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Chief nabs robbery suspect

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs was involved in something of a rarity for the Clarkston community – he helped apprehend a bank robber shortly after the alleged crime took place.

Combs was driving in Independence Township the area of Maybee Road and Dixie Highway, Friday afternoon, July 28, when he heard a call over the radio about a bank robbery in progress at Comerica Bank located inside the Kroger store. The dispatch included a description of the suspect.

Combs said he pulled into the parking lot and saw a man fitting the description. He witnessed the man getting into a tan colored mini-van. Combs decided to follow the vehicle, which traveled a short distance south along Dixie Highway and pulled into a nearby gas station.

After he approached the van, he asked the female driver whether she had been to Kroger, and she replied she had.

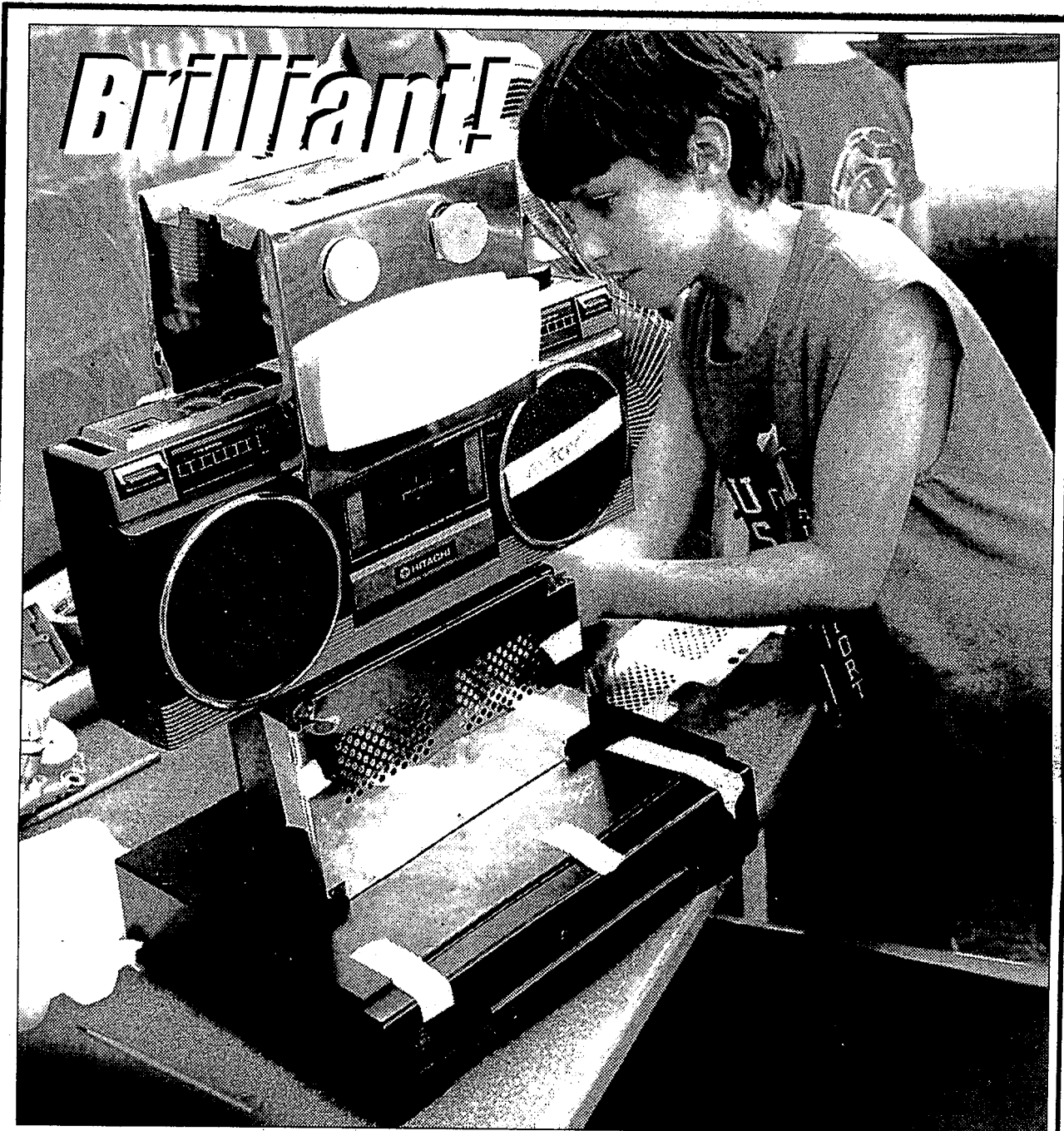
"I wanted to see what she had to say," Combs said.

The police chief then asked the man in the vehicle if he had been inside Comerica Bank. The suspect said he was there trying to cash a check. Combs also asked the man if he owned a red bandana, a key item in the police description of the suspect, and the man replied yes, displaying the item.

At this time, Combs realized the couple had four children with them in the van and he ordered the man out.

While placing the man under arrest, Clarkston Police Officer James Thompson and deputies with the

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The "I can invent" station at Camp Invention let students' imaginations run wild. They used spare parts to design and build their own creations. Pictured, This robot, designed by Mitchell, is made from a toaster, stereo and VCR parts. For more photos from Camp Invention, turn to page 24A. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Mother nature unable to stop 4-H Fair

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Mother nature caused some speed bumps for the Oakland County 4-H Fair, but could not stop visitors from having a good time.

Fair General Manager L.C. Scramlin said rain and the heat may have kept the crowds down, but everything still ran smoothly.

"The fair itself went good," Scramlin said. "The showings went well. We had a lot of attendance. The attendance was not down much. We just noticed in carnival area people did not ride the rides because it was so hot. The things we can control went well. Mother nature we can't control. Thursday night we

had great crowd for the demolition derby. It rained at 9 p.m so those people didn't get to go out and ride the rides. We had people actually here, but didn't have the weather so they could stay."

This year's fair also featured the opening of the Ellis Barn, which Scramlin said went well.

"We had a ton of visitors go through the Ellis Barn," Scramlin said. "People were really impressed with how big the barn was and the great job we did with it."

Tim Kerr, 11, said he had a good time at the fair and he comes every year.

"The freakout ride was my favorite," Kerr said. "I also liked the big triangle and the super slide. The rides are the best part."

Jennifer Laten, 16, agreed the rides were her favorite part.

"The freakout and the ship are a lot of fun," Laten said. "I also like coming to the fair and spending time with family."

Mike Speagle said he has come to the fair for years and is now bringing his kids.

"I like everything at the fair," Speagle said. "The food, the animals and the rides. I come every year and my kids really like it."

Scramlin said plans have begun for next year's fair. For pictures from the 4-H fair, turn to pages 22A and 16B.

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Do you have a minute?

Independence Township firefighters were out collecting money in downtown Clarkston for the MDA during their annual collection July 28. Photo by Paul Kampe

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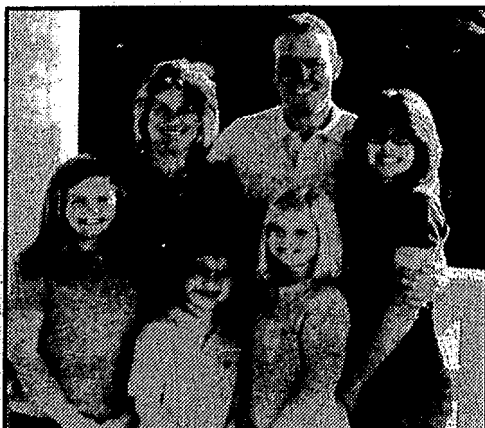


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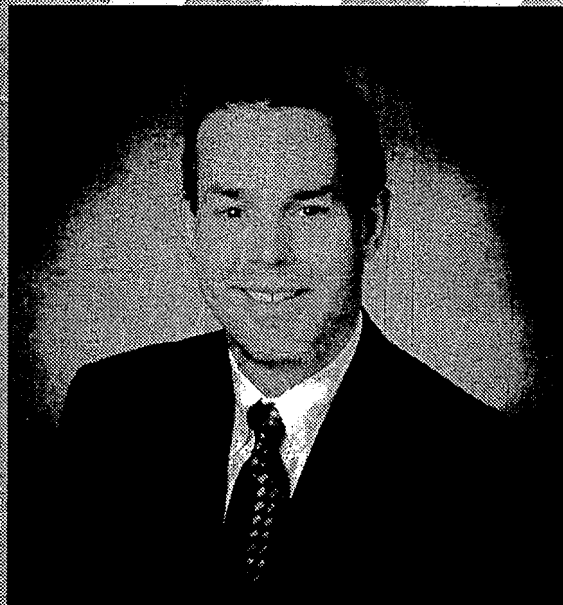
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- Coach of basketball and softball

The Second Front

Briefly

Misconceptions 'cleared up' between district, NAACP

A dispute over alleged racial insensitivity by a Clarkston High School teacher is being resolved, according to Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. After meeting with representatives from the NAACP back in May, Roberts released a statement, saying:

"Together, we cleared up some misconceptions and established an open line of communication. The district has and will continue to champion diversity efforts. Our ability to serve and respect all of our students, for their work and for who they are, is something we always work to achieve. We appreciate the fact that there are a number of organizations like the NAACP and NCCJ that are there to help."

The issue stems back to September 2005 when a student's mother complained the teacher asked the youth about the use of a derogatory racial term in reference to his skin color.

School board discuss new goals, challenges

The Clarkston School Board is in the process of developing goals for the 2006-07 school year. Starting at a meeting on July 20, board members discussed the challenges they expect the district to encounter over the year and what things they would like to see accomplished. The meeting was the first of several before the board sets plans for the new year. An additional retreat meeting is scheduled for Aug. 10, with an additional board meeting to follow on Aug. 14. According to Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing, the Aug. 14 meeting will be an opportunity for the board and administrators to discuss their idea with each other in a public setting. Look in future issues of *The Clarkston News* for details on the board's goals as they develop.

Leadership Clarkston still at work

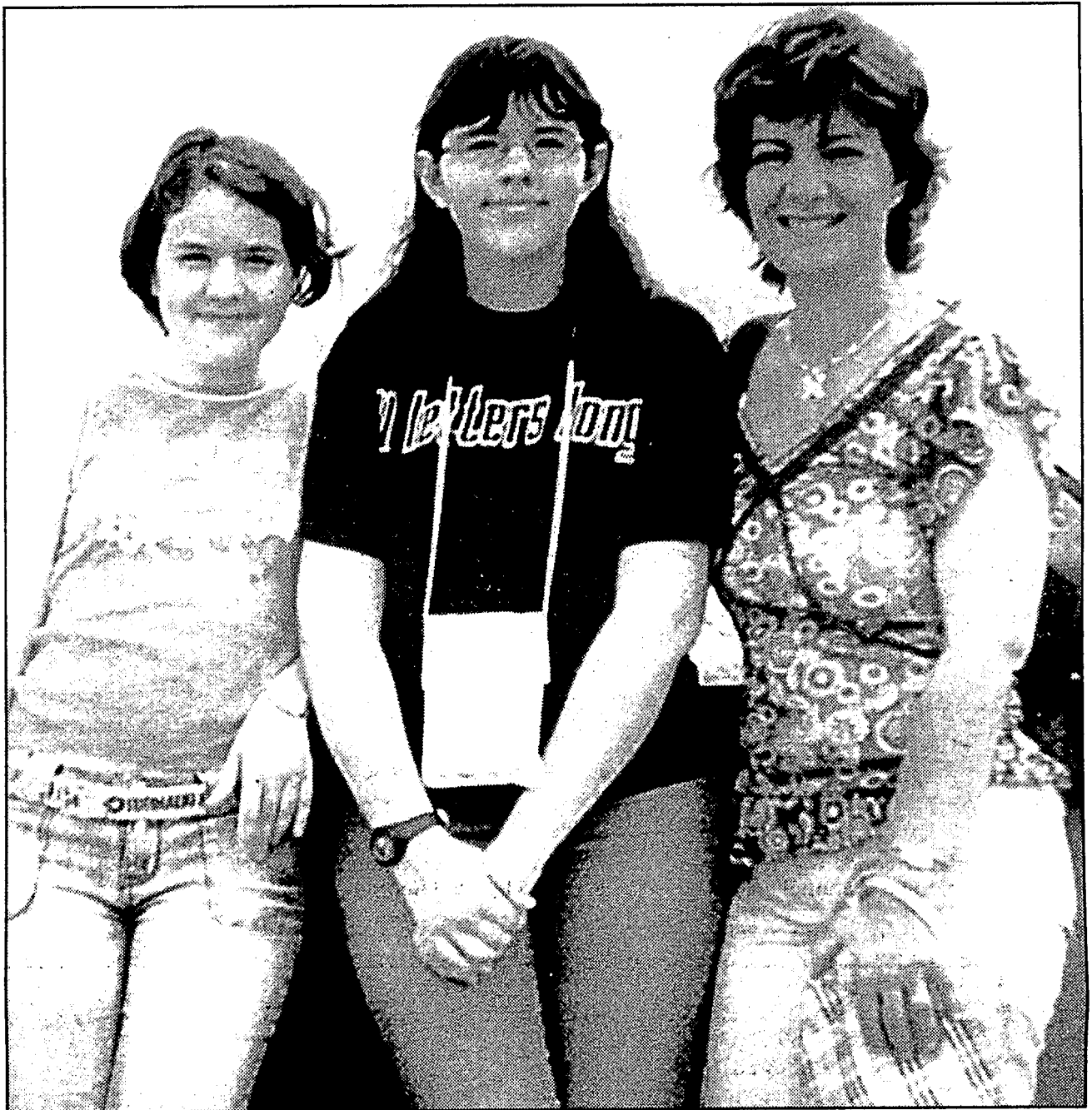
Although efforts have slowed slightly due to the summer season, efforts for Leadership Clarkston are still well underway.

Leadership Clarkston is a collaborative effort between the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Clarkston Schools, the City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township to establish cooperation and partnership across the Clarkston area.

According to Chamber of Commerce Director Penny Shanks, Independence and Springfield townships said benefits from partnering on their softball registration and team creation.

No update was currently available on a joint public access channel through Comcast cable, and information is still being collected on ways to further streamline parks and recreation programs and community education.

For further background information on Leadership Clarkston, please go online to www.clarkstonnews.com and type "Two projects get go ahead from Leadership Clarkston."



Suzanne Egan with members of her host family while she stayed in Grenoble, France. Photo provided

Euro-trip

Local student recalls musical journey

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The language of music is international. Regardless of culture or native tongue, a song's message has a way of being heard.

Suzanne Egan, 13, of Clarkston, knows that very well after spending four weeks in Europe performing and learning from an international audience.

Egan, who will be entering ninth grade at Clarkston Junior high School in the fall, participated in the International Exchange Program through Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, which offers a summer music program to students. Egan played clarinet in the Southern Winds Ensemble, one of several orchestra groups composed for the tour.

The trip was not Egan's first time overseas, but was her first time doing so without her family.

"When the plane was taking off from Chicago to Paris I was thinking 'Oh my God, what am I doing?' But at that point I knew it was too late to go back."

Even so, Egan said she wasn't homesick but missed her family.

During the trip Egan visited France, Germany, Italy and Luxembourg.

"It was really cool, it was educational," Egan said. At each stop, the students stayed with host families and spent most days rehearsing for performances.

"We went site-seeing as much as we could in ev-

ery place. We had some free time but we had a lot of performances and rehearsals," she said. "We weren't allowed to go to any of the major cities because they wanted us to learn about the culture in those countries and we wouldn't get much of an idea if we were in the tourist sites."

Even so, the group drove through Paris along the way and Egan was able to snap some quick pictures of the Eiffel Tower from the bus window.

"I'll take what I can get," she said.

The group performed at several venues, with a mix of American music and songs in honor of their host, including "La Marseilles," "Shenandoah" and selections from "Star Wars" and "The Wizard of Oz." Egan said her group's director, Brian Tychinski, chose those songs purposely to mix cultures in their performances.

Looking back, Egan said the trip has slightly changed her perspective on European lifestyles.

"They were a lot kinder than I thought they'd be," she said. "Not that I had the idea that they were snobs or anything, but they were a lot kinder than I thought they'd be. They were very hospitable."

The program is offered annually to high school students, and Egan said she would like to participate again in the future.

For more information about the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp or the International Exchange Program, visit www.bluelake.org.

Clarkston News staff welcomes new ad rep

The Clarkston News would like to welcome our newest advertising representative, Jamie Hanks.

Hanks, 29, lives in Davisburg where she has lived her entire life. She previously worked for Sherman Publications as an advertising representative for *The Citizen* for the last year and a half.

At *The Clarkston News*, she joins fellow reps Joy Vander Weel and Debbie Denton. Hanks' job is to reach out to new customers in the growing Clarkston community.

"The area has expanded so much...my goal here is to provide an advertising outlet for those businesses who might not be aware of what we have to offer," said Hanks.

Hanks is the daughter of James and Nancy Hanks and has two siblings - Stacey and Christy



Craig Greenfield triathlon to benefit Leukemia Society

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Craig Greenfield Memorial Triathlon and Duathlon is set for August 6 at 8 a.m. in downtown Clarkston.

The event has raised over \$75 thousand dollars the last two years for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Corey Greenfield (Craig Greenfield's sister), who is the event coordinator, said they started the event in memory of her brother because he was very active.

"He would think this event is great," Greenfield said. "He would be really happy to see something like this. He was always encouraging other people to be athletic so he would think it's great."

Greenfield said many people train for an entire year to participate and make their goal to finish the race.

"We have sold out every year we have done it," Greenfield said. "The event is designed to promote health and fitness. People watch it and then start training. Some say they are in the best shape of their life when they complete it. One per-

son lost 60 pounds training. It's a great thing to see."

The entry fee for a single person is \$80, persons 55 and older is \$70, a three person relay is \$125 and a two person duathlon relay is \$100. To register visit www.3disciplines.com

The triathlon begins at the Deer Lake Public Beach and is an 800-meter triangle. The duathlon begins with a two-mile run at Depot Park.

Both events move to the bike ride which is a 16-mile ride done on an 8-mile course twice ending at Depot Park. After the bike ride, competitors complete two laps around the downtown area, which is 4.5 miles long. The top three overall and top three in each age group receive awards

There will be festivities following the event held at Depot Park with grilled food and a raffle.

Runners get a race t-shirt. All proceeds from the event are donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan.

Keep food safe during power outs

While Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) food inspectors are on the streets ensuring the safety of grocery and convenience store foods, residents can follow some simple steps to keep food safe at home when the power goes out.

The following food safety guidelines can reduce the risk of contracting a foodborne illness during a power outage:

- Only open refrigerator doors when absolutely necessary.
- A full freezer will keep foods frozen for about two-days if you keep the door closed. If the freezer isn't full, quickly group the packages together to help keep the items frozen.
- If power is out for several days.

Use dry ice to keep food frozen.

Perishable food (dairy products, eggs, etc.) needs to be stored at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. Every hour that perishable foods are kept above that temperature, the risk of contracting foodborne illness rises. Discard anything that appears moldy, has an unusual odor/look to it.

Just keep in mind, "When in doubt, throw it out!"

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/foodsafety, www.foodsafety.gov, www.fightbac.org

Or call the U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry at 800-535-4555, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at 888-SAFE-FOOD, or an Michigan State University Extension office.

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If you would like more information, please contact Robin Hoffman from Oakland Woods Baptist Church @ 248-931-4510 or contact Kristy Bell from Grace Centers of Hope @ 248-334-2187, ext. 20.



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Vandals damage McCord home

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Sam Moraco is angry.

After months of stabilizing the structure and beginning renovations on the McCord-Stickney home, Moraco arrived at the property this past Saturday morning, July 29, to learn vandals had destroyed not one, but 13 of what he feels was the home's best features.

"I got to the property and found out someone had broken into the home and smashed almost all the antique glass from the home's original windows," said Moraco. "Unfortunately, this glass is very hard to replace. It provided a lot of character to the home with its imperfections and wavy appearance."

Moraco purchased the property, located at 8815 Pine Knob Road, earlier this year from Independence Township. He agreed to restore the exterior of the home and the property's barn to their original historical condition, as much as possible, and bring the interior of the home to building code.

For the past several months, Moraco's work crews worked to support the foundation on both structures and protect the interiors from further weather damage.

"We have been very busy and are finally in the up swing of the project," said Moraco. "We finally have removed all the rotten parts including some walls, floors and even part of the basement is rebuilt."

However, the windows are a set back Moraco was not expecting.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Police report, windows were damaged on both the first and second floors of the home sometime Thursday night, July 27, while work crews were away.

Moraco said he did not work on the home Thursday night and although work crews were on site on Friday, he was not.

"They just assumed I knew about the damage and didn't call me," explained Moraco. "I found out on Saturday morning."

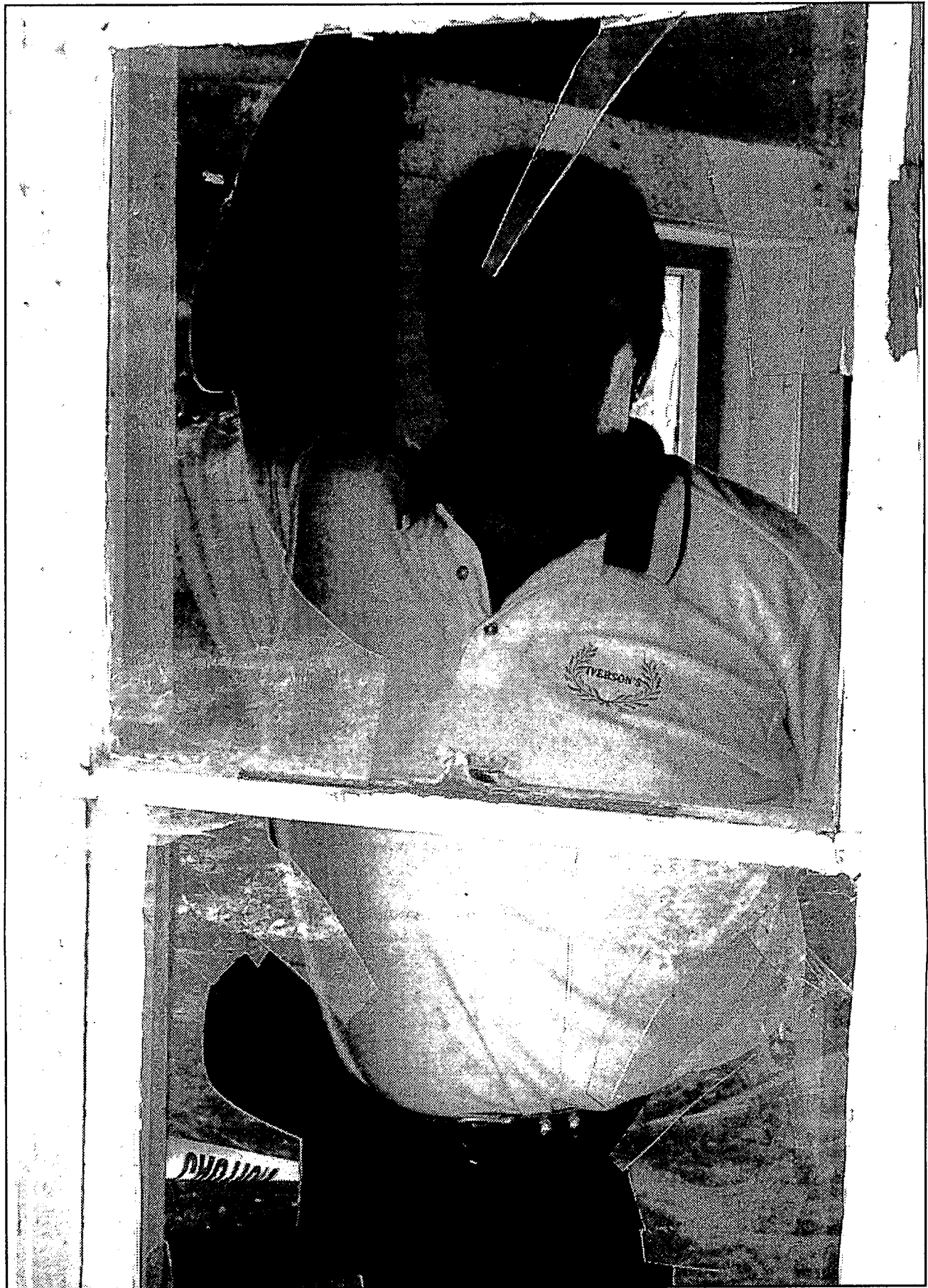
Moraco said entry to the home is easily gained at the moment due to construction. Currently, several portions of the home are exposed as walls are reconstructed.

"You have this with any new construction, which is what some of the work we are doing is," explained Moraco. "Some areas are being completely rebuilt because of the damage caused over time."

"Replacing these windows is going to be expensive. I didn't budget to replace the glass in the main house," Moraco added. "I would really like to know who would do this."

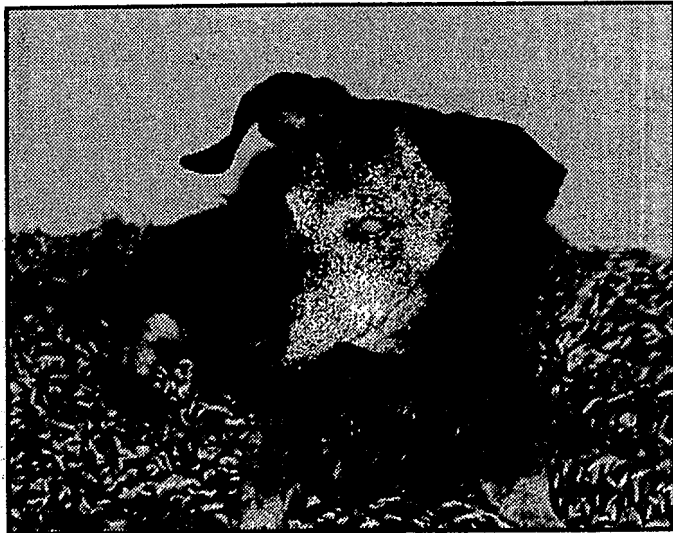
Moraco is offering a \$1,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible for the damage. Anyone with information can call the Oakland County Sheriff's Tip Line at 1-888-887-6146.

"The neighbors have been very supportive of this project and I feel would also like to be informed of what is going on in their backyards," said Moraco.



McCord property owner Sam Moraco looks out one of the damage windows on the oldest portion of the home. The window was the original lead glass of the structure. Photo by Jenny Matteson

Pet of the Month



This photo is in memory of our wonderful Dachsund, Winston. He passed away on June 12, 2006 at the grand old age of 18. We love you and miss you, Winston!

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Opinion

A day in the life

Reporters do not follow typical 9-5 schedules, at least not most of the time. The news rarely follows banker hours, so reporters do not either. The community dictates our hours most weeks, but there are a few shifts that can be considered "normal."

Those days usually start with checking in to look over all the faxes, e-mails, phone messages and drop-offs that may have come in while we were away.

After looking over the information we've collected, we have to quickly decide what would be considered "newsworthy." The first step in doing this is finding out if the stories involve Clarkston or the surrounding communities. If not, we know our readers would prefer to look elsewhere for that information. If the story is relevant to the community, our duty is to report it.

The next step is finding out what information can be substantiated by evidence or testimonials and what can be filed away under "rumors." The grapevines in Clarkston are thick and long reaching, so we hear a lot. Until any of what we hear is proven to be true, we cannot do anything. This may sound complicated, but usually resolved with one quick phone call.

After weeding through all the information we have and determining what can be obtained for the paper, we take these assignments and figure out where they fit in the schedule.

From there comes the part people in this community are probably most familiar with - seeing us at events taking photographs and interviewing people. This is the most active part of the job where we act as the eyes and ears of the community as well as a filter for the incoming information. We are barraged with information and have to determine what is true and what our readers will find interesting.

Once all the information is obtained, we spend hours at our office on Main Street deciding how we can report as much as possible to our readers with the space we are provided.

Once a week, we spend almost an entire day cleaning up the writing, choosing which photographs to use and using our computers to design the pages.

This is just the way our job is done, and I'm sure we view our work the same way many other people view their jobs: as what keeps the wheels of Clarkston turning.

So to avoid the interference modesty can pose to a request like this, I would like to hear from readers about who they think are the parts that keep this community moving. I would like to spend a day in their life and share it with our readers so we don't forget what keeps a community like Clarkston the way it is.

You can reach me by calling 248-625-3370 or e-mail at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

Since the election is right around the corner, I thought I'd share my predictions (not my endorsements) like I did for the school election in May.

My crystal ball tells me Dan Kelly will replace Tom Middleton as county commissioner and John Stakoe will stay right where he is. I see all three millages passing with the police protection being the closest margin.

Soapbox



Andrew DuPont

When change can be good

Although change is never easy, the move is often for the best.

This is the case in the August 8 primay election, county commission race between incumbent Commissioner Tom Middleton and Independence Twp. Trustee Dan Kelly.

The Clarkston News feels the time has come for a change - a fresh face at the county level with new ideas - and has chosen to support Dan Kelly.

As a township trustee, Kelly has shown the ability to make decisions without following the crowd. On more than one occasion, he stood his ground on a topic, even though he was the only dissenting vote on the Independence Twp. board.

On the other side of the coin, he has also shown the willingness to work with fellow trustees on issues to reach the best decision for the township. He readily volunteers for committees and commissions.

Kelly is interested in finding new ways for local communities and the county to partner on projects. He is a strong advocate for Wireless Oakland and would like to see similar projects begun in other government service areas.

For example, Kelly has stated he would like to see a combined community-county effort to help diversify and smooth the transitions along Dixie Highway. He also believes combined efforts between communities and the county can assist in improvements along the I-75 corridor.

The most important aspect of Dan Kelly is his accessibility. Kelly often contacts the local media

on important issues within the township and is always ready to speak with a resident on a matter. He attends community functions and publicizes his contact information.

The Clarkston News thanks Tom Middleton for his 25-years of service as an Oxford School Board member, state representative and now county commissioner; however, the time has come for a fresh perspective.

And Dan Kelly deserves the opportunity to provide that outlook.

When not to change

When a qualified candidate comes forward, change can be a good thing. However, change just for the sake of change is not always the best.

Rep. John Stakoe has done a good job of representing our local communities at the state level. He is forward thinking, actively involved and easily accessible. He attends township board meetings, chamber of commerce luncheons and holds public forums.

He sends out releases to local media sources on a variety of topics and is willing to take the time to assist constituents with their problems.

