland County Clerk's Office or Independence Township Clerk's Office.

If you wish to register at Independence Township Clerk's Office you may do so at:

90 N. Main Street  
Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk

Published: 6/23/04 & 6/30/04 Charter Township of Independence

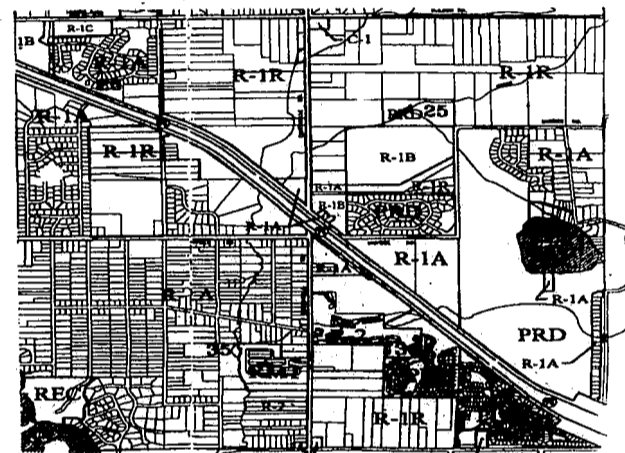
## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP**

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a Regular meeting of the Township Board held on June 15, 2004 the Board authorized a Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from R-1R to R-1A, NE section of Clintonville and Mann Roads, 59 acres, parcel 08-36-300-006, 008, 010, 012-017 as follows:

The motion to approve this amendment was offered by Travis, supported by McCrary, the vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Wenger. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ZONING  
ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on July 6, 2004, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees will consider adoption of an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 83, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, to amend Article V, Section 5-22 for the purpose of updating terminology procedure relating to site condominium site plan review, and for the purpose of providing for access to site condominium projects by means of private, as well as public roads. A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Township Clerk's Office for public review and inspection. The following is a summary of the Ordinance.

#### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

The Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, hereby ordains:

##### Section 1 of Ordinance

- Section 5.22 (1)(c). The definition of "Design Standards Ordinance" is amended to make reference to Chapter 8.1 of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances, and to delete references to Section 22.16 and the term "Department".
- Section 5.22 (2). Subsection (a) is amended to change the term "preliminary" to "conceptual," and subsection (b), is amended to change the term "site plan approval" to "final site plan approval".
- Section 5.22(3). The references of "preliminary site plan approval" are changed to "conceptual site plan approval", and the requirements relating to the format of the plan for submission is modified to require compliance with the requirements stated in Section 5.12 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Section 5.22(4). The references of "preliminary site plan approval" is changed to "conceptual site plan approval", and the references of "site plan approval" are changed to "final site plan approval". Indicates that final site plans shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 51.2 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Section 5.22(5). Provides that building sites must meet the requirements for street access set forth in Section 5.07, and that the Planning Commission may permit and approve a private road that meets with the requirements of the Townships Development Design Standards Ordinance.

##### Section 2 of Ordinance

Except as expressly set forth above, the zoning ordinance shall remain in full force and effect

##### Section 3 of Ordinance

The Ordinance shall become effective on the date provided by law.  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
JOAN E. MCCRARY, TOWNSHIP CLERK

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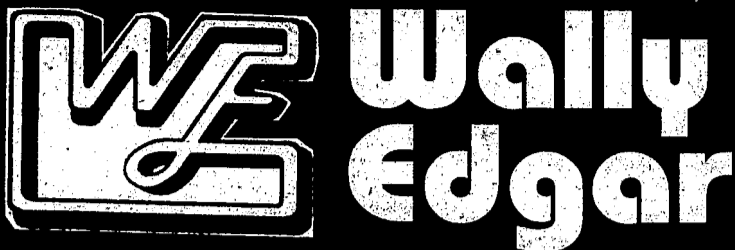
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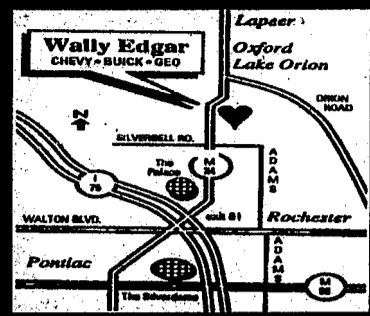
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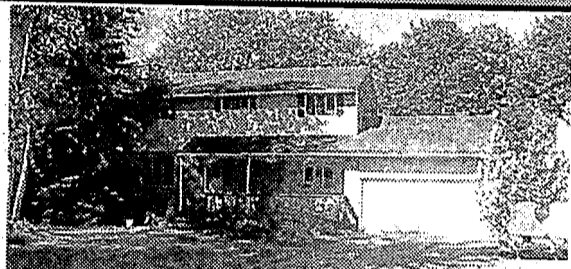


