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Benefits provided

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In response to a FOIA request, Clarkston Schools provided details regarding benefit packages selected by district administrators.

All administrators participate in the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System.

School administrators are offered health insurance through a Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO. Similar health care options are made available to other school districts, the details of which are not available without a FOIA request.

Transportation costs for administrators are covered by the allowed IRS mileage reimbursement rate allowed, currently set at 44.5 cents per business mile. Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts has a \$450 monthly allowance to put towards transportation costs.

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Senior Center delayed

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

After months of preparation, the Independence Township parks and recreation commission voted on May 4 to rescind their proposal for a \$3.1 million senior center bond issue and 0.25-0.5 millage proposal on the August ballot – and asked the township board to do the same at the May 16 meeting.

During the meeting, the commission recommended for the township board to plan on a November ballot.

According to Chairman David Lohmeier, the commission decided to rescind the plan after learning the property being purchased from Clarkston Schools is larger than thought. The group voted to reexamine the proposal – and possibly create a design that includes an “incorporated” gymnasium.

“Let’s take a step back and do this thing right,” Lohmeier told trustees the commission decided. “This was a courageous action by the commission.”

Lohmeier concluded his presentation by emphasizing the need for cooperation in the matter, “If we don’t have a greater level of resources ap-

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Jo Vaara, one of two Citizens of the Year, was all smiles after she asked everyone in the audience to rise and hug someone near them. Photo by Jenny Matteson

And the winners are...

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

There is no greater honor than the recognition received for a job well done. A small pat on the back or a kind word of praise can make anything worthwhile.

With that thought in mind, 11 unique individuals were honored for their hard work and dedication on May 17 at the 21st Annual Clarkston Community Awards.

For the first time, the event was held during an evening ceremony in the Clarkston Junior High School auditorium. A video presentation featuring the “voices of Clarkston” introduced each of the award winners. A special insert profiling the award winners was provided after the ceremony.

And now, announcing the winners of the 21st Annual Community Awards:

Citizens of the Year

Jo Vaara is an active volunteer in Hospice Care, Reach to Recovery and her church. She was nominated by Penny Stoglin for her 18 years of work with the cancer support group.

A cancer survivor herself, Jo would coordinate meeting space, mailings, guest speakers and volunteers for the group. According to Stoglin, visitors from other communities often comment on the warmth and enjoyment they receive when attending the Clarkston group.

Sandy Mabery is a local businessman who volunteers so much time at O.A.T.S. he jokes that he must “thank his wife because she never sees him.”

O.A.T.S. (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles, Inc.) offers horseback riding programs for the handicapped. Sandy volunteers every Tuesday at the facility to assist with special needs riders.

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Having a drink with Bob Higgins.

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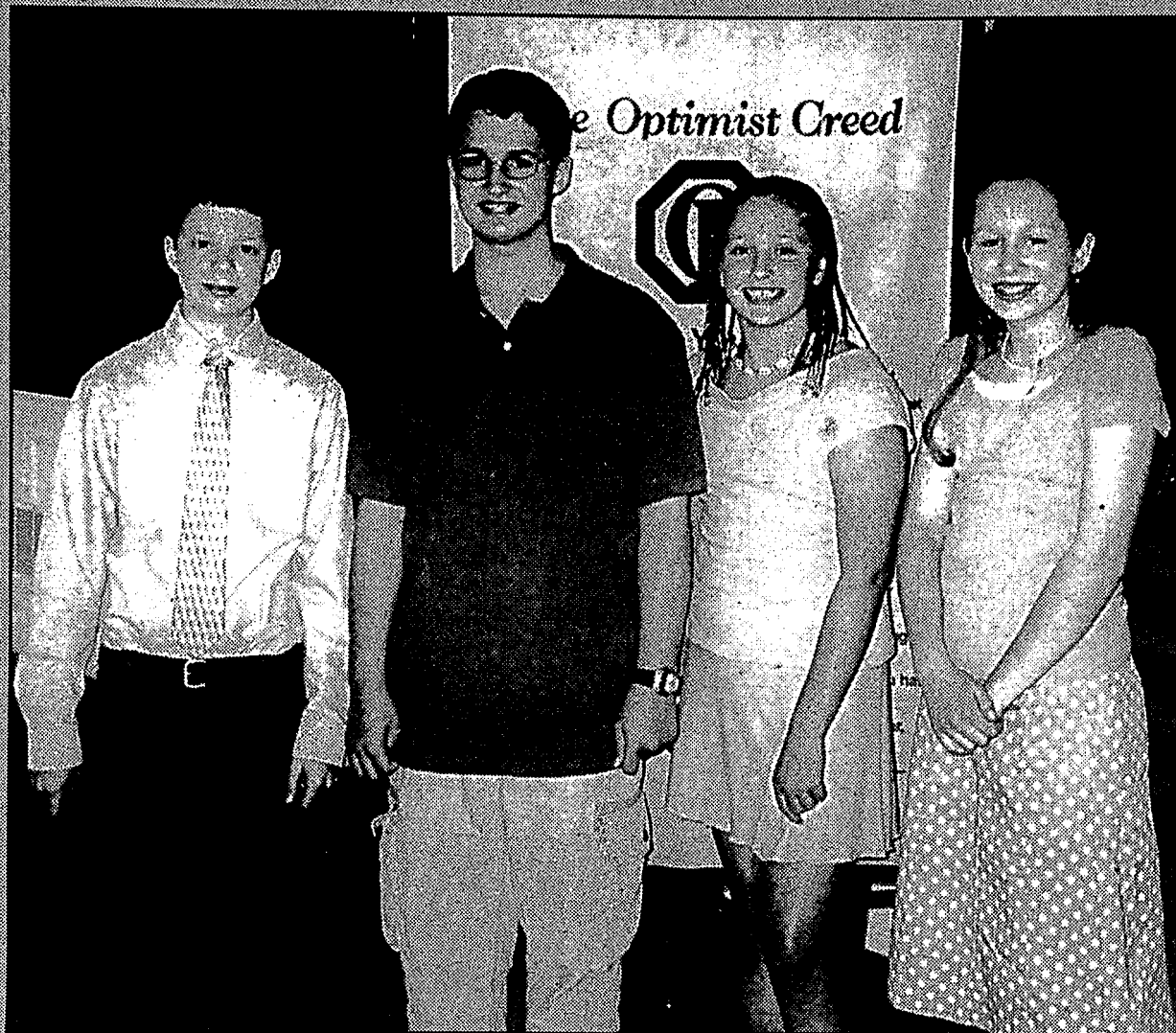
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Wolves runners grab regional title.

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Optimists honor SMS students

On May 3, four Sashabaw Middle School students were recognized at the annual Youth Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimists Club. The four students, selected by SMS staff members, show exemplary efforts during the school year as well as a commitment to the Optimist Creed. Pictured are (left-right) Nick Aguayo, Mitchell Newton, Jamie Goryca and Amanda Ejups. Photo provided

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Briefly

Bullard unopposed for commissioner's seat

Republican Bill Bullard, Jr. is unopposed for the August primary election for County Commissioner of District 2. Bullard was first elected as County Commissioner in November 2002. District 2 includes the Village of Holly, and the townships of Highland, Holly, Springfield and Rose. Bullard resides in Highland Township.

Memorial Day parade planned

On May 28, American Legion Post 63 members will place flags on the graves of veterans in Lakeview at 10 a.m.

The Memorial Day Parade starts at 10 a.m. on May 29. AML Post 63 invites all veterans to join the parade which starts from the corner of Church and Buffalo streets. The parade route then goes to Main Street, North to Washington, west to Holcomb Road and to the veterans' plot in Lakeview Cemetery.

American Legion Post 63 is located at 8047 Ortonville Road. For more info call 248-625-9912.

Mill Pond Beach to open Memorial Day

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is opening the Mill Pond Beach in downtown Davisburg on Memorial Day, May 29. The beach hours are 8 a.m. to dusk.

New this year is Swim At Your Own Risk, which means lifeguards will not be on duty. Children and non-swimmers should not swim or wade without a responsible adult in attendance.

The beach will close on Labor Day, Sept. 4. Please call 248-634-0412 for more information.

CAYA seeks golfers

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is currently seeking golfers for its 13th Annual Golf Outing on June 12 at Liberty Golf Club.

The cost is \$120 per golfer and includes lunch. A shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The money raised from the annual fund-raiser is used to offer camp opportunities and fund other programs for qualifying children within the Clarkston School District.

For more information, please contact CAYA at 248-625-9007.

Contest winners

The winners of *The Clarkston News* and T&C Federal Credit Union Mother's Day contest will be announced in the May 31 edition.

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CAYA representatives Pat Shepanek and Jennifer Arkwright present students with their awards during the Youth Recognition Reception. Photo by Andrew DuPont

CAYA rewards excellence

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

How do you define what makes a good volunteer?

"They are respectful of those they work with, dedicated, willing to push again under adverse circumstances, enthusiastic, empathic, energetic, focused, non-complaining, passionate about making a difference and always feels they are the ones who benefited from their actions. This is volunteerism as defined by our kids," said Anita Demster, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance secretary.

"A part of this volunteerism is the expectation that you do it without receiving praise, but tonight we're making an exception."

The words followed presentations for more than 100 youths from the Clarkston area on May 16. CAYA's annual youth recognition awards took place at the Clarkston United Methodists Church. The evening was a chance for the organizations helped by young volunteers to show their appreciation.

Three students - Adam Martinez from Sashabaw Middle School, Katie Vondette from Clarkston Junior High and Lama Alghanem from Clarkston High School, were named youths of the year and spoke to the crowd about what volunteering means to them and the significant role it plays in their lives.

"Volunteering is to offer yourself, like a gift to others," said Martinez before he spoke about his experiences working with SCAMP, the summer camp program for youths with disabilities.

"We all know that famous camp in the Clarkston area," said Demster. "Tonight we meet the youths who make this camp go."

"Volunteering is a way of life," said Vondette. "Vol-

unteering to me means putting a smile on someone's face and making a difference in their life." Vondette went on to explain how working with the Ronald McDonald House project teaching Sunday school made a difference in her life as well as those she was helping.

"Volunteering has really made a difference in my life, and I hope it has made a difference in the lives of the people in our community," Vondette said.

To illustrate how her volunteering experience has impacted her emotionally, Alghanem shared a story about helping in a hospital. Alghanem recalled playing her violin for a patient who died later that same day. Alghanem said that moment stays with her whenever she visits the hospital now, and reminds her that volunteering is about improving lives at any moment.

"Making (people's) lives more pleasurable up to their final moment," Alghanem said, is one of the most important reasons to volunteer.

After these three students spoke, representatives from CAYA began presenting awards to individual student for their work, whether they were working in nursing homes or with groups like SCAMP, local churches or even their fellow student through after-school tutoring.

Local officials including school board members, judges and politicians congratulated each student individually when they came on stage.

"We adults in this community are proud of you, extremely hopeful about the future that is in your capable hands and grateful to you that you are caring enough to serve," Demster said. "To the parents, thank you for providing the nurturing environment that has allowed these kids to flourish," Demster said.

For more pictures from the event and a list of awarded youths, turn to page 8A

Independence Twp. votes to create CIA

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

As long as everything goes as planned, the Sashabaw corridor will again become a very busy construction area.

At the May 16 regular meeting, the Independence Township Board of Trustees approved two motions that open the door for Sashabaw roadway and infrastructure improvements.

Corridor Improvement Authority

Trustees voted unanimously (Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen and Trustee Charles Dunn were absent) to create a Corridor Improvement Authority.

CIA's function similarly to Downtown Development Authorities, allowing communities to capture tax revenues generated from the increased value of properties within the district to be used for improvements in the area. Public Act 280 was signed into law by Governor Jennifer Granholm on Dec. 19, 2005.

The Sashabaw CIA begins at the Waterford Township boundary and ends just north of Clarkston Road. The area included has a taxable value of at least \$70 million and covers proposed projects such as a new "health care village" by McLaren Health Care Corp.

According to Township Planner Dick Carlisle, the CIA is led by a committee composed of 5-9 members broken down as follows: a majority holding a business interest within the district, the township supervisor and one individual living near or within the district. The committee's primary role is to recommend and oversee improvement projects.

Funds captured by the CIA can be used to contribute towards road and infrastructure improvements, such as widening the Sashabaw bridge over I-75 and adding a southbound ramp.

Sashabaw Road Improvements

Township Supervisor Dave Wagner first began discussing the widening and expansion of Sashabaw Road, particu-

larly by the I-75 overpass, in February. Now with the CIA, township officials may have a funding option to help make improving the roadway a reality.

According to Tom Biehl, of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, taxes acquired through the CIA can be used for road and bridge improvements, safety paths, lighting and installing storm drains.

Some of the road improvements for Sashabaw include: widening the Sashabaw bridge from four to six lanes over I-75, widening the roadway itself to six lanes from the bridge to Clarkston Road, and adding or expanding the interchange ramps.

"Ultimately, something is going to be developed there and the congestion is going to get worse," said Biehl.

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The township board voted to spend \$5,000 with engineering consultants HRC for a traffic count of the area during DTE Energy Music Theater's summer concert series.

The data collected can be used in forming an application to apply for Category A funding, yet another financial source the township can use to complete the project.

According to Wagner, the Michigan Department of Transportation, Governor Granholm's office and County Executive L. Brooks Patterson are all "on board" with the project.

The next step

A public hearing on the Corridor Improvement Authority is set for the June 20 regular board meeting.

After the public hearing is held, the township board can select to move forward and create a committee to oversee the CIA. Members of the committee are recommended by the township supervisor, and ultimately approved by the board.

Independence Township board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Independence Township Library meeting room. Please check with the township for any possible time or location changes.

Sobriety Court kickoff

The kickoff celebration for 52-2 District Court's Sobriety Court is at Oakhurst Country Club on June 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 per person and can be purchased by contacting Bill Clark at 248-625-5556, ext. 116.

Sobriety Court participants enter the program as repeat drunk driving offend-

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Fire dept. to control lights

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Moving through busy intersections is going to be much easier and safer for Independence Township emergency vehicles in the coming years.

On May 16, the Independence Township board voted unanimously to authorize the Road Commission for Oakland County to install and maintain signal pre-emption devices on traffic signals within the township. Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen and Trustee Charles Dunn were not present for the meeting.

This resolution grants "authorized emergency vehicles" the ability to electronically control the sequencing of traffic lights in the township through the 3M "Opticom" Priority Control System.

"This resolution had to be signed before the road commission could say, 'Okay, Independence wants to go down the road of this program,'" said Ronk.

"It's always a difficult situation to try to make it through traffic as congested as it is around here. It's a lot different than it used to be," said Ronk. "The potential for an accident is always there when we're trying to get somewhere in a hurry and people have their radios turned up and aren't paying attention. We drive defensively as much as possible, but you're trying to hurry through traffic."

Ronk explained hearing emergency responders approaching is more difficult nowadays with quieter cars, louder radios and people using cell phones.

Township Supervisor Dave Wagner agreed with Ronk and likes what the system brings to the department.

"It adds a lot to the department. Safety is everything. Anytime you can make things safer for those people and the guys risking their lives it's a good thing," said Wagner. "I think it's certainly needed. It's something the chief has talked to me about for awhile."

According to Ronk, the system will use transmitters placed on emergency vehicles to send a signal to the traffic lights when the department is in emergency-response mode. The signal kicks the traffic light into a cycle that gives the emergency vehicle a green light.

"It basically goes to yellow if it's not green our way and gives a green light in a short period of time," said Ronk, who estimated the signal strength to be about 1,500 feet.

A brochure from "Opticom" system states the emergency vehicle gains "right-of-way in a manner that appears normal allowing other traffic to respond predictably in a natural transition." The system is also directional meaning it only goes where the emergency vehicle goes without affecting parallel intersections or

unnecessarily delaying cross traffic.

The emergency vehicle emitter broadcasts data and encoded infrared communications to upcoming traffic intersections, states the brochure. The detector at the intersection receives the communication and sends an electronic message to a phase selector that validates the signal and requests a green light.

"When the emergency lighting is on and you're in drive...and the parking brake is off, the opticom system will be activated," said Ronk.

Ronk highlighted the intersections of Sashabaw and Clarkston roads and Clintonville and Maybee roads as lights receiving the new technology in the near future.

Currently, the 2006 Fire Department budget has approximately \$30,000 set aside to get the project started, according to Ronk. He said 3M gives a discounted rate for the first purchase and the department wants to get more for the money by making a substantial initial investment.

'It adds a lot to the department. Safety is everything. Anytime you can make things safer for those people and the guys risking their lives it's a good thing. I think it's certainly needed. It's something the chief has talked to me about for awhile.'

**Dave Wagner
Independence Township Supervisor**

Ronk, it will cost an estimated \$3,000 per traffic light to install. To outfit vehicles with the device to correspond with the light will run another \$1,000 per vehicle. Ronk said all "first response vehicles" will be converted over, but not staff cars.

"In the research I've done, the maintenance isn't a lot. Being this will be new installation, we don't expect to have a lot maintenance for a number of years," said Ronk.

Ronk could not estimate the number of lights to be completed with the first implementation.

"I can't give you a number yet. We're going to evaluate the lights we've got," said Ronk, noting areas high traffic volume areas like the Dixie and Maybee intersection and the Sashabaw Corridor, would most likely get the equipment first.

Ronk said he plans to have every light in the township equipped with the technology, acknowledging it will take years.

Ronk guessed the department will have more details about specific lights and dollar amounts in the next month for the board.

RCOC Information specialist Craig Bryson highlighted South Lyon and Troy as the other Oakland County communities with the 3M "Opticom" Priority Control System.

Men escape 52-2, face more charges

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Shortly after their arraignment following an alleged car theft, two men escaped from a holding cell at 52-2 District Court on May 19. After they escaped, the two suspects stole another car and were arrested a second time.



Maurice Ledbetter

Maurice Derrick Ledbetter, 34, of Detroit, and Gregory Lanier Bryant, 35, of Pontiac were arraigned over the weekend in 52-2 District Court on charges of unlawful driving away of an auto and fleeing and eluding, fourth degree. They have a preliminary exam set for June 1 before Judge Kostin.

According to Undersheriff Mike McCabe, the two men were contained in the same holding cell when they managed to "defeat the locking mechanism" using materials inside the cell. The two men, arraigned on May 19 before Magistrate O'Brien on an auto theft charge, were able to run out a back door of the court building. McCabe said the men were seen in their cell at 3:30 p.m. and were discovered gone around 3:40 p.m.

As stated in police reports, the men then allegedly stole a gray four door 1994 Pontiac Sunbird from a business parking lot on Main Street and drove off. McCabe said Ledbetter and Bryant were spotted by the Berkeley Public Safety Department. After the two men bailed from the car during pursuit, they were arrested by the Department of Public Safety for Berkeley and Huntington Woods, approximately 45 minutes after their escape, explained McCabe.



Gregory Bryant

The men were first charged May 19 with an unlawfully driving away a vehicle in 52-2 District Court after allegedly stealing a 1989 Chevy Suburban from a Deerhill Drive residence around 6:30 a.m. on May 16. They were captured as suspects in the first theft by the Troy Police Department. The Troy P.D. caught the men fleeing on foot after stopping the vehicle on Crooks Road.

There were no injuries or damage reported as a result of Ledbetter's and Bryant's escapes and thefts, explained McCabe. According to McCabe, Ledbetter had previous 1991 convictions for possession of cocaine and receiving and selling stolen property over \$100 in Detroit. He also had a delivery and manufacturing of a controlled substance conviction in 1999.

Bryant also was convicted on prior offenses including: a 1987 felony firearm charge as a result of an armed robbery conviction in Livonia, and receiving stolen property over \$100 and habitual offender in 1996, said McCabe.



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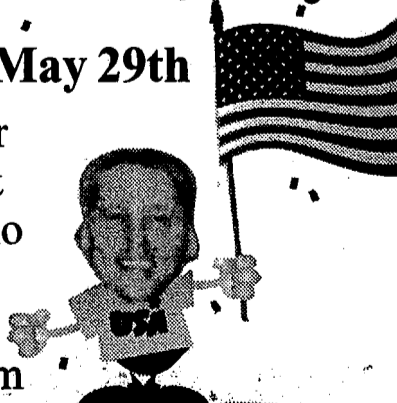
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It's not that I don't like frogs, they're hilarious. Those ribbits and insanely long jumps can be comical. I just don't want frogs in my house. (I mean, my girlfriend's house.)

Shortly afterwards, there were 30 to 40 frogs just like him jumping onto the porch towards the door. They were piling up right on the metal doorway step, getting themselves as close to the inside of the house as possible. Obviously, they didn't witness his flight.

I watched them and had no idea what to do. They were looking with wanting eyes - wanting in to the warmth, the food, the wooden floors and the TV. But, this was not their house and I wasn't going to let them take my space. I earned it.

Luckily, the next day the frogs were gone.

As I retold the story one day, I felt bad about tossing out "Kermit," (as my listeners called him). So I decided when I'd start to tell people the story, I'd call the frogs "troggs." Then people would know how cute and friendly I think frogs are. They're almost like people.

I'd explain how if frogs and not troggs were at the doorstep, my approach would be totally different. I would put out food for frogs if it wasn't for the fly-infested swamp nearby and I'd put out clothes if I thought they'd wear them. But these were troggs. Troggs are gross and lower than frogs. They try to get in and climb the walls and leave their slime all over. You can't communicate with them like you can frogs, they just don't understand English.

They had no right to be in the house. No troggs mooching off my living space.

Living space and who can fill it is a hot topic right now. Since I've been in this community, I've seen a lot of generosity. Being that I cover the churches as part of my beat, I see so many great stories of Clarkston people helping out others oceans and continents away. The generosity can be astounding and should be trumpeted. What a community.

I hear so many stories about how missions to hurricane zones and poor villages change lives. What happens they tell me, is people put a face with a word or a place and those things never have the same meaning.

I had an interview with an area resident recently talking about the Congo. Prior to that interview, I was thinking about the Congo. What came to mind before the conversation was "Africa," as seen on maps hanging in school rooms. Another thing was a book by Michael Crichton.

The resident showed me a picture of kids' smiling faces on malnourished bodies. That's the reality in parts of Congo.

The point being, we're talking all this immigration stuff and losing the faces in the words. As one of the wealthiest counties around, our voice does mean something. We're willing to help people struggling for opportunity far away, but when they're at our doorstep, some people seem to be wavering.

There's no easy solution. I struggled a long time on immigration, weighing the complex bag of issues accompanying it. But as with most issues I believe are too complex to grasp, I let my one emergency decision-making criteria win out.

I'd rather be on the wrong side of any issue that puts people first. I'm not going to give my bits about existentialism, but I think there's something after earth. I don't pretend all the immigrants are good people, or we shouldn't have restrictions. But when it comes to pointing guns and saying, "Get out. My door is closed. I deserve my life and you don't."

I can't. I had no role in my being here. I'd rather be wrong and poor and crowded.

At
Ease



James
Martinez

Opinion

Staff should be ashamed

Dear Editor,

The May 3 "article" on request for information on school administrator's benefit packages is an embarrassment to this community.

You attempt to lead the reader to believe that the district delayed your request. You are asking for very detailed information, of a personal nature to those affected, and it would be disappointing if the communication director did not take the time to prepare the information for accuracy.

Regardless, what purpose does this information being publicized provide? Your paper continually attempts to discredit the district, it's dedicated employees and their work toward providing a quality school system to our community.

The survey you attempted (which failed miserably) on the non-homestead millage was clearly biased. The fact you had less than 100 responses is evident your readers are bored with your agenda.

The information you requested belongs to real people - people that live and work in this community. They attend our churches, volunteer extraordinary hours and work even longer hours than most. So along with the financial, personal information that you want to publish, find out what it calculates in an hourly wage.

All of them have advanced degrees, including PhDs.

Letters
to the
Editor

They are responsible for our most precious commodity - our children. I would hope that you would consider their families and whether you want your neighbors to know your annual income and benefits.

I would also recommend that you do your homework on how difficult it is to find dedicated, quality administrators. These positions are stressful and require long hours and weekends. Every decision is second guessed, criticized by a new special interest group - to counter the other special interest group and local paper.

Your paper should celebrate and market our community. When our schools succeed and feel the support of the community, we all win.

What other entity is evaluated as often? MEAP scores, graduation rates, average SAT/ACT scores are just a few measurements.

If you're going to take a position on the appropriate income for school administrators, remember: "buy cheap... buy twice." The danger of that position, your don't get a second chance when educating kids... you have to get it right the first time.

Get off the Clarkston Schools "conspiracy" fantasy... you're embarrassing your profession and our community.

Mary Ellen McLean
Clarkston Schools resident
Formerly school board member

Writer suggests doing your own research

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response to the letter "Only one solution for resident."

I guess that I am confused at the writer's reason for writing the letter. We do live in a country that you can believe the way you want to believe. No one is forcing him to believe or think a certain way.

Where is the writer's "unity and tolerance" for those that he wrote about? Why does tolerance only go one way? Why does he and others see Christians - although

he mentioned "dozens of major religions and religious sects of the world today," his article was directed at Christians - as so dangerous? It is interesting how the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and his resurrection make people feel so threatened.

Accept his gift of eternal life or don't, but at least research what is truth. Compare this world's religions and see which one stands up to scrutiny. This country gives you that freedom and so does the Bible.

Patti Salvador, Clarkston

Area treasure soon to be lost

Dear Editor,

On Memorial Day weekend, the Clarkston Christian Association (CCA) located on the southwest corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads will be closing for good.

It is a necessary decision from a business standpoint. The old grocery store building, purchased in 1996, is in need of costly repairs and updating to meet the new appearance of the Sashabaw corridor. When these factors are weighed against the tremendous increase in property value, closure of the facility is the only option that makes sense.

The CCA touched many families in the community and my purpose in writing is not to admonish them for leaving, but to thank them for their years of service to our community.

We hear a lot about the "assets" and productive opportunities that we should provide to our children; however, the after-school activities, clubs and sports, along with community programs, require transportation that is not available to most children of working parents. Furthermore, after-school care through either the school latchkey program or private centers ends abruptly upon graduation from elementary school, leaving our 11 and 12-year-olds on their own from the time school lets out until parents return home between 5-6 p.m.

Only Mt. Zion Church saw the realities of the world we live in today and reached out to the community through the CCAnge after-school program for our

middle school students. Daily, students are picked up from both the middle and junior high schools, taken to the CCA until they are picked up by 6 p.m. each evening. The CCA offers a supervised environment with positive role models, while providing the students with activities that they enjoy.

In addition to the CCAnge program, the CCA offers an alcohol free singles club for young adults and a place for local bands to get some exposure. It is also home to the Mt. Zion School of Dance, which will be relocating.

My heartfelt thanks go out to Pastor Dan Neiwoit and his wife "Pastor Laura" for their commitment to our youths. In spite of having a very young family of their own, they both devoted many hours to their extended family of young people.

I am optimistic that next year we will again see Pastor Dan at our schools in the Mt. Zion bus, transporting our students to Zero Gravity at the Waterford Christian Association.

I also wish to thank the many young adults who work at or volunteer their time at the CCA to provide positive role models for our adolescents. I especially wish to thank Mt. Zion Church for providing the funding necessary to provide our community with an irreplaceable asset in the Clarkston Christian Association.

Candace Woodward
Clarkston

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1991)

• Holdup, Man charged in robbery: A 40-year-old Springfield Township man has been charged in connection with a bank robbery in Metamora Township, Lapeer County, last week.

William J. Hastie was arrested May 21 on charges that he robbed the Lapeer County Bank and Trust at M-24 and Pratt Road, Metamora Township, around 12:30 p.m., last Tuesday.

• Floats, music wanted for July 4th: Plans for Clarkston's Fourth of July celebration are shaping up, according to Capt. Mike Fahrner of the Independence Township Fire Department.

• Group pushes for YMCA center: A small group of Independence Township residents are trying to garner community support for the creation of a YMCA center in the Clarkston area.

25 YEARS AGO (1981)

• Blaze guts Independence business: Firefighters

from six departments battled a Friday afternoon blaze that destroyed the main building of the moon Valley Rustic Furniture Co., located at 6465 Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

• Machus plans July opening: If's official - a Machus restaurant is coming to The Clarkston Mills shopping mall.

50 YEARS AGO (1956)

• Changes Made In School System: Several changes are being made in the school system to improve the services and to adequately handle the increased number of enrollments and additional facilities and personnel.

• Large Crowd At Reception Sunday: Approximately 350 attended the reception at the Clarkston Methodist Church last Sunday honoring the Reverend and Mrs. Robert M. Atkins who will leave in June to make their home in California.

• H.S. Addition To Be Started: bids were taken Wednesday, May 16, for the high school addition. Bids were received 17 companies.

• Rotary Anns Elect Officers: On Tuesday evening the Clarkston Rotary Anns met at the home of Mrs. F.E. Davies on S. Holcomb Street. Mrs. Garnet Poulton was the co-hostess.

• Sandusky Mayor In Clarkston: Exchange Mayor Finkbeiner of Sandusky was welcomed to Clarkston Monday, with Mrs. Finkbeiner and party of four councilmen and their wives.

• Revival Meetings At Dixie Baptist: Evangelist Jim Mercer will be conducting a series of revival meetings each night at 7:30, May 28 through June 3.

Click-it or ticket

I know a number of law enforcement types. I can attest, they take their job seriously and wish to make a positive impact on the communities they serve.

That said, isn't their a better use of public funds (be they federal, state, county or local) than setting up two weeks worth of safety zones to catch only seven percent of the drivers in Michigan who do not regularly wear their safety belts? Shouldn't we use whatever extra taxpayer money that is spent here on something more productive, like say giving me and you a tax break?

Or if it has to go towards safer travel, towards less bumpy roads?

After watching a few television commercials warning folks that the cops will pull you over and give you a ticket should you not buckle up, I hopped onto the official Michigan website (www.michigan.gov). I typed into the search engine, "Click it or ticket," and found the following information.

Since 2000, the number of drivers in Michigan who use their seat belts has jumped from 70 percent to 93 percent. That's great! It's wonderful. It's delightful. It's delicious. It's de-lovely. But, isn't it time to end the song? That 93 percent of Michiganians agree to do anything (except for disliking Ohio) is cause for a celebration (but, not before getting behind the wheel.)

