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Nancy Strole, Springfield Township clerk, gives a sample ballot one final check before the Aug. 3 primary election. Both Independence and Springfield Townships encourage residents to vote, whether at the polls or by absentee ballot, to make their voices heard. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

Townships expect low voter turnout for primary election

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While township roads are lined with candidate signs and campaign slogans, local officials are expecting a low voter turnout for the Aug. 3 primary election.

Both Joan McCrary, Independence Township clerk, and Nancy Strole, Springfield Township clerk, are expecting low turnouts for their townships.

"Historically the turnout has been low because people overlook or don't realize the importance of the primary," Strole said.

McCrary is expecting a 20 percent turnout for Independence while Strole estimates 25 percent for Springfield.

"The turnout is usually not very high," McCrary said. "It's always lower than what we want it to be."

Independence Township has 24,400 registered voters and Springfield has more than 10,000. Voter turnout for 2002 primary in Independence was 19 percent and 25 percent in Springfield.

Strole attributes a slightly higher estimation for voter turnout in Springfield this year to the increased number of absentee ballots collected so far. The township has received more absentees than in both the 2000 and 2002 primary elections.

"Based on that I would love to see a 30 percent turnout or higher in the primary," Strole said. "But what I expect and what I hope are two different matters."

Both McCrary and Strole agree absentee ballots are a good way to stay involved in local government when a resident is not able to go to the polls to vote on election day.

"We try to make every effort to make it as easy as possible for the individual," Strole said.

Both townships are still currently handing out ab-

sentee applications and receiving completed ballots. The ballots will be accepted until the polls close on election day.

"People are often confused about the primary," McCrary said. "In Independence Township, this is our election. We're pretty much a one-party town."

For smaller municipalities, such as Independence and Springfield, the primary election is often represented by just one party. In this case, this year's ballot is primarily Republican. When there is no opposing party running against the Republican candidate, a winner is "decided" in August and not November.

Because of this confusion, voter turnout for the primary tends to be very low.

"The primary can be as or more important than the general election," Strole said. "For many townships, the primary is the general election."

Township offices will be open the Saturday before the election, July 31, to hand out absentee ballot applications. Strole recommends not waiting until the last minute to hand in a completed absentee as poll officials must spend Tuesday evening counting votes.

McCrary believes there aren't a great deal of "burning issues" in Independence Township or at the higher levels this election, and expects the voter turnout to reflect that.

Four years ago the township saw a 28 percent voter turnout during the primary. McCrary attributes that to a great deal of township offices up for election.

Strole, on the other hand, hopes turnout will increase in Springfield due to "spirited races" for many of the township's vacant positions, but realizes many

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Murder case forwarded to circuit court

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Defense attorneys attempted to cast doubt on second degree murder charges, but 52-2 District Judge Dana Fortinberry last week said two Independence Township men will face trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on those charges.

Lance Allen Schmidt, 20, and Joseph Wells Stapleton, 19, were ordered to return to Oakland County Jail with no bond after a Thursday, July 22 preliminary examination.

Schmidt and Stapleton pleaded no contest to charges of assault with intent to inflict great bodily harm after a November 2002 incident at the McDonald's on Sashabaw Road. In that case, a verbal dispute turned violent and the convicts punched and kicked Peter Richard, 44, repeatedly.

Their conviction included one year in jail and three years on probation.

On March 4, Richard died from a pulmonary embolism, which Dr. Kanu Vrani, Oakland County deputy chief medical examiner, ruled came as a result of a blood clot in the leg which formed after surgery made necessary by the 2002 assault.

"Since he had the assault, he had to have surgery, which led to the blood clot," Vrani said in court.

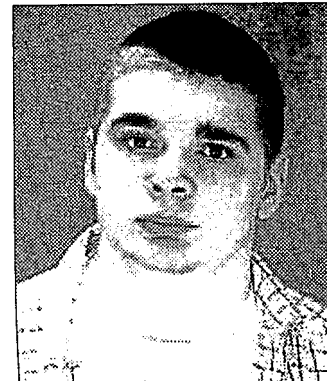
Defense attorney Thomas Vincent called Vrani's conclusion questionable, based on what Vincent said were a preexisting medical condition and incomplete examination of Richard's medical records.

Fortinberry had to settle procedural arguments between the defense and prosecution, since Vincent had offered no evidence to support his claims. Vincent proceeded with "hypothetical" questions concerning other potential factors in Richard's death.

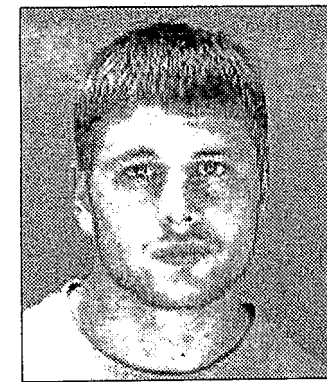
Donette Richard, the victim's widow, testified that her husband's physical activity was severely limited after the assault. Peter Richard had worked as a nurse's aide, and was responsible for physically assisting patients.

"He was in a lot of pain," she said. "He was just miserable. He couldn't go back to work. He was afraid of dropping somebody."

Among other witnesses were two McDonald's



Joseph Stapleton



Lance Schmidt

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Briefly

Labor Day Parade planning underway

Preparations are underway for Clarkston's next parade, sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club. The Labor Day Parade will be held on Monday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. The Labor Day Parade route will be from Church Street to Main Street through downtown Clarkston.

This year's parade theme will be 'Hometown Values'.

The Clarkston Rotary is proud of its 64 years of sponsoring the Labor Day parade. Rotarians enjoy being a part of the community, becoming involved in its projects and events, and enjoying all that that the area has to offer.

Interested in participating in the parade? Looking for groups, organizations, businesses, musical groups, marching bands, floats, equestrian groups, and children and families on decorated bikes.

Political candidates interested in marching in the Labor Day parade will be asked to make a \$50 charitable donation to the Clarkston Rotary Club.

Please contact Joel DeLong at (248) 625-9741 or e-mail: mindyjoel@netscape.net for a parade application.

Clerk's office opens Saturday for ballots

The Springfield Township Clerk's office will be open Saturday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Absentee Ballot Applications and issuing Absentee Ballots for the Tuesday, Aug. 3 primary election.

Voting polls for the primary election open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

The office is located at 12000 Davisburg Road in Davisburg. For additional information, contact the Clerk's office at (248) 846-6510.

Make Over Place Salon to host cut-a-thon

Make Over Place Salon will be hosting a cut-a-thon on Sunday, Aug. 15 in an effort to raise money for the Metro Detroit North District of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The cut-a-thon will take place from 12-3 p.m. at the salon, located at 5888 Dixie Hwy. in Clarkston.

The Metro North District covers over 70 percent of Oakland County and one third of Wayne County. The community's support enables the organization to continue to offer comprehensive patient services to local families.

Legals can be found on page 12 of the Millstream section

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The Second Front

Springfield candidates square off at chamber forum

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The challenges of balanced growth and the future of downtown Davisburg were among items debated by candidates for the Springfield Township Board last week.

Most of the hopefuls on the Aug. 3 primary ballot appeared at a Thursday, June 22 breakfast forum at the Columbiere Center sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

The candidates (all Republicans) were allowed one-minute segments to introduce themselves and outline their qualifications, after which chamber President Tim Patterson asked questions written and submitted from the audience of about 50.

Notable were differences in approach of candidates supported by Citizens For a Progressive Springfield against the incumbent supervisor, treasurer and clerk.

The trustee forum came first, however, and the only candidate fielded by the coalition, Marc Cooper, was absent. The four candidates who were present almost sheepishly admitted their answers would be very similar, including the question of how to balance diverse citizen concerns with "the reality of sometimes making unpopular decisions."

"In politics, you do not make everybody happy, but you still have to make the decision that is the most responsible one for the township," Roger Lamont said.

Incumbent Dean Baker quoted President Harry Truman's witticism: "If you want a friend in Washington, buy a dog." He said the township's master plan and zoning ordinance are "a set of standards we look to give us guidance at times like that."

Trustee candidates also agreed that growth is an ongoing issue, with the need to balance legitimate business development with preservation of the township's natural features.

"People want to maintain the rural atmosphere," incumbent David Hopper said.

Incumbent Dennis Vallad agreed that growth is the big issue, but added a need for police and fire protection to keep up with the development.

"It's something we have to continue to monitor and get the biggest bang for the buck," Vallad said.

When candidates for supervisor, treasurer and clerk were called to the table, they were respectful but open with disagreements. Bill Sahutske, the supervisor candidate supported by Citizens For a Progressive Springfield, was bold with his argument for a change in administration.

"While they have done a good job up to today, to now currently, they have become ineffective and they do not have the well-being of the community in mind in the decision-making process," Sahutske said.



Answering questions from the Clarkston chamber audience are (from left) Christine Reilly, clerk challenger; Jamie Dubre, incumbent treasurer; Nancy Strole, incumbent clerk; Collin Walls, incumbent supervisor; and Bill Sahutske, challenger for the supervisor post. Absent was James Ashley, challenger for the treasurer position. Photo by Don Schelske

Sahutske did not offer — and the time limit did not allow — specifics to back up his accusation.

Incumbent Supervisor Collin Walls said his 27-1/2 years in office was a good standard for citizens to evaluate.

"Who I am, what I believe and what I've accomplished is an open book."

In answer to a question concerning managing growth over the next five years, incumbent Treasurer Jamie Dubre said the master plan is the most important guide.

"I think growth is inevitable, but it's a manner of managing it," Dubre said.

Dubre's challenger, James Ashley, was not present at the candidate forum.

Incumbent Clerk Nancy Strole said the township is in "an excellent position" to manage "viable growth" with an emphasis on "redevelopment," citing the example of the Dixie Highway corridor.

In this area, clerk challenger Christine Reilly agreed to a point, but called for better followup.

"The incumbents are leaving us with a fine master plan," she said. "Our job will be to coordinate fair and enforceable ordinances with that master plan."

The biggest disagreement among candidates was in response to a ques-

tion concerning plans to "revitalize downtown Davisburg."

"My specific goal for reviving downtown Davisburg is: I don't have any," Walls said, noting two of his family members who operate downtown businesses. "Until the business people and property owners of downtown Davisburg come to the township and ask for help, I don't think we as a unit of government should be imposing our will and our philosophy on it."

Sahutske and Reilly promoted the national Main Street program, in which communities compete for grants.

"It's a great way to get funds for the development of the downtown area," Reilly said. "It would also assist the businesses, and if they had some encouragement, they would feel more like contributing their own monetary support."

"I would like to see something done in the hamlet, but I also believe it is the responsibility of business owners to get together and decide what their vision is," Dubre said, noting such a vision is a requirement for the Main Street program.

Strole said the revitalization "is already happening" with the sale of the old township hall to an attorney who is renovating the building for his law practice.

"It needs people who actually live there and own businesses there to initiate and take an active part in the solution," Strole said.

Voters to decide on fire millage

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

In addition to electing their government officials, Independence Township residents will be asked to approve a fire millage at the Aug. 3 primary election.

If approved, the township would be authorized to levy up to 3.2 mills for a period

of four years. The township has combined their regular operational millage and the Advanced Life Service millage.

"The ALS has gone extremely well. Almost every week we get a letter or a phone call telling us what a wonderful service it is," Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary said.

The average home in

Independence Township has a taxable value of \$137,000. If the millage is approved an owner of the average home would spend \$438

"So far for 2004 we are requesting 3.20, but will not decide the levy until the budget is presented and approved in October 2004. We usually do not levy the entire amount requested," McCrary said.

Boy steals ATV from school rooftop

A 15-year-old Clarkston boy spent at least one night at Oakland County Children's Village after he was caught stealing an all-terrain vehicle from the rooftop at Clarkston Middle School, according to Oakland County Sheriff reports.

The incident occurred at about 8:50 p.m. Sunday, July 25, when neighbors saw the boy push the ATV (apparently stored there by roofing contractors) off the roof, then jump into a dumpster before trying to drive away on the vehicle. The neighbors detained the boy until deputies arrived.

Reports said the boy's parents were on vacation out of state, thus leading to his lodging at Children's Village.

Formal charges were pending a review by the county prosecutor's office.

— Don Schelske

Faded Ink

Road work brings mixed reactions from merchants

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A rose by any other name may smell as sweet, but Candice Jones is smelling fewer roses these days.

Jones is owner of Candice's Flowers and Garden Center on Sashabaw Road, where road construction has kept customers away from several businesses this summer.

"They don't like it," Jones said. "They like to stay away from this area. Business is pretty slow."

The shop normally sells 300-400 roses each week, Jones said. This summer it's been only 90 to 100, and the recent shift of traffic to new pavement on the west side of the road will make it worse.

"I'll be happy when it's done," she said of the road work, which will turn Sashabaw Road into a four-lane boulevard between Waldon and Maybee roads.

Craig Bryson, spokesman for the Road Commission for Oakland County, said the commission has tried to help local businesses with temporary drives, but their frustration "is understandable."

If there's good news, it's that the project is on schedule and under budget at this point, Bryson said. The shift of traffic to the new pavement will allow for the construction on the east side, with the entire project planned for completion by November.

The latest addition to traffic restrictions is a prohibition of left turns from Sashabaw to Waldon until approximately Oct. 31. Road commission officials said it is necessary because one-lane traffic in each direction on Sashabaw would produce even more delays if left turns were allowed.

Dale Verhey of Clarkston Auto Body calls the left-turn prohibition the only major inconvenience. Other than that, he believes the headline should be "business as usual."

"I don't have any complaints," he said. "There's a little inconvenience here and there, [but] the road crew's done an awesome job."

Verhey's business is also on the east side of Sashabaw, so his clients must now navigate a temporary gravel drive. Even so, there are few problems.

"They dig it up to work on it and then they fill it back in," he said. "It's going to be a beautiful thing when it's done."

Kari Butz, co-owner of Artful Framer at Independence Town Square, is also choosing a positive attitude toward the construction. She said customers are doing the same.

"Most of them are excited that we're going to have a district like this. Most of them are willing to put up with this, because they see the end game," Butz said. "As a nation, we all have to quit complaining about everything and do the best we can."

Grondin's Hair Center apparently has faithful customers, also. Erica Strube said people continue to patronize the establishment, also located at Independence Town Square.

"We've had some late appointments [because of construction], but people will make sure to get here."

This section of Sashabaw currently carries approximately 29,000 vehicles per day, according to road commission officials. It is expected to carry 62,000 vehicles per day by 2025.

RCOC's contractor for the project is Sunset Excavating, of Livonia. The contractor will be paid \$6.1 million for the widening project. Additionally, right of way required for this project cost approximately \$1.5 million, utility work cost about \$1.5 million and the preliminary engineering cost approximately \$500,000, for a total project cost of approximately \$9.6 million.

Independence Township is contributing \$1.1 million of the project cost, including 10 percent of the contractor cost as well as 100 percent of the costs for water main upgrades, new street lighting and an irrigation system for the new boulevard.

Also, approximately \$1 million worth of right of way was donated by adjacent property owners. RCOC's contribution is \$472,000.



Erica Strube of Grondin's Hair Center stands next to a message board placed by the proprietors of Independence Town Square. Several businesses on Sashabaw between Waldon and Maybee have felt an impact because of potential customers avoiding the construction zone. Photo by Don Schelske

New Help for Your Heart: A Clarkston Doctor's Story

Doctor Salvia took a long look at the traffic that stretched everywhere around him. *It was enough to make your blood boil.* A cardiologist by training, all his medical expertise told him these stressful daily commutes couldn't be good for the heart.

"If people living in Clarkston had to make such long commutes," he reasoned, "it would be better if they had a regular blood pressure check and a periodic work-up to see if they were in danger of having a heart attack."

That was the day Leonard Salvia approached four of his medical colleagues to establish a cardiac practice in Clarkston. "If you live here, you already drive too many miles. You should be able to get a thorough checkup ... and cardiac treatment if you need it ... a few miles from home."

His partner, Cardiologist Mark

Stuart, lives in Clarkston with his young family, and has a special fondness for the area. "I want to make this a healthier place to live," he says. "Heart disease isn't only a disease of the elderly. Excessive diets and a general lack of physical activity have put young adults and kids at risk. We have a wonderful opportunity to do lifesaving things here."

And there is a glimmer of hope that heart disease is controllable, if not preventable. Dr. Salvia points to recent data indicating a small decline in coronary disease in Michigan. "It is too early to call it a trend yet, but we are beginning to see proof that coronary disease is less prevalent when we are able to detect risk factors earlier in younger people, get people started on proper medications, help them stop smoking and control their weight."

Vascular imaging, echo cardiograms and nuclear stress testing are just

some of the proactive procedures available on the Clarkston premises, which can usually be scheduled within 24 hours of a patient's call. "It has been helpful to have a fully operational Emergency Room downstairs — for those times someone goes into cardiac arrest," Salvia explains. "The 24-hour Clarkston Health Center ER facility is staffed by emergency trauma doctors and specialists from POH Medical Center, one of the most respected emergency medical teams in North Oakland County."

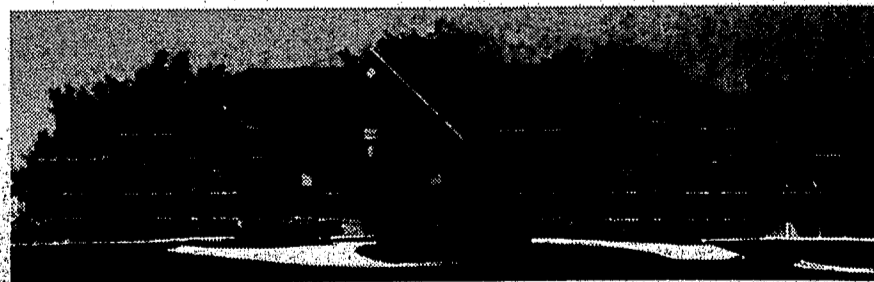


If you have a history of high cholesterol, experience chest

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"When you visit us, be prepared to find yourself in a little place of Clarkston-Heaven," says Dr. Stuart. The office is nestled back into a hill, away from the road, surrounded by trees and a peaceful wooded area. They are located in the shadow of the big blue Clarkston water tower, the first road south of it, off Dixie Highway in the Clarkston Health Center.

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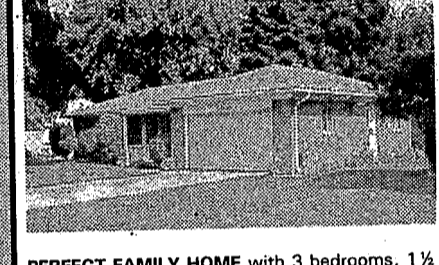
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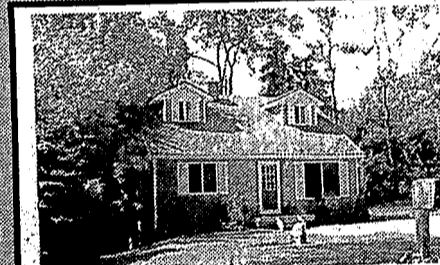
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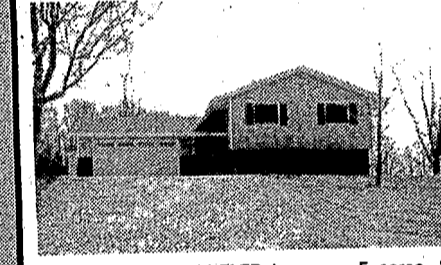
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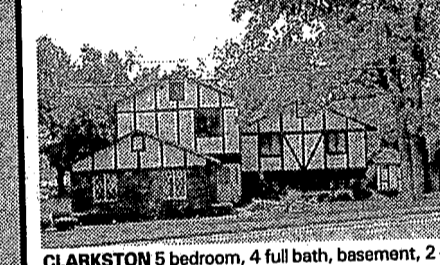
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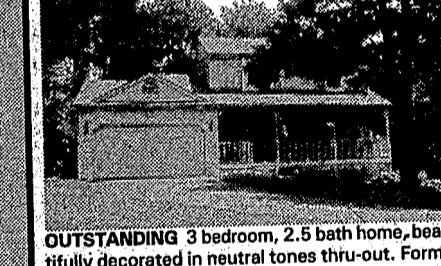
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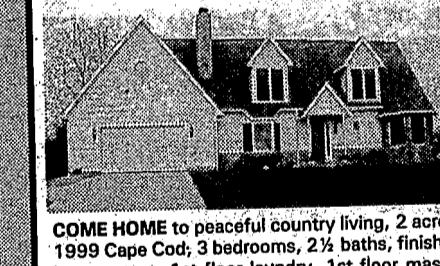
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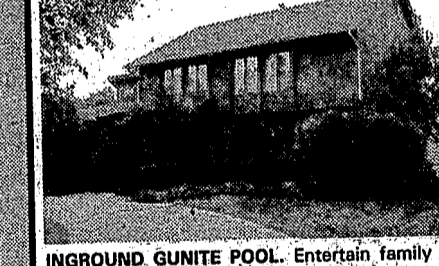
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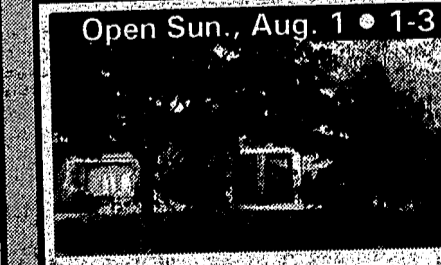
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Opinion

Time to vote is now

The newspaper articles have been written, the candidates have been heard from and the signs have been catching our eye. The only item left in the Aug. 3 primary election is for the residents to vote.

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary is expecting approximately 20 percent voter turnout and that is a shame. Things are not much better up in Springfield Township where Clerk Nancy Strole is expecting about 25 percent turnout.

Our area, much like most parts of Michigan, is dominated by a single party as Independence and Springfield Townships are Republican country. That makes the Tuesday, Aug. 3 election the real deal. A great majority of the candidates who win the primary election will automatically win the general election because their is no Democratic candidate.

Why local candidates need to be affiliated with a political party is beyond me. Our township board is deciding how our land should be developed, not whether abortion should be legal or how welfare should work. I assume everybody runs under the Republican category because if they ran as a Democrat they would probably lose.

That being said, the fact that only one out of four registered voters will cast a ballot is astonishing. This is not even taking into account the voters who might not be registered.

When the general election rolls around in November I am guessing turnout will be around 50 percent. This is because it is a presidential election and by the fall we will have been inundated with election information.

However, local government officials have the biggest influence on your everyday life. When they raise the sewer rates you pay immediately and when they fix the roads your drive immediately becomes more enjoyable. There are no checks and balances with the township board, what they say goes.

In my estimation the primary election should be moved. To schedule a Michigan election the first week in August just is not smart. Individuals are either off on vacation or busy trying to jam their entire summer wish list into the final month. Combine that with the general apathy most people feel towards politics and you have a recipe for low turnout.

It would make much more sense to hold the primary after Labor Day in mid-September. When the kids go back to school the normalcy of life tends to return. This would allow more people to be aware of the election, and still give the primary winners time to campaign for the general election.

Not every registered voter to cast their ballot. I have been to township board meetings in the past in which residents have complained about the current senior center, the township's sound ordinance and the amount spent on legal fees.

Well, on Aug. 3 you have a chance to make sure your voice is heard. This is the only time when you can be sure the politicians will be listening.

(Kyle Gargaro is the editor of The Clarkston News. His e-mail address is KyleG44@aol.com.)

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

We are proud to call Clarkston home

(This letter is in response to Bob Arend's letter to the editor titled "City of the Village is a pretentious name" in the July 21 edition of The Clarkston News.)

Bob Arend, you're right.

As residents of the City of the Village, I think we would all agree. A simple solution might be to rescue our identity from Dependence, um Independence.

