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School board OKs budget, still unsure about state

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

As required by law, Clarkston schools now has a new budget.

School Board members now wait for the state to follow suit.

"I don't know what the state will do," said Bruce Beamer, director of business services at the June 25 meeting.

General Fund revenue is estimated at \$73.8 million, an increase of \$800,000 over last year.

General Fund costs are es-

Year-long budget process

November 2006 - discussion of budget development calendar with Board of Education.

December 2006 - School administration proposes that \$4 million be cut from the budget, about half the projected deficit, in a plan to balance the budget in two years.

January 2007 - Board of Education discusses detailed list of cuts equalling about \$4 million.

February 2007 - Since state school funding was not resolved, Clarkston school board and administrators discussed how to deal with various budget scenarios based on different state funding levels.

March 2007 - Administrators propose a district-wide salary freeze, which would save about \$350,000.

April 2007 - Administration issues 46 teacher lay-off notices, with the hope that many would be recalled. According to contract, notices must be issued by the end of April.

May 2007 - Parents upset with changes to school start times and busing, made to save money, collect petitions and present them to the board.

June 2007 - School board members call for administration to make more of the cuts already approved.

timated at \$76.4 million, decreasing \$2.3 million from last year, due to budget cuts.

Fund balance will be used to make up the difference of about \$2.7 million, reducing the balance from \$9.8 million to \$7.1 million. This would maintain a balance of 9.26 percent of expenditures, close to the goal of 10 percent.

Beamer said about 10-percent fund balance is needed to

pay expenses that start accruing in August - state funding kicks in later in the school year. If the district can't dip into its savings, it would have to borrow and pay interest.

State funding is projected to remain at \$7,332 per pupil, though nothing in definite yet, he said.

"There has been no commu-

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July 4 ushers in a new era

Look for changes in your community newspaper

Take a good look at *The Clarkston News* in your hands. Remember it fondly - next week, the "old" *CNews* will be gone. Our July 4 edition will come out with a bang and a new, contemporary, easy to hold and read design.

Your *CNews* will be 12-inches tall and 11.5-inches wide. The paper you are currently holding is 15-inches tall and 11.5, wide. *The CNews* will have only one fold, versus the two folds in the current paper.

"While not ahead of the industry curve, we're not behind it either," Publisher Jim Sherman, Jr., said. "Newspapers across the globe, even the *Wall Street Journal*, are putting out these contemporary tabloid products."

Sherman said the change in paper size will cut down on waste that goes into landfills and help

defray postage increases -- savings will be passed on to consumers.

"The cost of production and distribution is growing rapidly, yet the cost to subscribe to *The CNews* has remained unchanged for a good number of years. We don't want to price ourselves out of the market. This change will allow us to keep advertising rates attractive to local, mom and pop businesses -- which I am sure they will appreciate."

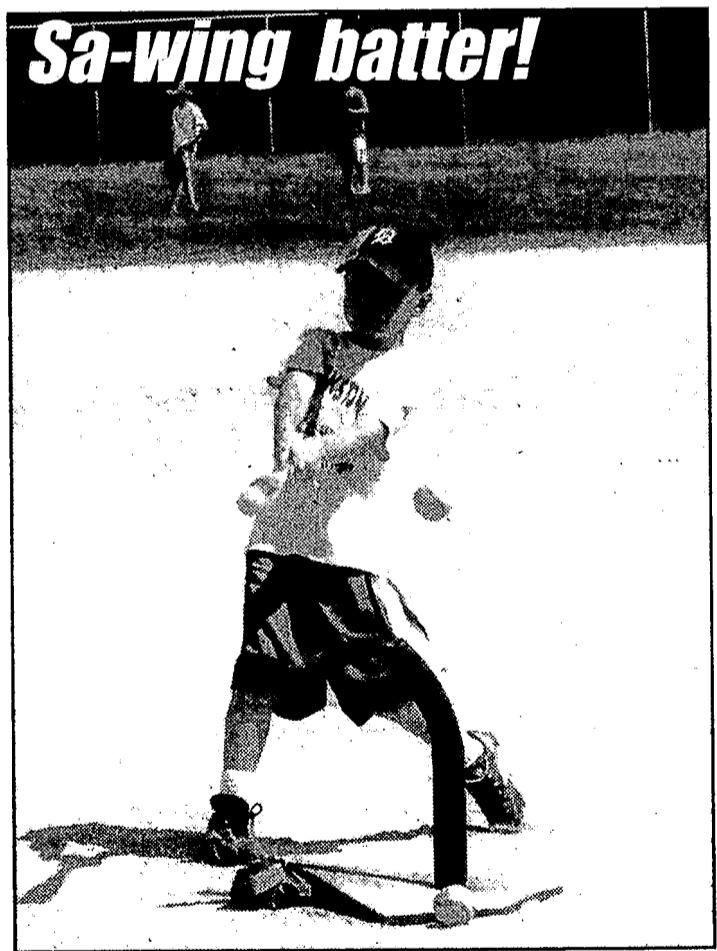
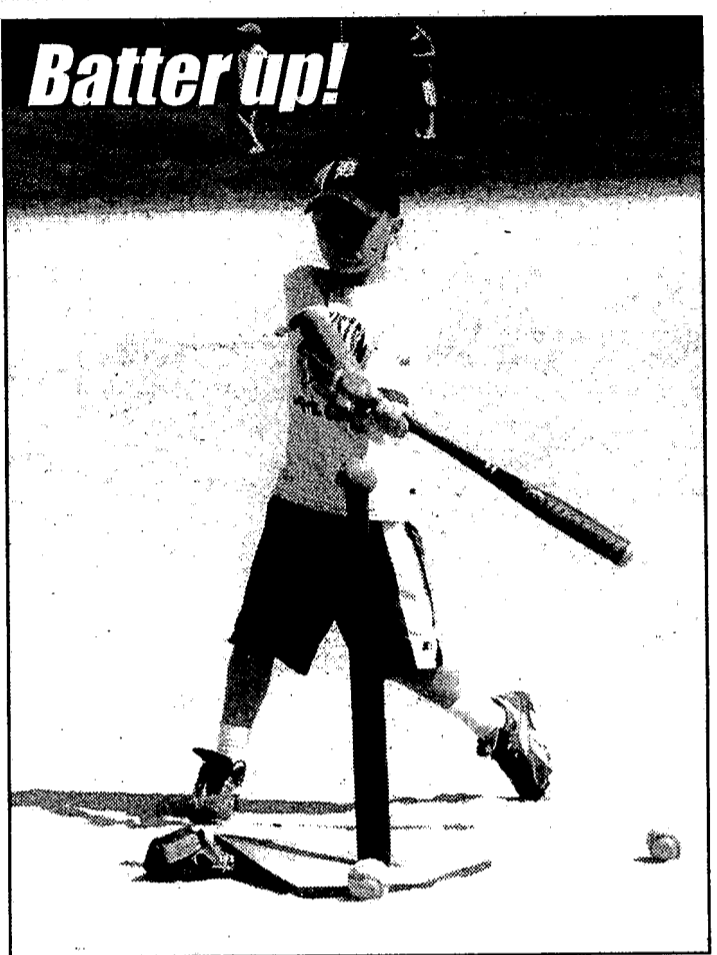
This conversion will also force our reporters and editors to write crisper, clearer and get to the point quicker. Our photo selection will also improve.

The almost 80-year-old community newspaper has changed sizes over the course of its history. Up until 1966, *The Clarkston News* was a broadsheet -- about twice the physical size it is

today. Then Publisher, Jim Sherman, Sr., converted *The CNews* to tab-sized when he purchased the publication in 1966. The conversion was necessary to match up with the Sherman's printing facility in Oxford.

Also affected by the change are the Total Market Coverage publications, *The Ad-Vertiser* and *The Penny Stretcher* and *The Citizen*, as well as our paid circulation weekly newspapers, *The Oxford Leader* and *The Lake Orion Review*.

"Not affected will be our commitment to providing our community with the best-possible news coverage and the best way local businesses connect with local residents. We will not reduce editorial content. It's a big change for us. It's a little scary, but exciting, too. I think the readers and advertisers will really like it."



Mac Diver swings his heart out at the Price baseball camp in Clintonwood Park Thursday. Photos by Paul Kampe.

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Scott Cooper uses hypnotherapy to help people
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History repeats itself with cross-town rivals

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Budget passes without further dispute

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With tempers considerably cooled after a June 11 meeting left officials clashing over whether Clarkston was headed for broke, the city council voted 4-0 Monday to approve the 2007-2008 budget.

Jim Brueck, Kristy Ottman and Bill Rausch were absent from the meeting.

"We have a difference of opinion on (the budget)," said Councilman Cory Johnston, "but it's right in keeping with last four years. Revenues are going down, expenses are going up."

Johnston warned the council two weeks ago the city has been forced to cut about \$22,000 from the budget each year, and without long-term planning and closer attention to where the money is going, the city will eventually face bankruptcy, he said.

As a member of the budget committee, Johnston prepared a four-page, 23-point list of possible cuts and increases to the city's administrative, police and DPW expenditures, but felt the suggestions were virtually ignored by council.

At Monday's more amicable meeting, however, Mayor Sharron Catallo reiterated a pledge to discuss the issues outlined by Johnston over the coming year, and explore the merit of each.

Many of the items on the list are valid concerns, she said, but most could not be defined as an "easy fix."

Meanwhile, she said, the city is working to continue prioritizing in a down economy.

"I think every community is going through what we're going through, on a much larger scale in most cases," Catallo said. "And I think everybody at home has the same thing happening."

Most members of the council seemed to agree. "I think it comes down to how you eat an el-

ephant," said Councilman Mike Gawronski. "And that's one bite at a time. You pick out the tastiest bits, or the ones with the biggest bang for the buck and address those first."

With total revenues of \$776,532, the 2007-2008 budget includes a two-percent wage increase for all city DPW employees, police officers, and clerical staff. City Manager Art Pappas and acting Police Chief Jim Thompson declined raises.

Pappas received a 3.5 percent increase in salary last year, and former Police Chief Ernest Combs refused on a raise during the 2006-2007 budget talks, but received a pay hike after a council recommendation in August.

The numbers:

Total revenues: \$776,532
Last year: \$777,514 (amended to \$803,971)

Total disbursements: \$759,346
Last year: \$753,633 (amended to \$785,824)

Significant expenses:

Village Hall and grounds: \$110,267
Last year: \$104,956 (amended to \$111,257)

Police: \$237,089
Last year: \$239,361 (amended to \$245,307)

Fire protection: \$154,365
Last year: \$155,625 (amended to \$150,155)

Library Services: \$36,725
Last year: \$32,500 (amended to \$35,720)

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Last year: \$49,958

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Briefly

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Your deadline, however, is Sunday, July 15. The winning photo will represent the best part of living in these parts. Think fun. Think local people in local places (spring, summer, winter or fall). When composing your picture, think of vertical layout instead of horizontal. Photos should be in color and hi-resolution (the biggest or best setting on your camera). Don't crop your shots -- we'll do that. If you don't have a digital camera, make sure the print we get is crisp and clear.

We'll award the winner \$50!

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Early deadline due to Fourth

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, deadline for classifieds this week is set for noon, Friday, June 29.

Blood drive this Friday

American Red Cross is sponsoring a Clarkston community blood drive Friday, June 29, from 9 a.m.-7:45 p.m. at the Independence Township Fire Department.

Call 248-625-1924 to make an appointment.

Got a story?

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Digging out from under

Clarkston area shares in state's foreclosure woes

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Many Michigan home owners are facing foreclosures; Independence Township is not immune.

According to the township assessor's office, since 2005, 129 homes in have been in the process of foreclosing, whether bank owned or in the starting process. Since the beginning of 2007, 51 homes are in foreclosure.

The United States has witnessed 437,498 total foreclosures in the first quarter (Jan-March) of 2007, according to www.realtytrac.com. Out of that total, Michigan is ranked fourth in the nation just under Nevada, Colorado, and Georgia. Michigan accumulated 29,467 total foreclosures for the first quarter of 2007.

"Detroit documented the highest foreclosure rate among the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas in the first quarter of 2007. The metro area, which comprises Wayne County, reported a total of 16,351 foreclosure filings during the quarter, a foreclosure rate of one foreclosure filing for ever 51 households -- more than five times the national average," says realtytrac.com.

The Oakland County area was ranked 20th of the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas, with a foreclosure rate of one house out of every 143 households.

According to www.getforeclosures.blogspot.com, the number of homes undergoing foreclosure in Michigan doubled from Feb. 2004-Feb. 2006.



Above sits an abandoned house on Dixie Hwy. after foreclosure. At right is a common sign seen on foreclosed houses.

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What exactly is a foreclosure?

"Foreclosure is the legal process through which a lender claims an asset from the consumer borrower." Basically, it is the process of the lender (rather than a bank, or mortgage company) taking back what is theirs because the borrower failed to meet the requirements of the contract and did not make payment on their loan on time.

A mortgage payment is not like a credit card where you make a partial payment, it is all or nothing.

"If you fail to make a payment, you get hit with a blemish on your credit," said Gina Norton, mortgage consultant of Interactive Financial Corporation of Clarkston.

If a payment is not made within 60-90 days the foreclosure process will begin.

Norton and her business partner Dan Rogers said one of the main reasons people end up in foreclosures is because they are convinced to by these "exotic mortgage programs" that have teaser interest rates.

"People think they are getting one percent interest rates for one month, but after that first month is up, interest rates jump seven to eight percent," said

Rogers.

Other reasons for foreclosure include: loss of job, divorce, wage cut, not working the overtime anymore, and maxed out credit cards.

There are steps to avoid foreclosure such as calling your lender immediately to discuss what to do before the foreclosure.

"If you know that you won't be able to make a payment call your lender as soon as possible and have your finance documents in front of you, ready to discuss your loan. Also call the lenders mitigation department see if you can't work out some sort of payment option," said Rogers.

Borrowers should also know the ways their lender can help them avoid foreclosure. Depending on the seriousness of the situation, lenders can offer retention options, which are ways to keep your house, or liquidation options, ways to give up your house without going into foreclosure.

Retention options include: Forbearance, which generally lets you pay less than the full amount of your mortgage payment for a temporary period; repayment plan, a form of forbearance where

Please see Foreclosure on page 14A

July Fourth fun and festivities planned

Clarkston's Fourth of July Parade, a 70-year tradition for the Independence Fire Department, starts in downtown Clarkston at 10 a.m. at St. Daniel's Church on from Holcomb, continues on to Miller Road, to Main Street, to Church Street, ending at Clarkston Community Education on Waldon Road.

Call 248-625-1924 for a Parade Entry Form. There is no fee to enter.

This year's Parade Theme is "Red, White and Blue All Over You."

The Festival of Fun, Sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation, will be held at Clintonwood Park following the parade.

Remember:

- Bring lawn chairs and blankets,
- \$5 parking or \$1 per person to ride the shuttle from Clarkston High School,
- Additional charges for food, children's games and contests,
- All ages welcome,

Schedule of Events:

- 8 a.m. - Softball Tournament;
 - 11 a.m.-5 p.m. - Arts and Craft Show
- By Keepsake Collections-for a craft booth space, call 989-781-9165;
- 11 a.m.dusk - children's activities, carnival games, inflatables - bring socks to wear, Climbing Tower, Showoff's Body Art, Strive's Crazy Hair Booth,
 - 1 p.m. - K-9 Toss and Fetch Contest, sponsored by Michigan Disc Dog Club.

Live Entertainment

- 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Jim Tedder Productions;
- 12-2:15 p.m., Shotgun Willie;
- 3:15-5:30 p.m., 2XL,
- 6-7 p.m., AM 910 Radio Disney D-Tour, music, games and prizes,
- 7 p.m. and after fireworks, Pat Saunders.

Displays

- 3-7 p.m., autographs by Miss Michigan Jr. Teen,
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Tennis Courts - Robot Display by Team Rush Robot Interactive Display, Orian Area Democratic Club, North Oakland Republican's Club, and Adoptable Dogs.



Interpretive Naturalist Jill Martim points out something interesting to Robert Bergner of Commerce. Photos by Phil Custodio

Ready for viewing

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The underwater dome at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township is only now ready for opening.

No one told the frogs, though. "Nature doesn't wait for us," said Paul Muelle, chief of natural resources for Huron County Metroparks. "It's a neat situation."

"Animal life is working its way into the pond," said Steve Horn, Indian Springs supervising interpreter. "Some frogs and pollywogs and a few turtles are already in the pond, even though the pond is still in the beginning stages of growth."

The acrylic dome weighs 18,800 pounds, measuring nearly 20 feet in diameter and nine feet tall. It offers an underwater view of the 1.7 acre pond at the Environmental Discovery Center at Indian Springs. The dome connects to the center through a 20-foot tunnel.

"The kids will get a close-up look at the flora and fauna in the water," said Mike George, chief of interpretive services.

Metroparks are working with local schools and universities to host learning opportunities for students. They include observations from inside the dome, and collection and analysis of pond water outside.

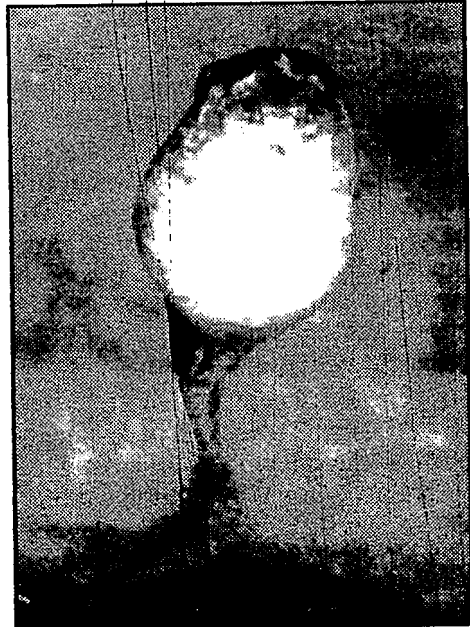
"Zoos are very controlled - this is a natural fresh-water system," Muelle said. "It's what actually happens in lakes and ponds."

Animals and plants will come and go along with the seasons and other changing factors, he said.

"It will be interesting to see what will happen in winter, under the ice," he said.

More than 100 logs and stumps, and tons of rock and sand were placed in the pond to create a habitat for fish and other organisms. The man-made pond is modeled after a kettle pond, carved out throughout Michigan by receding glaciers.

"It could very well take a few years



This pollywog, probably a leopard frog tadpole, didn't get the memo that the Indian Springs Metropark pond isn't open yet. He and other animals moved in ahead of schedule - an example of nature's power, naturalists said.

for the pond to mature. Our goal is for fish to be able to live in the pond by fall," said Paul Muelle, chief of natural resources.

Naturalists will "jump start" life in the pond in stages. First will be insect nymphs, worms, and plankton, collected from northern Michigan lakes. More than 10,000 plants, including 12 varieties of wetland species, will be planted starting this week. Finally, native Michigan fish will be added.

Reynolds Technologies of Colorado manufactured the dome, which, along with related structures, cost \$1 million, funded by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. SmithGroup of Detroit designed the building, which was completed last year.

The pond is part of a network of education opportunities at the park, in the science, earth science and technology.

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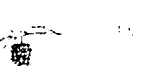
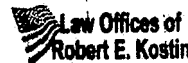
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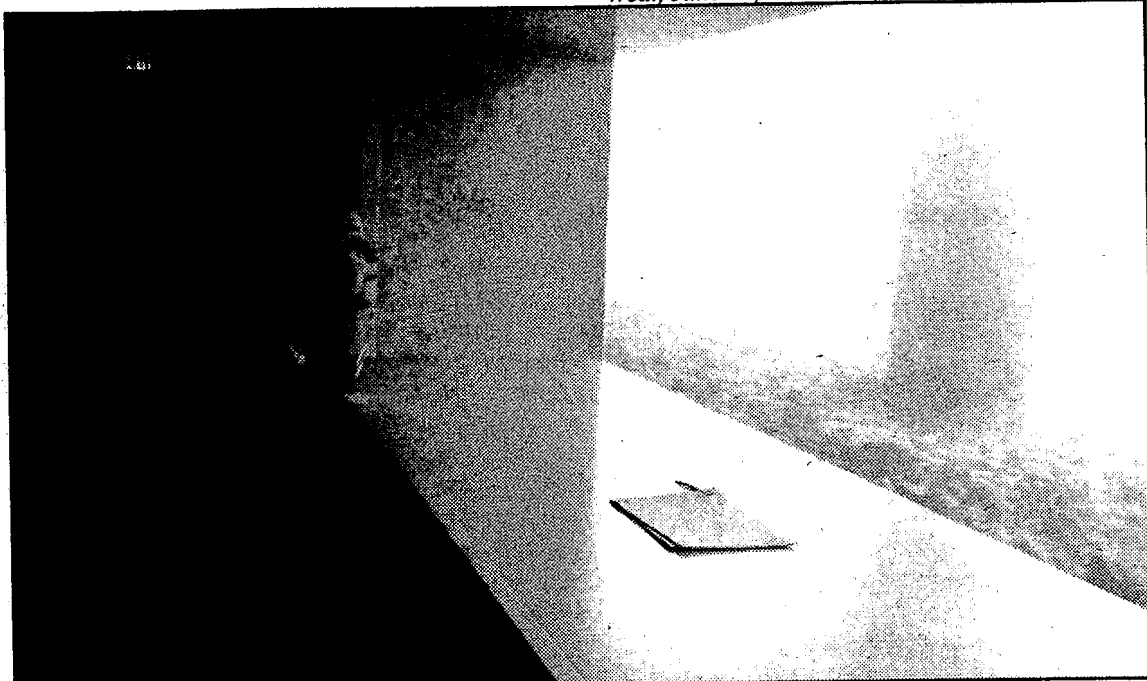
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Alex Keener and Jacob Phillips, both of Clarkston, examine the pond's bottom.

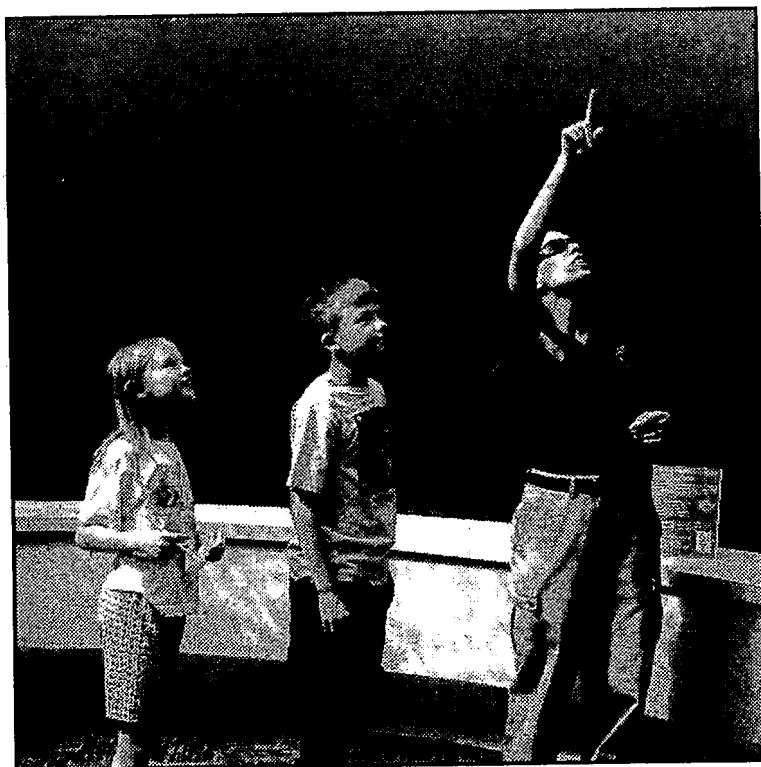


Jordan Keener of Clarkston checks out the cloudy water of the pond. It will clear up as its food chain develops.



Bret Pienkosz of Highland points to something interesting.

Underwater wonders



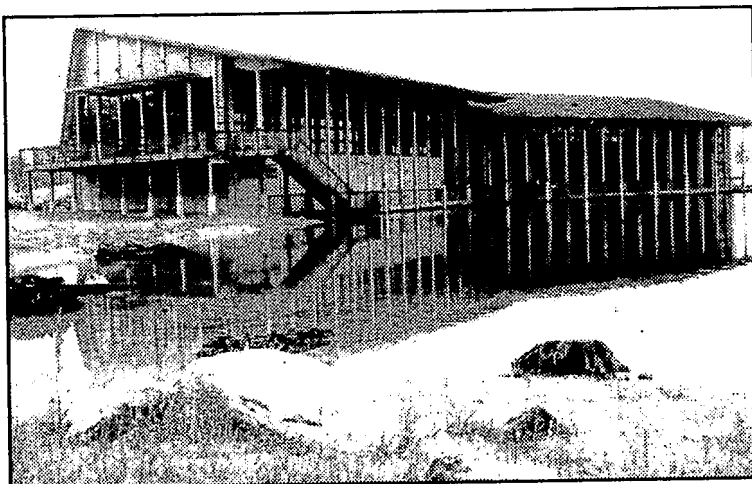
Students Karen Danner and Cullen Humphries of Highland examine the pond with the help of Naturalist Jill Martin.



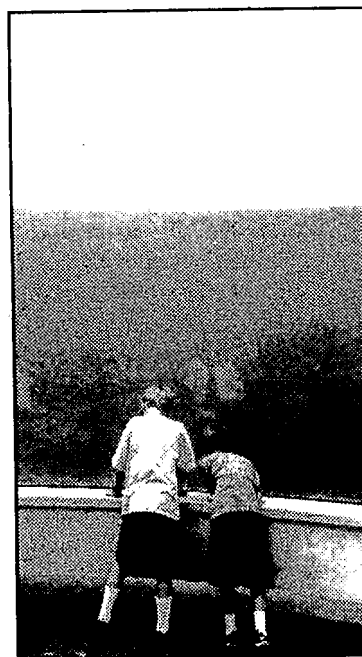
Students look up towards the surface of the pond.



Rebekah Morlock of Ortonville has a question for a staff member.



The viewing dome is submerged under the water.



Students look for fish.

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Opinion

Too young for the history books

Today as I am writing this, Friday, June 22, is my birthday. I was born in 1969, making this my 38th year of life.

But I've never felt old until I started working at this newspaper.

It's not that the job is particularly stressful. It's more about the books. Maintained at the Sherman Publications offices are archive books of its newspapers - archived editions of *The Clarkston News*, go back to 1935.

Looking at the editions closest to my birth, June 19 and June 26, 1969, is like looking at ancient history.

The size of the newspaper is old-style huge, about 2-by-3 feet.

People's hair, men and women both, look shiny and hard, especially in the studio portraits.

Looking closer, though, things seem more familiar.

One article, "Courtesy prevents accidents," provides tips to avoid road rage, although they didn't use that term.

On page 4, June 19, is a photo and article announcing the awarding of a University of Michigan Varsity "M" award to Dan Fife, a sophomore at the time. The current Clarkston High School baseball coach was quite the athlete himself, earning 11 varsity letters at the high school when he was a student.

"Jim's Jottings" was on the front page. One item was about his son, who is the current publisher of *The Clarkston News*, and getting him ready for a high school dance by cooking him a steak dinner.

Richard Nixon was president of the United States. One section in the June 19 edition published letters from Clarkston fifth-graders to the president, headlined "Dear Mr. Nixon."

One asked the president if he liked the World Series between the Tigers and Cards. Apparently, the Detroit team did pretty well around that time.

Another asked Nixon to end the riots, because people were beating others to death and destroying homes.

Others asked for lower taxes - weren't taxes ever considered low?

Many wanted Nixon to end the Vietnam War - at the time, Republicans were the ones campaigning on ending the war.

One suggested ending it by pulling the troops out and dropping the atomic bomb (he also suggested giving criminals the gas chamber).

Another wanted more negotiation with North Vietnam, but would nuke Russia if they tried to take over the United States.

Also in that edition, Jim Fitzgerald wrote a column lamenting his advancing years - in his case, the 25th anniversary of his high school graduation.

He writes about a classmate named Tommy Knapp, who dropped out of school to join the army, and was killed in the World War II battlefields of Europe.

"A war waited for most of the boys then," Fitzgerald wrote. "Now, 25 years later, another war waits for our sons. This is progress?"

I know history repeats itself, but does it have to be so verbatim?

Phil in the blank



Phil Custodio

'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

Senior center vote took courage

Dear Editor,

This fall, Independence Township will have a new Senior Center building useful to the entire community.

The initiative the Township Board took on June 5 when they approved the building of a 2100-sq.-ft. temporary structure took courage.

Their action spoke volumes.

Each board member has gone on record in support of this endeavour and should be commended for their stand.

They wanted to and needed to "do what was right" for residents even though two millages had been rejected by voters.

Thanks to board members Charles Dunn, Dan Kelly, Larry Rosso, Dan Travis, Shelagh Vanderveen, Dave

Wagner and Jim Wenger for acting responsibly by approving this proposal.

Our community needs a safe and useful center. In a few months we will have it.

The mission of the Senior Center is to enable older adults, 50 plus, in our community to participate in services and programs that promote wellness, safety and enrichment.

I anticipate a new building will give greater awareness in programs and services and a substantial growth in usage will occur because of it. And that will be good for all Independence Township residents, young and old.

