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Township officials split on what to do with budget balance

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township budget numbers show it's not hurting for money. In fact, some argue it has too much.

"The revenues are out pacing the expenditures so we keep adding to the fund balance. We're already over 40 percent," said Trustee Dan Kelly. "At some point, it's a consideration for this board to talk about if we should continue to collect the amount of taxes we are collecting."

According to Plante Moran audit reports, the township collected \$6,399,016 in revenue for its general fund and spent about that much, and was still left with \$4,983,242 in the fund balance, which comes out to more than 40 percent.

Trustee Charles Dunn said the fund balance reflects the financial health of the township, and demonstrates fiscal responsibility.

Much of the money is spent "off budget," he said.

The township budgets capital improvement projects separately from the general fund. When capital improvement projects, such as the new senior center last year in Clintonwood Park, come to the board, they look at the fund balance, he said.

Plante Moran recommends a 20-40 percent fund balance,

he said.

"I don't want the public to have this impression that we are collecting these funds and somehow have this large bank account," Dunn said. "We are fiscally responsible but at the same time there are significant infrastructure improvements that are going to be needed."

Kelly disagreed with letting the fund balance grow "unrestricted and undesignated." Taxes are collected for operating the township and township offices.

He suggested creating a capital expenditure plan by setting 10 percent of the fund balance aside on a regular basis.

"I don't think we should be collecting from our citizens today for something that might get spent five years from now based upon some board's wishes to spend it, just because we got that much money," he said.

Kelly recommended either reducing taxes or allocating the money.

"We come to a decision as a board that we're going to allocate it in advance to a capital improvement, so that everybody in the community understands where we are spending it," said Kelly.

Dunn said the board made a "conscious effort" to take capital improvement plans out of the budget.

"If I had that plan in front of me, I could wipe the balances out easily in two years," he said.

However, Dunn noted it's hard to budget for capital improvement and trying to figure out which project will "come out in front."

Please see balance on page 17A



Angelo Johnson, watching Clarkston's Fourth of July parade with his grandfather Steve Johnson, wants to know what the stars and stripes tastes like. Please see pages 8A and 20A for more parade pictures. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Dixie Highway corridor may be next on renovation list

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dixie Highway is set to get its share of attention from the township.

The Independence Township Board appointed a nine-person panel with a \$23,800 budget. Their mission: work on ways to improve the area's appearance and economic opportunities.

"I can't remember a time when we have had as many vacancies as I currently see," said Independence Township planner Dick Carlisle, as he stood before the board, July 1.

Carlisle, township Supervisor Dave Wagner, Building Department Director Dave Belcher, Planning Commission and Township Board members, and residents have been discussing Dixie Highway for a year, he said.

"We have a resource there that probably should not be forgotten even though we've devoted attention to other areas of the town-

ship more recently," he said.

Carlisle's plan starts with a nine-member study team, "broadly based," including property owners, planning commissioners, township board members, and a representative of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

The team will explore ideas to improve Dixie Highway, he said.

"More importantly, improve the investment climate, so we can potentially reap the benefit from a taxpayer's standpoint of property improvements through that particular area," said Carlisle.

"I like the idea—especially involving residents and owners of the commercial properties," said Trustee Dan Travis.

Issues facing Dixie Highway include lack of organization and maintenance, though the area is not yet "blighted," Carlisle said.

"I would not characterize them as serious, but I would characterize them as significant," he said. "I think this community

has always stepped up to the plate to address what we consider to be significant issues before they become serious issues."

Funding could be an issue, said Trustee Larry Rosso.

"I just don't know where the money is coming from," he said. "These business owners, whether they are in vacant or occupied businesses along there, I'm not sure they're going to really spend the money when they say they don't have it."

Treasurer Jim Wenger said he also sees the declining economy as a problem.

"I guess I'm torn between, let's throw some money at a project and what are we going to get in the end, versus we need to do something," said Wenger.

Dixie is deteriorating because efforts have been going to Sashabaw Road, Wagner said.

"Even though there was a lot of money spent on Dixie and White Lake, it was like we were trying to abandon it," said Wagner.

"These last couple of years, it's just been deteriorating further, further, and further."

Wagner said he is happy to move the project forward, especially since panel members are working on a volunteer basis. Their budget will be spent on studies, if needed.

"There is no money being paid to them," he said. "This is for all the work that goes into it to determine what exactly can be done, what's necessary to do. A lot of hours will go into this."

Trustee Dan Kelly, who lives near Dixie, agreed with Wagner.

"I absolutely agree that nothing we were proposing last night involved spending taxpayer's money," he said. "It was getting business owners and property owners together to try and brainstorm how we can improve Dixie and that's a good idea and should be done."

The board voted unanimously to approve the committee.