There was never more to Clarkston than what is within our borders. If you lived, for example, in Milford Township, or the City of Milford, it would be correct for you to say you live in Milford. I've been here for 15 years and I'm still perplexed by the number of people and businesses that claim to hail from our tiny city.

I know that the Clarkston Post Office (in Independence) shares our mailing address with Independence, but when I lived in Waterford Township, with a Pontiac mailing address, I never once thought I lived there.

If you think this is a petty problem, spend a day in the City Manager's office. It sounds like a broken record in there. "I'm sorry, sir, I'd love to give you a sewer

payoff, but you live in Independence." The caller is then given the correct number to call, and I might add, most want to challenge you. They don't know where they live. The police department spends a lot of its time with the same problem. For a small city, we spend a lot of our limited budget in this wasteful manner.

Don't get us wrong, we like Independence Township. You have a good name (especially near Independence Day.) You have nice housing. We think you should be proud of where you live.

We like where we live, Clarkston. We love our historic homes, our beautiful park and gazebo. We're proud of our businesses and quaint shops. We love to welcome you to our city. Bring your parades, picnics, swimsuits and enjoy a stay at our local B&B.

Pretentious name? Probably. But we know where we live. We call it home.

Teresa Coventry
City of the Village of Clarkston

Farm and Garden Club thanks all for help

To our supportive community:

On behalf of the Clarkston Farm & Garden Club, I would like to publicly thank the Clarkston community for their overwhelming support and response to our recent Honorarium Planter endeavor. Specifically, I'd like to thank:

- Our valued garden club members, Elena Forbes and Linda Meadors who, along with the civic improvement committee, committed many, many hours, considered many designs, contemplated various artists and continually pressed on for this project.

- John Shell from Davisburg Stone for his skills and talent in building our beautiful, new stone and concrete planters of which look absolutely perfect along our historical main street.

- Rudy's Market. Their donation, which will be inscribed to thank Clarkston patrons for their support, proves that Rudy's is one of the strongest roots in the community we live and love.

- I would like to thank The Clarkston State Bank for honoring their former president Dave Harrison and his wife Wanda. We miss them dearly too.

- Barbara Truman who has given her donation to honor her late husband, Al Truman. Barb, you are a loyal and precious member of our club.

- Memorial funds were also donated by the family of Dr. Rocky and Maryetta Bullard. We thank you for honoring your family in this way. Blair, you gave us wings so we could fly with this project.

- Rick and Mary Beth Huttenlocher have made a donation on behalf of Huttenlocher Family members. We are proud to honor the Huttenlocher name through this project. You will be respectfully thought of as we plant, water and watch the planter bloom each year.

- Marty Johnston has given a donation on behalf of her late husband, Richard Johnston. Johnston was a well-respected, long time member of the City of the

Village of Clarkston's City Council.

- Charles and Kay Robertson lovingly made a donation to honor Chuck's mother and father, Gray and Lucille. Kay, you truly are the sweetest and the sunshine in our club.

- From proceeds from our various fundraisers, The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club has raised enough funds to purchase three planters. Thank you, members, for your hard work, commitment and vision as we move forward to help Clarkston Bloom!

- Thank to our Mayor, Sharron Catalo, for her donation of the planter on behalf of the Catalo family. Their inscription reflects their gratitude for the many years of support from the Clarkston Village. Fittingly placed at 54 South Main, in front of The Union Restaurant operated by her son, Kurt — we thank you for your support.

- To The Grille on Washington & Main, thank you for your generous and thoughtful donation of cooling ice tea as so many labored in the hot sun.

- Lastly, but certainly not overlooked and appreciated beyond words, I would like to thank our friends of officials and friends in service: the City Council for their support from the beginning in this evolving project, the DPW for their hard and spontaneous work installing the first planters, and the Police Dept. for helping us in this endeavor — from city maps to watering locations; from moving our barrels in the past to protecting our planters in the future, you all contribute in a huge way to this success.

It is working together with a common and mutual interest in the community we live that brings success to anything we do. We look forward to many more years of helping Clarkston Bloom!

Julie Piazza
President
Clarkston Farm & Garden Club

Write a Letter To The Editor . . .

Please keep them short and to the point. We'll edit them for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and length. We take the liberty of publishing (or not) all letters we receive. Please sign your letter (no photo copies!) and include a daytime phone for verifications. Deadline is noon, Monday. You can drop them or mail them to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346; fax them at (248) 625-0706; or e-mail shermanpub@aol.com. Any questions call The Clarkston News at (248) 625-3370.

Smearred Ink

Rambling to the primary polls

Random, arbitrary and otherwise miscellaneous election season ramblings from your friendly, neighborhood reporter...

Do we choose to laugh or cry concerning some of the foibles and mysteries of the campaign? Decide for yourself from the following:

Saw another misplaced campaign sign the other day. Seems someone on Maybee Road thinks they are able to vote for the Brandon Township treasurer...

A candidate on the phone recently lamented the (alleged) use of profanity by some members of a local government agency to one or more citizens.

Said candidate apparently had no reservation in using profanity in said telephone conversation...

The issue of stealing campaign signs is a serious one, but forgive us for not taking some of the comments seriously.

One caller had not filed a police report, nor had actually seen the perpetrator do the deed, but adamantly insisted we print the "fact" that the opponent's campaign worker was the guilty party.

And we have to give a brownie point to the judicial candidate who wanted us to print that the criminal action of the people who stole this candidate's signs was a clear signal that criminals do not want this candidate to be a judge...

After covering about a gazillion local government meetings and several candidate forums, we believe our next candidate questionnaire should include the following question:

"Do you know how to properly use a microphone?"

Reporter At Large



Don Schelske

The president of one of our fine community organizations recently asked in that organization's newsletter why candidates are doing the "I'm (so-and-so) and I approved this message" thing.

The answer is in the new campaign reform law passed by Congress this past year. That phrase (or similar if the ad is paid from another source) is now required.

It's the same law, by the way, that restricts some people's First Amendment rights to advertise for their candidate or cause while allowing others to actually make money as they engage in a blatant political campaign.

George W. Bush has not created one single new job during his term as president. Neither did President Bill Clinton in his eight years in office.

In the same light, both Dale Stuart and David Wagner are incompetent when it comes to solving the problems of Independence Township.

The reason is the same for any executive at any level of government. They are unable to act alone. The president has Congress, the governor has the state legislature and any township ordinance must be enacted by a majority of the seven-member board of trustees.

That's a good thing for everyone to remember as we head for the voting booth.

You will be voting Aug. 3, won't you? Good!

Don't Rush Me



A column by an average Joe, trying to make an honest buck while keeping folks smiling, will return!

Your Average Joe, aka Don Rush

Just Jotting

Starting with sports.

There's a fine line between fishing and standing on the shore like an idiot.

With the Detroit Tigers having won more games by July 18 than they did all last year, I've again started watching more games. Besides tv offerings this summer have been very lacking.

Doesn't it seem the more fans in the stadium, the more viewers and listeners, the more time the batters have to take readjusting their batting, running and sliding gloves?

Many undo and redo their Velcro straps after every pitch, whether they swing or not. I suppose such movements could be signals being sent back to their families in Puerto Rico and Cuba. Nomar Garciaparra, who was a Tiger before being sent to the Red Sox, was a champion glove adjuster.

(The following is gleaned from friend Dick Milliman's "Almanack" column)

Which brings me to golf, which I'm now playing worse four days a week than I did at three days a week.

Tiger Woods seems to be America's (maybe world's) favorite golfer. He'll never be able to spend all the money he's already earned, let alone what he makes in the future. He's worth billions, yet he's been captured losing his cool at the click of a camera. If he's so good, why can't he block out the sound of the ardent fans.

Davis Love III, another very wealthy, continuous money winning golfer, halted his play because a fan was talking

Why must golfers be completely insulated from noise and distraction? All a golfer must do is hit a little round ball that's standing still.

The pros should take a lesson from our Thursday night golf league on the first tee each week. If it's too quiet we don't hit the ball, knowing someone is trying to intimidate us.

We strike our balls best when there are murmurs, clickings, laughter and comments in the background.

Women in New Jersey won a round for gender equity, but lost a pretty good privilege at the same time when New Jersey's top state civil rights official banned Ladies Night discounts at bars.

A male customer complained that he suffered discrimination because he must pay full price for drinks, and pay a \$5 cover charge on Ladies Night, while women were admitted free and received discounts on their drinks.

The New Jersey agency ruled commercial interests do not advance the "important social policy objective of eradicating discrimination."

But aren't women really the losers in this confrontation? Now men and women alike must pay a full price for drinks, plus a cover charge. How did the complaining male come ahead, except for a male ego? Let's hope the lunacy doesn't spread to the rest of the country. What's next? Senior discounts maybe?

Back to Jottings: Jake liked his women the way he liked his kiwi fruit; sweet yet tart, firm-fleshed yet yielding to the touch and covered with short brown fuzzy hair.

Bet you didn't know January 21, 1821 is the first recorded incident of a bird mistaking a civil servant for a statue.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

A Look Back

At our community's history through the pages of

15 YEARS AGO (1989)

• "Growth" has been the buzzword around Independence Township during the past few years, and this year, three major developments provide concrete evidence of the fact. The three developments are in varying phases of construction, but all will provide the township with more services, jobs and traffic by the end of 1990. Clarkston Oaks is the farthest along of the three. A shopping center anchored by Great Scott and Damman Hardware on Dixie Highway across from Maybee Road, the center is set to open in November.

• Anyone who used the strip of Rattalee Lake Road between Tindall and Weber roads soon might have to slow down to 25 mph. The Springfield Township Board unanimously voted to request that Oakland County recognize the stretch as a residential district with a reduced speed limit. Just less than 70 percent of area residents requested that the speed limit be changed.

• The thick weeds in Walters Lake at Clarkston and Eston Roads are once again the target of a cleanup plan. After a public hearing attended by about 50 people July 20, the five-member Walters Lake Improvement Board decided that a three-year cleanup project was predictable.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• The proposed 22-story Pine Knob hotel has moved another step closer to reality. The Independence Township Board will consider the proposed recreation zoning amendment at its Aug. 7 meeting. The Oakland County Zoning Coordinating Committee unanimously recommended approval by the Independence Township Board of the required recreation zoning amendment last week.

• The need to study Police Advisory Board proposals was among reasons the Independence Township Board declined two police service staff promotions Tuesday night. The vote was 5-0 with one abstention denying new positions and salary increases for Linda Richardson and Beth Tower. Mention was first made of the advisory board's report during discussion on hiring Tom Amoss as a police dispatcher.

• Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson were jolted awake in the wee hours of Tuesday morning when lightning struck the bedroom of their house in Independence Township! The bolt hit the southwest corner of the roof about 1:45 a.m., according to the Independence Township Fire Department. The lightning blew out patches of plaster in a wall of the Wilsons' bedroom when it hit not more than 15 feet from their bed, firemen said.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

• The Clarkston Oldtimers enjoyed a picnic lunch and a fine afternoon last Thursday at the Glyde Becker home on Allen Road. A delightful lunch was served at 1 p.m. There were 49 present.

• On Monday, Harold M. Dorr, Governor of this District of Rotary visited the local club. The meeting was held in the community center and was conducted by president Charles C. Rockwell.

• A group of women in this community has been busy studying the needs and problems of the people of Clarkston. It has been decided that these needs might best be met is by a Community Women's Club.

Police and Fire

Independence Township

July 19: Assault and battery on Maple Drive. The reporting person said a neighbor hit her.

Larceny from vehicle by force on Tusson Boulevard. Someone stole a CD player from the dashboard and an amplifier from the trunk.

July 20: Assault at DTE Energy Music Theater. A female suspect allegedly spit on a vehicle window. When the vehicle owner asked her to wipe it off, the suspect allegedly pushed the driver to the ground. Suspect was gone on deputies' arrival.

Domestic assault report on Vinewood, husband-wife dispute.

Larceny from vehicle by force at Fox Creek apartments. Someone took a portable TV/DVD player.

Larceny of cell phone and \$12 cash from a vehicle on Autumnwood.

Home invasion on Perry Lake Road. Someone forced entry and took a jewelry box and a camcorder.

Larceny of copper wire from a Detroit Edison lot on Flemings Lake Road. Someone cut through a fence and took approximately 1,000 feet of copper wire.

July 21: Counterfeiting/fraud report at DTE Energy Music Theater. A clerk reported receiving a counterfeit \$100 bill.

Larceny from vehicle by force on Park Valley. Someone threw a rock through a vehicle window and stole a purse.

Identity theft report on Hawkmore. Someone used the victim's Social Security number, address and telephone number in an attempt to purchase four cell phones.

Assist Michigan State Police with personal injury crash on I-75 at Clintonville Road.

Assist Michigan State Police with property damage crash on I-75 near Sashabaw Road.

Larceny of mail report on Avington Parkway. The victim found remnants of fireworks in the mailbox, but no mail.

Harassment report at Clarkston High School. A student in the summer program reported harassment from a suspect in a previous criminal sexual assault case.

Breaking and entering and larceny from vehicle on Parview. Someone took an AM/FM/CD player, amplifier and speakers.

Suspicious circumstances on Rattek, cheese and eggs on vehicle.

Animal ordinance violation on W. Circle. A resident said two large dogs prevented him from leaving his home. After deputies arrived, they found the owner driving around looking for the dogs. While he had the

dogs' license information, they were not wearing tags, so deputies cited the 24-year-old man.

Assist to Independence Fire Department with animal bite call on Amy Drive. A 50-year-old woman reported being bitten on the leg as she was riding her bicycle. The offending animal apparently came loose from the leash held by the owner. The dog's owner, a 60-year-old Independence Township woman, apologized and said the dog had received vaccinations. Under the township's new dog ordinance, deputies cited the woman but did not impound the animal.

July 22: Disorderly conduct/civil dispute at Clarkston Medical Clinic on Dixie Highway. A 17-year-old female became upset concerning medical information on a bill.

Retail fraud at Kroger on Sashabaw Road. A 50-year-old man allegedly took a strip of spare ribs without paying for them.

Assault report on Lancaster Hill Drive. An apartment clerk said a tenant shoved him.

Larceny arrest at Farmer Jack on Dixie Highway. A woman left the store with a cart-full of beer without paying. A clerk at the Clarkston State Bank branch got a description of the suspect.

Larceny of cell phone from vehicle on Oakhurst.

Larceny of building supplies on Deerwood.

Reckless driving report on Lake Waldon Drive. A witness saw a driver almost hit a bicyclist. The witness gave a description of the vehicle, but was unable to give positive identification of the driver.

July 23: Family trouble at Bridgewater Apartments.

Damage to property on Sashabaw Road near Bowpointe. A hi-low trailer reportedly damaged bolts to a street light post.

Assist to Michigan State Police with personal injury crash on I-75 at Sashabaw Road.

Accidental property damage at the BP gasoline station at Sashabaw and Waldon roads. A 19-year-old Commerce Township man forgot to remove the pump nozzle from his vehicle, drove away and ripped the hose from the gasoline pump.

Lost/stolen purse at DTE Energy Music Theater.

Home invasion on Clintonville Road near Maybee Road. Someone took a laptop computer, jewelry box and antique pin.

July 24: Domestic assault report on Cobden Lane.

Malicious destruction to property on S. Village Drive. Someone smashed a glass door with a wine bottle.

Arson report on Woodcrest Ridge. Someone

burned-down an outhouse on a construction site.

Harassment report on Sunridge Court. A woman reported harassment from a former boyfriend.

July 25: Domestic assault arrest on Algonquin. A 50-year-old Independence Township woman allegedly hit her husband.

Larceny from vehicle by force at DTE Energy Music Theater. Someone stole prescription drugs and \$25 cash.

Assist animal control on Lakeview. Deputies used a Taser to disable what was considered a "vicious" dog which had bitten someone earlier in the day.

July 26: Burglary and recovered stolen vehicle at the BP gasoline station at Sashabaw and Waldon roads. Deputies responded to a breaking-and-entering alarm to find an abandoned running Jeep, which was later traced back to the owner, who was not aware it had been stolen. Store video showed two men unsuccessfully attempted to steal an ATM machine.

Springfield Township

July 19: Larceny of political signs report on Andersonville Road near Hogback Lake.

July 20: Attempted breaking and entering to shed on Louise Court.

July 21: Credit card fraud on Susin Lake. Someone made about \$8,000 in unauthorized purchases on the victim's credit card.

Injured person assist on Holcomb. A subject fell off a bicycle, but refused medical treatment.

July 22: Home invasion on Hillsboro. Someone attempted to gain entry to a home, but nothing was reported missing.

Assault at Skilled Trades Solutions on M.E. CAD. An employee picking up a final paycheck allegedly started a fight. No formal charges were filed.

Stalking by vehicle report on Rattalee Lake Road near Bridge Lake Road. A woman jogging said she was followed slowly by an unknown person in a vehicle. There was no description of the occupant.

July 23: Civil matter at Bluewater Apartments. A husband and wife had a dispute over checks.

July 25: Larceny of checkbook, driver license and five credit cards from vehicle on Stonegate.

Suspicious circumstances on King. A naked man was seen running toward the lake.

Intimidation and death threats at Bridge Lake Suites on Dixie Highway. A former boyfriend was the suspect.

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Clarkston community runners rally for the Relay

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

More than \$172,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society after 1,000 people came out to support Clarkston's Relay for Life July 24-25.

The 24-hour event, held at Clarkston Middle School's outdoor track, started at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and ended at 10 p.m. the following day.

"It went amazing," Jennifer Schulte, community development director for ACS, said. Last year the relay raised \$158,000.

Thirty-one teams, six more than last year's event, made up the camping area on the track. More than 700 people served on the various teams from throughout the community.

Supporter Michele Hunt and son Nicholas came with team "St. Joe's Seraphims" to show her dedication in finding a cure for cancer.

"I think one of the biggest things is awareness plus raising money for research," Hunt said.

Opening ceremonies kicked off the event, complete with a "victory lap" for participating cancer survivors. More than 170 survivors participated in the local relay.

"We had an amazing ceremony to start us off," Schulte said.

Participants had constant entertainment and activities throughout the day to keep spirits high. Volleyball games, midnight movies, constant music and even a hula hoop contest kept the 24 hours moving quickly.

In addition to the live events going on throughout the event, many of the teams hosted activities themselves.

Members of the Clarkston Optimists set up camp and sold "survivor kits", consisting of lemonade, snacks and a yellow ribbon, at their location.

"This is a great event and it's growing," Jill Popour, Clarkston Optimists, said. "We wanted to support the cause."

Not only did members of the Clarkston community

come out to support the cause, but those from around the world did as well.

The Clarkston relay hosted the society's International Relay Training team. Seven different countries were represented to learn about the event and take it back to their respective homes.

"They came out and enjoyed the event and learned a lot to take back," Schulte said. "They'll be taking the Clarkston event and spreading it around the world."

As team members took their turns on the track,

informational signs from the ACS hung with facts about cancer and its devastating effects.

"Every 25 minutes, a woman learns she has breast cancer," read one sign while another stated, "Each year 130,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer."

Participants gathered for a nighttime luminary ceremony to support those who lost their lives to the disease. A final group lap closed the event on Sunday morning.



Walkers hit the track at Clarkston Middle School as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life got underway July 24. The 24-hour event raised funds for the organization as participants kept the track filled during the fundraiser. For more photos of the event, please see page 24A. Photo by Alicia Dorset

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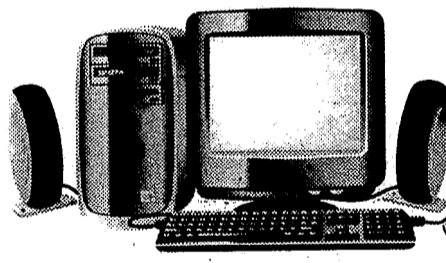
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Shoppers look over tables of goods at a Clarkston garage sale. Arriving early and price bargaining are just two useful tips when it comes to hitting the sales. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

Stick to instincts at garage sales

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The summer season brings afternoon baseball games, outdoor picnics and endless trips to the local ice cream store for a favorite chilled treat. However, the summer brings another classic pastime: garage sales.

Summer months are often the best time to wake up early on a Saturday morning and hit the street to find that hidden treasure just waiting for you in someone's driveway.

With all the sales and merchandise to pick from, it can be hard to tell the difference between a historic treasure and a hunk of junk.

The best advice: stick to what you like.

"I definitely stay true to my look," Teri Guelde, owner of Clarkston's Frank and Me antique store, said. "If it isn't something I wouldn't put in my home, I wouldn't put it in my store."

Guelde's store features both vintage and new items for the home with a "Parisian apartment" flair.

Popular items in the store that Guelde often finds at garage sales, flea markets or estate sales are vintage chandeliers and sconces.

"I enjoy finding those diamonds in the rough," Guelde said.

When hitting a garage or even estate sale, Guelde recommends being there early to select from the best merchandise.

"The serious diehards are there early," Guelde said. "If you're serious and want good stuff, you need to be there before it begins."

If you're looking for something that might be worth something, you might be looking for the wrong item. The best strategy is usually picking out something you like for yourself.

"I just look for clean things in good condition," Terri Bonner, a local garage sale hostess, said.

Once you find that must-have item, make sure the price is right. Sellers and dealers will often come down in price.

"Standard is 10-20 percent," Guelde said. "Offer them a price or what 'your' best price would be."

If a price tag is marked "firm," that price won't budge.

Keeping an open mind is important at garage sales, according to Guelde. She finds pieces that might look a little worn, but with some creative ideas and elbow grease, take on a whole new life.

"Keep open-minded about finding those diamonds in the rough. With a little work, you can do something creative," Guelde said.

At the end of a day filled with garage sale shopping, the most important thing to come away with is having fun and finding something you like.

"It's just fun the thrill of the hunt," Guelde said. "You never know what you'll find, some simple little gem."

Obituary

Helen S. Hus

Helen S. Hus, of Waterford and formerly of Detroit, died July 20, 2004 at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph and siblings Henry, Tony and Celia; mother of Helen (Thomas) Weil of Clarkston, John (Mary Ann) of Beverly Hills, Henry of PA and Mary Ann of Waterford; grandma of Thomas Weil and Karen Weil; sister of Julius (Marian) Bochinski of MD, Cassie Bochinski of CA and Emily Gleason of Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Hus was a member at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. She was a registered nurse at New Grace Hospital, Detroit and served as a flight nurse in the US Airforce during WWII.

A Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rites of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Father Solanus Guild.

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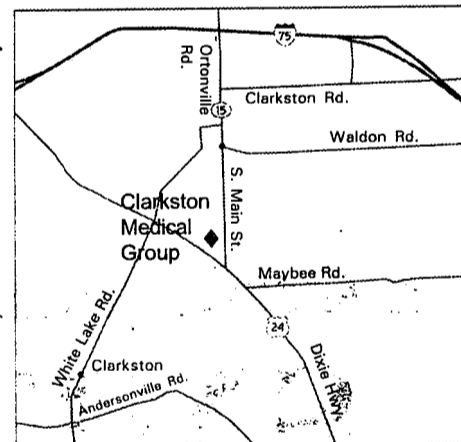
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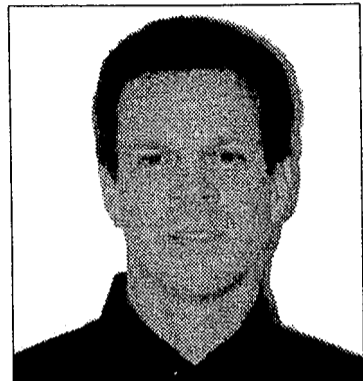
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Ashley and Dubre square off in treasurer contest

James Ashley is challenging incumbent Springfield Township Treasurer Jamie Dubre in the Aug. 3 primary. The Clarkston News sent both candidates a questionnaire. Here are the responses:

James A. Ashley, 43, 11655 Ely Rd.; personal trainer; 20-year Springfield Township resident; single-parent with four sons, ages 20, 18, 17 and 14.