Bob Brown
Clarkston

Be careful with language on Main Street

Dear Editor,

Two words that should never be used in the same sentence, "mother" and "hell," most certainly should not be seen on Main Street in downtown Clarkston

(on a banner advertising the play "Like Mother, Like Hell").

Robert Namowicz
Clarkston

Wear Memorial Day medals at July 4 parade

Dear Editor,

During our recent Memorial Day Observance at the Lakeview Cemetery, Campbell Richmond Post 63 of the American Legion was proud to honor our living veterans by presenting each veteran in attendance with a medallion recognizing those individuals as an Honored American Veteran.

We would like our community to continue to recognize those individuals. We ask those who received the

medals and who will be in attendance at the Independence Day Parade in Clarkston to proudly wear them as a symbol of their unselfish and dedicated service to their country.

The American Legion, along with our Clarkston area neighbors, continue to salute you!

Barney Schoenfeld
Commander, Campbell Richmond Post 63
American Legion

Thanks to volunteers, sponsors at CAYA golf outing

Dear Editor,

Thank you! Clarkston Area Youth Assistance appreciates all of the following sponsors, prize distributors, golfers, and volunteers who made our 14th annual golf outing and benefit at Liberty Golf Course a huge success:

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Clarkston Area Youth Assistance

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A Look Back

A peek back at those thrilling days of yester-year as reported in the pages of *The Clarkston News*

15 years ago - 1992

"Transformed: Clarkston is now a city" The village of Clarkston officially became a city on July 1. Called City of the Village of Clarkston, businesses would not have to change their "village" signs, and people could still refer to Clarkston as a village if they wanted. The new city hired a police chief and part-time officers, and was considering contracting with the county for more police protection.

"Maple tree stays; road still to be widened-a little" A compromise allowed Clarkston to get a traffic light at M-15 and Clarkston Road, MDOT to widen Clarkston Road, and a resident to keep her maple tree.

"Stories of vampirism false, says Family member" An 18-year-old Clarkston man was facing charges, along with four other young men, of conspiring to sell LSD at Clarkston High School. He said rumors that the group, which called itself "The Family," was a bunch of "acid-dealing vampires" was false.

15 years ago - 1982

"Board OKs administration shake-up" The Clarkston Junior High principal and two central ad-

ministrators were reassigned to teaching jobs. Two other principals retained their positions. The reassignments were to save money.

"Class of 1932 gathers, remembers" Students celebrated their 50-year Clarkston High School class reunion at Deer Lake Raquet Club. Ten of 24 graduates attended. They tape recorded brief autobiographies of the years after high school.

"1832-1982 Back to Clarkston's roots" The village celebrated its 150-year, sesquicentennial. *The Clarkston News* published its first of four special editions marking the event.

"Long-time Clarkstonites reminisce" Elizabeth Ronk and Virginia Walter shared memories of Clarkston. They said that Main Street was a dirt road into the 1920s, when it was paved. After that, the road became clogged with travelers heading north, until I-75 was built in the 1960s. Then development spread since Clarkston came within commuter range of Detroit.

50 years ago - 1957

"Old-timer returns to visit Clarkston" Leonard Smith visited Clarkston after moving away in 1889. He said he saw many changes in the village and was amazed at its growth.

"Porritt pitches no-hitter" Bob Porritt helped win the game for the Clarkston Merchants, beating Dick Sales and Service 12-1. He struck out 14 batters.

"Township organizes for recreation" Independence Township set up a Recreation Commission. Representatives from local service clubs and township officials were to study and determine the area's recreation needs.

Happy July 4, now parents, kids, educators listen up

In a few short days Americans will celebrate Independence Day. The Founding Fathers were from a time called the Enlightenment. They liked to think and not rely on Divine Authority to make or break a situation. One of the Enlightenment's biggest movers and shakers was Thomas Jefferson. He thought it would be a grand thing (to ensure the continuation of our country) if we guaranteed our kids an education. He postulated if our populace was educated, they would be thinkers, have minds of reason and not be led like sheep.

Public education, then, can be considered one of the cornerstones of our representative democratic experiment.

We received some letters from "anonymous." Anonymous proclaims to be a local teacher. I wish Anonymous, or other teachers, would write me so we can work on fixing the problems you are about to read. Oh, I protect my sources. There is a letter for this week, and will be one for next.



Don't Rush Me By Don Rush

Dear School District Superintendent, School Board Members, Administration, and Teachers,

As I see it, the district is divided. Administrators are on one team, teachers on another team, and students/parents on a third team. Maybe instead of "working together" (which indicates separation) we should be united and working as one unit for one goal: The education of children.

All the bickering and murmuring about cuts, representatives, contracts, and unions distract and detract from the educational environment. Believe it or not, in one way or another, these problems do, in fact, affect students and their education. Why would a teacher give 110% effort when they know no one will fight for them and/or even if someone did, it won't matter because they're getting "let go" anyway?

Administrators are not backing teachers. Without support, teachers are losing authority in the classroom. Administration is too busy trying to make everyone happy. Administrators cannot afford to be wishy-washy yes-men and women. They need to make thoughtful, educated decisions and policies based on good, ethical moral judgment. Then, once precedent has been set, follow through.

One of the biggest problems is accountability in this

district. Everyone wants to pass the buck. "It's not my fault..." should not be the motto.

From administrators to the teachers to the students, no one wants to say, "Yeah, it's my fault. I can do better." The fact is, no one wants to tell students (or their parents) what is right and what is wrong. I'm sorry, but there is a right and a wrong!

Coming to class without a pencil, paper, or textbook is wrong. How else can they learn? Why are there no consequences? Should teachers really be encouraged to grade easier for students who don't do anything to deserve to pass? Teachers can't pass a student when there isn't anything to pass them on to begin with.

Students must be held accountable! If they don't show up, if they misbehave in class, if they disrespect the teacher, if they dress immodestly, if they don't do their work, they should be held accountable and suffer the punishment and consequences that are instituted by administration and their teachers.

This isn't happening and the education of students is suffering. If we don't do this, then we are teaching them there are no consequences, work ethic doesn't matter, there is always a good excuse to get you out of trouble or someone else to pass the buck to.

Teachers, what is wrong with going student to student in your classroom, helping each and every one as you go? I was actually told by several different teachers throughout the district (who've observed me) that they expect I will burn out, because I helped each student in my classroom.

What kind of work ethic is that?

There are teachers in this district that actually hand out an assignment, tell students to get to work, and then sit behind their desks doing whatever it is they want, only "helping" when absolutely necessary. I don't know about you, but last time I checked that isn't the best, most effective way to teach. I remember a time when teachers weren't afraid of going the extra mile, but now teachers are afraid if they go the extra mile they will be criticized for it and maybe even lose their jobs (we all know how hard those are to find these days).

I hope this letter will start some constructive conversations. I hope that next school year some of these concerns will be discussed and resolved in our faculty meetings. I hope we are all mature enough and educated enough to know when it's time to make things better.

Don does, too. Readers -- your comments?

On the 4th, re-read the Star Spangled Banner

Next week our country celebrates the declaration of our independence, July 4, 1776. It was that day our founding fathers told the world, we would no longer be second-class citizens, ruled by a monarchy.

Our national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner was composed by Francis Scott Key in September, 1814. Here are the words.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,

What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,

As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:

'T is the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore

That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion

A home and a country should leave us no more?

Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave:

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation;

Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land

Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us as a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave

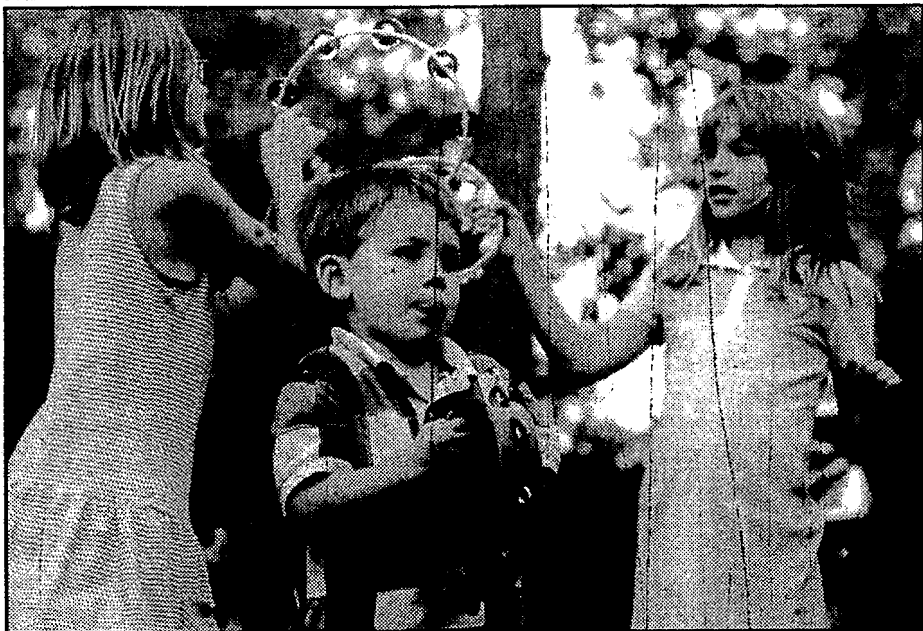
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

My sources tell me, in 1814, about a week after

Please see Flag on page 14A



Olivia Misiak, right, and Amanda Ryans took advantage of free face painting by Show Off's Bddy Art.



Carson Keilitz, front, didn't know he had backup singers lined up.



Mary Sutherland, 3, had fun with the tambourine.



Lauren Wilhelm attended the concert with grandma and grandpa.

Depot dancing!

Hundreds arrived with lawn chairs, blankets and coolers packed with cold drinks and sandwiches Friday for the season's first free concert at Depot Park.

The event featured Legend the Band, a Detroit-based group performing hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s. "We come every year," said Jennifer Syron, who attended the concert with her husband and two young daughters. "It's a great family outing."

The evening featured plenty of interaction between band and crowd: ladies were invited up for a "Teddy Bear Twist" contest, eventually won by 3-year-old Addison Parker, who took home a giant stuffed bear.

Kids also took part in a hula-hooping competition, and had the chance to shake things up when the band passed out colorful tambourines (although we didn't see any in green).

In its 28th year, Concerts in the Park is a Clarkston-area Chamber of Commerce program.

Concerts take place Friday evenings from 7 p.m.-9 p.m., with a spotlight on local talent beginning at 6:30.

Upcoming events include:
 June 29 Rick and Dayna Lieder, six-piece band
 July 6 Beth Stalker, Jazz, Blues, Country
 July 13 Last Man Standing, Rock and Roll hits
 July 20 Terri Lea and The Mustangs, country
 July 27 Stardusters, Swing/Big Band

Photos by Laura Colvin



Dianna Tracy was enthusiastic about "The Teddy Bear Twist" contest.

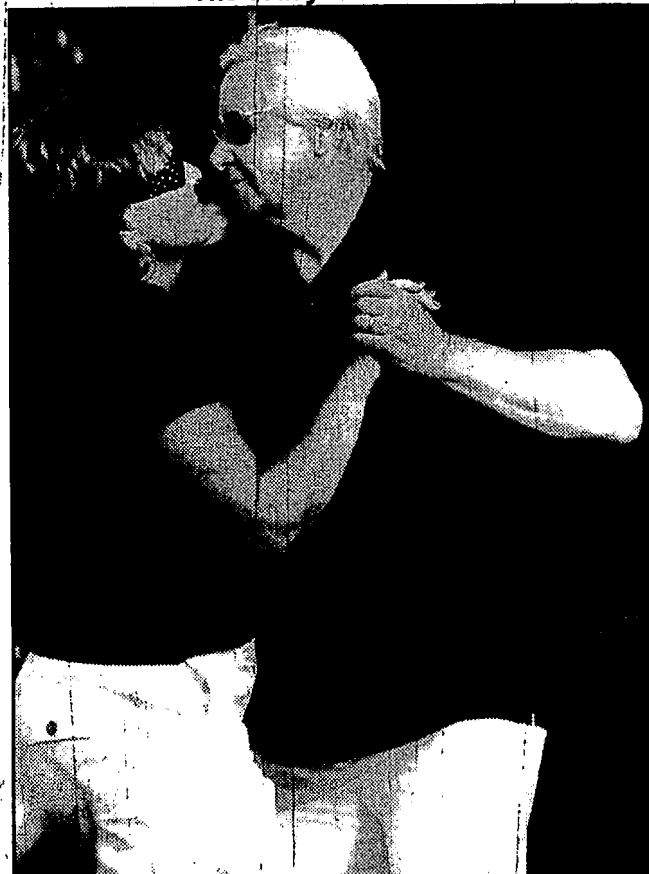
Carol Ruby looks on as her dog Skipper, 6, tries to avoid the limelight; he's "dad" to 60 leader dogs, and also works as a therapy dog in Orion and Oxford schools.



Anne Sutherland, 2, gave her tambourine a good shake.



Hundreds enjoyed the evening.



Sherill and Bruce Baker danced the night away.

Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sun., June 17 A 49-year-old Waterford man was arrested and jailed after he was pulled over on a traffic violation near Maybee Road and Sashabaw Road and found to have outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants out of 50th and 51st District Court.

Mon., June 18 Deputies sent a report to Children's Protective Services after a neighbor discovered two children of a single mother walking around an apartment complex parking lot unattended, and in soiled diapers. The children, both boys, were age 2 and 3.

A 29-year-old Pontiac man was arrested and jailed on a felony warrant and possession of narcotics after he was picked up by deputies responding to a call from the man's employer.

A 19-year-old Holly man walked into the Independence Township substation to file an assault report after he was punched by an unknown man in the DTE parking lot after warning the individual he could get in trouble for urinating in the parking lot.

An Independence Township couple living in the 7000 block of Scenic Ridge reported \$193 missing from a car parked inside their garage after an unknown male solicited tree removal service.

A 24-year-old Southfield woman reported her laptop computer was stolen out

of her unlocked car at a restaurant on Dixie Highway.

Wed., June 20 A 45-year-old Independence Township woman living in the 5800 block of South Marshbank reported her vehicle stolen out of the driveway at her home while she was in the hospital.

A 19-year-old Ortonville man walked into the Independence Township substation to report that he'd been assaulted during a concert at DTE.

Deputies were dispatched to a restaurant near for a call of a woman who'd been assaulted. It was determined the woman had not been attacked, but hurt herself falling down after she became intoxicated at a concert.

Deputies took an informational report at DTE after a fight broke out when one individual toppled onto the blanket of another at a DTE concert.

A 23-year-old man was issued a disorderly person citation after engaging in a fight at DTE.

A 17-year-old Milford youth was issued a citation of minor in possession after he was discovered with intoxicants at a DTE concert.

A 19-year-old Imlay City man was issued citations for consumption of alcohol, possession of false identification and refusal of a PBT while attending a concert at DTE.

A 19-year-old East Tawas woman was issued a citation for minor in possession of alcohol while she attended a concert at DTE.

A 21-year-old Milford man was is-

sued a citation for loitering after a deputy dispatched to check on the intoxicated man found the individual walking down Sashabaw Road interfering with traffic. The man told police he was walking home after a concert at DTE.

A 61-year-old Allen Park man was issued a citation for ticket scalping during a concert at DTE.

Thurs., June 21 Deputies were dispatched to check on suspicious circumstances after an Independence Township firefighter reported the front passenger window had blown out of the Independence fire command vehicle while it was traveling east on Clarkston Road. An investigation did not reveal any cause for the incident, but no foul play was suspected.

A 23-year-old intoxicated, unlicensed driver was arrested and jailed after he crashed the vehicle he was operating into an apartment building in the 5800 block of Deepwood Court.

A 56-year-old Independence Township man living in the 7600 block of Clintonville Road called police after returning home to discover someone had stolen a trailer valued at around \$4,600 from his driveway while he was away.

An Independence Township woman living in the 7400 block of Deer Forest Court called police after she discovered someone had stolen the rubber center mat from the trampoline in her yard. She estimated it would cost about \$500 or more to replace the trampoline.

A 40-year-old Independence Township man called police after finding someone had entered his garage overnight and

stole \$35 from his wife's purse, which was on the front seat of a vehicle parked inside the garage. A case of beer was also missing from a shelf in the garage.

A 43-year-old Independence Township woman living in the 5900 block of Forest Grove called police after discovering someone had entered three unlocked cars parked at her residence over night and stole golf clubs, an iPod, sports equipment, and money from the vehicles.

Fri., June 22 Deputies were dispatched to the 6900 block of Tuscon when a man heard smashing and looked outside to see three males speeding off in a truck after breaking out the window in a neighbor's vehicle.

The mother of an 8-year-old Independence Township boy reported someone entered her son's locker at a summer camp and stole a Nintendo game player and two games valued at about \$170.

A 19-year-old Independence Township woman living in Bridgewater Apartments reported someone entered her apartment during the day and stole her laptop computer. No signs of forced entry were visible.

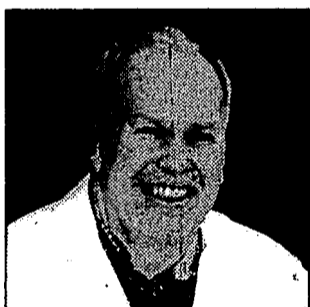
A 19-year-old Orion man was arrested and jailed on charges of domestic assault and an 18 year-old female was arrested on violation of court order after the two, who were under court order to have no contact with one another, became involved in a physical altercation while driving to a concert at DTE.

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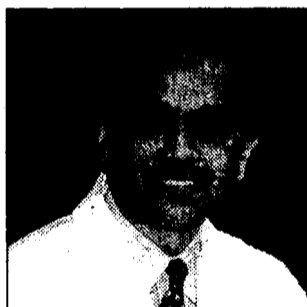
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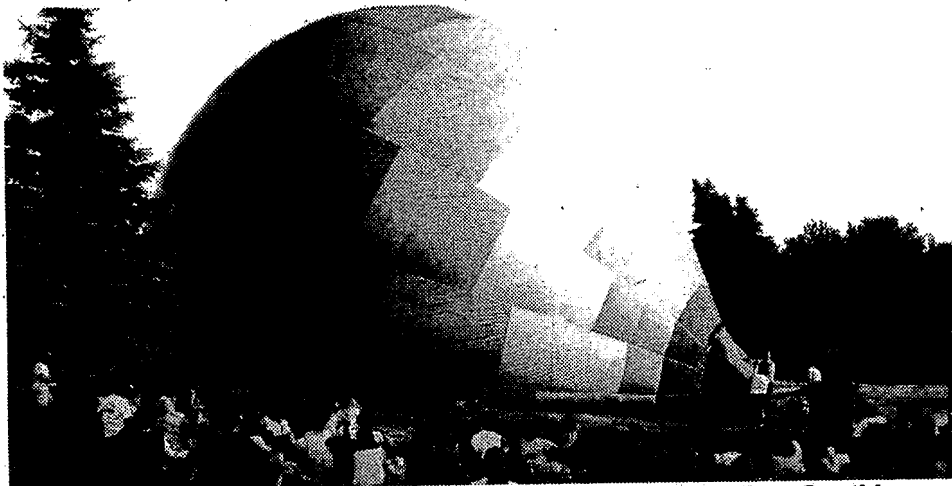
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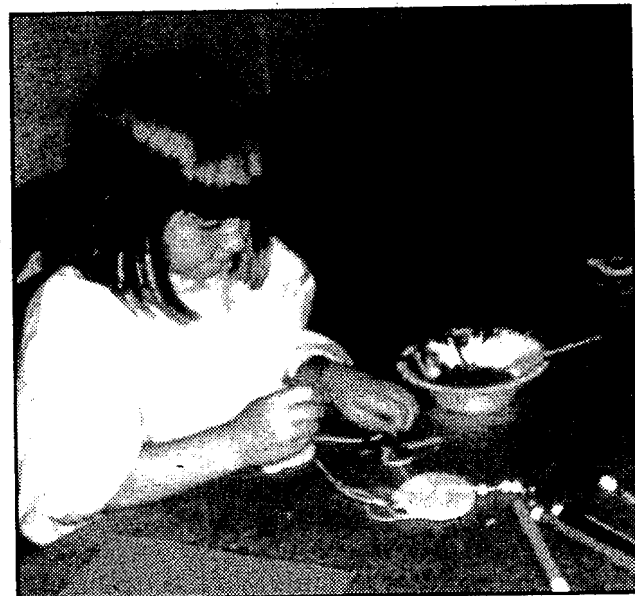
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The crowd enjoys a hot-air balloon demonstration by pilot Dan Gauthier.



VBS kids learn a new song and hand motions to go along with Wednesday's theme "I will listen."



Laura Roberts, 7, enjoys painting wind chimes for Arts & Crafts.



Playing dress up adds fun to Bible story time.

'LIFT OFF!' at Bible school

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"LIFT OFF! Soaring to New Heights with God," was the title of last week's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

The week began on Sunday, June 17, with a special free hot air balloon demonstration by pilot Dan Gauthier of American Speedy Printing. They were not able to launch the balloon, due to wind conditions. About 150 kids ranging from 4 years old to fifth grade attended.

"It's wonderful, about half our kids don't attend church here and they have a wonderful time," said Director of Children's Ministry Jennifer Frederick. "They are here for 15 hours during the week and get to hear great messages about God and make new friends."

Frederick had over 80 volunteers help out, including youth, adults, parents and church members.

"We couldn't do it without the volunteers," said Frederick. "It wouldn't be as smooth and successful."

Each day had a new theme known as a flight plan. The themes included "I will follow," "trust," "listen," "repent," and "serve." Everyday the kids were given little balloons to attach to their lanyard. On each balloon was printed a Psalm bible verse, these verses went along with the "power prayer" that kids learned that day.

"These prayers can be prayed at anytime," said Frederick.

Activities included Bible story skits, in which the kids got to dress up and participate as different characters, games that dealt with team work and focused on faith building, crafts and science activities, as well as learning songs with hand motions that dealt with that day's theme.

"It's a blast," said song leader Tessa Huttenlocher, 15. "It's just a lot of fun to have the kids get into the music."

Other song leaders included Huttenlocher's younger sister Claire, 13, and Elizabeth Thornton, 15.

As part of the VBS program, the kids learned about missions and brought in gifts and money to support two mission trips of the church. Gift items included: paint brushes, carpenter pencils, plastic drop cloths, and screwdrivers for the Righteous Mission youth group; who will be traveling to Knoxville Tenn. to do house repairs for people who don't have the income to do so.

On Friday, the kids brought in ball point pens and colored pencils to support the other mission trip to Malawi Africa. Church member Anita Demster will take the pens and pencils for school children in Malawi on July 1st.

On Tuesday, Anita showed the kids a slide show teaching them Malawi culture, including the proper way boys and girls address one another, different roles girls and boys play in African culture, and different toys kids play with.

"We just want them to know something about the people we are sending them (the pens and pencils) too," said Demster.

Anita's daughter Debra is in medical research and works with malaria and Aids in Malawi.

What was the best part about VBS?

"I like arts and crafts, and music," responded 7-year-old Kelsey Phillips.

"I like it all," noted 7-year-old Laura Land.

The week concluded with a VBS celebration in the sanctuary Friday night, in which the kids performed all the songs they had learned over the past week.

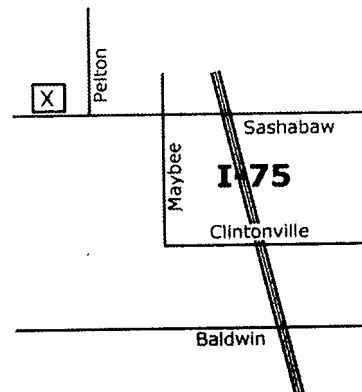
"It's truly been a magnificent week, our children have learned a lot about God and made a real connection," said Annette Siminski, VBS teacher for 4-year-olds. "They have had a ton of fun too, and I think they have made a lot of friends here."

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Gordon Draper teaches students about Synagogue.



The Tribe of Joseph gathers Friday for their final meeting.



The Reuben Tribe enjoys their meal.



Student Dana Wille experiences what it was like to carry water on her head, as people used to in Biblical times.



J.B. Silvey in full Roman military garb doesn't frighten these Vacation Bible School students.

Learn by doing

Children gathered into 12 "Tribes of Israel" for Clarkston Community Church's Vacation Bible School last week. Led by Pastor Greg Henneman, they played games and participated in activities reflecting Biblical times, such as traditional meals and ceremonies, and carrying water on their head.

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Local woman takes wrist pain into her own hands

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

With advanced arthritis in her wrist causing constant pain, Sallie Garcia of Clarkston had few choices.

One was cortisone, a steroid used to reduce inflammation.

The first injection provided relief for about six months, when it wore off. A second wore off in two months. A third provided no relief at all.

"It didn't do anything," Garcia said. "It might as well have been a saline solution."

Another choice was to surgically fuse the bones. The procedure would eliminate pain, but also wrist movement.

A third choice was wrist replacement with an implant, a newer and less common procedure that promised about half mobility.

"Fifty percent is better than nothing," Garcia said.

At the time, her doctor didn't consider total replacement a good idea. Knee and hip replacements are common, but wrist replacements are not.

Garcia decided to investigate herself, researching artificial wrist replacements on the Internet.

It wasn't easy. Google searches turned up millions of entries on slingshots, archery, clothing, and cars to wade through before she found what she needed.

She learned why doctors were hesi-

tant about wrist replacement. The wrist is more complicated than the hip or knee, with thin carpal bones connected in an intricate system of ligaments and muscles. Earlier wrist replacements were fragile — a metal piece connected to silicone implants could break loose.

Garcia found, however, that those replacements were designed in the 1960s. Much more successful replacements were designed in the 1990s and 2000s.

The latest version, the Re-Motion Total Wrist System, designed by Small Bones Innovations Inc., is made of cobalt chrome with titanium coating and polyethylene carpal ball.

She sought and found Dr. Michael Quinn, an orthopedic surgeon with St. Joseph Mercy Oakland hospital in Pontiac, who specialized in the surgery.

Wrist replacements are not suggested for those who place a lot of stress on their wrists, such as in tennis or construction, but are ideal for those with a relatively low-impact lifestyle, Quinn said.

Garcia, 64, is younger than usual for the procedure, but is otherwise fits the criteria — her condition is caused by arthritis and her job doesn't include heavy lifting.

Garcia's wrist replacement was the first performed at St. Joe's. The surgery went well, she said.

"I was home before 5 p.m. — I felt I could go to work the next day," she said.

She didn't go to work the next day,



Sallie Garcia with x-rays of her new wrist implants. Photo by Phil Custodio

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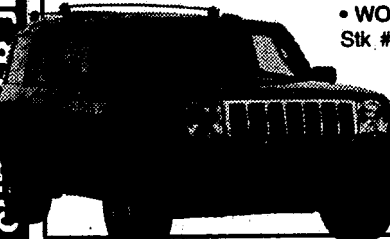
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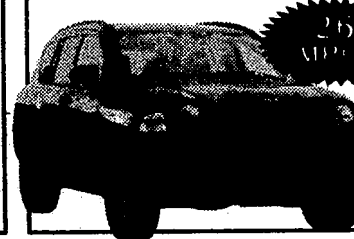
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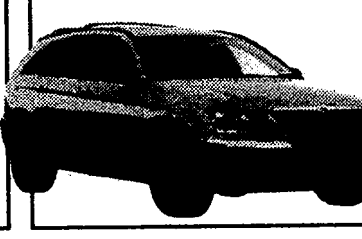
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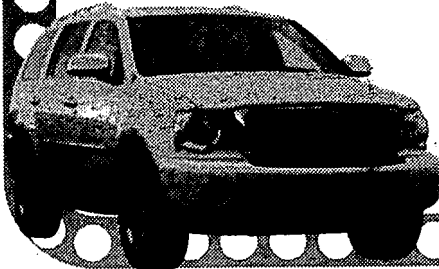
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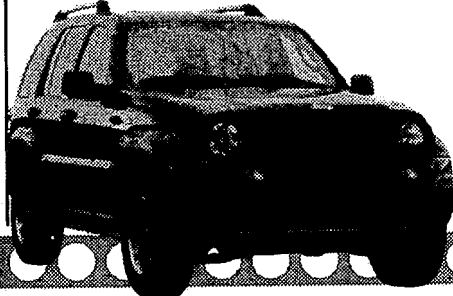
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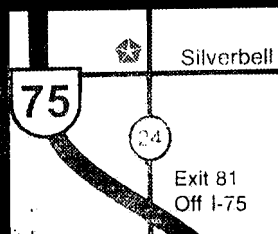
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Services available to help avoid, deal with foreclosure

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you pay the outstanding amount in installments divided over a period of time; reinstatement, where you pay the lender the total outstanding amount in one lump sum by a specific date; or a loan modification, where your interest rate and/or term of loan is altered – that is the mortgage not itself is changed.

Liquidation options include: Short sale, when you get an offer that's less than the amount you owe, your lender could consider it as a settlement; deed in lieu of foreclosure, this allows you to transfer your property voluntarily to your lender; or assumption, which permits a qualified buyer to take over your mortgage debt and pay the mortgage payments.

There are generally four stages to a foreclosure.

- **Redemption:** The lender's attorney contacts you and gives you a deadline – known as a cure date, by this date all missed loan payments must be paid back in order to avoid foreclosure.

- **Default:** If the cure date comes and goes without you doing anything about it a notice of "default" gets posted.

