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In broad daylight

Don't leave valuables in car, police say

BYLAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Leaving valuables in the car while running errands is not a good idea.

That was a lesson learned by residents who left a purse or other items in plain view and returned from shopping, working out—even church—to find thieves smashed a car window and ran off with loot found inside

Although thieves make a fairly common practice of breaking car windows to steal valuables from vehicles in residential areas during the night, police have seen a spike in the same type of crime in more public areas, and in broad daylight.

"It's a rare occurrence in Independence Township," said Sgr. Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation. "But very recently we've seen an increase in this type of activity. It's normally an impulse or opportunity crime. These individuals are not necessarily staking out cars in a parking lot."

Still, it's best to refrain from leaving any sort of valuables in view. Either lock them in the trunk, put them under the seat, cover them with a coat or other object, or take them with you, he said.

"We get kids who will go through and do an entire neighborhood. This is different because it's spotty—it's not like we're getting 3 or 4 at one business. Usually they go through and check for locked doors. They're doing it in broad daylight, get in, get out."

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Salaries increase for township workers

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township non-union workers are getting a raise, except for those elected.

Supervisor Dave Wagner motioned on July 17 for department heads and nonunion employees to receive 3 to 7 percent pay increases, one percent of which will go directly to health care. The motion was approved by a 5-2 vote.

Trustee Dan Kelly, who voted against the motion along with Trustee Charles Dunn, said there needed to be a stronger reason for giving raises higher than the 3.3 percent cost-of-living increase.

Kelly said supervisors for each department should hand in an evaluation of each worker explaining why certain ones should be paid more. He said nonunion employees should be treated on an individual basis.

"All we need is information," said Kelly. "Who is getting the job done right, I want to reward them."

Kelly recommended some sort of merit pay be given to those who have done a good job.

The current economy of the state was another reason Kelly said raises were too high, even if the 2006 audit showed "good numbers."

"Independence Township is not im- \$40,823 – \$76,130 a year.

mune to the economic down turn of the state," he said. "Maybe we haven't felt it in the last year, but it will come and we have to anticipate it coming."

A second motion was approved to freeze the pay of the four part-time trustees. However, all of them are required to contribute one percent toward health care

"We need to make a statement to the township that we do it out of service, not for the money," said Kelly.

Treasurer Jim Wenger agreed it was "not the right time" for the board to accept an increase in pay.

A third motion was passed 4-3 to give a one percent raise to the three full time officials: clerk, treasurer, and supervisor. They also will contribute that one percent toward health care.

"Right now all full-time (employees) are donating one percent in health care, we're starting to pay into a fringe benefit that is going up." said Wenger.

Even though it may look like an increase, the one percent raise is put right back into healtcare, he said.

Wenger said decisions made by the board addressing finances should not burden future boards. If board members promise something, they should stick to their promise.

The new salaries will range from

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The show is open to classics within the community.

"It's a fun morning of 'car guys' talking shop and explaining and showing their cars to people who may never attend a classic car show," said Cathy Peterson.

"We expect approximately 50 vehicles. In the past, many of the participants even dressed the part to go along with their car, truck, or bike."

Every entry receives a dash plaque, and trophies will be awarded in several categories. Coffee and donuts will be served. Admission is a donation of \$10 or more.

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Civil war

Things aren't so good in this neighborhood

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

When Gary Jolley and his family moved into their new house in Springfield Township, he welcomed rules regulating neighborhood appearance and standards.

"We moved from a neighborhood in White Lake—things were all over the place," said Jolley, who moved into the Dixie Lake Manor neighborhood in 1999. "Here, everything was nice and neat."

Dixie Lake Manor Association's bylaws regulate what can be parked in driveways, where equipment can be located, yard appearance, size of houses, and other aesthetics. Dues are collected, used to pay for maintenance of common areas, such as the lawn around the neighborhood's entrance and the lake beach. It also provides insurance coverage for common areas.

When neighborhood problems come up, though, they can be difficult to solve, Jolley learned

"Some of the bulbs (in common areas) weren't being replaced," he recalled. "Maintenance of the sign at the front wasn't being done. The beach wasn't finished."

Some residents were also not paying their dues, he said.

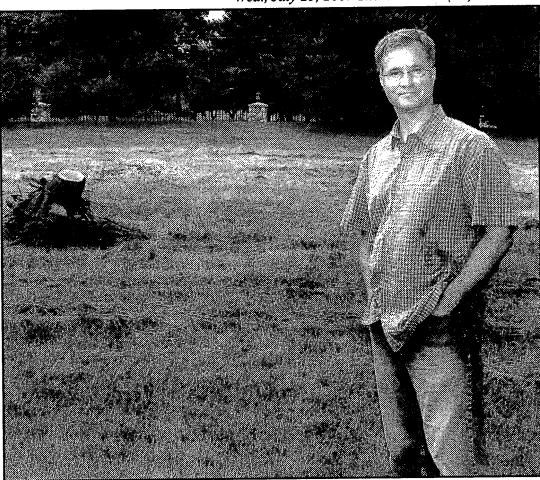
He and neighbors met with developer Tony Zeer in 2003 to create a neighborhood board, which would take responsibility for the bylaws and "take over the books," Jolley said

Zeer appointed Jolley and two neighbors to an interim board. Efforts to force payment of dues did not go over well – a series of political maneuvers resulted in him being voted off the board in June, he said.

Jolley called Collin Walls, Springfield Township supervisor, for help. Walls could assist with violations of township code, such as placement of a diesel fuel tank in a lot next to Jolley's, but not violations of neighborhood bylaws.

Many new home owners must agree to association bylaws as a condition of purchase. The rules are enforced under contract law, so township government doesn't have jurisdiction, Walls said.

"If a group of people want to make sure that all their houses are painted sky blue, they have that right," he said. "But they are responsible for enforcing it."



Gary Jolley, on his property in Springfield Township. Problems with his neighborhood association board included dumping an old stump in a neighboring lot, as retaliation, he said. Township officials intervened when they could, but neighborhood disputes are a mostly civil affair, they said. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Zeer, who doesn't live in the neighborhood, couldn't help either. He transferred his management responsibility to the association board, he said.

"Sometimes neighbors don't get along with each other – that's not uncommon," he

Other members of the association board did not return phone calls.

In Independence Township, Supervisor David Wagner and zoning officials will investigate calls from any resident. However, only violations of law or township ordinances, such as dumping, noxious weeds, and abandoned vehicles, can be acted upon, Wagner said.

"We'll look to see if anything in the ordinances covers the issue," he said. "Other than that, they have to go to their bylaws."

In cases where ordinances and bylaws conflict, the township prevails. For example, a neighborhood rule against fences would be overruled by the township ordinance requiring fences around swimming pools, Wagner said.

If the township has no jurisdiction, the next course of action would be to hire an attorney and take it to court as a contract violation, he said.

Independence Township has about 50 subdivisions, about half of which have active township associations, said David Poole, zoning ordinance officer. When investigating complaints from residents, he can only enforce township ordinances.

"If it's a by-law violation, they have to go to their neighborhood association – they'll

handle it as they see fit," Poole said. "Sometimes they have to reestablish their association."

Residents moving into any house or condominium should read and understand all purchase agreements, Walls said.

"The majority of legal documents for a condominium are at least an inch thick," he said. "The vast majority don't read them."

Most neighborhood associations work together well to resolve problems. When problems occur, however, personality conflicts can cause problems. One or a few residents end up with the role of enforcer, something neighbors may not be willing to accept, he said.

"No one wants to get into a confrontation," Walls said. "The single best way to deal with others is to just say 'please.' When people forget that, it can get tough."

The Jolley family is planning to move soon, though not because of the neighborhood problems, he said.

"We move about every 5-7 years," Jolley said.

Their next house will likely also be part of a neighborhood association, though hopefully with a bigger yard for more space between neighbors, he said.

"I'm a realist. The odds of finding a neighborhood here without an association are slim," he said. "I think associations are great, as long as everyone agrees and are good neighbors."

A third-party management company would solve many problems, he said.

"I don't think subdivisions can govern themselves," he said.

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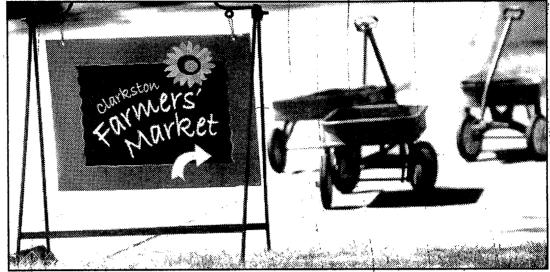


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Market grows on Clarkston

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Scores of people searching for tasty homegrown tomatoes or the sweet crunch of locally grown corn showed up at the Clarkston Farmers' Market on opening day.

About 1,110 customers strolled through the market, located in the parking lot across from Depot Park in downtown Clarkston.

"This is our best opening yet," said Chris Hardman, Clarkston Farmers' Market co-manager. "(We) worked really hard to attract different vendors, and we've got all our old vendors back, as well. This is exactly what we hoped for.'

It was fun, she said, to watch grandparents out for a Saturday morning with the kids, or see neighbors catching up.

A Cook's ice cream booth, new this year, attracted quite a few patrons. Other additions for the 2007 season include new artists, an increase in the number of produce vendors, and a Forgotten Harvest collection basket.

And, organizers were particularly happy about adding a place for shoppers to relax.

"We're very excited about the benches," said Hardman. "They make the market seem so inviting; people can sit down and enjoy their coffee, or just rest for a while. Eventually we want to have seating all along the river."

The first two benches, she said, arrived for opening day thanks to a discount from Independence Township's Ace Hardware.

A number of little red wagons are also available every week to help patrons move their wares through the market.

The Clarkston Farmers' Market is a nonprofit volunteer organization featuring local produce—grown within a 100 mile radius from small family farms and food producers.

All food and non-food sellers must maintain direct involvement with production of their product in order to become a vendor; wholesale buying and selling is not permitted.

Now in its third year, the market sells seasonal fruits and vegetables, many in heirloom or organically grown varieties, as well as items like baked goods, dried herbs and granola.

"People come for the produce," said Anissa Howard, Clarkston Farmers' Market co-manager. "But they also come for the cut flowers and specialty products."

Interesting items include llama and alpaca fiber, twig furniture, watercolor paintings, soaps and oils, and honey.

"I do really well here," said Bill Stotz, proprietor of Three Bee Apiary. "People keep coming back for more."

Stotz sells several varieties of the sweet, sticky substance—regular liquid honey, as well as comb, cream, and raw honey.

Although Stotz still had a few jars of honey left after the crowds came through, other vendors sold out before closing time.

"A heck of a turnout today," said Fred Smith, a farmer from Hadley. "I sold out about) an hour ago, but I'll have more next week; all I can haul without it falling out the windows."

Smith was planning to bring sweet corn, tomatoes, sweet peppers and zucchini.

Produce selection will change, of course, as the season wears on.

"I've got lots of stuff that isn't ready yet,"

Most shoppers seemed delighted with the atmosphere of the open-air market, as well as the selection.

"It looks like more vendors than normal." said Julie Lewy, noting that she enjoys freshcut flowers, produce and some of the specialty sauces found at the market. "It's getting bigger every year."

"I love it," said Gail Hoffman." I really like the apples, when it gets closer to that time, but I like the vegetables available now, too."

The market runs from 8 a.m. until noon every Saturday through September 8 in downtown Clarkston across from Depot Park. For information, www.clarkstonfarmersmarket.org.

Anyone wishing to help fund additional benches for the farmers market can send a check or money order in any amount to: Clarkston Farmers' Market, PO. Box 51, Clarkston, MI, 48347, or stop by the volunteer booth on market day.

Farmer's Market putting down strong roots

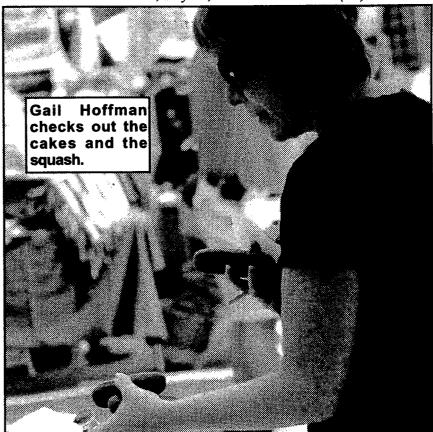
The Clarkston Farmers' Market opened its third season Saturday, July 21, with a record crowd of more than

Fresh produce and colorful, freshcut flowers were best-sellers at the market, as always, but lots of folks came for the coffee, baked goods, soaps and oils, unique clothing and other specialty products, as well.

Photos by Laura Colvin

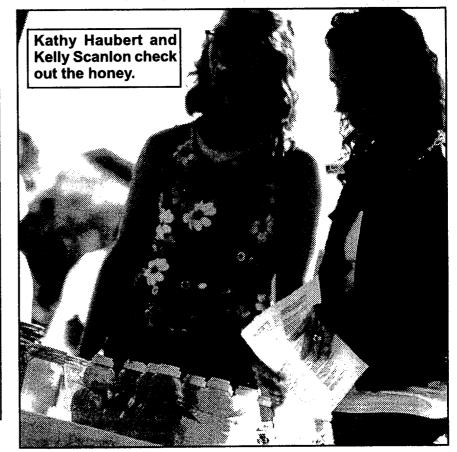


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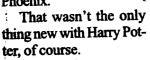
A column by Phil Custodio

Under J.K. Rowling's spell

It's the summer movie season, and I am a willing participant.

I've been racking up quite a few hours in the theater: Spider-

Man 3, Shrek the Third, Live Free or Die Hard, Transformers, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.



I fell for that, too.

My brother and his family were visiting from Virginia this weekend. Friday night (Saturday morning?) at midnight, I was at Border's bookstore in Flint with a nephew and two nieces, and about a thousand other Harry Potter fans, many dressed up in various robes, hats, scarves, glasses, and lots of magic-marker applied scars, to get their two reserved copies of the seventh and final Potter book.

On the way there, they shared theories about HPatDH: Voldemort is really dead; Dumbledore is really alive; Voldemort is really Harry's father.

On the way back, I left the car interior lights on and my niece Helen read out loud. Back home, we read until about 2 a.m. - I might have borrowed a copy and made them share the other - then I confiscated them both so we could all get some sleep.

I went to Target the next morning to get my own copy - no lines or costumes there. The magic was gone.

We're all done reading it, of course. Now I can check things on TV, newspapers, and the internet - my spoiler-prevention embargo is over.

People love to spoil things like this. The Flint Journal printed a story Sunday promised to be free of spoilers, but included a paragraph describing in detail the last chapter of the book. They caught my wife with that one.

The New York Times published a book review before it even went on sale. The review is a synopsis of the entire book, carelessly summarizing and commenting on the story from beginning to end.

One guy on the internet posted what he called was the ending of the book. The writing was very poor, laughably absurd dialogue, things the characters would never say or do.

That, at least, shows how talented the actual author, J.K. Rowling, really is.

The Clarkston News 🔾

Local stores deserve support

As instructions in The Clarkston News point out, letters to the editor should "not only criticize but also praise."

In the spirit of that guideline, we are writing in praise of a Letters to the editor local business Office Depot - located

at the corner of White Lake and Dixie Highway.

We recently had to seek repairs for a laptop purchased by Joanne in January. Because it was still under manufacturer's warranty, we first had to endure several phone conversations with a help desk person located continents away from Clarkston.

Frustrated, we sought the help of Rob Vanburen, manager at the new Office Depot location. Thanks to Rob's superb technical skill, product knowledge and strong

commitment to customer service, we both ended up extremely satisfied Office Depot customers.

We offer this story not only to give credit for service well

provided, but also to encourage patronage of our businesses.

Our community has a number of outstanding establishments, many of which have been providing quality goods and services for years.

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If we want to continue to enjoy unique offerings and personal attention right here in our own backyard, we need to remember to support our local businesses.

Joanne and Bob Inskeep Springfield Township

Simple tips to save gas money

We are into summer driving and ever increasing gas prices. The way that each one of us drives can save as much on gas and on our cost for fuel as all the proposed new legislation and technical improvements, up to 25 percent or more savings in effective cost per gallon right now, depending on how we drive.

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• Drive the speed limit, or even 5 mph under, on freeways and in cities. You won't be a traffic stopper and you'll arrive hardly five minutes later, if at all;

· Accelerate lightly and drive at as constant a speed as possible;

• Watch the traffic flow and play the lights. Coast when you see red ahead and don't pass on the fast lane just to hurry up and wait.

This may seem like less fun and no 'vroom." But it's amazing. You'll get the "CAFE sticker" mileage for your car or better, and you'll save on gas, brakes, tires, maintenance, and everyone and our country will benefit.

Try it for a tankful, make it a challenge.

Thomas Hall (retired auto engineer)

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1992

"M-15 widening begins this week" Independence Township began work on widening M-15 to five lanes, north of Dixie Highway to Paramus. The project was to cost \$950,000.

"Trustee offers facility option" School Board Trustee Kurt Karlstrom proposed letting voters decide between a new, \$8 million elementary school or \$14.5 million in renovations to all district schools.

"Planners recommend rezoning on Sashabaw" Independence Township Planning Commission recommended rezoning five parcels of land for 90-100 new homes. Homes were to range from \$200,000-

"Clarkston schools crowded, but future still bright" School bond proposals had failed, but officials were confident the public would come through. Student enrollment was rising, requiring more school space.

25 years ago - 1982

"Judge douses Pac-Man's lights in Independence" Oakland County Circuit Court ruled against an Independence Township business owner, saying he could not open a video arcade on M-15. The judge said township ordinance against arcades was constitutional.

"Crash claims life at Waterford Hills Race Track" A Farmington Hills racer died after being injured in a racing accident. It was the first fatality in the track's 24-year history.

"Former President Ford will visit Independence" Gerald Ford planned a Republican Party fundraiser at Deer Lake Racquet Club. Tickets were set at \$100 each, \$150 per couple.

"Clarkston's Sesquicentennial" The Clarkston News commemorated the village's 150-year anniversary with four special editions. The first explained Clarkston's origins as a mill town, with a good water drop from Washington St. to Depot Road.

50 years ago - 1957

"Clarkston school reunion - 1887-1957" A reunion was set for all Clarkston students since 1887.

"State fair wants floats" The State Fair parade in Detroit was seeking community floats from around the state.

"Sweetheart Ball Saturday, August 24" Cedar Lodge of DeMolay was holding a ball at the Community Center.

"Bombs blameless in bad weather, scientist says" Nuclear bomb explosions are not responsible for recent bad weather, scientists said the Michigan State University.

Some e-mail etiquette, p-l-e-a-s-e!

complainers. I guess, if you get right down to it, I have little sympathy for complainers, period.

Whine, whine, whine.

Moan, moan, moan.