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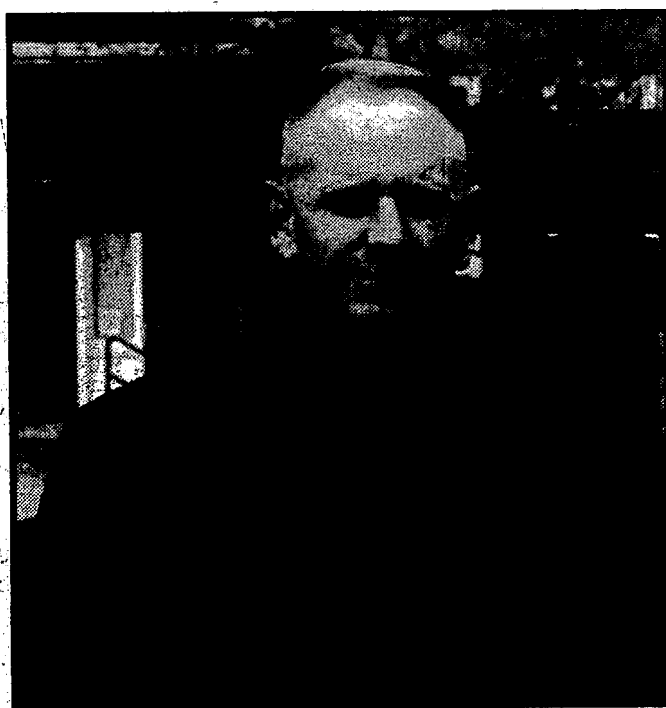
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Tag Vitale looks up to his American hero, his father, Tony Vitale, at the Clarkston Fourth of July Parade. The patriotic float was created by Mesquite Creek's restaurant staff, where Tony is general manager. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*



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Chamber's candidate forum set for July 24

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosts a Candidate Breakfast Forum, 8 a.m., Thursday, July 24, at Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road.

Panel schedule:

8 a.m., Springfield Township trustee;
8:45 a.m., Independence Township trustee;

9:30 a.m., township clerk races;

10 a.m., township treasurer races;

10:30 a.m., township supervisor races;

11 a.m., state representative races.

Each panel begins with one minute candidate introductions, followed by questions from the audience. The chamber is non-partisan and does not endorse candidates.

Check in begins at 7:30 a.m., \$10 per person prepaid, \$15 at the door. For more information, call the chamber at 248-625-8055.

Polling place temporarily replaced

About 1,400 registered voters in Springfield Township should soon receive notice of a change in polling place for the August 5 primary election.

Construction at Oakland Technical Center on Big Lake Road has rendered the facility inaccessible, said clerk Nancy Strole.

Those who reside in Precinct no. 4 and normally vote at OTC will instead be asked to cast their ballots Dixie Baptist Church, located at 8585 Dixie Highway.

Signs will direct voters to the polling place entrance at the rear of the church, where ample parking is available.

This change is for the August 5 primary election only. The November 4 general election polling place will be at its usual location at the Oakland Technical Center.

For more information, call the Springfield Township clerk's office at 248-846-6510.

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Garden Walk grows on Clarkston

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Carolyn Bailey paused to toss a handful of food to seven brightly-colored koi fish as she worked to ready her yard for this year's Garden Walk.

Behind her, the hillside was ready to explode in hues of pink, purple, yellow, white and red.

"Those are all wildflowers," she said, motioning to hundreds of bud-topped plants crowding a slice of her eight-acre Independence Township parcel. "I started with just a bag of seed. They'll all be in bloom for the tour."

The 2008 Garden Walk, co-sponsored by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and Clarkston Community Education, takes place Wednesday, July 16.

Event co-chair Jeanne Molzen said this year's walk, which begins at noon, was extended to 7 p.m. so those who work during the day could participate.

"We have a wide variety of gardens this year, ranging from one on 10 acres to one that is a condo," she said, noting all seven gardens selected for this year's tour are different from last year. "We've got a rose garden, a waterfall, lots of different things. It's quite an interesting variety of homes."

Two hostesses—as well as the homeowners, in some cases—will be present to greet visitors and answer questions at each garden.

In addition, Molzen said, a number of local artists will draw, paint, work on mosaic stones and create other projects in each garden.

Three gardens will feature live musicians, while "nice, pretty, quiet music on CD" plays in others, she said.

Al Cooper, who is also opening his yard for the tour, said he and his wife Cheryl have been working on the various "rooms" in their garden since 1995.

Like Bailey, the Cooper's yard includes a koi pond. The garden also features a waterfall, several seating areas, a number of occupied birdhouses, and a plethora of perennials in terraced plantings.

A garden house, complete with antique leaded-glass windows, serves as the yard's focal point.