- **Foreclosure:** If the delinquent payments are not paid after the default notice has been posted, the lender will exercise his right under the trust deed he holds to foreclose on the mortgage and take possession of the house. If the borrower is still living there, the lender can get a court order to have borrower evicted.

- **Sale:** The lender sells the foreclosed home at public auction. This can take place between 30-120 days depending on state law.

Not only can foreclosure hurt your credit scores, but it can affect your life in major way, as a past Interactive Financial client witnessed.

"I felt like I was losing everything and not able to crawl back out of the hole," said 30-year-old Megan

Ranger.

Ranger said she had to foreclose due to a bad choice in her life, concerning a relationship.

"Neither of us kept our end of the bargain," noted Ranger.

After the foreclosure took place and Ranger was in the process of trying to re-establish her credit, she said that she started making better life choices.

"I stopped relying on other people to help me get out of the hole, and I finally owned up to my own mistakes," she said.

It took three years for Ranger to finally re-establish her credit and she now has a new house.

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"There is hope for people; they just have to realize there is a loan out there to help them. That loan is the FHA loan," said Rogers.

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"When we sell a loan, we are trying to evaluate a person's big financial issue," says Norton. "We are not just trying to make a quick close on a sale, we want to put people in the best loan possible for their situation."

Still-waving flag inspires anthem

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Washington had been badly burned, British troops moved up to the primary port at Baltimore Harbor, Maryland. Frances Scott Key visited the British fleet in the Harbor on September 13 to secure the release of Dr. William Beanes who was captured during the siege of Washington.

The two were held captive on the ship as not to warn Americans the Royal Navy was going to attempt bombing Fort McHenry.

At dawn the next day, Key saw Old Glory still waving and had not been removed in defeat. The sight inspired

him to write the poem, *Defense of Fort McHenry*.

The poem was set to music previously composed for a British drinking song, by a Mr. Smith. The result was the inspiring song now considered our national anthem. For the next 100 years it was the unofficial anthem of our country and became even more accepted as the national anthem during the 1917 World Series as it was sung in honor of the armed forces fighting in the Great War.

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Arabian Prince with horse power

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There is an Arabian Prince living in Clarkston, and no, he not from Minnesota, nor does he play the guitar, and his last name is not "Charming." Though some might think he is. This prince can be seen trotting around the field of the Miller farm, or traveling the back roads pulling a buggy near Bridge Lake Road. Yes, that's right, Prince is a horse.

About 13 years ago in the spring of 1994, while looking through *The Clarkston News*, Shar Miller saw an ad for a horse, being sold by Paul Jokisch who lived off Ellis Road. Jokisch was moving to Indiana and decided to sell his horse. He got the horse when Prince was 2 years old and had trained him to pull a cart.

Miller decided to take the offer and bought Prince for \$1,400 dollars. He was 14-years old when she bought him. Jokisch used to ride Prince every night on the back roads, said Miller.

"When I first got him he didn't stop at any stop signs," she said. "He just went through them."

Miller takes Prince out 2-3 times a week for about a 3 mile trot.

"When he was younger I used to take him for at least 10 miles," she noted. "I try to go when traffic is kind of light and I like to stay on the back gravel roads."

Miller enjoys her buggy rides with neighbor Gloria Callahan.

"I used to have to alternate between Gloria and my other neighbor Rose Keener," said Miller. "But since Rose moved to Georgia, Gloria gets to ride all the time now."

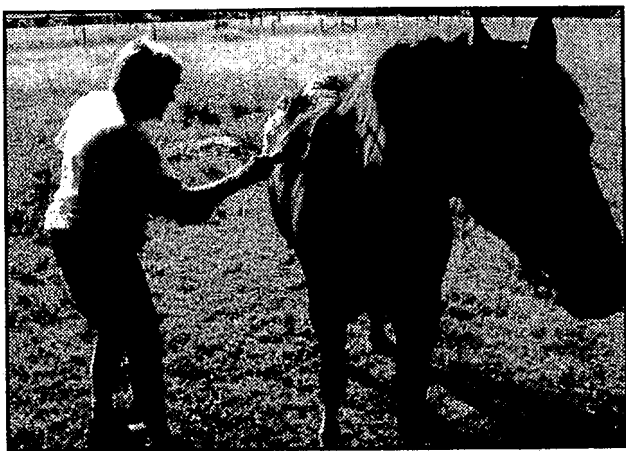
Callahan enjoys getting out on the buggy and seeing the scenery and people.

"It's a lot different than being in a car," said Callahan. "We get to catch up on everything."

"We get to talk a lot without being disturbed by phones," said Miller with a laugh. "Well sort of, Gloria does carry her cell phone on her."

Millers father sold off part of the farm to Gloria and her husband Bob Callahan about 55 years ago.

While riding in the buggy, "people show appreciation



Shar gives Prince a good brush down. Photo by Trevor Keiser

for what they see by slowing down and waving or honking their horns while they drive by," said Miller.

She also has a "slow sign" posted on the back of her buggy and a flag-bearing antenna for safe traveling.

The buggy that Miller travels in was probably built sometime in the 1880's. On the back of the buggy there is a sign that reads "The Flint Wagon Works." According to the Flint Library, it was Flint Michigan's first incorporated company in 1884.

"My dad bought the wagon in Kingston and fixed it up," said Miller. "We used to take it through the 4th of July Parade during the 50's."

Miller is a native of Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1959 with a little over a 100 classmates. She still lives on the same generational farm that her grandfather, Sam Miller purchased in 1863, and the same house he built in 1877.

Her parents, Sam D. and Vernice Miller worked the 350 acre farm between 1939 and 1970, when her dad passed away. Afterwards, her mom sold part of the property.

Shar lived in Troy and worked in Royal Oak for awhile until her mother passed away in 1984. It was at that time Shar moved back home and split the remaining property with her brother.

So what got Shar into horses?

"Well, when my father farmed he started with a team



Prince responds to his name being called, while little Hogan follows.

of horses and eventually got a tractor, but he still kept the team because he liked the horses so I grew up with them," said Miller.

Prince is now a healthy horse at 27-years-old. A horse's old age is usually between 20's and 30's, 40's is rare, according to Miller.

"My blacksmith (Bill Parsons) says when he trims him (Prince) that 'he looks good for another year,'" she said. "Arthritis and ageing sets in a horse just like people."

Prince has become quite famous around the neighborhood, especially with all the kids from Springfield Planes Elementary.

Miller said Prince likes kids, especially when they offer him treats, but not so much adults.

"If a kid calls out to Prince, He will respond to them and walk over to the fence, and take whatever treats the kids have to offer him, such as apples," noted Miller. "However, if an adult calls Princes name, he is a little more apprehensive about it."

When Prince is not out for his back road trots he enjoys his days in the field hanging out with his goateed friends Hogan and Nanny who are about 8 or 9 years old.



Shar Miller, left, and Gloria Callahan out for a morning trot with Prince. Photo provided



Shar, Prince and Gloria pose for a Smile. Photo by Trevor Keiser.



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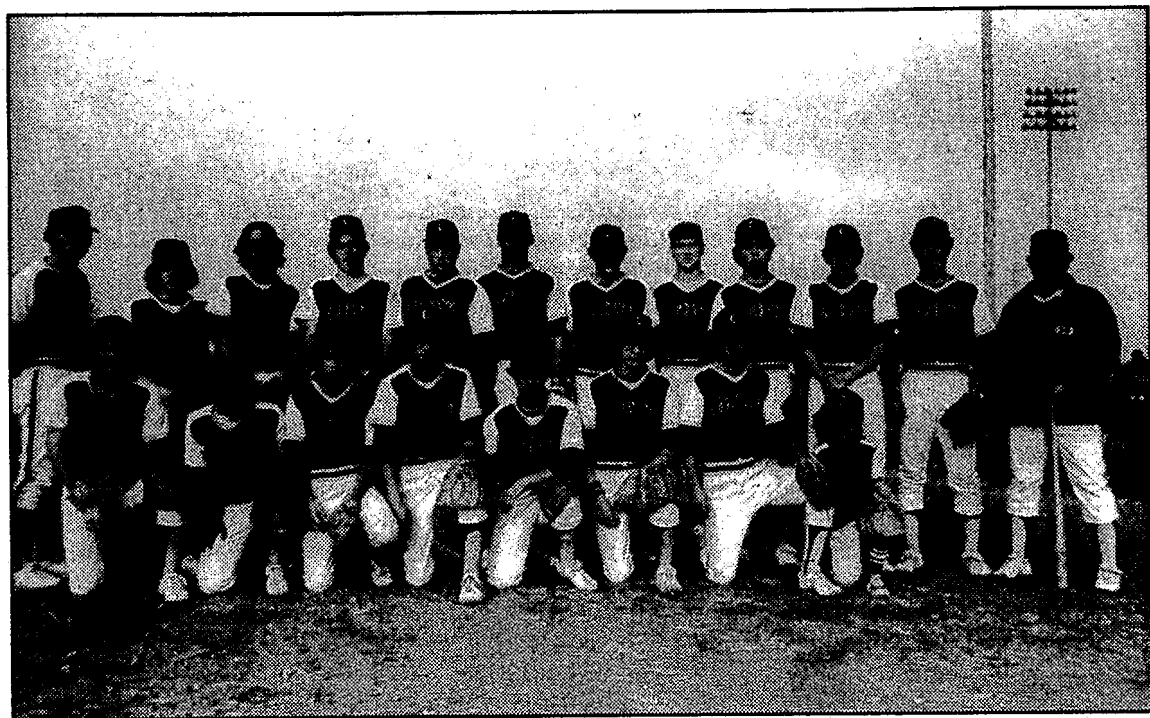
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The 1976 Clarkston Wolves amassed a 24-7 record on their way to a state championship one year after making it to the regional finals. *Clarkston News file photo*

Lake Orion titles mirroring Clarkston

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The similarities between Clarkston and Lake Orion are always drawn out on the playing field. The cross-town foes are often said to be mirror images of each other and with the Dragons' baseball and girls golf state championships this season, they literally are.

While Britney Hamilton and Darby Peters were driving down fairways and Joe Barnes was sliding home with the winning run in the finals, Lake Orion pulled off the same feat Clarkston pulled off in 1976.

"It's really uncanny how similar it is," Lake Orion Athletic Director William Reiss said.

The Wolves, 24-7 on the

baseball diamond, shared their championship with the girls golf team, the school's second and third championship, as they are for Lake Orion. The Dragons' other crown, a wrestling championship from 1990, came one year before Clarkston's grapplers won it in 1991.

Reiss said he and Clarkston Athletic Director Dan Fife have

talked about the comparisons between the two schools' kids and communities.

"Clarkston seems to be our sister school," Reiss said.

Sister school may be too nice of an adjective for Reiss, a Michigan State University graduate and University of Michigan Wolverine Fife. The parallels go all the way down to the jerseys adorning each school's players. Clarkston with blue and gold and Lake Orion's green and white evoke feelings of partisanship seen in the UM-MSU rivalry on the college level.

"The games we play are almost as big," Reiss said.

Lake Orion's basketball team's uniforms bear a striking resemblance to those of MSU and Clarkston wears winged football helmets similar to those at UM.

Clarkston holds the overall lead in state championships by a 9-3 margin, its last three from a girls cross country reign headed by former coach Jamie LaBrosse from 2003-'05.

"We were really young, it was a good three-year run," LaBrosse said.

LaBrosse, who took over the program in 2001, said the girls ran free without the pressure of being on top for the first two years of their stint.

"We were the hunter and then we became the hunted. It's a different feeling. It was a good team and they were able to deal with it," he said.

"It feels great to be a part of that. Some coaches don't get

one shot (at a championship), let alone three."

Dragons baseball coach Andy Schramek brought home the title in his ninth year at the helm. Schramek said he's gotten several congratulatory calls and e-mails from former players and even a letter from his congressman.

"The support that's come in has been really good. It's great and I'm proud," Schramek said.

Schramek, who was in kindergarten when his future competitors were baseball's elite, had a 10-year vision when he took over Lake Orion's program. His goal was to make the Dragons into one of the best baseball programs in the state.

"I humbly think we were one of the best programs before this year," Schramek said.

Past teams were capable of taking home a championship, he said.

"There's no magic formula, it's hard work.

"I learned to put the right players on the field and let them play spontaneous, fun baseball."

In 2006, Lake Orion fell in the state quarterfinals on a walk-off homerun.

"It was to the point where you don't know if you're snake-bitten," Reiss said.

"Maybe the fact the golf team broke through helped it happen.

"I told Andy two-thirds of the way through the season that we were destined to win."

In 1975, Clarkston made its

Athletes of the week

SuperNOVA has superb performance at state tourney

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

SuperNOVA, an AAU volleyball team from Clarkston, made its hometown proud June 2-3 at the Michigan Junior Volleyball Association state tournament in Grand Rapids.

The girls, one of three under-13 teams, finished third in a field of 58.

On their way to the semifinals, SuperNOVA plowed through its division I pool play, coming out undefeated. After defeating the winners of the other DI pools, the girls earned the No. 1 seed in the 11-team field.

SuperNOVA lost 25-11, 25-19 to Northeast Attack from Rockford, Mich., in the semifinals.

"They played very poised and patient. They played with a lot of heart, even when they were down, they stayed together as a team and pulled off the victory," coach Kristie Lightfoot said.

"It was a great experience. I couldn't believe you had I have high expectations for next year."

SuperNOVA Kristie, as the team is called, named after their coach, is comprised of nine girls, eight of whom attend Sashabaw Middle School.

Clarkston SuperNOVA, a new travel volleyball pro-

gram in the Clarkston area, has teams ranging from under 12- under 18.

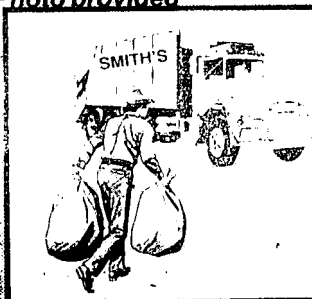
The girls' success at the tournament, along with that of an under-14 team that finished ranked fifth nationally, will have a strong impact on the volleyball program at Clarkston High School.

"That's only good news for the Clarkston volleyball program as we move forward," Lightfoot said.

"That acts as a feeder program."

Visit www.supernovavolleyball.com for more information about the program.

SuperNOVA Kristie are (l to r from bottom to top): Katie Hokanson, Megan Hastings, Madison Lightfoot, Micaela Tremblay, Rachel Manssur, Calltin Kirby, Katie Messer, Angela Niezgod, Gianna Licricchio and coach Kristie Lightfoot. *Photo provided*



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Coaches go hunting for future Wolves

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clairvoyance is a gift to few, but coaches of Clarkston's girls soccer program are doing their best to create the same knowledge base through simple observation. The coaches, assistant coach Megan Horstman and head coach Sarah Smith, ran the Future Wolves Soccer Camp at Clarkston Junior High School June 18-22.

With the camp, the pair get a good look at the girls entering fourth-ninth grades in, the fall, the same girls likely to cycle through the high school ranks in the next handful of years.

"It's good to get to know those younger players and their parents," Smith said.

"It's nice to see them and hopefully one day they'll play for Clarkston."

"It's a ton of fun and I love getting to see our future players. We bring the camp around in the summer to raise awareness. (We get) to check out the clientele coming up, there's a lot of good talent around here," Horstman said.

"It's really exciting for us to see the talent. I'm impressed with the skill level and mental toughness out there," she added.

Twenty-six campers worked on dribbling, passing, shooting, agility and speed and scrimmaged at the end of each day.

Each day nine or 10 Clarkston players assisted their coaches with instruction duties.

"High school players are role models for the girls," Horstman said.

"We have some senior leaders who've done a good job helping out with things this week."

Having the added coaches gives each camper more individualized attention, Smith said.

"The coaches aren't in the spotlight, the players



Nearly 30 soccer players ages fourth-ninth grade gathered at Clarkston Junior High School last week for the Future Wolves soccer camp. Photo by Paul Kampe

are. We have a great group," she said.

"If the younger kids see the Clarkston players doing it, they're going to copy it."

Eighth-grader Lisa Lyons, who's played organized soccer for four years, made her second visit to the Future Wolves camp.

"It's really fun hanging out with friends and knowing one day you'll play here," she said.

Lyons was most happy with learning and improving different moves. Learning the game from her favorite player, Clarkston's Dani Thomas, made the weeklong festivities more personable.

"You feel a lot more open if you know them. You're

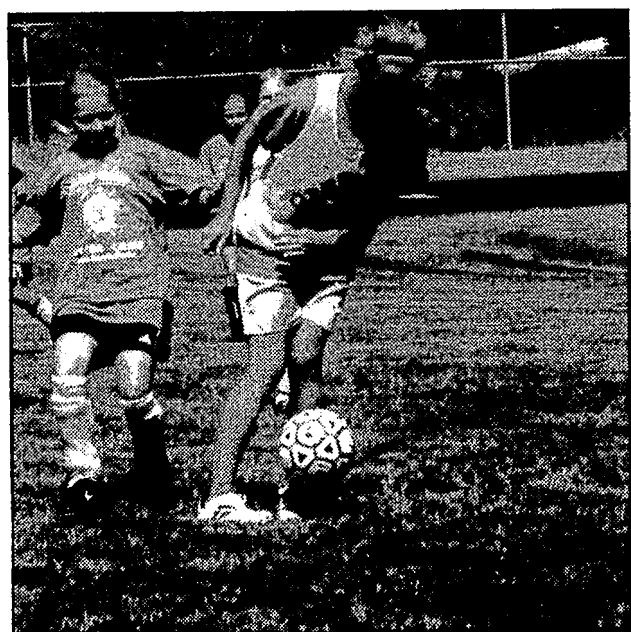
not as shy, but you still have to learn from them," Lyons said.

Getting girls in soccer and playing on a regular basis is valuable to the high school soccer teams, Smith said.

"As long as they're playing, that's important. It helps when they get to high school that they've had that training."

Stoking a competitive fire in the girls was an important lesson to teach at the camp.

"(With) so many girls, you want to instill confidence so they don't drop soccer," Horstman said.



Clarkston player Julie Warner cradles the ball in her feet while instructing at the camp. Photos by Paul Kampe



Above, Clarkston coach Sarah Smith leads a scrimmage. At left, team yellow nears the net of team blue.

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Caitlin Morris, voted team MVP following the season, will be one of three seniors departing the Wolves. Photo by Paul Kampe

Wolves take home post-season honors, ready for '08

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A late start kept Clarkston from an early showing to start the softball season, but the Wolves kept plugging away, finishing with a 22-15 mark and a district

championship. The team will look slightly different next season without Caitlin Morris at shortstop though. Morris, a four-year player, earned team MVP honors for her season as well as All-OAA.

"She gave a comfort to the rest of the players be-

cause she was extremely consistent," Wolves coach Don Peters said.

"She was so smooth defensively. I love watching her play (because) she's smooth the way she moves to the ball."

Also missing will be catcher and designated hitter Jessica Palace and No. 2 pitcher Megan Moehlig. The girls will miss Palace's skills and enthusiasm and Moehlig's ability on the mound and in the dugout as a counselor for her teammates, Peters said.

Peters is expecting large contributions from his soon-to-be four-year starters Kara Wandrie, Lindsey Upchurch and Katie Smith in 2008. Also likely to have a big impact on the team next year, third baseman Taylor Hasselbach and pitcher Bailee Braunreuther, who both exceeded expectations in their freshman seasons. Smith and Hasselbach also earned All-OAA honors.

Kelley Anderson, who competed with Palace for a chance at catcher, also came up big for the Wolves this season, Peters said.

An energetic farm system created through lower ages of softball, softball clinics and travel teams put in place to foster talent, has increased the program's depth, making space on the roster difficult to come by.

"It's going to be a war to get a spot," Peters said.

"We have some good, young talent coming up through the ranks. It's going to be interesting who does what."

In addition to Hasselbach and Braunreuther, Peters added two more freshmen to the roster from the junior varsity. Outfielder Ashlee Ogg and shortstop Amanda Martin joined the big leagues for some background knowledge.

"They didn't play a lot, but we tried to get them spot experience here and there," Peters said.

Peters expects Ogg, a left-handed batter, to fit into the team's slap-drag-philosophy at the plate.

Smith, Hasselbach and Shantel Uballe earned first-team All-Region and Braunreuther and Wandrie made the second team.

Hasselbach, Smith, Wandrie, Uballe, Braunreuther and Upchurch were named All-District for their play in the opening round of the playoffs.

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Dragons win similar championships while adding to trophy case

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way to the regional finals. Having most of his team returning the following season, former Clarkston coach Paul Tungate remembers having a good indication early on of his team's chances against the best in the state.

"It was one of those years where everything seemed to fit in the right niche," Tungate said.

"They had a sense from the first game of the season, (winning a state championship) was the goal. There was no question we were going to the state finals. We just kept winning and winning."

The closeness the Wolves developed

is similar to that of Lake Orion this season.

"It's almost like they gave each other the best present ever. They all wanted to win for each other," Schramek said.

"A coach can't give that type of unity, some teams just have it."

Former Clarkston player and Detroit Country Day junior varsity baseball coach Rod Hool still lives with the friendships made in high school.

"The guys we hung around, we just had fun all the time and that was the best part of it," Hool said.

"We had some competition and camaraderie back in the little league days."

Aside from team unity, Clarkston had a strong defense behind a fearsome starting rotation, which included future major league pitcher Steve Howe. Howe (13-1 in 1976 and 23-game winner in two years) and fellow lefty Bill Matthews teamed with right-hander Jeff Schatz to lead the Wolves.

Schatz earned a victory in the state finals after throwing five innings in relief.

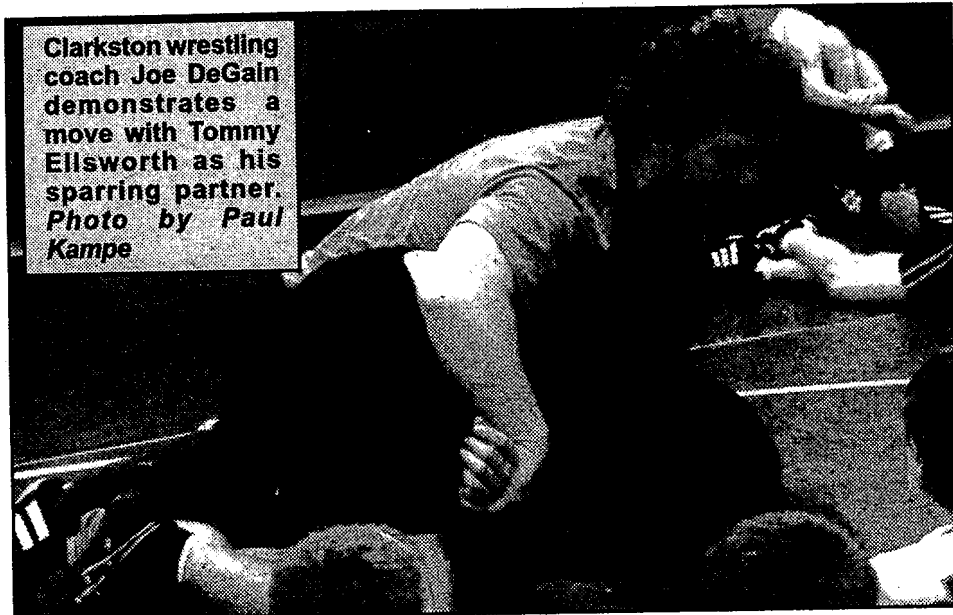
Last summer, the Wolves had a 30-year reunion of their championship team

and honored Howe as well. Howe passed away in April 2006 in California in an auto accident.

"We talked about the good memories of Steve. It was upbeat, but very respectful of him," Tungate said.

"You play the game for competition, fellowship and to be the best. We accomplished that," said Steve Pearson, former Clarkston first baseman.

With the athletic programs each school has established and a lengthy history of competition between them, the Clarkston-Lake Orion rivalry seems to be an open window more than mirror.



Clarkston wrestling coach Joe DeGain demonstrates a move with Tommy Ellsworth as his sparring partner. Photo by Paul Kampe

Working toward victories on the mat

BY PAUL KAMPE
Staff Writer

Nine hours doesn't sound like an enormous amount of time, but Clarkston wrestling coach Joe DeGain, assistant Derek Moscovic and program volunteers made the most of it in last week's Clarkston Wrestling camp at Clarkston High School.

The three-day, K-12 camp taught prospective wrestlers many maneuvers in the top, bottom and neutral positions. DeGain

has been running the camp for all nine years since its inception, the first four while his father Mike DeGain was Clarkston's coach.

The camp was designed "to give kids a place to wrestle in the summer," DeGain said.

"There was a demand for it. It's hard to get them on the mats without a commitment. When it's set in stone, they like to come."

"For only nine hours, I feel like we covered a lot

of information," he said.

DeGain estimated about 100 kids were enrolled in the camp, up from near 70.

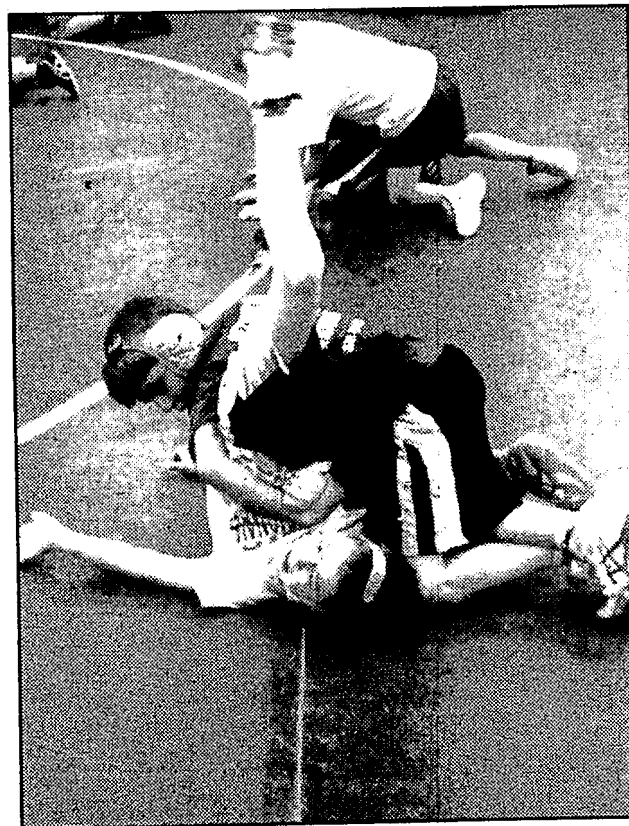
Teaching students proper positioning was a big part of the lesson plan, DeGain said.

"No matter what move you show them, it doesn't matter without positioning."

The camp is pivotal to Clarkston's program, helping kids get familiar with the high school stage.



Youngsters took to the mats at Clarkston High School last week for the K-12 summer wrestling camp. Photos by Paul Kampe



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BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

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He joined AROC about six weeks ago after about 13 years with McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint.

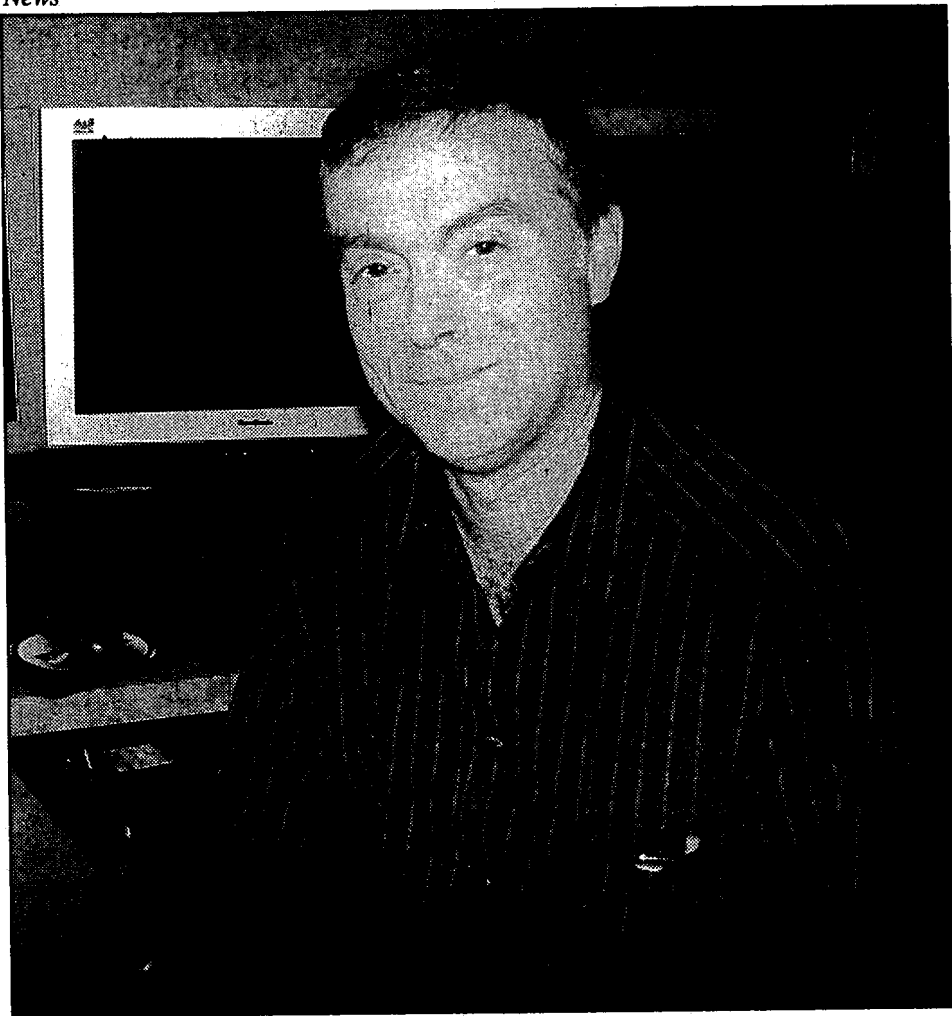
"Clarkston is a wonderful place - it's growing, it has a more diverse economy than most in Michigan. It has a lot to offer," he said.

