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Fun in the sun



Tanir Smith, 2, watches her brother, Carter Smith, 4, irrigate the sand at Deer Lake Beach. Their mother, Nicole Smith, brought them to the beach Friday morning for some fun in the sun, sand, and water. Photo by Phil Custodio

City earnings drop 16 percent

Budget revenues
projected to fall
\$104,273 in 2009

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As another fiscal year comes to a close, rising fuel costs and a sluggish economy are catching up with Clarkston's budget.

Clarkston City Council met Monday, June 23, to finish the 2008 budget and set next year's spending. According to the latest budget amendment, the city collected \$898,335 in revenue and spent \$896,937 this fiscal year, ending in June, for a difference of \$1,398.

The total 2009 budget calls for \$794,062 in revenue and \$778,792 in spending, with \$15,270 leftover for unexpected costs.

"I think it's the best budget we could do with the way revenue

sharing is now," said Mayor Sharron Catallo. "We've tried to cut back where we could because of the increased fuel costs and even to heat the buildings, it's going to cost us more like it does everybody. What we tried to do is keep the level of our services as well as we possibly can, while cutting in some other areas and trying to bring it within the amount we had to work with."

The proposed police budget was \$237,088.81, with actual spending at \$251,759.24 as of June 20. The council revised the budget to \$272,233.04 on June 23.

Chief Dale Lacroix asked for about \$23,000 in added funds to cover overtime for criminal cases and court hearings, as well as vacation, training days, gasoline, and vehicle maintenance.

The council also approved an additional \$6,000 to replace a police computer.

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Friends gather to celebrate 46 years with Pappas

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The applause was long and loud Monday as well-wishers from across the Clarkston area came to say thanks and bid City Manager Art Pappas a happy retirement.

"I'm totally awed by this whole thing," said Pappas, looking at the crowd gathered at the Clarkston Café. "I'm going to miss the people—this is a great community."

Even during the inevitable times of disagreement, Pappas said he's always had a great deal of respect for the work done by others in the City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township, Oakland County and beyond.

"Whether you agree or not, they're all dedicated and doing their job," he said. "I can't say thanks enough to all the people who've helped me through the years."

Pappas said plans for the future, at this point, included driving his son Kit to the airport Tuesday morning. Beyond that, he anticipated time to "take it easy and take things as they come."

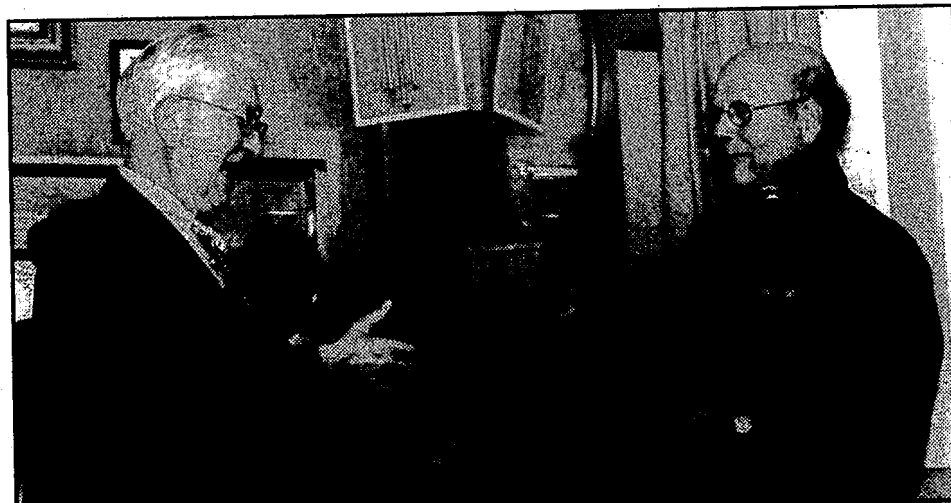
Guests enjoyed strolling appetizers, drinks, cake and homemade ice cream, and Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo said she was happy so many showed up to let Pappas know they appreciated his dedication to the community.

"He's been an important part not only of the City of the Village of Clarkston, but across the community," Catallo said. "He may be the easiest person to work with, ever, and he taught me so much."

Catallo was sorry to see Pappas go, but said she was sure his family was happy to get him back.

"He was always back from vacations in

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Art Pappas, left, accepts a token of esteem from county Commissioner Tom Middleton. Photo by Laura Colvin

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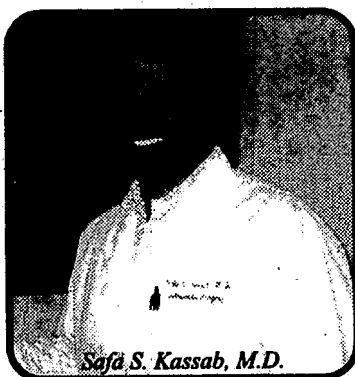
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Young author wins first place

Kay Lee Lichtenberg of Clarkson, with host Kelley Hamilton of Detroit Public TV during the 2008 Reading Rainbow Awards, June 30. Lichtenberg's story, "Fraldy Frog," received first-place honors in the third-grade category in the young writers and illustrators competition. Fraldy Frog is about a frog's journey around the world to "find her croak," and also her courage. "I like frogs," she told Hamilton. The video is available for viewing at dptv.org. Photo provided

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Thieves prey on unlocked cars

Deputies are investigating thefts of thousands of dollars in equipment last week, all from unlocked vehicles in one Independence Township neighborhood.

A 43-year-old Independence Township man living in the 4600 block of Stone Gate Court called police after discovering someone stole a set of golf clubs valued at about \$2,700 from his unlocked vehicle overnight, June 24. The man told police he heard his dog barking around 3 a.m., but didn't think anything of it.

While taking that report, deputies said a neighbor approached and told them an iPod and video camera were stolen from his unlocked vehicle overnight. The man said he saw lights shine in the window of his home shortly after 3 a.m., but figured it was the newspaper deliveryman.

One street over, in the 4800 block of Spring Meadow, a 54-year-old man called deputies after discovering someone stole a set of golf clubs from his unlocked vehicle over night.

A 44-year-old Independence Township man living in the 4900 block of Spring Meadow called police, June 25, to report his golf clubs, valued at about \$2,000, had been stolen from his unlocked vehicle overnight.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation at 248-620-4968 with any information about these cases.

Work continues on Sashabaw

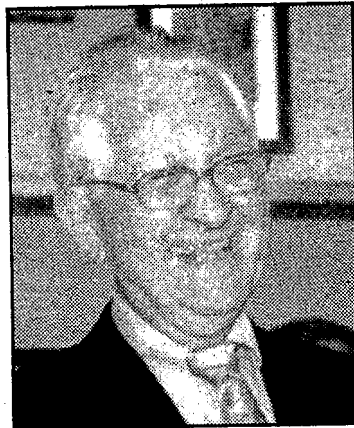
Work continues on Sashabaw Road north of Clarkston Road.

This section is closed as part of an ongoing project to widen the Clarkston Sashabaw intersection. The project includes adding turn lanes in all directions at the intersection, as well as reconstructing a hill on Sashabaw just north of the intersection.

Detour route for through traffic is Pine Knob Road to Stickney Road.

Completion date is Aug. 15, according to Road Commission for Oakland County.

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Party for Pappas

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for a meeting or some other thing we had going on," she said. "He never grumbled about it."

Dennis Ritter will replace Pappas as city manager, while Jan Gillespie takes over the roles of clerk and treasurer.

"I'm looking forward to working with both of them," said Catallo. "But I'll always have my friend Art Pappas."



Art Pappas and his wife, Maryann, share stories with friends at a retirement party at the Clarkston Cafe on Monday. Photos by Laura Colvin

Beaumont project gets a foot in the door

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

William Beaumont Hospital took its first step forward after receiving conceptual site plan approval.

"I think they deserve to have their foot in the door," said Sam Moraco, chairman of Independence Township Planning Commission. "They deserve the right to try and now build this project. If they can do it to our standards we'll keep moving it forward. There was no basis to deny it at that point last night."

The planning commission voted 5-2 at the June 26 meeting, with Larry Rosso and George Krull voting no.

Dick Carlisle, township planner, said "yes I approve" to the plan, after Beaumont met five major requirements he had requested at the last meeting in April. These included land use in terms of size, land use in relationship to the project, consistency with the master plan, impact on natural features, and traffic study.

"It was a nice night, it was very rewarding to know that we've been able to reach compromise, which is kind of what the process has been, a long drawn out negotiation," said Eric Hunt, vice president of operations for Beaumont.

The new plan includes approximately 70

percent open space, and has been scaled back from 663,000 square feet to 496,000 square feet, which Carlisle noted was the maximum the project could hold, according to the master plan.

They also eliminated an assisted living facility along with a physicians' office buildings.

The master plan calls for a two-story limit in office-space zones, but the commission allowed a deviation for the phase three of the project.

"The position of the building, which is in one of the lower areas of the site, from a relative standpoint, made it much lower from the points it would actually be visible to M-15 and the expressway," Carlisle said. "The building size would be partially obscured by the parking structure."

A taller story would also reduce land usage, he said.

"They've got plenty of room on that property to spread that building out, but in the interest of trying to preserve open space and reduce the appearance of intensity of land cover, I felt that there was a sense for going up rather than going out with the building."

Rosso said the plan sets a bad precedent. "What we did is open up a Pandora's Box, the flood gates for other developers that will

say 'you did it for them, why can't you do it for us?'" He said. "This goes against everything the master plan stood for with the two-story limitation when it was created."

Traffic was another concern, said Rosso. "No consideration for the traffic situation," he said. "They are already going to exasperate what is already a horrendous traffic situation during those peak times on M-15."

Neil Wallace, who had spoken against the plan at previous meetings, found favor with the revised plan.

"I am impressed with the reduction of about four acres of building, 167,000 square feet," Wallace said. "That more than offsets the height in terms of density in use of the land, so we really couldn't hope for anything better."

The majority of the public concerns during public comment regarded traffic, lighting, and need. Moraco allowed 30 minutes for those who had not spoken at previous meeting to address the commission.

Phase II of the project will include left- and right-turn lanes added to M-15 at Amy Drive and the entrance to the project, funded by Beaumont, Hunt said.

"The goal of when you're looking at a
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Officials consider privatizing some public city services

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Computers in each of the department's three patrol cars vary in quality—"one new one, one old one, and one dead one," said LaCroix.

As far as the 2009 police budget, Councilman Cory Johnston said the police probably can't be cut back.

"We've put in money this year for buying a new car," he said. "We don't need it today, but they've been telling us for three years that they're going to need a new car. We put \$15,000 aside for that, so that was an increase. It was going to have to happen eventually, if we're going to have our own police force."

Another area concerning Johnston and Councilman James Brueck was park labor. The proposed budget called for \$15,500, but the June 20 actual spending was \$23,139. The budget was revised, June 23, to \$25,000.

"Like anything, the older it gets the more upkeep it requires," said Bob Pursley, Department of Public Works supervisor. "We haven't had anything out of the ordinary, just more of the ordinary things to do such as tree trimming, tree removal, that kind of stuff."

Pursley noted they have lost many trees to ash borer beetles.

"My concern has been for the last two or three years, we don't really have any documentation on what the labor is," said Johnston. "It may be all needed and required and the best we can do, but there is no way to tell."

Pursley said their work is recorded in the log book, but Johnston said the information is not specific.

"The problem is, they don't give any amount of time," he said. "If it says 'mowed the lawn on Thursday,' does that mean eight hours on Thursday, or four hours on Thursday - you don't know what it cost to do anything."

The council should consider privatizing DPW services including forestry, snow removal, and lawn cutting, said Councilwoman Kristy Ottman.

Ottman and Councilman Chuck Inhabnit have been working with Pursley and former Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas to come up with ways to save money, including privatizing some DPW services.

"Bob Pursley has been a huge help to this. He's been very upfront," Ottman said.

This week, they will finish writing a bid proposal package and send it out to 15 contractors.

"We're going to take this one step at a time," said Ottman. "We'll put the bids out, we'll see how much the bids come back at, look at what our personal costs are, make an evaluation, make a recommendation and then go from there."

Catallo said hiring private companies costs the city "local control."

"They are right to look at it and I don't have any problem with that, but I think you have to look at the fact that now, when something has to be done, we've got somebody there to do it," Catallo said. "When something has to be done and you privatize totally or in part, you get in line."

Keeping the park nice costs money, but the department is doing a "pretty good job" now with what they have, she said.

"If we can do better for the people's money, I'm willing to look into it, but if we're going to get less as far as services go for the same amount of money, than nobody's willing to do that," she said.

City Manager Dennis Ritter said the council should stay within its approved budget as much as possible, and find opportunities to reduce spending.

"Our hope is to find ways to purchase goods for the operation at the least expensive price," Ritter said. "We buy things through the counties purchasing program and things of that nature, and so we're able to enjoy the low cost the county's able to negotiate, whereas we'd never had that opportunity."

Ritter also wants to start looking into grants, such as for parks, police, and training.

"We're going to go through and talk with our federal representatives, both our congressman, Mike Rogers, and either one of our U.S. senators," said Ritter. "Most of those elected officials in Washington have a grants person right in their office, and we're going to find out who that person is and just start communicating. Let them know some of the things that we'd like to have them search for."

Weekly walks at Clintonwood Park

Independence Township Parks and Recreation's Walk Michigan program offers weekly walks of various lengths starting at Clintonwood Park, 8 a.m. or 6 p.m., Thursdays through Aug. 28.

Participants can win prizes and giveaways, including a Labor Day Bridge Walk trip for two to Mackinac. For more information, call 248-625-8223 or check www.twp.independence.mi.us.

Motorcycles to vegetable oil to save money on gas

Part II in a series, examining alternatives, incentives and other ways to save money on gasoline

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Chris Haag doesn't give much thought to the cost of gasoline.

He doesn't have to.

In an economy where nearly everyone is grumbling about rapidly rising fuel costs, Haag, 25, powers his 1999 Volkswagen Golf with vegetable oil.

The conversion, he said, was made with input from like-minded friends and assistance from a diesel basics class at Oakland University.

A flip of a switch is all it takes for the 2001 Clarkston High School graduate to go from diesel, to start and warm the car, to the recycled oil he now gets exclusively from the Clarkston Café.

"It's the most phenomenal oil I've ever seen," he said.

After he collects the oil, Haag runs it through his homemade refinery—a used water heater that sits near the back of his garage—to remove water and waste.

That's all it takes to make the oil good enough to drive on, and he gets about 40 miles per gallon.

When he first made the conversion, Haag, who recently earned a Bachelor of Economics from Oakland University, was featured in local newspapers, including *The Clarkston News*, as well as on television.

In addition to praise and positive attention, he also fielded criticism from doubters who warned him he was going to wreck his car.

He's now logged some 30,000 miles.

"It's still running great," he said. "I've not had one problem with the vegetable oil. There's a lot that can go wrong, but as long as you're care-

ful everything works great."

Haag said he doesn't see the rise in gasoline prices as a bad thing.

"The higher the prices go, the more innovative people get," he said. "The higher it goes, the more people do things that don't impact the environment."

At 25, Haag said he feels it's important to be environmentally responsible and lead by example.

"People my age are going to have to change a lot of our habits," he said. "We've got to get creative and innovative."

Meanwhile, others are just trying to get by. Across the area, those who can't use vegetable oil are making an effort to at least cut down on fuel consumption.

With layoff from his auto-industry related job impending, Bob Barnier takes his motorcycle just about everywhere.

"How are you going to beat it?" he said, noting the bike gets about 40 miles to the gallon, while his Ford F-250 averages about 13. "I don't see an end in sight for these prices."

While prices continue to put a strain on most everyone, some gas stations offer deals to customers who use their credit cards.

Speedway, for example, will knock five cents off every gallon for customers who sign up for the company's line of credit.

But with an average fill up of 13 gallons per week, customers will save only a modest \$34 a year. Although the card has no annual fee, retail card interest rates and a whopping \$39 late fee quickly negate savings if balances are not paid in full and on time every month.

Other stations, like Costco and Kroger offer members a few cents off per gallon with no other fees to worry about.



For Bob Barnier, his motorcycle beats his pickup truck hands down when it comes to gas mileage. Photo by Laura Colvin

Consumers have also been drawn in recently by dealer incentives revolving around gas prices.

The Let's Refuel America program offered by Chrysler is generating a lot of interest, said Chris Dillaway, sales manager of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep in Springfield Township.

Those who take advantage of the program are guaranteed to pay no more than \$2.99 per gallon of gas for the first three years they own the car.