James Ashley

Current/previous experience in township activities: Springfield Township Park Commission for three terms (12 years).

What are the two top issues currently facing Springfield Township? Improving the quality of life for Springfield residents by revitalizing downtown Davisburg and upgrading our fire and police protection.

How, specifically, will you promote balanced growth in Springfield Township? Containing growth is an important issue. A smart, fair and balanced approach is needed. We need to give the planning commission direction as a board, based on the township Master Plan. Then let them do their job instead of micromanaging each development. This would stop board members from pushing their own agendas onto developers.

Do you think Springfield Township should have term limits? I am in favor of term limits at every level of government. The longer a politician stays in office, the further they stray from the real needs of

the people. Most long-term elected officials forget they're spending taxpayer money when they make monetary decisions.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Springfield Township Board? I have spent 20 years serving the community in various capacities. I feel my common sense approach to government is sorely needed. Any dollar I vote to spend I will remember it is not mine and that the citizens deserve the best bang for their buck. There will be no pork barrel projects on my watch.

What else would you like voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? I've served on the Holly school board dealing with a large budget and employee contracts. I was responsible for finances and taxes when I managed Court Tyme Tennis Club. My life experiences along with a degree in political science and economics will help me make fiscally sound decisions. I am a conservative Republican who will fight to make sure citizens are not forgotten.

Jamie Dubre, 31, 6680 Ridgewood Rd.; incumbent Township Treasurer; five and one-half year resident of Springfield Township; married to Joe for nine years with two children, ages 7 and 5.

Current/previous experience in township activities: appointed Treasurer November 2002. Served as Deputy Treasurer prior to appointment. Initiated and directed development of township Web site scheduled to launch in the fall of 2004. Improved banking procedures. Responsible for \$15.8 million collection in 2003.

What are the two top issues currently facing Springfield Township?

- 1) Pressures of growth and new development
- 2) Making sure we continue to meet the needs of our residents

How, specifically, will you promote balanced

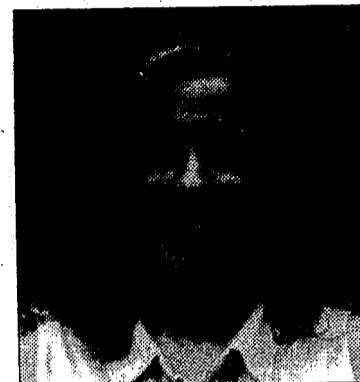
growth in Springfield Township? I will continue to make sure our standards and ordinances for environmental protection are fairly and consistently applied and will encourage the use of open space development where it fits.

Do you think Springfield Township should have term limits? No. The every-four-year election cycle provides an automatic opportunity for residents to limit our term.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Springfield Township Board? I enjoy the position of Treasurer and the opportunity it gives me to serve my community.

As a board member I am able to bring my individual ideas and suggestions to the discussion and help make decisions effecting the entire community.

What else would you like voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? I have executive level experience with a national corporation where I was responsible for staffing, training, payroll, and scheduling of 10 retail stores with a staff of approximately 1,000.



Jamie Dubre

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residents are away during the summer and use that as an excuse not to vote.

"If you know you'll be out of town or are eligible for an absentee ballot, they (residents) just call to be placed on the application list," Strole said.

Regardless of how "hot" an election year might be, both clerks stress the importance of residents actively participating in their local governments.

"The township controls your daily life," McCrary said.

Strole also felt the same way.

"I guess if I had a message, it would be to vote. Vote in the primary. I can't stress how important it can be," Strole said.

Polls for this year's primary election will open

at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Poll locations for both Springfield and Independence townships may be found in Public Notices on page 14B.

For information on absentee ballots, call the Independence Township clerk's office at (248) 625-5111 or Springfield Township at (248) 625-4802.

Full information is available with the clerk's offices on absentee ballot qualifications and requirements. Sample ballots are also available.

General information about Michigan's primary elections can be found on the Internet at www.michigan.gov/sos.

The last day to register to vote for the November general election is Oct. 4.

Case

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employees present at the time of the assault, with the assistance of a surveillance videotape, the employees testified to the severity of Schmidt and Stapleton's punching and kicking.

Defense attorney Arnold Weiner suggested that Richard was about to punch one of the defendants, but neither witness could confirm that supposition.

Weiner argued that the prosecution had not presented sufficient evidence to warrant second degree murder charges.

"The issue is causation," Weiner said to

Fortinberry. "In order to bind them over on second-degree murder, you have to be convinced they intended to do great bodily harm less than murder. The evidence shows, at most, here is an aggravated assault."

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Gregory Townsend, pointing to both the videotape and witness testimony, disagreed with Weiner's argument, estimating 15 to 20 kicks to Richard's face and back while he was on the ground.

"If this is not great bodily harm, there is no such thing," Townsend said.

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Pizza employee faces charges for embezzlement

BY DON SCHELKESKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A 22-year-old Clarkston man was entrusted with a pizza restaurant's bank deposit, but admitted he succumbed to temptation. Now he faces prosecution for embezzlement.

Troy James Boelter was arraigned Friday, July 23, according to Oakland County Sheriff investigators at the Independence Township substation, after confessing to the July 12 incident involving approximately \$1,250.

A manager at the Little Caesar's restaurant at Sashabaw and Waldon roads reported a missed bank deposit, although Boelter had made two previous deposits with no problem.

Boelter later boasted of buying a car with money won from scratch-off tickets at the nearby Farmer

Jack store, but investigators were able to confirm that no winning tickets of a sufficient amount had been sold.

Boelter later told investigators that he missed making the deposit because the bank was closed. He returned the bank bag back to the restaurant, but when a manager's back was turned he decided to take it for himself, reports said.

Apparently contrite over the crime, Boelter reportedly told investigators he wants to repay the money. While the embezzlement charge is a felony (punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine), investigators said the Oakland County Prosecutor's office may agree to a lesser charge depending on yet-to-be determined circumstances.

The results of a scheduled pretrial examination Monday were not immediately available.

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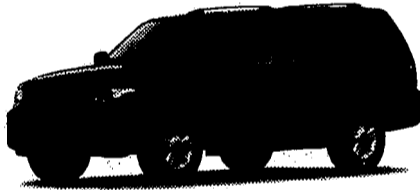
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Spraypark progress continues, September opening planned

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As the summer months progress in Clarkston, so does work on Renee Przybylski Memorial Spraypark inside Clintonwood Park.

A grand opening celebration and access to the public will take place the weekend after Labor Day, according to Kelly Arcello, Independence Township Parks and Recreation Recreational Programmer and Spraypark committee member.

"Basically, we're going to have a big party," Arcello said.

Plans are still in development for the celebration. More information will be discussed at the committee's next meeting on Aug. 10.

"It will be something fun to do in Clarkston on a weekend," Arcello said of the celebration.

The post-Labor Day weekend celebration marks the one-year anniversary of the official start of the Spraypark project.

Cement was poured in the park on

July 23, an important step in the construction process, according to Arcello.

"That pretty much finishes the underground," Arcello said. From there brick pavers, a fence and the park's apparatuses can all be installed.

The current value of the spraypark is about \$230,000 due to in-kind donations from businesses and continued support from the community.

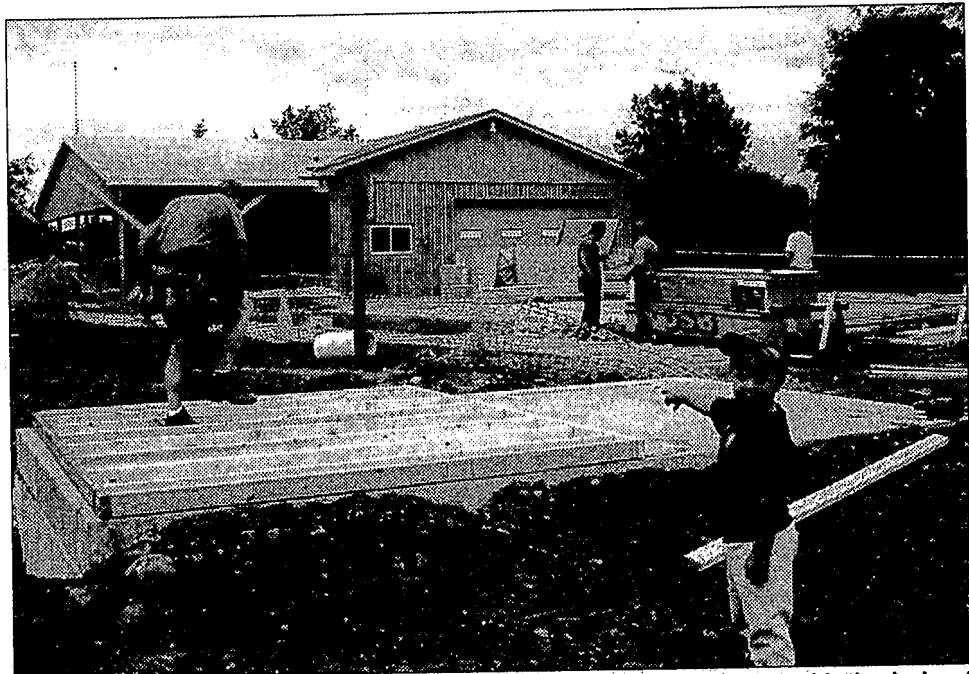
"There have been so many in-kind donations from services," Arcello said.

The spraypark committee is close to their budget. Currently they are \$2,000 over their original estimated costs.

"In the whole picture, that's really good," Arcello said.

Community members who still want to donate to the spraypark can continue to do so. Orders for commemorative brick pavers are still being taken but are not guaranteed for installation in time for the grand opening.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation department at (248) 625-8223.



On July 17th, Roxy Construction, headed by Scott Chambers and with the help of their assistant, Hunter Chambers, built the pump-house for the Renee Przybylski memorial spraypark inside of Clintonwood Park. The spraypark is scheduled to open the weekend after Labor Day. Photo provided

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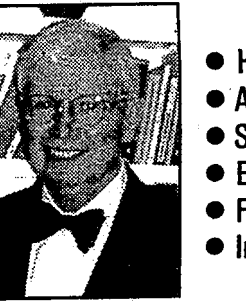
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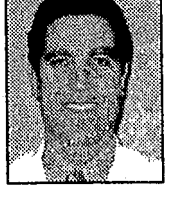
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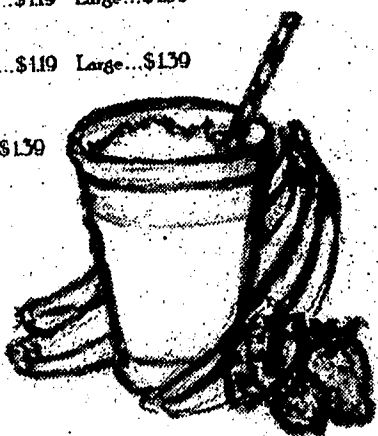
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BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As bluegrass band Fragment wrapped up their set in Depot Park on July 23, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce closed a successful anniversary season of "Concerts in the Park" and began looking ahead to next year's line up.

"Overall, we couldn't have asked for a better year," Terri Bendes, chamber event planner/enthusiast, said. "We exceeded our expectations."

The chamber reported record-breaking attendance figures for this summer's series. Four out of the six concerts hosted more than 2,000 people, according to Bendes.

"I think we had an outstanding season," Penny Shanks, chamber director, said.

The debut June 18 concert was attended by 900 people and even 500 showed up during one of the rainy evenings.

"To have 500 people come down and stay says that we were doing our job right," Bendes said.

A highlight of this year's "Concerts" was the local spotlight of musical performers. The chamber has received such positive feedback about this and other new additions this year, such as Slick and Bubba's "t-shirt toss," that several of the aspects will be brought back next year.

"Everything worked well," Bendes said of the new features. "Our plan is to go ahead and hang on to the add-ons."

In addition to feedback about the "Concerts" events, the chamber is already taking suggestions for next year's lineup.

"We're always looking for that new group," Bendes said. "We're very excited about looking forward to next year."

When setting up for each show, Bendes often found residents setting up camp as early as 5 p.m.

"I think we have to be doing something right," Bendes said. "It is something the community dearly loves and treasures. It reflects hometown values."

Both Bendes and Shanks agree that community support helped make the series a success.

Shanks attributes this year's positive experiences to the hard work of Bendes and "Concerts" chairman Bill Langdon.

"We're so lucky to have people like this in Clarkston," Shanks said.

The chamber is currently brainstorming ideas for next summer's "Concerts" and welcomes feedback and ideas from area residents and businesses.

"What we're hoping is that people come to us," Bendes said.

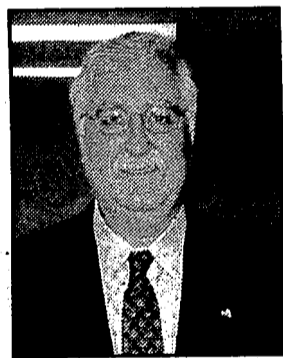
Looking back on the summer of hard work, the end products always justifies the means for the chamber.

"When you have the concerts come together and go so well, it gives you such energy," Shanks said. "It just really is magic."



Atlantez Salsa opened this year's "Concerts in the Park" series on June 18. The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is already looking ahead to the 2005 series and how to improve even more on a successful anniversary season. File photo.

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Record turnout for Fife Fundamentals Camp

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

While basketball fundamentals are the focal point of Clarkston varsity basketball coach Dan Fife's 'Fife Fundamentals Camp' perhaps it's the skill of listening Fife wants to hit home the most.

The biggest turnout in Fife's nine years hosting the camp has been the result of recent area basketball success, he said, including world championships by both the Detroit Pistons and Shock. This year's camp, which ran from July 6-9 at Clarkston High School, had 64 kids and was noticeably bigger than the usual 50 or so which turn out for the camp, Fife said. Kids in grades four through six from local areas including Clarkston, Troy, Lake Orion, Waterford and Holly participated in the camp.

"I think Clarkston basketball has always been big, but I think the fact that the Pistons did well, Michigan, Michigan State, all the colleges around here, people are talking a lot. With the Pistons and Shock winning it brings a lot of interest," Fife said.

Campers participate in a variety of drills, where they focused on posting up, ball handling and shooting techniques. Fife said an hour and a half of each day's camp was spent on the fundamentals, but the kids also had the ability to compete in games, which Fife said, they play because they 'have to.'

The camp ended each day with a message, where Fife hoped to instill a positive work ethic in his campers. However, he admitted only a very small percentage of the kids will follow through and do what

he says. At the conclusion of a camp day last week Fife said, "If you guys played as much basketball as you do video games you'd be pretty tough to beat." He is well aware his next crop of perspective varsity players might be spending too much time indoors, in front of the television, rather than in their own driveways or parks playing basketball.

"Seems like so much of this new generation is so much about video games. They spend a lot of times indoors instead of outdoors playing games, making up games and playing outside, where they're running and jumping. I just want to encourage them to get out and play more," he said.

He added that if they hone their basketball skills and become good athletes that's great, but he is constantly having to address their listening skills.

"I get on them every day about listening," he said. "If they could just listen to what I'm saying, they'd understand what we're trying to accomplish."

If his kids exercise and use all their energy in a positive way, Fife has succeeded in at least one instance. One parent came up to Fife following the conclusion of a day of his camp and said, 'He (referring to her son) was so tired last night. He slept like a baby,' she said.

One camper, Nate Osborn, 9, (who will attend Independence Elementary in the fall), spoke highly of the camp. He said he had learned some things about backspin on the ball and pivoting.

"I like it a lot," he said. "This is the first year I've really played basketball and I like it a lot. It's my first year at the camp



Dan Fife gives some words of wisdom at the conclusion of another day at his fundamentals camp. Photo by Ed Davis.

I want to come back and do it again next year."

Perhaps Osborn will participate in another one of Fife's developmental pro-

grams, his McGrath program, which includes kids in grades three through nine. Many kids participate in both programs, Fife said.

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View life from a new perspective

By Ernie Harwell

I try to keep up a daily routine of physical exercise by walking every day and jumping rope. It's always good to get the old heart pumping, and exercise is something everyone should do.

I also think it's a good idea to keep yourself mentally healthy and that means making an effort to gain new perspectives on life. One of the best ways to do that is to mingle with people of other generations.

Young people can contribute greatly to an older person's attitude, just as I think older people can have a positive influence on younger folks.

Sometimes in an older generation, we have a tendency to look down our nose and talk about the good old days and things aren't like they used to be. And

younger people tend to dismiss my generation's ideas as "old fashioned."

I'd like to see people of all ages take opportunities to connect with each other and understand each other's point of view. If you're at church or a social gathering, spend some time getting to know people of all ages once in a while.

It may mean getting out of your comfort zone, but the reward is a healthier attitude and it's well worth the effort.

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Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 53 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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Candidates discuss court experiences, backgrounds in forum

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The ability to educate Clarkston area voters on legal experience and personal backgrounds was one of the beneficial factors in the July 20 League of Women Voters Oakland Area 52-2 District Judge Candidate Night.

All four candidates (Jonathon Douglas, Kelley Kostin, Larence Kozma and Colleen Murphy) established similar viewpoints on several of the evening's bigger topics, such as community involvement, punishment versus alternative sentencing and top offenses facing the court today.

"Overall, it was a very good forum," Kostin said. "It was nice to see the four of us have a consensus on similar issues."

Candidates used two-minute opening and one-minute closing statements to reinforce individual qualities that made them stand out from the other candidates.

Douglas reflected upon how he developed a desire to run.

"I came to have a passion for consumers' interest and Michigan consumers' law. That's where I felt the call as a neutral arbitrator between opposing parties to seek judgeship," Douglas said.

Kostin, a current magistrate, expressed a desire to continue serving her community to the forum's audience.

"I want to be a judge because I want to continue to use the experience and knowledge I've gained to better serve my community," Kostin said.

Drawing from a long and varied career lineup, Kozma emphasized the many positions he has served in the court system, from police officer to assistant prosecuting attorney.

"Representing both sides of the prosecution and defense, I have the experience to understand a judge must examine every case on individual basis to come to a just and fair decision," Kozma said.

Murphy, also a magistrate, used her experience of day-to-day court involvement to express her qualifications.

"I'm well aware of the things that need to be done to protect our families," Murphy said. "I want to be a district court judge because I believe that would be a unique opportunity to help the people of our community and protect our community."

Continuing the theme of agreement, all four of the candidates found alcohol-related offenses to be some of the court's top problems with domestic violence a sensitive issue as well.

The topic of rehabilitation or harsh punishment for offenders brought similar ideologies from the candidates with their own personal stances. All the candidates agreed that each case must be judged on an individual basis.

"We have to take every case individually," Kostin



Jonathon Douglas



Kelley Kostin



Larence Kozma



Colleen Murphy

said. "That person has to be punished for the crime with a fair and just punishment. However, we need to look at what this person has done and figure out what needs to be done to make sure that person doesn't come back again."

Kozma had a similar outlook. "If a person comes before the court and is a repeat or violent offender, then a punishment is in order," Kozma said. "However, if a person is a first- or second-time youthful offender, then the court can be used to change the behavior of the offender."

While Murphy stressed the success of alternate sentencing programs, such as sobriety court, she believed that strong offenders deserved strong punishments.

"There are times when harsh punishment is necessary and I would have no problem incarcerating someone to protect our community," Murphy said.

Douglas saw the question as more of a progression instead of one option versus the other.

"Looking at the spectrum of rehabilitation or punishment, I look at them as steps rather than as something on a spectrum," Douglas said.

The candidates were addressed as to how many civil and criminal jury trials they had tried in addition to how many cross examinations they had performed. Only Kozma and Murphy

had close approximations, with Kozma noting more than 290 felony trials while Murphy reported 40 criminal trials and 20 civil trials.

Kostin was unable to determine specific numbers and Douglas stated he had tried "dozens" of cases by trial.

"I think the question about amounts was very important, but unfortunately, I don't think very many numbers were given," Kozma said of the question.

The topic of working

with the community and school systems was another opportunity for the candidates to express more of their backgrounds and personal philosophies.

Kostin is an active member of her son's PTA at Bailey Lake Elementary and uses that association to educate the students.

"What I try to do is teach the children that there are consequences for behaviors," Kostin said.

Murphy reflected upon involvement with the district's "teen court" and "court in schools" programs and hoped to expand those programs in the future.

"If I'm elected both the teen court and court in schools will definitely be expanded to cover the whole jurisdiction and middle schools," Murphy said. "It's a wonderful program."

Kozma is also familiar to the area's schools.

"I made a lot of appearances, with some at Clarkston High School and with a full gym," Kozma said. "I think I got their attention because it got very quiet when I began discussing the ramifications of drunk driving."

After 13 questions submitted by the audience, the forum closed with one-minute closing statements, of which the candidates reinforced their backgrounds and experiences one final time.

"I'm glad the League of Women Voters does something like this," Kostin said.

Good sportsmanship



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Riverdaws plan tryouts for August

Clarkston's 12-year-old travel baseball team recently competed in the world's largest Little League baseball tournament in Cooperstown. This marks the 11th consecutive year a Clarkston Riverdaws team has participated in this venue.

According to Cooperstown officials, the Riverdaws hold the record for consecutive annual entries in this tournament. Teams from all 50 states compete in this eight-game-minimum tournament to determine which of the 64 competing teams is best.

Clarkston Youth Baseball Organization sponsors five travel teams that compete in the North Oakland Baseball Federation. Tryouts for 2005 teams will be held at Clarkston High School baseball and softball fields on Flemings Lake Road commencing Saturday, Aug. 14. Tryouts for players 11-14 years of age run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Duplicate tryouts will also be conducted on Saturday, Aug. 21. Tryout times for the 15/16-year-old team will be posted online at the team's Web site, www.clarkstonriverdaws.org.

Two Sundays, August 15 and 22, will be used as rain dates for all teams. Each player must bring his own personal protective equipment and glove.

Player's age is determined by the boy's age as of July 31, 2005. (For example, if a boy wants to tryout for the 13-year-old team, he cannot turn 14 prior to July 31, 2005.)

The cost to tryout is \$10. Make checks payable to CYBO. This fee must be paid prior to participating in any tryout activities. For additional information, visit www.nobf.net or call Benson Lange at (248) 673-8853.

For additional information regarding any of the Clarkston Riverdaws baseball teams, visit www.clarkstonriverdaws.org

Meter reader arrested for home invasion

It's too early to tell if he is involved in a still-unresolved string of home invasions in Independence Township home invasions, but a 31-year-old local man who works reading meters for Detroit Edison was seen entering two homes on Rockcroft Friday, July 23.

Formal charges are pending as investigators seek to learn more about his meter-reading route, according to Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Neighbors saw the man walking from house to

house, reports said, and said he entered two homes. He was then seen leaving one home with a six-pack of cola.

The resident later verified the missing item, which had been placed in the kitchen after shopping. Nothing was reported missing from the second home, reports said.

LaBair said in at least one previous incident, a home invasion victim said the only person seen in the area was a meter reader.

— Don Schelske

Boys of Summer



Bakers Alignment won the Independence Township Parks and Recreation 10-and-under major division in boys baseball. The team had a combined team batting average of over .650, while the pitching staff combined for seven no-hitters during their 12-game season. Team members include, front from left, Trevor Wortman, Tucher Gilliland, Patrick Lansky, Tyler Dorantes, Tyler Deering-Manning, Drew Dorantes, Adam Larkin; second row from left, Coach Chip Vaughan, Vinny Cooper, Tyler Vaughan, Jacob Forstin, Joey Goss, Shan Reiner, Connor Giroux, Coach Mark Giroux. Not pictured: Coach Charlie Gilliland and Austin Maas. Photo provided.