"McLaren and Beaumont both want to establish bases of operation here - that speaks volumes of what the opportunities are here."

AROC is a cutting-edge facility, he said.

"The world is a changing place - radiology is changing extremely fast," he said.

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Dr. Marc L. Kahn joins Associated Radiologists of Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

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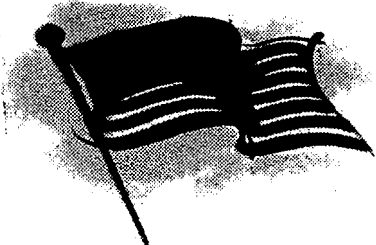
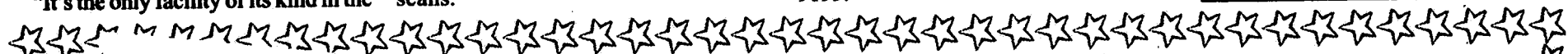
Five age-appropriate modules each day include: disassembling old machinery and using parts to make inventions in "I Can Invent"; traveling around the world to deliver secret documents in "The Wild Blue Y'Under"; building communication centers to respond to alien radio signals in the "Tape Me to Your Leader"; using forensic science as crime scene investigators in the "Solve It: The Missing Inventor's Log"; and creating mind-boggling new games in "AMAZing Games."

Kara Lomazov, third-grade teacher at Independence Elementary, will be camp director. Dennis Klenow, fifth-grade teacher at Independence, will be assistant director. Local certified teachers will lead the five modules and curricula each day. Enthusiastic high school and college students will serve as counselors.

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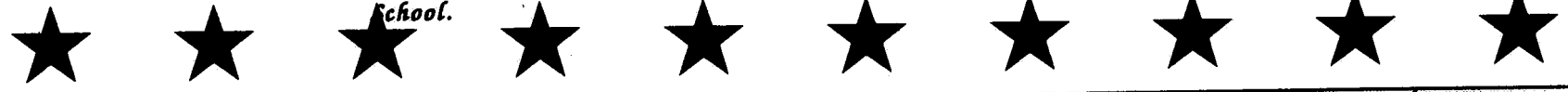
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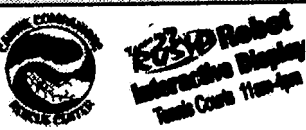
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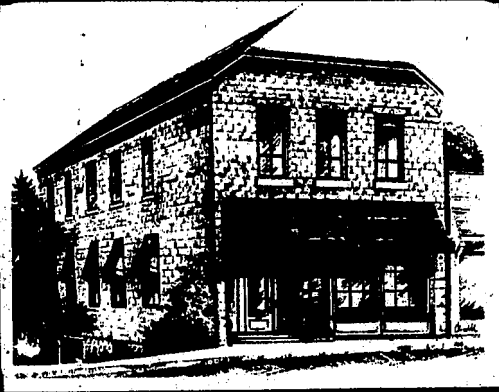
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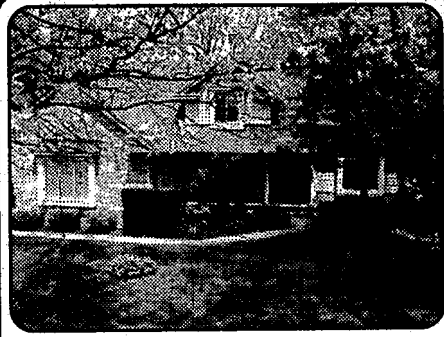
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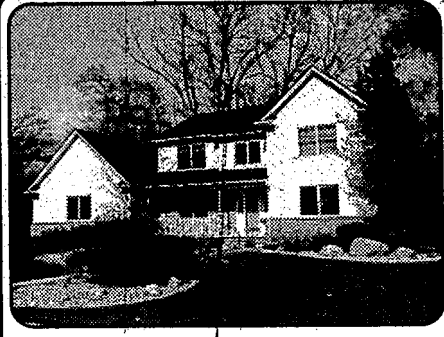
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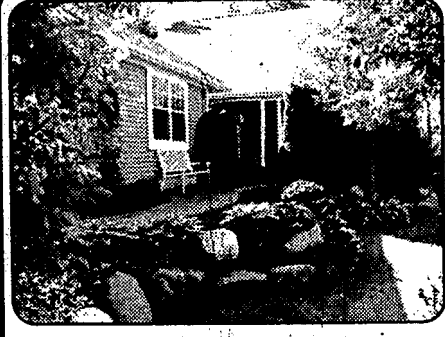
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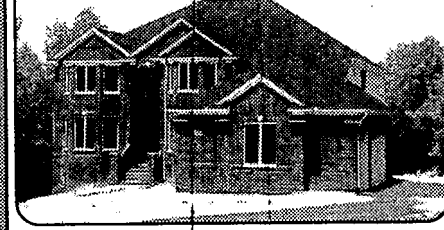
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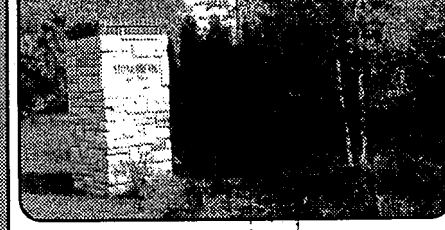
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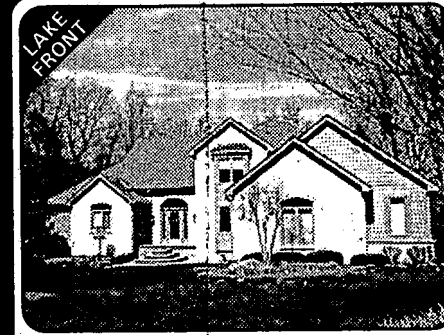
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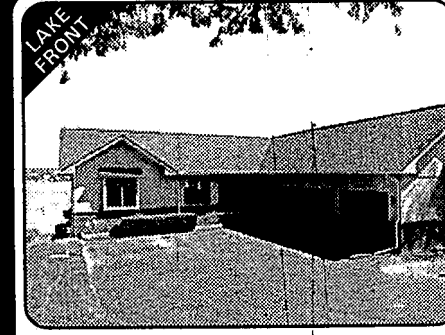
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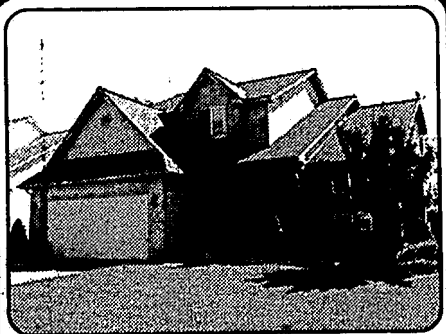
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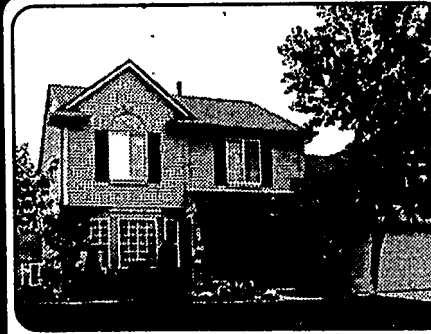
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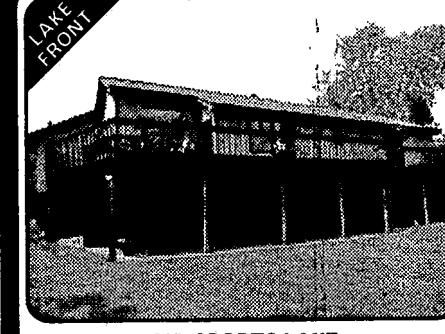
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School budget cuts to help reduce deficit

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nication from the state on fiscal year 2008," he said.

Because state budget decisions are pending, Clarkston schools' budget is based on assumptions: no additional or cuts to state funding per pupil, and no growth in student enrollment.

Non-homestead taxes, collected on businesses, second homes, and rental properties in the school district, is projected to increase by \$385,645, from \$8.2 million to \$8.6 million. However, due to Proposal A, state funding would decrease by the same amount to keep per-pupil funding the same.

"If non-homestead goes up, state aid goes down," Beamer said. "It's a wash."

Teacher salaries are frozen, except for contracted step increments, still under negotiation.

To preserve classroom instruction, many cuts were directed at support services, including maintenance, media, and building aides.

"Support staff took a bigger hit in percentage than instruction," he said.

General fund support of athletics will drop from \$600,000 to \$345,000, difference to be made up in new funding sources or pay-to-play, he said.

Police

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Sat., June 23 a 31-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on domestic assault charges after admitting to police she punched her husband in the chest several times after an argument over his alleged affair became heated.

A 17-year-old Waterford female called police after the rear window in her vehicle was smashed at an Independence Township restaurant. Her purse, containing a digital camera, was stolen from the car.

A 19-year-old Independence Township man was issued a citation for possession of marijuana after deputies discovered the drug and paraphernalia in his vehicle.

An Independence Township man living in the 5500 block of Clarkston Road called police after discovering someone had broken into his barn during the night and stole 3 bikes.

An Independence Township woman reported she'd been the victim of identity theft after receiving notice that someone fraudulently ordered five additional lines on her cellular account and changed her billing address to Detroit.

An Independence Township man living in the 6100 block of Fox Fire Circle reported someone knocked over his mailbox and post during the night.

Independence Township deputies were dispatched to assist the Independence Township fire department when a family living in the 100 block of Clarkson Road in the city of the Village of Clarkston noticed chicken cooking on the stove around 12:30 a.m. caught fire.

Sun., June 24 Deputies were dispatched for family trouble when a 35-year-old Independence Township man became angry after learning his mother did not buy any yogurt that day.

An Independence Township resident turned in a black canvas bag containing a .177 pellet gun found on a baseball field near Maybee Road and Mary Sue.

Deputies were dispatched to check on a report of assault and battery after a 16-year-old Independence Township youth shot another youth in the arm with a CO2-powered Air Soft gun. A juvenile petition was prepared and sent to the prosecutor's office for review.

Deputies were dispatched to the 5300 block of Drayton for family trouble after an argument between an Independence Township couple became heated.

Springfield Township

Wed., June 5 A 52-year-old Springfield Township woman called police after she looked up from a task inside her home to see a male, about 20 years old, looking in her window from the sidewalk.

Mon., June 11 Deputies were dispatched to the 8500 block of Tindal Road when a 29-year-old Springfield Township man called to report a construction trailer containing \$12,000-\$15,000 in tools and supplies for his landscaping trailer was stolen from the driveway at his home.

A 48-year-old Springfield Township woman called police after she received notice from her credit card company that her account was overdrawn by nearly \$700. The unauthorized charges were

made at a gas station in New York.

Tues., June 12 A 34-year-old man living in the 13000 block of Neal called police after he returned home to discover the front door to his home forced open, and a jewelry box stolen.

Wed., June 13 A homeowner in the 8400 block of Peaceful Valley called police when she discovered someone had backed a vehicle into the neighborhood mailbox station overnight. Glass from the vehicle was embedded in the siding and a pile of glass was found on the ground nearby.

Fri., June 15 a 52-year-old Springfield Township woman called police when she discovered \$6,000 missing from a drawer in her living room furniture. The woman claims a friend saw her take a \$20 bill from the drawer a few days previously, and believed the friend may have taken the money.

Sun., June 17 A 38-year-old Springfield Township man living in the 10700 block of Andersonville Road called police after a mountain bike valued at over \$500 was stolen from his front porch, where it was locked with a chain.

Mon., June 18 A 45-year-old Springfield Township woman living in the 11000 block of Scott Road was issued a citation for an ordinance violation after a neighbor complained about barking dogs, which she said was a chronic problem.

Tues., June 19 A 72-year-old Springfield Township man living in the 9800 block of Rattalee Lake Road called police after he arrived home from an errand to discover someone had kicked in the door from the garage to the home. The alarm sounded and may have scared off the intruder. Nothing was missing from the home.

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Crash clogs up Dixie, Maybee intersection

A car accident June 18 at around 2 p.m. caused a snag at the intersection of Maybee Road and Dixie Highway. There were no serious injuries. *Photos by Paul Kampe*



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SPRINGFIELD TWP

Gorgeous setting, impeccably maintained home! Outstanding Pebble Creek w/gated entrance & fountains. 2-story, mostly Brick exterior, 4BR, 4.5BA, fin.W/O LL, 1st floor Master, 3+ car garage. (CN92CRE) \$499,900 248-620-7200



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Immaculate inside & out! 2-story hwd. foyer, Lg kitchen w.Hickory & island w/Jenn Aire appl, GR w/frpc & vaulted ceilings. Panoramic views of yard/woods. 4BR, 2.5BA, fin. LL, 3 car gar & more! (CN37FOX) \$429,000 248-620-7200



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Large home and lot in Oakhurst! 5BR/4.2BA 3 car att. garage, fin. walkout LL. Memberships Available - a lifestyle of golfing, swimming, tennis & more! Extraordinary entertaining spaces! (CN60ROC) \$559,900 248-620-7200



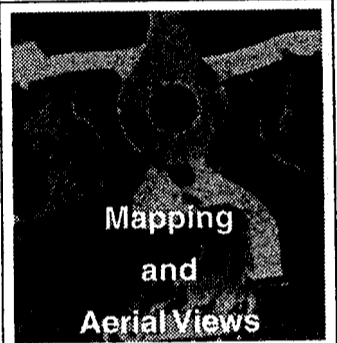
SPRINGFIELD TWP

Stunning new build w/backdrop of Nature Preserve/State Land on approx. 1.5 acres! 4BR/3.5BA, party fin. W/O LL, 3+ car gar. Large rooms, gorgeous wood/wrought iron staircase. Lease available. (CN15WIL) \$489,500 248-620-7200



CLARKSTON

Very clean & well maintained. Lots of sq. ft. for the \$\$ 3BR/3.5BA, fin. daylight bsmt, 2 car att.garage. Kit.opens to GR. Private deck w/great views. \$5K in closing costs on full price offer. (CN89SCE) \$200,000 248-620-7200



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CLARKSTON

Downtown Clarkston on the Mill Pond! Beautiful inground htd. pool. Tons of updates in this 3BD/2BA home. GR addition w/frpc in 2001. Entertainers delight! 5+ car garage. Quality is evident T/O! (CT87GLE) \$329,900 248-620-7200



SPRINGFIELD TWP

Clarkston Schools! Country but close to town and I-75. Up-north feel in this ranch w/knotty pine Living Room, Kitchen, Fireplace, Great Room, 1.5BA, basement, 2.5 car garage and a Hot Tub! (CN02BIG) \$155,000 248-620-7200



SPRINGFIELD TWP

Need lots of space? How about the tons of room in this newly built 4BR, 2.5BA, 2-story home! 2-story foyer, 2nd flr.laundry, 3 car garage, bsmt., much more. Newer sub located in the country! (CN15BIR) \$329,000 248-620-7200



CLARKSTON

Beautiful 1300+ sq.ft. ranch within the village. 3 bedrooms, formal Dining Rm, basement, large fenced yard. You will enjoy the covered porch or enchanting, shady patio. Put this on your list! (CN61CHU) \$234,800 248-620-7200



CLARKSTON

Golf course view! Great curb appeal, brick and fresh paint. 4BD/2.5 BA, full bsmt, 2 car garage. Nicely landscaped w/views to the course, but tree for privacy. (CN46BER) \$289,000 248-620-7200



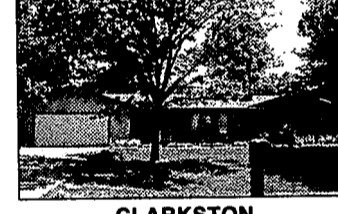
SPRINGFIELD TWP

Country living at it's finest! 3br, poss.4th in ower level, bsmt, 2 car garage. Very spacious well kept ranch sitting on over an acre. Big Lake inutes away. Walk to Indian Springs Metro Park. (CN25HIL) \$198,500 248-620-7200



CLARKSTON

Upgraded ranch boasts open living spaces and surrounded by woods & nature. 3BR/2BA, bsmt, 3 car gar. Newer roof, kit w/multi-level granite island, baths, flooring. An entertainers delight! (CN83TIM) \$349,877 248-620-7200



CLARKSTON

A total dollhouse! Previous seller completely remodeled in last 3 years + added an awesome oversized 2 car gar. Private back yd. w/nice cedar deck. 3BD/2BA. Huge laundry rm, gorgeous hwd. floors. (CN65SNO) \$179,900 248-620-7200



CLARKSTON

Gorgeous 4BD/2.5BA, fin. bsmt, 2 car att. gar, nestled in Lake Waldon Village Sub backing to woods for loads of privacy. Walking distance to downtown. Cozy fireplace in LR/FR. All appliances inc. (CN70FOR) \$279,900 248-620-7200



CLARKSTON

Exquisite condo located in Pine Knob, custom thru-out! Impeccable Views. 3BD/3.5BA, daylight bsmt, 2 car att.gar.. View the awesome lit waterfall from your patio. 1st floor Mstr, much more! (CN05ENC) \$534,900 248-620-7200



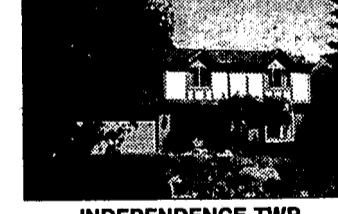
CLARKSTON

4BD/2BA updated colonial priced for quick sale! Inground pool, fenced ¾ acre, paved circle drive, 4-season room, skylights, ceramic/wood floors thru-out, 2.5 car gar, all appliances, fin. LL. (CN60WAL) \$239,900 248-620-7200



SPRINGFIELD TWP

1884 Charm, 2007 Value! Everything from long ago awaits you! Great Historic Home with a large front porch, hardwood floors, dual staircase, exquisite detailing. 3+ acres, Clarkston Schools! (CN00AND) \$324,930 248-620-7200



INDEPENDENCE TWP

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SPRINGFIELD TWP

All you ever need! Builders' home w/all upgrades. Sits on 2.5 acres w/elegant Up North feel. Huge stocked pond, great landscaping. Soaring ceilings, gourmet kit, 3+ gar, fin. W/O to die for! (CN41BIG) \$179,000 248-620-7200



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This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath condo is PRICED TO SELL! Finished bsmt, 2 car gar. Silky hardwood floors, cathedral foyer & Family Room, open Kitchen, oak trim, extra large deck, end unit. SPACIOUS! (CN07SCE) \$229,900 248-620-7200



CLARKSTON

3000+ sq.ft., 2 story GR. Imported tile & stone in redesigned Mstr. Suite w/European shower, jetted tub, granite vanities, 2 WIC's! Stainless, granite Kit., fin. LL. 3BR, 3.5BA, 2 car gar. (CN13ARD) \$389,000 248-620-7200



WATERFORD

Updated ranch on 2 lots! Features include 3 bedrooms, hardwood, ceramic floors, large Great Room, updated kitchen, large Master, 2.5 car garage, fenced yard on beautifully landscaped lot! (CN90COV) \$164,900 248-620-7200



SPRINGFIELD TWP

8956 Wild Iris Builders upgraded home nestled on Huge lot, backs to Nature Preserve. quiet cul-de-sac. Beautiful details! 3BD/2.2BA, fin. walkout LL, 3 car gar, custom home theater, more! (CN56WIL) \$499,000 248-620-7200

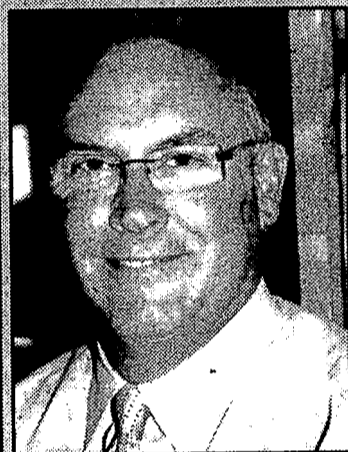
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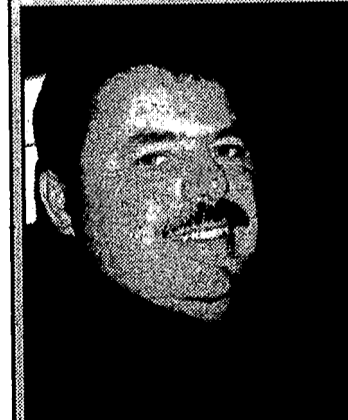
"Keep learning."

William Burr



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Carolyn Parcha



"Always be prepared, whether you're going to a job interview, or just to pick up an application. First impressions are last impressions."

Craig Hutchison

By Laura Colvin

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Going deep

Cooper helps people by using hypnotherapy

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

As a goalie with Junior A hockey in Ontario, Canada, Scott Cooper of Independence Township learned the value of meditation.

"It helped me focus," Cooper said. "You would picture the team you were playing against, and see what would happen."

Then the team would make it happen, he said.

As a father, meditation became even more important. By this time, he had learned self-hypnosis techniques as a way to work out the problems and issues of the day.

He studied hypnotherapy for about eight years, formally for two, and now sees clients as a certified therapist.

"I just want to help people," he said. "I enjoy it. I find the real story, the truth."

He doesn't use hypnosis for entertainment. Instead, he uses it to help people break through the conscious mind to the subconscious.

Clients are referred by doctors for help in pain management and recovery, and by other therapists. Most cases are referred by other clients, or just by word of mouth.

"I heard him talking about it at a ga-



Scott Cooper is a certified hypnotherapist. Photos by Phil Custodio

rage sale a few weeks ago," said Chris, a first-time client who asked that her full name not be used. "I was curious about it. My grandmother had herself hypnotized years ago."

Her first session involved guided meditation, with Cooper helping her reach goals they set beforehand.

"What I do is break down blocks," he said. "I remove labels for a living. The fewer labels you have, the freer you are."

If successful, hypnotherapy redirects the subconscious to achieve a person's goals, he said.

The subconscious records everything, good and bad. In a hypnotic trance, clients can regress into their uncon-

scious to the source of their negative thoughts, into their childhoods or before, into former lives, he said.

"You relive it, look at it through the third person," he said. "Rewind it, edit it, remove the negative energy – it's made me a better dad."

Hypnotherapy helps people stop smoking, beat alcoholism, lose weight, and become better spouses, parents, and people, he said.

"I love what I do – it's very satisfying," he said. "I love to see people be happy. It makes me happy."

Misconceptions include that people placed in a trance won't be able to come back, or they can be brainwashed while under hypnosis.

"If I tried to put something in that was not true to the person, you'd reject it," he said.

Religious faith, Western and Eastern, is compatible with hypnotherapy, Cooper said, and he encourages clients to "let go and let God."

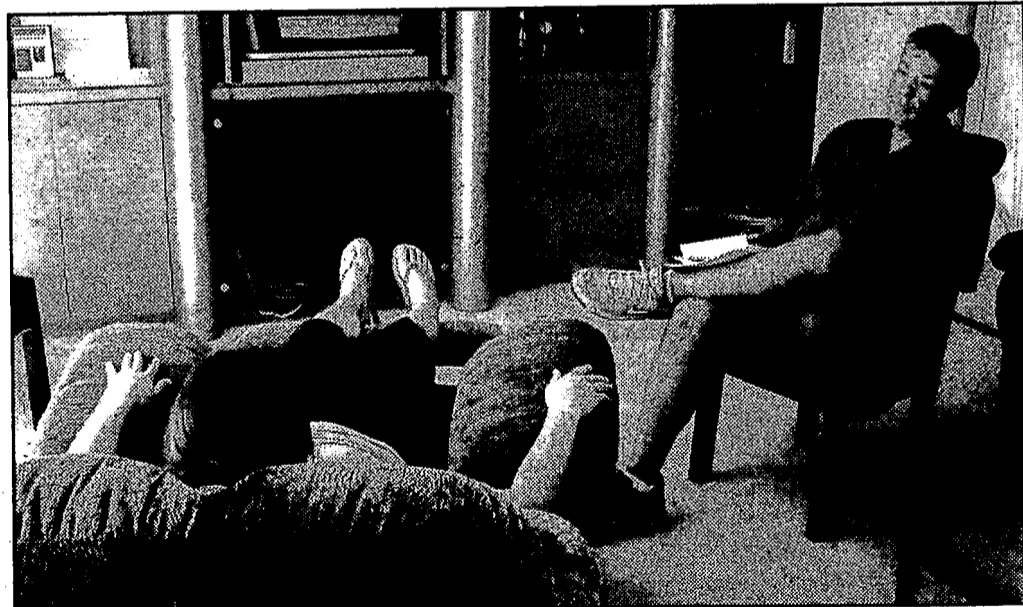
Cooper grew up in Ontario, Canada, and played hockey in the 1980s for teams in New York, Denver, and Flint.

"I still love hockey," he said.

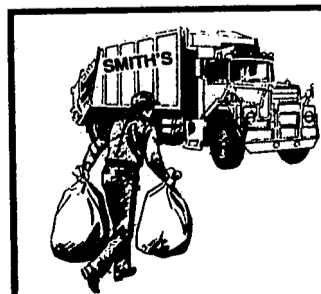
He, his wife, Maureen, and their sons Ryan and Sean moved in December from Rochester Hills to a house on a lake in Independence Township.

"My wife grew up on a lake – we wanted the same kind of place," Cooper said. "We're fortunate to be here."

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Around Town

Dinky Detectives Storytime, ages 2-3 years, June 28, and July 12, 19, 10:30 a.m.; ages 4-6 years, June 14, 21, 28, and July 12, 19, at 11:15 a.m. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Movies & Munchies, 1:30 p.m. June 28: "Rear Window," Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly. July 26: "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Aug. 23: "Wait Until Dark," Audrey Hepburn. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Book Club for adults, Thursdays, 1 p.m., June 28, July 26. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Golf Classic, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, June 28. Scramble. 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. \$150/golfer, \$600/four-some. Pine Knob Golf Course, 5580 Waldon Rd. 248-625-8055.

Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m., July 4, starts at St. Daniel's Church on Holcomb, to Miller Road, to Main St, to Church St., ending at Clarkston Community Education at Waldon Road. 248-625-1924.

Festival of Fun, July 4, Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Arts and crafts show, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Softball tournament, 8 a.m. Entertainment starts at 8 a.m. Children's activities start at 11 a.m. \$5 parking or \$1 shuttle from Clarkston High School. 248-625-8223.

Make & Take Craft Day, July 2-7, except July 4, 10 a.m. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, 7-10 a.m., July 4, Mason Temple, 1 E Washington. Coffee, milk, orange juice. \$6/adults, \$5/senior citizens, \$3/ 5-13 years, free/ 4 and under. 248-625-4471.

Support Group for all ages of those recently widowed, 7 p.m., July 5, Senior Center, Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Topic: "Caring & Sharing Support." Led by Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown, of Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. No registration necessary. Free. Any questions or to get on the invitation list, call Lewis E. Wint & Son, 248-625-5231, or email www.wintfuneralhome.com.



A 'bear'-y good time

Addison Parker, 3, took home a giant Legend the Band stuffed bear when she won "The Teddy Bear Twist" contest at Friday's free concert in Depot Park. Photo by Laura Colvin

625-7280.

A Day at Hogwarts, American Style, 1 p.m., July 7, Indian Springs Metropark, near White Lake. Owls, "potions," "magical" creatures. \$5/child, 8 and under. 248-625-6640.

Tots, Let's Look in the Pond, 1 p.m., July 8, Indian Springs Metropark, near White Lake. \$2/child, 2-7 years old. 248-

Teen Movie Night, July 10, 6:30 p.m., "Clue," Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Craft Day, July 10, 10:30 a.m. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Mothers & More, 7 p.m., July 16, Aug. 20, Red Knapp's Restaurant in Clarkston. Non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. Call Brooke McNicol, 248-393-2844 or check www.mothersandmore.org.

Babysitting class, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., July 16. For ages 11-15. Leadership, safety and safe play, basic care, first aid and professionalism. American Red Cross certified. \$50, includes lunch and materials. Clarkston Health Center, 5625 Water Tower Place, off Dixie Highway. 248-338-5389.

Teen Duct Tape, July 17, 6:30 p.m., Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Bubble Day, all ages, July 18, 1-3 p.m., Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

CSI Program for Teens, with Oakland County Sheriff's officers, July 26, 6-8 p.m., Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Book Fair, July 26-27, 10 a.m., Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

End of Summer, Children's Ice Cream Awards Party, 11 a.m.; Reading Teen Pizza Party, 6 p.m.; July 27. \$1. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Clarkston High School Class of 1982 is planning its **25-year reunion** Aug. 11 at Deer Lake Raquet Club. Call Jeanne (Herron) Waddell, 248-922-0973.