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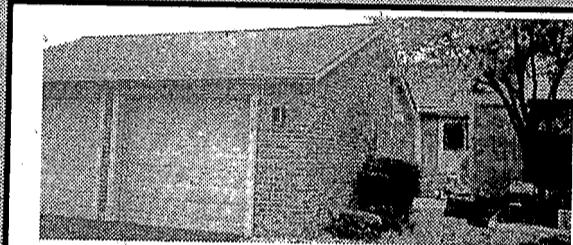
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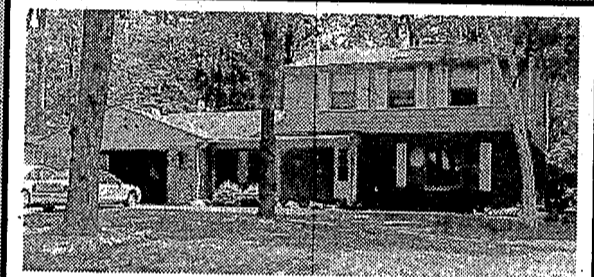
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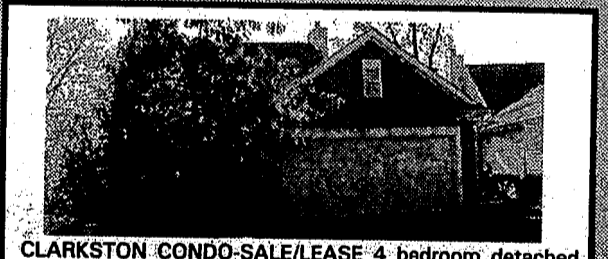
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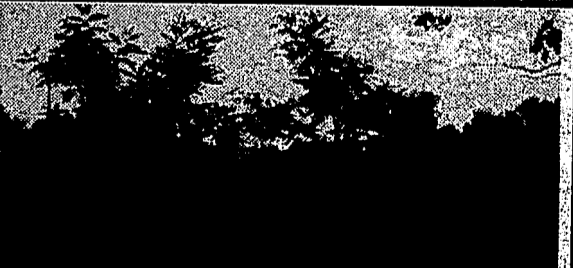
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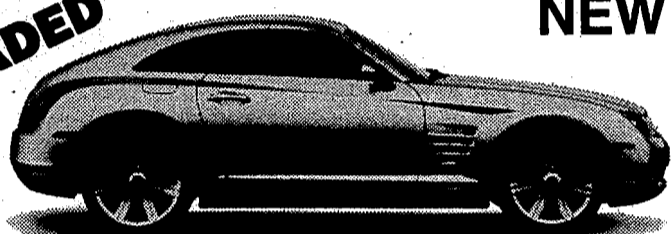
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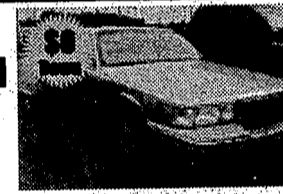
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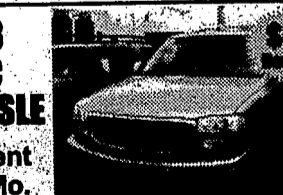
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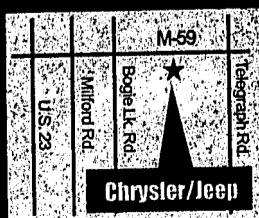
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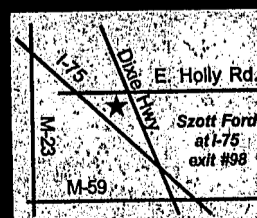
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# Fire department encourages safe use of fireworks

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There are lots of legal and technical definitions for various categories of fireworks, but Independence Township Fire Marshal Greg Olrich offered a very simple rule:

"The only safe fireworks are those shot off by professionals with authorization," Olrich said. "There's a lot of injuries related to fireworks."

Even fireworks considered legal in Michigan can be dangerous, and firefighters cite national statistics of thousands of children going to hospital emergency rooms on or around July 4.

Olrich is frustrated with the way adults tend to counteract year-round teaching about fire safety by letting kids play with fireworks. Even sparklers have a very high temperature which can burn clothing.

"I usually dread the Fourth of July for that reason," he said. "Even though people think sparklers are safe, they're not. Children should not be allowed to play with them."

There are many fireworks outlawed in Michigan. Olrich quoted a Michigan State Police flyer which states, "If it makes a loud bang or leaves the ground, it is illegal."

If someone sees suspected illegal fireworks, it is best not to touch the device, Olrich said. Never attempt to relight a failed device, and even fireworks debris should be placed in a bucket of water to ensure safety,

he said.

Those who want real fireworks fun will enjoy special presentations such as the one at Clintonwood Park. Olrich noted the professionals who run such shows follow a rule of at least 70 feet for each inch of a given shell. (A 6-inch shell, for example, requires a distance

of 420 feet.)

Olrich also warns those who try to engage in sale of illegal fireworks. He always visits businesses this time of year to double-check, and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department last year arrested an Independence Township man for selling illegal fireworks at his home.

## What's legal and illegal?

According to the Michigan State Police, it is illegal to sell, possess, transport or use fireworks in Michigan without a permit. The following are exceptions:

### Legal fireworks:

- Flat paper caps.
- Toy trick noisemakers (party poppers, pop-its, fun snaps, toy pistols using flat paper caps, etc.).
- Flitter sparklers (a narrow paper tube attached to a thin wooden handle producing a shower of sparks).
- Toy snakes (a pressed pellet that produces a large snake-like ash upon burning).
- Toy smoke devices (smoke bombs, smoke pots, smoke grenades, smoke balls, etc. that produce white or colored smoke).
- Signal flares, blank cartridges or blank cartridge pistols, and railroad emergency signal devices.

### Examples of illegal fireworks:

- Cherry bomb (looks like a small red sphere approximately 1 inch in diameter).
- Comet or mine (A cylinder containing a star and attached to a wooden base. Upon ignition to

the star is thrust 50-100 feet in the air and continues to glow as it slowly falls to the ground.