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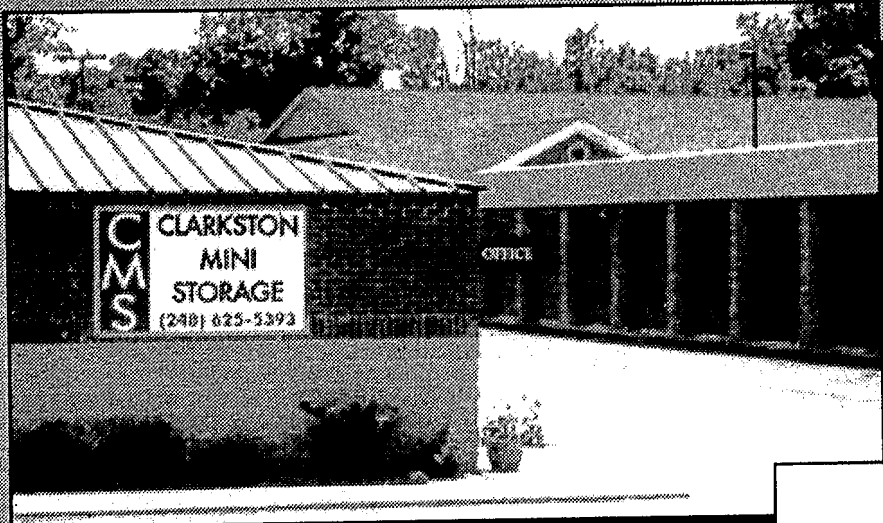
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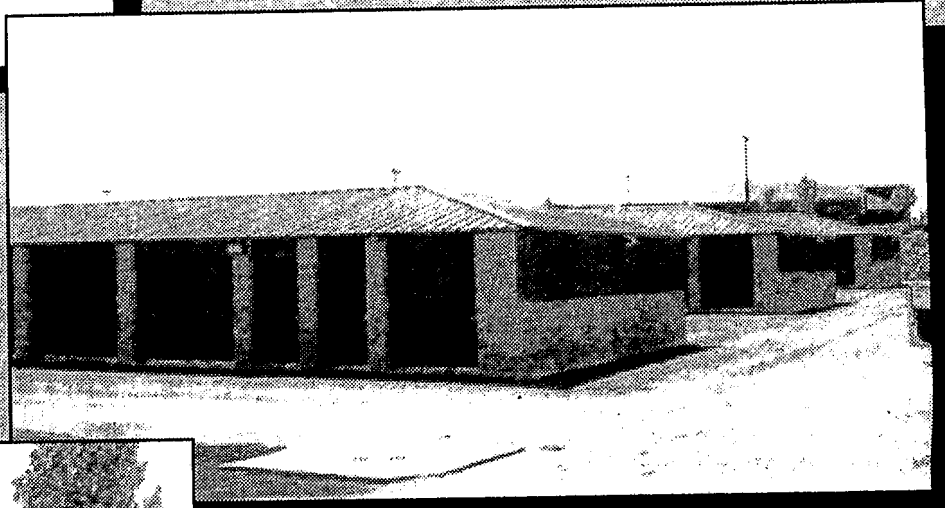


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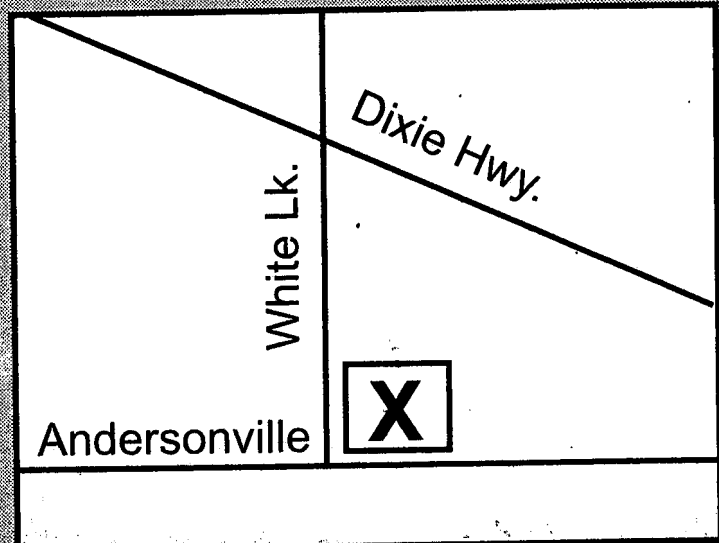
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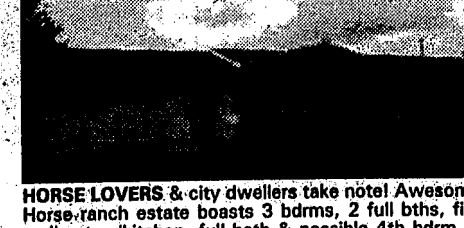
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Nicholas Hunt offers cotton candy to hungry walkers as they pass by "St. Joe's Seraphims" on the track during Clarkston's Relay for Life on July 24. Hunt attended the event with his mother who participated in the event.



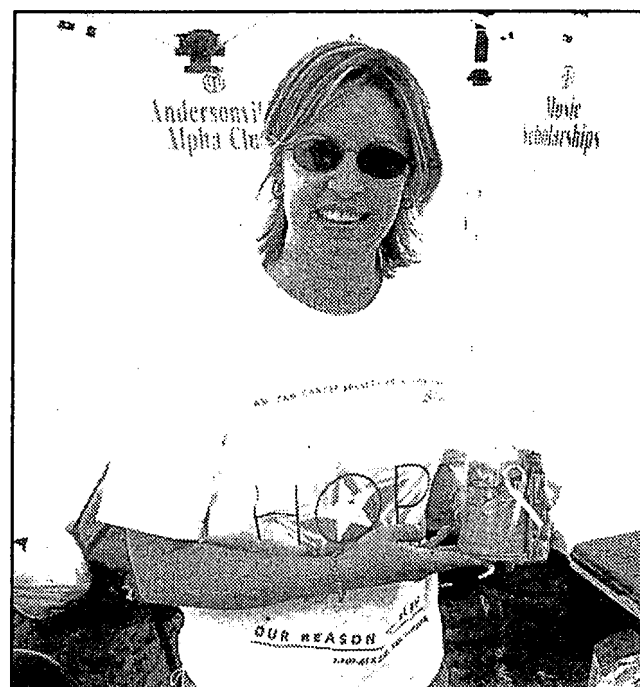
Julie Hauter, otherwise known as "Okey Dokey the Clown," models some of her balloon creations as walkers pass by. Entertainment was a fun part of the event to keep spirits up while on the track.



Walkers weren't the only ones enjoying the bright sun during Relay for Life. Participants were encouraged to bring strollers, wagons and even family pets along for the walk.



Teams set up special tent areas for the event's duration very much like the one created by the Cancer Slayers. The tent even featured a kissing booth.



Jill Popour offers a "survival pack" of snack treats to walkers as a part of a fund-raiser by the Clarkston Optimists. The group was just one of the many local organizations that came out to support the event.



The Back Page Photo Story

From 5 S. Main

By Alicia Dorset

People Poll

Why are you here at Relay For Life?



"It's awesome to be here and celebrate."
— Kathy Ashley



"My mother is a cancer survivor."
— Chris Buckthorpe



"I like to support it. I've lost several of my siblings and my mother-in-law and father-in-law. It's important to support it."
— Ray Schuneringer



"Just to be out here. It's so exciting. It makes you count your blessings and makes you very humble."
— Connie Keating

By Alicia Dorset

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Mason enjoys local community service

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's an irony common among those involved in service organizations.

Who gets the most benefit? Those who are served or those doing the serving.

"You get back what you put into it," according to Tom Braun, chaplain and a past master of Cedar Lodge #60, Free and Accepted Masons in Clarkston. "Masonry makes men better men."

The organization does that, Braun said, because of a strong belief in deity and the emphasis on principles of living.

"Life is more than you," he said. "There's a lot of things happening outside the circle of your own existence that you can have some effect on."

Locally, the Clarkston group has made a special effort in the past couple years to "get back involved in the community."

Many of the members have been involved in a reading assistance program at Andersonville Elementary School. About three years ago, the Grand Lodge of Michigan promised 200,000 hours of service, and the Clarkston lodge dedicated to give 200 hours.

Braun said the one-on-one involvement with students helps develop better reading comprehension, not to mention good relationships. He's done about 45 to 50 hours himself.

"These kids are quick to understand that you come there because you want to come there," he said. "It's not because you have to be there."

The local lodge has racked up more than 180 hours as of the last school term, but Braun believes it will continue well beyond 200.

"People participating in the program have so much fun that they just keep going," he said. "I'm sure we'll go beyond that."

The Clarkston lodge also adopted a family at Christmas through Lighthouse Emergency Services, and donates to their food bank throughout the year. At each meeting, members pay a "price of admission" with a box or can of food for the ongoing donation.

Braun was attracted to the organiza-



Tom Braun shows some of the certificates received through service with the Clarkston Masonic Lodge. The recognition is of less importance to him, however, than the satisfaction of helping people. Photo by Don Schelske

tion through business partner Stan Ray, who showed to be very trustworthy in his business dealings.

"They say if a Mason gives you his word,

you can take that to the bank," Braun said. Seeing that trait, he asked about the organization and was sponsored to join in 1998. Since then, he has advanced to the 32nd degree, served as master of the lodge last year, and recently became deputy instructor for the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Braun was motivated to increase his involvement after being mentored by a couple veteran Masons. He was impressed with the diversity and the interaction.

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See Mason on page 8B

'When you're a Mason, everybody's the same. There's a true brotherhood and a true friendship with these people.'

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Around Town

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Local families to host spaghetti dinner. On July 15, seven orphaned children from Russia came with the Kidsave Summer Miracles program to visit Michigan, most of which are staying with host families in Clarkston. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about adopting these children or would like to meet them, please plan on attending this event on Sunday, Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. inside St. Daniel's church in Clarkston. The children are between the ages of 4 and 7. All proceeds from the spaghetti dinner will go to Kidsave - Michigan. For more information, please contact Susan Powers at (248) 393-0465.

Mark your calendar today for Thursday, Aug.

19 from 12-2 p.m. to attend a luncheon in Depot Park prepared by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club. "Somewhere in Thyme...an Herbal Fare" provides samples of members favorite recipes. Tickets are \$6 and are available from member Ginny Schultz at Clarkston Country Store Main Street Antiques. Tickets include a discount coupon toward a cookbook which includes over 200 recipes. Music will be provided by Sweet Briar String Band. For more information, contact Jeanne Moizon at (248) 625-9399.

Head on down to Clarkston's Depot Park to hear "Sojourners" on Friday, Aug. 6 from 7-9 p.m. In association with Tentmakers Ministry, LLC., the band will play a selection of southern gospel and traditional Christian music. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic to enjoy an evening of Christian music.

The **Widowed Support Group** will meet for its August gathering on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. to discuss "When there is no chance to say goodbye." The group, facilitated by bereavement counselor Alicia Brown, will meet at the Independence Township Senior Center. The meeting is free and is open to all in the community. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to be included on the mailing list, please

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For information on any of these events, contact the senior center is (248) 625-8231.

Club 5529 presents Cool Hand Luke on Friday, Aug. 6. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. General admission seating. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit www.5529music.com.

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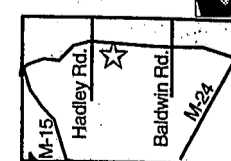
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Clarkston resident catches the 'Big One' at Deer Lake

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident Chip Carlisle has only been living in Clarkston a few years. He's been fishing all of his life though, and since his move from North Carolina, his fishing has never been better.

Carlisle moved to Michigan in 1993 and then relocated to Clarkston in 2001 due to a job transfer and said the move up north has paid dividends to his fishing success. He claimed the lakes around the Clarkston area offer up some of the best fishing he's seen in more than 30 years and he proved just how great this area can be for fishing.

Carlisle made history July 5 by catching the largest largemouth bass recorded so far this season by the Department of Natural Resources.

The fish measured 26.25 inches and weighed almost 7 pounds. Carlisle caught the fish on Deer Lake in the mid afternoon on an overcast day using a spinner bait. However, Carlisle admitted he surely didn't expect to catch such a big fish that day.

"I wasn't using very strong line," he said. "It took quite a while to get it up in the boat, and I had my friend Tom (Stesney) help me. But once I saw the lily pads move and felt it on the line I knew I had something big."

Stesney is also from Clarkston, Carlisle said.

Carlisle said the Clarkston area's waters are a lot of fun to fish and offer a change from what he was used to in the south. There, he also had success with a

lot of bass fishing, but he claimed the waters of the northern United States, especially right here in the Clarkston area, offer up a lot of variety, fun and challenge.

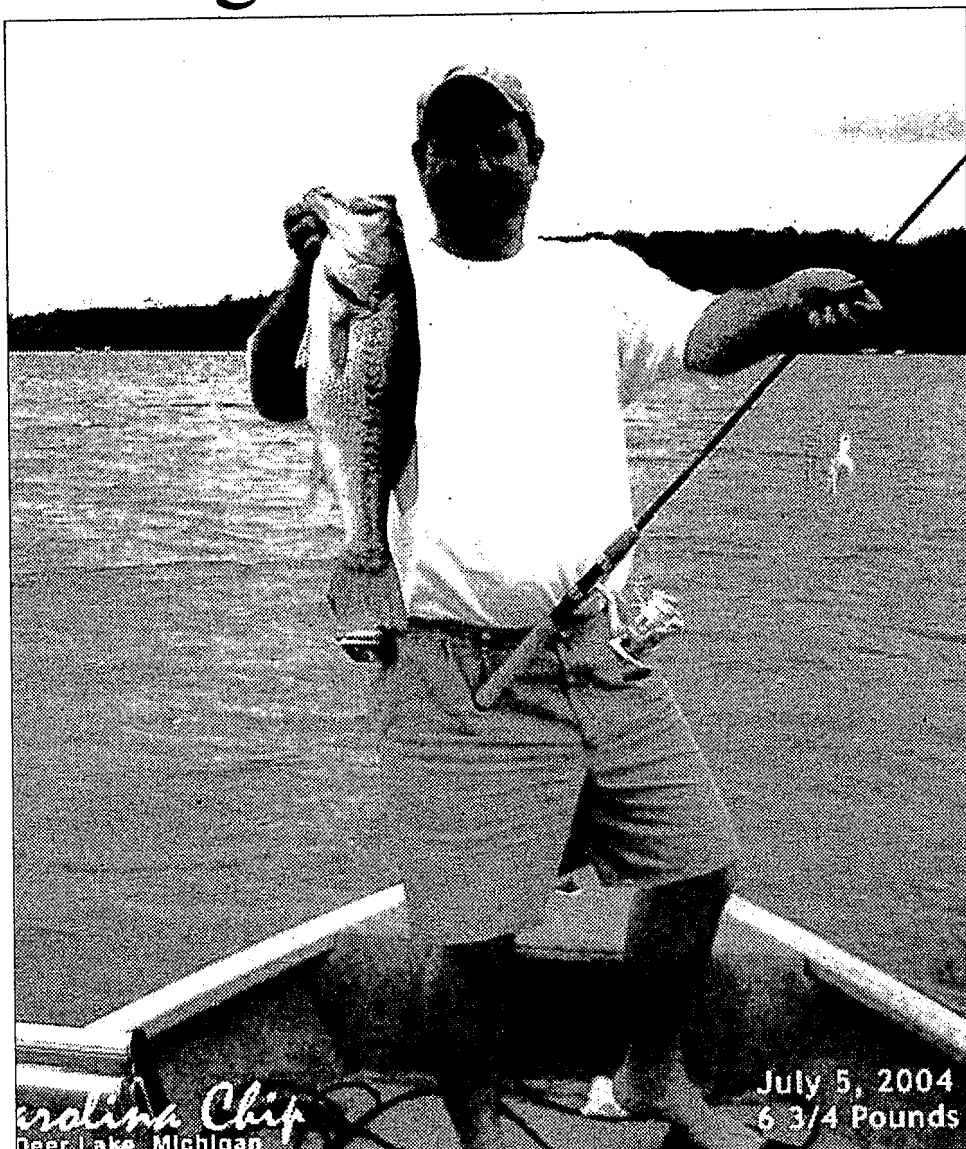
"These fish really fight up here," he said with a laugh. "You get a lot more aggressive species up here. You get the fish with teeth. Walleye, pike and of course you also get a lot of good bass and perch up here."

Carlisle is active in the community and shares his love of fishing with youth in the area. He serves as Cub Master for Cub Scout pack 449 which meets at Pine Knob Elementary. There, he participates in an annual fishing trip and also teaches water safety to members of the pack.

Last week Carlisle said the fish was still on record as being the biggest largemouth bass caught in the state. He spent last week visiting his former state by participating in the Bass Master Classic, a large fishing event.

However, he readily admits that while a trip back to North Carolina is a nice change, he now considers this area's waters to be where he will do the vast majority of his fishing from now on.

"When we moved here, we just fell in love with the whole area. It's a great family community and there are a lot of great lakes to fish in. Why would I move back to North Carolina now? Being a fisherman, Michigan is a great state and this area has proved it's a great spot to be for fishing," he said.



Clarkston resident Chip Carlisle shows off his record setting bass catch, which he caught on Deer Lake July 5. The largemouth bass was over 2 feet long and weighed nearly 7 pounds. Photo courtesy www.carolinachip.com.

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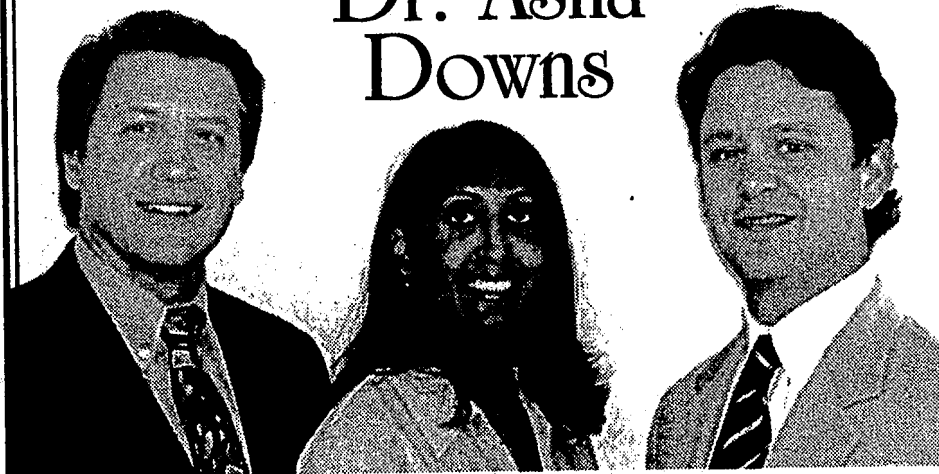


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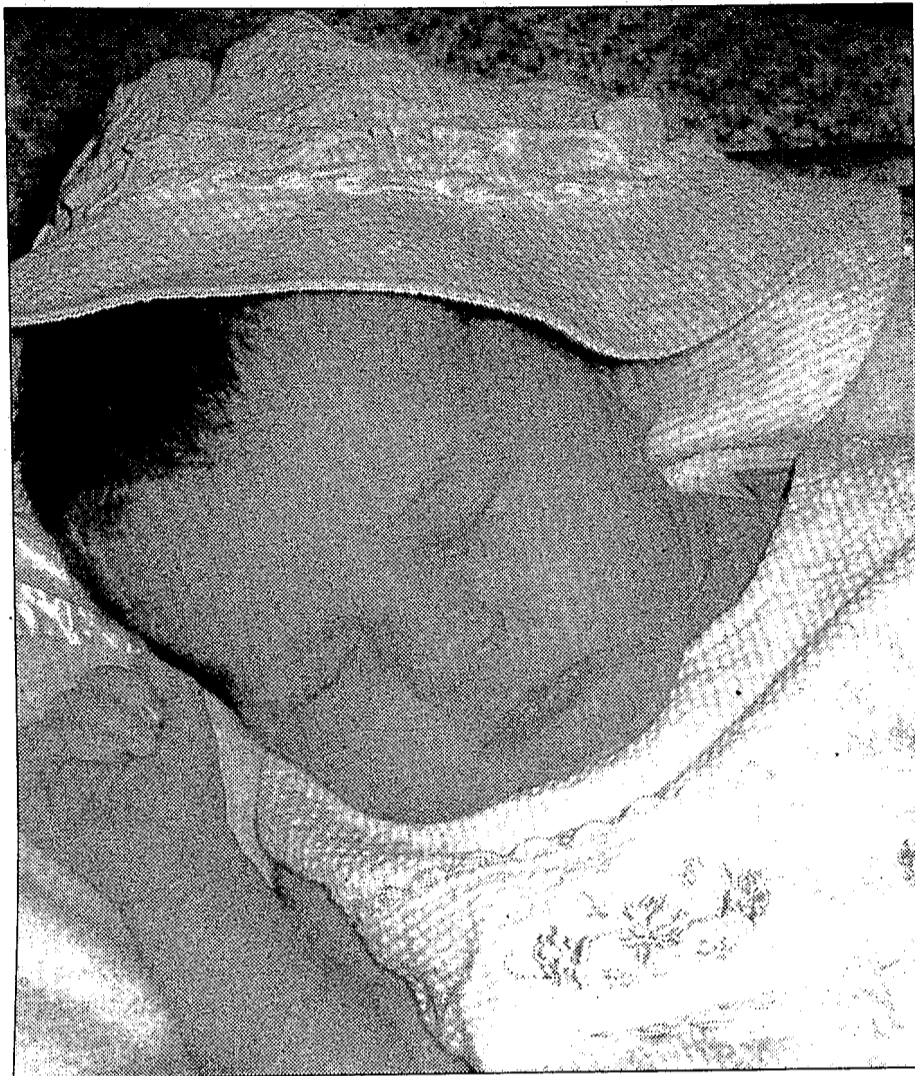
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Milestones



Helen Kathleen Grogan

Brian and Catherine Grogan of Clarkston announce the birth of their daughter, Helen Kathleen.

Helen was born on June 21 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches in length. Helen is joined

at home by older siblings Hank and Byron.

Grandparents are Natalie Pizarek of Livonia and Don and Kitty Grogan of North Augusta, S.C. Helen's great-grandmother is Amelia Witzke of Walled Lake.

At school...

Joseph Egan of Clarkston received a bachelor of arts degree from Colgate University on May 16.

Colgate University is located in Hamilton, N.Y.

Derek Gilchrist and Christopher Reizen, both of Clarkston, were graduated from the University of Vermont on May 23.

Gilchrist received a bachelor of arts in political science and Reizen was awarded a bachelor of science in business administration.

The University of Vermont is located in Burlington, Vt.

Brian Witkowski of Clarkston graduated from Loyola University New Orleans on May 15.

The university is located in New Orleans, La.

The following Case Western Reserve University students, and Clarkston residents, received dean's high honors for the 2004 spring semester: Lisa Gauthier, Connie Martin and Bharath Surapaneni.

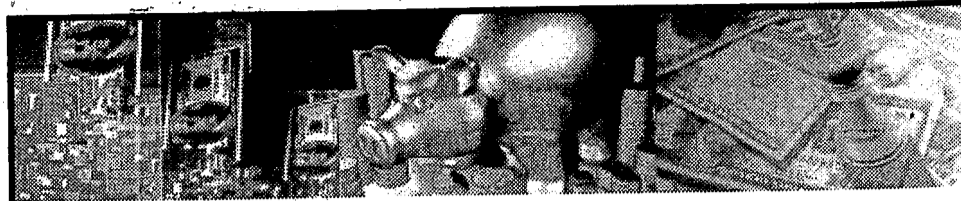
Case Western is located in Cleveland, Ohio.