For an example of the efforts Mr. Stakoe puts forth on behalf of his constituents, please go online to www.clarkstonnews.com and type "Caught in a Catch 22" in the search engine. Stakoe played a large part in assisting a Springfield Township resident with difficulties involving the family court and family services.

All in all, Rep. John Stakoe deserves to be the Republican candidate for the 44th district come this November.

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Support renewals, not increases

There are plenty of tax issues for residents to decide during the August 8 election.

Independence Township has two renewals on the ballot: a four-year, 0.6910 mill for the library and a four-year, 0.6993 for police protection.

Although supporting taxes is a difficult position to take at any time, there is no reason to not support these renewals for basic services. Neither of the proposals include an increase and both are rolled back according to the Headlee Amendment.

The Independence Township Library has done an excellent job providing top services to residents while not asking for additional funding. The Friends of the Library work hard to supplement any extras wanted by residents or staff.

The Independence Twp. Substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department also does a fine job protecting residents. Officers are readily visible, accessible and often attend township board meetings.

In Springfield Township, three millages are requested: a 10-year, 1.5 mills for police protection; 10-year, 1 mill for fire service; and a library millage that is 0.4181 mill and an additional 0.5 mill, in perpetuity.

Despite the fact The Clarkston News dislikes the police and fire millages covering a decade time span (no millage should out last the elected officials proposing it), the two taxes are for basic services.

Since the two requests are not increases and will be rolled back over the decade in accordance with Headlee, The News supports these millages.

The library millage, a combined-0.9181 mill, is another matter. The township board should be ashamed of forcing residents to chose between a lose-lose situ-

ation. These millages should have been listed separately.

If the library millage does not pass, the board will be forced to return to residents in November, as the existing millage's term expires, to try and keep the service operating. If the tax passes, residents will be forced to pay an additional \$50 for every \$100,000 of taxable home value to the end-of time.

Again, the length of time for the millage is inappropriate - and this one is more offensive than the police and fire combined.

Any millage created "in perpetuity" removes all control from the voters. In addition to out lasting the elected officials proposing the tax, a millage should not outlive the residents of the township. Ultimately, the residents of today are voting on a tax to be continually paid by future generations, FOREVER. What a prime example of taxation without representation.

The second problem with the request is the additional 0.5 mills.

In current economic conditions, the township should be looking at providing the basic services required by residents - and the original 0.4181 mill in place does so. In fact, due to inflation and increases in property values, the original 0.4181 mill is worth more today than when originally passed in 1990.

With continually rising gas prices, job loss and a poor economy, Springfield Township residents are learning again and again how to live with less - the library must do the same. The time has come for the "friends" of the Springfield Township Library to step up to the plate and seek private support for library extras.

Vote no on the Springfield Twp. Library millage.

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A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1991)

• Fear keeps boy from testifying: In apparent fear of two men who are charged with abusing him, a 5-year-old boy looked away from the suspects as he was led into the courtroom.

When 52 nd District Court Judge Gerald McNally asked the young blue-eyed, blond boy if there was anyone in the courtroom the boy wished to have "kicked out," the child pointed to his father and the father's friend.

• Defeat for park issue: Parks and recreation officials will have to find another way to pay for operations in Independence Township.

Voters expressed their feelings on further taxation as they downed a proposed operating millage for the parks and recreation department by a two-to-one margin.

• Principal takes Fenton job: After five years at the helm of Clarkston High School, Principal Robert Burek is moving on.

25 YEARS AGO (1981)

• CHS lights hit heights: After a six-month absence, a set of field lights is again standing at the Clarkston High School athletic field.

Installation of the six new light poles – each of which weighs over three tons – took about six hours last Saturday. But even though the new lights are in place, contributions are still being sought to finance the final wiring and aiming of the lights.

• Pine Knob developers clash, Borg-Warner lawsuit also names Independence Township: Pine Knob Investment Co. and Independence Township are back in court, but this time the fracas is over the resort's halfway house down the hill from the Hamburger Mansion and both Pine Knob and the township have been named in a lawsuit by Borg-Warner Equities.

50 YEARS AGO (1956)

• Child Killer Arraigned Tuesday: Last Friday, Howard Wayne Moore, 23, brought a 3 year old girl, Martha Little, from neighboring Lake Orion, to Independence Township, in the vicinity of Sashabaw and Maybe Roads, and by his own admission, did "feloniously, willfully and of his malice aforethought, did kill and murder, Martha Little."

• Banker Serves Twenty-Five Years: August 1st, 1956 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Robert L. Jones' association with the Clarkston State Bank. He was employed as a teller right after graduation from Clarkston High School, and has progressed to the office of Executive Vice-President.

• Special Services At Baptist Church: The Dixie Baptist Church, 3505 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, will celebrate with special services its second anniversary, August 5.

• Plans Completed For School Reunion: Plans are completed for the Clarkston School Reunion at the Community Center on Saturday, August 11, starting at 11 a.m.

Don -- You're a jerk

Some folks just have a way with words.

As proof of my contention, I give you the People's Evidence, Exhibit 1-A. It's an e-mail from a reader, who really didn't like when I opined on "The Women of The Chamber."

The writer, a "she," was in disagreement with just about everything I wrote regarding local chambers of commerce expending hard-to-come-by resources based solely on gender. Luckily, my sharply-honed "spidy-sense" was tingling so I donned my handy-dandy, thick-skinned Neanderthal suit, which enabled me to withstand the slings and arrows that were pitched in my general direction. (Try saying that in one breath, three times. Can you say run-on sentence?) I knew I was in for some verbal abuse as soon as I read the e-mail's subject line.

Ah, hem, and I quote, "You're a Jerk!"

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Dear Bone Head,

I can see you are very lonely man.

It's an obvious deduction by the subject matter of this week's column; the majority of your column's followers (or rather responders) are women. As my deductions go, we women are not waiting with baited breath by the mail box for your divine thoughts, observations and rantings. Life is beautiful, birds are signing, flowers need tending, lemonade is to be made, fireflies to catch, sprinklers to be danced in and hammocks that need to be swung.

I can only imagine you sitting at your desk, refreshing your "Check E-mail" button over and over 'til it hurts. Donny Boy needs some attention.

"Ding" (your overhead light bulb illuminating), I'll irritate the masses, undermine the progress women have fought tooth and nail for, criticize the present/future of women's issues all the while hiding in the past in the safe distance of millions of years ago. Maybe then someone will give me some attention. You're a Bone Head and I have wasted too much



don
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don't rush
me

writing this e-mail. I'm going back out to the pool. With all the love and affection a dim witted man like yourself deserves.

— Lynn Middleton

P.S. Yes, I have to admit by my own deductions you won, you got some attention. BUT, that doesn't mean you are anywhere close to the vicinity of being right.

P.P.S. Could you see a Men's Health Expo??? Oh yeah, three guys show up, only because each man's wife forced him to. One has gangrene from toe to knee, one has oozing hives covering half his body and the last has a nail protruding out of his forehead. All three grouse to one another what nags women are for even SUGGESTING they have any health issues.

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I was gonna' ask the Lyninator what she really thought, but being lonely, I wanted to check my e-mail one more time. When I clicked my "check e-mail" button for the gaggillionth time that morning, I received another e-mail from the Divine Ms. Middleton.

In People's Evidence, Exhibit 1-B. the subject line was changed, though only a little. It read, and I quote, "You're a Jerk part deux"

I took it to mean she hadn't e-mailed me back to apologize for overreacting, maybe offering to buy me lunch.

And, the mail reads:

P.P.P.S. - I've been informed by the men in my life that the three guys in my P.P.S. would never have gone to a doctor let alone an Expo with their ailments, they would have gone to the bar.

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So now I ask, "Lynn, what's your point?" The bar seems like a perfectly logical place to hold a men's expo -- wait a cotton-pickin' minute! Lynn, you're a genius! We could sell tickets and fill the joint and make a buck in the process. I can recruit a couple of other Neanderthals to set up the details, and some chicks to be the beer-babes! Thanks, Lynn. Without you I never would have come up with this idea.

Does anybody else have a thought on this subject? E-mail Rush, dontrushmedon@charter.net

Blast from the past Jottings...

I wear long, black socks most of the time, but especially in winter. They should be easy to keep track of, but from time to time I lose one in the wash, much like every other person who does laundry.

As I searched for a lost one recently, I remembered hearing Ray Stevens' singing, "Where do my socks go when I put them in the dryer?"

Ray Stevens' recordings should be in everyone's collection. His recordings "Misty" and "Everything is Beautiful" topped the charts a couple decades ago. However, most of his songs involve screaming monkeys, a streaker, "Shriners Convention," used cars and other off-beat stuff... that I like.

He says they've invented the laser beam and the high tech drill, "But where do my socks go when I put them in the dryer? Do they escape down some black hole or get trapped and cause me fire?"

"Do they penetrate, or turn to lint I just want to know where they went.

"I don't know about you, but I've observed that it's gone on for years. Every time I wash my clothes half my socks just disappears.

"I prepared about 12 pairs of socks, you just count 'em, there's 24. I just put 'em in the dryer one at a time and I purposely closed the door. Just like that the cycle ended and when I opened up the hatch, all I could find was 13 and not a one of them darn things matched.

"There's a perfect mystery about this problem that we should cogitate -- the dryer should be an impartial machine -- it should not discriminate. It should take your socks, long or short, wool or nylon, new or old, but there's one kind of sock it will never take, it's one with a great big hole.

"I had just one sock left so I went to the store and asked the salesman if he could match this.

"He said, 'Buddy I couldn't sell you one sock if you were Peg Leg Bates.' I said, 'Listen, pal, if I were Peg Leg Bates I wouldn't need one.'

The song ends with, "I guess I'll have to start spray painting my ankles. If you find a sock in your leg, it's mine."

Another good thing about Ray Stevens' songs is that you can understand the lyrics.

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I like to write letters, partly because I think people like to receive them. Some letters I write are even complimentary, and some questioning.

Like the one I wrote recently to the Gillette Company, owners of the Oral-B rotating toothbrush. At my dentist's suggestion I've been using an Oral-B about three years.

Maybe six months ago I noticed there was a grimy build-up at the base of the brush where it sits on the recharger. Finally, I'd had it. Gillette must have a public relations person who wants to keep me pleased, so I wrote them.

In their response, they thanked me, saying they "are anxious to see that our products meet your needs and expectations."

They said it appeared to be toothpaste residue, and that "some brands of whitening toothpaste such as Ultra-brite contain abrasives that are not water soluble. These abrasives build-up inside the gears and result in this residue."

They also suggest I remove the brush after each cleaning and rinse it inside and out to prevent residue build-up.

That's the answer I had anticipated. WASH THE DARN THING MORE OFTEN, YOU STUPID JERK!

Since I had expected that answer, I had begun a more thorough washing and the residue had not reappeared.

But, it gave me and them something to write about.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

Letters on a new Ind. senior center

New programs and health center are important

Dear Editor,

Senior programs for those who are aware of and use the facility would consider them a necessity.

Of course, those individuals that have never set foot in a senior center nor inquired about any of their programs would probably consider any program geared for a senior a luxury. But they all have to keep in mind that as we promote programs for our youth and those not yet at age 55, the money being spent is all used to enhance our way of life whether it be physical, hands on or mental.

Do we stop promoting our lifelong ambition to lead

Township should be ashamed of current facilities

Dear Editor,

I have lived in this community for 60 years and during that time, I have supported school millages, library millages, township millages and many other things to make our community a desirable place to live. I am sure many other senior citizens have done the same, otherwise we would not have the great schools and park system that we enjoy and of which we can be proud.

However, I think Clarkston and Independence Township should be ashamed of the present senior cen-

a physically and mentally healthy life just because citizens have reached senior status?

I believe the voters of Independence Township respect and appreciate our older population and truly want to do what is right for their seniors. These programs and a new facility are important to citizens of today and tomorrow. That is why it is so important to include a health and wellness center in any proposal to be voted on by the citizens of Independence Township.

Sarah Brown
Independence Township

ter facilities. I do not know of any senior center in Oakland County that is worse than ours. We are not asking for a Taj Mahal. I personally don't think we need a gymnasium at this time, but we do need more space and an up-to-date facility.

There may come a time in most people's lives when they will need some of the services the senior center provides along with activities and recreation. I would hope that the public will support a new senior center commensurate with our community.

Lucille Bradley, Independence Township

Graduates have touched people's lives

Dear Editor,

To the graduating seniors at Clarkston High School. You may not remember me. I was a building and math aid at Springfield Plains Elementary when you third, fourth and fifth grades and a library aid at Sashabaw Middle School when you were in the ninth grade.

I've watched you grow up through articles in *The Clarkston News* over the years and smiled at your accomplishments.

This year, as I read our names and saw your pictures as you graduated, I wanted to let you know how proud I am of all of you. You have such wonderful potential as you venture off to college and into the rest of your lives and I want to wish you the best of luck to achieve your dreams.

I have never forgotten you and just wanted to know that you still have my love and support.

Always, Mrs. Beth Sulck-LaHousse

How do sprinklers improve education?

Dear Editor,

Last week I was driving by Clarkston Elementary and I noticed a company installing a sprinkler system in front of the school.

What I want to know is "How does a sprinkler system improve the education of our kids?"

I assume the money is coming from the bond issue we passed to improve our school buildings. What this does is increase our annual operating budget because we will have to out the grass more often, increase our water usage and we will be using a system in June, July and August when the building is not occupied.

I am sure our school administration and school board could have found another project that would have improved our kids reading, writing or math skills instead of putting vinyl pipe in the ground.

Bruce Trollman
Independence Township

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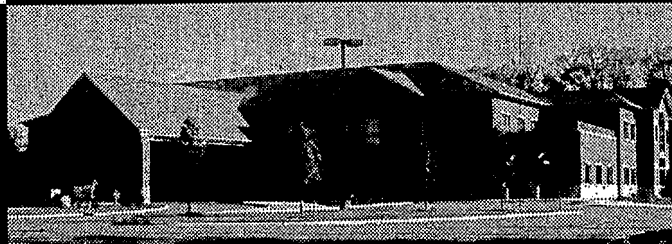
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Try enjoying every cigarette you don't smoke

By Ernie Harwell

I'm very anti-smoking, though I did smoke ten to twelve cigarettes a day until quitting in 1954. So I wasn't really fanatic, certainly not a two-pack-a-day guy.

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

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

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

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

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longggg 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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Independence Township

7/24 A bag was discovered on the top of an Independence Township elementary school containing many wallets, credit cards and identification of several people residing in the vicinity of the school.

A Clinton Township man was told to leave DTE after receiving a ticket for minor in possession of alcohol. He was also issued a ticket for being a disorderly person after yelling obscenities at Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies.

An Independence Township woman reported several items stolen from her vehicle parked in her driveway on Oak Park overnight. The items include a DVD player, cash totaling \$300, a wedding band and an impact drill.

A man from Flint was issued a ticket for operating under the influence after leaving the Def Leppard show at DTE. He was involved in a verbal argument with another motorist. PBT results were 0.20.

7/25 An Ortonville man was called to the home of an acquaintance several times. Upon arrival, the man says he was jumped and beaten up. Witnesses say several men were fighting with him and he ran away to call 911. He was transported to Genesys Hospital in Grand

Blanc for his injuries.

7/26 An Independence Township man reported his pickup broken into while he and his friends visited Cedar Point. The truck was parked in front of his friends' home on South Hampton. A video game controller, pool stick and case reported stolen.

A medical patient, who police believe to have been in an altercation, fled a medical office after overhearing staff contact police. He was found at a nearby business, questioned and let go.

The manager of a doctor's office reported a former employee was using the doctor's identification to obtain fraudulent prescription pills.

An Auburn Hills man pulled into a gas station on Sashabaw Road, south of DTE Music Theatre, when an officer noticed that he and the passenger appeared to be smoking marijuana. The officer pulled the car over upon entering DTE. The driver was cited for failing to change his address, expired registration and for possession of marijuana. The passenger, a woman from Birmingham, was cited for possession also and the car was impounded.

7/27 A pizza deliveryman rear-ended an Independence Township driver on Sashabaw Road south of Waldon Road. The deliver person left the scene after giving his information to the other driver and telling him that he did not have time

to wait for the police to arrive. Deputies later found the delivery man and discovered that he had been driving with a suspended license. Police found marijuana in the man's vehicle also. He was charged for driving with a suspended license and for possession of marijuana as well as failure to report an accident.

7/28 A dispute over a woman started a fight between two men who used to be friends. A Lake Orion man and a friend went to the other man's Independence Township home where he was at his computer with one of his friends. The unexpected guests entered the home without permission and a scuffle ensued.

An Independence Township man reported his ID and credit cards stolen from the console of his car while parked in the driveway of his home on Dvorak Street.

An Independence Township woman reported her beach bag stolen from the pool area of Lancaster Lakes Apartments. Further review of the security footage of the area does not show the woman or her bag at any point, police say.

A Holly man was arrested for operating while under the influence after he was found by police sitting in his running car in a handicapped parking spot of an Independence Township business near M-15. PBT results were 0.18.

A suspect entered a home on

Autumnwood Court by removing a screen in the window and stole \$50 from the homeowner's wallet.

7/29 A homeless man was picked up at the pool area of the Bridgewater Apartments and cited for disorderly conduct. PBT results 0.206.

Two women reported separate incidents in which their purses were stolen from their spots on the lawn at DTE. The purse of an Independence Township woman was not recovered, but a West Bloomfield woman's purse was recovered along a stairwell. However, cash and two cellular phones were stolen.

Springfield Township

7/25 A Springfield Township man reported a milk crate stolen from his yard and he believes his neighbor took it. He thinks because he was using it to look into his neighbor's yard to spot ordinance violations. The two men have a history of feuding.

An Independence Township man fled the scene of accident at Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road. He went to his girlfriend's apartment to tell her what happened. Police later arrested the man for his various outstanding warrants, and driving with a suspended license.

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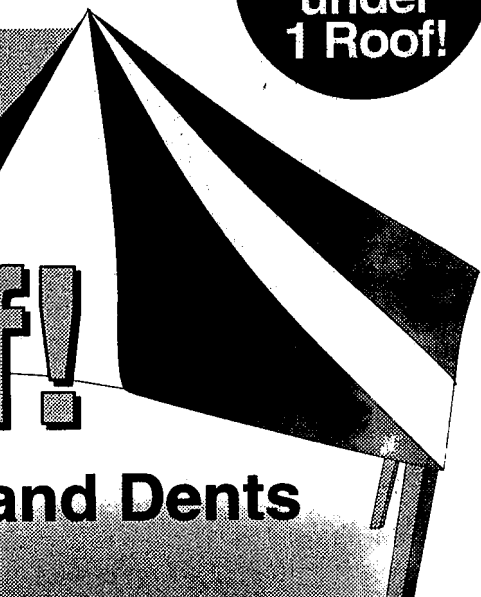
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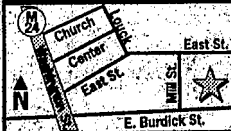
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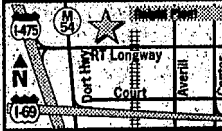
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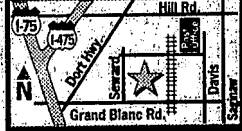
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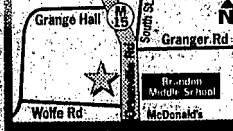
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Wild adventures camp goes to extreme

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

They battled the heat, the rain and anything else nature threw at them during the week to come out on top. They are the members of the Independence Oaks Wild Adventures Extreme Camp.

The camp, which is open to kids 11-15-years old, is a spin off of the Wild Adventure Camp designed for older kids.

Campers get a chance to learn different things about the outdoors and camp out on the final night of the camp. Activities at the extreme camp include shelter building and swamping, which is where campers are in a canoe that is tipped over and they must empty the canoe and get back in it.

"The extreme week is a little different than the normal adventure camps," camp counselor Jeremiah Stieve said. "We can push a little more because the kids are older."

Camper Jessica Bacher said she enjoyed the scavenger hunt the most.

"They set up a whole thing for us and whoever was the fastest to find everything won," Bacher said.

Camper Michael Neal said he enjoyed the entire camp.

"It was all around fun," Neal said. "The shelter building was fun and the food was good."

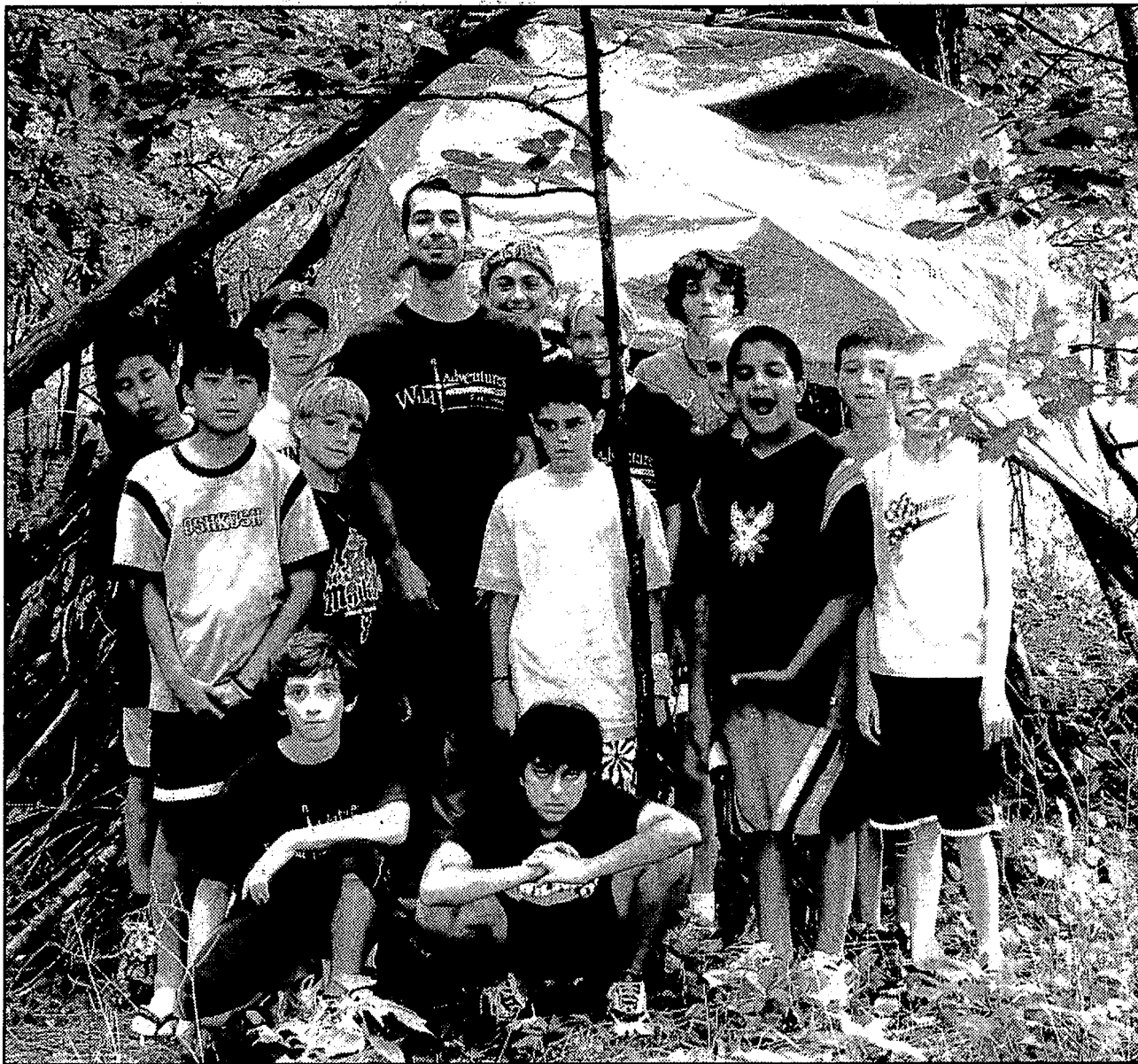
The heat caused the counselors to cancel some of the planned events and they also ran into a little trouble with run during the camp out.

Water flooded many of the tents and campers were forced to spend some of the night in the bathrooms before the storm died down.

The situation made for a late night, but the campers didn't mind.

"Our tents were all wet and so were our sleeping bags, but it was fun," camper Andrea Dumais said.

There will be two more Adventure Camps this summer starting August 7 and August 14. For more information call 248-625-8223.



Members of the Wild Adventures Extreme Camp stand in front of their shelter they built. Photo by Dave Pemberton.

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Residents unhappy about canal, township looks to survey

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township residents attended a special board meeting held on June 8 to discuss renewing a special assessment that allows for the funding of a weed-harvesting program to clean Softwater Lake.

Residents near the canal of the lake were in attendance for the township board meeting July 13 expressing concern for the area.

The canal at the end of the lake near Bluewater Drive is topped with a green substance called algae bloom. Some believe the water level of that area is being reduced because of the clippings that flow downstream.

Different residents have noted that the canal did not look like it does now prior to the harvesting. Making the task more difficult is that the piece of equipment being used for the job is too large to enter the canal.

"It does not look nice," resident Sally Wallace said. She and others have used rakes to remove debris from the canal and what they found was dead grass.

"The cutting of weeds is causing us problems down here," Wallace said, adding that the canal has a smelly odor.

Wallace said she remembers when she and her husband moved into their home in 1996. Wallace said the canal looked beautiful back then.

Others have wondered if

homeowners' use of lawn chemicals helped spur the weeds in the first place and whether or not chemical treatment should replace the weed harvesting.

The assessment has been in place for three years and is now up for renewal. Some lake residents wonder if cutting the weeds is the best plan of action.

Residents of the canal area have questioned their inclusion into the assessment.

Lake residents have questioned the exclusion of those who have access to the lake, but are not being assessed.

The homeowners have paid differing amounts into the assessment based on factors such as the view of the lake for the homeowner and accessibility to the lake.

The board, in control over the assessment for the homeowners involved under Public Act 188, decided in July that the district will not be expanded, but there is a possibility of being contracted.

The township contracted Dr. G. Douglas Pullman of Aquest Corporation to perform a study on the lake, checking the weeds for size and quantity, as well as water quality, and comparing the results to a 2002 survey of the lake. Pullman is also a consultant to the Big Lake Improvement Board.

The township will make a decision by the end of September so the assessment district can be completed. At the July board meeting, the township said one of the reasons for doing the study was to decide whether or not the residents surrounding the canal part of the lake should be included in the assessment.

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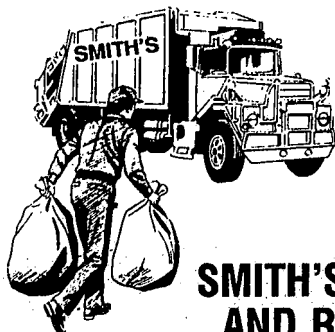
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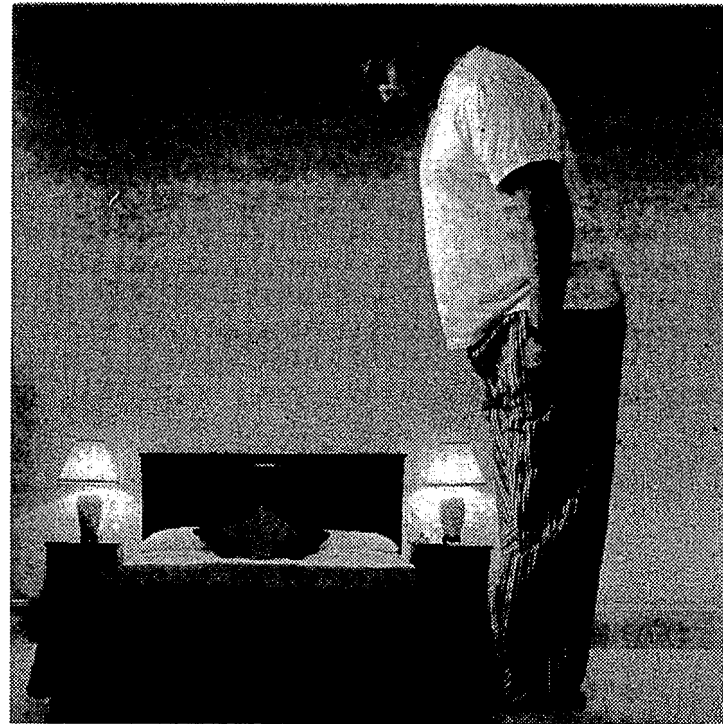
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City street to get shoulder added

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The slim passing known as Wompole Road off Clarkston Road will get a little bit of help from the city's Department of Public Works.

A shoulder will be added on the east side of the road on August 8. The extension will be three feet wide and constructed with crushed limestone.

The city council addressed the problem motorists have trying to pass two cars through at the same time, which is due to the narrow roadway, at its past two meetings.

"We're going to lose the side of the road," Councilwoman Kristy Ottman said.

DPW Director Bob Pursley estimated the project could be completed in one day after borrowing a backhoe from Independence Township and renting a compactor. To make room for the addition, the department will dig land on the eastern side of the road six inches deep and three feet wide.

The council resolved to adopt the project by a 6-0 vote at the Clarkston city council meeting on July 24.

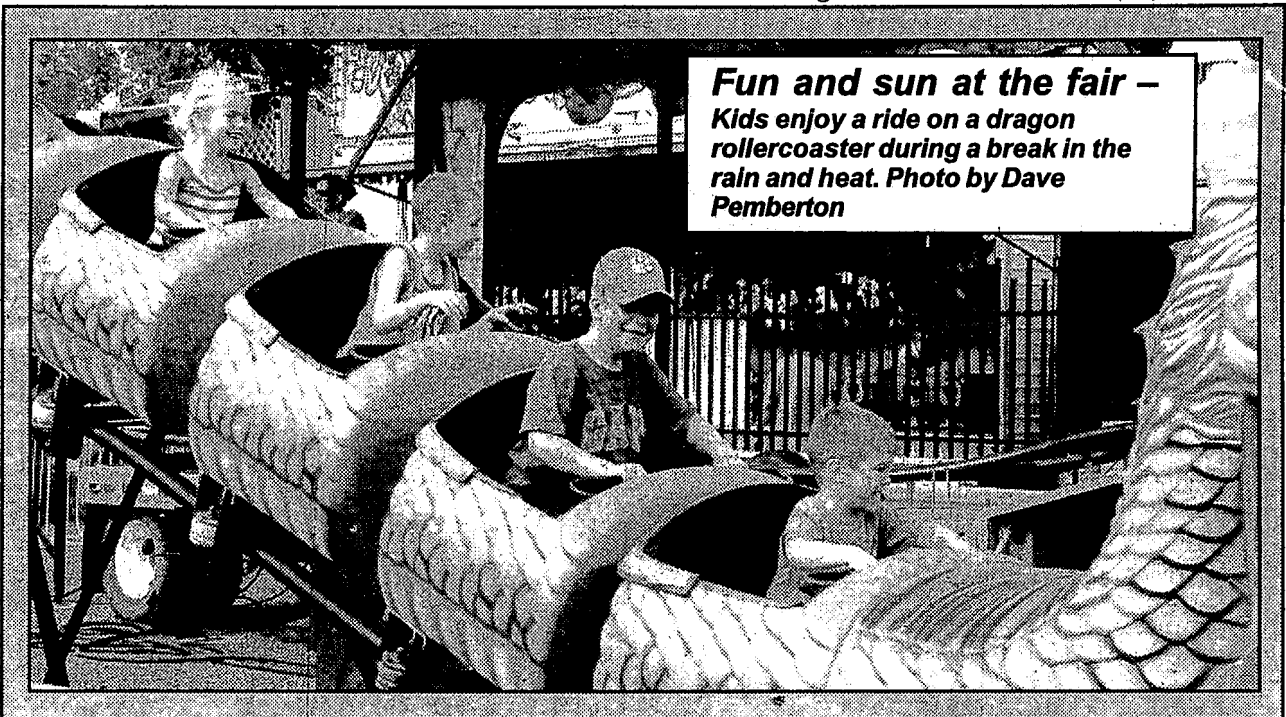
Where'd the power go?