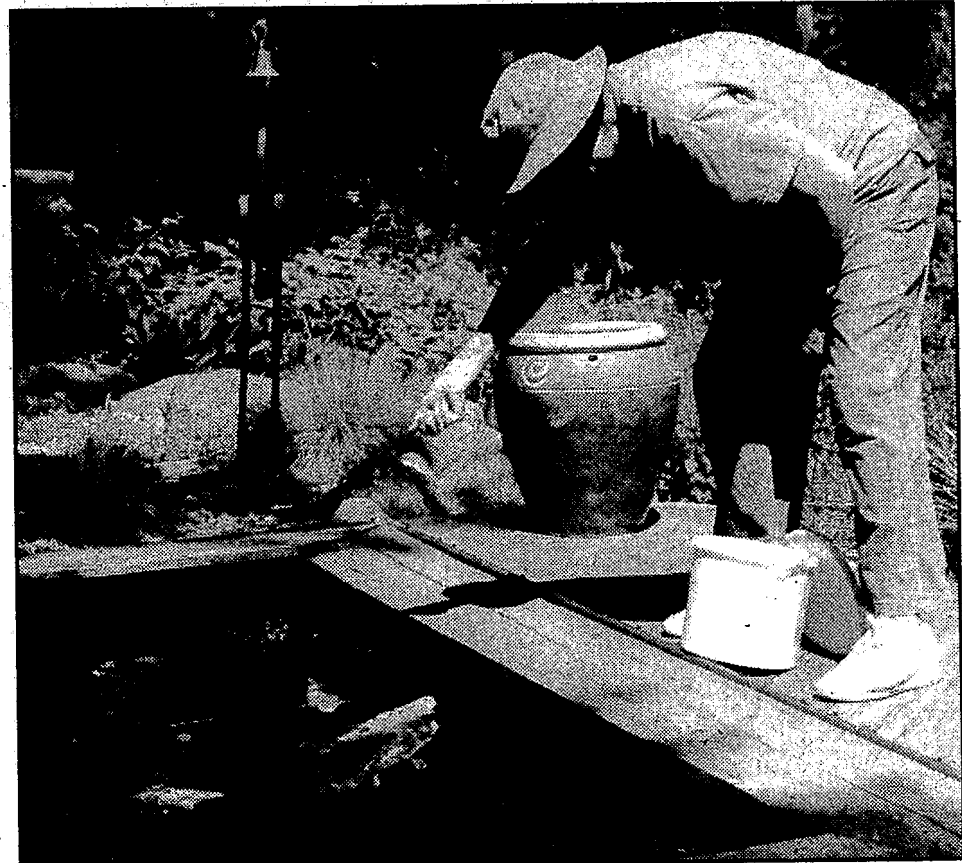
The best part, as Al Cooper sees it? Very little mowing.

Tickets for the Garden Walk are \$20, or \$22 with lunch.

Lunch is served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Clarkson Community Education Building and includes homemade garden club goodies for dessert.

Tickets including lunch must be purchased by Monday, July 14.

In addition to the seven gardens, visitors can also shop in the Garden Boutique, open 11 a.m.-2 p.m., where a variety of unique gar-



Carolyn Bailey tosses food to the koi fish swimming in a pond at her home. Photos by Laura Colvin

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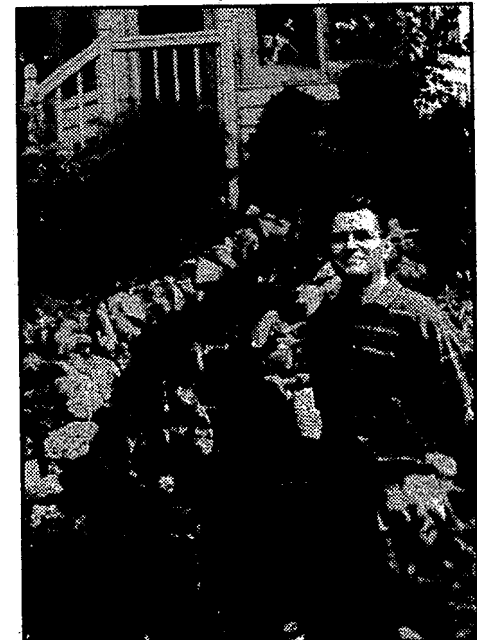
Birdfeeder, 7150 N. Main

den art, jewelry, note cards, watercolor and acrylic painting, as well as other creations, will be available for purchase.

On tour day, participants check in and pick up a brochure—including map, information about the various gardens and artists—at the Community Education Center on Waldo Road.

Logistics of the tour, said Molzen, were changed slightly from last year.

"We have them go in certain order," she said. "But half will go in one direction, while half go the other way. That way, they aren't



Al Cooper's garden includes a waterfall, garden house and other amenities.

all at the same garden at the same time."