Clarkston High School Class of 1987 is planning its **20-year reunion** Sept. 1 at Paint Creek Country Club. Contact Melissa Ronk at Bogey9@comcast.net.

"Cut Ups" Quilting Club, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-8231.

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John Greenhill makes his approach on No. 18 at Liberty Golf Course June 18 at the annual CAYA golf outing. Photos by Paul Kampe

Golfers hit links to help CAYA

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sun and warm temperatures at Liberty Golf Club greeted a crowd of more than 50 golfers June 18 for the 14th annual Clarkston Area Youth Assistance golf outing.

"We had good weather and good company and it went well," event Co-chairperson Jim Wenger said.

"We were really appreciative of the people who came and golfed and donated. These are difficult times now, I commend them."

An auction, which included free service from Comcast and tickets to a Detroit Tigers game, was estimated to have raised about \$800 by Co-chair Joe Wauldron.

"There were some really nice donated

items for the auction at the end," Wauldron said.

The monies raised from the auction, a 50/50 drawing, golfers and sponsors goes to fund CAYA and its programs. This and other fundraisers as well as donations and grants, fund the organization.

The two event heads got a break to hit the links themselves.

"It's a great time for a great cause. The weather cooperated and hopefully everyone had a great time," Wenger said.

CAYA, an arm of the family division of the Oakland County court system, was created in 1953. The organization focuses on helping at-risk youth in the Clarkston community. CAYA is located at 5980 Clarkston Road and can be contacted at 248-625-9007.

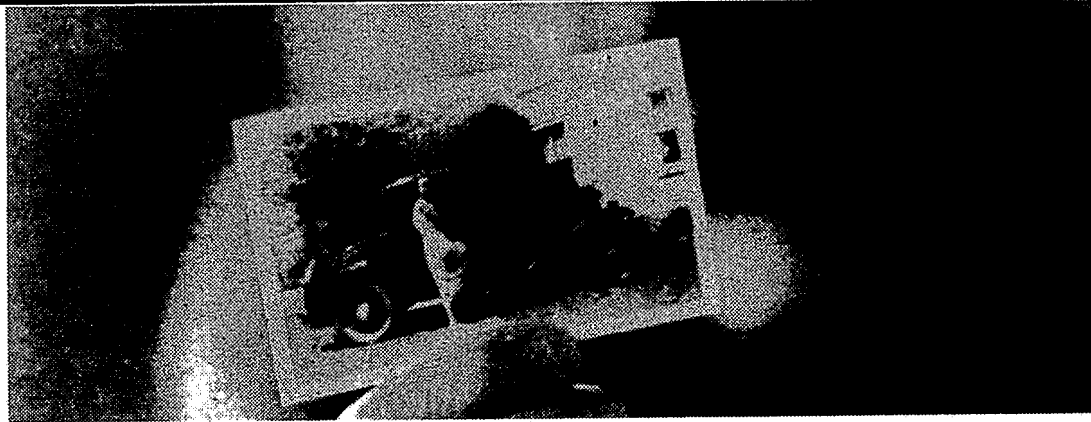


Fred Morden chips a shot toward the hole.



Gary Allen shoots, while Fred Morden and John Greenhill watch.

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Stretch yourself by pursuing opportunity

By Ernie Harwell



"For all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest of these: 'It might have been!'"
- John Greenleaf Whittier

Whittier was describing a lost chance for love, but these words apply to any missed opportunity, really.

An important way to keep our minds sharp-and make life interesting-is to take on challenges and hunt for opportunities not in plain view.

When I was 16, I was a faithful reader of *The Sporting News*, but I was disappointed they didn't provide much coverage from my part of the country. So I decided to offer my services as a correspondent for them in the Atlanta area. They accepted my offer and it was a great start to my career. And I've always been grateful that I didn't let my young age keep me from pursuing it.

When we challenge ourselves (physically, mentally or both!) we stretch ourselves as individuals and discover more about ourselves-no matter what age we are.

Take some time to think about your interests and what opportunities you could pursue. It's great mental exercise and, when you go after that opportunity, it's certainly a lot more rewarding than someday saying, "It might have been."

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgggg 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 and Blue Care Network, 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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Milestones



Welcome Mason

Riley Ann Abney is excited to announce that she is the new big sister of Mason Joseph Abney.

Mason, son of proud parents Nate

and Marla Abney, was born on June 6 at 2:45 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20.5 inches in length.

Family and friends send their love.

Students achieve success

Kevin Ortwine, 1989 Clarkston High School graduate and former Clarkston High School Boys Tennis coach, received the annual Siemens Award for Advanced Placement excellence in math and science.

Ortwine, an AP calculus teacher at Troy High School, was nominated based on his students' high AP scores. He is an Oakland Township resident, married with three children. He has a master's degree in education from Michigan State University.

Local students named to Albion College's Spring 2007 Dean's List include:

Colby Albarkat, graduate, degree in English and minor in philosophy and journalism, daughter of Muwaffaq and Rhonda Albarkat of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.

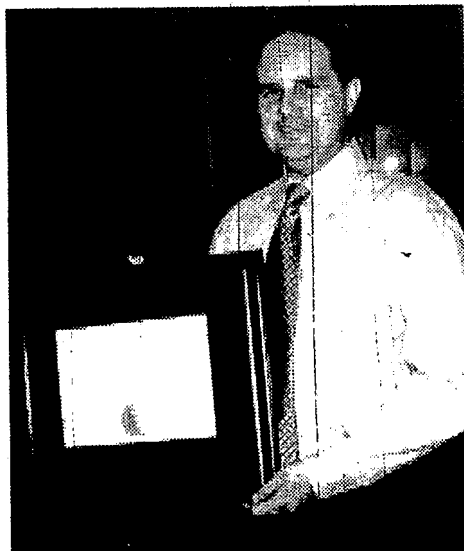
Megan Anderson, graduate, degree in psychology and minor in cell and molecular biology, with a concentration in neuroscience, daughter of Bill Anderson of Pontiac and DeLynn Anderson of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.

Katherine Dever, sophomore, daughter of Peter and Beth Dever of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.

Richard Frenchi, sophomore, majoring in biology, son of Mark and Kathleen Frenchi of Clarkston and graduate of Univ. of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Sarah Julian, junior, majoring in German and speech communication, daughter of William and Cynthia Julian of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.

Lauren Kurowski, junior, majoring in economics and management and Spanish, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management, daughter of Donald and Camille Kurowski of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.



Kevin Ortwine

Colin Madole, junior, majoring in physics and minoring in economics, son of John Madole of Clarkston and Delores A'Hearn of Waterford and graduate of Clarkston High School.

Zachary McDonald, sophomore, son of Robert and Donna McDonald of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.

Ian Sabbag, sophomore, majoring in economics and management, son of Paul R. Sabbag and Kim M. Voog-Sabbag of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.

Brian Shepanek, sophomore, son of Lawrence J. Shepanek and Patricia K. Shepanek of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.

Alexandra Snook, junior, majoring in psychology, daughter of Earl and Barbara Snook of Clarkston and graduate of Marian High School.

Hannah Trager, junior, majoring in art history, daughter of Aaron and Victoria Trager of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School.

Andra Barget of Clarkston was named to the Spring 2007 Dean's List at Central Michigan University.

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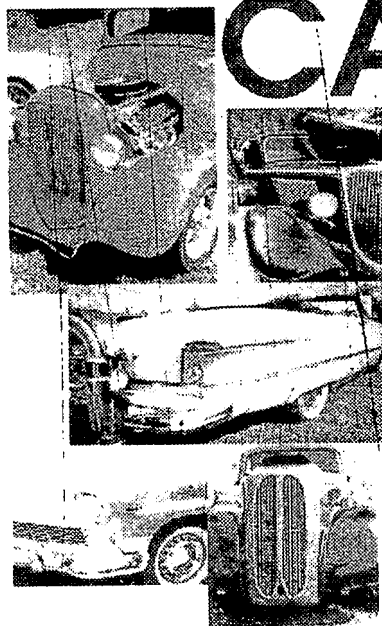
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Religion

Gospels all about restoring broken bonds

One of the distressing realities of our time is the weak state of bonds that exist between people.

Apathy and disloyalty toward others are commonplace. Husband and wives frequently find themselves at war with one another. Children are regularly at enmity with their parents. More and more society as a whole seems to be governed by distrust and suspicion.

What has brought about this weakening of bonds? What can be done to restore the ties so necessary to a healthy society?

Let's give this some consideration.

God made the world in such a way that there would be bonds between persons that tie them together. This design is a reflection of God Himself. While there is one God, He exists in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - bound together by covenantal love.

In a similar way, individuals are to experience bonds with those that God has put in their lives. These bonds vary in closeness, but include spouses, children, neighbors, fellow believers, and even strangers as fellow image-bearers of God.

When it comes to experiencing healthy social bonds as God intends, there is an important principle to remember: *When people keep their bond with God, their bonds with others are strong; but when people break their bond with God, all other bonds become weak.*

This principle is derived from the Old Testament prophet Malachi. There we find that as the people were

weak when it came to faithfulness to God, every other bond was weak as well. This was made apparent by their ingratitude for the blessings of God, weakness among marriages, and lack of energy for improving the culture.

This same principle helps us to understand our own state of affairs. As we have forsaken God, it has led to an unraveling of bonds necessary for a strong society. Looking out for one's individual interest has become the dominant concern.

For many, life has become nothing more than managing the pain and trouble of broken bonds. For them, life seems to be hell on earth because they are without meaningful bonds with others. The essence of hell is "aloneness" of which the breaking of bonds with God and others provides a foretaste.

Into this environment, the gospel message brings hope. Jesus Christ came in order to restore broken bonds.

This comes about first as God draws us to Himself by His Spirit. Then, having been restored to Him through faith in His Son, the restoration of bonds with others follows. From this, we see the gospel is more than an individualistic message about how to get to heaven. It's about healing bonds, renewing life, and bringing about a new world.

And that's precisely what we need.

The evidence of broken bonds is all around us. These bonds cannot be healed by mere human effort - like by money or some new government program. Restoring broken bonds with others will only come about when we first recover our bond with God.

David Bostrom is pastor of Seed for the Harvest ministry. E-mail him at davidjbostrom@gmail.com.

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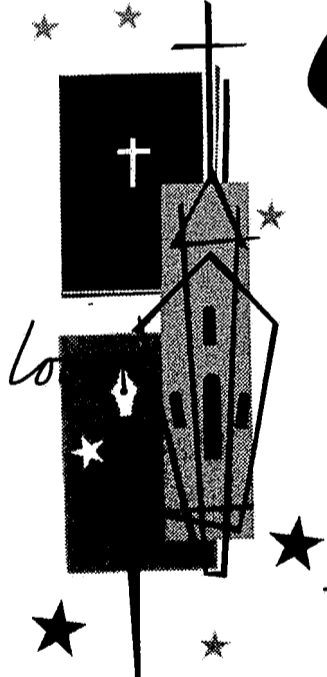
Bethany North, Catholic organization providing peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park. Meetings, 248-807-0041, www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

Peace Unity Church of Clarkston will offer "Teach Us To Pray," the first in a series of classes for 2007. Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m., at the McLoskeys home, 590 Crestmoor Circle, Oxford. Reverend Mathew E. Long will facilitate the class. Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of Prayer and Meditation, including: Silent Unity Prayer Method, Prayer Treatments for Healing Harmony and Abundance, Treasure Mapping, and the Master Mind Principle. All are welcome. Call 248-891-4365 or e-mail peace.unity@sbcglobal.net.

Moms in Touch, community group, meeting and prayers for local schools, Fridays, 9-10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church. 248-625-1323.

Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly **Wednesday Evening FEAST**. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15-8:30 p.m. The church offers a free nursery. Calvary Please see In Our Churches, page 10B

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Church youth group nears intercontinental goal

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Eighteen youth group members at Clarkston Free Methodist Church are a little closer to Nogales, Sonora, (Mexican border town) their intended destination for a sanctuary-building trip Aug. 4-11.

The group benefited from a congregational get-together Sunday afternoon in the church's parking lot, where members took their best shot at soaking their favorite pastors in the dunk tank from Oakland County Parks.

The group makes a trip to a foreign nation every two years. Thus far this summer, they have sold baked goods, hosted a garage sale and held a car wash to earn money for the trip.

The group will first travel to Arizona, where they will meet a family of missionaries from the church, and then proceed to drive to Mexico. Spring of Life Church in Nogales has outgrown its building and needs more facilities and classrooms for its members.

"We want to assist the (missionary family) in their first year of ministry,"

CFMC Youth Pastor Chris Horvath said.

"My hope is that the students and leaders that go will have a heart for God's work around the world. That has an impact on what we do here."

The group has been meeting monthly in addition to its fundraising activities to prepare for their mission, decided upon last November.

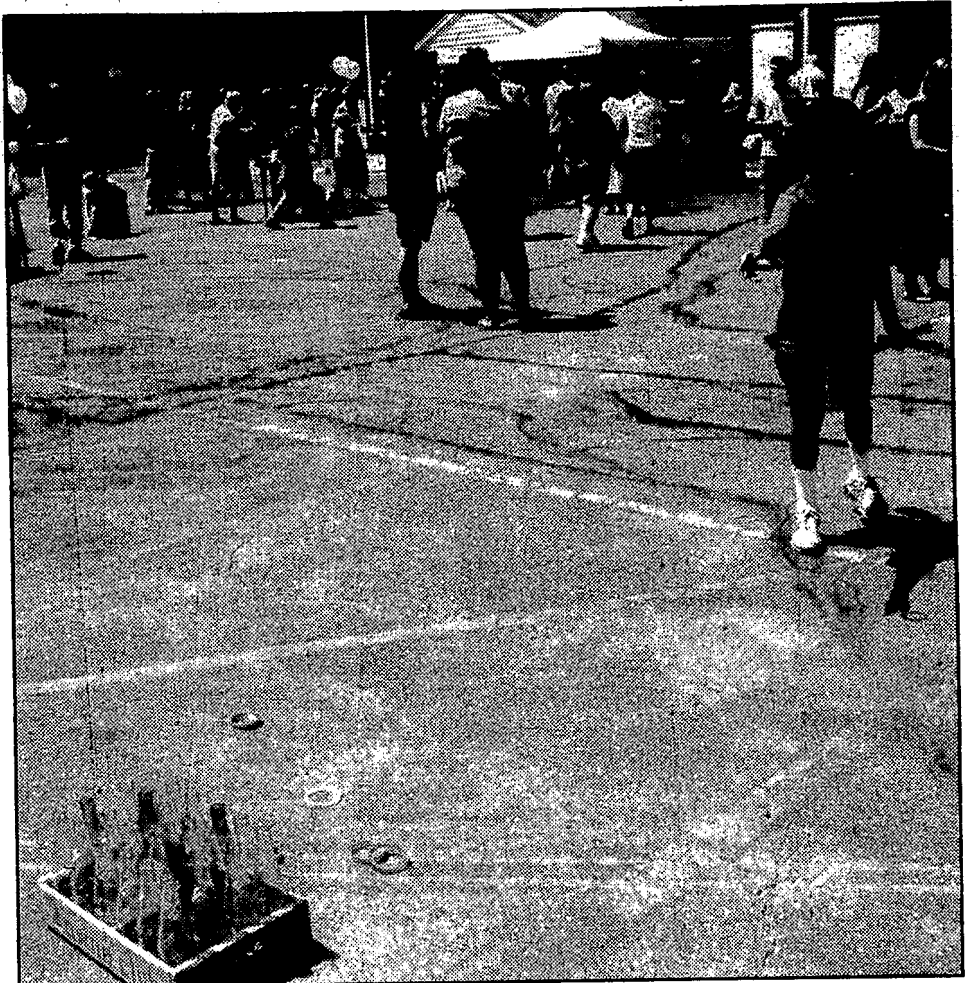
"We've been working on different aspects of teamwork and serving," Horvath said.

Allyson Mason, an 18-year-old member of the group, will be making her first mission trip with the youth group.

"It's surreal now. We've been preparing for so long. We're so excited (to make) an impact and help them out," she said.

"I expect to help the community grow. (When) they see the church being built, a sense of community will be developed."

Clarkston Free Methodist Church, at 5482 Winell Street, can be reached at 248-623-1224 or visit online at www.clarkstonfmc.org.



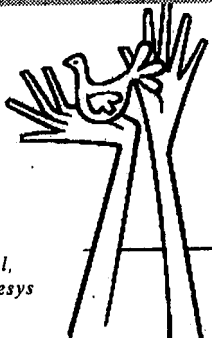
Clarkston Free Methodist Church member Sherry Yolks dunks Pastor Dave Coleman the easy way. The church held a fundraiser for its youth group Sunday for a mission trip to Mexico. Photos by Paul Kampe

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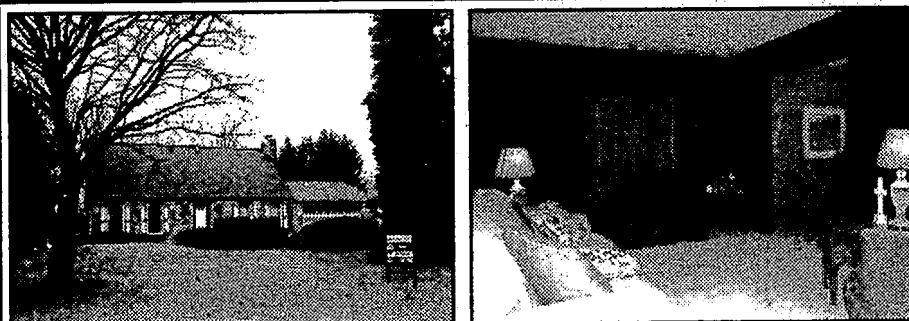
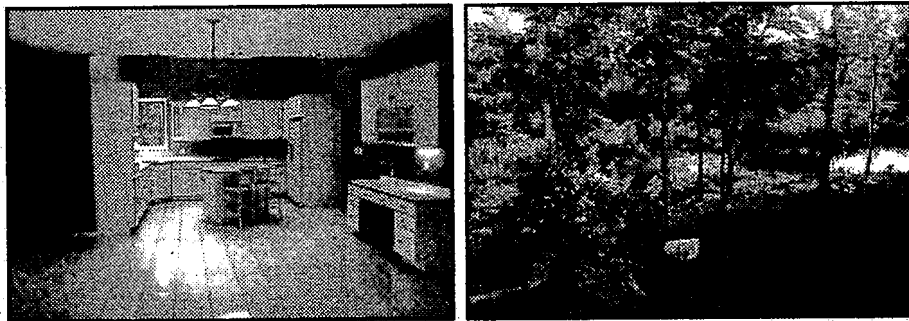
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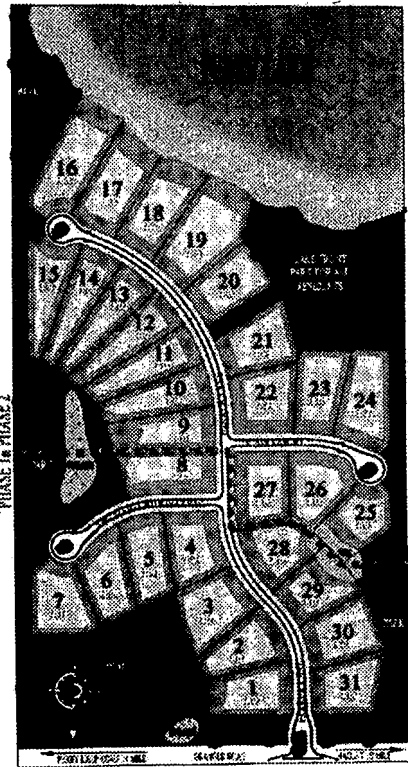
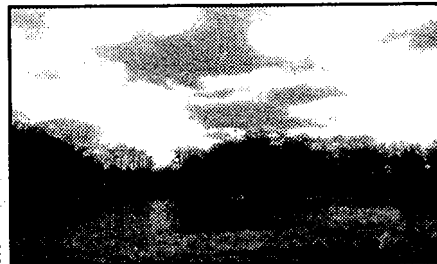
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Luminarias light the way Saturday night at CJHS as seen from Waldon Road in Clarkston.

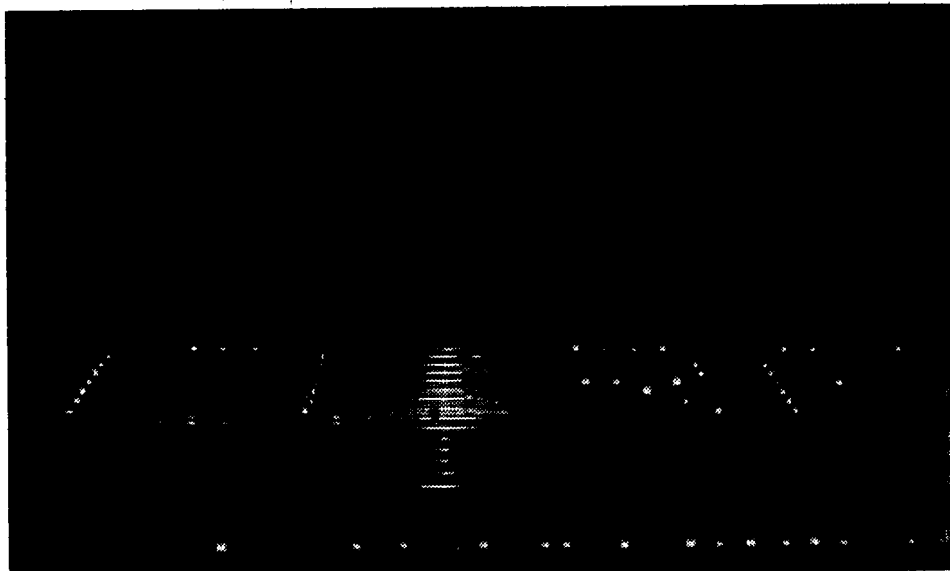


Scores of white and purple balloons were everywhere during the victory lap opening the ceremony.

Racing for a cure

Teams lined the track for the eighth annual Relay for Life Clarkston at Clarkston Junior High School. The event began Saturday at 10 a.m. and finished 24 hours later. Walkers stayed alert and walking all night long.

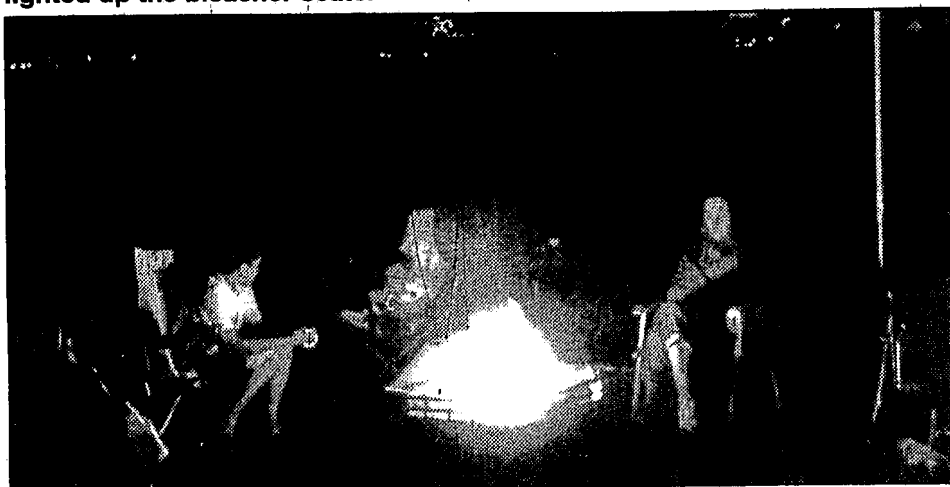
Photos by Paul Kampe



Reminding walkers why they're circling the track through the night, luminarias light up the bleacher seats.



Blake Jackson, center, 6, walks with his father Jay as they lead the victory lap to start the event. Blake is a 5-year cancer survivor.



This group knew how to stay warm Saturday night.



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Obituary



Treasurer John Koval shares a final moment of his last school board meeting with Trustee Joan Patterson. Photo by Phil Custodio

Time to say farewell

Treasurer John Koval heard his last financial report and made his last budget decision with the Clarkston Board of Education Monday. He is ending his term with the

board, set to be replaced by Cheryl McGinnis.

"I can't count the number of fine folks I've met (over the past 20 years with Clarkston schools)," Koval said.

Camp Oweki set to open July 16

Summer camp at Camp Oweki, Camp Fire USA North Oakland Council, is set for July 16-Aug. 3.

"It's exciting to see all the kids who come to camp learn and grow together as friends," said Barb Zelinski, camp director. "We can't wait to see everyone back at Camp Oweki every summer, and welcome new campers to come and be a part of all the wonderful camp experiences."

Session themes at Independence Oaks County Park include Pirates of Oweki, Hocus Pocus Magic Camp, and Out of this World Space Camp. Each session will also include swimming, boating, fishing, crafts, archery, and other camp activities.

The day camp is for boys and girls grade K-6. For more information, call 248-618-9050, or check www.campfire.usanoc.com.

Mothers group coming to area

A local chapter of Mothers & More has formed in Clarkston.

Mothers & More is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. It includes informational and fun meetings, children's activities, and local and national news letters.

The organization has more than 170 chapters and 7,500 members. They address mothers' needs as individu-

als and members of society, and promote the value of all the work mothers do.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held on July 16 and Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at Red Knapp's Restaurant in Clarkston.

Visitors are welcome and under no obligation to join. Call Brooke McNicol at 248-393-2844 for more information or log on to www.mothersandmore.org.

Bruce W. Alexander

Bruce W. Alexander of Bloomfield Hills passed away suddenly June 17 at the age of 57.

He was the loving husband of Kathy for 35 years; father of Scott (Danielle) and Kyle (Sara), all of Calif.; grandpa of Lucas and Jacob; son of Betty Alexander Fulton of Waterford and the late William Alexander; son-in-law of William and Eleanor Flanagan of Ohio; brother of Kay (Dave) Valley of Clarkston and Rick (Betsy) Alexander of New York City.

Mr. Alexander was also survived by many loving brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. He was employed by General Motors for nearly 40 years. Bruce held many executive positions with General Motors, including two assignments in California and



most recently Service and Parts Operations in Grand Blanc. He was proud to be a third generation General Motors executive.

Visitation at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, was June 21-22. Funeral Service was June 23 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Donald B. 'Don' Hopson

Donald B. "Don" Hopson of St. Helen, formerly of Clarkston, passed away suddenly June 19 at the age of 69.

He was the loving husband of Sharon for 50 years. Preceded in death by his daughter Connie Coppersmith. Father of Brenda Hopson of St. Helen and Annette (Michael) Metrick of Waterford. Grandfather of Rob, Crystal, Jeremy and Michael III. Brother of Norman (Bev), Evelyn Keway, Karen (Floyd) Greve, Ernest (Lourie), Mary Torres and



Gary. Father-in-law of Bob Coppersmith. Don retired from the Whoopee Bowl after 34 years.

Celebration of Life Service was June 24 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Eden A. Diver Sr.

Eden A. Diver Sr. of Clarkston passed away on June 22 at the age of 69.

He was husband, partner and love of Laura for 43 years; father of Eden Jr. (Annette), Britton (Gretchen) and Tristan; grandpa of Maclean, Eden III, Luke, Gabriel and Copeland; brother of Curt (Dee) Diver and Rhele Lundin; special brother-in-law to Duane and Penny Wildey; loving uncle and great-uncle.

He was a retired executive from Surf-Tran and retired captain of "Diver-Shun."

Memorial visitation Thursday, June 28, from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, June 29, 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia / Lymphoma or Humane Society. On line guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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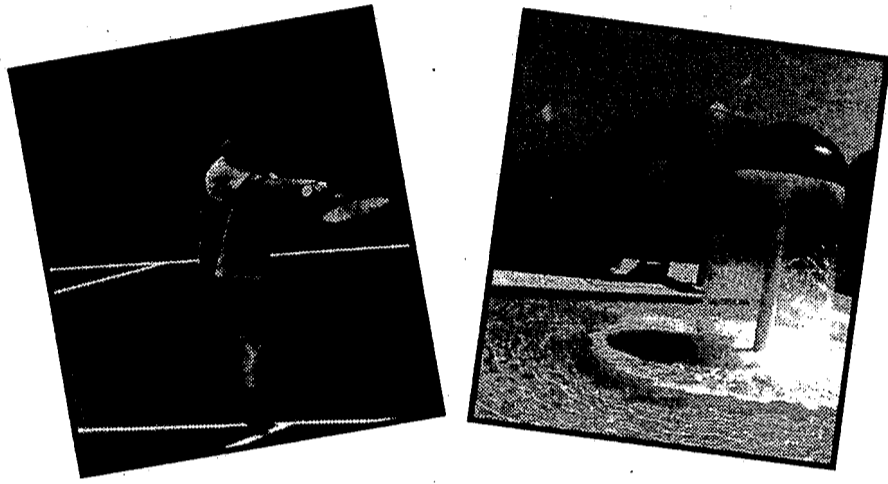
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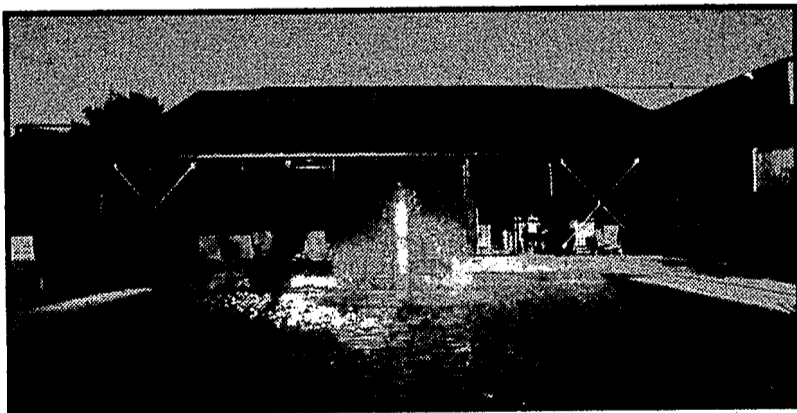
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Business news

Angie Klebba of Clarkston, sales consultant with PartyLite Gifts, Inc., was recently awarded an expense-paid trip for two to Los Cabos, Mexico, in recognition of her outstanding record of achievement as one of the company's most successful sellers.