"I think it's a pretty strong commitment from Chrysler to come up with something like this," he said. "It's out-of-the box thinking, and it's

brought people into the dealership to see the new products."

There are, of course, limitations—a Chrysler Town and Country, for example, is allotted 1895 gallons, which are divided evenly over the three years.

The deal also cancels out part of the manufacturer's rebate on some cars.

Nevertheless, he said, the program is doing good things for business.

"It's been awesome," he said. "We've had a huge response from customers calling in and inquiring

about the program, so if its done nothing else it's generated a lot of interest in buying cars, which we've needed for a long time."

Although hybrid vehicles offer higher gas mileage and tax incentives, Al Hall, sales manager at John Bowman Chevrolet in Independence Township hasn't seen an increase in demand for the company's Tahoe Hybrid.

But, he said, General Motors has come out with some incentives on the full-size utilities and full-size trucks so the payment is low enough to offset the gas prices.

Customers can get zero percent financing for 72 months on the Tahoe, Suburban and Silverado.

"Most people are leasing the Silverado because they can get it for \$250 a month for four-wheel drive, loaded, and that's cheap," Hall said. "We've been swamped the last couple days."

Hall also said he's noticed people stepping downward as they purchase new vehicles.

"I've got people turning in Suburbans and taking Impalas, or turning in Suburbans and taking Cobalts—anything they can get with 30 miles a gallon," he said. "More people are trying to lease than buy to keep payment as low as possible."

And loyalty, he said, appears to be a thing of the past.

"We've got Chrysler employees in here buying cars, just the same as when Chrysler had low payments they had General Motors employees in there buying," he said. "There's not a lot of loyalty between General Motors Ford and Chrysler—people are just searching for the lowest payment."

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

A special birthday

Get out the balloons! Get out the streamers! Get out your red, white, and blue!

It's time to celebrate the official birthday of the USA!

I hope many of you have plans to celebrate the day with your loved ones. I used to work a lot of holidays in a mall, and wonder why come to the mall on the sunny, warm days.

But then again, maybe it was because I was on the inside and really didn't pay attention to what was going on outside of those walls. I had to work, no use in teasing myself.

Being in Clarkston has allowed me to not only take notice to what is going on in our community, but in my own.

I hope you know that Clintonwood Park has tons of things to do for 4th of July and you have the opportunity to get over there and be a part of it.

(I would like to get over there and get a dog from the pet adoptions, but alas...I have to pay off the laptop, but the stimulus check paid for half, so I am glad for that.)

The best part of the holiday is watching the fireworks.

It begins with the anticipation. The sky grows darker and darker, and everyone watches for the first one to burst into the sky.

Then, boom. The sky lights up full with color. The flashes of light continue. "Oooooohs" and "aaaaahs" are the only sounds heard besides the pops and fizzles from the fireworks.

I watched the fireworks last year from our yard. We have a small opening through the trees where we can see the fireworks from the county park across the street.

It's not the same as watching them on TV like watching the fireworks on TV broadcasted from Disney or Vegas. I have seen them live as both places and it's just gives it a little something more.

It's like the difference between watching a movie in the theater and watching it at home.

It's just not the same.

Also, it's a time to give thanks to the soldiers serving our country.

Thank you and come home safe.

Happy 232nd Birthday, USA! You don't look a day over 100!



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Beaumont scheme seems clear

Dear Editor,

It wasn't until I attended the public meeting at the Library on June 26 that I realized - we have been duped!

Beaumont never intended to get their large scale medical complex approved. In fact, I believe they were quite sure that it wouldn't be approved.

As a psychologist, I am very familiar with methods of gaining compliance and persuasion - techniques that come from the social psychology literature and research.

We - meaning the citizens and the planning commission - were the recipients of the old "Door-in-the-Face" technique (Cialdini, et al., 1975). This involves making an initial request that is so large that it is sure to be rejected and then coming back with a second, more reasonable request that will likely be granted.

No wonder no one from Beaumont could answer my question of why, if they had to scale down their original plans so drastically, are they continuing to hold on to this

location?

Why not seek out another location that would allow them to build their complex to their original vision?

Because they (Beaumont) got exactly what they wanted while making it seem like they compromised to cooperate with the surrounding

community.

Now that the re-zoning has been approved and Beaumont will get their facilities built, we will once again fall victim to another technique used in social psychology - the "Foot-in-the-Door."

With this, you start with a very small request and proceed there to a larger request. This technique works because once we observe ourselves complying with the small request, we comply with the larger one because we want our behavior to remain consistent (Brehm & Kassin, 1990).

Expansion anyone?

Laura Fadell, PhD
Independence Township

DTE should bury power lines

Dear Editor,

"Trees and Power Lines Don't Mix," say the power companies after the latest storms devastated southeast Michigan, causing extended power outages, lost business, spoiled food, and great discomfort for many.

Why haven't these power companies buried their lines to minimize such destruction?

Instead, they point out why they trim, and want us to plant or trim, trees at least 10 feet from power lines.

What I saw when I ventured out after one of the storms were mature trees, 30 to 50 feet tall, lying across power lines bringing them down or about to bring them down.

Now, most of these trees had been more than 10 feet from the lines. What would power companies have us do: have no trees within 50 feet of the lines, or perhaps no trees at all?

Trees are a significant part of our environment. Not only do they provide shade

and beauty, they are our current, main means of removing carbon dioxide from the air.

And, some of them absorb significant amounts of water from our rainfall, helping to avoid floods and preventing erosion.

I have to believe that the costs of recovering from the damage and losses of major storms, and the cost of tree trimming which has been done in the past and recommended for the future, are greater than the costs of burying the power lines.

Buried lines would have helped us avoid much of the pain and suffering experienced. Naturally, this is hindsight, but could have been prevented by a little foresight.

It is way past time for power lines to be buried and, definitely time for us to speak up. Enough excuses and misplaced blame: let's have some action!

Tom Stone
Clarkston

Share your views on the upcoming
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The Clarkston News reserves the right to edit for accuracy, brevity, and clarity. Letters must include the full name of the writer, home address and daytime telephone number, for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Send your letters ASAP. Primary vote letters will be published through July 23.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Rescue truck hits car, hurls it at building" A woman was seriously injured when her car crossed five lanes of traffic and slammed into a building after she pulling out in front of a fire rescue truck near the corner of M-15 and Dixie Highway.

"Starting School" A groundbreaking ceremony was held with several elementary students and school officials for the building of Springfield Plains elementary school at Holcomb Road.

"Citizens ask board to build loop drive at Sashabaw" Residents of Pine Knob Lane requested that a loop drive be built at Sashabaw Junior High due to drainage and dust problems occurring on their road. Sashabaw Junior High is now known as Sashabaw Middle School.

"Citizens question police, other expenses" At a budget hearing, Clarkston residents were concerned with the \$156,057 police budget set for 1994. The high budget was set to cover wages, insurance, supplies, training, uniforms and squad cars according to city officials.

25 years ago - 1983

"Grant nets school computers" Clarkston Junior High received a \$10,000 grant to buy five word processors, a computer for teachers and a printer to be used in journalism and writing classes. This grant was awarded after Ruth Duling; an English teacher at Clarkston submitted an eight-page proposal to a nationwide grant program.

"Guard Wanted" The Clarkston Village Council decided to hire a crossing guard at M-15 and Middle Lake Road for the safety of junior high students.

"Road paving" The Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved \$76,776 to pave Pine Knob Road from Clarkston-Orion road north for 1,500 feet. This paving will approach Flemings Lake Road and Rattalee Lake Road west of M-15.

50 years ago - 1958

"Localite wins in archery contest" A local Clarkston woman won third place out of over 200 participants in the Michigan Archers Association State Target Tournament held in Lansing.

"Celebrate July 4th in Clarkston" In collaboration with the Independence Township fire department Clarkston held its first real Fourth of July celebration. A parade at 10 a.m. followed by a display of the fire stations equipment on Washington Street and fireworks held at the high school to end the evening.

Some historical words on our Independence Day

The American Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people and for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

William Tyler Page-1868-1942

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence:

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature's God entitled them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare

the causes which impel them to be separate.

We hold these truths to be self evident: That all men are created equal, that

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends,

it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

July 4, 1876

The United States is the only country with a known birthday.

James G. Blaine-1830-1893

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Our fathers fought for liberty, They struggled long and well, History of their deeds can tell-- But, ourselves must set us free.

James Russell Lowell-1819-

1891

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There is no freedom on earth or in any star that for those who deny freedom to others.

Elbert Hubbard- 1859-1915

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On January 1, 1776, George Washington announced the formal existence of the Continental Army.

A huge ceremony was staged to mark the occasion on Prospect Hill in Somerville, Massachusetts, and Washington ordered a flag hoisted to the top of a 76-ft flagpole.

The flag that flew that day consisted of 13 alternating red and white stripes, with the British Union Jack as its canton (the design in the top left corner).

The stripes represented the colonies, united in their struggle against tyranny. The Union Jack signified their loyalty

to the ideals of the British constitution and the colonists' hope for reconciliation with England.

The flag was known as the Grand Union Flag and would serve as the official flag of the Continental Army until the signing of the Declaration of Independence that summer.

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The Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming -

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming!

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,

O! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

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

Francis Scott Key-1779-1834

Happy birthday, America

Judge's judgement riles writer

Dear Editor,

I was shocked to read the glowing article about Judge Fortinberry in the last edition of *The Clarkston News* ("Kostin supports Fortinberry's reelection bid for bench," June 25).

The article made only quick mention of the reprehensible behavior exhibited by Fortinberry during her first disastrous term

as a district judge.

Her behavior falls far short of that expected of a judge.

More than anyone, a judge should exhibit good judgment and common sense. Fortinberry has exhibited neither and is not deserving of a black robe.

Jaclyn Wilson
Independence Township

Carson works hard for community

Dear Editor,

Curt Carson is the best candidate for Independence Township treasurer.

Curt has worked tirelessly behind the scenes as a volunteer in our local service organizations. He has been the chairman of several events for the Optimists, a board member and corporate sponsor for the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

Curt is a member of the Independence Township Planning Commission and as such has not been afraid to speak his views and vote for controlled growth. He reviews and studies each agenda and comes prepared to the meetings.

Curt has the business experience and

education required to be treasurer. He has owned and managed businesses in our community.

He will be a conscientious township board member carefully watching our investments and fighting tax increases. He has gone to Lansing many times to fight for us as a member of a legislative committee for over fifteen years.

Curt Carson is a family man with the core values the residents of Independence Township expect.

Elect Curt Carson as treasurer who will be serving you full-time.

Del and Joan McCrary
Independence Township

Dunn has car dealer's support

Dear Editor,

For almost four years now I have observed Trustee Charles Dunn provide the necessary and trusted oversight of the Independence Township administration, which I believe is the primary responsibility of our elected trustees.

He is honest, succinct, and not afraid to pose the often difficult questions others won't, when the township board spends the community's hard-earned money or its resources are otherwise at issue.

On more occasions than I can recount, Dunn has successfully argued against costly and unwarranted proposals whether proposed or otherwise supported by other board members.

One such proposal which Dunn vehemently opposed was to increase taxes by millions of dollars to pay lawyers to "scare" developers away from our township. While we all agree the concept of controlling growth is admirable, I agreed with Dunn that this is no time to subsidize the legal industry. He just gets it.

You may also recall the citizens group that fought unsuccessfully for over 20 years for an ordinance to provide some limitations

on non-riparian boat traffic on our ever increasingly crowded township lakes.

Following the formation of a board subcommittee, Dunn, being an environmental attorney himself, ushered the drafting and passing of the township's first keyholing ordinance which provides a very well thought out and balanced approach to private property landowners rights and those of the community at large.

Similar forthright action was successful when Dunn proposed the immediate construction of a building to replace the embarrassing and dilapidated farmhouse posing as a senior center following the costly millage defeat.

By bringing people together, the board unanimously approved Dunn's proposal resulting in an incredible addition to the community that houses many of our senior programs, completed without any increase in taxes for the construction or operation of the facility. Again, he gets it.

On Aug. 5, I am voting for Charles Dunn as our Independence Township trustee.

John E. Bowman
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Independence Township

Candidate Forum helps voters form legal opinions

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

How does a judge remain impartial when someone—a fellow attorney, local politician or friend, for example—contributes to a campaign, helps the judge get elected, then later appears in court?

That was just one of the questions posed during a last week's forum for candidates running for judge in Clarkston's 52-2 District Court.

"I have demonstrated for the last six years that I have been totally impartial," answered incumbent Judge Dana Fortinberry. "The nature of being a district court judge means people who will come in front of you that you've seen in the grocery store, or in your neighborhood. If you don't know those people well you don't have to recuse yourself, but it's a decision you make every day. Impartiality has been a hallmark of my first six years on the bench."

Other candidates answered as follows:

•Mark Lyon: "I make it very clear partiality stops at the courthouse door. If you're looking for a favor, I'll come and cut your grass, help you wash your windows, help you change your oil. I'll do whatever I can to help you personally. Just don't ask for it from the bench."

•Joseph Fabrizio: "Campaign finance laws and the Judicial Code of Ethics places severe restrictions on what a judicial candidate can do compared to candidates running for partisan

offices. I believe endorsements issued should be issued because organizations or individuals believe that candidate is the best person for the job. I can certainly tell you that, if elected judge, I would have no bias or favoritism for anyone that choose to endorse my campaign. If I ever felt that way I would recuse myself."

•Fred Miller: "When you walk into my courtroom you'll be treated with respect. You'll be given a fair hearing and a decision based on the evidence. If you don't sign my petition you'll get it. If you contributed to my campaign you'll receive the same respect as if you didn't. You're electing me to do what you believe is what is the proper thing legally and ethically."

The forum, which took place June 26 at Clarkston Junior High School, was sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Association, in partnership with the League of Women Voters and the *Detroit Free Press*.

The event will be televised in the near future, although the date has not yet been determined.

Panelists Stephen Henderson, deputy editorial page editor for the *Detroit Free Press*, and Kathleen Bogas, attorney and member of the Oakland County Bar Association also asked candidates questions about trial experience, community service, temperament, criteria for recusal, threats to judicial independence and understanding of a district court judge's roles



From left, candidates Joseph Fabrizio, Judge Dana Fortinberry, Mark Lyon and Fred Miller listen to instructions from U.S. District Judge David Lawson. Photo by Laura Colvin

and responsibilities.

District Court Judges are elected to six-year terms on a non-partisan ballot.

According to U.S. District Judge David Lawson, who moderated last week's event, 40 percent of voters stop voting when they get to the nonpartisan portion of the ballot.

"Who you select as judge in your community is important," he said. "You need to vote the whole ballot."

Lawson said judicial races are the least un-

derstood elections, but noted results can affect residents, their families and communities for years to come.

"Most people never come before a court, but when they do, it's usually in district court in a dispute with a neighbor or local business," he said. "If the person that's calling the balls and strikes—the judge—is corrupt or makes mistakes in judgment, it doesn't just affect the person involved in the case. It has a domino effect across the community."

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Independence Twp.

Fri., June 20 An Independence Township couple living in the 8300 block of Perry Lake Road called police after discovering someone rummaged through both their vehicles overnight. Nothing appeared to be missing from one of the cars, while a laptop computer was missing from the other.

An employee at a golf course in the 6000 block of Maybee Road called police after arriving at work to discover someone apparently attempted to kick in the door of a storage shed overnight. No entry was made into the structure.

Sat., June 21 A 20-year-old South Carolina man soliciting magazine sales in the area of Maybee Road and Timber Ridge was cited for disorderly conduct and soliciting without a permit after he was spotted by a patrolling deputy. The man, who became upset and did not want to answer questions, said he did not realize he was in the same township he was arrested in June 17, when a resident complained. According to police reports, a woman living near Eastlawn and Waldon said the man opened the door to her home after she said she was uninterested in purchasing a magazine subscription. The man became very agitated when questioned by police and said he intended to continue soliciting in the neighborhood.

Sat., June 21 Deputies were dispatched to North Sashabaw Elementary after video surveillance showed three juveniles damaging school

Public Safety

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

property. A school employee told police video revealed one youth kicking sprinkler heads while two others rode bikes.

A 53-year-old woman living in the 5300 block of Console called police after waking to find her mailbox torn from its post and broken. The woman said she just replaced the box after a similar incident the previous day.

Mon., June 23 A 41-year-old Independence Township woman called police after her rear window suddenly shattered as she drove near Clarkston Road near Eston around 7:30 p.m. After observing the damage, deputies discovered a small rock in the vehicle's rear compartment along with the broken glass, and determined the incident appeared to be an accident.