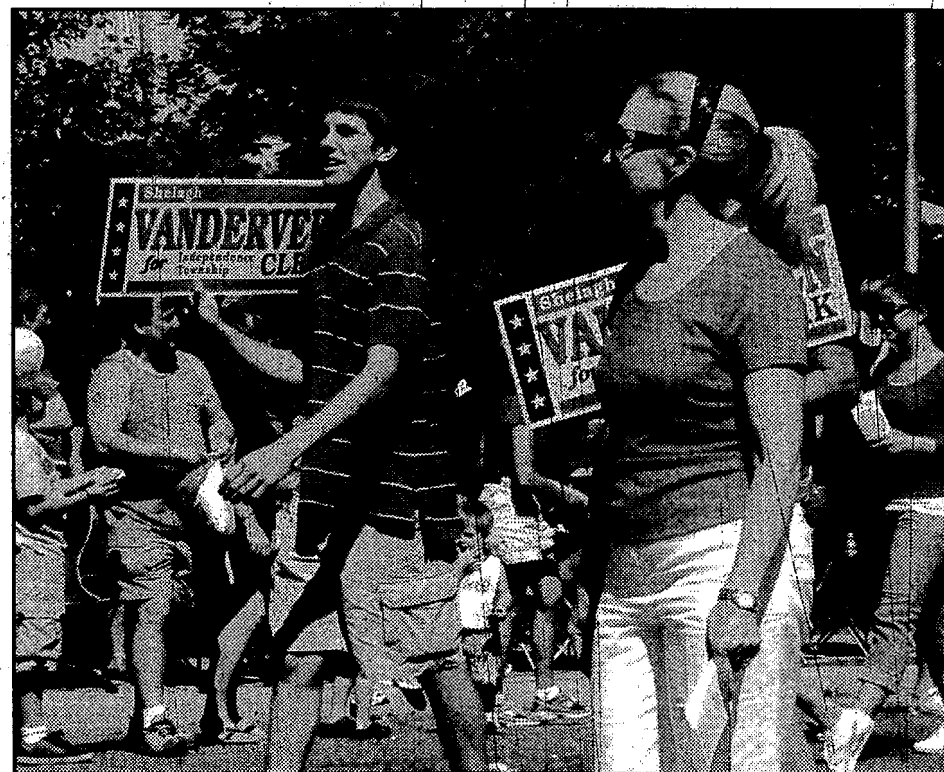
All proceeds from the Garden Walk support the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's many projects, including planters on Main Street in downtown Clarkston, landscaping at the Independence Township library, educational programs in the Clarkston schools and scholarships for graduates.

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Political signs could be carried in Clarkston's Fourth of July Parade, such as these by Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, but they can't go into the ground for another week.

No political signs before their time

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Front lawns in Independence Township will soon be covered in political signs, but not yet.

That would be against the law. "Our ordinance is two weeks," said township Supervisor David Wagner, who is running for reelection.

The township has fielded several calls the past few weeks concerning the township's political sign ordinance, Wagner said.

"I've talked to (county prosecutor candidate Randall) Secontine's office, I talked to (state representative candidate Eileen) Kowall, I've talked to judge (Dana) Fortinberry, and I've talked to several of the other candidates that questioned our ordinance," he said.

Wagner said he has directed the township building department to remove any signs posted before July 22, 14 days before the

election. "It is that time of the year that there are no exceptions. Everybody will be treated fairly, signs will come down," he said.

"We will not throw them away, we'll put them back by the dumpster because I realized they are very expensive and we don't want to cause extra expense for some sort of misunderstanding."

Some campaigners told him the township ordinance was "against the law," due to First Amendment rights, and they planned to put up signs regardless of what the ordinance stated, Wagner said.

"I hear everybody talking about lawsuits. It's a bad time right now, everybody's nervous - election time is here," he said. "The one thing we all have to do is be mindful of the laws that govern this great country of ours and live by them."