The state's goal is to get another two percent out of drivers to use their safety belts. Two percent, the state reports, will save 20 lives and about 260 injuries. All well and good, I just think it's time to move on; let the cop'ers do their thing and let those who don't buckle up test Darwin's theory on survival of the fittest. Not buckling up ain't too bright (just like the semantics of this sentence); maybe it's time to let nature take its course and let the weak-minded, yet still driving folks be taken out of the gene pool. (Gee, that didn't seem like a nice statement.)

At any rate, until June 4, 572 different police agencies across the state will participate in the Click-it or Ticket squeeze on drivers. There will be about 800 safety belt enforcement zones. Each zone will have a number of law enforcement types. Some to spot and radio the description of offending drivers to marked patrol cars further down the road.



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rush
don't rush
me

I don't know how many tickets will be issued (or if they'll get my number after reading this), but I can say at \$65 a pop, a nice chunk of change will head towards the state's overburdened coffers.

My advice: don't let yourself be weeded out due to lack of brain-power -- buckle up and not just for the next couple of weeks, but whenever you drive. (I only have a few regular readers, and to lose one to carelessness will really impact my numbers.)

If you want to know where the enforcement zones will be, you can go to the afore mentioned website and get the listing. You'll need an Excel program to read or download.

Dear Wife Jen and I went on a date last week and saw, *The DaVinci Code*. Despite a bunch of negative reviews from movie experts, we liked it. And, regardless if it was good or not, it sure made a ton of cash. According to reports, from Friday through Sunday it grossed \$224 million worldwide.

We found it especially thrilling to get back to our car and find anti-*DaVinci Code* information stuck on our window.

I'll just say this: People, IT IS A MOVIE. It is fiction. If folks want to believe it to be true, then they probably believe the earth is flat and Galileo a heretic.

OOOOOOOOops. My apologies to Samantha Kraska, who last week told me the true meaning of Mole in the world of science. I made a leap of faith that she was wed to Nick . . . well . . . here's what she wrote me: Don, Thanks for the mention, but I'm afraid something else is amiss. I'm sorry I didn't clarify this earlier, and I should have checked your reply earlier, but Nicholas Kraska is my brother. The reason that I knew what a mole was is that I'm a sophomore in chemistry right now. Sam."

And this bit of wisdom was e-mailed to me by my cousin Doris . . . A lot of folks can't understand why we have an oil shortage in our country. Well, there's a simple answer. Nobody bothered to check the oil.

We just didn't know we were getting low. The reason for that is purely geographical. Our oil is located in Alaska, California, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. Our DIPSTICKS are located in WASHINGTON D.C.

Trying acupuncture, or: Oh, well, worth a shot

But, first: Ran across this George Carlin comment, and loved it: "If a turtle loses its shell, is it homeless or naked?"

And, second: I can't start telling you about "The Acupuncture Experience" without some background noise.

A decade or so ago I had back surgery. Dr. Harold Portnoy diagnosed my disc problem quickly and repaired it quickly. I like him. He's casually efficient, and spends enough time with me to give confidence.

So, when my left knee started hurting a couple years ago, I diagnosed it as back problems and went to Dr. Portnoy.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

His conclusion, after having me go through various checkups, was I had a knee problem.

The recommended knee-man, while seemingly efficient, was much less casual, and, well, I'm not going to give his name.

He said I had a torn meniscus, which he could, and did, repair, but told me the operation would not alleviate my knee pain. Which it didn't.

By now I'm into my third year of knee pain. If I stand still, like talking to someone for a few minutes, the knee pain forces me to rest the leg on a stool or sit down.

So, why not try acupuncture? Friends have tried it to quit smoking, and while it didn't work for them, they said it wasn't painful.

After a get-acquainted interview, I got to take off my shoes and socks and drop my pants and lie on my belly. There's some back rubbing, that felt real good, before the pricking.

Of the several needles that were stuck in the backs of my legs, only two hit a nerve, so to speak.

Heat is applied for half hour, before the needles are removed. Then there was some talk about getting the poison out of my system the natural way . . . through natural sources, like calcium from organic compounds, plant-based enzymes and chlorophyll.

Since I'm kind of a believer in letting nature do all it can to keep and mend my body, I willingly started taking the doses.

Trouble is, I think my system wasn't ready for chlorophyll and I developed acid reflux and had some torturous nights. Bottom line, after three acupuncture treatments over two weeks, some words from my last appointment with Dr. Portnoy were dominating my thoughts.

There's a part of my story I left out. After the knee surgery and before acupuncture, I went back to my back man.

Our conversation was something like this, after his examination: He: "It's your knee!" Me: "The knee man said he couldn't help me."

Dr. Portnoy: "I have trouble with pain in my legs, too."

Me: "You're saying maybe I should learn to live with it?"

He: "I think you already are!"

With the remembrance of that conversation so clear, I decided to not stand and talk very long at one time, to put my foot up on the grocery cart while waiting at checkouts and abstain from chlorophyll in my water, but still drink more water than I was before the acupuncture's nature talk.

Also, I'm going to continue wearing the magnets on my knee as suggested by the needle-man. Magnets are known to help reduce arthritis pain, which was also found in my knee.

I'll just bet you can't wait to have me tell you about my ingrown toenails, follicle disruptions and wandering eye . . . oh, no, that's not a medical problem.

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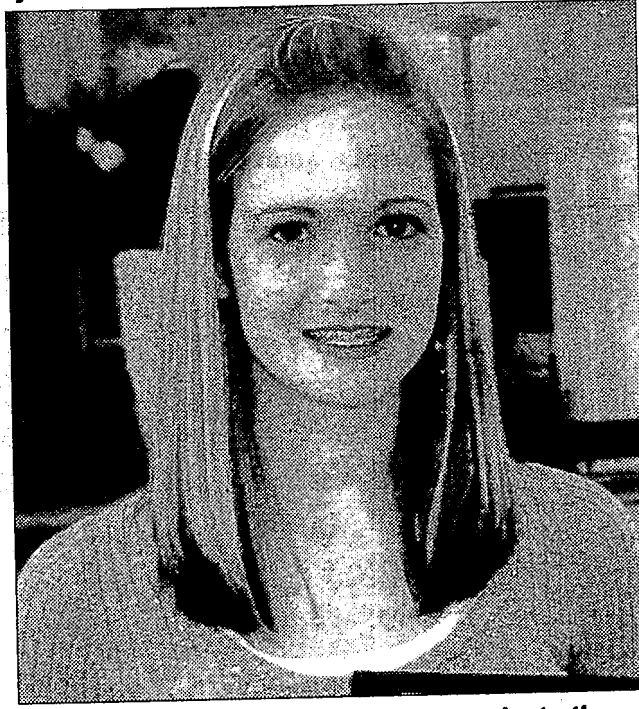
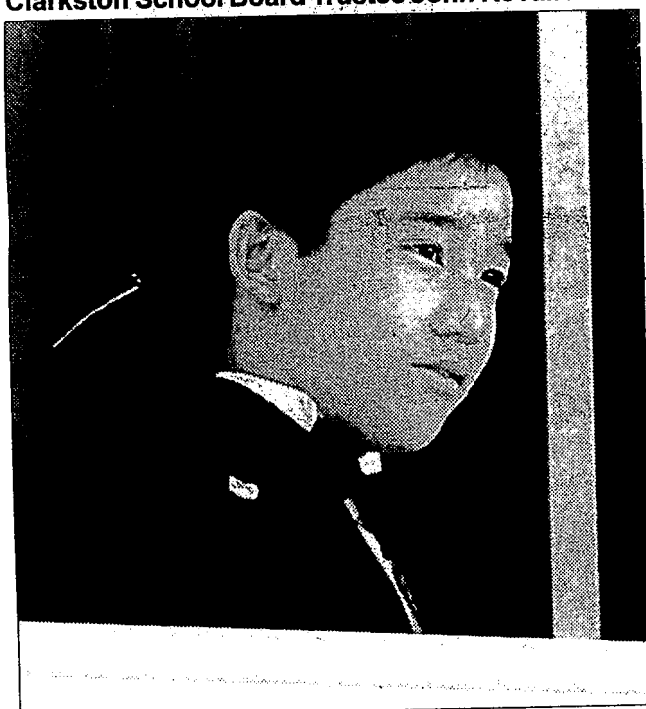
What does the Sierra Club recommend you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?



Leah Koval, awarded for her work with animal refuge, stands with her father, Clarkston School Board Trustee John Koval. Photos by Andrew DuPont



Amanda Martin poses with Bullet, the dog she raised to be a helper dog with PAWS for a Cause.



CAYA youths of the year (left-right) Alex Martinez, Katie Vondette and Lama Alghanem spoke to the audience about what volunteering means to them.

2006 Youth Recognition Award Recipients

Lama Alghanem
 Jerry Anderson
 Sophia Angeles
 Robert Appel
 Michael Arkwright
 Madeline Badgley
 Kayla Barnes
 Emily Beattie
 Sam Bell
 Amber Blair
 Ashley Blair
 Stephanie Boergert
 Brandon Boozer
 Kristen Boozer
 Heidi Burtz
 Callie Busch
 Brock Busch
 Eric Cason
 Amy Carls
 Stephanie Carlson
 Stephen Casson

Kris Cason
 Brook Chadwell
 Chelsea Collias
 Lauren Comp
 Meagan Cotter
 Samantha Cruz
 Jenna D'Autremont
 Colin Dabrowski
 Jennica Dabrowski
 Marina Dabrowski
 Quinn Dabrowski
 Nicole Daniels
 Megan DeCoster
 Tyne DeCoster
 Kelly Dickie
 Chris Dickson
 Lisa Doty
 Jacob Edwards
 Amanda Ejups
 Melissa Francis

Megan Gapczynski
 Christopher Garnett
 Chloe Gebacz
 Kathryn Genoa
 Alicia Gervin
 Kaitlin Glynn
 Jamie Goerss
 Bianca Gonzalez
 Hillary Hacker
 Louise Haven
 Jordan Hefty
 Sarah Houshock
 Andy Hirsch
 Jill Hostkova
 Elizabeth Hovakara
 Katelyn Hovakara
 Emma Hovakara
 Jennifer Hovakara
 Eric Hovakara
 Andy Hovakara

Andrea Johnson
 Zac Kerr
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 Katherine Krausman
 Laura Kupe
 Kyle Landgraf
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 Rosemary Magidsohn
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 Emily Martin
 Amanda Martin
 Eric Martin
 Andrew Martin
 Justin Martin

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 Natalie McGinnis
 Mickayla Meola
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 Joshua Royal
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 Marie Timm
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 Alyssa Vermeulen
 Katie Vondette
 Keith Voorheis
 Marissa Wegner
 Taylor Weiss
 Zac Weiss
 Brittany White
 John Wilks
 Jacob Wilton
 Alex Wirt
 Elizabeth Wong
 Emy Wright
 Nathan Yeloffman
 Erica Yeloffman
 Erica Bobby Zubalik

Police and Fire

Independence Township

May 15: Police arrested a 20-year-old Flint man for marijuana possession on S. Main Street.

Laptop computer, iPod and other items stolen from unlocked vehicle on Chestnut Hill Drive.

Between May 13 - 15 an unknown person stole a door and five windows already installed in a home under construction on Avington Parkway.

63-year-old Clarkston man cited for assault and battery after allegedly pushing another man at a gas station on M-15 near Bluegrass Drive. According to reports, the dispute occurred after the victim turned onto Bluegrass from M-15 as the Clarkston man was trying to turn onto M-15.

May 16: 34-year-old White Lake woman arrested for operating her motor vehicle while intoxicated on Dixie Highway near Andersonville Road. P.B.T. results were .203.

May 17: Police arrested a 30-year-old Clarkston man for marijuana possession. The man also had a warrant for operating while under the influence of narcotics and marijuana possession out of Independence Township, according to reports.

Car stereo amplifier stolen from car on S. Eston.

May 18: 23-year-old Clarkston

woman arrested for domestic assault on Oak Park Drive.

43-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman arrested for operating her motor vehicle while intoxicated and having an expired license on Dixie Highway near Andersonville Road. P.B.T. results were .135.

Vehicle broken into overnight at S. Eston Road residence. Wallet and bracelet stolen. The resident was contacted by a credit card company advising that a purchase had already been made around 2 a.m.

May 19: 20-year-old Clarkston man arrested for marijuana possession on Clintonville Road.

Store on Dixie Highway reported receiving a counterfeit five-dollar bill.

Police requested an arrest warrant for a 45-year-old Pontiac man for allegedly stalking a woman and maliciously using telecommunications to stay in contact with her. The man continued to contact the woman and allegedly damaged her car at her place of employment on Dixie Highway. The man was ticketed for malicious destruction on May 17, for damaging her vehicle. The man had contacted her at least 10 times according to reports after being warned by police on May 17 not to contact her.

May 20: Police arrested a 25-year-old Flint man for operating his motor vehicle while intoxicated on Dixie Highway near I-75. P.B.T. results were .193.

Parview resident arrested for felo-

nious assault after allegedly a dispute with his son at a restaurant on Dixie Highway. The 39-year-old man was transported to Oakland County Jail after being medically cleared at POH.

Police were called to break up a fight on Mary Sue Road and cited a 29-year-old Waterford woman and 25-year-old Pontiac woman for fighting/disorderly conduct following the incident.

Thirteen total guns taken for safe keeping by police from an Ortonville Road residence after officers arrived at the scene following reports of gunshots. Police cited three men for reckless discharge of a firearm around midnight after discovering the men holding target practice in the backyard. According to reports, several open containers of alcohol were found at the scene causing the officers to take the weapons. The three men: a 42-year-old Clarkston man, 37-year-old Auburn Hills man and 41-year-old Fenton man took P.B.T. tests. Their results were .098, .151 and .32 respectively.

55-year-old West Bloomfield woman arrested for operating her motor vehicle while intoxicated on M-15 near I-75. P.B.T. results were .200.

Springfield Township

May 17: Resident reported an unknown subject opened a credit card ac-

count in his name and made \$6,880 in fraudulent purchases.

May 18: Unknown person drove off after pumping nearly \$40 in fuel at a gas station on East Holly Road.

May 21: A red GMC Sierra pickup truck was stolen from a business on Big Lake Road.

Man passed out at pump

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies from the Independence Township substation found a man who appeared to be passed out in a running car at a gas station on Sashabaw Road.

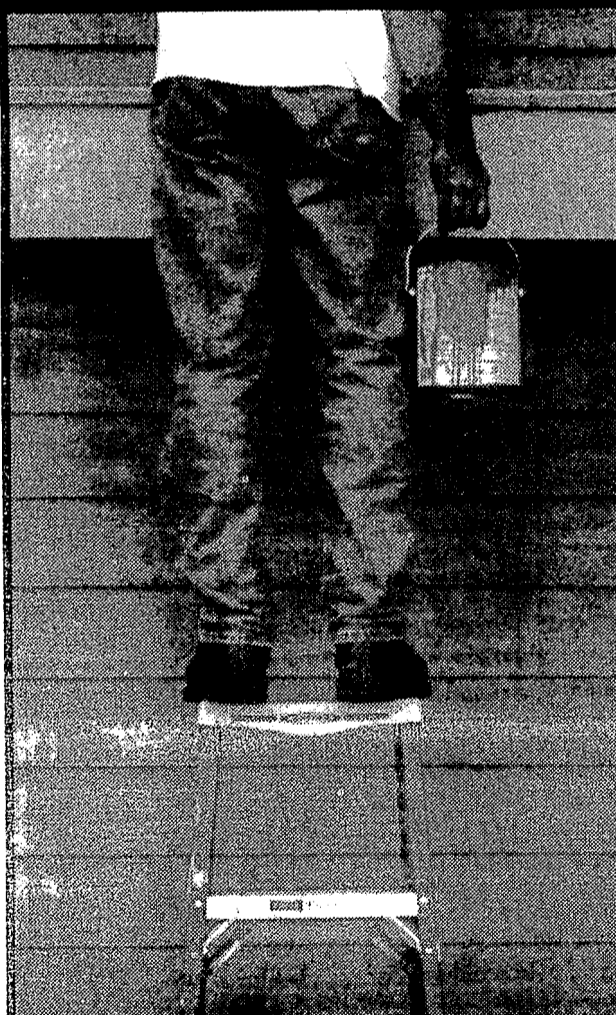
Police arrested the 52-year-old Detroit man on May 19 for driving with a suspended license and having expired plates.

A warrant for operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs is pending as blood test results are completed. The man failed several field sobriety tests and was given a breathalyzer and passed .000, stated reports.

An employee of the gas station alerted police and told them the man was there for about 20 minutes.

According to reports, police had to shake the man to awake him.

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By Ernie Harwell

It disturbs me to hear about the growing obesity problems among children. Today, one out of every five children in our country is overweight and the number keeps getting bigger.

That's bad news, not just because of the effect on kids' health today, but because overweight kids tend to become overweight adults with increased chances of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and the like.

Here are some things you parents can try to help prevent their kids from becoming overweight:

- *Don't insist that your child clean his or her plate all the time.
- *Get active with your children by walking or going for a bike ride with them.
- *Try to keep TV watching and video game playing to a minimum.
- *Avoid rewarding kids with sweet desserts like candy and cookies.

It turns out that the best way to help your kids is to set a good example. This way, you develop healthy habits to benefit you, and your kids see a good role model for healthy living.

Like a double play at the old ballpark, it's two for the price of one! And remember, take care of your health before it's lonnggg gone!

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



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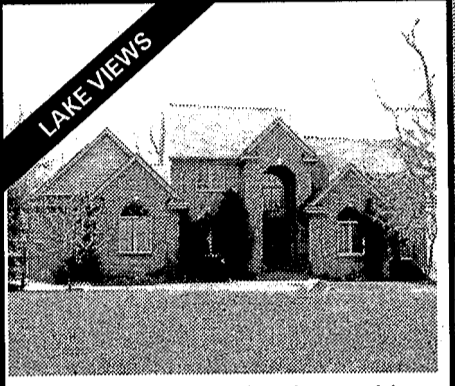
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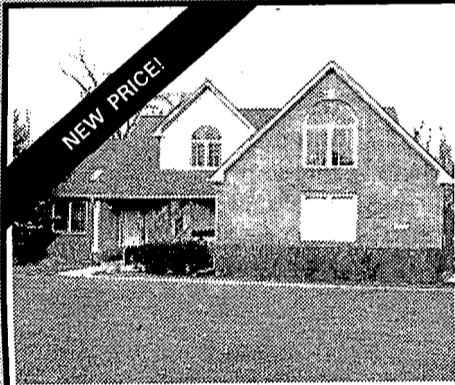
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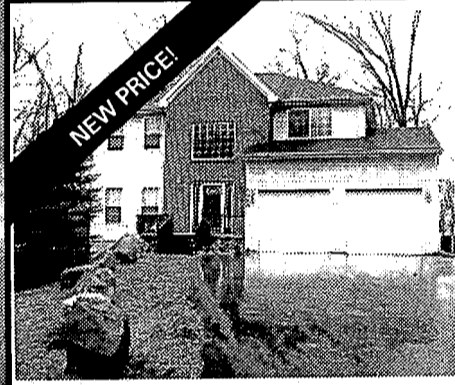
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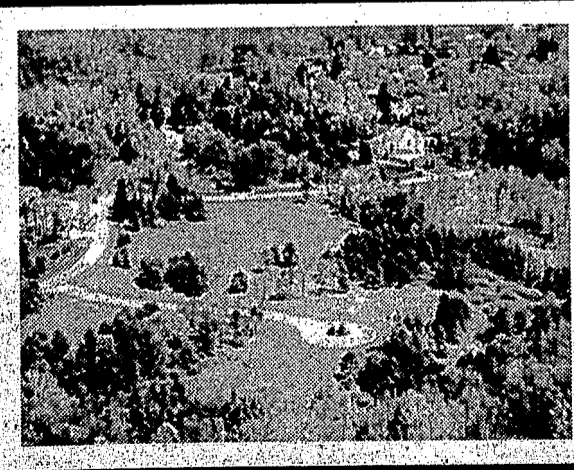
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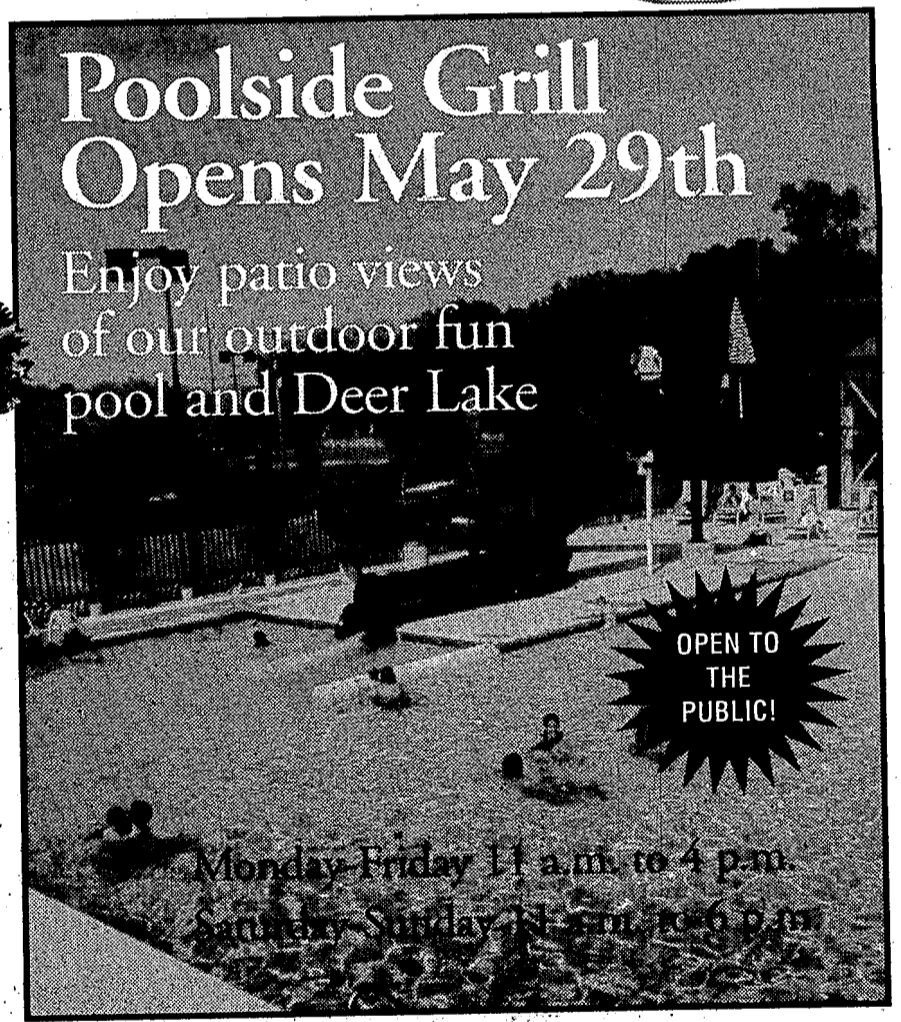
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BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In what Detective Darren Ofiara of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department called "disheartening," police caught five stores in Independence Township selling alcohol to minors. The five stores were busted during a liquor sting operation conducted from the Independence Township substation on May 19.

"The stores are going to have to push more employee training and understand the severity of the crime," said Ofiara. "Our goal is to promote an understanding of the fact that selling to minors is a major problem, especially with the amount of underage drinking going on. The kids' safety is the most important thing and protecting the township."

According to Ofiara, the "sting" consisted of sending a minor into 19 total area stores. As stated in reports, three of the businesses whose employees sold the alcohol asked for identification which was provided by the minor. The employees were cited for the violation.

"They bring their proper I.D.," said Ofiara. "We're not trying to trick any of these establishments. It all boils down to their training. There's no deception."

Ofiara warned their would be a similar operation in the near future.

"This time around we focused only on over the counter sales," said Ofiara.

As reported in last week's edition of

The Clarkston News, a similar liquor operation from the Springfield substation netted two out of the seven stores. In that sting, one of the store employees also sold to the decoy after seeing the ID which listed the minor's actual age.

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**- Det. Darren Ofiara
OCSD Independence substation**

Fines for selling alcohol to a minor can be as high as \$1,000 and multiple offenses can jeopardize the liquor license for an establishment, states a brochure posted on-line by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission at www.michigan.gov.

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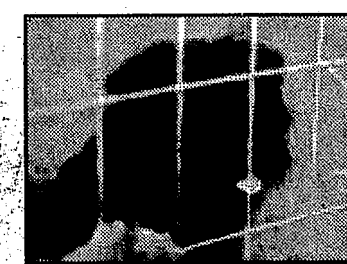
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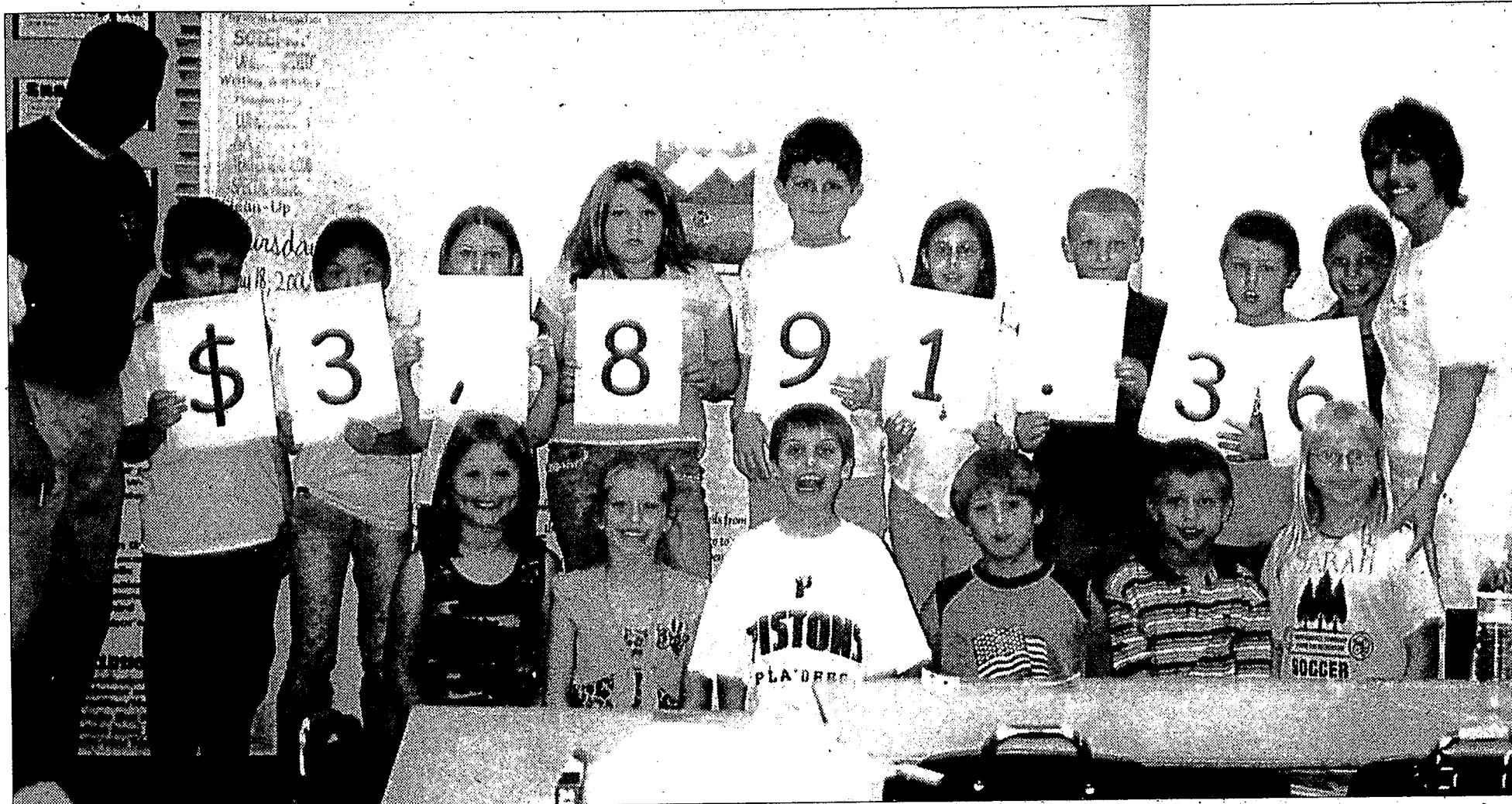
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Barbie Hensel and Julie Holler from Glitz Salon volunteered to do the honors at an all-school assembly.

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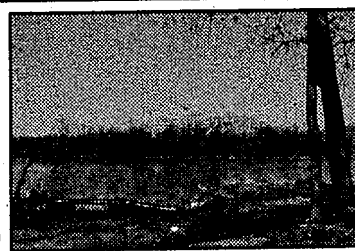


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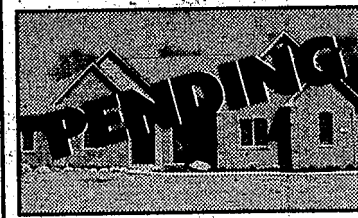
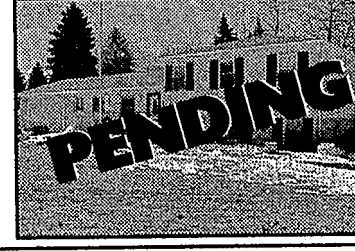
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Students catch glimpse of past at USO night

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
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"George Patton," swing dancers and World War II aircraft stormed Clarkston Junior High School on May 16.

The school hosted a United States Services Organization Night with a World War II era theme, helping students learn about history in a hands-on atmosphere.

Students earned extra credit in their social studies classes by visiting the activities and having a "ration book" they received at the door stamped.

Activities included looking at propaganda posters, watching educational World War II movies, identifying historical figures from the area, observing student projects, learning to swing dance and listening to real war veterans.

"It's really informational with the speakers and all the projects," said ninth-grader Matt Decker. "It made social studies interesting."

Social studies teacher Mike Greve explained the event was the first of its kind at CJHS, conceived during a staff developmental day by the social studies teachers. Fellow teacher John Drallos, who taught students how to swing dance, concurred with Greve, saying discussion started in November with plans really taking shape in February.

"We were sitting around talking about cool things we could do near the end of the year," said Greve. "It's hands on because we tried to put things in related to the time period... It gives them a differ-

ent perspective and it's easier to learn when you're having fun."

The special guests of the night were five World War II veterans who spoke to students about their personal experiences.