Tues., June 24 A 38-year-old woman living in the 4900 block of Menominee Lane called police after discovering someone stole an XM radio, wallet and sunglasses from her husband's vehicle overnight.

A 47-year-old Waterford man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after an employee at an Independence Township gas station called police to report the man was obviously intoxicated inside the station around 9:30

p.m. The man registered .138 on a PBT. The legal limit is .08.

A 54-year-old woman living in on Pine Knob Road called police after discovering someone stole a tiller and generator from her garage sometime during the previous three weeks.

Wed., June 25 A 54-year-old Independence Township man called police to report someone stole a number of checks from his checkbook while he was in the hospital. Upon checking with his bank, the man learned two of the checks were written to a pizza place, and the other three were unaccounted for. The man said he suspected his 18-year-old son might be responsible.

An Independence Township man called police when his daughter's former boyfriend, a 20-year-old Waterford man, showed up at the house around 3 a.m. in violation of a personal protection order. The homeowner told deputies the younger man shouted "shut up, Grandma" after a woman waiting in the car asked him not to call police.

An employee at an Independence Township senior living center called police after discovering her purse, which contained a wallet, camera,

sunglasses, planner and other items, was missing from the room she'd left it in. The woman said she thought one of the elderly residents could have picked it up by accident, or it may have been stolen by another employee.

A 23-year-old Pontiac man was arrested and jailed on charges of aggravated stalking after a 17-year-old Independence Township woman called to complain the man had called her cell phone 43 times that day, a violation of a personal protection order against him. The man called the phone while deputies were speaking with the woman, and deputies advised him to refrain from calling. The man told deputies he could call anyone he wanted and continued to call back and argue with police. The man then arrived at the home even after being advised he would be arrested for stalking if he did so. He showed up anyway, and, as promised, deputies carted him off to jail.

Thurs., June 26 An Independence Township couple living in the 9600 block of Pine Knob Road called police after returning from work together to discover the front door of their home standing open and parts of the house ransacked. A kitchen window was open and the screen was on the ground, and deputies noted a number of shoe prints underneath. Undisturbed knick-knacks on the windowsill, however, indicated entry had been made elsewhere.

A 67-year-old woman living in the 6600 block of Andersonville Road called police after discovering someone cut the fuel line on her pontoon boat and stole the fuel tank.

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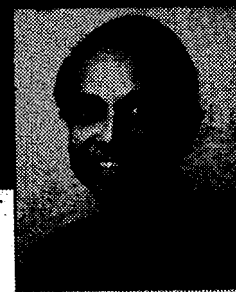
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All Star Popp hits high school football field one more time

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Running back Jimmy Popp will take to the field one more time before heading off to college.

Popp has been chosen to play in the Michigan High School All Star Football game on July 19.

"It will be my last good-bye to football," said Popp.

"It will be something he'll never forget," said long-time varsity football coach Kurt Richardson. "He will be playing with the best of the best. Some will go on to play on a professional level. It will be a great experience for Jimmy."

During Richardson's 32 years coaching, he said only five Clarkston players have been chosen to play in the All Star game.

Richardson nominated Popp and a few other players from the football team to play in the game.

"He's an outstanding high school football player," said Richardson.

From there, a board of 10 coaches picked players to play on the East and West teams.

Popp had an idea he was nominated, but said he didn't know for sure until he found out in January he had been selected to play in the annual game.

During his junior season, Popp rushed

683 yards, made 150 attempts and scored 14 touchdowns for the Wolves.

"He was hurt most of season," said Richardson. "It would have been more."

Popp was born with extra bones in both of his feet, which tore his tendons and caused his ankles to roll. He missed a lot of playing time because of it.

He had surgery a few months before his senior football season began and was able to play in more games.

Last fall, Popp rushed 1,063 yards and made 200 attempts. He scored 10 touchdowns.



Jimmy Popp

"It's the first game I will be completely healthy for," Popp said. "I can see how I measure up."

Popp played with the Clarkston Chiefs when he was 10 years old. He has always been into sports and liked football the best because of the contact and intensity involved in the game.

Many of Popp's teammates on the East team will continue to play football in college. But Popp is counting this game as his last game before he begins to study physical therapy at Michigan State University in



Jimmy Popp runs over Lake Orion's defenses during Clarkston's victory this past season. File photo.

the fall.

"It's all about fun. I am looking forward to playing," he said.

He will be joined by Lake Orion's Ethan Ruhland, Oxford's Zach Line, and Waterford Our Lady of the Lake's Andrew Barrowcliff.

Popp will also play with five players from five of the top 10 teams in the state. On his team is Rodney Hush from number one ranked Macomb Dakota, Josh Renel from number five ranked Rochester Adams;

Michael Martin from ranked seven Detroit Catholic Central; Jason Semmes from number nine ranked, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; and Caulton Ray IX from ranked 10, Brother Rice.

The East team will be coached by Paul Verska from Warren DeLaSalle.

The 28th Annual All Star Football Game is set for Saturday, July 19, at Spartan Stadium, Michigan State University. Tickets are \$10 at the gate. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

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Local author shows travelers the way to Colorado

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Matt Forster has been out of town lately. As author of the book, "Colorado: An Explorers Guide," he spent more than nine weeks on the road, traveling throughout the Rocky Mountain state.

"I had two days for all of Colorado Springs, 7-8 attractions a day, 45 minutes at the zoo—we took a lot of pictures and talked to a lot of people," he said. "Their chambers of commerce made it all possible."

His 343-page travel guide is now in print with Countryman Press.

"This is very exciting—he worked really hard on it," said his mother, Cathy Forster.

"We're very proud of him," said Jim Forster, Matt's father. "This is quite an accomplishment."

Matt was born in Royal Oak and lived in Ionia and Paw Paw. Jim and Cathy moved the family to Independence Township when Matt was in the ninth grade, and he graduated from Clarkston High School in 1990.

"I like Clarkston. It's a different world from the other side of the state," said Matt, who now lives in Goodrich with his wife, Kim, and their daughter, Abby. "It has a small-town feeling, but it's also part of the Detroit suburbs."

He attended Michigan State University and Oakland University, earning a degree in English Literature.

He showed a talent for writing at an early age, Cathy said.

"He's a wonderful writer, he has been since day one," she said. "When he was a third or fourth grader in Paw Paw, his teacher told him she knew she would see him in print someday."

After earning his degree, he lived in Boston for about seven years for his graduate studies, earning his Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He also met his future wife, and they married in 2000, living in her home state of Colorado for about a year before moving back to Michigan.

"I did some free lancing and book editing,



Matt Forster checks out Pikes Peak for his book. Photos provided

but I wanted to do more writing," he said.

He responded to advertisements by Countryman for travel authors. He applied to write about Michigan's Upper Peninsula but didn't get it.

"I kept pushing it," he said. "We kept thinking, do I know any other state?"

Growing up, he was a fan of John Denver's music, especially "Rocky Mountain High." While living in Colorado, his wife showed him around the state, and they go back there 3-4 times a year.

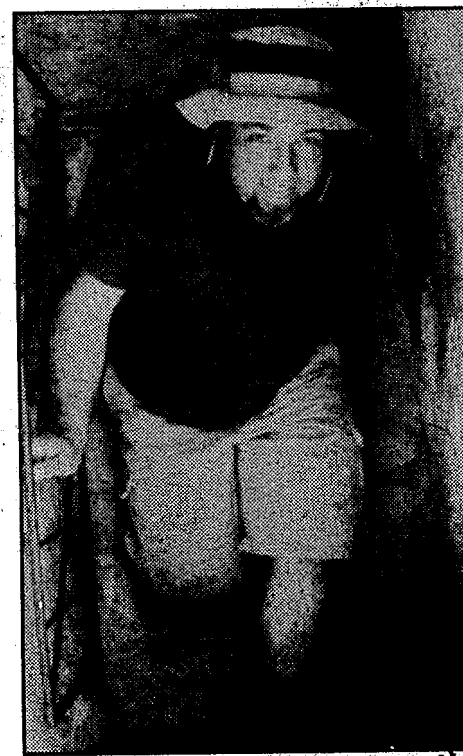
"We go back there a lot," he said. "But it was a tough sell—I don't live there and I'm not from there."

The book is mostly a travel guide, splitting up Colorado into five regions, but also includes history and advice, written for visitors to the state. He and Kim took photographs for the book, with the best taken by his wife, he said.

"I brought my dad on one trip, my sister, my wife and daughter on the last trip," he said.

"People treated us very well," Jim said. "The weather was good. The scenery was beautiful."

His next project is closer to home. He's working on a new book, "Backroads and Byways of Michigan," due for publication



The Clarkston graduate explores Native American cave dwellings. spring, 2009.

"The routes, places people don't necessarily go," he said.

The book will focus on day-trip opportunities, places to go and things to do during 2-3 day trips.

"The wine country of southwest Michigan," he said. "Mackinac Island, but not focusing on the tourist attractions."

The book will explore Michigan history and character, he said.

"It's a lot of research," he said. "We spent a week at Beaver Island. I've never been up there before."

Future plans include magazine and newspaper articles and more books.

"The Colorado book will need to be revised every three years—that should keep me busy," he said.

His book retails for \$21.95. For more information, check www.countrymanpress.com



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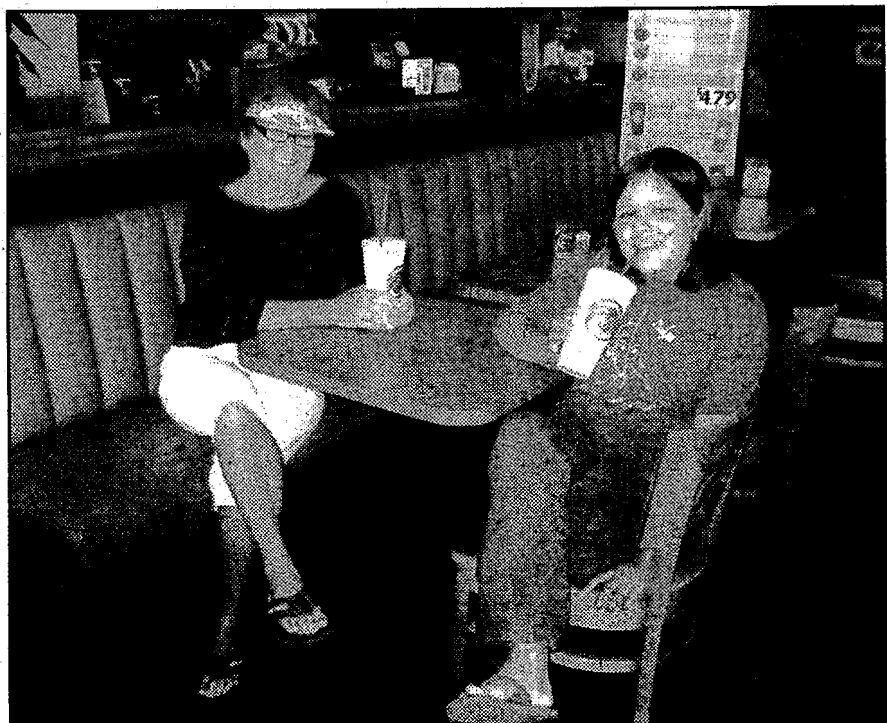
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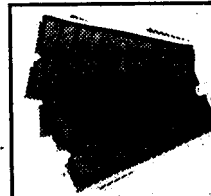
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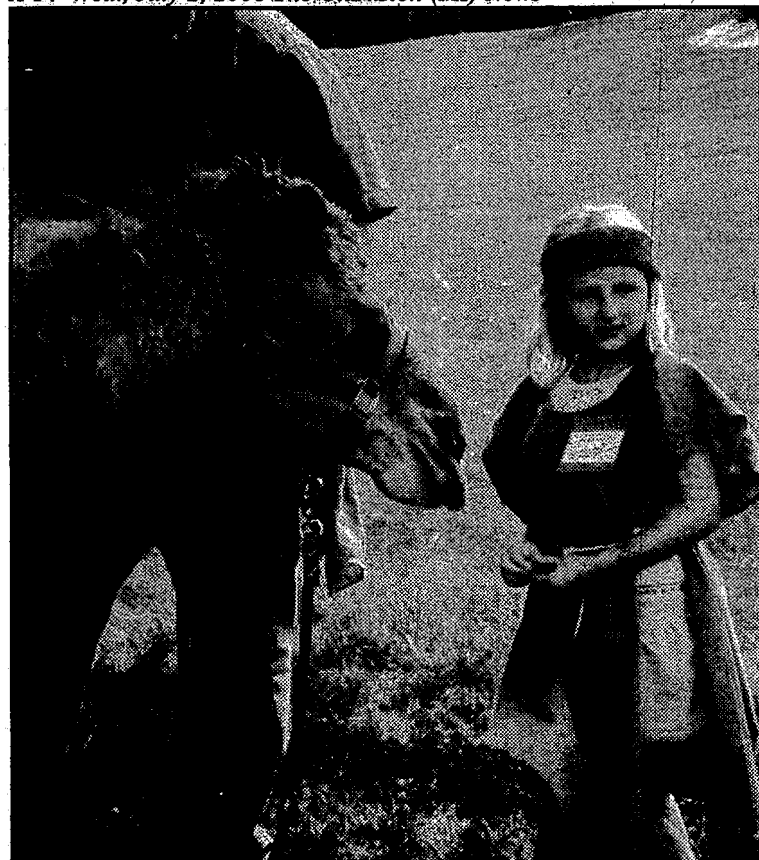
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Savannah Morse visits with a camel during Clarkston Community Church's Vacation Bible School.

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Making bread, weaving, and playing musical instruments were just some of the activities at the marketplace.

The most popular attraction for the children were the live animals. On June 25, a camel along with several goats visited the church for children to feed and pet.

— Ingrid Sjostrand



Katherine Andres pets a friendly donkey.



The Benjamin Wolves Tribe listens to a passage from the Bible. Photos by Ingrid Sjostrand

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The Clarkston News

O'Neill makes bid for Springfield supervisor's office

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As a candidate running for Springfield Township supervisor, Danny O'Neill is concerned about the challenges ahead.

The impending retirement of the current supervisor and clerk coupled with the same fiscal burdens facing communities across the state leave the township with some difficult choices, he said.

"I'm very concerned with the future of our township," he said, noting he's a lifelong resident of the area. "We should run our township more like a business, and with my many business experiences I believe I'm the most viable candidate."

Qualifications, he said, include previous experience managing "entire departments of small, medium large businesses."

O'Neill, 43, currently works nights at Pepsi Bottling Group in Pontiac, where he's been employed since 2005.

"I'm just an assistant manager of the warehouse right now," he said. "I roughly oversee 2 dozen employees, receiving and shipping over six million cases per year. I do forecasting, payroll, and help update inventories so my boss knows exactly what to order."

Previous to Pepsi, O'Neill worked from 1995-2005 as an administrative assistant, billing department analyst and manager of collection department at Clarkston Medical Group and Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center.

From 1991-1995, he worked in Ortonville as a loader/operator, sales representative and assistant office manager at Harrison Hoe Excavating.

Over the next several years, O'Neill said, the township is looking at rising costs while watching an overall decrease in the budget.

"All options must be on the table," he said. "I'll be one of seven members voting for what I believe is best for our short term and long term prosperity."

Along with acknowledging and addressing the township's fiscal challenges,

O'Neill listed the following among his priorities:

- More transparency in government: Putting township contracts, budgets and other documents on the township website, he said, will help create a more active citizenry.

- Citizens may or may not realize the problems we're facing," he said. "Nor do they seem to have an avenue to come to the meetings to speak."

- Protection of property owners' rights: "property owners rights are very near and dear to my family, above just about everything else," he said. "We need to maintain and preserve our pristine rural heritage without infringing on property owners rights. That is something I will fight strongly for and feel strongly about."

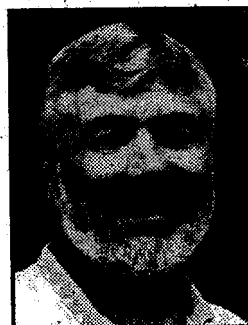
The issue of property owners rights may have been one of the forces that drew him into the supervisor's race.

Several members of O'Neill's family spoke out against recent rezoning proposals they said would devalue property. While all conflicts have now been settled, the issue, for some, stirred up worries about the possibility of future rezoning.

"Because my brother-in-law went to all the (zoning) meetings...he started to establish a friendship with Marc Cooper," O'Neill said, referring to a township trustee.

"(My brother-in-law Len Gorz) introduced me to (Cooper) when I was informed both the clerk and supervisor were retiring. We formed a committee of three and we decided if we were going to run, let's not rule out running on the same platform and issues of property owners rights, transparency in government and also acknowledge and address a decreasing budget."