- Firecracker (A little noise-making cylinder up to 1.5 inches in length, often strung together by fuse).
  - M-80 (Up to 2 inches in length, usually a red cylinder with a fuse coming out the side).
  - Bottle rockets (A cylinder, frequently topped by a cone to stabilize its flight, attached to a long stick).
  - Roman candles (A 6- to 12-inch tube containing alternating layers of compacted black powder that shoot single stars out of the top when lighted).
  - Silver salute or M-100: (A silver cylinder with a fuse coming out the side containing large quantities of flash powder.)
  - M-250 and M-1000 or quarter-stick: (They look like larger versions of the M-80 and M-100 and have extremely high risk factors for crippling and disfiguring injuries.)
  - Torch: (A 6- to 12-inch tube filled with color composition and ending in a handle. When ignited, streams of colors come out of the top of the tube.)
- Helpful hint:** If it makes a loud bang or leaves the ground, it is illegal.

Look on page six for a  
Independence Day  
Activities map

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# Jaycees to help Fire Department with July 4 parade

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For more than 50 years, the Independence Township Fire Department has been the driving force behind Clarkston's annual Independence Day parade.

This year they're getting some much-deserved help.

Rejuvenated for less than one year, the Clarkston Jaycees volunteered to relieve the fire department of some of the burden.

Jaycees President Cheryl Pellicci made community service a high priority when the club was rejuvenated less than a year ago, and she heard about the call for help at last year's chamber of commerce Business Expo.

"We're looking for things to do that will enhance the community," she said in an interview earlier this year. "We want to let Clarkston know we're here."

Fire Marshal Greg Olrich said it is difficult to find someone who was there at the beginning, but the annual tradition has been a labor of love for the firefighters.

The event has become bigger and better over the years, and that has created a problem for a department also charged with providing fire safety for a growing community.

"It has gotten to be so much that we couldn't do it alone," Olrich said, so the partnership with the Jaycees was formed this year.

"They've created an awesome event," Pellicci said. "We'll just build on what they've built. They've done a very good job, and we'll just continue that."

While they have enjoyed organizing the parade, firefighters have always kept in mind the need for emergency response. Olrich said they always place a fire engine at the front of the parade and one at the end.

"That way we can respond in either direction," he said. "It's been a challenge."

That's the same word Pellicci likes to use.

"What a great challenge for us as a new chapter. I love a good challenge," she said.



The Independence Township Fire Department has been a part of the July 4 parade for more than 50 years.

Look for pictures from the July 4 parade in the July 7 edition of The Clarkston News

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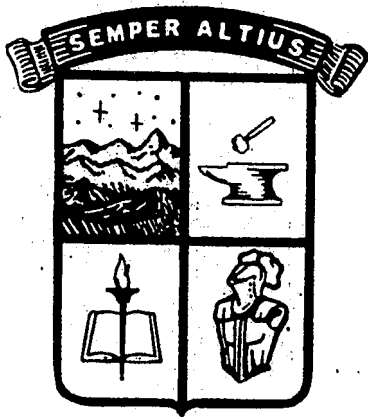
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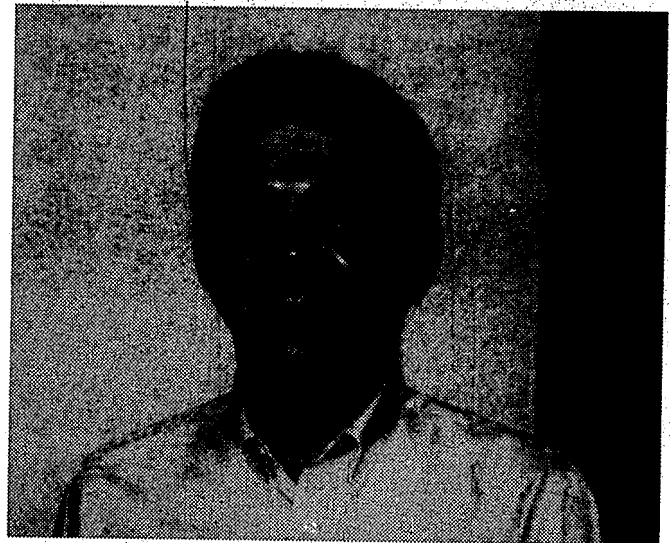
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# Independence Day celebrations filled with friends, fun, fireworks

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Make sure to clear your calendar on Saturday, July 3 for this year's Independence Day activities in Clarkston.

Whether it's a parade, spending time outside at Clintonwood or enjoying the fireworks at dusk, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

"This is something we want to do for the community," Kelly Arcello, Independence Township Parks and Recreation recreational programmer, said. "We're Independence Township. It's our time to shine and to give back to the community."

Starting off the day is the Independence Day parade at 10 a.m. This year's parade will be lead by grand marshal Richard Morgan of Morgan's Service in downtown Clarkston. The parade will make its way through downtown.

As the parade concludes, the Festival of Fun will be ready to roll at Clintonwood Park. The event is just one of many to keep families in the area to celebrate the holiday and the community they live in.

"We want people to stay in the community," Arcello said.

For family fun, the festival will have a lot to offer. Various children's activities, such as carnival games, a "kiddiepillar", giant slides, moonwalks and temporary tattoos are just a few of the kid-friendly activities happening throughout the day inside the park.

While the kids are off enjoying the games, parents can visit a classic car display and arts and crafts show in the afternoon starting at 11 a.m. A Civil War re-enactment, courtesy of the 4th Texas Infantry Regiment, will take place all day.