"I thought it was really cool because you knew the real aspect of (their experiences)," said ninth-grader Elizabeth Hawthorne, who listened to veteran Bob Wills discuss his flying missions while video coverage shot overseas played on the TV monitor.

About 80-90 student projects were on display ranging from models of World War II era aircraft to re-enacting a historical figure.

"It was a very open project. There were a lot of things they could do...anything they wanted associated with World War II," said Greve.

Students visiting the re-enactors listened to a presentation by the historical character and then could ask questions about that person.

"You might not learn as much about all the things, but you learn a lot about one subject and that helps you understand other parts of the war and time period," said ninth-grader Ashley Kukuk, who was George Patton.

Decker selected the re-enactors as his favorite project.

"They are the most interesting because they actually move," said Decker.

Overall, Drallos called the event a success and said it could definitely become an annual activity.



Let's dancel! CJHS teacher John Drallos shows Nate Schultz how to dance while a live band played in the background. Photo by James Martinez



George Patton, a.k.a. ninth-grader Ashley Kukuk, answered questions from fellow ninth-grader Tony Ross as part of her student project. Photo by James Martinez

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Dr. Robert's memberships include Phi Delta Kappa, an international organization for educators, the Michigan Association of School Administrators (dues for which are based on district enrollment numbers), the Michigan Institute for Education Management and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development for a total of \$1,793.32.

Deputy Superintendent David Reschke's memberships include Phi Delta Kappa and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development for a total of \$354.

Executive Director of Pre-K and Elementary Education Geraldine Moore's memberships include Phi Delta Kappa, the Teaching and Learning Council, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Staff Development Council for a total of \$453.

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Executive Director of Business and Financial Services Bruce Beamer's memberships include Michigan School Business Officials, American School Business Officials and Oakland County School Business Officials for a total of \$630.

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Executive Director of Transportation Kevin Bickerstaff's memberships include Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation, the Oakland County School Business Officials and the Transportation Group for a total of \$300.

Center

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plied, we will not make even the November deadline."

Originally on April 6, the commission approved a proposal that allowed for a 14,000-square-foot, stand alone senior center for a cost of \$3.1 million. The design plans were provided by JM Olsen Construction.

The commission also voted at the time against a gymnasium.

"We decided as a commission to take the gymnasium off the table," explained Lohmeier. "The cost and size of the structure was not an effective use of our resources."

"It was not just the money. It was the fact of looking at what you would really achieve. It would be a mediocre facility."

Although a couple board members voiced their approval, not everyone on the township board agreed with the commission's decision.

Treasurer Jim Wenger said the move is a "mistake" that could hinder the township's ability to budget appropriately in the fall. He emphasized the reason for the millage proposal was not just to support the senior center operations, but to help stabilize parks and recreation funding.

"I think it's a travesty for this board to not go forward with Plan A (the rescinded commission proposal)," said Wenger. "To do nothing in August I think is a mistake."

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Turk agreed.

"We are in trouble if we do not do something in August or November," said Turk. "Is it (the gymnasium) a good idea at this time, I don't think so, but we

Wed., May 24, 2006 The Clarkston (MI) News 15 A can plan ahead for that and make it a Phase II.

I think the best is for the board to act and act now - not wait until November."

Turk agreed with Wenger that parks and recreation is in "financial trouble." He reiterated that the department's surplus was used in this year's budget to keep operations running, and the one-time fix is now gone.

"I say put this in front of the people and let the people decide if they want to keep receiving these services," said Turk.

"August is our best chance to pass this. If we do nothing, we have a gloomy future in our community."

Trustee Dan Kelly did not agree with Wenger or Turk's assessments of the situation.

"We need the commission's support to get this done," said Kelly. "The state shared revenue cuts are a reduction to the general fund, not specifically parks and recreation. I will be looking at the entire budget and don't see parks and rec necessarily absorbing all the cut-backs."

After discussion, the township board voted 4-1 to "take a step back." Treasurer Wenger voted against the motion. Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen and Trustee Charles Dunn were not in attendance.

When asked later, Supervisor Dave Wagner said the commission has had access to the recently completed survey information since December. He added that he was unaware members of the committee did not have, or had not seen, the information.

For background stories on the senior center proposal, please go online to www.clarkstonnews.com and type "No action on senior center ballot issues" into the search engine. For a more general search, type in "senior center."



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Wolves runners capture regional title

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The only word to describe Clarkston's performance at the girls track regional is domination. The Wolves won 10 of the 17 events and scored 151 points to run away with the regional championship.

Clarkston qualified for the state finals in 12 of the 17 events and has 15 girls, who will take part at the finals.

"It was the most successful day we had at regionals," Clarkston Coach John Yorke said. "What made it successful more than anything is the fact that most of our girls ran their best times all year at the regional. The single most impressive thing we did was have the top five times in the mile. The entire top five was from Clarkston, which is pretty impressive."

Stephanie Morgan qualified for the most events. She qualified for the 3200-meter relay, the 800-meters, the 1600-meters and the 1600-meter relay and — won them all except the 1600-meters.

Her older sister Jenny Morgan won both the 1600-meters and 3200-meters, which were her only events. Morgan won the state championship in both events last season. Morgan was also a member of the 3200-meter relay team, which broke the state record and won the state championship last season.

Autumn Touchstone qualified for three events: the long jump, the 110-meter hurdles and the 800-meter relay. Touchstone's teammates on the 800-meter were Erin Hoffman, Melissa Martinez and Laura Kupe, who all qualified in multiple



Autumn Touchstone (right) qualified for the state finals in three event, including the hurdles Photo by Dave Pemberton.

events. Hoffman qualified for the 1600-meter relay. Kupe and Martinez both qualified for the 400-meter relay and Kupe also qualified in the 100-meter dash.

Yorke said many of the girls hoped to qualify for states, but ended up exceeding their own expectations.

"In some of the events the girls were happy to qualify, but were really excited they won the event," Yorke said. "It was

exciting to see them perform so well."

With so many girls competing at the state finals, a team state championship is a possibility for Clarkston. Yorke said the team wants to at least finish in the top five.

"We finished in fourth place last year and we want to at least do that again this year," Yorke said. "We will really rely on our distance girls."

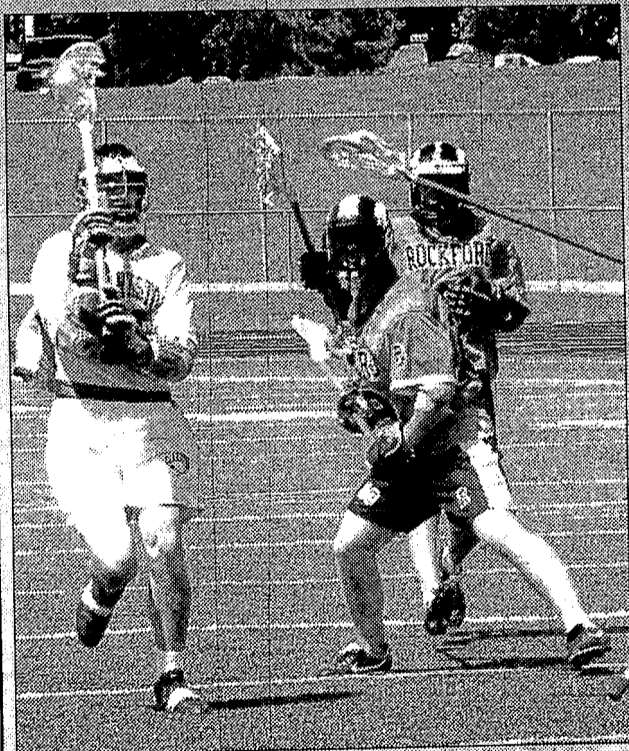
Before Clarkston competes in the state finals on June 3 it has two other postseason

events.

The Wolves competed in the OAA meet on May 23, which finished too late for this addition of *The Clarkston News*. Clarkston then takes part in the Oakland County meet on May 26.

"We would like to win both," Yorke said. "That's our goal. We just need to keep performing and running at a high level. If we run as well as we have been, we should have a shot."

Athlete of the Week — Matthew Ullrich



Matthew Ullrich takes prepares to take a shot on goal against Rockford. Photo by Dave Pemberton.

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Matthew Ullrich began playing lacrosse because one of his buddies bought a stick and convinced him to buy one. Little did he know that stick would lead him to becoming a college athlete.

Ullrich, a captain for the Clarkston boys lacrosse team, signed a letter of intent to play lacrosse at Wooster College.

"Mike Sasse bought a stick in eighth grade and said he really liked it so I got one," Ullrich said. "We played together and then got in a league. Then, when I got in ninth grade, I played J.V. here. I got moved up to varsity my freshman year for the playoffs. I scored my first goal in one of the playoff games. It was one of the only times I got in during the whole playoffs too."

Ullrich and Sasse have played together for five years, but now are nearing the end of their high school careers. The two are key parts of the Clarkston offense, which has led the team to a seven-game winning streak heading into the state playoffs.

Ullrich scored three goals in the Wolves 8-7 victory over No. 13 ranked Rockford on May 20. Ullrich

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Golf to state finals

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The conditions were rainy, cold and windy at the Mt. Pleasant girls golf regional — not exactly the ideal situation for teams hoping to make it to the state finals. Clarkston was able to overcome the conditions to take third place and qualify for the state finals.

The Wolves had a team score of 376, which was 12 ahead of Lake Orion who finished in fourth and did not qualify for the state finals. Grand Blanc shot a 360 and won the regional and Traverse City Central took second place with a 374.

The weather was not Clarkston's only obstacle in the regional. The Wolves were one of five teams ranked in the top 10 in the state that took part in the Mt. Pleasant regional. Wolves' Head Coach Larry Sherill said his third and fourth girls are what made the difference.

"It was a very tough regional," Sherill said. "We are fortunate to have a good three and four players. Some of the other teams' three and four struggle and it really hurt them. Teams need a good three and four to do well at the big meets."

None of Clarkson's golfers finished in the top 10, but they all had respectable scores. Minjoo Lee led the Wolves with an 88, Jackie Schramm shot a 91, Lu Kuhta scored 94 and Sarah Galbreath finished with a 105.

"All the teams scores were pretty high," Sherill said. "My team is tough. They did the things they need to do to grind it out. Every shot mattered with those conditions. We finished just two shots short of second place."

Sherill said the team will work on their short game before they head to the state finals on June 2 at Michigan State. He also said he talked with the team about the expectations they should have at the state finals.

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CHS plays solid in Manuel Tournament

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston made three errors in the first inning, but was able to regroup to defeat Birmingham Groves 11-6 in the Manuel Memorial Baseball Tournament.

The win came after a tough 3-0 loss to Northville in the first round of the tournament.

"We lost to Northville 3-0, but that was one of the best games we played all year," Clarkston Coach Phil Price said. "Our kids competed and played well, we just ran into a very good pitcher. We came out here and we gave up two runs in the first inning so I didn't know what to expect. Our kids responded and scored four runs in the bottom of the inning. That set the tone for the rest of the day."

Eric Ogg started off the Wolves comeback with a bunt single in the bottom of the first. Steve Vanderheyden drew a walk and then Mike Kittle got on base with a bunt single.

Clarkston scored off a fielder's choice and Ty Taylor tied the game with a RBI single. The Wolves scored two more runs in the inning off two wild pitches to take a 4-2 lead.

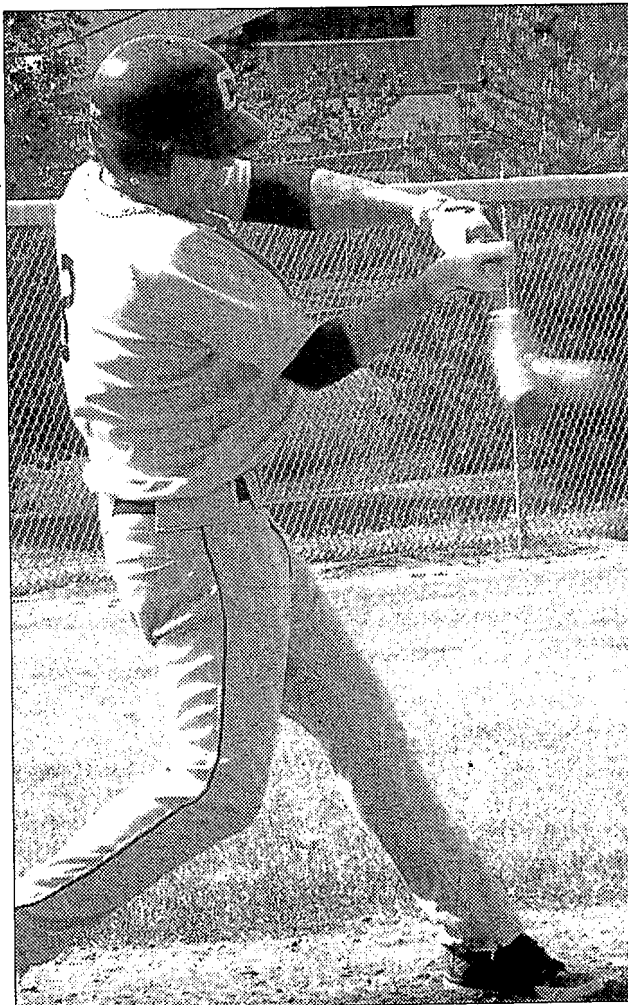
The Wolves scored three more in the second. Ogg hit a grounder to third, but beat the throw for a single. He stole second and third before Vanderheyden knocked him in with a sacrifice fly.

Kittle hit a single and Dave Brelinski drove him in with a home run to deep center. The home run came two pitches after he nearly hit a home run that went foul. Brelinski said he wasn't necessarily going for a home run.

"I just tried to get a base hit," Brelinski said. "You can't always go for the home run. If you go for the base hit, then the home runs will come. It always feels good to get a home run though."

Clarkston added another run in the third and two more in the fourth to take a 10-2 lead.

Groves scored two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings, but couldn't get any closer.



Senior Mike Kittle connects for a base hit. Photo by Dave Pemberton.

Clarkston pitcher Cody Noel struck out seven to earn the win. Price said he was impressed with Noel's performance on the mound.

"He competed," Price said. "He threw strikes. The other thing he did was when other people made mistakes behind him, he didn't let it bother him."

Tennis squad takes third

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

One point separated Clarkston from the tennis state finals. The Wolves scored 15 points at the Division I boys tennis regional at Rochester on May 19, which was one point behind second place Utica Eisenhower.

The top two teams automatically qualify for the state finals and a third team can qualify if it scores at least 18 points. West Bloomfield scored 30 points to win the regional title.

"I told the team I was happy with the way they played," Clarkston Coach Chas Claus said. "We accomplished more than any other team has at regionals. We tied our best point total and it was the closest we ever came to making the state finals, missing it by one point. I was really proud of their effort. I wish we would have had a little more help from some other teams, but that's ok."

The No. 3 doubles team of Thomas Beattie and Derek Boatman and the No. 4 doubles team of Blake Curdy and Trent Rose both reached the finals in their flights, but both fell to West Bloomfield teams.

Beattie and Boatman lost to the Lakers Mike Lewis and Mike Brodsky 6-2, 6-4. Curdy and Rose fell to West Bloomfield's Matt Ruza and Scott Jurewicz, 6-1, 6-3.

"Both of them had favorable draws," Claus said. "They came threw in the clutch and made it to the finals. They also had some revenge on the way. They both defeated teams they lost to at the league meet."

Clarkston didn't lose any first round matches, which helped them come close to making the state

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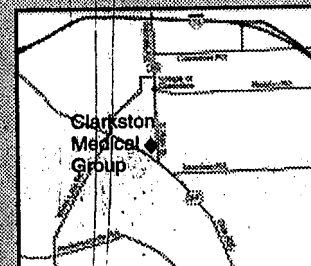
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Tennis

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finals. Claus said first round losses likely cost Brother Rice from making the state finals. Brother Rice also finished with 15 points.

"We didn't have an easy first round matches, but we won them all which was key," Claus said. "All the flights played well, but lost to good players."

The regional marked the end of solid season for Clarkston. Claus said he was really pleased with the progress the team made during the year.

"We peaked at the right time," Claus said. "We played great at the regionals. We had a lot of learning to do when we started the season. We had doubles players moving to singles and others getting adjusted to new flights. They accomplished a lot and played well at the level of tennis they were competing in."

The Wolves will return four of its top six players next season. No. 1 singles player Chris Graczyk and No. 2 singles player Erik Maesch will be back and the No. 1 doubles team of Erik Ejup and Brett McMillen as well.

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has 21 goals this season and is hopeful he can help Clarkston win a regional title.

A regional title would cap off a solid high school career for Ullrich, who said he wanted to make sure he played after high school. He said he choose Wooster because of the lacrosse and science programs.

"I went down there and they have a really good science program, which is what I want to go into," Ullrich said. "I really liked the coach and the school. I think it will be a great opportunity for me."

Clarkston Lacrosse Coach Brian Kaminskas said he loves to see his players go on to the next level.

"It's terrific," Kaminskas said. "The fact that they have the love for the game, the desire and the skill is everything you want from your players."

Kaminskas is hopeful Clarkston will get to keep playing for a few more weeks in the state playoffs and said Ullrich will play an important role.

Golf

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"We talked on the way home from Mt. Pleasant," Sherill said. "We want to at least finish in the top five. There will be a lot of tough teams, but we think we are a top five team."

On May 16 Clarkston tied for second place at the OAA meet. The Wolves and Rochester both shot a 371. Birmingham Seaholm won the event with a team score of 345.

Lee shot a 86 to finish fifth overall and Schram scored 70, which was good for seventh place. Gal breath (97) and Kuhta (98) also had respectable scores.

"It was a whole team effort at the league meet," Sherill said. "Nobody has been really low for us all year. Our tendency is to have a solid team effort from top to bottom."

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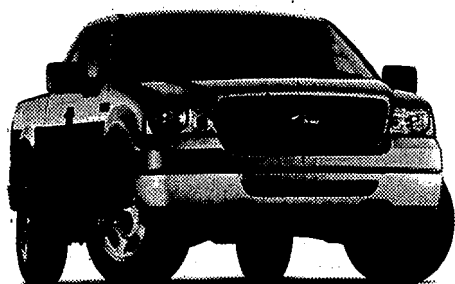
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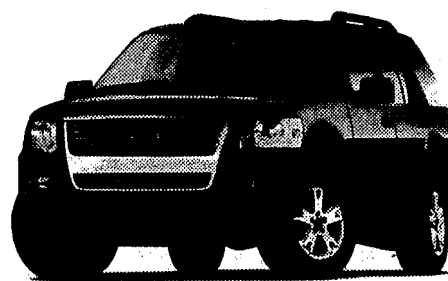


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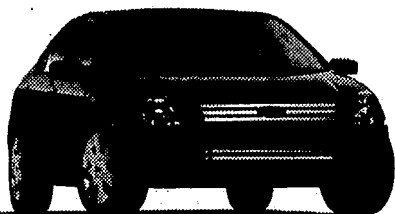


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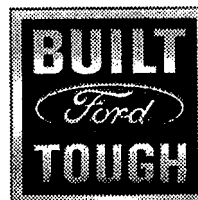


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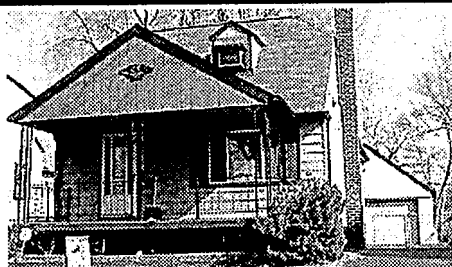
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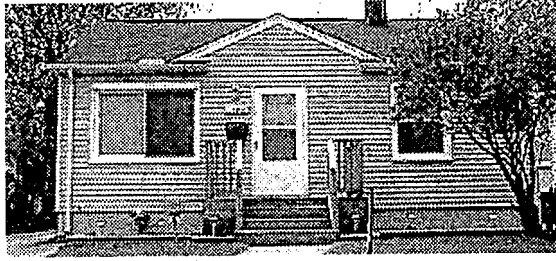
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Lacrosse team tops Rockford to win seventh

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Every team wants to have some momentum going into the postseason.

The Clarkston boys lacrosse team will have plenty when regional play begins this week after defeating Rockford 8-7 on May 21.

The win was the Wolves seventh in a row and against one of the top teams in Michigan. Rockford entered the game ranked No. 13 in the state.

"It was the best game I've seen them play all year," Clarkston Coach Brian Kaminskas said. "We have been working towards this. Their transition was terrific and their defense was solid. It was the toughest opponent we lined up against all year. For us to come out and beat them, it will give us momentum going into the playoffs and help us get to where we want to go. The guys are confident and it's exactly where we want to be."

Senior Matthew Ullrich led Clarkston with three goals. He said he is pleased with how the team has performed the last few weeks.

"We have been working hard since October and I think it's starting to pay off now," Ullrich said. "It's starting to show all the hard work we put in."

Clarkston was able to defeat the Rams thanks to a solid first half. Senior Marcus Craft netted the first goal for Clarkston a little over two minutes into the game. Rockford's CJ Scholl tied the game at one with 9:13 left in the first quarter.

Senior Brent Fisher responded by scoring the next two goals for the Wolves and Ullrich scored with 53 second left in the first quarter to give his team a 4-1 lead.

The Rams' Zack O'Connor cut the

lead to two with 8:53 left in the first half, but Ullrich responded with two more goals for the Wolves to give them a 6-2 lead at halftime.

Rockford started to mount a comeback in the third quarter. The Rams scored three quick goals to cut Clarkson's lead to one.

Senior David Isaac gave Clarkston some breathing room when he scored with 5:26 left in the third quarter, but Rockford's Nate Grimm cut the lead back to one, 7-6, when he found the net with 1:16 left in the third.

Senior Mike Sasse scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal for Clarkston early in the fourth quarter off an assist from junior Eric Salo. Rockford's Raymond Sabon gave his team a chance to tie the game when he scored with 4:29 left in the game, but Clarkston's senior goalkeeper Steve Johns made two critical saves in the final four minutes.

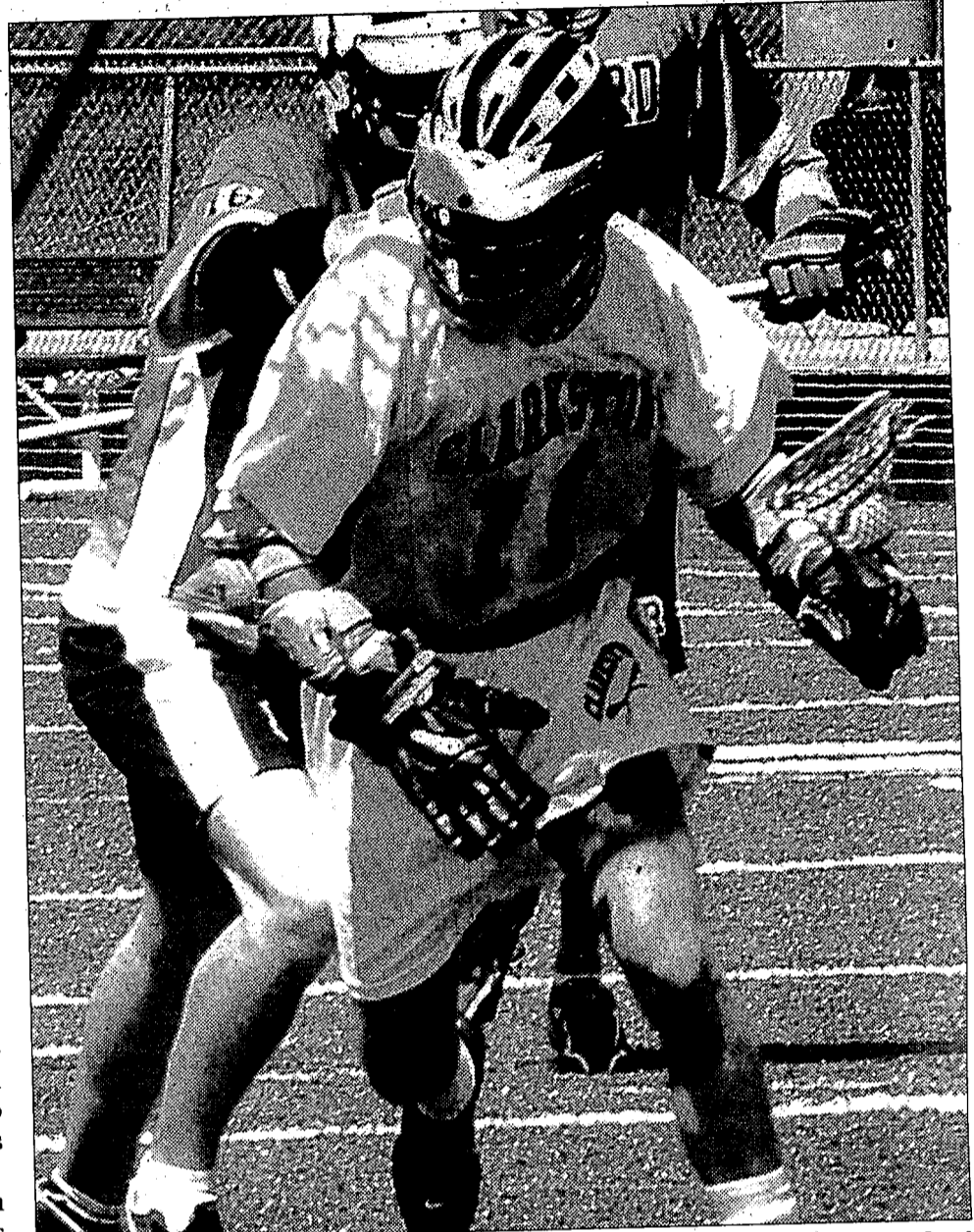
Johns finished with 11 saves to earn the win.

Kaminskas said he was pleased with the team's effort and he really liked the way Ullrich played offensively.

"The way he came out and took control of the offense is exactly how we want him to play," Kaminskas said. "It's what we expect of him. He is one of our captains and one of our leaders out there."

The Wolves will start the state playoffs with revenge on their mind. They will attempt to avenge an early season loss to Farmington in the first round of regionals on May 26.

"We lost to them in the regular season by one goal," Kaminskas said. "The kids want another shot at them and are getting pretty psyched to play them."



Brent Fisher attempts to slash between defenders and attack the Rockford goal. Fisher had two goals in the Wolves win. Photo by Dave Pemberton.

Athens strikes out

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Megan Sperry pitched a gem to help Clarkston top league rival Troy Athens 2-1. Sperry allowed just three hits and struck out nine to earn the win. Clarkston Softball Coach Don Peters said Sperry pitched phenomnal the last few weeks.

"Lately she has been as good as anybody," Peters said. "She has pitched great lately. I would put her up with just about anybody right now."

Sperry also helped the team behind the plate. She led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a bunt single. The Wolves made two sacrifice bunts in a row to move her to third and Amber Giroux singled to knock her in.

The run tied the game at one after the Red Hawks scored in the top of the fourth off a throwing error.

In the bottom of the sixth, Giroux drew a walk with two outs. Caitlin Morris singled to advance Giroux. Then Jessica Palace hit a single to send her home and give Clarkston a 2-1 lead.

Sperry made sure the Wolves kept the lead by not allowing a hit in the top of the seventh.

Clarkston's final regular season game against Fraser finished too late for this addition of *The Clarkston News*.

The Wolves begin the state playoffs by hosting Waterford Mott in the first round of districts.

Clarkston's mile relay team qualifies for track state finals

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Injuries and harsh weather conditions cost Clarkston at the boys track regional at Holly on May 19.

The Wolves hoped to qualify for the state finals in a few events, but only the mile relay was able to reach the goal.

The 1600 relay team of Nick LaMora, Brad Kolano, Matt Alexander and Jesse Kessler took second place with a time of 3:29.5.

"Every event we knew we had some potential, but it wasn't an ideal situation," Clarkston Coach Walt Wynnemko said. "For them to qualify, they had to come in second place and they did a good job. We were happy and proud of them."

Wynnemko said he would like to have more kids qualify, but he is excited for the mile relay team.

"We feel that we have a mile relay team that has a chance to compete at the state finals," Wynnemko said. "We are going to give it our best shot. We are excited to have a chance to be there and compete the best we can. It's a great opportunity for us to finish out the season well."

The biggest disappointment at regionals for Clarkston came in the 110-meter hurdles. Senior Brad Gale, who

dominated the OAA in the event and was one of the favorites at the regional, was injured during the finals.

Gale was also a favorite to make the state finals in the 300-meter hurdles. Wynnemko said it was an unfortunate injury for a hard working kid.

"I told him sometimes life stinks and it's not easy," Wynnemko said. "I wish I had the answers for him. I feel sorry. It's like a brother who worked hard and had something bad happen. Last year, he was a tenth of a second away. Sometimes things like this happen to really good kids."

Wynnemko is unsure if the injury will prevent Gale from competing in the Oakland County meet on May 26.

Wynnemko said there were some other positives he took from the regional meet. He was impressed with sophomore Erik Thompson, who finished in sixth place in the 100-meter dash. He also was pleased with LaMora and Alexander, who took fifth and sixth place in the 800-meters.

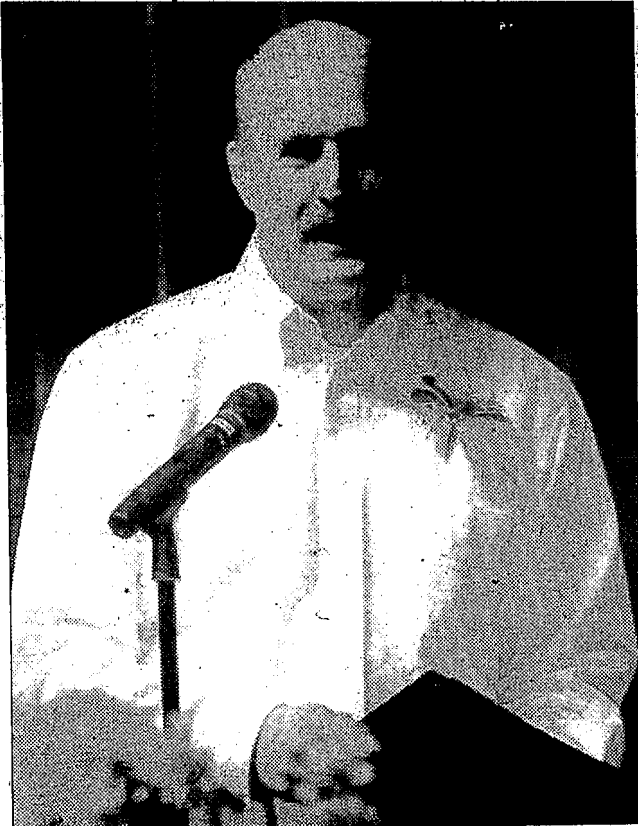
He is hopeful the team can improve some of their times and distances and have a quality day at the Oakland County meet.