With the forecasted budget woes, he said, the township should consider fire and police services a top priority. While the fire fund is in good shape, O'Neill expressed concern over contract costs with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.



Danny O'Neill

"The very last resort would be to cut police the second to last would be another police millage."

Although O'Neill doesn't see the supervisor's job as a part-time position, he said he was not opposed to "decreasing permissive duties in accordance with decreasing salaries, potentially."

But, he said, it's a decision that will require some time on the job to learn the ropes before a determination can be made.

"I would not rule out lessening my salary based on duties, and stay at Pepsi," he said. "But unfortunately, the supervisor's position is the least likely to be less than fulltime, and it would never be part-time."

Although he was open to a decrease in salary and duties for the supervisor, clerk

and treasurer, O'Neill said he didn't see a need to hire a township manager to fill the gap.

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Wallace sees need for change on Township Board

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

An Independence Township trustee in the late 1990's, Neil Wallace has decided it's time to run again.

"I have seen a number of mistakes that have been made in the last three and half years that weren't necessary, that shouldn't have been made," he said. "I know mistakes happen, you can draw a line through so many things that have happened and say 'we deserve better.'"

Wallace is running as a member of a six-person slate, alongside incumbent Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, Trustee Dan Travis, running for supervisor, Jeff McGee for treasurer, and Bart Clark and David Lohmeier for trustee.

"I think the people I'm running with are quality people, every single one of them," said Wallace. "Most of them come to running reluctantly, that they understand they're not looking for a job, but there is a job that needs to be done."

Part of that job includes bringing in a professional manager, which Wallace believes is the next step in the township's "evolution."

"We are becoming an increasingly complex organization, more employees, and more laws that govern municipalities and more money on the table," he said.

Wallace said the township's \$27 million budget should be handled by a professional.

"We have professionals running so many other aspects of township government. Our general law lawyers are professionals, our accountants, our labor lawyers, our planner, our engineer," he said. "We have professionals for all these things, but for the most basic, most important day-to-day operations,

we rely on whoever gets elected."

A professional manager would allow the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer to focus on statutory duties of their job and not worry about personnel issues, he noted.

"Nothing in the state law says that even the people that are there now are 'full-time' and I suspect not all of them there are devoting their full time to the job," he said. "They're just paid that way. They have no boss except the voters."

The township's deputy supervisor position, added in 2005 and dropped for budget reasons last year, required a bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration or related field, five years managing experience, and a working knowledge of municipal, preferably township, government.

Wallace said these requirements are similar to a professional manager.

"People say, 'well these guys or gals will come and just build their resumes and leave.' (But) we're at risk to lose a supervisor every four years," he said.

Delta Township's professional manager has been there for 15 years, Oakland Township's, 10 years, he said.

Clerk, supervisor and treasurer salaries, benefits, car allowance, medical, and pension contributions cost the township about \$360,000, said Wallace.

That money can be saved by hiring a professional manager, he said.



Neil Wallace

The budget is the "single most important thing" the township does every year, he said.

However, he disagrees with the current method of all information being "funneled through the supervisor."

"The board doesn't get to see all of what the department heads are suggesting as priorities or desires and you have this rush to judgment," said Wallace. "It's not really a thoughtful process where all the budgeting takes place or is presented to the board in the last month or so before the end of the year where the deadline is."

Wallace would want to start working on the budget at the beginning of the year, breaking it down month by month and hearing from each department head what their priorities are, where they can cut, and what their future goals are.

"The question isn't, of course, whether the budget is balanced. The question is, is there balance in the budget?" he said.

State law requires a balanced budget, he said.

"For one to say they submitted a balanced budget is like a mother saying 'I fed my child,'" he said.

Another key belief for Wallace is citizen participation.

"I think it's so important in a community like Independence where we've got such great human resources that we should be tapping that," said Wallace. "The more input we have from citizens the better decisions we can make."

However, he wants more "transparent board meetings" and would like to see guidelines and rules in place of who is permitted to speak and when.

"The idea of citizen input isn't just to give everybody a podium to stand there, flailing away, saying whatever they like," said Wallace. "The idea is for the board to be apprised of the citizens concern and to hear their ideas about what's best for the township."

He also noted he is not "anti-growth" as he has been labeled, but has supported developments consistent with the master plan and in the "best interest of the township."

Wallace was born in Detroit and grew up in Southfield. He received his bachelor degree in business administration from Western University, post graduate work at Oakland University, and then graduated from law school at the University of Detroit Mercy in 1977.

He moved to Independence Township in 1976. He got involved in Independence Township politics in 1978 when he attended his first board meeting, concerning a proposal to build a 22-story hotel on Pine Knob hill.

Wallace has served four years on the township board, six years on the planning commission, five as chairman, as well as various boards at the county and state level.

"One of the things I am most proud about running this time is the good people I am running with. I'm just really proud to be standing shoulder to shoulder with them," he said. "It may be trite to say but good government doesn't just happen, it takes hard work and dedication."

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Chief Pontiac American Legion Post 377 on a roll

American Legion Post 377 19U baseball team has returned even stronger than last year, when they finished fourth in the state tournament.

Chief Pontiac's Clarkston and Waterford area players have dominated their opponent since the beginning of the season.

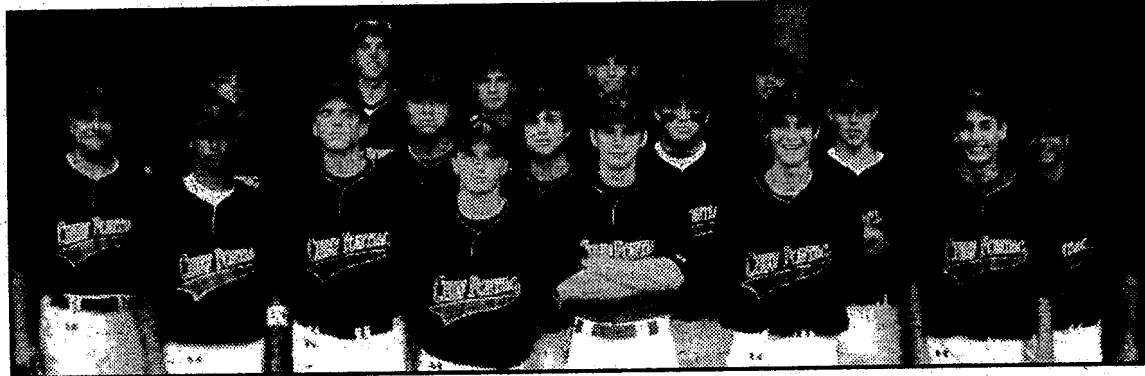
They faced Farmington in the first double header of the season and beat them, 10-0 and 9-1.

Joel Lange pitched the opening shut-out posting six strikeouts in the 5-inning event.

Joey Preston went two for two, scored once, driving in a run as well. Steven Bazner and Richie Woods both produced two RBIs. Chris Mocerino and Drew Howard both scored twice in two plate appearances and Jake Smith produced an RBI on a sacrifice fly.

Chief Pontiac continued their dominating posture in the second game June 8.

Erik Phillips was the winning pitcher and struck out five. Bazner scored three runs in four plate appearances. Mocerino scored twice, while Eric Checkley, Nick Shamoun



Chief Pontiac 19U team is, front row, Eric Leichtman, David Vanderheyden, Erik Phillips, Ryan O'Halloran; middle row, Head Coach Doug Brady, Chris Mocerino, Zachary Kotz, Eric Checkley, Cort Freeman, Drew Howard, Jake Smith, Assistant Coach Mike Prudhomme; back row, Joey Preston, Joel Lange, Nick Shamoun, Luke Prudhomme, and Steven Bazner. Photo provided

and Eric Leichtman each scored a run, capitalizing on several errors.

They beat the Clarkston Post in their fourth game, 7-3.

Lange racked up eight strikeouts as the winning pitcher.

CP took an early lead when Drew Howard drove in Checkley and Bazner in the first inning. By the sixth inning Clarkston threatened CP scoring three runs. CP's offense finished strong in the top of the seventh pushing the score to 7-3 while the defense

put out the final three batters.

Bazner scored three runs, Checkley score twice, while Luke Prudhomme, Howard and Lange each scored once.

CP triumphed over Berkley on June 15, 8-2.

Pitcher, Erik Phillips, claimed the win. Preston and Bazner lead the offensive charge, each hitting 2-for-3 driving in three runs. Lange and Howard both scored and produced an RBI.

Three days later, CP posted another win, this time over Auburn Hills at Avondale High School, 5-2. Checkley led the offense hitting 2-for-3, posting pairs of runs and RBI. Lange, the winning pitcher racked up six strikeouts.

CP kept the momentum and beat Milford, 13-1, on June 20.

Pitcher Zak Kotz struck out seven during the five-inning game. Lange and Preston each scored three runs. Howard and Shamoun each pro-

duced three RBIs, Prudhomme 2-for-4, driving in a pair of runs, and Jake Smith hit an RBI single.

Chief Pontiac beat Clawson Post 167 both games in a double header at CP's field Sunday, June 22, 4-2 and 12-9. Phillips struck out six in the first game. Lange hit 2-for-3 and drove in a run. Checkley scored twice and Preston also scored.

Lange pitched the second game against Clawson, putting nine Ks in the scoreboard.

Preston lead the offensive charge posting four runs in four plate appearances. Bazner hit 2-for-5, scored once and drove in two runs. Mocerino scored three times on two hits.

Due to Chief Pontiac fielding errors in the fifth and seventh innings, Milford tied the game 8-8 in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The CP offense came on strong in the top of the 8th inning running the score up to 12-8. Ryan O'Halloran pitched the final two-thirds innings and with the Chief Pontiac defense behind him, thwarted Milford's comeback attempt. Chief Pontiac finished on top, 12-9.

—Wendi Reardon

Athlete of the Week Smith snags All-State honors

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Right-fielder Katie Smith, who taught softball campers a few tricks of the trade at last week's camp, finished her high school career by being honored for her athletic endeavors.

She was named as an All-State Division I outfield player and All-League for the second season in a row.

Two more honors she received were All-Region and All-District, an honor she has received since she was a sophomore.

She was the team's most valuable player for the season.

"I was very excited all my hard work paid off," said Smith. "It's great to get recognized."

She has been a starter on the varsity team for the last four years and captain for the last two.

"She improved every year," said Coach Don Peters. "Some players go on cruise control, she continued to improve."

Katie was always happy and had a smile on her face, and enjoyed the game. She had great feel for where ball was going and knew what she had to do with the ball.

Smith had 60 hits and had hit .433 at the

leadoff spot during her senior year.

She helped Clarkston become league champs by scoring a total of 49 runs, stole 17 bases, and had 23 RBIs.

"I give a special thanks to Coach Peters for everything he has done and letting me become the player I have become. It has allowed me to get the awards I got," said Katie.

"Katie has done an amazing job under the direction of Coach Peters," said mom, Linda Smith. "Don's commitment to the softball program reflects on how he helped Katie become the player she is today."

Smith began playing softball when she was eight, played when she was in high school.

Katie played other sports but stayed with softball.

"I liked it the best and stuck with it," she said.

She has played for the Clarkston Riverdaws, Oakland Sidewinders, and Michigan Stars.

Katie will continue her softball career at Saginaw Valley State University, a division two college, and play for Coach Everett Roper.

She will walk on the team for her first year.

She plans to be a teacher after college and



From left, Varsity Softball Coach Don Peters, Katie Smith and Chris Howe (Steve Howe's brother). Photo provided

is going to major in Secondary Education.

After college, she will play softball for fun.

Katie graduated Magna Cum Laude and received several academic scholarships from the PTA, Clarkston Area Optimist Club, Clarkston Women's Club as well as the Cynthia K. Pidd Memorial Scholarship and Renee

Przybylski secondary scholarship.

She received the Steve Howe Memorial Scholarship and Susan Stefanski Female Athlete Memorial Scholarship for her athletic endeavors.

She will be playing in the All-State All-Star game at Michigan State on July 19th at 2:30pm.

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Opportunity of a lifetime for Detroit Tigers fan, singer

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Carmen Calcaterra of Clarkston stood in Comerica Park last Wednesday with a song to sing: the National Anthem.

"I was nervous," said Calcaterra. "My hands were shaking. But I did it and was happy I did it. Everyone was proud of me. My mom and dad were crying. I felt proud."

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for her and a proud moment for us," said her mother, Kathleen Calcaterra.

Carmen sang at two Special Olympics competitions and twice at the SuperStars, a fundraising event for the Special Olympics.

Carmen began singing in middle school and was on choir in high school.

"She always liked music and could memorize the notes," said Kathleen.

Carmen's talent was noticed when her Special Olympics coach heard her sing one day.

From there, Carmen shared her singing with larger audiences.

"This was actually the first time



Special Olympics had this opportunity," said Michael Canale, director of Special Olympics Public Relations and events coordinator. "We knew she could do it."

Carmen sent an audition tape to the Tigers, and then it was confirmed she would be singing.

From there, they coordinated another Special Olympics athlete, Marty Dynes, 21, of Berrien County

to throw the first pitch.

"We owe a very big thank you to the Detroit Tigers organization," said Canale. "They worked with us to make a very memorable night for our Special Olympics athletes and families."

Carmen, Kathleen, and her dad, Mark Calcaterra, joined 30 Special Olympics athletes, their coaches, and parents in a "meet and greet"



Carmen Calcaterra sings for the Detroit Tigers. Photos provided

with Tigers pitcher Zach Miner.

Currently, Carmen is playing softball, but does not limit herself to one season. She participates all year long. She is also in figure-skating in the winter, swimming in the spring and soccer in the fall.

Her softball team won two games in the Southeast Regional Softball Invitational in Farmington Hills on June 21.

Carmen wasn't always an athlete.

A mother of one of her friends is a coach for the Special Olympics and kept asking Carmen to join.

"She coaxed her to the Special Olympics. It blossomed from there," said Kathleen.

"At first, I didn't like sports. It wasn't fun," said Carmen. "Then, decided to try it. I love it. I am proud. I am ready for more and I have made a lot of new friends."

Carmen also likes to read. She goes to the library and bookstore when she can.

She likes gardening and plans a trip to Bordine's to pick up some flowers.

Carmen is also getting ready to visit her brother and sister-in-law in California.

As for the Tigers, Carmen, Kathleen and Mark watched them come back from their loss the previous night and beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 8-7.

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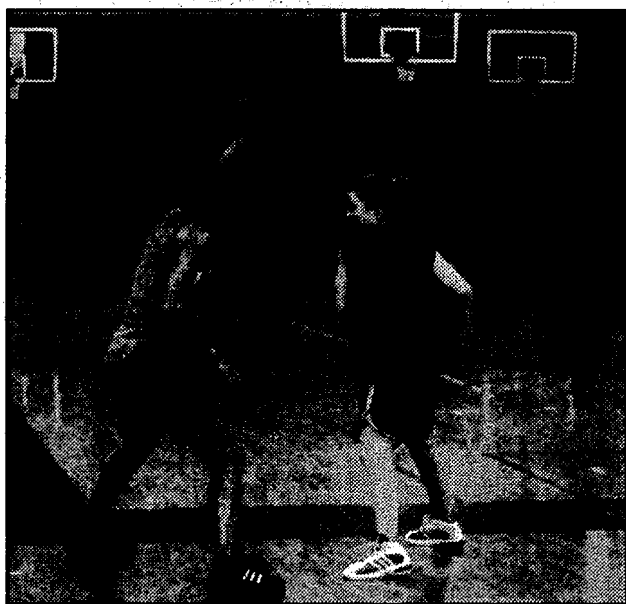
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Varsity and college players compete in one last game.



Brian Loyimer takes a moment to practice.



Anna Manilla blocks her opponent from taking a shot.



Lyndsey Pike eyes the basket.

Young athletes stay active, learn games

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Young Wolves returned to Clarkston schools for sports camp.

After a week of learning and playing sports, athletes left with a better understanding of the game and words of encouragement.

"Get outside and play," Varsity Baseball Coach Phil Price told his campers. "The more you play, the better you get."

They don't need nine players and a baseball diamond to play, he explained.

"You can't stop playing," said Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk. "If you want to be a good basketball player, keep playing. Coaches are always available if you need them."

Wasilk said he saw lots of varsity potential from the girls during four days of Dare to Dream Clinic.

"We had a great group of kids," he said. "They improved throughout the week. There were a lot of talented girls. It's just a matter of the continuing to play the game."