DTE Energy reported that electrical service was knocked out for nearly 2,000 customers in the Clarkston and Flemings Lake roads area on Monday.

Spokesperson Scott Simons said the disruption happened because of a downed power line, but he was unsure what caused the line to down.

The outage came at 12:54 p.m. on a day when high temperatures were expected to be near 100 degrees.

Simons expected the power would be restored by 5:15 p.m.



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Kids enjoy a ride on a dragon roller coaster during a break in the rain and heat. Photo by Dave Pemberton

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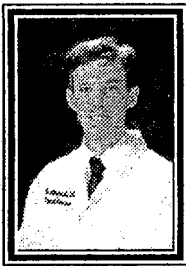
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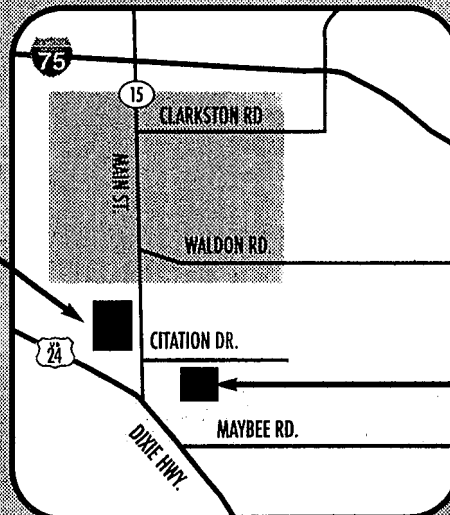
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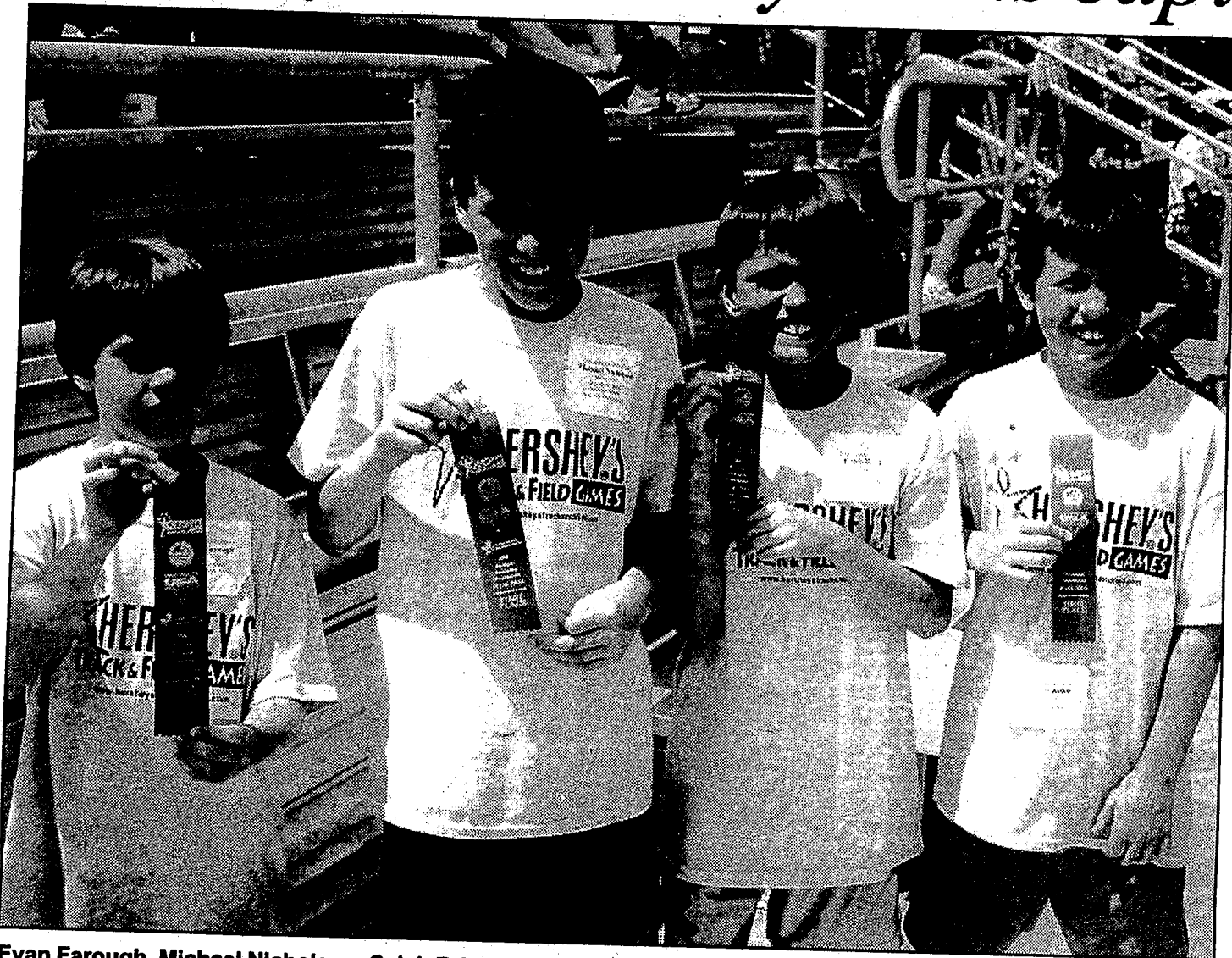
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BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

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Riverdaws tryouts

Tryouts for the 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14-year-old 2007 Clarkston Riverdaws travel baseball teams will be held at Clarkston High School on August 19 and 26.

The 9, 10 and 14-year-old team will have tryouts from 9-11:30 a.m. on both days. The 11 and 12-year-old teams will have tryouts from 12-2:30 p.m. on both days.

The 13-year-old team will have tryouts on August 21 and 28 from 6-8 p.m. at CHS.

The 15 and 16-year-old teams will have tryouts on August 21 from 6-8 p.m.

Players will tryout for a team based on their age as of April 30, 2007. Candidates should attend at least one of the two tryouts. Each candidate must arrive fully equipped with personal protective equipment, glove, bat and \$10 tryout fee.

Checks are to be made payable to Clarkston Youth Baseball Organization. The Clarkston Riverdaws are part of the North Oakland Baseball Federation of travel baseball teams. Most games are played in Oakland County.

For tryout forms and additional information visit clarkstonriverdaws.org or call Benson Lange at 248-673-8853

Week-long tennis camps

Instructor Dan Madden will offer week-long tennis camps at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg. There are several camps for all different ages.

The Little Stars camp is open to ages 3 1/2-7-year-olds. The camp runs August 28-31 from 4:15 p.m.-5 p.m. and costs \$45 for Springfield residents and \$50 for non-residents.

The Big Stars camp is open to ages seven-16-years-old. The camp runs August 28-31 from 5-7 p.m. and costs \$90 for residents and \$95 for non-resi-

dents. There are two adult tennis clinics. The first is the CO-ED Adult Learn to Play, which teaches the basic fundamentals. The second is the CO-ED Adult Intermediate, which is for more experienced players. The clinics are August 28-31 from 7-8 p.m. and costs \$55 for residents and \$60 for non-residents.

For more information on any of the camps call Springfield Township Parks and Rec. at 248-634-0412.

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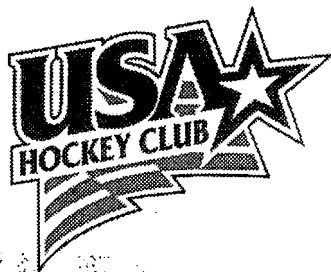
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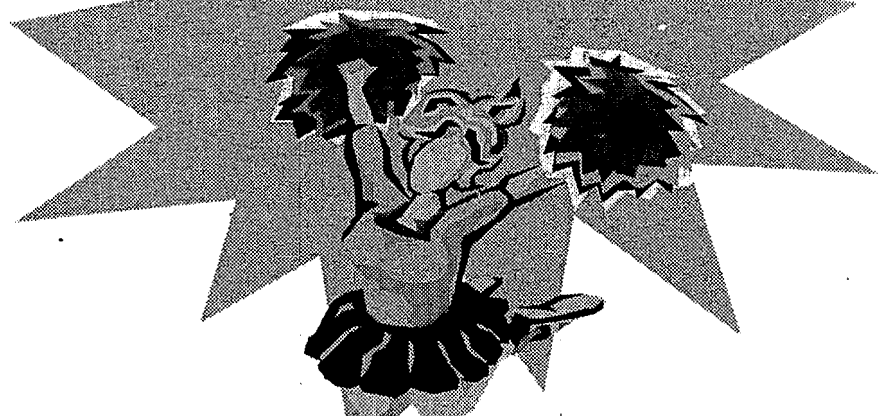
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The Outlaws defeated the Clarkston Riverdaws in the championship game.

In the championship, Brett Hartzell went 2-for-3 with one RBI, Anthony Bullock went 2-for-2 and Tyler Beltz had one RBI in the victory.

The Outlaws' offense averaged six runs per game and the defense allowed just nine runs during the five games

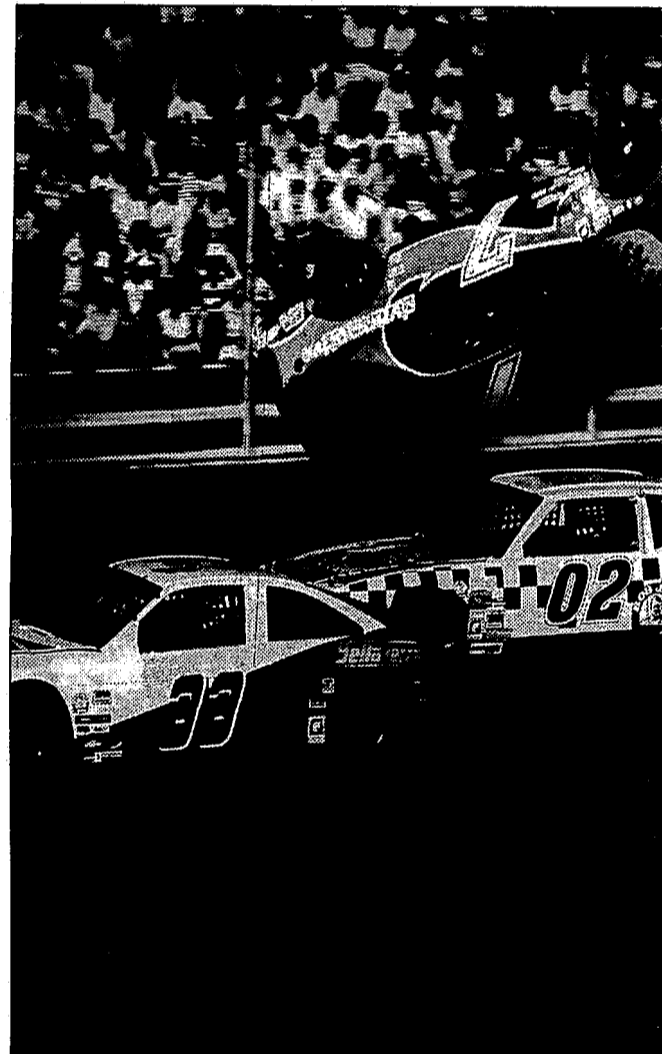
in the tournament.

The pitching staff of JD Horecki, Max Cotton, Alex Seaman and Mike Nelson together averaged six strikeouts per game. Nathan Garrett hit .455 during tournament play. Beltz hit .357, Billy Kammerer had a .313 average and Nelson hit .308.

The Outlaws also won the North Branch Tourny from July 21-23. Anthony Bullock and Billy Kammerer each hit .500, Alex Seaman hit .429 and Steve Swetich had a .400 average.



The Oakland Outlaws (back) Coach Dave Beltz, Coach Wayne Bullock, Anthony Bullock, Alex Seaman, John Katner, Steve Swetich, Max Cotton, Brian Diven, Coach Matt Trimm, (front) Coach Todd Hartzell, Tyler Beltz, JD Horecki, Brett Hartzell, Anthony Luciano, Billy Kammerer and Coach J. Trimm. Photo provided.



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Independence Township wraps up youth seasons

Independence Township Parks and Recreation concluded their 2006 Youth Baseball/Softball season.

Over 1,100 boys and girls from ages 5-18 made up 77 teams in 11 different leagues.

The season started on June 3 when the teams marched in the Opening Day Parade at Clintonwood Park.

The kids enjoyed a 12 game schedule over the months of June and July.

Congratulations to the following first and second place teams: Chase Plastics, coached by Rick Johnson, first place in Girls 11-12; Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, coached by Tim Kelly, second place in Girls 11-12; Tool Sport and Sign, coached by Mark Giroux, first place in Boys 11-12; Edward Jones Investments, coached by Mike Tynan, second place in Boys 11-12; Maple Roofing and Construction, coached by Ken Micovich, first place in Boys 13-14; Motley Crew, coached by Jeanne Waddell, second place in Boys 13-14 and Andersonville Angels, coached by Ron Elias, first place in Girls 13-14.

Congratulations to the rest of the teams for participating in such a great season.

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ROGERS CHIROPRACTIC	3	9	0
TEC TOOL	2	9	1

Boys 11-12 Major	W	L	T
TOOL SPORT AND SIGN CO.	12	0	0
EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS	9	2	1
BISHOP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	8	4	0
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FARMERS O'CONNOR INSURANCE	7	5	0
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Boys 13-14 Major	W	L	T
MAPLE CONSTRUCTION	9	0	2
MOTLEY CREW	8	3	0
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Girls 11-12 Major	W	L	T
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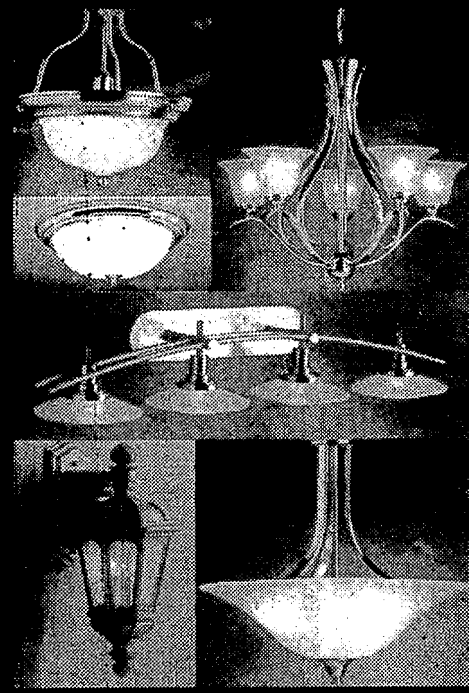
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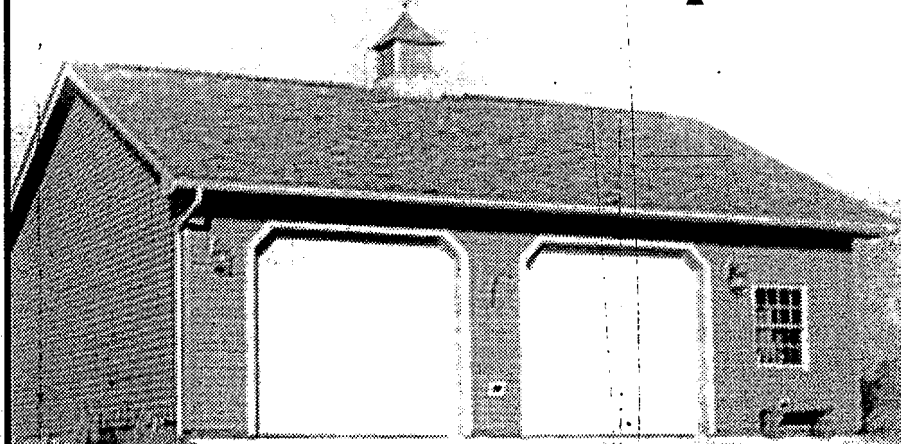
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Oakland County Sheriff's Department arrived at the gas station. The deputies also responded to the Comerica Bank location.

Combs handed the suspect, a man from Highland Township, over to the deputies. The suspect was transported to Oakland County Jail on charges of bank robbery.

"Fortunately, it went down the way it did," Combs said.

During the investigation, police found a white plastic bag with money visible tucked in a seat back pocket, the same area where the bandana had been placed.

According to police reports, the man walked into the bank and passed a note to tellers stating he had a gun and he wanted all the money from the drawer. There was no weapon found in the vehicle or on the man.

Authorities later identified the entire family as from Highland Township. The children, aged seven to 12, were also confirmed as the couple's. The male suspect was identified by the eldest child as a stepfather.

The female suspect, the driver of the van, told police she had no idea about the bank robbery. She was released pending further investigation and the children were released to a family member.

More Pics from the 4-H Fair



Three pigs from the Show Me Safari race during the fair. Photo by Dave Pemberton



Tim, Renee, Rachel and Rylee Kerr ride the Ferris Wheel. Photo by Dave Pemberton.



One of the demolition derby cars takes a detour on top of another car. Photo by Dave Pemberton.

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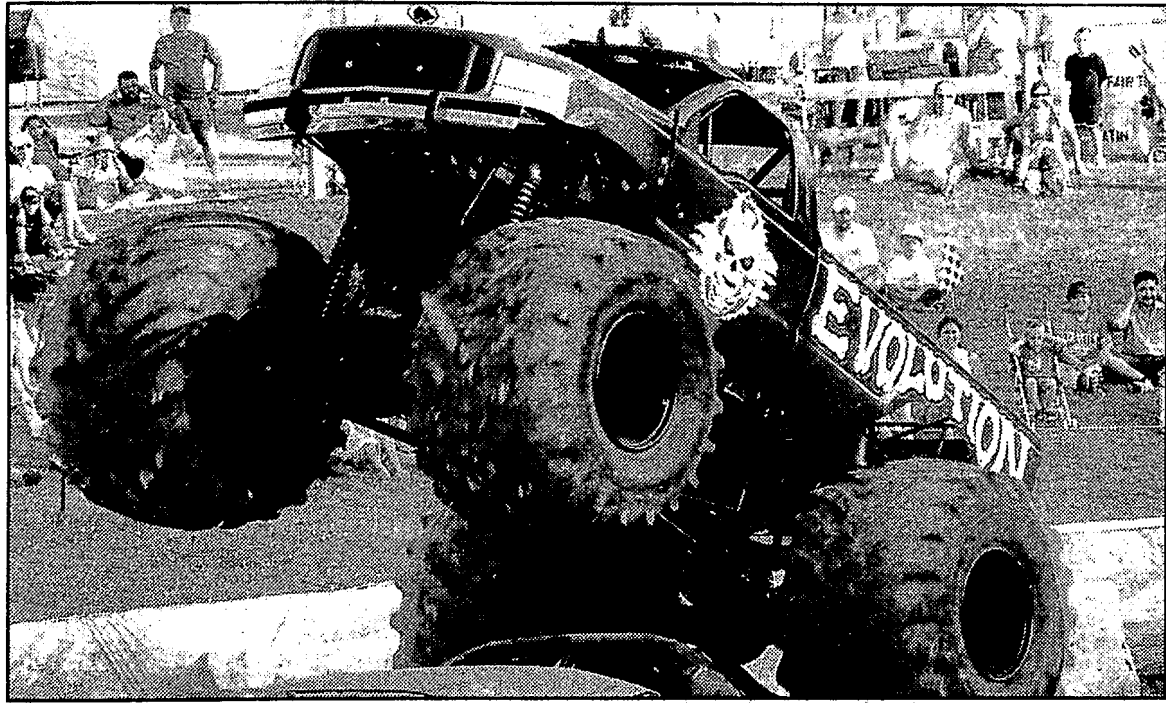
Cameron Reyes rides the Merry-Go-Round at the 4-H Fair.



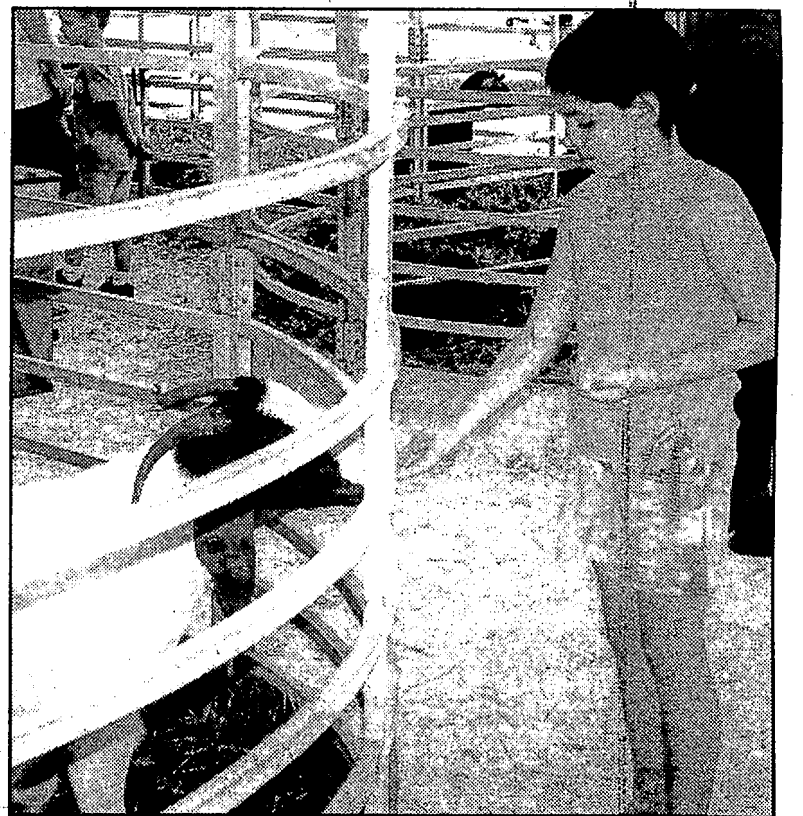
Alexandria Novotny rides a pony at the Oakland County 4-H Fair.

Living it up at the Oakland County Fair

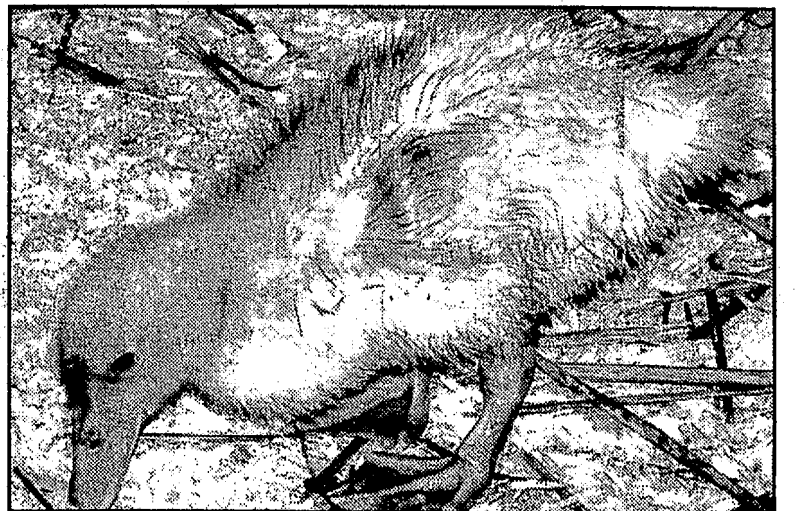
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Every night the Oakland County 4-H Fair featured a different show like the Monster Truck Rally (above) on July 28 and the Demolition Derby (below) on July 27.

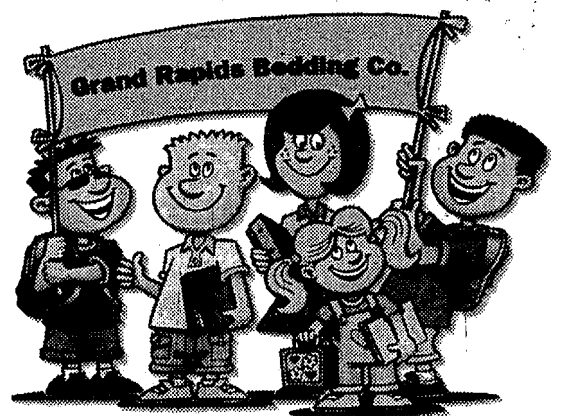


(Above) Grace Garrett feeds a goat at the Show Me Safari Petting Zoo. (Below) A baby chick at the Miracle Barn.



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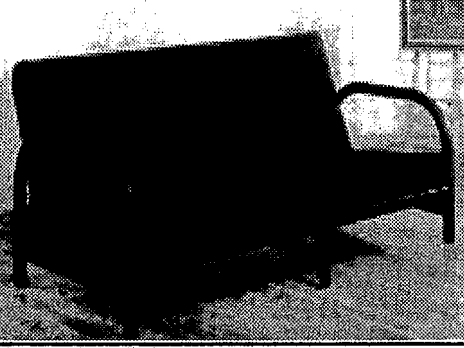


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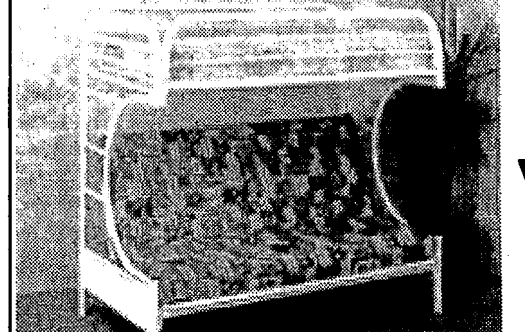
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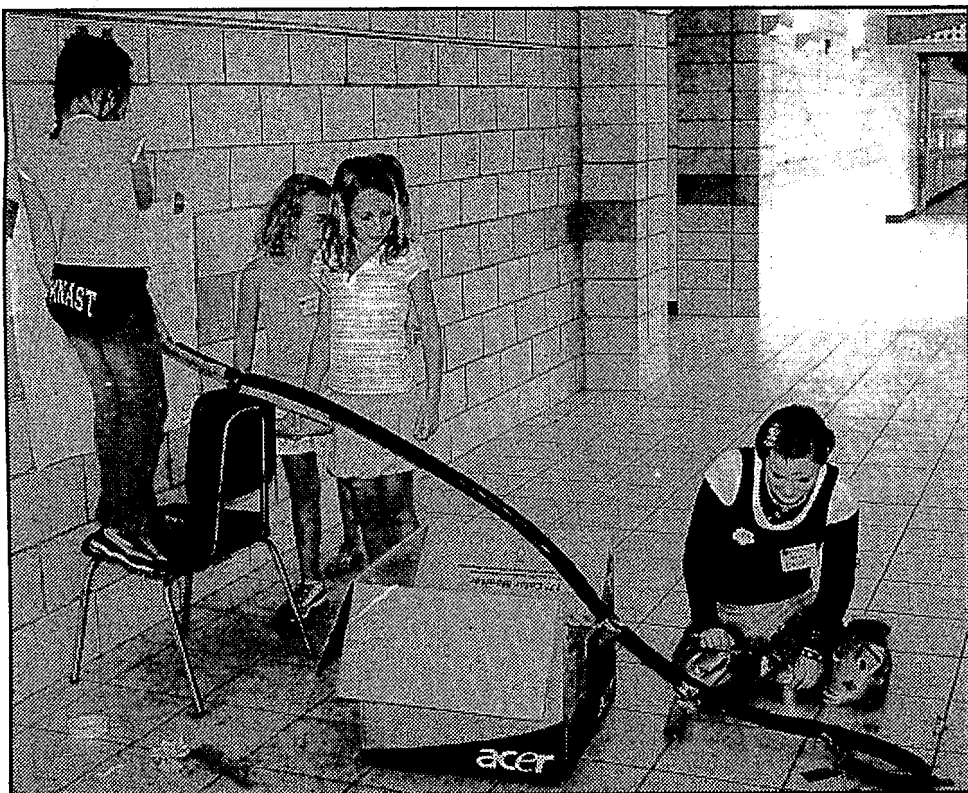
Camp Invention successfully launched this year at Independence Elementary. The week-long program for students grades first through sixth was filled beyond capacity at 115 students. Program director and IE teacher Kara Lomazov said she was surprised and pleased with the large turnout for the program and hopes to continue next summer.



In the "Planet Zak" station, students spent the week adapting to life on an alien planet. Part of the last assignment was to build a ship to get them off the planet. Pictured, students test their balloon propulsion system with paper bags and fishing line.



Tyler shows off his "Five-second School" helmet, a thinking cap that would let the wearer learn things almost instantaneously.



At "Imagination Point" students designed their own amusement park rides, including rollercoasters, and tested them in the school hallway.



Clarkston High School students worked as counselors at the camp. Pictured, CHS student Stephanie works with youngster Trevor on his model car, designed to protect an enclosed egg during a crash. Photos by Andrew DuPont



Mitchell and Jacob finish the assembly of their robot, which they designed to do everyday household chores.



When all else fails, use more duct tape.

People Poll

What can be done about high gas prices?