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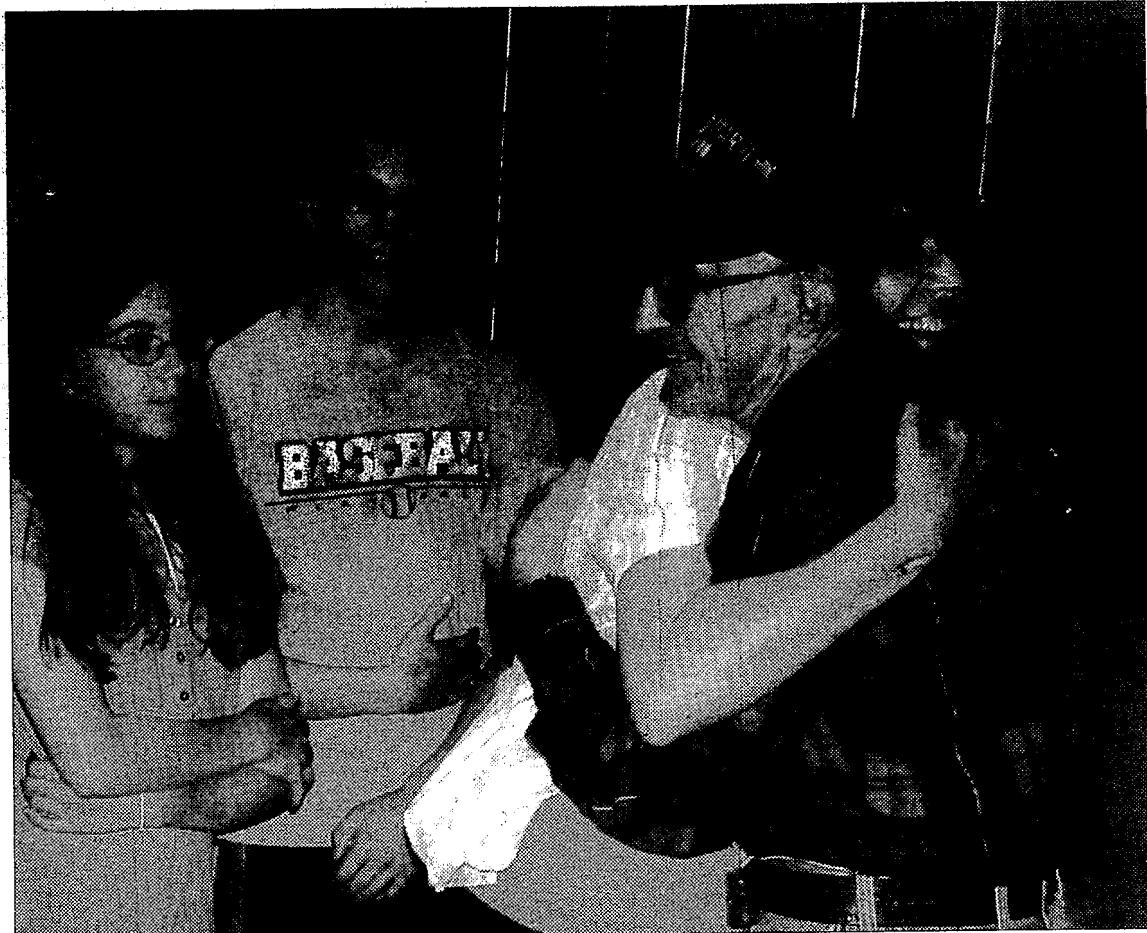
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Weekly walks at Clintonwood Park

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.



Isaiah, Melanie, and Alicia Spires wish George Thompson a happy birthday.

Thompson celebrates 90th birthday with family, friends

Friends and family spent months planning a 90th birthday party for George Thompson of Independence Township.

They wanted it to be a surprise. "Surprised? Yeah, I sure was," said Thompson.

"I can't believe that we actually pulled it off," said said Amy DeFord, one of his daughters.

They enjoyed a buffet lunch, June 28, at Clarkston Community Church.

Guests viewed pictures of Thompson from his World War II days, and recently from a visit to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

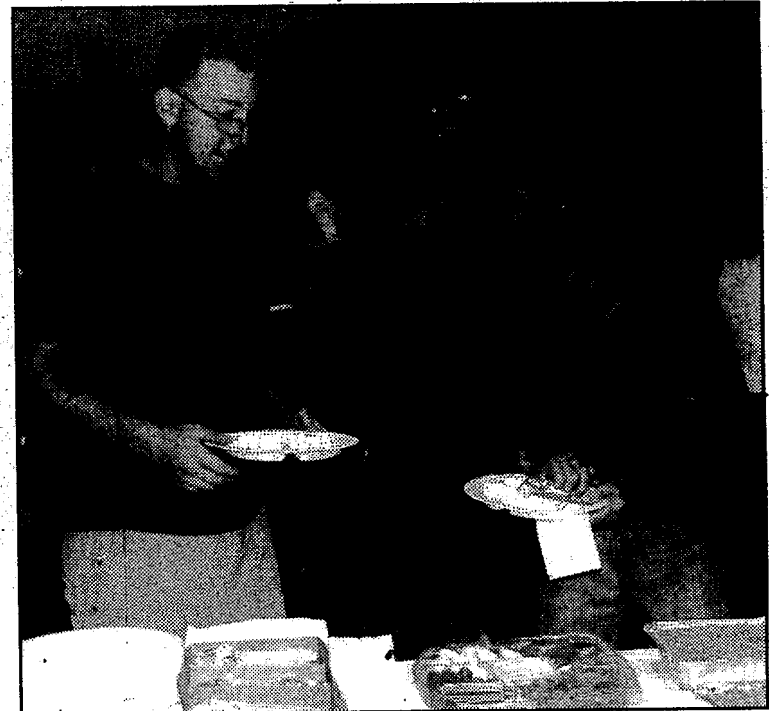
"I think he's the best," DeFord said. "He's been such an example for my life, for everything."