Klebba ranked as one of the top 1,000 independent PartyLite sales consultants out of nearly 30,000 nationwide, who are affiliated with PartyLite, the world's largest direct seller of candles and candle accessories.

"We are tremendously proud of Angie and her colleagues across the country who reached their goals this year. We specifically chose Los Cabos for this incentive trip because it's the destination for the stars — and these hard-working business achievers are the stars of our company," said JP Trottier, president of PartyLite, U.S.

"PartyLite earners and their guests relaxed by the pool and on the beach, played golf and tennis, enjoyed snorkeling, sailing, scuba diving, fishing, and of course, sightseeing, as well as the special awards celebration in their honor."

Klebba began running her own business with PartyLite in 1997.

Daniel Krug & Associates, Inc., is opening a new office at 8040 Ortonville Road in Clarkston.

"This comes at a time of tremendous growth for us," said Daniel M. Krug, CSA, president, and founder of Daniel Krug & Associ-



JP Trottier, president of PartyLite, with Angie Klebba of Clarkston.

ates, Inc. "We have been fortunate to service thousands of clients during the past three years. The new office was the next step in becoming more efficient for our client base."

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Around Town

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and vaccination, by appointment, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 25900 Greenfield Road, Ste. 600. 248-967-8755.

BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Oakland County Board of Realtors office. For more information, call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.

Yoga for adults, 12-1 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, through June 20, Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road. Residents: \$70 total. Non-residents: \$75 total. \$12 walk-in. 248-634-0412.

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Holly Road, Wednesdays, tee-off 7:30-8:30 a.m. \$8 greens fee. \$12 residents/ \$15 non-residents. Call Mary at 248-625-8231.

Knit or crochet program, second and fourth Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels welcome. Tea and coffee served. 248-625-2212.

Clarkston Area Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. The Lions meet in the Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. Call 248--802-8603 or www.ClarkstonLions.com.

In Our Churches

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Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

Scripture Study, Mondays, 7 p.m. study of Book of Isaiah. 248-625-1750. \$10 for materials. St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

Church of the Resurrection has **bible study** every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's

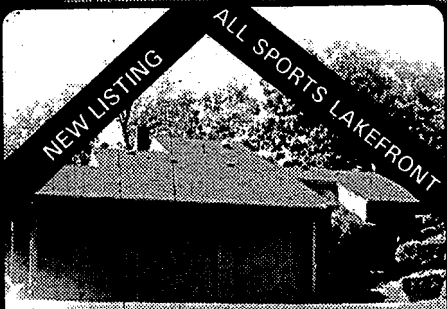
letter to the Romans." Church of the Resurrection is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

St. Daniel Catholic Church holds **Rainbows meetings** on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Cushing Center. Rainbows is an outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

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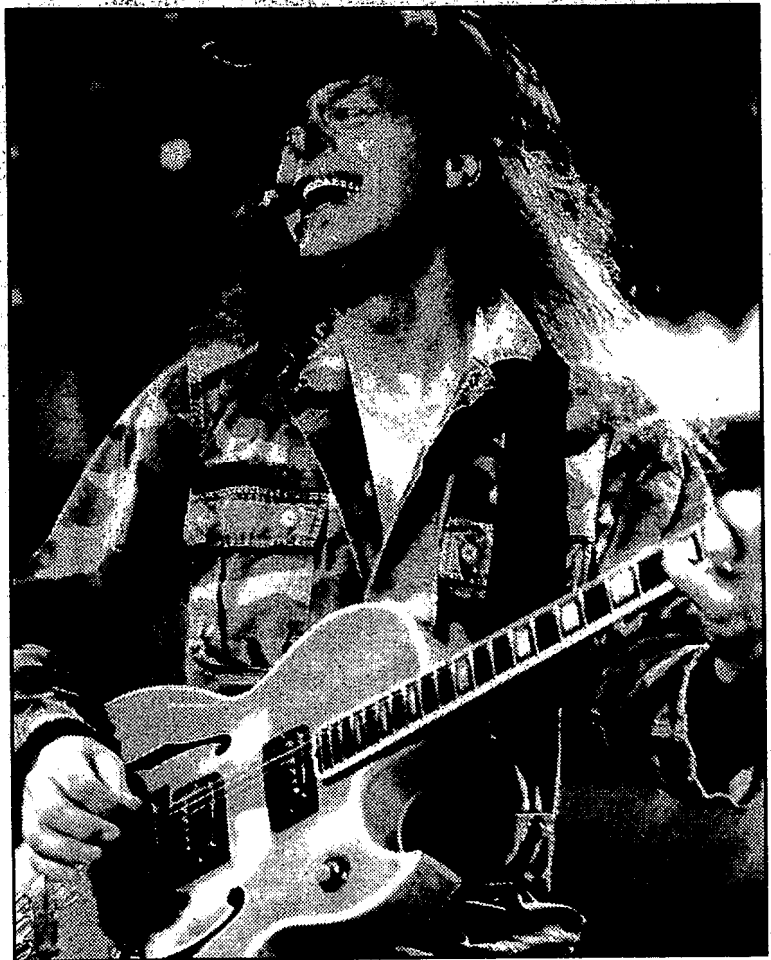
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'Madman' donates tickets, DTE sets fast pace



Several hundred tickets for Friday's Ted Nugent show at DTE were donated to military service men and women. Photo by Nadine Joy

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Motor City Madman" might be one of his aliases, but rocker Ted Nugent used his power for good last week, teaming with Palace Sports and Entertainment to distribute "several hundred" tickets to men and women of the armed forces for last Friday's show at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

Nugent made his annual stop at the outdoor venue and donated the tickets to service members of the U.S. Army Garrison-Michigan MWR department at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

"We're happy to cooperate with Ted to make these tickets available," PS&E Director of Public Relations Jeff Corey said.

"He's worked with us on this for the past few years and we're happy to keep this tradition going."

"We do our best to give back to the hero warriors of the U.S. military for their amazing sacrifices for freedom and liberty,"

Nugent said in a statement.

Nugent has been a part of more than 20 shows at PS&E venues in the past 13 years, including 18 shows at DTE/Pine Knob Music Theatre. "Whiplash Bash," a New Year's Eve mainstay, filled the Palace of Auburn Hills in recent years.

Nugent's DTE concerts, a typical sellout event, have been multiple shows at DTE in the past, but were slated for just one show this year.

"He's a local favorite and we've worked with him at all our venues. He always brings a big crowd," Corey said.

DTE is having a beginning of the concert season as hot as the summer heat, selling out 10 of 14 concerts including opener Eddie Money and Barenaked Ladies almost two weeks ago.

"Weather has been a factor and affordable ticket prices. There also isn't any competition from the Pistons and Red Wings in the playoffs," Corey said.

"People got into the summer mood in a hurry."

Riding high off early success, DTE has two large shows slated for the first week of the new month. July 3, heavy metal artists Tool take the stage and July 5-6 Toby Keith brings the "Big Dog Daddy Tour" to Independence Township with guests Miranda Lambert and Flynnville Train.

DTE Energy Music Theatre is located at 7774 Sashabaw Road. For general information call 248-377-0100 or visit www.palacenet.com.

Read The Clarkston News all summer to keep current on the concerts at DTE and Depot Park and all other community happenings. Visit online at Clarkstonnews.com

Get out and see a show at DTE Energy Music Theatre in July

July DTE Energy Music Theatre shows:

• Tool, July 3 at 8 p.m., tickets \$75 and \$39.50.

• Toby Keith "Big Dog Daddy Tour" with Miranda Lambert and Flynnville Train, July 5-6 at 7:30 p.m., tickets \$72.50 pavilion and \$32.27 lawn.

• Live, Collective Soul and Big Head Todd and the Monsters, July 8 at 7:30 p.m., tickets \$37.50 and \$15.

• Boyz II Men, July 13 at 7:30 p.m., tickets \$35.50 and \$10.

• Amita Baker, July 21 at 8 p.m., tickets \$75, \$55 and \$15.

• Def Leppard, July 24 at 7:30 p.m., tickets \$75, \$55 pavilion and \$28 lawn seats.

• Family Values Tour with Korn, Evanescence and more, July 25 at 2 p.m., tickets \$69, \$39 and \$9.99.

• Incubus, July 26 at 7:30 p.m., tickets \$39.50 and \$30.

• Randy Travis, July 28 at 7:30 p.m., tickets \$35.50 and \$10.

• B.B. King Blues Festival, July 29 at 7 p.m., tickets \$54.50.

• Poison wsg Ratt, July 31 at 7 p.m., tickets \$42.50 and \$26.

The DTE Energy Music Theatre box office is open Mon-Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and closed Sundays. Cash, credit and personal checks are accepted. For ticket information visit www.palacenet.com.



Toby Keith heads up the "Big Dog Daddy Tour" July 5-6 at DTE Energy Music Theatre. Photo by Richard McLaren

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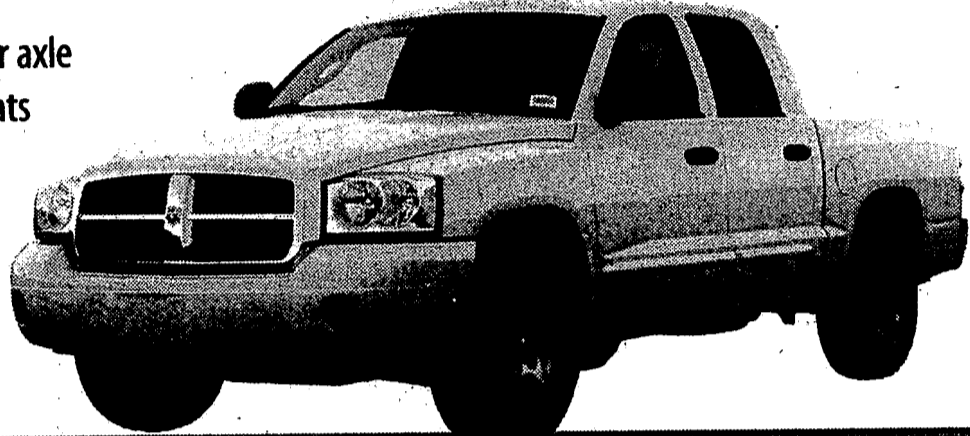
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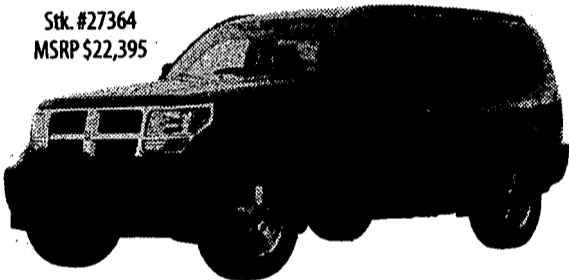
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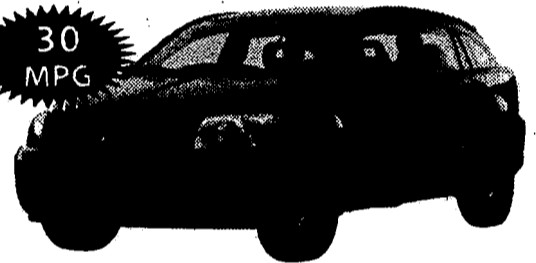


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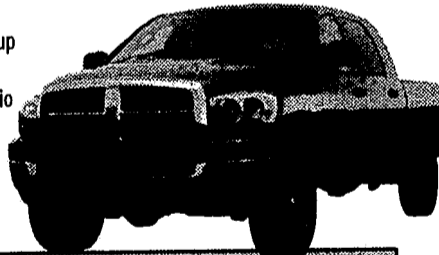


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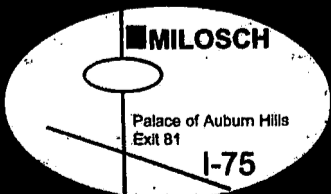
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New Trustee Cheryl McGinnis has promised to be certified by the end of her first year, so the board can maintain its award-winning status, Hyer said.

"No pressure though," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
ORDINANCE NO. 83A-07-02

TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 83 of the Charter Township of Independence, as amended, being the "Zoning Ordinance," for the purposes of: (1) amending Subsection 5.31.2 regarding the standards and procedures applicable to developments within the district; and (2) amending subsection 5.31.5.h(2)(i) regarding the review of proposed buildings exceeding the maximum permitted size in the district.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

Section 5.31.2 and Section 5.31.5.h(2)(i) of Article V of the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 83, are amended to read as follows:

Section 5.31. Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District.

1. [Unchanged].
2. *Applicable Area and Requirements of the Town Center Overlay District.*

a. The "Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District" (sometimes also referred to in this ordinance as the "Town Center" or "area") encompasses the area as illustrated in the Sashabaw Town Center District Overlay Map which is attached as an amendment to and made part of the official Zoning Map of Independence Township.

b. All developments within the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District shall be submitted for approval in accordance with the standards and procedures set forth in this Ordinance; provided, however, that all development of property within the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District shall comply with the standards and requirements of this Section in addition to all other regulations under this Ordinance. The standards and requirements of this Section are in addition to and supplement all other regulations under this Ordinance, which remain applicable to the extent that they do not expressly conflict with the provisions of this Section. To the extent a Township official or body reviewing a plan or application under this ordinance determines in its discretion that a conflict exists between the standards under this Section and those of other sections of this ordinance, the standards under this Section shall apply.

3. [Unchanged].
4. [Unchanged].
5. *Specific Design Standards Within the Town Center Overlay District.*

a.- g. [Unchanged].

h. *General Site Design and Architectural Guidelines for Non-Residential Uses.* Consistent with the intent and purposes of this section set forth above, it is the intent of the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District to provide an environment of high quality and complementary building architecture and site design. Special emphasis shall be placed upon methods that tend to reduce the large-scale visual impact of buildings, to encourage tasteful, imaginative design for individual buildings, and to create a complex of buildings compatible with the Town Center's streetscape.

- (1) [Unchanged].
- (2) *Building Massing and Form.*

(i) No individual building shall exceed 50,000 square feet in size. Existing buildings in the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District and new buildings within the IOP District shall be excluded from this requirement. However, buildings greater in size may be permitted, provided the following minimum criteria are satisfied:

(a) Horizontal masses shall not exceed a height: width ratio of 1:3 without substantial variation in massing that includes a change in height and projecting or recessed elements.

(b) All buildings shall have variations in roof lines and roof treatment to reduce the massive scale of the structure and add visual interest. One (1) or more of the following measures shall be used: parapets of varied height, overhanging eaves, sloped or pitched roofs, front gable treatment, and/or cornice elements.

(c) The exterior of the building shall appear to have an abundance of individual uses through the inclusion of windows and varying architectural treatments, while the interior may consist of one (1) individual use.

- (ii) [Unchanged].
- (iii) [Unchanged].
- (iv) [Unchanged].

- (3) [Unchanged].
- (4) [Unchanged].
- (5) [Unchanged].

- i. [Unchanged].
- j. [Unchanged].

Section 2 of Ordinance

Except as expressly set forth above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3 of Ordinance

This ordinance shall be effective on the date provided by applicable law following publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 19th day of June, 2007.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
By: SHELAGH VANDERVEEN, Township Clerk

INTRODUCED: 3/20/07
ADOPTED: 6/19/07
EFFECTIVE: 7/5/07
PUBLISHED: 6/13/07 and 6/27/07

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Date and Time: July 3, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Independence Township Library
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum - *Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*

7. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2007
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

- New Business
1. 2010 Census
 2. Gravel road program
 3. Non-Union compensation

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #07-0022 Hays, Diane, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 31' SIDE YARD SET-BACK VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT NEW TWO STORY GARAGE (REPLACEMENT) ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
5403 Whipple Lake Rd., Lot 19, 1.90 Acres, R-1R
Supervisor's Plat No. 7
08-11-100-019
- Case #07-0023 Dula, Herbert, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN FRONT OF HOME (ALREADY EXISTS)
6283 Maybee Rd., 28.19 Acres, R-1R
08-33-126-020
- Case #07-0024 Duncan, Lynette, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (LACKS REQUIRED FRONTAGE)
8997 Ortonville Rd., 10.71 Acres, R-1R
08-08-126-009
- Case #07-0025 Borchardt, Douglas, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUEST VARIANCE TO BUILD TWO STORY ADDITION WITH WALKOUT BASEMENT ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD.
4661 Ennismore Dr., Lot 14, R-1A
Woodhull Lake Subdivision
08-34-386-013

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Mrs. VanderVeen called the June 19, 2007, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approved motion to appoint Mr. Travis to chair the meeting

Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Wenger, Dunn, Rosso, Kelly, Travis

Absent: Wagner

There was a quorum

1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
2. Public Forum
3. Approved the Agenda, as amended, adding an Executive Session regarding pending litigation
4. Approved the Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2007
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
5. Presentation of Plante Moran 2006 Audit
6. Approved motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption, to Zoning Ordinance #83, Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District Amendments
7. Approved motion to approve 2006 Audit
8. Approved motion to approve Comcast Franchise Agreement
9. Approved motion to donate \$1,000.00 from Independence Township to the City of Clarkston for the Depot Park Bridge project with a letter of understanding
10. Approve motion to refer and recommend keyholing ordinance to Planning Commission
11. Approved motion to approve the Application for Feasibility Study by Oakland County
12. Approved motion to approve fireworks at Clintonwood and Lake Oakland
13. Approved motion to approve fireworks at Pine Knob subject to proper submittal of application
14. Approved motion to enter into closed session.
15. Approved motion to approve Accounts Payable Check Run
16. Approved motion to enter the Judgment in Ringgenberger v Township
17. Approve motion to adjourn at 10:12 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

Notice of Hearing of Practicability WAUMEGAH LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Waumegah Lake in the Townships of Springfield and Independence, County of Oakland will meet at the Office of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner (lower level lunch room) located at Public Works Building 95 West, One Public Works Drive, Waterford, Michigan, at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, July 18, 2007** to determine the practicability of implementing a three year (2008, 2009 & 2010) renewal of the Aquatic Weed Control program for Lake Waumegah.

This Hearing is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30910 of Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended.

WAUMEGAH LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
Published 6-27-07

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE REQUEST FOR VARIANCES ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan to hear the following appeal:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lombardo Companies, 6303 26 Mile, Suite 200, Washington, MI 48094:
 - a) to allow construction of residential structures within an RM - Multiple Family Residential District that have a side/side distance of seven (7) feet between certain buildings, as depicted on the applicant's submitted site plan, rather than a minimum side/side distance of forty (40) feet required per Section 7.05.2.c of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.
 - b) to allow construction of residential structures within an RM - Multiple Family Residential District that have a setback from internal drive/street of a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet for certain buildings, as depicted on the applicant's submitted site plan, rather than a minimum forty (40) feet required per Section 7.05.2.c of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

c) to seek an interpretation from the ZBA regarding the standards and site plan review process of Section 18.07 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 as it applies to the ability to approve amendments to or variances from a previously-approved site plan; and to consider variances from Section 18.07 processing provisions as might be indicated by the interpretation given.

The variance or variances are requested for eighteen (18) units within Kingston Pointe Condominiums, Condominium Plan No. 1541, as follows: P.I. #07-14-303-007 through #07-14-303-024, located at 9546, 9552, 9558, 9566, 9572, 9578, 9586, 9592, 9598, 9597, 9589, 9581, 9573, 9565, 9557, 9549, 9541 and 9533 Kingsway Circle.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk's Office until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published 6-27-07

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY SOFTWARE SANITARY SEWER ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 77

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on Thursday, June 14, 2007, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted Ordinance No. 77, Software Sanitary Sewer Ordinance, which ordinance is summarized herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

- | ARTICLE/
SECTIONS | CATCH LINES
AND SUMMARIES |
|---|---|
| ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS | |
| Section 1.01 | Short Title. Gives title of ordinance. |
| Section 1.02 | Statement of Purpose. Sets forth purpose of ordinance. |
| Section 1.03 | Authority. Cites various laws and legal instruments upon which ordinance authority is based. |
| Section 1.04 | Definitions. Defines various words and terms used in the ordinance. |
| ARTICLE II
GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP REGARDING SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS | |
| Section 2.01 | Connection. Refers to standards governing connections and information regarding plugging during construction or repair. |
| Section 2.02 | Service areas, premises to be served. Lists premises allowed to be connected to sewer system. |
| Section 2.03 | Lateral and capital benefit fees. Allows for assessment of a lateral benefit fee. |
| Section 2.04 | Determination of capital connection charge. Provides information on the establishment, imposition and administration of a capital connection charge. |
| Section 2.05 | Service charges. Sets forth mechanism by which charges for sewage disposal services shall be established. |
| Section 2.06 | Permit and inspection fee. Provides for establishment of a permit and inspection fee. |
| Section 2.07 | Operation, maintenance, alteration and repair. Provides for operation, maintenance, alteration, repair and management of system under supervision and control of Township Board. |
| Section 2.08 | Harmful substances, interception, prohibited matter. Provides information on prohibited connections, prohibited substances, use of interceptors, review and approval of certain wastes, and preliminary treatment. |
| Section 2.09 | Free service prohibited. Prohibits the provision of free facilities and services. |
| Section 2.10 | Lien. Provides for imposition and enforcement of liens for payment of charges for sewage disposal service. |
| Section 2.11 | Appeal. Allows for appeal of administrative determinations to Township Board. |
| Section 2.12 | Fiscal year. Establishes fiscal year of system. |
| ARTICLE III
GENERAL REGULATIONS OF OAKLAND COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS | |
| Section 3.01 | Generally. Requires that all sanitary sewer systems connected to sewers of the County Agency meet all requirements set forth in Article III. |
| Section 3.02 | Plans, permits and bonds. Provides information on required plans, permits and bonds. |
| Section 3.03 | Bulkhead. Provides information regarding installation of a suitable bulkhead. |
| Section 3.04 | Acceptance test. Provides information regarding requirements for infiltration tests, and air or exfiltration tests. |
| Section 3.05 | Stormwater and groundwater control. Lists structures not permitted to discharge into sewers connected to county system; provides information on sealing and plugging of certain joints and pipes. |
| Section 3.06 | Building sewers. Sets forth material specifications for a house connection sewer. |
| Section 3.07 | Septic tank abandonment and waste disposal. Requires disconnection of all existing wastewater treatment facilities prior to connecting an individual building sewer to County sewers; provides information on discharge of septic tank sludge, and liquids and solids from abandoned septic tanks. |
| Section 3.08 | Ownership, operations and maintenance responsibility. Sets forth information on ownership, operations and maintenance responsibility for new sanitary sewer systems. |
| Section 3.09 | Manholes. Sets forth requirements regarding manhole lid frames and covers and burying of manholes. |
| Section 3.10 | As-built plans. Sets forth information regarding the submission of as-built plans. |
| ARTICLE IV
GENERAL REGULATIONS OF CITY OF DETROIT WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM | |
| Section 4.01 | Delegation of authority. Limits applicability of Article to Service Contract requirements, and authorizes administration and enforcement of Article's provisions to City of Detroit on behalf of Township. |
| Section 4.02 | Discharge prohibitions. Lists substances which are prohibited from being discharged into POTW. Sets forth standards regarding pretreatment. Sets forth restrictions regarding hauled-in wastewater, centralized waste treatment and groundwater discharges. Sets forth information on: Township's and City's right to revision; accidental discharges; notification requirements; notice to employees; recovery of costs; hazardous waste notification; designation of authorized representative; and pollution prevention programs. |
| Section 4.03 | Fees. Sets forth information on the establishment of and recovery of charges and fees. |
| Section 4.04 | Wastewater discharge permits. Sets forth information on discharges by industrial users and on permitting process and requirements. |
| Section 4.05 | Monitoring facilities. Sets forth requirements for monitoring facilities for industrial users. |
| Section 4.06 | Inspection, sampling and record-keeping. Provides information on inspections and sampling and record-keeping requirements for industrial users. |
| Section 4.07 | Confidential information. Provides information re- |

- garding public and governmental access to data and information on industrial users.
- Section 4.08 **Statutes, laws and regulations.** Provides information regarding codes, standards, rules, regulations or laws referenced in this Article.
- Section 4.09 **Enforcement.** Provides information regarding violations, upsets, bypasses, emergency suspensions and orders, notices of violations, administrative actions and legal actions.
- Section 4.10 **Reconsideration and appeal.** Sets forth procedures of reconsideration and appeal by which a user may contest actions, determinations or decisions of department resulting from its construction, application and enforcement of this Article.
- ARTICLE V
ENFORCEMENT**
- Section 5.01 **Violation and penalties.** Sets forth penalties for violation of this Ordinance.
- ARTICLE VI
SEVERABILITY.** Provides that balance of Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect if any provision or part of Ordinance is declared invalid or unenforceable.
- ARTICLE VII
REPEALER.** Repeals all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance only to extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.
- ARTICLE VIII
SAVINGS CLAUSE.** Provides that Ordinance shall not affect any pending legal proceeding, liability incurred or cause of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed per Article VII.
- ARTICLE IX
EFFECTIVE DATE.** Provides that Ordinance shall be published and take effect in manner prescribed by law.
- ARTICLE X
ADOPTION.** Sets forth date and meeting at which Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board and ordered to be given publication.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of Springfield Township Ordinance No. 77, Software Sanitary Sewer Ordinance, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the fourteenth day of June, 2007. A true copy of the entire Ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Published 6-27-07 Charter Township of Springfield

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Consumer Confidence Report with 2006 Water Quality Results was mailed June 15, 2007 to all water customers. If you do not receive your copy, you can pick one up at the Department of Public Works, 6050 Flemings Lake Road. Normal business hours are 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The report can also be viewed on the township website www.twp.independence.mi.us.

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING JUNE 14, 2007 SYNOPSIS

- CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls
- PUBLIC COMMENT:**
1. Leonard Michalski, 10025 Walnut Hill Dr. and Pearle Feike, 10098 Walnut Hill Dr., objected to Township's alleged inaction regarding a blighted property.
 2. Lorne Termarsch voiced dissatisfaction with the Township's bidding process for building projects.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: May 10, 2007, Special Meeting (Dangerous Building Show Cause Hearing) and May 10, 2007 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$376,975.85
- b) Accepted May 2007 Treasurer's Report
- c) Received May 2007 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fire
- d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$26,953.31
- e) Received Award Certificate recognizing Springfield Township and partners for Ellis Barn relocation project
- f) Approved MTA annual membership and dues @ \$5,432.00
- g) Received communications and placed on file.

