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Bikers go no-will ...for a good cause

About 210 motorcycles roared out of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep Saturday as riders headed into a scenic 50-mile ride across northern Oakland County in picture-perfect weather.

Final destination? The Big and Rich concert at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

The David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride is an annual event sponsored by Chuck Fortinberry, motorcycle enthusiast and president of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, to raise money for CLF—Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

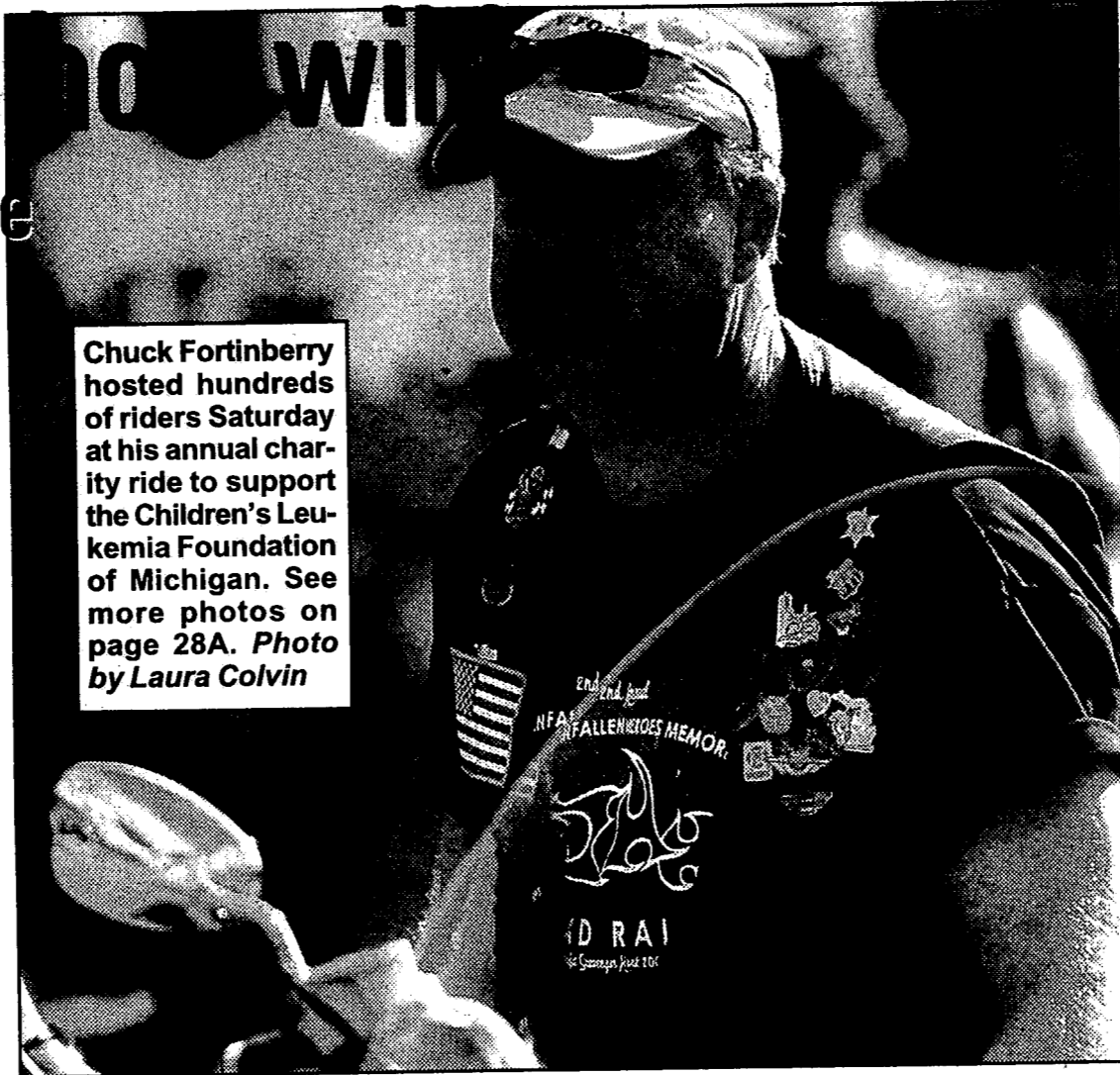
With set up and organization help from wife Dana and sons Lane, 21, Brendan, 19, and Cameron, 17, Fortinberry has become an outspoken advocate for the organization.

"The Fortinberrys have been associated with CLF for about 15 years or so," said President Glenn Trevisan.

"They've been strong supporters in many ways, and very solidly in our corner."

The event was cosponsored by DTE, ABC Harley Davidson and WYCD. Pete's Coney of Independence Township also helped out, donating 300 hot dogs to feed hungry riders.

— Laura Colvin



Chuck Fortinberry hosted hundreds of riders Saturday at his annual charity ride to support the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. See more photos on page 28A. Photo by Laura Colvin

Parents: bus policy unsafe for children

But exception would also be dangerous, school board says

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

Blind s-curves down a hill.
 Steep ravines, dark, impenetrable woods.
 Speeding cars, trucks, buses.
 Sex offenders, animals, no sidewalks or parking areas.

These and other hazards endanger the children of Rusty Lane in Springfield Township under Clarkston Community Schools' busing policy, parents told the Board of Education Monday.

"This is a dangerous spot," said Michele

Dolan. "It's not safe for children."

It was safer when buses were allowed to drive down the dirt road, deliver students closer to their homes, then back up and turn around to get back to the main road, parents said.

The school board declined to make an immediate exception, but promised to make calls to the Road Commission for Oakland County and neighboring school districts.

"I agree, some roads in the community are rather horrible," said Superintendent Al Roberts at the Aug. 27 meeting. "I agree that we all need to do our best to communicate with the road commission to make this area safer for our kids and residents."

A no-reverse policy was put in place years ago by the school board for safety reasons, and enforced this year, said board President Stephen Hyer.

"Children's safety is something we are all

passionate about," Hyer said. "The board has made the policy that it is unsafe to back up in any instance."

In inclement weather, school administration considers bus safety when deciding whether to cancel classes for the day, he said.

About a dozen parents, and one elementary student, addressed the board with their concerns.

"I understand it's the responsibility of parents to get children to and from the bus stop," said Brenda McMillen. "But sometimes you can't get to the bus stop on time — whose fault is it if you have an emergency?"

The district transportation committee has checked bus stops in person, and recommended continuation of the no-backup policy, Hyer said.

Clarkston schools has set up a hotline for additional feedback, 248-623-3897.

Locking up the lakes

First read approved for 'keyhole' law

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Want lakefront access? Better get some lakefront property.

On Tues. Aug. 21, Independence Township Board members voted unanimously for the first reading of a keyholing ordinance.

Keyholing has been under discussion between Independence Township Board, Planning Commission, and lake residents for nearly 20 years. A subcommittee was formed back in March to study the issue in more depth. The committee included Trustees Dan Travis, Dan Kelly, and Charles Dunn, and some lakefront riparian owners.

"It's taken overly long; we have spent a ton of money on getting this ordinance established to this point. It has gone through many draft revisions, many hearings and I think the intent is that we are protecting and providing for a future it isn't what you might construe as a

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Keyholing?

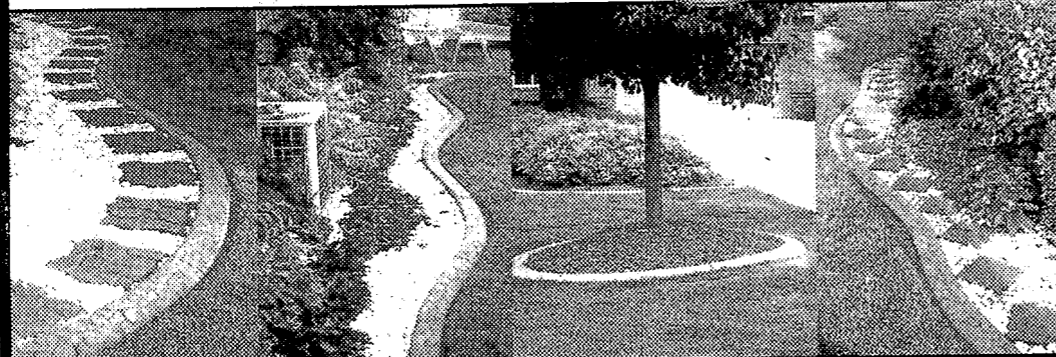
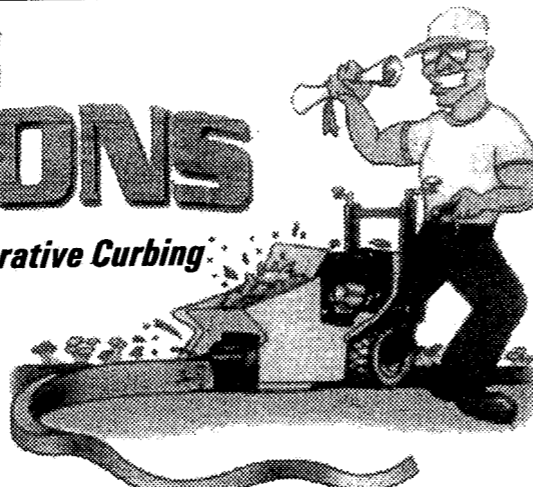
Definition: Developer provides lake access to non-lakefront properties through a single lot on the lake. This can result in too many boats on the water, leading to problems with pollution overcrowding.

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Hitting the links to help NOHLC

From left, Ron and Elizabeth Wagner and Nancy and Dennis Walters joined more than 100 fellow golfers to support North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy July 23 at the Great Blue Heron Open. The golf outing at Heather Highlands in Holly raised more than \$11,000. It will help the conservancy preserve and take care of more than 1,100 acres in Oakland County.

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Briefly . . .

Officer killed in traffic crash

An off-duty Flint police officer was killed in Independence Township Sun., Aug. 26 after he was thrown from his motorcycle, pinned under a car and along Sashabaw Road.

Vincent Owen D'Anna, 26, a Goodrich resident, was riding his 2007 Suzuki on southbound Sashabaw near Clarkston Road just after 8 p.m. when a 1992 Camaro struck him from behind.

Witnesses rushed to lift the Camaro off D'Anna, who was transported to Genesys Hospital.

He was pronounced dead at 1:54 a.m. Mon., Aug 27.

Bystanders told police a 28-year-old Pontiac man exited the Camaro and tried to run away on foot, but was tackled by witnesses and detained at the scene until deputies arrived.

The suspect was lodged at Oakland County Jail after police obtained a blood search warrant and determined alcohol appeared to be a crash factor.

The accident remains under investigation, and charges are pending.

Hearing set for property taxes increase

Independence Township Board will host a public hearing on a proposed millage increase of .0219 mills in operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2007.

The hearing is on Tues., Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.



Vincent D'Anna

Picnic party

City celebrates with games, ice cream, history

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Live music, balloons, turn-of-the-century games and ice cream—free ice cream—promise to make Clarkston's annual Labor Day Picnic fun for the whole family.

"This is our summer celebration for the community, the city's way of saying 'thank you' to our residents," said Kristy Ottman, city councilwoman and picnic chair. "And it's a chance for people to get together, get reacquainted with their neighbors."

This year, the Clarkston Historical Society will also take part in the event as the city celebrates its 175th anniversary.

The Clark Buggy, which belonged to pioneers Jeremiah and Nelson Clark, will be on hand for viewing, and old photos will also be on display.

The Clarkston Community Band is scheduled to perform, as well, and a special dedication of the park's new bridge will also take place during the picnic.

Mayor Sharron Catalo and long-time Clarkston resident Barbara Thomson will wield the scissors in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Labor Day Parade to honor traditions, future

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Labor Day parade will include lots of tradition, but will point to the future as well.

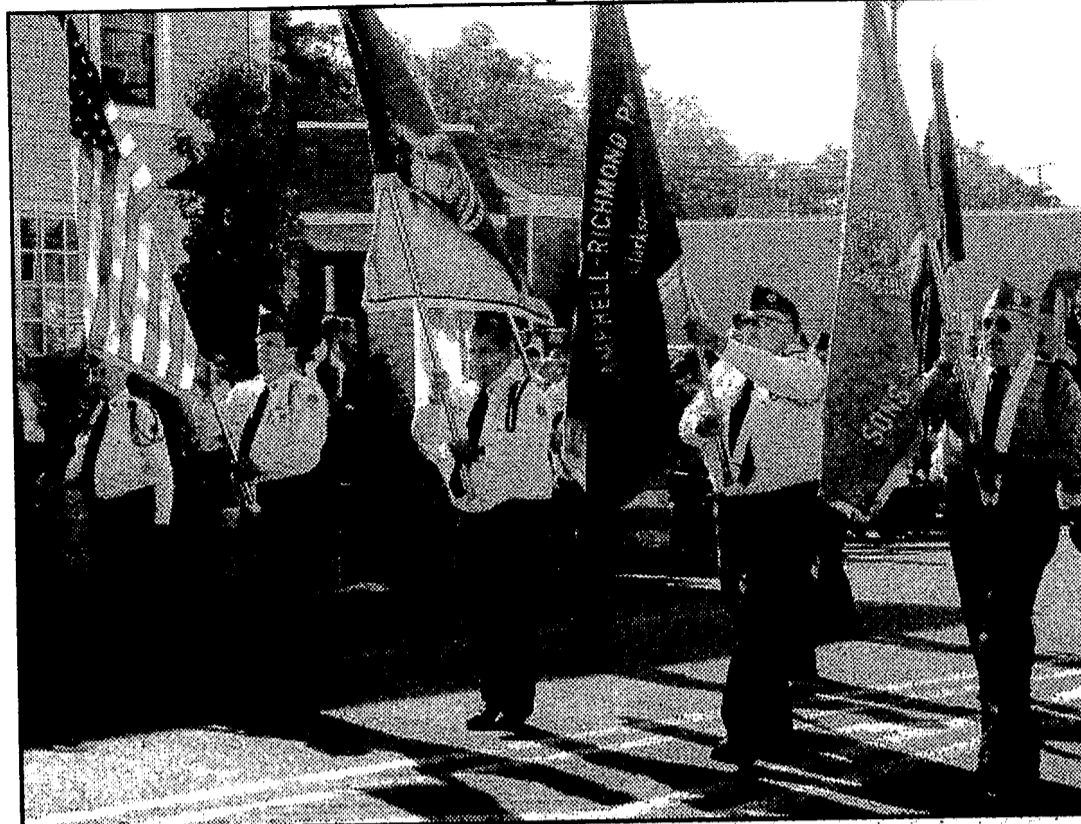
As it has since 1940, the parade is hosted by Clarkston Rotary Club. It will be led by the American Legion Post 377.

"We'll have the Clarkston marching band and Clarkston Chiefs football team," said Rotarian Judy Livingston. "Dale Ryan (Clarkston's football game announcer) will be announcing."

The theme this year is "Celebrate Clarkston," its past and future, Livingston said.

Rotary invites children to march as parade marshalls this year.

"They're the future of Clarkston," Livingston said. "The grand marshal is usually an adult who rides in a convert-



Labor Day in Clarkston includes the Summer Picnic and parade, to be led by the American Legion. File photo

emony.

Installation of the bridge, which crosses the river between gazebo and children's play area, is now complete.

"This community is incredible," said resident Gini Schultz, who, along with husband Jim, spearheaded the bridge effort and raised about \$50,000 to pay for the undertaking.

"If you take on a project, they'll help you get it done. I didn't accomplish anything; the people in the community accomplished this by donating to the bridge. It's incredible, I'm thrilled."

Distinctive Landscapes, said Schultz, donated a large portion of the labor and materials for four raised beds for landscaping around the bridge.

Wojo's Greenhouse, along with Clarkston resident George White, provided flowers and

plants for the beds.

The steel-constructed bridge was manufactured in Greenly, Colorado, said Schultz, and has a lifespan of about 50 years. The decking is a Brazilian wood with a 30-year life span.

And, in keeping with the Clarkston Watershed Group's ideals for the park, pavers used in the approach are environmentally friendly—each contains a center "diamond" filled with topsoil and planted with grass seed. The grass will eventually grow to cover the pavers, creating an absorptive surface that still provides stability for wheelchairs and the like while also preventing runoff.

Clarkston's 175th anniversary picnic takes place in downtown Clarkston's Depot Park from 12-4 Sunday, Sept. 2. The bridge dedication begins at 2 p.m.

ible, or in the Christmas parade, it'll be Santa—the children will be our Santa."

All children will be welcome to march, she said.

Parade registration begins 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 3, at Renaissance High School on Waldon Road.

Decorated bicycle contest begins at 9:30 a.m., with three winners to be chosen at 9:45 a.m. Winners will receive prizes and will be announced during the parade.

"They show children's creativity," Livingston said. "They can be futuristic. They can be historic, or patriotic, any number of ways they could be decorated."

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Renaissance High, continuing down Church Street to Main Street. At Main, it will turn right and proceed through downtown Clarkston, then turn left on Miller Road and

end at St. Daniel's Catholic Church parking lot at the corner of Holcomb and Miller roads.

Members of the Clarkston Rotary Club will meet registrants to line them up, and will be along the parade route.

Rotary clowns will march, along with other Clarkston "clowns," adult or children, who have been invited to join in.

It is not too late to register for the parade, Livingston said.

Applications are online at clarkstonrotary.org, or can be picked up at the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce office, the Independence Township Fire Department on Citation Drive or the Clarkston Village offices on Depot Road.

For more information, call Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741 or e-mail him at mindyjoel@netscape.net.

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Kim Light, left, and her daughter Starr, a 2005 CHS graduate, are looking forward to participating in the Breast Cancer 3-Day. Photo by Laura Colvin

Despite heat, they walk for a cause

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Last week's soaring temperatures and pea soup-like humidity made walking across Clarkston somewhat unpleasant for Kim and Starr Light. But, they laced up their shoes and hit the pavement every afternoon, anyway.

Both are determined to be fit and ready come Sept. 28, when they will join thousands of other men and women in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day. Participants trek 60 miles over the course of three days in a walk designed to promote awareness and raise money for breast cancer research.

"Just in the last five years I've known several people who've been diagnosed with breast cancer," said Kim Light, 44, noting that for every diagnosis in her circle of friends and coworkers, she's also seen successful treatment. "I feel very lucky it hasn't been me."

So Kim and her daughter Starr Light, 20, signed up for the event and began training last spring, gradually lengthening the time and distance of their walks.

The 2007 Breast Cancer 3-Day Series includes events in 11 states across the U.S. Participants travel about 20 miles per day during the event, raising awareness for breast cancer as thousands walk through cities large and small while sponsors provide meals, snacks, liquids, mobile showers, tents, safety guidelines, and 24-hour medical support.

Each year, the Breast Cancer 3-Day raises millions of dollars to fund critical breast cancer research and community outreach programs. In addition to supporting a cause she believes in and getting some exercise, Kim said she's also enjoying the

opportunity to spend time with her daughter.

"We're already really close," said Starr, a 2005 CHS grad now majoring in English at Michigan State University. "I talk her ear off while we're out walking. I never shut up."

So while they're feeling nearly ready to walk 60 miles, the mother daughter duo still need another \$1,300 in order to meet minimum entry requirements—each participant must raise \$2,200 to take part in the walk.

Although they've sent out fliers, talked to family and friends and frequently strike up conversations with strangers inquiring about the pink ribbon pins they both wear, it's been somewhat difficult, so far, to raise enough funds.

"People believe in the cause," said Kim, "but a lot of people told us they've already given, or just can't because times are so tough right now."

"We've been hearing stories about all the people who've been affected by breast cancer," said Starr. "It's hard to believe how common it really is."

The Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day will begin with Opening Ceremonies at Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, in Farmington Hills on Sept. 28 at 7 a.m. and conclude with Closing Ceremonies at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn on Sept. 30 at 5 p.m.

To help reach their fund-raising goals, visit www.the3day.org/michigan07/starr, or www.the3day.org/michigan07/kimberlylight. Alternatively, checks can be made payable to 3 Day Walk and sent to Kim and Starr Light, 8469 Ranch Estates, Clarkston, MI 48348.

Terror in Clarkston?

Expert helps first responders, school officials consider counter-terrorism tactics, methods

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

A week before the start of school, local law enforcement, fire fighters, and school officials spent the day thinking like a terrorist.

Invited by Independence Township Fire Department and Clarkston Community Schools, John Giduck of Archangel Corp. presented information on worldwide and domestic terrorism, especially as it impacts schools.

"I've seen my share of blood-soaked classrooms," said Giduck, Archangel Group's president who researched and wrote a book on the 2004 terrorist school siege in Beslan, Russia.

"The only way to stop that happening here is to get your head out of the sand."

Those planning and carrying out these school attacks use the same tactics, whether "single student shooter" or "multiple terrorist hostage siege," Giduck said.

They all want as much media exposure as possible – that means more violence and killing than the last attack – and they all consider schools prime targets, he said.

"They want to make as big an impact as possible – what makes a bigger impact than killing a bunch of children," he said.

Schools all over the world, mostly in countries supporting the United States, have been attacked. In the United States, children use the Internet to learn from terrorists and school shooters.

"They are constantly improving their tactics," Giduck said.

American law enforcement, first responders, and those in the schools also need to learn from past incidents to prevent future attacks.

"A mistake in the military has been to

prepare for the last war," he said. "Don't make the same mistake and prepare for the last big attack on a U.S. school."

Security measures developed in response to past school shootings are not enough for what may come next – coordinated attacks by groups armed with assault-style rifles and bombs.

Terrorist training camps would not be necessary – attackers can prepare with information from the Internet and "the single greatest training tool" ever developed – first-person shooting games on home computers and consoles, he said.

Today's police officer assigned to school security, armed with a service pistol and protected with light body armor, would not be able to handle that threat, he said.

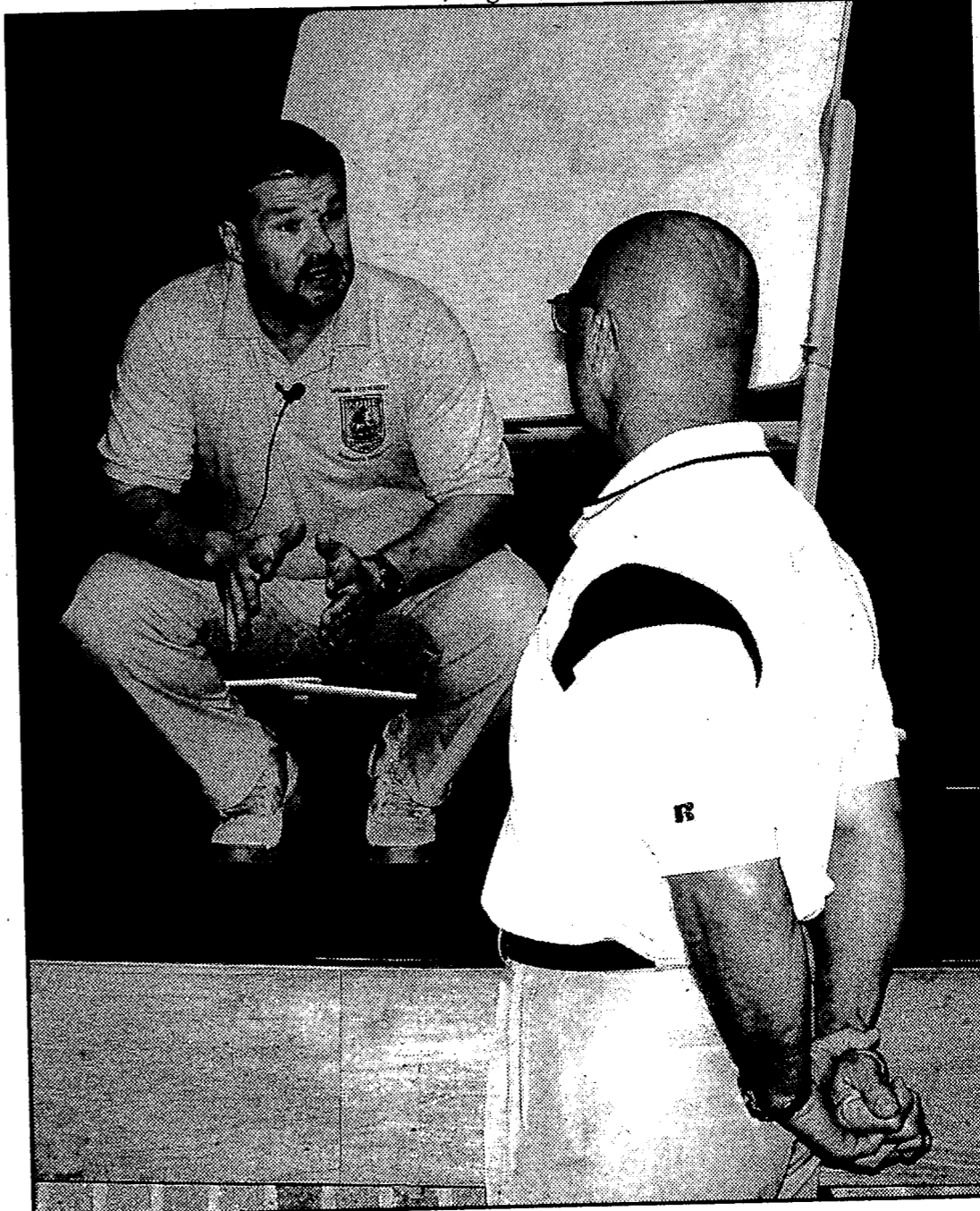
Experts have worked for years to develop profiles and predictive models. His own theory: poll the students. Ask them to write down the top 10 fellow students most likely to carry out a school attack.

"One group of people who are never surprised by who does these things are the students," he said. "You'll see the same 10 names. Even the people on the list will put their names down, because on some level, they want you to know."

Police, fire, emergency, and school officials from all over the area, including Clarkston, Independence Township, Pontiac, South Lyon, White Lake, Oxford, Royal Oak, Center Line, Livonia, Richmond, and Oakland County, attended the all-day workshop.

"Who knows where it will happen – there's no way to predict it," said Chief Steve Ronk, Independence Township Fire Department. "We need to prepare for it."

The session at Clarkston Junior High



John Giduck of Archangel Corp., left, discusses terrorism with Gary Meldrum, administrator with Franklin High School in Livonia, during a break at "Terror at Beslan" seminar Aug. 27 at Clarkston Junior High. Photo by Phil Custodio

School Aug. 27 was intended as a reality check for local officials, Ronk said.

"We would rather educate ourselves than let a terrorist educate us," said Mike White, engineer/paramedic, Independence Township Fire Department.

"Everybody needs to know this," said Mike Stefanski, assistant principal at Clark-

ston Junior High School. "The it-can't-happen-here mentality could get us in trouble."

"It's a real problem – people need to understand that this could happen in the United States if we're not prepared," said Bob Cesario, Independence Township EMS coordinator.



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Going home

A column by Paul Kampe

Friday night lights return

For the past three months I have taken in some of the finest sports camps the Clarkston area has to offer, but it's not the same as being on the sidelines for Friday night lights over at the stadium. Or trying to keep up with the pace at the Wolves' volleyball matches.