The following Baker College students, and Clarkston residents, were named to the President's List for spring 2004: Arturo Alfaro, Pamela Boewe, Gloria Connell, Sarah De Long, Nicole Fitzpatrick, Lorri Guigar, Monica Hefty, Michelle Miller, Stacey

Meyers, Jamie Ripberger, Daniel Swartz, Charlene Tibbs, Starr Wood, Sara Bleau, Lorraine Borel, Colleen Braddock, Ronda Call, Kiryn Dudash, Melanie Fante, Angela Gianakos, Constance Gliddon, Alan Jackson, Dian Lindke-Schroeder, Kathryn Lozier, Ruth Ann Moore, Monica Morales, Jennifer Poepe, Denise Seifferlein, Tracy Skarritt, Laura Tilson, Laureen Brown, Jeffrey Call, Amy Chartrand, Bryan Chick, Kerry Clayton, Melissa Cordial, Melissa Eckhout, Kristy Ehlke, Kahtleen Engelbrecht, Nicole Guerrieri, Melissa Harmon, Tracy Helms, Sarah Hubbach, Janice Johnson, Ruth Jozwiak, Jennifer Lucas, Mary Melega, Beverly Morey, Bridget Neynaber, Elizabeth Padilla, Cassie Patterson, Mary Reynolds-Tharp, Wendy Roehl, Ryan Rottach, Mary Smith, William Smith, Barbara Stockwell, Lynne Swayne, Amy Jo Tomlinson, Gloria Tovar, Diane Turnbull and Katharine Parker.

Students from Davisburg included Gail Cain, Bruce Hamilton, Stephanie Konzen, Kim Sesock, Sarah Dodge, Victoria Holmes, Rebecca Morrow and Suzanne Schleifer-Grave.

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Religion



Tom Szott, St. Daniel parishioner and owner of Szott Dodge, hands over the keys to a new Dodge Durango to Fr. Bob Humitz, retiring pastor at St. Daniel Parish in Clarkston. Fr. Bob received the vehicle as a retirement gift from the members of the parish. Photo provided

Parish says farewell to 'Father Bob'

On Saturday, June 19, an estimated 800 people helped to celebrate the retirement of Rev. Msgr. Robert Humitz, long-time pastor at St. Daniel Catholic Community in Clarkston.

The well-wishers included Father Bob's two brothers and their families, his 92-year-old aunt, and many members of St. Daniel parish and the community of Clarkston, whom he has come to know over the past 13 years. Also participating in the mass were four colleagues Father Bob has known and worked with throughout his 44-year career.

As a gesture of its appreciation for Father Bob's years of service, the St. Daniel parish presented him with a new Dodge Durango, provided by donations from parishioners and the assistance of St. Daniel parishio-

ner and Szott Dodge owner, Tom Szott.

"It will really be a blessing to me for my retirement," Father Bob said. "When you are on a fixed income, as many of you retirees know, not having to make monthly car payments is a real blessing."

The Mass was followed by a reception sponsored by the Stewardship Commission of St. Daniel and included an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. The DeLuca String Quartet of Davisburg provided music to accompany the reception.

Father Bob, as he's known in the parish, recently turned 70 and also recently celebrated his 44th year as an ordained priest, cited chronic health concerns as his reason for stepping down. He announced his retirement last winter.

In our churches...

Dixie Baptist Church is hosting a new day camp called Camp Dixie.

This program will run throughout the summer for kindergarten through sixth grade children from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Dixie Baptist Church meets at 8585 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township.

For more information, please call the church at (248) 625-2311.

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.

"He Loved Me" uses professional lighting, costumes and avant-garde set design, and will feature music by Tom Fettke and Nicky Chavers.

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.

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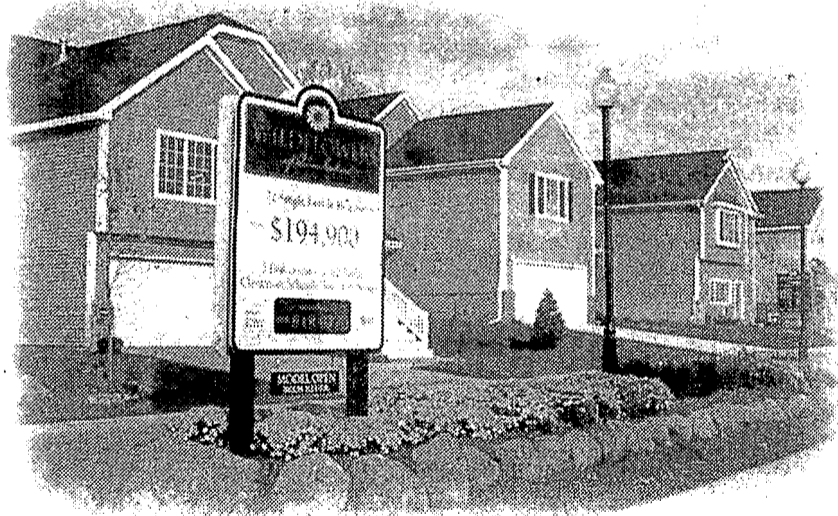


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Local residents take time to train for 300-mile fund-raiser

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

What would you do to make a wish come true for someone you cared about? For Anne Evans and Lu and Mo Kuhta, they ride their bikes from Cheboygan to Milford.

On July 31, the Clarkston residents will participate in the Make-A-Wish Foundation's "Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour," a 300-mile trek, over three days, that raises money for the foundation's commitment to provide wishes to seriously ill children and young adults across the country.

For Evans and the Kuhta sisters, the ride has an even bigger significance beyond helping others: Lu, a junior at Clarkston High School, is a cancer survivor making the ride for the first time.

"I think what makes it so incredible is that Lu is making the ride after she's been through everything," Evans said.

While at a basketball camp one summer, Lu began having pain in her leg. The pain was the result of a tumor, which developed into osteosarcoma, the most common form of bone cancer and very prevalent in children and adolescents.

Spending most of her eighth grade year in treatment, Lu went through 17 total surgeries, chemotherapy and rehabilitation to eliminate the cancer. In order to keep up with school, Lu was put in contact with Evans, director of student support services in Clarkston.

Evans had already been involved with the foundation's ride fund-raiser. (This summer's marks her fourth appearance in the ride.) Once she started working with Lu, she carried a picture of her in bag when on the rides. She's had one with her ever since.

"For the last two summers, I've had Lu's picture in my bag and so when I feel like I've hit a wall, I think of all Lu went through," Evans said.

Now cancer-free Lu, who has an artificial metal knee, is making this summer's ride with Evans and sister Mo.

"It's cool that Lu has gone through so much and now she's doing this," Evans said.

Lu decided to participate in the ride after a friend's involvement with the foundation. Lu will be the recipient of her own wish as well in the near future.

"The hardest thing is choosing what you want," Lu said. "You can go on a trip or meet someone."

The three have been training since May and are part of the 12-member "Biker Babes" team. Even a broken foot couldn't stop Mo from riding on a stationary bike.

"The best way to train is to ride a lot," Evans said. "When the weather gets nice, I just ride a lot."

Each participant in the ride must raise \$500 to donate to the foundation. The student council at CHS donated \$500 to the sisters for their efforts.

"They've all been really generous," Lu said. The ride is broken into three days of 100-mile treks.



Lu Kuhta, Anne Evans and Mo Kuhta take a break from a practice bike ride a week before their "Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour" on July 31. The 300-mile ride from Cheboygan to Milford helps raise funds to grant wishes for seriously ill children and young adults across the country. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

"Lance (Armstrong) makes it look easy," Evans said. "You're pretty tired at the end of the day."

Food and drinks are available along the route every 8-10 miles for the riders with 40-50 vans following behind in case of an emergency.

"You don't lose a lot of weight on this ride," Evans joked. "They do feed you."

Nights at the campsites are spent sharing stories of loved ones, or personal experiences, with others. On the final day, all participants are given matching jerseys to ride into Milford with.

For each of the three "Biker Babes," the ride means something important to each one.

"I just want to see if we can do it," Lu said. Raising awareness was an important goal for both Mo and Evans.

"I'm excited to see the number of people that come out and support it (ride) and Make-A-Wish," Mo, a freshman at Chicago's DePaul University this fall, said. "The goal is to bring awareness to it," Evans said.

If you would like to make a contribution to the "Biker Babes" ride, checks can be made out to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and sent to the Kuhtas at 8865 Reese Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348. To learn more about Michigan's foundation and upcoming ride, visit www.wishmich.org.

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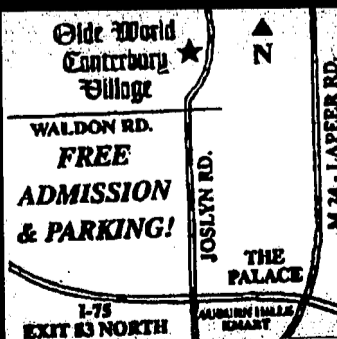
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Tom Braun proudly wears the Mason logo on his shirt, having been a member of the Clarkston Masonic Lodge since 1988. Photo by Don Schelske

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or a factory worker," he said. "You have an opportunity to hear the stories from these guys. It's like having 10 or 12 grandfathers. There's a true brotherhood and a true friendship with these people."

Braun is pleased that the lodge isn't simply resting on past laurels or old members. "We have a real good young bunch coming in."

By day, Braun is a vice president with Retrieval Methods in Troy, a firm specializing in data conversion and transfer. It's a much needed service as older businesses need to upgrade from devices such as microfiche or even old computer servers.

He and wife Karen live in Independence Township. Son Tom is one of the newest Masons, daughter Stacy is recently married, and the family enjoys regular visits from grandniece Julia from Rochester, N.Y.

The family also includes three dogs and a cat. There's one dog each for son

and daughter; the other dog and the cat "just showed up" and were adopted by the family, he said.

When he's not busy with the Masons or business, Braun finds fishing and golf to be methods to relax. Of his fishing, he said. "Sometimes I even have to use bait," and of golf, "I'm just a hacker."

He enjoys talking about the Masons, however, and noted a 150th anniversary celebration in planning for the Clarkston lodge in October. The Clarkston Masonic Lodge is also the meeting place for the Order of the Eastern Star, a sister organization for women which is active in giving local scholarships among their service projects.

The Clarkston Masonic Lodge has about 250 registered members. They meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information on the organization, call (248) 854-8388 or visit www.MichiganMasons.org on the Internet.

Parade of Ponds to raise money for NOHLC

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Most parades are held in downtown districts, filled with bands, banners and loud cheers from area residents. Not this parade.

The second Parade of Ponds will be held Aug. 7 and 8 and proceeds from ticket sales are donated to the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy.

The parade is a self-guided tour which will showcase ponds and landscape designs which are all the work of Aquarius Waterscape. The company's owner and president is Independence Township resident Jesse Moyet. Moyet is excited about the second event, which last year raised an estimated \$750, he said.

"We're just trying to raise awareness of ponds," Moyet said. "They're (the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy) is into conservation and all things nature just like we are so teaming up with them seemed like the perfect fit."

The parade, which will allow participants to get a first hand view of Moyet's work, will take place from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Aug. 7 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Aug. 8 rain or shine. The parade offers over a dozen sites to visit, most of which are in the Clarkston area. Tickets are \$10 each and children 12 and under are free. Moyet's own property, located on Pine Knob Road between Clarkston and Sashabaw Roads just north of Stickney, is one that will be on display during the parade.

Moyet said his company offers residents an opportunity to create their own personal bits of paradise using mother nature. Man made ponds and waterfalls complete with native and imported plants, fish and rocks help create a very relaxing atmosphere, he said. His own pond design also has very subtle lights, which illuminate the pond. His pond is filled with dozens of fish and even has all-weather speakers nearby to enjoy music. Ponds can be created in nearly

any backyard he said, and no existing water in the property is necessary. Some owners have even personalized their pond's water color adding colored dyes to their water. He claims that his ponds are very low maintenance and ecologically very friendly.

"We try to make everything as natural as possible," he said. "We don't use any chemicals, just two non-toxic ingredients which help to keep all the plant and animal life safe. There's a definite balance between the water, plants and animals. My daughter loves to feed the fish and we see loads of frogs out here too. Water attracts everything. It attracts people, wildlife and I think it helps to bring the backyards to life." One new innovation Moyet is proud of is the newer pondless waterfall, which he said offers owners less maintenance than traditional ponds. One example of this newer feature is open to the public if one can't make it to this year's parade. It is located in Friendship Park in Lake Orion on the corner of Baldwin and Clarkston Roads. Simply enter the gate and follow the road just past the big barn to the water feature on the right.

"This is the fastest growing area of the landscape business," he said.

His business also offers renovations for people if their ponds are in need of repair due to poor filtration, algae or other problems. He said jobs can vary in price from \$5,000 to around \$60,000.

He is very happy with his business and happy to be able to showcase his work at the Parade of Ponds next week. Interested parties can purchase tickets at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce or at Country Oaks Landscape Supply located in Clarkston and Ortonville. The Chamber of Commerce can be reached at 248-625-8055. The telephone numbers for the two branches of Country Oaks Landscape Supply are 248-623-2640 and 248-628-7887 respectively. For more information on the parade or Aquarius Landscapes contact Moyet at 248-620-0400 or on-line at www.aquarius.bz.

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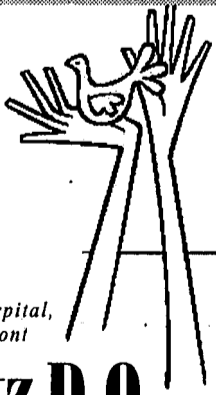
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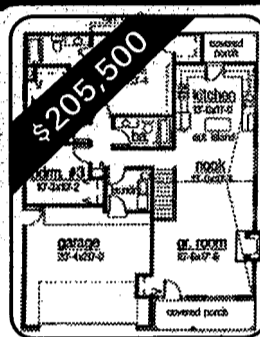
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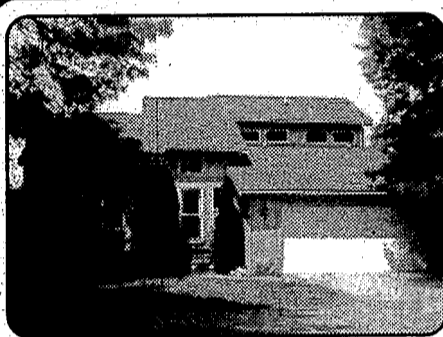
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Sunrise Assisted Living walking to stop deadly disease

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the June 5 death of former president Ronald Reagan from Alzheimer's disease, Americans' awareness of the debilitating disease of the brain continues to grow.

Here in Clarkston, one group is trying to make a difference and put an end to Alzheimer's once and for all.

For the second year in a row, Sunrise Assisted Living of Clarkston is participating in the Alzheimer's Association 2004 Memory Walk at the Detroit Zoo for the Oakland County event.

To raise funds for the group's team of participants, Sunrise is hosting a casino night and silent auction on Aug. 5.

"The Alzheimer's Association is something we really want to contribute to," Linda Ponce, Sunrise director of community relations, said.

Last year Sunrise exceeded their original goal of \$3,000 by raising \$4,950 at their "Twilight Memories" auction. Sunrise has set their team goal at \$3,000 again this year, but hopes to double that number.

"Last year our goal was \$3,000. The businesses and community were so generous," Ponce said. "Clarkston is such a wonderful community."

This year's casino night will feature black jack, roulette and craps just to name a few. Each participant will be given \$500 in chips to play with during the course of the evening. Prizes, such as local sports memorabilia, spa packages and coupons will be awarded.

"We're really excited about this event," Ponce said. "We love to have fun here. We hope people in the community will find it in their hearts to help this association."

Only 100 tickets will be sold for the fund-raising event. Ponce is hoping for a full house at Sunrise on Aug. 5.

According to both Ponce and Sara Smith, executive director at Sunrise, teams participating in the walk are often family members whose loved ones have suffered from the disease or those who want to raise awareness.

"For some people, they're walking for someone who has Alzheimer's and knows the need is there," Smith said.

Ponce, whose grandfather suffered from the disease, found Reagan's public acceptance of the disease brought Alzheimer's to more Americans' attentions.

"Reagan was instrumental. People consider it an old person's disease," Ponce said. "Him just coming out raised awareness."

For both Ponce and Smith, Sunrise's participation in the walk is just another way to hopefully raise more awareness about the disease and continue raising funds for future treatment research.

"The most touching part for me was all the families walking for someone they lost to Alzheimer's," Ponce said. "It's really devastating and takes its toll on a family."

Currently 4.5 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, according to the Alzheimer's Association Web site. The

disease progresses at different stages for each individual and the duration can range anywhere from three to 20 years.

Tickets for the casino night are \$45 and are limited to 100. In addition to the \$500 in casino chips, food, beverages and entertainment are also

included with each ticket. Sunrise is also taking donations both for auction prizes and monetary contributions toward the team goal.

For more information, call Sunrise Assisted Living of Clarkston at (248) 625-0500.



Representatives from Sunrise Assisted Living of Clarkston gather together at the 2003 Alzheimer's Association Memorial Walk. Sunrise will participate in the event again this year and is sponsoring a fund-raiser on Aug. 5. Photo provided

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Local campers all smiles during Camp Caterpillar

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Local area children from ages 3 to 5 who participate in Camp Caterpillar have been all smiles this summer.

The camp is one of several offered by Independence Township Parks and Recreation's preschool summer camp program and has seen a dramatic increase in turnout this year under supervisor Andrea Stull, who is a kindergarten teacher in Warren.

This is Stull's first year working with children 3-5 from Clarkston and Waterford in the summer camp. Last year she served as a supervisor for a summer camp which included children in grades one through five and is held at Baycourt Park.

The camp has two sessions, one morning and one afternoon. Both sessions are full and have enrollments of 30 kids in each session, Stull said. Last year the camps were nowhere near that number, she said.

"I think it's the name," Stull said. "We go on field trips, so we're introducing a lot of new things to the kids. A lot of these kids have never been to camp."

Camp activities vary greatly and are almost constantly changing, offering campers a wide variety of activities to partake in. Activities include story telling, dramatic play, arts and crafts, games, sports, free time on the playground and of course, the ever popular snack time.

The camp runs several different sessions, starting in late June and running through mid-August. Each session has a distinct theme, including 'A Bug's Life', 'Under the Big Top' and 'Playing it Safe' which runs on two different occasions and teaches parents about various types of safety including animal safety, sports safety, fire and poison and others.

"For each one of those days we have someone from Clarkston come in and talk about that area of safety," Stull said.

Field trips for the camp include a trip to a nature center and a farm in

Waterford, Hess Hathaway. And also, as part of the Play it Safe portion of the camp, the kids will head to the Independence Township Fire Station. Additionally, while learning about water safety, the campers will head to Deer Lake. The Play it Safe portion of the camp is run at Andersonville Elementary and the Waterford Township office. Kids also learn basic street signs and traffic procedures at Play it Safe, Stull said.

Working with such young children, whose skills and interests vary greatly, forces Stull to constantly offer and change the camp's activities. And while working with the little ones can become tiring and challenging, it is also the most rewarding part of her job, she said.

"We try to give them a good mixture every day," Stull said. "This is all new for them, so really, the kids are pretty much excited about. There hasn't been an activity that we've done that the kids haven't liked."

Campers start every session with circle time where the kids sing songs as part of a large group. Activities for the campers are offered for both large and small groups, which the kids like, Stull said.

"We're trying to expose them to a little bit of everything and hopefully they'll continue to use our programs. We have a lot of fun. The kids really have a good time," she said.

Every day offers a new opportunity and a new comical moment for camp counselors and Stull, she said. One time a lifeguard at a beach was teaching the campers how far to go out in the water. The lifeguard told the campers not to go in the water above their belly button. So, when the lifeguard told all the campers to point out their belly buttons, some campers were pointing to their ears, mouths and shoulders.

"It's always something new and something funny with these kids, but we've had so much fun with them this summer," Stull said with a laugh.



Kids enjoy their time at Camp Caterpillar. Photo by Ed Davis.

Basketball camp offers opportunity to middle schoolers

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For some of the seventh, eighth and ninth graders participating in the Dan Fife Basketball Camp, the future is now.

A majority of the future Clarkston varsity basketball players come from Fife's developmental camps and McGrath program. Last week's camp ran from July 12-16 and featured 88 athletes from grades seven through nine from Clarkston and surrounding areas including Lake Orion, Waterford Troy and Milford. There are some athletes who will make Fife's varsity roster a few years down the road, but most come from these camps and Fife said he can already tell at these young ages, in some cases, which kids are beginning to rise above the rest.

"You see different kids' work ethic. Our station work is pretty intense and you see their attitude every day going from station to station from one day to the next and how they approach it," Fife said.

Two players who have made an early impact on Fife are Matt Hall and Brandon Stone. Hall, 14, who will be entering his freshman year at Clarkston High School this fall, played point guard last year at Clarkston Middle School. This marks Hall's fourth year attending one of Fife's developmental camps.

"It's gotten me a lot better with my shot," Hall

said. "It's helped my dribbling, shooting and it's kept me more fit. One day I hope to play for coach (Fife). He's taught us basketball stuff and said for us to be good in class too. He told us that whatever we do, we have to do it with heart."

Stone, who got out from the eighth grade team at Clarkston Middle School and was kept from trying out to the seventh grade team due to injury, is back for more and said he expects to make the freshman basketball team at Clarkston High School.

"My shot was really messed up and this camp has helped with that," Stone said. "He (Fife) has taught us that if you work hard, you're going to be successful in life, whether it's basketball or anything else."

Fife said there isn't a whole lot which separates the kids at this level, but there is one major difference — attitude.

"It's the ones that do listen that are going eventually separate," he said.

The camp featured several speakers including Fife's son, Jeremy, who spoke to the group July 15.

"Part of what Jeremy said today is that Clarkston kids have always had a relentless work ethic. And then the kids start to understand how hard they have to work in order to be good," Fife said.

While only a select few will ever play varsity for Clarkston, Fife hopes the message he tries to instill in

his campers stays with them through their years growing up and beyond. The middle school years are especially important in the developmental of boys and he said sometimes hearing comments about discipline from someone besides a parent can help send the message home.

"I want to make sure that when they get out of this camp after a week that they've worked their tails off. When they come out of here, they should be tired. If tired bothers them, then they're the ones who are going to lose interest. The ones who listen, pay attention and take to heart what we're trying to say (will succeed)," he said.

Fife said middle school kids traditionally are timid and don't want to stand above the crowd. Instead, they want to do what their friends want them to do. That is a mold which his trying to break.

"Jeremy (Fife) asked them today how many wanted to play high school or college ball and most of them (the campers) were afraid to stick their hand up," Fife said. "And Jeremy got on them about it. He said, 'If you want to play, you better stick your hand up and say I want to play.' Got to have enthusiasm and go about it the right way. But I give these kids a lot of credit. The first couple days in this gym, it was real hot in here and they came in here and worked hard."

Around Town

Continued from 2B

The Clarkston High School class of 1984 is having its 20-year class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 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.

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 Keglitz and even a pottery camp. Registrations are currently being taken for the "Fall Middle School Poms Club." For more information, call (248) 623-4321.

Premier Senior Home Care, serving Clarkston, Independence and Springfield Townships, are offering a spring special to area seniors. One free hour of service is being offered as part of the company's grand opening. Seniors can choose from several options, including light cleaning, laundry, light cooking and bill paying. Home Care provides exemplary nonmedical care and errands to senior citizens. For more information or to sign up, call (248) 762-2582.

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.

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) 618-9351, (248) 623-4321 or visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.

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.

The Springfield Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Springfield Township library. Meetings include workshops, guest speakers, field trips, gardening advice and much more. All levels of gardeners are welcomed. The club is affiliated with the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. For more information, call Barbara Orris at (248) 922-1406 or Karen Price at (248) 328-0030.

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of every month at Sunrise Assisted Living Center in Clarkston at 7 p.m. Located at 5700 Water Tower Place, the group is free of charge and participants can simply show up at will. For more information, call (248) 625-0500.

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- 4- Oakland Technical Center, 8211 Big Lake Rd.
- 5- Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Rd.
- 6- Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Rd.
- 7- Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd.