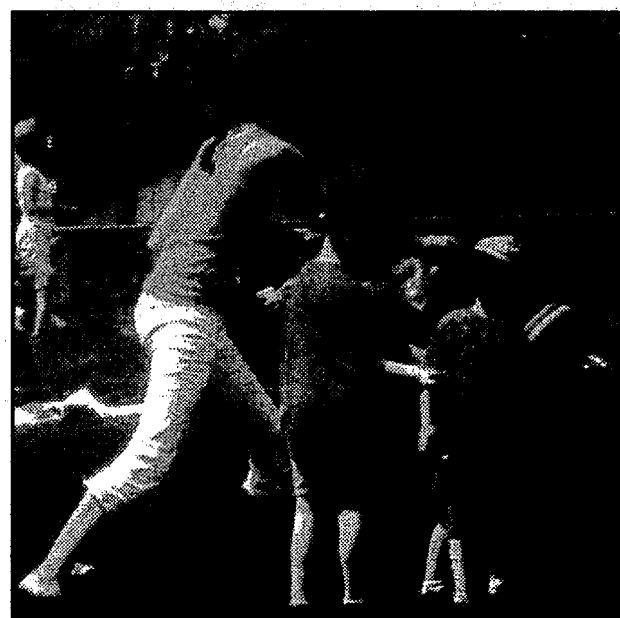
The cagers played contests until one player remained to be crowned champion.

Champions from the Hot Shot tournament were Darby Durrant, Anne Gregor, and Anna Manilla.

Free-throw champions were Kayla Miller, Ashley Skaggs, and Hayley Durrant; Miller, Taylor Dellenge and Natalie Drumb in lightning; and Darby Durrant, Dellenge, and Delaney Kenny in the one-on-one competition.

Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach Brian Kaminskas brought his Lacrosse Camp back for its third year.

More than 75 campers learned how to play the game and work on their form with varsity and college players.



Lynette Phares keeps Tate Phares and Jacob Peterson cool.



Katie Chadwell shares her thoughts on best coach.

Independence Twp. Parks and Recreation sports standings

Boys 9-10 Major

Clarkston Rotary Club	5-2
Everest Academy	5-2
Outback Steakhouse	5-2
Maxx Self Storage	4-3
Castlewood Custom Homes	4-3
IGD Solutions	4-3
Edward Jones Investments	4-3
Mobile Knowledge Group	3-4
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Oscar W. Larson	2-5
Clarkston Community Church	2-5
Clarkston Medical Group	0-6-1

Boys 11-12 Major

McLaren Health Care	7-0
Curt Carson's Crusaders	6-1
Clarkston Burger King	5-2
Dynamic HR	5-2
Clarkston Chrysler Jeep	5-2
Market Place Pet Supplies	3-2-2
Brad Stout Law P.C.	2-5
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Clarkston Medical Group	2-5
Clarkston Paper	2-4-1
Rekuta Construction	1-5-1
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Girls 11-12 Major

Clarkston Auto Wash	3-1
Clarkston Medical Group	2-1-1
Everest Academy	2-2
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Springfield Vet Clinic	0-3-1

Boys 13-14 Major

Creators Image Photography	6-0
Tool Sport & Sign	4-1-1
Team Rehabilitation	3-3
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Brandon Tire & Battery	0-5

Girls 13-14 Major

Clarkston Medical Group	5-0
ITC Holdings	3-1
Clarkston Rotary Club	1-4
Fleming Well Drilling	1-5

Boys 15-18

Tigers	3-0
Rumble V Band	2-0
Lake Orion Lions Club	1-1
Pete's Coney	1-1
Orion Firefighters	1-1
Tire Warehouse	1-2
Dirty Shamrocks	0-4

Youth tennis lessons start July 7

Instructor Mark Taylor, in cooperation with the U.S.A. Tennis Association and Springfield Township Parks and Recreation, offer youth tennis lessons this summer.

Participants will receive a rule book. Black soled shoes are not permitted. All participants must bring their own racquets. Tennis balls will be provided. A minimum number of participants are required to hold each class.

Lessons are subject to weather and the instructor will arrange rainouts. Registration is required by Monday, July 7.

Lessons will be Mondays and Wednesdays, July 14-30, at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg.

Beginners, ages 6-8, will meet from 3:14-4 p.m. Lessons will include serving, hitting, volleys, and basic ground strokes. Fee is \$40/resident, \$50 non-resident.

For Beginners/Intermediate, ages 8-17,

classes will be 4-5 p.m. Lessons will cover grip, court etiquette, basic strokes, forehands, backhands, serving, volley and practice. Fee is \$45/resident, \$55/non-resident.

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Officials now to work out final details of Beaumont plan

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new development it's not to improve traffic, but the goal is not to make traffic worse," said Colleen Hill, transportation project engineer with Hubble Roth & Clark. "That's what we're trying to do. We're trying to get the best that's legally possible for the township."

Moraco said lighting is a concern, but will be worked out as details of the plan are finalized. It was not a detail needed for conceptual site plan approval.

Commissioner Curt Carson asked Beaumont to consider hiring local people for building, as well as doctors, nurses and other staff members.

"We're committed to using local construction companies. We've told our developer, everybody has to be a Michigan company," said Hunt. "I've told our developer and our construction folks we want to put bids out to anybody in the community that provides the service to build this building we want them bidding on the project."

Some residents said they don't think Beaumont will help the economy through home sales.

Hunt disagreed.

"Let's be real. People are saying nobody's going to move here or live here, they're all going to travel from wherever to come up here to work," he said. "Look at the gas prices alone. You're going to see a change around the country, I think, in the way people choose where they live and work. People are going to choose closer to where they live and work."

Carson said Beaumont responded to their requests.

"I think they sat down and they listened," he said. "They actually came up with a plan that the community could wrap their arms around and embrace."

The next step for Beaumont will be to "roll up their sleeves," said Hunt, and start working on the fine details such as storm water management, engineering, and final architectural.

"We're going to work very diligently," he said. "I talked to my team after the meeting that we've got to get moving on this and get this done as soon as possible."

Hunt hopes to be back before the planning commission for final approval by "late Aug. at the best or early Sept. at the worst."

"There is a lot left to be done and this is by no means final approval, but we're very excited to have gotten the conceptual site

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Sophia Shick practices her home run slide.



Anna Skvarce giggles as she is having fun.



Jessica Ray looks over at her brother giving her slide pointers.



Evan Rackel walks away feeling cooler.

Staying cool

Softball Varsity Coach Don Peters' set up a special treat on the last day of softball camp.

After putting away the softball equipment, campers splashed and slid on a giant slip-and-slide Peters created for them.

It was a good practice for the girls to slide into the home plate in future games.



Angelina Delaney whizzes down through the water.



Maia Rackel smiles after a great slide.



1...2...3...Whewee! Photo story by Wendi Reardon

People Poll

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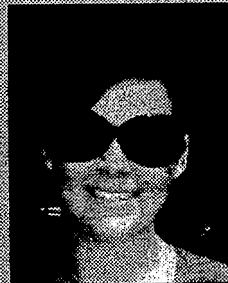
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What to do about oil?



"Take a conservative approach to exploring our resources, instead of depending on foreign oil."

— David Savage



"Be less dependent on foreign oil by searching out alternative sources for fuel."

— Adrian Lanteen



"Research alternative sources of energy to save our country and our economy."

— Bruce Fuller



"Invest in different automotive technologies, like electric cars."

— Sarah Malys (at right)

"To be less reliant on gasoline."

— Sarah Thompson

By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

From chocolate to gold

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Heather Haynes used her talent with chocolate to receive the highest honor from the Girl Scouts.

Last month, she was presented the Girl Scout Gold Award from the Fair Winds Girl Scout Council and was the sole recipient in the Clarkston area.

Haynes had to plan a project to fulfill a need in the community, create a change, and be ongoing in the community.

She chose to teach a candy making class to senior citizens at Springfield Township Senior Citizens Center for her project.

"My family, my mom and her friends have done chocolate making a lot," said Haynes. "I decided to share it with the community."

She put her project into action last July.

She taught the class for three weeks and focused on something different each week.

During the first week, she showed the class how to fill chocolates with peanut butter, cherries, and other flavors.

The next week she taught her class how to put designs and colors on the chocolate.

She taught the class how to dip different foods like pretzels and fruit in chocolate for the last week.

Haynes put in 65 hours of service for the award. The hours included planning, making pamphlets and power points and teaching the class.

She will not teach the class this year, but it will continue as part of Springfield Township Senior Citizens Center's Young at Heart program.

Before she could start the Gold Award project she had to earn three badges. She chose creative cooking, from fashion to fitness, and desktop publishing.

Another requirement was work 30 leadership hours and work 40 career hours.

Haynes worked at Pleasant Ridge Day Camp

to fulfill her leadership hours.

Her career hours had to be related to a career she wanted to explore. She worked for Clarkston's SCAMP.

Haynes joined the girl scouts when she was in second grade because her friends were in a troop.

Her mom, Catharine, became the troop leader while Heather was in fourth grade when the prior leader quit the position.

"I have made a lot of good friends," said Heather. "I have seen a lot of ways to help the community I wouldn't have seen if I hadn't been a part of girl scouts."

Heather has been a longtime volunteer and seasonal worker with Oakland County programs, assisting special education students.

She filled bags with toiletries and took them to Friendship House of Detroit and participated in SCAMP.

She volunteers her time at her church, Bethany Baptist Church in Waterford. She spends her time teaching Sunday school, singing, going on mission trips, and helping with the rummage sales.

"Church is important to me," said Heather. "I do a lot with that."

She graduated from Clarkston High School with high honors. She is an avid musician and played clarinet in band.

During the summer, Haynes will volunteer at Independence Township library, continue to work at the church, and make time for horseback riding, one of her hobbies.

She plans to work at the church when she is home from college.

Her major focus will be in special education at Grand Valley State University where she will be attending in the fall.

She is thinking about working in an autism program after she finishes college.

Her advice is to go out into the community and help out.

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Heather Haynes earned her Gold Award by volunteering in the community. Photo provided

"Try something new," she said. "Even if you don't like it, just try it."

The gold award is the highest award in Girl Scouts and is equivalent to the Eagle Scout award in the Boy Scouts.

The award focuses on a 14-18 year-old girl scout's interests and personal journey through leadership skills, career explorations, self-improvement, and service.

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Around Town

Independence Day Celebration, July 4, parade through downtown Clarkston, 10 a.m.; Festival of Fun, with entertainment, games, activities, Clintonwood Park, 11 a.m., \$5 parking. 248-625-8231.

Pancake breakfast, 7-10 a.m., July 4, Clarkston Masonic Temple, 1 East Washington. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea. \$6/general, \$5/seniors, \$3/5-12, free/4 and under free. 248-625-4471

Bubble Day, 1-3 p.m., July 7, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Oakland County Fair, July 8-13, Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. 248-634-8830.

Concerts in the Park, country singer Gary Pillow, 7-9 p.m., July 11, Depot Park, downtown Clarkston. 248-625-8055.

Classic Car Show, July 12, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 5640 Maybee Road. Benefits St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. 248-625-9839.

Bug Off, ages 4-8 years old, 1 p.m., July 14, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Deer lake Open Golf Outing, benefits Jacqueline Milzow Scholarship Fund, July 14, Pine Knob Golf Course, 5580 Waldon Road. Registration 8:30 a.m., starts 10 a.m. 18 holes of golf, auction, dinner at Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road. \$125/entire day, \$45/dinner only. 248-625-8686.

Jonas show on July 5

The Jonas Brothers are set to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday weekend with thousands of screaming fans at DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township.

"It's our 'Burning Up Tour,' it's summer and we're excited about it," said Kevin Jonas in a conference call, June 9. "It's a whole new production - it's going to be outside in amphitheatres and so it will have a summer vibe and we can't wait for everyone to come out."

Kevin will perform with his brothers, Nick and Joe, at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 5, at DTE, Sashabaw Road at Clarkston Road.

The brothers hope to include Demi Lovato, their co-star from their TV movie "Camp Rock," in the show. "A duet, maybe," Nick said. "And it is the Burning Up tour so be looking for some things burning up."

They will perform songs from their new album, "A Little Bit Longer," title tune of which is about Nick's



From left, Nick, Joe, and Kevin Jonas will perform this weekend at DTE. Photo provided

battle with diabetes.

"I'm so glad that I'm about to share my story," he said. "Everybody has their own story or know someone who has a story about diabetes - the fact that I'm able to share mine is an honor."

The show follows the Motor City Madman, Ted Nugent, in his 6,000th concert performance, 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 4.

For more information, call Palace Entertainment, 248-377-0100.

- Phil Custodio

Summer day camp, Camp Fire USA North Oakland Council, Down on the Farm, July 14-18; Oweki Olympics, July 21-25; Music Mania, July 29-Aug. 1, Independence Oaks County Park, Sashabaw Road. 248-618-9050.

Craft Hour, 2 p.m., July 16, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Clarkston Garden Walk, Clarkston Garden Club and Clarkston Schools Community Education, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., July 16. \$22 w/

lunch. \$20 without lunch. 248-623-4327.

Concerts in the Park, 70s-80s band Grievous Angel, 7-9 p.m., July 16, Depot Park, downtown Clarkston. 248-625-8055.

"Stop Bugging Me" Acting Up Theatre Company, 10:30 a.m., July 22, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Concerts in the Park, 50s-60s group Legend The Band, 7-9 p.m., July 25, Depot Park, downtown

Clarkston. 248-625-8055.

Children's Movie Matinee, 2 p.m., July 29, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

All-Day Book Fair, 10 a.m., July 31-Aug. 1, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Playing Mantids Storytime, for ages 2-3 years, 10:30 a.m.; for ages 4-6 years, 11:15 a.m., June 19, 26, 28, July 10, 17, 24. Register

ter, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Teen Craft Night, Marble Magnets, 6:30 p.m., July 1, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Bug Book Bunch Reader's Theatre, 2 p.m., June 25-26, July 9-10, 23-24. Ages 7-9. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Ruff Readers, 10-minute sessions starting at 10:30 a.m., June 23, 30, July 14, 21. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Video Game Party, with Guitar Hero and Dance, Dance, Revolution, 6-7:30 p.m., July 18, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

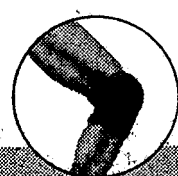
Team reptile summer camps, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., sessions: July 21-24 or Aug. 4-7. Mill Pond Pavilion, Springfield Township Parks and Rec. 8 and older. \$100/residents, \$110/non-residents. 248-846-6558.

End of Summer Reading Teen Pizza Party, 6:30 p.m., July 31. \$1. Register. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

End of Summer Reading Children's Ice Cream Awards Party, 11 a.m., Aug. 1. \$1. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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Foyteck honored for 16 years of service

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

With a motion to adjourn Clarkston's Board of Education meeting, June 16, Trustee Karen Foyteck brought to a close 16 years of school-board service.

"It's been a great journey," said Foyteck, June 9. "There has been a lot more highs than lows. I've been very fortunate — we should all be proud of the board we have."

She served on the school board from 1989-1993, and was reelected to the board in 1996.

Her colleagues on the board presented her with a golden apple as a token of their esteem, and a tree will be planted in her honor at the school administration building.

"Sitting next to Karen, with her knowledge of the district, made me feel more comfortable, more effective," said Trustee Cheryl McGinnis, who was elected to the board last year.

She also helped Treasurer Ronald Sullivan when he joined the board in 1997.

"Karen helped he understand the responsibilities of being a board member," Sullivan said.

Foyteck brought wisdom to the board, said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

"That's a skill that's relatively rare in today's world," Roberts said. "She has that rare combination of strength and compassion."

Foyteck has served as trustee, president, vice president, and secretary on the school board.

Susan Boatman, elected to the board May 6, attends her first meeting July 14.