If the shows aren't enough, live entertainment, such as Dr. Doo Wop and Benny and the Jets, will keep ears pleased in the early afternoon at Clintonwood.

As with every Independence Day celebration, the culmination of a fun-filled day is the fireworks celebration at dusk.

Thanks to an increase in sponsorships this year,

more than \$10,000 was raised for the show created by Zambelli Internationale, the same company that does the Detroit/Windsor International Freedom Celebration.

"People can expect a bigger, better show this year," Arcello said.

Organizers are expecting a 20-30 minute show this year for area residents to enjoy.

"We get a good bang for a buck," Arcello said.

Due to limited parking space in side Clintonwood, a parking shuttle will take festival goers from the Clarkston

High School parking lot to the park. Parking inside Clintonwood will cost \$5.

Even the family dog can participate in the festivities. A dog frisbee competition will keep dogs busy at 1 p.m.

Above anything else, the day of varied fun activities is meant for family and friends to come together and have a good time.

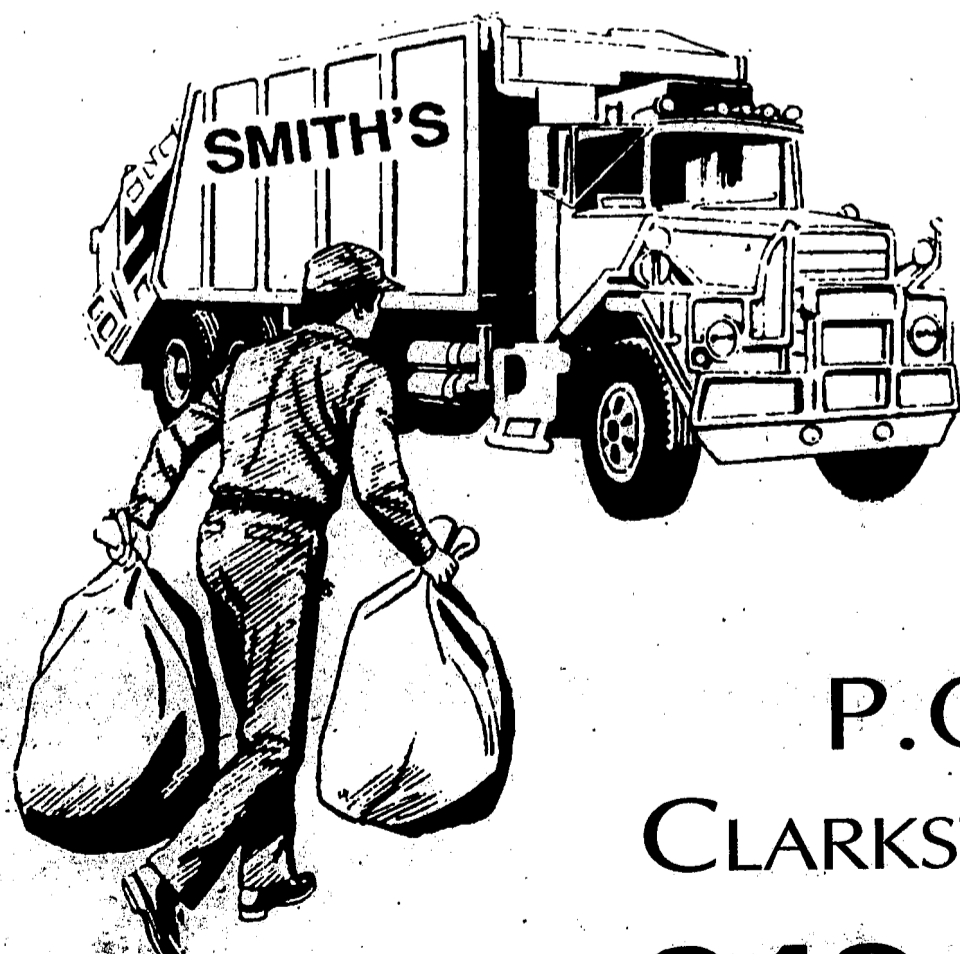
"We just really want people to enjoy themselves," Arcello said.



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## Local Celebrations and Festival of Fun

### Saturday, July 3

#### Live Entertainment (Main Stage)

- Dr. Doo Wop, WPON 1460 AM**  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
  - Benny & the Jets**  
1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.
  - Guy Louis, children's entertainer**  
3-4 p.m.  
Guy will be performing in the children's games area.
  - Alexander's Trail**  
4-5:30 p.m.
  - Karaoke**  
6-7:30 p.m.
  - The Slick**  
7:30-10 p.m.
- Performance will take place on the stage located on field #1. The Slick will have an encore performance following the fireworks.

#### Contests/Tournaments/ Demonstrations

- Civil War re-enactment**  
All Day  
The 4th Texas Infantry Regiment will be on hand for the demonstrations.
- Softball tournament**  
8 a.m.
- Car Show Invitational**  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Uncle Sam's Festival of Fun Car Show will kick off at 11:30 a.m. as one of the many Festival of Fun activities. Uncle Sam's Car Show will last until 1:30 p.m. and the top three winners will receive trophies at 2 p.m. This is an open-class car show judged by the public's vote. Cars that register before July 1 pay \$10 and cars that register on the day of the event pay \$20. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the

American Cancer Society. Enter your car today and join the fun. For registration information, call Dawn Roby at (248) 625-2071 or Erin Socks at (248) 625-8223. This year's car show is sponsored by TBD and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

#### •Frisbee dog competition

1 p.m.  
Softball fields

Anyone with a dog who can catch a frisbee is welcome to join the third annual K-9 frisbee toss and fetch competition. Preregistration for this event takes place at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department until July 2 and costs \$5 per dog and owner.