If you're not sure where to vote, call the Springfield Township Clerk's Office at 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, CLERK
Charter Township of Springfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

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

City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
July 26, 2004

1. Meeting called to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage, Werner.
4. Minutes of Last Meeting
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Committee Reports/Council Comments
7. Mayor's Comments
8. Police Report
9. D.P.W. Report
10. City Manager Report
 - a. Sign Ordinance
 - b. P.K. Contracting Bill
 - c. MML W/C Fund Ballot
 - d. Traffic Signal/Washington & Main (Pedestrian Crossing)
 - e. Lift (Ordered & Training)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1: Village Picnic Mailing

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pam Macksey - Signs/Historic District Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA

7:30 p.m.
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: August 4, 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
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d.

Presentation - Plante & Moran 2003 Audit

New Business

1. Acceptance of 2003 Audit
 2. Resolution - Oakland County West Nile Virus Funding
 3. Permission to Hire Recreation Programmer
- Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business. Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a General Primary Election will be held in

Charter Township of Independence
County of Oakland, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2004

THE POLLS will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.
AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

PRECINCT NUMBER	POLLING LOCATION
1	Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church 6805 Bluegrass
2	North Sashabaw Elementary 5290 Maybee Road
3	Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church 6805 Bluegrass
4	Free Methodist Church 5482 Winell @ Maybee Road
5	Pine Knob Elementary 6020 Sashabaw Road
6	North Sashabaw Elementary 5290 Maybee Road
7	Independence Elementary 6850 Hubbard Road
8	Clarkston Elementary 6595 Waldon Road
9	Clarkston Elementary 6595 Waldon Road
10	Independence Township Library 6495 Clarkston Road
11	First Congregational Church 5449 Clarkston Road
12	Bailey Lake Elementary 8051 Pine Knob Road
13	Maranatha Baptist Church 5790 Flemings Lake Road
14	Pine Knob Elementary 6020 Sashabaw Road
15	Bailey Lake Elementary 8051 Pine Knob Road

FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

Congressional Representative in Congress
Legislative State Representative
County County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, Drain Commissioner, County Commissioner

Judicial Judge of the Circuit Court - 6th Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position, Term ending 1/1/2011 - Vote for one Judge of the District Court - 46th District, Term ending 1/1/2011 - Vote for one Judge of the District Court - 48th District, Non-Incumbant Position, Term ending 1/1/2011 - Vote for one Judge of the District Court - 52nd District, Non-Incumbant Position, Term ending 1/1/2011 - Vote for one

Nomination of partisan candidates for any additional offices:

Township Supervisor - Vote for one
Township Clerk - Vote for one
Township Treasurer - Vote for one
Township Trustee - Vote for four
And for the purposes of electing:
Delegates to the County Convention of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

And for the purpose of voting on the following proposal(s):

Fire and Emergency Medical Millage

PUBLISHED: 7/14/04 & 7/28/04

Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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WANTED USED GUNS
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AUCTION AUCTION
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CZM52-4

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GARAGE SALE: Clothing- boy's infant-2T. Plus size. Furniture, Little Tikes, TV and more. July 29-31, 9am-5pm. 5119 Eastview at Maybee & Clintonville, Clarkston.
MOVING/ GARAGE SALE- Thomasville, honey colored dining room set with 6 chairs, leaves, server/hutch; twin daybed and sleight bed both with mattresses; office chair, large dog cage, trampoline, etc. 6560 Nadette, Clarkston (Big Lake/Dixie), July 29-30 9am-4pm. 248-625-9359.

338 CRYSTAL CREEK (1/8 mile north of Indianwood, off Baldwin), 3 family sale, July 29-31, 8:30am-7:30pm.
GARAGE SALE: July 29-31, 9am-5pm, 675 S. Newman, off Joslyn, near Clarkston Rd.
GARAGE SALE: July 31-August 1, 10am-6pm, off Groveland, 3 miles west of M-15.
GARAGE SALE- July 29-31, 10am-5pm. Toys, baby items/ furniture, baby/adult clothes, household & more. 1175 Edgewood, off Groveland, 3 miles west of M-15.
YARD SALE: Antiques, girl's 40's dresser, mirror; oak dresser, chair, drier sink, piano, desk, Duncan Phyfe table/ chairs; Victrola/ 78 records. 1940-60's dress patterns, cans, bottles, tins, cigar boxes, magazines, dolls, books, 8mm movie projector; wood swing set, trampoline, 4x4 Blizzard. 5668 Herd Rd., between Brewer/ Davison Lake Rds. July 29-Aug. 1, 8am-5pm.
MOVING SALE: Furniture, tools, everything goes. M-24 to Hiram in Perry Acres, to 2546 Holland. Thursday only 9am-?
YARD SALE- Thursday & Friday, July 29-30, 9am-5pm. 573 E. Flint, Lake Orion.
KEATINGTON- 2428 Browning (Baldwin/ Eaton Gate). Multi-family! Remodeling, children's/ teen clothing, household, home school, miscellaneous. T-ball/ barbecue sets @ \$1.00-\$2.00. Thursday- Saturday 9am-4pm.
HUGE YARD SALE- Thursday through Sunday, 10am-5pm. Everything must go. 416 Miller Cove in Hidden Lakes Estate, on Rochester Rd., north of 32 Mile.
FRIDAY, JULY 30, Saturday, July 31, 9am-4pm. Waterstone- Golf Villa Drive street sale. Furniture, computer desk, exercise equipment, household items and golf equipment.
OXFORD GARAGE SALE 350 Franklin Lake Circle (N of Burdick off Waterstone), July 29, 30, 9-4pm. Baby & kid stuff, household, furniture, books.
THE AD-VERTISER IS available Wednesday at 8am, 666 S. Lapeer Rd, The Oxford Leader.

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GARAGE SALE, JULY 30, Aug. 1. Household, hunting items, hand tools, mower. 9am-4pm, 370 Oakland, Lake Orion.
LARGE GARAGE SALE 4564 Haggerman, 1 mile east of Rochester Rd off Elmwood. Many items, good prices. 27" TV, large garden fountain, 2500w generator, edger, wedding dress size 18 never worn, large carpet pieces in blue & pink. Friday & Saturday 9-5pm.
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GARAGE SALE- August 5 & 6 9am-5pm, 970 Quatro Lane, Addison Twp.

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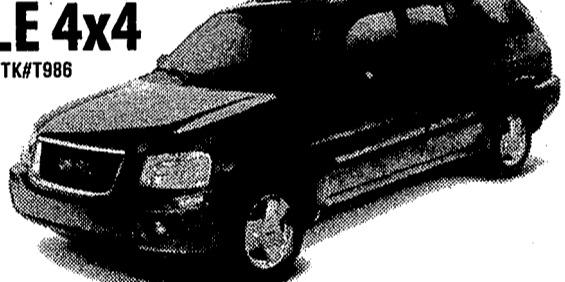
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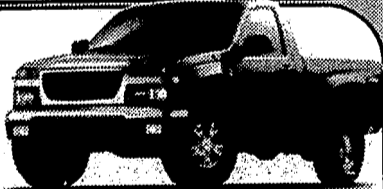
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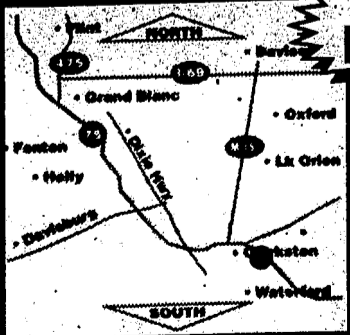
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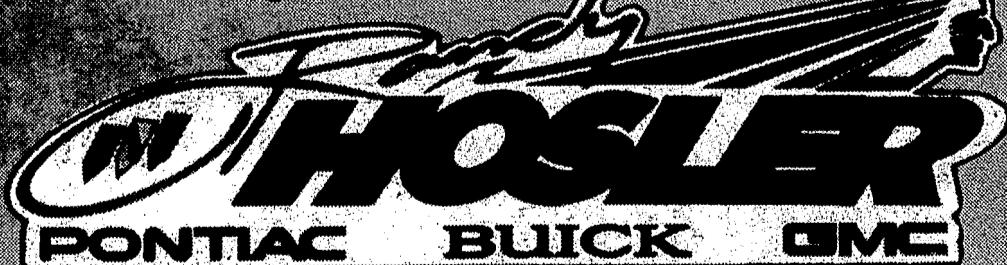
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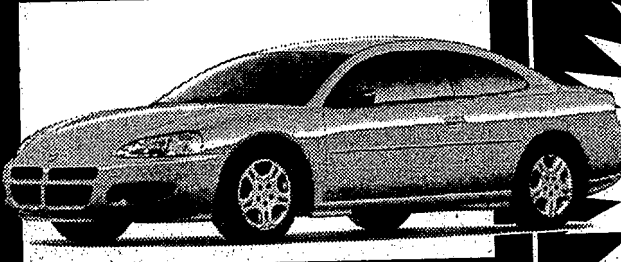
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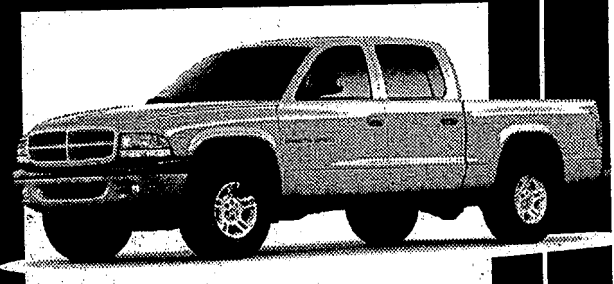
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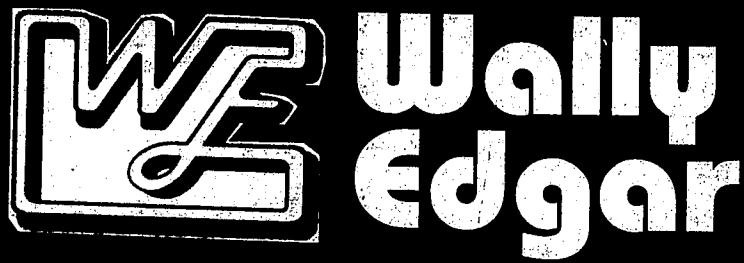
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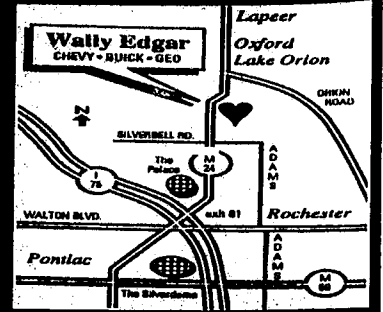
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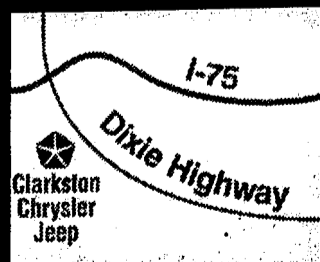


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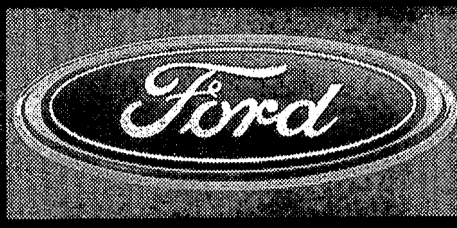
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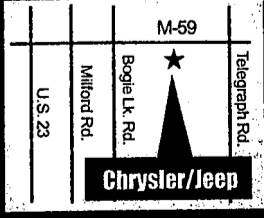
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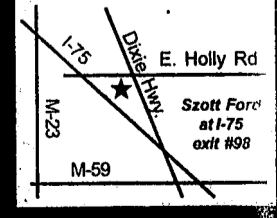
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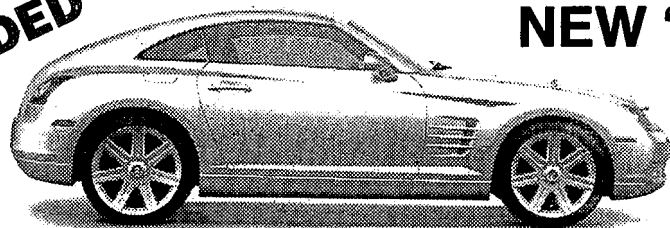
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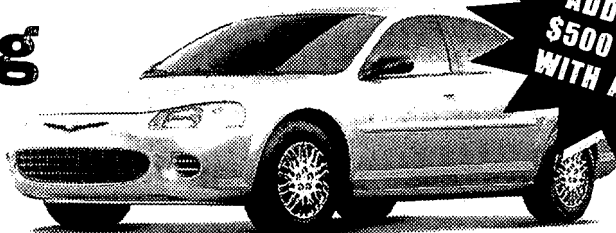
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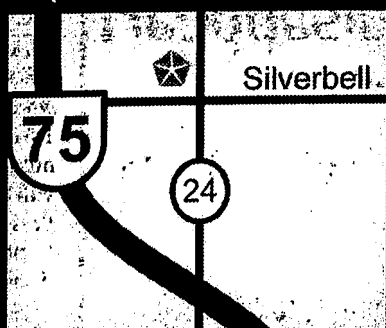
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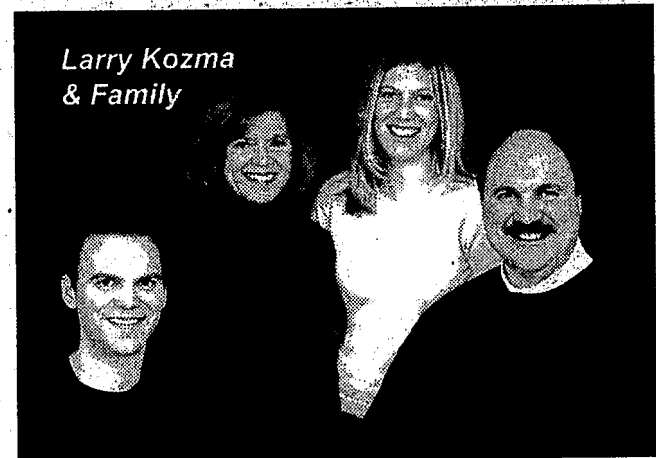
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- Chief of Legal Operations, Larence Kozma was third in command of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, and was responsible for the legal performance of 100 Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys
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- Experience is extensive - he has appeared in over 30 District Courts in Michigan
- Formerly served as: Independence Township Trustee, Zoning Board of Appeals, North Oakland County Girl Scout Board, Teacher and Detroit Police Officer

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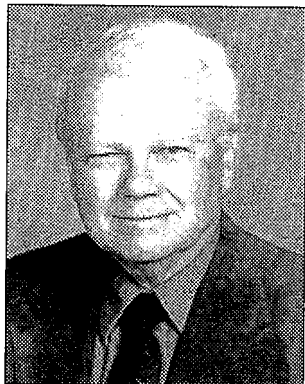


The **Journal News**
and Penny Stretcher
Wednesday, July 28, 2004

Stuart and Wagner face off for Supervisor position

Current Township Trustee Dave Wagner is challenging incumbent Dale Stuart for the Supervisor of Independence Township position. The two republicans will face off in the Aug. 3 primary election. No democrats are running for this office. The Clarkston News sent the two candidates a questionnaire. Here are the responses:

Dale Stuart, 61, township supervisor, licensed Attorney at Law, 28-year township resident, married to Deborah with four children: Dawn, Deanna, Doreen and Danette; six grandchildren: Joshua, Hannah, Marissa, Ian, Gavin and Andrew.



Dale Stuart

Current/previous experience in township activities: former ZBA member, township trustee from 1980-88, township supervisor from 1992 to present, member of various committees involving the state of Michigan, the City of the Village of Clarkston and Clarkston Schools.

Should the township build a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded? Unequivocally, yes. The current senior facilities are outdated and inadequate. The seniors deserve better. We have investigated this issue thoroughly and the township can fund the new facilities with assets the township currently has without reducing services to the township or by any of its departments. This way the citizens are not asked to pay more taxes.

Should the township revise their sound ordinance, and if so, how? The township has been investigating this issue because our current ordinances do not give this subject proper treatment at present. Sound

control is found in various parts of our current ordinances and different parameters come into play in those ordinances. Therefore, the issue deserves careful study. This issue is important to many people, including those engaged in generating the noise as well as those who must endure it. We respect and want citizen input on all sides.

Does the township need a new township hall? Yes. Our current facilities are not adequate to properly service the citizens of Independence Township. We are unable to house all of our departments in one structure and the departments that are currently situated here do not have adequate space. I am looking at other means of solving the space needs because the citizens clearly indicated on two occasions that they do not want us to build a new township hall. I will honor their clear directive.

How will you promote balanced growth? The township has managed its growth effectively for many years by having a clear Master Plan, strong zoning ordinances, strong development standards and the 2020 strategic plan which I initiated several years ago. The township also has an effective and intelligent Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals who further the goals and standards of this township. All property owners deserve fair treatment and we have tried very hard to provide this. On the other hand, we must remain vigilant to protect the natural beauty and resources we have been blessed with in the township.

What other issues does Independence Township face?

• **Roads** are a major issue in the township. I will continue to lobby for improvements in our paved and gravel roads with the agencies that control our roads. I have had success in encouraging the Road Commission to focus on our township and will continue those efforts.

• **Police protection:** I initiated the hiring of two new Sheriff's deputies to patrol our subdivisions to prevent vandalism and speeding. The township is cost effective

and well served by the Oakland County Sheriff's department.

• **Fire protection:** I will continue to see that our department is the best equipped, trained and staffed department in Michigan.

• **Library:** I have increased the spending on books for the library over the last several years and we finally have a reasonable collection. We also continue to update technology so that patrons can enjoy the benefits of a modern facility. Some time in the future, we will have to expand the size of the library.

• **Water/Sewer:** The township is making its largest ever improvement in its water system investing approximately \$19 million. Having obtained a low interest loan from the State of Michigan, all of the improvements are designed to serve our residents better, more reliably and safer. The plan includes numerous water main extensions, connections to the City of the Village of Clarkston and the Township of Waterford and new well houses. The improvements also include arsenic and iron removal from well sites as appropriate. A new million gallon water tower is also planned.

If you were elected, what would be your top priority? My top priority would be continue this 12 year effort to insure planned growth and to deliver to the township residents the best services that we can afford in the most cost effective manner. In my tenure as Supervisor, I have helped the township develop in a gradual and well-planned manner. I will also continue to fight to keep our township taxes as low as possible.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits? This is really a loaded question because my answer will seem self-serving. I would oppose term limits for township officials because I believe that is the purpose of elections. Every four years, especially when the officials are so close to the people, the electorate has the option of re-electing incumbents or putting new people in office. If the incumbent is not

Please see Supervisor continued on page 3

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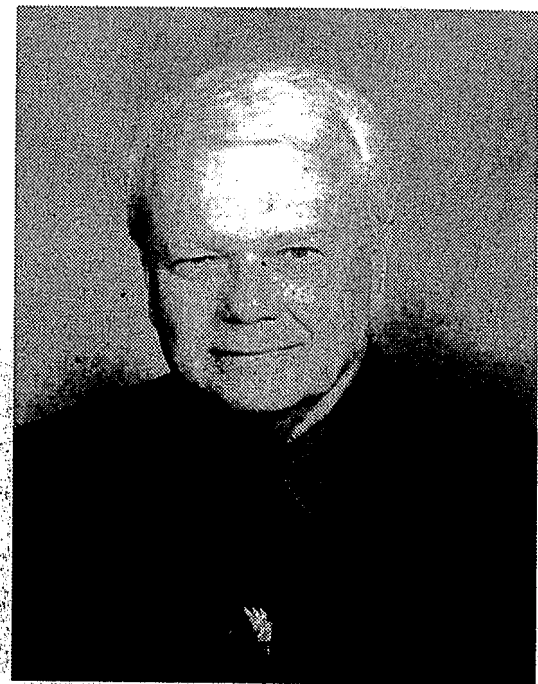
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Supervisor

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doing a good job than he/she should be replaced. Experience is important and the township is well served to keep effective people in office.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Independence Township Board? I not only want to serve on the township board, but I want to continue to serve the public in the office of supervisor. I believe that my track record of creative and innovation management, my education and my experience make me the best candidate to continue to lead the township. In the past, I have managed four businesses and worked for a large corporation. I have never shown favoritism to special interest groups. I don't favor cronies. I listen to the electorate and follow their directions.

What else would you like the voters to know that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? I have served Independence Township faithfully for almost 12 years as Supervisor. I spend 60 plus hours per week on township business, many times seven days per week. During my tenure, the township has seen well planned and high quality development, major improvements in public safety, professionalism in the delivery of township services and improvements of our roads and our water/sewer services. There are many important projects left to be done. My candidacy is based on facts not falsehoods. If re-elected I will serve the township with professionalism and skill gained by my experience.

Dave Wagner, age not given, semi-retired real estate, 20-year Independence Township resident, married to Janice with four children.

Current/previous experience in township activities: current Independence Township Trustee.

Should the township built a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded? Yes, we definitely need a new senior center. If you have been in our senior center, you know that it is a disgrace to our township. Two years ago the question was put to the voters, but it really wasn't a senior center, it was a community center combined with township hall and park

improvement. This was doomed from the start. If we had asked for just a senior center, the voters would have supported that. Now the supervisor is proposing that we borrow money from the water fund, if we have so much money in that fund to do this, why did we raise our rates 38 percent for water and 300 percent for tap fee? This doesn't make a lot of sense. Lets put it to the voters and let them decide once again.

Should the township revise their sound ordinance, and if so, how?

The township should look at the noise ordinance, because it is outdated and needs updating. To single out ATV's is a big mistake.

Does the township need a new township hall? Yes, we definitely need a new township hall.

How will you promote balanced growth? Balanced growth is already lined in our 20/20 plan along with out master plan, which I support.

What other issues does Independence Township face? Growth is always an issue, and it must be a balanced growth. We do need the commercial development to help lessen the burden on the homeowners.

If you were elected, what would be your top priority? When I am elected, the very first thing that I will do is reestablish regular department head meetings. So once again the spirit of teamwork will come back to this township, which is so sorely needed.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits? Everybody has different ideas on term limits, I think they do have their place, and my personal view is that eight years is plenty.

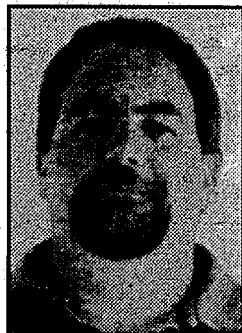


Dave Wagner

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Independence Township Board? I want to bring back a spirit of cooperation, with the schools, business, road commission, but most importantly, the average citizen of our community.

What else would you like the voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? As I walk through the community going door-to-door, listening to the concerns of the average person, there is one thing that they all say, please respond to us when we have questions that need to be answered, have an open door policy, and if you say that you are going to have this, please mean it. I would like to assure everybody that is what will happen. There will be a different atmosphere up there. But the most important thing to me is that you remember how important it is to vote. So please on Aug. 3, get out and vote.

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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.

Paid for by the Committee to elect Sam Moraco • 6807 Canterbury Lane Clarkston, MI 48438

Tim

SIEVERS

Township Clerk

Hard Work & Hometown Values

- ✓ Tim is a lifelong resident of Independence Township and a graduate of Clarkston High School.
- ✓ Tim is committed to maintaining a fiscally responsible budget that keeps taxes in check, yet meets the growing needs of township residents.
- ✓ Tim is committed to expanding voter outreach and education efforts to improve participation in the democratic process.
- ✓ Tim is committed to being available and accessible to Independence Township residents.



"This is my home - I want to ensure our community maintains its distinctive character and heritage as we try to balance growth and enhance our quality of life."