Trustee Karen Foyteck, Clarkston Board of Education, was presented a golden apple, June 9, in recognition of 16 years of service. Photo by Phil Custodio



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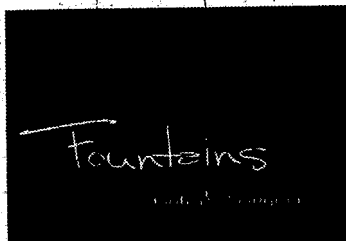
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July 4 No concert due to festivities at
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July 11 Gary Pillow Country

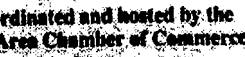
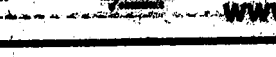
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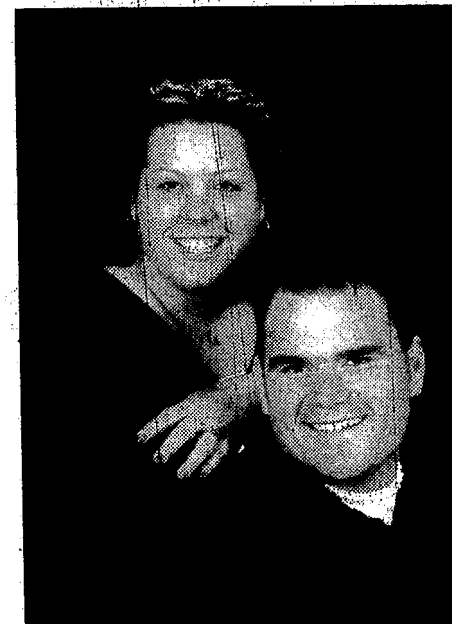
Zezula- Canfield

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hale of Waterford and Mr. Timothy Zezula of Traverse City, formerly Clarkston, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Karen Zezula, to Arthur Rolland Canfield III, son of Arthur and Janet Canfield of Traverse City.

The bride-to-be, a Criminal Justice graduate of Grand Valley State University, is employed at Long Lake Animal Hospital in Traverse City.

The future groom, also a graduate of Grand Valley State University, is a web and electronic banking manager at Traverse City State Bank.

The wedding is scheduled for August on the shores of West Bay in Traverse City.



Michele and Arthur

Moss- Dubreuil

Todd and Marcia Moss of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison K. Moss, to Eric Dubreuil, son of Brad and Sharon Dubreuil, of La Mesa, Calif.

The bride to be is a 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School and 2005 graduate of University of Arizona. She is an account representative at American Funds in Virginia Beach, Va.

The future groom is a graduate of Maric High School, La Mesa. He is a diving specialist at Naval Special Warfare Development Group in Virginia Beach.

An April, 2009, wedding is set in Jamaica. The couple will reside in Virginia.



Eric and Allison

Employees honored for service

Five Independence Township Parks and Recreation employees were recently recognized for their years of service.

Larry Hess and Jeff Morris have been with Independence Twp Parks and Recreation since 2002. Larry Hess oversees the maintenance at Clintonwood Park and Jeff Morris administers the summer youth baseball/softball youth leagues, some recreation classes and special events.

Denise King has been with the Parks and Recreation Department since 1998.

Denise started her career with the Senior Center as a Van Driver and now works in the Recreation office, as Clerk Tech.

Brian Doyle started with the Parks Department in 1987 and is now Superintendent of Clintonwood Park.

George Thompson just celebrated his 30th anniversary with Independence Township. Previously, he was with the Department of Public Works and now is with the Parks and Recreation Department and is Superintendent of Sashabaw Plains Park.

Religion

Garden mandate means trust in God

When God made the first man, He put him in a garden. In so doing, He provided humanity with a pattern for life, showing us all what our lives are to be about.

To grow a thriving garden, you need several elements.

First, you need a willingness to cultivate it. Gardens can't be left to themselves, they need to be worked at.

Second, you need to guard or protect your garden. That is, you have to do what you can to keep various critters from disturbing what you are growing.

And third, you need to trust, knowing that though you may do the planting and watering, God causes the growth.

These three elements are precisely the ones that God gave the first man when he put him in the garden of Eden.

After putting the man in the garden, the Lord commanded him to cultivate the garden and keep it. And He also commanded him to trust Him (specifically, regarding His direction not to eat from a certain tree).

Cultivating, keeping, and trusting, are needed for more than just growing gardens. They are necessary for every endeavor in life.

If some opportunity comes your way, or if you are given something good, you can't just let it sit there. You need to work at it and develop it.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

At the same time, you need to protect against any intruder that would diminish the value of what you have. And all while you are cultivating and guarding, you need to trust that God will bless your faithful efforts.

Let's consider a couple of examples.

If you have a family, you can't just leave it to itself and expect it to remain alive. You need to cultivate your marriage and children. You need to pay attention to those cultural forces that are harming your family and guard against them.

And you need to trust God, believing that as you follow Him in your family He will surely bless it.

The same thing is true for a business or some other enterprise under your care. Whatever operation you have an interest in, it needs tending to.

It can't run on auto-pilot. You need to work at it, and anticipate changes and threats that may harm what you have. All while trusting God to bless your efforts.

The need to trust can be the hardest part for anyone of us to fulfill.

When God told the first man not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, He essentially told him that he was not to share in God's glory and rule until the appointed time.

But in the very next chapter (Gen.3), we learn that the man could not wait, and seized what God had forbidden (at least for a time).

We face the same temptation. We want glory and authority. Please see *Spiritual Matters*, page 9B

In our churches...

Vacation Bible School, First Congregational Church, 5:45-8:30 p.m., July 27-31. Drama for parents, 8 p.m., July 31. Lite dinner served. \$10/child, \$25/three or more from family. 248-394-0200.

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.

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. 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Call 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." 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. 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.



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Township, business officials meet for more free trade with Peru

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If Peru wants a free-trade partner, local officials are working to make sure they consider Michigan first.

Independence Township Trustee Dan Kelly met with Otilio Fernando Chaparro Tejada of Peru and Jose Aliaga, vice chairman of Michigan Republican National Hispanic Assembly, June 15 to talk about a free trade agreement between Peru and the United States, specifically Michigan.

"I came to sign international agreements, but I also understand Michigan is an industry state, Florida is a vacation, New York is the banks, Washington D.C is the capital, Hollywood is in California, and here is General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler," said Tejada. "We know Michigan is the state of innovation, new technologies

Tejada is executive president of Sencico, a construction company in Peru. Sencico helps college students get jobs in many different fields.

"We prepare students for building pipe for natural gas, vocations,

building houses, building electrical things," he said. "People who graduate from business school they make good money with their degree. They go outside and shop around and make good money."

Tejada is an educational leader in Peru, with 4,000 students. They teach Spanish, two ancient Peruvian languages, and English, he said.

Tejada came to sign two trade agreements with Wayne State University and Oakland Community College. The free trade agreement will start in January 2009.

"This way we'll have an exchange of students and technology," said Tejada. "It's very important for the Michigan people (to know) what are the real opportunities for business in Peru."

Peru has a variety of minerals, which can be used for car parts as well as in hospitals. Peru also has natural gas that can be sold to the U.S. They sell to both Mexico and California.

"We really want to make clean technology," said Tejada.

The free trade agreement is an opportunity for Peru and the United



Dan Kelly, Otilio Fernando Chaparro Tejada and Jose Aliaga.
Photo by Trevor Keiser

States to have a strong friendship.

"We're also hoping it will open the doors for all economies to help each other," said Tejada. "We can exchange knowledge like education."

The Peruvian government has opened both its doors and facilities as a way to be generous to investors, he said.

"This is the best time to be stronger than even because now we have

the free trade agreement and legal protection for the investor," said Tejada. "We do have a new law that investors can buy public hospitals in Peru and build a hospital in Peru and manage it yourself."

Tejada said Peru President Alan Garcia is doing his best to maintain peace in the south, so they can help the poor in the cities.

"I also think it's very important

for other countries to have people like Dan Kelly for people to bring to parliament new ideas, fresh ideas. To build a friendship like he is by hosting me here in Clarkston," said Tejada.

"I'm very happy to meet him I am very sure he will win this election. I will have another friend who is looking to do good things."

With a population of 29 million, Peru is a great tourism spot, with places like Machu Picchu and the Amazon river. There are many exotic foods in Peru, as well as 3,500 different kinds of potatoes. They also have four five-star hotels and one six-star hotel. Peru has lots of natural diversity in the Amazon, he said.

The free trade agreement should help tourism, noted Tejada.

"It's good to see that there is some economic activity that could benefit Clarkston," said Kelly. "Peru has a free trade agreement that is more beneficial to the United State than any other country and if they're interested in coming to Clarkston, we should open our arms."

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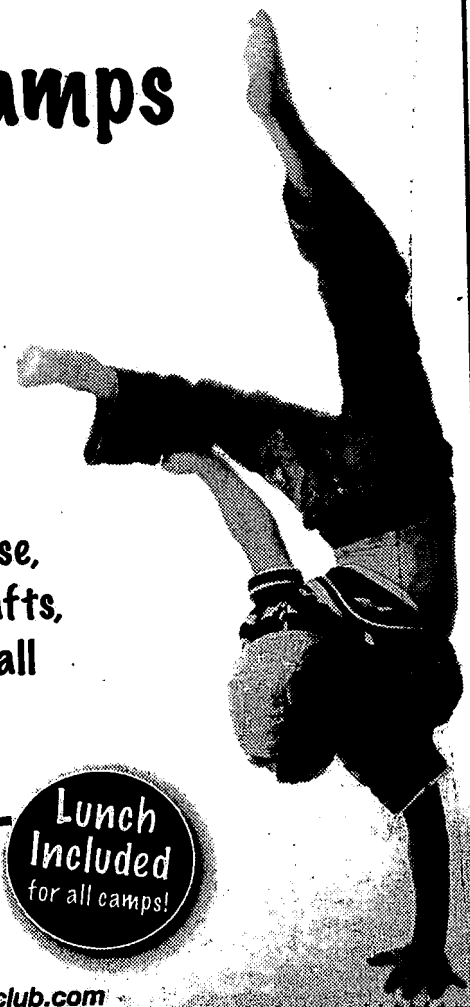
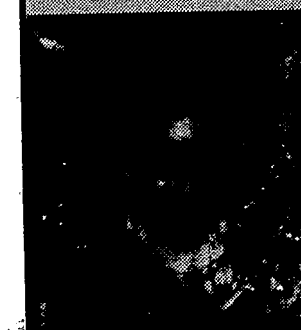
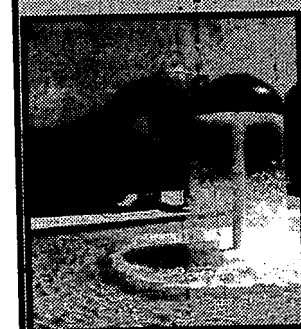
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Grand 2,600 sq. ft. Colonial poised on a divine 1-acre parcel w/4 bedrooms 2 full / 1 half baths, great room w/floor to ceiling fireplace, library w/French doors, and a finished basement. **\$300,000 68-SUN**

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Nearly new, 2,800+ sq. ft. Cape Cod w/a first floor master suite + 3 upper bedrooms, 2 full / 1 half baths, hardwood floors, neutral décor, diverse ceiling heights, and a 3+ car garage. **\$280,000 33-ROC**

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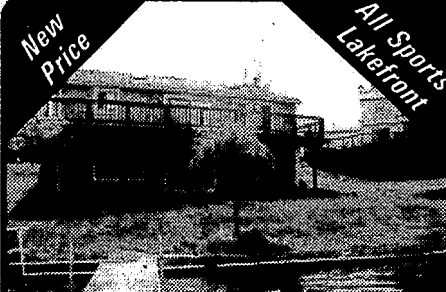
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Recently completed ranch w/a walkout and featuring filtered lake views and room for a pole barn! 3 bedrooms, 2 full / 1 half baths, fire lit great room, and a first floor laundry. **\$185,000 65-LON**

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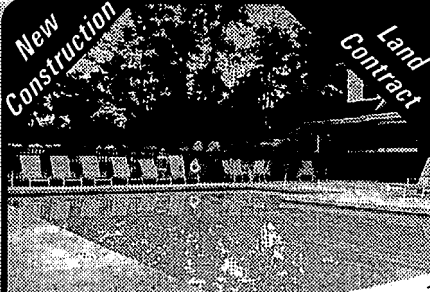
Ranch
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Engaging end-unit ranch condo w/a finished daylight basement and new: paint, carpet, A/C, hardwood floors, furnace and hot water heater. English courtyard and 2+ car garage. **\$174,900 57-WOO**

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Hair's to you

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Gabrielle Santangelo was excited when she arrived at Pink Salon in Clarkston last week.

The 6-year-old, who lives in Independence Township with her parents and two siblings, was about to do something really nice.

"She's very giving, always thinking about what she can do for others," said Debbie Santangelo, Gabrielle's mom. "Her teachers describe her as a little mother to her classmates."

Last year, one of Gabrielle's teachers at Detroit County Day in Bloomfield Hills, as well as one of her friends, donated hair to Locks of Love.

Gabrielle decided she wanted to help, too.

So she climbed into the chair at Pink and Stylist Tiffany Graff carefully put Gabrielle's long hair into a ponytail—then snipped it right off.

With a 10-inch donation of long, silky hair ready to send to Locks of Love, Gabrielle still had enough left, as she'd requested, for "piggy tails."

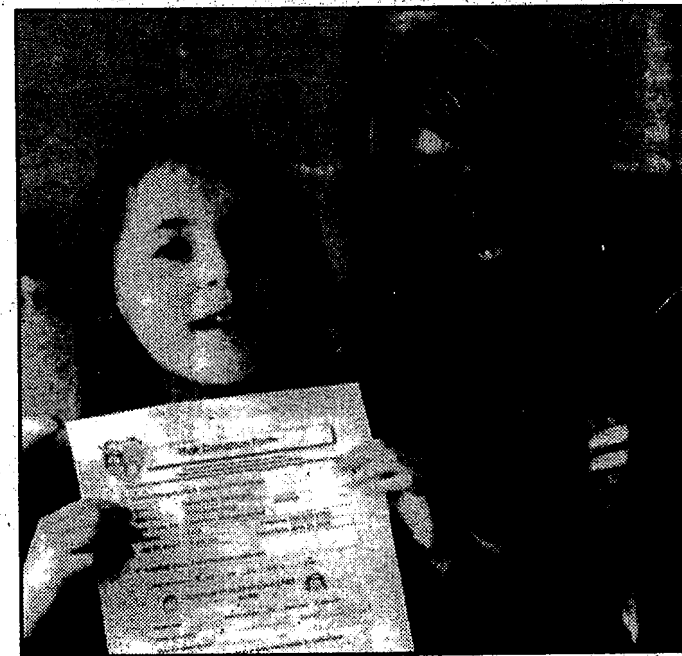
Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization, provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the U.S. and Canada who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

The prostheses, says the organization, help restore a child's self-esteem and confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

And Gabrielle has some idea what it's like for a loved one suffering with hair loss—her grandma died from cancer in November 2006.

"She knows it's going to children," said Debbie. "But this morning she said 'Mom, Grandma Mary would like this if she knew.'"

For more information check out www.locksoflove.org



Tiffany Graff, stylist at Pink, helps Gabrielle Santangelo with her Locks of Love donation.
Photos by Laura Colvin

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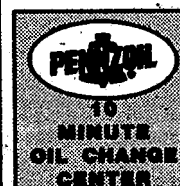
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Around Town

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mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Spanish Lessons, beginners, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, through July 1; intermediate, 10-11:30 a.m., Fridays, through July 11. \$35 for 8-week course. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

Quilting club, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Beginners, experienced, hand or machine sewers, all welcome. Call Shiela, 248-625-8231.

Knitting, crocheting group, 10 a.m., Wednesdays, bring your own projects or help make items for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. All welcome. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call Catherine, 248-625-8231.

Line dancing in Clarkston, Thursdays, Beginners 1-2:30 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced 3-4 p.m. \$3. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and

Spiritual Matters

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and power—but we want it without the necessary cultivating, keeping, and trusting.

This seems to be especially so with many young people today, who want and expect to have now what it took their parents a lifetime to attain. Unfortunately, with such a heart, gardens do not grow.

Consider the garden that God has put you in. Cultivate it and keep it. And trust Him for His blessing as you do.

The Rev. David Bostrom is pastor of Seeds for the Harvest ministry.

fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

Movies and Munchies, 1:30 p.m., Thursdays; June 19: "The Thin Man"; July 17, "Rio Bravo"; and Aug. 21: "The King and I." Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Mico's Real Estate, 7183 Main Street. 248-505-5091.

Local Business Network, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

Chess Anyone!, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231, leave name and phone number.

Walk Michigan Footsteps to Fitness, Thursdays, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., through Aug. 28. Meet in the parking lot in Clintonwood Park. Four walking routes. Pedometers available. Prizes, raffle for Labor Day

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Bridge Walk. 248-625-8231.

Art Workshops, Thursdays, 1-3:30 p.m., With Pamela Palmer. \$32 plus \$7 material fee for each class. June 5: Chalk Pastels; June 19: Colored Pencil Drawing. Call the senior activity center for more information.

Biking Club, Fridays, 8:45 a.m., Independence Township Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$2. 248-625-8231.

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Does it come from a deep-rooted storage facility, stemming from childhood, mainly less than 5 years of age?