Complain, complain, blah, blah, blah. I guess I am not that nice of a guy -- definitely not sympathetic. But, if it makes you feel better, you can call me a hypocrite, because I intend to whine, moan and complain in the paragraphs to follow. If you're

like me and don't want to waste your time while I express my dissatisfac- Don't tion, please turn the page. However, Rush Me if you like to gawk at car wrecks, if you love to share in the misery of others (if only from afar), square up to the bar, order a pint and we can cry in our beers together.

Let the bellyaching commence! For the last 10 years computers have made life easier. The internet has brought a wealth of information to our fingertips -- not to men- a column by tion a veritable cornucopia of na- Don Rush ked lady images, but I digress . . .



With the internet has come electronic mail. And, while e-mail is a great way to stay in touch with folks you wouldn't spend a dime to call or 40 cents to buy a stamp for, it is also getting to be burdensome.

How do I say this? I like getting e-mails. I like sending e-mails. I like getting jokes and pictures from all sorts of readers. They are often times entertaining and fun to look at. But (here's where my beef comes into play), the one thing I hate the most about emails are when they have phrases like this in the subject line:

"This is truly priceless . . ."

... or, "You gotta open this, it's s-o-o-o true ..." ... or, "This is the funniest e-mail I've ever read!" I'll start by saying this: STOP IT!

Stop being so-o-o-o smarmy, upbeat and -- what's the word I'm looking for -- cutesy. Yeah, that's it. Stop being so cutesy. Your e-mail is not "priceless," "s-o-o-o true," or the "funniest" thing ever. It's either cheap, a fake or boring. And, cheap, fact-less and boring it shall remain until I, me (the guy opening said e-mail) deems it otherwise.

To me, it is my opinion that counts. Not yours. Don't take it too hard, though. I don't like movie reviewers' opinions either. I've always had a problem with folks telling me what to think about any-

For the most part I have little sympathy for chronic thing. By use of the time honored technique of trial and error, I like to come to my own conclusions. So, don't tell me your mass-forwarded e-mail is priceless, cute or funny. Just type in something like: "Joke inside," or "Photos attached." You know, be specific about what the communique is about, and let me be the judge of its value (because I will, anyway).

> And, another thing . . . don't bother sending me chain e-mails, you know the ones I am talking about. The ones that say something like this: "Send this to six people in six minutes and you will get six million dollars in return. If you don't and delete this, you will die. Don't kill this chain letter!"

> Ummm... based on the number of chain letters I have stopped, deleted and killed, I should now be in some desperate level of Dante's hell. But, I am not. I'm still kicking, heh!

Oh, and while I'm on a roll . . . stop with the cute abbreviations slash acronyms. I am clearly either not hip enough nor bright enough (or both) to understand things like lol, wtf and btw. I mean I can fill in the blanks as to what these letters could stand for, unfortunately my mind goes to the gutter and most of the time the meanings I come up with are not fit for a family publication.

Remember: I am dense, thick-skulled, puddin' headed (pick your insult), so spell it out. If lol means "lots of luck" just say so. Please, don't make me go to the gutters again.

On an up note ... I do know what :) means. (It's a smiley face, right? And, that's a good thing, isn't

Dear Parents, Kids, Teachers and Readers in General,

I have posted all your letters concerning problems in our schools today. I invite you all to read and write. Heck, why not print a copy and give them to your school board and superintendent. Start a dialogue, be a part of the solution, versus a whiner who only sits on the sidelines playing "left out."

Go to our website www.ClarkstonNews.com and on the left, click on the listing "Kids, Teachers, Parents." It is located under Don't Rush Me. I made it a PDF file, which stands for Portable Document Format. What that means is beyond me. However, it will take a few minutes to open up. Be patient.

Thanks

Don't like or agree with all the opinions opined in this edition?

Send your thoughts via e-mail: clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Depression rearing, or saving for retirement

Don, was selling investments for Investors Diversified Services. His pitch to us was, "If you saved

Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

just 50 cents a day you'd have \$182 each year the way to early retirement."

He did something right, retirin at about 50.

I told him I couldn't put 50 cents a day away, and to take his pitch, and . . .

I retired at 68, but the kids are paying me to write this column.

What I'm going to tell you this week is how to save money, not to be able to retire early, but to be able to buy a gallon of gasoline or

These are Depression-learned lessons, or advice from a cheapskate. Some say a depression would be good for the last two generations, then maybe they'd have learned to live within their means, without credit card interest rates stifling their good-life goals.

Of course, if everyone lived without credit this entire nation, and not just Michigan, would be welfare dependent.

Anyway . . . this is being written on a 95 degree day. To me that means saving money starts in the bathroom. Rinse, no soap, the overnight grease off your face 'cause you're going to be sweating all day.

Then forget applying that underarm deodorant. Same thing. It's a waste. Besides, do you ever smell anyone's armpit? Does anyone ever smell yours? And, sell your stock in Proctor & Gamble's Old Spice. More savings when the stock plummets as my advice gains momentum.

Weekly washing of bed sheets is really more of a habit than necessity. We don pajamas or night shirts when we go to bed, so our

In the late 1950s our brother, skin doesn't touch the sheets anyway. Wash 'em maybe once a month.

> Even if there's smudges the wrinkles in the sheets pretty-much

Then when you wash, use half and be well on a capful of soap. If you noticed the ads this week for Tide, they have substituted a smaller cap for their "new" soap, and I believe less soap will clean our clothes and the large cap is just a suggested amount and only sized to sell soap.

We can all get by with less toothpaste, too. If a small dollop will do on an Oral B electric brush, the same amount should be good on a conventional toothbrush. Besides it's the brush, not the paste, that does the cleaning. Paste is for

Now we move to a restaurant outing with family and friends. I got this money-saving idea when a friend, Dick K., had the waitress bring his leftover steak to me in a take-home box for madog Shayna.

I did, but I didn't have to give that meat to Shayna. Then last week daughter Luan and I had tooheavy servings of chicken & mushroom fettuccini.

We combined it in one box and I had three meals of it and Shayna

So, friends and readers, when you see an acquaintance about to leave tasty looking food for the restaurant's garbage can, ask if you can take it home. It's only uncomfortable for a while, and soon you and they will expect it and maybe quit talking about your idiosyncracies.

If that "borrowing" is hard to do you can always say you're taking it to Jim's dog, Shayna.

Besides, you never see your friends and relatives spit on their food. It might happen in a kitchen, but not at the table.

My daddy often complained about The Depression of the 1930s, but look at how it helped my savings plan, and maybe it will do the same for you.



Rita Stelpflug and daughter Megan, 10, dressed up and went grocery shopping, then stopped to pick up a copy of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Finally! Enchanted fans take Harry home

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

How do you distinguish a true Harry Potter devotee from a wannabe?

"Fanatical," said Clarkston resident Melanie Larson, 28. "It's those extra letters on the end of 'fan."

And Larson definitely considers herself a fanatic.

At midnight Friday she was out with fiancé Chris Castle—and her collector's edition Harry Potter doll—to pick up a copy of billion-dollar author J.K Rowling's Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

The 700+ page book is the seventh and final installment in the Harry Potter series.

"It's such a compelling story," Larson said. "You're involved in (Harry Potter's) life from the time he was 11 or 12 years old."

Clarkston Bookcenter co-owner Helen Soldenski said she had several hundred books reserved at a special presale price.

"Everyone gets so excited when I roll out that cart," said Soldenski, who's been in the book business 30 years. "There's like this gasp that goes up."

Soldenski estimated she fielded 60 phone calls during the day from Potter fans who wanted to know if the title

would be in stock come midnight when the release time finally arrived.

The store was selling the book at \$17.46—50 percent off the suggested retail price—and will continue to sell at that price for at least a couple of weeks.

At that price, several people picked up an extra copy for a friend or family member.

Amanda Veigel of Clarkston picked up her book and immediately found a quiet corner where she could sit on the floor.

"I had to start reading," she said. "I didn't want to wait."
For many others, the books had, over the years, evolved into a family tradition.

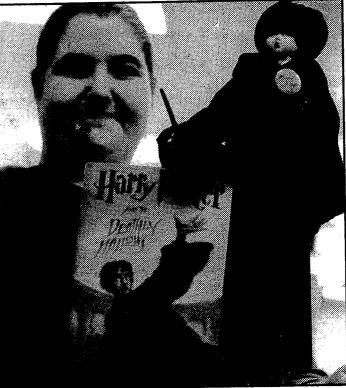
"We wanted to get it tonight," said Melissa Hilliard, who was at the store with her son Kyle. "I used to read (Harry Potter books) to him when he was younger, but he's old enough to read it himself, now."

The book sold 8.3 million copies in the first 24 hours.

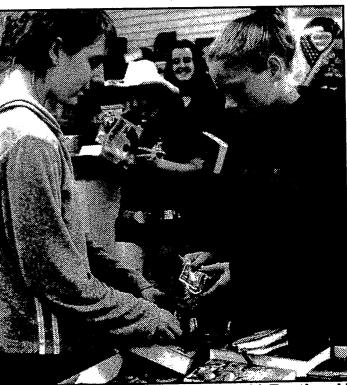
"I've read every one of the books right when they come out," said Randy Hanna, who was also at the store around midnight. "I'm a writer myself, and I really like her style of writing. She uses so much detail in all her characters."

Hanna said he had to work early the next morning, so he wouldn't be able to start reading when he got home.

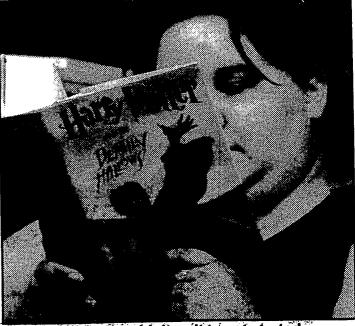
"Well," he said, "maybe one chapter."



Melanie Larson calls herself a Harry Potter fanatic.



Sisters Samantha, 15, and Meghan, 14, Topolewski pooled their money to pick up a copy of the book.



Amanda Velgel couldn't wait to get started.

Independence Twp.

Tues., July 10 A 41-year-old woman living in the 6600 block of Cranberry Lake Road called police after paying a landscaper \$1,115 to do a job that was never started.

Thurs., July 12 The manager of a fast food restaurant on Dixie Highway called police after someone passed a counterfeit \$100 bill in the store.

Sun., July 15 Deputies were dispatched to the 5700 block of Shannon Court when residents called to report an elderly man who appeared lost. Moments later police were informed of the 80-yearold man's identity when his wife called and said the man, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, left out the back door while she was making the bed.

Independence Township deputies and fire fighters responded to a call from the 6300 block of Shappie after a resident saw smoke and fire coming from the foundation of an old barn. The homeowner was not home at the time.

Mon., July 16 A 44-year-old man living in the 5300 block of Pheasant Run called police after discovering someone entered his vehicle over night and stole a laptop computer, MP3 player and several hand tools.

A Holly man called police after discovering someone had a party over the



Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

weekend in the vacant investment property he owns on N. Baldwin Road. Several tools were also stolen.

Deputies were dispatched to the 6300 block of Wellesley Terrace to respond to reports of domestic violence between a 17-year-old boy and his father.

Tues., July 17 Deputies were dispatched to a business on North Ortonville Road when the husband of an employee created a disturbance over division of the couple's property in a divorce settlement.

An employee at a business on Dixie Highway called police after discovering someone caused about \$1,800 in damage by breaking a large quantity of glass panes and windshields.

A 25-year-old man called police after discovering someone had used his credit card when he inadvertently left his wallet behind at a restaurant.

A 21-year-old man living in the 5000 block of Timber Cove Circle called police after discovering someone entered his unlocked vehicle during the night and stole an iPod docking station and stereo sys-

An Independence Township couple living in the 5500 block of Avington called police after receiving notification from a collection agency that someone had written fraudulent checks with their identity.

Wed., July 18 Police were investigating a case of first-degree home invasion after someone entered the attached garage of a home in the 6100 block of Waldon Lake Drive and stole a satellite radio from a car parked inside.

After investigating a nearby larceny, police discovered a bulletproof vest, satellite radio and CDs, which were all stolen from the locked vehicle of a police officer living nearby.

A woman living in the 5500 block of Adderstone called police after discovering someone entered her unlocked vehicle over night and stole an iPod and handicapped parking permit.

A man living in the 5600 block of Sheffield called police after discovering someone entered her unlocked vehicle over night and stole a GPS unit and a personal planner.

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A man living in the 5500 block of Parview called police discovering someone entered his vehicle after smashing out the window and made an unsuccessful attempt to steal a radio from the dash.

A man living in the 6100 block of Lake Waldon Drive called police after discovering someone had caused several hundred dollars in damage while making an unsuccessful attempt to steal his vehicle.

A man living in the 5500 block of Parview called police after discovering someone had pried open the door to his vehicle and stole a portable DVD player valued at about \$500.

A purse was stolen from an unlocked car parked at a residence in the 6700 block of Longhurst, and a radar detector was stolen from another car at the same home.

A 38-year-old woman living in the 8700 block of Beechwood called police after receiving threatening phone calls from her former husband.

An 18-year-old man living in the 5000 block of Timber Cove Circle called police after discovering someone entered his unlocked vehicle during the night and stole an iPod and charger during the night.

Thurs., July 19 A 54-year-old woman living in the 8200 block of Staghorn Trail called police in fear of her life after her husband became abusive when he found that

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Think before you drink

By Ernie Harwell If you're like most people, you probably enjoy an occasional glass of wine with dinner, a drink with friends or a beer after work.

And that's OK. As I always say, "All things in

In fact, studies show that a drink may help prevent certain types of heart disease. But that doesn't mean we should all start drinking. And with all the holiday celebrations it's easy to over

Keep in mind that drinking alcohol, even in moderation, can be risky.

For example, just a beer or two can impair your ability to drive. Alcohol can also cause problems by interacting with prescription drugs or with over-the-counter medications, such as cold tablets. Always ask your doctor or pharmacist about drinking alcohol while you're taking any medication.

And if you're pregnant, you shouldn't drink at all. It's that

If you find that your drinking is becoming excessive, don't deny it or think you can handle it yourself. Get help from your

So if you have a drink, do it wisely.

And remember to take care of your health before it's lonngage

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than for after 53 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, wun serving as a quain and juness advocate for blue Cross blue smeld of Michig public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wif more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "I After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082

Between Genesys Health System and POH Medical Center

Walking the gardens

This year's Clarkston Garden Tour, July 18, offered six gardens throughout the area, including the Forbes and Cooper houses near downtown.

A steady flow of flower and plant afficianodos admired the variety and creativity of the gardens, learning tips and ideas to bring back to their own garden.

The tour was sponsored by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and Clarkston Community Education.

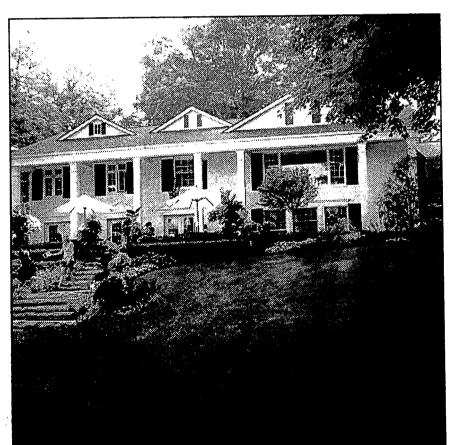
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Janis Parrott, Millie Ham and Tami Dowd enjoy the beauty of the Forbes Garden near the Lake.



Twyla Miglia, Mary Vangelson, Cindy McDonald and Janice Benjamin smile at the beauty surrounding the Cooper Garden



Backyard view at the Forbes house.



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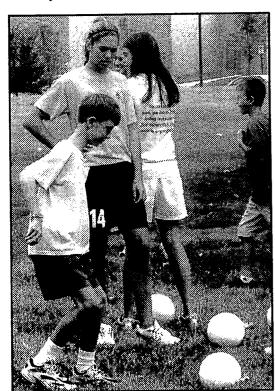




SCAMPers learn soccer from Notre Dame Prep students

The Notre Dame Prep Soccer Team Soccer Camp at SCAMP, which started last year as a community-service project, continues. The camp is being run by 16 year old junior Emily Gray from Clarkston. Assisting her is Paige Aiello from Rochester Hills, also a jun-

Gray worked with her mother last year to



Police

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the woman had trimmed a tree in the front yard.

A 30-year-old man filed a police report after discovering \$877 in fraudulent charges on his credit cards after he lost his wallet at a restaurant on Sashabaw Road.

Springfield Twp.

Sat., July 14 A 54-year-old man called police after his daughter's 19year-old boyfriend admitted to stealing money from the family on several occa-

Deputies were dispatched to the 17000 block of Detroiter where a 43-yearold man was arrested and jailed after physically assaulting the 36-year-old woman he'd been dating for about a

Sun., July 15 A 62-year-old woman called police after realizing she left her purse on top of her vehicle while helping her elderly mother into the car in the 11000 block of Andersonville Road. A search of the area produced no reput the soccer program together for SCAMP. This year, a mission statement was created to give more direction to their effort. The statement reads: "To give each SCAMPer the opportunity to learn and enjoy the game of soccer by sharing our time, talent and love for the sport."

"The SCAMPers love coming," Gray said. "One of the groups has come three times already. We recognize some of the SCAMPers from last year, its fun getting to know them more each time we see them."

They plan to expand the soccer program

with more volunteers so they can offer additional sessions. The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 donated 12 boxes of foam soccer balls for SCAMP this year. The girls use them in their soccer program and give them away at

"Their faces light up when we tell them they can take the soccer balls home with them," Aiello said.

The soccer group runs four sessions a day, a half hour each, on Mondays and Wednesdays. The girls work with children and young adults ranging in age from 6 to 45.

The soccer program has had more than 180 SCAMPers attend so far this summer with two more sessions to go.

Clarkston SCAMP provides recreational and academic activities to special needs children and young adults from all over Oakland, Macomb and Southern Genesee counties. For more information on the NDP SCAMP Soccer Program, contact Emily Gray at 248-620-1756. For more information on SCAMP, Clarkston www.clarkstonscamp.com, or call 248-620-



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Nowhere is totally safe

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Neighborhood LFAs-larceny from an automobile-are Township board last year approved funding for two dedicated patrol officers—deputies who spend the entire shift patrolling neighborhoods to deter would-be thieves.

Still, the crime has not disappeared from township subdi-

"People just don't lock their doors," said Baldes. "These kids will go through neighborhoods

checking car doors. Out of 100 cars they find 50 open."

Culprits, he said, are usudown after the Independence ally in their late teens, and either sell the merchandise they steal to pawn shops or friends, trade it for drugs or simply give it away.

> "People think it's going to happen to everyone else, not them," said Baldes. "They think they live in Clarkston and it's a safe area. But people come here from surrounding areas to rob houses or cars, especially in the summer."

Where did it happen?

Family Video 5480 Sashabaw Road: Around 7:45 p.m. Sunday, May 27, a 52-year-old Waterford woman left her purse in the front seat, locked her 2006 Seturn Vue and ran into the store. She returned 10 minutes later to find a window strusted and her purse gone.