"He's a wonderful guy," said daughter Pat Vanover. "He's always there for me whenever I need him. Whenever I needed something, he was there."

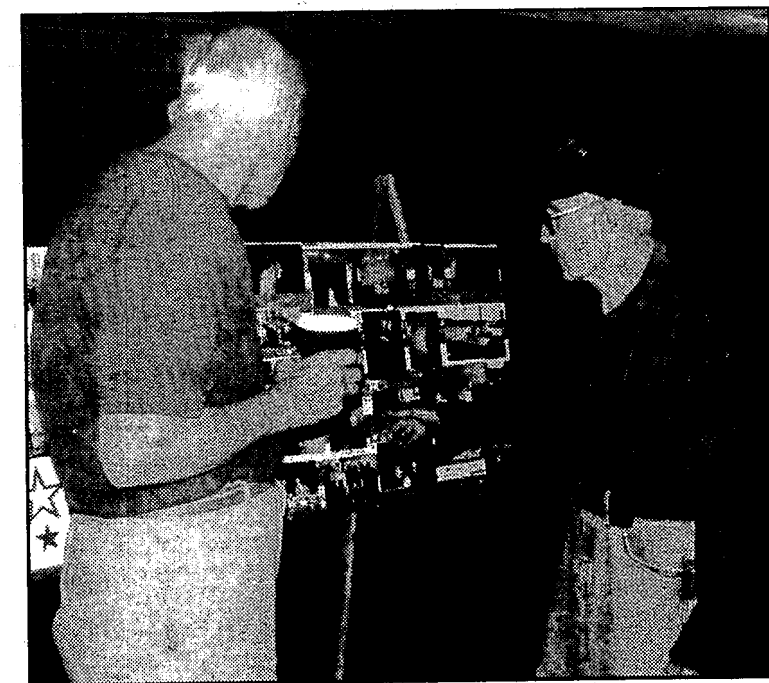
George and his wife, the late Ruth, moved to Clarkston in 1977. He has two children, Roy Ricco, who owns a restaurant in Boquette, Panama, and VanOver, who lives in Coldwater, Mich., five step-children, 17 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

He was born in Punxsutawney, Pa., on June 30, 1918.

— Phil Custodio



George Thompson leads the buffet line, with great grandson Michael DeFord.



George Thompson points out a photo to Gale Scafe, a friend from the Independence Township Senior Center.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Missing out on music

I was in the Clarkston Union getting some Mac and Cheese last Wednesday when I noticed the number "1987" up behind the bar.

"That's odd," I thought, "why is my high school graduation date up on the bar?"

The number is there, of course, for convenience of bar patrons. If you were born in that year, you're allowed to drink alcoholic beverages, being 21 years of age.

That means I'm old, or nearly so, 21 years having passed since I graduated high school at the age of 18 - one more year until I'm 40.

Nothing makes me feel more old than music - not the tunes as much as how they are delivered.

I liked cassette tapes and loved CDs, but I don't get the whole downloading thing, iPods and MP3 players filled with thousands of songs.

I borrow my wife's iPod when I cut the grass. It's filled with music from our CD collection.

If I like a band or singer enough to buy their music, I want the whole album, not just one or two hits. How do you pick just one or two songs out of albums like U2's "Joshua Tree," Genesis' "Duke," Springsteen's "Born to Run," and ignore the rest?

I read some opinions Americans should spend this year's Independence Day in quiet humility, reflecting on the evils of the United States, especially since George W. Bush's inauguration in 2001.

I was happy to see thousands disregarding such advice at Clarkston's parade and Independence Township's celebration at Clintonwood Park, enjoying the sights and sounds underneath perfect weather.

Certainly not everyone agrees with Bush, but they're sensible enough to stick up for and celebrate their own country on its birthday despite what's going on politically.

I see everyone in the Clarkston area got themselves through the Fourth of July without serious injury, perhaps after reading our editorial a couple weeks ago warning against the abuse of illegal fireworks.

You are welcome.



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Candidates pledge pay cut

Dear Editor,

As candidates for Independence Township's offices, we propose to hire a professional municipal administrator to assist us in the day-to-day operations of our government.

Our township, with its multi-million dollar budget and modern complexities is at the point in its evolution where we need someone who is educated, trained, and experienced to deal with the complexities of modern government. This can be done at no additional cost by reducing the township's total cost of \$450,000 for supervisor, clerk, and treasurer and for deputy supervisor.