Sitting outside on a hot summer night watching Clarkston defeat Detroit Catholic Central, I was thankful that my 'real' office is not an office at all. It's a set of aluminum bleachers with no backing- and there's nothing wrong with that.

Clarkston, you have some good teams and some stand out players coming back this fall. This year might look a bit different with the season changes going on. If you for some reason haven't heard, the Michigan High School Athletic Association has switched various athletic seasons to comply with a lawsuit filed by a parents group, a case which in litigation for nine years, which was finally settled in April (Read "Athletic Equinox" online at www.clarkstonnews.com for more information).

Volleyball, boys tennis and girls golf have moved to fall and boys golf and girls tennis have gone to the spring. Girls basketball will now be played in the winter season alongside their male counterparts.

•First up, the Wolves will again be an OAA contender on the gridiron, albeit in a different division. Clarkston shed foes Rochester Adams and Farmington Hills Harrison, but pesky Lake Orion remains their biggest intra divisional opponent in OAA Red Division. The Dragons aren't likely to have forgotten the spanking they got in the district finals on their home turf either. October 12 is the date, circle, star it, put a sticker on, whatever. Just be there at Clarkston Stadium by 5:30 for the week eight meeting, or you may be left to stand for the night. If you go to one Wolves game all season, be at this one.

•Clarkston will again be a force to be reckoned with in girls cross country. A sixth-place finish in the state last season with an extremely young squad was a good building block, don't be surprised by a top-three finish come November.

•The boys cross country team is also another year wiser after last season and should keep up their OAA I kin.

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The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Thanks for senior center support

Dear Editor,

Thank you business sponsors and Clarkston community for a successful Bucks for Buses fundraising campaign.

The Independence Township Senior Center has raised over \$4,500 to help fund operating costs for transportation for seniors and handicapped persons in Independence Township, Springfield Township, and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Thank you to sponsors McLaren Health Care and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland for their \$1,000 donations and Clarkston Specialty Health Care, Pine Tree Place, and Sunrise Assisted Living for their \$300 donations.

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Health Care for \$100 in honor of Dr. James O'Neill's 45 years of service to the community and John Stakoe, 44th District State Representative, for his culinary skills at the

picnic on Aug. 11 and his donation of lunch for the entertainment.

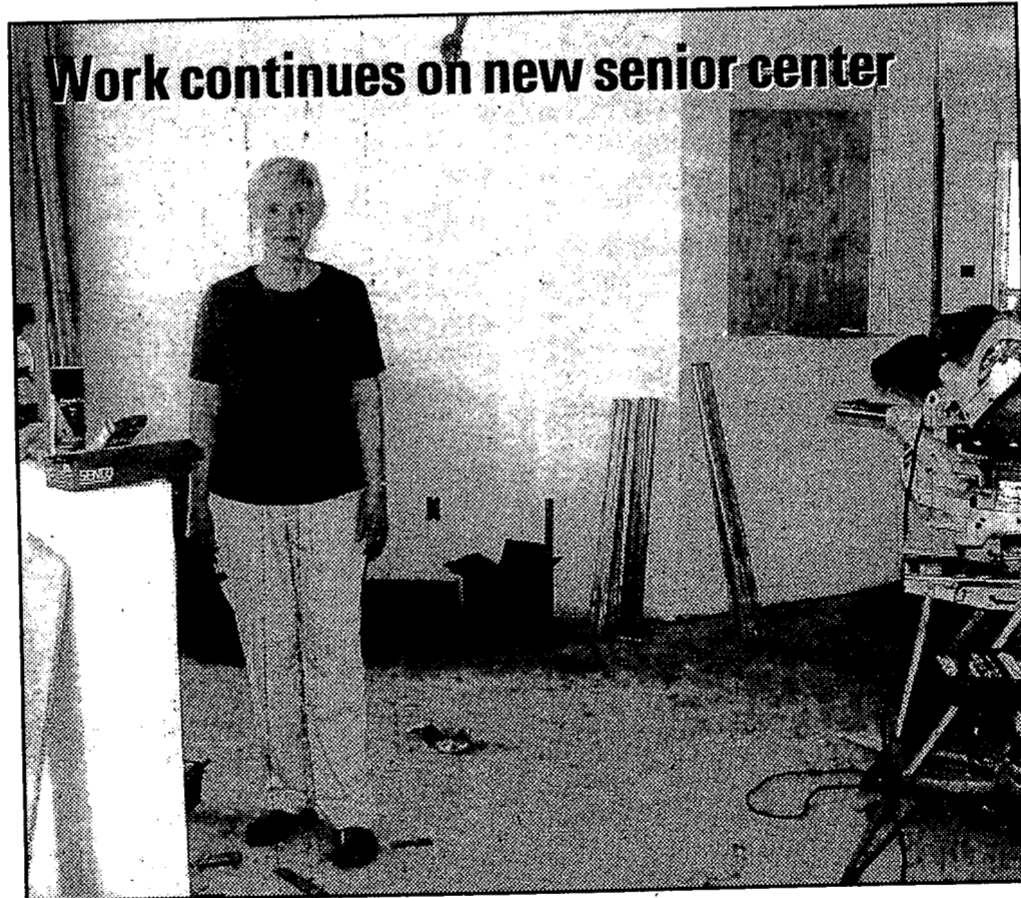
Three sponsors gave their time and expertise as well as financial help for this first-time fundraiser: Colleen Burke of The Lourdes Campus, Joanne Ries of Sunrise Hole Health Services, and Nancy Wasilk of Home Instead Senior Care.

A last thank you to all the people who gave so generously to support this much needed service to the community.

Margaret Bartos, coordinator
Independence Township Senior Center

Letters to the editor

Work continues on new senior center



Margaret Bartos, Independence Township Senior Center coordinator, inside the new senior center in Clintonwood Park. It's dusty now, but the interior is almost finished, after which kitchen appliances, furniture, and office equipment will be moved in. Photo by Phil Custodio

Got something to say?

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1992

"Clarkston teachers strike; talks fail" Clarkston teachers voted to strike, frustrated over stalled contract talks with the school district. The decision came on the eve of what was supposed to be the first day of school. At issue were salary, insurance, class size, teacher supervision, and teacher training.

"Clarkston revisited" Gladys Teggerdine shared memories of growing up in Clarkston, when horse rode down a dusty, dirt Main Street lined with elm trees. She recalled watching veterans of the Civil War march in the Memorial Day parade.

25 years ago - 1982

"Knob balks at overture" Communication between Pine Knob Investment Co. and Independence Township blew up over a controversial 2.5 mile road network under construction at the complex.

"Village OKs Hawke's live-ins" Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals decided to allow Allen Hawke, 93, to have senior live-in companions as long as he lives in the house, even though the zoning was single-family. Officials had wanted to evict tenants to preserve Clarkston's residential environment.

"Local woman to appear in Flint ballet show" Susan Butler of Independence Township earned roles in the Flint Ballet Theatre's show "Swan Lake" at Whiting Auditorium in Flint. She had returned to dancing after working as a teacher and having her daughter.

50 years ago - 1957

"Club closes season with street dance" Youth Variety Activities, ending its first summer, of activities for teens, planned a street dance at Clarkston High School.

"Superintendent gets doctor's degree" Leslie F. Greene, Clarkston Community School superintendent, was awarded his doctorate in education from Michigan State University.

"Clarkston pioneer died Sunday" Ina Beardslee passed away Aug. 25, 1957. The daughter of Alcott and Harriett Warner, she was born in 1873. She was married to Byron T. Beardslee. They moved to Clarkston in 1908, operating a general store at the southwest corner of Main and Washington streets.

"An account of 1956-1957 school year" Clarkston Community Schools began the year with 2,663 students and ended with 2,794. Estimated enrollment for the new year was 3,100. The district had five buildings: high and junior high schools, and Pine Knob, Clarkston, and Andersonville elementary schools.

It's the most wonderful time of the year

Well, well, well. Once again special interest rules the day. Once again, those thin-skinned, namby-pamby, lily-livered, weak-kneed, spineless vertebrates we elected went and did it.

Let's just call a spade and spade: they caved in to some subversive special interest group -- I don't know which one, but I have at least one theory. Don't recall reading about their rubber-stamping ways recently? That's because they covertly made the proclamation oh, what, three school years ago?

I guess I'm a little late getting around to it. And, yeah, I am whining about the start of the school year, for the third year in a row, after Labor Day, instead of before the holiday. It's August, the kids are hot. They're bored. They "hate" their "stupid" siblings; they think their parents are mean; they're cranky and quite frankly, parents are tired of the kids, too.

The start of the school year is to parents as Christmas is to kids. Andy Williams sings it best, when he sings, "it's the most wonderful time of the year." You can skip the part of kids jingle-belling and everyone being of good cheer -- parents just want their kids back to school for eight hours a day!

This legislation surely wasn't supported by parents. I have read the tourism industry was behind this travesty because it gives those businesses an extra week to make money. I don't buy it.

I think the legislation was secretly backed by one of the most powerful lobbying groups known to mankind: Grandparents. Yep, they may be all smiles, smell like baby-powder and warm oatmeal cookies, but when it comes to spending time with the grandkids, they are all business and business is cutthroat, dang-it. Don't let blue hair and bad vision fool you, they're tough.

They got an extra week to be with their kids' kids and that was their second successful bid at grabbing control. Their first was to have grandparental visitation rights legislation passed (unanimously in both houses and signed by the gov) in 2004.

What's next?

Are they gonna' twist their legislators' hands, make 'em scream uncle and sign into law mandatory play dates? Where will it end? Soon parents will have to ask their parents for permission

to punish their own children. Maybe those in Lansing will enact new building codes forcing families to add-on or dedicate a "Grandparents" room.

It's all a plot, I'm telling you. A plot for complete, utter control.

And, grandparents vote, too. Oh, they are cagey!

Who woulda thunk being active and participating in our limited form of representative democracy matters to politicians.

Sigh.

At any rate, parents are starting to smile a lot more these days -- the start of school can't come soon enough.

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Hey, wait a minute. I vote, maybe those in Lansing will listen to me. I have a suggestion after reading that all the local school districts in these parts earned a "C" on their report card from the state. I think the state should force some curriculum changes. Since only 70-some percent of the kids meet or exceed state standards in math, science and English and change is called for . . . how about, in high school, kids spend an hour-and-a-half studying/learning the three R's versus the 50 minutes they get for each subject, now?

I know that will make me very popular with the student body, but hey, I already did my time (most of which was spent in the wood shop), so what do I care if things are harder now?

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Yes, the most wonderful time of the year, and now that that is said, it is time again to watch out for kids and the buses they ride. I can still remember the day, when I was a youngster riding to Bailey Lake Elementary School on Pine Knob Road. The bus was chugging along Clarkston Road, had just finished going up the long hill from Walters Lake to Clintonville Road, so it was moving S-L-O-W. As the driver began to make the big curve at Clintonville Road, some yahoo in the car behind passed the bus -- on the curve!

There was no oncoming traffic, so disaster was averted. But, I always remember the collective inhale of the bus driver and 40 kids as that car swung out around us.

Drivers -- leave for work earlier. Don't be in a rush. You know the buses are out there, so be safe.

It's for the kids (just like everything else).

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**a column by
Don Rush**

Ramblings from a prickly rose, or maybe not

So this basketball referee for the pro teams admitted trying to influence the outcome. I've always thought that was universally accepted. I know when my team is at bat or got the ball the ref or ump make calls that lead me to believe they have a very important dinner date, wanna get to the bar or

**Jim's
Jottings**



**a column by
Jim Sherman**

That hour was more time than I watched him in all the years he was on tv or in movies. I did watch the clip on the *Ed Sullivan Show* in 1957, but avoided all other appearances. He offered nothing that interested me.

This August 18 Saturday night, though, it wasn't bad entertainment.

Maybe I've become more immune since Elvis died 30 years ago. And, maybe I'll like *The Simpsons* 30 years after their creators' pens have died. Nah, I need a show to really dislike.

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Nick, Wally, Tom (you don't need last names) and I went to Greektown casino recently, picked primarily because it's in Greektown with its Greek restaurants. Before ordering our Opa's, three of us lost the amount we allowed ourselves that day.

Losing is what 99.9 percent of us expect to do in a casino.

Tom, the winner, ordered a non-Greek steak, we normals had the 5-lamb chop dinner. Tom couldn't finish his steak and I could eat only four chops.

So, madog, Shayna got the 2-meat takeout. I told my tale to John Kargetta, who immediately asked, "Can I be your next dog?"

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Democracy should be more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

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TV commercials I can't stand: AARP, Nutri-systems, Viagra. Seemed like all correspondence in the years I had an AARP card was aimed at selling me insurance, investments and remedies, things that make money for its officers. All Nutri-systems ads irritate me.

I believe bodily function ads, bedroom conversation products and performance advertising should be labeled "Inappropriate for Everyone's Viewing."

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I know there are days when the weatherman gets it right. Just as I know someone will complain about the weather everyday. It's always too something for someone.

But, doggone it, those early-August weeks brought predictions of rain about three days out of every seven. And, none came to our parts.

I know Michigan is a big state, with wind currents taking systems across our southern border or north. But that ain't what the front followers pointed out on their walk back and forth in front of their mapped fronts.

They had me believing Mother Nature and Al Gore would be handling my lawn sprinkling applications. These guys and gals with their radar images on prime time seemed to be telling me what they thought I wanted to hear . . . and I did.

They got it right with their high-80 degree swimming temperatures, but I had to refill my pool without skyward help. Same for my browning yard.

Now comes the end of August, football time, and my weather talkers are working hard to balance out their predictions so the end-of-year figures will make them feel good, and justify their wage increase requests.

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Growing old quotes:

"At 20 years of age the will reigns, at 30, wit, at 40, the judgment." -- *Franklin*

"Old wood best to burn, old wine best to drink, old friends to trust, old authors to read." -- *Bacon*

"In youth the days are short and the years long; in old age the years are short and the days long." -- *Panin*

"Enjoy today." -- *JAS*

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Views from the capitol

*Sen. Mike Bishop talks politics with
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce*

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

State Sen. Mike Bishop, R-12th District, sees two options for solving the state's budget troubles – cut spending to match revenue, or increase revenue to match spending.

"It's a battle," Bishop told Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members at their lunch mixer Aug. 23.

"Do we live within our means, adjust expenditures to revenues, give up certain things? – The flip side is to keep present expenditures and find a way to pay for them."

That would mean tax increases, an approach he intends to prevent, he said.

"There has been all different kinds of proposals – beer tax, estate tax, two-cent plan," he said. "But the vast majority believe it shouldn't be balanced on the backs of taxpayers."

Shrinking tax revenues caused by loss of auto industry, population shifts, and other economic factors have put Michigan more than \$1 billion in debt.

"Michigan is in an incredible crisis – I know all of you know that," Bishop said. "The only way to turn this around is to get our house in order."

With Democrats in the Michigan House of Representatives and governor's office, Bishop sees himself as part of the loyal opposition, he said.

"My job is to stand up for you and make sure things don't move too fast."

Questions for the senator

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce meeting included time for questions-and-answers with state Sen. Mike Bishop, including:

Move up Michigan's primary to January?

"It's a good move for the state of Michigan – Michigan is now in the mix."

Michigan, a right-to-work state?

"The governor wouldn't sign it, but it's been beneficial to have a state-wide discussion."

Part-time legislature for Michigan?

"I love the idea of a part-time legislature – we need to look at that and not be afraid to change that."

Health care?

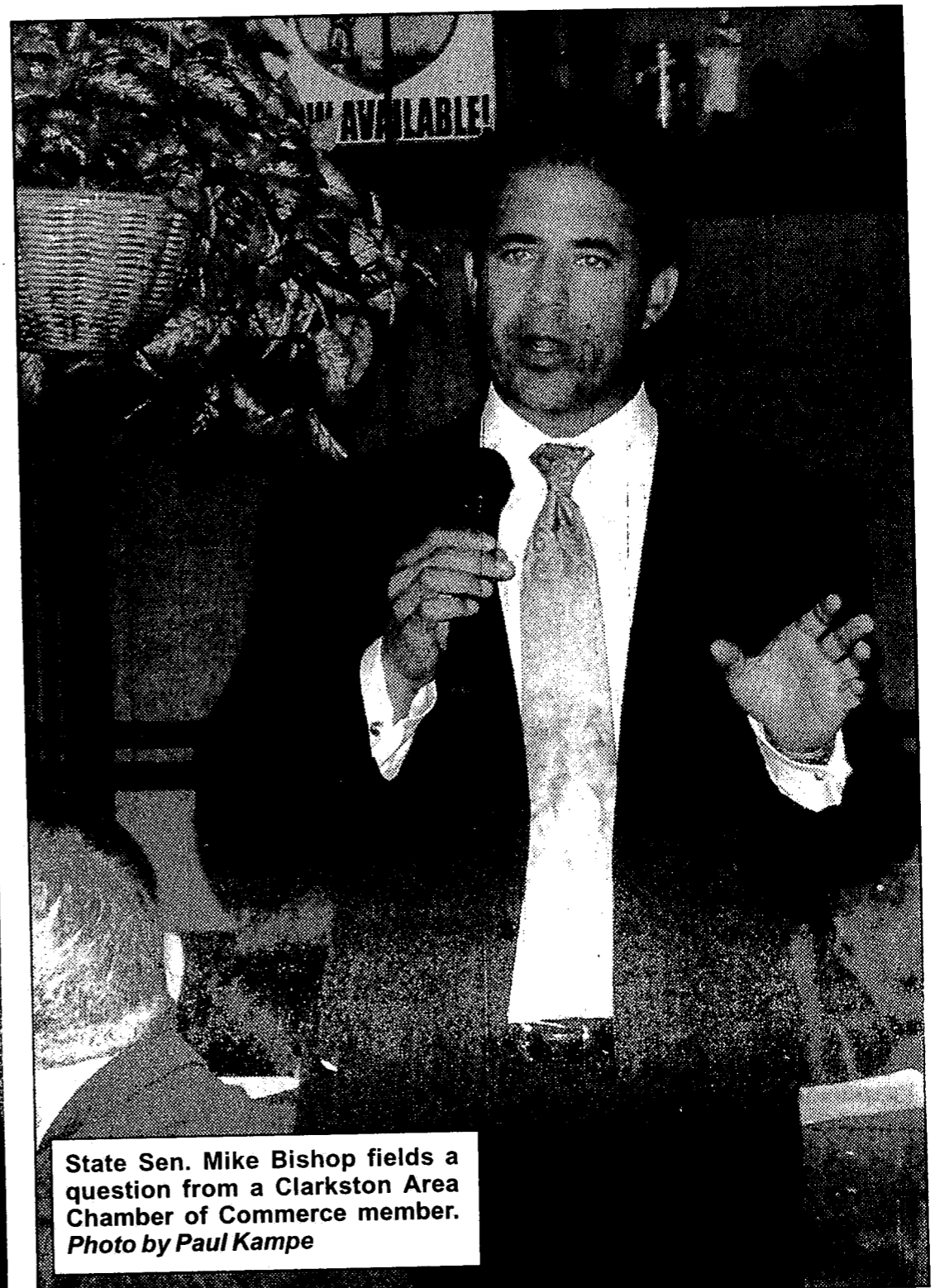
"1.1 million people in Michigan don't have health insurance – that's staggering and unacceptable."

Universal health care?

"You would pay through the nose to get it, and it doesn't solve the problem of rising costs."

The Republican version of the state budget includes cuts to all state budgets, with the exception of state police and school funding.

"The public school system is the key to



State Sen. Mike Bishop fields a question from a Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce member.
Photo by Paul Kampe

quality of life – we won't cut it," he said.

Members of the state house and senate are working hard to negotiate a budget, but strong political rhetoric due to the approaching Oct. 1 budget deadline has made it more

difficult, he said.

"Raise taxes or people will die" – I've been hearing a lot of that," he said. "We're not going to push pregnant women out of hospitals."

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Independence Twp.

Thurs., Aug. 16 Police were investigating a case of check fraud after an employee at an Independence Township business called police to report four checks, each written in the amount of \$1,584.42, had been fraudulently drawn on the company account July 13.

Fri., Aug. 17 A 40-year-old woman called police after an unknown male made lewd sexual comments to her 10-year-old daughter online. The case was turned over to the Sheriff's Computer Crimes Unit.

Sat., Aug. 18 Police were investigating a case of home invasion after a man living in the 4600 block of Tiger Lily Trail called police upon discovering someone had entered his attached garage and stolen several power tools.

A 68-year-old man living in the 5700 block of Chickadee called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a set of golf clubs.

Sun., Aug. 19 A 21-year-old woman called police after she and her parents received violent, threatening phone calls from her brother, who demanded money for work he'd done in the home.

A 47-year-old man was arrested and jailed on domestic violence charges after an argument with his 34-year-old girl-

Public Safety

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

friend became violent.

Mon., Aug. 20 A 44-year-old woman living in Fox Creek Apartments called police after arriving home to find damage to her entry door. No one entered the residence, but police were investigating the incident.

An off-duty police officer from a neighboring community called police in Independence Township after spotting and questioning a young man dressed as a police officer and carrying a gun in a restaurant in the 6400 block of Dixie Highway.

Tues., Aug. 21 A 36-year-old woman was pulled over on a traffic violation near Maybee Road and Timber Ridge Trail and discovered to be driving with a blood alcohol level of .251. The legal limit is .08.

A man living in the 7100 block of Elderwood Drive called police after someone stole a generator valued at \$900 from outside his home.

A 46-year-old woman living in Fox Creek Apartments called police after arriving home from work to discover her front door unlocked, and a sliding glass door also

open. A TV and DVD player were missing.

A 43-year-old man living in the 5100 block of Glenwood Creek called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a cell phone and loose change.

A 32-year-old woman living in the 6700 block of Sun Valley Drive called police after someone spray painted racial slurs on a children's play structure in her yard overnight.

Two homeowners in the 5900 block of Hummingbird called police after someone caused extensive damage by driving over lawns in the neighborhood.

Wed., Aug. 22 A property manager at Fox Creek Apartments called police after discovering graffiti damage to a maintenance garage on the property. The employee told police the siding would need to be replaced at a cost of about \$900.

Police were investigating a case of second-degree home invasion after someone entered a home in the 900 block of Hawksmore Drive and stole a generator valued at about \$350.

Intersection work set next week

Hey commuters. Just when you think traffic will get worse when school starts (more kids driving and more buses on the road), things will be even more worse.

Lucky you.

Work to widen the intersection of Clarkston and Sashabaw roads is set to begin about Sept. 4, reports the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Workers will add a center left-turn and right-turn lanes in all directions and reduce a hill north of Sashabaw, subject to right-of-way acquisition.

No road closure is planned. Work will continue through November, stop for winter, then resume in spring. It should be complete next summer.

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The future site of Divine Mercy Church in Springfield Township is 144 acres just west of Ormond Road on Davisburg Road. Photo by Paul Kampe

Archdiocese, Catholics await church in Springfield

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township has been the site of several new building projects in the last few years, but one isn't of a commercial nature. Divine Mercy Church, a Catholic church, is planned by the Archdiocese of Detroit to be situated on 144 acres near Springfield Township's civic offices.

The church must first pass planning commission and the township board, prior to any construction. Pastor John Budde hopes to begin construction in the next 2-3 years on a church large enough to seat 800 parishioners.

Township Supervisor Collin Walls said no plans have been submitted to the township, but the parish has met with Planning Director Leon Genre.

The property earmarked for the church is on Davisburg Road, a half mile west of Ormond Road.

The archdiocese made the decision to grant a parish to the area because of an influx of Catholics to Springfield Township.

"So many people move out here that the existing, surrounding parishes would not be able to absorb that increase in population," Budde said.

Budde cited demographic studies which indicate their could be as many as 2,500 families registered in the parish.

The parish has existed since 2005 as Davisburg Catholic Community at Davisburg Elementary, administrated by St. Rita's Catholic Parish in Holly, prior to the announcement of the parish formation July 1.

Budde comes to the parish after 18 years with Holy Family Parish in Novi.

Budde said the church will welcome back churchgoers who may have shied away from church.

"Our hope is that we can reach out to people who have for whatever reason decided to not be involved with the church," Budde said. "We want to reach out to them and have them come back."

The first phase of planning involves building Divine Mercy, the second a social hall or activity building. A third phase would incorporate a school. Budde said the main concern right now is getting the church built.

Laurie Cooper of Davisburg, a pastoral associate with the church, joined Davisburg Catholic Community three years ago from her former church, Saint Mary Magdalen in Brighton.

"This is the first church in the area that has spirit and that sense of community I found at Saint Mary Magdalen," she said.

"This community offers something that the other established churches don't. In some senses, people may want to come because it is a new church and they feel like they can have more of an impact."

Cooper said the parish designation allows Divine Mercy to reach out to Springfield Township and, "become a full-service church that reaches out to the whole community, not just people that are coming to our Masses."

Walls said preliminary discussions have begun for another church in the township. The River, whose parent church is Faith Baptist Church in Waterford, is operating at Holly High School. Property along the north side of Holly Road at I-75 has been purchased for the church.



Sports Physicals

Any student planning to play a sport upon returning to school needs to be seen by a physician for a pre-participation physical examination (PPE), or sports physical. A sports physical allows doctors to ensure that a child is in shape to meet the physical demands of a particular sport.

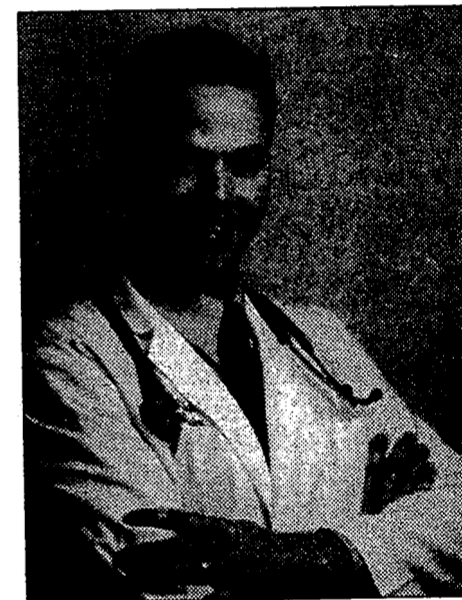
In preparing for a sports physical, an athlete should be familiar with his or her medical history, including previous injuries or illnesses, family illnesses, medications being taken, and any symptoms being felt, such as dizziness or shortness of breath. Medical history questions can usually be answered at home with the help of a parent or guardian.

During the examination the doctor will check the student's height, weight, blood pressure and pulse, vision, and heartbeat. The physician will also check the lungs, abdomen, ears, throat, and nose, as well as one's posture, joints, flexibility and strength.

A physical examination prior to playing sports is essential, doctors may be able to alter prescriptions, such as inhalers, or suggest certain training exercises to help avoid injury. Remember: A sports physical is not the same as a standard physical. An athlete requires both.

A student should receive a sports physical at least once a year, prior to starting a demanding sport. The last weeks of summer are an ideal time to schedule this appointment.

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Supervisor doesn't get \$30k more for legal fund

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner asked the township board for \$30,000 more for the legal budget this year, but the board denied his request.