Pawarhouse Gym 6475 Sashahaw Hand: Just before 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, a 26-year-old Lake Orion woman parket her 2001 Chevy Impais in the lot behind Powerhouse Gym, locked the doors and want inside. The WOTER Was RWay from her vehicle about 10 minutes, but returned to find a window smashed out and a \$400 leather

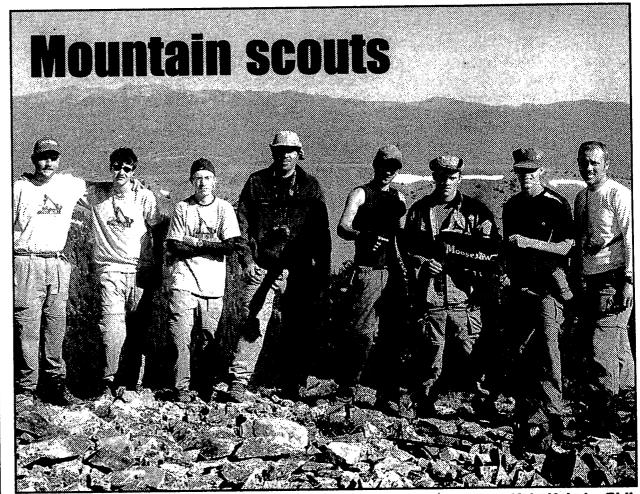
Coach bag gone. Mr. 8's Roadhouse 8781 Dixie Highway: A 37-year-old Northville man finished his shift around midnight June 24, and went to the parking lot to find a window on his 2000 Ford Focus smashed. A child's wallet, containing nething of value, was missing.

Outback Stock House 6435 Dixle Highway: A 17-year-old em-pleyed from Waterford left her locked cor in the rectainent's parting let around 5 p.m. Around chang time, the discorered a smashed window and a purse and digital camera missing from her 1996 Saturn.

LeBella Salon 4565 Palton: A women left her purse on the front passenger seat, locked the doors on her 2005 Dodge Durango and entered the salon around 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5. An hour later she discovered a window in the vehicle smashed, and her

Door Lake Requet Club 6167 White Lake Read: A 45-year old West Bloomfield woman parked her car in the club's let around 5 p.m. July 5. When she returned to her 2002 Mercury Mountineer 10 minutes later, she found the passenger side window broken and her purse, which she'd left on the center console, missing.

Big Boy Restaurant 4860 Dixie Highway: A 46-year-old Tennessee woman visiting relatives in the area locked her 2000 Toyota van and en tered the restaurant around 12:15 p.m. Sunday July 8. She returned 45 minutes later to find the window smash out and her purse, which she'd left on the front seat, missing



From left are Rich Hahn, David Hahn, Brent Cousino, Gary Cousino, Kyle Helmle, Phil Voorhels, Tyler Gorney, and Steve Voorhels, Clarkston Boy Scout Troop 189. They are at the top of Baldy Mountain, elevation 12,441 feet, the highest point at the Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico. The troop hiked 110 miles during their annual summer High Adventure trip June 17-July 1. Photo submitted

Teens raise \$8,000 for kids in need

Jacob R. Navarre and Dylan J. Coutelle of Clarkston raised about \$8,000 for Promise Village: Home for Children this year.

Navarre, 14, and Coutelle, 15, were challenged by their teacher to do a community service project before the school year was over. They learned about and toured Promise Village in Rose Township, and decided to hold a fundraiser for it. Both musicians, they organized a Battle of the Bands. This event, which was held May 12, 2007, raised almost \$6,000.

The kids solicited sponsorships, did a bottle drive, and sold refreshments the day of the concert. Before the event took place the boys had raised \$2,000. They plan to hold a Battle of The Bands concert every year.

Promise Village is a residential treatment facility for abused, neglected, and troubled children. Besides intensive mental health services of individual, family and group therapy, they also offer Equine and Animal-Assisted Therapy. It is a unique way to help children learn responsibility, build relationships, gain a sense of respect and self-control around the animals.

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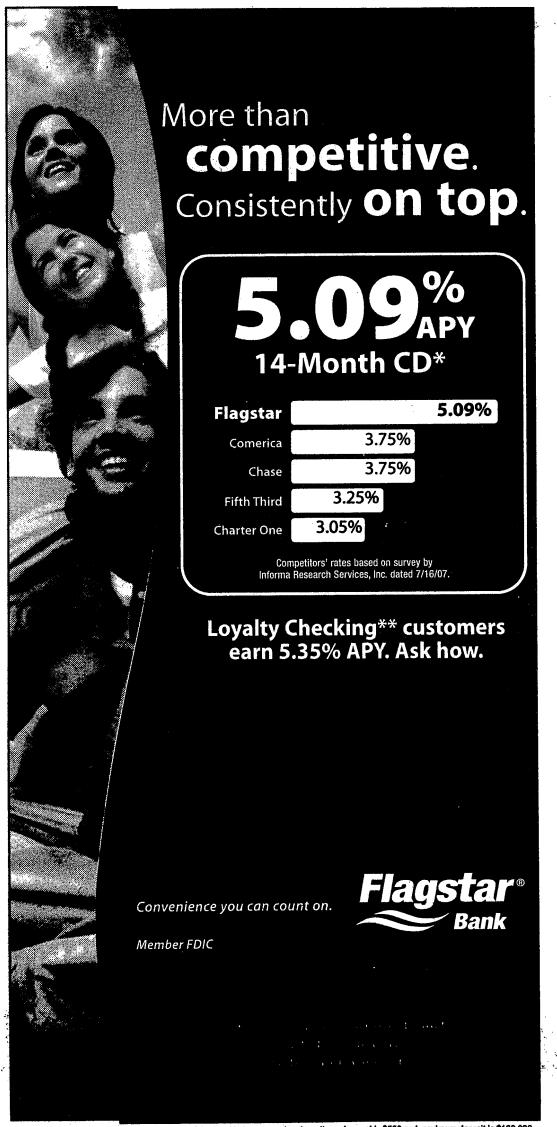
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Jacob Allen, 5, of Clarkston, plays a water game at the 55th Annual Strawberry Festival held Saturday in downtown Leonard. *Photo by C.J. Carnacchio*.

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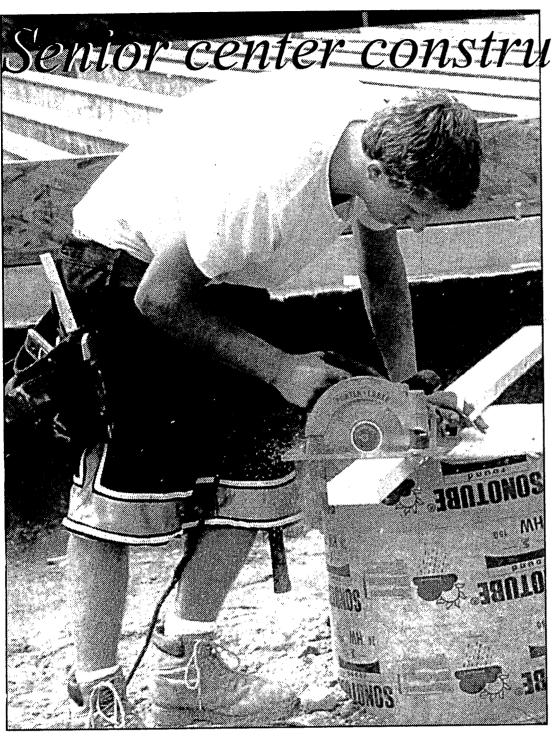
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Cody Bridgewater makes a precision cut.

d center to be torn down

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The 2,100-square-foot interim Independence Township Senior Center is now under construction. The 1,500-square-foot basement has been dug, walls built, and cement floor poured.

The rough in for the main floor was started this past week.

"The entire thing should be roughed in and roofed in three weeks," said Dave Belcher the building director and general contractor.

According to Belcher, tear down of the old building should take place in the first couple weeks of October.

"I hope to have the seniors moved in by Thanksgiving, if everything continues to go as it is."

"We are very excited to have a new clean, safe, handicap accessible building, said Margaret Bartos senior center coordinator. "It's the size of a modern house and paid for out

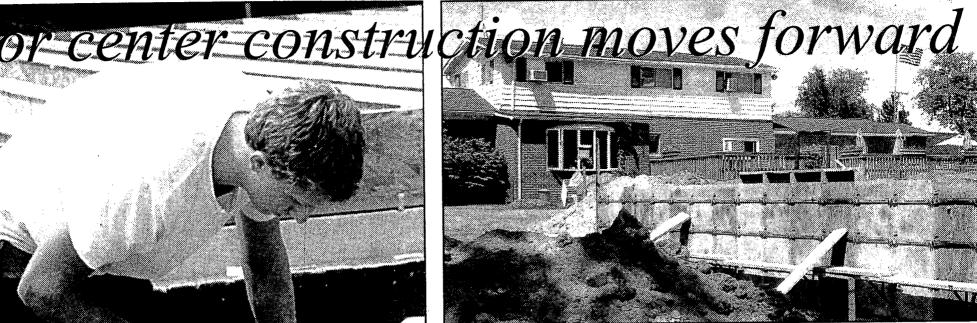
of the capital expenditure. It's not the \$3 million building that we made on the ballet in November that would be paid for out of new taxes, but it's a safe alternative."

The Township Board voted June 5 to construct the interim center for \$250,000, paid out of the general fund. DMB Building is one of the companies helping to build the

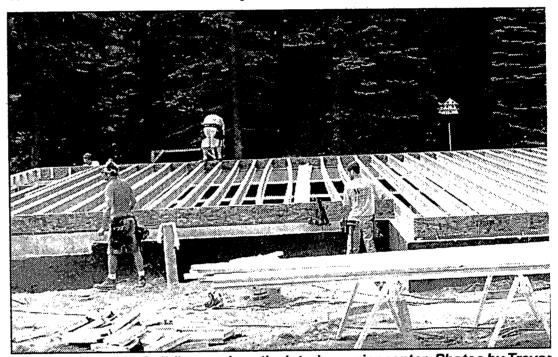
"I think it's great, it's something they definitely need. It will be very sharp when it's done," said Dave Bridgewater owner of DMB

DMB Building has worked in Clarkston for the past 16 years. They do all aspects of construction, from new building to remodel-

"Sam Moraco and Dave Belcher are the two putting it (the senior center) togetherthey are the two most knowledgable guys in the township. They have plenty of experi-ence," said Bridgewater.



The interim center will be directly behind the current building



Workers with DMB Building work on the interim senior center. Photos by Trevor Keiser

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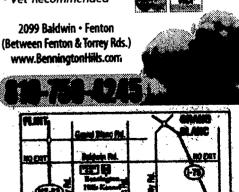
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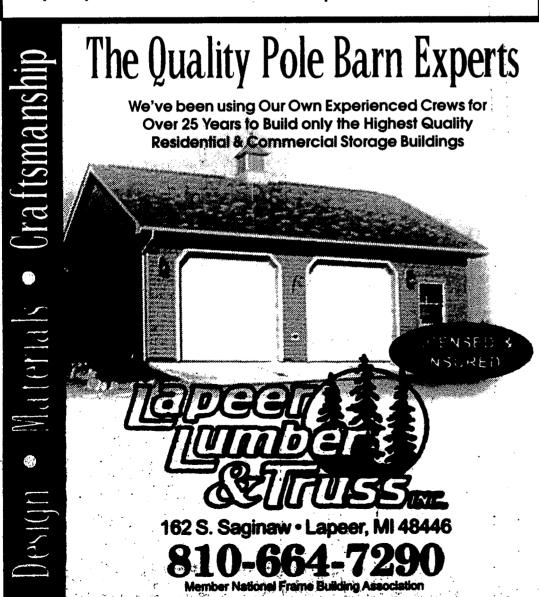
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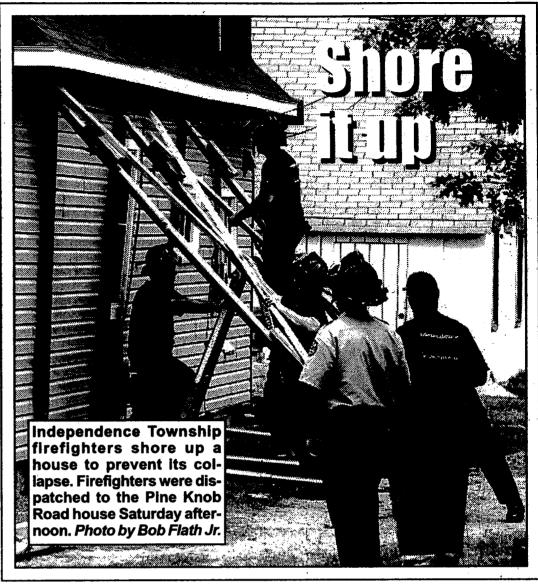
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Paramedics go electronic

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township paramedics are going paperless, and saving money too.

The township board granted Independence Fire Department's request on July 17 to change billing companies to an electronic billing agent and electronic EMS Reporting System.

The fire department will sign a contract with Parastar for EMS billing for less than what they pay with AccuMed, and use the savings to pay for an electronic EMS reporting system from Zoll Data Systems.

A three year contract with Parastar will cost \$23,675, \$7,875 annually as opposed to \$49,000 for the electronic system directly from Zoll. With the Parastar contract, the fire department will pay 7.5 percent from revenues collected for EMS billing services and an additional 1.75 percent annually for three years in order to acquire the Zoll Electronic EMS Reporting System. The fire department will pay 0.75 percent less than what they pay now for billing.

Currently, all EMS reporting is hand written on four sheets of carbon copy paper.

"If you get the last page (of the carbon copy) than you aren't getting much more than a shadow," said Fire Chief Steve Ronk. "It (an electronic system) will take care of the

issues that go with paper work."

The electronic system (a touch pad computer notebook) compiles data so it is easy to access, instead of having to dig through piles of paper work. The stats of the care provided are readily accessible.

"This will allow us to know how many males we treated, how many females we treated, how many IV's we had successful on the first stick," said Ronk. "This will also allow us to track our paramedics and make sure that they are performing proper care protocols.

"The quality of insurance is a huge benefit to us," he said. "We will be able to monitor the quality of our care now, where before it's just been documentation and there's been no statical review available to us."

Over the next six months, the fire department will work out the details of the contract. Zoll will install the system, make sure it works properly between all three fire stations, and provide training.

"This will ensure more accuracy in billing, it takes the human factor side right out of it," said Ronk. "It's quite a jump to clean up our EMS paper work and billing."

The fire department should be operating by electronic EMS system Jan 1, 2008.



Clarkston's Minjoo Lee led the Wolves this season and hopes to return the team to the state finals, where they took eighth place in 2006. In 2007, Lee placed 16th in the state individually and was named to her second All-Area team. *Photo by Paul Kampe*

Lee having strong summer on the links

BY PAULKAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whether it's her academic career or golf game, Clarkston's Minjoo Lee isn't having much trouble orchestrating a stellar performance. Lee, 17, is a 4.0 student heading into her senior season year at Clarkston. Her final golf season will begin a little earlier than normal because of a switch by the MHSAA, which moved girls golf to the fall. The early



Minjoo Lee

start has Lee confident of a good season. With the Wolves this season, Lee earned her second consecutive All-Area nomination and she's enjoying an excellent summer tournament season to lead into the school year.

Lee, who finished 16th in the state last June after qualifying for the state finals individually,

kept right on into the summer. She won all seven events she played in with the Top 50 Juniors Tour. She returns to the site of the MHSAA state finals, Forest Akers in East Lansing, to play in the state championships of the Adams tour, Aug. 6-7. In that tour, Lee has placed in the top three twice, recording two second-place finishes.

To keep sharp, Lee puts in five hours each day at Indian Springs golf course or Shepherd's Hollow, both in the Clarkston area.

Playing golf wasn't second nature for Lee, but work ethic was. She needed to add an extracurricular activity to her regimen and tried golf because her aunt and uncle played. Lee admits the sport was challenging when she took it up preceding her freshman year.

"To play at the level she's at says a lot," Clarkston coach Larry Sherrill said.

"She decided to try golf (and) she works on it until she gets it right."

As a freshman, Lee was named the No. 2 golfer on Clarkston's roster.

"It helped a lot because I played with girls with much more experience. It was a shock to play with such good players," Lee said.

Lee quickly began submerging herself in golf, including her avid viewing of the Golf Network and golfing events on television.

"As much as people say it's boring, I find it exciting," Lee said.

Lee's success didn't come to her overnight.

"Minjoo works extremely hard on her game," Sherrill said.

"Golf is such a difficult game to get a level of proficiency. It's easy to get frustrated, you have to have the drive to keep going at it"

With her senior year on the horizon, Minjoo is looking at her college prospects. University of Michigan and Michigan State University could be in the cards.

"It's so competitive, but that's what I'm hoping for," Lee said.

Lee and Sherrill have been researching colleges on her behalf.

"She's a top-notch student, he siad.

"It's not just a golf school we're looking for, we're looking for a school which will give her a good education."

Lee hopes to parlay her love of math into a career in engineering in college. The field is a bit more demanding than the golf course.

"There's no in between, it's either right or wrong," she said.

Athlete of the week

Clarkston distance runner Smith 12th at national 5K

BYPAULKAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's Kristen Smith knows how to hold off using all her energy until the end of a long run. Smith, who runs cross country in the fall and distance events for the track team in the spring, finished 12th overall in the Nike 5K run in Greensboro, N.C., the weekend of June 15-17. Smith set her personal best in the run, finishing in 17:53.84. Her goal prior to the run was to break 18 minutes and after the race, Smith felt should could have even run 10 seconds faster.

"Once I get into the groove of running 5Ks, it'll be easier to know what I should feel like (at the finish)," Smith said.

"I just have to remember how the race feels. As soon as I finished that race, I was totally pumped for cross country season to start."

Smith, an incoming junior, set her previous best, 18:28.7, at the 2006 MHSAA cross country state championships, where the Wolves placed sixth overall.

At the Nike run, Smith sized up the competition and decided her course of action prior to the start, her mother Linda Smith and

"She knew it was going to be a really fast race. She stayed in the back, she gradually started passing girls who kept dropping back.

"She stuck to her times." Maintaining her normal splits was made difficult because Smith forgot to wear a timing watch.

Linda said Kristen was reluctant to keep up with the lead pack upon the start because the pace would have left her flat at the end of the run. She had to persevere in the rear of the pack before making her ascent.

"She runs at her pace and doesn't worry about anyone else," Linda Smith said.

"She's always talking and thinking strategy based on the other people in the race. She has a good idea how (some competitors run).

"She knows what works for her and she has an idea how girls she runs against during the season are going to run."

Clarkston girls track coach John Yorke said the results are simply a culmination of Kristen's dedication and effort.

"She's really been training hard this year. It's not a surprise, she's been improving all spring. She's a great competitor, that's why her time was so good," Yorke said.