This change can be done without any other staff additions and will provide much needed consistency, as well as efficiencies that will save us money in these tough economic times.

We already have professionals advising us for legal, planning, engineering, investment and accounting.

As with these professionals, the board will

remain in full control of the township and will be responsive and responsible to all citizens.

This administrator would be very much like the deputy supervisor whose job is now vacant, except the administrator will be specifically educated and trained in municipal management.

In order to accomplish this important step forward, we three candidates or the offices of Independence Township government each pledge and agree by this writing to the reduction in compensation determined by the township board to provide the compensation for the administrator at the time of the hiring. Some of the functions of these offices will necessarily be turned over to the administrator.

However, each of us will remain fully engaged, fully involved, and fully responsible to the citizens of Independence Township, devoting all the time necessary to serve this community.

*Dan Travis, candidate for supervisor
Shelagh VanderVeen, clerk
Jeff McGee, candidate for treasurer*

Carson cares for community

Dear Editor,

Before the first of the year I made a decision not to seek another term as treasurer of Independence Township. I weighed several options, and decided to publicize my intentions so as to encourage a wider field of candidates for the office.

Four people turned in their petitions for treasurer by the deadline in May. The candidates are Curt Carson, Sandy Dubre, Jeff McGee, and Cheryl Karrick. All four are running as Republicans. No Democratic candidate filed. The winner of the Aug. 5 primary will become the next treasurer. In fact, there are no Democrats running for any of the elected positions for the Independence Township Board of Trustees. The

Aug. 5 primary election will determine who sits on the next Township Board.

My endorsement goes to Curt Carson. I have found Curt to be a sincere and hard-working individual. Curt's concern for and interest in the community has been evident in his involvement in several community organizations and the Planning Commission.

I believe Curt could perform the duties of treasurer and board member well. Keeping an open mind and being prepared are attributes Curt has shown to possess. Curt can work with people holding differing viewpoints to build consensus.

Vote on Aug. 5.

*Jim Wenger
Independence Township*

Reasons against manager idea

Dear Editor,

Please join me and our family, Aug. 5, in voting for Dave Wagner for township supervisor, and Charlie Dunn, Larry Rosso, and Mark Petterson for trustee.

Dave has turned our township around in a very adverse economy, given us a surplus of \$300,000, \$600,000, and \$650,000 the last three years, and rebuilt the senior center at a savings of \$250,000 without a bond issue of several million dollars.

The fire department is well funded and one of our "nation's designated best fire departments," due to be expanded this fall. Orco

and big boxes are gone, legal bills are under control and truly Dave's promises have been kept and exceeded.

As regarding the plan to change to township governance from elected to a township manager, I'm opposed for three reasons.

Number one, it's going to create a larger government, removed from the voters. Secondly, it will cost more. Third, it should be a ballot initiative, voted on only by the electorate, not an elitist board that knows more than we the people.

*Dr. James O'Neill
Independence Township*

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Man shoots ex-wife, self" An Independence Township man shot and killed his ex-wife in Pontiac, before turning the gun on himself. Police considered the deaths to be homicides.

"CHS gets new assistant principal" Carol Ann Wilson was hired out of 62 applicants as the new assistant principal to Clarkston High School. She was one of three assistant principals to administer the school.

"Traffic signal may come this week" A new traffic light was placed at the Main Street and Clarkston Road intersection where road widening also occurred.

25 years ago - 1983

"Thomas stays" Janet Thomas was unanimously elected president of the Clarkston school board for the fourth year in a row.

"Township files lawsuit" A lawsuit of \$10,000 was filed by Independence Township against the state of Michigan for reimbursement of overtime paid to firefighters. A law began in 1979 required the township to pay overtime to firefighters working more than 54 hours a week.

"Red Sutherland Place in transition" Dr. Sutherland's home, the red building at the south end of the Village of Clarkston, was turned into McGillacutty's restaurant and Matteo's grocery store after going under new ownership.

50 years ago - 1958

"Large crowd here for July Fourth" Showers threatened but held off for Clarkston's parade. Marching were the school band, children in costumes, old and new cars, a new rescue truck, horses, and Rotary Wheel with Uncle Sam. Fireworks were postponed due to rain, but enjoyed the night after.

"Record \$140,000 in prizes offered by state fair" The Michigan State Fair offered their highest amount ever, over \$140,000, in agricultural and livestock prizes for participants in 1958.

"Market celebrates 25th anniversary" Rudy's Market celebrated 25 years in Clarkston after opening in 1933 and surviving a fire. The grocery store is still located on South Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

"Archery honors brought to Clarkston" A local woman won first place in the Field Hunters Archery Tournament in Allen Park. Her husband received fourth place in a Michigan Archers Association Tournament as well.