According to Wagner, at the end of June the township spent \$141,000 out of a \$230,000 budget.

"If we keep on the same track we will be at \$282,000," said Wagner.

Mike Wallace expressed his concern that the board might be acting without sufficient information due to budget mishaps in the past. Wallace asked Wagner if there had been any study done of why the board needed more money.

"Is it because we are paying a higher hourly rate? Is it because we now have more services that the township needed? Or is this a result by improper billing by the board?"

Wagner responded by saying part of it could be the 30-percent rate increase over what they were paying previously. As far as "improper billing," Wagner couldn't speak to that.

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen said she would like to have further information because the board does not know what this is based on:

Wagner said it was based on what the township has spent.

Treasurer Jim Wenger agreed with VanderVeen for the need for documentation. He said he would like to know the cycles of which quarters the legal gets billed.

"I don't have a problem adjusting it, I just need to have detail of it," he said.

Trustee Charles Dunn wasn't sure if Wagner could provide the board with any information. He said legal fees are incurred as issues arise.

"Budgeting for legal as an attorney is very, very difficult," said Dunn.

Dunn said just because the township increases the budget, it doesn't mean that the money will be spent; the supervisor

just wants it there. However, Dunn said he would not approve an adjustment at this time because he would like to see a procedure put in place how the money will be spent, who determines what will be taken out of it, and who will be reviewing the bills.

Trustee Dan Kelly said he didn't see a reason to add \$30,000 because the township was already below budget - the money could end up spent. He also thought the 30 percent pay increase had already been added to the budget because the township knew they had new lawyers. Financial Director Susan Hendricks could not confirm.

"At this point there really is no reason to adjust the budget, we're still \$90,000 less than what we have already budgeted," said Kelly.

Trustee Dan Travis said the township is dealing with three contiguous terminations.

"We have all these things compounding with the duplication of attorneys on carry over business. It isn't any wonder that we might be nibbling at that (the budget) but were still on the good side," he said.

Travis said that he liked both Dunn's and VanderVeen's idea of a case-by-case billing.

"I do think that it's important that this board have a document before they make a budget adjustment for anything," said Travis.


Wallace said from what he understands these things are broken down by matter.

And it is possible to determine from existing bills whether the projected increase in the budget is a result of more work, as Travis had stated.

"I didn't think I needed that much detail. It's on Vadim, it shows exactly what we have spent for the year you can kind of forecast that out. With the budget coming out I thought it was the appropriate thing to do at this time, but it's obvious that the board wants to see some other action taken," said Wagner.

Dunn ended the discussion with a final comment.

"Controlling legal fees is our problem, it's not our attorneys, and it's not anybody else's. We have to control and have clear understanding of why we're using attorneys, what we're using them for and the expense is in our grasp. It's not somebody else's responsibility... this is about us getting a hold on matters and how we are assigning matters so we can get a better hold on it," said Dunn.



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Underused software not saving township money

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A computerized accounting system purchased two years ago could save taxpayers' money, if only it were used.

Independence Township Trustee Charles Dunn wants to know why it isn't.

On Tues. Aug 21 the Independence Township Board discussed implementing "point of sale" software that was purchased by the board in 2005.

"We purchased an asset and were not utilizing it and it's costing us money," said Dunn.

According to finance director Susan Hendricks the cash receipt software cost \$9,500. "We are using that \$10,000 piece of software, but we are not using it to the full potential," she said.

Treasurer Jim Wenger said he, along with Dave Wagner and Hendricks had a long discussion earlier in the day, about how fully implementing the software can take place, advantages and benefits of doing so.

"The bottom line is we are going to have to make sure it's going to work. We are not going to just throw up our hands and say, 'let's do it' without taking a look at a test model and walking it through with a very systematic progression and make sure we are covering what we need to cover," said Wenger. "It's not something that is going to happen overnight."

Dunn said he was confused why the pros and cons had to be looked at, because the software was purchased by the board.

"We pay these auditors tens of thousands of dollars to look at what we're doing right and what we're doing wrong. A third party has come to us and said, 'Township board there is something that you're not doing that

you should be doing.'"

Hendricks recommended the building department be used as a trial for the system before implementing it in all departments. She said she has never been involved in the cash collection procedures at the township.

"What I don't want to do is take an old paper method and make it computerized," she said. "I need to learn what the different departments are doing, how they are doing things, why they are doing it and what we really need in our system and then we need to put in a system that works for us."

Dunn suggested bringing in someone from the software company to show the township how to operate it.

Hendricks said Vadim, the municipal software vender, will not recommend how to implement the product.

"They will tell you, 'this is what our system can do. You (the) client decide how to make that work for you,'" she said. "We have a pretty good handle on what the system can do. We need to decide how to appropriately implement it for Independence Township."

Hendricks said she needs to understand cash receiving between the building department and the treasurer's office, before she is ready to make final recommendations.

Dunn said if the township doesn't get the system up and running right away then they are leaving "money on the table."

"If we are redundant in our cash receipts, when you have a computerized system to build a database on clients we are not generating files, were not having people have to go through those files. I'm sure one of the major selling points of buying this system was to eliminate duplicate (and) triplicate work."

Dunn assured the board, when the system is put in, the township will save labor costs plus there won't be a "bunch of paper floating around the township."

Trustee Dan Travis said the board approved a purchase based on the recommendation of a department and management. Perhaps the township bought the software because the auditors said they should, but maybe purchased it before they were ready.

"It seems to me if you are going to go back on an implement for a one-department basis, perhaps we weren't prepared to go this route," he said.

Trustee Dan Kelly was glad Hendricks had a meeting with Wagner and Wenger to start getting things moving forward. Kelly suggested Hendricks report back to the board in two months to give an update, even if nothing has been done.

"I think Mr. Dunn does raise a good point, the auditors did bring it up at the audit. And whether or not there is actual savings, I suspect we bought it because we believed it would have savings, so we should just keep moving forward with it."

According to Trustee Larry Rosso, the priority must be the budget.

"We cannot afford the difficulties we had, or the time table we had last year for this bud-

get season. That has to be the ultimate priority in my way of thinking, so whatever we do here with the Vadim system and the pilot team and crew, the building department and so forth cannot detract from the two people we have to lead us in the adaptation of this," said Rosso.

Rosso also said there is probably a lot of "employee resistance," employees who don't want to go through the training process of learning a computerized system.

Wagner said he didn't think they purchased the software with the intent of not implementing it. "If there are employees out there that don't want a working system, then that's a shame," he said.

Dunn stressed the importance of getting the software on the agenda.

"Let's start discussing it, because if we don't get it down on paper (and) we don't put a timeline on it, it's not going to get done," he said.

At a prior meeting Dunn suggested the parks and recreation department put its brochure on the computer and not mail them out.

"I want to get us into the 21st century computer-wise," he said.

Wagner ended the discussion saying, "We know where the board is coming from, and we will move along."

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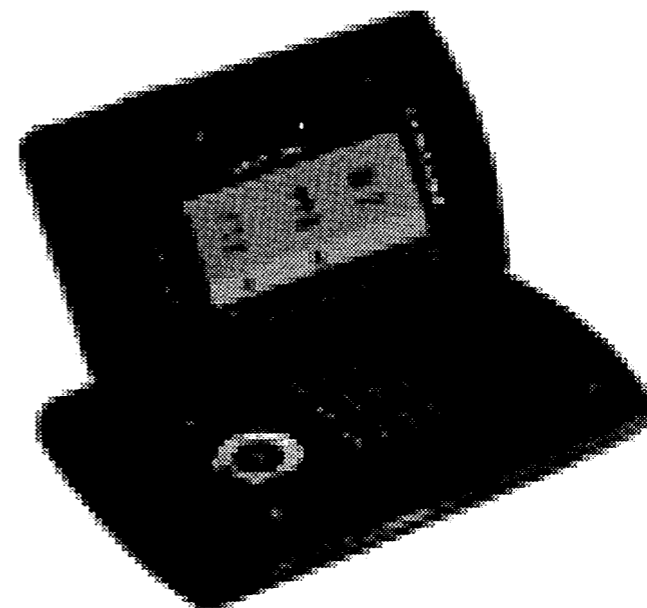
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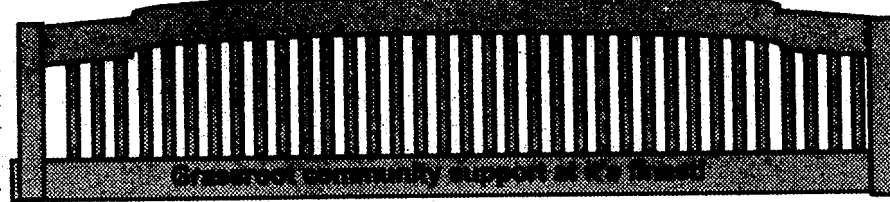
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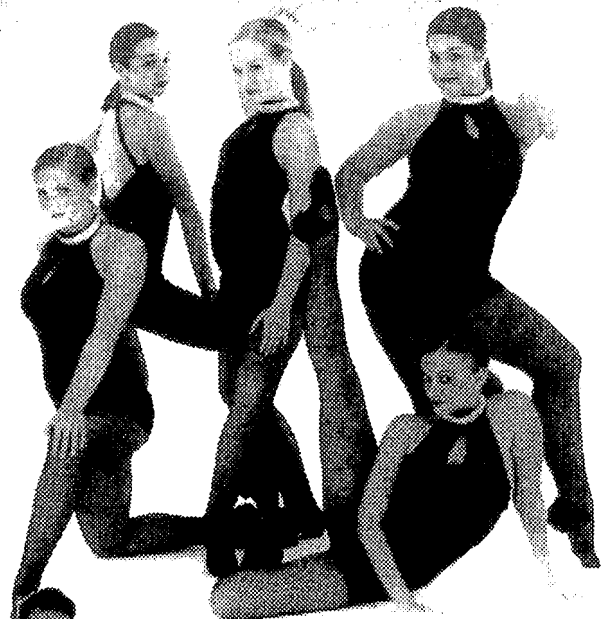
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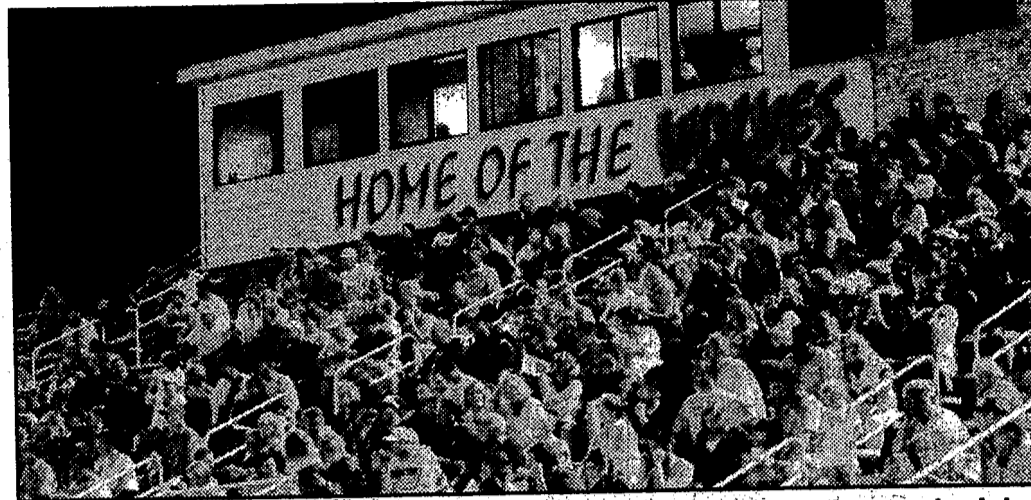
More than ready for Clarkston football

Hundreds of football fans waited through a nearly two-hour storm delay before Clarkston's season opener Friday night.

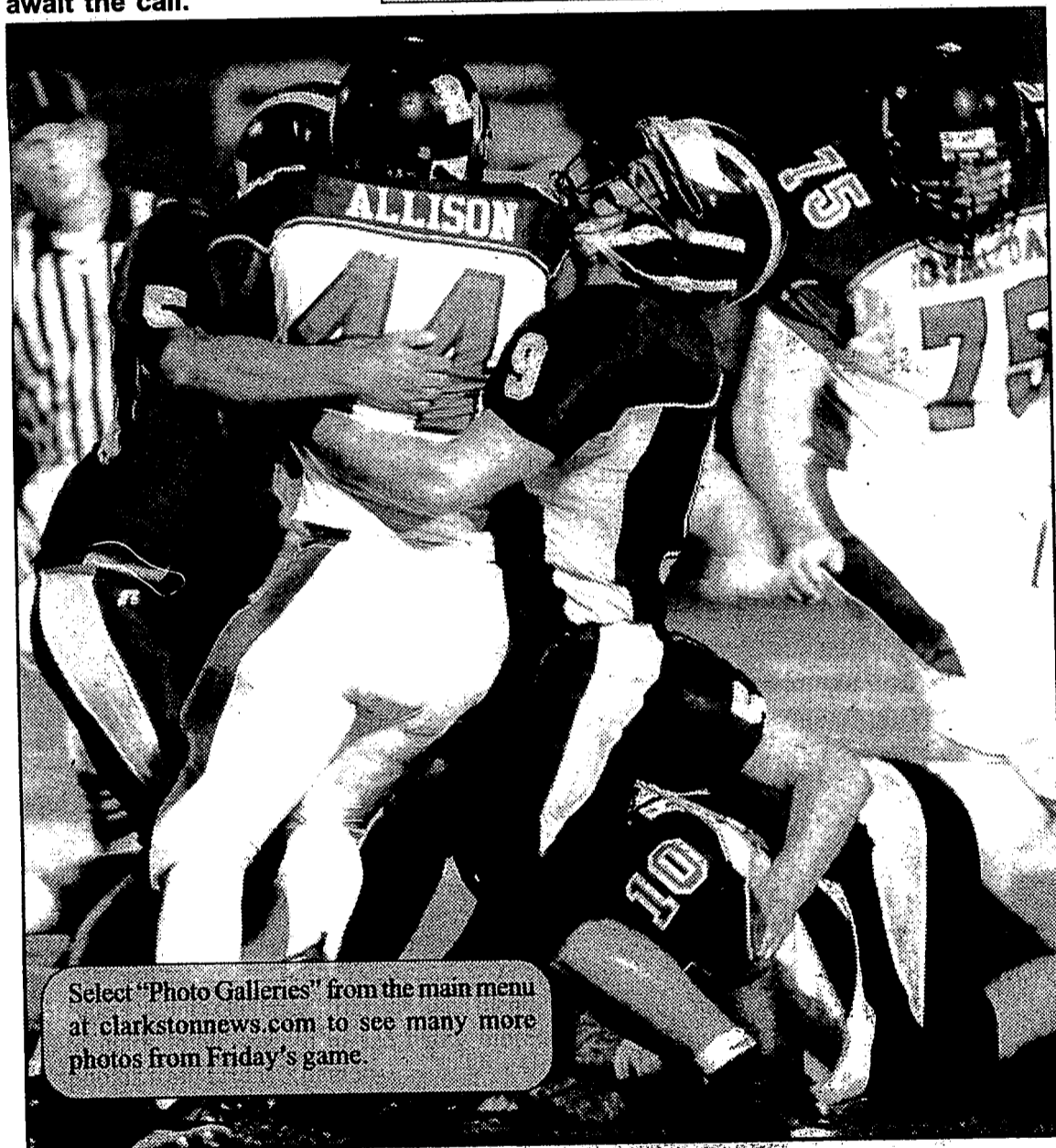
There was no rain or lightning the rest of the night after an 8:45 p.m. kickoff. The Wolves picked up where they left off last season with a 25-13 win over Royal Oak.

Running backs Jimmy Popp and Chad Blackstone each scored a touchdown and Erik Thompson had two touchdowns receiving.

-Photos by Laura Colvin

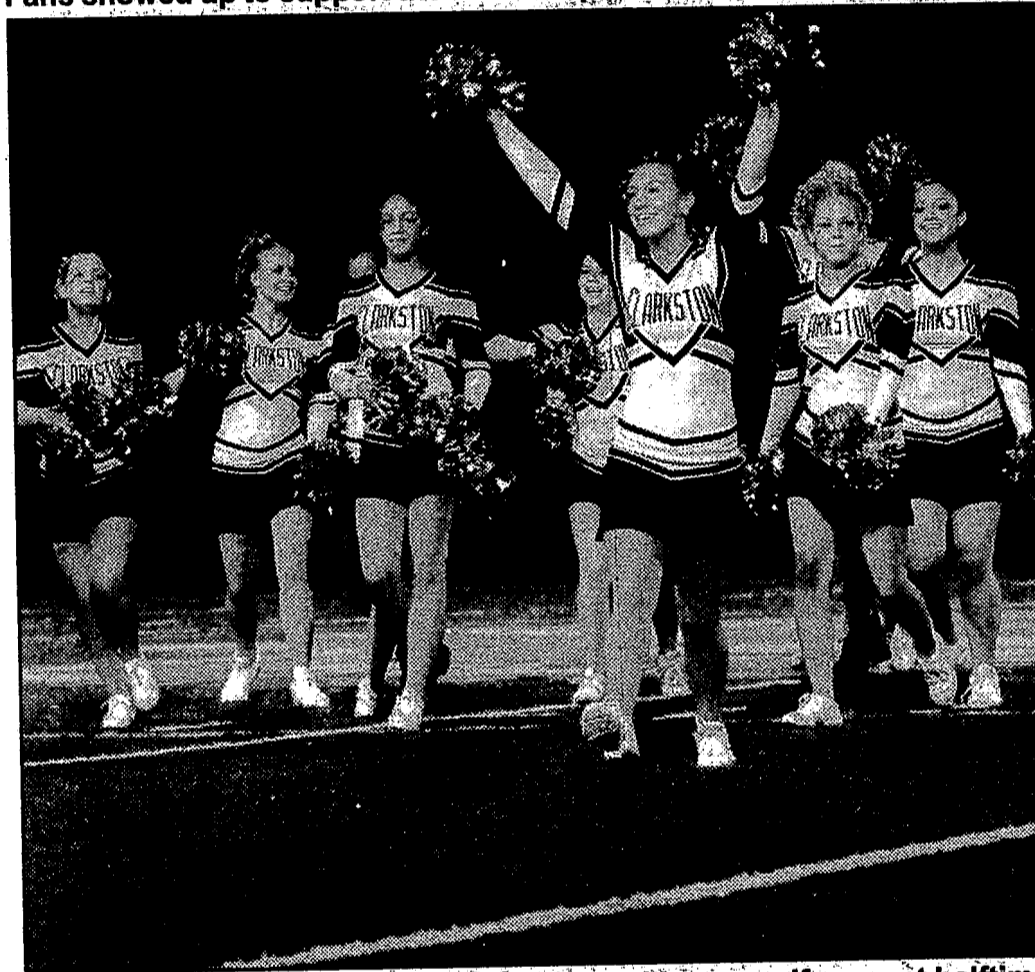


Fans showed up to support the team despite a nearly two-hour rain delay.

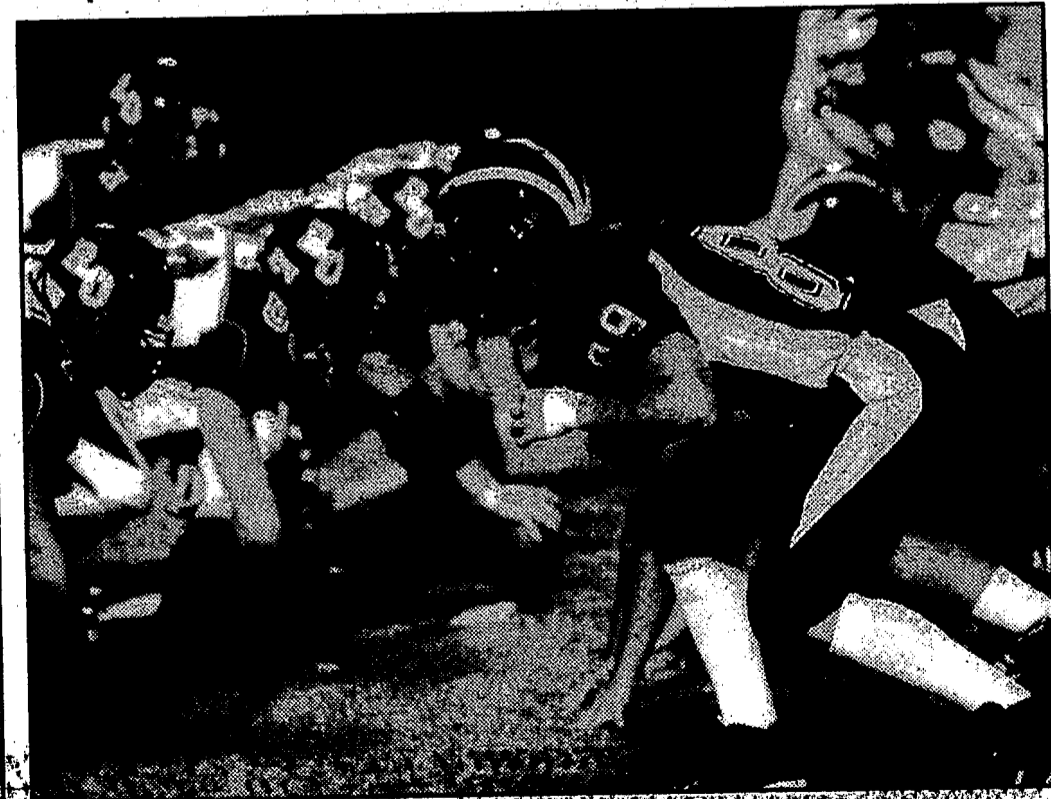


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Bryant Craft and Co. wrap up Ravens running back Adam Allison.



The pom team showed their spirit, along with new uniforms, at halftime.



Rules to help protect lakes

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'down zoning,' but it is to protect our lakes and protect our riparian uses against something that has devastated many lakes as far as over capacity. It is with pleasure that this work has been done and I am glad to move it forward," said Travis.

According to Treasurer Jim Wenger the board had originally looked at a general ordinance that could be retroactive, and could impact existing riparian owners.

They were also looking at issues concerning dock size and the number of watercraft. Wenger said those issues "would have been hard to suppress on a single lake, let alone all lakes."

"It's been a long, long road... We are looking for something that is generic and can fit, that does move us in the right direction. A zoning ordinance is the right way to go," said Wenger.

Trustee Larry Rosso believes this ordinance will relieve many of the concerns people have.

"I strongly believe that this is the best approach, it's the right approach and I think this will resolve a lot of the concerns a lot of people have about pollution, about boat safety, (and) about riparian rights," said Rosso.

Kelly said he believed the ordinance "provided a standard" for what was acceptable.

"I think it makes a statement more than anything else that we're going to apply standards to the uses of our lakes and ultimately it will protect our lakes, so I wholly endorse the ordinance," said Kelly.

Trustee Charles Dunn agreed with Kelly saying it also provided for "other developers coming into the community."

"Not only does it provide protection to the township residents, it also provides protection to residents and other developers coming into our community to show that we are not acting arbitrary, but we do have some standards that are not overly burdensome. It provides us with enough information so our planning commission and ultimately the board can make decisions on re-zoning. From that perspective the ordinance does cut both ways," said Dunn.

Supervisor Dave Wagner thanked the sub-committee for their help in bringing this issue to a conclusion.

"I am very pleased that we are finally putting this to bed," said Wagner.

The ordinance will have to go through a second read before it is fully implemented.

Special passport hours at post office

Clarkston Post Office, 5799 South Main Street, will accept passport applications on Sunday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Special hours were set up throughout the county as a convenience to travellers. Processing usually takes 10-12 weeks, but can be about three weeks using expedited

service.

Passport applications require up to \$112 in fees, birth certificate and driver's license, and two identical color photos. Pictures are available onsite for a fee.

For details, call 800-ASK-USPS or check usps.com/passport.

Outlook bright for Clarkston teams

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•Detroit CC coach Joe Nora referred to Clarkston's soccer team as a powerhouse the other day. 2006 (15-4-2 and a berth in the district championship game) was a monumental move in the right direction for the Wolves and it left a lasting impression on opponents too. A tight OAA I race came down to the last game of the regular season last year, don't expect for the Wolves to let Rochester Adams take it again. Having one of the best players in the state in Oliver Kupe doesn't hurt either.

•Kelly Avenall and the volleyball team are hoping to rebound from an early exit in the district playoffs. Carrying three sophomores as regulars last season should begin to pay dividends this season.

•After qualifying swimmers and a diver in nine events at the girls swimming finals last year, Clarkston should start placing higher this year. Oh yeah, they haven't lost a dual meet in two seasons either.

•Minjoo Lee looks to lead the Wolves back to the golf state finals after qualifying individually in the spring.

•Boys tennis has undergone a bit of restructuring as No. 4 singles player of a year ago (four months ago really) Erik Ejups, is moving to No. 1. The top flight doubles team of Matt Graczyk and Scott Dutcher has split up to become No. 2 and 3 singles players respectively.

With that being said, Clarkston, sadly I must leave you again. Thanks for the fond memories and good luck!



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'Salute to Safety'

Free event to feature accident-prevention demonstrations, exhibits, education

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The Third Annual Salute to Safety is set for Saturday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Clarkston Health Center.

The free event encourages safety and wellness throughout the community, and salutes local police, fire, and EMS personnel.

"It's a great opportunity for families to come out and say thank you to local police and fire fighters," said Marie Bristow, director of community relations.

Activities will include bike rodeo, comprehensive child identification, smokehouse encounter, kids' safety relay, helmet giveaway, bike inspections, and car-seat inspections.

"About 90 percent of car seats checked are incorrectly installed," Bristow said.

Demonstrations and exhibits will include emergency vehicles, Haz-Mat, CPR, defibrillators, and choking prevention. Always popular is the water tower rescue, in which fire fighters demonstrate their climbing skills by scaling the blue water tower next to the health center.

Other activities include rock climbing, dunk tank, carnival games, therapy and rescue dogs, free gun locks, emergency preparedness, basic health screenings, facility tours, entertainment, raffles, and refreshments.

"There is definitely something for everyone," Bristow said.

Why so many activities?

"Accidental injury is the number one killer

of children 14 and under," she said.

"The good news is that education and other prevention efforts, such as Salute to Safety, are successfully impacting injury death rates."

Donations from the event will be contributed to the Oakland County Sheriff Marine Division's community safety programs for boating, hunting, off-road vehicles, and snowmobiling.

The event is coordinated by Clarkston Health Center and Sunrise Assisted Living of Clarkston, in cooperation with several community partners.

It will be held at Clarkston Health Center, 5625 Water Tower Place off Dixie Hwy., northwest of White Lake Road, next to the blue water tower.

For more information, call 248-620-4290.



Salute to Safety will include health screenings, as well as demonstrations, exhibits, and activities. File photo

Help save lives, break record

When Bernie Reuter of Clarkston pulled an injured diver from Lake Hamlin, he knew what to do.

"I was a medic in the army and CPR trained," Reuter said. "(The diver) was blue from head to toe. My friend from the army and I worked on him for 45 minutes and revived him."