"We're going to have to bare with it... (we should) try to conserve fuel."
- John Maziarz



"I think at this point all we can do is look into alternative fuel sources."
- Theresa Perkins



"I have no idea...they should conserve as best they can."
- Jenifer Rachel

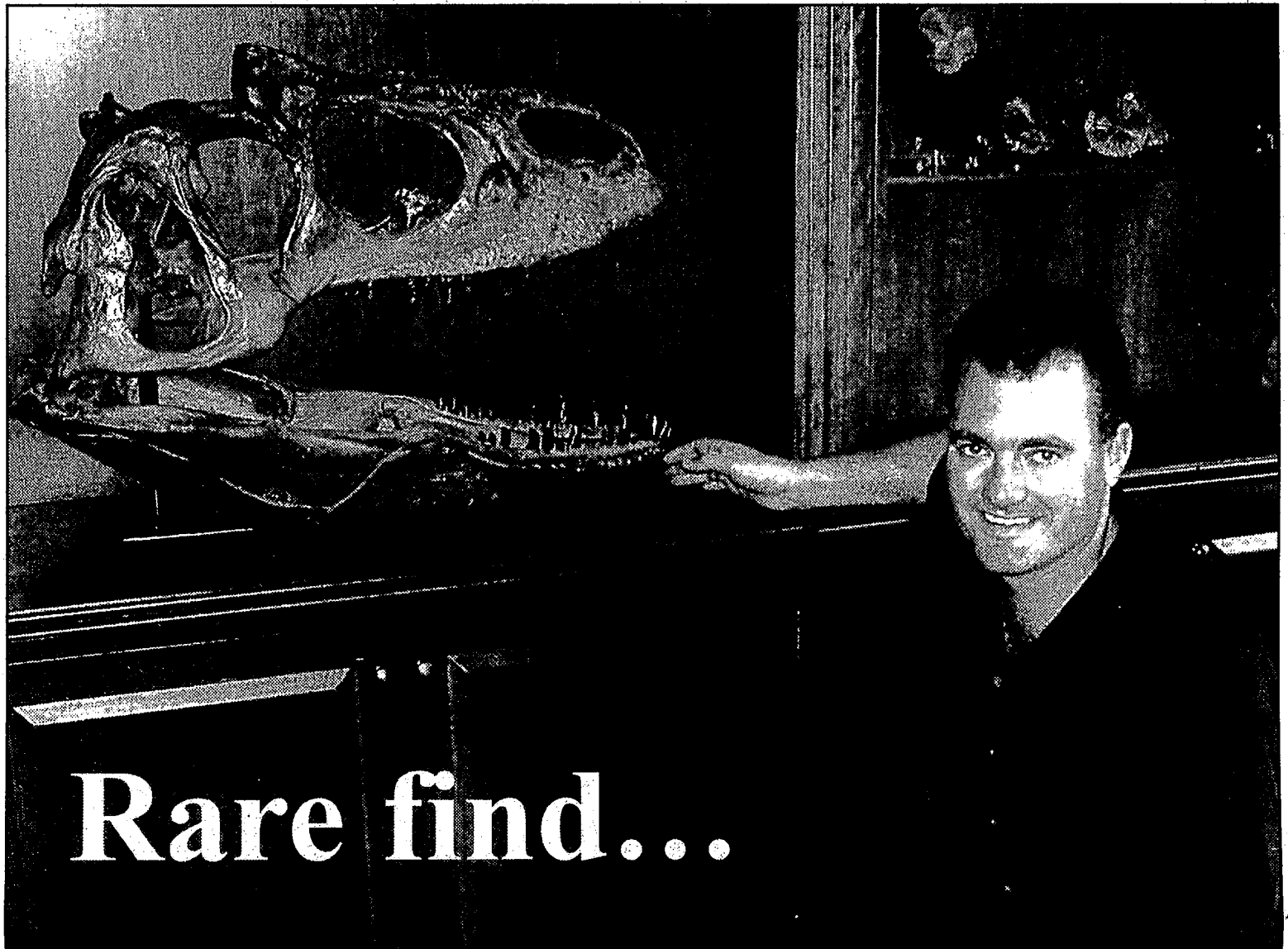


"Actually nothing. (Maybe) try to build more (oil) refineries... They say it's about increasing refinery capacities."
- Bob Stahley

By Paul Kampe

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Rare find...

Stafford poses with a dinosaur head from his collection that he received as a gift. Photo by Paul Kampe

Local archeologist follows his passion

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident Michael Stafford might be considered a little different. To begin with, he prefers to start the day with a BLT on wheat instead of eggs.

"I hate breakfast foods," he said jokingly.

Secondly, he hails from Greenville, Mich. on the west side of the state, where the rest of his family is involved in a multi-faceted media company, Stafford Communications Group.

"I'm the one who didn't go into the family business," Stafford said. "They're all journalists."

Stafford, 41, the Director of the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, has always been interested in natural history.

His mother helped push his interest by taking him to museums to see exhibits and hear lectures.

When construction crews discovered the bones of a mastodon while digging in Rochester Hills, the institute went to re-

cover the find.

"This is probably the coolest thing that I've ever seen in terms of the really unique," Stafford said. "You spend all your time in graduate school hoping for it."

The bones are currently on display at the institute. He said Cranbrook has more than 20 sets of mastodon remains, but this set is the most significant because of the local interest involved. By Stafford's estimates, more than 4,000 visitors have visited the bones at the museum. He said the bones are between 12,000 and 16,000 years old.

Stafford started his tenure at the Institute of Science in 1996 as a Curator of Anthropology and Archeology and worked his way up. In 2002, he became the Director of the Institute after filling the position as an interim.

Michael enjoys the flexibility his position gives him to continue various field projects. He sees his job as a blank canvas and his duty is to paint a picture with the people around him as his colors.

"It's different every day and it's never the same day twice," Stafford said.

Stafford became the youngest director in the museum's history. When asked about the stature of his resume at a relatively young age, Stafford said being a museum director is getting to be a younger person's game because there is a need to embrace technology.

"Cranbrook's always been a place that's been about innovation and pushing the envelope."

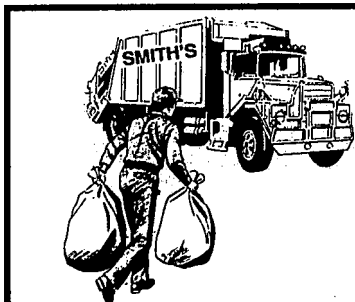
Stafford said that if any skeletal remains were to be found in the area, they would be similar to the museum's last find.

"This is fabulous mastodon country." He said that most of the mastodons that have been discovered in Oakland County came because of the expansion of Interstate 75.

"This is a great area for history," Stafford said, adding that there could still be more to discover because this area is largely undeveloped.

He recalled once there was the skull of a modern African elephant discovered in Clarkston. After looking through old news

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Around Town

The **Widowed Support Group** meets on Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Independence Township Senior Center. This month's topic is "Caring and Sharing Support." The meeting is facilitated by 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 the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home at 248-625-5231 or e-mail wintfuneralhome@aol.com.

Michael Saint is hosting a **Garden Tour** on Aug. 6 from 1-4 p.m. as a fund-raiser for the Oakland County Master Gardener Program. A \$5 donation is requested.

For information on the tour and direction to the

gardens, please contact Mike at 248-620-7188 or visit his website, www.goodearthlandscapeLLC.com.

If you have diabetes, do you know why your blood sugar is high; the best way to monitor your blood sugar; what to do if you are ill; how to order proper foods at a restaurant; how to prepare healthy meals; the long-term effects of uncontrolled blood sugar; or how your diabetic medication works to lower your blood sugar?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, the Clarkston Health Center extends an invitation for you to attend an **Out-Patient Diabetic Program**. This program teaches about diet, medication, blood glucose monitors, exercise and prevention of complications.

The program is a two-part session scheduled for Aug. 7 and 9 from 10:00 a.m. - noon. The fee is \$35, and you are welcome to bring one guest at no additional charge. If you are unable to attend the August

program, the session will be repeated in December 2006.

To register or for more information, please call 248-338-5389. This program is presented by the Community Education Department at POH Medical Center.

The Clarkston Area Lions Club is hosting a **50s and 60s Dance Party** on Aug. 12 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road.

Enjoy dancing to the music of "The Reflections" throughout the night. Pizza, wine and beer will be available for purchase.

The cost is \$25 per ticket and only 300 tickets are available. Prizes will be presented for best 50s costume, a Hula-Hoop contest, 50/50 drawings and more!

Please call Jim or Jan at 248-625-4456 to get your ticket now.

A **Boater's Safety Class**, presented by the Oakland County Marine Division, is offered at Clarkston Health Center on Aug. 21 and Aug. 23 from 6-9 p.m.

The program is appropriate for boaters of all ages and is a must for those 12-16 years of age to operate a boat without an adult. Those who have a boat in their name, depending on their insurance carrier, may receive a discount on their insurance.

To receive certification, participants must attend both classes. The program fee is \$10 per person for the two-part course.

To register or for more information, call 248-338-5389.

Yum, yum, yum. A children and youth benefit **Spaghetti Dinner** is set by the American Legion Auxilliary, Chief Pontiac Post #377 for Aug. 25 from 5-8 p.m.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$2.50 for kids 10 years and under. For more information or reservations, please contact Bea Hockey at 810-245-1831.

The Clarkston Eagles is sponsoring their **Annual Pig/Corn Roast** on Aug. 26. The event is at Clarkston Eagles 3373 located at 5640 Maybee Road.

There is entertainment and food all day beginning at noon with a craft show. Other activities include DJ music, bands, water slide, inflatable obstacle course, 50/50 drawings, horseshoes and more.

A Vegas tent will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight, and door prizes will be given away all day.

Admission to the event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 248-625-9838.

Preparations are already well underway for the annual **Clarkston Labor Day** parade on Sept. 4 at 10 a.m.

The Clarkston Rotary Club is sponsoring the event

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Ellis Barn open to public...

Dan Stencil, Dorothy Ellis, Tim Birtsas, Dottie Ellis and L.C. Scramlin prepare to cut the ribbon at the Ellis Barn opening during the Oakland County 4-H Fair. Photo by Dave Pemberton.



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Paradise nail and spa has family feel

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There is a new option for people who want to get their nails done, Paradise Nail and Spa opened its doors July 24.

The business offers full-service ranging from spa and facial treatment; manicure and pedicure to acrylics nail service. "We try to make it convenient," said Manager Christie Nguyen.

Paradise will accept walk in guests without appointments.

The store "Feels like family," Nguyen said about its approach to serving its customers. Every customer Nguyen said is offered a beverage upon arrival.

Every Saturday, guests are offered free non-alcoholic mixed drinks.

Thai Ha of Oxford co-owns Paradise Nail and Spa with Lung Nguyen of Shelby Township. The owners have been involved in the industry for more than five years.

They said that this shop is different than places they have owned in the past because it uses high end materials in its work.

The store is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All of the employees, six in all, are licensed to provide their specialized services.

"We try to make sure everyone who's leaving is happy," Nguyen said.

Her husband Lung Nguyen added, "Our theme is: make people have fun and relax and enjoy."

"We treat them all like friends," he said.

The 1,700 sq. ft. building is a lot bigger than previous shops operated by the owner duo.

Paradise Nail and Spa is located at 5970 Sashabaw Road, tucked in the Kroger plaza near Sashabaw and Maybee Roads.



Manager Christie Nguyen stands in front of Paradise Nail and Spa with employees and a patron of the shop. Photo by Paul Kampe.

RENEWABLE RESOURCE

Independence Township Library

VOTE TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL

Independence Township voters will be asked to renew their Library's expiring operating millage during the primary election on Tuesday, August 8. This proposition is a **RENEWAL** and **NOT AN INCREASE**. The millage rate is .6910 of one mill (equal to 69 cents per \$1000 of taxable value of all taxable property in Independence Township) and the amount of money generated in the first year is estimated to be \$1,138,529. The millage levy constitutes 87% of the Library's budget.

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Milestones

Wozniak-Walters to wed



Patrick John Walters and Anne Marie Wozniak are pleased to announce their engagement.

The prospective groom is the son of John and Cheryl Walters; and grandson of John and Ruby Walters, Art and Velma Southerland, Solomon and Lena Hudson. He is a graduate of Springfield Christian Academy.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael Wozniak and Diane Ducat; and granddaughter of John and Ruby Wozniak, Lon H. Romanski and Louise Romanski. He is a graduate of Holly High School.

An August 2006 wedding is planned at the Dixie Baptist Church in Clarkston.

Bildstein-Peters to wed



David and Nancy Gignac, of Clarkston, announce the engagement of their daughter Megan Sue Bildstein to Thomas Mac Peters, Jr., son of Thomas, Sr. and Jane Peters of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Clarkston Senior High School and Oakland University. She is currently

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The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Troy High School. He is employed at Carl's Golfland as a merchandise manager.

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Religion

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We are living in amazing times! Technology has changed the way we live and has brought many improvements to our life. The ability to transfer information alone has had a revolutionary impact on the world economy and political alignments. The most notable impact has been the shrinking of our world. Through technology businesses can operate from a worldwide perspective rather than from just a regional or local perspective. For example, while I was in El Salvador recently I met several young people well trained in the English language who handle 1-800 calls from the United States. When making a customer service call to a company you may think you're talking to someone in the United States when in fact you may be speaking to someone on the other side of the world.

There is a benefit to this. When we look back in history we see that whenever people begin to specialize in an area and trade their products the society makes great advancement. This can be seen when people first began to gather in cities. Rather than everyone individually owning a farm and doing everything for themselves city life made it possible for people to specialize in one area of production then trade with their neighbors. This specialization of trade raised the standard of living and contributed to the advancement in civilization. This increased again



Spiritual Matters

Loren Covarrubias

when cities began to specialize and trade with other cities. It is from these city-states that nations arose with modern society. The advancement to a worldwide scale will spread the wealth that only a few have shared and make our world a better place. The fly in the ointment, so to speak, is the depravity of our human nature and our own unwillingness to share. Rather than share people often try to take advantage of other people. The secularist will tell you the problem is religion but if you look deeper into the middle eastern conflict the problem is not religious differences but rather cultural and economic differences. Iraq is a good example of that. The ruling class was Muslim as were most of the people they ruled. The basic motive was economic domination with one group striving to take advantage of others.

The Bible reveals this truth in the book of James chapter four. "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask." Why are we takers and not those who ask? World conflict is not born from geopolitical interests but is born in the hearts of men and women. Internal conflict will always bring external conflict. The only solution to world affairs is a change in people. Jesus Christ is the prince of peace. When we come to Him we can find a cure for what ails us. The end result is a world going forth with great advancement and opportunity for all! This is also the

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In our churches...

Calvary Lutheran Church will host an American Red Cross **Blood Drive** on Wed., Aug. 3, from 2p.m. to 8 p.m. Calvary is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston (SW corner of I-75 and M-15). For more information call the church at 248-625-3288.

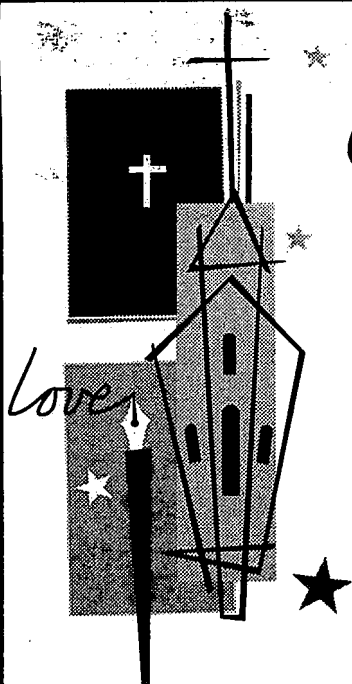
Personal safety begins with preparedness. Women both young and old are invited to join Elena Danishevskaya, Police Chief from Memphis, Mich. Wed. Aug. 9 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Admission is \$15 and participants should expect to learn the importance of situational awareness and self-defense. For more information call Calvary Lutheran Church at 248-625-3288.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** will be holding an orientation Sun., Sept. 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Cushing Center at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston. RCIA: Exploring the Catholic Faith is designed to teach people more about the Catholic faith and worship. The church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. For more information all 248-625-1750.

"**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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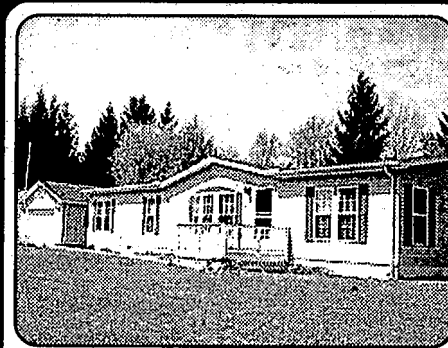
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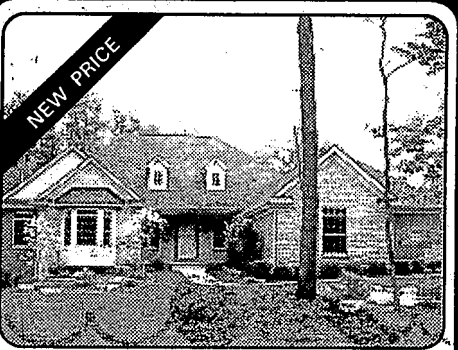
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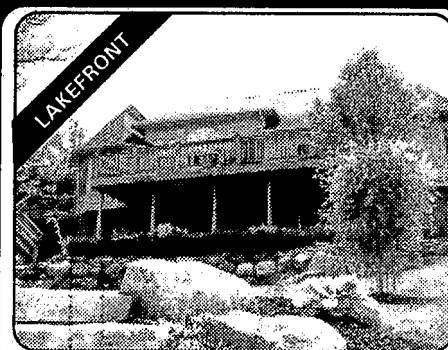
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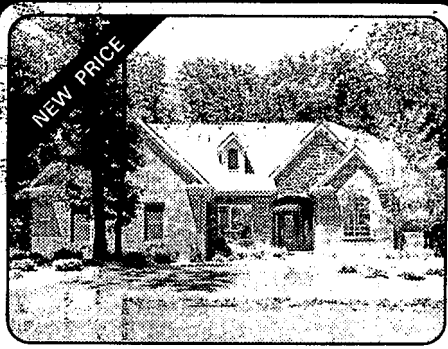
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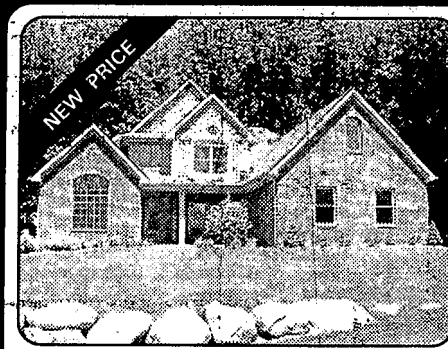
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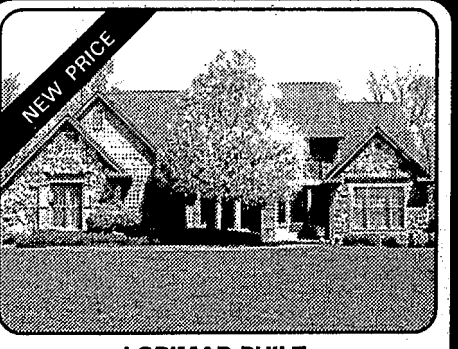
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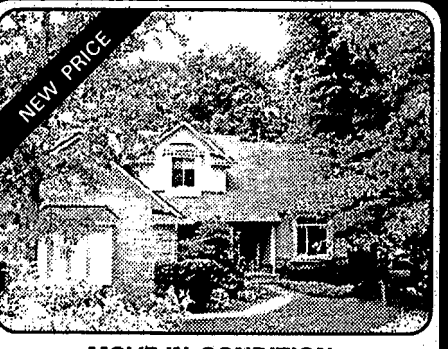
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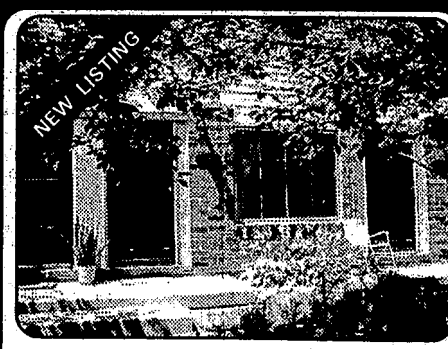
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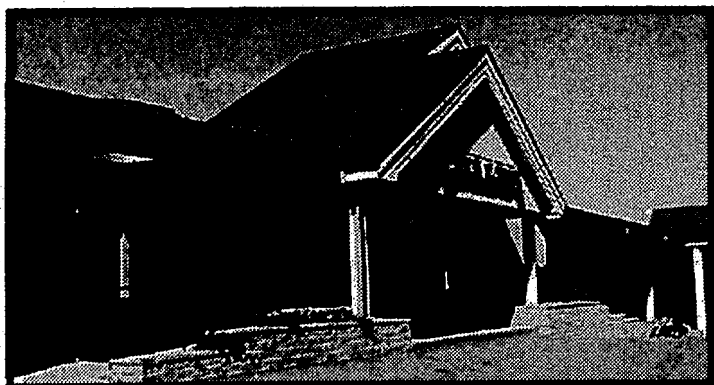
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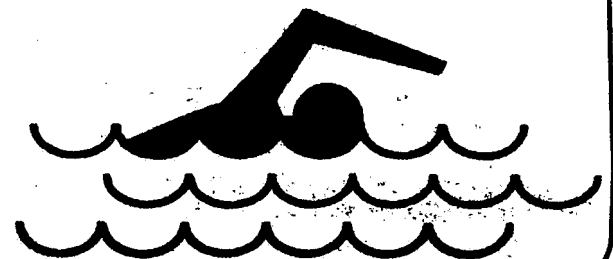


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Historical museum debuts new exhibit

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Heritage Museum is having a party- sort of.

The Clarkston Community Historical Society is opening "Clarkston Throws a Party: Friends, Fellowship and Function." This is the museum's 13th exhibit since it opened in 1999.

"There's a lot of interesting items on this exhibit," said Toni Smith, director of the museum.

The collection features items from different social occasions like birthday parties or a barn raising.

"Things that aren't necessarily seen anymore," Smith said.

One such item is a neatly kept box for a "Pin the tail on the Donkey" game set. The items go all the way up to a 100 year-old evening gown that the museum has on loan.

"It gives you a good idea how social events have changed over the last 80 years," Smith said.

Throughout the presentation, there are clippings from *The Clarkston News* to announce different social happenings.

The exhibit includes a new display case dedicated to Dick Morgan, who was grand marshal of two Fourth of July parades. The case was purchased with money donated by his family.

The museum runs exhibits for six months at a time. The last collection was "Clarkston in Costume," which ran through the end of July.

The library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road. For more information call 248-922-0270.

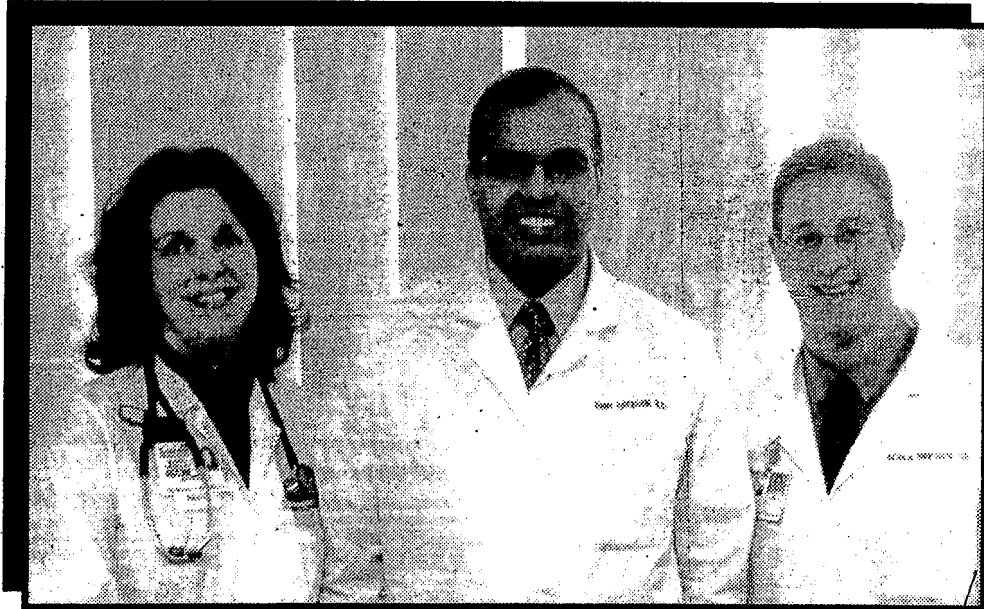


Clarkston Heritage Museum Director Toni Smith poses with a display as part of the new exhibit "Clarkston Throws a Party." Photo by Paul Kampe

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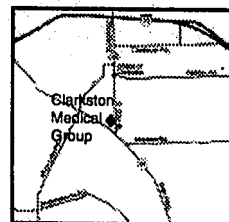
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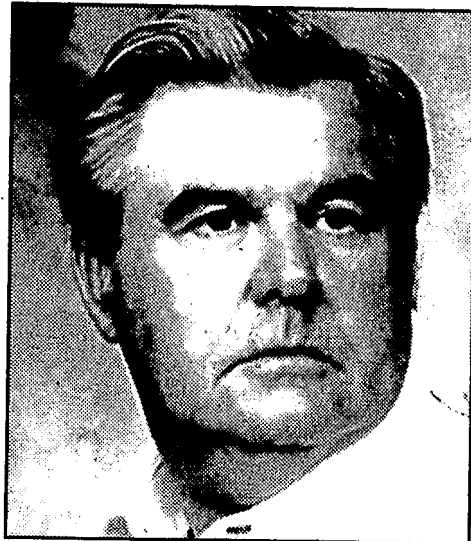
Norman Boyd

Norman Johnstone Boyd, of Clarkston, passed away on July 27, 2006 at the age of 90.

Mr. Boyd was preceded in death by his wife Virginia. He was the 20 year companion of Hazel Johncox; father of Norma (the late Harold) Lichtenberg, Ron (Vicki) Boyd and Carl (Pamela J.) Boyd; grandfather of nine; great grandfather of 27; brother of Edith (the late Forrest) Swift, Ralph (the late Mary) Boyd and the late David (Mary) Boyd.

A funeral service was held on July 31, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Clarkston. Burial ceremonies in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Arrangements provided by the Lewis



E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Online guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Daniel A. Norton

Daniel A. Norton, of Clarkston, passed away suddenly on July 26, 2006.

Mr. Norton was the son of Todd and Joyce; brother of Sara and Matt; grandson of Joyce (Cliff Smith) Thompson of Waterford and Jody (Neal) Norton of FL; and boyfriend of Kira Engelhard.

He is also survived by many family members and friends.

A funeral service was held on July 31, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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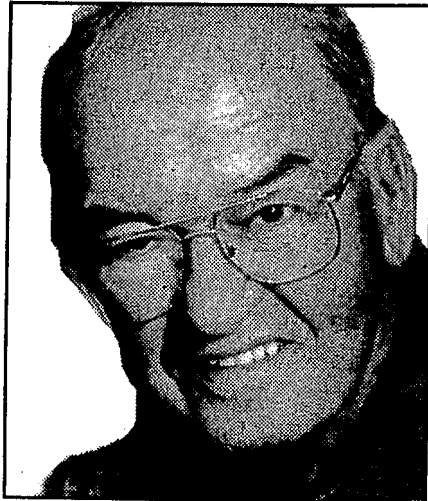


Rene 'Frenchy' Legault

Rene "Frenchy" Legault, of Davison, formerly of Ortonville, passed away on July 28, 2006. He was 74.

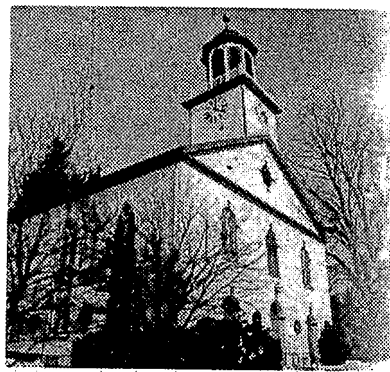
Mr. Legault was the husband of Ruth for 57 years; father of Linda Roughton of Clarkston and Sue Legault of Virginia; grandpa of Jason and Jeremy Roughton, Lisa Yeau, Michael Williams and Gina Wiegand; great grandpa of Matt, Chaz, Matthew, Cody and Colin; and brother of Gertrude McCanless, Michael Legault, Lorraine Smith and Anita Krasicky.

A funeral service was held on August 1, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Rosary service held on July 31, 2006. Burial ceremonies in White Chapel

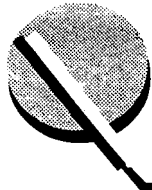


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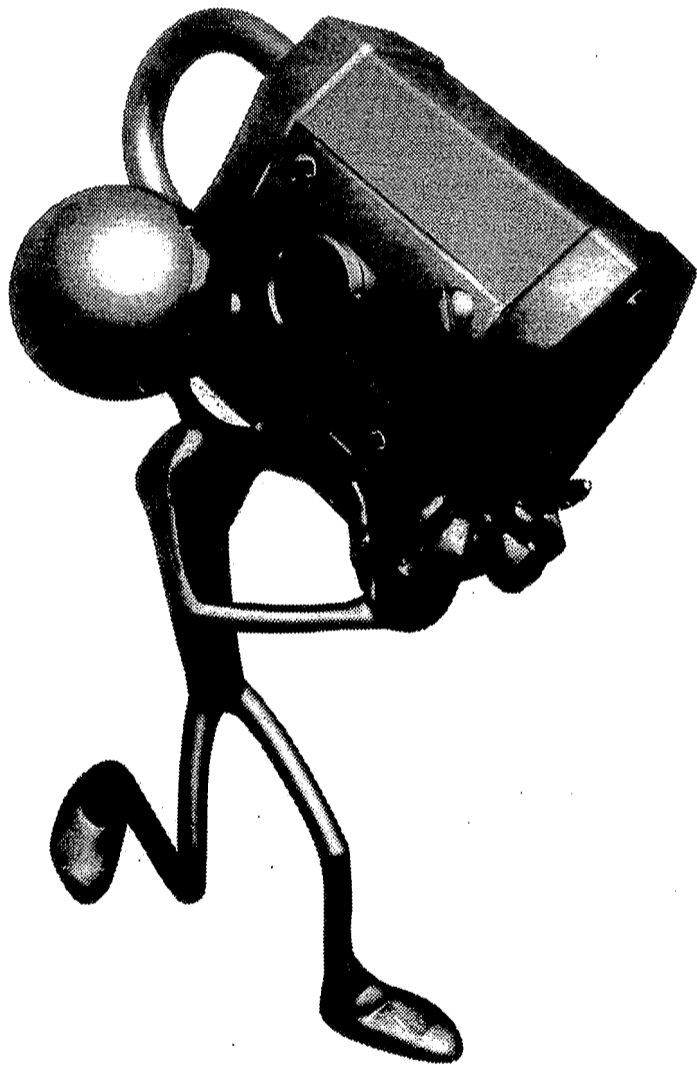
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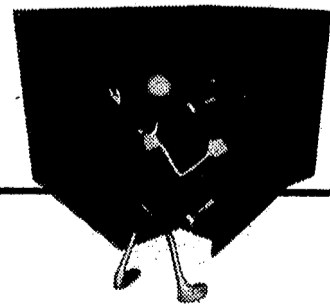
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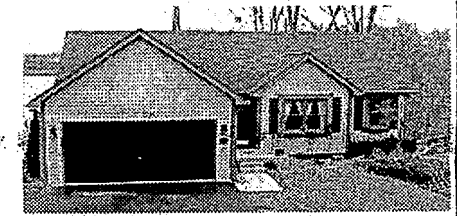
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Community garden looking for volunteers

BY DAVE PEMBERTON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Community Garden is still looking for volunteers.