"We got two more weeks of track," Wynnemko said. "We are happy to have the opportunity to try and get our times and distances better. We want to have



Sophomore Erik Thompson competes in the long jump. Photo by Dave Pemberton.

some fun and show what we can do." The results from the OAA meet on May 23 were not available at press time for this addition of *The Clarkston News*.



Sandy Mabery was speechless after being one of two individuals named Citizen of the Year. The Clarkston resident is well known for his work with O.A.T.S.



Co-chair Kelly Hyer donned a bright orange feather boa while introducing the Community Collaboration award winners – the women of the Sassy Ladies Calendar.



Who decided giving a lawyer a microphone was a good idea? Robert E. Kostin charmed the audience after receiving his award as Businessman of the Year.

Awards

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Concerned the some elderly riders could not participate, Sandy spearheaded a cart-driving program which included the purchase of the cart and learning to drive the rig himself. The program now allows many individuals from assisted living homes to experience the possibilities at O.A.T.S.

Sandy was nominated by Nancy Lee Heussner, O.A.T.S.

• Young Woman of the Year: Laura Kuhta

“Lu” Kuhta was diagnosed with bone cancer in 2001 and started intensive anti-cancer chemotherapy in the eighth grade. She completed her treatments in February 2002.

Throughout her school years, Lu remains active in Student Council, National Honor Society, the CHS golf team and swim team. She is also a member of Destination Imagination, Odyssey of the Mind and finds time to volunteer for Paint the Town, Relay for Life and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Lu plans to study business at Arizona State University in the fall.

• Young Man of the Year: Ian Sabbag

Ian Sabbag, a scholar athlete and peer leader, is remembered most for his work to help an exchange student during his junior year at CHS.

Ian became friends with an exchange student who was at risk of being sent home because of difficulties with his placement family. Ian convinced the placement agency to allow the student to complete the school year with the Sabbag family.

Ian is a recipient of the Clarkston Foundation Excellence in Science Award and plans to attend Albion College to study business/management and economics.

• Adult Youth Volunteer: Don Brose

What does Don Brose not do for children?

He is the current Governor for the Michigan District of Optimist International and a long time leader in the Optimist, Octagon, Junior Optimist and Alpha Clubs throughout Clarkston. In fact, Don helped to establish many of these clubs throughout Clarkston Schools.

In addition to providing school youth programs, Don is highly involved with the local Optimist chapter and even chaperones youth trips to Optimist International national conventions.

Don was nominated by Jill Popour.

• Community Preservation: Clarkston Community Schools

The “Old Church Street school” is now has a sparkling self-image thanks to new windows; cleaned brick; glazed, stained concrete floors; and new Monet tiling around each drinking fountain. The older 1950’s addition was replaced with an expanded structure that matches the fascia of the original building.

Porcelain tiles, stained concrete and terrazzo are just a few of the building materials used. The gym floor was repainted and sealed and the classrooms received new carpeting.

The district was nominated by Clarkston Schools Communications Director Anita Banach.

• Community Beautification: Tim Wickersham

Many a passerby will not believe the transformation the structure at 7300 Dixie Hwy. has undergone thanks

to Tim Wickersham.

Wickersham refurbished the existing structure and then tied the building into a new structure he built on the nearby vacant lot.

The property was nominated by David Kramer.

• Community Enhancement: CHS Pom Pon Team

Under the direction of Erin Montera, the young ladies on the Pom Pon team have participated in several community activities:

- Collecting personal hygiene products for Lighthouse
- Volunteering at Art in the Village
- Preparing dinners for families staying at the Detroit Ronald McDonald House
- Providing summer dance class for SCAMP
- Volunteering at the Ennis Center in Pontiac.

The Pom Pon Team was nominated by Cheryl McGinnis.

Community Collaboration: The Sassy Ladies Calendar

The “Sassy Ladies” calendar was done as a fundraiser to assist Clarkston businesswoman Theresa Tersigna, who needed help raising money for a liver transplant. The charitable project was a cooperative effort between Sigma Beta Sorority, Psi Chapter – Louise Bisogni, Judy Addis and Linda Walsh-Lapinski, and Coldwell Banker Schweitzer.

The calendar brought together more than 40 women, all age 45 or older, posing as calendar girls in a project that was tongue-in-cheek and riské. The project received extensive local and national attention.

To date, the “Sassy Ladies” calendar has raise almost \$42,000. The ladies were nominated by their number one fan, Fred Ritter.

Businesswoman of the Year: Jennifer Szewe

Szewe is described by her employees as “Tough on results, but kind with people.” Many see her as a mentor and friend who encourages them to set high personal and professional goals.

Which is probably why so many individuals nominated the Outback Steakhouse boss for this award – Terri Bendes, Matthew Blaquiere and Debbie Burton.

In the past year, Szewe and the Outback staff have participated in over 80 community projects such as raising funds for the Clintonwood Spray Park and organizing and hosting a Benefit Bike Ride for the Fallen Heroes Memorial.

Szewe said she wants her staff to understand the importance of giving back to the community.

Businessman of the Year: Robert E. Kostin

The old adage goes, “Charity begins at home,” and Robert E. Kostin symbolizes that golden rule to a tee.

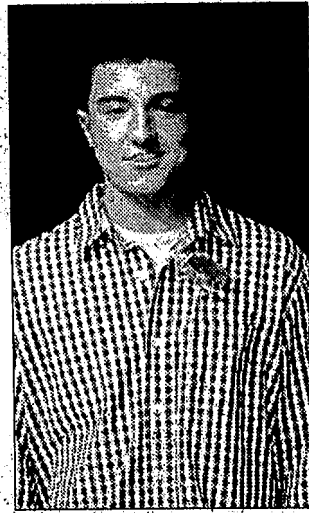
Kostin is well known as a local attorney who focuses on family issues such as divorce and custody of minor children. Throughout his 30 years in the field, he has gained a reputation for the professionalism and courtesy he extends to all, especially his clients.

In fact, Kostin will often take a case “pro bono” if he feels there is a grave injustice – and Kostin carries that generosity into the community.

Since 2001, Kostin was one of the top 10 financial supporters of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was the top donor for three of those years. Outside of the chamber, he donates his time and support to the Fourth of July Fireworks, Clarkston Optimist Club, Clarkston SCAMP, Clarkston Chiefs Football, Bailey Lake Elementary and Calvary Lutheran Church.



Make sure to congratulate Jennifer Szewe, Business Woman of the Year, next time you stop for a bite at Outback Steakhouse.



Young Woman of the Year Laura Kuhta, left, wasn't sure what to say after being presented her award. Ian Sabbag, Young Man of the Year, is pictured on the right.

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Serving up good times...

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There's a bar in Boston where everybody knows your name.

Fortunately, Bob Higgins of Clarkston made sure the same thing is available here in Michigan. Some would say Higgins is a man in the restaurant business. Higgins, however, says he is and always has been in the people business.

"They're like family," Higgins says about his regular customers at the Oxford Inn in Royal Oak as he gestures toward a wall filled with caricature drawings.

Higgins explains the drawings, saying they are of his regulars. Their pictures adorn the walls and Higgins keeps their birthdays on display as a reminder.

"Sometimes if they move out of state, I've taken (their drawing) down and they take it with them... it's a keepsake," Higgins said.

Higgins moved to Clarkston three years ago, but for the last 18 years made quite a name for himself as the owner of the Oxford Inn. He found his niche serving people like they were members of his own family and creating an environment where strangers could grow into friends.

Higgins worked for many years in highway construction. Eventually though, his personal tastes changed his career.

"I've always enjoyed going out to dinner and I would always be fussy about where I went," said Higgins. "I always wanted to have a place where people would come on a regular basis either to celebrate their birthday, their anniversary, I've even had people get engaged here."

Higgins said his target customers have always been ages 45 and up at the Oxford Inn, but recently he began catering to the next generation.

Three years ago, Higgins built expansion onto the Oxford Inn with its own bathrooms, bar, patio and fireplace.

A conversation with his son, Weston, got Higgins thinking about the future of his business. Weston, 31, lives in Los Angeles, but whenever he is in town to visit, Higgins said he would look for a nice comfortable environment to hangout for people



Bob Higgins and his wife Mary have been together for 15 years. Rare is a visit to the Oxford Inn or Metro Lounge where one if not both of them are there to make you feel at home. Photo provided

his age. This is when Higgins had the idea to turn the expansion to the Oxford Inn into something different, a lounge where people tired of the club scene could come and have a fun and relaxing evening.

"I wanted to target a business-professional, like 28-45 years old, so I started watching trends with that to see what was going on," Higgins said. "I want you to relax. I want you to come in and be able to unwind, relax and be with some friends."

After a year of planning and lots of work, he was able to convert the addition into the Metro Lounge, and celebrated the grand opening six weeks ago. Already, Higgins is seeing the addition catching on.

"I got lots of people who come from Clarkston once a week for my ribs," Higgins said.

Rare is the visit to Metro Lounge or Oxford Inn when Higgins is not on hand. Please see Millstream, page 7B

"I'm at every table. I'm watching what's going on with food. I'm in the kitchen. If one of the cooks didn't show up, I could be cooking on the line. If something happens with the dishwasher I could be washing dishes, I could be anywhere."

— Bob Higgins
Owner, The Oxford Inn and Metro Lounge

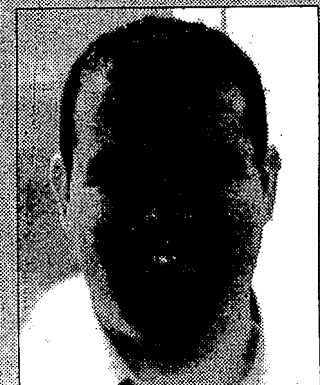
People Poll

Do illegal immigrants affect your life?



"Maybe not me directly, but it affects everyone on a national level."

— Katie Prawdzik



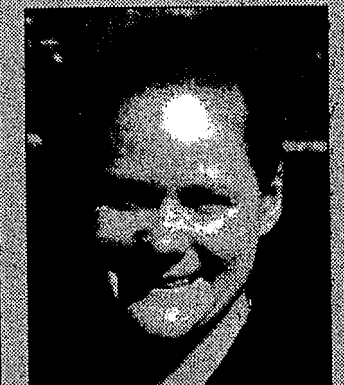
"Illegal immigrants affect everyone's life. I have a problem with them talking about changing the national language. They already made a Spanish version of the national anthem."

— Chris Moore



"Yeah it affects all taxpayers."

— Shelly Kitain



"Yes because they could potentially take a job from me."

— Heather Pavlicko

By Dave Pemberton



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Around Town

The Widowed Support Group will meet on June 1 at 7 p.m. in the Independence Township Senior Center.

This month's topic is "Caring and Sharing Support." The meeting facilitator is Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown.

All area men and women recently widowed are invited to attend the free session. No registration necessary and walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call Wint Funeral Home at 248-625-5231.

Clarkston resident Tammy Speer is holding a **One-Day Benefit** for the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk on June 3 at Community Bible Church on Crescent Lake Road in Waterford.

Speer is raising \$2,200 to benefit The Susan G. Komen Foundation, and she will participate in the 60-mile walk this summer.

The benefit includes gift certificates, arts, crafts, food, drink and raffles. 100 percent of the profits go to the 3-Day Walk.

For more information on the event, or to donate money to the cancer walk, please call Tammy Speer



AE students recycle

Morgan Halligan carries a full tub of paper out to the recycling bin. Photo by Andrew DuPont

at 248-872-7901 or 248-618-8050. Information on the 3-Day Walk is available at www.The3Day.org.

Clarkston SCAMP announces their **24th annual Home Tour** for June 3 and 4.

The annual tour, which is SCAMP's largest fundraising event, features tours of the following: four historic homes in the Village of Clarkston, two new mini-mansions just outside the village and one exceptional garden.

Tours on June 3 begin at 5 p.m. and conclude with an elegant Patrons' Showcase Night featuring live silent auctions after hors d'oeuvres. The tours on June 4 start at noon and include discount coupons for dining at one of several Clarkston restaurants. For more information, contact Donna Clancy at 248-620-1882.

Can't have a garage sale? Live in a condo, apartment or mobile home? Not enough traffic? Live on a dirt road?

Then join the Friends of the Independence Township Library for a **Parking-Lot-Sale** on June 4 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Anything can be sold from clothing and auto parts to Tupperware and scrapbooking supplies. Even vehicles and boats! Sell one item or have a "mini" garage sale. Combine with friends or have your own.

Parking spots are now being rented at \$10 per spot. All profits from the rental spaces benefit the library. Rain or shine the event will be held. The Friends of the Independence Township Library will post signs and advertise.

Parking spot renter is responsible for own display. You can bring tables, shelves or sell right from your vehicle! Make sure to prepare for the weather.

For more information, please call the library at 248-625-2212.

To reserve your space, please send \$10 and space rental form to Arlene Weber, Parking Lot Sale, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346-1501. Make checks payable to Friends of the Independence Township Library.

Crosshill Community Preschool, located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church, is accepting enrollment for classes for the 2006-07 school year for children ages 3, 4 and 5.

A **summer day camp** program for 3-5 year olds in a mixed-age setting begins June 5 and runs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Children can attend any of four two-week sessions throughout the summer.

For more information, please call 248-634-1064.

The Independence Township Senior Center has

several upcoming events:

• Don't miss out on your chance to find a hidden treasure - or sell one! **The Senior Center Yard Sale** is June 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rent a table with cover for only \$10 plus \$10 returnable deposit. New and gently used sale items must fit on an eight foot table. No large furniture or appliances. Only baby and children's clothes.

Bake sale and food concession available. There will also be a raffle!

To reserve a table, please ask for Sharon. To volunteer, please ask for Margaret. All proceeds from the event go to the senior center.

• Preview the **Port Huron to Machinac Sail Boat Race**, the largest fresh water sporting event in the world, on July 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$79 for residents and \$84 for non-residents.

Enjoy a lunch at the Voyageur on the St. Clair River, a narrated cruise aboard the Huron Lady II, and shop and stroll the docks in Port Huron. The deadline to sign up is June 12.

• June 21 is the date to remember for the **Motor City Casino** trip from 11:45 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. The cost is \$21 per person and includes a \$25 incentive on Players Card, deluxe motorcoach and new food options.

• Ever dreamed of exploring the ancient tombs of the pharaohs?

Then join the senior center on a trip to the **King Tut Exhibit at Field Museum in Chicago** June 26-27. Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs is a new exhibition that contains 50 major artifacts excavated from King Tut's tomb, including his royal crown. More than 70 artifacts from other royal graves as well.

The cost is \$299 for a double, \$389 for a single and \$279 for a triple. Included are accommodations at 4-star Palmer House Hilton, the exhibit, Chicago sight-seeing tour and architectural boat cruise, motorcoach and luggage handling, one breakfast, one dinner and a visit to Navy Pier.

Only a few seats remain so sign up soon!

• Visit the **Stratford Festival Theatre** on September 26-27 for an escape into another time. See the classic "Oliver" and Shakespeare's comedy "Much Ado About Nothing."

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For residents, the cost is \$267 for a double and \$324 for a single. For non-residents, the cost is \$277 for a double and \$334 for a single.

Pickup a flier at the senior center to learn more or call 248-625-8231.

Look at all the great events at **Springfield Township Parks and Recreation**:

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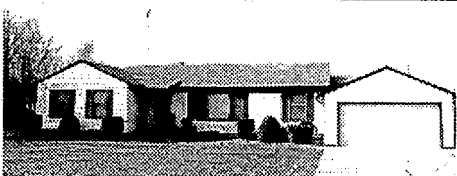


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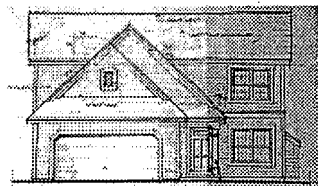
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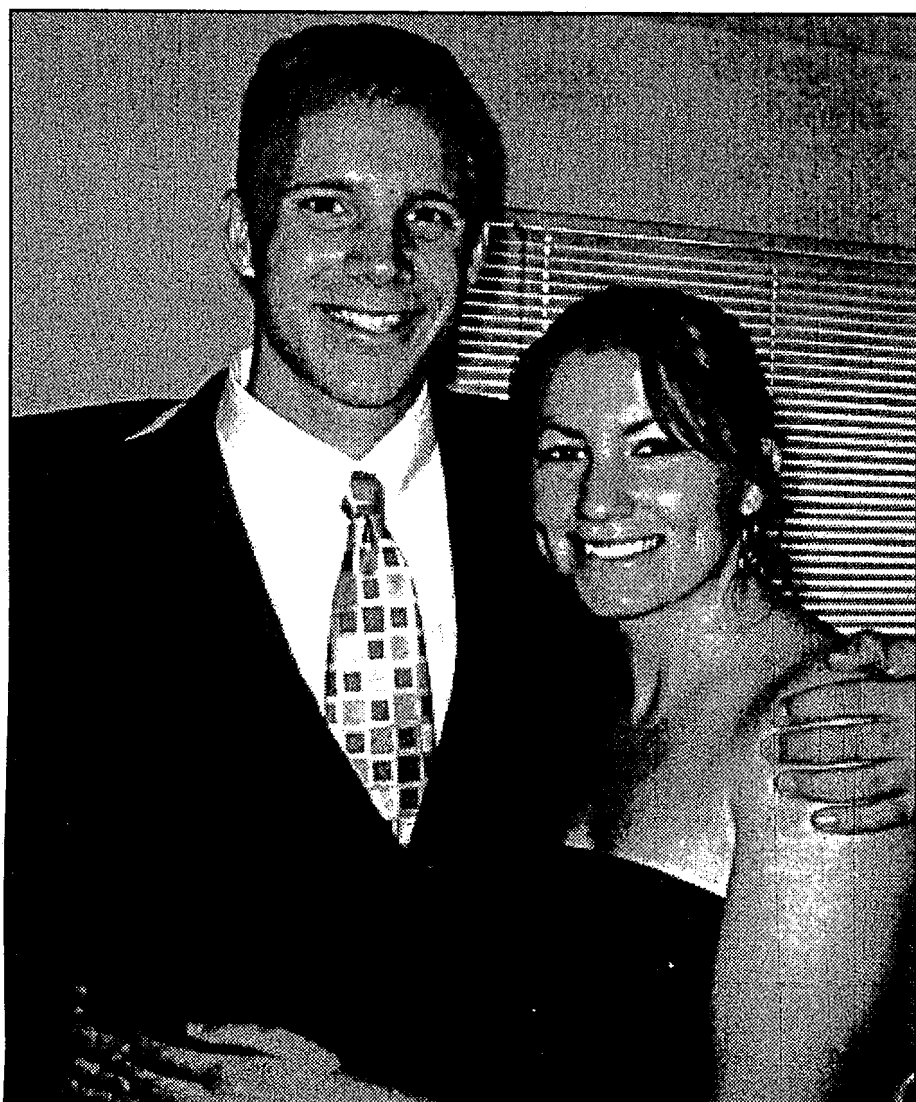
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Phil and Karen Schlachter of Hastings along with Paul and Christine Klemm of Clarkston proudly announce the engagement of their children, Karey Anne and Peter Jonathan.

After graduating from Hastings High School in 2001, Karey attended Michigan State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish. She is currently working towards her teacher certification in elementary education.

Peter also attended Michigan State University after he graduated from Clarkston High School. Peter graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. He is currently working with Shell Oil in Houston, Texas.

The couple will exchange vows on June 10, 2006 at Martin Luther Chapel, East Lansing, MI. A reception will follow at the Michigan State Union.

Students achieve success

The following students were named to the University of Dayton's Dean's List for the fall 2005 semester:

Amy M. Schwarb, of Clarkston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Schwarb.

Anne C. Oltman, of Clarkston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Oltman.

Lauren E. Witt, of Clarkston, daughter of Mr. William Witt.

Kettering University announced the following local students for their December 2005 graduation list:

Derek Decker with a BIE and **Adam Gebus** with a BME, both of Clarkston.

Sara Hartley, a senior at Clarkston High School, received a full-ride scholarship to Northern Michigan University through the "Triple A" scholarship competition.

Shannon L. Sadowski, of Clarkston, graduated in December from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Ashley Hipsher, a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School, made the Central Michigan University Dean's List for Fall 2005 semester, where she is majoring in marketing and logistics.

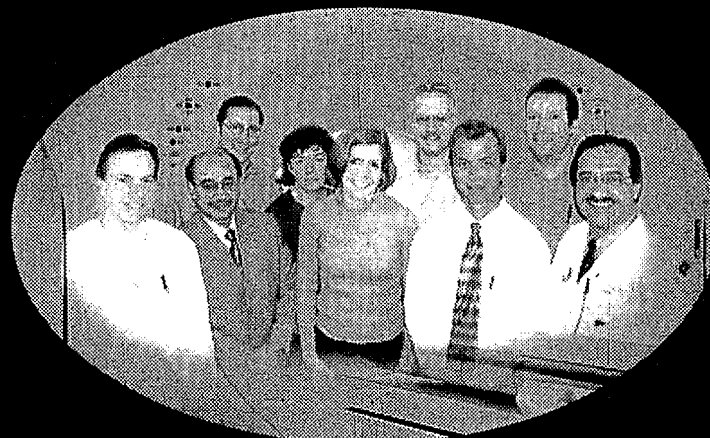
Albion College senior Jennifer Cusumano is currently teaching fourth grade at MarLee School in Marengo Township during the spring 2006 semester.

Cusumano, a graduate of Clarkston High School, is a senior majoring in speech education and completing the elementary education program.

She is the daughter of Cosimo and Josephine Cusumano of Clarkston.

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Religion

When does a kid get to be a kid?

Every generation of parents tries to do the best job they can when it comes to raising their children. Each generation of youth seems adept at finding new ways of separating themselves from the generation before them. The result of this for parents is they are often sent into a tailspin of confusion! The consequence for youth, more than ever, seems to be a loss of balance, not to mention that with so little free time there is little space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts.

Somewhere along the way, life has become too busy. Tight schedules have unfortunately become the norm. When parents cannot be with children, video games, computers and television have assumed the roles of childcare provider. Valuable family time as well as free imaginative play has been replaced by structured activities. Being a part of a team or club can be a good thing. Everyone likes to feel like they belong.

It just seems that more and more the commitment level for all these activities infringes itself on the time when kids should be being kids. There is more to life, to learning and growing that cannot be captured in structure. Life's biggest lessons are learned in the unstructured free play and imagination of youth, as well as in the relationships nurtured in playful moments with family and friends.

Today's youth are so over-stimulated. All the images they are constantly bombarded with are colorful, loud, fast and ever changing. It's almost impos-

sible for imagination to compete with that. If there isn't a structured, planned, specific activity on the agenda, more often than not children complain of boredom.

The United States prides itself on innovation. How are the youth of today going to be the innovators of tomorrow if they haven't had time, permission and encouragement to allow their imaginations to grow? How will their religious and spiritual imagination grow? God often whispers in the playful, relaxed moments when we are not too busy to listen.

Even in the Book of Ecclesiastes we read of balance. "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant ... A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance." (Ecc. 3:1-8).

In our desire as parents to provide our children with the best possible - everything, we may have inadvertently gone too far.

When my own children have too much on their plates and it is time to slow down a little bit, I use their 83-year-old Papa, still alive and healthy as an ox, as an analogy. I put up my hand and point to my five fingers as markers of life: finger one is for the ages of birth to twenty, finger two represents 21-40, finger three 41-60, finger four 61-80 and finger five 81 and up.

If we are lucky we will be like Papa and reach finger five. Right now they are only in finger one and they need to enjoy this time of life! The responsibilities and stresses of work, family, mortgage payments,

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Spiritual Matters



Monica Hefty
St. Dan's

In our churches...

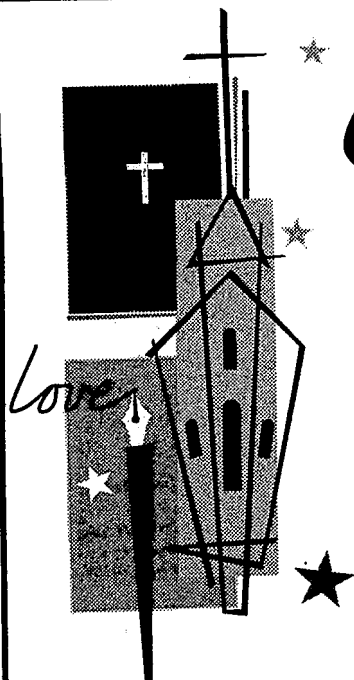
Clarkston United Methodist Church is hosting its "Rummage Sale" on June 3 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Regular sales stop around 3 p.m. and a brown bag sale begins where anything that fits into a brown bag costs \$5. Things that do not fit in a bag are half off at that point. The sale consists of donated items including: antiques, household goods, furniture, kids' toys, baked goods and kids' clothing. Proceeds from the sale go to general church mission work. For more information call 248-625-1611. Clarkston United Methodist Church is located at 6600 Waldon Road.

St. Daniel Catholic Church hosts "Overnight Summer Camp" June 18 - 23 at Camp Ohiyesa in Holly for children currently in grades 3 - 8. The cost is \$265 and registration is due by the end of May. For details go to www.stdanielclarkston.org and click "Summer Camp" or call 248-625-1750. St. Daniel is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive.

"The Connection Summer Series" hosted by Clarkston United Methodist Church is every Wednesday evening throughout the summer. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. with a soup and salad dinner in the front yard, followed by music with the Cross Word band at 7:30 p.m. Lawn chairs and blankets encouraged! Clarkston United Methodist Church is located at 6600 Waldon Road. For more info call 248-625-1611.

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First Congregational celebrates 175 years

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Members of the First Congregational Church in Clarkston remembered the past and said "Hello" to the future as they celebrated their 175th anniversary.

While the actual anniversary was Feb. 6, the church celebrated on May 21 following their regular 10 a.m. service. The program starting around noon, included videos of personal interviews, church activities from the '90's and speeches from former ministers.

"They've done a great job putting (the celebration) together," said the longest running member of the church Dave Edwards. "Through the years, the biggest change was moving from the old church in downtown (Pontiac) into the new one.

"I hope in the next 25 years it continues under the great leadership we have today. It's as great a church now as it was then."

"I think it's like being married. It's a commitment to go to church every Sunday. There's a draw there," said Hill when asked about the church's longevity. "I really think the people that moved from Pontiac to this location became friends and look out for each other. That's been a mainstay. As more people come aboard they've been welcomed."

On display were records of the first meeting beginning in Pontiac in 1831, with several record books picked up

from the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan. According to a church press release, the Anniversary Committee displayed the church's historical artifacts, photos and memorabilia for people to peruse.

Another highlight of the festivities included the burial of a time capsule to be opened in 2031 to mark the church's 200th birthday.

"I thought it was a good idea. I'd heard of it being done before," said chairperson Nancy Hill who pitched the idea.

Greg Davis, a 17-year-old Eagle Scout played a key role in the time capsule. He was looking for a project when he discovered the church's cornerstone sinking.

Davis' initial plan was to stabilize the cornerstone and build drainage underneath to keep the area secure. Halfway through the project the idea was presented for him to place a time capsule under the cornerstone.

"I thought it was a great idea. What a better place to put the messages for the future than under the past," said Davis.

According to Hill, the time capsule contained a current membership list, book of the church's history compiled by Amanda Iodice and personal messages from the church members. All items placed in the 24 by 6 inch stainless steel time capsule were in protective sleeves for preservation.



The Davis family – Susan, Jeff and Greg – spearheaded work for the time capsule to celebrate the First Congregational Church's 175th.

Following the program a catered dinner was held in Keough Hall featuring a special tiered cake donning a lighted church on top.

Around Town

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6 from 6-9 p.m. at the Hart Community Center.

Certified instructors from McLaren Wellness Center will teach the proper techniques used in rescue breathing in accordance with the American Heart Association.

Participants must be 10 years or older. A minimum number of participants are required to hold the class. Registration required by May 30.

Cost for the class is \$30 per person for residents and \$35 per person for non-residents.

• Youngsters age 8 and old will get a chance to explore local parks for snakes, salamanders, turtles, frogs and other wildlife as part of the **Team Reptile Summer Camps**. Campers will also develop charts, displays and exhibits for the public to enjoy.

Camp adventures will be recorded for airing on Team Reptile's local television show. Campers also receive a t-shirt.

The first camp is scheduled for June 19-22 (Monday through Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mill Pond Park. Participants must dress for exploring in the outdoors. Also, please bring a sack lunch and change of clothes every day.

Registration required one week before camp start dates. The cost is \$100 per camp for residents and \$110 per camp for non-residents.

• Join **"Walk Michigan!"** for a non-competitive, fun and exciting walking and exercise program that offers participants the opportunity to spend quality time in their local park facilities.

Walkers receive awards for reaching mile markers. The event begins on June 3 at 9:45 a.m. at the Eaton Road entrance of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve in Davisburg.

This program is for all ages and is free. Walk at your own convenience in June, July and August of 2006 in any Springfield Township Park.

• **The 8th Annual Youth Fishing Derby** is all set June 11 at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve in

Davisburg!

Practice begins at noon and all contests run from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Prizes awarded to the winners.

Derby is held rain or shine. If derby is called due to weather, prizes may be awarded earlier. Participants must be present to win and claim prizes.

A limited supply of fishing poles and bait will be available. Children are encouraged to bring their own poles, bait and tackle. The Davisburg Rotary will be on hand to provide lunch for a small fee.

Fishing licenses are not required. Catch and release is strongly encouraged. An adult must accompany children.

Children ages 16 and below are eligible. The cost is \$6 for up to two children and \$4 for each additional child residing in the same household.

• Come out and join the fun at the first **Mom2Mom Resale** event at Springfield Parks and Rec on June 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hart Community Center.