"The sky's the limit for her."

Yorke expects Smith's experience to help the Wolves as they look to return to the podium on the final day of the state track championships after a season away. Smith was one of three All-State performers for the Wolves at the finals in June.

"We're really going to rely on her experience with the younger girls. She can really show them how it's done," he said.



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The Spray Masters performed "Boatload of Blues" on Big Lake last Thursday evening Photo by Paul Kampe

Curing summer blues

Spray Masters celebrate 20th anniversary

RYPAULKAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Celebrating its 20th anniversary Thursday, the Spray Masters Water Ski Show Team found a cure for the summertime blues along the shores of Big Lake in Springfield Township. The group, which has a membership of more than 60 and more than 30 skiers of all ages, performed "A Boatload of Blues" for an audience assembled in the late evening.

"Boatload" is mirrored after the "Blues Brothers" film starring Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi as Elwood and Jake Blues. Spray Masters acted out several scenes from the 1980 film by water and land for the audience. The skiers also performed other ski routines intertwined through the show.

The group travels to other area lakes throughout the summer to perform its routines, which have also included such themes as "The Wizard of Oz," "Fantasy Island," and country/western.

The event was co-sponsored by the parks and recreation departments of Springfield, Independence and Waterford townships.

Also competing for the Spray Masters' attention were afternoon storms going around the area. The weather held off and the group

performed under mostly sunny conditions.

"Boatload" was only the group's second performance this season. They began in the late winter with indoor practices at Andersonville Elementary and eased into the lake in May.

"We're doing really well, it's the beginning of the season and we have a lot of new skiers," said 11-year member Marian Lawson.

Lawson's 16-year-old son Logan is a skier in the group which has kept the family involved with the Spray Masters for more than a decade.

"The best thing is that we can do this as a family," Lawson said. "There's always a place for parents to participate. It's a unique sport."

They brought Tom Malvich of Charleston, S.C., to the shores of Big Lake Thursday to see his niece and nephew Rachel and Scott Malvich perform with the group.

"It's great, they're all really talented. I've always been a 'Blues Brothers' fan," he said.

"It's terrific, the costumes are great and there's good choreography.

For more information about the group, visit www.smwst.com or call 248-975-8771. The Spray Masters return to Big Lake Aug. 14 and 16 for the Team Sponsors' Show and the

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Oxford racer seventh at Oakland supermoto stop

BYPAULKAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As the American Motorcycle Association made its second stop at Waterford Hills Road Racing course in Independence Township earlier this month, Oxford resident Chris Fillmore was making a homecoming stop.

Fillmore, 20, riding in the Supermoto Championship, finished seventh in a field of 22 racers on his Kawasaki KX450F.

A redesigned course consisting of nearly 70 percent pavement and about 30 percent dirt in and around the track, was a better layout for the sophomore race.

"They improved it from last year. I'm hoping they'll open it for practice and get more people interested in supermoto," Fillmore said.

"The speeds were a little faster this year. They used most of the road course and it was a fast course. They opened up the track and got higher speeds."

Fillmore and the other riders on the circuit spend their sum-



Fillmore

mers traveling from city to city during a season that runs from May-November. Riders get intermittent breaks in the series, such as a brief hiatus the group is on now until its next race.

Fillmore joined the circuit in 2003 at age 16. He enjoys racing near home, but admitted that although it's nice to sleep in his own bed prior to the race, it can be troublesome procuring tickets for friends and family.

"When you're at home, you do (home) things and it's a little bit distracting," Fillmore said.

In addition to the course design, Fillmore was pleased with the overall venue setup, which gave the event a "homelike" feel.

"It's grassy and it's got good elevation,"
Fillmore said.

"(Fans) aren't just standing in a parking lot all day long."

Fillmore was born into a motorcycle-loving family and was taught by his father to ride the bikes by third grade. He began racing motorcycles at 12.

"My dad always had a motorcycle and he raced when he was younger," Fillmore explained.

Keep tabs on Fillmore and others this season at www.amasupermoto.com.



Basketball dreams near at Fife camp

10th annual showcases future talent bank

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the second straight week, Clarkston High School's gym hosted young basketball players eager to learn at the

knee of Dan Fife from July 16-20. Joining the youngsters, seventh-ninth grade, were former Clarkston basketball players and other members of Fife's coaching staff.

The Dan Fife Basketball Camp hosted about 100 players throughout the week.

The boys worked on one-onone moves, passing and pivoting, post up moves, ball handling and rebounding and shooting jump shots off screen plays.

"It's fun to work with the other coaches and seeing the kids progress from the first day. That's enjoyable for us too," Clarkston girls basketball coach and former Fife apprentice Tim Wasilk said.

Wasilk, a 1996 CHS graduate, enjoyed catching up with other former Clarkston hoops players.

"It's always good to get with the old guys and coach, talk and reminisce. It's always good," he said.

Fife likes to incorporate former players because their experience after Clarkston in college basketball is instrumental in teaching the

"Kids might hear the same thing from three different people, but the way one person says it might register," Fife said.

"They say it in a way a kid can understand it. It flicks a switch."

Two incoming freshman took

home hardware with to go with their camp t-shirts. Nick Pike earned camp MVP honors and Chris Canada took home the Coaches' Award.

"It could have gone either way with these two kids," Wasilk said.

"They've been coming to camp for quite awhile."

Wasilk noticed another strong talent base with this year's campers.

'Coach Fife is expecting a good future with these players," he said.

The crop of players was interesting to Fife as he looked into the future of the Clarkston program.

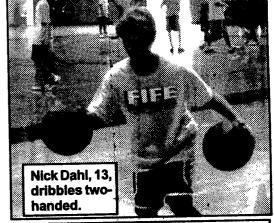
"If they continue to work and improve, there could be a lot of good players coming out of this year's group," Fife

"And a lot of them are from Clarkston, and that's exciting as a coach."

After the week-long hoops binge, it's up to the players to keep up their hard work from the camp.

"It's not what they learn at camp, it's what they do with it when they get home," Fife said.

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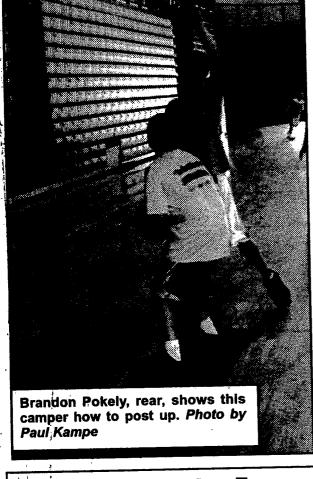
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#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Springfield Township residents concerned about rezoning of their property have nothing to worry about, officials say.

"It's more a reflection of what's already there," said township Supervisor Collin Walls.

The township Planning Commission is holding a public hearing Aug. 2 to discuss rezoning property in the northwest quadrant of I-75 and Dixie Highway. The property would be rezoned from One Family Residential to Resource Conservation, a new zoning also up for public hearing.

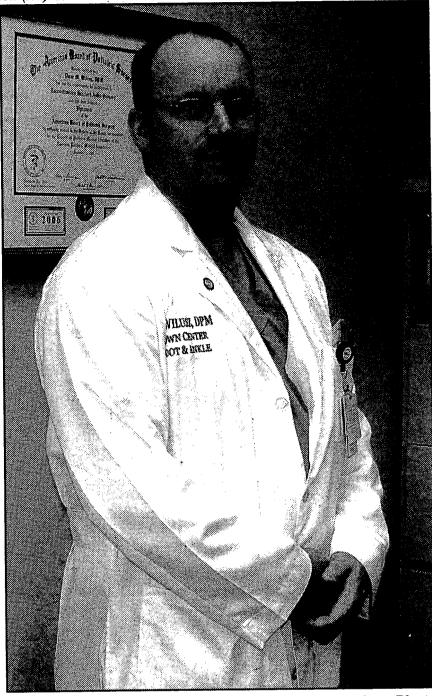
Resource Conservation zoning would limit use to single-family houses, agriculture, or natural uses such as trails, botanical gardens, and woodland preserves. It would also set regulations limiting size, density, and location of houses and other buildings.

The properties, along Bridge Lake, Lakebluff, Lakeshore, Old Pond, and surrounding roads, contain several lakes, ponds, and wetlands. This places it under wetland and other environmental regulations, as well as township open-space rules. The rezoning would clarify the situation, Walls said.

"It will make it more closely fit its current use," he said. "It would give the public in general a clearer picture of what has been planned for that land."

The planning commission has been working on the new zones for about a year, he said.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, at Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road. Documents about the proposed rezonings are available at the civic center. Call 248-846-6510.



Dr. Peter M. Wilusz specializes in foot reconstruction. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

# Dr. Wilusz fights diabetes by fixing feet

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Diabetes is the top reason besides trauma for foot amputation, with 75,000 in 2003, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Dr. Peter M. Wilusz, Independence Township podiatrist, wants to change that.

"Amputation is a death sentence (for people with diabetes)," said Wilusz, who has diabetes, a disease which runs in his family.

Among his specialties are reconstructive foot and ankle surgery and diabetic limb salvage.

"I'm passionate about doing whatever it takes to save it," he said. "One of my mottos would be 'call us before considering amputation."

He opened his practice June 4 at 6510 Town Center Drive, Suite C, off Waldon Road.

"I grew up in Waterford, so this area is my home," he said. "It's going great. So far, so good."

Helping raise his younger brothers and sisters, he didn't go to medical school right away. He earned undergraduate degrees in biology, physics, and biochemistry

at Oakland University and, to pay the bills, he ran a shoe store in Rochester Hills.

He worked with several people referred by podiatrists, learning about foot ailments and care. His brother, Dr. John Arsen of Lake Orion, encouraged him to go back to school and become a podiatrist himself.

"He helped me realize that I could do so much more for people (as a doctor)," Wilusz said.

He earned his Doctor of Podiatric degree in 2001 at Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He trained as a resident and fellow in Warren.

He lives with his wife, Marni, and their son Connor in Bloomfield Township. A move to the Clarkston area is a possibility, he said.

"I love the area," he said. "It's far enough from the big city, but not too far."

Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Tues., 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Wed., and 1-5 p.m. Fri.

His Website, Towncenterfoot and ankle.com, is under construction and should be ready soon.

For more information, call 248-922-6000.

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| Castlewood Custom Homes    | 7-5-0  | Boys 13-14 major             |          | Bishop Airport            | 2-6-0 |
| Edward Jones Investments   | 6-6-0  | Maple Roofing & Const.       | 12-0-0   | Smith's Disposal          | 1-84  |
| Clarkston Medical Group    | 3-8-1  | Clarkston Medical Group      | 10-2-0   |                           |       |
| The Simpson Group          | 2-8-2  | American Servicing Corp.     | 9-2-1    | Boys 15-18                |       |
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| Oscar W. Larson            | 2-9-1  | Leo's Coney Island           | 6-6-0    | Oxford Outlaws            | 9-1-  |
| let's Pizza                | 1-9-2  | Health Care Reimbursement    | 3-9-0    | Lake Orion Lions Club     | 7-3-1 |
|                            |        | Bishop International Airport | 3-9-0    | Orion Firefighters        | 644   |
| Boys 11-12 major           |        | Marr Chiropractic            | 2-10-0   | Tire Warehouse            | 5-54  |
| Clarkston Rotary Club      | 11-1-0 | WJ Stewart Contracting       | 0-12-0   | Tigers                    | 4-5-  |
| Maxx Storage               | 11-1-0 |                              |          | Lake Orion Kiwanis        | 4-6-  |
| Market Place Pet Supplies  | 8-4-0  | Girls 11-12 major            |          | Dirty Shamrocks           | 2-7-  |
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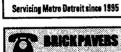
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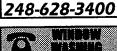
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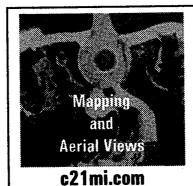


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## Learning in the library

Bauer keeps kids reading, learning

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While she does enjoy horticulture, Francie Bauer, Springfield Township Library children's librarian, is hardly of a garden variety.

Bauer has been with the library for 12 years. She accepted a position with the library after seeing the posting in the classified ads in the newspaper. It was then Bauer remembered a crucial choice she made in 1968, whether to get her teaching degree from Emporia State University (Kansas) in teaching or to attend the university's library school.

"I had two pages each of pros and cons of teaching or being a librarian and I didn't even remember that was something I even looked (into) at that time,"

"It obviously had some appeal to me then. I would probably still be working here with or without that degree.

While the two are different professions, Bauer sees links between teaching and being a children's librarian.

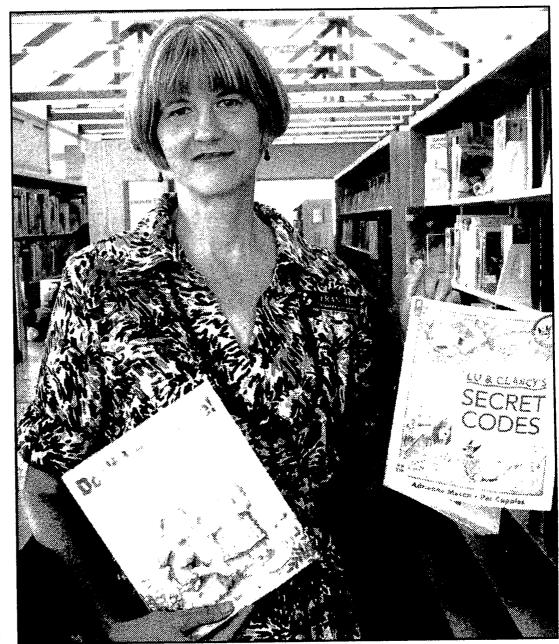
"A lot of my story times focus on science with animals and different things. I try to get actual facts in there. Most of the kids I work with now are a lot younger than they were when I was teaching, but you're doing the same thing," Bauer said. "You have to relate it to their level and try and be a bit entertaining. Those things are the same whether you're teaching or doing story times.'

Those story-time sessions are something Bauer began after she started with the library and has expanded in the time since. Now, Bauer organizes story times for children of all ages, complete with follow-up

March 2003 brought a change to Bauer's line of work as the library moved into its current home in the Springfield Township civic center at 12000 Davisburg Road. The transition to a much larger space, from the library's longtime building, a small, former schoolhouse, was almost overwhelming.

"The change was elating. We had so much room.

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Springfield Township Library Children's Librarian Francie Bauer shows off a couple of her favorite reads. Photo by Paul Kampe

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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.

Club Bookworm, 10-11 a.m., July 26, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. This month's selection available at the center. \$1.248-625-8231.

Movies & Munchies, 1:30 p.m. July 26: "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Aug. 23: "Wait Until Dark," Audrey Hepburn. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550

Blood drive, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., July 26, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 OrtonvilleRoad. Red Cross contest: enter to win two-year lease on a new Lincolm MKX. 248-625-2923.

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

**Book Club for adults**, Thursdays, 1 p.m., July 26. 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.

Grandparents Day, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., July 28, Spraypark in Clintonwood Park. All ages welcome. Music, lunch, prizes. Independence Township Parks and Rec. 248-625-8223.

Knitting and crocheting mini-retreat, 12-6 p.m., July 29, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels

## Around Town

welcome. Space is limited. Admission is one salad or dessert to share. Snacks and beverages provided. Call 248-625-2212.

Support Group for all ages of those recently widowed, 7 p.m., Aug. 2, Independence Twp. Senior Center, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Topic: "Caring & Sharing Support." Led by Alicia Brown, bereavement counselor at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. No registration necessary. Free. 248-625-5231, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Concours in the Park, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 3. Auto cruise, ice cream social, silent auction, live entertainment. Depot Park. www.scamp.waterfordhills.com.

Garden tour, hosted by Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape Institute of Clarkston, 1-4 p.m., Aug. 5. \$5 donation, benefits Master Gardeners Program of Oakland County. Check www.goodearthlandscapellc.com for map, or call 248-620-7188.

Benefit fundraising dinner, for Spotlight Dance Center's Competition Team, 4-8 p.m., Aug. 6, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. Call Mylene Neal at 248-342-1563.

Babysitting class, 8 a.m.-2:30p.m., Aug. 7, Clarkston Health Center, 5625 Water Tower Place off Dixie Highway. Leadership, safety and safe play, basic care, first aid and professionalism. Fee: \$50, includes lunch and program material. 248-338-5389.

Chili Challis with Dean Mink, Comedy Night at the Liberty Bar and Grille, 6060 Maybee Road, 9 p.m., Aug. 10. \$10, 21 and over. 248-625-4660.

Tons of Trucks/Bucks for Buses, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 11. Clintonwood Park Pavilion, Clarkston Road. Local entertainment, cookout. Benefits Independence Township Senior Center Transportation Services. 248-625-8231.

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.

Classic Car Show, 8 a.m.-noon, Aug. 12. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, parking lot. Coffee and donuts on hand. Open to classics within the community. Entries receive a dash plaque. Trophies awarded in several categories. Donation of \$10 or more at entry. Call Arsey Miller at 248-613-0213 or amiller@gpjco.com.

Acrylic Landscape Painting, 1 p.m., Aug. 16, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Television artist Steve Wood's step-by-step method. \$23 for each two-hour class. 248-625-8231.

Battle of the Bands, 6-10 p.m., Aug. 18. Features Stand Strength Team, Music of Nailpoint Payment, others. Free food. \$5 cover. First Missionary Church, 4820 Clintonville Rd. Matt: 248-674-3186.

Clarkston High School Class of 1992 is planning its 15-year reunion Aug. 25 at Liberty Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Call Angie (Smith) Feltz, 248-425-1327.

Clarkston High School Class of 1987 is planning its 20-year reunion Sept. 1 at

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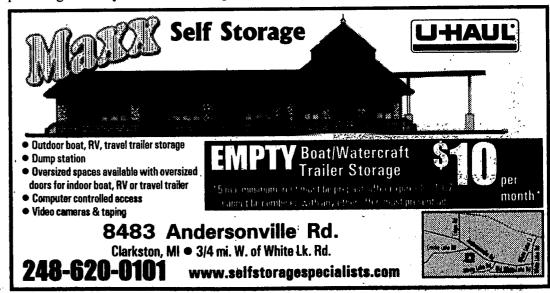
Yoga for adults, 12-1 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, through June 20, Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road. Residents: \$70 total. Non-residents: \$75 total. \$12 walk-in. 248-634-0412.

"Mature Mulligans," Heather Highlands Executive Course, 11450 E. 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.





## Students achieve success

Theron Brown has been named to the Dean's List at Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills for Winter 2007 semester.

The 2005 Clarkston High School graduate is working on two programs in Collision Auto Repair

and Paint and Refinishing.

Brown, son of David and Melanie Brown of Springfield Township, is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society.

Mary E. Warchuck of Clarkston earned a degree in Spanish this past term at Madonna University, also named to the Dean's List.