The community garden located on Pine Knob Road is a program designed to let people learn about gardening with all the food being donated to the Gleaners Food Bank of Oakland County.

"We had initially hoped to produce 3,000 pounds of food," said Kelly Hyer of Independence Township Parks and Rec. "We could be doing better with more volunteers."

"There are a couple reasons people should volunteer. One, it's a great cause. There are a lot of hungry families in Oakland County and those people can't survive on just canned goods. Two, gardening is great exercise. It gets you outdoors and in the fresh air. It's a great way to learn to live from nature and learn about gardening. You can practice your gardening here."

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Sanchin Ryu Karate

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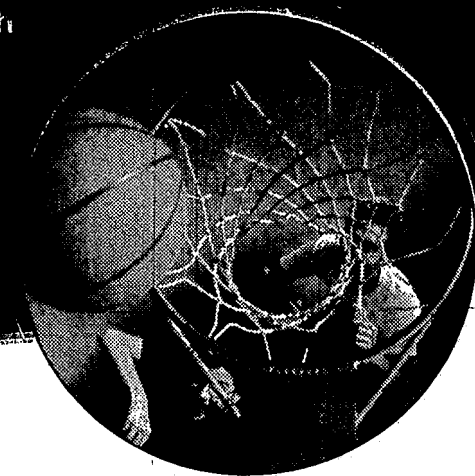
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Neighbor trying to help family in need

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An Independence Township resident is trying to raise funds and clothes to support her neighbors.

Julie Wilson is posting flyers at area business asking for monetary donations to help three children who lost their home and their parents to arson two weeks ago.

Aurora, Alyssa and James Williams will be starting anew with their grandmother in Wisconsin after the death of their parents.

Wilson said she is trying to help them ease into a new environment and a new school.

Clothing will be accepted at Nina's Comfort Foods Café and at Wilson's home, 5187 Maybe Road.

Monetary donations will be accepted at Dairy Dream, Family Video, Clark on the Go, Mel's Grill, Independence Township Fire Department, Talking Book World and others.

Wilson is asking for either new or gently worn clothing. The children's sizes are:

- Aurora: clothes 10-12 slim, shoe size 7 1/2 in womens and medium underclothing.

- Alyssa: clothes sized 6X or 7, shoe size girls 13 or womens size 1 and small underclothing.

- James: boys clothes sizes 6-7, shoe size boys 13 1/2 or mens size 1 and small boys underclothing.

For more locations and information call 248-496-4699.

Wilson is also working with the former employers of the parents to organize drives in their memory.



Christie Wandrie (L) and Lindsay Smith (R) show off the jar from the Dairy Dream ice cream shop. Photo by Paul Kampe.

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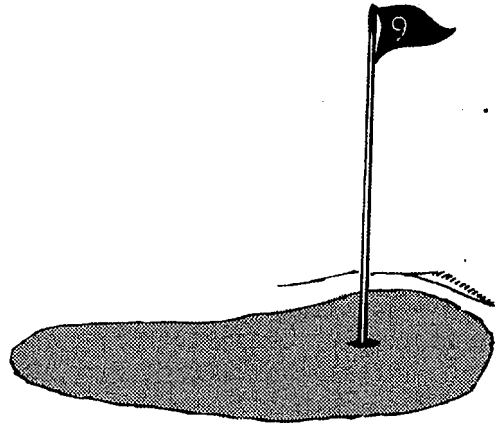
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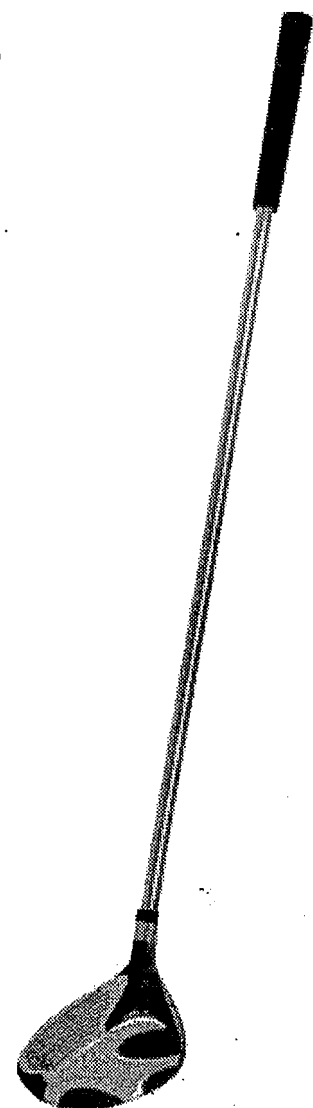
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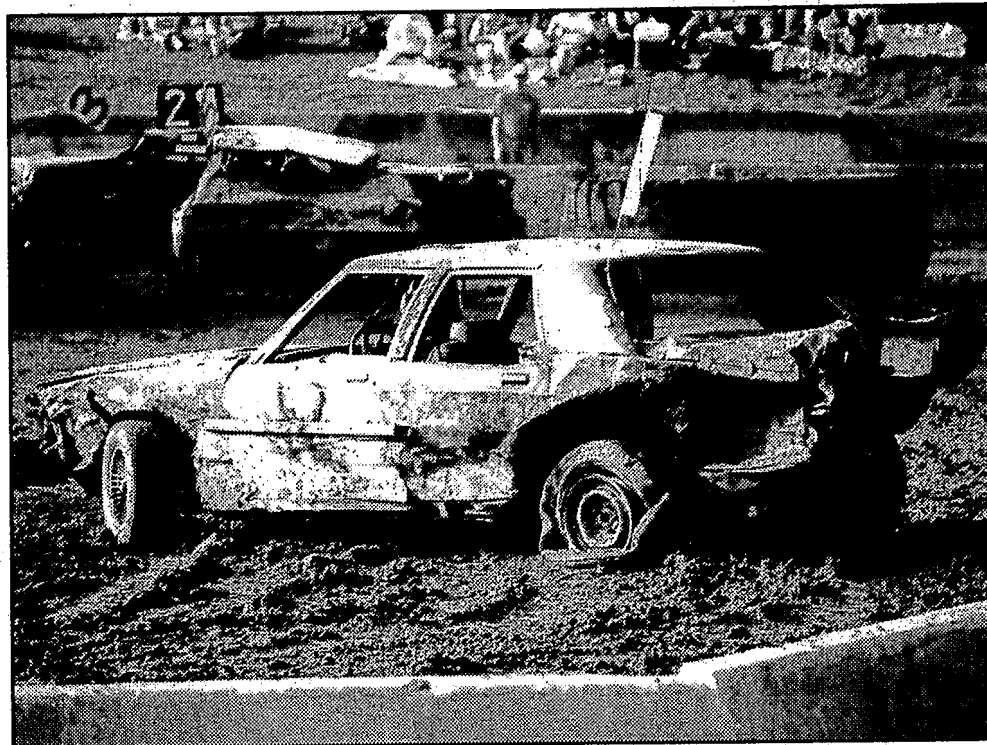
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Crash into me



And you thought your morning commute was rough... the main event of the 4-H fair on July 29 was a figure-eight race, where part of the challenge is to not collide with the other cars in the center of the track. Photos by Andrew DuPont



Even with an eradicated tire, this car managed to finish the race in second place.



Attention:

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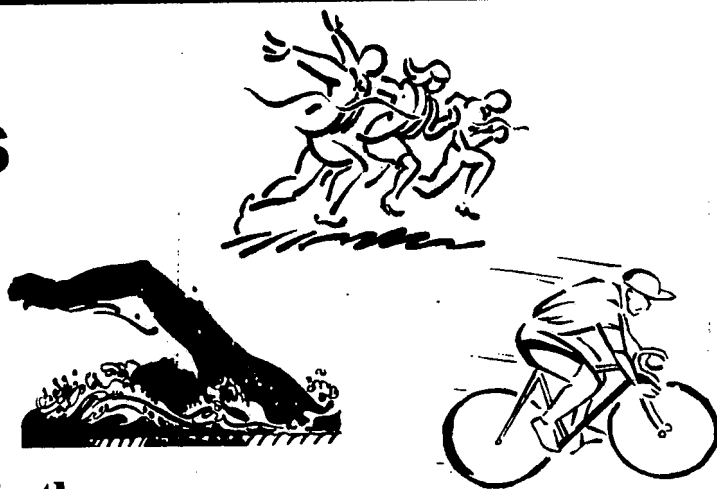
Sunday, Aug. 6, 8 a.m.

800-meter swim, 16-mile bike, 4.5-mile run

1.5 mile run, 16-mile bike, 4.5-mile run

The race begins at Deer Lake and finishes in Depot Park in the city of Clarkston. The 16-mile bike course starts at White Lake and Holcomb roads and is an 8-mile loop north on Holcomb and back (the loop will be done twice). The 1.5 mile and 4.5-mile run courses are in and around Clarkston.

Please use extra caution when driving on Holcomb and White Lake roads between 8-10 a.m. Sunday. Expect delays if you are crossing Holcomb Street along the bike course. A portion of Holcomb Road between the Clarkston Village West Subdivision and Washington Street in Clarkston will be closed from about 8-10 a.m. St. Daniel Catholic Church parishioners who attend the 9 a.m. service are requested to use the Dixie Highway/Deer Lake Farms route (please follow the signs). If you live along the bike or run courses, please make sure your dogs are leashed. Please come out and cheer on the 350 athletes along the bike or run courses or at the finish line in Depot Park. For more information on the event and how to register, please go to www.3disciplines.com



Around Town

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for the 66th year and is please to announce this year's theme: "Lead the Way." The Grand Marshal for this year is Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

The parade route this year will return to normal on Main Street through downtown Clarkston.

Political candidates looking to enter this year's parade are asked to make a \$50 charitable donation to the Rotary Club. All others can participate at no cost.

To find an entry application, please go online to www.clarkstonrotary.org. For more information, contact either Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741 (mindyjoel@netscape.net) or Judy Livingston at 248-625-2343 (JudyL04@aol.com).

The Independence Township Senior Center has several upcoming events:

- 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."

Accommodations at The Victorian Inn on the Park within walking distance to the Festival Theatre, Avon River and downtown. Elegant dining at Church Restaurant. Optional tours and motorcoach.

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.

- Enjoy first class amenities and the breathtaking views of the magnificent New York skyline from Aug. 23-28.

The cost is \$999 for a double, \$1399 for a single and \$959 for a triple.

Included are: two nights to and from New York City, three nights at the Novotel Hotel-Manhattan at 52nd and Broadway in the heart of Times Square and the Broadway District, two breakfasts, three dinners including Tavern on the Green, all day tour of the city including a visit to Ground Zero, ferry to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, tour of Lackawanna Coal Mine, motorcoach and luggage handling.

An optional Broadway show is available at an approximate cost of \$100 per person.

A deposit of \$100 is due to confirm reservation. The balance is due by July 10.

- Looking to stay active this summer? There's plenty of activities available at the center including Bocce Ball, volleyball and the Walk Michigan program.

Pickup a flier at the senior center to learn more on these and many other great programs or call 248-625-8231.

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

- There is still one Team Reptile Summer Camps left for the summer: July 31-August 3. Camp is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mill Pond Park.

The camp focuses on hands-on experiences such as exploring local parks for snakes, salamanders, turtles, frogs and other wildlife. Camp adventures are recorded

so they may be aired on Team Reptile's local television show.

Registration is required one week before camp start date. The cost is \$100 per camper for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Campers must be 8 years or older. A minimum and maximum number of participants required. Proof of age or birth certificate required to register.

All participants receive a Team Reptile t-shirt. All campers must dress for the outdoors, bring a sack lunch and a change of clothes every day.

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

The Clarkston High School Class of 1991 is currently planning their 15-year reunion.

The reunion is planned for Sept. 29 and 30 at the Deer Lake Athletic Club, and interested persons are asked to contact the Reunion Committee at chs1991reunions@yahoo.com, or call 248-797-5011. For more information on the reunion, go to www.chs1991reunions.org.

The Clarkston Rotary Club is holding a \$2,000 shopping spree at Tierra Fine Jewels in downtown Clarkston.

Tierra Fine Jewels is sponsoring a \$2,000 gift certificate to be raffled for the benefit of the Clarkston Rotary Club's community projects. The winner is provided with a private shopping spree at Tierra Fine Jewels.

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Raffle tickets are \$20 a piece. A limit of 500 are available. Receive a coupon for \$20 off any in-store purchase at Tierra Fine Jewelers with the purchase of a raffle ticket. Only one coupon per purchaser, and the offer expires November 1.

The raffle drawing will be held at "A Taste for the Holidays" wine tasting fund-raiser to be held at Bordine Nursery on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available from Clarkston Rotarians or at Tierra Fine Jewelers. For more information, call Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741.

Samaritan Care Hospice seeks volunteers to spend time with terminally ill patients and their families.

Hospice volunteers provide companionship and emotional support to patients on an average of 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers must be 18 or older and have reliable transportation. Two mandatory five-hour training classes are provided prior to your first patient assignment. Training classes are now forming.

For more information, call Chris Kokenos at (800) 397-9360.

The Clarkston Lions Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. The official meeting takes place at 7 p.m.

Beginning in October, the Lions will meet in the Carriage House, next to the senior center, in Clintonwood Park. For more information, please call 248-484-7130.



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4822 BUNDALE DR	1036	3	1	\$142,900	26111170
5708 CLARKSTON RD	810	4	1	\$148,000	26085307
6015 WALDON RD	1088	2	1	\$150,000	26092287
5382 HEATH AVE	1144	3	2	\$168,000	26081257
8577 SNOW APPLE DR	1672	4	2	\$189,000	26016787
8987 SNOW APPLE DR	1463	3	1.1	\$189,000	26051037
4781 RIOVIEW DR	1532	3	1.1	\$195,000	2618721
8201 S ESTON RD	1001	2	2	\$175,000	26082702
8310 CRAB APPLE ST	1688	3	2.1	\$189,900	26058810
4903 CLARKSTON RD	1400	3	1.1	\$189,900	26124637
9575 HADLEY RD	1704	3	1.1	\$195,000	26155665
5285 HILLCREST RD	1504	3	2	\$199,999	26051992
4838 JEROME RD	1668	3	2	\$200,000	26028052
11850 ANDERSONVILLE RD	1400	3	1.1	\$200,000	26124857
5541 DELMAS RD	1850	3	1.1	\$200,000	26128156
5359 TIMBER RIDGE TRL	1507	3	1.1	\$224,900	26129118
9033 TARTAN DR	1788	3	2	\$229,000	26084361
8588 WALKER RD	1612	3	2	\$229,000	26063913
9523 CEDARGROVE RD	1602	3	2	\$239,000	26083241
5727 SHANNON LN	1400	4	3	\$249,900	26113051
7835 LONGVIEW DR	1820	4	2	\$259,000	26094407
6452 OLYMPIA DR	2009	5	2.1	\$259,000	26057421
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5888 CHESTNUT HILL DR	1995	4	2.1	\$273,000	26063845
7128 BUTTERCUP LN	1907	3	2.1	\$279,000	26048884
8179 WAH LO DR	1848	3	1.1	\$289,900	26128119
7750 FOSTER RD	2130	3	2.1	\$300,000	26084909
8897 WESTWOOD CIR	1778	3	1.1	\$304,900	26082458
7 BUFFALO ST	1745	3	3	\$309,000	26023547
12471 ANDERSONVILLE RD	2449	4	2.1	\$312,000	26123562
5714 BERWICK CT	2214	4	2.1	\$324,900	26178241
8316 CARIBOU TRL	2611	4	2.1	\$324,900	25127890
7889 PINE RIDGE DR	2278	3	2.1	\$325,000	26002823
8803 ROLLING MEADOW DR	1854	4	2.2	\$325,000	26100219
8652 MILLER RD	1817	4	2.2	\$335,000	26111137
8835 ORMOND RD	1658	4	3.1	\$339,900	26115008
8865 SHERWOOD DR	2390	4	3.1	\$339,900	26099917
8290 DEERWOOD DR	2400	4	3.1	\$339,900	26064275
9240 ERIN CT	2428	4	3.1	\$340,000	26062189
8210 WALDON RD	2201	2	2.1	\$349,900	26014809
6542 CHANBERRY LAKE RD	2713	4	1.1	\$357,000	26103507
8984 HEMLOCK CT	2969	4	2.1	\$364,900	25185811
4532 LANCASTER DR	3224	4	2.1	\$369,900	26112001
7305 VILLAGE PARK DR	3644	4	3.1	\$369,900	26086976
8978 WOODLYN CT	3632	4	3.2	\$374,900	26103688
9419 PERRY LAKE RD	3032	4	2.1	\$375,000	26038539
9320 AUTUMNGLO DR	3032	4	2.1	\$384,900	26074407
5088 TIMBER LAKE TRL	2850	4	2.1	\$389,900	26074909
5025 ASHFORD RD	3128	4	2.1	\$389,900	26058277
9355 DIXIE HWY	1584	4	2.1	\$400,000	26098825
7436 DEER FOREST CT	2450	4	2.1	\$430,000	26074827
4000 CURTIS LN	2253	4	3.1	\$439,000	26097576
8675 LAKEVIEW BLVD	2309	4	2.1	\$449,900	25119323
8530 CRANBERRY LAKE RD	1959	4	2.1	\$459,000	26102146
6823 PARK LAKE DR	3141	5	3.1	\$465,000	26087248
8516 THENDARA BLVD	2450	4	2.2	\$499,900	26008574
8749 OAK GLEN CT	3048	4	2.1	\$495,850	26108843
8749 OAK GLEN CT	2300	4	2.1	\$514,900	26098507
10503 WEDGEWOOD DR	3577	5	3.1	\$535,000	25156697
9718 PRAIRIE LN	4016	7	3.1	\$540,000	26033704
10380 ELLIS DR	2950	4	1.1	\$550,000	26058781
4743 OWASCO CT	3744	4	2.1	\$550,000	26029228
9709 PRAIRIE LN	3744	4	2.1	\$550,000	26013250
8484 ELK RUN	2793	4	3.1	\$599,000	26119552
8858 BRIDGE LAKE RD	2122	5	4	\$775,000	26077720
5893 LONG POINT DR	3278	4	3.1	\$795,000	26074105
6580 PINE RIDGE DR	3598	4	3.2	\$869,000	26048823
5566 AVINGTON PARK	3619	4	3.1	\$895,000	25143961
7130 DEER LAKE RD	3340	4	3.2		
5148 LOST HICKORY CT	4138	4	3.1		

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5853 SHORE CT	1231	2	1.1	\$125,000	26089484
9030 EAST LAKE RD	1084	2	1.1	\$175,000	26046785
1100 SAVANNAH WAY DR	1200	3	2.1	\$207,437	26072437
4992 TIMBERWAY TRL	2879	3	3.1	\$230,000	26080888
5601 NORTHCREST KING	1487	3	1.1	\$239,900	25158900
6634 RIDGVIEW DR	2323	3	3.1	\$254,000	26119925

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Address	Sq. Ft.	Bdrm	Bath	Price	ML#
3445 DAVISON LAKE RD	1975	4	3	\$209,900	26157083
2385 WILDWOOD RD	1858	3	2.1	\$235,000	26087249
1100 LEALUI BLVD	2400	4	3	\$239,900	26082949
900 WHISPERS TRL	1839	4	2.1	\$250,000	25080289
820 CRESCENT	1800	3	2.1	\$259,900	26111701
1585 PERRY LAKE RD	2076	3	2.1	\$324,500	26047591
8234 STANDING PINES DR	2119	3	2	\$339,000	26098031
202 ASTOR KNOLLS DR	2219	3	2	\$375,000	25166433
1156 MERKLE ST	1940	3	2	\$350,000	26133104
3873 DARTMOUTH RD	3196	4	2.1	\$385,000	26109814
2630 COOK TRL	2174	3	3.1	\$440,000	26072586
13485 CHATEAU COVE DR	2577	4	3.1	\$449,900	26105076
5084 SEYMOUR LAKE RD	2250	4	4	\$487,500	26085329
389 WOLFE RD	2145	3	2.1	\$696,000	26135907
3850 OLDE FARM LN	3590	4	2.1	\$995,000	26118790

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Address	Sq. Ft.	Bdrm	Bath	Price	ML#
86 VILLAGE CT	1380	2	1.1	\$189,500	26063420

Orion / Oxford / Lake Orion

Address	Sq. Ft.	Bdrm	Bath	Price	ML#
3808 MORAN RD	1103	3	1	\$182,900	26121224
491 PLEASANTVIEW ST	1056	2	1	\$184,000	26010631
840 LAIRD ST	1382	3	2	\$189,900	26057440
970 HOLIDAY DR	2023	3	2	\$179,900	26086031
878 WOODLAND AVE	1200	3	1.1	\$185,000	26028484
3788 WESTLYN DR	1850	2	2	\$189,900	26098031
1380 OAK TRL	1210	3	1.1	\$189,900	26067535
3811 ROHR RD	1856	3	1.1	\$199,000	26052790
845 S BALDWIN RD	1808	3	1.1	\$205,000	26073897
1554 BALVIEW ST	904	2	1.1	\$240,000	26100109
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1457 RIDGVIEW CIR	2800	4	2.2	\$389,900	26118942
1914 INDIANWOOD RD	2244	4	4	\$395,000	26088846
1078 VALLEYVIEW DR	2783	3	2.1	\$425,000	26032340
1301 VALLEYVIEW DR	2495	3	2.1	\$429,900	26101134

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Address	Sq. Ft.	Bdrm	Bath	Price	ML#
937 ROCKFORD CT	682	2	1	\$94,900	26101556
3217 HIGH POINTE	1028	2	1	\$134,000	26082241
1838 VALLEY LN	1100	3	3	\$195,000	2611070

Holly / Rose Twp.

Address	Sq. Ft.	Bdrm	Bath	Price	ML#
804 E SHERMAN ST	900	3	1	\$129,000	25168892
303 ROSETTE ST	1300	3	2	\$149,999	26072228
313 AIRPORT DR	1152	4	1.1	\$179,000	26062819
9439 CRESTVIEW	1485	3	3.1	\$184,900	26089743
6443 CRANBERRY DR	1484	3	2.1	\$194,900	26034628
13480 HESS RD	1820	3	2	\$194,900	26128017
580 RUSTIC RDG	3200	4	4.2	\$646,000	26081083

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Address	Sq. Ft.	Bdrm	Bath	Price	ML#
4183 STONEBRIDGE	1120	2	2	\$129,000	26072171

Lapeer County

Address	Sq. Ft.	Bdrm	Bath	Price	ML#
88 JONES RD	2200	4	2.1	\$259,850	26000201
1183 TIMBER RIDGE DR	2200	3	2.1	\$259,850	26114809
1183 BLOOD RD	2200	3	1.1	\$259,850	26108067

Waterford / Bloomfield / West Bloomfield

Address	Sq. Ft.	Bdrm	Bath	Price	ML#
661 S WINDING DR	912	2	1	\$104,900	26082347
289 GATEWAY DR	875	3	1	\$139,000	26117566
3590 LAWRENCE AVE	875	3	1	\$139,000	26119969
460 RIVARD BLVD	735	2	2	\$139,000	26101889
2286 E NEWBERRY RD	1102	3	2	\$139,000	26184914
4015 WATERLOO ST	1200	3	1	\$150,000	26040527
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coverage, Stafford make the conclusion that the remains were those of a circus elephant which had passed away.

Stafford met his wife Theresa during the beginning of his academic journey, which would eventually lead him to Denmark. The two got together in high school in Greenville and married in 1988.

Stafford received his bachelors degree in sociology and majored in archeology from Alma College in 1987, a program he modified to meet his needs. Stafford obtained his masters degree. in anthropology from the University of Wyoming in 1990 and in 1995 he earned his Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin. He specializes in Danish and Swedish archeology.

"It's the one part of the world I'm convinced had the most cultural materials stuffed in the smallest geographic area...It's really a very exciting part of the world," he explained.

His second child was born when the family lived in a village in Denmark for about a year.

Stafford admitted his first major in college however was journalism. His dad told him though that he should find a job he would be willing to do for free, and he thought that would be archeology.

Stafford returned to his position at Cranbrook beginning in July of this year after returning from his position in Milwaukee.

The Stafford family just recently moved back to the area, which Michael said he enjoys because of the small town feel, one of the reasons they moved to the area from Orchard Lake.

When eldest son Joshua Stafford was diagnosed with Leukemia in 1998, Stafford said the community showed the family a tremendous amount of support.

"We literally had free food coming from Rudy's for months during his treatments," Stafford said. "We had a huge outpouring of support." "This was a great place to get through something."

The family of nine, four boys and three girls, and wife Theresa came back to the area from Wisconsin, where they lived while Stafford was the director of the Milwaukee Public Museum for two years after leaving Cranbrook. He said he wanted to try something new at that time.

He credits his wife with taking good care of the family. He said that the beauty of having a large family is there is a full-time babysitter and everyone chips in helping with chores and keeping the house running.

The Stafford children range in age from 15 years old all the way down to 22 months old. "It's a significant logistical management project and she's fabulous at it," Stafford said.

Stafford is a Rotary Member and said he looks forward to contributing to the Clarkston community. He

and Theresa volunteer at Everest with a parents' group. Stafford has donated items to the Clarkston Historical Museum through Cranbrook.

He runs a camp called "Digging in your own backyard," a program funded by Meijer for 2-3 weeks per year where high school aged students go on digs in the area they reside from.

Stafford enjoys beekeeping and scuba diving in his recreational time. "It's (beekeeping) a great way to teach kids about the world and how it works," said Stafford.

"I was the kid that cut out all of the underwater pictures from the National Geographic. I wanted to

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scuba dive so bad I could barely stand it," Stafford said.

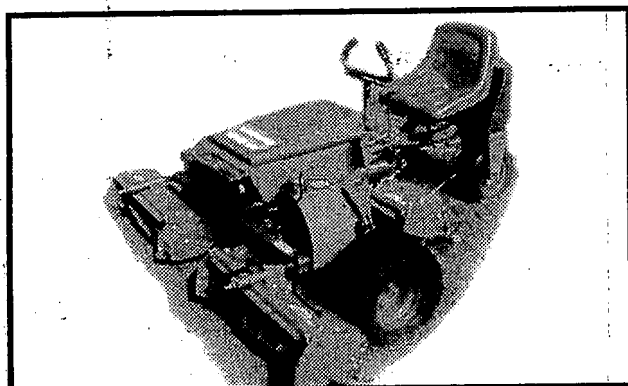
Stafford videotapes his underwater adventures with his own equipment and creates movies on his computer that he hopes to incorporate into the planetarium at the museum.

Stafford said his interest is in service to groups who may be under represented. He said he has an interest in working with mentally handicapped adults, which he does through a program in Greenville. The Stafford family has been involved in that summer camp for several years.

"These days I'm interested in experiences that are more quality than quantity," Stafford said.



Cranbrook Institute of Science Director Michael Stafford enjoys playing classical piano. Photo by Paul Kampe



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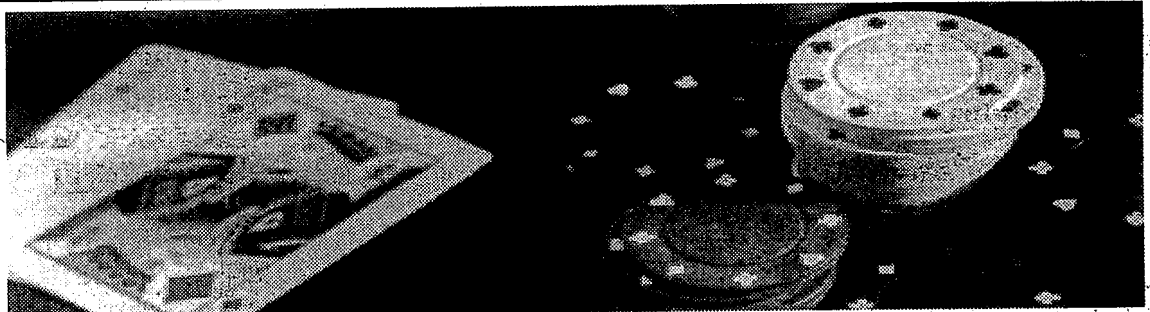
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In Our Churches

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Every Friday evening at 6 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is offering "Celebrate Recovery." This is a Christ-centered recovery program to help people overcome life's hurts, bad habits and hang ups. The evening includes a simple meal, praise and worship, and group discussion. Calvary Evangelical is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive. For more information call 248-625-3288.

St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston holds scripture study every Tue. at 10 a.m. And Starting Sept. 7, the group will cover the Gospel of Matthew at 10 a.m. every Thurs. and starting Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m., the group will cover the gospel of John every Mon. The church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a bone marrow drive for 3-year-old Thomas "Hawk" Maier from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sun., Aug. 6. For more information call 248-625-3288. The church is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

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

SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 24, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Colombo. Roll Present: Catalo, Brueck, Colombo, Johnston, Ottman, Wylie. Absent: Meyland.

Minutes of July 10, 2006, approved.

Agenda approved as presented with the addition of Planning Commission member to New Business.

Ottman reported that Leadership Clarkston is planning a breakfast in January.

Johnston reported that the Planning Commission working with the City Planner, Carlisle/Wortman, is in the process of setting up meetings to review the Master Plan.

Colombo reported that he is reviewing medical plans with three sources and will present these to the Council at the next meeting.

Wylie requested that this year the financial reports be completed per the Charter which states that September 30 is the deadline.

Chief Combs reported that the speed trailer would be left out overnight and be secured with chains and locks.

Chief Combs discussed the retention of video tapes. Present tapes are nine years old and not as reliable as they should be. Combs estimated that 100 tapes would be required for a one-month retention period. New tapes should be the custom made type which cost approximate six dollars each.