Sellers: Set up for the sale begins at 8 a.m. Keep your own profits. Registration to reserve a table is required before the sale. Space is available inside the building, outside under the pavilion and outside on the sidewalk. Space is limited.

Lookers: Strollers will be allowed after 10 a.m.

• The parks and recreation department is also currently signing up for classes in yoga for all ages, karate, golf, tennis and water skiing.

For information on these and many more activities, call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 248-634-0412.

Enjoy golf? Then put your favorite hobby to good use on June 10 by participating in the **Rally For A Cure** women's golf program at Heather Highlands Golf Club. The event benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

For more information, contact Connie Del Bello at 248-625-6607 or e-mail her at rjdelbello@cs.com.

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There's so much happening at **Independence Township Parks and Recreation:**

• **Track and Field Camp** for kids entering the fourth through seventh grades.

The Clarkston Youth Track and Field Camp will be instructed by Clarkston High School Girls Track Coach John Yorke. Kids will learn the fundamentals and enjoyment of track and field, including running and field games, demonstrations and competitions. The camp will take place from June 26-29 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Clarkston High School. Please register at Parks and Recreation by June 16.

To discover more about Independence Township Parks and Recreation, call 248-625-8223.

The Dog Whisperer returns to Clarkston on Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

Cesar Millan is a world-renowned dog behavior specialist. Registration is currently being accepted and space is limited. Doors open at 8 a.m. for general admission.

Dogs are not allowed. The cost is \$80 per person.

For more information, contact Julie Bennett at 248-626-1429.

The Clarkston High School Class of 1966 will hold their 40 year class reunion on June 24 at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. For more information, please contact Elaine Keeley Schultz at 248 673-6542.

Millstream

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working in some fashion. Whether he's helping serve sushi, mixing one of his famous martini drinks at the bar or interacting with his guests, Higgins said he tries to be as involved with the daily workings of his business as much as possible.

"I'm at every table. I'm watching what's going on with food. I'm in the kitchen. If one of the cooks didn't show up, I could be cooking on the line. If something happens with the dishwasher I could be washing dishes, I could be anywhere," he said.

Higgins and his wife Mary have been together for 15 years. The couple has two children, Page, 12 and Courtney, 10.

Higgins said over the years he was offered several opportunities to move to the Clarkston area - a friend suggested opening another branch of the Oxford Inn in this area and Higgins was asked about opening a restaurant in the area when great Lakes Crossing Mall was built - but he waited until three years ago to make

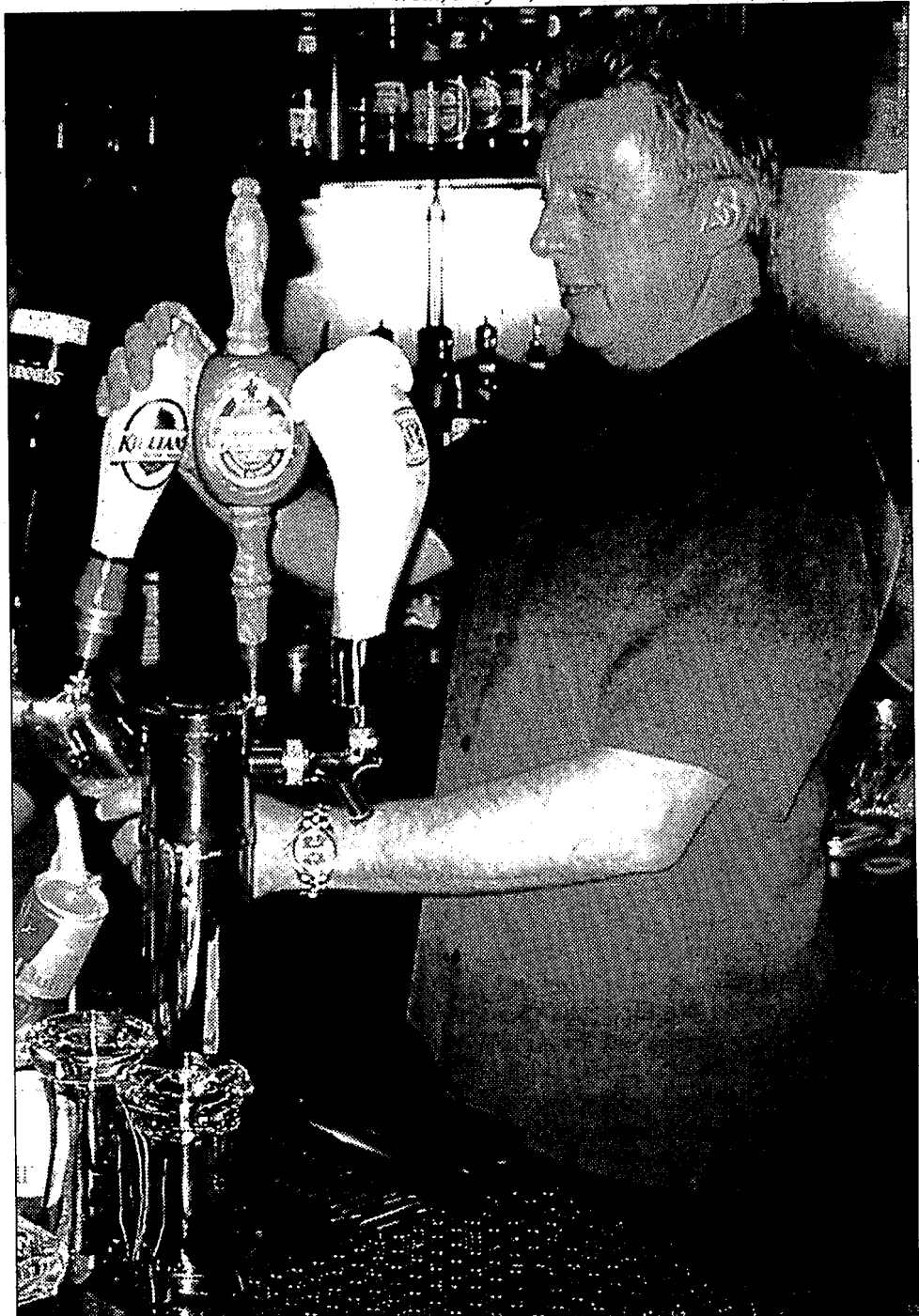
the move, seeing a large benefit for his daughters.

"My wife always has wanted to move to Clarkston, plus Clarkston Schools are excellent," Higgins said. "So we're out there with the girls and they're in the school system and it's the best school system that I've ever seen."

Higgins said people will occasionally question why he would continue to drive from Clarkston to Royal Oak, but he says the drive is worth the time and energy.

"The whole community of Clarkston, it's sort of like you have the country but a little bit of the metropolitan," Higgins said. "I like the amount of property you have (in Clarkston). It's a nice area, a good area to raise children," he said.

So the drive will continue for Higgins as he spends his mornings home in Clarkston and his evenings making new friends, seeing old friends - and making soon-to-be friends feel at home in Royal Oak. The Metro Lounge is open 6 nights a week from 4 p.m. - 1 a.m. and is located at 1214 South Main Street in Royal Oak. For more information, call 248-543-5619.



Higgins is everywhere at the Metro Lounge, whether he's greeting visitors, cooking food or behind the bar serving cold drinks.



Higgins created special new dishes especially for the opening of Metro Lounge and is always working to make changes or add new items to his menu. Photos by Andrew DuPont

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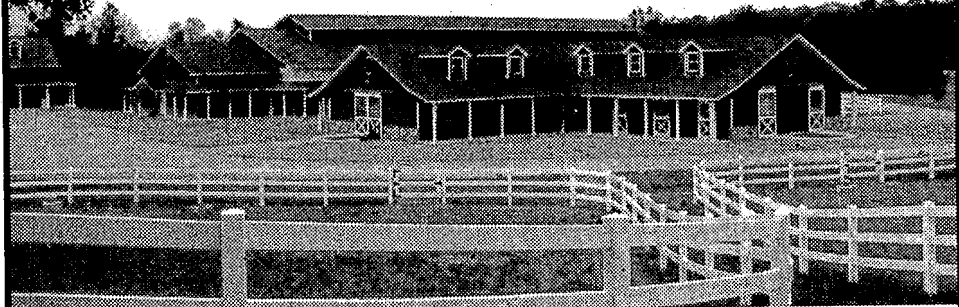
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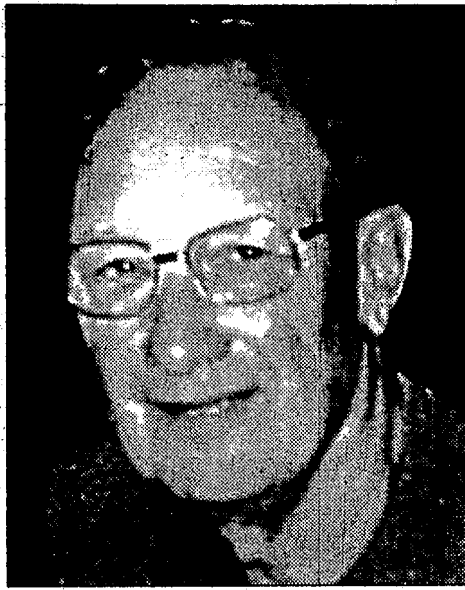
Ivyl E. Pierce, of Davisburg, passed away on May 16, 2006. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Pierce was the husband of Zetta for 50 years; father of Carol (Joe) Clement of Grand Blanc, Elizabeth (David) Haynes of Waterford and Judy (Greg) Konkle of Goodrich; grandpa of Mike, Jeremy, Meagan, Tamara, Marissa, Ryan and Amber; and special brother-in-law of Zella and Herman Pennartz of Davisburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carroll and Erma and brother Ivan.

Mr. Pierce retired from General Motors and served as a veteran in the U.S. Navy.

A funeral service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may



be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Elsie A. Davis

Elsie A. Davis, of Clarkston, passed away on May 15, 2006 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband Francis J. She was the mother of Brenda (Lee) Mayhew of Florida, Cheryl (Jim) Ballagh of Oxford, Barry (Linda) Davis of New Jersey and Ken (Yvonne) Davis of Lapeer. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and her brother Clinton (Eleanor) Norman of Drayton Plains.

Mrs. Davis retired from General Motors and from the Clarkston School System.

A funeral service was held on May 18, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies in Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American



Heart Association of Michigan. Online guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Vivian M. Jacobson

Vivian M. Jacobson, of The Villages in Florida, formerly of Ortonville, passed away on May 13, 2006. She was 91.

Mrs. Jacobson was preceded in death by her husband Raymond. She was the dear mother of Judy (Therman) Nichols of The Villages, Florida, formerly of Clarkston and Kenneth (Merrilee) Jacobson of North Carolina; grandmother of Stacy (Alan) Spence, Jim (Ryanne) Nichols, Andy (Nathalie) Nichols, Heather (Seiichiro) Tanizaki and Erik (Jean) Jacobson; and great-grandmother of Sierra, Ethan, Miya and Lena.

She was preceded in death by her grandsons Todd Jacobson and Jeffrey Crowe, her sister Inez Thoe, her brother Pete Holmquist and her parents Eva and Herman Holmquist.

Mrs. Jacobson was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Clarkston, Hope Lutheran Church of Florida, the Michigan Child Study Club, Sons of Norway, and Scandinavian American Club of The Villages, Florida. She and her husband



originally owned and operated Jacobson Trailer Sales in Drayton Plains.

A funeral service was held on May 22, 2006 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies in Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church or Florida Hospice of Lake and Sumter. Online guestbook available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Bert Kyle

Bert Kyle, of Waterford, formerly a 27 year resident of Clarkston, passed away on May 21, 2006 at the age of 85.

Mr. Kyle was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years Dorothy. He is sur-

vived by daughters Kitty (David) Raup and Sandra (Joseph) Colacurti; grandchildren Kyle Raup and Kelly (Matthew) George; and great-granddaughter Morgan Raup.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. on May 26 at Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Please call 248-625-5231 for funeral information.



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PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Monday, June 19, 2006, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

In Article II, Section 2.00, Definitions, the definition for "EQUESTRIAN FACILITY, PUBLIC" is hereby deleted.

In Article II, Section 2.00, under CAMPGROUND, the definition for "Temporary Campground" is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Temporary Campground: A Type II campground used on a short-term basis not to exceed a period of four (4) weeks, that is licensed by the state in conjunction with an event such as a festival, fair, race, or holiday.

In Article II, Section 2.00, Definitions, the following new definitions are added:

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER: A public building that accommodates educational and recreational programming, such as indoor exercise facilities, indoor court sports facilities, arts and crafts activity rooms, educational enrichment programs, and meeting space for service and social clubs, neighborhood organizations, and special interest groups.

DOG PARK: Any fenced, off-leash dog play area designated within a park for that purpose.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER: A building or other facility whose principal use is to educate the public through curriculum, programs, and displays about the natural world. A main focus is generally placed on increasing awareness, knowledge and skills that result in understanding, commitment, informed decisions, and constructive action to ensure stewardship of the earth's environment.

EQUESTRIAN FACILITY: Any parcel where five (5) or more horses or other equestrian animals are rented, hired, used for training, or boarded for compensation and/or where temporary or permanent, indoor or outdoor equestrian riding, driving, or showing facilities are provided.

PARK - ACTIVE RECREATION: An area of open space dedicated to recreational activities that require intensive development of facilities and often involve cooperative or team activities.

PARK - PASSIVE RECREATION: An area of open space dedicated to recreational activities that require a low-level of development and preservation of natural areas, and often involve solitary or small group, unstructured activities.

SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITY: Place with permanent facilities and/or areas used for indoor and/or outdoor assembly to which the general public is admitted or invited. The facility is designed to provide a venue for continually changing events offered for a limited time or number of performances including but not limited to entertainment, such as musical concerts or performing arts; education, such as lectures or educational demonstrations; or other temporary exhibitions or performances. Regularly-scheduled religious services conducted inside a building are expressly excluded from this definition.

In Article III, Section 3.00 - Zoning Districts Established - the Zoning District entitled "PL Public Lands" is hereby deleted, and the following Zoning Districts are added:

- PR Parks and Recreation District
- PS Public Service District

Article IV - RC - Resource Conservation District, is hereby amended in its entirety, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV - RC - RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SECTION 4.00 - Intent: It is recognized that Springfield Township has an abundance of significant natural resources and features. The RC Resource Conservation District is intended to provide for those uses of land that are compatible with the need to: protect and enhance vital Township natural resources and amenities, fish and wildlife habitat, woodlands, wetlands and water resources; and encourage agricultural and other resource-based production.

SECTION 4.01 - Principal Uses Permitted:

- Nature trails, botanical gardens, woodland preserves, or similar facilities provided such use does not result in a material modification of the natural appearance of the site.
- Agriculture, farming, keeping of livestock, horses, sheep, goats and/or similar animals subject to the provisions set forth in Section 16.22.2.
- Tree and shrub nurseries.
- One-family detached dwellings.

SECTION 4.02 - Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions:

The following uses shall be permitted subject to the specific conditions hereinafter imposed for each use and subject further to the submission of a site plan as set forth in Section 18.07, a recommendation of the Township Planning Commission and approval by the Township Board as set forth in Section 3.03.2 under the standards contained in Section 18.08 of this Ordinance.

- Equestrian facilities, subject to the provisions of Section 16.22.8.
- Wildlife preserve, subject to the provisions of Section 16.22.6.
- Environmental Education Centers, subject to the following conditions:
 - Off-street waiting space shall be available for drop off and pick up of visitors by school buses and private automobiles outside of the right-of-way of any public street.
 - All buildings shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet from all abutting property lines.

SECTION 4.03 - Accessory Uses Permitted: Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the principal permitted and special uses enumerated in Sections 4.01 and 4.02 are permitted. The Township body responsible for site plan approval shall determine permitted accessory uses.

SECTION 4.04 - Area and Bulk Requirements: Refer to Article XXV for the "Schedule of Regulations," limiting the height and

bulk of buildings, the minimum size lot or parcel permitted by land use, the maximum density permitted, and providing the minimum yard setback requirements.

Article V - PL - Public Land District, is hereby amended in its entirety. PL - Public Land District is replaced by PR - Parks and Recreation District, to read as follows:

ARTICLE V - PR - PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

SECTION 5.00 - Intent: It is recognized that Springfield Township has substantial land devoted to parks and recreational use. It is the intent of this District to provide separate areas devoted strictly to parks and recreation lands and uses which encourage utilization of the Township's recreational potential, while protecting and enhancing natural resources and amenities, fish and wildlife habitats, woodlands, wetlands, and water resources.

SECTION 5.01 - Principal Uses Permitted:

- Passive parks, picnic grounds, nature trails, playgrounds, botanical gardens, and woodland preserves for outdoor recreation provided no structure in excess of one hundred (100) square feet is constructed in connection to the previous uses.
- One-family detached dwellings provided such use is restricted to caretaker/ranger quarters or administrator of park facilities.

SECTION 5.02 - Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions:

The following uses shall be permitted subject to the specific conditions hereinafter imposed for each use and subject further to the submission of a site plan as set forth in Section 18.07, a recommendation of the Township Planning Commission and approval by the Township Board as set forth in Section 3.03.2 under the standards contained in Section 18.08 of this Ordinance.

- Golf courses including accessory clubhouses, driving ranges, pro shops, maintenance buildings and recreational facilities, subject to the following conditions:
 - The site shall have direct accessibility to a paved public road.
 - The location of structures, such as the club house and accessory buildings, and their operations shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission to insure minimum disruption of the adjacent properties, and as much distance as is practicable shall be provided between golf course structures and activities abutting residential properties.

A minimum fifty (50) foot setback shall be required between any structures and any residentially zoned or used property, except that a minimum one hundred (100) foot setback shall be required between any maintenance building and/or yard and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property.

- All storage, service and maintenance areas when visible from adjoining residentially zoned or used land shall be screened in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 16.06.
- Swimming pool areas shall be surrounded with a protective fence, six (6) feet in height, and entry shall be provided by means of a controlled gate.
- Winter activities such as skating, cross country skiing, sledding and tobogganing may be permitted by the Township Board, if it finds such uses to be consistent with the standards found in Section 18.08.

- Equestrian facilities, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 16.22.8.
- Horseback riding trails and non-motorized vehicle trails, subject to the following conditions:

- If the trail is to be in a park or similar facility for outdoor recreation, or associated with an equestrian facility, the minimum site area shall be ten (10) acres.
- The site shall have direct accessibility to a paved public road. Off-street parking, loading and unloading shall be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 16.02, except that the requirements for hard-surfacing may be waived by the Township.

- Trails shall be located no nearer than fifty (50) feet from any property line, or at least one hundred (100) feet from existing schools, churches, or residentially-zoned or used property. However, trails can access these areas if deemed appropriate by the Township. The perimeter buffer shall be kept in its natural state.

- Trail design shall not negatively impact sensitive natural features. Trails shall be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from wetlands and water features. If water crossings are necessary, bridges or other structures shall cause the least amount of environmental disturbance possible. Trail design shall protect steep slopes and not allow soil erosion.

- Where riding is intended within or across a public road right-of-way, the Township shall review the location and approve same to maximize safety to both riders, motorists, and others using the public road right-of-way.

- Trails shall be marked with appropriate signage that clearly advises riders of trail rules, etiquette, yield hierarchy (if multi-use trail), and appropriate warnings such as to reduce speed or avoid skidding.

- The property owner shall be responsible for maintaining the trails for safety and sound environmental stewardship, repairing eroded areas, and closing down trails if necessary to protect land and wildlife, and allowing areas to recover from high use.

- Lighting at trail heads shall meet the requirements under Section 17.08 for glare, illumination levels and fixture height. Lighting along trails is prohibited. Sound producing equipment anywhere on the trail or at the trailhead is prohibited.

- Hours of operation for trail use shall be limited to daylight hours.

- Athletic fields, running tracks, and game courts for baseball, softball, football, soccer and other active sports, conditioned upon the following:

- The site shall have direct accessibility to a paved public road. Off-street parking, loading and unloading shall be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 16.02, except that the requirements for hard-surfacing may be waived by the Township.

- Facilities shall be located a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from property lines abutting residentially zoned or used properties.

- Hours of operation for outdoor sports facilities shall be

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limited to daylight hours.

- Licensed, Type II or Type III Campgrounds providing short-term living quarters on a daily, weekly, or seasonal basis, subject to the following:

- The minimum site area shall be twenty (20) acres.
- The site shall have direct accessibility to a paved public road.

- A minimum one hundred (100) foot setback shall be established around the perimeter of the property for the purpose of buffering a public campground in relation to adjacent residentially zoned or used properties. The perimeter buffer shall be kept in its natural state. Where natural vegetation or land contour are insufficient to buffer a campground or recreational vehicle park in relation to surrounding properties, the Township may require additional setback, landscaping, and/or berming.

- Mobile homes shall not be permitted to be located within a campground, unless specifically permitted by the Township.

- The use and occupancy of a campground shall be in strict compliance with the current laws and requirements of the State of Michigan governing such uses.

- Temporary campgrounds are strictly prohibited from the PR District, unless specifically permitted by the Township.

- Community Recreation Centers, subject to the following conditions:

- The site shall have direct accessibility to a paved public road.

- A minimum one hundred (100) foot setback shall be required between the principal structure and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property.

- Wildlife preserve, subject to the provisions of Section 16.22.6.

- Special Events Facilities.

- The site shall have direct accessibility to a paved public road. Off-street parking, loading and unloading shall be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 16.02, except that the requirements for hard-surfacing may be waived by the Township.

- A minimum one hundred (100) foot setback shall be required between all special events facilities and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property.

- All storage, service and maintenance areas, when visible from adjoining residentially zoned or used land, shall be screened in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 16.06.

- Permanent lighting and use of outdoor sound producing equipment shall meet the provisions of Section 17.08 and 17.03 respectively of the Township's Zoning Ordinance. The use of additional event lighting shall be temporary. The use of temporary event lighting shall only be allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. In addition to the provisions above, sound-producing equipment, including but not limited to public address systems, radios, phonographs, musical instruments and recording devices, shall not be operated outdoors on the premises so as to be unreasonably loud or raucous, or so to be a nuisance or disturbance to the peace and tranquility of the citizens of the Township. The use of sound producing equipment shall only be allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

- Events held outdoors, in whole or in part, at such a facility are only allowed if specifically permitted by the Township.

- Dog parks. Dog parks must be actively managed to ensure the health and safety of all human and animal visitors.

- A minimum two hundred (200) foot setback shall be required between the fence line of the dog park and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property.

- Commercial ventures incidental to normal or approved activities in the PR District are permitted.

SECTION 5.03 - Accessory Uses Permitted: Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the principal permitted and special uses enumerated in Sections 5.01 and 5.02 are permitted. The Township body responsible for site plan approval shall determine permitted accessory uses.

SECTION 5.04 - Area and Bulk Requirements: Refer to Article XXV for the "Schedule of Regulations," limiting the height and bulk of buildings, the minimum size lot or parcel permitted by land use, the maximum density permitted, and providing the minimum yard setback requirements.

Article V(a) - PS - Public Service District, is hereby added, to read as follows:

ARTICLE V(a) - PS - PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

SECTION 5.00(a) - Intent: It is recognized that Springfield Township has substantial land devoted to public service use and public facilities. It is the intent of this District to provide separate areas devoted strictly to public service uses which provide areas of service to the public but located in a compatible manner to neighboring uses.

SECTION 5.01(a) - Principal Uses Permitted:

- Publicly owned and operated libraries, fire stations and other public safety facilities, museums and governmental offices, subject to the following conditions:

- The site shall have direct accessibility to a paved public road.

- A minimum fifty (50) foot setback shall be required between the principal structure and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property.

- Cemeteries, subject to the following conditions:

- A fifty (50) foot setback shall be required between a structure and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property, except that a minimum one hundred (100) foot setback shall be required between any maintenance building and/or yard and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property.

- All storage, service and maintenance areas when visible from adjoining residentially zoned or used land shall be screened in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 16.06.

- Public elementary, middle and high schools, subject to the following conditions:

- The minimum lot area shall be ten (10) acres for elementary schools, twenty (20) acres for middle schools, and forty (40) acres for high schools.

- Off-street waiting space shall be available for drop off and pick up of students by school buses and private

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- automobiles outside of the right-of-way of any public street.
- c. A minimum fifty (50) foot setback shall be required between the principal structure and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property.
4. Public utility buildings, such as telephone exchange buildings, electronic transformer stations and sub-stations, gas regulator stations, and similar uses, but excluding storage yards, and only to serve the immediate vicinity as determined by the Planning Commission.
5. One-family detached dwellings provided such use is restricted to caretaker quarters of public facilities.

SECTION 5.02(a) - Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions: The following uses shall be permitted subject to the specific conditions hereinafter imposed for each use and subject further to the submission of a site plan as set forth in Section 18.07, a recommendation of the Township Planning Commission and approval by the Township Board as set forth in Section 3.03.2 under the standards contained in Section 18.08 of this Ordinance.

1. Community Recreation Centers, subject to the following conditions:
- The site shall have direct accessibility to a paved public road.
 - A minimum one hundred (100) foot setback shall be required between the principal structure and any adjacent residentially zoned or used property.
2. Public works and maintenance facilities, subject to the following:
- The site shall have direct access to a paved public road.
 - A minimum of one hundred (100) foot setback shall be required between any maintenance buildings and/or yard area and adjacent residentially zoned or used property.
 - All storage, service and maintenance areas when visible from adjoining residentially zoned or used land shall be screened in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 16.06.
3. Public utility buildings, such as telephone exchange buildings, electronic transformer stations and sub-stations, gas regulator stations, and similar uses, but excluding storage yards, when intended to service customers beyond the immediate vicinity as determined by the Township Board, subject to the applicant demonstrating both of the following:
- Operating requirements necessitate locating within the district.
 - No property where the use is already permitted as of right can be utilized for such use.

SECTION 5.03(a) - Accessory Uses Permitted: Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the principal permitted and special uses enumerated in Sections 5.01 and 5.02 are permitted. The Township body responsible for site plan approval shall determine permitted accessory uses.

SECTION 5.04(a) - Area and Bulk Requirements: Refer to Article XXV for the "Schedule of Regulations," limiting the height and bulk of buildings, the minimum size lot or parcel permitted by land use, the maximum density permitted, and providing the minimum yard setback requirements.

Subsections 3, 4 and 8 of Section 16.22, Maintenance of Animals, of Article XVI, General Provisions, are hereby amended to read as follows:

3. Type II Animals may be maintained in the RC, PR, R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-1-A Districts, subject to the following conditions:
- A minimum lot area of four (4) acres.
 - One (1) Type II Animal shall be permitted for the first four (4) acres and one (1) additional animal for each one (1) acre in excess of four (4) acres.
4. Type III animals may be maintained in the RC, PR, R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-1-A Districts, subject to the following conditions:
- A minimum lot area of one and one-half (1.5) acres.
 - One (1) Type III animal shall be permitted for the first one and one-half (1.5) acres and one (1) additional animal for each one-quarter (.25) acre in excess of one and one-half (1.5) acres.
8. Equestrian facilities, where permitted, shall be subject to the following conditions:
- The minimum site area shall be ten (10) acres.
 - Outdoor pens, corrals, riding rings and/or arenas shall be located no nearer than fifty (50) feet from any property line, or at least one hundred (100) feet from existing schools, churches, or residentially-zoned or used property.
 - Permanent lighting and use of outdoor sound producing equipment shall meet the provisions of Section 17.08 and 17.03 respectively of the Township's Zoning Ordinance. The use of additional event lighting shall be temporary. The use of temporary event lighting shall only be allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. In addition to the provisions above, sound-producing equipment, including but not limited to public address systems, radios, phonographs, musical instruments and recording devices, shall not be operated outdoors on the premises so as to be unreasonably loud or raucous, or so to be a nuisance or disturbance to the peace and tranquility of the citizens of the Township. The use of sound producing equipment shall only be allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
 - Events held outdoors, in whole or in part, at such a facility and that is open to participants beyond those who board or train at the facility are only allowed if specifically permitted by the Township.
 - Where trail riding is provided on the premises, or off the premises on land also owned by the same party, the conditions enumerated in Section 5.02.3 and 18.08 shall govern. Where riding is intended on property other than the applicant's, the applicant shall submit proof of permission to use property other than the applicant's. Where riding is intended within or across a public road right-of-way, the Township shall review the location and approve same to maximize safety to both riders, motorists, and others using the public road right-of-way.
 - Off-street parking, loading and unloading shall be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 16.02, except that the requirements for hard-surfacing may be waived by the Township.
 - All storage, service and maintenance areas when visible from adjoining residentially zoned or used land shall be screened in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 16.06.
 - One single-family dwelling, occupied by the owner or manager of the equestrian facility, will be considered customary and incidental as part of this use.