The following Clarkston-area students were named to the Dean's List at Madonna University:

Angelina Cummins, junior, Paralegal Studies; Amanda K. Evanson, sophomore, Sign Language Studies; Heather Lynne Graziano, freshman, Hospitality Management; Michelle Lynn Jacques, senior, Journalism/Public Relations; Jeff Lawrence Loveless, senior, English/Jour-



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Collision Auto Repair: Non-Structural Repairs,

and Lisa R. Wilke, sophomore, Nursing.

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Jody R. Seal received her MBA from Walsh

nalism; Lisa Wheeler, sophomore, Pre-Nursing;

Jody R. Seal received her MBA from Walsh College June 2. She has her BBA from Western Michigan University and is a 1999 graduate of Clarkston High School.

She is the daughter of **Belinda Seal-Sweet** of Clarkston and Floyd Seal of Atlanta. Seal-Sweet was named 2007 Oakland County Coordinator of the Year at the May meeting of Oakland County Association of Adult & Community Educators.

She is the coordinator of Adult Education and Alternative High School programs for Novi Schools.

Ryan McLatcher of Clarkston earned a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University

A recent graduate of Clarkston High School, he is the son of Mike and Dawn McLatcher.

Northwood University students Charles L. Fortinberry III, son of Charles and Dana Fortinberry of Clarkston; Emily J. Pierce, daughter of Ted Pierce of Waterford and Jeanne Pierce of Clarkston; James R. Ziemann, son of David and Donna Ziemann of Clarkston; and Anna S. McManus-Trim, daughter of Jeffery and Tracey

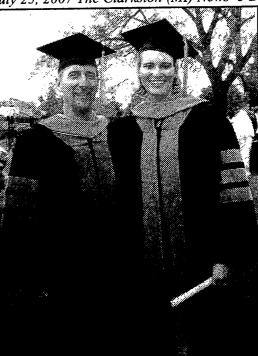
Trim of Davisburg, were named to the Dean's List for Spring 2007.

Northwood University student **Devin Fuller**, son of Robert and Lisa Fuller of Clarkston, was a top-ten finalist and won first place in his competition at the Delta Epsilon Chi International Career Development Conference, Orlando, Fla.

The following Clarkston-area students were named to the spring Honor's List at Central Michigan University:

Anamarie D. Allingham, Andrea E. Aldrich, Kelli M. Babb, Stenna M. Badalamenti, Katherine M. Bailey, Katie J. Bailey, Andra G. Barget, Abigail Bauer, Sarah A. Beck, Robert Bernardi, Jonathan Charles Brown, Kelly A. Dougherty, Suzanne Giroux, Lauren M. Hunt, Katie L. Johnson, Caitlin E. Johnston, Jack P. Kinsey, Amy J. Love, Anne Christine Maxwell, Ryan L. McLeod, Suzanne E. Meloche, Joshua C. Melvin, Mitchell Jacob Miller, Mary K. Murphy, Katelyn Renee Paul, Rebecca Kaylyn Reas, Theresa Marie Rozwadowski, Nicole M. Samuilow, Leah M. Schmidt, Jessica Leigh Sheets, Lindsay K. Smith, Michael S. Smith, Sheri Smith, Rachel C. Tyler, Michael P. Willett, Emily R. Zarzycki, and Nicholas S. Zeeman.

Corinne Lynn McIntyre-Miller, wife of Daniel D. Miller and daughter of James and Carol McIntyre, received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Detroit Mercy



Dr. Corinne Lynn McIntyre-Miller was presented her doctorate by Dr. James Bedor. *Photo submitted* 

School of Dentistry May 19.

McIntyre-Miller graduated from Clarkston High School in 1999 and received her bachelor's degree in Biomedical Science in 2003 from Grand Valley State University.

She will be joining the dental practice of James A. Bedor, DDS, 95 N. Williams Lake Rd., White Lake.



[Attention Clarkston Residents]

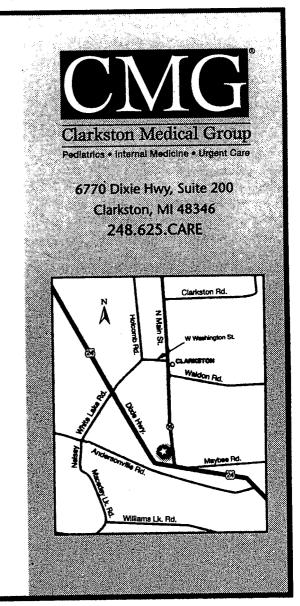
## Have we met?

MEET CHRISTINA JOSLIN, D.O., WHO IS BOARD CERTIFIED IN FAMILY PRACTICE. AS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CLARKSTON MEDICAL GROUP SHE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS.

Dr. Joslin has a comprehensive medical practice from pediatrics to adult care, including osteopathic manipulative medicine. She has a special interest in women's health and sports medicine.

A graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, she completed her residency at the University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina Pitt County Memorial Hospital Brody School of Medicine.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Christina Joslin at the Clarkston Medical Group, please call 248.625.CARE.



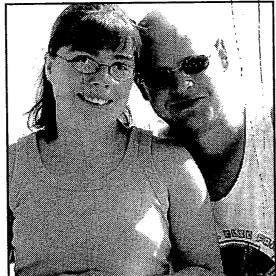
## Milestones

## Summer wedding planned

Nancy and Bruce Sommers of Davisburg announce the engagement of their son Nathan Scott Sommers and Dawn Marie Steele.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ray and Pat Steele of Springfield Township, is a 1997 graduate of Marian High School and Oakland University. She is a teacher at Academy of Lathrup.

The future groom, 1998 graduate of



Dawn and Nathan

Clarkston High School, is in sales at Home

A July wedding is planned.

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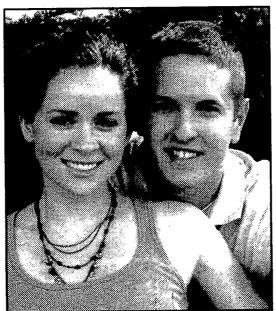
## Clarkston couple to wed

David and Rhonda Moran of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheena Marie Moran, to Matthew Scott Mahrle.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School, attended Michigan State University and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2006.

She is currently employed as an engineer with Procter & Gamble in Cincinnatti,

The future groom is the son of Larry and Kathy Mahrle of Clarkston. Matthew is a 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School, attended Michigan State University and graduated in June, 2006. He is currently employed as an account executive with TSJ News in Cincinnatti.



Sheena and Matthew

A September, 2008, wedding is planned and will be celebrated with family and friends at Addison Oaks in Addison Township, Michigan.

## In our country's service...

daughter of Julie L. Hopkins of Clarkston and Richard Spencer of White Lake, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Katie com- physical fitness.

Navy Seaman Recruit Katie A. Spencer, pleted a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on

## Got a Milestone to share?

Drop them off at our downtown office at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail them to shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News Milestones.



# Religion Stop dating the church!

**Spiritual** 

**Matters** 

**Pastor Greg** 

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A husband and wife got up one Sunday morning to go to church. The husband suddenly said, "I'm not going to church today!"

The wife was perplexed. She asked, "Why aren't you going to church today?" He said, "I'll give you three good reasons. First, the worship is boring. Second, no one likes me. And third, I just don't want to go.'

The wife replied, "Well, honey, I have three reasons why you should go. First, the worship isn't that boring. Second, there are a few people there who like you. And third, you're the pastor! So get dressed!"

I have a confession to make. Even though I'm a pastor, sometimes I don't want to go to church! Why? All kinds of reasons. Sometimes I'm just tired and would like to sleep in. Sometimes I'm spiritually lukewarm and just don't feel like going.

Thankfully, I pastor a great church where the worship is exciting and the people like me (I think so, anyway!).

Have you ever thought about the church? Why did God create the church? What's the purpose of the church? Is the church optional or is it vital?

A friend gave me a great book recently entitled, "Stop Dating the Church." I highly recommend it. The author, Joshua Harris, encourages us fall in love with the family of

My daughter got married on July 7. What an exciting, fabulous, awesome day it was! Cary and Seth dated for over a year before they got married. They had a measure of love and commitment for each other during that time, but either one could have stopped the relationship at any point

But on July 7th they made vows to each other. They gave each other rings. (Then they went on a vacation to Jamaica! No problem, maaan!).

They are no longer dating. They are married! They are committed to each other "till death do us part." I think it's high time for Christians to realize that God calls us to stop dating the church!

Some Christians run from church to church looking for whatever -better music, a more exciting speaker, a bigger program. Other Christians are "chreasters" -they only attend church on Christmas and Easter. Still others drop away if there's the slightest problem in the church.

Did you know that God calls all his believers to come together and relate to one another on the basis of their common commitment to him?

We are to gather into local congregations and form alternate societies where we show the big society what God intended society to be. We are to live such dynamic lives of love and service that people look at us and say, "Wow! Can Please see Spiritual Matters, page 9B

CHURCH\* DIRECTORY

## In our churches...

Diving Deeper, guided, peaceful, real time with God. 7-8 p.m., July 25, and Aug. 8 and 22. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

God's All Star Champions, summer evening Bible school, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sundays, through Aug. 19. For entire family. Free. Oakland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 7205 Clintonville Road. 248-858-2577.

Vacation Bible School, 5:45-8:30 p.m., July 29-Aug. 2, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Drama presentations, class time, arts and crafts. From age 4 to sixth-graders. \$8. 248-394-0200.

The Amazing Adventure of Hearing God's Voice, Sunday mornings in August, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 8:15, 9:30 and 11, with childcare at all three services. 248-625-3288.

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.bethanyof southeasternmichigan.org.

Peace Unity guest speaker, the Rev. Kathy Harwood Long, "Consciousness Unfolding," July 15, Sashabaw Presby

Please see In Our Churches, page 9B



#### **CLARKSTON UNITED** METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 248-625-1611 Website:clarkstonumc.org Sunday Summer Worship 8:30 am & 10:00 am Fellowship Time: 9:15 am & 11:00 am Nursery available for both services Children's Sunday School: **Adult Sunday School:** 9:15 am

## CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston (corner of Maybee & Winell) 248-623-1224 Service 9:00 - 10:30 rww.ClarkstonFMC.org Wednesday 7 pm Youth & Adult Ministry

#### **HOLLY PRESBYSTERIAN** CHURCH

207 E. Maple Street Holly, M1.48442 248-634-9494 website: http://www.hollypc.org Rev. Dr. Herb Swanson Summer Hours for Sunday School 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am Childcare Provided

#### **NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church** Sunday Worship 10:30 am New Location 9600 Ortonville Rd. (M-15) Clarkston, MI 48348 (2 miles north of 1-75; church entrance is on Hadley Rd.) (248) 922-3515 www.northoakschurch.org Pastor Steve I. Brown

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#### **DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH**

8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA 7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study Nursery available for all services.

#### **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

"Lutheran Church Missouri Synod" 7925 Sashabaw Road (1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater) Clarkston, MI 48348 (248) 625-4644 Worship: Sun. 8:15 am & 11:00 am Sat. 6:00 pm Sunday School 9:45 am Preschool: 3-4 years old Preschool: 620-6154

## ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston (W. of M-15, S. of I-75) 625-4580 Rev. Christopher Maus Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

#### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Fr Don Duford, D. Min., LPC Sunday 8 am & 10 am **Holy Eucharist** Sunday School 9:55 am **Nursery Provided** David Hottel - Music Minister Dina Edwards - Director of Children's Ministry Charlie Dean - Youth Ministry Laura Compton -Director of Lay Ministry Bible Study - Wed., 9:30 am & 7 pm Sept thru June www.darkstonepiscopal.org 248-625-2325

## OAKLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services held at Mount Zion Center 4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI Sunday School at 9:15 am Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 am Bible Study Wed. Eve. at 7:00 pm Family Dinner before at 6:30 pm Church Property - Yellow House 7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI Office Address: 404 Cesar E. Chavez Av., Pontiac, MI Phone (248) 858-2577 Fax (248) 858-7706

## **CALVARY EVANGELICAL**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH** 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston (W. of M-15, just S. of I-75) 625-3288 Sunday Worship: 8:15 am (traditional worship) 9:30 am (blended worship) 11:00 am (contemporary praise) Nursery available Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 (Seasonal) Meal, worship, small groups Wed. evening - Dinner & Bible Study 6 pm (Seasonal) Relevant messages, caring people.

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5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Fax: (248) 394-2142 Rev. Doctor Martin Hall Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Youth Groups 6-12 Wednesday 6:30 pm www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-3380 Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E.of M-15) Pastor: Russell Reemtsma Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service Wed: 6:15 pm Awana Club 6:30 pm Teen Ministry 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & **Bible Study** 

#### **BRIDGEWOOD** CHURCH

6765 Rattalee Lake Road Clarkston, 48348 (248)625-1344 Services: Sunday 10:00am **Morning Worship Service** Children's Ministry Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life -**Adult Life Ministry** c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry Ozone - Children's Life Ministry Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services A Church For Life www.bridgewoodchurch.com

#### **SASHABAW** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston Worship 10:30 am Nursery Provided Phone (248) 673-3101

#### **DIVINE MERCY PARISH**

"A Mission Chuch" Mass celebrated at **Davisburg Elementary School** 12003 Davisburg Rd. Saturday at 6:00 pm Sunday at 10:00 am Celebrant: Msgr John Budde website: www.divinemercyparish.net

#### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Clarkston Christian Schoo Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson, Dan Whiting Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am School of Discipleship 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries 5:30-8:00 pm **Sunday: Youth Ministries** 5:00-7:00 pm www.clarkstoncchurch.com



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MA591 \$205,000

## Penny Sue Fast (Reitano)

Penny Sue Fast (Reitano) of Waterford passed away July 11 at the age of 59.

She was the dear wife of Roger; beloved mother of Raymond (Linda) Brooks, Randy (Christine) Brooks, Rick (Gayle) Schleben, Roger (Diana) Schleben, Robert (Christina) Schleben, Rodney (Tracy) Schleben, Tina Schleben, and Tiffany Carpenter; also survived by 24 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; sister of Larry Reitano and Sandy (Kenny) Creason; preceded in death by her son Gregory Moriarity and siblings Judy and Tom.



Visitation was July 17 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral was July 18 at the funeral home. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Any donations to

the family will be used for the oncology department at Henry Ford Hospital. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

## Christina M. Lepper

Christina M. Lepper of Clarkston passed away July 18 at the age of 72.

She was preceded in death recently by her husband of 52 years Ronald W. "Ron." She was the mother of Linda (Jim) Bentley, Ronald "Ed" (Karen) Lepper, Diane (Chuck) Heil and Charles "Chuck" (Julie) Lepper; precious grandmother of seven and great grandmother of six; Sister of Irene (Bernie) Martin, Amanda Foltz, Betty (Felix) Jordan, Bill Schiele and Dora



(Jim) Wiggins.

Funeral service was July 23 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clark-Interment ston. Sashabaw Plains Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Leu-

kemia Society of America. On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

## Donald J. Sweet

Donald J. Sweet of Clarkston passed Rudd. away on July 15 at the age of 62

son of Katie (the late Donald); brother of Carol Bernard and Pat (Keith) Hardison; brother in law of Rod Weston, Diane (Roger) Mushall, Corrine (Bud) Crawford, MI. Shirley (Fred) Walker and Wendy (Tim)

Visitation was July 18 at the Lewis E. He was the husband of Trudy (Weston); Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Fufather of Jay of Ind. and Katie of Texas; neral service was July 19 at the funeral home. Private interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

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## Christopher F. 'Chris' Bachusz

Christopher F. "Chris" Bachusz of Oxford, formerly of Waterford, passed away July 20 at the age of 59 after he fought a courageous battle with pancreatic can-

He was the loving husband of Elizabeth "Beth" for 40 years; father of Michael (Missy) Bachusz, Krista (John) Donohue and Jeremy (Becca) Bachusz; grandfather of Emily, Ashley, Owen and Toby; son of Frances and the late Frank Bachusz; brother of Bob (Carolyn) Bachusz, Jim (Janice) Bachusz, Janice (Bill) Harris and Rick (Becky) Bachusz; brother in law of Sue (Randy) Roth.

Our Braveheart proudly served in the



US Army during the Vietnam War. Rosary Service was July 23 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Clarkston, and visitation was July 22-23. Funeral Mass was

July 24 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lake Orion. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Pan Can. Online guest

www.wintfuneralhome.com.

## **Edith Andersen Stewart**

Edith Andersen Stewart passed away July 1 at the age of 81.

Memorial Service Saturday, Aug. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Clarkston.

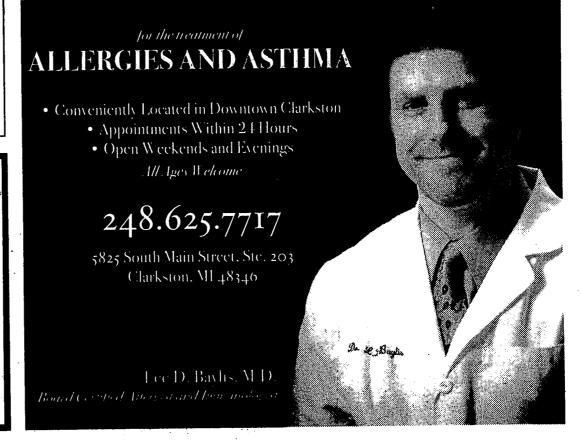
Mrs. Stewart had been a Clarkston resident for 27 years. She and her husband retired to Auburn, Ala., where they lived for 18 years. After the death of her husband in January, 2005, she moved to Houston, Texas, to be closer to her daughter and died there in her sleep on Sunday, July

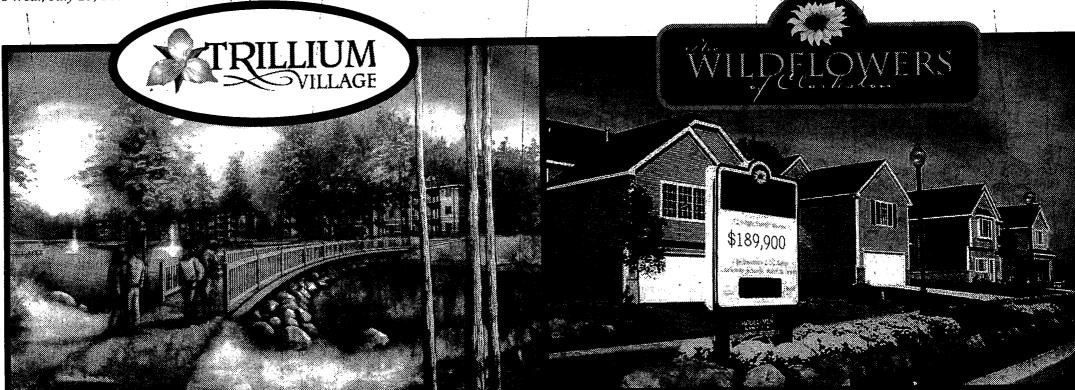
Mrs. Stewart was a teacher at Belle Ann Elementary school in Ortonville for 15 years. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband. Rev. Alexander Stewart, and a daughter, Eileen Stewart.