Possibility exists that it was a well-hidden secret, especially from self. It can surface in later life or at times of cumulative stressful periods.

One can medicate the condition, or probe into the onset of the pain deposit to release the self, from wrongful self-imprisonment.

In early stages of life, it is common for children to implant; neglect, abandonment, unanswered plea of help, undiagnosed pain, and over-reaction to symptoms of emotional or physical nature.

When this occurs, children may think I am not important, I am not loved, and I feel pain only to deposit the voided self in a cellular level.

If the plea goes unheard, unanswered, unacknowledged, unconfirmed or ignored, it will persist. It may manifest as a physical diagnosis, proven through laboratory testing, and so on.

The process can be simple, or difficult, depending on who the audience of the afflicted is and if the label of Hypo-

chondria is the ruling force.

The solution is dependent on the participants to look beyond the chronic ailments and discuss the concerns. If fear and worry are the ruling components, it will show itself. Possibly reassurance, with a plan of action could be established and finally support is at hand.

Maria's memos



a column by
Maria
Rotondo-Mark

Awareness, open heart and tenderness, are the steps to begin the wheel of self-affirmation through loving support.

Could this be a cure, or an opportunity for discovery?

Is it what ails you, or what alienates you from self and others?

What could anyone lose by probing into such uncharted subject matter, as Hypochondria? Labeling or name-calling is harmful to all concerned.

Do not look for human elimination; look for **human connection, for betterment of self and others.**

We are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one with each other and it begins with me, as an attempt to reach out to you.

Maria Rotondo Mark owns MakeOver Place Salon on Dixie Highway. Call her at 248-623-9348 or email mariaism@comcast.net.



Seeing is believing

Customers, clients, and friends stopped by Advanced Eye Care, June 28, for a summer picnic and a chance to check out the latest in designer frames. People enjoyed live music by Two Steps Higher as they picnicked with Dr. Todd Staniszewski and Dr. Nora Clancy. Photo by Jim Buckley

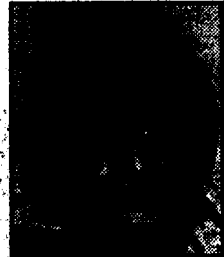
Obituary

Mary 'Pat' Champagne

Mary "Pat" Champagne of Clarkston, formerly of Dearborn, passed away June 26 at the age of 57.

She was the wife of high school sweetheart Gary; mother of Doug (Deedra) of Ortonville and Scott (Angela) of Waterford; daughter of Betty (the late Raymond) Metzger of Dearborn; daughter in law of Jeanne (the late Arthur) Champagne of Dearborn; grandma of Alexis, Andrew, Joshua & Claire; sister of Barbara Baker, Sally (Jerry) Talarczyk, Nancy (John) Greene, Debbie (Bob) Antosiewicz and Bill Metzger.

Mrs. Champagne was a registered nurse for 28 years at Henry Ford Hospital, re-



cently named Employee of the Year at the West Bloomfield location.

Funeral Mass was July 1 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rosary

service was June 30 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston

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Melinda Movius, 10, gets her face painted by Donna Nowak of ShowOff's Body Art.

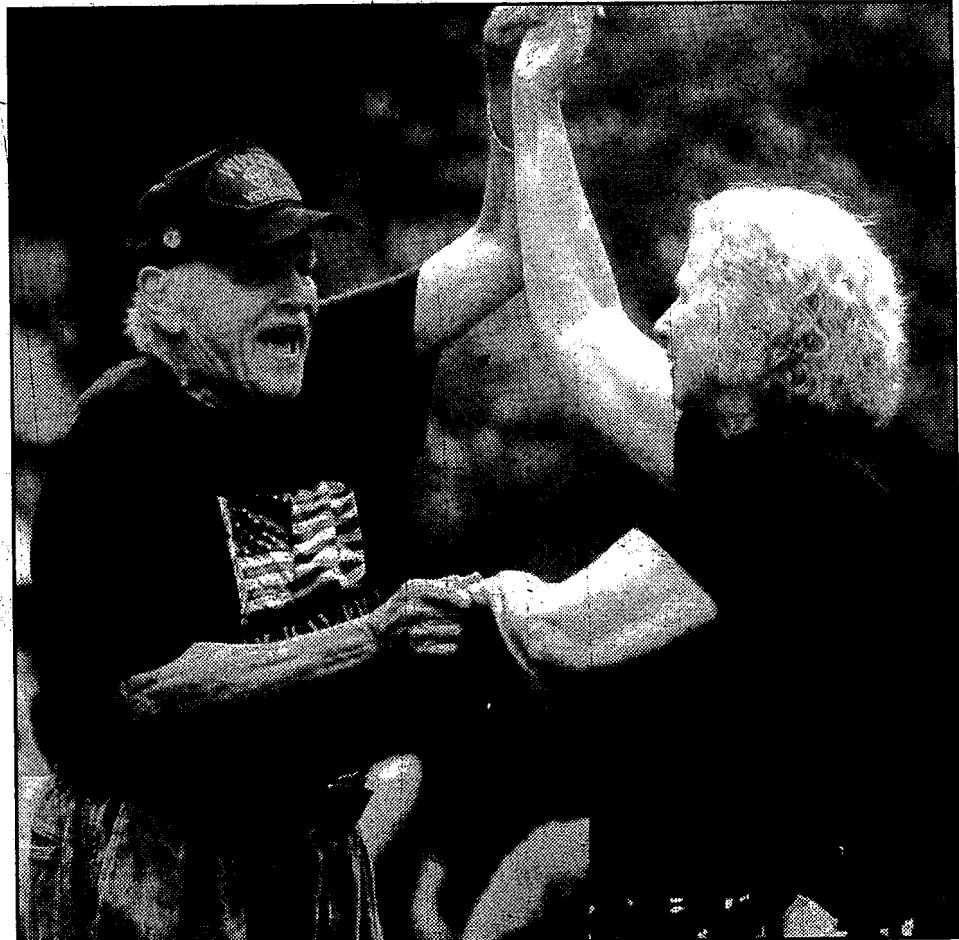
Rain can't stop the music

A little rain couldn't keep Clarkston music lovers away as Depot Park concertgoers enjoyed a wide variety of pop and rock favorites performed by GDaddy's last

week.

No concert is scheduled for July 4, but the series will resume July 11 with country music by Gary Pillow.

Photos by Laura Colvin



Jim and Doris Moore danced the night away at Depot.



The umbrellas only stayed up about five minutes.



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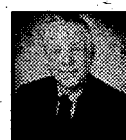
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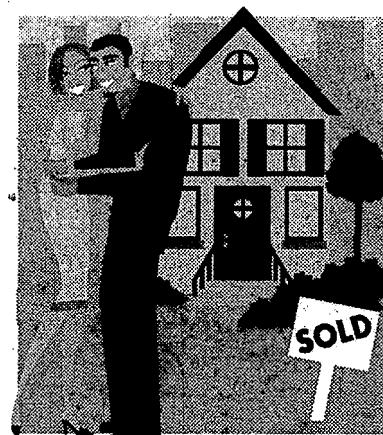


Pontiac Bungalow. 3 bedroom, 1.1 bath, 1218 sq. ft. 2-car detached garage. Fenced yard. Full basement. **CR304 \$39,900**

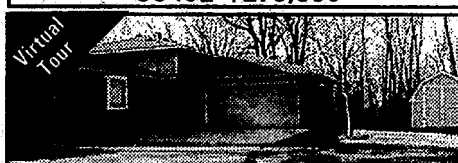


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Pontiac Bungalow. 3 bedroom, 1.1 bath, 801 sq. ft. Great investment. **DR160 \$66,000**



Warren brick ranch. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1014 sq. ft. Finished basement. 2-car garage. **GR325 \$94,900**



Lake Orion Schools. Lake view, 1+ acre, corner lot. 4 bedroom, 2.1 bath. 3300+ sq. ft. **HE800 \$435,000**



Springfield Township ranch. 3 bedroom, 2.1 bath. 2651 sq. ft. 3-car attached garage. Daylight basement. **KI982 \$358,650**



Clarkston schools. Lake views on 1/2 acre. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1750 sq. ft. Full basement. 3-car attached garage. **LA491 \$200,000**



Eastpointe bungalow. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 1188 sq. ft. Full basement. **LA237 \$42,900**



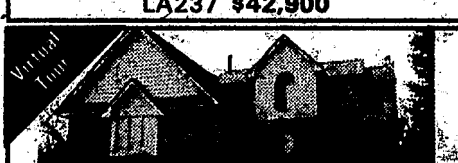
Waterford Split-Level. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1410 sq. ft. **LA297 \$129,900**



Waterford Split-Level on 1/4 acre. 3 bedroom, 2.1 bath. 1680 sq. ft. Partially finished walkout basement. 2-car garage. **ME347 \$129,900**



Pontiac ranch. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 985 sq. ft. Full basement. **MO458 \$79,000**



Springfield Township Colonial on 1 acre. 3 bedroom, 2.1 bath. 1800 sq. ft. 3+ car attached garage. Full daylight basement. **NO139 \$222,000**



Clarkston schools. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2128 sq. ft. Colonial on 2.63 acres. 3-car garage/workshop. **OL744 \$164,900**



Pontiac Ranch. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1303 sq. ft. 2-car garage. **PE158 \$153,800**



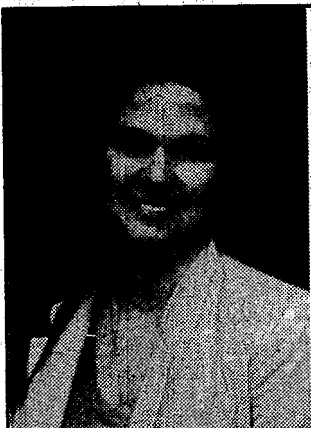
Roseville bungalow. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 1098 sq. ft. Full basement. **WE178 \$82,900**



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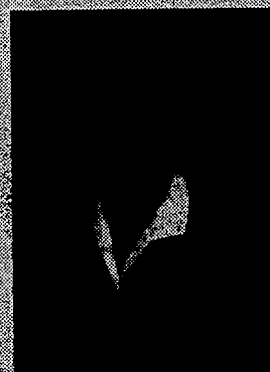
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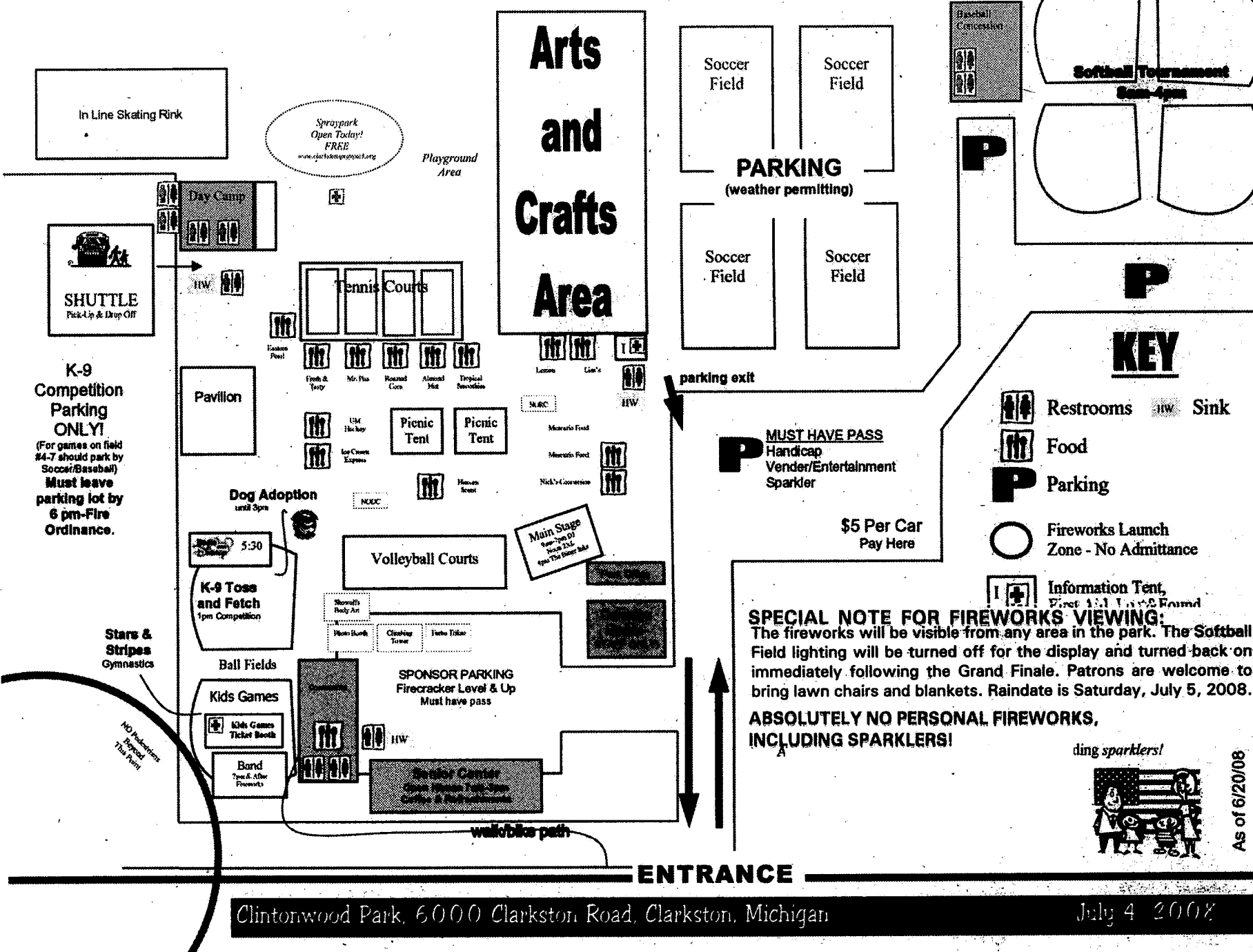
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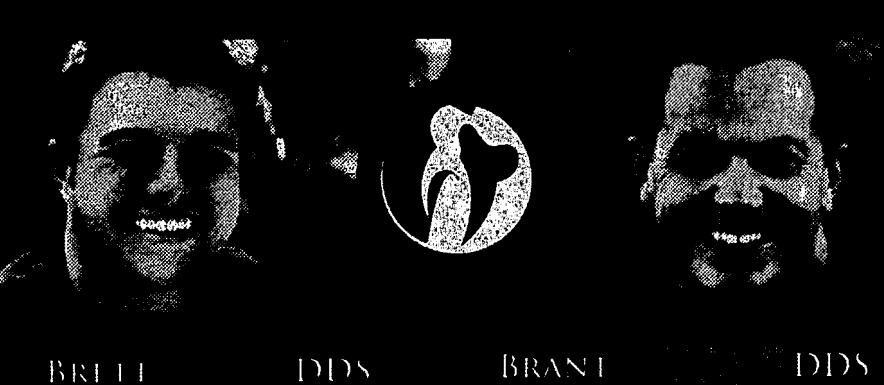
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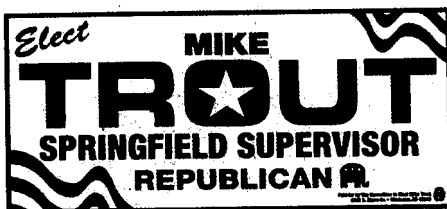


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Wilderness camp set July 21-25

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation offers Wild Adventures Extreme camp, with canoeing, backpacking, shelter building, and outdoor survival skills, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 21-25, at Independence Oaks County Park.

Campers, ages 11-15, will go river paddling on the Clinton River and camp overnight at Camp Wilderness on Thursday, learning firebuilding, campfire cooking, and camping skills.

They will also learn about safety, leadership, teamwork and communication skills. Campers are required to bring their own brown bag lunch Monday through Thursday. Lunch will be provided on Friday.

Campers are also required to wear lace-up tennis shoes and bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and extra set of clothes and socks everyday.

Camp is rain or shine - dress for the weather. Campers will receive a camp t-shirt at the start of camp and a patch upon completion of the camp.

Activities will be at Waterford Oaks Waterpark on Friday. Transportation will also be provided.

Campers are responsible for their own, daily transportation to and from Independence Oaks. The session is limited to five campers.

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Sisters present diverse projects at fair

BY SUSAN BROMLEY

Special to The Clarkston News

A rat mold, make-up depicting the Black Plague, and Christmas items.

These are among the diverse projects Danielle Todd expects to show at the Oakland County Fair, set for July 8-13 at the Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg.

Danielle expects to be up until at least 2 a.m. the night before the fair, finishing projects as part of her quest to win a special award.