Items 1 through 10 of Subsection 16.06.3.d(1), Landscape Screening Schedule, which is contained within Section 16.06, Landscaping, Greenbelts and Buffers, and Screening, of Article XVI, General Provisions, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Screening Required on These Land Uses:	When Contiguous with These Land Uses:											
	1. One Family Detached Dwellings	2. Recreation, Public Utilities and Similar Uses	3. Two-Family and Cluster Residential Dwellings	4. Educational Facilities and Similar Uses	5. Offices and Similar Uses	6. Multi-Family, Group Living and Similar Uses	7. General Commercial and Similar Uses	8. Parking	9. High-Intensity Commercial and Similar Uses	10. Public Utility Facilities	11. Light Industrial and Similar Uses	12. Heavy Industrial and Similar Uses
1. One-Family Detached Dwellings												
2. Recreation, Public Utilities and Similar Uses Golf courses Equestrian facilities Parks, dog parks, picnic grounds, playgrounds Cemeteries and pet cemeteries Campgrounds Environmental Education Centers Intensive livestock operations	1											
3. Two-Family and Cluster Residential Dwellings Two-family attached dwellings Cluster residential	1 or 2	1										
4. Educational Facilities and Similar Uses Colleges and universities Elementary, middle & high schools Nursery & kindergarten schools Group & family day care homes Day care centers Community recreation centers Athletic fields Public libraries, museums & government offices Public safety facilities Churches	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2									

Screening Required on These Land Uses:	When Contiguous with These Land Uses:											
	1. One Family Detached Dwellings	2. Recreation, Public Utilities and Similar Uses	3. Two-Family and Cluster Residential Dwellings	4. Educational Facilities and Similar Uses	5. Offices and Similar Uses	6. Multi-Family, Group Living and Similar Uses	7. General Commercial and Similar Uses	8. Parking	9. High-Intensity Commercial and Similar Uses	10. Public Utility Facilities	11. Light Industrial and Similar Uses	12. Heavy Industrial and Similar Uses
5. Office and Similar Uses Office buildings & related uses Offices for personal business services Medical & dental offices Data processing & computer centers Office-type research/technical training Mortuaries	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2	1								
6. Multi-Family, Group Living and Similar Uses Multiple-family dwellings Nursing homes Adult foster care & congregate living Mobile home parks General Hospitals	2	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2							
7. General Commercial and Similar Uses Retail businesses Personal service shops Restaurants (except drive-ins) Clubs Self-storage facilities Veterinary offices, clinics and kennels Motels and hotels Campgrounds Airports, aircraft landing strips, heliports Automobile sales & service, offices & showroom Open air businesses Commercial dog kennels Special events facilities Storage, service and maintenance areas	2 or 3	1 or 2	2	2	1	1 or 2						
8. Parking Off-street parking Off-street loading Parking garages	2, 3 or 4	2 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1 or 2							
9. High-Intensity Commercial and Similar Uses Automobile repair facility - minor Automobile repair facility - major Automobile filling/convenience station Automobile filling/mixed use station Automobile wash buildings Automobile filling/service station Automobile towing service Bus passenger station Businesses of a drive-in nature (excluding outdoor theaters) Commercial outdoor recreation Bowling alleys, similar commercial indoor recreation Adult bookstores, theaters, motels, personal business/cabarets Large-scale retail development	3 or 4	2 or 3	3 or 4	3 or 4	2 or 3	3 or 4	1 or 2	1				
10. Public Utility Facilities Utility & public service facilities (excluding storage yards) Wireless communication facilities	3 or 4	2 or 3	3 or 4	3 or 4	2 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	1				

In Article XXV, Section 25.00 - Limiting Height, Bulk, Density and Area by Land Use, the PL Use District is hereby deleted from the Schedule and the following Use Districts are added to the Schedule, as follows:

USE DIST.	MIN. LOT SIZE		MAX. HEIGHT			MIN. YARD SETBACK (FT.) SIDES				MAX. % OF LOT AREA COVERED BY ALL BLDGS.
	ACRE	WIDTH IN FT.	IN STORIES	IN FEET	IN FEET	FRONT	LEAST ONE	TOTAL OF TWO	REAR	
PR	10	330	2	25	28.5	75	50	100	50	5
PS	1	110	2	25	28.5	50	25	50	35	30

SECTION TWO - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION THREE - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR - EFFECTIVE DATE

These Ordinance amendments shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. These ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 67 MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU AND MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION REGULATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2006 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 67, Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau and Municipal Civil Infraction Regulations.

ARTICLE I - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Subsection 4.1 of Section 4, Commencement of Municipal Civil Infraction Action, is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. A municipal civil infraction action may be commenced upon the issuance by an authorized official of either of the following:
 - a. A municipal civil infraction citation directing the person alleged to be responsible to appear in court; or
 - b. A municipal civil infraction violation notice directing the person alleged to be responsible to appear at the Township Ordinance Violation Bureau.
 - c. A Complaint filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Subsection 3, of Section 6, Establishment of Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3. The Bureau shall be located in the Township Offices and shall be under the supervision and control of the Township Treasurer.

Section 11, Schedule of Civil Fines Established, is hereby retitled "Penalties" and amended to read as follows:

Section 11. Penalties

1. A schedule of civil fines payable to the Bureau for admissions of responsibility by persons served with a municipal ordinance violation notice or citation is hereby established. The fines for all ordinances for which the Township has authorized civil infraction penalties, except for any ordinance listed in subsection 2, shall be as follows:
 - A. The First Offense. The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in an amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
 - B. First Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be in an amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
 - C. Second (or any subsequent) Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a second or subsequent repeat offense shall be in an amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

2. Fines for violations of Ordinance No. 63, Community Sewer System Ordinance, shall be as follows:
 - A. The First Offense. The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in an amount of One Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
 - B. First Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be in an amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
 - C. Second (or any subsequent) Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a second or subsequent repeat offense shall be in an amount of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

3. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the event of a violation of its Ordinances.

4. Additional penalties.
 - A. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages, and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violation of, this Ordinance.
 - B. Continuing Offense. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.
 - C. Remedies Not Exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for in this Ordinance, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.
 - D. Judge or Magistrate. The Judge or Magistrate shall also be authorized to impose costs, damages, and expenses as provided by law.
 - E. Default on Payment of Fines and Costs. A default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses ordered under this Section, or an installment of the fine, costs, damages or expenses as allowed by the court, may be collected by the Charter Township of Springfield by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under Chapter 40 or 60 of the Revised Judicature Act, MCL 600.101, et. seq., MSA 27A.101, et. Seq., as amended.
 - F. Failure to Comply With Judgment or Order. If a defendant fails to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to this Section within the time prescribed by the court, the court may proceed under Subsection H.
 - G. Failure to Appear in Court. A defendant who fails to answer a citation or notice to appear in court for a violation of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and/or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days.
 - H. Civil Contempt.
 1. If a defendant defaults in the payment of a civil

fine, costs, damages, expenses, or installment as ordered by the district court, upon motion of the Township of Springfield or upon its own motion, the court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant should not be held in civil contempt and may issue a summons, order to show cause, or bench warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.

2. If a corporation or an association is ordered to pay a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses, the individuals authorized to make disbursements shall pay the fine, costs, damages, or expenses, and their failure to do so shall be civil contempt unless they make the showing required in this subsection.
3. Unless the defendant shows that the default was not attributable to an intentional refusal to obey the order of the court, or to a failure on his or her part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes a civil contempt and may order the defendant committed until all or a specified part of the amount due is paid.
4. If it appears that the default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses does not constitute civil contempt, the court may enter an order allowing the defendant additional time for payment, or reducing the amount of payment or of each installment.
5. The terms of imprisonment on civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses shall be specified in the order of commitment and shall not exceed one day for each Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) due. A person committed for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses shall be given credit toward payment for each day of imprisonment and each day of detention in default of recognition before judgment at the rate of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day.
6. A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall not be discharged from custody until one of the following occurs:
 - i. Defendant is credited with the amount due pursuant to Subsection H.5.
 - ii. The amount due is collected through execution of process or otherwise.
 - iii. The amount due is satisfied pursuant to a combination of Subsections H.6.i and ii.
7. The civil contempt shall be purged upon discharge of the defendant pursuant to Subsection H.6.
- l. Lien Against Land, Building or Structure. If a defendant does not pay a civil fine, costs or installment ordered under this Section within thirty (30) days after the date upon which the payment is due for a violation of this Ordinance involving the use or occupation of land, a building or other structure, the Charter Township of Springfield may obtain a lien against the land, building, or structure involved in the violation by recording a copy of the court order requiring payment of the fine and costs with the Register of Deeds for Oakland County. The court order shall not be recorded unless a legal description of the property is incorporated in or attached to the court order.
 1. The lien is effective immediately upon recording of the court order with the Register of Deeds.
 2. The court order recorded with the Register of Deeds shall constitute the pendency of the lien. In addition, a written notice of lien shall be sent by Springfield Township by first class mail to the owner of record of the land, building, or structure at the owner's last known address.
 3. The lien may be enforced and discharged by the Charter Township of Springfield in the manner described by its Charter, by the General Property Tax Act, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Sections 211.1, 211.157 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or by an ordinance duly passed by the Township. However, property is not subject to sale under Section 60 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Section 211.60 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for nonpayment of a civil fine or costs or an installment ordered under this Section, unless the property is also subject to sale under Act No. 206 of Public Acts of 1893 for delinquent property taxes.
 4. A lien created under this Section has priority over any other lien unless one or more of the following apply:
 - i. The other lien is a lien for taxes or special assessments.
 - ii. Federal law provides the other lien has priority.
 - iii. The other lien is recorded before the lien under this Section is recorded.
 5. The Township may institute an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for collection of the fines and costs imposed by a court order for a violation of this Ordinance. However, an attempt by the Township to collect the fines or costs does not invalidate or waive the lien upon the land, building, or structure.
 6. A lien provided for by this subsection shall not continue for a period longer than five (5) years after a copy of the court order imposing a fine or cost is recorded unless within that time an action to enforce the lien is commenced.

ARTICLE II - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

ARTICLE IV - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Article III of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or

remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

ARTICLE V - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Ordinance No. 67, Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau and Municipal Civil Infraction Regulations and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. Tel. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published 5-24-06

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly scheduled meeting held on May 11, 2006, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Article II, Section 2.00, and Article XVII, Section 17.09, of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice.

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

The definition of "Community Sewer System or System" contained in Section 2.00 of Article II, Definitions, is hereby amended to read as follows:

COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM. A facility for the transportation, collection, processing, or treatment of sanitary sewage, which is owned or used by a nongovernmental entity and which is proposed to service more than one (1) structure.

Section 17.09 of Article XVII, Environmental Performance Standards, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SECTION 17.09 - Community Sewer Systems:

1. Any development in which a Community Sewer System is proposed shall comply with the Charter Township of Springfield Community Sewer System Ordinance and all other applicable county and state laws and regulations.

2. Any development in which a Community Sewer System is proposed where said system has a daily maximum discharge in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons per day shall be allowed in any zoning district, and require special land use approval pursuant to the other applicable provisions of this Ordinance.

3. Any development in which a Community Sewer System is proposed where said system has a daily maximum discharge less than ten thousand (10,000) gallons per day shall be permitted of right in any zoning district.

SECTION TWO - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION THREE - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR - EFFECTIVE DATE

These ordinance amendments shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. These ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Article II, Section 2.00, and Article XVII, Section 17.09, of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 11th day of May, 2006. The entire Ordinance and documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. Tel. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

375 DEPOT ROAD

CLARKSTON, MI 48346

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MAY 25, 2006

7:00 P.M.

The City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

CASE B-95: A request for a four foot side yard variance on the east lot line at 20 Robertson Court, Parcel I.D. 08-20-402-004. A proposed addition to the rear of the residence would follow the existing east wall, requiring a side yard variance.

CASE B-96: A request by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club to erect a temporary sign at Depot Park at a size of 24 square feet. This would require an 18 square foot variance as the zoning ordinance limits temporary signs to a size of six square feet.

James Schultz, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 62, DANGEROUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2006 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 62, Dangerous Buildings Ordinance.

ARTICLE I—AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

Subsection 2.1 "Dangerous Buildings" and subsections 2.1.b, 2.1.h, and 2.1.j of Section 2, Definitions, are amended as follows:

2.1 "Dangerous Buildings" as used in this ordinance, means a building or structure that has one more of the following defects or is in one or more of the following conditions:

b. A part of the building or structure is damaged by fire, wind, flood, deterioration, neglect, abandonment, vandalism, or other cause so that the structural strength or stability of the building or structure is appreciably less than it was before the damage and the building or structure does not meet the minimum requirements of Act 167, Public Acts of 1917, as amended, or the Township building code.

h. A building or structure used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, including adjoining grounds, because of dilapidation, decay, damage or faulty construction or arrangement, or otherwise, is unsanitary or unfit for human habitation, is in a condition determined by the health officer to be likely to cause sickness or disease, or is likely to injure the health, safety or general welfare of the people living in the dwelling.

j. A building or structure remains unoccupied for a period of 180 consecutive days or longer, and is not listed as being available for sale, lease, or rent with a real estate broker licensed under article 25 of the occupational code, Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 339.2401 to 339.2518 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. This subdivision does not apply to either of the following:

A. A building or structure as to which the owner or agent does both of the following:

i. Notifies the Oakland County Sheriff's Department that the building or structure will remain unoccupied for a period of 180 consecutive days. The notice shall be given to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department by the owner or agent not more than 30 days after the building or structure becomes unoccupied.

ii. Maintains the exterior of the building or structure and adjoining grounds in accordance with Act 167, Public Acts of 1917, as amended, or the building code of the Township.

B. A secondary dwelling of the owner that is regularly unoccupied for a period of 180 days or longer each year, if the owner notifies the Oakland County Sheriff's Department that the dwelling will remain unoccupied for a period of 180 consecutive days or more each year. An owner who has given the notice prescribed by this subparagraph shall notify the Oakland County Sheriff's Department not more than 30 days after the dwelling no longer qualifies for this exception. As used in this subparagraph, "secondary dwelling" means a building or structure, including, but not limited to, a vacation home, hunting cabin, or summer home, that is occupied by the owner or a member of the owner's family during part of a year.

Subsections 5.1, Date and Notice of Hearing, and 5.4, Enforcement of Order, of Section 5, Proceedings Before Township Board, are amended as follows:

5.1 Date and Notice of Hearing. The Township Board shall set a date not less than 30 days after the hearing prescribed in Section 4, for a hearing on the findings and order of the Hearing Officer and shall give notice to the owner, agent, or lessee in the manner prescribed in Section 3 of the time and place of the hearing.

5.4 Enforcement of Order. If the order is approved or modified, the owner, agent or lessee shall comply with the order within 60 days after the date of the hearing under this subsection. If the owner, agent or lessee fails to do so, the Township Board may take all necessary actions to implement the order and shall be authorized to allow entry onto the property. In case of an order of demolition, if the Township Board determines that the building or structure has been substantially destroyed by fire, wind, flood, deterioration, neglect, abandonment, vandalism, or other cause, and the cost of repair of the building or structure will be greater than the state equalized value of the building or structure, the owner, agent, or lessee shall comply with the order of demolition within 21 days after the date of the hearing under this subsection. If the owner, agent, or lessee fails to do so, the Township Board may enter onto the property and make all necessary actions to implement the order.

Subsections 6.1, Reimbursement of Costs, and 6.2, Notification of Cost, Lien of Section 6, Cost of Demolition, Collection, Lien are amended as follows:

6.1 Reimbursement of Costs. The cost of the demolition, of making the building safe, or of maintaining the exterior of the building or structure, or grounds adjoining the building or structure, including, but not limited to, fees paid to hearing officers, costs of title searches or commitments used to determine the parties interest, recording fees for notices and liens filed with the Oakland County Register of Deeds, demolition and dumping charges, court reporter attendance fees, and costs of the collection of the charges authorized Act 167, Public Acts of 1917, as amended, incurred by the Township to bring the property into conformance with this ordinance shall be reimbursed to the Township by the owner or party in interest in whose name the property appears, on the last Township tax assessment records.

6.2 Notification of Costs, Lien. The owner or party in interest in whose name the property appears on the last Township tax assessment record shall be notified by the Township Assessor of the amount of the cost of the demolition, of making the building safe, or maintaining the exterior of the building

or structure or grounds adjoining the building or structure by first class mail at the address shown on the records. If the owner or party in interest fails to pay the costs within 30 days after mailing by the Assessor of the notice of the amount of costs, the Township shall have a lien for the costs incurred by the Township to bring the property into conformance with this ordinance and Act 167, Public Acts of 1917, as amended.

Section 7, Penalties, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7—PENALTIES. A violation of the Charter Township of Springfield Dangerous Building Ordinance, Ordinance No. 62, shall be deemed to be a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the penalties enumerated in Ordinance No. 67, the Springfield Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau and Municipal Civil Infraction Regulations Ordinance.

ARTICLE II—SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III—REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect, including Ordinance No. 23.

ARTICLE IV—SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Article III of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

ARTICLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE

These ordinance amendments shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. These ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Ordinance No. 62, Dangerous Buildings Ordinance and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published 5-24-06

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on May 11, 2006, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Article VI, Section 6.01 and Article VI, Section 6.02, of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice.

SECTION ONE—AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

Amend subsection 6 of Section 6.01 (Principal Uses Permitted in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-1A One Family Residential Districts) to read as follows:

6. Public utility buildings, such as telephone exchange buildings, electronic transformer stations and sub-stations, gas regulator stations, and similar uses (but excluding storage yards), but only to serve the immediate vicinity as determined by the Planning Commission.

Add a new subsection 19 to Section 6.02 (Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-1A One Family Residential Districts) as follows:

19. Public utility buildings, such as telephone exchange buildings, electronic transformer stations and sub-stations, gas regulator stations, and similar uses (but excluding storage yards) when intended to service customers beyond the immediate vicinity as determined by the Township Board, subject to the applicant demonstrating both of the following:
a. Operating requirements necessitate locating within the district.
b. No property where the use is already permitted as of right can be utilized for such use.

SECTION TWO—SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION THREE—REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR—EFFECTIVE DATE

These Ordinance amendments shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. These ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Article VI, Section 6.01 and Article VI, Section 6.02, of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 11th day of May, 2006. The entire Ordinance and documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. Tel. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

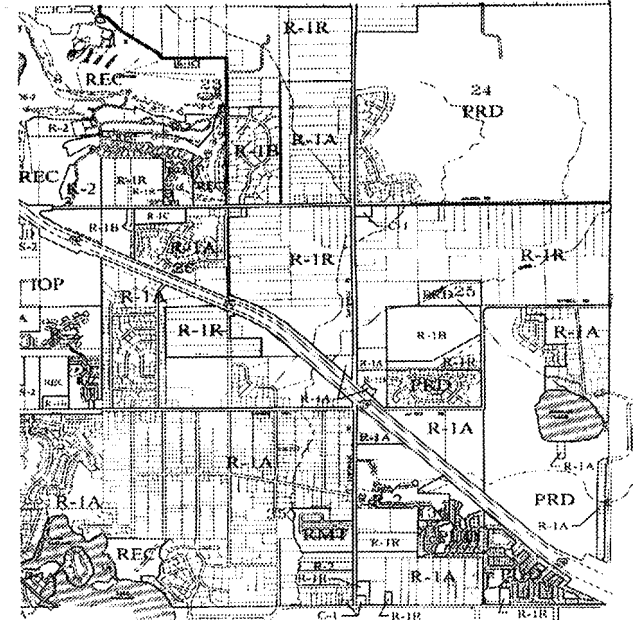
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on May 16, 2006, the Township Board authorized a First Reading Amendment of a rezoning request, from R1A (Single Family Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), proposed residential development on 79.97 acres (Steeple Chase), NE Section of Clintonville and Mann Roads, 08-36-300-006, 008, 010, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 020, 021, 025 and 026, as follows:



Published: May 24, 2006

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

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

Estate of Dan Peter Sakofske. Date of birth: 2-3-42
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dan P Sakofske, who lived at 772 St. Clair Pontiac, MI 4830 died 2-13-06.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Cottrell, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

5-12-06
Mary Cottrell
1272 Toll Dr.
Waterford, MI 48327
248-666-4820

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MAY 11, 2006 SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: April 13, 2006, Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$520,776.74
- Approved Minutes: March 13, 2006 Special Joint Meeting
- Accepted April 2006 Treasurer's Report
- Received April 2006 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical; Litigation; & Fire
- Received Ordinance Report
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$46,514.31
- Phase II, Upper Clinton Subwatershed Group: Authorized retainer with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, per Clerk's May 8, 2006 memo
- Approved Refund of \$2,230.00 in Site Plan Review Fees to Holly Greens Storage LLC
- Received H.R. Services Report from Supervisor
- Received communications and placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- August Ballot Millage Proposals: Approved ballot language for Fire and Police Millage renewals
- Wireless Oakland: Authorized entering into agreement with Oakland County
- Civic Center Landscaping: Authorized Supervisor to negotiate agreement with Design by Nature for installation & maintenance of wildflower landscape; deferred installation of prairie landscape to Parks Commission at location of its choice.
- Civic Center Parking Lot:
 - Approved Change Order & Budget Revision
 - Appointed Supervisor Walls and Trustee Hopper as Project Administrators
- Adopted Ordinance #26 Amendment, Section 17.09 & Section 2.00
- Adopted Ordinance #26 Amendments, Sections 6.01 & 6.02

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tabled Westwood Hills Subdivision Street Lighting Request
- Approved Huron River Watershed Council Membership
- First Readings – Authorized Second Readings:
 - Ordinance # 62 Amendments: Dangerous Buildings
 - Ordinance # 67: Municipal Civil Infractions
- Adopted General Fund Budget Amendments
- Discussed Assessing Services
- Employee Benefits: Reduced employer contribution to 401(k) plan, effective January 1, 2007; deferred consideration of changes to Medical benefits to June 8, 2006 meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNED: 10:05 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Published May 24, 2006

Obituary

E. Florence Lemish

E. Florence Lemish, of Clarkston, formerly of Burnside Township, passed away on May 20, 2006 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. She was 80 years old.

Ms. Lemish was born April 10, 1926 in North branch to William and Elizabeth Wilson. She graduated from North Branch High School and was married to Nick Pappas. The couple lived in New York. Ms. Lemish moved back to Burnside after Nick died in 1959.

Ms. Lemish worked at Fisher Body in Flint and for Travco Corporation in Brown City. She retired as an optician for NuVision of Goshen, Indiana. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Brown City Pinochle Club.

Ms. Lemish is sur-

vived and will be greatly missed by two children - daughter Nicola (Patrick) Pavelka of Clarkston and son Nicholas (Janine) Pappas, Neptune Beach, Florida; three grandchildren - Zane P. Pavelka, Cape Coral, Florida, Loukas Pappas and Elizabeth Pappas, both of Neptune Beach, Florida; her sister Mary Alvernon Pierce; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister Wilma Kreiner.

A gathering for family and friends was held on May 23, 2006 at Carman Funeral Home in Brown City. A funeral service was held on May 24, 2006. Ms. Lemish is buried next to Nick Pappas in Westlawn Cemetery in North Branch.

Happy 160th UMC!

As one of the dominant features in downtown Davisburg, the Davisburg United Methodist Church celebrated its 160th Anniversary on May 21.

"As part of the community we've been here almost since the start of Springfield Township," said Administrative Assistant Joey Hruby, who noted everyone knows the church with its high white steeple on Davisburg Road. "It's a nice thing to get together with old friends."

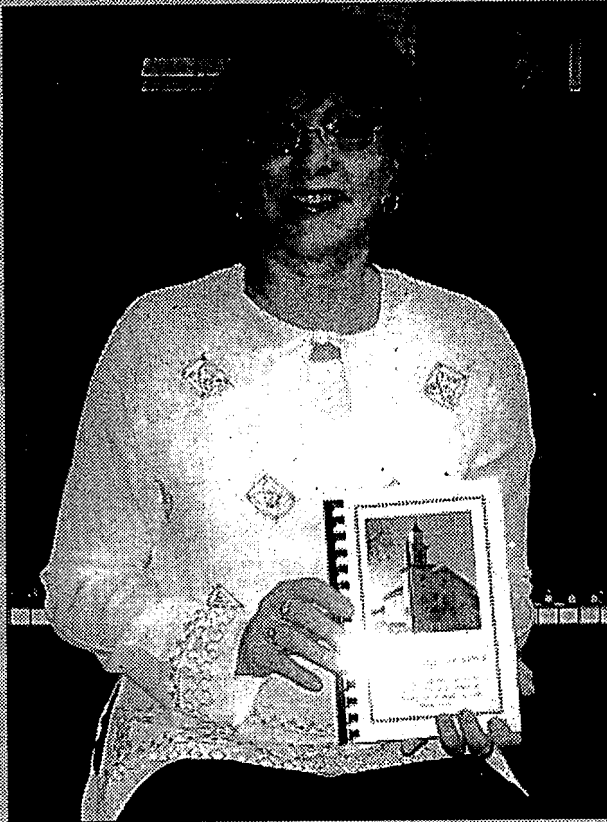
According to Hruby, church members did not want to wait another 15 years to bring everyone together in honor of the church's history. Hruby noted that the church's Annual Fish Fry in the spring and community outreach have filled an important role for the church in Davisburg over the years.

The celebration included a slide show of historical pictures from the church, its people and pastors. Letters from previous pastors were read and a cookbook put together by the Women's Circle of Love was sold to help raise funds to refurbish a part of the church complex.

With approximately 130 members, Davisburg United Methodist Church is lead by pastor Bill Seitz.

- By James Martinez

Clarkston News Staff Writer



Davisburg United Methodist Church Administrative Assistant Joey Hruby holds "A Heritage of Love," a cookbook compiled by the women's Circle of Love. The book contains approximately 130 recipes and miscellaneous tips. The book has a historical recipe from a cookbook put out in the church in 1952. Another cookbook was published in 1988. Photo by James Martinez

Kids

continued from 5B

jobs and food on the table are not hanging over them. There will be time enough to grow up and take life seriously soon enough. Take the chance to be free now!

We as parents need to encourage that freedom. We need to allow our kids to be kids when they have the chance, when they *actually* are kids.

(Monica Hefty is Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Daniel Catholic Community.)

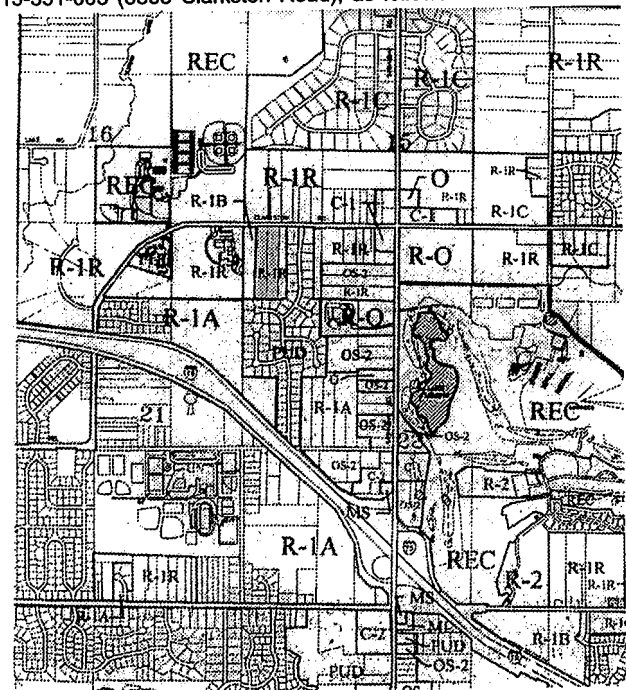
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

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

The ordinance amendment is effective immediately upon publication.
Published: 5/24/06
Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Supervisor Wagner called the May 16, 2006, meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., at the Independence Township Library.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: Kelly, Rosso, Wagner, Travis, Wenger, Heenan (for VanderVeen)
Absent: VanderVeen, Dunn
There was a quorum.

- Approval of the Agenda, as amended.
- Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 3, 2006
 - Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$1,157,792.79
 - Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,137,896.65
- Approved motion that the Township Board commit to provide the information necessary to the Parks and Recreation Commission to move ahead for the initiative for ballot presentation regarding the Senior Center millage in the November General Election
- Approved motion for the Second Reading and Adoption of a rezoning request from R1R (Rural Residential) to R-2 (Multiple Family Residential), West side of Clintonville Road, North of Mann, 08-35-426-006 and 007
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- Approved motion to allow live music at the Waterford Hills Road Racing for a special event on a probationary basis with a subsequent follow-up report from Building and Planning regarding the sound levels
- Approved motion to conduct a traffic study along the Sashabaw Corridor for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00
- Approved motion to adopt the Resolution to approve the CIA for the Sashabaw Corridor and set the public meeting for June 20, 2006
- Approved motion for the First Reading of a rezoning request from R1A (Single Family Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), proposed residential development on 79.97 acres (Steeple Chase), NE Section of Clintonville and Mann Roads, 08-36-300-006, 008, 010, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 020, 021, 025 and 026
- Approved motion to approve the Opticom System for the Fire Department with a budget adjustment to be determined
- Approved motion to have the Supervisor and Clerk sign the Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for the Opticom System
- Approved motion to contract Rural Water Supply Systems, Inc. to prepare the Fire Department for an ISO review, at an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00, plus travel, lodging and meals for the consultants
- Approved motion to approve the Resolution of the Board involving the ISO study in going toward the ISO rating
- Approved motion to increase the salary of Head of Circulation/Information Technology Manager, Donald McGaw, Jr., by \$1,000.00; to an annual salary of \$41,000.00, retroactive to May 1, 2006
- Approved motion to apply for a grant with the State of Michigan for accessible voting systems
- Approved motion to adjourn at 10:23 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 5/24/06

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #06-0016 Nanney, Donald, DDS, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 9' HEIGHT VARIANCE FOR GROUND SIGN (REPLACEMENT)
S. Main Street, C2
Clarkston Professional Center
08-29-453-003
- Case #06-0017 Langefeld, Howard, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 4' TO CONSTRUCT POLE BARN
Pine Knob Rd., 10.12 Acres, R-1C
08-23-126-005

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk
Nedra L. Lambert
Secretary

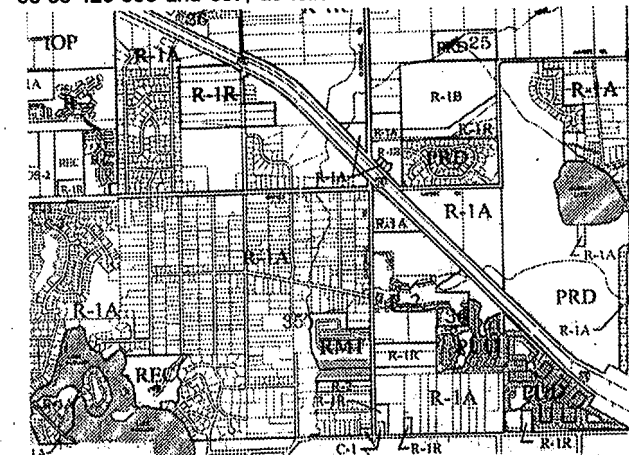
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BANJO- 1940 Tenor Banjo made of Birdseye maple. Includes case, books & DVD. \$275. 248-628-6481
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090 AUCTIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 3, 2006 at 8:30 AM, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Oxford Stor-N-Lock, 499 N. Oxford Rd, Oxford, MI.

UNIT #424 Ian Sylvester, Stereos, DVD, VHS, satellite box, CD rack, 2 tvs, fans, food, vacuum cleaner, multiple boxes of toys, Xmas decorations, HP printer, filing cabinet, couch, bed and mattresses, chair, Xmas tree, furniture, roll top desk, Regulator wall clock, stereo equipment, wall pictures, dresser, suitcases, pots and pans, numerous bags of miscellaneous items and speakers.