She is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Frankoff (Steven) of Houston, Texas, and Joan Stewart (James Nudo) of Nagoya, Japan; two sons, David of Albuquerque, N.M., and Bruce (Cyndy) of Shelby Township; and eight grandchil-

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston, 48346, or to an education related charity.

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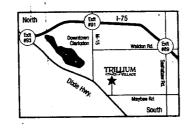




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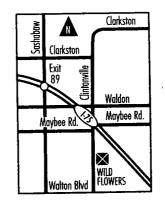
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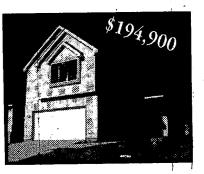
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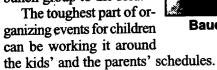
## Bauer keeps programs, vegetables fresh

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Moving from a one-room schoolhouse where we had absolutely no space at all," Bauer said.

"It's gotten to be a bigger job because we're trying to do more and more children's programming," she said.

In addition to the story times, Bauer coordinates other children's programs such as summer reading. This year she has added a matinée movie and book bunch group to the fold.



"Kids are so busy, there's so many things to do," Bauer said. "I'd like to provide something the community wants and needs, but figuring out what that is and a time people can come is the tricky part," Bauer said.

Francie tends to take her work from the library home to make sure the library has the latest reads in children's literature.

"It's a time priority, I don't read adult fiction because I need to know what's going on in children's (fiction), and I really enjoy it. There's a lot more to those books (than people think). Look at the 'Harry Potter' books, there are just as many adults as there are kids that want to read those books and that's not the only book like that," she said.

Bauer enjoys the good company of a book during her commutes, reading an audio book with her ears.

"If I'm riding in the car by myself, I don't like to be in the car without a book," she said.

Bauer's longtime hobby, gardening, is still something she really enjoys. Francie and husband Ernie have a very large garden at their Springfield Township home. So large in fact, the couple can subsist with much of what they have grown.

"My favorites are tomatoes and cucumbers. I can't ever wait until (they) come in because the ones in the stores just don't taste the same," Francie said.

"Until it frosts, we eat from the garden," she added.

## Spiritual Matters-

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I be part of that?" Skeptics should be attracted to our love and our lifestyle. They may say, "I'm not sure about this Jesus guy, but I sure respect all the good you do in this world!"

Read John 17 sometime. Jesus prays for

our unity and our loving relationships so that the world may believe. The world does not need another argument. It needs to see groups of people who are married to Christ, committed to living life together his Way.

Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.

## In our churches

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terian, 5300 Road Maybee Road. She will also lead a four-week class on God Consciousness, prayer, and meditation, 7-9 p.m., July 17, 24, 31, and Aug. 7, at the home of Joy Stimac, 232 Pinnacle Drive, Lake Orion. Call 248-891-4365.

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

mation 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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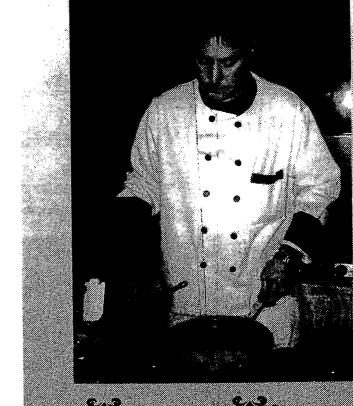
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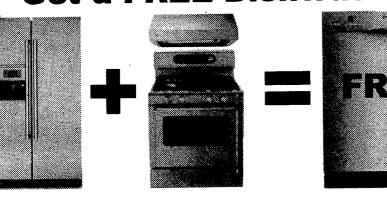
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## Reaching for the top

Clarkston student earns honors in pageant, volleyball

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

School's out for summer. But for Leah Kirsch of Clarkston, summer's a chance to do more stuff, including competing with local and national volleybal programs and competing for the title of Miss Teen of Michigan.

"Since school is out, I have a chance to do this," she said. "Miss Teen Michigan will help with college."

Kirsch, daughter of Rena and Paul Kirsch of Clarkston, was set to compete at the 2007 State Pageant July 20-22 in Mount Pleasant.

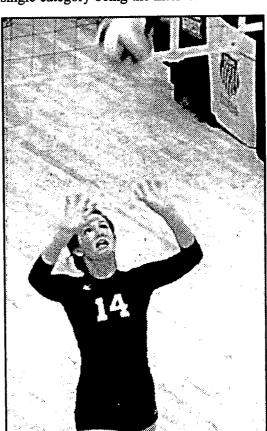
Leah was nominated at Clarkston Junior High School for sports and academics. This is her first pageant experience.

"It's pretty exciting, nerve wracking" she said.

"I'm really happy for her," Rena said. "This is a great experience.'

She prepared for six judging categories, including academics, interview, poise, and dance production.

Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes and testing, with the strongest single category being the interview with the



Leah Kirsch sets up a shot for her Legacy team at Disney's Wide World of Sports, Orlando, Fla.



judges.

The winner of the pageant competition will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship and a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition, her high school will receive \$250 from the Miss Teen of America Scholarship & Recognition Program. The new State Titleholder will also be eligible to compete for the National Title of Miss Teen of America and vie for additional scholarships, awards and prizes.

"It would be a real big accomplishment -Miss Teen Michigan is a role model for younger kids," she said. "If I don't win, it would be a disappointment, but it's an accomplishment just to be nominated."

Leah was also selected to attend the USA Volleyball High Performance Girls' Select A2 Development Camp in Kalamazoo from July 11-15. She was one of approximately 600 chosen from nearly 10,000 athletes who tried out nationwide.

"It was pretty hard," Leah said.

Players selected have the opportunity to attend various camps across the country. The High Performance Program is a national pro-

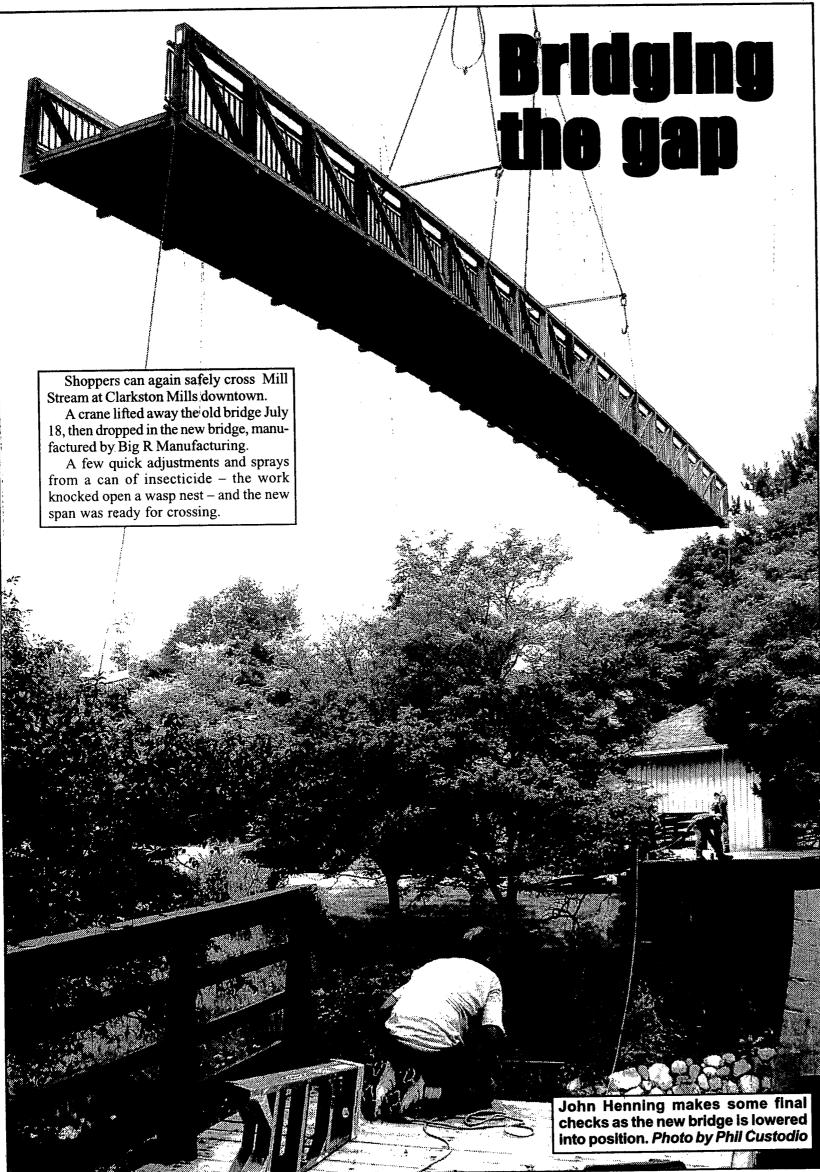
gram coordinated by USA Volleyball.

A 10-player team will be selected to participate in the High Performance Global Challenge, which brings together teams from USAV Regions with foreign teams for international competition. Foreign teams this year include Argentina, Slovenia, Mexico, Italy, Canada, Japan and possibly China.

In addition, Leah was awarded MVP of her 2007 freshman volleyball team at Clarkston Junior High School, coached by Cindy West.

She plans to try out for volleyball this year at Clarkston High School, and hopes to continue her volleyball career at the University of Michigan.

"Volleyball is fun." she said. "It's very competitive. Lots of friends on the team – it's like a family."



## Greenfield Tri/Du races set next weekend

The fourth annual Craig Greenfield Memorial tri- and du-athlon is slated for Aug. 5 in Clarkston. The three events comprising the triathlon are an 800-meter swim in Deer Lake, 16-mile bike ride along Holcomb Road and a 4.5-mile run that begins and ends at Depot Park.

There are 350 openings and preregistration is required. Spots for relay teams are also available. Visit www.3disciplines.com for more information.

Volunteers are also needed for the event and those interested can call Kathy Greenfield at 248-625-0421.

All proceeds will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan. The event has raised more than \$90,000 for the program in its three years.

#### SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Mr. Wagner called the July 17, 2007, meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

> Absent: None There was a quorum

- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approved the Agenda, as submitted

- Approved the Consent Agenda
  a. Approval of Minutes of July 3, 2007
  b. Approval of Purchase Orders
  c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
- Approved motion to approve purchase of two vehicles for the Building Department.
- Approved motion to authorize the Fire Department Chief to change EMS billing Company from Accumed to Parastar and acquire Zoll Electronic EMS Reporting System
- Approved motion to approve the recommended salary increases for department heads and non union
- Approved motion to freeze salary of part-time elected Trustees
- Approved motion to increase salary of fulltime elected officials at 2% with 1% contribution to health care
- 10. Approved motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen **Township Clerk** 

Published: 7/25/07

## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

#### CLARIA CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JULY 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Catallo. Roll. Present: Catallo, Brueck, Colombo, Gawronski, Ottman. Rausch.

Absent: Johnston.

Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the City Council accept the bridge prints as presented by Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., to be altered after construction to reflect as-built.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Artemus M. Pappas. Clerk

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Charter Township of Springfield

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Lake Improvement Board for Waumegah Lake,
Springfield Township,
Oakland County, Michigan
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF PRACTICABILITY

Notice is hereby given that at a Public Hearing held on July 18, 2007, the Lake Improvement Board for Lake Waumegah, by resolution, determined that the proposed 3-year Weed Control Program was practical and approved the program's estimated annual cost of \$50,000.

This Notice of Determination is sent pursuant to the provision of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, Part 309.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR LAKE WAUMEGAH

Published: July 25, 2007

## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

#### CLARKSTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for Improvements to Clarkston Mill Pond

for Improvements to Clarkston Mill Pond and the Special Assessment Roll for Clarkston Mill Pond

TAKE NOTICE that the Clarkston Mill Pond Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a three-year improvement project for Clarkston Mill Pond consisting of aquatic plant control, goose round-up, administration, inspections, dredging study, and contingency. The hearing will be held at Independence Township Fire Station, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, Wednesday, August 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a special

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the office of the City of Clarkston, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan for public examination during normal business hours. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting properties.

provement project to benefiting properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Clarkston Mill Pond Improvement Board will hold a hearing immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be assessed or his/ her agent may appear in person to object to the special sment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Clarkston Mill Pond Improvement Board c/o City of Clarkston, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346. Notice is also given that the owner of any real property within the Clarkston Mill Pond Special Assessment District who, having made an objection to said speci sessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special asse ment roll, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction. \*\* \* \* \* \* \* Clarkston Mill Pend Improvement Board

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## 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, August 15, 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:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from Bobby Medlock, 11696 Old Oaks Lane, Davisburg, MI 48350, to allow construction of an accessory building:
  - a) with an eight (8) foot rear setback rather than the minimum thirty-five (35) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance 26.
  - b) with a twenty (20) foot side setback rather than the minimum twenty-five (25) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance 26
  - c) with a total floor area of eight hundred thirty-two (832) square feet which will result in a total assessory floor area of 1587 sq. ft. rather than the maximum eleven hundred seventy-nine (1179) square feet permitted per Section 16.14 of Spring-field Township Zoning Ordinance 26.

    Pt #07-28-102-003

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: July 25, 2007

## PUBLIC NOTICE Charter 70wnship of Springfield

#### NOTICE OF HEARING OF ASSESSMENT LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR WAUMEGAH LAKE

Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Waumegah lake, Townships of Springfield and Independence, County of Oakland, will meet at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 to review, to hear any objections to, and to confirm a three year special assessment roll for the purpose of implementing an Aquatic Weed Control Program for Waumegah lake for the years 2008, 2009, & 2010. The estimated annual cost of the project is \$50,000.00 and the special assessment roll will be on file at the Springfield Township Offices for public examination.

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

WAUMEGAH LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

ublished: July 25, 2007 and August 1, 2007

## PUBLIC NOTICE Charter Township of Springfield

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF HEARING ON CLINTON – OAKLAND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM SOFTWATER LAKE EXTENSION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

- Notice is hereby given that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield, Oakland County, Michigan, will meet at a Special Board meeting on the first day of August 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Civic Center, located at 12000 DAVISBURG ROAD, DAVISBURG, MICHIGAN to review the Special Assessment Roll for the CLINTON -- OAKLAND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM SOFTWATER LAKE EXTENSION, and to conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments from affected property owners regarding the proposed special assessment roll, and any objections to the special assessment roll or the accuracy of their assessment.
- The improvement for which the properties will be specially assessed is to provide sewage treatment by eliminating the existing Softwater Water Lake Sewage Treatment Plant and extending sewer forcemains into Independence Township for connection with the Clinton Oakland Sanitary Sewage System
- 3. Plans showing the improvement, the location of the improvement, and an estimate of the cost of the improvement are on file at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, Davisburg, for public inspection during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, until the date of the Public Hearing. The special assessment roll in the amount of two million (\$2,000,000.00) dollars for the improvement has been filed in the office of the Springfield Township Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours.
- The following is a description of the proposed special

assessment district:

- a.) T4N, R8E, SEC 13 & 24 PART OF SEC'S BEG AT PT DIST N 00-10-50 E 1730.36 FT & S 89-49-09 E 387.14 FT FROM W ½ COR OF SD SEC 24. TH S 22-54-08 E 299.75 FT, TH N 35-47-20 E 477.08 FT, TH N 85-18-51 E 61.20 FT, TH N 56-01-24 E 55.47 FT, TH N 07-12-51 E 79.63 FT, TH N 25-39-05 E 196.35 FT, TH N 88-53-12 E 116.47 FT, TH N 35-26-30 E 175 FT, TH N 57-29-01 W 100 FT, TH N 35-26-20 E 200 FT, TH N 57-29-01 W 303.52 FT, TH S 32-30-59 W 388 FT, TH S 27-29-01 E 69.28 FT, TH S 32-30-59 W 58.44 FT, TH S 62-30-59 W 120 FT, TH S 32-30-59 W 370 FT, TH S 72-29-01 E 46.19 FT, TH S 32-30-59 W 52.63 FT, TH S 62-30-59 W 80 FT TO BEG 8.05 A Commonly known as Bavarian Village Apartments.
- b.) Bavaria on the Water Condominium, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 347, Liber 8179 page 805, Oakland County Records.
- Softwater Lake Courtyards, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 991, Liber 16497, page 717, Oakland County Records.
- d.) Springfield Pines, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 232, Liber 6991, page 727, Oakland County Records.
- e.) Softwater Lake Condominiums, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 533, Liber 10319, page 643, Oakland County Records.
- f.) Edge of the Pines, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 1054, Liber 17350, page 594, Oakland County Records.
- g.) Lake Front Manor Condominium, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 773, Liber 12787, page 041, Oakland County Records.
- if the proposed Special Assessment District Roll is approved by the Township Board, the assessment will be a lien on the affected property as of the date of approval.
- Appearance and protest at the Public Hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. This appearance and protest may be made either by the owner of the property, a party in interest, or his or her agent appearing in person to protest the special assessment, or by filing an appearance or protest by letter addressed to the Clerk, Springfield Township, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350, received at or before the Public Hearing. If the appearance or protest is filed by letter, a personal appearance shall not be required. If the special assessment is protested as provided in this notice, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after

confirmation of the special assessment roll. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that records pertaining to the proposed special assessment roll may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, until the date of the Public Hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. Tel. 248-846-6510.

Nancy Strole, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: 7/18/07, 7/25/07

## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

#### CLARKSTON

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
AUGUST 2, 2007

7:00 p.m.

The City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

Case C-002, 85 North Holcomb, Parcel 08-20-326-002, a request by Raymond and Judith Heaton to construct an addition to a non-conforming structure.

James Schultz ZBA Chairman

## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

#### CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 9, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Catallo. Roll. Present: Catallo, Brueck, Gawronski, Johnston, Ottman. Rausch.

Absent: Colombo.

Approval of the Minutes of June 11, 2007, tabled. Minutes of June 25, 2007, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Feasibility Study with Independence Township to Unfinished Business.

Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. reported on the Sanitary Sewer Agreement draft and notes from City Attorney Ryan and Tressel.

Resolved that the City authorize an increase per REU from \$4.52 to the equalized level of maintenance charges of \$19.92 effective July 14, subject to approval of the Sanitary Sewer Agreement by both Independence Township and the City of Clarkston.

Resolved by that the City authorized Hubbell, Roth and Clark to do the floodplain preliminary work for FEMA, not to exceed \$2,000.

Moved that the Depot Park Bridge approval be tabled until a Special Meeting is held on Wednesday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Resolved that bills in the amount of \$112,391.95 be approved for payment.

Rausch reported that interviews of candidates for the position of Chief of Police will be held on Tuesday, July 10, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, July 11, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Catallo stated that parking on the streets should

Mayor Catallo stated that parking on the streets should be restricted during winter months. Acting Chief Thompson reported that Ordinance No. 125 bans parking on the street from December to April, and all previous ordinances were repealed by Ordinance No. 125.