The 16-year-old 4-H Club member has signed up to do 35 projects, the maximum number allowed by a participant, in an attempt to win the Wayne Nierman High Achiever Award.

So far, she estimates she has completed one-third of the projects, which include several art pieces, a holiday table setting, veterinary science display and a taxidermy project which she is most excited about.

The fair is known for competition in farm-raised animals, however, Danielle is not entering any animals.

"I do lots of arts and lots of animal exhibits, but don't raise animals anymore because we travel a lot," she said. "For most of the projects, I listed what I think is interesting."

Danielle is joined in competition at the fair by her sister, Erika, 13, who is pursuing a photography award, the Leona Hutchings Memorial Trophy, awarded to the youth who makes a special effort in a photography project.

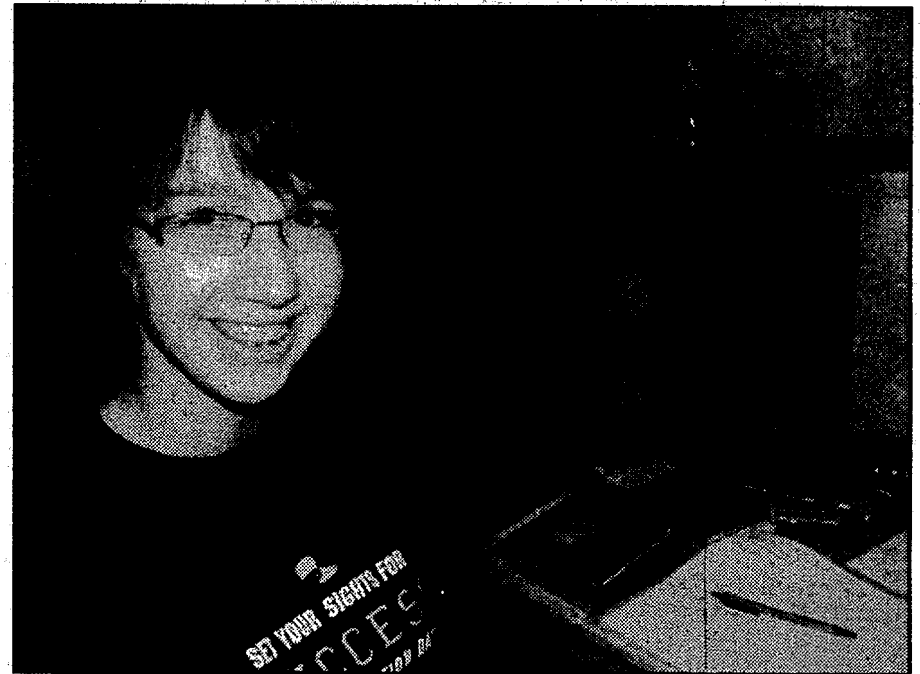
Of the 21 projects Erika plans to enter, 10 are in photography categories.

The girls began some of their projects as early as last August. This is Danielle's third year pursuing the high achiever award and she notes she will not get bonus points if she does not complete all the projects she registered for.

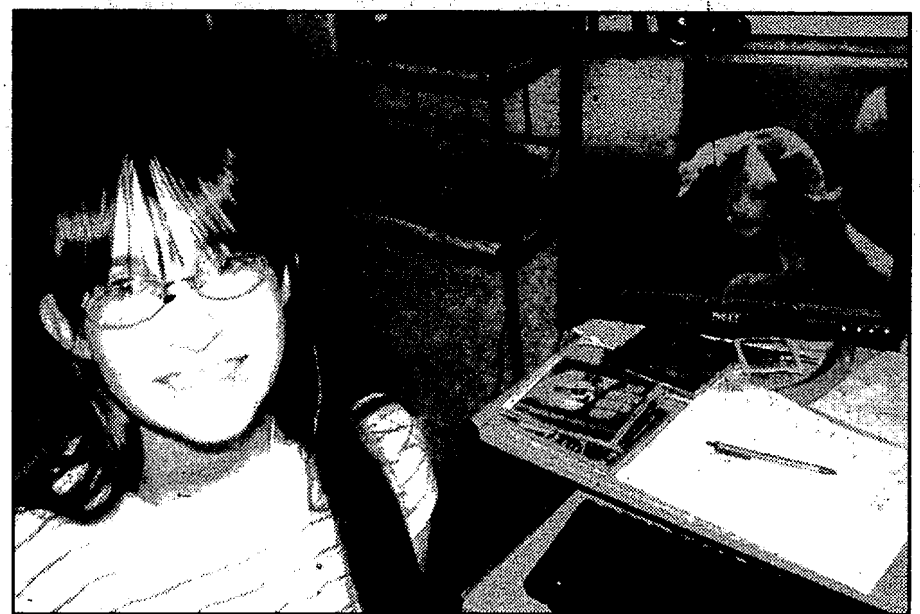
"I'm a perfectionist about it and that's why it takes so long," she said. "The art projects take the least amount of time, while the vet and human science categories are harder."

Erika said she likes the fair because participants can get critiqued on things they are trying to learn more about from judges at the fair.

For more information on the Oakland County Fair, call 248-634-8830 or visit www.oakfair.org.



Danielle Todd made this Black Plague project for the County Fair.



Erika Todd is competing in photography at the fair.

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Regulators at Oxford Bank, but stock still strong

BY C.J. CARNACCHIO

Special to The Clarkston News

A sharp increase in mortgage delinquencies precipitated by the state's poor economy recently required Oxford Bank to enter into a formal consent agreement with its federal and state regulators.

"We want our communities to know the bank is fine," said Oxford Bank Chairman, President and CEO Jeff Davidson. "Yes, this is a difficult time, but the board and management are on top of it. When we come out on the other end of this we're going to be stronger."

Davidson, who met with the *Oxford Leader* Saturday morning, wished to assure everyone, from the bank's customers to its shareholders, that this agreement does not mean the 124-year-old community financial institution has been taken over by regulators.

"You never want to be under an agreement, but it doesn't mean the (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) is calling the shots," he said. "They've made recommendations. It's up to management and this board of this bank to carry them out. They'll watch over our shoulder — make sure that we do that — and that's okay."

Oxford Bank is federally regulated by the FDIC and on the state level, the institution's overseen by the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation.

Although it's technically called a "cease-and-desist order," Davidson explained the title is designed to be an "attention getter" and basically the consent agreement means "the bank will cease and desist the practices that have caused it to have these problems."

"We haven't shut down lending," he noted. "We're just adjusting to the times."

The consent agreement went into effect May 25 following seven months of negotiations between bank representatives and government regulators.

"The regulators, contrary to popular belief, don't want you to fail," Davidson said. "They are here to help."

However, Davidson noted before the FDIC came in for its routine audit in September 2007, he was already well aware of the rise in delinquent mortgages.

Between June and October 2007, the bank's percentage of delinquent mortgages doubled from about 3½ percent to 7 percent.

"For us, that's high," Davidson said. "Normally, it was about 1 percent."

Davidson brought in an outside loan review company to examine the situation and as a result, the bank was in the process of tightening and strengthening its policies when the regulators showed up.

"Management has been taking action since prior to ever meeting with the FDIC," he said. "We wanted our shareholders and our communities to know that we're ahead of this game."

Under the terms of the FDIC order, Oxford Bank agreed to take actions such as reviewing

its management and committee structures, rewriting some of its policies (particularly on the loan side) to strengthen them, and setting new limits on how much risk the bank is willing to take in areas like construction lending.

"With the single exception of getting rid of the real estate that we own (from foreclosures), management and the board have already addressed 99 percent of the issues in this agreement," Davidson said.

The bank currently owns about 50 properties, only two or three of which are commercial, as a result of foreclosures.

Most are the result of either people losing their jobs in the auto industry and related fields or local builders who constructed a few spec or model homes and simply walked away from them when the real estate market crashed, according to Davidson.

"We live and die with the community," he said. "As it suffers, so does the bank. We understand that's who we are."

Unfortunately, these foreclosure properties pose a financial drain because not only are they no longer earning any interest for the bank, they're actually costing the financial institution money.

The bank has to pay maintenance costs such lawn mowing and snow removal, utility costs, property taxes (including the school non-homestead rate), and fees for attorneys and real estate brokers, who are helping the bank sell these properties.

"We do not want to be Realtors," Davidson said.

Selling these properties is more difficult for a community bank than a large corporate bank.

Davidson explained the latter has out-of-state income sources that enable them to sell their properties for 50-60 cents on the dollar.

"We're still trying to get 65 or 70 (cents) because we don't have out-of-state income to offset the impact on our liquidity," he said.

Anyone interested in viewing the bank's list of available properties can call (248) 628-2533. Davidson noted that first-time homebuyers can "get great deals right now."

The bank is in the process of bundling groups of properties to market them to investors.

"At some point in time this is going to become valuable and an opportunity for many investors," Davidson said. "It's really totally dependent on revitalizing the market."

While most experts say the market will pick up anywhere between 2009 and 2011, Davidson said, "I tend to be more on the '10 to '11 bandwagon than I am on '09."

Davidson said the bank was not required to publicly disclose that it entered into this agreement with the FDIC, but he felt it was the right thing to do.

"I don't like surprises and I don't think the shareholders do either," he said. "I don't think the community needs to be surprised and find this out from the Detroit (news) papers."

Letters explaining the situation to the

bank's shareholders were mailed out Friday. A press release was issued Monday afternoon.

Overall, Davidson said the bank's financial situation is pretty healthy.

"We've got a lot of cash," he said. "We have a lot of liquidity. If we need the cash, we could get it."

"Our balance sheet today is stronger than ever," Davidson explained. "If all things were equal, we would be making more money today than we were at the same size operation eight years ago. Unfortunately, all that money we're making is being poured in supporting the houses (the bank's foreclosed on)."

Last year, the bank lost \$5 million. This year the institution is expecting to lose more than \$2 million, according to Davidson.

As a result, all employees' wages, including Davidson's, will remain frozen as will the fees paid to the board of directors. Bank officers haven't received bonuses in two years.

"It's not just little guys," he said. "Everybody's involved."

Cash dividends for shareholders will be suspended for the second consecutive year.

Davidson said the "prudent" thing to do is put that capital into the bank's "loan loss reserve" to protect it against losses on foreclosures.

"We'll get back to paying dividends as quickly as we can get back to making money," he said.

Davidson wished to remind shareholders that although the bank's stock price is "significantly down," it has "held much better" on a percentage basis than a majority of community banks in Michigan, particularly the southeast region.

He noted that unlike a large corporations, which trade millions of shares on a daily basis, Oxford Bank's stock trades "very rarely."

So, if "somebody decided they wanted out" and traded 200 shares, "it can impact

our price."

News regarding other banks and the banking industry in general also affect Oxford Bank's stock price.

"Our stock is impacted by more than just our own performance," Davidson said.

Eventually, the economy will rebound, the foreclosed properties will be sold and Oxford Bank will be prosperous once again, but there there's still much work to be done.

"It will end, but it's going to be a chore," Davidson said. "We appreciate the support from our shareholders and our customers."

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SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.

Roll : Present : Catallo, Brueck, Gawronski, Inabnit, Johnston, Ottman, Roth
Absent: None.

Moved "That the Minutes of June 10, 2008, be accepted as presented".

Moved "That the Agenda be accepted as presented".
Resolved "That June bills in the amount of \$40,900.86 be approved for payment".

Resolved by Mayor Catallo, support by Ottman to "Proclaim June 30, 2008, Art Pappas Day".

Resolved to approve the bid for \$3,900 to replace the light base on Main Street at Waldon pending approval of MDOT.

City Attorney Ryan stated that Code Enforcement will be taken over by the Police Dept after he finalizes his review and it is passed by the Council. This ordinance will be ready for passage the first meeting of July.

Ritter, new City Manager, stated that revenue sharing money will increase by 4% if the proposal in Lansing passes. Ritter recommended a call to our representative in Lansing to support this proposal.

Ritter stated that Tri-Party funds to repair sidewalks may also be used on Main Street, Clarkston Road, as well as Holcomb Road. The project is being rebid and is still expected to be completed this year.

Resolved "That the FY 2008 General Fund Operating Budget be amended as follows:

Revenues: \$898,335 Disbursements: \$896,937
Resolved "That the FY 2009 General Fund Operating Budget be adopted as follows:

Revenues: \$794,062 Disbursement: \$778,792
Resolved "That the FY 2009 Major Road Budget be adopted as follows:

Revenues: \$42,000 Disbursements: \$39,325
Resolved "That the FY2009 Local Road Budget be adopted as follows:

Revenues: \$14,850
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Resolved to approve payment of council members yearly salaries totaling \$6,800.

Resolved "That Dennis M. Ritter, City Manager, Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk/Treasurer and Sharon Catallo, City Mayor, be authorized to sign checks drawn on the City of the Village of Clarkston. Two signatures of the three authorized check signers are required on each check. Further, Artemus M. Pappas will be removed as authorized to sign City checks, effective date June 30, 2008".

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:

FILE PC #2008-013
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"CASH SALE"

L252

Notice is hereby given that on 07/25/08 at 11:30am the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center, 1745 Waldon Road, Lake Orion, MI. 48359. Unit #B33, Frank Pasfield, Misc. goods, tools. Unit #K14, Kathryn Sarkisian, Household items, misc. goods. Unit #A14, James Turner, Household items, misc. goods.

L302

Notice is hereby given that on 07/25/08 at 12:00pm the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center, 1007 Brown Rd., Orion, MI. Unit #307, Linda Vance, household, recreational items, misc. items. #705, Eric Angles, household, items, misc. items. Unit #220, Scott Thornton, household, recreational items, misc. items. RV14, Robert Toles, vehicle.

SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS
Wednesday, July 10, 2008
10am Lake Orion Self Storage Center, Inc. 180 W. Church St. Lake Orion, MI 48362
100 yds. E. of Leeper Rd. (M-24)

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L282

GENERAL TOWING AUCTION
2290 AUBURN RD.,
AUBURN HILLS, MI 48326
The following vehicles will be auctioned on July 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

- 1993 CHEVY 1G1LT53T4PY241168
- 1998 PONTIAC 1G2JB1243W7542119
- 1991 CHRYSLER 1C3XC68R2MD177170
- 1995 FORD 1FMCU24X4SUB34344
- 1990 EAGLE JE3CU36X4LU091463
- 1995 ACURA TH4DC4453SS031691
- 1990 HONDA 1HGFD354XLA017556
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L28-dh

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R301

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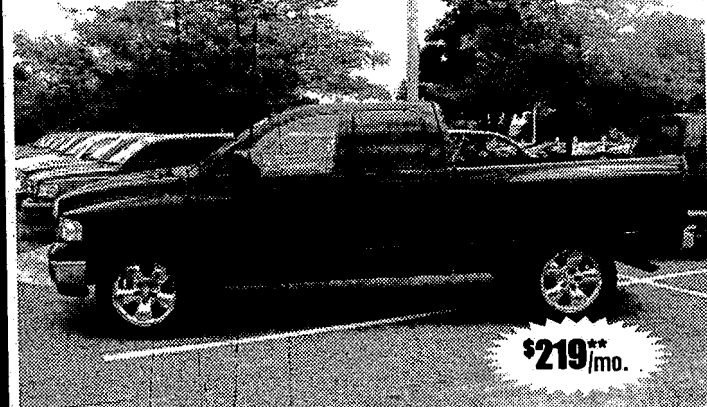
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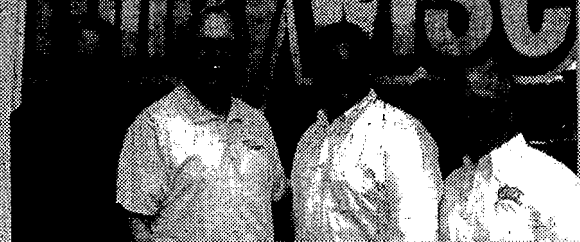
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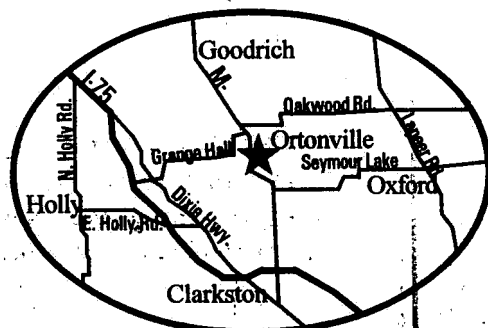
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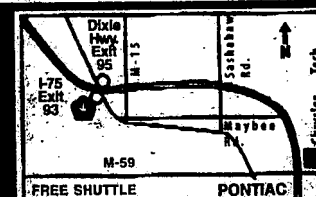
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