Unit #401-Pam and Mark Smith; lawn edger, Xmas decorations, baseball cards, Black and Decker blower, Easter items, Xmas tree, C clamps, Black and Decker small drill press, afghans, books, small slide projector, magazines, pictures and frames, several Xmas items, lights etc. box of misc. wedding items, shovel, hockey stick, few golf clubs, and storage tins baking cups

Unit #508: Beanie Babies, hamster set up, numerous toys, craft supplies, Xmas decorations, Lexmark printer, remote control truck, books, misc items, fan, mattress, food, vanity mirror, cradle, stuffed animals, bean bag chair, halloween decorations and costumes, clothes, makeup table with matching chair, and 2 standing mirrors. Book shelves, suitcase, Barbie accessories, wedding dress, vacuum cleaner, bag of GI Joes, chest, pictures and frames, suitcase, fog machine, microwave, sleeping bag and electric wok.

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FREE GARAGE DOOR, you haul, 248-693-7156. IILX24-1f

FREE LOGS for firewood. You pick up. 248-649-0689. IILX45-1f

110 GARAGE SALE

BIG GARAGE Sale- 595 Melrose, Pontiac (off University, between Opdyke & East Blvd.), May 27 9am-5pm, May 28 noon-5, May 29 9am-5pm. IILX24-1

MOVING SOUTH Sale. Thomasville cherry entertainment center (could be armoire), \$400. Traditional pecan dining set; serving buffet, glass china cabinet, 102" table, 6 Queen Anne chairs, \$750. Large sectional sofa, blue/ beige plaid, 10ft.x8ft., \$350. Round redwood picnic set includes 4 benches with backs, heavy yellow umbrella, \$175. 248-391-3248. IILX44-2

MAY 25, 26, 27 9am-5pm. Honda scooter like new, furniture & miscellaneous. 3380 Indianwood between M-24 & Baldwin. IILX24-1

ESTATE SALE- Furniture and household items. May 26-27, 9am-5pm. 1545 N. Hadley Rd. IILX40-1

GARAGE SALE- Multiple Families, 1 location! May 26-27, 9am-5pm, 803 Laird, Lake Orion (off W. Clarkston bet. Joslyn & Baldwin). IILX24-1

COLLECTIBLES & MISCELLANEOUS

Sale. 600 Sebek, off west Draher. Thursday 9am-4pm. IILX24-1

BARN SALE- 2 buildings of great junkie & misc: Plants, furniture, vintage kitchen, bathroom, diecast cars, linens, potholders, airplane models, crocks, enamelware; signs, cupboard, glassware, chairs, books. Sample sale. Don't miss it. Downtown Oxford behind Red Knapps, Thursday, Friday 8:30am-5pm. Saturday until noon. IILX24-1

DAVISBURG, MEMORIAL Weekend, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9am-4pm. South of 4-H Fairgrounds, take Andersonville Rd. to Hall Rd., follow signs to Tamcyn. Little kid's clothes, toys, stroller, bed and much more. IILX45-1

MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale, May 25-27, 9am-5pm. 853 Ridge Rd., Lake Orion, 1 mile east of M-24, off Indian Lake Rd. IILX24-1

HEATHER LAKE ESTATES Garage Sale, Thursday, June 1- Saturday, June 3, 9am-4pm. IILX24-2

BIG GARAGE Sale! Lots of new items at great prices. Changing theme in house- lots of Southwestern items. Longerberger baskets & accessories, bedding & household items. Plus size ladies clothes, new Eddie Bauer high chair, and kid's toys (new in boxes). Rain or shine. May 25, 26, 27 & 29, 9am-6pm. 899 Gill (off W. Draher), near Clear Lake School. IILX24-1

SALE: 5870 OAKWOOD RD. May 18-21 and May 25-28. Lots of everything. Don't miss this one. 10am-7. IILX23-2

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

The Senior Activity Center of Addison Twp. (S.A.C.A.T.) will conduct their Rummage/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 27, from 8am-3pm, and Pre-Sale on Friday, May 26 from 1pm-4pm. at 1440 Rochester Rd., adjoining Township Offices. 248-628-3388
LX24-1

GARAGE SALE- 3370 Ludwig (near M-24 & Oakwood), May 25-26, 9am. MULTI FAMILY GARAGE Sale, May 27, 8am-4pm. 8181 Kearsley, Goodrich (off M-15). IILZM24-1

GARAGE SALE MAY 25, 26, 9am-4pm. A little bit of everything, some antiques. 171 Teelin Dr., Oxford, Red Barn Sub. IILX24-1

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ESTATE AND Yard Sale. June 2-3, 9am-4pm. 8169 and 8173 Pine St., Goodrich (M-15, west on Oak, right on Pine, follow signs). IILZXM40-2

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GARAGE SALE- Boy's clothing (infant-8), toys, miscellaneous. 164 N. Axford (Indianwood Rd. & M-24), May 25-26, 9am-4pm. IILX24-1

GARAGE SALE- Thursday, 25,26,27. 551 Waldon Rd, west of M-24 before Giddings, 9am-6pm. IILX24-1

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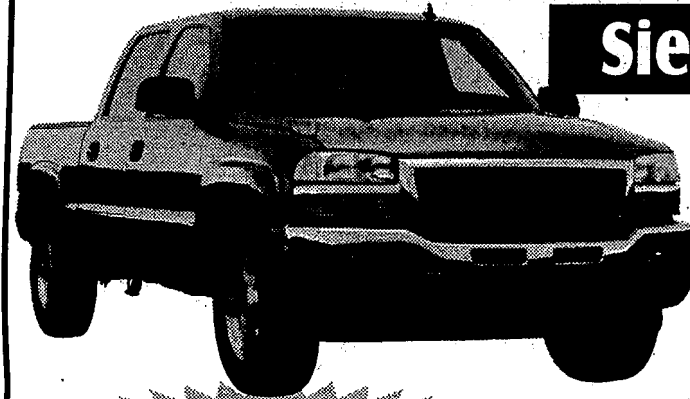
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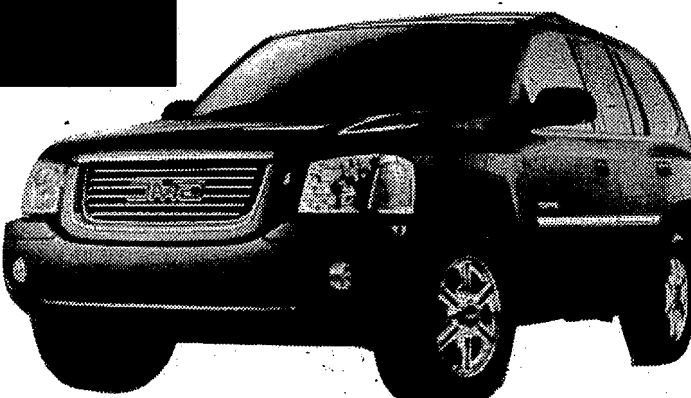
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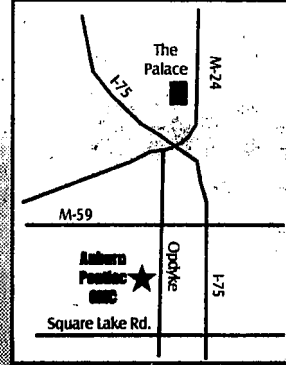
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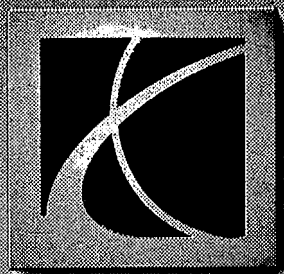
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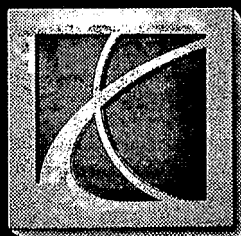
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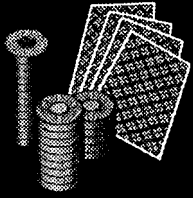
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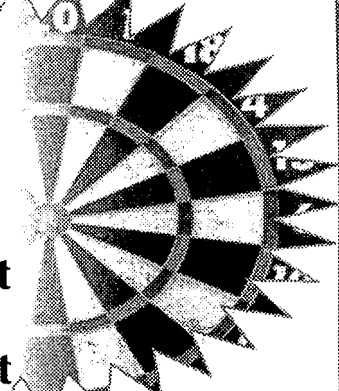
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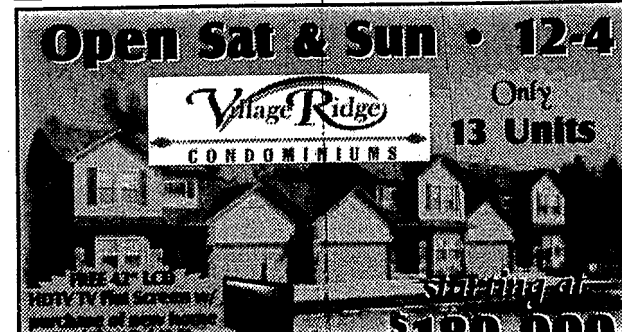


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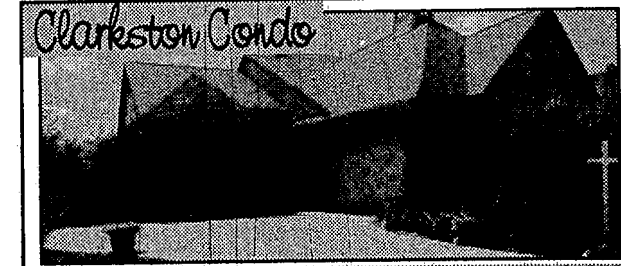
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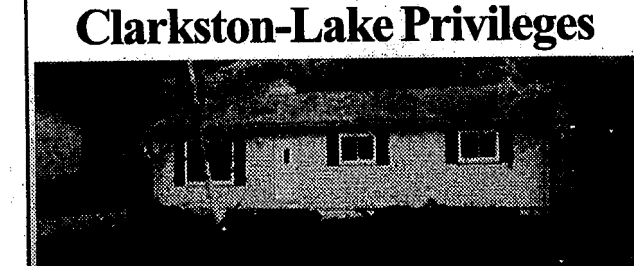


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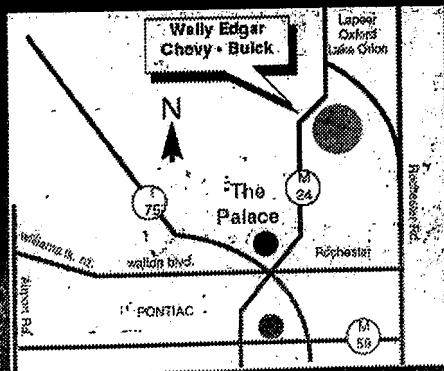
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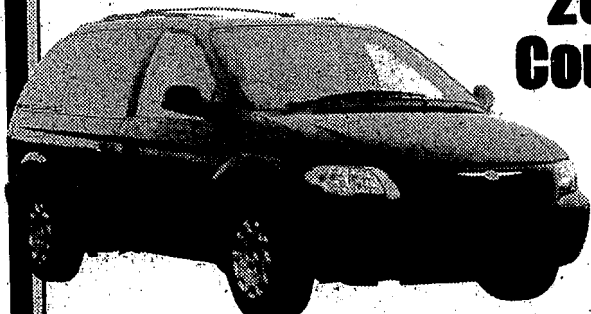
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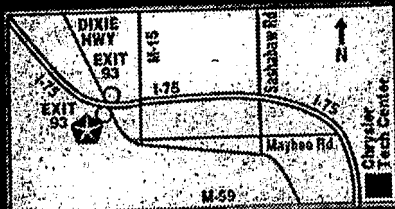
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Preparations underway for SCAMP home tours

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With winter in the past and summer just around the corner, SCAMP supporters are already looking to June.

Those familiar with the summer camp program for impaired children and young adults know the organization hosts home tours as a major fund-raiser every year. This year marks the 24th annual home tour which takes place June 3-4. The event features four homes within the village, two mini-mansions outside the village and for the first time, a garden.

Instead of opening their home to visitors, Tom and Tami Lowrie of Lowrie's Landscaping are revamping their home garden for an outdoor tour.

"We're very excited about it," said Donna Clancy, executive director of Clarkston SCAMP. "We think it will be a nice stop off."

Though the event is more than a month away, Tom Lowrie is already hard at work preparing his garden. Being in the landscaping business, Lowrie said he knows his garden has to look really good and that means getting started early.

Reiterating the old adage that April showers bring May flowers, Lowrie stressed that the season is right for flower beds to bloom. In order to give them the room to do so, Lowrie said the first thing needed is clearing away growth from the previous year.

"We have removed any of the leftover perennials from last year," Lowrie said. The next step is allowing new plants time to grow.

"It's not imperative to get started now, but you probably always heard of planting perennials around Mother's day," Lowrie said, adding that he is pretty busy between now and the time of the home tours, so he wanted to make sure he allowed himself plenty of time to accomplish his goals.

Lowrie said he expects drastic changes over the next month and is hoping people will turn out to see the finished project.



Tom Lowrie works on clearing his garden, which will be featured as part of the SCAMP home tour. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Tours on June 3 begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude with an elegant Patrons' Showcase Night featuring live and silent auctions and hors d'oeuvres. The tours on June 4 start at noon and include discount coupons for dining at one of several excellent Clarkston restaurants.

Proceeds from the home tours are used to defray the cost of hosting over 350 "special needs" children and young adults who each year attend the five week day camp. Local students serve as counselors to assist

the "SCAMPers" as they participate in a wide range of otherwise unavailable activities.

Clancy is looking forward to next year already as well and is hoping to mark the 25th anniversary of home tours by including all homes located on Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

"I think our downtown is one of Michigan's jewels," Clancy said. "I just think it will be beautiful way to celebrate."

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Elegance of teak

(NAPSA)-It's only natural that homeowners should look for natural materials when choosing furniture for the garden, and durable, beautiful teak is an increasingly popular choice.

It's not just teak's good looks that have made it a favorite choice for outdoor furniture and accessories. Teak is one of the most durable woods known to man. The life span of furniture made from other types of wood such as cedar, redwood and pine pales in comparison to the 75 to 100 years that teak has been reported to last.

Additionally, these types of wood need to be treated with a preservative if you want them to last a few seasons. With high-quality teak furniture, there's no need to worry about varnishing or sanding the furniture to make it look good and hold up. It only needs to be washed annually to remove sap, pollen and mildew.

Those who prefer the look of teak in its original golden brown state rather than the silvery grey that outdoor teak becomes as it ages will need to clean their furniture more rigorously with specialized teak cleaners.

Others may consider oiling, varnishing or sealing their teak furniture if they plan to use it indoors.

It's important to note that there are differences in quality within the family of teak wood. Here are some tips from Jeremy Smith, president of Wood Classics:

- Make sure that the furniture you are looking at is genuine teak, not those promoted as "teak-like" or "as good as teak."
- Consider the grade of teak and the construction methods used to produce the product. Is your furniture free of sap, pits, and open knots? Are screw holes recessed and pegged to prevent rust and staining? If so, you have a quality product.
- Next, consider style, which has expanded significantly from the traditional Adirondack style many people associate with teak. You can now get teak couches and chairs and loveseats that recline. Teak furniture can also be customized with matching pillows.



So money doesn't go down the drain, more remodelers are getting powder coated finishes on their kitchen and bathroom fixtures.

A money saving remodeling tip

(NAPSA)-Go with the flow. The flow, when it comes to kitchen and bathroom remodeling, is protecting your investment. These areas of your home are tough on fixtures and appliances such as cabinets.

The steam of a bathroom and the heat of a kitchen are difficult environments for fixtures and appliances. Cabinet doors are prone to warping as well as scratches and other damage.

Home-improvement experts suggest installing products made specifically to stand up to the hard wear and tear that kitchens and baths get.

For instance, you'll find many fixtures and appliances protected with a powder coated finish. This innovative finish is tough against corrosion, protects items against chipping, scratching and moisture deterioration, and comes in a variety of colors and finishes for a decorative touch.

Help for the economy and ecology

(NAPSA)-There are several ways you can conserve energy and protect the environment:

- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents.
- Air dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher drying cycle.
- Use your microwave instead of a conventional electric range or oven.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and VCRs, into power strips and turn power strips off when equipment is not in use.

- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater; 115° is comfortable for most uses.
- Take showers instead of baths to reduce hot water use.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
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"We do both residential and commercial lawn mowing and landscaping equipment," said store manager Keith Sehl. "We do parts and services too. Other stores would send you somewhere else, but we do it all here."

With the snow and frost retreated, spring ushers in a busy time for the landscaping industry.

"Spring time is the busiest because a lot of equipment has sat over the winter. People are getting out cutting and realizing things are broke," explained Sehl.

"We've been busy so far, except for a few periods of rain recently," he added.

With landscaping often dependent on weather, businesses cannot afford to have key machinery away for long periods of time. Ike's helps companies stay productive by having a certified mechanic on staff right at the store to service equipment.

"Our service is usually one or two days in and out. With other places it can be a week or two before you get your machine back," said Sehl.

According to Sehl, Ike's can provide loaner equipment so the commercial companies don't miss a beat in providing their own services.

Sehl himself spent eight years working in the landscaping industry in Oakland County and feels his experience is helpful to customers.

"I know the limitations of the various equipment and what actually can be done, so as not to sell some-

one something they don't need," said Sehl.

When the hot summer sun fades, Ike's provides products and machinery to help residents handle winter snow storms.

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Creating a butterfly garden

(NAPSA)-With just a little bit of planning, you can have beautiful butterflies and hummingbirds flocking to your garden. That's good news for gardeners because not only are these winged creatures fun to watch, they're essential pollinators.

The key is to know what hummingbirds and butterflies look for, which is flowers with nectar. So when you select nectar-rich plants for your garden, look for varieties that are both prolific bloomers and have a long bloom time. Prune your plants to prevent excessive woody growth and encourage the growth of new flowers.

Try these tips:

- Hummingbirds are attracted to bright orange, red and hot pink blossoms. Their long, narrow beaks can reach the nectar of long, tubular flowers such as the Balboa Sunset Trumpet Vine with its large scarlet blossoms, and the Goldflame Honeysuckle, which has vibrant yellow and red flowers. Other good choices are the Super Red Flowering Maple and the Navajo series of Salvia, available in many colors, including bright red, rose and salmon red.

- Not all hummingbirds feed at the same height, so plant an array of shrub sizes and climbing vines for food sources.

- Butterflies are attracted to yellow, orange and red. They too are seeking nectar, but their mouths, or proboscises, are much smaller, so they prefer flatter flowers they can perch on while they feed. The no-fail plant for butterflies is the Butterfly Bush, or Buddleja. However, since they can get too large for some gardens, consider the Petite series of Dwarf Butterfly Bushes. Petite Indigo has a profusion of lilac-blue flowers, Petite Plum sports reddish-purple blooms and the Petite Snow has pure white blossoms.

- Lilacs are favorites of butterflies, but don't typically flower well in climates with warmer winters. The Blue Skies Lilac produces huge clusters of light lavender-blue flowers that don't require winter chilling. But-

terflies love Coneflowers, such as the bright pink Pixie Meadowbrite. Asters are great because they bloom well into fall. The new Farmington Aster has a profusion of lilac bloom clusters that butterflies flock to.

- Supply a source of water. Hummingbirds enjoy flying through a fine mist, which cools them off. Butterflies like drinking from shallow puddles. Position some large flat rocks in a sunny spot, on which butterflies can sun themselves to warm their wings.

For more ideas on creating a hummingbird and butterfly garden, visit www.monrovia.com.



The right plants can attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Quick, inexpensive bathroom makeovers

(NAPSA)-If you think your bathroom could use a boost, you've got company. Bathrooms are among the rooms most likely to be renovated in a home, according to the Home Improvement Research Institute. Homeowners spend about \$4,900 on home makeovers during the first year they own their homes, while about 60 percent feel their bathrooms are "inadequate."

The good news is that there are ways to make over your bathroom without spending a lot of money and without replacing old fixtures. Try these tips:

Clean Start

You may be able to save yourself the cost of replacing worn-looking toilets, bathtubs or sinks with a good cleaning. Built-up soap scum, hard-water stains, rust, calcium and lime can dull the look of a bathroom and make it seem older than it actually is.

Splash Of Color

Use mildew-resistant, latex paint to add new color to the bathroom. Be sure to use a bin primer over any water stains or spots before starting the job, and pay careful attention to detail-areas, such as woodwork or trim around mirrors.

Home designers often say the bathroom is a good place to experiment with colors. If your home has more muted tones, consider using bright hues in the bathroom to help make the room seem cleaner and brighter.

Accessorize

Finally, add some decoration to the bathroom to make it seem less stark and more comfortable. You may want to hang some family photos on the wall or a framed picture or two. Just be sure not to make the bathroom appear too cluttered. Remember, if you have limited space, home designers say less is more.

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Prevent your home from becoming a noisy nightmare

(NAPSA)-After settling into a new home, most homeowners look forward to the quiet time they'll spend leisurely reading the paper in the sunny breakfast nook while the aroma of coffee teases them from the kitchen.

What they don't anticipate is the dishwasher clanging loudly as the breakfast dishes are cleaned or the disruption from the slow creak of the neighbor's garage door as it opens.

The decision to build a new home is both a financial and emotional investment, likely to be one of the most expensive of your life. As consumers, architects and builders begin to consider the size of the bedrooms, open floor plans and the kitchen layout, they may be overlooking one important factor-noise pollution.

According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, noise is considered any unwanted sound. While jet planes may come to mind, aggravating noise in the home could be as simple as the heavy footfall of someone rushing down a flight of stairs or a television blaring in the family room.

Noise and Your Home

According to Dr. Lily Wang, the need for residential noise control-the act of effectively managing noise within the home environment-is growing due to the popularity of open floor plans and increases in community noise. Wang, a professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln who specializes in architectural acoustics, says there are concerns regarding productivity for those who live and work out of the home.

"While people working from the home can avoid sounds of a typical occupational environment," she says, "they may be dealing with other disruptive noises, such as the neighbor's dog barking or a cooling system automatically kicking on."

Noise and Your Health

While noise is viewed as bothersome, government officials categorize it as a growing health concern. According to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Guidelines for Community Noise, noise is an increasing public health problem.

The WHO says noise above 80 to 85 dB, such as an

alarm clock from two feet away or certain home appliances, may increase aggressive behavior and can cause hearing impairment after just one hour.

WHO also says noise can lead to other health issues, such as sleep disturbances and heart-related problems.

Noise and the Solution

Portia Ash, business manager for residential noise control at Owens Corning, says it is important for consumers and professionals to stay current on available solutions to reduce residential noise.

"By specifically using particular building products created to reduce noise transmission during construction," says Ash, "you can eliminate unwanted sounds by up to 85 percent."

What to do

Before beginning construction of a new home, Wang recommends consumers, builders and architects utilize the following four-point checklist to reduce the risk of noise pollution in the home:

1. When choosing a lot for your new home, be attentive to community noise surrounding the area dur-

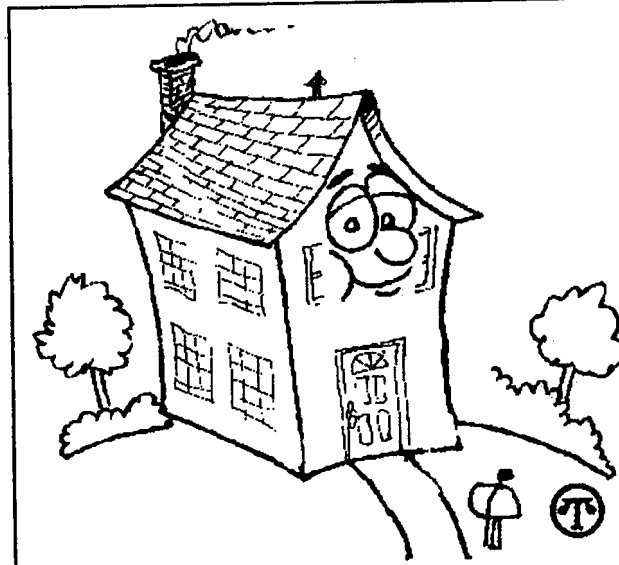
ing both daytime and nighttime hours. Make sure you're aware of your proximity to traffic and the routine of the neighborhood.

2. Consider the floor plan from a noise perspective. For instance, you wouldn't want the clicking of a keyboard in a home office to wake up a sleeping child or spouse in a nearby bedroom.

3. Make sure there are no appliances situated on the opposite side of a main living or sleeping space wall. It may fit well with your layout, but the noise could prevent you from relaxing in the family room or bedroom.

4. Consider whether your home can grow with your lifestyle. If you or your spouse will be retiring in the near future, do your plans acoustically fit your potential routine?

"A home can be visually appealing, but if these factors are overlooked, consumers' enjoyment of the space will be disrupted by noise pollution," says Wang. "The residential noise control category has been overlooked for decades. As the number of noise polluters increases, it's time our awareness also rises."



Home Ideas

(NAPSA)-Take control of your home's temperature and acoustics by ensuring your contractor insulates correctly.

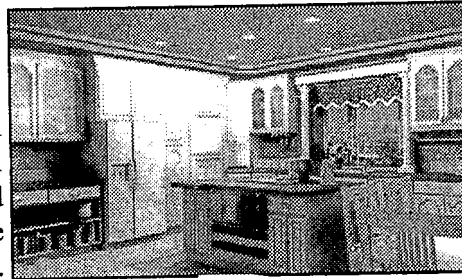
Ventilation systems and air cleaners can improve your home's indoor air quality (IAQ) by replacing a portion of stale indoor air with fresh outdoor air.

If your lawn mower is what's choking instead of your weeds, you have lots of company. More than 63 million lawn mowers are revving up for lawn season, and many will need a little TLC. Experts advise that an hour or two of maintenance a year can make a big difference in how well your mower operates.

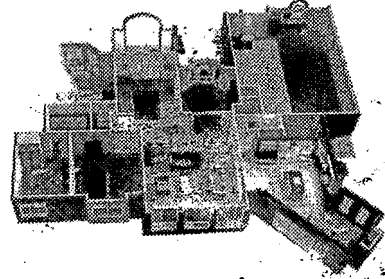
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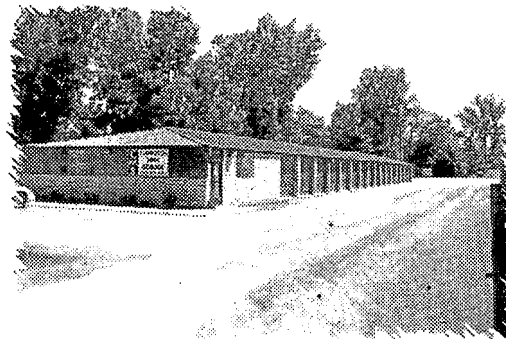


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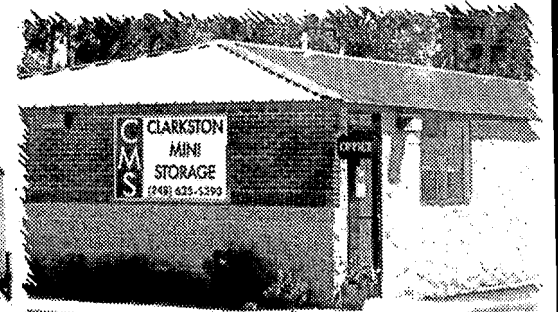
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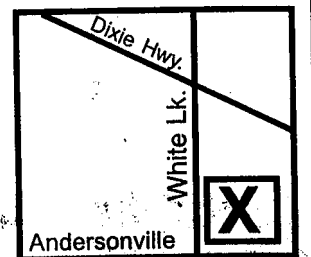
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Trends in interior design

The times they are a changin' – and nothing symbolizes the change in American culture as much as our homes and the way we view them.

Here are just a few of the trends Clarkston's Pam Bytner, president of Bytner Design Associates, is seeing in 2006:

- Today's homeowners are no longer looking for a home with separate private and public spaces. Gone are the days of enclosed kitchens, formal dining rooms and rarely seen guest bedrooms.

For 2006, homeowners are looking for their house's space to be "livable" and open.

"They are looking for spaces they can live in on a daily basis versus just using once in a while," said Bytner. "This one trend has really led to two side trends."

Bytner said clients are asking more and more for flexibility in their home. The trend is towards big, open spaces that can be morphed into smaller, cozier areas through the use of screens, pocket doors or sliding doors.

She is also finding more clients interested in turning their unused home space into personalized rooms. For example, revamping a spare bedroom into a sewing room or home office.

"Another trend that is just picking up is the creation of outdoor living spaces and luxury garages," said Bytner. "People are really making the most of the space they have now."

- A design trend traveling throughout the country from the West coast is the "Green" mind-set, the idea of living

more environmentally friendly and health conscience.

"We're finding a lot more eco-friendly materials like lyptus and bamboo which are quick growing, renewable woods," explained Bytner. "These woods are being grown specifically for the furniture and cabinetry industry and are much easier to acquire than say oak, which is a slow growing wood."

Other "Green" trends include using recycled products, salvaged pieces (either picked up at a thrift store or using a piece for something other than its design) and health-friendly particle board.

"There are a lot of things becoming available that weren't before, and more keep coming," said Bytner. "In fact, many times these options are more affordable than traditional materials."

- Everyone knows color sets the mood, so what are the hot hues for 2006? Warm, earthy and deep.

"The strong colors now are purple, just about any shade; pink; oranges, particularly the warm colors of orange... and moca. Browns in general are big, but moca is the ruling color," explained Bytner. "The industry is also seeing a natural earthtone pallet returning."

- The best way to give a room a whole new atmosphere: change the lighting.

"Lighting is becoming very dramatic in the look and style of the fixtures," said Bytner. "They are becoming a noticeable area of the room versus something in the background."

Lighting is also making the switch from iridescent to fluorescent bulbs.



Pam Bytner, president of Bytner Design Associates, shows some of the newer "Green" materials available in interior design.

Bytner said their are lots of new fixtures and ways of using the fluorescent lighting appearing on the scene.

"They are really creating innovative ways of using fluorescent lighting to make the color difference not as noticeable," she added.

Exactly what's in store for the future of interior design – more color and technology integrated into as many as-

pects of the home as possible.

"They are really focusing on the creature comforts," said Bytner. "Technology is being integrated into everything, like TVs into the refrigerator. We're seeing technology in a lot of new areas."

As for color, watch for the warm "juicy" color pallets to stay and tones like "Tangerine" to make an appearance.