Acting Chief Thompson reported that the midnight shift was operating with no problems. Some people have been surprised by the Clarkston Police Department being on duty for this shift.

The Building Inspector will enforce the sign ordinance; however, when the Police Department comes across a violation such as sandwich board signs, it should be dealt with at that time

Resolved that the City of Clarkston authorize the Mayor to execute the 2007 - 2012 Police Dispatch Service Agreement between the County of Oakland and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Moved that the City proceed with requesting the County Board of Commissioners for the County feasibility study for shared services between Independence Township and the City of Clarkston.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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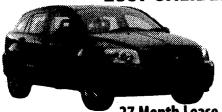
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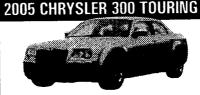
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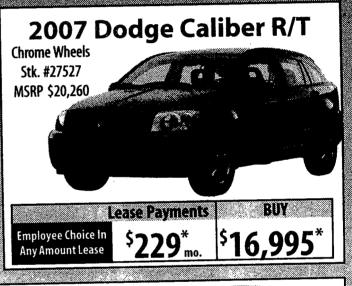
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In the matter of Unit #203. Sabrina King: has a 10x10, 1/2 full multiple boxes of toys, rocking horse, bed set, furniture, table, bar stools, book shelf, nu merous bags of clothes & miscel laneous items, jewelry box.

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2877 Aurora, Lake Orion (Keatington) July 26-28, Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9am-4pm

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Baldwin. Take Armstrong left on Saturn, right on Aurora. 133-1 1112 SOMERVILLE Dr., Oxford

Woods Sub (West Drahner). Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Fabric, gas grill, futon, etc. !!L331 MULTI- FAMILY SALE- 35 Lin-

coin, Oxford (across from DA) Thurs. Sat., July 26-28, 10-5pm. I!L33-1

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(off Seymour Lake Rd.) !!L331

ESTATE SALE-816 Pine Avenue, Lake Orion. Tupperware 75% off, Party Lite, clothes, office supplies, July 25 until all is sold, 9am-4pm. !!R332

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, July 27-28. Sporting goods, antique fishing lures, fishing tackle, tools, golf equipment, knives, and household. Some antique pieces. Something for everyone. Lake Orion, 2240 Indianwood Rd., corner of Newman !!L33-1

MULTI FAMILY Sale-mower, toys, kid's clothes 0-4T. Woodbridge, Ortonville (off M-15 & Granger), July 26-28, 9am-5pm. !!LZ331 GARAGE SALE- July 27-28, 9am-3pm. Contractor's pickup rack, golf clubs, cornet, dining set. dresser, PC monitors & printers, electronics, household. 120 Edith Street, Oxford (off Seymour Lake & Frederick), !!L331

GARAGE SALE- JULY 26-28. Thursday through Saturday 9am-4nm. 929 Keith off W. Drahner. Patio furniture, vintage dishes, southwest home decor, S-10 vinyl cover. Big,, big variety of items. Must see!. !!L331 GARAGE SALE- All kinds of good

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bed, rug, children's clothes, books, toys, July 27th, 8am-4pm 1044 Clearview Dr. Oxford, off W. Drahner III.331 FAMILY GARAGE SALE- House

hold items, misc. furniture, toys, beds, tires & much more, 7463 Allen Rd., Clarkston (off Holcomb , Rd.), July 27th & 28th, 9am-4pm. . THE VILLA SUB sale, 280 Hunter's Rill. Oxford. July 26-28

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thing for everyonel Glassware, vintage items, children's, housewares, collectibles, lots of misc. !!L33-1 MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE Sale at

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**HEATHER LAKE Estates- 335** Shrewsbury (Clarkston/ Baldwin Roads). Misc. household items. Thursday, July 26th, 9am-4pm. MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE Sale July 27th 9am-5pm, 28th 9am-2pm. Game cube, kids bikes, computer monitor/ scanner, books, toys, Little Tikes kitchen, sand hox haby items, cassette tapes. 3036 Holben Ct., 3419 Richards Way. !!L331

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**JULY 26th & 27th** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm The Hills at Indianwood Sub 3636 Park Meadow Drive (North of Clarkston off Baldwin) Household & Baby Items

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FREE TO A loving home: 2-1/2

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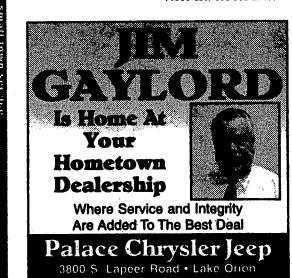
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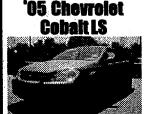


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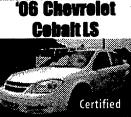




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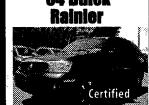


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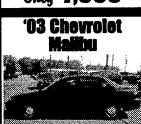




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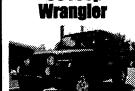
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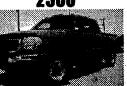


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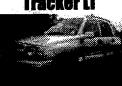
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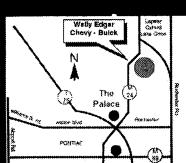
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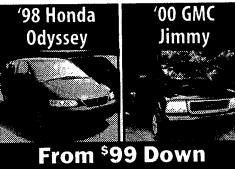
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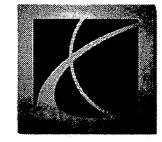
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(a series of articles designed to help you improve employee and business performance) By Ron DeLorme

Last month I recommended 6 inexpensive things you can do to improve your business, especially if business is a little slow right now. These included removing redundancies and waste, researching your competitors, and talking to customers about their current and future needs.

What have you learned that is valuable? What steps are you taking to improve your business operations?

Also, I suggested that it is always wise to train your employees so that they will have more job knowledge, skills and abilities than 6 or 12 Ronald months ago. Over the DeLorme, past 35 years, I have president of learned that employee Manage Max training is widely mis-



understood and, much of the time, poorly executed. So, this month, I'm offering some very valuable information on a subject every manager needs to know and execute well - Employee Training.

Here's what many best-in-class companies and great managers know and do!

- Training is a tool that is used to fix gaps in job knowledge or skills.
- If training programs are well designed, conducted and supported, training is not a cost. Rather, it is an investment in better employee performance and results for the company. The training may pay for itself by increasing sales; reducing mistakes and waste; improved customer loyalty; and so on.
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- Business trainers with the "right skills" have certifications from profes-

sional associations, colleges, etc. AND have a long history of designing/delivering business programs that get results!

- There are thousands of trainers and training programs available. Very few trainers in the state have the "right skills" to attain the results you want on a consistent
- It is a better business decision to pay more for training that works than it is to pay less money for training that doesn't work.
- There is GOOD training and there is BAD training.
- Good training is designed and conducted according to professional standards and improves employee performance and business results.
- BAD training is designed or conducted poorly; is too general or irrelevant to the job; evokes negative reactions/feelings in your employees; makes your employees think badly about the company; does NOT achieve better job performance; does NOT lower costs; does NOT increase sales or revenue: etc.
- Bad training may be more costly than no training at all (see bullet above).
- Great companies and managers require that every employee, from the CEO to the newest employee, complete on-going job training and education, every year.
- Great companies and managers require that training programs are designed and conducted by training pros that have the "right skills" and a track record of getting results!

You can hope for reductions in waste, increased customer loyalty and more sales or you can go get it! To go get it, you need the help of your employees. Working with you, training pros can help you to design systems and programs that will help you and your employees to sell more, retain customers, reduce waste, and much

Whether you need an electrician, a doctor or a trainer, you'll get the best results with a certified pro! Training profession-

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### Credit union celebrates 50th

Credit Union celebrated its 50th anniversary with an open house June 9.

"For a half century our members have been turning to us for quality financial products and services," said Donna B. Bullard, president and CEO of Clarkston Brandon Community Credit

'We're pleased to be able to celebrate this important milestone with them

Clarkston Brandon Community and thank them for their support these many years."

> Organized in 1957 by fifteen teachers in the Clarkston Schools, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union serves more than 8,600 members. With assets totaling more than \$39 million, the credit union operates branches in Clarkston and Ortonville.

> For more information, call Dawn M. Chisholm at 248-625-2923.

# Biz plan

By Patrick J. Allsteadt

The company's "financials" are the next topic in developing a strong busi-ness plan. The financial plan consists of a 12-month profit and loss projection, a four-year profit and loss projection, a cash-flow projection, a projected balance sheet, and a break-even calculation. Jointly they represent a reasonable estimate of the company's financial future. The process of thinking through the financial plan will improve insight into the inner financial system of a

company. The income statement is a simple and straightforward report on the proposed business's cash-generating ability. It's a score card on

the monetary the business is owner of when sales are keeping, LLC made and when



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expenses are incurred. It's created by listing financial projections of income, cost of goods, gross profit margin, operating expenses, total expenses, net profit, depreciation, net profit before interest, interest, net profit before taxes, taxes, and profit after taxes.

The income statement shows just how much the company makes or loses during the year by subtracting cost of goods and expenses from revenue to arrive at a net result. For a business plan, the income statement should be generated on a monthly basis during the first year, quarterly for the second, and annually for each year thereafter.

The next document is the cash flow statement, which projects cash inflows and outflows for a specific period of time. This statement is particularly important because most small businesses have limited resources for borrowing money quickly. This statement serves as an early warning system to alert when a cash-flow problem may be coming. There are five essential sections to the cash flow statement: Beginning cash balance,

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# GOOD EATS: the biz from local restaurants

Hot Lunch Item of the Month . . .

### Homemade, fresh pizza at Guido's

Guido's Pizza on Sashabaw Road offers a wide variety of menu items including subs, salads, regular, hot, or BBQ chicken wings, chicken strips, pasta dishes, and pizza.

"I loved Guido's so much that I decided to open up my own store," said owner Del Yeoman, who has been in food service for the past 22 years and opened Guido's about three years ago. "When I first started, Little Caesar's and Little Danas were the only other pizza companies on Sashabaw Road."

Guido's is known for its eight-piece deep dish pizza with three toppings for \$7.99, chicken alfredo, and mostacholi pasta dishes.

Also offered are two new bread stick flavors along with the original Guido

Bread: Seasoned Ranch Bread, ranch seasoning topped with fresh parmesan cheese, and Roasted Garlic Pepper Bread, blend of roasted garlic, pepper, and parmesan cheese. With each order, customers get their choice of dipping sauce: original recipe, chunky tomato sauce, spicy fire roasted, and garlic cheese.

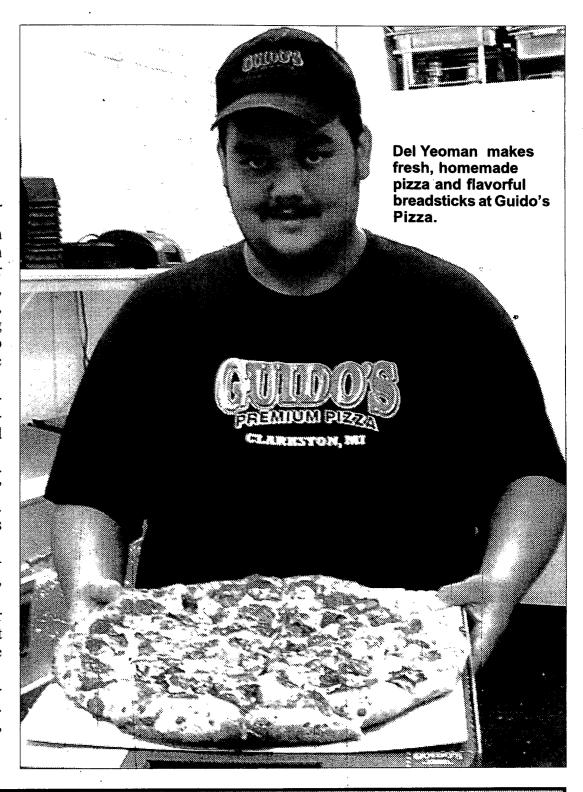
Guido's uses fresh ground and cut ingredients every day, along with homemade sauce, and special mozzarella and muenster cheese blend.

"Customer service and product quality are the number one thing right now," said Yeoman. "That's what we focus on. We have a lot of wonderful customers that order 2-3 times a week."

Guido's also offers full-service catering for weddings, graduation parties, baby showers, and other events.

"We customize any menu for your specific function," said Yeoman. "I got into catering so that I could offer a more competitive price."

Guido's, 5960 Sashabaw, offers dinein, carry out, and delivery, 248-620-9999. Hours are Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.



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From left, Sara Cleff, Tiffany Mallory, Manager Eileen Lendry, Katy Hill and Shelly Bowerman. Photo by Trevor Keiser

### 'Behind the Beans' at Starbucks

By Trevor Keiser

Starbucks is coming to town, ready to offer coffee lovers fresh new flavors.

The new store is located at 6673 Dixie Hwy.

It officially opened to the public June 29, and had its grand opening July 13.

The grand opening will include the Fire Department, members from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson.

"We're very excited to be in Clarkston," said Store Manager Eileen Landry. "We have been trying to get a store in Clarkston for a while."

Not only does Starbucks serve coffee and pastries, but they help out with charity groups, both in the community and nationwide.

The store donates coffee and pastries to Lighthouse, which provides emergency relief for families in any kind of need.

They also work year around with Echo

Grove Camp, helping out with the Santa breakfast and cleaning up the camp.

Starbucks also sells Ethos bottled water, in which all the proceeds go to help get clean water for other countries around the world. For some this is the best part about working for Starbucks.

"Everything we do for the community, Ethos water, the green apron concept within the store," said employee Tiffany Mallory.

To others, the best part is everyday is different.

"Meeting all different people that come in, and you never have the same day twice," said employee Michelle Krebiehl.

Landry, who used to be the manager at the Lake Orion store, said she loves the partners she works with at Clarkston.

"There are a lot of seasonal partners from different stores and people from the community that work here," said Landry. "They are wonderful."

### Sources around the world for Starbucks coffee

Latin America, Africa and the Asian Pacific are the three main regions. Each region has a distinct flavor of its own.

- Latin American coffee tends to give a hint of cocoa and nut flavor;
- African coffees bring out a citrus tones.

flavor with a floral aroma:

- Coffees from Indonesia are known for mellow, earth flavors;
- New Guinea and other Pacific islands are known for more lively flavors, with herbal or spicy undertones.

## **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. PartyLite is 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," said JP Trottier, president of PartyLite, U.S.

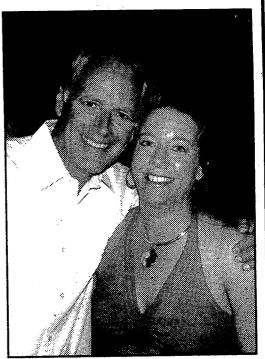
Klebba began running her own business with PartyLite in 1997.

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 & Associates, 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."

The full-service financial and estate planning firm has helped more than 11,000 retirees transition from working



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

life into retirement.

Through a network of committed financial advisors, certified public accountants and legal professionals, it has been providing clients with specialized service in estate planning, asset protection, wealth management, long-term care solutions and wealth transfer strategies since 2004.

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### Doctor brings decades of experience to AROC

By Phil Custodio

Dr. Marc L. Kahn is the new radiologist at Associated Radiologists of Clarkston.

"This is a great opportunity," Kahn said.
"We set the standard for diagnostic imaging in the greater

Clarkston area."

He has 23 years of experience in radiology and diagnostics. A graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine, he completed his residency in diagnostic imaging at Sinai Hospital in Detroit and fellowship with the Department of Radiology, Columbia

Dr. Kahn

Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. 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.

"It's the only facility of its kind in the area. We're fortunate to have it. The equipment is excellent, the personnel, technicians and staff, are first rate."

AROC, in the Independence Pointe Medical Center, 7210 N. Main St. just south of the I-75 interchange, offers advanced diagnostic imaging, including x-rays, mammograms, ultrasounds, and CT scans.

They provide preventative care that treats conditions before they requiring hospitalization, Kahn said.

"The earlier the diagnosis, the safer, cheaper, and better the care," he said. "It's the difference between staying at home and an extended hospital stay."

For more information, call 248-620-9199.

# YOUR BIZ WORLD

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Jill Vidlund, Gregory Mink, and Cathe Williams thank their customers for three years of support.

# Citizens Bank thanks the community

On Friday, June 29, Citizens Bank held an open house gala at the branch in Springfield Township off Dixie Hwy to say thank you to local residents and businesses for three years of support.
"This is the least we can do

to show our appreciation for the-tremendous support by the businesses and residents of northern Oakland County," said Gregory Mink, vice president and branch manager for Citizens Bank, "Citizens Bank is dedicated to serving this area free test drives. House of and plans to be here for years Trailers also showed up; one to come."

Festivities included chances to win \$100 gas cards, gift certificates to area merchants. clown, face painting, refreshments, ice cream and popcom.

"The kids really enjoyed the around, kids, clown, ice clown (Bubbles)," said Jill cream, customers and clients Vidlund. "She was a big hit."

There was also a piggy bank in which kids tried to guess how much money was

watching the kids guess and they came up with.

Also, opening new accounts and making new clients were successful. According to Mink, they had easily 125-200 people show up for the event.

"It's a beautiful day, we could not have asked for a better turnout," he said.

Car Company Saturn also brought out their new car line, including the new "Sky Turbo." They were offering of the public will win one of their trailers. Both companies are clients of the bank.

The day was a great success for Citizens Bank.

"It was great all the way around, kids, clown, ice really enjoyed it," said coordinator of the event Cathe

"Seeing everyone happy and smiling is the best part."

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### Over pricing your home

### By Michael Wang

Pricing a house for sale is an art, not a science. If you set the price too high your home can take forever to sell - if it sells at all.

How do you find that realistic, topdollar asking price to attract the right

First, remember that the real estate market is competitive. Your home is competing with other, similar homes for

the attention of buyers. The market value of your home depends, not on how much you want, but how much buyers are willing to pay. If they can get a better deal down the street they'll head down the street.



So, do your home-

work. Check the Michael homes for sale within Wang, Broker, a reasonable distance Mico's Real of yours. Find out Estate, LLC about price ranges, how long the homes have been on the market, how much attention they are attracting form buyers.

Look most closely at homes that are similar to yours in size, condition, appearance, and location. Find out what comparable properties have sold for in the last six months.

Seek the advice of an experienced real estate agent, who can save you time and trouble by having market information at his or her finger tips. Ask an agent to do a competitive market analysis (CMA) of your home.

Finally, try looking at your house, from a buyer's perspective. Is your house really better than the one down the street with a price lower than you want to ask? Are there flaws that need work? When buyers decide to make an offer, they will normally subtract the cost of needed repairs.

In the end, even the most knowledgeable expert cannot predict exactly how much buyers will be willing to pay. But their close attention to all these factors will enhance your chances of hitting close to the mark.

Why rent?