Pursley reported that part-time employee Ron Bray has resigned. Pursley also reviewed a report on use of the lift machine.

Resolved That the City of Clarkston discontinue the Meteorlogix contract and determine the minimum amount the City is obligated to pay to fulfill the obligation of this contract.

When the additional bids are received, property owners will be notified of the work required to repair the storm sewers behind the building on South Main Street between Washington and Church.

Pappas informed Council that the funds owed to the City from MDOT had been received.

Tom Stone of Robertson Court inquired as to whether the City had limits on staff commitments due to a \$2,000 commitment made. Stone further asked that trees be identified for proper disposal according to State guidelines.

Eric Haven of Robertson Court asked that trees at Robertson Court and Main Street be trimmed as there is a vision problem for turns at this intersection.

City Engineer Gary Tressel was present to discuss City streets and the construction during the water main and paving project. Resolved That the City authorize the widening of Wompole by three feet on the east side by adding 21AA crushed lime stone, six inches deep, and the work would be performed by the City's D.P.W.

Johnston stated that the City should have a policy for right-of-way maintenance as residents were using a variety of methods to maintain shoulders adjacent to private property.

Tom Stone stated that the edge of the curve at Robertson Court by the Stone and Haven residences is not safe and there are ruts at this location. Tressel will inspect this area.

Brueck stated that a survey of City streets should be conducted for guidance in maintaining streets.

Tom Stone stated that he felt there was a design flaw in the shoulder in front of his residence as there is a hard surface under the sod which prevents the sod from growing. Stone asked that the area adjacent to his property be treated along with the Wompole work.

Resolved That the City adopt the Commercial surcharge rates as follows:

1 - 4 Units	\$17.07
5 - 10 Units	\$42.66
11 - 20 Units	\$93.87

Resolved by That the unit rate (REU) for sanitary sewer use for 2006 - 2007 billings be established at \$57.

Moved That the City Council authorize the proposed mural for the Clarkston News building at 5 South Main Street.

Pappas was instructed to contact a Planning Commission member to determine if a new appointment would be necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

Difference

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only solution for whatever problems we face on a personal level. If you are facing conflict in your life, you need to understand the issues are not external but internal. Once the internal conflicts are resolved the external ones will take care of themselves. I have seen this in counseling over the years. People will spend a lifetime trying to iron out their differences when in fact their differences can be an advantage when you are willing to share and let the other person benefit as well. Today is the day to have the prince of peace come into your life—it will make a WORLD of difference!

(Loren Covarrubias is the Pastor of Mt. Zion in Clarkston)

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NOMINATING PETITIONS NOVEMBER CITY ELECTION OFFICES OF CITY COUNCIL

Registered voters in the City of the Village of Clarkston will be electing three City Council Persons and Mayor for two year terms at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

Nominating Petitions for the above-named positions are available from the City Clerk, 375 Depot Road, and are due to be completed and returned to the Clerk on or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2005. Petitions shall be signed by not less than twenty nor more than forty registered electors in the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Also required is an Affidavit of Identity available from the City Clerk.

Note: Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent, available from the City Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2006.

Please call (248) 625-1559 if there are any questions.

Artemus M. Pappas
City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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OAKLAND COUNTY WE WANT YOUR HELP

Your Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County wants you to help decide on the

2006-2007 BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

AND

2006-2007

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County invites all interested citizens and elected officials to present comments prior to adoption of the 2006-2007 Budget and Road Improvement Program. For this purpose, we have scheduled a Public Hearing.

Date: Thursday, August 24, 2006
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Oakland County Auditorium
Oakland County Service Center
1200 North Telegraph
Pontiac, Michigan 48341

WHAT THE BUDGET IS

The proposed Budget sets forth the revenue anticipated to be available to the Road Commission and the sources of the revenue. The Budget also designates the proposed use of these funds, including the Operating Expenditures of the Road Commission and the proposed Road Improvement Program.

ADVANCE COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

Copies of the proposed 2006-2007 Budget and related information will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Finance Department of the Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 2237 or TDD (248) 645-9923).

Copies of the proposed 2006-2007 Road Improvement Program will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Engineering Department of the Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 2265 or TDD (248) 645-9923).

WE HOPE YOU WILL PRESENT COMMENTS

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing are held in accordance with the provisions of Act 2, P.A. 1968, as amended by Act 621, P.A. 1978, Act 43, P.A. 1963 (2nd executive session), and Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended.

If you require accommodation in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please provide the Finance Department with five days advance notice.

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Decedent's Estate
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PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield's Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI will be open on Saturday, August 5, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Absentee Ballot Applications and issuing Absentee Ballots for the August 8, 2006 Primary Election. For additional information, contact the Clerk's Office at (248) 846-6510.

Publish 7/26 and 8/2

Nancy Strole, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING OF ASSESSMENT LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR BIG LAKE

Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Big Lake, Township of Springfield, County of Oakland, will meet at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 to review, to hear any objections to, and to confirm a three year special assessment roll for the purpose of implementing the continuation of the Aquatic Weed Control Program for Big Lake for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009. The estimated annual cost of the project is \$89,000.00 and the special assessment roll will be on file at the Springfield Township Offices for public examination.

Any person may appeal and be heard at the said Hearing, which is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30913 of Part 309 Of Public Acts No.451 of 1994, as amended. The special assessment must be protested at the Hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any special assessment dispute. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the time and place of review is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Township Supervisor, Attention Big Lake Board, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 at or prior to the time of review, in which case personal appearance is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation. Big Lake Improvement Board. Published: 7/26/06 & 8/2/06

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HUGE GARAGE & Moving Sale- washer, dryer, 735 Eastlake Trail, Oxford (Water Lake Subdivision), August 3-5. IILX34-1

CLARKSTON- HUGE Garage Sale, 4881 Waldon. 1000 antique bottles, comics, cards, toys, much more. August 3-6, 8am-8pm. IILX3-1

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MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale, August 3-5, 8am-4pm. Round Tree Sub, 2105 Chestnut Circle, Lake Orion (M-24/ E.Scripps). Furniture, clothes, toys, more! IILX34-1

AUGUST 5, 10am-2pm. 2063 Cole Rd., Lake Orion (off Joslyn/ Clarkston). Shop tools, leather sofa, fabric loveseat, lots of CDs, luggage, ties, clothes, etc. Low Prices! IILX34-1

GARAGE SALE- TOYS, household items, clothing. 1949 Thornbree, north off Baldwin between Oakwood & Davison Lake Rds. Thursday/ Friday, August 3-4, 8am-5pm. IILX34-1

8 FAMILY GARAGE Sale- August 3-5, 10am-6pm. Infant, toddler, misses clothes, boys electronics, auto manuals, children/ paper back books, 8 tracks, records, household items, misc. Post cards, tools. 2515 Toby, Baldwin/ Maybee, Judah Lake Sub.

YARD SALE FRIDAY & Saturday 10am-4pm. Toys, kitchen, baby items, clothes, kids, ladies & mens XL & 2XL. 1260 Indian Lk Rd, Lake Orion. IILX34-1

ANTIQUES/ ESTATE Sale. Furniture, vintage clothing, glassware, more. Aug. 3-5, 9am-5pm, 77 James, Ortonville. IILX33-1

SEYMOUR LAKE Meadows Sub Sale, August 4-5, 9am-5pm. East of Sashabaw, south off Seymour Lake Rd. IILX33-1

MOVING/ GARAGE Sale- Friday- Saturday, August 4-5, 9am-4pm. 430 S. Conklin, Lake Orion (at Stoney Creek Rd. & Orion Rd.) IILX34-1

CLARKSTON- 6154 Flemings Lake Rd. (across from High School). Tools clothes, much more. August 3-4, 9am-5pm. IILX34-1

OAKLAND TWP- August 3, 4, 5, 8am-4pm. Huge 3 family sale. Furniture (home & lawn), washer/ dryer, A/C, tools, household items, etc. 1121 Bear Creek (Orion & Collins), 248-652-1795. IILX3-1

THURSDAY 3RD- Longaberger, American Girl & more. 37 E Washington, Clarkston. IILX3-1

HUGE 4 FAMILY Garage Sale at 9 Hovey St., Oxford, behind Starbucks. August 3-5, 8am-5pm. Tools, bikes, furniture, clothing, baby stuff, and more. IILX34-1

MULTI FAMILY Sale at Beckwith's Berries and Blooms Farm in Lakeville. Everything you could possibly imagine! 10am-4pm Friday- Sunday, August 4-6, 2230 Rochester Rd., 2 driveways past Mack on the right. IILX34-1

GARAGE SALE AUGUST 2-5, 9am-5pm. 1 mile east of Sashabaw off Seymour Lake Rd., take Persimmon Drive in to 305 Corkwood. Many antiques, old furniture, china, vanity items, Stephen King books, baby boutique clothing, tons of Christmas and lights. Look for Sub Sale signs. IILX33-2

MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale, August 3-5, 9am-4pm: 10430 Valley Drive, Goodrich Meadows Sub. Household items, clothes, men's stuff, tools, etc. IILX33-1

GIGANTIC MULTI Family Garage Sale, August 3-4, 10am-7pm. Lots of antiques, jewelry, dinner bell, pool filter and heater, comics, action figures, books and much much more! 2120 Baldwin, Lake Orion, south of Clarkston Rd. IILX33-1

GARAGE SALE- Bikes, knickknacks, kitchen items, salt & pepper shakers, clothing. August 4-5, 9am-5pm. 296 Vivian Lane, Oxford (M-24/ Oakwood). IILX33-2

CLARKSTON- 2 houses, 2 garage sales! August 3-4, 8am-2pm. Toys, books, household & more. 9911 Bullard and 9816 Klais (off of Indianwood West). IILX3-1

GARAGE SALE- Thurs., Fri., Sat. August 3-5, 9am-4pm, 783 Sebek, off W. Draher. IILX34-1

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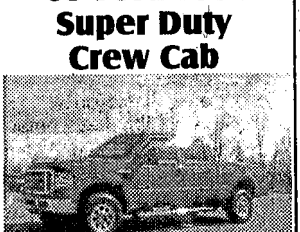


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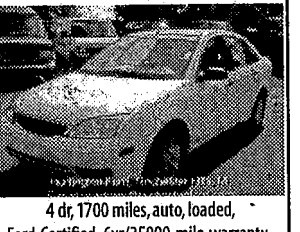


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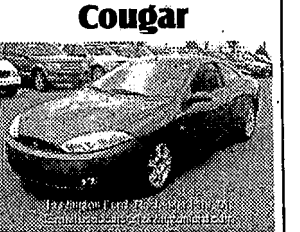
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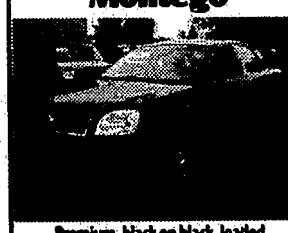
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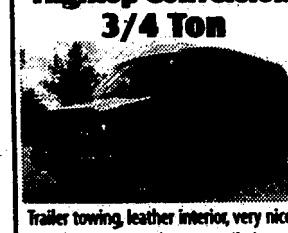
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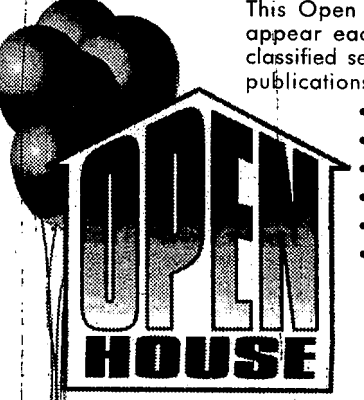
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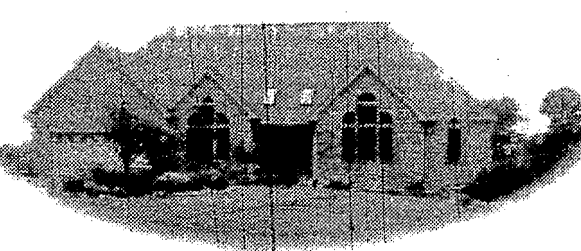
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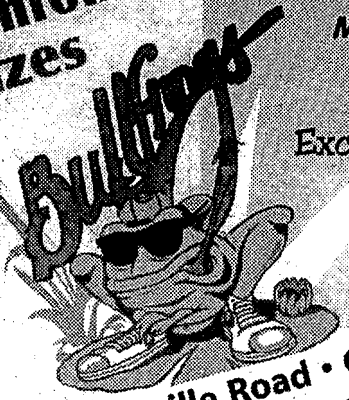
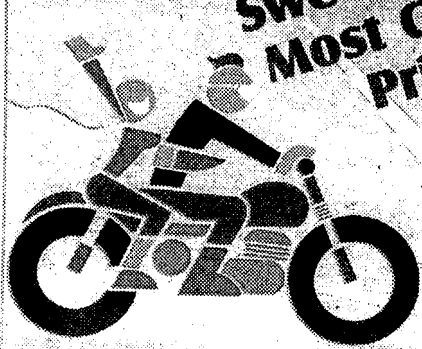
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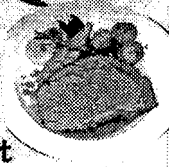
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It's all about networking

There are several opportunities to network with other businesses through the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

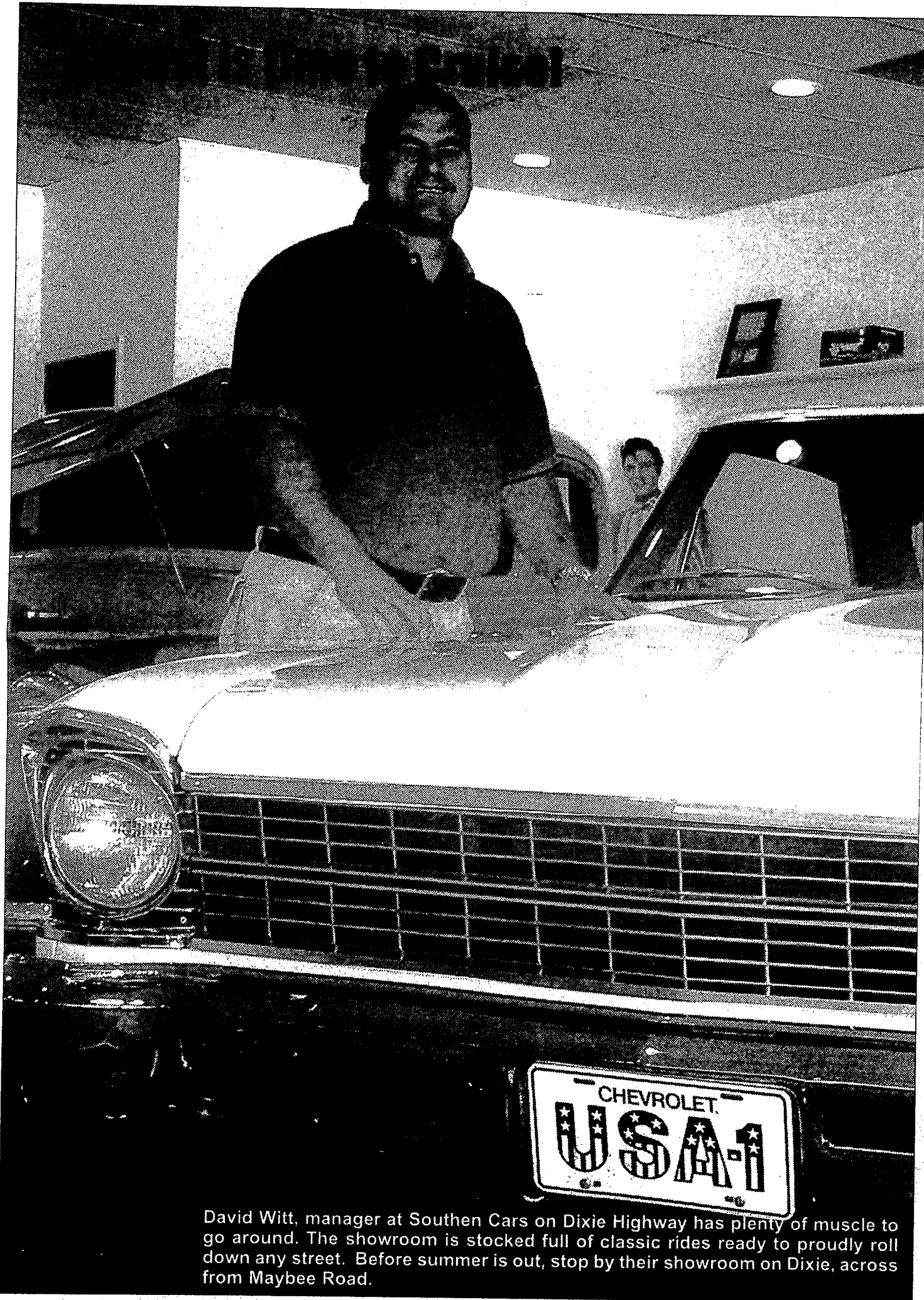
Every month the chamber offers Business Over Breakfast (BOB) where businesses receive facilitated networking to help maximize their contact. This month, businesses enjoyed the first Waterford Area/Clarkston Area joint BOB-Perk Up.

Other networking opportunity is the monthly luncheons with featured guest speakers. Not only do businesses get an opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant while networking, and also hear from unique local speakers. This month's guests speakers were Drs. Greg and Becky Ramboer from Lifepointe Chiropractic.

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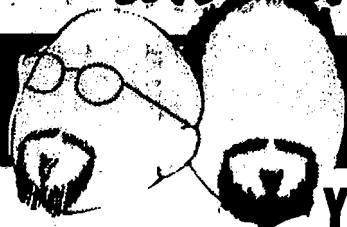
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Clarkston's Fortinberry awarded Gray Reef Light Award

By Dave Pemberton

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan honored Chuck Fortinberry, President of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, with the first annual Gray's Reef Light Award for his work with the charity at the Gray's Reef Golf Classic.

The Gray Reef Golf Classic is a golf outing originally organized by Fortinberry and called the Glen W. Fortinberry Memorial Golf Classic. Fortinberry organized and sponsored the original event and ran it for 11 years.

During that span, the event raised more than \$700,000 for the Children's Leukemia Foundation.

"My father (Glen) died of leukemia in 1993 and I felt like I should do something to help," Fortinberry said. "Me and my wife have three children, so I thought the Children's Leukemia Foundation would be a good charity to become associated with, so I organized the golf outing in the memory of my father."

Jeff Cavazos, who took over as chairman of the Gray's Reef Classic, was on the board that selected Fortinberry as the first recipient of the award. Cavazos said he thought Fortinberry was a perfect can-

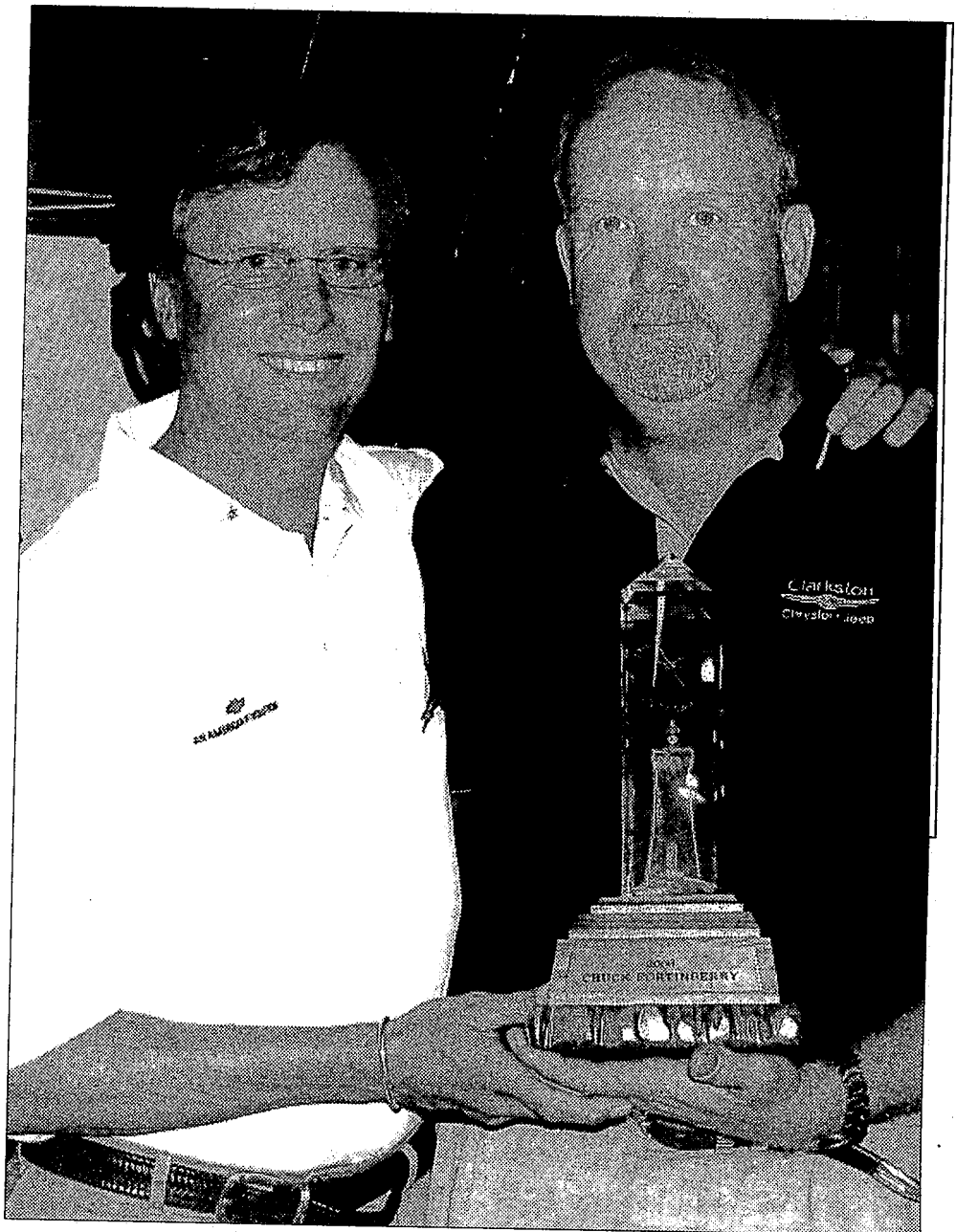
didate for the new award.

"He has done a lot of good things in the short time I have known him," Cavazos said. "I saw how passionate he was about raising money and how selfless he was with his time. People can look at this guy and the time and effort he has put forth and say, 'What a role model.'"

Fortinberry said he had no idea he was going to receive the award, but was glad to accept it.

"It's a huge honor, but I don't do these things to get honors," Fortinberry said. "I'm a little embarrassed by it. I live by a saying, 'It's ok to die wealthy, but if you die rich it means you didn't give back.' That's a lesson my father taught me. He told me it's important to give back to the community that supports you."

Fortinberry also organizes the Dave & Wanda Harrison Memorial Bike Ride. The ride benefits the Children's Leukemia Foundation and is in memory of Dave and Wanda, who died in a motorcycle accident. The ride is from his dealership to DTE Energy Music Theatre where the riders attend a concert. This year's ride will be on August 27.



Stephen R. Polk (left), Chairman and CEO of R.L. Polk & Co awards the Gray's Reef Light Award to Chuck Fortinberry, President of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep.

Your ad will benefit from good headlines

Most of us realize the headline is one of the most important components of any print ad. The headline grabs the reader's attention and compels them to read the rest of the ad. A print ad is essentially a silent salesperson that attempts to convince the reader to purchase the goods or services offered by the advertiser.

Just like any good salesperson, the ad needs to open the "call" with the promise of a benefit. Opening with a benefit arouses the prospect's curiosity and leads them to believe that reading the remainder of the ad is in their own best interest. Getting a potential customer to read the entire ad significantly increases the likelihood that they will take action and make a purchase from your client.

Several years ago *Communications Briefings* conducted a series of scientific tests to determine what elements make an ad effective. Their survey found ads fail because they fail to answer the reader's main question, "What's in it for me?"

To write stronger benefit headlines you can use the **how to** technique:

1. Start your headline with the words "how." Using this format forces you to include a benefit. Example: Instead of a headline stating **Disability Insurance**, use **How to protect your family!**

2. Support the headline with detailed body copy. "If you are disabled, how will your family make ends meet? Our affordable disability insurance policies will protect your family's income and give you peace of mind."

3. After you write the headline drop the words **How to**. Using the example above: "Protect your family!" This makes the headline stronger and more direct.

Other points to keep in mind when creating a headline:

1. Be specific. Tell the reader exactly what the benefit is.

2. Avoid excessive claims and exaggerations; using words like *Incredible*, *Fantastic*, etc. which may cause the reader to doubt the truthfulness of the entire ad. **Only make claims that are factual and verifiable.**

3. Make sure the headline and the body copy tell the same story. A headline followed up by strong body copy is the one-two punch of an effective ad. If these two elements do not work together, at best the reader will be confused, at worst they may think the advertiser is using a "bait & switch" technique.

4. Make sure the headline is big enough and bold enough to grab the reader's attention.

5. Do not try to accomplish too much in a headline. Pick one strong benefit offered by the client and promote it.

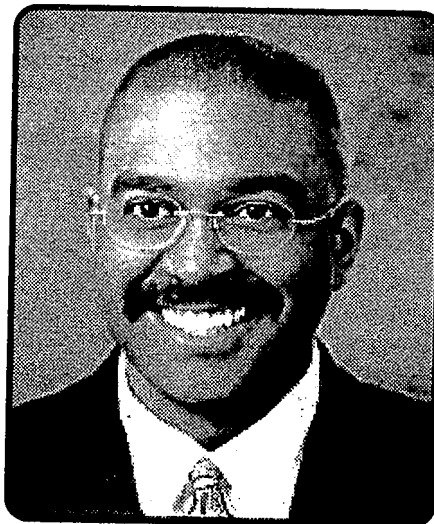
Clarkston News Ad manager Cindy Burroughs also has this advice, "Make sure your headline isn't too wordy."

If the customer has several strengths suggest a series of ads. Each week you can include a listing of all of the customer's services but put emphasis on one key point. Use a series of these ads to promote all aspects of the customer's business.

6. Always consider the audience the advertiser is trying to reach. Ask the customer to describe his/her customer in detail and to explain what motivates customers to buy from them. This information can be used to develop new headlines and marketing programs for the advertiser.

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Classic Slim Jim

Everyone knows the Slim Jim sandwich at Big Boy of Clarkston - lean ham, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and special sauce grilled on a hearty Grecian roll.

"It's a classic. It's our signature sandwich," said Big Boy owner John Nannini. "In Michigan, the Slim Jim actually out sells the Big Boy."

And right now, those looking for a tasty lunch can get the Slim Jim in their own style combination:

- \$4.99 for just the sandwich
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- \$7.99 for the sandwich, onion rings and milk shake - hand dipped and served the old fashioned way with a mixing cup.

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Nothing like a Slim Jim, onion rings, salad and a shake to fill you up for lunch. are available for a limited time, Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by Big Boy of Clarkston, 6440 Dixie Highway, to pick up lunch your way." Call 248-625-3344 for information.

Clarkston Cafe gets new owner

By Jenny Matteson

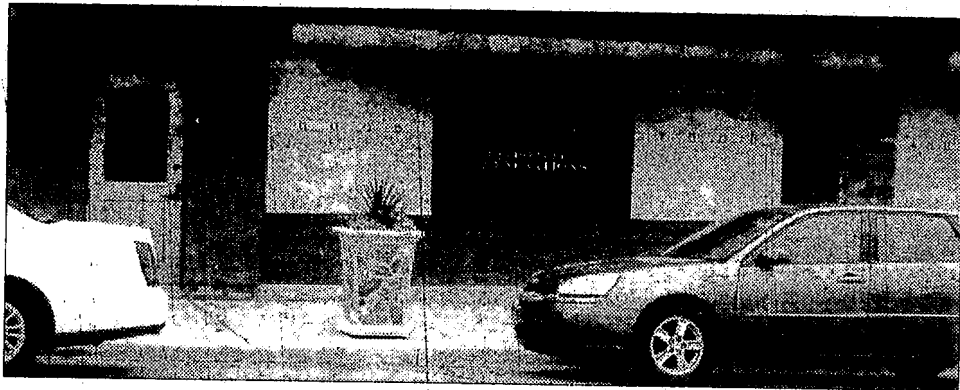
An old tradition is getting a new life in downtown Clarkston - The Clarkston Cafe was purchased approximately two weeks ago by local Kurt Catallo, the owner of The Clarkston Union.

"The Cafe holds a special place in my heart because I grew up there," said Catallo, "It plays such an important part in the community."

Catallo said he heard the previous owner was considering needed renovations on the building, but didn't want to do the work.

"We happened to throw our hat in the ring at the right time," he concluded.

According to current General Manager Doug Haack, the restaurant was



owned by Sign of The Beefcarver, Inc. based in Birmingham. Haack said the restaurant will close soon so the new owner can begin renovations.

"We plan to stay open as long as possible," said Haack, "however, I anticipate we could close our doors as early as this week."

As for the future, Catallo said he is keeping the establishment as a restau-

rant, and maintaining the well-known name. However, he hopes to give the legacy a new spin.

"We're just going to put our interpretation on a great Clarkston tradition," Catallo said.

For those already aching with withdraw symptoms, Catallo is planning a fall opening for the restaurant.

How to safely grill the 'perfect' burger

Ah, the perfect day for a barbecue. Who doesn't love a burger hot off the grill? But how do you make it safe and delicious?

Begin by firing up that grill. Make sure your grill is nice and hot before you are ready to throw that meat on to cook. Then brush the grids with vegetable oil to keep the burger from sticking.

Keep the meat refrigerated until just before you are ready to grill it. Start with fresh ground meat that is about 20 percent fat so that it is not too fatty and not too lean.

Handle the meat as little as possible so your hamburgers don't get tough. Don't pack the meat together too tight either. Form patties that are circular in shape, about four inches in diameter and 1/2 inch thick.

Season the meat as you and your family would like, some onion powder, a shake of garlic, barbecue seasoning or just a dash of salt and pepper.

The length of time required for cooking is dependent on the heat of the grill and the thickness of the patty. Total time

of cooking is divided evenly between the two sides.

For a 1/2 inch thick hamburger patty on a hot grill, 4-5 minutes of cooking on each side will cook thoroughly. The important thing to remember is that the center must be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Check this with a meat thermometer.

After cooking, slip the patty onto a fresh bun. Top with all your favorite toppings and enjoy summer with the taste of a perfectly grilled burger.

Get a taste of home at Nina's Comfort Food Cafe

By Andrew Dupont

In the age of fast-food and prepackaged everything, the taste of a home-cooked meal is a rare treat.