He saved that man's life in the incident 20 years ago. Just in case, he plans to keep his

lifesaving skills sharp, and help set a world record, at the World's Record CPR Challenge Sept. 29 at Oakland University.

"CPR guidelines have changed drastically even since a year ago," said organizer Marie Bristow of Clarkston Health Center. "It's a great opportunity to get caught up."

Current GuinnessWorld's Record is 2,308 people trained in CPT in one day, set at the St.

John Ambulance Center in Australia on June 28, 2006.

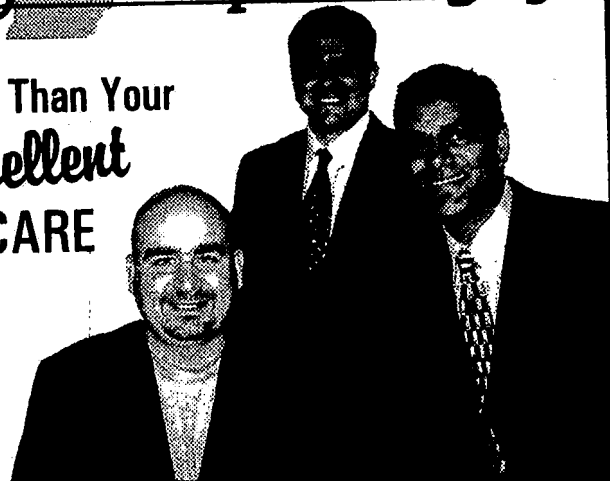
The record-breaking attempt will be held Sept. 29 in two-hour sessions, starting at 6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m., and 2 p.m. Registration is free, 11 years old and older.

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Lightning, lightning go away

Wolves electrocute Ravens after delay

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Natural elements were just one thing standing in Clarkston's way Friday night. The Wolves (1-0) faced a storm delay of nearly two hours before downing Royal Oak (0-1) 25-13 in their football season-opener.

The offseason, penalties and two new quarterbacks had to be worked out in the Oakland Activities Association Red Division matchup, but the Wolves seemed to have their difficulties hammered out by the end of the first half.

Clarkston switched quarterbacks early in the game, starting Nick Shamoun, who was replaced by sophomore Tyler Scarlett after two unproductive offensive series.

"That was the plan. It wasn't



Clarkston running back Chad Blackstone rushed for 92 yards and one touchdown Friday night. Blackstone is one back in a multi-faceted running attack expected from the Wolves. Photo by Laura Colvin

really taking Shamoun out, it was putting Tyler in and really, I would have liked to give (Scarlett) some time in the second half," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said.

Shamoun reentered the game early in the second quarter with much improved accuracy.

"He bounced back after a bad series," Richardson said. "We gave

Nick time to throw and that's where it all starts. He didn't have time to throw and that starts with the hokies."

Although Clarkston's passing

game appeared shaky, its rushing attack proved much more potent. The Wolves rode Chad Blackstone and Jimmy Popp (137 yards) for more than 200 yards rushing and a touchdown apiece. Blackstone got the Wolves on the board with 3:41 remaining in the second quarter.

Erik Thompson scored the first of his two touchdowns with 54 seconds left in the first half on a 30-yard catch from Shamoun.

Clarkston took a 13-0 lead to halftime and struck again on its first play from scrimmage in the second half. Shamoun found Thompson again for a 67-yard touchdown hookup.

"They kept playing him up tight and we didn't feel that player could stay with Erik. That was about it for Erik, he kept cramping up and we didn't see much of him in the second half," Richardson said.

The Ravens cut the lead to 19-7 with Jack Showalter's 22-yard touchdown run with 5:57 left in the third quarter. Kory Radley closed the quarter with a 20-yard touchdown rush of his own, pulling Royal Oak within six points.

Popp added a score for Clarkston with 5:20 left in the game, capping a six-play, 60-yard drive.

"We've got some weapons offensively. If you take one guy we've got some other people who can

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Athletes of the week

12U Sidewinders finish 'Dream Season'

The Oakland Sidewinders 12U team had what is being called a "dream season" by coach Stu Hastings. The Sidewinders (83-7) won two state championships, took fifth place at the 75-team National Softball Association national tournament and won two league championships.

The Sidewinders have future high school players that will attend Auburn Hills, Avondale, Waterford Mott, Oxford, Lake Orion, Grand Blanc, Ortonville-Brandon, and Clarkston. Three of these "dream season" players will attend Clarkston Junior High School this fall as eighth graders.

The Sidewinders have played together for at least three years and in some girls' cases, four or five seasons.

"We are a very mentally strong team for our age. Being taught at a young age, these young girls have a better understanding of the mental game than most high school players that I have watched com-

pete," Hastings said.

Tara Perry, a 4-foot-10 right-handed speedster, was transformed into a left-handed bunt/slapper in preparation for high school as a member of Don Peters' team at Clarkston.

"Peters likes converting average right-handed hitters with speed to lefty slappers, so we taught her young so the move at high school would be easy," Hastings said. "We taught her to use her size as an asset. We have taught her to be selective at the plate to encourage pitchers to work harder which creates more walks. She is a great leadoff hitter that makes our offense go. Tara has learned that her speed means nothing if she can't get on base."

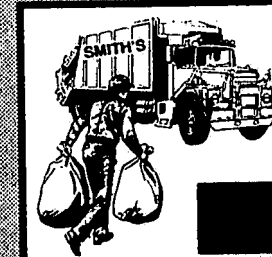
Catcher Shauna Sawicki used offseason training to improve behind the plate. She had a terrific year.

"She blocks like a veteran and has a strong

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The Oakland Sidewinders 12U are: Megan Hastings, Selena Hicks, Jessica McNabb, Brianna Schwarcz, Cassie Edgemon, Sierra Burke, Meghan Tangney, Tara Perry, Shauna Siwicki, Ashton Rigoulot, Candace McHugh, Ashley Browne, head coach Stu Hastings and assistant coach Jeff Hicks. Photo provided



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Sidewinders finish dream season

throwing arm with uncanny accuracy," Hastings said. Sawicki plucked out 87 percent of attempted base stealers this season. She was a solid piece of the puzzle this year.

Megan Hastings was one of the Sidewinders' top pitchers this summer with a 38-1 record, and served as the team's starting shortstop.

Work with Peters over the past few seasons has helped Megan's pitching, Stu Hastings said.

"Not only did it help her mechanically, but it helped them develop a friendship. Most kids don't care how much you know until they know how much you care, and Megan likes his positive attitude."

Megan Hastings batted .425 this season and posted a .750 average for a whole tournament once this summer, her fifth of travel softball.

It looks like Peters is going to have a lot to work with in two years when these girls step to the diamond as sophomores for the Wolves.

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Bryant Craft hits Royal Oak quarterback Jeff Lambert as he throws. The Wolves came to life before halftime and took a week one win 25-13. Photo by Kay Pearson

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Wolves come to life

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hurt you," Richardson said.

Outside linebacker Layne Upcott put his stamp on the night, hitting Ravens quarterback Jeff Lambert as he was throwing. The hit resulted in an interception by Blackstone with 1:35 left in the game.

Royal Oak benefited with extra yardage and the Wolves saw their own big offense plays called back on multiple occasions from several Clarkston penalties.

"We had a couple offsides, a couple holding, we had a touchdown get called back. There's some things we need to work on," Richardson said.

"I wish we could have moved the ball more at the beginning of the game. Our defense gave up big plays and that's something we talked about. Otherwise, for the first game, we did pretty good." Royal Oak coach Terry Powers said.

Richardson said Popp is healthy after having surgery

in the springtime to remove extra bones in both feet. The condition last season caused Popp to roll his ankles, Richardson said, and caused the running back to miss playing time.

Richardson liked what he saw from his quarterbacks and noted they will both be taking snaps this season.

Clarkston travels to West Bloomfield Thursday for another interdivisional game. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:55 p.m. The Wolves beat the Lakers 28-7 last season in the second week.

The rest of the schedule

Thurs. at West Bloomfield
Sept. 7 at Troy Athens
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Sept. 21 at Pontiac Northern
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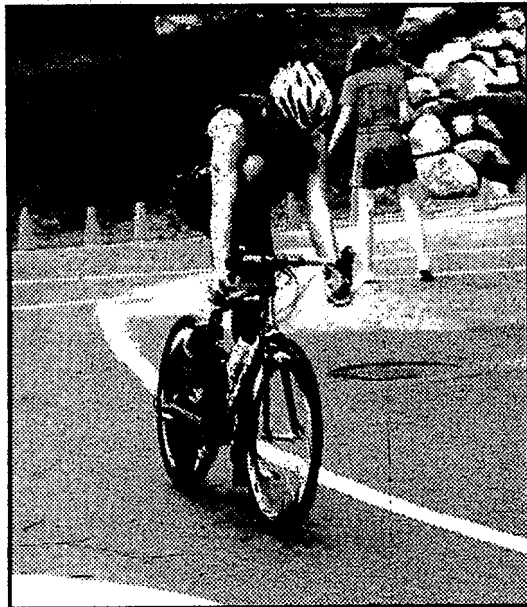
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Inch sets record at Greenfield, sights on Ironman



Nineteen-year-old Matt Inch prepares to dismount at the end of the bike run at the Greenfield Memorial Triathlon Aug. 5. Photo provided

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In just his third triathlon, Clarkston's Matt Inch took third place at the Greenfield Memorial Tri/Du in 2006. For his encore, 19-year-old Inch not only won the triathlon Aug. 5, but set a new record, finishing the event in 1:22:19.

"My goal was to win last year too," Inch said. "I kept pushing it so I wouldn't lose by two seconds or something. But once I finished and no guys were coming in right after me, I realized I had done pretty well."

Inch took off more than six-and-a-half minutes from last year's time (1:29:52) and finished five minutes faster than the runner-up. Inch plans for an even faster time in 2008.

"Next year I want to reset the course record and hopefully get it under 1:20:00," Inch said.

More extensive training was the difference between third and first place for Inch this summer.

"Last summer was really my first summer

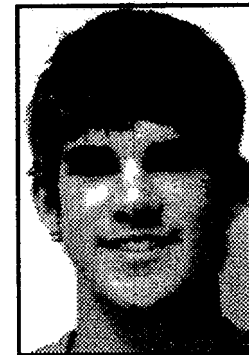
getting into this and I didn't really know what to do," Inch said.

The former Clarkston swimmer, track and cross country runner had to cope with bike trouble midway through the race. Inch overcame pre-race spill off his bike at Kensington Metropark and a slow bike to finish that portion eighth in 40:29.

The Greenfield race was the fourth of Inch's five events this summer.

Inch followed up his Greenfield performance with a 16th place finish at the Mid-east Regional Championships in Sylvania, Ohio, Aug. 12. His finish of 2:02:30 qualified him for the world championships in Toronto next year.

Inch will begin his sophomore year at Michigan State University this fall. He fills extracurricular time as a member of the school's triathlon club.



Matt Inch

The group is prepping for the Boilerman triathlon at Purdue in mid-September.

Running in big events is likely to be a staple of Inch's life.

"I definitely want to keep with it for sure," he said.

Inch wants to qualify for the Kona Ironman triathlon in Hawaii. The race features a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike course and finishes with a 26.2-mile run.

"It's the Super Bowl of triathlons," Inch said. "It's going to be a killer."

Inch is studying engineering at MSU and has a 3.56 grade point average.

Inch got his start in triathlons from his uncle last year.

"He told me he was doing one out by where he lives and he wanted me to come watch him. I said, 'why don't I do it too and just beat you instead?'" Inch recalled.

No luck for Shamrocks in Wolves' shutout victory

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With new yellow shoes to match their soccer jerseys, the Clarkston Wolves raced out to an early lead and never looked back in a 2-0 win at Detroit Catholic Central Aug. 22.

Wolves keeper Scott Messer preserved the shutout, stopping Josh Gatt's penalty kick with eight minutes remaining in the game. Messer made eight saves for his second win of the season.

"(Messer's) save was incredible. Anytime you let a team back in the game 2-1, anything can happen. Messer is a fantastic goalie and has great instincts. That (save) really was big momentum boost for us," Clarkston coach Adam Bican said.

The miss was a sign of the Shamrocks' (0-1) night. They couldn't get anything started on offense, after out-shooting the Wolves (2-0) in the first half. Clarkston took over time of possession in the second half, leaving DCC sputtering.

The Wolves took a 1-0 lead when Kevin Pinkos scored off Kavon Khani's free kick with 26:08 left in the first half.

The Shamrocks did their best to keep offensive force Oliver Kupe with double and triple coverage when he

touched the ball, but Kupe was still able to influence the play even without possession. Pinkos made a no-look pass to Brandon Verlinden while looking as if he were passing to Kupe, drawing the Shamrocks' attention. Verlinden put home the Wolves' second goal with 18:00 minutes left in the first half.

"Catholic Central is a well-coached team, they're extremely physical and the longer you leave teams in the game, the more hope you give them," Bican said.

Bican would have liked to see the Wolves capitalize more offensively.

"Two goals in the first half and none in the second half is not really acceptable. We need to put together a better second half. We did a good job of possession in the second half, but it's still nice to capitalize and score."

The quick start to the season plagued the Shamrocks, who "hit the wall physically," DCC coach Joe Nora said.

"We made a couple foolish mistakes in the first half and the one thing Clarkston does well is finish. They were right on the end of them and they made us pay," Nora said.

"We played hard and proved we can hang with the tougher teams."



Clarkston's Matt Hall tries to break free from Detroit Catholic Central's Josh Gatt. The Wolves won 2-0 for their second victory of the season. Photo by Paul Kampe

Poms fundraiser coming to Liberty Golf Course

The Clarkston High School Pom Pon team is looking for golfers to hit the links for their 12th annual four-person scramble fund-raiser.

This year's golf outing takes place on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Liberty Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. with contests immediately following and a 1p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$100 per golfer and includes golf, cart and dinner. Other activities include a silent auction, raffle, and live performances by the dance team. Dinner and

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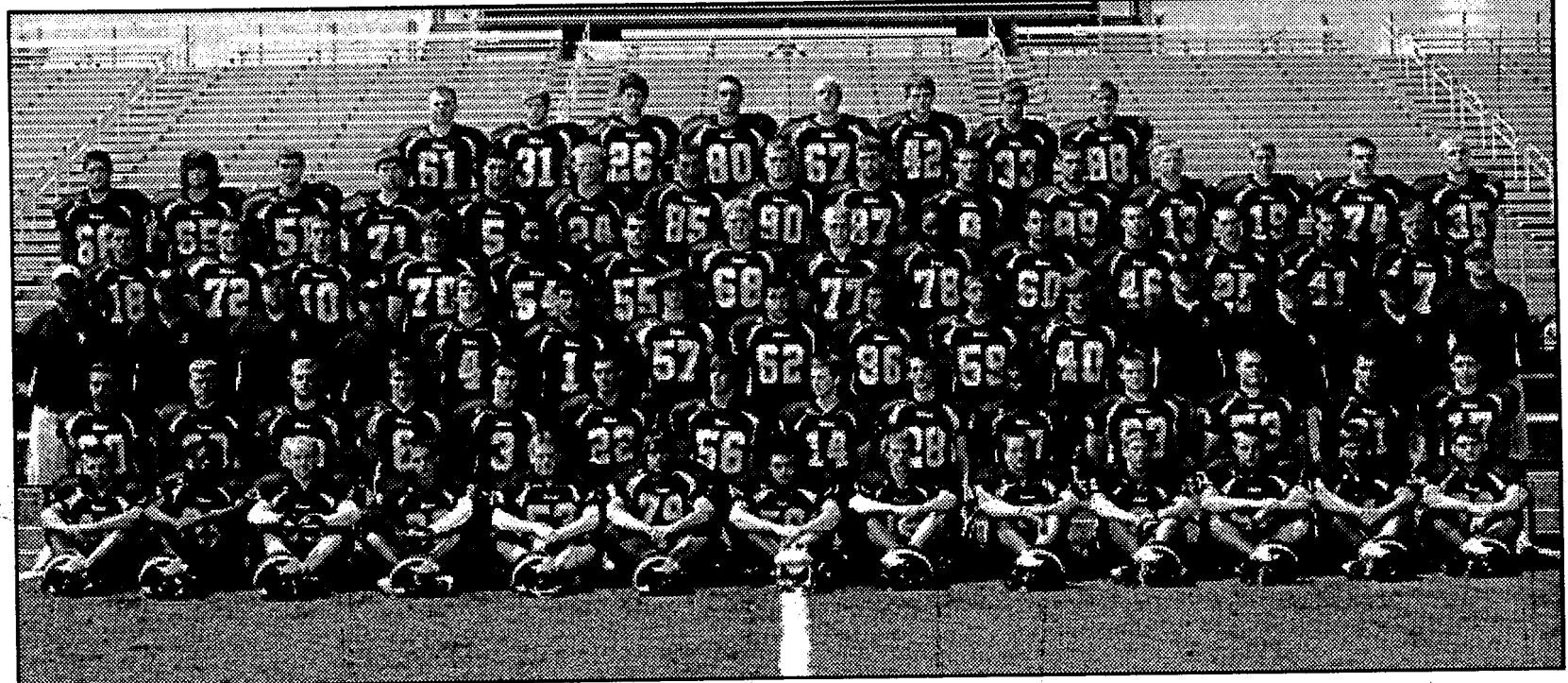
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Lee and golfers return after summer 'rest'



The Wolves are Minjoo Lee, Ashley Blanc, Kelsie Thams, Andrea Henderson, Jessica Lazoen, Kaelyn Bogart, Michelle Lee, Emily Bullen and Audrie Bedenis. *Photo by Paul Kampe*

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston golfer Minjoo Lee played in the state finals in June, but the team failed to make the cut this spring. This fall, Lee and the Wolves are hoping to return to the state meet, where they placed eighth in 2006.

"Minjoo's playing very well. She had a really good summer and she's continuing to play very solid," coach Larry Sherrill said.

"Minjoo's going to be Minjoo. She's going to put up a solid score every meet and it's going to be up to the rest of the girls to put up solid scores."

Lee will be joined by three fellow seniors and five sophomores on the team this season. "We are a combination of experience and youth," Sherrill said.

Behind Lee, Ashley Blanc and Jessica Lazoen are expected to fill No. 2 and 3 on the depth chart, which position each girl plays is undecided.

"It's going to fall into place from match to match after that," Sherrill said. "I'm optimistic. We've got a real good feeling about this year."

A season realignment ordered by the Michigan High School Athletic Association has granted the girls a mulligan in the form of second 2007 season, which began Aug. 20.

The girls have their fourth event of the season Sept. 7 at Cranbrook.

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New Yorke leads girls

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston has had an impressive five-year run in girls cross country. Three straight state championships (2003-'05), one runner-up finish, and a sixth-place finish (2006). Logic says the girls should be a top-10 lock come November.

"I expect to be top-three in the state," coach John Yorke said.

Coming on the heels of a three-peat, sixth place may have been considered a disappointment, but the Wolves were a very young team in 2006.

"It's exciting to think of sixth place as a rebuilding year," Yorke joked.

Yorke, in his first year with the cross country team, is making the transition from track in the spring.

Yorke's previous experience is making his new job easier.

"I know most of the girls from track and field," Yorke said. "I have a pretty good understanding of running. I'm familiar with working with runners, it's just different running."

Three Clarkston runners placed all-state in June, one of whom is Kristen Smith, who



The Wolves are Olivia Allen, Elizabeth Arnold, Rachel Blenc, Stephanie Bollini, Bailee Braunreuther, Andrea Butler, Anne Castillo, Jennifer Cooke, Julia Douglas, Lindsey Fantin, Angela Haight, Tiffany Kincaid, Caitlyn Post, Katelyn Schermerhorn, Kristen Smith and Alicia Young. The Wolves are coached by John Yorke. Photo by Visual Sports Network

should lead the girls this fall. Smith's training partner Tiffany Kincaid is expected to be the Wolves' No. 2 runner. A "handful of girls" are competing to round out Clarkston's starters.

Clarkston missed out on winning its fifth consecutive Oakland Activities Association title last year to eventual state champion

Rochester Adams. The Wolves should be back in the thick of one of the state's strongest conferences.

"Our league has really good girls cross country teams in it. The league (championship) is definitely a goal," Yorke said.

Clarkston begins the season at the Corunna Early Bird Invitational Wednesday.

Kuhl to lead boys cross country

BY PAUL KAMPE
Staff Writer

Although it qualified two runners to the individual state finals in 2006, a one-year absence from the team state finals left Clarkston's boys cross country squad hopeful to again qualify as a team.

The Wolves return junior Jeff Kuhl, who along with Nick LaMora represented Clarkston in Brooklyn, Mich. on the state's big stage.

Coach Mike Taylor is looking for greater contributions from the team's upperclassmen.

"These guys have to come through for us," Taylor said. "Now that

(they) are the older guys, the team is relying on (them)."

Kuhl should lead the team after tasting success last season and as a track star for the Wolves.

"Jeff's going to be our guy who can knock heads up front," Taylor said. "That's his job."

Taylor is counting on contributions from Larry Cassar, Forbes Dever, Andrew Chaffee and Johann Britting.

Taylor is beaming over freshman Christian Bonzheim, who has the potential to be an impact runner.

"He's the real deal, he's going to be a great runner in the long run. He's going

to be one of the top freshmen in the OAA," Taylor said.

Sophomore Eric Nordquist should help stabilize the Wolves.

"He's one of the guys in the middle of the pack that can pace those guys and keep them steady," Taylor said.

The boys start the season Wednesday at the Cavalier Classic at Flint Carman Ainsworth.

Clarkston visits Kensington Metropark in Milford for the West Bloomfield Invitational Sept. 8.

The first of three Oakland Activities Association meets is Sept. 11.



The 2007 Wolves are: Christian Bonzheim, Johann Britting, Evan Brown, Ryan Brown, Aaron Butora, Lawrence Cassar, Andrew Chaffee, Forbes Dever, Michael Gapczynski, Joshua Herrera, Michael Inch, Jeremy Elley, Jeff Kuhl, Evan Lessenthien, Dennis Martin, Glovan McDougal, Eric Nordquist, Zachary Peers, Anthony Perrino, Devin Reuter, Erik Shaw, Taylor Siemen, Austin Yarger and Jordan Zurek. The Wolves are coached by Michael Taylor. Photo by Visual Sports Network

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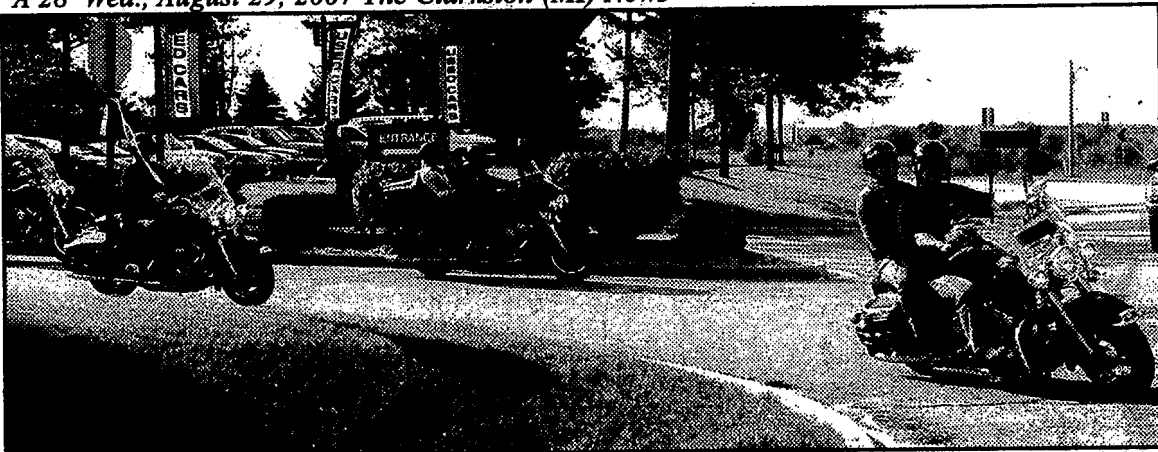
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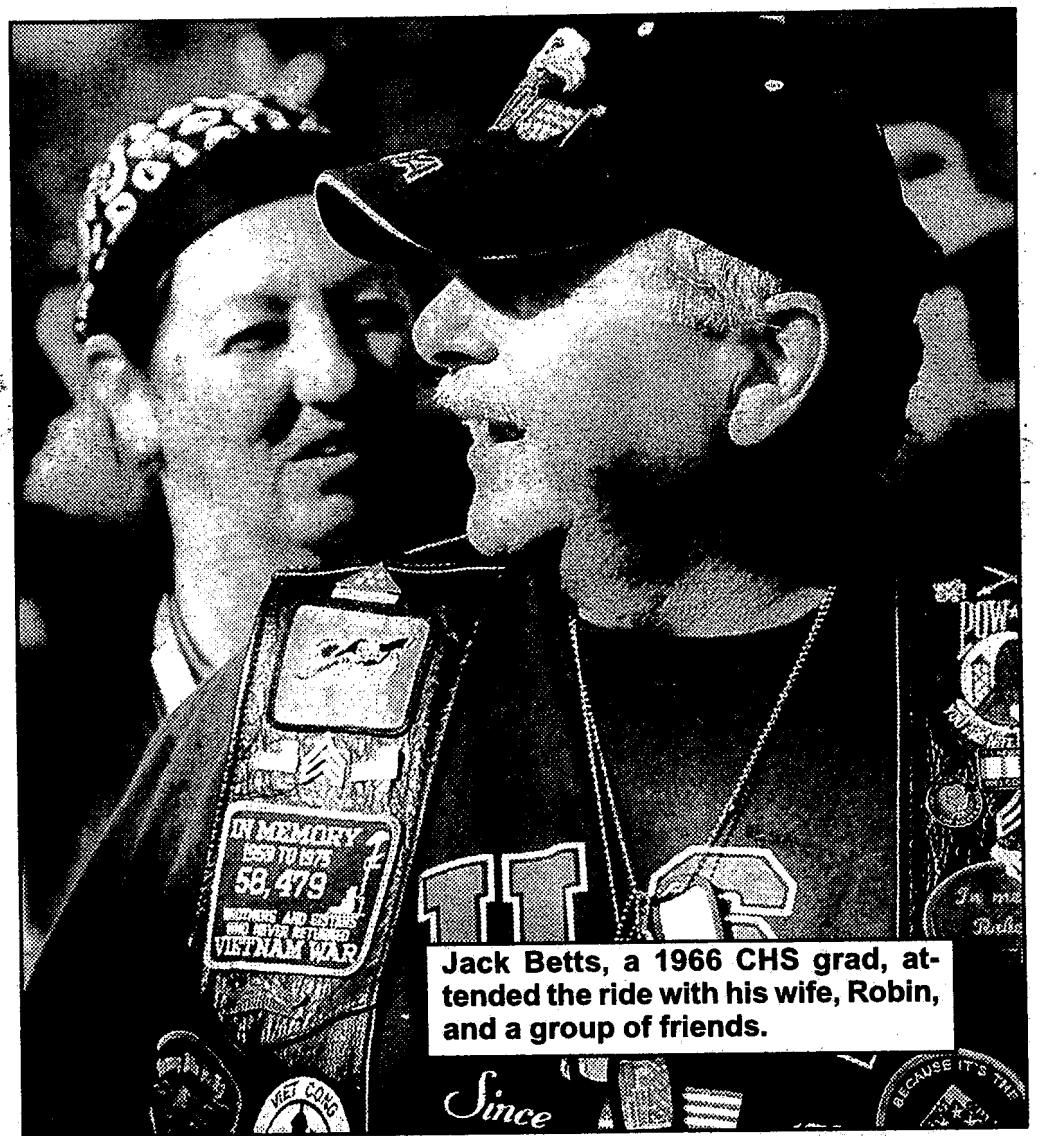


Criss Harmon made funny faces at our camera, then offered up a great smile.