Typical Federal in come tax savings in the first year of home ownership

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| 160k    | \$3959 | \$3959               | \$4383       |  |
| 180k    | \$4454 | \$4454               | \$4931       |  |
| 200k    | \$4949 | \$4949               | \$5479       |  |
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# Educating your kids can be a real education

Many alternatives exist today to fund display their talents? While scholarships, college education for your children.

Among the options are to:

1. Pay as You Go. This might have worked when college students were wear-

ing tie-dyed T-shirts the first time they were popular. Now the cost of four years of education at some private schools approaches the cost of a home. Only the very wealthy can pay tuition bills as they arrive.

2. Let the Kid Pay for It. Well, it will help them learn self-reli- James B. ance, but what lawful Kruzan, part-time job pays Registered enough to offset the Principal, Branch \$10,000 to \$20,000 it Manager now costs to go to Raymond school?

3. Get a Scholar- Services, Inc. ship. This plan works well if you qualify for aid or your child is a great athlete or student. What do you do if your child is none of these or if he/she is too young to

James Financial

grants and the like may not be a viable solution for everyone, do not discount them entirely. Many scholarships and awards are available and some go unclaimed because eligible students do not seek them out. Several states offer scholarship plans to eligible graduating seniors. Be sure to keep updated on eligibility requirements and coverage for these state plans.

4. Borrow It. This worked really well when the government was happily making below market loans not based on financial need. Rules have tightened considerably, although loans may be a viable option for those who refuse to plan. However, remember that Baby Boomers had children later in life. If Mom and Dad are going to borrow the money, do they really want a new long-term debt obligation when they may be in their 50's?

5. Get the Money From Grandpa and Grandma. Works well if grandpa (or grandma) has the money, doesn't need it to live and is willing to give it to your kids. Otherwise, it's best to plan.

6. Pay Now, Learn Later. Several states have adopted programs under which

parents can make lump sum payments to a trust fund and guarantee that tuition, and sometimes other costs, will be paid at an in-state school for four years. On the surface it sounds great. But what if the kid wants to go to school out of state or you move or he/she just doesn't want to go to college? These and other drawbacks need to be examined.

7. Save Now, Pay Later. A systematic program of savings and investment may be old fashioned, but it works. Yes, you have to decide if the savings will be in the parents' name or the child's. There are numerous tax and non-tax ramifications to that decision. Once that is settled, the risk management aspects can be addressed (i.e. what if you die before junior goes off to college?). Next, consider tax-deferred saving vehicles that will help minimize the impact of income taxation during the savings period, for example, 529 savings plans and Coverdell education savings accounts. Lastly, utilize investment alternatives that suit your style and risk profile.

No one solution will work for everyone. Consult with your financial advisor for to find the solution that fits your situation.

### Accurate Bookkeeping celebrates anniversary

Clarkston based accounting/bookkeeping and consulting firm Accurate Bookkeeping L.L.C. celebrated its first anniversary. Accurate Bookkeeping helps small business owners reach their potential with customized professional services and products.

Accurate Bookkeeping, owned by Patrick Allsteadt, solves a variety of business problems while saving its clients money. Over 95% of new small businesses fail within the first five years, according to government statistics and over 28% of these failures are due to financial indebtedness and/or tax burden difficulties. This trend that has remained constant over the past 20 years can be reversed.

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### Visual communication – a powerful tool for reinforcing your message

By Dan Gauthier

Keeping employees, customers and organization members motivated is no easy task. Effective communication plays a major role in making sure that employees understand your mission, customers know you care and volunteers feel appreciated. As American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "It is a luxury to be understood."

Communication experts will tell you that

repetition is key. However, this does not mean simply sending out more memos or e-mails.

Visual messages

— that might include posters, signs, flyers or banners—have the potential to become a meaningful part of your audience's experience. This communication, at the point of contact,



part of your audience's experience. This communication, at the Dan Gauthier is the owner of American Speedy Printing Centers, Clarkston

can incorporate many elements such as pictures, symbols, words and graphics. When used effectively, all of these can make up a highly personal and impactful message.

Some reports estimate visual communication is 20 or more times more effective than the written word alone. Studies show graphics help keep people alert and focused by stimulating their senses. They also help people better relate to what you are saying.

### **Increasing Workplace Productivity**

If more people took advantage of the power of visual messages in the work-place, there would be greater focus and fewer misunderstandings. Management consultants have long recognized visual reminders can strengthen worker loyalty, increase efficiency and reduce errors.

According to Lynda Ronie of The Leadership Group, a Michigan-based leadership development and consulting firm, visual reminders are an effective way of reconnecting employees to the culture and philosophies of the business.

"An important element of effective leadership is communication," Ronie said. "Visual messages at the work site are a powerful way to reconnect management and employees with the ideals and goals of the company such as its commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. In addition, they help to establish a tone and clarity of expectations for the work environment."

One of the world's largest franchises has colorful, framed mission statements

at each staff member's desk in all of its international offices to reconnect employees with the core purpose of the company and reinforce the importance of customer satisfaction.

Visual reminders also help educate employees about work processes and safety. The Japanese concept of the visual workplace incorporates color-coding, signage and charts. These visual cues provide workers with the information they need to do their jobs faster and more safely.

Ronie says it is important to recognize for some people a visual representation is essential to their learning process.

"Individuals absorb information in different ways. Some only need to hear it, while many others need to see a visual representation or need to touch something," Ronie said. "By using visual messages we are recognizing that learning increases when we adapt the message to the audience"

### **Stimulating Customer Loyalty**

In the retail and service sectors, visual elements go a long way in enhancing the customer's point-of-purchase experience. It is common for stores, restaurants, hotels, gas stations and other service providers to use visuals to build awareness for upcoming promotions, sales and point-of-purchase premiums. However, there are many other ways in which using visual messages can boost customer satisfaction and sales.

One way is using visuals to help customers navigate and interact with your establishment. Customers that cannot easily get their needs met may become frustrated and leave or limit their time. Attention-getting visual messages can be used to guide people and help customers identify checkouts, restrooms, customer service, package pick-up, returns and other areas. They can also provide a friendly way to present important information like payment and return policies.

Another way visual messages enhance the customer experience is by conveying the personality of the establishment. While employees may do their best to make customers feel at home, this is not always possible. Visuals are a perfect way to reach out to customers with kind, friendly and uplifting messages. Sayings, quotes, photos and illustrations can become conversation pieces and build positive mental attitudes for both shoppers and employees.

A design company in British Columbia prints inspirational quotations, prose and poetry for their clients to hang in their offices or homes. They have stacks of the uplifting cards available at their customer service counters and deliver them with completed print projects. The inspirational cards spread goodwill between the busi-

ness and its clients and show customers they are valued. Customers in turn share the cards with family and coworkers, giving added visibility to the design company.

#### **Building Member Support**

Nonprofit organizations all face stiff competition for members, volunteers and support. For such organizations, visual messages offer a way to clarify their purpose and reinforce the beliefs and commitment of their constituents.

Charities, religious groups, associations, cultural organizations and educational and healthcare institutions may assume that their value to the community is understood. Oftentimes, however, members, volunteers and contributors need to be reminded of why they joined or supported an organization in the first place. Posters, banners, promotional products and other visuals are an effective way to help perpetuate the organization's mission and stimulate the beliefs and emotional ties that originally brought everyone together.

For example, museums might use visual messages to get visitors excited about protecting and honoring the past. Churches and temples might reacquaint their members with doctrines of their faith. Non-profit organizations might use visuals to reinforce the need for contributions, volunteers and other support.

### Creating Visuals that Inspire

Prior to developing any type of visual message, it is important to refer back to the goals of the business or organization. What type of identity do you want to build among employees, customers or members? How do you want them to feel when they come to work, shop or visit? Ideally, your business or organization should have a communication strategy for reaching these stakeholders. Your visual message should flow from this.

Once you have determined what messages you want to convey, an experienced print communications consultant can help you design the visuals and choose the proper materials.

In today's competitive climate, powerful visual messages can help you connect with your workforce and stand out from the competition. The impact on productivity, sales and support can be dramatic. It pays to be understood.

Dan Gauthier is the owner of American Speedy Printing Centers in Clarkston and he consults with businesses and organizations about their communications needs. Gauthier has been helping businesses develop their marketing and other print and promotional materials for more than 17 years. For information, visit the company's Web site at www.americanspeedy.com/clarkston or email dan@americanspeedy.com

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## A Business Plan, continued from page 3

Projected cash sources, Projected cash uses, Projected net change, and Ending cash balance. The section of the cash flow statement that is most often found to be inaccurate is projected cash sources. This is because customers may pay more slowly than anticipated, and because sales volumes may take unexpected ups and downs, even when projected only a month in advance. Projections for all types of accounting statements can never be 100% accurate.

The next financial statement which needs to be developed is the balance sheet. Like income and cash-flow statements, the balance sheet uses information from all of financial models developed in earlier sections of the business plan. Different from previous statements, the balance sheet is generated solely on an annual basis for the business plan and is, more or less, a summary of all preceding financial information broken down into three areas: Assets, Liabilities, and Equity. To obtain financing for a new business, a projection of the balance sheet over the period of time the business plan covers may be needed.

These three statements are interlinked, with changes in one changes the others, but they measure different aspects of a company's fiscal health. It's difficult to say that one of these is more essential than another. An analysis statement for the income statements, cash flow statement, and balance sheet should follow each of the reports. The analysis of the financial statements should be kept to a minimum and cover only key points about the company.

The Break-Even Analysis shows the amount of revenue from sales that are needed to balance the fixed and variable expenses. All businesses should perform this analysis, which is based on the income statement and cash flow statement.

Next month, I will continue A Business Plan.

### Performance, continued from page 3

als, like all true professionals, have a track record of success, they do the job right the first time, and they get results!

What are you doing to train and develop yourself and your employees?

Suggestions/questions/comments? Contact Ron DeLorme at Manage Max Performance Improvement: training\_pro@hotmail.com or 248.396.5031.

### Q & A on refilling inkjet Cartridges and the refill business

How do inkjet cartridges work? There are two main methods used to push inle out of an inliget cartridge. One method mee high heat to create a bubble that purpes a miniscule amount of ink out of a small hole in your ink cartridge, called a nozzle, on to the paper. The other method uses vibration to push the ink out of the nozzle and onto the paper. After this has happened several million times you will notice that your picture has successfully been printed.

How many times can a cartridge

There are several factors determining how many times a cartridge can be refilled. Prior to refilling cartridges they are thoroughly inspected to ensure optimal performance. On average cartridges can be refilled 4-6 times.

Will using refilled cartridges void the printer manufacturer's war-

No, refilling cartridges will not void the printer manufacturer's warranty Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) are barred by current law from voiding warranties if customers simply use alternative ink supplies. This practice violates both Canada's and the United States' competition statutes forbidding a practice know as tied selling.

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 in-ferior to a new cartridge

No, remanufacturer 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 that's products are all backed by a 100% Satisfaction Guar-

What can I do to help keep my cartridge in refillable condition? First, storing your cartridges with the printer head down will help keep the printer head moist and in proper working condition. Always bring your cartridge in as soon as possible after removing it from the printer.

This will prevent the ink from drying and damaging your carridge

For more info, call the lak Link Zone in Waterford, 248-674-7280.

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### Keep your antivirus application updated

By Dan Izydorek

I must impress upon you how important it is to protect every computer that has access to the Internet. At least 80%

of every computer dropped off at our office for repair is infected in some way whether it is viruses, spyware or adware.

It is quite easy to protect your computer from viruses, worms, and Trojan horses: install a good antivirus program Dan Izydorek, (for Kaspersky Home Founder of PC 6.0 or McAfee both Miracles, Inc. of which are avail-



example, President &

able from PC Miracles) and keep it up-todate. A good antivirus scanner will not only be able to detect and block any viruses, worms, or Trojan horses that try to enter you system, it will also be able to remove any malware already installed on your PC.

It is important to keep the antivirus application updated and that you download and install the latest antivirus detection databases regularly, because hundreds of new viruses and worms are released weekly. If you don't keep the detection databases in the program up-to-date, the application won't be able to detect and repair anything new that finds its way onto your PC. Again, most of the infected com-

puters we see have an antivirus program installed but it has expired. Consult the help file or manual for your antivirus program to find out how to do this (most are able to update themselves automatically which we highly recommend).

Here are some precautions you can take to keep your PC safe from online hazards like viruses, worms, and Trojan horses:

Install an antivirus software program on your computer and keep it up to date (for more info, see above).

Be suspicious of any e-mail attachments that you receive from unknown sources. E-mail is the main source of viruses, worms, and Trojan horses.

Be suspicious of downloads sent to you via chat applications (such as MSN Messenger or AIM).

Be picky about where you download files from on the Internet; many virus and worm writers use free software to disguise malicious applications.

Make sure that your PC has all the latest patches and updates installed (if you run Windows, visit the Windows Update site to install all the patches your operating system needs).

Scan all discs and downloads for viruses before running them.

And finally, let's not forget about the kids in your house. Make sure you know what types of sites they're visiting. Music sites are a great place to get infected. Let us know if we can help you with antivirus protection.

If you have a question you'd like to see answered contact Dan via email at info@pcmiracles.com or call 248-620-2201.

### Aerospace, aviation are more than modest job prospects

(NewsUSA) - Are you an engineering student who is surveying the career landscape for the best job prospects and opportunities? If so, look to aerospace and aviation.

U.S. labor statistics show only modest growth in employment for aerospace engineers, forecasting an increase of 8 percent through 2014, but industry leaders tell a different story. At a major technical conference held in May - ASME Turbo Expo 2007 - industry leaders cited an inadequate supply of engineers and research scientists to meet the demands of technology programs either in place today or planned for the not-too-distant future.

The retirement of engineers from the

baby-boom generation will exacerbate the already weak labor pool, industry leaders said. Many of the engineers who contributed to the U.S. space program and growth in the commercial airline business in the 1970s will be departing in the next five years or so, leaving the industry with a serious shortfall in technical aptitude,

Students and early-career engineers can take advantage of technical learning and enrichment opportunities provided through organizations like the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and its International Gas Turbine Institute. For information, visit www.asme.org.

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# State's economy gets lowest rating in small-biz survey By Sheena Harrison SBAM believes the numbers will start also are "still doing very well" despite the Despite their concerns, smallbusiness

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Crain's detroit Business

Small businesses continue to be in the doldrums over Michigan's economy, according to the latest quarterly survey by the Small Business Association of Michi-

Only 8 percent of small-business owners and executives rated the state's business environment positively in SBAM's July Small Business Barometer report. That's down from 13 percent who gave a positive rating in the first quarter.

About 200 businesses are surveyed quarterly by SBAM in such areas as sales, profitability and expected business performance, as well as such political topics as tax reform and state leadership.

Perceptions of the state's economy among small businesses have fallen steadily since the second quarter of 2006, when 16 percent rated the economy positively. The latest results show the lowest positive rating of the economy since the survey started

Michael Rogers, SBAM's vice president of communications, said much of the negative perception is "psychology" related to auto-industry woes and other recent bad economic news in the state.

rebounding when small businesses get a sense that automakers and other large companies are seeing improved performance

"When you see a hint of hope on the horizon, that's going to start to pick things up," Rogers said.

Dan Reinders, owner of South Lyon-based Mallard Service Inc., believes that some of the frustrations that small-business owners have about the economy are perceived rather than

"The economy isn't great," said Reinders, whose company does Web design and Internet advertising. "But I believe people are beating it up a lot more than they need to and nobody's pointing out the positive aspects that are out

Reinders, who took the SBAM survey, founded his company last year and said he has been able to find a good amount of work. He said his friends, who work in areas such information technology, accounting and law, economy.

"There are opportunities," said Reinders, whose company generated sales of about \$50,000 in its first year. "You've got to work for them. It's not like things are drop-

ping in your lap like they used to."

Bill Sorenson, owner of Nassau Grill and Bar in Plymouth Township, disagrees that the negativity is a matter of perception. Business is down at his casual-dining restaurant because layoffs and other eco-

nomic pressures are causing people to spend less, he said.

Sorenson said a road construction project on Sheldon Road has cut his business by about 10 percent in the last year. He believes the project, which is expected to be complete in late 2008, will significantly impact his business.

"It probably will be a flat year at best," said Sorenson, whose restaurant has 20 employees and had sales of about \$800,000 last year.

owners tended to have a positive outlook about the availability of skilled employees in Michigan. Sixty-three percent gave a positive rating when asked about whether they have access to qualified job candidates -the highest positive rating recorded in the Barometer's history.

Automotive buyouts and layoffs from companies such as Pfizer Inc. leave skilled workers more available to be hired by small employers, Rogers said.

"Small-business owners feel they have an opportunity to get some top-notch talent in their businesses," Rogers said.

One of those companies is IA Inc., an Ann Arbor company that makes fiber-optic sensors for medical diagnostics. The company has seven employees and expects to hire two lab technicians who previously worked for Pfizer.

CEO Judith Erb said that pool of qualified workers in Michigan has helped stem some of the problems that IA has had recruiting workers from other regions. Technology executives and investors in California, for instance, have been somewhat reluctant to work with IA because of how they view Michigan's economy, she said.

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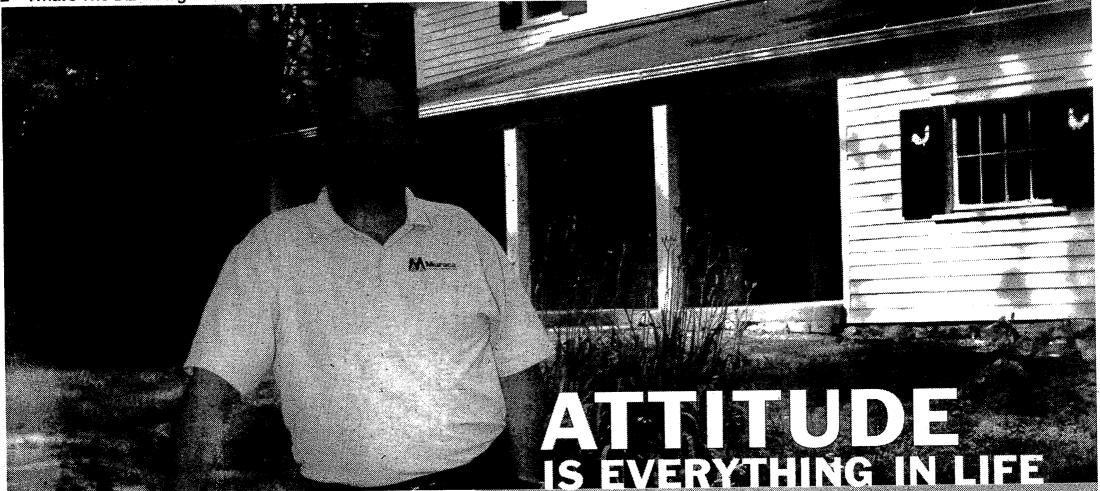
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