#### Family Activities

- Arts and crafts show**  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Carnival games**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
4-5:30 p.m.
- Kiddiepillar**  
11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
6-10 p.m.
- Old Woman in the Shoe giant slide**  
11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
6-10 p.m.
- Gladiator joust**  
11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
6-10 p.m.
- Picture station**  
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Pirate playstation**  
6-10 p.m.
- Crayon moonwalk**  
6-10 p.m.
- Temporary tattoos**  
11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Caricature artist**  
12-2 p.m.
- Plasterworks**  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Festival of Fun participants can make a candle, dye a t-shirt, paint a plaster or have their hair painted at this

station.

#### Fireworks

Clintonwood at dusk

This year's celebration will be created by Zambelli Internationale, the same group that designs the Detroit/Windsor International Freedom Festival. With a budget of more than \$10,000 show organizers are looking forward to a bigger and better show than in past years. Parking is available for free at Clarkston High School with a courtesy shuttle to the park. Parking inside Clintonwood is limited and costs \$5.

#### Independence Day Parade

10 a.m.

Departs from Renaissance High School

Don't miss an Independence Day tradition. Presented by the Independence Township Fire Department and the Clarkston Jaycees, the parade will depart from Renaissance High School at 10 a.m. The parade will go down Church Street to Main Street to Miller Street. The parade will disperse at St. Daniel's Catholic Church. This year's parade grand marshal is Richard Morgan of Morgan's Service in downtown Clarkston.

#### Pancake breakfast

7-10 a.m.

Masonic Temple in downtown Clarkston

Make sure to have a hearty breakfast before finding a spot on Main Street for the parade. The Clarkston Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star will host the breakfast of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee on Saturday morning at the Masonic Temple. The Masons will then march as a group in the parade. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

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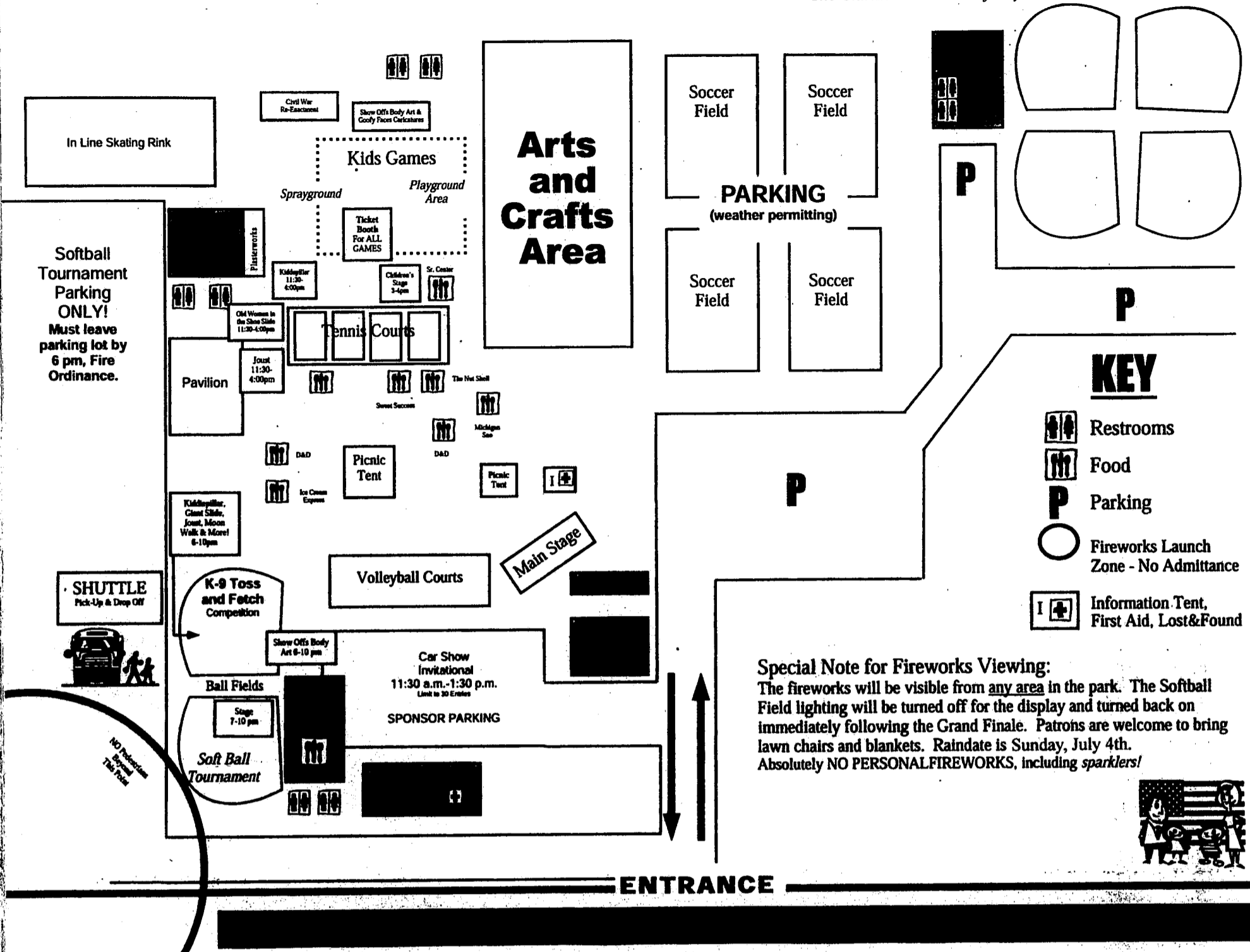


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# Respect the flag: learn to treat it properly

The United States flag is a symbol of our freedom. It should be respected and treated according to its correct etiquette.