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Adopted Ordinance #77, Software Sanitary Sewer Ordinance
2. Cable Access Policy and Report: Adopted revised policy; authorized camcorder purchase

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Software Lake Sewer Extension Project: Adopted Resolution determining to defray obligations by use of Special Assessments, directing preparation of Special Assessment Roll and setting a August 1, 2007 hearing date
2. Westwood Hills Subdivision: Amended Consent Judgment
3. Autumn Shores Fishing Dock Installation Request: Referred to PUD Committee
4. Conditionally approved Fireworks Display Permit Application
5. Amended 2007 Budgets for General, Fire, Building Dept. and Parks Funds
6. Tabled 2007 Gravel Program Discussion
7. Tabled Huron River Watershed Council Dues Payment
8. Discussed 2008 Budget Process
9. Authorized Fire Fighters Insurance Policy renewal, Plan 2
10. Convened to Closed Session @ 9:55 p.m. to Consider Attorney Client Privilege Communication. Reconvened to Open Session @ 10:15 p.m. and authorized Township Attorney to defend Rickgers vs Springfield lawsuit

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ADJOURNED: 10:20 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
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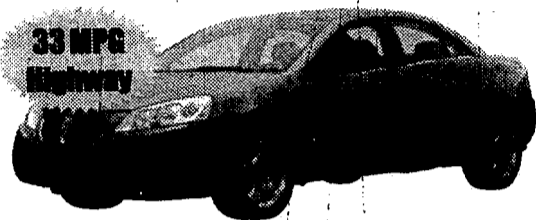
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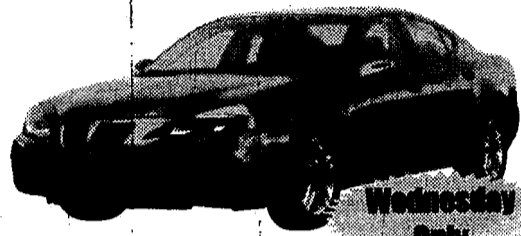


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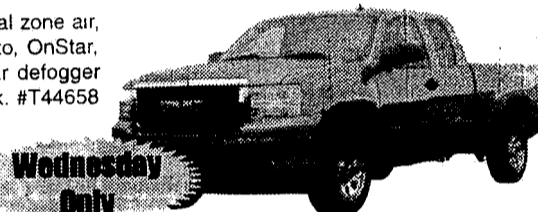
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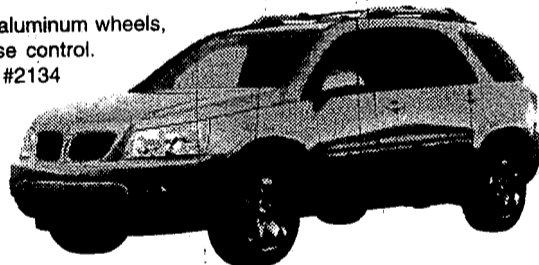


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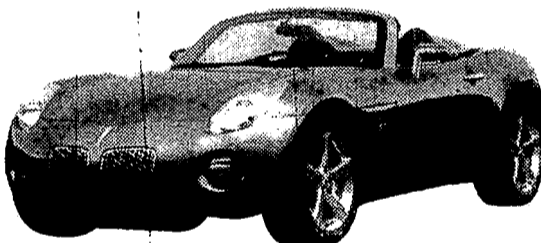
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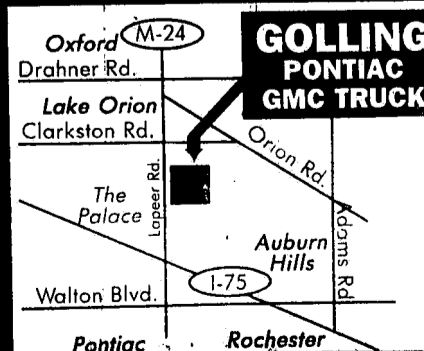
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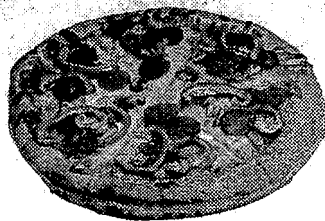
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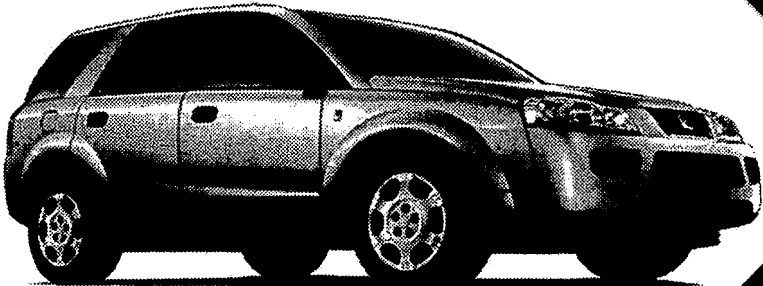
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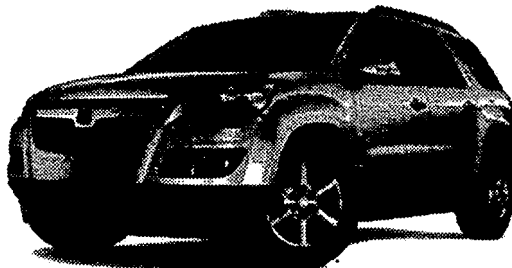
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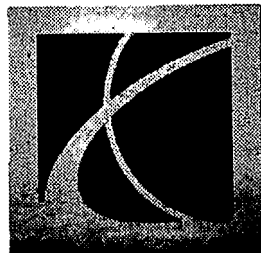
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Taking Care of Bizness

New senior manager

Mark Minder, 34, of Grand Blanc, is now a senior relationship manager with Raymond James Financial Services in Clarkston.

Minder, who joined the company March 1, assists clients with reviews of investment portfolios as part of his duties. A 1996 graduate of

Davenport University, Minder is working toward his CFP through the College for Financial Planning. Minder has 13 years of experience in the business and most recently worked for TIAA-CREF in Southfield.

Raymond James Financial is located at 20 West Washington.



Clarkston News

coming out with a bang

July 4

After the fireworks and excitement have died down, be sure to check out the July 4, 2007 edition of *The Clarkston News*.

You'll notice something different about your 77-year-old community newspaper.

"We're keeping up with the changing world and trending towards a contemporary, modular design," Publisher Jim Sherman, Jr. said. "Newspapers across the country and the world are going to this size."

The paper will be a contemporary, compact 12-inches tall by 10 wide, and will have only one fold, versus the two the paper now has.

"This will cut down on the always growing amount of postage we pay, the cost of newsprint and distribution. In our own little way, we believe this will also cut back on the amount of discarded newsprint going into our local landfills," Sherman said. "This will allow us to keep advertising rates attractive to local, mom and pop businesses -- which I am sure they will appreciate."

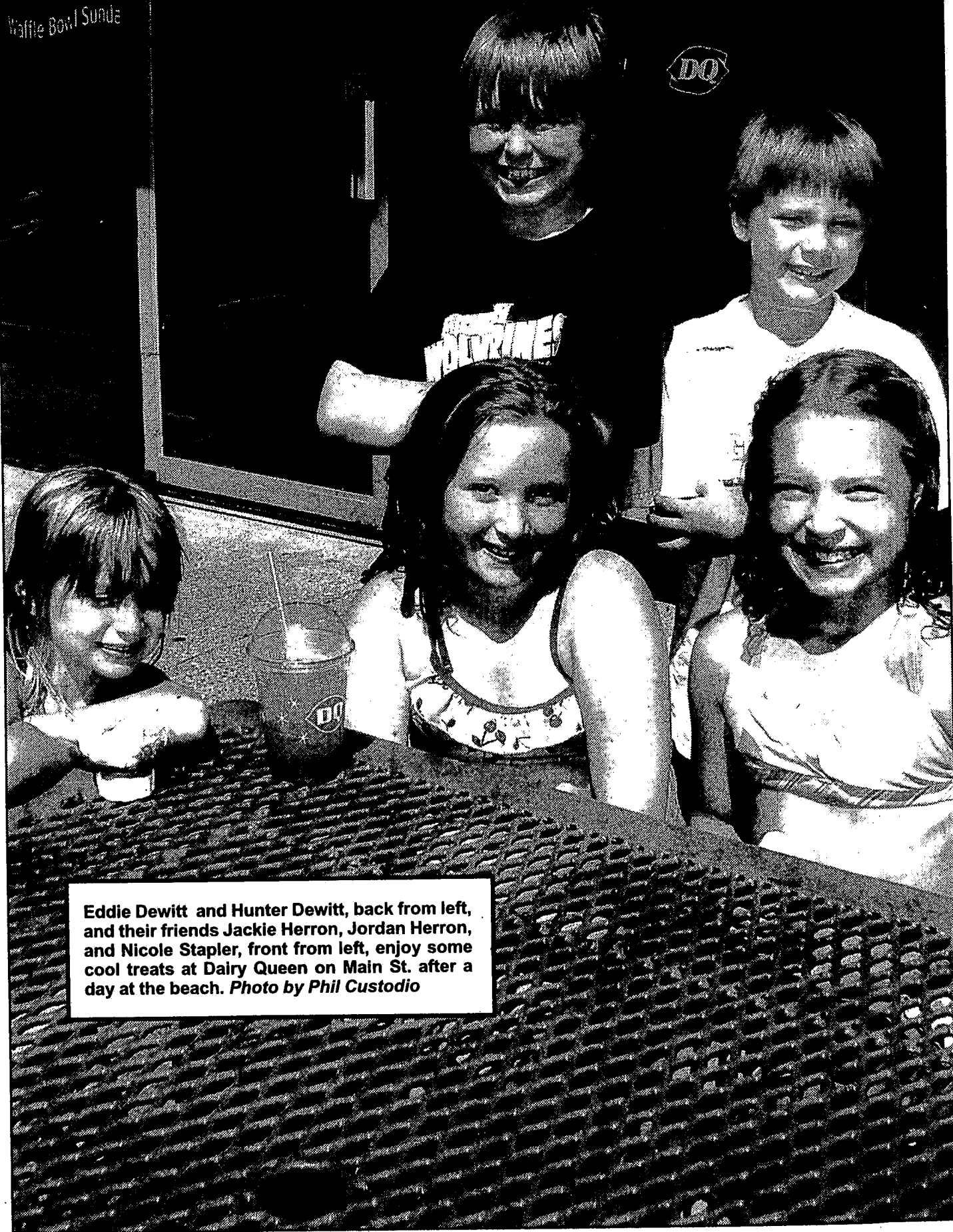
July will bring, too, a change in the newspaper's website. According to Assistant Publisher Don Rush, the site will be easier to navigate, have added editorial features and advertising opportunities for local businesses to market themselves.

Dairy Queen's a royal biz in the summer

Waffle Bowl Sunda

NEW CRISPY

Sandwich



Eddie Dewitt and Hunter Dewitt, back from left, and their friends Jackie Herron, Jordan Herron, and Nicole Stapler, front from left, enjoy some cool treats at Dairy Queen on Main St. after a day at the beach. Photo by Phil Custodio



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Monthly Planner

July Monthly Events

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National Grilling Month
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www.ari.org
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National Therapeutic Recreation Week (8-14)
www.nrpa.org
National Farrier's Week (9-15)
262.782.4480
National Independent Retailers Week (15-21)
www.profitplus.org
British Open (19-22)
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Quote of the month:

'Hell, there are no rules here - we're trying to accomplish something.'

-- Thomas A. Edison

Your Biz teaming up with Crains!

The Clarkston area's business news source, *The Biz*, is in the process of teaming up with *Crain's Detroit Business* publication.

Biz publisher Jim Sherman, Jr., is hoping to broaden local editorial content with news from across the Metro-Detroit region.

"What happens throughout the area affects Clarkston business and I believe publishing this in *The Biz* will be a benefit for area businessmen."

Readers can take advantage of the partnership in the August issue.

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What's The Biz

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Publisher Jim Sherman, Jr.

Life is full of pit stops!

By Maria Rotondo Mark

Waking up to, one's life is discovering responsibility

Being a racecar driver is responsibility

Pit stops are everywhere on the journey of life

From crawling to walking to riding your first tricycle

Onward to first day of school

The competition is on

Who's competing? Who surrendered? Who checked out or who checked in?

Driving an automobile to driving your life

All require responsibility with careful, respectful choices

If somehow through life's twists and turns of daily grind

Purpose is out of sight

Suddenly I face myself and if this pit stop is for me...

Who's in charge? How could this happen? How did I get here?

Who will check my treads to my worn vehicle?

Is there a crew nearby? Did I misplace my privilege?

Driving one's life is much like a racecar driver

It requires a plan, a direction, a purpose, and hard work with much dedication

To be the winner seems to drive the cause

To be in the race is a journey to discovery

Who is the competition now?

Look inside the broken parts, inside the disappointments

What options are available to start anew?

Discovering what parts to repair or replace is a good pit stop for reflection.

Whenever the lesson is realized, that's one less hurdle to climb

Yes, the key to turn your engine is in your hands

To start again is a privilege not a right

Be kind to yourself, be respectful of yourself, and be truthful to yourself

Your choices teach others how you like to be treated

If it's disrespect, that's what comes back...

A favorite saying is "Be the Change You Want the World to be!"

One at a time, time and again, from pit stop to pit stop

Reflect, listen, repair, rebuild, respect, and accept responsibility.

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Improving Business Performance

(A series of articles designed to help you improve employee and business performance)

By Ronald DeLorme

Is business a little "slow" right now?

You are not alone. Here's the good news: Slow periods can be the perfect time to upgrade your products, services and procedures. Here are 6 inexpensive things you can do to build the strengths of your business and your employees. All will give you a competitive advantage and they just might build your revenue, as well.

Tip #1: Prepare for the future! Business downturns do not last forever. Make a commitment to become a stronger and more competitive business than a few months ago.

Tip #2: Start now! Don't wait until "things get better." Act now on the tips below. Acting now will position you to take advantage of your next busy season or an improved economy. Those who develop new skills, products and services during the slow times will be better prepared to take advantage of the good times.

Tip #3: Find economies (time, money, labor, etc.). If business is a little sluggish, you have the time to refine and streamline your workflows and procedures, remove barriers, and so on. Ask your employees if your procedures are "fat," redundant, outdated, or in need of improvement. Now is the time to iron-out all the wrinkles. Once again, when



Ronald DeLorme, president of Manage Max

business turns around, you'll be well-positioned to take advantage of business opportunities with faster, less costly procedures.

Tip #4: Talk to your customers. Talking to customers is always a smart thing to do and, if you are experiencing a lull, now is the perfect time. Here are some questions you can ask: What can you or your employees do to better meet the needs of your customers? How can your existing products, services or delivery systems be improved? What new products or services should your business offer in the future? How can you partner with your customers to add more value or make them more successful?

Tip #5: Research your successful competitors. What are they doing that is making them successful? How do they do it better than you? What are your competitors offering that is different than you? When possible, talk to the customers who receive products or services from your competitors. Why do these businesses buy services from your competitor and not you? There are a lot of possible answers to these questions (e.g., price, guarantees, selection, quality, your obnoxious sales/service staff, etc.). Try to determine the specific factors and, to the degree possible, remove the problem areas. This is a great time to become more competitive!

Tip #6: Train your staff. Now is the perfect time for you to develop new skills and to develop the job knowledge, skills and abilities of your employees. As I've mentioned in this column before, best-in-class companies tend to do much more employee training than mediocre com-

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Your Biz plan

By Patrick J. Allsteadt

For the next two articles the topic of developing a strong Business Plan deals with financials. The Personal Financial Statement is the next section.

The personal financial statements for each owner and key stockholders listing all assets and liabilities held outside the business and personal net worth needs to be included. New business owners will often have to draw on personal resources to finance the business, and these statements will show what is available.



Patrick Allsteadt is owner of Accurate Book-keeping, LLC

The Assets list should include cash in both checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, securities notes & contracts receivable, life insurance, personal property, retirement funds, real estate, other assets, and total assets. The Liabilities list should include current debt, notes payable, taxes payable, real estate mortgages, other liabilities, and total liabilities. *Total Assets minus Total Liabilities equals your Net Worth.* Bankers and investors usually want this information as well.

The next topic in developing a business plan is determining the Startup Expenses and Capitalization. You will have startup expenses even before you begin operating your business. It's important to estimate these expenses accurately and then to plan where you will get sufficient capital. This is a methodical project. The more thought that goes into planning the less chance that you will leave out important expenses or underestimate them.

Opening a new business has a way of costing more than you anticipate. To account for the possibility of under estimating it is a good idea to list out each category and add another line and title it contingencies. It is standard to allow 20% of the total start up costs for contingencies. Explain your research. Explain in detail how much will be contributed by each investor and what percent ownership each will have. Give sources, amounts, and terms of proposed loans.

Make a listing of your startup expenses and include your sources of Capital (owners' investment with name and percent ownership, bank loans, and other loans), buildings/real estate (purchase, construction, remodeling, and other any leasehold improvements, capital equipment list (furniture, equipment, fixtures, machinery, etc.), location and administration expenses (rental, utility deposits, legal fees, accounting fees, and prepaid insurance). Include pre-opening salaries, and other, opening inventory if required, advertising and promotional expenses (advertising, signage, printing, travel/entertainment, and other), other expenses, and reserve for contingencies

Next month, you guess it: I will continue Your Business Plan.



Fortinberry's auto body shop doesn't usually deal in airplanes, but in the summer, when work is slow, they'll take on anything. The plane was damaged when it sld off a runway when landing. They're also working on motorcycles and a boat.

Chrysler back in U.S. hands

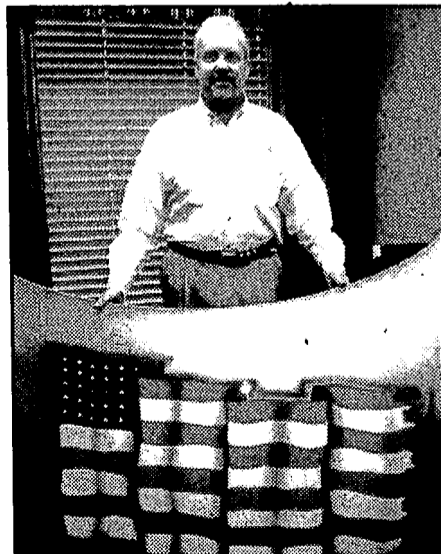
With the purchase of the Chrysler Group from DaimlerChrysler by Cerberus Capital Management, Clarkston Chrysler Jeep is under new management.

Owner Chuck Fortinberry isn't too broken up about it, though.

"We're happy to be back to an American company," Fortinberry said.

The new owners will allow the company to return to the flexibility and responsiveness to market conditions that made Chrysler great, he said.

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Clarkston Chrysler Jeep owner Chuck Fortinberry with a car hood decorated by custom painter Mark Marlon to reflect the company's change in management.

Good Eats: *the biz from local restaurants*

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Hot Lunch Food Item of the Month

Pizza made the old-fashioned way at Papa Romano's

Lenard Nanosh of Clarkston, new owner of Papa Romano's on Main Street, offers pizza with fresh ingredients and homemade dough, hand-stretched and baked for each customer.

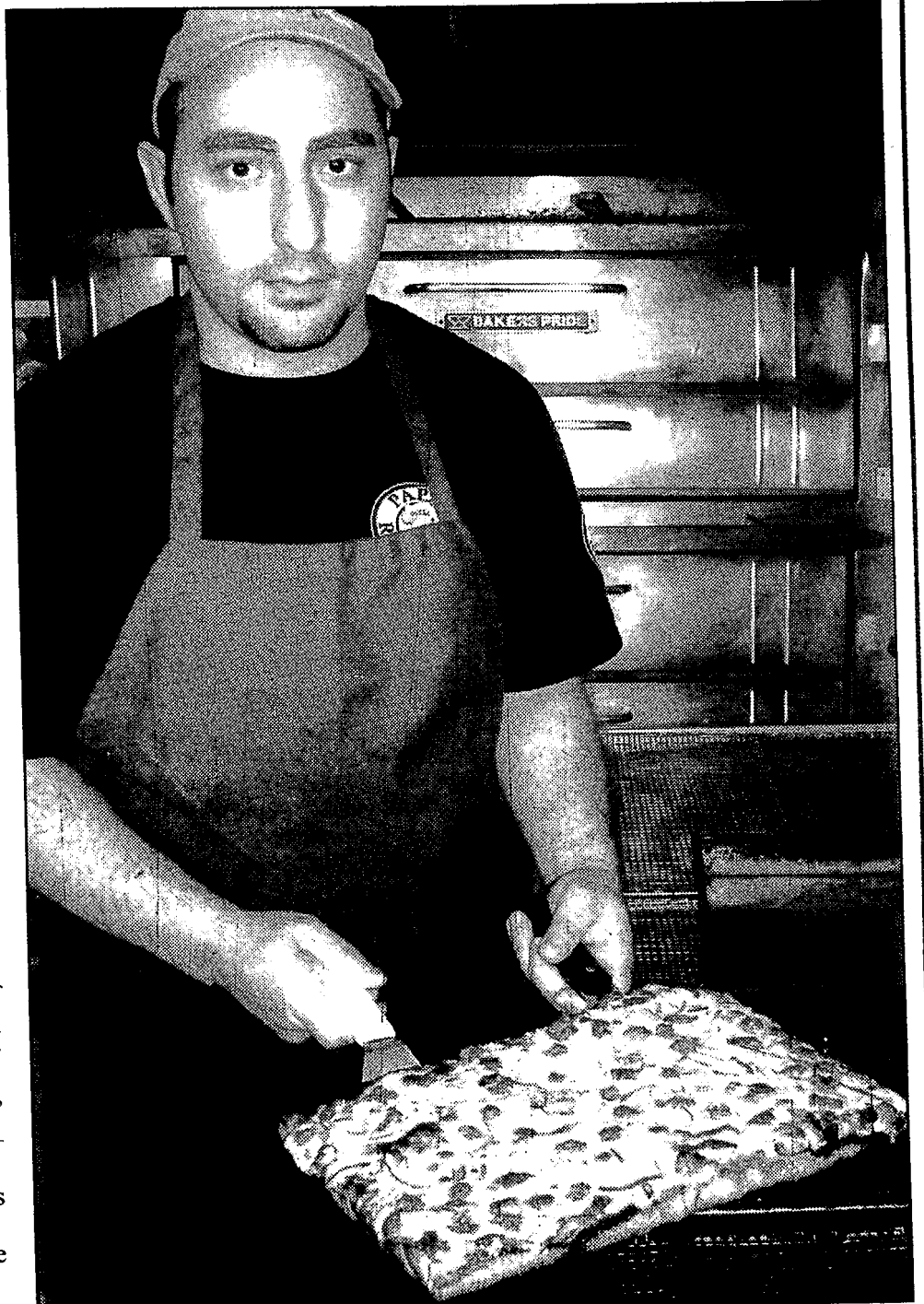
Nanosh, 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School, has been in the pizza business with his family since he was 12 years old.

"We owned a store in Flint," Nanosh said. "I did everything - pizza, stock, cashier."

He bought the Papa Romano's business, his first, in April.

"We offer quality pizza," he said.

Specials include a large pepperoni pizza for \$6.99 and extra-large Sicilian pizza for \$9.99, Mondays-Tuesdays. Specialty pizzas include Meatza, with pepperoni, ham, Italian sausage, ground beef, and bacon, and chicken pizzas in

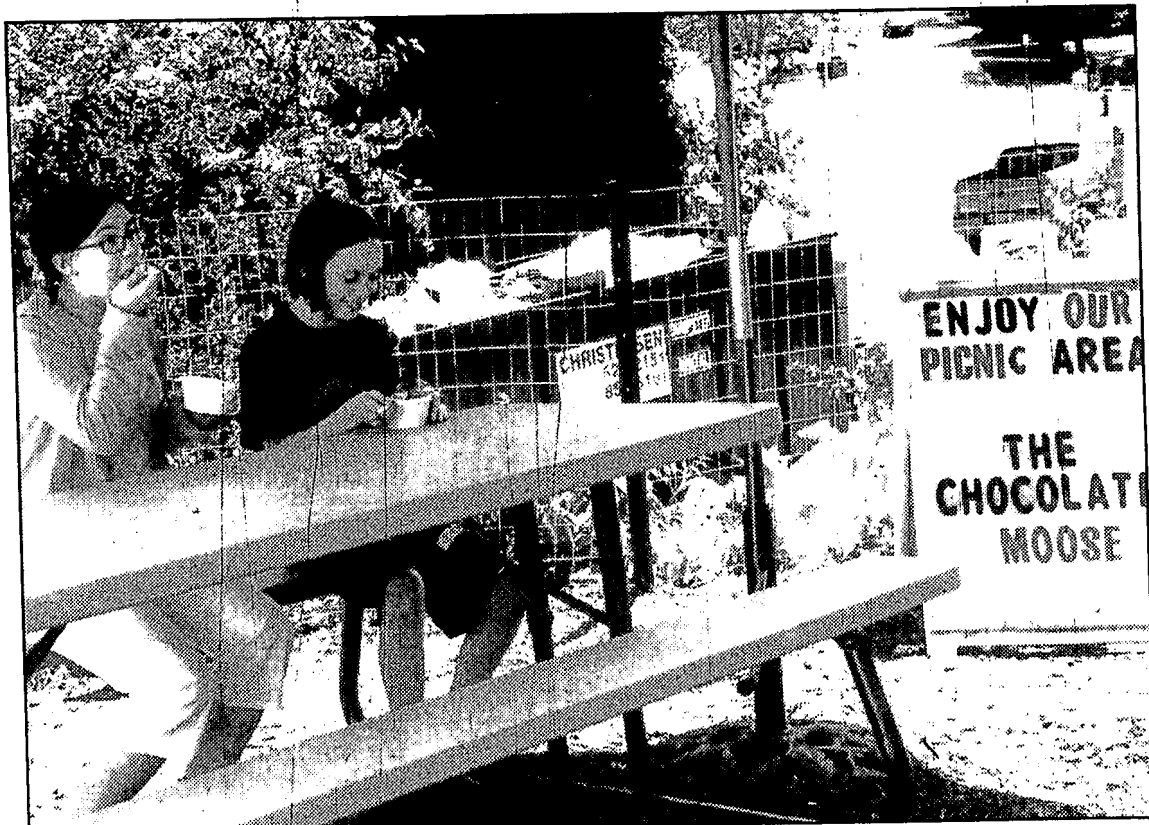


Lenard Nanosh, new owner of Papa Romano's pizza on Main Street near Dixie Highway, prepares a deep dish, Sicilian-style pizza. Photos by Phil Custodio

Romano, Margarita, and Mediterranean styles.

The restaurant at 5797 1/2 Main Street

is planning a grand opening in the fall. Call 248-620-2040 for carry out or delivery.



Ice cream in the outdoors

Bridget Kojima and Abbey Kojima, both 12, enjoy the first day of summer break from Sashabaw Middle School at the Chocolate Moose's new outdoor picnic area, directly behind the shop at 23 S. Main St. Photo by Paul Kampe



From left are Trisha Donaldson, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce membership consultant; Heidi Wood, T&C Federal Credit Union; Carolyn Parcha, LaSalle Bank; Brian and Katie Schmitt, Clarkston Culver's owners, behind Katie; Bill Burr, All Saints Cemetery; Craig Culver, co-founder Culver's restaurants; Dolly and Jim Powers, Katie's parents; Steve Hyer, IGD Solutions Inc.; and Val Henderson, chamber staff. Photos by Trevor Keiser

'Butter Burgers' and more coming to area

Culver's metro-style restaurant breaks ground in township

BY TREVOR KEISER

Culver's Restaurant made a groundbreaking entrance June 11, next to Ruby Tuesday's on the northeast corner of I-75 and Sashabaw Road.

The new "metro" style 3,900-square-foot restaurant will employ 65 part- and full-time employees; many will be high school students.

New franchise owner Katie Schmitt will start hiring her crew in the beginning of July. Training will begin on July 30.

Schmitt, a science professor and soccer coach for three years at Johnson County Community College in Kansas, moved to Michigan from Kansas City, Mo., about two years ago with her husband Brian.

"I was looking to get back into the community. I always wanted to own my own business, and I have family in the restaurant business who own restaurants/bars in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri,"

said Schmitt who had previously been in medical sales.

After talking with a lot of restaurant owners in the area, Schmitt found that Culver's was very supportive of its franchise, as well as very community and family oriented.

Ruth and George Culver, who owned an A&W restaurant, decided to de-franchise and start a restaurant under their own name. Culver's opened in Sauk City, Wisconsin, on July 18, 1984.

According to Ruth and George's son Craig, co-founder of Culver's, the restaurant struggled its first year to survive, and has now grown to over 385 restaurants in the Midwest region and over 20 in Michigan.

Culver's is known for its "Butter Burger," a mixture of ground chuck and sirloin, and its premium frozen custard ice-cream that is made fresh throughout the day.

Culver's has a wide variety menu to choose from, including chicken and fish dinners, salads, soups, and drinks.

Craig Culver said he is very optimistic, excited and enthusiastic about the new franchise.



Culver's Co-founder Craig Culver engraves his name.

"It's another opportunity to come to a new area, not only to sell our products, but to sell our hospitality," he said.

"Business is not just about selling a product, but hospitality and customer service is the driving force."

Culver has confidence that Schmitt will do a fine job. Working alongside Schmitt will be General Manager Mike Brookshire, and other managers Miranda

Legg, Damain Buitkus, Robert Fittonneville, and Susan Murray.

"I am very excited to start my new endeavor," said Murray.

The ground breaking also featured a prayer and blessing from Father Chris Maus of St. Daniel Catholic Church.

The restaurant is set to officially open on Aug. 6.

WTB Recipes . . . Summertime's the right time for deli style sandwiches

Dreaming of the perfect sandwich? For me, it's Corned Beef on Rye purchased from a Jewish Deli. You know the kind of sandwich I am talking about: hearty Jewish rye bread slathered with a spicy mustard and maybe some horseradish, thinly sliced corned beef or pastrami piled sky high and topped with some creamy coleslaw.

Alongside all of this would be a large crunchy dill pickle spear. Ahh, my tummy yearns for and



Mary Forte

craves this eating experience. How to fulfill this need for a Corned Beef on Rye without the drive to a Jewish deli, requires knowing where to purchase some good bread and tasty cold cuts.

The Kroger at Silverbell and Adams offers Zingerman's Deli breads and Boar's Head meats and cheeses. Harvest Time in Oxford also has added Boar's Head meats and cheeses to its deli, and Meijer here in Oxford makes good Artisan breads in its in-house bak-

ery. Listed below are some suggestions for helping you achieve the sandwich of your dreams.

The combinations are as varied as the fillings, breads, meats, cheeses and spreads that you choose to use.

Corned beef, coleslaw, Russian dressing & Swiss cheese on rye bread.

Roast beef, horseradish, mayonnaise & provolone cheese on sourdough bread.

Smoked turkey, coleslaw, horseradish mayonnaise, & pepper jack cheese on ciabatta bread.

Swiss cheese, smoked ham & honey

mustard on French bread.

Pastrami, caramelized onions, Dijon mustard & Havarti cheese on rye bread.