Riding for a reason

Hundreds of motorbike riders roared through Clarkston Saturday. They helped raise money for the David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride, an annual event sponsored by Chuck Fortinberry, president of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep.

Photos by Laura Colvin



Jack Betts, a 1966 CHS grad, attended the ride with his wife, Robin, and a group of friends.



Many bikes carried more than one rider.

Organizers counted about 210 bikes at Saturday's 50-mile charity ride, which began at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep on Dixie Highway.



People Poll

August 15, 2007

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What are your Labor Day plans?



"Working at Dairy Dream. Enjoying the weather if it's nice and hanging out with family."

-Betsy Mellen, 17



"Lay by the pool, hang out with friends."

-Bailey Mellen, 19



"I will be getting ready to go back to school and not laboring."

-Kate Banghart, Georgia, 7 and Oscar Kovalick, 3



"Possibly going up north, hanging out at a friends' house. Going boating, jet skiing and hanging out with family."

Carolyn, Kayla, 2 1/2 and Connor, 4 months Gibson

By Trevor Keiser

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Saving a landmark

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It took two years to reverse 175 years of wear on the Stickney McCord home and barn off Pine Knob Road.

"It was a long two years," said Sam Moraco of Independence Township, whose company Muraca Building restored the home, the oldest in the Clarkston area.

"We saved another landmark," he said.

Moraco held an open house last weekend, inviting members of the community and township board who had toured the house before it was restored to compare to the finished model.

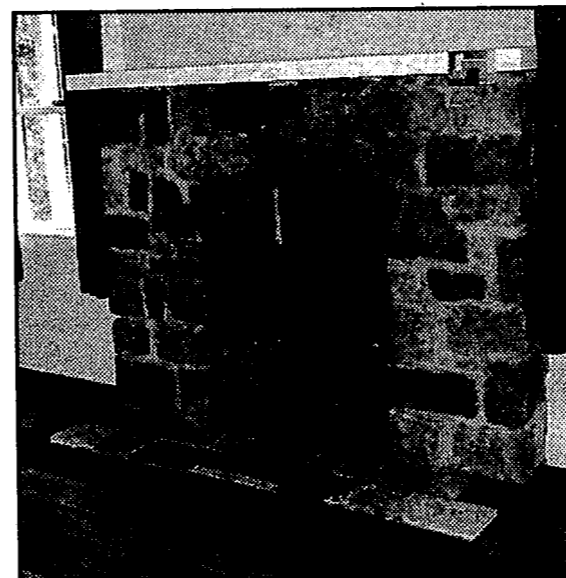
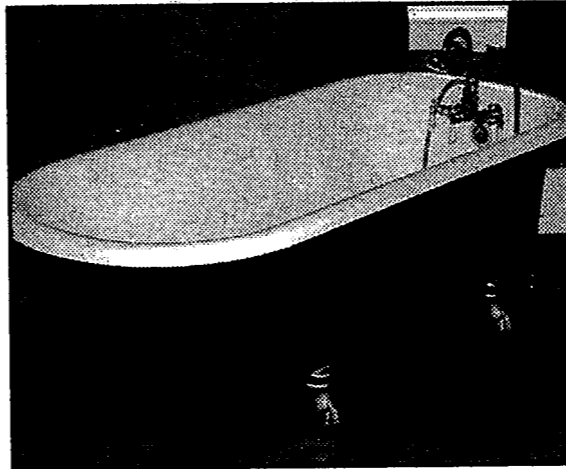
"He's (Sam Moraco) actually given a gift to our community. This is actually priceless become someone else would have bulldozed it," said Sharyn Hill. "This is what Clarkston is all about."

According to Moraco, the house had originally been given to the township with the idea of it being restored for historical purposes, but they had never come up with the money or a plan to save it.

When the house got to the point where the township was considering tearing it down, Moraco suggested the township sell it to a third party. If they had it as their own, they would possibly restore it.

He made an offer himself to the township — if they would sell it, he would restore it. After two years of legalities, the house was put up for bid and Moraco paid \$5 for the house with the intent that he would restore the exterior structures.

"I needed every dime I had to restore it," said Moraco. "If I would have had to give any



Sam Moraco of Independence Township spent the past two years restoring the 175-year-old Stickney McCord home and barn off Pine Knob Road. He preserved original, Civil War era furnishings, such as the tub and fireplace. Photo by Trevor Keiser

significant amount to them (the township) it would have been stripping it from the project."

Moraco said the house had been abandoned for 10 years before he started the restoration process. According to the township, the original five-room house was built in 1832 and editions were added up to 1929.

"I try to keep it original as possible and still



up to code," said Moraco. "It's as modern as it can be with all technology hidden."

The house includes original 1832 wood floors that were repainted, original 1924 stainless steel tub that was restored, a fireplace built out of stones that were dug up from the old

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Club Bookworm, 10-11 a.m., Aug. 30, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$1 drop-in fee. 248-625-8231.

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

Labor Day Pancake Breakfast, with sausage, coffee, orange juice, 7-10 a.m., Sept. 3, Clarkston Masons, 1 East Washington. Adults: \$6, Seniors: \$5, 5-12 year olds: \$3, under 5: free. 248-625-4471

Support Group, all ages, those recently widowed, 7 p.m., Sept. 6, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Topic: "Getting Grief Support in Cyberspace." Led by Alicia Brown, bereavement counselor, Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Free. Walk-ins welcome, www.wintfuneralhome.com, 248-625-5231.

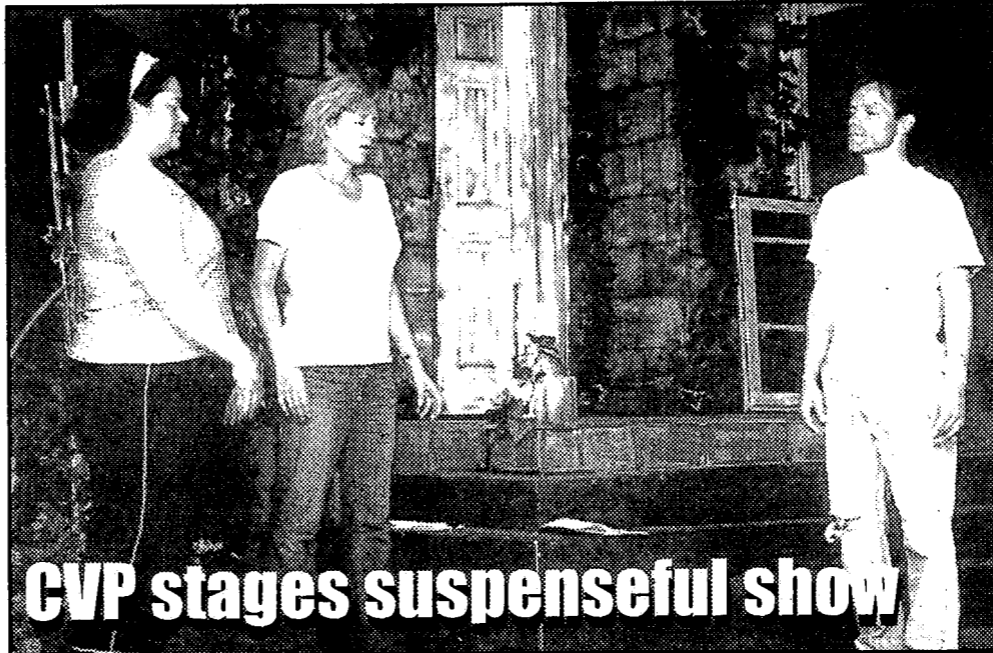
Clarkston Village Players, suspense drama "Snake in the Grass" opens Sept. 6; dark comedy "Bright Ideas" opens Oct. 4. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-625-7478.

Clarkston High School Alumni Get-Together, 1 p.m., Sept. 8, B.J.'s Restaurant, Gaylord. RSVP Sharleen (Spohn) Crum, Class of 1960, 231-525-8981, or Larry Green, Class of 1968, 989-785-3670.

Incredible Pets Day, for all ages, 1-4 p.m., Sept. 8, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Lorrie the Pet Psychic, 1-4 p.m. Bring photo for reading. Kathleen Breen from Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1:30 p.m. Face-painting, coloring sheets, recipes for pet treats. 248-625-2212.

Hospice volunteer training, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 8, 15, 22, at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Free. In 2-4 hours per week, volun-

Around Town



CVP stages suspenseful show

From left, Karen McClellan, Wendy Wagner, and Director Bob Gerics rehearse a scene in the Clarkston Village Players production of "Snake in the Grass." The suspense drama opens at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Sept. 6. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and 13, 8 p.m. Sept. 7-8 and 14-15, and 2 p.m. Sept. 9. Call 248-625-8811 or 248-575-4104.

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Pizza & Pages, teen reading group, 7 p.m., Sept. 11. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Morning Book Discussion Group: "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards, 10-11:30 a.m., Sept. 13. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. 248-625-2212.

"Writing Your Memoirs" Workshop, with author and journalist Carolyn Walker of Clarkston, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 19. \$5, plus \$3 for lunch. Independence Township Senior Cen-

ter, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Used Book and Homemade Bake Sale, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 22. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

ORV Safety Class, Oakland County Marine Division, 6-9 p.m., Sept. 24 and 26, Clarkston Health Center, 5625 Water Tower Place. For all ages, especially 12-15. \$10. 248-338-5389.

Steve Howe Scholarship Fund Golf Outing, Sept. 29, 8 a.m. shotgun start, Springfield Oaks Golf Course, 12450 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. \$90. 18 holes with cart, dinner at Springfield Inn. 248-930-1795.

Over the River and Through the Woods 5K

& 3K Run, Camp Fire USA North Oakland Council, 9 a.m., Sept. 29, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. \$18 early registration. 248-618-9050.

Bailey Lake Elementary School Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept., 8051 Pine Knob Road. Games, food, dunk tank, cake walk, prizes, face painting. Everyone welcome. 248-623-5300.

Beginning Computer Classes, 6-7:30 p.m., Oct. 9, 11, 16, 18. Computer and Mouse Basics, Email Basics, Surfing the Internet, Beginning Microsoft Word. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Halloween Craft, Witch on a Broom, 11 a.m., Oct. 20. Ages 6-12 years. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Learning Photoshop, 6-8 p.m. Taught by Roger Bower. Beginner's Level, Oct. 23. Intermediate Level, Oct. 30. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Antique Auction, Clarkston Community Historical Society, 7 p.m., Oct. 26, Independence Township Library meeting room, 6495 Clarkston Road. For information or to donate, call 248-922-0270.

Pumpkin carving for teens, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 30. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Children's Book Week, with author Mark Crilley, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 13. Live drawing demonstrations, readings, question-answer time, book signing. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Ginger Bread House Craft, 11 a.m., Nov. 17. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Annual Stories with Santa, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 6. Bring your camera, or \$5/picture. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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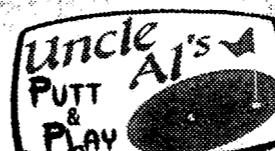
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"It's got such character," said Rochelle Pinner while admiring the house.

Moraco's mother Sandra is extremely proud of her son.

"I am very proud, he has the ability to visualize the potential of what the house could be to restore it to its original glory," she said.

He and his wife Kelly and two daughters Maggie, 13, and Maira, 7, will be moving into the house in September.

"I'm very excited, the kids are very excited. We are ready to move in; we're ready to be home," said Kelly. "It feels very homey to me."

Kelly did her fair share of helping on the project, she spent an entire summer sewing window treatments and a quilt to bring about that homey charm. Both the quilt and window treatments were made with material and designs seen during the days of the Civil War.

"It's magnificent," said Trustee Larry Rosso. "The renovation work was absolutely outstanding."



An old-fashioned quilt helps complete the project.

"I think a lot of people were thoroughly impressed as they walked through, said Treasurer Jim Wenger.

"I appreciated seeing pictures that Sam had taken prior to the room and what it is now and leaving some of the integrity of the building."

Moraco said the open house was a good turn out, even people from Birmingham and Bloomfield showed up to take a tour.

"It was a success," he said. "People were very appreciative that they got the opportunity to view it."

Pet Day at library Sept. 8

Incredible Pets Day is set 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, Independence Township Library Meeting Room and Youth Activity Room, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Activities for all ages include face-painting, coloring sheets, recipes for pet treats, and Lorrie the Pet Psychic, doing pet readings in the Youth Activity Room. Bring in a

pet photo for a reading. First come-first serve basis.

Kathleen Breen from Leader Dogs for the Blind will present with a canine representative in the Meeting Room at 1:30 p.m.

Monetary donations to Leader Dogs for the Blind are welcome.

Call 248-625-2212.

Around Town

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Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 27-Oct. \$15. Clintonwood Park. 248-625-8231.

Travel Clinics, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, consultation and vaccination, by appointment, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 25900 Greenfield Road, Ste. 600. 248-967-8755.

BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Liberty Golf & Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. For more information, call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.

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.

Movies & Munchies, 1:30 p.m., every third Thursday. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

To Your Good Health With Ernie Harwell and Clarkston Medical Campus



3rd Annual Salute to Safety
Saturday,
September 8
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clarkston Health Center, Sunrise Assisted Living and several community partners invite you to participate in our FREE event to encourage safety and wellness throughout our community and to salute to our local police, fire and EMS personnel. Proceeds from the event will be contributed to the Oakland County Sheriff Marine Division's community safety programs for boating, hunting, off-road vehicles and snowmobiling.

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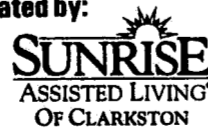
Smokehouse Encounter
Kid's Safety Relay
Water Tower Rescue
Emergency Vehicle Exhibit

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CPR, AED & Choking Prevention
Therapy Dogs

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Entertainment
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For more information, contact Marie Bristow at 248-620-4290 or marie.ristow@pohmedical.org.

An event coordinated by:



Think about giving the gift of life

By Ernie Harwell

All of us expect that if we're ever in an accident or develop a serious illness and need blood, it'll be there. Unfortunately, while there's a continuing need for donated blood, only a fraction of people who can give blood actually do.



We have the same problem when it comes to organ donation. About 80,000 people await a life-saving transplant and, sadly, 18 die every day because a donor isn't found on time.

I'm not saying that donating blood or organs is for everyone. Certainly some people have good reasons for not doing so. (Religious beliefs come to mind.) But I am saying that we all need to think about how we can "pitch in" to help meet the community's health needs. And donating blood and pledging to be an organ donor are great ways to do that.

For more information about blood and organ donation, visit www.redcross.org and www.michigan.gov.

Take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

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

A Partnership Between Genesys Health System and POH Medical Center

Milestones



Christopher and Mindy

Evans-Yost

Raymond and Pamela Yost of Asheville, NC, announce the engagement of their daughter Mindy Marie to Christopher James Evans, son of James and Anne Evans of Clarkston.

Mindy is a 2002 graduate of Clemson University and is employed by Gulf Stream As-

set Management as a corporate loan administrator in Charlotte, NC. Christopher is a 2001 graduate of Harvard University and is employed by Wachovia Securities as a high yield bond trader in Charlotte, NC.

A September wedding is planned in Asheville.

Welcome Cullen

Jeff and Hope Reed of Clarkston announce the birth of their first child.

Cullen Luke was born Feb. 23. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Larry and Sue Reed of Warren, and Richard and Carol Morse of Clarkston.



Moon Valley Rustic Furniture presents its "Clean Sweep" sale. We've cleaned out our barns and we're offering our less-than-new items to you at a discount price!

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Religion

Always appreciate the gift of today

Some of the more memorable quotes that we hear have to do with "today." Like, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." Or, "Your choices today will shape who you will become five years from now."

Though these kinds of sayings are well-known in the secular world, they are rooted in biblical truth. God gives us all today, as a gift. Yesterday is gone. And tomorrow is uncertain. But we have today, and how we use it serves to mold our future, right on into eternity.

Because the implications of each day are great, it is not surprising that the Bible gives us direction when it comes to how we are to approach the days God gives us.

One thing the Bible makes clear is that we are to approach our days with caution. Scripture tells us we are to redeem the time, because the days are evil (Eph.5:16). Without careful attention to what God has given us to do today, we are easily led astray by the allurements and temptations of this world.

Along these same lines, we must take care, as long as it is called "today," not to be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Heb.3:13). The strain of everyday life makes sin an enticing source of stress relief. But sin is deceitful. While it promises an easy way of escape, it produces bitter fruit that serves to create in us a hardened, unbelieving heart.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

The Bible further tells us that the gift of today should be approached with focus. God does not intend for us to be consumed by the disappointments of yesterday or the "what ifs" of tomorrow - we're to occupy ourselves with today.

Of course, what we learned yesterday should inform today's undertakings. And tomorrow's hopes should influence today's decisions. But we are not to live in the past or the future, because all we have right now is today.

A model approach can be seen in the Apostle Paul, who knew how to forget what lies behind and reach forward to what lies ahead. Paul had a past to get over. But by the grace of God he also had hope for the future. And on that basis he pressed on through every day God gave Him (Phil.3:13,14).

Most important, in approaching our days we must avoid presumption. Specifically, we must not presume that we can put off until tomorrow what God calls us to do today.

This especially comes into play when considering one's relationship with God. "I'll work on that tomorrow," is the common thought on this subject. But we have no luxury to presume upon tomorrow here. The Bible tells us "now is the acceptable time" and now is the "day of salvation" (2 Cor.6:2).

Don't put off until tomorrow what you know God is calling you to handle today. God has given you today as a gift, and with it He supplies the grace needed to fulfill all that He requires.

To contact Pastor Bostrom of Seed for the Harvest ministries, email davidjbostrom@gmail.com.

In our churches...

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.

Labor Day Country Fair, Classic Car Show and Auction, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 3. Food, games, quilt raffle, cars, auction of tickets to Palace events and other items. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

World Healing Meditation, 7 p.m., Sept. 12, Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

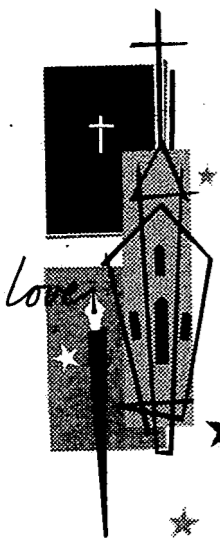
"Prayer Partner Training," 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Bethany North, 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, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539. www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

Scripture Study, 1st/2nd Samuel, 9:30 a.m., Thursdays for 11 weeks beginning Sept. 6; Gospel of John and the Johannine Epistles, 7 p.m., Mondays for 13 weeks begin

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CHURCH DIRECTORY



CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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

HOLLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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9600 Ortonville Rd. (M-15)
Clarkston, MI 48348
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(248) 922-3515
www.northoakchurch.org
Pastor Steve I. Brown

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, 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.

ST. TRINITY 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
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Sunday 8 am & 10 am
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Charlie Dean - Youth Ministry
Laura Compton - Director of Lay Ministry
Bible Study - Wed, 9:30 am & 7 pm
Sept thru June
www.clarkstonepiscopal.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)
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Sunday School (all ages)
9:30 (Seasonal)
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Wed. evening - Dinner & Bible Study 6 pm (Seasonal)
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5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200
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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
Exploration Station - 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

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Saturday at 6:00 pm
Sunday at 10:00 am
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website: www.divinemercyparish.net

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston (248) 625-1323
Home of Clarkston Christian School
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.clarkstonchurch.com

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: 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:15 am

Milestones

Students achieve success

Victoria Bonadies and Brooke Huisman, both Clarkston residents, are participants in the 2007 Kamp Kettering.

"Kamp Kettering introduces young women to math, science and engineering," said Virginia Hill, coordinator of Kamp Kettering. "They learn hands on what it's like to be in that type of career. Current Kettering students mentor the students enrolled in Kamp Kettering."

Created in 1994, Kamp Kettering is a week-long program of exploration in fuel cells, the science of bridge building and musical instruments, and the chemistry of making your own hand cream and soap.

Kettering faculty and staff members also teach students how to write a computer program, complete an engineering project and carry out various lab experiments in chemistry and physics.



Daniel Wilson at Northwood University majoring in Automotive Marketing and business management, is serving on the executive board planning the 44th Annual Northwood University International Auto Show.

Wilson, son of Daniel Sr. and Barb Wilson of Clarkston, was a team member of the Jeep and captain of Mercedes-Benz exhibits. The show is set for Sept. 28-30 at the Midland campus.

Students must complete an essay, submit two letters of recommendation and have earned a minimum 3.0 grade point average to enroll in the select program.

Daniel Wilson, junior

Powe's celebrate 25 years of marriage

Dace and Beth Powe of Clarkston will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3.

The couple met while attending Clarkston High School and have remained together ever since.

A small celebration is scheduled for

Sept. 1 in a nearby family member's home.

The couple's two daughters Heather and Erica, along with the rest of their extended family and friends would like to congratulate them on the past 25 years and wish them the best of luck with many more years to come.

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.

In our churches

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ning Sept 10. Call 248-625-1750 to register. **Orientation** for those interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith, 10 a.m., Sept. 9. St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Dr., 248-625-1750.

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

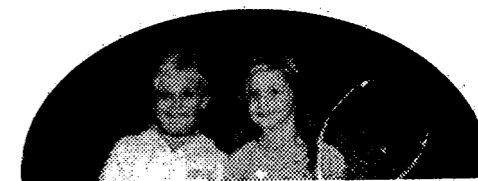
southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

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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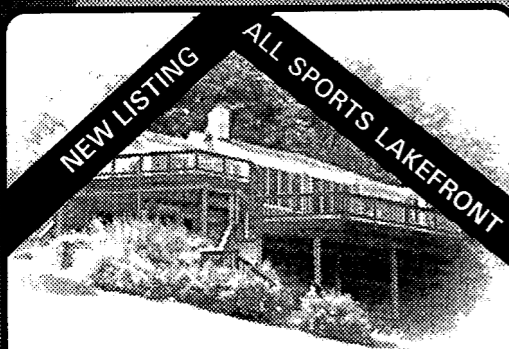
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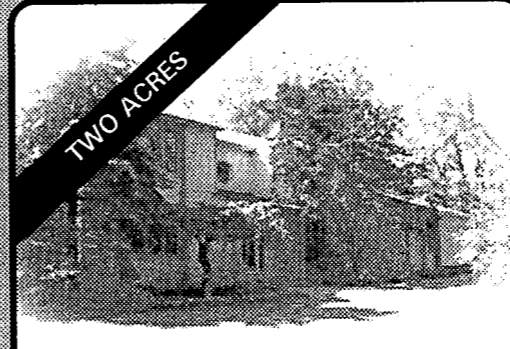
NEW LISTING
ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT

3,800 sq. ft. "Palm Beach"-esque ranch, facing notorious Deer Lake, flaunts a granite kitchen, a sea of hardwoods, floor-to-ceiling windows galore, and 2.75 rolling acres. **\$700,000 79-DIX**



NEW LISTING
ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT

3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch w/2,600 fin. sq. ft. features extensive hardwoods, vaulted ceilings, 2 fireplaces, top-notch appliances & fixtures, 4-car garage, and a supersized lot. **\$489,000 29-SAI**



TWO ACRES

Unmatched trophy home w/a circular drive found in an adored neighborhood and boasting 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 1 half baths, curved staircase, 3 fireplaces, and a finished walkout. **\$389,900 70-SCE**



NEW LISTING

Impeccable and neutral. Entry level master, 2-story foyer, Plantation blinds, vaulted great room w/corner fireplace, all bedrooms w/walk-in closets, and a finished basement. **\$299,900 56-SHE**



NEW PRICE

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NEW LISTING

2,236 refashioned sq. ft. w/4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, new/newer: kitchen, windows, flooring, all baths, plumbing, designer paint, and deck. 2-car garage and a jumbo, fenced yard. **\$209,900 55-CRU**



NEW CONSTRUCTION

A blooming new Clarkston community boasting an eye-catching price tag and low-maintenance convenience. 4 dramatic floor plans from which to choose. Clarkston Schools! From **\$189,900 WIL**



NEW PRICE

Fresh and neutral 3-bedroom, 2 bath ranch situated on a tree-lined avenue. Kitchen w/snack bar and all appliances included, partially finished basement, and a 2-car garage. **\$178,000 40-BAK**



NEW LISTING

2,100 fin. sq. ft. w/an entry-level master + 2 more bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 fireplaces, and a 2-car attached garage. Bloomfield mailing w/Avondale Schools. **\$169,000 16-HIL**



NEW CONSTRUCTION

Clarkston's newest and most affordable condo community boasts space-saving floor plans and a private garage w/storage loft. Furnished model open weekends or by appt. From **\$139,900 TRI**



NEW LISTING

3-bedroom ranch nestled on a wooded lot and situated in an area of higher-priced homes w/newer: roof, furnace, kitchen, and some windows. Walled Lake address and schools. **\$115,000 14-NOL**



NEW PRICE

1,000 sq. ft. condo w/a private entry, 2 master suites, and new: ceramic kitchen, fixtures and neutral paint. Clubhouse w/pool. Farmington Hills address/schools. **\$109,900 22-ATL**



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REALTOR

Clarkston Travel celebrates 30 years

Owner Jakus remembers old time Clarkston like yesterday

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

In July of 1977, when Claudia and Ray Jakus went to their attorneys to draw up papers to create the Clarkston Travel Bureau, the lawyers asked about their intentions.

Claudia's response: "keep it for five years and sell it."

It's 30 years later, and Clarkston Travel is still at its downtown Clarkston location, 6 N. Main St.

"As everyone says, where does the time go," Claudia said.

Clarkston Travel, at the corner of Washington and Main, has seen a lot of changes over the years.

"I can remember when the Ritter house was moved down Main Street to its present location," Claudia said.

"When the Clarkston Mills opened, there was a dress shop, shoe shop, kitchen shop, and a couple of other shops. Hallmans was the local drug store you could run across the street to and purchase pens, pencils, aspirin or whatever small items you needed. There also used to be children's clothing store and a book store."

One memorable incident was the ceiling falling in at the downtown bank, probably Pontiac State Bank.

"Wow, what were they going to do," she said. "But they made a

makeshift teller station in the basement for the time being, until things could be rebuilt."

Clarkston Travel was an active member of the "Village Business Association," the driving force behind the band concerts in the park. Pontiac Union of Musicians provided a grant, and a few musicians would come out on Friday night and play different kinds of music.