**On Aug. 3, vote
 TIM SIEVERS
 For Independence Township Clerk**

Paid for by Friends of Tim Sievers • 5564 Parkwood Boulevard • Clarkston, MI 48346

Candidates look to become Independence township trustee

There are eight Republican candidates for the four Independence Township Trustee positions. No democrats are running for this office. The Clarkston News sent the eight candidates a questionnaire. Here are the responses:

Charles E. Dunn, 42, environmental attorney, nine year township resident, married to Molly with three children: Madeline, Olivia and Charlie.

Current/previous experience in township activities: This election is my first effort to hold public office in Independence Township. With a growing family, our activities have been centered mainly on work and raising our kids, including activities at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Should the township build a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded? Based on my own observations, as well as the information that has been developed on this project over the past few years, a new senior center is warranted. As to financing, a realistic budget must first be developed that includes sufficient contingencies that minimize the possibility of cost overruns once the project is approved. I understand that a significant amount of work has been done on this issue. Once that is finalized, the project should move forward without borrowing from other departments. Thus, the construction and operation costs could ultimately be part of a proposed millage under Parks and Recreation or simply by itself. The project should not be strapped to other projects such as a new town hall. By taking advantage of the County's tremendous credit rating, the financing costs of the project can be



Charles Dunn

minimized.

Should the township revise their sound ordinance, and if so, how? The establishment of an enforceable noise ordinance is a complicated matter since one man's (or woman's) nuisance is another's bliss. Hence, the ordinance must have objective criteria, which may be achieved by setting reasonable decibel ratings at set distances. I support reasonable time constraints for activities known to be inappropriate after dark.

Does the township need a new township hall? I do not have enough information on the subject to have an opinion on whether a new township hall is necessary or warranted.

How will you promote balanced growth? Growth is properly managed by reasonable adherence to the township master plan in consideration of the residents personal property rights which are fundamental. Common sense negotiations with developers is another key to balanced growth. The township is not in the architectural or landscaping business and should not expel precious resources in an attempt to micro-manage construction projects. As an environmental and real estate attorney, I have extensive knowledge with regard to the laws and regulations established to protect our natural resources which I believe would be an asset to the board. I am also cognizant of the responsibility as a trustee not to implement land use decisions in a way that burdens the community with undue litigation risk and its associated costs.

What other issues does Independence Township face? Critics point to the lack of communication within the township government. To the extent that is occurring, the residents of the township are not being well-served. Effective management is implemented by clear policy and open dialogue, not through poor communication. There has also been significant comment with respect to increased spending in the area of consultants and special services. While budgeting is not an exact science, it is not proper to implement spending

cuts in vital areas, and then to have corresponding increases in discretionary spending, including consulting fees.

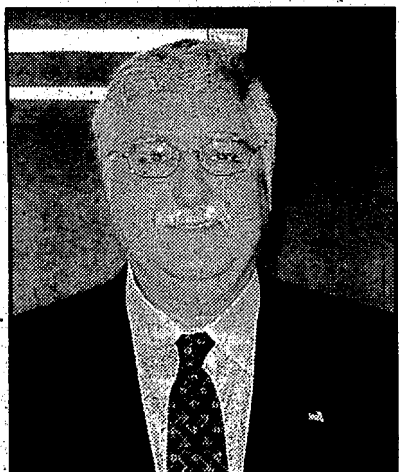
If you were elected, what would be your top priority? My top priority is to assure the residents that the township board is making sound, well-informed decisions for the overall good of the community that do not infringe on the personal or property rights of its citizens. Certainly, the senior center is also a priority.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits? I do not see any reason for term limits at the local government level.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Independence Township Board? I am making myself available to serve on the board in appreciation of all of the wonderful aspects this community has to offer and for which our family has enjoyed for almost a decade. I also believe that my professional career as a chemical engineer and environmental attorney will be extremely useful in providing insight to the other board members on issues dealing with development, water and sewers, wetlands, lakes, storm water and the like.

What else would you like the voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? I would like the voters to know that I am an honest and hard worker, and as a new candidate, I am not beholden to any interest(s) that would come before the board. The voters should also know that my wife and I live in this community for the exact same reasons that they do, and that as trustee, I will work to assure that the community maintains its rural character and is a peaceful and safe place to live. Finally, I have been endorsed by Independence resident L. Brooks Patterson, Township Clerk Joan McCrary, County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, Road Commissioner Rudy Lozano, Dr. James O'Neill, John Bowman and a host of other long-time resident of the township.

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**RE-ELECT
LARRY
ROSSO
YOUR
INDEPENDENCE
TOWNSHIP
TRUSTEE
VOTE AUG. 3RD**

PROVEN RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Your voice for restricting growth within the framework of our Master Plan
- Protecting our financial assets with vigilant oversight
- Providing open communication with you, our citizens
- Strong Advocate for Fire and Police Services

PRIORITIES AHEAD

- Quality low density growth within the context of our Master Plan
- Renewal of our fire millage and ALS on this ballot
- New senior center
- Additional neighborhood police protection
- Renovations of our municipal water system and completion of our storm water management system

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

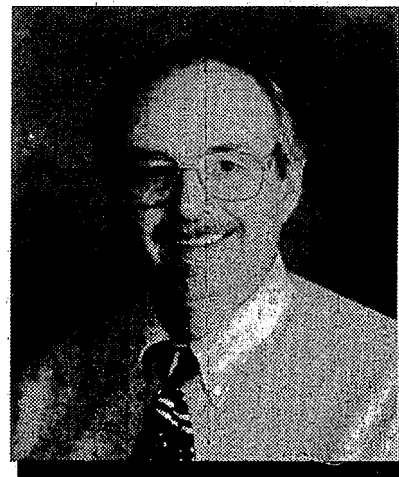
- Executive Associate for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- Adjunct Instructor at Oakland University (retired)
- 27 Year Gov't/History Teacher at Clarkston H.S. (retired)

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- 38 Year Resident
- Wife, Mary and Son, Steven
- St. Daniel Church
- Member of North Oakland Headwaters Conservancy

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT LARRY ROSSO, TRUSTEE
7822 BROOKPINES DR. CLARKSTON, MI 48348

Stick with COLLIN!



Springfield Township Supervisor

"Experienced"

27+ years serving Springfield

"Dedicated"

His life and his record prove it!

**Re-Elect
COLLIN W. WALLS**

VOTE AUGUST 3RD

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P.O. Box 184 Davisburg, MI 48350

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Daniel J. Kelly, 42, attorney, 10-year township resident, married to Kathleen with four children: Caitlin, Meaghan, Caroline and Brendan.

Current/previous experience in township activities: Current Trustee of Independence Township (completed 4 year term); member of THE Sashabaw Corridor Overlay District Committee; member of Independence AFSCME labor negotiation team; member of S.O.B. subcommittee; lake board member for Lake Oakland, VanNorman Lake, Waumegah Lake, Walters Lake, and Clarkston Mill Pond. Active in various local activities, including subdivision organizations, St. Daniel's Church, Everest Academy, Marist Academy, North Oakland Sportsman's Club, Deer Lake Athletic Club, and Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.



Dan Kelly

and to what size and extend a facility, if any, is constructed. As with any building or home, its usefulness can be outgrown and the additional costs of maintenance and/or inefficiencies in employee output will ultimately determine when the new Township Hall is needed.

How will you promote balanced growth?

Over the past 15 to 20 years, the Township has undergone tremendous growth. Due to the policies of the current and previous boards, the Township has in place guidelines such as the master plan and vision 20/20 policy which should and have provided for balanced growth. The reality is that if we stick to these policies already in place, the Township's

goal of balanced growth should be accomplished.

What other issues does Independence Township face? Given the changes at the state level with regard to financial funding, Independence Township and other Townships are currently facing uncertainty with regard to state financial aid and other revenues. While the future is far from gloomy for Independence Township, which remains one of the fastest growing and financially healthy Townships in the County, future Boards should take note of the fiscal responsibility of the current Board which has left the Township in excellent financial shape for the uncertainties of the future. Other issues facing the Township include the revision of ordinances to protect our children from sexual exploitive products, the improvement of our facilities and services, and our continued commitment to providing the best advanced life support, fire, and police services.

If you were elected, what would be your top priority? To maintain the balanced growth which the current and prior Boards have outlined. My vision of the Township is as a family-friendly and residential community, with the commercial and office properties primarily interested in providing services to the immediate community. There is no question that growth will dictate an increase in services, both government and commercial. However, with hard work, consistent application of our policies, and a focus on our overall goals, we can maintain the beauty of the Township, its green spaces, and its family and residential friendly atmosphere. Such a community can be varied to commercial and business enterprises which we should encourage to be top quality and in keeping with our existing high standards. The Sashabaw Corridor is an example of the proper balance and mix between residential and community based commercial projects which are of the highest quality and appeal.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits? I am a strong believer that local governments must have the involvement of its citizenry and not controlled solely by "full time politicians." The majority of positions on the Independence Board are part-time positions, with the Trustees hav-

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ELECT David WAGNER



"I am proud to announce that I am supporting Dave Wagner for supervisor." He will bring a true spirit of cooperation and team work to the community that has been lacking too long."

Joan McCrary
Township Clerk

With Independence Township's growing tax base, you would think that we would lead our area in services for our residents.

That would sure beat being named the #1 township in the state when it comes to paying "consultants."

While projects go unfinished, roads go unpaved, parks are under-funded, our Senior Center is below the level of some poorer and smaller townships, and soccer fields are being squeezed out - millions are spent with favored vendors on "studying" things and "planning" projects.

As an Independence Township Trustee, Dave Wagner has been a voice for the taxpayer, opposing tax and fee increases, and advocating the spending of our tax dollars on us—not on favored cronies.

Dave Wagner is the only candidate for Supervisor who has run a business that had to take care of his customers first, and who knows how to cut costs and increase services. Dave Wagner knows what has to be done in Independence Township, he will get things done—not spend all our money studying the problem.

ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD, ELECT A TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR WHO WILL GET THINGS DONE FOR INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT DAVE WAGNER
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR - REPUBLICAN
5759 BELLSHIRE LN., CLARKSTON MI 48346

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ing other careers or jobs as their primary basis of financial support. For such positions, the issue of term limits is not as important as it is when dealing with "full-time politicians." At the local level, term limits could very well produce all of the negatives and none of the positives. Speaking for myself, as a Trustee for four years, I have never been approached by a developer or received financial or other gain which in any way could be considered as being corrupted by power. Our power is very limited and whether we serve for four years or twenty years, that power does not significantly increase. On the other hand, I have definitely learned a lot about how a local government runs and the responsibility of its various boards. I intend to learn more in the upcoming years, and hopefully, become a better Trustee. Forcing persons out of office prematurely and arbitrarily (i.e., not based upon merit or lack thereof), does not make sense at the local level.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Independence Township board? As a municipal lawyer and involved parent and citizen, I have always valued and respected the constitution's emphasis on citizenry involvement. Our government works best when the citizens are involved in the process and average people weigh the consequences and ultimately make a decision. Much like the juries who I appear in front of, a Township Trustee is specifically intended to be a non-politician who is not a full-time employee of the Township. Rather, the Trustee is supposed to be the average person who faces the same day-to-day pressures of a job, family, and property ownership as do all citizens of the Township. Only with that background can the Board accurately represent all of the citizens. Just like the responsibility to vote, I feel there is a responsibility for qualified individuals to want to serve their local governments.

What else would you like the voters to know about you that we haven't asked on this questionnaire? As a current Board member, I have faith-

fully tried to be an independent thinker and not be influenced by the inevitable pressures. While most people do not follow Board proceedings or even attend the meetings, for those who have, I believe they would agree that my positions have been consistent and not influenced by anything other than the merits of the requests. As such, some votes may have offended people or even created enemies, but I have prepared for each vote by reviewing the materials and honestly decided up or down based upon what I believed was morally right. I am proud of the fact that after four years of deciding sometimes difficult issues, I have been true to myself and the promises I made four years ago.

Michael Kohut, 49, retired from General Motors as quality control auditor, eight year township resident, married to Darlene with three children.

Current/previous experience in township activities: building manager for Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, member of Friends of Bald Mountain Recreation and Polly Ann Trail, member of Ortonville Historical Society, former leader of the Lake Orion Girl Scouts.

Should the township build a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded? Yes, with private grant money.

Should the township revise its sound ordinance, and if so, how? I believe this is an issue that requires a lot of study and input from our residents. We should not change our sound ordinance unless there is a real need and a true consensus of our residents.

Does the township need a new township hall?

We should not build a new township hall unless absolutely necessary.

How will you promote balanced growth? We need to enforce our master zoning plan and ensure there is a balance between business and residential development and parkland in our township.

What other issues does Independence Township face? Traffic congestion, flooding due to poor drainage systems and high taxes.

If you were elected, what would be your top priority? Reducing traffic congestion, flooding due to poor drainage systems and high taxes.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits? I support having a public vote on the issue.

Why specifically do you want to serve on the Independence Township Board? I have the time, energy, ideas and the ability to work with people to reach agreement on how to solve problems that will hopefully make our residents' lives a little easier.

What else would you like voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? Supports cutting taxes and wasteful spending; supports widening major road intersections to help traffic flow and improving drain systems to reduce flooding; supports expanding recycling and updating parks and safety pathways; supports applying for grants to construct senior citizens enter and skate board park; supports putting utility lines underground; supports working with developers and citizens to comply with township's master zoning plan.

Sam Moraco, 40, building contractor, eight year resident of Independence Township, married to Kelly with two daughters: Maggie and Moira.

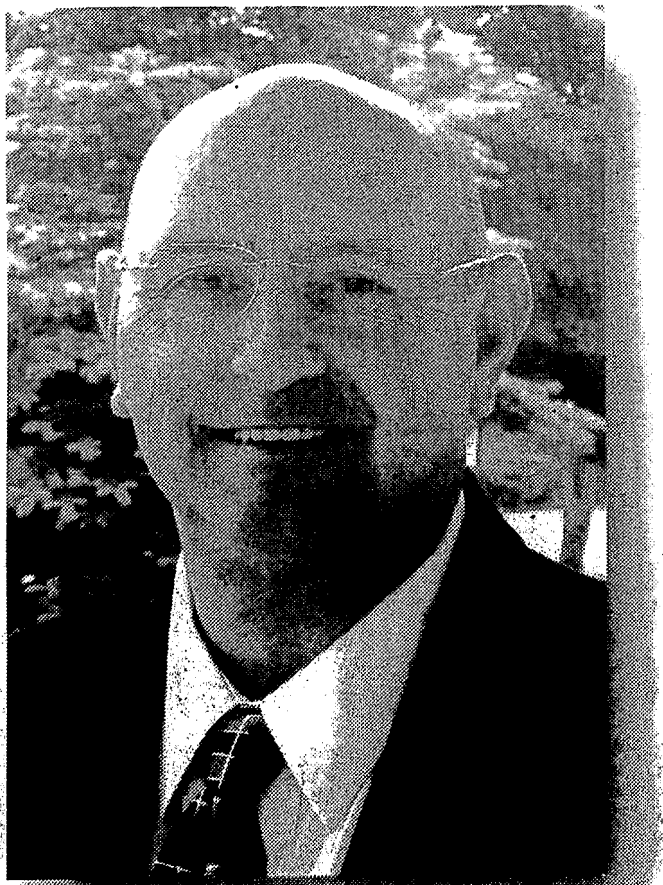
Current/previous experience in township activities: current member of planning commission and township wetland board.

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Michael Kohut

LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE



VOTE FOR

- ✓ Leadership in Government
- ✓ Experience in Business
- ✓ Dedication to Community

PERSONAL

28 year resident of Independence Township
Married 31 years to Kathleen Lutz
Two sons, Jonathon and Aaron

EXPERIENCE

Treasurer
Charter Township of Independence 1984-1996
Business Manager
Everest Academy
Finance Manager
Oak Park School District
Loan Officer
American Home Mortgage

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Clarkston Chamber of Commerce
Charter Member and Past Director
Clarkston Youth Assistance
Past Director and Chairman
Clarkston Optimist Club
Charter Treasurer
Oakland Child Adolescent Family Care
Advisory Council
St. Daniel's Catholic Church
Parishioner
Knights of Columbus, Pope John XXIII
Third Degree
Pine Knob Ski Patrol
25 years

VOTE FOR JOHN LUTZ 4 CLERK

Paid for by The Committee to Elect John Lutz, Clerk, 8699 Lakeview, Clarkston, MI 48348

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Should the township build a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded? It should be obvious to anyone who has seen the existing senior center that a new center is certainly needed. I feel a responsible and accurate estimation of the cost should be presented to the community. The new center should be proportionate to our seniors needs with future growth being considered in advance. The funding should be provided either by a millage proposal or bonds.



Sam Moraco

Should the township revise the sound ordinance, and if so, how? Amending an existing sound ordinance without a baseline or standard is virtually impossible to enforce, and seems counter productive. First we have to establish a means of measure and monitoring, and collectively determine if there is a reason to revise.

Does the township need a new township hall? Anyone who conducts any business at the township can see that we are behind the times in facilities. Having said that, I feel that most municipalities over build. There can be a financially responsible middle ground if some up front planning is based on the actual needs of the township. At a minimum, we need a facility that is handicap accessible to all areas.

How will you promote balanced

growth?

This township will always weigh heavy on residential areas. The commercial growth is outlined by existing zoning and availability of sizable properties. I feel the commercial growth should mainly be based on businesses to supply services for Independence residents, not to lure outside customer base. The residential growth should be diverse without sacrificing property value and natural resources.

What other issues does Independence

Township face?

- Finding funding to save some of our historical landmarks.
- The future of Dixie Highway.
- Various watershed issues.
- Preserving remaining wetlands.
- Repairing of existing roadways.
- Better maintenance of rural roads.

If you were elected, what would be your top priority? Making sure that residents' needs are being addressed while evaluating spending.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits? Term limits are controlled by the voters and should stay that way.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Independence Township Board? This is my home, where my wife and I plan to raise our children. My experience as a member of the plan-

ning commission has driven me to want to be more involved with the growth of our community. Having been involved in building over 100 homes in the township, I have gotten to know many families and their expectations of our community. I have the expertise as a builder to understand quality, value and cost control and I feel that I will prove to be an asset to the township board.

What else would you like the voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? I am an average guy who enjoys riding motorcycles, playing golf and camping with my family. I don't make promises I can't keep and I don't do anything halfway. I am open-minded and approachable. I am willing to donate my time for the good of the community. All you have to do is vote Aug. 3 for Sam Moraco and I will do the rest.

Lawrence F. Rosso, 60, Education Policy Consultant: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, 38-year township resident, married 26 years to Mary with son, Steven.

Current /previous experience in township activities:

I am a current Independence Township Trustee serving my second, four-year term.

I also serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. I was appointed initially for

two years during 1992-93 and was reappointed in 1999. I served on the Safety Path Committee from 1985-1998, the 20/20 Vision Committee in 1996, and the Wetlands Board from 1990-1992

Should the township build a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded?

Yes, the need is great. The current structure at Clintonwood Park is far too inadequate and is in great disrepair. In spite of the need, the voters in 2002 rejected a combined package proposal for a new senior center along with a new township hall. We now have the capability to build a new senior facility through funds available in our fund balance and borrowing from our water and sewer fund. This way, there would be no increased taxes.

Should the township revise their sound ordinance?

Yes. Due to the growing population in our township and the increase of recreational vehicles, such as ATVs or OTVs, there is a greater conflict among resident property owners with the increased amount of excessive noise (based upon increased complaints). Our present ordinance restricts ATV operation only from 8:00 pm until sunrise. We can do better than that by having more restrictions as to



Larry Rosso

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RE-ELECT TRAVIS TRUSTEE

We supported Dan in the past and encourage you to do the same for our future.

William Kessler Pam Kessler John and Mary Jane Scharfenkamp Mack and Marilyn Whisner Jan and Bob Sutton Craig and Maria Arnold Brent and Linda Bair Gary Zabel Jerry Carney Cel and Dave Yarber Vic & Sally Kubani Robert & Sharon Hurlbert Mayor Sharron Catalo Chris & Gail Reading Family Robert McGown Barbar Hamilton Tim & Jill Palulian Rich and Ann Glenn Robert Cook Mary Alice Cook Hank Radcliff Jennifer Radcliff Steve Secatch Family Chief Gar Wilson, Ret. Shirley Wilson Wayne Lapinski Linda Walsh Dr. James O'Neill	Bill Wint Terry & Betty Haran Darrell Cooper Charlotte Cooper Donna Bullard Dr. Earle M. Davis Family Janet McCord Jeanne & Bill Molzon Sue Zanotti Terry and Pat Evans Family Lou & Brenda DuPree Family Russ Cobane Margaret Cobane Noreen Daily & Mark Seiler David Lohmeier Family Joe & Joyce Figa Family Mike & Lyn Spillum Jim & Barb Reed Roger & Carolyn Bailey Bryan & Nancy Prucher The Tom Hall Family Don & Dr. Joanne Willen Sue Zanotti Jerry and Julie Fisher Family Betsy Travis Jeff and Jan Teets Robert and Helen Simunovic Dale and Suzanne Massey Kathryn Caruso	John and Audrey Shupe Nick and Michelle Bosway Loretta Naccarato Joe & Jenny Locricchio Richard Sanders Family Jim Kreger Max and June Van Keuren Robert Wyatt Family Paul and Karen Yackell Forrest and Jackie Milzow Rev. Bob Walters Dave and Marilyn Allyn Mike & Holly Zabel Dr. Fred and Gail Roeser John & Ann Moyer Carol Barnhart Marv Barnhart Les and Rhoda Haight Dr. Jack Shader Family Fred Ritter Sheila Ritter Bob Brumbach Pat Brumbach Cheryl Karrick Dr. Mike and Lou Robertson John Poponea John and Paula Acton Dr. John Cowan Dominic Alessi
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**A Positive, Knowledgeable, Prepared, and Ethical Trustee...
A Leader for 24 yrs.
Planning Commissioner 22 yrs.
Chair. Parks & Recs Commission**

Paid for by the Daniel Travis for Trustee Committee, 7973 Perry Lake Rd., Clarkston MI 48348

SHELAGH VANDERVEEN ENDORSED FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK

Joan McCrary, retiring Independence Township Clerk, L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, and many other community leaders endorse Shelagh VanderVeen for Independence Township Clerksk.

Ed and Gretchen Adler Don and Marge Arsen Lynn Alexander, Sr. Citizen Coordinator Mrs. Lynn Allen Tom and Betty Birkle Senator Mike Bishop Sheriff Michael Bouchard Mayor Sharron Catalo Heather Coats Mary Dittrich Pam Ford-Morgan Dave and Charlotte Galloway Oakland County Prosecutor Dave Gorcyca Robert Gustafson Carl Karlstrom Congressman Joe Knollenberg Bob Kostin County Commissioner Eileen Kowall Mike Kowall Rudy Lozano Charlotte Maybee Jeff McGee, former Indp. Twp. trustee Honorable Gerald McNally	Dennis and Susan McQuiston County Commissioner Tom Middleton Frank Millard, Deputy County Clerk Forrest and Jackie Milzow Dr. Chuck Munk Dr. James O'Neill Tim and Julie Patterson Steve and Kalynn Potter Tom Quisenberry, retired undersheriff Fred Ritter Tom Ritter Congressman Mike Rogers Ken and Jane Rogers Phil Seaver Gary and Ester Skibowski Rev. Doug and Kay Trebilcock Art and Sheila Trowbridge John Welker and Sue Jackson Jim and Mary White Doug and Sandy Williams Ken Winship Bill Wint Mike and Ellen Zehnder
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VOTE AUGUST 3 PRIMARY

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time and place like most of our neighboring communities. As a strong advocate for property rights, I believe most people who move into our township have an expectation that they can enjoy their property with a reasonable amount of peace and quiet. As a Board we must address this matter now because I do not see the noise problem diminishing.

Does the township need a new township hall?