Liverwurst, horseradish mayonnaise, spicy brown mustard & shredded lettuce on white bread.

Salami, pepperoni, ham, co-jack cheese, shredded lettuce, mild pepper rings, sliced red onion, tomato slices & Italian dressing on a hoagie roll.

Mary Forte is an Oxford Village resident. She is currently working with an agent to get her first cookbook published. These recipes are from that cookbook.

Why the buyer needs an agent

By Michael Wang

If you have been driving through the neighborhoods or scanning the want ads in search of your dream home, you've probably noticed that there are a zillion real estate agents out there, all looking for buyers. Sometimes it seems there is a different agent for every home on the market. You don't have to talk to them all.



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In fact, you only need to talk to one.

Here's why: Real estate agents swap information through multiple listing services. If they do not have a home to suit you among their own listings, they can go through the multiple listing service to find everything on the market in the area.

Even before going through the listings, though, a good agent can help you better understand what you are looking for, by talking with you about locations and neighborhoods, architectural styles, home sizes, and other features. By going over your financial situation with you, the agent can help you decide how much you can afford.

A good agent can even help you pre-qualify for and find a mortgage, by showing you the available mortgages and interest rates, and by arranging interviews with lenders. Pre-qualifying often makes the seller take your offer more seriously, and helps you get a mortgage more quickly after your agent has helped you negotiate and agreement with the seller.

Remember, the agent wants the transaction to work well for you, so that you will refer them to others who are looking for an agent.

So, after helping you pre-select the range of homes you want to see and can afford, a good agent will be happy to take you house hunting in an efficient and pleasant way. Rather than having to make appointments and deal with a zillion agents and sellers, you can sit back and let your agent guide you through the maze to the home you wanted all along.

In buying your new home, be it your first, second or more, maybe investment home or just a second vacation home, working with ONE realtor makes your life and search much easier.

In the event you have a house to sell before you purchase your new home, your realtor can help you move forward and protect you so you don't get caught with an old house and new home at the same time.

Rent vs. own, simple; why pay someone's else's monthly bills, and give up your tax savings?

If you have a question or have an idea for an article on real estate buying or selling, call Mike at 810-338-1700

There's a new doc on the block -- Dr. Joslin

By Paul Kampe

With expansion in its eyes, Clarkston Medical Group has been adding physicians each year as they anticipate a move to a medical campus with McLaren Health Care Corporation. Dr. Christina Joslin D.O., of Rochester, joined the group as a doctor of family medicine about one month ago.



Dr. Joslin

Joslin has been practicing medicine for five years and joins CMG after working at a private practice in Washington Township. Joslin enjoys the flexible scheduling and "strong hospital-based medicine" CMG can provide.

Joslin enjoys communicating with patients and curing them after getting to know the family all together.

"It's a privilege that people come and they're willing to tell you very

intimate details and trust you with that knowledge and expect you to take that information and help them," she said.

"People come in with physical complaints, but you don't understand the psychological picture behind that and why they're having all these symptoms, where it really could be psychological, emotional or mental and how all of that factors in, especially from a family practice standpoint. You're able to help the family along if you know several members of the family instead of being in a sub-specialty."

A mother of four children, Joslin said having children has helped her while practicing medicine.

"Children are not little adults. They express their pains differently. They can't tell you their stomach hurts the same way," she said.

"Listening to my own kids and figuring out what they're really talking about definitely helps me with speed and accuracy with pediatrics."

For Joslin, a 1999 medical school graduate from Michigan State University, a change

of heart got her into medicine as an undergrad at University of Michigan. While at UM studying to become a chemical engineer, she discovered she wanted to use her personality in her line of work, something not easily done in a cubicle.

"I decided that I had much more of an interest talking to people, in that human aspect rather than working on chemical formulas," Joslin said.

CMG's expansion with the McLaren project, where patients will be able to get several different treatments accomplished in the same campus, was also a big prospect for Joslin coming to the practice.

Joslin's husband Anthony is an emergency room doctor at Beaumont Hospital in Troy. The couple moved back to Michigan from North Carolina two years ago after Anthony finished his work with the armed forces. The couple enjoys traveling and entertaining friends. Christina, a running enthusiast, is looking to get back into the sport with a triathlon or a half-marathon.

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More room for rugs

Sadows, 20 W. Washington St. across from Mill Pond, recently set up a basement showroom for their collection of rugs.

"Upstairs, we had to have them bundled up," said Paul Sadows, owner of Sadows Auction Galleries. "Here, we can lay them out so customers can see the whole thing."

— By Phil Custodio

Paul Sadows, owner of Sadows Auction Galleries, shows off one of the rugs they offer.



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Marketing plan essentials

Boost impact without increasing your budget

By Dan Gauthier

Mention marketing to a small or mid-size business owner and you will often hear, "We can't afford much advertising." While advertising is one way to reach customers and prospects, today's businesses need a carefully considered strategic marketing plan to get the most from their efforts.

Success in today's highly competitive marketplace means that any size company must look beyond single day-to-day tactics and think strategically. This is especially true of small and mid-size companies that lack the budgets of the big guys. In all cases, getting the attention of customers and prospects is much harder than it was five or 10 years ago. Most markets are highly competitive with a greater selection of similar products and services. Consumers are more sophisticated. As a result, companies must work harder to distinguish themselves, attract customers and build loyalty.

Developing a strategic marketing plan demands greater insight and consideration than simply deciding on marketing tactics (i.e., ads, brochures, etc.). While developing a strategic marketing plan is often best left to professionals, there are some fundamentals that any business can follow.

Step 1: Understand market trends.

Determine what your business or organization must do to achieve its objectives based on an understanding of current and future markets. In other words, make sure you have a product or service that the marketplace wants.

Solicit honest feedback from customers. Understand what customers are buying and how your products or services can meet changing needs. Businesses face a new accountability from customers who have more choices. Become obsessive with measuring customer satisfaction and loyalty. Use acquired knowledge to aid future product and service development and to adapt marketing efforts to specific customers or market segments.

Step 2: Segment the market.

A major trend among businesses and organizations of all sizes is to align their offerings and strategies according to market segments. This is much more effective and economical than trying to reach everyone through mass

marketing. Market segments are characterized by demographic traits (age, education, geographic location, etc.) and lifestyle traits (adventure seekers, busy moms, active seniors, etc.). Tailor your products and services to the particular needs of relevant segments.



Dan Gauthier is the owner of American Speedy Printing Centers, Clarkston

Market your products and services by customizing language, imagery and information that is targeted to each segment. Today, marketing to market segments is much easier and more cost effective. For example, digital print technologies have made it economical to replace a single mass mailing with multiple, customized pieces.

Step 3: Build a meaningful identity.

Develop an identity that will get attention and motivate customers to choose your products and services over the competition. The concept of identity or "branding" goes far beyond a catchy name, logo or slogan. Based on what you have learned about customers and the marketplace, determine what selling points represent the greatest value.

What are customers looking for in a given product or service?

What distinguishes the product or service you are selling from that of the competition?

Why would someone want to do business with you?

What is your competitive advantage?

Define your products and services in a way that will resonate most with customers and prospects. Then articulate your message in a manner that will get their attention. Build this identity through a variety of tactics: product labeling, signage, newsletters, product/service brochure, Web site, promotional products or even a direct mail campaign capturing the interest of your target market.

Step 4: Create a customer-focused culture.

Employees are an often overlooked, but highly-effective marketing tool. Their behaviors, along with their ability to communicate with customers and gather feedback, are all essential parts of a strategic marketing plan. Make the identity you developed in Step 3 part of your organization's culture. Reinforce this through visual reminders such as banners, apparel and signage, as well as through staff rewards and special events.

Share with employees what you learn from customers. Train them to

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Sisters-in-law Kelly Collins and Amy Crowell have taken over Planet Kids Children's Center. Photo by Paul Kampe

Keeps children excelling

Sister-in-laws new owners of daycare

By Paul Kampe

There's no place like home for Amy Crowell, a junior kindergarten teacher at Planet Kids Children's Center for the past four years, and now the center is going to feel even more like home. Crowell, along with sister-in-law Kelly Collins, purchased the business, which serves about 180 families.

Planet Kids, housed in a 9,400-square-foot building opened in 1999, offers daycare and education for children from six weeks old through 12 years old. The center has preschool, young fives program, full-day kindergarten, latchkey and summer camp (for ages 6-12). Planet Kids employs 37 caregivers.

"It's been a longtime dream for Amy and I," Collins said.

"It's been absolutely amazing.

"I can't wait to get here in the morning and I hate to leave at night," Collins added.

Crowell and Collins stirred up the idea and it took about two years for them to realize their goal.

Collins, who has been with the center for eight months, enjoys watching the children at the center grow into their personalities over time.

The Clarkston area was a draw for the business partners as they searched neighboring communities.

"It's a growing area and an amazing, tight-knit community," Collins said.

Collins is a 1993 graduate of University of Michigan, where she earned a degree in early behavioral science after getting an early childhood degree from Macomb Community College.

"Any time you're working with children, you have to understand their behaviors, their temperament and how they fit into the community," Collins said.

Collins brings with her nearly 20 years of related experience to her position.

"I've worked with children since I was a teenager essentially," Collins said.

After working 10 years with the United Way, where she was a manager, and her time running the managerial affairs for her husband's business, Collins said she acquired the skills to run her own

business.

Crowell has her master's degree in education from Potsdam University in New York and her undergraduate work was in child psychology at Empire State College.

The curriculum at Planet Kids is designed to mirror that of Clarkston schools, giving its students an advantage as they make the jump to elementary school.

"Our programs are about giving our kids a head start so that when they do transfer, some go to public and others go to private school, they have extra experience background knowledge to be able to succeed," Crowell said.

"The kids whose parents put them in the pre-school and junior kindergarten programs want them to have that extra experience because when they (transfer) they're already there (mentally).

"It makes that move easier, because they don't have to focus so hard on learning that new information because they already know it."

The center's full-day kindergarten also gets students more than prepared for first grade, Collins said.

Planet Kids is also incorporating Spanish lessons into their curriculum as well as "Writing Without Tears." This summer, the center will offer a tutoring component with its summer camp.

Collins and Crowell are keeping Planet Kids with a "community-minded" focus. The center hosts a Kids' Zone, monthly movie night, special camps, scrapbooking for moms and bible study.

"We're trying to reach beyond our school into the community," Collins said.

"That's a component we're a little different in."

The duo will use their friendship to help them while they run the business, Collins said.

"We're very close. We're great friends, as well as family and business partners," she said.

Planet Kids Children's Center, at 5520 Clarkston Road near Pine Knob Road, can be reached at 248-620-9032. The center is open Mon.-Fri., from 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Additional Information:

Contact any of the following for no-cost or low cost marketing assistance.

- City or county economic development offices -- Many have small business consultants on staff or as volunteers.

- Small Business Administration (SBA) -- Go to www.sba.gov for the SBA office nearest you.

- Marketing classes at local colleges/universities -- Many provide assistance through college interns or class projects.

Boost impact without increasing your budget

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use this information to strengthen customer communication during the order and delivery process. Happy customers become one of your most effective marketing tools by generating positive word-of-mouth publicity.

Step 5: Optimize customer interaction.

Smart businesses know that the most effective way to grow a business is with current customers. Develop ways to stimulate repeat purchases, cross selling of other products and services and referrals.

In many cases, businesses are surprised to learn that customers often lack information about their products and services. Use every opportunity to educate existing customers about your company and what you offer. Use product labels and inserts to invite feedback, drive customers to a Web site and reinforce company philosophy and customer commitment. Offer incentives to customers who purchase one product or service to buy others through coupons and incentives. Make it easy for customers to share information with coworkers and friends through e-mails, newsletters and other marketing communications they will want to share.

Step 6: Choose the right channels.

Part of your marketing strategy includes how to most effectively – and COST effectively – reach targeted customers and prospects. New developments in information and communication technology have created numerous new channels. One example is database marketing, which enables businesses to target market segments as well as individual customers. Although traditionally done via direct mail, database marketing now includes a wide range of media: mail, telephone, personal selling, coupons and e-mail.

Also consider new media for reaching potential consumers quickly and inexpensively. Your marketing strategy might include interactive cable TV, electronic brochures, CDs, blogs, Web sites, e-mail campaigns, Web casts, instant messaging ads and pod casts.

In conclusion, remember that marketing is a process: Listen to the marketplace. Refine your products and services to meet changing needs. And, you'll attract customers' attention.

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So, you've got curly hair . . .

By JoAnn Zulinski

Curly hair is complex and yet enjoyable to have if it's cut and styled right.

A good cut is the basic necessity and usually a point cut technique or a razor cut are best for curly and wavy hair. Length and thickness are also determining factors. Make sure to give your stylist a heads up on how



JoAnn Zulinski

much your hair shrinks up curly when dry or you may be unhappy with the length. Using point cutting for longer hair is preferred, while short hair looks the best with a razor cut. Be sure that the stylist knows how to use a razor correctly. You should only thin curly hair if needed. Thinning curly hair with a razor or thinning shears keeps the hair from being too big. Most curly or wavy hair should be layered for the best look. Even a bob style should be layered slightly to prevent a pyramid affect.

It's wonderful how beautiful curly hair can look when cut well. You have the option to wear your hair curly or straight. There are many products in each line to help you get your best look,

whether you wear your hair curly, straight or just need defrizzing. Redken has a sleek look line, Matrix has a super skinny line. These products will help straighten and defrizz. Each of these lines carry shampoos, conditioners, and smoothing creams. Redken also has a line called fresh curls to wear your hair naturally curly. Matrix has a line called curl life to help your hair curl if you have curly or wavy hair. Each line has its own pomade to help with curling and to create less volume. A few of my favorites are Being Undressed from Rusk for medium to heavy hair, Rough Paste from Redken for fine to medium hair, and Wax Works by Paul Mitchell for coarse hair. Straightening hair can be done with an electric straightener. When purchasing a straightener, be sure there is a temperature dial so you can turn the heat up or down as needed for better results. There are many hair protector sprays to protect the hair from the heat in most professional lines. Be sure the hair is completely dry before you start to use your styling tool. Learning how to dry hair with a paddle brush or a large round brush can give a nice look without making the hair completely straight. I always like to use a straightening product when the hair is wet before drying, like Redken straight or Graham Webb stick straight.

'To invest in our future, we must invest in ourselves'

By Kenneth Rogers

I recently came to the realization that the concept of "giving back to the community" can be interpreted from a whole new perspective.

Let's first share our interests, efforts, time and money within our community to bolster, energize and strengthen each other. Who we are as a community, depends on supporting trusted relationships, encouraging each other, and mentoring.

Nothing boosts your self-confidence or nurtures your positive attitude more than a mentor. And



Kenneth Rogers is Executive Director of Automation Alley, Chairman of the Board, Clarkston State Bank

remember this . . . you're never too old or too young to have one. Trusted relationships provide our greatest opportunities to stay positive, to stay focused, and to grow.

A personal investment in each other can take you a lot further and strengthen the future and core values of the community. One of the most critical issues in maintaining a positive attitude is to have positive people or mentors to whom you can turn. They'll give you the strength and self-confidence to fight on.

To invest in our future, we must invest in ourselves. I will work for our community's prosperity if you agree to work for mine. Together, the concept of mentoring and sharing positive encouragement supports taking everyone to the next level of community involvement – to strengthen our community as well as ourselves.

"The key to success in life is using the good thoughts of wise people" – Leo Tolstoy

Chamber concert series runs until July 27

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 28th season of the Concerts in the Park series. These FREE concerts take place the last two Friday evenings through the first two Fridays in July, 7-9 p.m. at Depot Park, which is located just west of Main Street on Depot Road in downtown Clarkston.

Clarkston's Concerts in the Park is a community tradition that brings families of all ages down to Depot Park to picnic, enjoy a variety of musical styles and celebrate summer. Bring your picnic blanket, sport chair or beach chair

and come early to hear the Local Talent Spotlight at 6:30 p.m.

Concession stands are operated by local non-profit organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and The Chocolate Moose, who will offer Mackinac Island Creamery premium ice cream by the bowl at each of the six concerts this season.

The remaining concerts and dates are:
July 6, 2007: Beth Stalke
July 13, 2007: Last Man Standing
July 20: Terri Lea and the Mustangs
July 27: Stardusters Band

Inkjet cartridge refill Q & A

By Ruth Nesbitt

Isn't refilling hurting the Original Equipment Manufacturer?

Many printer manufacturers seek to limit re-manufacturing, using technological and logistical barriers. Some manufacturers have a program, which requires users to send their cartridges back, rather than allowing the user to have the cartridge re-manufactured by a third party. Tactics such as this control the stream of empty cartridges, making it very difficult to re-manufacture cartridges.

Some printer manufacturers have insert technology to prevent the reuse of cartridges. A lot of the manufacturers' new printers use chips to control their cartridges' interactions with the printer, including data on the level of toner or ink still available. This means that a re-manufactured cartridge without a replacement (aftermarket) chip will inform the user that the cartridge is empty, even when it is full! If a replacement chip is used, a display warns the user that the cartridge is non-OEM and may void the warranty. (See above)

One manufacturer takes it a step further. Many of its cartridges contain "killer" chips that disable the printer if reused! And printer manufacturers are adding increasing layers of technological complexity in attempts to thwart the creation of compatible after market chips. All of this dramatically slows down the entry of the after market, reducing competition and reducing consumer choice.

How much time does it take you to refill my inkjet cartridge?

If filled by machine, it will take between 10-15 minutes. If done by hand, it takes 10-20 minutes to refill cartridges that are in good condition. At most locations you can drop off your cartridge for pick up later or feel free to wait.

Are recycled/refilled cartridges inferior to a new cartridge?

No, re-manufacturer needs to test to make sure that their customers receive only those cartridges that meet high quality standards. You also need to look for someone whose products are all backed by a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.

Ruth Nesbitt is owner of Ink Link Zone, located at 7184 Pontiac Lake Rd. (Across from Meijer), in Waterford. She can be reached at 248-674-7280

Comedy night slated for Liberty Bar & Grill

Comedy Night is July 13 at the Liberty Bar and Grille; Liberty Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road 248-625-4660; the show starts at 9 p.m. and tickets cost \$10.

The show stars Mike Green, Warren B. Hall and Dan Spehar.

Mike Green is the winner of the 2007 Las Vegas Comedy Festival Best Male Comic and of the 2007 New York Comedy Expo Best Comedian.

Quickly becoming one of the top and most requested national headliners, Green has a natural likeability. With original jokes and the knowledge to make it all look made up every time.

Clever, clean comedy is what he brings to the table. With a strong improv background, he takes you on an hour long "Comedy Vacation."

Why you need a company logo

If you do not have a company logo, you may want to consider some of the benefits below. Incorporating a logo can be an important part of the overall marketing strategy of your company.

The benefit most people think of first is that a logo helps create and/or enhance the branding of your company, and it is certainly the foremost reason for adopting a logo. A logo should be consistent with your company image and work to strengthen it. However, here are some other benefits to think about:

A logo helps people identify your company. When breezing through a newspaper or the yellow pages, a logo makes it easier for buyers to find you.

A logo is free advertising! Each time someone sees your logo, it tells them something more about you than words alone—a logo can convey fun, class, value, etc.

A logo sets you apart from the competition, especially competitors with a poor logo or no logo at all.

On signage, a logo stands out more than just words. Hiring a good sign company also helps make sure your logo is portrayed in the most advantageous way possible.

A logo provides credibility—it tells people you have invested in your business.

It is also important to note that a logo cannot say everything about you. In some cases, a tagline (a one-sentence phrase that further defines your business), can be very valuable. Whether you need a tagline depends on your company name and how much it says about what you do, the other players in the market, and how you need to define what you do for customers.

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RDM Associates partners with Easter Seals

Rick Miller, president of RDM Associates of Clarkston, is working with Easter Seals-Michigan to streamline their operations and costs.

"We're very enthused about this opportunity to further our relationship with Easter Seals-Michigan," Miller said. "We've worked with them in the past, so we know that they have an enlightened management team that will glean the most from a project like this."

RDM, founded in 1996 by Miller, is an accounting and business consulting services provider.

"The recent rapid growth of Easter Seals' business has created management challenges and opportunities," said John Cocciolone, Easter Seals - Michigan CEO and president.

How to stand out during interviews

By Terri Kelly

Are you being remembered by prospective employers as you seek out new job opportunities, or are you a "me too" candidate that no one is noticing during the interview process?

Has this ever happened to you? You read a job description and said, "That's me! I would be perfect for this position." You went on the interview, thought you did a great job, but did not get called back? You probably didn't get hired because they forgot who you were. If you want a job, a great job, you have to shine in front of prospective employers. This means making a great impression that lasts for days, weeks, or more after your interviews are over. This impression is called personal branding. Just like companies brand themselves so they can stick out from their competition, if you want your dream job, it's time for you to do the same.

What is personal branding? It's the sum of your beliefs, values, character, talents, experiences, and vision. Your brand is a brief, intriguing description of yourself that becomes a powerful statement to convey to employers why you are perfect for the job. You can utilize your personal branding statement in your resume, cover letter, thank you letter, or to help craft the answer to the common interview question, "Tell me about yourself."

Oxford Bank workers raises \$17,900

Oxford Bank announced that its employees raised \$17,900 in donations for the Oxford Relay For Life event in May. The third-year event, benefiting the American Cancer Society, raised over \$63,000. Oxford Bank was also a \$1,000 corporate sponsor of the event.

A check in the amount of \$17,950.00 was presented to the American Cancer Society's Metro-Detroit Area Service Center Community Representative Annalisa Agustin, today at the bank's main office located in downtown Oxford. Oxford Bank and its employees have donated more than \$60,000 to the American Cancer Society and the Oxford Re-

lay For Life since 2005.

Root Your Brand In Substance

A great brand screams quality. What have you done in your career that you would consider to be quality work? How have you made a difference in the companies you have worked for? For example, did you lead a team to a spectacular project completion? Did you save money, make money, or create a process that changed the way your company did business?

Get these hard-earned results on paper. Own your accomplishments. Results are what employers want first before knowing more about you. If you fluff your way through interviews without facts, you will not get the job.

Know Your Value-Service Relationship

Great brands are great because they produce an experience, a product, or service to a target audience. Your target audience on an interview is the company you are interviewing with. Your goal on an interview is to not focus on yourself, but instead on serving others. Focus on understanding how you can make a positive difference and leave a permanent mark.

Ask yourself, "What's in it for them to hire me? How will I benefit the organization? How will my skills add value and help

solve the problems and challenges they are facing now and in the future?"

Create Your Personal Brand Statement

Your branding statement contains what you bring to the party. For example, are you are hardworking, independent, and adventurous? Are you versatile, adaptable, and resourceful? Are you down to earth, honest, and authentic? Are you reliable, tough, desirable, and capable? Ask yourself, "How am I unique?" "What sets me apart from others in a positive manner?" Distinguish yourself. The key is to keep it simple and consistent. You are looking to boil down your answers into a statement that is simple and consistent—one sentence—that describes how you are distinct from other job candidates.

Develop A Communications Contact Strategy

Include a list of places where you can communicate your personal brand, such as in meetings, conventions, or special projects. Include names of people you can contact to let them know you are looking for a new job. Who you will contact, and when will you communicate with them, becomes the foundation and structure for you spreading the word about you.

Your personal brand is a process and a journey. Use your personal brand to get what you want and more in your career.

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Online video technologies fill a biz needs

(NewsUSA) - In a world where an amusing camcorder video shot in someone's basement can be seen around the world overnight, it's safe to say that the age of online broadcasting is here.

Streaming Internet videos have quickly become one of the most significant ways that consumers stay both entertained and informed. The video-sharing site YouTube, for instance, received 19.6 million unique visitors in a single month in 2006, according to a report by Nielsen/NetRatings.

Just as the popularity of amateur online videos has surged in recent years, now more businesses and organizations are turning to online broadcasting to air their content as well. Whether it be an Internet broadcast of the Indy 500 or an organization's video of the keynote speech from a recent trade show, more companies are taking advantage of the wide-ranging exposure promised by Internet broadcasts.

"We are seeing the emergence of a new way of doing business that is touching everything from entertainment to sports, advertising, virtual training and news," said Greg Demetriades, chairman and chief executive officer of WhiteBlox, a developer of online broadcasting technology. "The ability to offer online videos and in-

teract in real time with consumers is changing the face and capabilities of business communications."

For many organizations, one of the most enticing aspects of airing Internet broadcasts may be the opportunity for a greater extent of viewer interaction. With WhiteBlox's online technology, for example, businesses can allow consumers to not only view streaming video of their content, but participate as well, via integrated chat rooms, polls and surveys.

Some are also using customizable Internet broadcasting players to offer videos of live events or catalogued as pay-per-view items.

The Indy Racing League, for instance, aired last year's Indy 500 race online using WhiteBlox's media player, while Miguel Cornejo, a popular motivational speaker in Mexico, uses WhiteBlox to offer his seminars on demand.

What this means for consumers is that they can now receive from companies what amateur online broadcasts have offered: the content they want, when they want it.

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Before we get started, I wanted to talk to you about something that's on everyone's mind:

Gasoline prices!

Here's a great website to help you find the lowest prices on gas wherever you are. Go to <http://www.gasbuddy.com/> and type in your zip code. I've found this to be fairly up to date.

I hope you found the Microsoft XP shortcuts helpful. This month we'll try some Microsoft Office keyboard shortcuts.

1. **Ctrl Z** is the magic undo combo. It simply undoes whatever your last action was, say, the paragraph you accidentally erased (it works in other applications, too — try it on when you rename a document or folder in a Windows directory and then chance your mine). Programs vary in the number of times you can undo something, but some will let you **Ctrl Z** all the way back to the beginning. (And, yes, there is a redo command, just hit **Ctrl Y**.)

2. **Ctrl B**, **Ctrl I**, or **Ctrl U** apply bold, italics, or underline to highlighted text, respectively.



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an entire paragraph.

5. **Ctrl Enter** inserts a page break in Word.

6. **Alt Ctrl C** inserts the copyright symbol (Alt Ctrl R inserts the registered trademark symbol, and Alt Ctrl T makes

3. **Ctrl P** prints whatever is in an active window.

4. **Ctrl Backspace** erases an entire word at a time, instead of a letter. **Ctrl up or down arrows** let you scroll an entire paragraph at a time, instead of one line, and **Ctrl Shift up or down arrow** will select

the trademark symbol).

7. In Outlook, you can jump to the section you want: **Ctrl 1** switches to the Mail window, **Ctrl 2** switches to the Calendar, **Ctrl 3** to Contacts, **Ctrl 4** to Tasks, and **Ctrl 5** to Notes.

8. **Ctrl Shift M** starts a new message in Outlook. (Use **Ctrl Shift C** for a new contact.)

9. In Outlook e-mail, hit **Ctrl N** to compose a new message, **Ctrl R** to reply to a message.

10. The only Excel shortcut I've ever known, **Ctrl**, enters the date. (If you live in Excel, you should have the Excel Keyboard Shortcuts page at <http://office.microsoft.com> in your Favorites!

11. Some of these shortcuts may seem cumbersome at first but, believe me, once you learn them (and use them) they can save you a lot of time, especially if you're a fast typist.

If you have a question you'd like to see answered or an idea for this column contact Dan via email at info@pcmiracles.com or call 248-620-2201.

Improving business performance, continued from page 3

panies in the same industry sector. Here's another tip from best-in-class companies: Increase your employee training efforts when business levels slump. When the economy turns around, your employees will be ready to take advantage of increased sales volume, they will know the new products and services you are in-

roducing, and will be better able to identify new business opportunities.

These tips do not have to be expensive to execute, nor do they have to take a long time to execute. But acting on each tip will strengthen your business and position you to perform better tomorrow. Good luck and don't forget tip #2!

Suggestions/questions/topics? Contact me at training_pro@hotmail.com or 248.396.5031. Ron DeLorme, Manage Max Performance Improvement. Partnering with you to achieve your employee and business growth goals.

Clarkston Home Lending, Inc. opens

Located in Clarkston and founded by Christine McCabe and Deborah Biehl, Clarkston Home Lending specializes in writing first and second mortgage loans.

Christine McCabe has 13 years of mortgage and banking experience, most recently with Clarkston State Bank and Bank of Auburn Hills. Deborah Biehl brings over 20 years of Real Estate and appraisal experience to the table as the co-owner of Blue Moon Real Estate.

As stated by Christine McCabe, President: "We will never lose our focus that our clients are our first obligation and we pledge to guide the loan applicant to an educated and positive financing choice suited to his/her needs and financial situation."

Clarkston Home Lending, Inc. is located in Clarkston, MI and services mortgage loan applicants in the Tri-County area.

For more information, call (248) 618-3314

The winds of change blow in July!



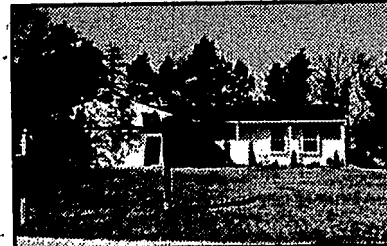
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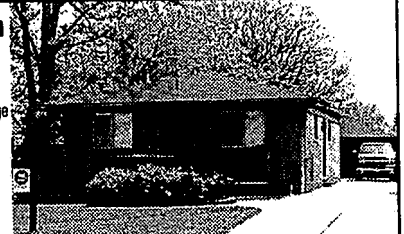
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