"It's great to see the band concerts still thrive today thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, in which Clarkston Travel is a member," she said.

Retail businesses in the village would hold sidewalk sales during the band concerts to encourage people to visit their local businesses and stroll through the village.

"I remember not long ago when Main Street was torn up the entire summer for the new roads and water systems. I don't think any business thought they would survive that summer. We used to have a local policeman who would walk the streets, keep bicycles from running over everyone, check cars for exceeding their two-hour parking limit, and stop by to introduce himself to all in hopes of making the Village of Clarkston a viable and safe district for people to come and stop."

One of the biggest changes in the travel industry was the rise of



Claudia Jakus stands in front of her office at 6 North Main Street, where Clarkston Travel has been located for the past 30 years. Photo by Phil Custodio

the Internet, she said.

Many travelers use Internet travel services. Airlines no longer pay travel agents commission, so they must charge a service fee.

"However, most of your travel sites also charge a service fee and you have no one to actually answer your questions or stand behind their product," Claudia said.

"We have found that in many instances, we can offer equal to or better prices than people can get on their own because of the computer system we have does a 'bargain finder' for air fares and will shop all carriers at one time."

Clarkston Travel agents have a lot of first-hand knowledge of destinations, especially in Mexico, Caribbean, and cruises, backed up by Internet resources.

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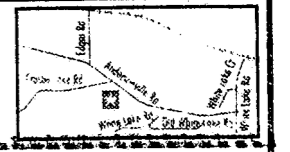
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Obituary

Eleanor A. 'Aunt' Rennhack

Eleanor A. "Aunt" Rennhack of Pontiac went home Aug. 26 at the age of 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband Walter, her sister Marie Hartzman and her brother, Walter Timmerman. Mrs. Rennhack is survived by many nieces and nephews. She retired from Pontiac Motors.

Funeral Service 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw, Clarkston. Friends may



visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Wednesday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. and at the church Thursday 9:30 a.m. until time of the service.

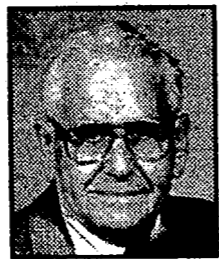
Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Trinity Lutheran Church. On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Wilson 'Dale' Tinnin

Wilson "Dale" Tinnin of Fla., formerly of Pontiac, passed away Aug. 20 at the age of 94.

He was preceded in death by Laura, his wife of 53 years, and granddaughter Cathi. He was the father of Jim (Anita) Wrinkle of Clarkston; grandfather of Christine Finger, Robert (Pamela) Wrinkle, Cari (Sean) Gretkierewicz and Claudine (Ronald) Schoenherr; great grandfather of Cole, Samantha, Danielle, Andrew, Hayden and Lauren.



Mr. Tinnin served in the US Army during WWII. He retired from Fisher Body, Pontiac.

Funeral service was Aug. 24 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Maranatha Baptist Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mary Jane Soulby (Gulick)

Mary Jane Soulby (Gulick) of Clarkston passed away Aug. 24 at the age of 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clark. She was the mother of Bruce (Nancy) of Ann Arbor and Jane (John) Kopcke of Calif.; sister of Louise McLintock of Waterford.

Mrs. Soulby was a lifetime member of Clarkston United Methodist Church.



Funeral service was Aug. 28 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

June M. Kellstrom

June M. Kellstrom of Clarkston passed away Aug. 24 at the age of 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clifford R. in 2005. She was "Great Mom" of Ron (Mary) Bayhan of Macomb Township, Craig Kellstrom of Lake Orion, Jan (Bill) O'Sullivan of Clarkston; grandmother of Kristin Reddin, Brian Bayhan and Stephen Crawford.

Funeral service Aug. 28 at the Lewis E.



Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Private interment Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Online guest book

www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Maria Grimminger

Maria Grimminger of Clarkston passed away Aug. 18 at the age of 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband Franz and daughter Rosemarie Schweinle. She was the mother of Franz "Frank" (Maria) of Shelby Twp and Walter (Suzanne) of Clarkston; mother in law of Hermann Schweinle; also survived by 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Memorial mass was Aug. 23 at Our Lady



of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to St. Gabriel Catholic Church, N.C.

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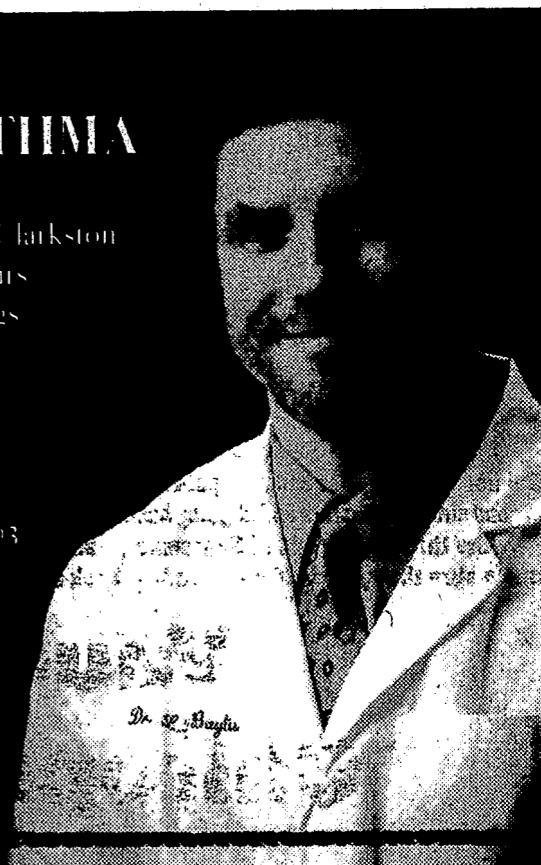
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Vincent O. 'Vince' D'Anna

Vincent O. "Vince" D'Anna of Goodrich passed away suddenly Aug. 27 at the age of 26.

He was the loving son of Eileen G. D'Anna-Mallett and the late Richard D'Anna and the late Charles Mallett; brother of Elliot D'Anna and Camille (Jim) Leinbach; step brother of Carrie (Todd) Haneckow and Nathan Mallett; uncle of Halle, Tori, Cassie, Logan, Eva and Mia; also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Mr. Vince graduated from Clarkston High School in 1999. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State in 2005. He was a patrolman



with the Flint City Police Department.

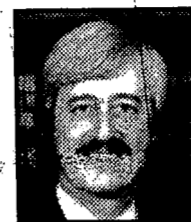
Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 6-9 p.m. and Thursday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service Friday, 10 a.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to MICOPS. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Richard 'Dick' Cadwallader

Richard "Dick" Cadwallader of Lake Orion passed away suddenly Aug. 25 at the age of 71. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (nee Sagamang); dear father of D.J. (Alisha) and Jon; grandpa of Madison; brother of Juanita Frasier of Goodrich, Wanda Brake of Ortonville, and Pastor Chris (Olivia) of Adrian; special brother in law of Donald Sagamang; also survived by many loving brothers/sisters in laws and nieces/nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings Joseph Jr.



and Renee O'Berry.

Mr. Cadwallader served in the US Army. He retired from General Motors.

Visitation and celebration service was Aug. 27-28 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service Wednesday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, Orion.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Hope Louise Falk

Hope Louise Falk of Clarkston passed away Aug. 22 at the age of 81.

She was the loving wife of Calvin for 60 years; mother of Linda (Brian) Loruss and Greg (Donna) Falk; grandmother of Eric (Stacy) Wood and James A. Falk; great grandmother of Mackenzie Wood. She was preceded in death by her grandson Jason



Wood.

Funeral Service was Aug. 25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Robert R. Pizarek

Robert R., Bob, Pizarek, "The Home Guy," of Clarkston, passed away suddenly Aug. 21 at the age of 48.

He was the loving husband of Ida Jean; step dad of Ashley Kukuk; son of Natalie and the late Ronald Pizarek; brother of Ellery (Mary) Pizarek and Cathy (Brian) Grogan; beloved uncle of Hank, Byron, Helen and Greg.

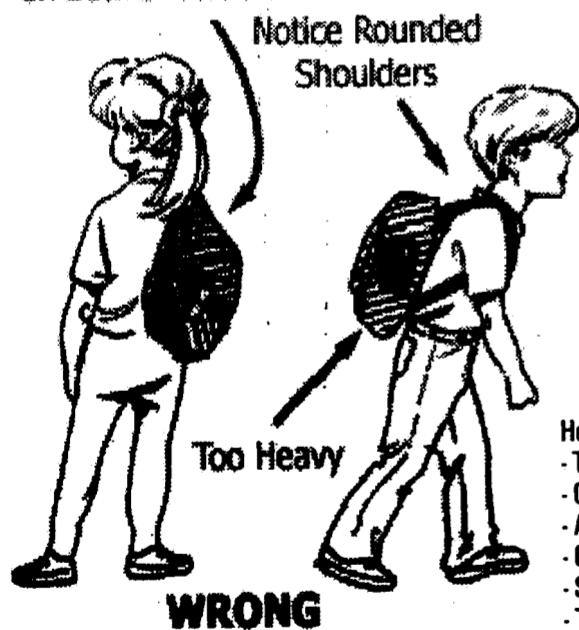


Funeral Mass was Aug. 24 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Visitation was Aug. 23-24 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries are updated as we get them on our website, www.ClarkstonNews.com

Straps need to be on both shoulders



BACKPACK SAFETY

For many students, hitting the books is the way to academic achievement. But for those who carry books in an overloaded backpack, they are unknowingly participating in the beginning of a health epidemic. Back pain is pervasive among American adults, but a new and disturbing trend is emerging. Young children are suffering from back pain much earlier than previous generations, and the use of overweight backpacks is a contributing factor. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 7,277 emergency room visits each year result from backpack related injuries. The CPSC also reports that backpack-related injuries are up 330% since 1996. This is the beginning of an epidemic that will cause serious damage to a child's health for a lifetime.

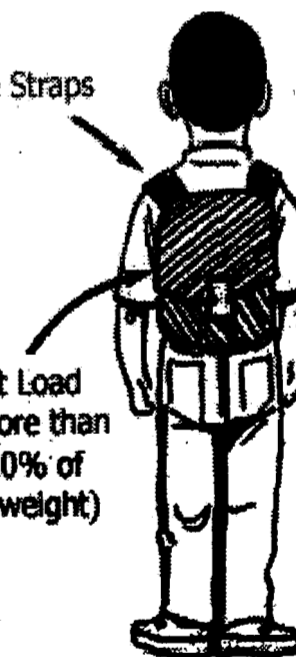
This new back pain trend among kids isn't surprising when you consider the disproportionate amounts of weight they carry in their backpacks- often slung over one shoulder. Common sense tells us that a heavy load, distributed improperly or unevenly, day after day, indeed causes stress to a growing spinal column. Most children carrying backpacks these days are loaded down with almost 40 lbs. of books, sports equipment, clothing, calculators, games and more.

Here are some tips for back-to-school backpack safety:

- The weight of the backpack should not exceed 15-20% of child's weight
- Choose a pack with TWO wide, padded shoulder straps. Encourage your child to use both straps
- Adjust the straps so that the bottom of the pack hangs no more than 4 inches below the waist and fits snugly against the body
- Choose a pack with a padded back, preferably with a waist strap
- Stop often at school lockers, if possible, to keep as many books stored throughout the day as possible
- Teach your children to lift their backpack properly, with their knees and not their back

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Now through the end of September, Vaughn Chiropractic is offering free backpack checks for all students. Bring your child and their backpack and Dr. Vaughn and Dr. Marshall will help you make sure that you send your student back to school without added backpack stress!

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Dula family teaches child development at Little Jumpin' Beans

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Kris and Herb Dula, the active community calendar of the Clarkston area drew them to the area.

"We're planning on having the kids blowing bubbles in the Labor Day parade," Kris said.

Independence Township business owners, they enter floats in most of Clarkston's downtown parades.

"We like how everyone knows everyone else," Kris said. "We love the downtown area, how quaint it is."

The couple both grew up in Ortonville, dating at Brandon High School since they were 15 years old and getting married in 1995.

They settled in Independence Township about 10 years ago, keeping the books at Independence Square apartment complex and buying a house on Maybee Road.

They opened the Little Jumpin' Beans business on Dixie Highway.

"I've always been interested in doing something like this or a day care," said Kris, who opened the center with her husband in January.

"We decided to jump in with both feet and go for it - it's a safe, clean environment for parents to bring their child to play."

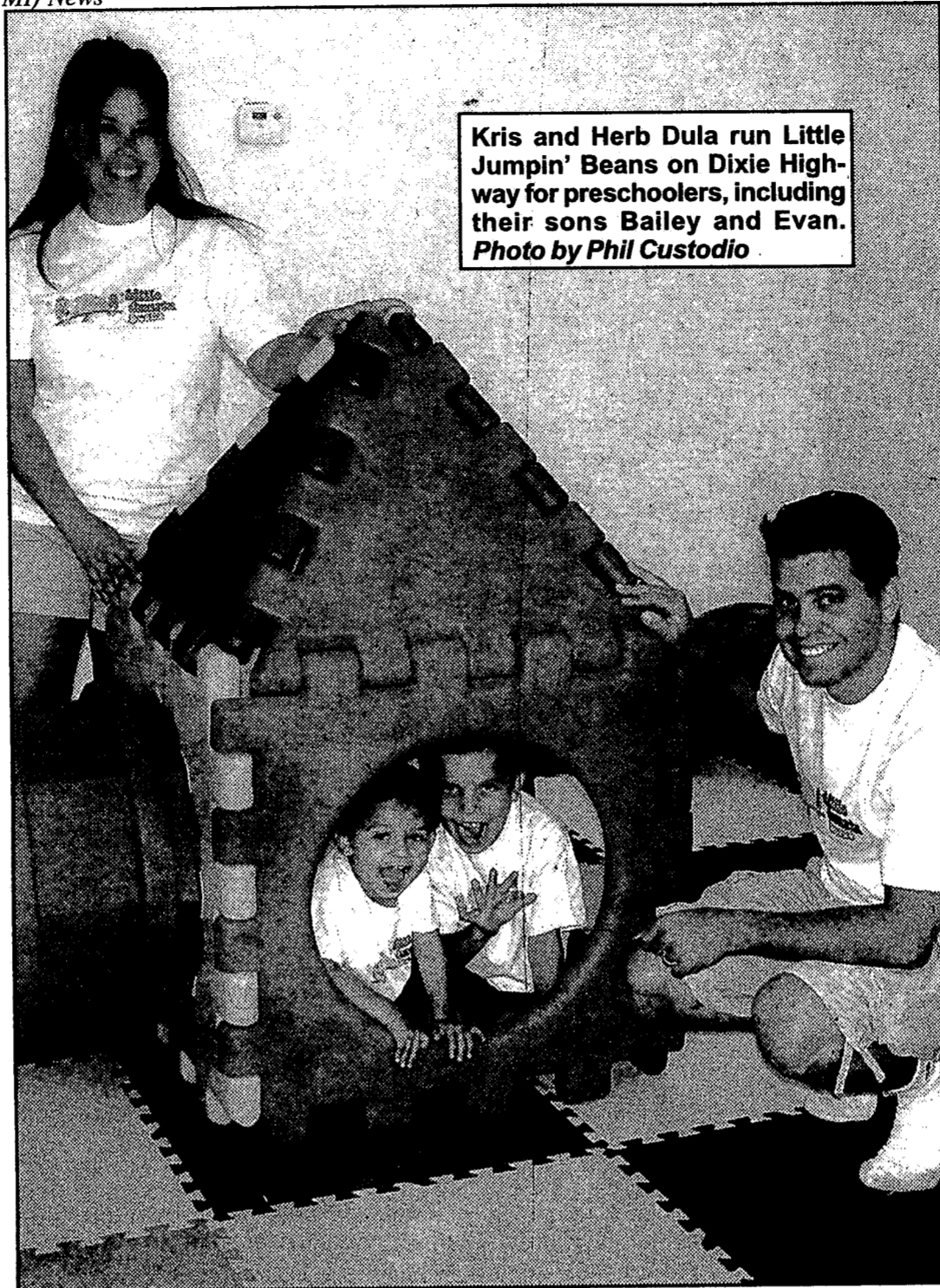
"I was nervous, but it's been fun," Herb said. "I've heard her talk about language development from her education classes. I've been amazed - it really does happen that way."

Using what she learned earning an education degree at University of Michigan-Flint, the center offers activities and equipment designed for child development

"From birth to about age 5 are the most important developmental years," Kris said. "Children get a lot of stimulation, work on social skills, turn taking, language development, large motor skills like climbing, fine motor skills like feeling textures."

Children 10 months-4 years old are enrolled in eight-week sessions in classes of 4-12, usually about eight. This allows children to interact with adults and each other without crowding.

"With small classes, we get to know each child individually," she said. "I can also indi-



Kris and Herb Dula run Little Jumpin' Beans on Dixie Highway for preschoolers, including their sons Bailey and Evan. Photo by Phil Custodio

vidualize each session, to see what they're interested in."

Each class is about 45 minutes, lightly structured with lots of repetition. Parents, grandparents, or other guardians stay and are invited to take part, or they can sit in a waiting area.

The center is designed with children's safety in mind. Floors and all equipment, including inner tubes, hula hoops, slide, and tunnels, are padded and soft. Gate latches and electrical outlets are protected.

A waiting area for adults has enough lockers for each child.

"Parents can see their kids wherever they go," she said.

Each session ends with a story for the group, song, or parachute activity, she said.

She earned a degree in elementary education in 1995 from UM-Flint with endorsement in childhood development. She is working on her master's in literacy.

Herb, who worked with Ortonville Parks & Recreation as a counselor and volunteer soccer coach, also works as a teacher at Little

Jumpin' Beans.

Planned this year is a paints and paper art class, one day a week, probably Monday or Friday, for up to 12 students.

They opened the business on Dixie Highway in the Ritter Plaza, remodeling an old dance studio.

"We wanted something on Dixie Highway for visibility," she said.

Eight-week sessions resume Sept. 10, with classes running during the week from 9:30 a.m. until about 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Holidays are incorporated into the programs, such as Fourth of July and Labor Day parades, Halloween party, and visits by the Easter Bunny.

"The younger kids aren't afraid of him because they're in a familiar place," Kris said.

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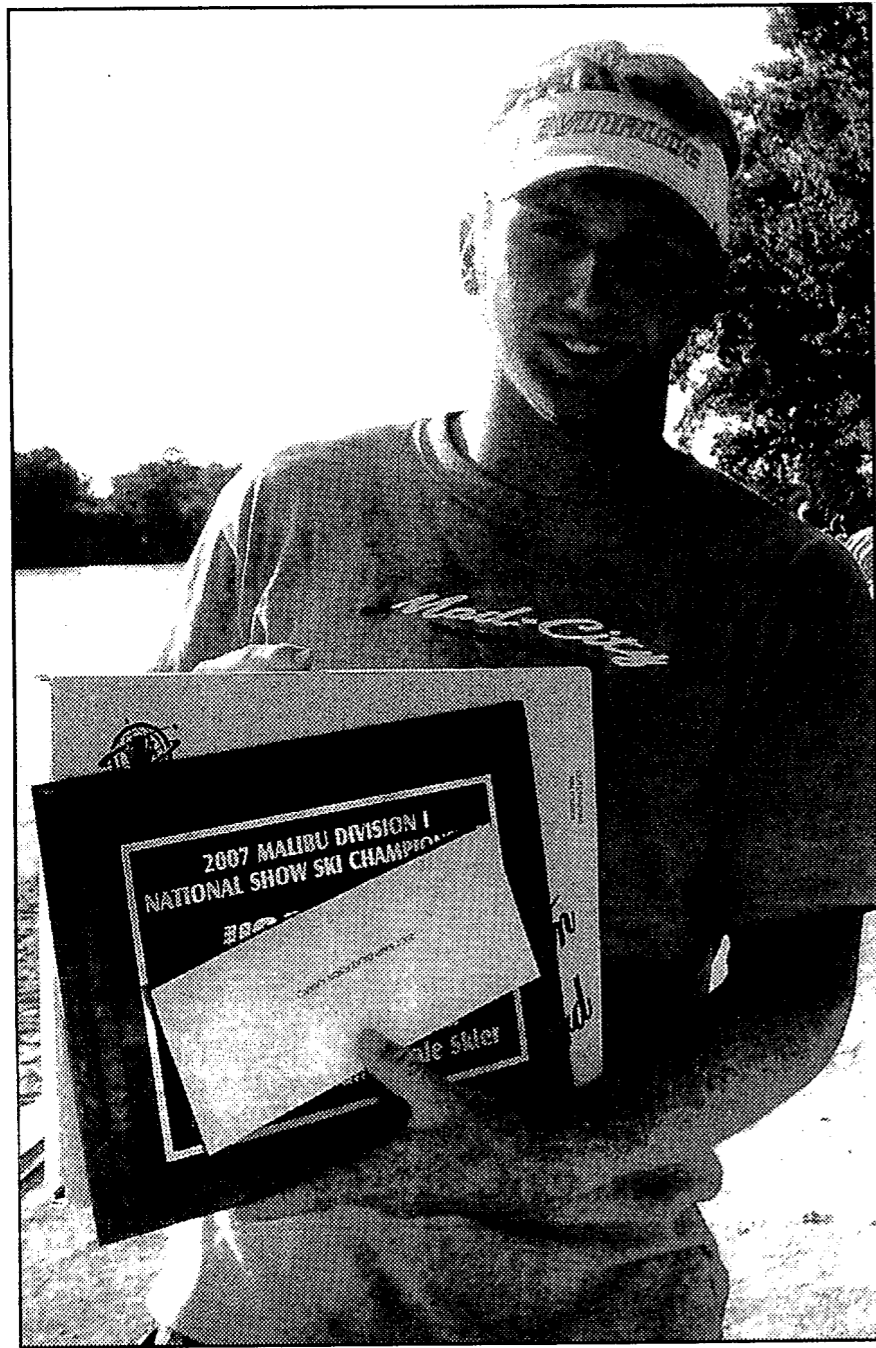
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Clarkston grad earns national ski awards



Former Spray Master water skier Paul O'Connor is keeping up with his sport, winning national championships.

Competing with the Mad-City Ski Team of Madison, Wisc., at the Show Ski National Championships, O'Connor won the Skip Gilkerson Award for Best Male Skier, and helped the team win its third national title.

"He's a great kid, he's worked so hard," said his mother, June Hobby of Clarkston.

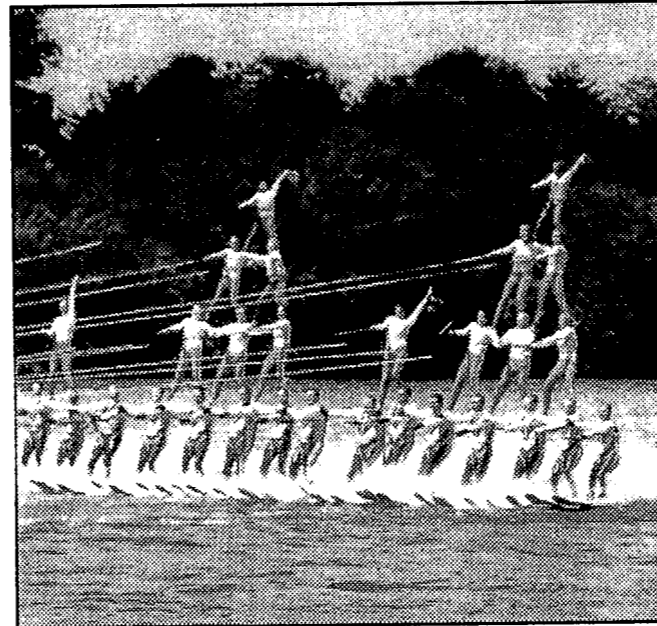
Since 1999, when O'Connor graduated from Clarkston High School, he water skied in California, China, and Germany, where he met his wife, Joey, also a water skier.

They moved to Joey's hometown of Madison, Wisc., where they now live. He works as a builder, spending his off hours training and competing in water skiing and other sporting events, such as triatholons.

"He ran an Iron Man Triathlon with his wife," Hobby said. "When my grandbabies are born, if they're not born in the water with skies on their feet, I'd be surprised."

The Spray Masters started him on his way, she said. "They were the best thing that ever happened to him," she said.

-Phil Custodio



Holiday parade theme: stories

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce announces the theme for the seventh annual Clarkston Holiday Lights Parade: Holiday Stories.

This year's parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8.

There is no cost to enter a float, vehicle or walking group in the parade. Youth groups, service clubs, businesses and organizations are encouraged to enter and compete for one of the six award categories. Each award comes with a \$250 cash prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be riding on the last float in the parade. Santa has requested that the other parade entrants not have imposter Santa's or Mrs. Claus's on their floats and this rule is strictly enforced.

The parade will begin at 6 p.m. and will follow the traditional parade route down Church Street onto Main Street, through the heart of downtown Clarkston, turning on Miller Road and ending at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

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International info trade

From left are Congressman Juan David Perry Cruz of Peru; Ruth Johnson, Oakland County clerk and register of deeds; Wendy Potts, Chief Circuit judge; Dr. Gloria Charca, president of Andina University in Cuzco, Peru; and Dr. Jose Aliaga of Clarkston. Photo provided

Dr. Jose Aliaga, president of Aliaga Development and Consulting in Clarkston, hosted a trade and educational mission from his home country of Peru.

Congressman Juan David Perry Cruz and Dr. Gloria Charca, president of Andina University in Cuzco, Peru, met with Ruth Johnson, Oakland County clerk and register of deeds, and Chief Circuit Judge Wendy Potts.

The group toured the Register of Deeds Office and saw a demonstration of new optical-scan voting equipment.

"The technology was very sophisticated," said Cruz, speaking through an interpreter.

"We enjoyed our visit immensely."

"We were thrilled that Senator Cruz and Dr. Charca were able to visit," said Potts, who gave the delegation a quick lesson in the Michigan court system and a tour of her courtroom.

"We were happy to share the improvements we've made, including our new e-filing project."

Aliaga, a Peruvian native, is also leading local relief efforts for victims of the earthquake that struck Pisco, Peru.

The group also visited Wayne State University and Oakland Community College.

Bethany group holds activities

Bethany North, Catholic organization providing peer support to people of all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, has its general meeting the fourth Monday of the month at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston.

Meetings in the Cushing Center begin at 7:30 p.m. Call Tim at 248-628-6825, or Joann at 248-673-2539.

Wednesday activities include:

- Dinner and celebrate September

birthdays, Sept 12, 7 p.m., Red Knapp's, Dixie and M15, call Tim at 248-628-6825, or Joann at 248-673-2539;

• Dinner at Stir Crazy, Great Lakes Crossing, 7 p.m., Sept 19, call Marianne, 248-807-0041; and

• Meet & Greet, at Deer Lake Athletic Club on White Lake Rd., 6 p.m., Sept 26, call John 248-625-0569.

Check www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

ORV safety program Sept. 24, 26

An Off Road Vehicle Safety Class presented by the Oakland County Marine Division is set for 6-9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 24, and Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Clarkston Health Center, 5625 Water Tower Place.