Proper flag etiquette includes:

## Standards of Respect

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as drapery, for covering a speakers desk, draping a platform or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, work, number, figure or drawing of any kind.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when needed.
- When a flag is worn, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

## Displaying the flag outdoors

- When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony or building, the union (stars) should be at the peak of the staff unless at half staff.
- When displayed from the same flagpole with another flag, the flag of the United States must always be at the top except the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for Navy personnel when conducted by a Naval chaplain on a ship at sea.
- When the flag is displayed over a street, it should hang vertically with the union to the north or east. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be farthest from the building.
- When flown with flags of states, communities or societies on separate flag poles of the same height and in a straight line, the flag of the United States is always placed in the position of honor - to its own right. The other flags may not be larger and the flag of the United States is always the first raised the last lowered.
- When flown with the national banner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height, raised and lowered simultaneously.

## Raising and lowering the flag

- The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously. Ordinarily it should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset. It should be illuminated if displayed at night. The flag is saluted as it is hoisted and lowered. The salute is held until the flag is unsnapped from the halyard or through the last note of music, whichever is longest.

## Displaying the flag indoors

- When on display, the flag is always positioned to its own right. Place it to the right of the speaker, staging

area or sanctuary. Other flags should be to the left.

- The flag should be center and highest of a group of flags of states, localities or societies displayed.
- When one flag is used with the flag of the United States and the staffs are crossed, the flag of the United States is placed at its own right with its staff in front.
- When displaying the flag against a wall, the flag's union should be at the top, to its own right and to the observer's left.

## Parading and saluting the flag

- When carried in a procession, the flag should be to the right of the marchers. When other flags are carried, the flag of the United States may be centered in front of the others or carried to their right. When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should face the flag and salute.

## To salute

- To salute, all persons come to attention. Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute. Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over their heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder, hand over the heart. Member of organizations in formation salute upon command of the person in charge.

## The flag in mourning

- To place the flag at half staff, hoist it to the peak for an instant and lower it to half way. The flag is to be raised again to the peak for a moment before it is lowered. On Memorial Day the flag is displayed at half staff until noon and at full staff from noon to sunset.
- The flag is to be flown at half staff in mourning for designated, principal government leaders and upon presidential or gubernatorial order.

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Although the British agreed to release the doctor, they held all three captive until after the battle ended to prevent the Americans from revealing plans of attack to the patriots on shore.

At Fort McHenry, the commander asked for a flag so big that "the British would have no trouble seeing it from a distance." On Sept. 13, 1814, the Brit-

ish began bombarding Baltimore.

The Americans watched the battle and waited for the sign that would end their anxiety. When daylight came, the flag was still there. An amateur poet, Key was inspired to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."

On March 3, 1931, it was adopted as our national anthem.

## Township fireworks to be bigger and better this holiday

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff  
Writer

Plans are underway for a bigger fireworks display this Fourth of July as Independence Township Parks and Recreation exceeded its original fundraising goal by collecting more than \$10,000.

The funds, which planners originally hoped would be around \$8,000, were raised due to an increase in corporate sponsors.

"We couldn't have

done it without our sponsors," Kelly Arcello, recreational programmer, said.

Zambelli Fireworks Internationale will create the new and improved show to showcase bigger shells, along with other crowd favorites, to create a 20 to 30-minute show, according to Arcello. Zambelli also designs the fireworks show at the Detroit/Windsor International Freedom Festival.

"I think fireworks are a standard tradition, espe-

cially in Clarkston, to celebrate with," Arcello said. "Because we think it's important, and businesses and organizations think it's important, we really wanted to put on a good show."

This year's fireworks will take place at dusk on Saturday, July 3 at Clintonwood Park. For more information about the festivities for the Fourth of July, contact the Parks and Recreation department at (248) 625-8223.

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Preheat oven to 425 F. For crust, grease a 9-inch pie plate and set aside. On flat surface, place one sheet phyllo (keep remaining covered), brush with melted butter and top with another phyllo sheet. Continue making eight layers, brushing butter between each.

Using kitchen scissors or a sharp knife, cut the layers into one 12-13-inch circle. Carefully press circle into the prepared pie plate, gently fan edges and bake until edges are just golden, about 6-8 minutes.

Cool slightly on a wire rack, reduce oven temperature to 350 F. In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese, vanilla and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, beat until well combined. Fold in one cup of blueberries. Pour mixture into prepared crust.

Bake until set, about 40-50 minutes. To prevent over browning, gently cover with aluminum foil during last 25 minutes. Cool completely on rack.

When ready to serve, in a small bowl, beat jelly until smooth, spread over cheese filling. Arrange remaining blueberries on top in star shape. Garnish with whipped cream.