Karen Tracey, however, still believes the time and effort put into making a meal from scratch pays off in the end. This was the way she was raised, the way she raised her daughters Beth Stark and Wendy Upcott, and together they opened a restaurant to share that philosophy.

The family owners of Nina's Comfort Food Cafe celebrated their grand opening June 22 in the shopping plaza at the corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads.

Tracey, also known as "Nina" by her grandson, said she's wanted to start her own restaurant for a long time and is an advocate of what she calls "comfort food."

"Comfort food is the stuff you got when you were a kid that was made at home before everyone went to McDonalds and ate out all the time. It's when everyone would sit down at the dinner table," said Tracey.

"It's hardy, stick-to-your-ribs kind of food," Stark said.

Tracey and her daughters said they want the customers to feel like they are at home, so they are decorating the dining area with pictures of their family and they are the ones cooking and serving the food.

"Fast food" has become a misnomer to these women, who feel good meals can still be made quickly without resorting to microwave ovens or assembly line kitchens.

Nowhere to be found are pre-cut frozen meat patties ready to throw on the grill or frozen fries ready for a grease fryer. Tracey said she likes to work with everything fresh. Even the pancake syrup is homemade.

The cafe's menu focuses on breakfast and lunch, offering traditional breakfast items, a variety of sandwiches, burgers, salads, soups and chilis. A specials menu will change daily and low-carb options are available everyday for dieters.

Stark hopes the foot-long "Varsity Dog" will quickly



Beth Stark and Wendy Upcott are happy make their customers feel at home. Photo by Andrew DuPont

become a trademark in the community and people will think of them when tailgating season comes around.

Besides offering comfy, smoke-free sit-down space for up to 50 people, the cafe takes pickup orders by

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Personal umbrella insurance coverage – you ought to have it!

By Art Greenstone

A few weeks ago, I went to a fun-filled high school graduation party.

A trampoline was put to great use by acrobatic toddlers and teenagers – all sharing the same trampoline. A golf cart containing several young kids was being driven around by a 10-year old child, and the homeowners' dogs were running loose all over the place. It was a fun, beautiful day.



Art Greenstone, Personal Attorney

However, at any moment, there was the hidden potential for financial disaster to the homeowner hosts. Let me explain.

What if one of the kids on the trampoline fell and broke his neck? What if the golf cart took a sharp turn, or otherwise caused a child to fall off and get badly hurt? What if one of the dogs knocked down an elderly guest, causing a broken hip, or bit a playful child on his face? You get the picture!

If any of those or similar injuries had occurred, a lawsuit would have been filed – in a New York minute – against the homeowners. Unless they had personal umbrella insurance coverage, such a lawsuit could have finan-

cially destroyed them.

On the other hand, personal umbrella insurance coverage could protect them from losing their home and everything else. The same applies to you. Think of the many dangers to houseguests lurking in your home. Now let's discuss personal umbrella insurance coverage.

Think of an umbrella protecting you from the rain. That is what personal umbrella insurance coverage does for you financially. Suppose you accidentally injure someone with your car. If your car insurance is inadequate to compensate the victim, your personal umbrella insurance coverage then kicks in to possibly provide the extra coverage you need.

It works the same way to help compensate your houseguest who is injured due to your inadvertent negligence, if your homeowner's coverage is inadequate. In other words, personal umbrella insurance coverage provides extra insurance coverage if your other policies fall short.

Personal umbrella insurance coverage can help us survive a lawsuit without losing everything we own. Without such coverage, we can be financially wiped out by a liability lawsuit.

Personal umbrella insurance coverage is really cheap, even though it can provide you with a ton of financial protection. If you don't believe me, ask your insurance agent.

'I've fallen and I can't get up!'

By Ryan Bean

At one time in your life you have seen or have heard about the lady that yells, "I've fallen and I can't get up!"

The truth is; a fall in the home is more common than you think. These falls can lead to injury, embarrassment and stress on you and your family. Falling isn't something that can be cured, but it is something that can be prevented. The key to preventing falls is knowledge.



Ryan Bean, of NOVA Care Rehab

Know your environment. It is common for your normal living environment to contain many potential fall risks. Poor lighting is a major contributor to falls. Be careful of throw rugs and mats. Remove all small objects from your walkways. Such objects can include pet or children belongings, telephone/electrical cords, laundry, plants or any object that could cause someone to trip and fall. Make sure you have non-skid surfaces in your shower or tub and make sure you fix any unstable towel rack and/or have grab bars placed in the shower.

As you know, falls don't just occur in the home, they can happen outside of your house as well. Be careful of

uneven surfaces such as grass, gravel and hills. Put the gardening hose and tools away so they don't trip you. Also be cautious of curbs and steps and use handrails if available.

So far, I have talked about all extrinsic factors that lead to falling, but we can't put all the blame on other things. Make sure you aren't wearing too loose clothing, such as robes, that can get caught on something, or trip over and fall. Wear proper fitting footwear with good grip on the soles and good ankle support. Be aware of prescription medications and their side effects and maintain an active lifestyle for increased awareness of your surroundings and environment.

Lastly, be smart and avoid putting yourself at risk. Don't rush to the phone or the door. If it is important they will wait or leave a message. Don't climb up onto the top of a step stool or ladder and avoid reaching for objects just out of reach, climb down and move the stool/ladder.

If you should fall, make sure you have a phone in your house that can be reached from the floor, such as on a coffee table versus hanging high on a wall, and if you are in your yard, carry a cordless phone or cell phone with easily identifiable speed dials to people that can help.

Remember, if you fall, don't panic. Try to catch your breath, slowly move your arms and legs to check for injury and then take the appropriate action to getting yourself into a chair, to a phone and call for help.

Hopefully now you know a little more about what you can do to prevent falls and what to do if a fall occurs. Don't be afraid to get out and enjoy yourself, just be smart and you will be just fine.

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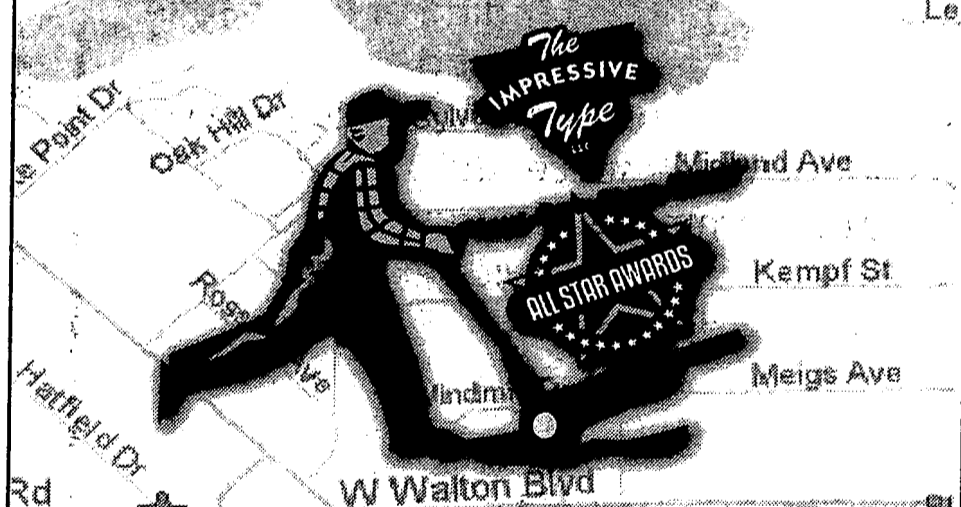
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Business process outsourcing

By Michael A. Campian

Outsourcing is generally defined as subcontracting work to outside companies that can perform the functions more efficiently or less costly. This concept has been widely publicized recently within the manufacturing industry, specifically applying to subcontract work sent to foreign lands. In a less obvious manner, companies of all sizes outsource their sales force, marketing, technology and risk management.



Today, we are on the leading edge of a new type of outsourcing and it is commonly referred to as Business Processes Outsourcing (BPO).

Non-Core Activity
In every business, regardless of industry, product or company size, there are core activities that drive the growth and profitability of the organization. Core activities can differ from one company to the next, however, in the simplest terms, obtaining customers, producing a quality product, delivery, and customer retention are common core activities to all.

If those are the core functions, then activities such as IT, Human Resources and Accounting are easily classified as non-core, not central or not the foundation to growth or profitability.

Clearly, companies are not only outsourcing "non-core activities", but appear very comfortable to outsource those functions critical to their success, except for one. If it has been proven that outsourcing production, customer service, IT and HR improves efficiency and decreases cost, then why are companies resisting the opportunity to do the same with their Accounting Departments?

Why the Resistance?
Reasons for this resistance are often due to the protectionism of financial information and the perception that financial information processed externally may put them at a competitive disadvantage. There can be some truth to this argument, however everyday financial information is electronically forwarded to employee homes, suppliers, attorneys, accounting firms and banks. Current technology allows for this exchange of sensitive data with high level of security. Technology has made the old processes and control

concerns obsolete, and created greater opportunities for companies to focus on their core activities.

Opportunities
What opportunities are in front of you? They are numerous, but with any decision, there are many facets to consider to prevent a break in your processes. You should continuously look to reduce the existing headcount of the accounting staff and increase the utilization of technology. Your internal staff should be structured to include lower level clerical staff and a part time financial executive, who will train the staff, develop financial reporting and be a strategic advisor. A structure such as this will bring your company the experience, to streamline and outsource processes using technology, be more efficient in achieving results and be significantly less costly. Doing this will successfully strengthen your organization with greater knowledge, utilize minimal staff for data quality control, be more efficient by eliminating the non-value added function performed by full time Accounting Managers and Controllers.

How to Get Started
With any significant decision or project implementation, BPO needs to be planned for in advance and implemented by a proven and experienced leader. There are three common resources for the business owner to tap.

The first should be your internal staff. However, if they have not implemented the concept yet, they probably are not at the necessary experience level to do so. Additionally, they will stall a project that appears to conflict with their job security.

Your second choice could be your accounting firm, who either audits, reviews or compiles your financial statements. However, their core activities are testing controls, verifying your financial information is fairly presented, and preparing your tax returns. When they play both the business advisor and auditor/reviewer roles, they can create an independence conflict that diminishes your credibility with investors and lenders.

Third, is an independent, experienced professional with solutions that are affordable to your organization and generate the returns you deserve. These professionals, such as a B2B CFO, generally will work within your budget to accomplish the tasks you need completed.

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Board takes next step towards 'CIA'

By Jenny Matteson

The township board voted to establish the CIA along Sashabaw Road on May 16. Some of the projects the board envisions the authority undertaking include: widening the Sashabaw Road bridge over I-75, widening the remaining portions of Sashabaw Road, installing sanitary relief sewer from Liberty Square to Maybee Road, constructing a new well with iron removal near Pine Knob and the DTE Energy Music Theater, and installing a new safety path from I-75 to Clarkston Road.

In June, Independence Township received little direction from residents during a public hearing on the proposed Corridor Improvement Authority along Sashabaw Road. This month, the board can adopt an ordinance to establish the CIA and a board can be appointed.

At the June 20 meeting, several residents asked questions about the new authority, but few voiced opinions for or against the endeavor.

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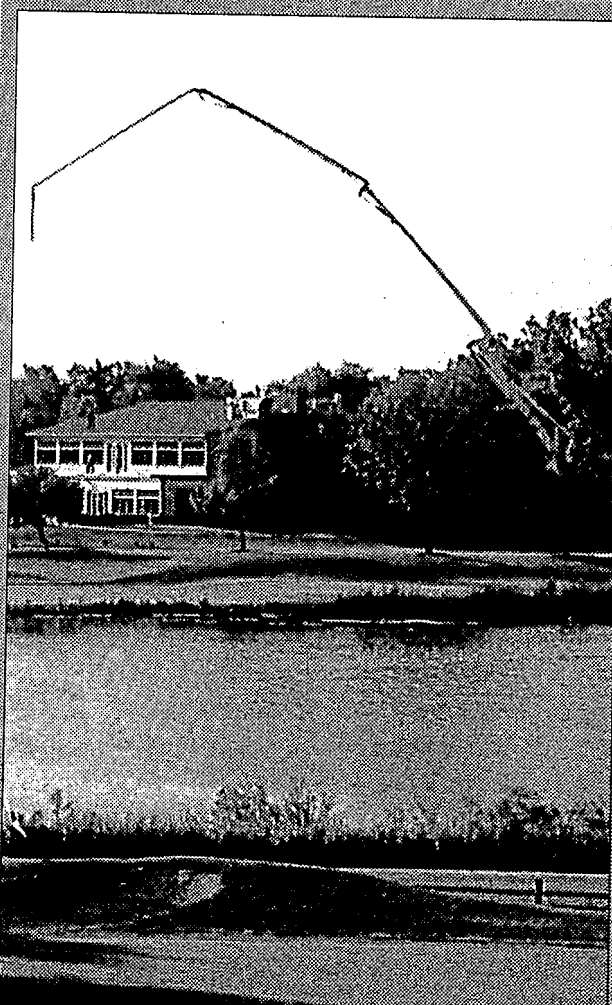
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Anyone traveling by Liberty Golf and Banquet Center last month might have noticed a monstrous one-of-a-kind concrete pumper truck "hanging" around. The specialty crane was used to move cement blocks from the front parking lot of the main building, over the building, to the deck located off the main banquet room in the back. According to Tony Bashore, in order to repair the large outdoor deck, new steel beams were installed and then the concrete blocks placed on top. Liberty hopes to have the deck open to patrons sometime this week. Photo provided

Another great year!



2005-2006 Davisburg Rotarian President Al Schofer selected Mike Terry as Rotarian of the Year at a dinner held on June 24 at The Nickelodeon.



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Paul Kraus, owner of Island Exotics holds two of the many exotic birds he has for sale at his store

Island Exotics, not your average pet store

By Andrew Dupont

Dogs and cats have things easy. Most pet stores carry everything one would need to take care of their furry friends. But what if their friend has feathers, scales or gills?

In that case, Paul Kraus, owner of Island Exotics pet store, is happy to help them find whatever they need.

Step inside the Island Exotics location at 5899 Dixie Hwy in Waterford and you might find Kraus hand feeding baby birds, something he has done since he was a little boy.

"I've raised birds and reptiles my whole life," said Kraus. "I have probably over 100 different birds that I breed and then I hand raise them."

Having been raised with an affinity for birds and other exotic animals, Kraus found his niche operating a pet store that specializes in exotic pets.

"This is what I've always wanted to do," he said.

Birds of all sorts fill cages along one wall of the store, leading back to the reptiles, pond, freshwater and saltwater fish. Along the opposite wall are small containers for animals like mice and guinea pigs, proving having fur is not against the rules in this store.

Sure, Kraus will occasionally sell a litter of puppies or kittens, but he said he only does so on occasion to help out local

breeders.

One thing Kraus points out is the temperament of his birds, which he said is a direct result of hand feeding them from the time they are three weeks old.

"They're all bred at my aviary and raised by me and my family, so they're all well socialized birds," Kraus said, adding that his three-year-old daughter, helps him and he owns dogs as well, so the birds grow up comfortable around children and dogs.

Though some of the animals Kraus sells might be considered rare pets - blue macaws and Australian frill-necked lizards - he makes sure customers can find all the supplies they need to care for their exotic pet in one place.

"You've probably seen them on the Discovery Channel," Kraus joked about the frill-necked lizards, which he also breeds. "Not aggressive at all... they make great pets."

Above all though, Kraus said he specializes in birds, and on top of selling birds and the products to care for them, Kraus offers to groom and board birds when their masters leave town for a while. Unlike dogs or cats, Kraus said people are generally better off boarding their birds when they leave rather than leaving them in the care of a relative or friend.

Island Exotics is open 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. - 7 on Saturdays and Noon-5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 248-623-0700.

Goodwin pegged for Clarkston Chamber board

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce elected Johnna Goodwin, Changing Places Moving & Services, to the board of directors.

Goodwin is an active member of the Waterford business community and serves on the Oakland University Alumni Board, Michigan Movers, Michigan Motor Carrier and Women's Council of Realtors, Rochester. Active in the



Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Johnna serves on the Golf Classic committee, encourages employee participation in the Ambassadors committee and Chamber networking events and has sponsored a recent Women in Business luncheon mixer.

"I believe in the work of area Chambers to network businesses. For a Chamber to be strong, members need to be involved. Serving on the board would be a great opportunity for involvement. I also would like to take the opportunity to work with other business leaders in the marketing, growth and strengthening of the Clarkston area," Johnna Goodwin said.

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Powers Real Estate Investment

Jim and Shannon Powers purchased the 6 acre piece of property on Sashabaw Road across from Pine Knob/DTE Energy Theatre in the summer of 2001. Shortly after, they purchased the adjacent 6 acres, totaling 12 acres. They named their development Power's Professional Park after Jim's parents, Thomas G. and Constance E. Powers. The road, Bella Rosa Blvd. was named after Jim and Shannon's first daughter Isabella Rose Powers. In Italian, Bella means Beautiful.

Once the Powers had the property rezoned to OS-2, they went to work on developing the first building on the site that will eventually hold 7 buildings totaling approximately 56,000 square feet. The first three buildings are 7,800 square feet each. The remaining two buildings will be 15,600 square feet each. At the present time, two of the first three buildings are complete. There are also plans for a drive-in availability Deli/Coffee House at the Sashabaw entrance at approximately 2,600 square feet.

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and see the savings on energy costs per square foot. We are willing to build buildings to suit the tenant's needs and we feel confident that we can produce office space for about \$12 triplenet (NNN) with low cam charges around \$3.00 (+ or -). We are looking forward to the new hospital coming to the Clarkston area. We feel we can accommodate the community's needs at very competitive rent and cam charges. The cherry on top is the 150,000 KW natural gas generator. When the power goes out, our tenants don't have a minute of down time. If you do business or live in the Clarkston area you are no stranger to power outages. We felt the need to address this issue in pre-construction to ensure our tenants do not lose revenue because of Mother Nature. It is impossible to recoup lost time. It is also a must for doctors or anyone who has to keep certain things refrigerated.

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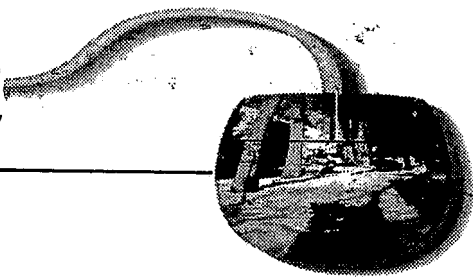
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Anthony Moore, of Zak Computer Centers

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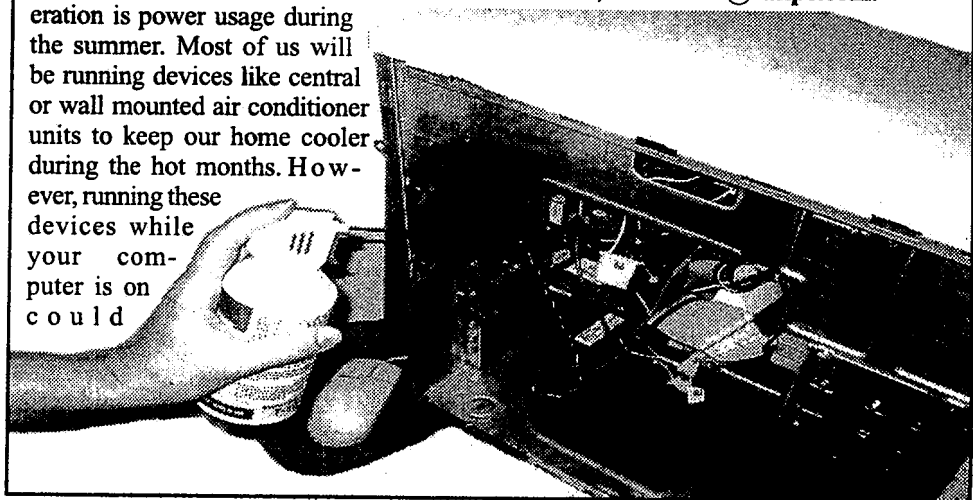
Another issue to take into consideration is power usage during the summer. Most of us will be running devices like central or wall mounted air conditioner units to keep our home cooler during the hot months. However, running these devices while your computer is on could

lead to permanent damage to your system.

When those A/C units kick in, they draw a lot of power (Notice how your lights in your home dim for a brief moment). This big power draw can starve our systems and lead to power supply damage, or other severe issues. To avoid these issues either have your computer turned off, or get an Uninterruptible Power Source (UPS).

Summer is also a good time to change surge protectors. With the increased influx of power during the summer months, a new surge protector can help avoid major issues. *Standard surge protectors should be replaced every 6-8 months*, as the mechanism that absorbs power surges wears out over time. It is recommended to not only change the one on your computer, but you should change these on any sensitive electrical components.

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How much is too much?

By **Luc Robert "Slick" Poirier**
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Slick and Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites

Benjamin Franklin had it right when he said "A penny saved is a penny earned." Over 200 years later this statement is just as relevant, as entrepreneurs race everyday to get the most out of 24 hrs...especially when it comes to saving funds and building their company's own website. Here's a short list of locations for doing just that (for additional listings try going to www.google.com and search there):

1. **Sam's Club** (www.samsclub.com) has website packages starting at \$5/month and features over 86 industry specific templates. To navigate your way to this do-it-yourself area: from the home page click "Sam's Club Membership" then "Web Site Services." Club membership may be required.

2. **Costco** (www.costco.com) also has website packages and they start as low as \$14.95/month. From the home page click "Business Products," then "Services for Your Business" and finally "Web Hosting and Design Tools." Club membership is required.

3. **Tech Web Templates** (www.techwebtemplates.com) is a website that's fully geared toward the do-it-yourself web builder with packages beginning at \$4.95/month. It's not part of a larger website (as the first two are), doesn't require club memberships and is feature rich.

When building your site there are several things to keep in mind. "Do-it-yourself" sites don't always clearly convey which things could work against you and undermine your efforts if ignored. This short list was created by Jason Chance, a small business consultant specializing in developing online selling strategies (www.jcommerce.com), and points out things you'll want to find time to address:

1. Use **thumbnails** to better illustrate your products and/or services. These are small versions of larger graphics which are usually used on web pages as a link to the larger graphic version.

2. Describe your products and/or services clearly.

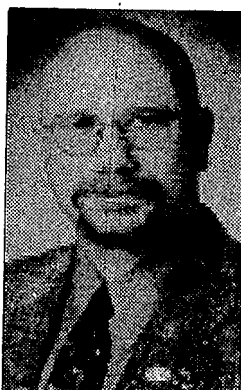
3. Optimize the images you use with **Photoshop** software. This is a professional image-editing and graphics creation software from Adobe (www.adobe.com/products/photoshop) that provides a large library of effects, filters and layers.

4. If you're going to have transactions conducted on the site, make sure

the checkout process is a smooth one.

5. Add "Terms of Use," "Privacy Policy," "Refund Policy" and other site policies so your clients are aware how you intend to conduct business and are not caught off guard.

6. Be sure to post contact info so your clients have an understanding of who to call or write in the event some concern might surface while they're trying to conduct business online.



Luc Poirier, co-founder, president, CEO Slick & Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites

Franklin also said, "Remember, time is money" and most entrepreneurs will agree this is a universal truth. If you'd rather spend your time building your business, consider hiring a freelancer who can put together a website for a fraction of what it costs to hire a company to build one for you. Or better yet, consider doing *in-kind trade* (you trade a fixed dollar amount in goods and/or services for the same amount in

goods and/or services) with someone well versed in the web assembly arena. The only drawback is if another project comes along that pays better suddenly takes priority over yours. When time is money, how much did you really save if your project is being put off until a more convenient time?

Instead of asking, "How much is too much to pay for your website?" try "How much is your time worth?" For the highest return on investment start by speaking with a rep from a web design company. What's done behind-the-scenes for a website directly impacts how hard it works for you, how well it drives qualified purchasing traffic your way, and many, many other aspects too numerous to list but nonetheless vital. The best way to ensure the creation of an impactful internet presence is to outsource this endeavor to a company you trust.

It's interesting to note how people are willing to pay as much as \$2.50 a liter for bottled water, which equates to something like \$9.47 a gallon, but shudder at the notion of paying \$4 a gallon for gasoline. Emily Arnold, a researcher with the Washington, D.C.-based non-profit Earth Policy Institute (www.earth-policy.org), released a report last February stating "bottled water is often no healthier than tap water, but it can be 10,000 times more expensive." Similarly, the "do-it-yourself" template-based web design sites are similar to the bottled water industry in that you may not realize what it really cost you in time until the very end of your endeavor.

A business associate once said to me, "Free is worth every penny you've paid for it." This too is a universal truth.

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New website is a 'fun spot'

By **Colin Baumgartner**

Local doctors Kevin Robertson and Phil O'Halloran were on a ski trip in Utah, when they thought it might be fun to find some other skiers at their level of expertise to share the experience with.

They asked workers at their hotel for help, but quickly realized that a forum for those types of meetings between active people simply didn't exist.

And thus, the idea for their new website, www.funspotpals.com, was born.

"The idea is that you can get on the site at a moment's notice," O'Halloran said. "You can plan your own activities too."

The site allows for number of things, including linking with others headed to the same destination, planning a gathering and much more.

"It's not a dating service," said Robertson, who operates HealthFirst Medical Center in Lake Orion, at the Bald Mountain Regional Medical Complex on M-24.

"It's about active people linking up with active people," he said.

As doctors, the two thought the website would be a way to help encourage other people to be active.

Activities on the site range from skiing to scuba diving and golf, all the way down to more local activities, like biking and book clubs.

"It's incredibly deep, in what it can provide," O'Halloran said. "But it's also simple. You could go to Bali or the bike path across the street."

One example the doctors gave of how the site can be used might have one person who really wants to go scuba diving or mountain biking on a particular trip, but no one else in their travel party is interested in that activity.

That person could then use the site to meet someone with that same interest and di-

lemma, just for the afternoon.

"All you really want is a buddy for your activity," Robertson said. "And some activities require a group of people."

The site includes private chatrooms and instant messaging, along with a secure e-mail system that makes arranging such activities a breeze.

"Not only is it a large search engine, it allows groups to communicate," Robertson said.

"And it's our pledge to never give out e-mail addresses or phone numbers," he added.

Activity planners might also find the site useful.

"A lot of organizers have problems being the middle man," O'Halloran said "With our site, that problem is solved."

Planners can arrange their gathering anywhere on the globe, and put password-protected details on the website for their friends to see.

In some cases, the doctors said the site might even influence where someone decides to travel.

The website's motto is "Your first stop on any trip," and more and more people are starting to follow that notion.

Eight different companies had a hand in putting the website together, as it continues to grow.

"We expect to start breaking 10,000 hits a day," Robertson said. "As we go forward, I think technology is only going to make our site get better and better."

The doctors said the more people who get on the site, the more successful it will be at matching people and groups up.

O'Halloran noted that the site will continue to expand its activities list as need be.

"There's no limit to it," he said.



Doctors Kevin Robertson (right) and Phil O'Halloran say their new website www.funspotpals.com, will help people better plan their travel activities. Photo submitted.

Helpful Websites

U.S. Small Business Administration
 - <http://www.sba.gov>
 Info on SBA programs; online library and classrooms; links; calendar of events.

Michigan Small Business Development Center
 - <http://www.mi-sbdc.org>
 Sample business plans; cash flow tools; readiness assessment tools; counseling centers statewide and links to other sites.

S.C.O.R.E.
 - <http://www.score.org>
 How-To articles; links to other informative sites.

Women's Online Business Center
 - <http://www.onlinewbc.gov>
 Practical business information; tips and tricks.

IRS Small Business Corner
 - <http://www.irs.gov/rod/bus-info/sm-bus/>

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Crosshill Preschool receives national accreditation

Crosshill Community Preschool has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children—the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

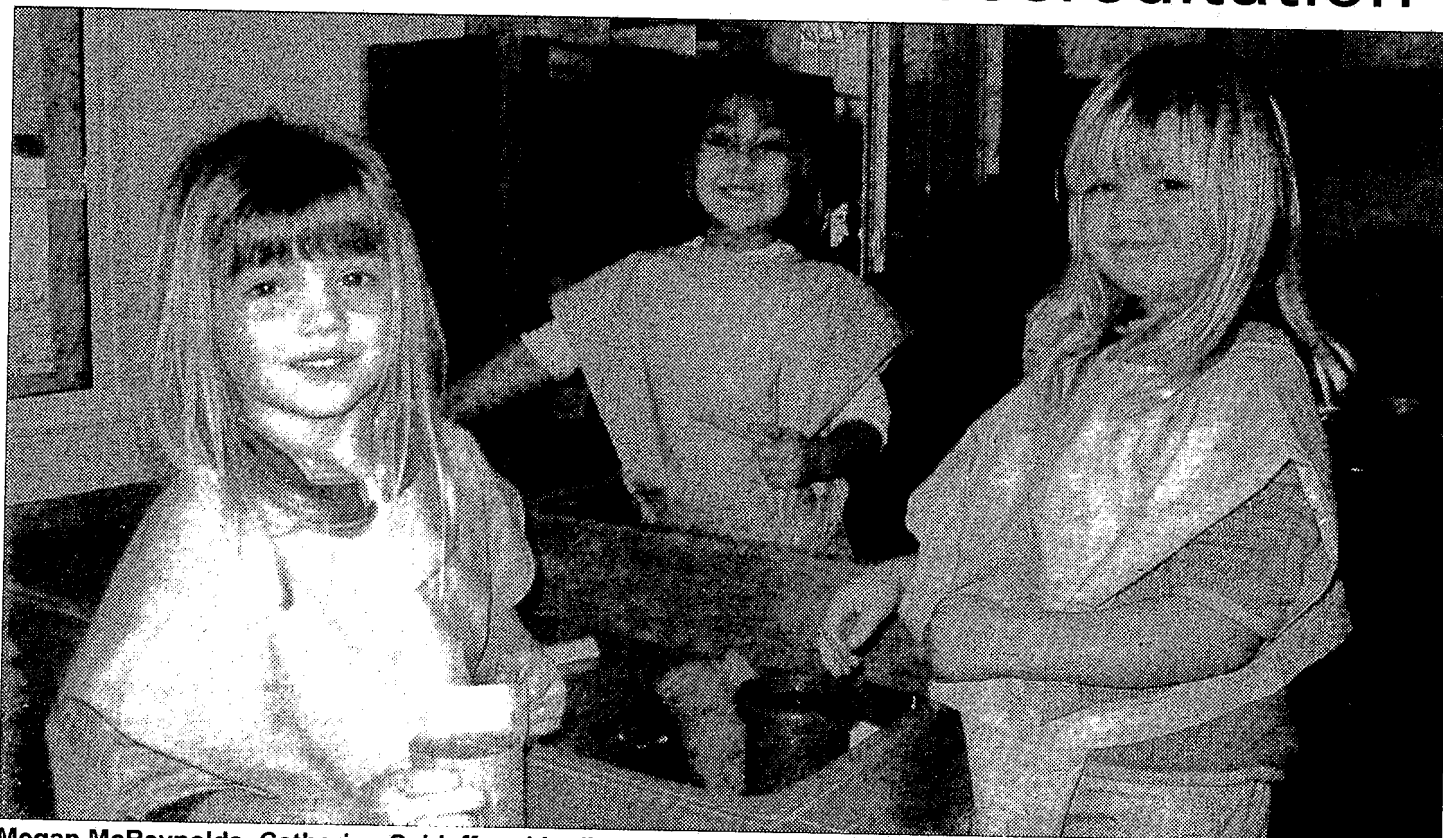
"We're proud to be accredited by NAEYC, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Vivian Olive, Director of Crosshill Community Preschool. "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences."