Yes, but we cannot afford it at the present time. Our present hall is a beautiful, historic structure on the outside but lacks adequate floor space, is improperly heated and cooled, and is in violation of the current National Disabilities Act. The costs of renovations are either impossible or prohibitive. A new township hall was voted down as part of the 2002 millage proposal, and I am opposed to any new millages at the present time.

How will you promote balanced growth?

I would adhere to our present master plan (last revised in 1999). This plan ensures the rural-suburban character of our community, protects the environment, and maintains the ambiance our citizens have come to expect. Under the current master plan, we will be built out at approximately 45,000 residents. Currently we have about 34,000 residents.

What other issues does Independence Township face?

- The current financial problems the State of Michigan is having could result in further cutbacks in our revenue sharing allocations.
- The need for additional soccer and baseball fields, etc.
- Improved subdivision roads and other infrastructure needs.
- Expanded police patrols in our neighborhoods
- Maintaining our state of the art fire services along with our acclaimed ALS unit
- Ensuring our municipal water system meets and

exceeds the new federal EPA guidelines, especially in the virtual elimination of arsenic and iron in our water supply

If elected, what would be your top priority?

I feel we, as a township, can do a much better job of reaching out to our residents and be more responsive to citizen inquiries. There should no excuse for not returning calls or e-mails. We must have a more consistent, open, and honest communication with the Clarkston school district and business community. More partnerships, such as with the Chamber of Commerce and the schools, are needed. A wonderful example of community partnership was our recent July 4 celebration.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits?

No. I do not believe in artificial term limits at the local level of government.

Township officials are your neighbors and friends and if they are doing a good job, they should be re-elected; if not, then vote them out of office. There is nothing wrong with citizen responsibility.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Independence Township Board?

I love the Clarkston area and have been involved in community/church service my entire 38 years as a resident. I have had a rewarding career as a Clarkston High School teacher having taught two generations of students. My knowledge and background experience as a two-term trustee will definitely be an asset as the township faces many challenging decisions.

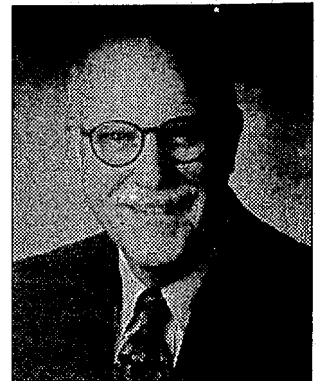
What else would you like voters to know about you that haven't been asked in this questionnaire?

I have no ulterior motive for this position other than community service. I accept no contributions from our township consultants, developers, or business interests. The only contributions I accept are small amounts from individual citizens.

Daniel F. Travis, 63, President of Daniel F. Travis Sales & Marketing, L.L.C. - a steel industry based manufacturer's representative firm and an Independence Township Trustee, 35-year Independence Township resident, married to Elizabeth with two children, Daniel and Amy, two grandchildren, Phobe and Miles.

Current/previous experience in township activities:

first elected a township trustee in 1980; for 10 years prior was involved in the Parks and Recreation Men's tennis program as league director, and as a youth coach for basketball; have served for 22 years on the planning commission as liaison to the township board; chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission; serve on Township Arbitration Appeals Board; represent Independence Township on the Steering Committee for the Clinton Watershed Council; MTA Delegate for Independence; have been a Director of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy for eight years; was an officer and director of the Oakland Parks Foundation for 10 years; was recipient of the Community Preservation Award from the Chamber of Commerce; served on the steering committee of the Visioning 2020 Plan; and was a facilitator for the Transportation Sub-Committee; was event coordinator for The American Cancer Society for eight years; and serve on the Election Commission among others.



Dan Travis

Should the township build a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded? Yes. The board has three options: one, fund construction from in-

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ELECT ROGER LAMONT



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE EXPERIENCE

- PLANNING COMMISSION 2 1/2 YEARS
- CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMISSION
- ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 1 1/2 YEARS
- ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR PAST 3 YEARS
- 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT SINCE 1986
- ADVOCATE OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PATHWAYS

VOTE AUGUST 3RD!

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT ROGER LAMONT
10162 CREEKWOOD TRAIL, DAVISBURG, MI 48350

ELECT DUNN for Trustee



- Longtime Independence Township resident
- Parishioner of St. Daniels Church
- Degree in Chemical Engineer and Environmental Attorney

Endorsed by Top County and Township Officials

"After Speaking to Charles on several occasions, I am convinced that he is uniquely qualified and a first-rate candidate for the Township. I will be voting for Charles and urge others to do as well."

Independence Twp. Clerk
Joan McCrary

"I have known Charles Dunn for many years. I know he will serve Independence Township well as Trustee, a job requiring sound judgment and good character. He has both."

Independence Twp. Resident and Oakland Country Executive
L. Brooks Patterson

"Charles will be a great asset to the Township Board of Trustees. His knowledge and experience on issues related to municipal law, real estate development and the environment make him an excellent candidate for the community."

Oakland County Drain Commissioner
John McCulloch

OTHER LOCAL SUPPORTERS:

- Dave Wagner, Independence Township Trustee
- Mike Bishop, State Senator
- Rudy Lozano, Oakland County Road Commissioner
- Dr. James O'Neil, Independence Twp. Resident
- David Gorcyca, Oakland County Prosecutor
- Forest Milzow, Independence Twp. Resident
- John Bowman, Independence Twp. Resident

Paid for by Committee to Elect Charles Dunn

VOTE DUNN
August 3,
2004

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house borrowing and pay-back from the Parks and Recreation Departments' normal budgeting process at a prime plus minimum point rate reflective of the same interest we are presently earning. Two, establish a voter-approved Parks and Rec. bond issue to fund construction. Or three, create a voter approved combined millage reflective of the current general fund contribution to Parks and Rec., and a construction bond (borrowing) to build the new senior center.

Should the township revise their sound ordinance, and if so, how? We are in the process of making changes regarding hours of operation and equipment. Basic property rights and freedom of speech issues arise in these conflicting positions. It may call to mind too much government and too many laws.

Does the township need a new township hall? We are in the process of revising the use of the building by shifting departments and personnel. These changes will decentralize our facilities and at least temporarily help the overcrowding and relatively cramped working conditions and record-keeping tasks the law requires. The electorate said no to a new hall. I hear them. The building itself, while historically significant and attractive, is not barrier free or A.D.A. complaint. No one fails to note that it sits in another governmental jurisdiction, the City of the Village of Clarkston.

How will you promote balanced growth? This is a poor question. This is a bedroom community. For more than 50 years the residents have been consistent in their desire to plan and zone accordingly. More than 85 percent of Independence is residentially zoned and master planned. How we deal with growth is in reality a 15-year proposition. Our available land suitable for building will be developed and our population will max. out the zoning categories in that time. Determination in planning and demands on developers to adhere to our ordinances is the way we will maintain reasonable growth. This community of Independence promotes itself.

What other issues does Independence Township face? The potential loss of funds from state shared revenue and budget adjustments we will need to make as a result. Stormwater management unfunded mandates from the federal government. Additional costs ascribed to the state of Michigan new accounting requirements. Building and paying for the Federal Clean Water Act improvements to our water system to mitigate arsenic and iron levels to their maximum allowable standards. Extending water and fire suppression systems and making timely repairs to our aging system. Paving older subdivision streets. Graveling rural roads. Removing dead and dying trees and helping reforest the losses of Elm, Oak and Ash trees.

If you were elected, what would be your top priority? Continue to be a well prepared, informed, insightful and helpful board representative working for the residents of Independence. As a policy maker, I will do my best in budgeting our tax revenue. Sharing with the public the information and decision-making process of our local government. Defending our ordinances and master plan.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits? Every four years the electorate has an opportunity to limit the term of any of-

office-holder. Recalls are expensive but are a legal mechanism for term limiting, though I do not approve. In local government the residents are nearest to and are able to interact with officeholders. This affords an opportunity to achieve direct results for residents. At the relative low salary levels of local elected officials, term limits would preclude obtaining the best candidates for the full-time offices. As a part-time trustee I am simple doing "community service." I would oppose term limits on what is largely a contribution or gift of my time and a labor of love.

Why, specifically do you want to serve on the Independence Township Board? I am honored to have served this community and the people of Independence Township. Whenever residents discuss township business, they provide my motivation and incentive to help them. I am pleased to have been able to do so. I have acquired a great deal of experience and have worked with leaders and residents to the betterment of Independence Township. I hope to continue with their support.

What else would you like the voters to know about you that we haven't ask in this questionnaire? I seek this office to represent our community and residents. I offer my time, my energy and promise to maintain the highest of ethical standards in retaining the trust the voters have conveyed to me. I pay my own campaign expenses, I do not take donations.

Mel Vaara, 70, retired assistant superintendent Clarkston Schools, 49-year Independence Township resident, married with four children and six grandchildren.

Current/previous experience in township activities: Trustee for eight years, chairman board of appeals and planning commission, ran for supervisor in 1996, senior citizens advisory board.

Should the township build a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded? Yes, borrow money from water and sewer funds.

Does the township need a new township hall? Yes, it is very important.

How will you promote balanced growth? Adhere to master plan and do not let developers breakdown zoning.

What other issues does Independence Township face?

- control growth in township
- good working relationship with school board.

If you were elected, what would be your top priority? Control growth, senior citizen center, work with school board, explore city form of government, elected library board, recreation having their own millage like fire department, more neighborhood parks.

Do you think Independence Township should have term limits? Yes, this is my idea. The more I see government operate, the more I favor term limits.

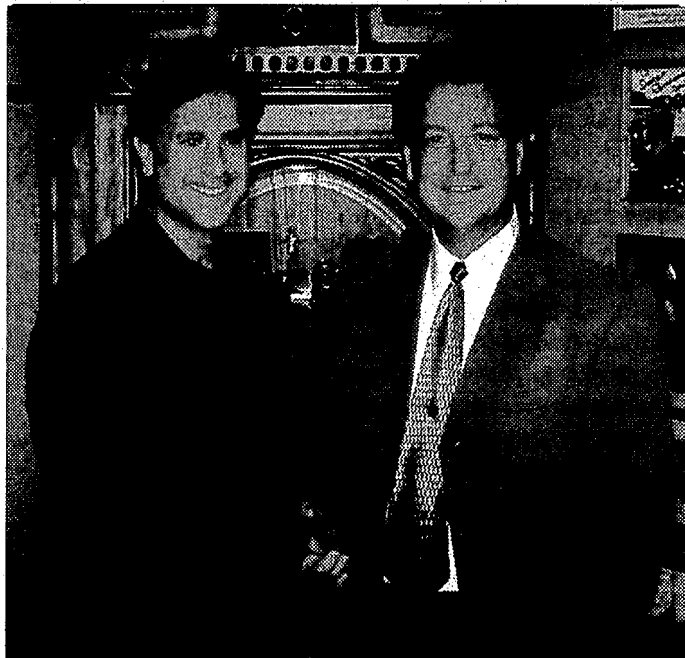
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REPUBLICAN

J.C. Walker

for Independence Twp. Trustee

Experienced, Involved, Conservative Leadership



Sheriff Michael Bouchard Endorses J.C. Walker

"J.C. is a man of integrity and experience. He will serve the people of Independence Township with distinction."

- Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard

J.C. Walker's Goals:

J.C. believes that conservative, Republican values apply to local government. His goals are:

- **Keep Property Taxes Under Control**
Property taxes are too high and keep increasing. We need to be fiscally responsible and do our level-best to keep these burdens to a minimum.
- **Preserve Property Rights**
J.C. believes in limited government and supports the rights of property owners use their property without undue interference from local officials.
- **Protect Marriage**
Marriage is a God-ordained institution between one man and one woman. Protection of this institution is critical for the preservation of the family. J.C. encourages our legislators in Washington to support a Federal Marriage Amendment which would identify marriage as such.
- **Defend Life**
J.C. began his political involvement in 1988 during "Right to Life's" campaign to end tax funding of abortion in Michigan. He has fought tirelessly to defend the unborn.

"J.C. Walker is a good conservative who will work hard for this Township."

- Dr. James O'Neill, M.D.

Please Vote for J.C. Walker in the August 3 Republican Primary!

Two candidates want to serve as Springfield Supervisor

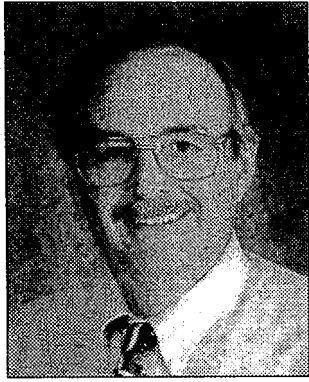
Collin W. Walls, 61, 8055 Marquait; incumbent Township Supervisor; lifetime resident of Springfield Township; married to Diana for 37 years with two children and four grandchildren.

Current/previous experience in township activities:

Supervisor since 1976; served on Planning Commission three years and Board of Appeals seven years; Park Commissioner 1972-1975; township representative and chair of Oakland County Municipal Solid Waste Board in mid-1980s; township representative to SEMCOG; township block chair, township representative and chair of Shiawassee/Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project; managed the Civic Center construction project.

What are the two top issues currently facing Springfield Township? 1) Preparing and working with development and growth while preserving our natural areas and community character. 2) Continued redevelopment of the Dixie Highway corridor between Davisburg and I-75.

How, specifically, will you promote balanced growth in Springfield Township? I will continue to make sure the township has standards and ordinances in place to deal with development and growth, but I do not believe we should "promote" growth. Balanced growth has many facets. Individual prop-



erty owner's rights balanced by the desires, the plans and the goals of the community can be accomplished by open communication, consistent application of standards and firm but fair enforcement of ordinances. Another aspect of "balanced growth" is providing commercial business and services to meet the needs of our residents. Market forces combined with the proper balance of incentives, ordinances and community support are needed for this type of "balanced growth."

Do you think Springfield Township should have term limits? Springfield and every township in Michigan have the best form of term limits — elections. The voters of Springfield do not need the state legislature to tell them how long their township board representatives should be allowed to serve; voters make that decision every four years.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Springfield Township Board? I want to continue to serve on the township board because it is a very fulfilling way to serve my community and my opportunity to make sure our children and grandchildren can experience the beauty and the special character of Springfield.

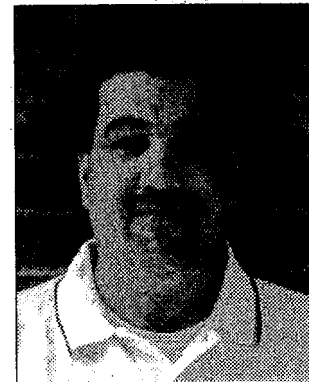
What else would you like voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? I have served the community for more than 35 years. I began serving many years ago

as a church youth leader, working with Youth Assistance and Boy Scouts as well as with the Davisburg Rotary. Service to Springfield has been a family tradition and the key point to my life. I reelected I am determined to continue our "pay as you go" conservative fiscal policies and environmental preservation goals.

Bill Sahutske, 45, 13035 Big Lake Rd.; automotive engineering; 3-1/2-year resident of Springfield Township; married to Anita with two children, ages 15 and 5.

What are the two top issues currently facing Springfield Township? 1) Public fire and safety protection. 2) Deterioration of downtown Davisburg.

How, specifically, will you promote bal-



Bill Sahutske

anced growth in Springfield Township? Open communications/public input/opinion.

Do you think Springfield Township should have term limits? No.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Springfield Township Board? There should be consistency with the way people are treated. Township ordinances are very ambiguous. Fire and safety protection is falling behind.

What else would you like voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? I will work hard to be fair and unbiased to all, represent the township and its citizens to all outside entities and ensure efficient and effective day-to-day operations.

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What else would you like the voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? President SCAMP, Optimist member, land conservancy, senior advisory board.

J. C. Walker, 48, playground and recreational development contractor, 13-year Independence Township resident.

Current/previous experience in township activities: Volunteered company time and resources to help construct the play-



J.C. Walker

ground equipment at Sashabaw Plains township park on Maybee Rd., elected to, and continue to serve as, precinct delegate from Independence twp.

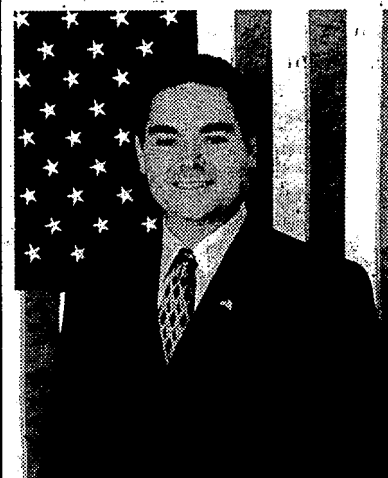
precinct 6 to the Republican party, represented Independence as state committee member to the Republican party, represented Independence twp to the Oakland County Republican Party Executive Committee, worked with the Boy Scouts as Cub Master here in Independence twp.

Should the township build a new senior center, and if so, how should it be funded? After speaking to the Senior Advisory Board, I believe the senior center should be given greater latitude in directing it's own affairs. It may be a good idea to remove it from the jurisdiction of parks and recreation dept. allowing more autonomy and greater freedom in decision making. It seems that being under the jurisdiction of the Parks And Rec. dept. limits what they can do fiscally and possibly otherwise.

How will you promote balanced growth? Balanced growth is the responsibility of the planning commission. They have a master plan in place that addresses this issue.

What else would you like voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? My goals are to:

- Provide a stable conservative voice on the board.
- Keep local taxes to a minimum.
- Keep local government limited in its scope and reach. All government at every level has become too big and burdensome to the tax-payers. Limited government with greater accountability is my goal.



Vote August 3rd!

"No more 'politics as usual'! I truly believe I can make a difference for all of us in Lansing. Please vote for me and your family values on August 3rd!

Elect

Roger D.

DEATON

Republican for State Representative

Small Business Owner: Opposes all tax increases and service charges.

Education: As a top priority, looking to achieve accountability in our school systems.

Local Control: Will support local townships and villages in their pursuit to manage development and its demand on available infrastructure.

Service to Country: U.S. Navy 1986-1994.

Church: Ortonville United Methodist.

Political: Oakland County Executive Board, Precinct Delegate, 2000 and 2004 Bush/Cheney, Oakland County Co-Chair, Grass Roots Republican.

Key Issues: "I am Pro-Life." "I believe in our 2nd Amendment right." "I will work tirelessly to uphold the family values of District 46."



LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY FAMILY

For more information please visit my website, www.RogerDeaton.com. Paid for by Friends of Roger D. Deaton, 3175 Oakhill Pl., Clarkston, MI 48348

Reilly challenges incumbent Strole for clerk position

Christine Reilly, 47, 12289 Windcliff Dr.; president of Firefly Beadcrafts, a wholesale and mail order company; 12-year Springfield Township resident; married to Scott for 27 years with one daughter, age 17.

What are the two top issues currently facing Springfield Township?

- 1) Controlled Growth
- 2) Public Safety



Christine Reilly

How, specifically, will you promote balanced growth in Springfield Township? Through Zoning and Master Plan Development

Do you think Springfield Township should have term limits? Absolutely, after 12 years of any leadership, it's time for a change.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Springfield Township Board? I want to facilitate open communication and new ideas. It's time for me to give to my community and my business management expertise will benefit the people as clerk.

What else would you like voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire?

- 1) Founded Great lakes Beadworkers Guild
- 2) Member Davisburg Rotary
- 3) 4-H Alpaca Pack at Woodcreek Farm
- 4) Member of Calvary Lutheran Church
- 5) Attending Davisburg Methodist Church

I listen, I'm fair and knowledgeable, I'm accomplished at getting things done.

I welcome all comments and questions at (248) 634-3649.

Nancy Strole, 62, 11990 Davisburg Rd.; incumbent Springfield Township Clerk; 19-year Springfield Township resident; married 32 years to Wayne with one grown son.

Current/previous experience in township activities:

Springfield Township Clerk, 12 years; Springfield Township Board, 16 years; co-founded Springfield Area citizens organization that successfully fought proposed criminal detention camp on township's border; appointed to local government fact-finding committee on state prison proposed for area (wrote final report); co-led effort to successfully secure final clean-up of illegal toxic waste (Superfund) site in Springfield; worked with residents in 1999 to successfully attain re-route of proposed interstate gas pipeline; secured creation of private land conservation fund for Springfield Township; obtained more than \$1 million in public grants and private funding for land planning, conservation and acquisition projects in Springfield; created/administered nationally-recognized, award-winning resource protection/planning projects; member, board of directors: Springfield Site Action Committee; North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy; Clinton River Watershed Council.

What are the two top issues currently facing Springfield Township? Challenges and opportunities evolve and change. Several of the more prominent include: cohesive redevelopment of the Dixie Highway corridor (now in process); revitalization of Davisburg hamlet (the recent sale to and major remodeling of the old township hall by a local business person is a positive step forward); and continued upgrades to infrastructure services (such as expansion of Fire Station

#2).

How, specifically, will you promote balanced growth in Springfield Township? By implementing the Master Plan and zoning provisions now in

place in Springfield Township. The current plan welcomes growth (both residential and commercial), but at rates that won't outpace the township's ability to provide and pay for infrastructure services (such as fire and police), or result in destruction of Springfield's world-class natural resources and green spaces. Under the current plan, Springfield's eventual build-out population is projected at about 20,000 by 2030, a sharp contrast from the 70,000 build-out population that, under plans in place in the early 1970s by other boards, would have transformed Springfield into what places like Rochester Hills and Novi have since become.

Good solid planning takes years of work and a long-term vision by our community. But unless one is careful, all that effort can be quickly undone.

Do you think Springfield Township should have term limits? No. At the local government level there's ample competition. Residents should have the freedom to choose who they wish to vote for: whether that person happens to be an incumbent or a non-incumbent.

Why, specifically, do you want to serve on the Springfield Township

Board? For the same reasons I first ran. Plus, I'm privileged to work with excellent, dedicated board members. Springfield will remain a wonderful place to live if the township continues to have board

members who can anticipate challenges and then devise and implement workable program solutions. By temperament (I'm an "idea" person), education (The American University), and private sector experience in policy and program development, I can do that. My nationally-recognized work developing innovative natural resource protection and open space planning techniques for Springfield Township is an example of how I've been able to make a significant contribution to my community as a member of the board.

What else would you like voters to know about you that we haven't asked in this questionnaire? My work as Springfield Township Clerk and board member has never been a job. It's my passion. Before I ever thought of running for Clerk or Township Board, I was first and foremost a resident of Springfield Township who was willing to fight for and contribute to my community's future. Nothing has changed.



Nancy Strole

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In other elections...

In addition to the township board of trustees, Springfield Township also has a parks commission with partisan-elected positions.

Eight Republican candidates are running for seven seats. They include incumbents Dorothy LaLone and Jean

Vallad, and newcomers Kelly Arcello, Diane Baker, Pat Deweese, Ronald Hudson, Richard Parke and Ron Wurst.

Springfield Township also has a non-partisan library board, with five candidates running for six seats in the November general election.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

VOTE AUG. 3RD

RE-ELECT

DAN KELLY

Qualified - Experienced - Leadership

- Current Independence Township Trustee
- 10 Year resident of Independence Township
- Active member of St. Daniel's Church
- Dan & Kathleen are proud parents of Caitlin, Meaghan, Caroline & Brendan
- Hardworking Trustee With Experience
 - Lake Improvement Boards:**
Clarkston Mill Pond Lake, Lake Oakland, Van Norman Lake, Walters Lake, Waumegah Lake
 - Sub Committee:**
Sashabaw Overlay District Committee, AFSCME Fire/ALS Union Negotiations, Adult Use Ordinance Committee
- Municipal Lawyer with 15 years' experience
Partner & Executive Finance Committee Member of leading Oakland County Law Firm

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Keeping Our Community Safe

Vote Tuesday, August 3



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MAGISTRATE **KELLEY KOSTIN** for DISTRICT JUDGE

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