## USA Flag Pizza

Ingredients (yielding one 12x10-inch pizza): 1 1/2

to 2 C all-purpose flour  
1/4 C firmly packed brown sugar  
1 envelope (1/4 ounce or 2 1/4 tsp) rapid rise yeast  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 C water  
1/4 C butter/margarine  
1 tsp vanilla extract



cream cheese topping (in small bowl, combine 1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese, softened, 1/4 C sour cream, 1/4 C sugar, 1/2 tsp vanilla extract, stir until smooth)

granola  
blueberries, sliced strawberries  
miniature marshmallows  
In large bowl, combine 2/3 C flour, sugar, undissolved yeast and salt. Heat water and butter until very warm (120-130 F), gradually add to flour mixture. Beat two minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally.

Stir in vanilla and enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes, cover and let rest 10 minutes.

Bake at 425 F for 12-15 minutes, or until golden. Remove from sheet, cool on wire rack.

When completely cooled, spread cream cheese topping onto crust to within 1/2-inch of edge, sprinkle with granola. Arrange fruits and marshmallows over to resemble the US flag. Serve promptly after topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

## Red, White and Blue Casserole

Ingredients: One eggplant  
Three large tomatoes  
1 1/2 lb mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/4-inch slices  
Preheat oven to 350 F. Cut the eggplant lengthwise once, then slice crosswise into semi-disks about 3/4-inch thick.

In a shallow casserole dish, stand some slices of eggplant on edge forming a row. Make another row using slices of tomato, then add slices of mozzarella cheese until casserole is full.

Sprinkle with herbs and spice of your choosing (basil, oregano, rosemary, sarvory, etc). Bake about 25-30 minutes.

## Red, White and Blueberry Banana Parfaits

Ingredients: Two ea ripe bananas

1 C blueberries  
1 C slices strawberries  
1 x whipped cream

Peel and slice bananas thinly in a single layer on a sheet of aluminum foil, cover and put in freezer until just frozen.

Arrange banana slices between a layer of blueberries and strawberries in a tulip sundae bowl. Add whipped cream.

## Lemon Firecrackers

Ingredients: Two sticks of butter/ margarine, room temperature

1/2 C sugar  
1 tb lemon juice  
2 tb grated lemon peel  
1 egg  
2 1/4 C flour  
1 tsp Cayenne powder  
1/4 tsp baking soda  
1/4 tsp salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add lemon juice, lemon peel and egg, beat well.

Sift together flour, Cayenne powder, salt and baking soda. Beat dry ingredients into the butter mixture.

Drop dough by rounded tablespoons onto a ungreased cookie sheet.

-Bake for eight minutes or until cookies are lightly browned.



**My name is Sam Moraco and I am asking for your support to be elected trustee in Independence Township in the August 3rd Primary.**

*I currently sit on the Township Planning Commission and wetland board and would like to be more involved helping the township grow and mature to its fullest potential, while making sure it's done in the most efficient way possible.*

*My family and I have lived in the township for 8 years and have decided this is where we will call home. I am a residential builder by trade and have been involved in building over 100 homes in Independence Township. My construction background should prove to be an asset to the township board as a large percent of spending is related to building and expansion of our community.*

*More often than not, government tends to cater to crybabies at the taxpayer's expense. I don't feel the busy people are often taken into consideration, as they should be. The voice you hear is not always the voice of the people, and I would like to help change that.*

*I am an average guy who likes riding motorcycles, playing golf and camping with his kids. I don't make promises I can't keep and I don't do anything halfway. I am willing to donate my time and help to make sure things are done efficiently and cost effectively.*

*All you need to do is go vote on August 3 and I'll do the rest. If anything gets too out of hand I'll let you know.*

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# Get red, white and blue crafty for the holiday

## Patriotic Pinwheel

This craft project is a simple-to-make pinwheel for any age of children, using a push-pin.

Supplies needed: Two pieces of construction paper (the thicker the better)

- Scissors
- A hole punch
- A push pin
- A pencil with an eraser
- Markers or crayons

Start by making two square pieces of paper. To start making a square, put the two pieces of paper together. Fold the corner of the pieces of paper over.

To finish making the squares, cut off the small rectangles, forming two squares (which are already folded into a triangle). Fold the triangle in half and unfold the paper.

Decorate one side of each sheet of paper, and put undecorated sides of the paper together. Make four cuts along the fold lines, about halfway to the center.

Punch four holes in the pinwheel, one at each corner. Gently gather each of the four points (with a hole) to the center. Be careful not to crease the paper.

Push a push-pin through the four punched holes through the center of the pinwheel to attach the pinwheel to the side of a pencil's eraser.

## Patriotic Wind Sock

Make a patriotic windsock from an oatmeal box, construction paper, string and crepe paper streamers.

Supplies needed: A cylindrical cardboard oatmeal box

Construction paper (blue and white)

Red and white crepe paper streamers

- Glue
- String
- Scissors
- Hole punch

Cut the bottom off a cylindrical cardboard oatmeal box. Cover the box with blue construction paper and then glue on white construction paper stars.

Cut some red and white crepe paper streamers and glue or staple them to one end of the wind sock.

Punch four holes along the top of the wind sock.

Cut two pieces of string about a foot long. Tie the strings to the wind sock (tie the opposite ends of a string to holes on opposite sides of cylinder).

Tie a longer piece of string to the smaller pieces---You'll hang the wind sock from this piece of string. Hang your patriotic wind sock from your window or porch.