The program is for four-wheeled ORV operators of all ages, especially 12-15.

Individuals must attend both classes

to receive their certification. Fee is \$10 per person for the two-part course. Adults are encouraged to attend with their children at no additional expense.

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



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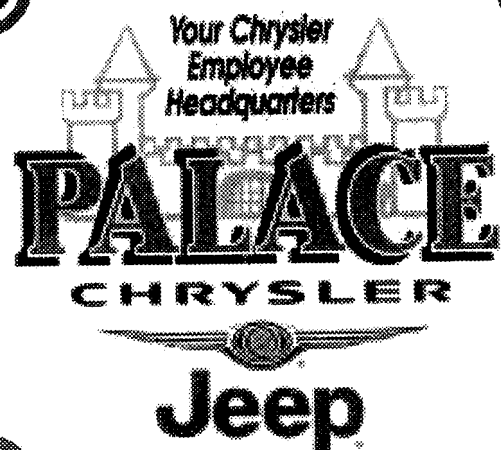
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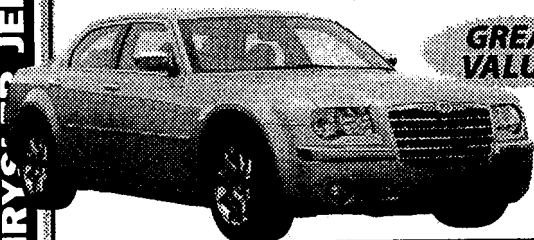
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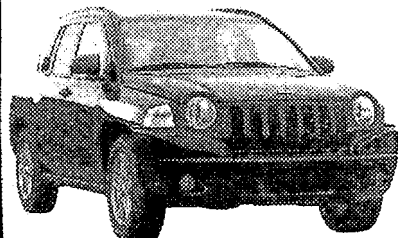


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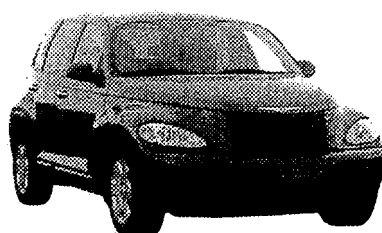
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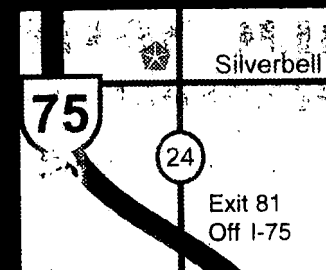
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE REQUEST FOR VARIANCES ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2007, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan to hear the following appeal:

PUBLIC COMMENT:
OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from Antony and Amy Daros, 5921 Hillsboro Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to allow an addition to an accessory building:
 - with a thirty-two and one-half (32.5) foot front setback from Hillsboro Rd. rather than the minimum fifty (50) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance 26.
 - with a twelve (12) foot front setback from Claypool Rd. rather than the minimum fifty (50) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance 26.

The property that is the subject of the request is a corner lot that fronts on both Hillsboro and Claypool roads. P.I. #07-28-280-002.

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 August 29, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on: Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:

FILE PC #2007-012
TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE #83

AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING ZONING ORDINANCE #83 FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE, REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, RE-CODIFYING, AND COMPILING EXISTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR ASSIGNMENT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO A CHAPTER OF THE CODE; AND, PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THE RE-ENACTED ZONING ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT a copy of the proposed ordinance amendment may be examined at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Board of the Charter Township of Independence will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0219 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2007.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI, 48346.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 2.2% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 1.48% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

Charter Township of Independence
Clerk's Office
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

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FILE PC #2007-011

Earl Daup Signs LTD, Petitioner

REQUESTS SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL
Chase Banking Center - Additional wall sign
Section 5.04, 5.a.(1)

Special Land Use Request: One Additional Wall Sign for Chase Banking Center (Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District)
Parcel Identification Number: 08-27-300-023 (08-27-300-013)

Common Description: 5541 Sashabaw Rd.
North West Corner of Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road
Part of 3.43 Acres, C-2 Zoning

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

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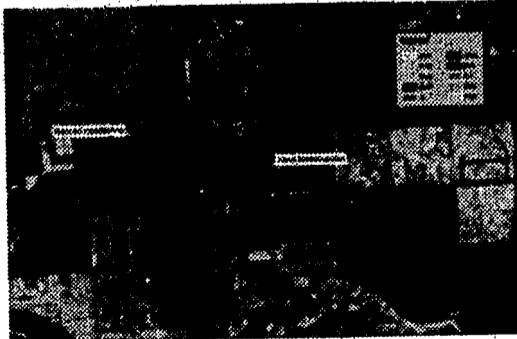
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

(Proposed Amendment Water and Sewer Master Plan)
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, will be holding a public hearing and accepting public comments regarding proposed amendments to the Charter Township of Independence Water Distribution System and Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan to modify the boundaries of the Water and/or sewer district lines to include the following areas north of the intersection of Clarkston Road and Sashabaw Road;



The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346. Information concerning this matter may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk at the Township Hall, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, during business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO: 2007-312, 197-DE

Estate of Christina M. Lepper, deceased. Date of birth 10/22/1934
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Christina M. Lepper, who lived at 9987 M-15, Clarkston, Michigan died 7/18/2007.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Linda Bentley, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Linda Bentley
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Clarkston, MI 48348 248/942-2218

Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723)
5840 Lorac Drive
Clarkston, MI 48346 248/625-0600

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO: 2007-312, 261-DE

Estate of BURNELL J. BOWMAN, DECEASED. Date of birth: 8/8/1943.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BURNELL J. BOWMAN, DECEASED, who lived at 1729 E. Harry Ave., Hazel Park, Michigan died August 6, 2007.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to LARRY BAINBRIDGE, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: September 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Independence Township Library
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
- Consent Agenda:
 - Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2007
 - Approval of Purchase Orders
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - Renewal of Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (Liability) Insurance

Public Hearing
1. Waldon Woods Street Lighting Improvement and Special Assessment
2. Truth in Taxation Hearing - Increasing Property Taxes
New Business
1. Presentation by Tech Resources regarding paperless agendas
2. Non-Union Blue Cross coverage
3. Waldon Woods Street Lighting Improvement and Special Assessment
4. DFW 2007 Equipment Purchase
5. Fire Department property purchase
6. Permission to hire Assessor
Closed Session - Patience Beer vs. Independence Township

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Mr. Wagner called the August 21, 2007, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: None

There was a quorum

- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Public Forum
- Approved the Agenda adding Item Resolution to Demolish Senior Center as #1.
- Approved the Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2007
 - Approval of Purchase Orders
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - Resolution Re-Setting Public Hearing for Waldon Woods Street Lighting Improvement and Special Assessment
- Public Hearing on CDBG Reprogramming was opened at 7:43 p.m. and closed at 7:43 p.m.
- Approved motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption of a rezoning request (PC file #2005-017) from R1A (Single Family Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), proposed residential development on 79.97 acres (Steeple Chase) NE Section of Clintonville & Mann Roads 08-36-300-006, 010, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 020, 021, 025 & 026
- Approved motion to approve Resolution to Demolish Existing Senior Center upon completion of new Senior Center
- Approved motion to reprogram 2006 and 2007 CDBG funds of \$70,633.00
- Approved motion to approve First Reading of Keyholding Ordinance, Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance #83, Article V, General Provisions to add Section 5.32
- Presentation by County Commissioner, Tom Middleton, on County Resolution regarding HB 4852, State House Appropriation for tax on cell phones.
- Discussion on Point of Sale
- Motion failed for Budget Adjustment for legal expenses
- Approved motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: August 30, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

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At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:

FILE PC #2007-009

Rainer Group, LLC, Petitioner

REQUESTS SPECIAL LAND USE AND APPROVAL
For Hotel

Article XXVIII., Section 28.03.4 Motels and residence hotels providing temporary lodging.

And

For one (1) additional Wall Sign

Article V., Section 5.04.5.a.1

Special Land Use Request: Hotel and 1 additional wall sign at Sashabaw Crossings.

Parcel Identification Number: 08-22-401-003 (Sashabaw Crossings Unit #3)

Common Description: North East Corner of Sashabaw Road and I-75
OS-2 Zone, 2.97 acres

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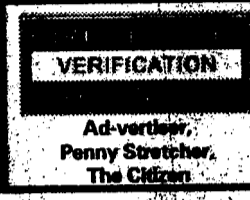
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JUNK AUTOS ETC. hauled free, title or not. 248-627-2436 or 248-249-3284. I1ZX12

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WANTED: QUEEN MATTRESS set. Reasonable price paid. 248-628-5548. I1L382
WANTED: CHICKEN COOP, 248-628-5027. I1L372
WANTED: CARS, Trucks needing repair or high miles. \$50-\$5000. 810-724-7647 or 810-338-7770. I1L2384

TWO RESPONSIBLE HUNTERS seek land in Lapeer or Genesee County to lease for 2007 hunting season. 810-787-3001. I1L348
JUNK AUTOS Wanted, \$80 to \$100, 248-842-8189. I1C74
WANTED: REPAIRABLE JET skis & snowmobiles with or without trailers. 248-978-5728. I1L382
WANTED: USED roll-in deck, 810-653-8635. I1L228-ff
WANTED: USED 50 caliber black powder gun. Please call David, 810-838-1858. I1ZX22dhf
JUNK CARS- Hauled away free. Will buy repairs. Bob Fonda, 248-310-2887. I1L2384

JUNK CARS WANTED
Cash for your junk car or truck Free towing
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090 AUCTIONS

AUCTION SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2007, 4 p.m. Stow-Away Storage 3060 Adventure Ln., Oxford For Following Units: Unit #260; Kathy Beardslee: Bikes, pool & equipment, dresser, computer desk, boxes & bags...lots. Unit #233, Heather Hobbs: Dressers; end tables, bed & frame, hand tools...misc. household. Unit #3 88, 89, 91, Neva Sisson: Lots of boxes & bags, misc. household. Unit #247, Keith Eversole: Misc. household, garage items. Unit #43, Victor Ferguson: Misc. garden tools & equip. "CASH SALE" L382

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that on 09/21/07 at 10:30am the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center, 1007 Brown Rd., Orion, MI. Space Number: 568 Sara Jones, household items, misc. goods.; Space Number: 313, Andrew Stone, household items, recreational items. I1L38-2

Notice is hereby given that on 9/21/07 at 8:30am, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center, 1745 Walden Road, Lake Orion, MI 48350. Unit #015, Tammy Gomez- recreational items, misc. goods, vehicle. Unit #681, Louis Moureig- recreational items, household items, misc. goods. L382

SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS
Wednesday, September 5, 2007. 10am, Lake Orion Self Storage Center Inc., 180 W. Church St., Lake Orion, MI 48362, 100 yards East of Lapeer Rd. (M-24) 248-814-8140
Unit #50038- Christine Brenton. Assorted baby furniture, snow-blower, vacuum, mountain bike, asst. tools and much more! L372

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FREE 25FT. swing set. All wood. Three swings. Slide treehouse. You remove, 248-393-9731. I1C62

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FREE- NEW BRICK & block. Must take all. 248-628-6814. I1L381f

FREE LIVESTOCK scale, 248-634-9775. I1C1f

FREE WOODEN Swing set with slide, and sandbox. 248-941-1201 I1L38-1f

4-5 PERSON CAL SPA, needs some TLC. you remove. 248-618-7905 I1L38-1f

110 GARAGE SALE

MOM TO MOM SALE- Lake Orion United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint. September 8th, Saturday, 9am-1pm. \$1 admission fee. Strollers after 11am. I1L372

Mom2Mom Sale
Buy or sell gently used children's clothes, toys, furniture & gear
SAT. OCT. 6, 2007, 9am-1pm at CERC, 455 E. Scripps Rd., Lake Orion. Rent a space for \$20. Admission \$1
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Call Kelli, OAYA, 248-693-8878 L2381

HUGE 4 FAMILY Garage Sale starting August 30. 91 Lakewood, 2 miles east of Lapeer Rd., off Indian Lake Rd. I1L381

GARAGE SALE every weekend from August 25 to September 22, 9am-8pm. Saturday-Sunday only! All kinds of stuff, 185 Lakeview Dr., Oxford. I1L372

WOODWORKING Machines, Model A Ford rear end, golf clubs. Schwinn, 248-634-8804. I1C72

★ **NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE**
Sale and moving sale! Too much to list. E. Burdick St (Seymour Lake Rd.) left on Brookfield, right on Harwood to Harwood Court, 10-4 Aug. 30- Sept. 1. I1L38-1

ATTENTION LADIES- Lots of crystal, home decorating, tools, much more! Aug. 31 and Sept 1st, 49 Pearl St., Oxford. 9am-6pm. I1C8-
SEPTEMBER 1ST THROUGH 3rd, 10am-5pm. 1191 Bird Rd., Ortonville off Grange Hall. Large maple dresser, cool lamps, CD's, baby toys, clothes, monitors, Graco stroller. All great condition, no junk. 2 goats and 2 chickens free to good home. I1Z31

GARAGE SALE
Thursday, Friday, August 30-31, 9am-4pm
Household, Xmas ornaments, ribbon bolts, baskets, crafts, novelties. Corona surfboard bar display. Collectible Holiday Barbies and Pistons bobbleheads. Full length blue fox coat. Some antiques.
1184 Walkoon Way, Lake Orion (W. of M-24, S. off Clarkston Rd.) L381

GARAGE SALE- 132 Florence, off Flint Street, Lake Orion, August 30-31, 9am-5pm. I1R381

BARN SALE: WASHER, dryer, highboy dresser, rooftop desk, chairs, tables, dishes, toys, some collectibles/ antiques, TV's. 785 North Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion. Follow barn sale signs. Thursday September 8 through Sunday. 9am-5pm. I1L382

ANTIQUE FURNITURE & other treasures. 123 East St., Oxford. 1 block north of Burdick off M-24. Thursday through Saturday, 9am-4pm. I1L381

GARAGE SALE: 885 Heights, Lake Orion. Some furniture, toys, GMC truck, 2 motorcycles, WaveRunner, clothes, misc. Thursday-Saturday, August 30-September 1. I1L381

GARAGE SALE- 110 Round Tree (off M-24), Lake Orion. August 30-31, 9am-5pm. Furniture, rug, TV/ VCR, tent, heater, nice clothes, more! I1L381

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Thursday-Sunday 9am-5pm L381
3 FAMILY SALE. August 30-31st, 9am-4pm. 736 Seymour Ln. Rd., Oxford. I1L381

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250 CARS

CADILLAC SRX 2004 White Diamond, loaded, sunroof, Nav., DVD, 100,000 mile warranty, \$27,500 obo, 248-625-1474. !!CZ512
1998 NEON SPORT- pewter, 4 door, 4 cylinder automatic, air, am/fm CD player, power sunroof, 130,000 miles, runs great, \$2000. 248-628-0966. !!LZ3712
1966 V6 MUSTANG- Dream Cruise ready, runs and drives great, many new parts, robin's egg blue, \$5995. 248-933-9515 or 248-969-8477. !!LZ348
1991 FORD ESCORT- 113,000 miles, runs great, good tires, awesome on gas! New battery. \$1100 obo, 248-935-1943, leave message. !!RZ2912
1996 EAGLE VISION ESI. 136,000 miles. Nice ride, good condition. \$1,900 obo. 810-245-5524, 248-933-6405. !!LZ364
1986 MAZDA RX-7 GXL model, fun car! 91,000 miles, second owner, runs decent, engine needs work. Power moonroof/windows, bronze ext./burgundy int. \$1750 obo. Sold as is. 248-303-7037 !!LZ288
2002 BUICK LESABRE Limited, white, loaded, leather, 4 door sedan, CD player, new Michelin tires, 3.8L engine V6, 55/44 split bench seat, excellent condition, 80,000 miles, \$7950 obo, 248-627-3904. !!LZ3412
2002 CHEVROLET Cavalier LS, 4 cylinder, 2.2 liter automatic, FWD, A/C, power steering/ windows, tilt wheel, cruise, am/fm CD, airbags, ABS, rear spoiler, alloy wheels, 50,000 miles, \$6000. 248-620-7245, 810-257-7085. !!CZ48-12nn
CLASSIC 1960 Ford Thunderbird show car. Dream Cruise ready. \$19,500 obo. 248-693-4740. !!LZ3112
1961 FORD GALAXY, 4 door, 292 V8, automatic, power steering, good condition, many extras. \$2300 obo. 248-634-9210 !!CZ498
1996 HONDA ACCORD EX coupe. 2 door, silver, V-6, V-Tech engine. 5-speed manual, power sunroof, removable remote Panasonic CD, alarm, power everything. New brakes. Runs great. 159,000 miles. \$4,600. 248-693-3435. !!LZ318
1996 AURORA, fully loaded, low miles, runs and looks sweet, Kelley blue book at \$5,600, will sacrifice \$4,000. 248-627-2685 !!ZX52-12
260 VANS
2001 DODGE GRAND Caravan Sport. 7 passenger, 5 door, roof rack, AM/FM/CD/cassette. Power windows & locks, air, tinted windows. One owner. Great shape. 85,918 miles. \$8,500. 248-634-9304. !!R3812
2001 DODGE RAM Conversion van, 70k miles, good condition, new tires, and battery. \$5,000. 810-252-4787 !!ZX4912

1998 PONTIAC TransSport extended minivan, runs great, 128,000 miles, CD, power locks, power windows, rear air, green, \$3800 obo, 248-802-6168. !!C312
1995 DODGE CARAVAN, runs good, needs door work, \$600 obo, 248-431-7621. !!L372
1990 GMAC VAN, runs good, \$800 obo, 248-821-5858. !!L382
1997 PONTIAC TRANSPORT van. Black, 130,000 miles. Good condition, good reliable transportation. \$1,200 obo. 248-393-1654. !!LZ384
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1996 FORD ECONOLINE with wheelchair lift, \$4,500. 248-623-6021 !!C7-2
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1994 CHEVY G20 hightop conversion van, loaded, all works, keyless entry and start. Security system. Runs strong. Clean inside. Mechanically maintained, good tires, some rust. \$900. 248-969-3130 !!LZ2812

270 TRUCKS

1990 F150, 4x4, runs great, needs brakes, 6 cylinder, manual transmission, \$1500. 248-310-8936. !!ZX32
1998 CHEVY ZR2 Blazer- blue with tan interior, loaded, am/fm CD, power windows & locks, sunroof, hitch, new tires. 108,000 miles. Clean truck, excellent condition, \$5000 obo, 248-620-5578 or 248-941-9556. !!LZ384
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1992 DODGE DUMP 4X4 diesel. Plow & salt spreader. 248-693-8883. \$4,000 obo !!L3612

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1995 FORD F150 pickup, 124,000 miles, 8ft. bed. Runs good. \$1,950 obo. 248-391-3271. !!R348
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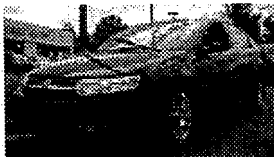
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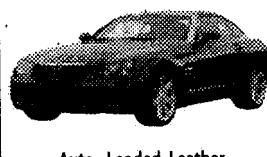
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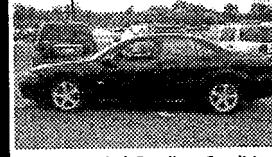
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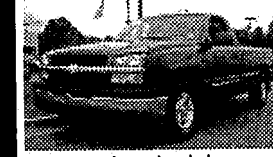
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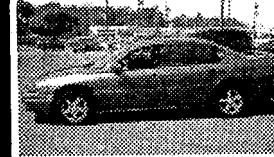
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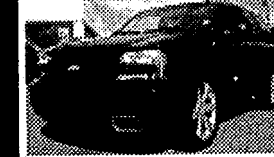
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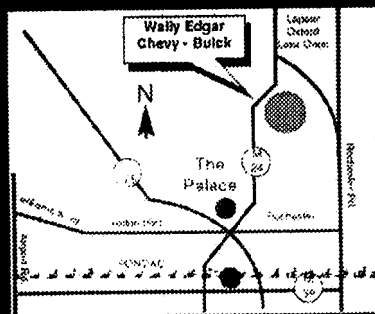
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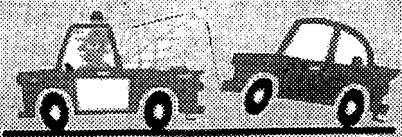
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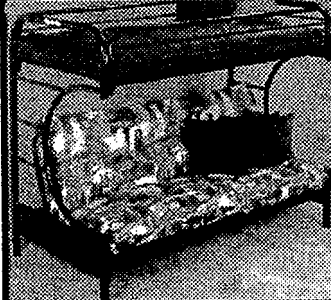


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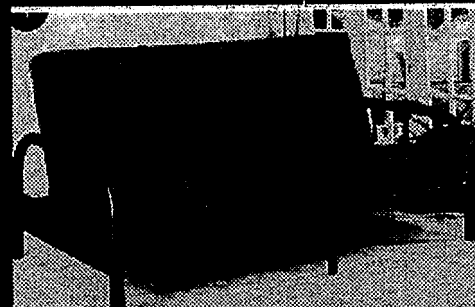
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Let's redefine our economic evolvement

By Maria Rotondo-Mark

Viewpoints come and go, much like slogans on license plates, Michigan Water Wonderland. How many different ways can one look at Michigan and appreciate the ground we stand on. Many wonders of Michigan continue to be ignored; others recognize the gifts offered and engage in its abundance. Think it and it shall be that, or it could be less.

To appreciate our state is to appreciate the abundance most take for granted. Look back and acknowledge the rich soil we stand on. Next to the ocean, we have beauty through the Great Lakes and all its offsprings of smaller lakes, streams and ponds.



Maria Rotondo-Mark is owner of Make Over Place Salon

The richness of our soil has been nurtured for generations, only to take a back seat to bigger and better industrial growth. Nonetheless, many continue to share from the earth's abundance. In the summer, we are graced with just about any fruit one desires, compatible to our climate that is.

In the fall, we have transitions, the leaves turning with color magnificence. The abundance of lumber and all that it creates. Winter brings other attractions, from skiing to ice fishing and yes, purifying snow.

Spring awakens us with lush greens and delightful spring flowers. Life recycles again and again. This summer we have been graced with plenty of sunshine. Has it become routine to wake up and see a clear day? Keep looking; beauty is in the mind and the mind's eye. We are alive and living in Michigan, appreciate, communicate, reflect, listen and proceed with loving care. This is our legacy to pass on.

Looking back further, thank you to the Native American Indians for showing others how to appreciate heaven on earth.

Look now or look forward, it's still Michigan, standing tall as a vital contributor to this magnificent nation.

The automobile industry prevailed for more than 100 years and now it is time for other opportunities. How long can one mourn a loss? Can we bring to the

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Improving Business Performance

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

By Ronald DeLorme

"Think about the best manager(s) you have worked for over the years. What skills and traits did he/she have that made that person a great manager?"

I've asked this question to thousands of workers over the past 3 decades. Below, I list some of the most common answers - the skills and traits that employees remember and value most in managers.

"The best manager(s) I ever worked for ... knew the business; supported their employees; was NOT a screamer; gave credit when credit was due; rewarded (took care of) their employees; was a straight shooter; didn't play games; was NOT a know-it-all; was open to new/different ideas; was consistent; developed and advanced their employees; had a good sense of humor"

If you are a manager, why should you care about what employees think? Because you can NOT do all the work yourself! As a manager, you have to get the work



Ronald DeLorme, president of Manage Max

done through others (employees).

What are some of the best ways to "get work done through others?" Really effective managers do their best to create a positive work environment, they set high standards and provide employees with the resources they need to get the job done well, and these managers behave in ways that employees respect and admire. Then, these great managers leverage that positive work culture to attain department/corporate goals like greater productivity, lower costs, increased sales, attracting and keeping the best talent, etc.

So, how can you get an idea about how well you are doing in creating a work environment where employee performance can flourish? Listen to your employees. If employees are making comments like the ones shown below, you are well on your way to becoming a GREAT manager/executive. And right now, your company, the state of Michigan and the USA needs all the GREAT managers and executives we can get!

■ My boss sets high standards and helps each of us reach those standards.

■ My boss knows a lot about the job but he/she is NOT a "know it all." My boss is always asking for our suggestions. My boss listens carefully and has used many of our ideas.

■ My boss encourages me to do a good job and provides all the resources I need to get the job done.

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Jill Arvidson, left and Connie Haviland work on keeping their customers happy

Flower shop is 'Always' blooming

With more than 25 years experience, Always In Bloom Flower market, 2985 Frembes in Waterford, designs with combinations of exotic, tropical, garden and traditional flowers.

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Your biz plan concludes

By Patrick J. Allsteadt

The Appendix is the last section in a completed business plan. The Appendix incorporates the facts and figures used in developing your business plan. Included are the materials needed to support the assumptions in this plan, industry studies, lists of equipment owned or to be purchased, blueprints, plans, illustrations, copies of leases and contracts, market research studies, list of assets available as collateral for a loan, etc.



Patrick Allsteadt is owner of Accurate Bookkeeping, LLC

Now is the time to refine the business plan. The basic business plan that has been discussed over the past nine months should now be modified to coordinate with the specific type of industry and the audience for which the plan is written. If capital is needed, bankers require the amount of loan, how the funds will be used and what this will attain, requested repayment terms, and collateral presented. A longer repayment term which will help cash flow might be negotiable.

Private equity firms or angel investors loan from a different viewpoint. They are looking for extraordinary growth and expect to share in the rewards. Funds needed are short-term within two to five years. How will the company use the resources, what is the expected growth, and what is the estimated return on investment? The investors will also want an exit strategy, a percent of ownership, targets and conditions, and participation on the board or in management.

The Executive Summary is a summary of your business plan in two pages or less. It is often measured as the most critical part of the plan because it is the first section the readers will see and is intended to capture their interest and bring them

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Good Eats:

the biz from local restaurants

Hot Lunch Item of the Month ...

Lots o' hots at Johnny's

Johnny's Hots, famous in Jamestown, New York, since the 1930s, have made their way to the Clarkston area.

Johnny's hot dogs are called "Hots" because of its sauce, invented by founder Johnny Colera more than 70 years ago, said Victor Van Slambrouck of Clarkston.

"It has a bit of a tang to it - it's phenomenal," Van Slambrouck said. "It's a beef-based, no-bean, no-transfat chili."

When the restaurant opened in 1936, Hots were sold for a dime. Now, they sell for 98 cents.

"It's a great value," he said.

The restaurant, decorated in colorful, 1930's style, also serves burgers, fries, onion rings, shakes, soda, and homemade rice pudding.

"All of our Hots, burgers, fries, and onion rings can be served with our famous sauce," he said.

Three Hots, fries, and drink combo is \$5.50. Combo with three burgers is

\$6.85.

Van Slambrouck drove to Jamestown this past October to check out the original Johnny's, when it was offered for franchise. He took about five hours to make the trip, arriving at lunchtime.

"There were a hundred people in line, license plates were from seven states," he said. "That got me right there."

He and his business partners plan 75 Johnny's Lunch restaurants throughout southeast Michigan. The Waterford location is their first.