Crosshill Community Preschool is celebrating its 30th anniversary in September 2006. The preschool is located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church in Davisburg and serves 3-5 year olds from the surrounding communities of Holly, Clarkston, White Lake, Davisburg and Waterford.

"Davisburg United Methodist Church has been supportive of our program by providing the use of their buildings and grounds," said Olive.

More than 11,000 early childhood programs—serving over one million young children—are currently accredited by NAEYC.

"In recent years, we've seen a growing number of child care and preschool programs earning NAEYC Accreditation," said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., executive director of NAEYC. "By earning accreditation, Crosshill Community Preschool has become a leader in a national



Megan McReynolds, Catherine Schlaff and Lydia Brauher have fun playing with some water.

effort to raise the quality of early childhood education, and to help give all children a better start."

NAEYC created its accreditation program in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality child care and early education programs. To earn NAEYC's accreditation, a program

conducts a self-study to determine how well it meets the standards.

After necessary improvements were made, Crosshill was observed by an independent, professional validator in February of 2006, and then reviewed by a national panel in May, 2006. Results of the observation and review were received in June.

Crosshill Community Preschool is located at 803 Broadway in Davisburg. The school is currently accepting enrollment in the summer day camp program and fall classes for 3, 4, and young 5's. For more information, please call the preschool at 248-634-1064.

Goatley joins Functional Physical Therapy

Functional Physical Therapy of Clarkston, 7736 Ortonville Rd/M-15, Suite C, is pleased to announce our new physical therapist, Mona Goatley, PT, CLT.

With over 22 years of clinical experience, Goatley joins the Functional PT team as an outpatient therapist with expertise in orthopedics as well as a specialization in lymphedema management.

A University of Michigan graduate, Goatley also will be part of the Woman's Health PT in White Lake Township, 8355 Highland Road Suite A, where she will perform specialized testing and treatment of primarily women's issues: incontinence, pre and postnatal care, osteoporosis and other issues pertaining to women's health.

Evaluation and treatment of many sports and orthopedic conditions—such as knee, hip, spine, hand, foot and shoulder—will be her main focus at the Clarkston clinic. Having written many protocols, including ACL Reconstruction, Rotator Cuff Repairs, and other programs such as Back Care and work in-



Mona Goatley

jury prevention, Mona's expertise is broad-based. She possesses many manual talents, with training in joint and spine mobilization, strain-counterstrain, wound care/debridement, taping, soft tissue mobilization and massage. Exercise prescription and home program emphasis will aid in her successful management of all cases.

As a Certified Lymphedema Therapist (CLT), she is highly qualified to perform Manual Lymph Drainage, compression bandaging, and exercises designed specifically for lymphedema management. Lymphedema is the swelling that occurs, primarily in arms or legs, as a result of a surgery (such as lymph node removal with mastectomy or other types of surgeries). It can also be a primary condition and managed similarly to acquired lymphedema.

Goatley also will be covering at the Oxford and Waterford locations. Please go to www.functionalphysicaltherapy.org for more information.

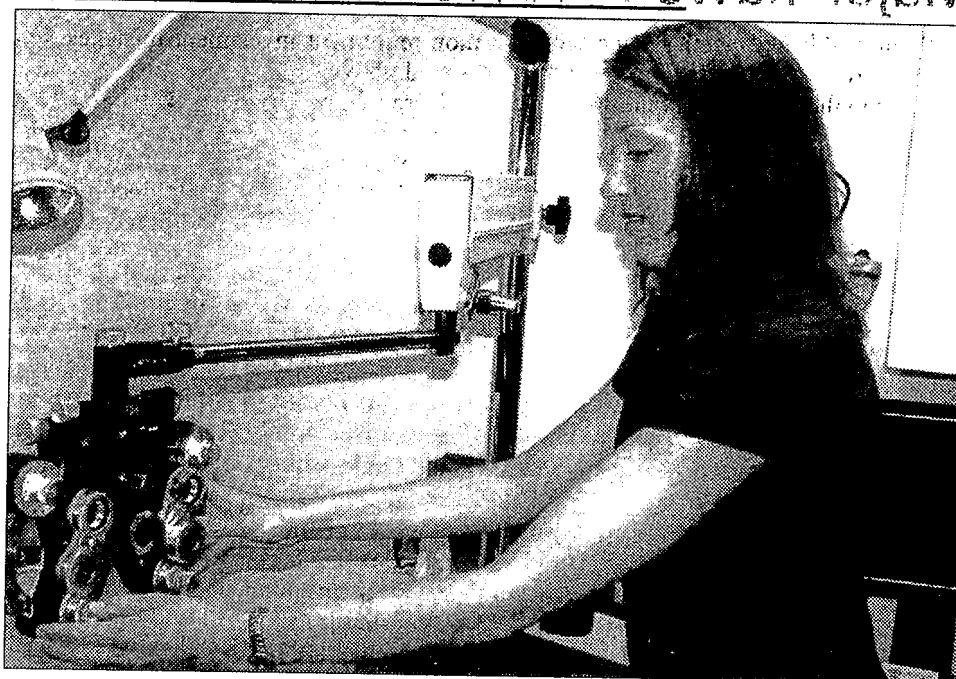
Goodwin pegged for Clarkston Chamber

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The Chamber Board of Directors consists of 18 members who serve as volunteers. Directors serve for three year terms, these terms rotate so six directors' terms are up for renewal each year.

Members interested in serving on the board of directors may fill out and submit an application.

For more information on Chamber membership please contact the Clarkston Area Chamber at: 248-625-8055.



Dr. Wendy Nielubowicz

Allison Eye Care welcomes new employee

Dr. Wendy Nielubowicz is Allison Eye Care's newest employee. Originally from Flushing, Nielubowicz graduated from the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State and has a bachelor's degree in Human Biology from Michigan State University.

She began working at Allison Eye Care in September after her husband Dave got a job at General Motors in Milford.

The two were looking for a place to live in the area and settled on Clarkston.

"We thought Clarkston was really nice," Nielubowicz said. "We found a house we really liked here so we bought it. Clarkston has a nice atmosphere with

a really nice downtown. We love going to the restaurants downtown."

Nielubowicz said she has worn glasses since she was a child, which is one of the reasons she chose to be an optometrist.

"I always wanted to go into the medical field," Nielubowicz said. "When I was in college, I got a job at an optometrist. I really liked it and it solidified my interest in the field."

In addition to working for Allison Eye Care, Nielubowicz has also done volunteer work. She has done vision screenings and eye exams for the Special Olympics and helped elementary schools with eye dissections.

Why move your business?

By Valerie Cooper-Worbois

There are multiple reasons to move a business. More space. Less space. Less rent. More visibility. More traffic. Accessibility.

If you do not have enough space, your business looks crowded, sloppy and disorganized then customers may think you are too busy and/or careless to be able to do their job adequately.



Valerie Cooper-Worbois

On the other hand, if you have too much space, it can look like you don't have any business and make customers question whether you have the ability to do their job.

The more you grow and expand, you need space to be able to work efficiently. Most companies are always looking for ways to bring in more clientele, to do this you may need to add additional services, which may mean more space.

Less rent? That speaks for itself. When you can cut down on overhead it helps the business all the way around. I am sure your employees could find a way to spend any excess cash flow if you are unable to!

When your company is easier to see, not only can your customers find you more easily, but also potential customers that didn't know you existed can see

you and will stop in to see what services you have to offer.

Make sure you have adequate signage. Is your company name clearly visible from all directions? Is it large enough to be seen? Do bushes or branches hide it from customers driving past?

More traffic goes hand in hand with more visibility. People going by on their way to and from work can see you everyday. The more they see you and your company name, the more likely your company is the one that will come to mind when they need the service you provide or when someone says, "Hey does anyone know a company that does...?"

Easy accessibility is very important. Make sure your parking area is large enough and that your customers can get in and out of it easily. When your customer has merchandise to load or unload, is there a place to pull up near the door to load?

What is the most important part of moving? Making sure your customers know how to find you! Send out a mailing to your clients, put a notice in with your statements or invoices. You can put an announcement in the newspaper letting everyone know you are moving or have moved. Let them know when they are in your office that you will be moving so they are not taken by surprise.

If you are thinking about moving your business, plan ahead and think big. Make sure the place you are moving to has enough room for you to grow and expand. Trust me, you don't want to move more times than you have to!

Major flaws in retirement investing

It's an established fact that some people at or near retirement suffer from two major flaws in their investment philosophy:

- first, continuing to invest at sixty-something like they're still forty, thereby exposing their savings to inappropriate risks; and

- second, "bunching investments" in short maturities as if all their money will be used at the same time, thereby missing the opportunity of potential long-term growth.

Typical 65-year-old couples face a 40 percent probability that at least one will see age 95. During the assumed 30 years of retirement they will face risks (investment, health, natural disasters, etc.), inflation (five percent annually will double prices every 14 years) and taxes (income, estate and others). These uncertainties mean the minimizing investment mistakes with retirement money is a must for most people.

What about risk? If you are near or at the end of your working career, you can't rely on an income to rebuild investment losses that reduce your principal. Yet, many people have their entire retirement nest egg positioned to suffer a loss of principal: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, variable annuities, real estate, a business or other investments whose value fluctuates with economic conditions.

You can simultaneously battle risk, inflation and taxes, plus avoid the two com-

mon retirement investment mistakes discussed above.

Here's how. Divide your income and financial assets into three piles:

- one - your on-going income like Social Security, pension, rental income, etc.
- two - determine the percentage of your retirement money that absolutely should not be exposed to principal loss.
- three - what's left, if any, can be used to invest for growth.

The second pile will supplement pile one and should be accessible for emergencies. Pile two should be invested into fixed income products such as bank CDs, money markets, government bonds or fixed annuities.

While this may seem mind-boggling to the retirement-minded, there is an army of qualified retirement advisors that can help. You should view their involvement as "insurance" against making mistakes like bunching your retirement money in the wrong maturity, selecting investments that can plummet in price, missing out on the power of tax-deferral and overlooking one of the many retirement oriented investments that have become available in the past few years.

Each new decade witnesses the birth of new investments and the burying of outmoded investments that are no longer appropriate: it is hard to stay current in an area as complicated as retirement investment-planning without professional guidance.

The solution is to learn all you can on your own and then engage the services of a professional with whom you feel comfortable. Otherwise, you run the risk of continuing the investment habits that worked well during your working years, but which are far too risky for your current lifestyle.

Planning your 'retirement paycheck'

By James B. Kruzan, CFP

Registered Principal, Branch Manager

What could be more comforting than a dependable, consistent paycheck in retirement?

You can give yourself the opportunity to enjoy an attractive retirement income stream, month after month. But, planning to optimize your retirement income stream is just as critical as planning to accumulate your retirement nest egg.

Here are some steps you can take to help you plan to optimize your retirement paycheck.

1. Identify the source(s) of your retirement paycheck. You will most likely receive income from several sources including Social Security, a pension or 401(k), an IRA, a taxable investment account or annuity.

2. Carefully time your first retirement paycheck. It may result in a larger paycheck. And, you may be able to retire sooner than you think. For example, the recent decline in interest rates has triggered a significant increase in the lump sum retirement

benefit for many pension and defined benefit plan participants.

3. Estimate the size of retirement paycheck you will need. It is important to do some cash-flow projections. These will allow you to match the size of your retirement paycheck to your expenses. It also helps determine the frequency with which you should take your retirement paycheck, such as monthly or quarterly.

4. Pinpoint how much you can afford to pay yourself. The goal here is to pace your paychecks to avoid running short of money during retirement. Experts do not agree on one "safe" withdrawal rate. However, they do agree that your annual withdrawal rate generally should not exceed your average annual earnings rate.

5. Target the initial Asset Allocation you should maintain in retirement. The factors discussed above, such as the source of your retirement paycheck and your cash-flow requirements will influence your initial asset allocation. A general recommendation is to hold three to four years worth of retirement paychecks in cash and cash equivalents.

6. Determine whether to draw your paycheck from taxable accounts, tax-deferred accounts or a mix of both. The rule of thumb is to spend down your taxable accounts first. This permits your tax-deferred accounts to continue their tax-deferred or tax-free (as with Roth IRAs) growth.



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A guide to Estate Planning: Part 1

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Life sometimes passes us too quickly and that is why we thought it was a good time to think about planning the future for your families. There is a lot of discussion and opinion about estate planning. Our intent here is to provide you with enough information to discuss your estate planning intelligently with your attorney, financial planner, accountant and most importantly, your family.

Anyone who owns property including homes, cars, bank accounts, investments, business interests, IRAs, collectibles, and even personal belongings needs an estate plan. An estate plan directs how and to whom your property will be distributed after your passing away. If you do not have an estate plan your property could be distributed according to the state's intestacy laws, which govern estates that have no will to guide their disbursement. This means the state's laws determine who gets your property with no regard to your family's needs or your desires.

Estate planning is not a one-time effort, but rather is an on-going process. For young, single people an estate plan is usually just a will. A couple just starting out might have individual wills and own their home and bank accounts jointly. When you have children, naming a guardian and arranging to provide for them and your spouse in the event of an unexpected death or incapacity become estate planning concerns. Later in life, when you start to realize your financial goals, asset preservation and tax avoidance become important.

Building & Conserving your Estate

Building your estate requires a financial plan, outlining your goals and objectives. These goals and objectives can change, as you grow older, get married, have children, etc. When starting out, a goal might be to own your home, later it might address when you would like to retire. You should periodically review your

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plan with your Financial Planner to ensure your investment program will continue to build the estate you wish to achieve.

Conserving the property you have accumulated is also an important part of estate planning. Taxes, inflation, and unanticipated expenses can reduce the value of your estate. In order to protect what you have built up, you need to plan for unexpected expenditures, such as prolonged illness, for anticipated but extraordinary expenses, such as retirement, your child's education, and for ordinary living expenses, taxes and inflation. If you do not plan for these kinds of events, your estate plan may not accomplish your objectives.

Why You Need a Will

You have planned your estate; therefore, you certainly deserve the right to decide who will receive the assets after your demise. To ensure this occurs, you need a will. A will is a legal document that directs how your estate will be administered and distributed.

If you die and do not have a will, a state court will choose your administrator and the guardian for your minor children. The court-appointed administrator will distribute your property according to the state intestacy laws, regardless of any desires you may have expressed during your life. Your children, grandchildren, or other heirs who are minors at the time of your death may automatically receive their share of your estate outright when they reach adulthood whether or not they are capable of managing their inheritances wisely.

If you do not have a will already, we strongly suggest you make one. Once your Will is written, you should review it periodically (at least annually) and exercise your right to revoke and/or replace the document at any time, for any reason.

Choosing and Executor

Within your will you should name an executor or personal representative. Your chosen executor will administer your estate and distribute your assets to your beneficiaries as you have outlined in your will. You can choose anyone who is an adult and is legally competent to serve as an executor. Your executor can be your spouse, sibling, friend, business associate, child (if an adult), or financial or legal advisor. You can also name a corporate ex-

ecutor, such as a bank trust department.

People who have never served as an executor usually do not know what their responsibilities are when they agree to serve. Frequently they find themselves overwhelmed by what is expected of them. So you should give serious consideration to naming a professional as your executor or naming a professional as a co-executor with your family member or friend.

Using "Will Substitutes" to Avoid Probate

In spite of what you may have read or heard, a living trust cannot always fully replace a will. Trying to jointly own property with your spouse is not an effective replacement for a will either. If you attempt either method, you will find it extremely difficult to transfer *all* of your property to a trust or title *all* of your property in both your and your spouse's name. Any property you miss will be distributed in accordance with your state's intestacy laws if you die without a will.

This being said, living trusts and joint ownership each have a place in many estate plans and for several reasons. One of the most popular reasons is to avoid probate. Probate is the court-supervised process of proving and administering a will. This process can be time consuming and expensive, depending upon the size and complexity of your estate. Probate also exposes your estate to public scrutiny, because when a will is probated it generally becomes public record.

Living Trusts. A living trust is a legal agreement under which you transfer assets to a trust to be managed by a trustee for the benefit of one or more people, generally you and your spouse. The trustee is responsible for administering the trust and managing the trust assets. You can serve as your own trustee during your lifetime or choose someone else to manage it. This form of trust is probably the best strategy to avoid probate and protect your financial privacy.

Pour Over Provisions. Living trusts have other estate-planning advantages. You can use a living trust to unify your estate's assets under one manager and provide continuing asset management for your family and other heirs after you are gone. In your will, you can direct that any assets not held in your living trust be "poured over" to the trust at your death to

be managed along with the other trust assets. You must be aware, though, that the "poured over" assets will be subject to probate.

Joint Ownership. Property jointly owned by you and your spouse with rights of survivorship will pass privately to your spouse outside of probate. Using joint ownership for your home, bank account or investment portfolio is a simple way to help your family to live as normally as possible while your estate is being settled.

Community Property. Community property does not automatically pass on to your spouse. If your state has a community property law, you and your spouse own a one half interest in assets acquired during your marriage.

So, when one spouse dies, the survivor continues owning one half of the assets. The spouse needs a will to transfer the half to the survivor. Also, during your marriage, you may have acquired assets that you own separately, such as gifts and inheritances. You need to check what the laws are in your primary state of residence. You will need a will to determine what will happen to this community property.

Beneficiary Designations. You may have significant assets that can pass to your heirs outside of probate by beneficiary designation rather than by a will. Life insurance, qualified retirement benefits, annuities, and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) can go directly to beneficiaries rather than through probate. Be sure to check if you have designated beneficiaries and secondary beneficiaries to any such assets in your estate.

Estate Planning is a very complex subject and one that deserves a great deal of your time and consideration. Next month we will discuss tax exclusions, Capital Gains, estate value, marital deductions and more.

In summary, consult your tax and/or estate planning professional to discuss your specific needs. Bear in mind that estate planning is a very important to your and your heirs' future.

As always, Successes in Life are Failures turned inside out!

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Consider a community bank as your business banking partner

By **Dawn Horner**

There are more banking options than ever these days. With a little research and legwork, you can find the banking relationship that fits you and your finances. For the area's small businesses, Clarkston State Bank - the local bank operated by individuals from our community - may be the banking partner you've been searching for. Here are some points to consider as you seek out a business banking partner:



Dawn Horner

1. Consider a bank that is convenient to your everyday activities.

Clarkston State Bank has five locations in Clarkston and Waterford (two on M-15, two in the local Farmer Jack grocery stores and one along M-59 by the Oakland County Airport).

2. Check out Clarkston State Bank's website at www.clarkstonstatebank.com.

There you can get a good idea of the types of accounts, available services and rates offered before you set foot inside our branch offices.

3. Think about what is most important to you in a banking relationship.

If you want to be able to develop a personal, long-term relationship with a local, community bank, Clarkston State Bank might best suit your needs. If you travel frequently and need access to branch offices while you are out of town, consider a regional or national bank.

4. Consider how you will be banking.

If online, telephone and ATM banking interest you, Clarkston State Bank provides those to its business customers. Plus there are various other services that are specialized to our business customers. Stop by any of our branches to see what your specific needs are and how we can meet them.

5. Visit the branch office where you would be conducting most of your banking business.

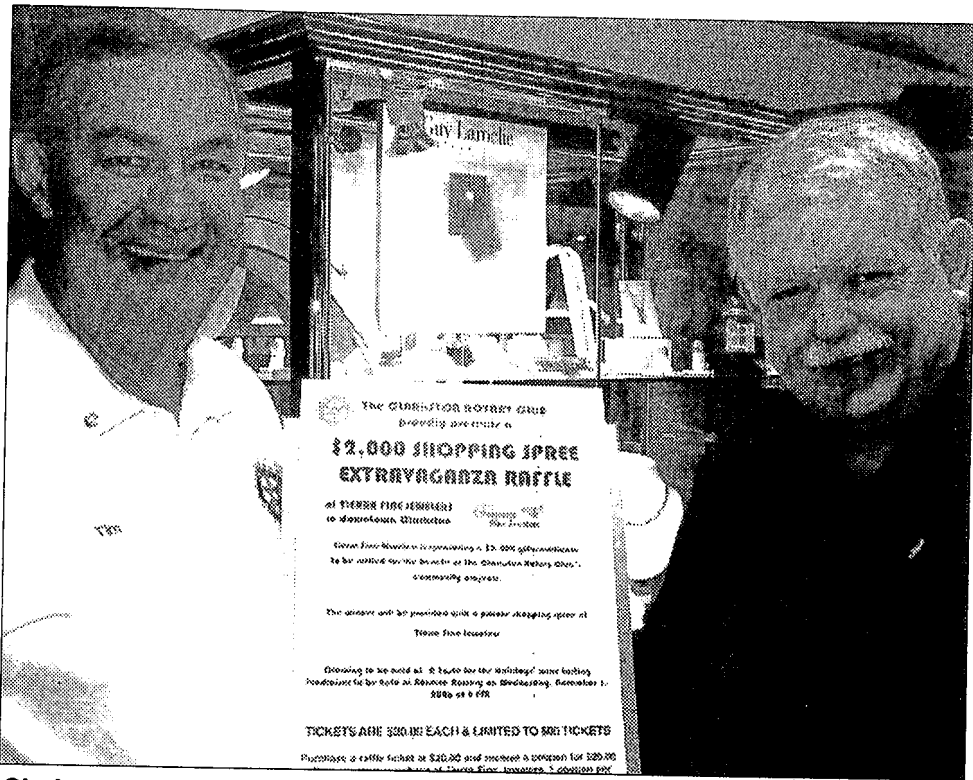
Are the Clarkston State Bank cus-

tomers service representatives professional and friendly? Are the account officers and/or managers accessible? Are the hours of operation compatible with the hours when you will do your banking?

6. Compare interest rates and service charges among banks to make sure you're getting the best deal. You'll find that your community bank is a competitive option.

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Clarkston Rotary President Tim Everhard stands in Tierra Fine Jewelers with owner Buck Kopietz, who donated a \$2,000 shopping spree for the raffle. Photo by Jenny Matteson

Clarkston Rotary to hold raffle

The Clarkston Rotary Club proudly presents a \$2,000 shopping spree extravaganza raffle at Tierra Fine Jewelers in downtown Clarkston.

Tierra Fine Jewelers is sponsoring a \$2,000 gift certificate to be raffled for the benefit of the Clarkston Rotary Club's community projects. The winner will be provided with a private shopping spree at the store.

Raffle tickets are \$20 apiece, and come with a coupon for \$20 off any in-

store purchase at Tierra Fine Jewelers. Only one coupon per purchaser allowed, and the offer expires November 1, 2006.

The winner will be drawn at 8 p.m. at "A Taste For the Holidays" wine tasting fund-raiser on Nov. 1 at Bordine's Nursery. Tickets may be purchased from Clarkston Rotarians or at Tierra Fine Jewelers.

For more information, please call Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741.

Keep your mouth happy

By Dr. Newingham and Dr. Foster

The hectic pace of life's daily routine often leaves little time for oral health concerns. This is unfortunate if you take time to think about how much you use your mouth in daily activities such as eating, drinking and smiling.

Proper oral health is important and vital to one's overall health. Healthy gums and teeth can affect your entire body. Poor oral health has been linked to problems such as diabetes, stroke and heart disease. For women who are pregnant, proper oral care can help prevent pregnancy complications.

It is advised you visit the dental office every six months, or as often as the doctor directs. Aside from your dental check-ups, regular brush-

ing and flossing are the two best ways to care for your teeth.

Flossing aids in the removal of plaque from between your teeth and under the gumline. Regular brushing cannot reach these difficult areas, which stresses the importance of daily flossing.

Brushing keeps bacteria from collecting on the surface of the teeth. It is recommended you brush after every meal or at least twice daily in the morning and before bed for a minimum of two to three minutes.

Daily care is not the only way to keep healthy teeth and gums. Proper eating and drinking habits play a large role. Sweets are not the only cause of tooth decay. Any sugary or starchy food can cause acid formation.

Tooth decay and gum disease not only harm your mouth, but can also harm one's self confidence. It is your job to take care of your gums and teeth. Proper brushing, flossing and regular dental visits can help keep your mouth happy and healthy.



Dr. Newingham



Dr. Foster

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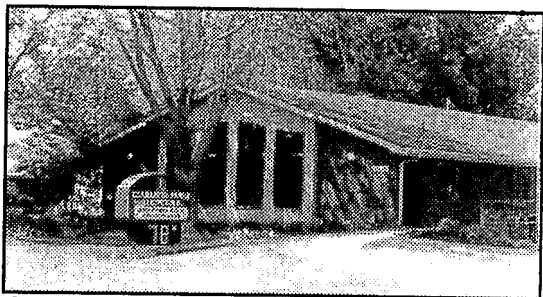
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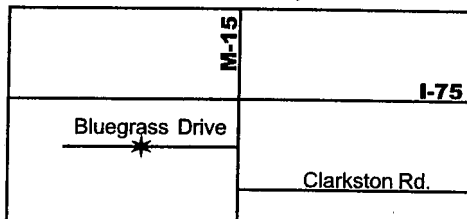
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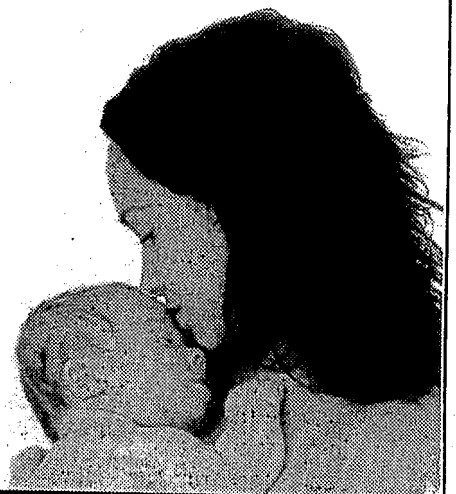
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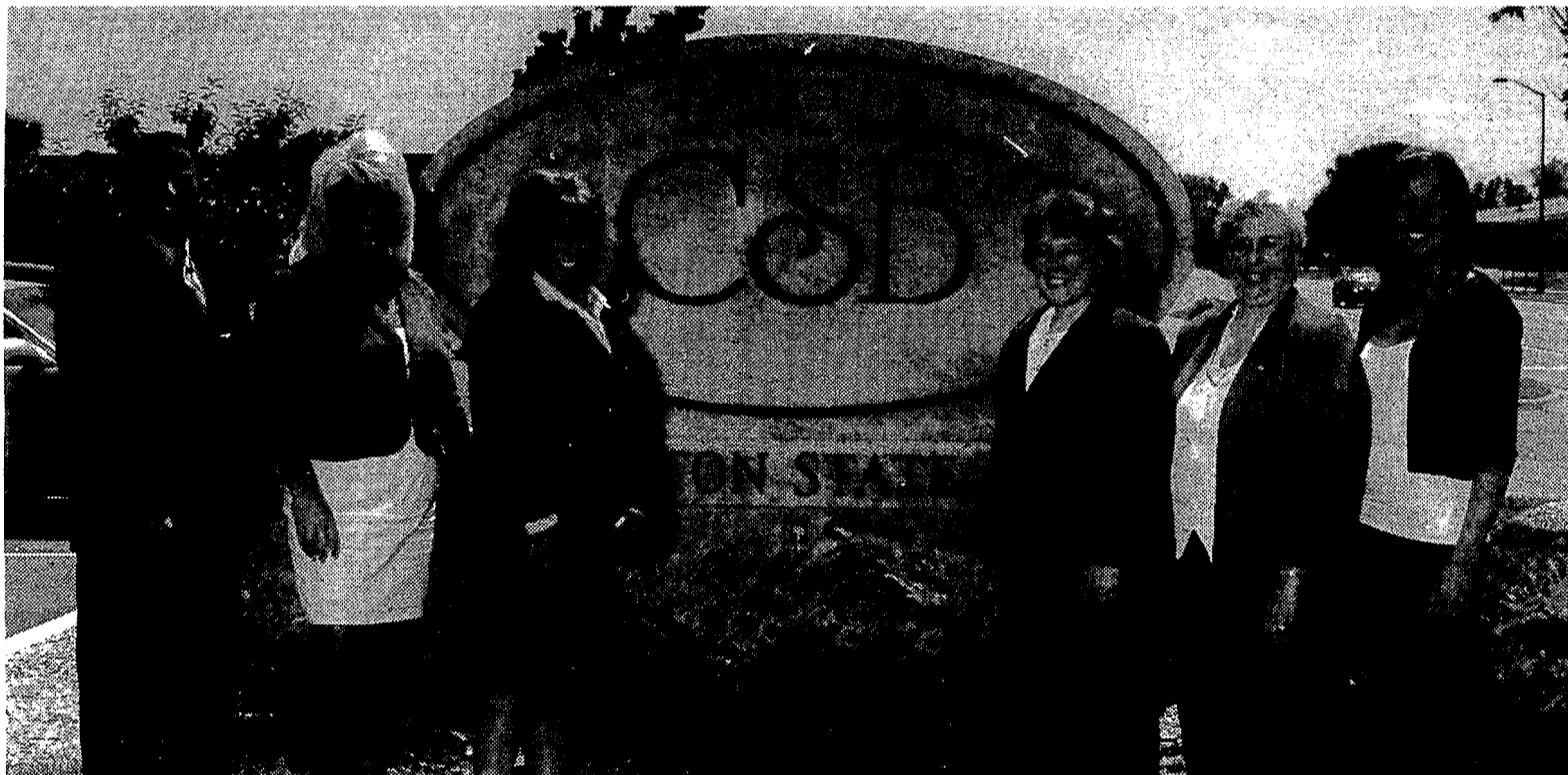
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