## Star Wreath

Make a patriotic star wreath decoration from paper stars and a paper plate. Children can write their names on the stars.

Supplies needed: Red, white and blue construction paper

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Glue

Glitter (optional)

Cut a large hole in the paper plate. Cut out a lot of stars from red, white and blue construction paper. Decorate the stars with the names of children or soldiers. Glitter is a nice decorative touch.

Glue the stars to the paper plate.

Fourth of July Flower Pot Votive Candleholder

This project can be done with any size terracotta flower pot. Parental supervision is recommended.

- Supplies needed: Terracotta flower pot with dish
- Navy blue craft paint
- Liquitex Gesso-White
- Star stencil
- Pencil

Two paintbrushes (one wide and one narrow)

1-inch sponge brushes

Wax paper or plastic grocery bag

Votive candle

Lay down wax paper or a plastic bag to protect your work space. Paint the whole terracotta pot and dish with the Liquitex Gesso White paint with a wide paint brush. Allow to dry overnight. This provides a good base coat.

Paint the whole pot and dish navy blue with the sponge brush. Allow paint to dry. Using stencil, draw stars all over pot and dish with pencil.

Paint the stars with the Liquitex Gesso White. Use the narrow paintbrush. Let dry.

Place a votive candle in the pot, light and enjoy.

## Flag Necklace

This necklace is beaded to resemble the Stars and Stripes, and is a fun project for kids of all ages.

Supplies needed: Nine 1-inch long-head pins

Seed beads in red, white and blue

Needlenose pliers

Metallic braid in red and silver

Thread seven red and six white beads alternately onto four head pins. For each of the remaining five pins, thread four red and three white beads alternately onto each pin.

Follow with three blue and two white, alternating beads. Form the end of each pin into a circle with pliers.

Cut a 30-inch length of each color of metallic braid. Thread beaded pins onto braid. Knot at the side of the beads. Knot again at the end of the necklace.



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# Kozma for District Judge

## An Important Letter To Our District Judge Voters

Dear Voter,

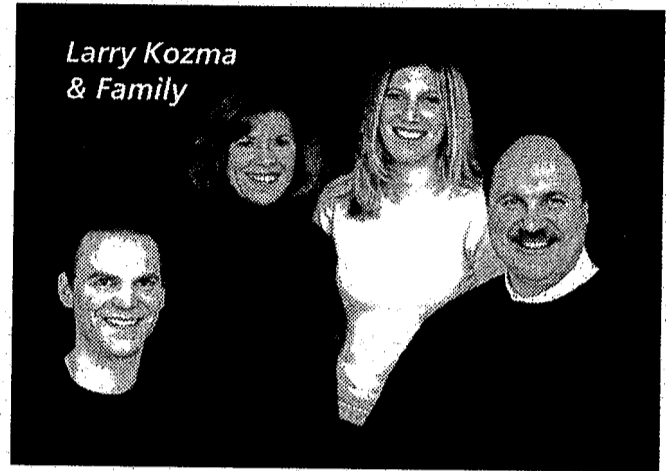
On Tuesday, August 3, 2004 you will have the opportunity to vote in the primary election for District Court Judge.

I believe that the District Court should be sensitive to the needs of all our citizens, seniors, at-risk children, families and the disabled who come before our court.

It has been said that a judge must have integrity, courage, experience and compassion; **Integrity** to judge fairly and impartially, **Courage** to make fair decisions based on the law and the facts, **Experience** to understand the legal issues and make the right decision, **Compassion** to understand and protect those who cannot protect themselves. My service in the legal profession has demonstrated my commitment to these principles.

I have lived and worked in the Clarkston area for over 26 years. Prosecuting criminal cases for the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office has given me a keen sense of the needs and values of the people who live in our community - an indispensable factor in the administration of our local court.

Sincerely,  
**Larence R. Kozma,**  
Candidate for District Judge



Larry Kozma  
& Family

### Endorsements:

**Judge Steven N. Andrews**  
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**Judge Michael P. Higgins**  
Lapeer Circuit Court

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Oakland Circuit Court

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Lapeer Probate Court

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**Judge Laura Criegeer Barnard**  
71-A District Court

**Judge Kenneth Hempstead**  
51 District Court, retired

**Judge John T. Connolly**  
71-A District Court

**Judge Nick O. Holowka**  
Lapeer Circuit Court

**Judge Fredrick Harris**  
47 District Court, retired

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tried hundreds of felony cases as well as misdemeanor cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handled civil actions dealing with environmental law, including the Stablex Landfill litigation, voter fraud, nuisance abatement, and injunctive actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 years in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attorney in private practice, offices in Oakland and Lapeer Counties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handled thousands of felony and misdemeanor cases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practiced in numerous Circuit Courts, Federal District Court, and the State Appellate Courts</li> </ul>

- Attorney for 27 years
- Held positions of Chief of Legal Operations, Chief of the Warrants Division, Principal Trial Attorney and Senior Trial Attorney, while at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office
- Chief of Legal Operations, Larence Kozma was third in command of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, and was responsible for the legal performance of 100 Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys
- Veteran Preference Hearing Officer, 5 years, for the County of Oakland, while in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office
- Formerly served as: Independence Township Trustee, Zoning Board of Appeals, North Oakland County Girl Scout Board, Teacher and Detroit Police Officer
- Experience is extensive - he has appeared in over 30 District Courts in Michigan

## Not Only The Best Choice!

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