"We're excited to be here - this is a great area," he said. "Cars, working people, hot dogs, 30's theme, it all goes together."

Johnny's Lunch, 5673 Dixie Hwy. in the Waterfall Plaza, is open 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Call 248-623-0022.

Vanessa Blackwood serves up a couple Hots at the new Johnny's Lunch restaurant on Dixie Hwy.



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County's 'Emerging Sectors' program successes

By Chad Halcom
Crain's Detroit Business

Eighteen months ago, the entire Michigan division of Realtime Technology USA Inc. was Peter Stevenson and a small Troy office.

Now the company, a division of Munich-based RTT AG, recently dedicated its new facility with 15 employees in Royal Oak, and Stevenson, as CEO, expects the office to grow enough to eclipse the 25 employees at RTT USA Inc.'s headquarters in Pasadena, Calif.

"They (RTT) were interested in having a presence here, and I agreed to help it get started," Stevenson said.

Realtime Technology makes 3-D computer visualizations and

simulations of products in real-world settings, prior to prototype production for its clients.

The new Realtime Technology office in Royal Oak is one of 20 new business expansions, relocations or startups claimed as a 2007 "success" for Oakland County's Emerging Sectors program, which seeks out companies in high-tech and high-growth areas to come to the county.

A progress report submitted to County Executive L. Brooks Patterson for July says the 20 such successes since Jan. 1 totaled more than 1,925 new jobs and \$58 million in local investment.

That puts the county ahead of its 2006 tally, in which 19 businesses added 779 new jobs in its 10 identified high-growth sectors. That year ended with \$126 million in local investment.

Oakland County's criteria for an Emerging Sectors "success" include a business signing a lease on a new facility, announcing growth in its local presence or obtaining a tax incentive or credit in exchange for a commitment to grow and add jobs. In exchange, those companies sometimes gain employee-training

grants, special loan financing or county aid in obtaining tax incentives through the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Also counted as a July success is Chrysler Financial in Farmington Hills.

That company, a division of DaimlerChrysler Financial Services Americas L.L.C., will be its own entity and add 100 local jobs after other divisions of the company move to a separate Farmington Hills site this month.

Since its June 2004 inception, the county credits the program with helping 54 businesses locate, expand or remain in the county and add 5,480 new jobs, retain 2,741 jobs and bring \$317 million in local investment.

Patterson has said the program began by "identifying 10 sectors excluding automotive since we are already heavily invested in automotive" in order to transform Oakland County's employment mix.

He said a few of the new businesses have strong auto ties.

"They're tied in with automotive in the technical, the R&D side, the logistics and high end of the industry. That part of automotive is likely to survive and thrive here," he said. "We can't remain tied to

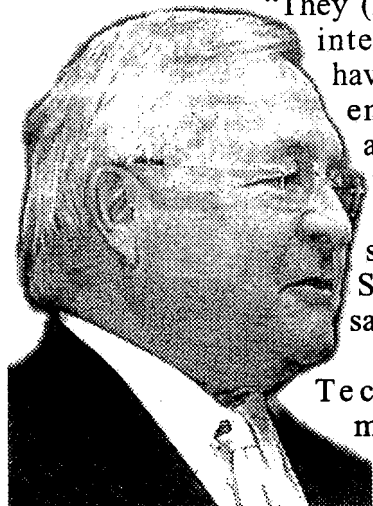
automotive in manufacturing and labor (where) we can't compete with the Sun Belt and overseas."

Media Genesis Inc. President Antoine Dubeauclard said his customer base is probably a 60-40 split between automotive and nonautomotive clients. Media Genesis makes online video files for Internet use and DVDs for corporate customers.

The company has been operating in Madison Heights-but acquired a new location in Royal Oak and is expected to add 125-plus jobs over seven years.

Dana Johnson, chief economist for Comerica Bank, which prepares a monthly analysis of the economic climate in Southeast Michigan, said his company's June report did show signs of strength and he also sees evidence the local economy is slowly diversifying as Patterson has hoped.

"The argument I'm having with myself is whether the end of the (downturn) will be the bottom half of this year or the early part of next year," he said. "The indicators that we're in a one-state recession will really subside in 2008, and if the national economy at that time is seeing moderate growth, then the local area would see very slow growth."



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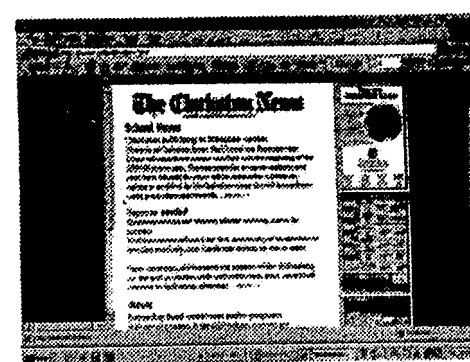
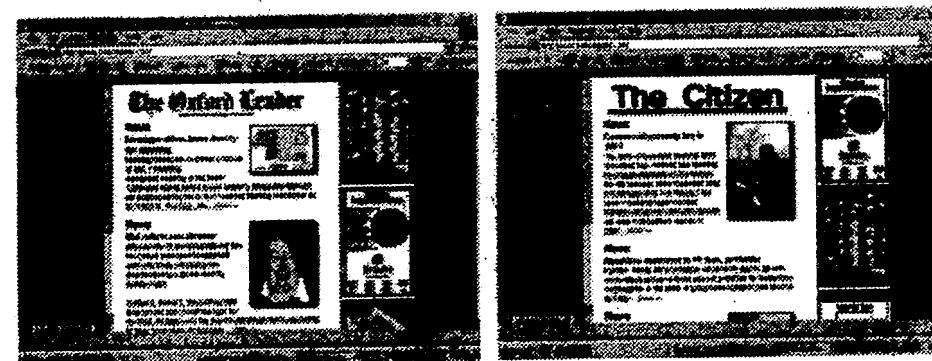


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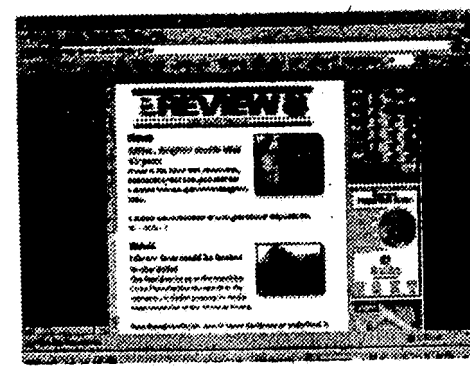
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Owner and operator of Uncle Al's Putt & Play is Al Kuhn. Al is a lifelong Waterford resident. Kuhn says "I want to provide a safe, fun, clean, environment that the entire family can enjoy."

Kuhn also said Uncle Al's will provide excellent customer service that is unsurpassed.

The business also includes a party area that can accommodate up to 24 people. The party area can be booked in advance and there will be packages including golf, food, and favors ranging from \$8.95 to \$14.95 per person. Uncle Al's will be an ideal venue for birthday parties, youth groups, sports teams, corporate events, and any group looking for a fun time at an affordable price.

The business also is home to seven video arcade games to provide additional entertainment at Uncle Al's.

In the summer, Uncle Al's opens at 11 in the morning, except on Mondays when it is closed. The biz closes at 8 on Sunday, 11 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays and at 10 the rest of the week.

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Why you should buy instead of rent

By Michael Wang

For many people, buying their first home represents a step into the American Dream. Tired of paying rent and "having nothing to show for it," they decide they are ready for a place they can call their own.

There are a number of advantages to home ownership. Perhaps the most important is that you stop giving so much of YOUR MONEY AWAY.

The amount of your monthly rent payment is usually calculated to cover your landlord's monthly mortgage payment. Why pay someone else's mortgage, when for approximately the same amount or less (with taxes savings) you could be paying your own? If you own your own home, your monthly payment becomes an investment rather than an expenditure.

Here's why: Although there can be times when home values stay the same or even go down, the value of a home tends to increase over time. This increase is called appreciation. The house you buy next month for \$100,000 might be worth, say, \$105,000 in another year or two.

That's an extra \$5000 in your pocket later, when you decide to sell your home.

Assuming you purchase another home, the profit from the sale can provide the down payment for the next home.

There are also tax advantages in home ownership. At income tax time, the IRS allows you to deduct the amounts you have paid in mortgage interest and property taxes. In the early years of paying a mortgage, most of the amount of each monthly payment goes toward paying the interest. And all those thousands of dollars in interest payments become tax deductible. Not so, if you're paying rent.

Think of it this way: if you are paying rent, you are probably paying off somebody else's mortgage. Why not pay off your own mortgage, have



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Madonna's anti-aging facial available at ReGina Paul Salons

By Reggie Smith,
Owner & Stylist of ReGina Paul Salons

You don't have to go to Hollywood to get the latest advancement in Health & Beauty.



Reggie Smith

It's right here at ReGina Paul Salons, in Oxford, the only salon in Southeast Michigan offering the exclusive O2 anti-aging facial Madonna, Jennifer Lopez and other Hollywood celebrities are using for that glowing, red-carpet worthy complexion publicized on *Access Hollywood* and March 2007 *Harper's Bazaar* (www.intraceuticals.com).

"The O2 facial is amazing. I look years younger, it's affordable, and it makes me feel more confident, which helps me personally and professionally," said Teri Chouinard, CBC, APR, owner of Intuit Group Advertising & Public Relations in Metamora. "It's great to have local access to the latest advances in skin care, and not have to travel to California or New York."

The facial, called the Intraceuticals Infusion, simultaneously infuses moisture, vitamins and antioxidants into the skin via a cooling, calming, topical hyperbaric oxygen-delivery system. Basically, the treatment is two different serums a machine infuses into your skin. A handheld "pen" is run over your face to saturate the skin with pressurized oxygen and serum. The oxygen theoretically facilitates serum absorption. Each serum is a cock-

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A time for perspective

By Nanci Lewis

Although these are challenging economic times, we must remember that interest rates remain historically low. In my twenty-two years in the banking and mortgage business I have seen many changes in the market, both positive and negative; however each change brings about challenges and opportunities for all of us.

Working for a community bank in this market has been anything but a negative experience — in fact it has been challenging and rewarding. It is very satisfying to be able to assist people in our local community with different lending services like consumer loans, home equity loans, commercial loans and mortgages. We have been able to put people in fixed rate mortgages that were in adjustable rate mortgages that were increasing on them every year.

We have also helped people by refinancing their home and taking cash out to pay off their credit card bills or pay for college tuition. In addition, we have helped first time home buyers to purchase a home that normally would have been difficult for them to achieve through products like FHA, MSHDA and rural development.

In the end, I contend that though times are challenging, there are a lot of inspiring recovery stories and success stories to be told. As a community banker we are always challenged to see what we can do for the customer to help them and make their lives easier.

I have always believed that a positive outlook creates optimistic outcomes. In our current market situation we need to keep our focus on moving forward with a positive perspective, together we can all be successful!



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Invest wisely in customer relationships Improving Business Performance

By Dan Gauthier

Business relationships operate much like the stock market. You work hard to earn your initial investment, and you want the largest possible return. Ensuring your situation is as gainful as it can be requires careful monitoring. Losses can be significantly minimized through daily account management, but when they do occur, it's not impossible to regain assets.



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Everyday there are numerous opportunities for your business or organization to strengthen customer relationships. Recognizing such opportunities and implementing proven techniques will help you grow your business.

Maintain accurate customer info

While successful account management encompasses numerous diverse activities, accurately tracking and recording customers' needs is an essential first step for establishing a solid foundation on which to build. Every contact with a customer should be used as an opportunity to deepen your relationship. Needs should be analyzed:

- During frontline dialogue. Train staff members to collect information through routine interactions. Listen for ideas that may open a door for suggesting additional products and/or services from which a particular customer may benefit.

- Through surveys. While only a small percentage of recipients actually take the time to complete and return a survey, those who do usually provide valuable information on what works, as well as what they would like to see improved.

- With each project. Track customer purchases as a means of suggesting additional ways in which you can provide valuable services. Purchase history is also useful in creating mailing lists for distributing relevant direct mail pieces and educational materials.

- By conducting personal interviews. Take top customers to lunch or meet them in their office to get a better sense of their attitudes and objectives.

Many companies are unaware of the ramifications of inactive customers, and therefore do nothing to resolve the situation. Lost customers not only mean decreased revenues, they also lead to negative word of mouth and weakened staff morale. According to Teligenix, a customer relationship management firm, negative word-of-mouth spreads five times faster than positive word-of-mouth.

While some customers leave for reasons

beyond your control, such as relocation or change in economic situation, most customers become inactive due to:

- Poor service. This encompasses all aspects of each business transaction, including interactions with staff, product or service turnaround time, and delivery.

- Unresolved complaints. Only 4 percent of customers who are unhappy complain. A complaint is an open invitation to go above and beyond the ordinary and provide exemplary service. When a complaint is taken lightly or ignored, it's a direct rejection of the customer.

- Disapproval of changes. Familiarity makes customers comfortable. Changing policies, products or even staff can make customers leave. This is not to say changes shouldn't occur, but when they do, objectives should be well communicated.

- Feelings taken for granted. Customers need to be reminded not only how you provide them with the best value, but also how valuable their business is to you.

The odds of recapturing business from lost customers are greater overall than the chances of gaining business from new prospects. With this in mind . . .

Create relevant and personal reasons to return

Re-establishing relationships with inactive customers requires an understanding of why they left, combined with a plan for demonstrating why your product or service has more value than any competitor. Here are some ideas to help you get started:

- Communicate regularly. Distribute customer newsletters and direct mail postcards describing your capabilities and business successes. Include testimonials from satisfied customers. Send note cards acknowledging past business and recognizing each customer's importance.

- Hold a luncheon or open house. Mail personalized invitations to carefully selected, satisfied customers as well as customers whose business you would like to earn back.

- Show interest in the individual as a person, not just as a client. Send a card in recognition of a holiday or special event. Hand-deliver a care package, such as a small gift relating to your business. These techniques are the first steps in establishing grounds for solidifying a business relationship. Personal attention is more important than persistence. Make it part of an ongoing plan within your business or organization to evaluate each customer's needs and maintain regular communication. Investing in a mutually beneficial relationship pays big dividends to all involved.

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- My boss respects that I have a "life" outside of work and doesn't expect me to "live at the office" or to neglect my family.

- My boss doesn't take credit for the work I do. If I do a good job, my boss is good at giving me the recognition, verbally and in writing.

- My boss treats each of the employees fairly and doesn't show favoritism to one employee over the other.

- My boss gives me the opportunity to learn more and advance in the company.

- My boss listens to my ideas and opinions. I don't always get my way but, at least, my views were given a fair hearing.

- I like going to work. My boss has a good sense of humor.

- My boss doesn't tolerate in-fighting and stabbing each other in the back. My boss encourages us to work as a team. We work hard, I'm proud of the work we do and we have fun!

- My boss is pretty consistent. My boss doesn't freak out every time some-

thing goes wrong. My boss doesn't threaten or scream at people. In fact, my boss is very positive most of the time.

- My boss values performance and results! My boss isn't focused on politics or sucking-up to the big boss.

- My boss shows us our mistakes but the focus is on how to improve - not on blaming someone or making us feel stupid or inferior!

- My boss appreciates it when we work really hard to get the job done. My boss always does something to reward us or to celebrate our accomplishments.

What are your employees saying about YOU? I hope they are saying, "My current boss is the best boss I've ever had!"

Let's have some fun: Let me know about the skills and traits of your Best Boss AND your Worst Boss.

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Your Biz plan: the executive summery

Continued from page 3 into reading further.

The executive summary should capture a couple of key points from each of the other sections. A strong executive summary is enthusiastic, professional, complete, and concise in presenting the important facets of the business plan.

As I stated in the first article a good business plan is a living document. A good business plan is never finished. If it's not being kept up-to-date, it's not planning

Let's redefine our economic evolvment

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table of ongoing life the fruits of work ethics, accomplishments, contributions the auto industry provided and continues to do so?

Today needs have evolved to another economic equation, the service industry. This seems to be how economists strategize moving the masses. Who serves who and for how much?

Who is willing to pay and how much are they willing to pay for how long? Com-

plex yet simple questions, all depends on who is asking and what's the intention.

This concludes an introduction in developing a business plan. Next month, I will write about establishing a new business enterprise.

If you need any further information regarding this series of articles or have any questions about Small Businesses e-mail me at: info@accuratebookkeepingllc.com

Before we continue to put the cart before the horse, reflect, appreciate, listen and proceed with ultimate respect and responsibility toward one another.

What's important in this new evolvment is it sound in reasoning, who is leading and who is following?

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Why you should buy instead of rent

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Websites you may find useful, too

By Dan Izydorek

I was checking some of the websites I use on a monthly basis and I thought I would give you a list of sites which I find interesting or valuable. If you have any sites you think are valuable, please email them to me and I'll share them with the readers.

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McLaren, CMG break ground on \$600M complex

Clarkston Medical Group and McLaren Health Care Corporation collectively broke muddy ground July 25 on a three-phase, \$600 million McLaren Health Care Village. The complex will be built on Bowpointe Drive off Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

CMG expects work to be complete on the 136,000-square-foot building and move from their current location, 6770 Dixie Highway, in the spring of 2009. A cancer center, 200-bed hospital, with possible future expansion, cardiac center, retail services and medical office buildings will accompany CMG in the village. The McLaren village should encompass 300,000 square feet total.

A crowd of more than a 100 gathered under tents to stave off the driving rain as leaders of CMG, McLaren, and local government officially kicked off the project, which promises to bring nearly 4,000 jobs, consolidate medical services, and reduce the burden of travel for patients. The village is expected to have an annual economic impact between \$600-\$800 million.

After pitching the idea of a new facility two years ago, CMG founder Dr. James O'Neill said McLaren became the favorites because it understood what the community wanted.

"McLaren said, 'We want to be your community hospital,'" O'Neill said. "They

listened to what Clarkston is about."

"They clearly saw what we were attempting to do and it was consistent with their vision and what they wanted for this community," McLaren President and CEO Philip Incarnati said.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm was invited to the event but did not attend.

Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner is excited for the economic shot in the arm the health care village should provide.

"We've got more than 600 houses for sale. With this project and the people (involved), it's going to help our real estate and our local businesses," Wagner said.

Wagner wasn't sure how much of the expected annual impact would remain in Independence Township.

McLaren sees a 200-bed hospital as part of the second phase, but prior to going forward, it must get a Certificate of Need from the state. Incarnati believes his company's track record in obtaining CON's is a positive sign.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, an Independence Township resident, said health care is one of the 10 sectors providing solid jobs that Oakland County is trying to encourage.

"It's more than an economic impact, I'm glad to see we'll have a hospital nearby," he said.

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Clarkston welcomes 24-hour fitness facility

Working out at Snap Fitness, with 24-hour access to state of the art equipment at an affordable price, is just like the name implies—a snap.

Snap Fitness of Clarkston, located near Kroger in the Regency Independence Square Center on Sashabaw Road, opened July 12.

“People are surprised when they find out we’re open 24 hours a day,” said owner Ron Kulenkamp. “They’re excited to find out they can come in and work out any time they want.”

The facility—fully equipped with brand new, modern exercise equipment and four 32-inch flat panel televisions—is staffed during the day, and some evenings. After hours, members simply use a key card to let themselves in. The door locks automatically, and can only be opened again by another key-card holding member.

“We really do have people working out at two or three o’clock in the morning,” said Matt Kulenkamp, who is working in partnership with his father, Ron, as the facility’s general manager.

A complimentary consultation is provided in order to familiarize new members with the facility.

With professional, adjustable cardio and strength-building equipment—including Cybex machines and free weights—members don’t have to worry about outgrowing the facility as their level of fitness improves.

When they decided to open the franchise, it was important to locate near other around-the-clock establishments. With Kroger’s in the same

plaza, and a 24-hour Tim Horton’s coming soon, setting up shop in the Maybee-Sashabaw plaza made sense.

“It’s well lighted,” Ron said. “People are around all the time.”

But just in case of emergency, he said, panic buttons are located on walls and are also available in a portable version members can wear around their necks while exercising. For added security, video cameras keep a constant watch.

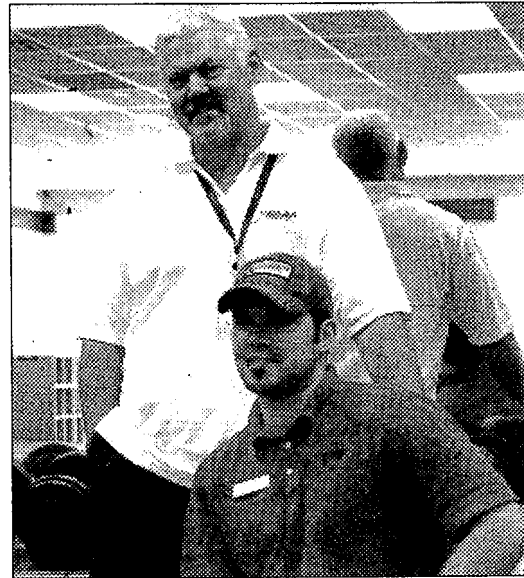
A membership runs \$34.95 per month, with family memberships available for \$49.95.

As an introductory offer, members can currently choose to either waive the one-time \$49 registration fee, or receive a free one-week pass.

“To be fair to the big, expensive health clubs, we can charge our members less because we’re not paying for things like a swimming pool or a climbing wall,” Ron said.

Another benefit of a Snap Fitness membership, is there are no contracts obligating members to stay in the club. Payment is by automatic monthly draft, but 30-day notice is the only requirement for cancellation. A membership at Snap Fitness of Clarkston is good at any Snap Fitness, and new locations are popping up everywhere.

“When I first looked at the business in November 2006, there was only one other location opened in Michigan,” he said. “Now there are 42 planned, and about 1000 more planned in 45 states and Canada.”



Father and son, Ron and Matt Kulenkamp

Father and son are so confident, in fact, they’re already planning to open two new locations—in Oxford and Lake Orion—toward year’s end. Working in partnership with his son makes a good thing even better, Ron said.

“It wouldn’t be as much fun without Matt,” he said. “But it’s not just about the fun we have. Matt does a great job as a general manager and I’m lucky to have him here.”

For more info call 248-625-2100 or email Clarkston@snapfitness.com, or visit www.snapfitness.com.

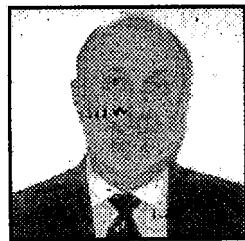
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tail of hyaluronic acid, with vitamins such as A, C and E, green tea and other antioxidants, and peptides. You get a kick from the serum for immediate hydration, which minimizes and plumps lines. The hyperbaric pressure also stimulates circulation, further enhancing a youthful appearance.

Local residents and business professionals love it. Margie Bartmess, a local Arbonne Cosmetics Products distributor who has also owned her own staffing company that provides skilled trades and general laborers for manufacturers said, “I am 55-years-old and do not want to do any cutting to my face. These treatments have allowed my skin to maintain a more youthful appearance without the trauma of surgery.”

The O2 facial is not just for women. Smart men use it too. Jason Ryan, a partner for Virtualeyes, a cyber reality firm based in Troy, is a regular customer at ReGina Paul Salons who has benefited from the O2 treatments. “Beauty is Within” is more than our slogan at the salon. It is our goal to bring the natural and unique beauty within everyone to the surface. The O2 facial helps us to do this.

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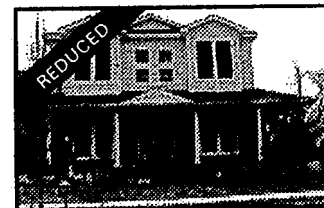
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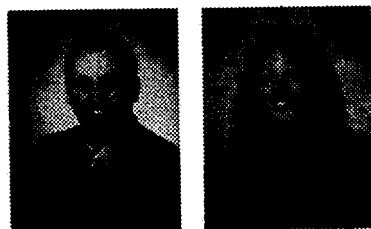
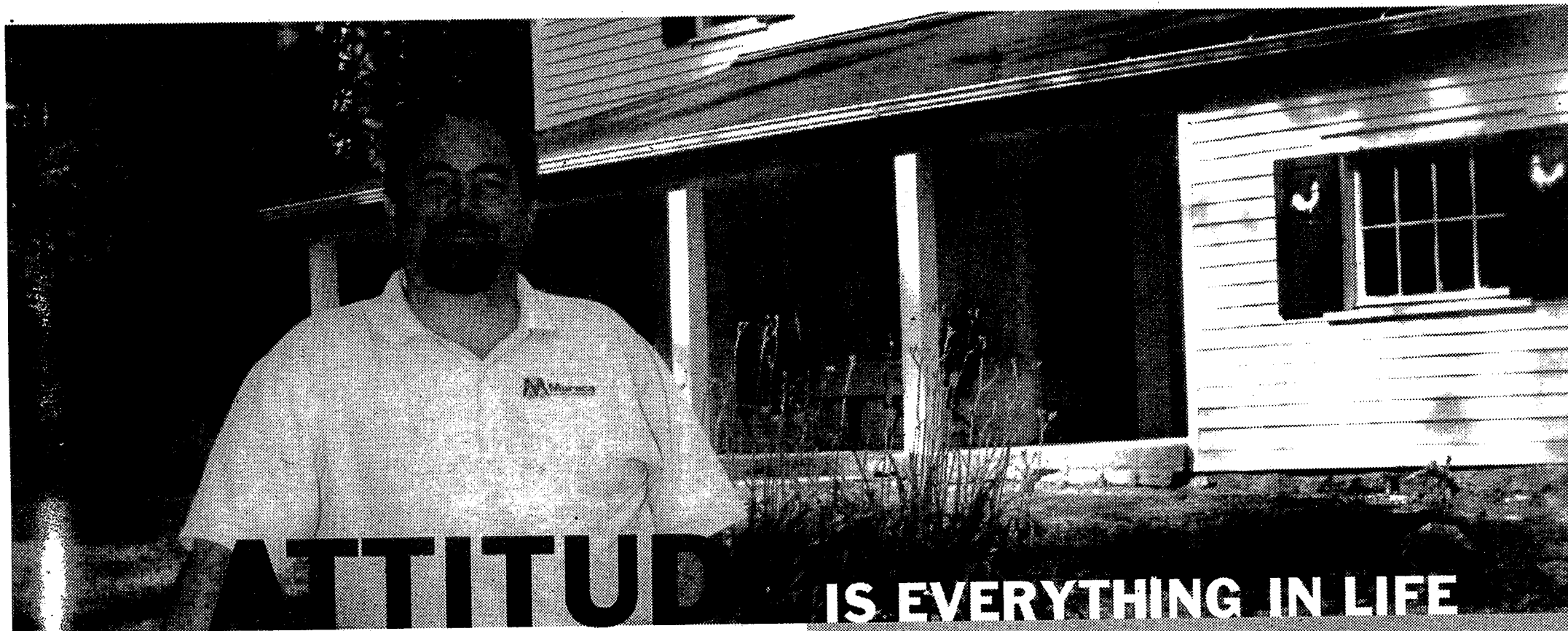
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