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(NAPSA)-There are many ways to freshen up a home.

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• Place a small bouquet in a glistening crystal pitcher or go for contrast with a brightly colored coffee can to make a great first impression in an entrance hall or foyer.

• Fill an umbrella stand with a few long dramatic stems.

• Attach a basket of fresh flowers to your door or hang just a few stems with a beautiful bow.

• In the family room, fill an empty fireplace with a big bucket of flowers.

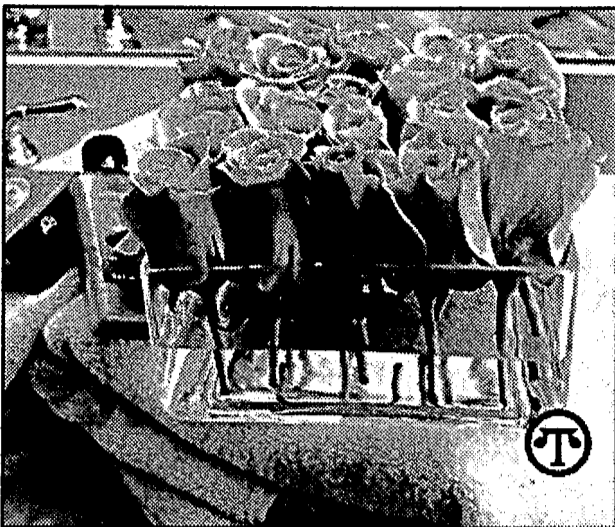
• In the bathroom, a simple plastic tumbler filled with fragrant cut flowers can make a great air freshener.

• In the laundry room, rinse out an old bleach or detergent bottle, fill it with cut flowers and place it on the washer or a shelf for a laundry brightener.

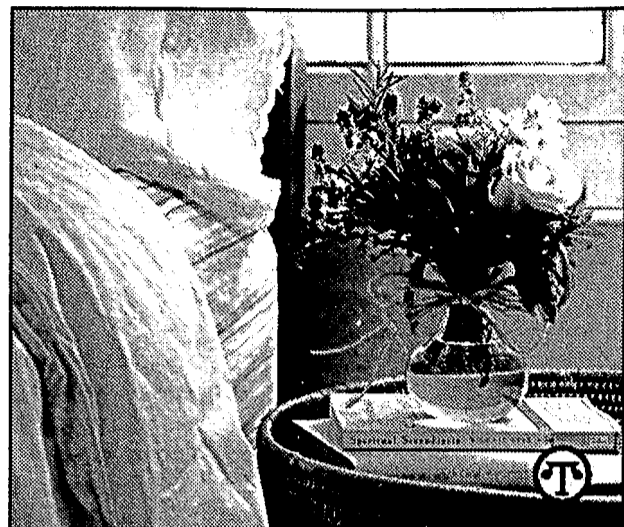
• Use a kitchen windowsill to line up individual jars, coffee mugs or juice glasses and put one or two colorful stems in each. It's a one-of-a-kind window treatment.

Flowers are not just for special occasions anymore. They decorate a lot more than just the center of the dining room table.

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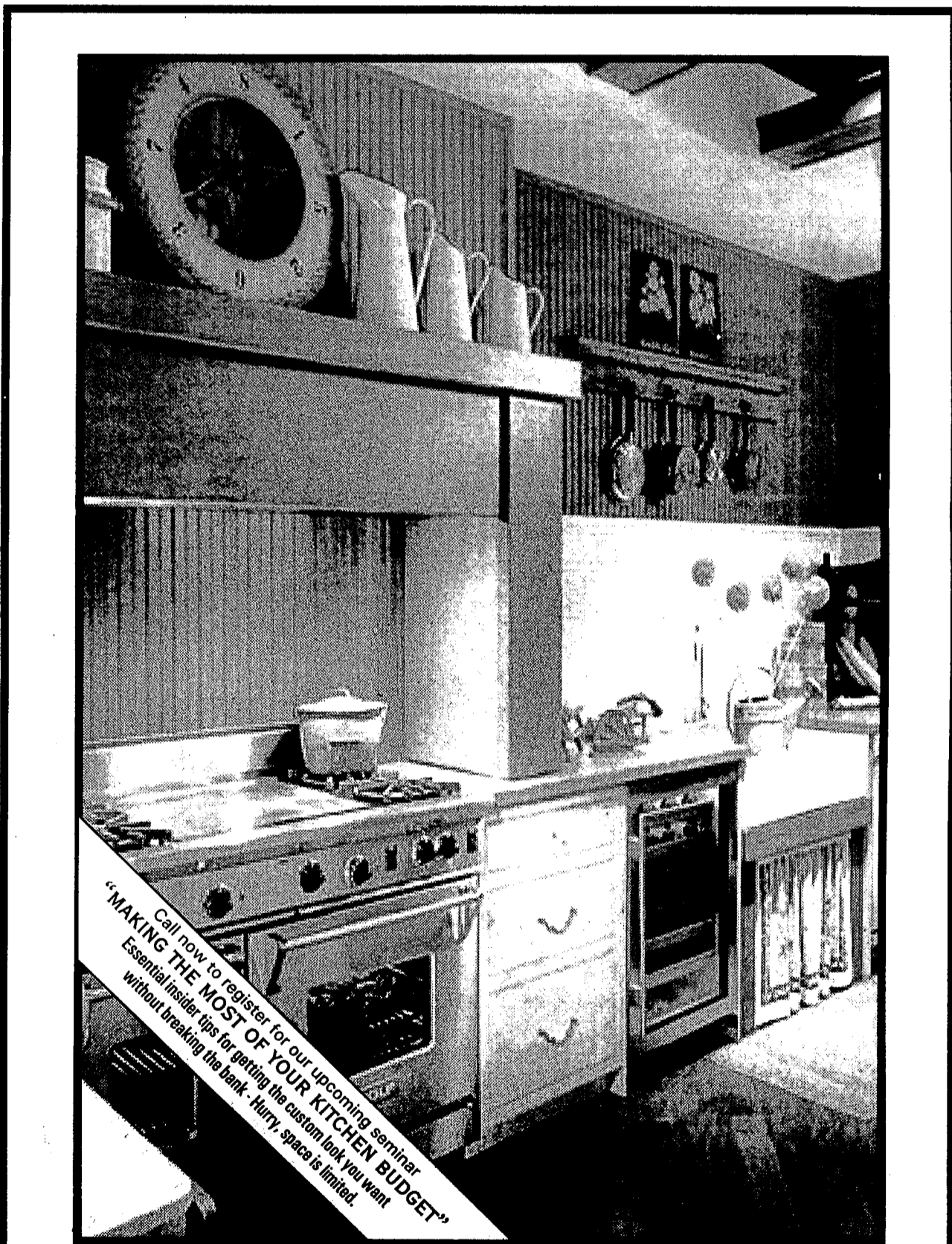
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Looking to the future of landscaping

Since he was a little kid, Mark Cherry can remember working with landscaping. His father Jim Cherry and uncle William started operating Country Oakland Landscape Supply on Dixie Hwy in 1987. Even back then, Cherry was already on the path to his career.

In 2003, Cherry took over operations of the family businesses located in Clarkston, Ortonville, Waterford and Burton. In the 19 years he has worked in the landscaping business, Cherry has become familiar with the patterns people follow every year.

"Historically, this time of year is mulch and topsoil season," Cherry said. He added people are looking to start fresh in May, and now is typically the time to clear away the dead brush from the previous year and lay a new foundation for this year's growth.

Hydroseeding - dispersing grass seed, mulch and fertilizer using water as a medium - can bloom into a full, healthy lawn in approximately two weeks, according to Cherry. As with other methods for landscaping, Cherry said people are opting to use hydroseeding as a more economically sound option to laying sod.

"I see a lot of 'do-it-yourselfers' taking on their own work because the global economy stinks right now," Cherry said. "You see a lot of hydroseeding because they don't want to sod, they want to save some bucks there."

Though the landscaping business follows a cycle, Cherry has watched it long enough to see changes as the year progresses.

Cherry said June is hardscape season, when people begin to look at paving stone, retaining walls and contractors get into planting larger jobs. This is where Cherry has noticed the biggest shift over in the look people are trying to obtain.

People like to build retaining walls for flower gardens and as landscape dividers, and Cherry has noticed people are looking to build them high now so they can act as benches as well. In addition, Cherry said the rustic look of tumbled rock is becoming more popular.

Tumbled rock, while still made of concrete, is manufactured to look uneven and more natural.

"What they're doing with concrete these days is amazing," said Cherry. "I have concrete stone that looks just like modular New York bluestone. They're getting to the point where they're making concrete steps that look like natural stone slabs... that's what it's designed to emulate."

"People are looking for a more natural look... you see a lot of that these days," Cherry said.

Even though the look of tumbled paving stone has been around for more than a decade, Cherry said its use has grown over time as people gravitate towards a softer look to their landscape. The look of landscaping is moving away from the straight lines and clean-cut looks that were popular in the 1980's and 90's.

Emulating the look and feel of specific natural stones such as New York bluestone and flagstone are more recent developments in the industry and Cherry said he expects the look to be a popular addition to the natural look.

"It's cut into different shapes... it's consistent, it wears a little better and it looks just like the real thing," Cherry said.

Likewise, Cherry sees more people looking to add stone veneer to their homes. As opposed to vinyl siding or paneling, stone veneer uses concrete to make natural looking stones for the external walls of homes, pillars and retaining walls.

"What's nice about this is it carries into the inside of the house," Cherry said. "You can take stone veneer and put it around our fireplace. People love this... If they want to have a rustic lodge feel, they'll put this up on the walls... It looks just like real stone but it's not."

Cherry said the trends could change back to more contemporary looks in the next decade or so, but for now the rustic natural look is growing in popularity.



Marc Cherry, owner of Country Oaks Landscape Supply, has worked in landscaping for 19 years.

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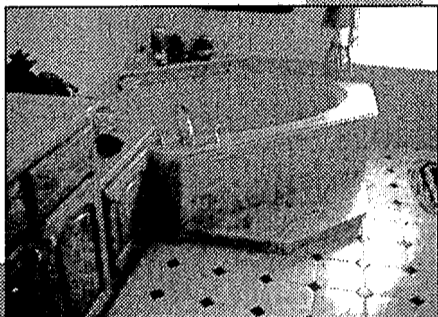
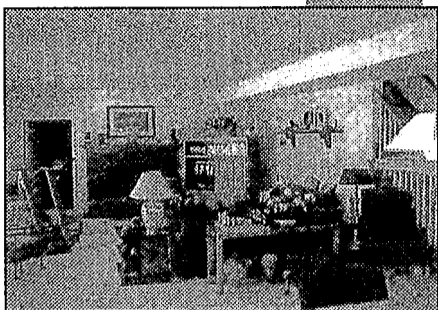
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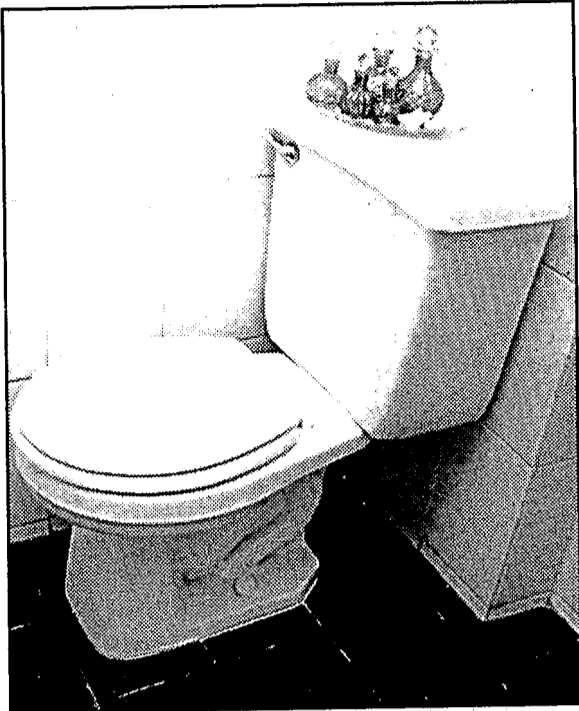
Clogged toilets can be a real drain

(NAPSA)-If you have faced a clogged toilet, you are not alone. Each year, more than one in five Americans cope with a blocked toilet and 70 percent surveyed recently agreed that clogs trigger a real headache.

The survey commissioned by the Scott(r) Clog Clinic, an authority on common-sense solutions for avoiding stopped-up toilets, found that if a few proper steps are taken, consumers can avoid most clogs.

As part of its survey of toilet blockages, the Clog Clinic found that:

- Going down the drain. Twelve percent of people have dropped a toy ball down the pipes, while 6 percent have flushed a fish.
- Who did it? Thirty-seven percent of respondents maintain that no one takes responsibility for clogging the toilet in their home.
- Away from home. As for public restrooms, 30 percent say they have experienced a clog in a restaurant, 24 percent at work, 22 percent while at someone else's home other than in-laws, 14 percent while visiting in-laws, 12 percent during holidays at their home, 11 percent while entertaining guests at home and 2 percent on a date.
- Take the plunge. To unclog a blocked toilet, 87 percent of consumers use a plunger to free the pipes (and 92 percent own one).
- Only you can prevent clogs. Forty-five percent "completely agree" that they can prevent toilet clogs by using a septic-safe toilet paper.



Take the plunge-Most homeowners use a plunger to free the pipes from a clog.

Those with older homes, septic-tank systems, low-flow toilets and people who own a boat or RV are most at risk of clogs and plumbing issues. The first line of attack to prevent toilet clogs is to use a septic-safe tissue.

Sizing up siding

(NAPSA)-Some home improvement/repair projects are necessary regardless of cost, such as installing a new hot water heater when the old one stops working. Others, such as updating the kitchen or windows, are more a function of having the money to do so-and how much they add to a home's value when it comes time to sell.

According to the most recent "Cos: Vs. Value Report" published by Remodeling magazine, the most cost-effective remodeling job is redoing the bathroom, with an estimated 102.2 percent of costs recouped in the home sale. But the number-two project may surprise you: siding replacement.

The report found that, when mid-range siding products are used, homeowners can expect to get 95.5 percent of costs back when they sell. For upscale siding, the expected payback is even higher: 103.6 percent.

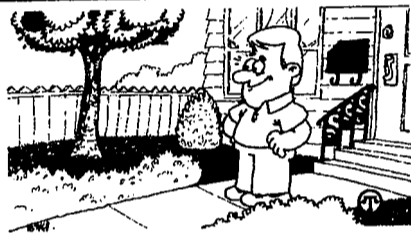
And while many indoor projects have fluctuated in their overall value-between 2002 and 2005, bathroom remodels have recouped as little as 79.1 percent of costs-siding has been a relatively steady earner, increasing in value each year over that period.

In addition, since the exterior of your home is the first thing people see, the charm and character that show through with quality siding speaks volumes about the pride you have in your home. The decision to re-side your home is, more than likely, one you'll make once and live with for a long time. That's why it's so important to get all of the facts and make the right siding choice.

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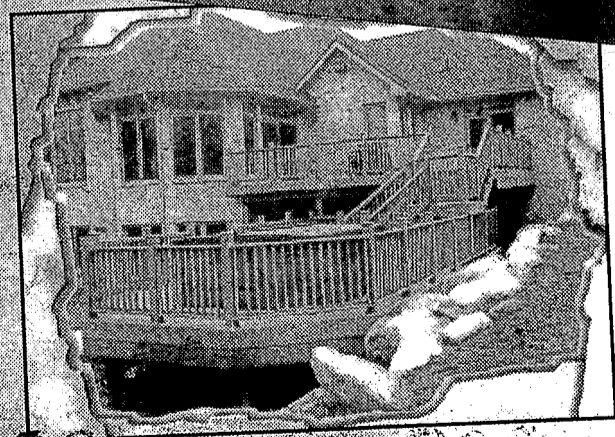
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"People can build their dream home or add an addition they always wanted," senior designer Anette Sokoll said. "If people have an idea of what their dream home would look like, I can draw it up for them and they can see it. They can then make changes in the blink of an eye. They see everything before it's built."

Sokoll began Classic Designs because she saw some of the problems people faced when building a home. People weren't sure what they wanted when they made critical decisions about their home.

"I got into construction with my husband and I noticed at a lot of the meetings the customers said they had a hard visualizing things," Sokoll said. "I went out and bought a small program to show people. I saw that it really helped them. I got into the bigger programs and it worked out well because of my field training with my husband. I used to do construction with him and run the blueprints. I know how a house is built and

constructed."

The software is not limited to brand new homes. If a customer wants to add an addition to their current home Classic Designs can come out and take measurements and put their current home in the program.

The customer can then see what their home will look like with an addition and decide what design or addition is best for them.

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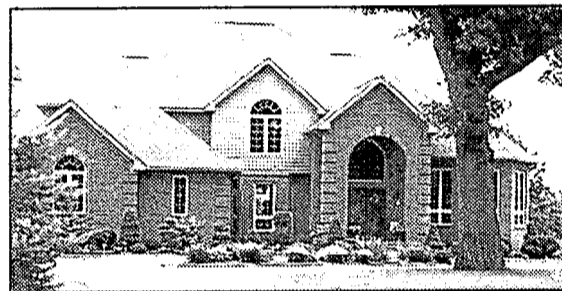
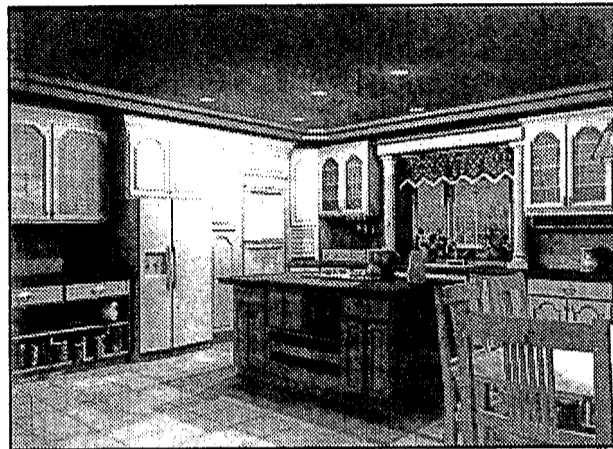
it saves time. If a customer isn't sure what something will look like, they can see it before it's built," Sokoll said. "If they don't, the difference between a 10-by-10 room and an 11-by-11 room they can see. I'm able to take furniture and put it in so they know how much room there will be."

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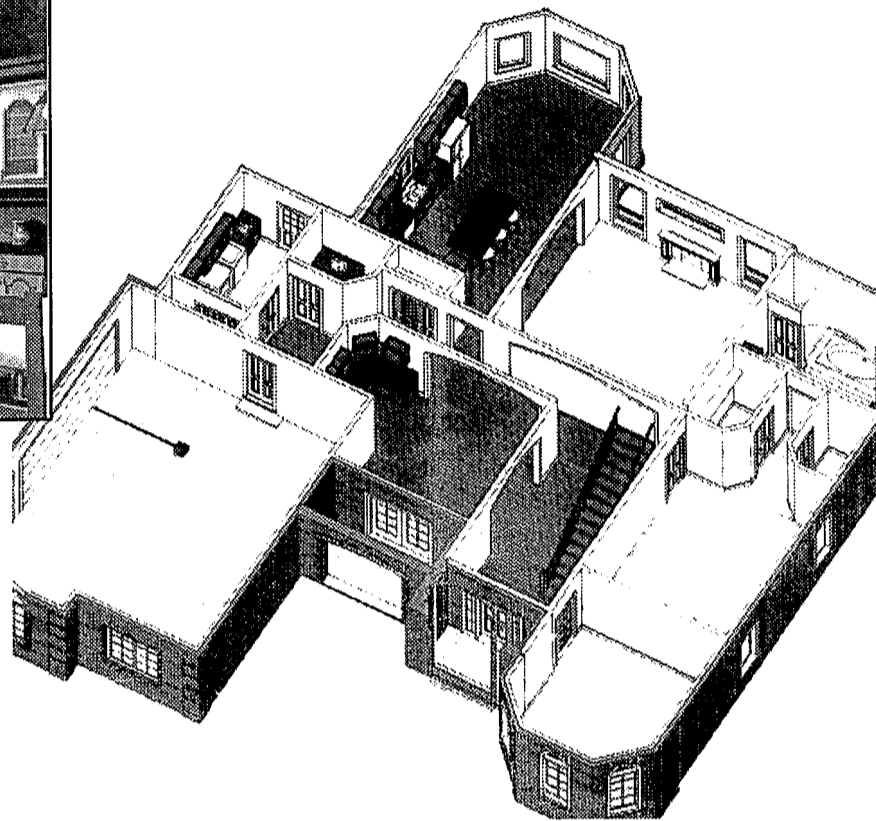
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"For a person, who works a trade to come to us shows how good people think our work is," Sokoll said. "We live on the same street as some of the houses we built. That's an old joke, 'You never live on the same street,' but we know all our neighbors and we have a great reputation."

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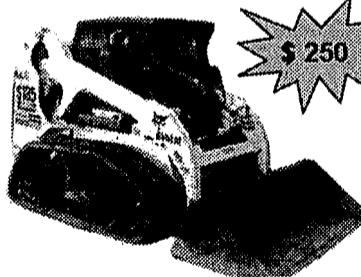
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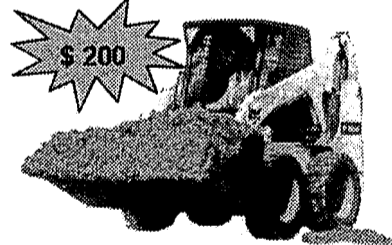
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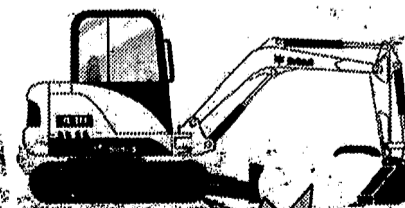
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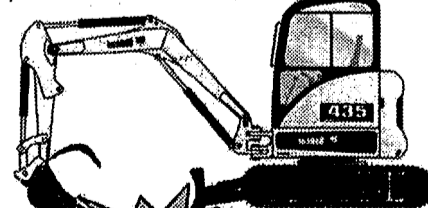
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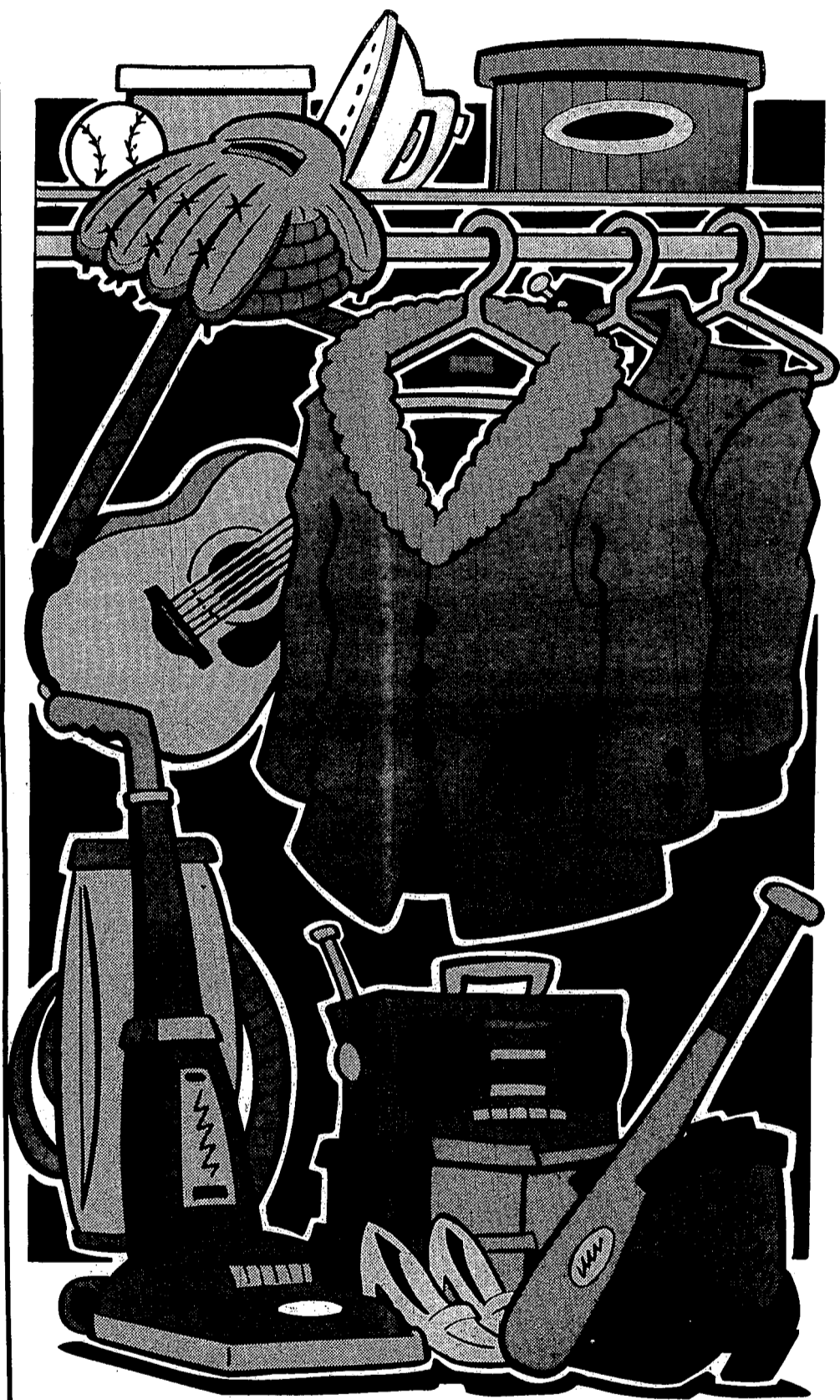


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(NAPSA)-When it comes to watering your yard, you may be able to save yourself some "green" -without your lawn turning brown-by using an automatic irrigation system. If that system is correctly designed, installed and maintained, it can keep your landscape looking lush using the least amount of water.

Here are a few tips from gardening expert Paul James:

- **Waste not, want not**-Instead of watering for one long continuous session, try splitting the watering time into shorter periods and take 15-minute breaks in between each session. This will let the water soak in, while minimizing runoff.

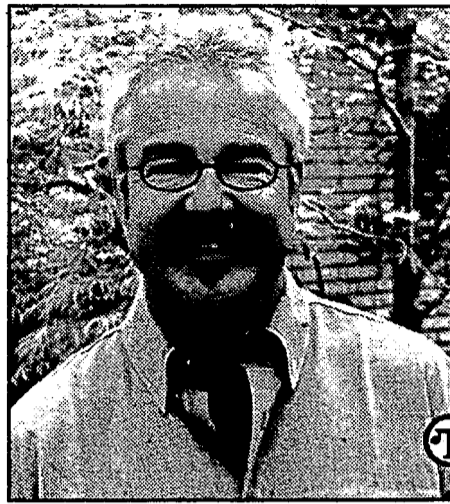
- **Raise the blade**-Trim grass at a higher mower setting to shade roots from sunlight and encourage deeper roots. Lawns with longer grass blades (2 inches)

will retain more moisture and encourage deeper, healthier roots.

- **Watch the clock**-Water between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., when the sun is low, winds are calm and temperatures are cool. By watering in the morning, you give the leaves a chance to dry out during the day.

- **Divide by zones**-Different plants need different amounts of water. Divide your yard into separate irrigation zones so the grass can be watered separately and more frequently than ground covers, shrubs and trees.

- **Water only what grows**-If you have an underground sprinkler system, make sure the heads are adjusted properly to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways. A properly adjusted sprinkler head should spray large droplets of water, not a fine mist, to minimize evaporation and wind



Paul James, "The Gardener Guy," recommends trimming grass a little higher, at about 2 inches, to help conserve water.

drift.

- **Consider drip**-When it comes to watering individual trees, flowerbeds, potted containers or other nongrassy areas, you can apply water directly to the roots with low-volume drip irrigation. This will reduce water waste through evaporation or runoff and keep weeds from growing.

- **Do routine inspections**-Periodically check your sprinklers to make sure everything is working properly. A clogged head or a torn line can wreak havoc on your landscape and water bill.

- **Be rain smart**-Adjust your irrigation system as the weather changes. You can also install a shut-off device that automatically detects rain. These devices are inexpensive and let you take advantage of nature's free watering service.

Great ideas to deck out your outdoors

(NAPSA)-Americans everywhere are spending more time at home. Because of this, they are looking for creative ways to expand their current space by investing in "outdoor living rooms."

Creating outdoor living areas can be a cost-effective way to enhance both the beauty and functionality of your yard and home, make more livable space and increase the value of your home. Try the following simple tips to revamp and grow your living space:

Create different rooms

We are used to having our homes divided into rooms, but rarely take this approach to our outdoor spaces. But dividing up your yard can actually help to maximize your enjoyment of it. Look at the available space and designate one area for play, one for dining and socializing,

and another for relaxing. Then decorate accordingly!

Focus on quality

When embarking on a renovation project, make selections that will maintain and perform in the long-term.

Set the mood with color

Just as you would with an indoor room, you can use color to decorate outdoors. In fact, applying color theory when selecting plants and flower arrangements can influence the mood and personality of a space. For example, while earth tones are appropriate for a relaxation corner, bright colors like pink and red are ideal in areas used for play. If you're building a patio or deck, select a base color that matches your home, but allows for flexibility in design.

Get the most for your money

You want to enjoy your home, but you also want to see it increase in value over time. So when it comes to making big decisions, such as the addition of a deck or pool, research the dollar value that element will bring. For example, according to Replacement Contractor, installing a deck provides the second highest return on investment for homeowners-over 90 percent on average after the first year of installation.

Use your space!

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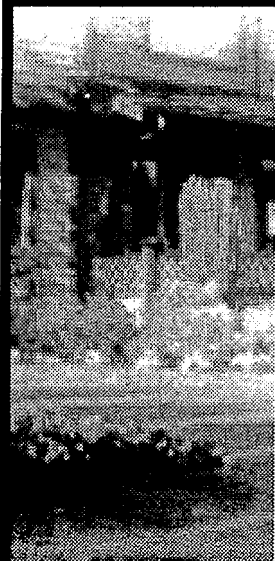
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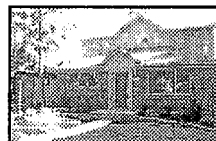
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