Township doesn't need 'czar'

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter "Group would help township" (June 18). The letter writer speaks of a township manager who will assist the Board of Trustees in running Independence Township.

Let me correct him. The manager will not assist the board. He will be running the township, as the board abdicates its responsibilities to the voters and chooses to go "part time." Secondly, the manager will not be responsible to the voters, only to the seven persons who hire him, and mainly to the person who will be the kingpin of the board, whom I believe will be none other than Mr. Neill Wallace.

This manager will answer only to his bosses and will carry out only their wishes. As voters, we cannot allow this to happen. It sounds good to have an "assistant," but we will not be assisted by the manager. We will be at his mercy in township affairs.

The writer also decries advancement of

developers into our rural township. Well, in four years, our trustees, led by our supervisor, has not allowed major development to come into our township.

The only developments have been the shopping areas along Sashabaw, very much a part of our master plan and the 20/20 design. We now have a Krogers and a CVS we can utilize for shopping, a couple of new restaurants and carryouts, and a beautiful boulevard. Where is the big box?

To be truthful, our Board of Trustees has stood guard to make sure this type of development has not put its foot down in Independence Township.

The kind of leadership we have is the kind we need. We do not need a "czar" to run our township for a large paycheck. I am voting independently, and not for a slate, to stand watch over Independence Township.

Fred Neumark
Independence Township

Candidate slate would be great

Dear Editor,

Recently, in a letter to the editor, we read of a "group of individuals" running for Township Board "to stem growth, i.e.: Beaumont Hospital and any other big endeavor that might be forthcoming" ("Manager idea wouldn't work," June 11).

One of the above-mentioned individuals, Neil Wallace, has been a principal leader of Citizens for Orderly Growth since 1987! He and other members of that group, including Bark Clark, Dan Travis, Jeff McGee, David Lohmeier, and Shelagh Vanderveen, have worked diligently to protect the beauty and character of Independence Township by making sure the Master Plan is respected and followed.

Our town has grown to be a multimillion-dollar business. As new challenges arise, more expertise is required to "oversee" the day-by-day operations of the government. Efficient management demands well educated, experience, and full time dedication to detail. A well-run business saves time and money.

Travis has experience to run township

Dear Editor,

Twenty-eight years on the Independence Township Board - 28! Twenty-three years on the Independence Township Planning Commission. A long list of civic involvement in our community, any one of which would label him a good citizen. You might say Dan Travis has done his bit for us; I would. And I would say he owes us nothing.

But now he is offering us even more; to take us to the much needed next step in our evolution as a community, a better, less expensive, more consistent and responsive way to run our Independence Township government - the assistance of a professional municipal administrator for the

township's day-to-day operations.

This will free the supervisor, clerk and treasurer to focus on their statutory duties and, more importantly, to concentrate on better policies, processes, and long-term planning. This will not only serve us well in these tough, financial times, but on into our future growth.

One more time, Dan Travis is guiding us by a simple principle: "What is best for our township?"

It's all decided Aug. 5. It's your decision if you vote. Vote your best interest; vote for Dan Travis for supervisor.

Neil E. Wallace
Independence Township

Wagner led township to budget surpluses

Dear Editor,

We need to keep Dave Wagner - don't believe what you're hearing.

We had a surplus in the budget in 2006-2007 out of which they built a new senior-center, but

also had close to a \$600,000 surplus in the 2007-2008 budget.

Vote for Dave Wagner on Aug. 5.

Rudy D. Lozano
Independence Township

Just jotting

It seems to this English-speaking American that automatic answering devices should, by law, be required to say: "Touch one for other than English." Either that or require companies using such requests to do so in person so we can tell them what we think of their service.

• Daughter Susan asked if I wanted to go to see Buffet at Pine Knob. I enthusiastically replied, "Yes. I'd go anywhere to see hear the Oracle of Omaha." Susan said, "This is Jimmy Buffet not Warren Buffet." Oh! And by the way, they call it the DTE Theater now.

• Someone on the tube told viewers, "Your waistline should be half your height." If that's true I have to grow 16 more inches taller.

• Grandson and twin Trevor, 8, recently asked his mother for a dog. Their present dog has been in the family for seven years. Mother Susan asked, "We can't have two dogs, so what are we going to do with Amber?" Without hesitation he said, "Sell her!" Don't you love the sentimental attachment, and love?

• Question for other seniors: At what age do we remember not to wear an unbuttoned shirt when frying bacon? I did it again last week.

• I was standing in line behind a man at Subway when he asked for extra tomatoes on his sandwich. The waiter lad said, "We don't have tomatoes. They have syphilis!" His manager overheard the comment and dashed out to tell the lad, "It's salmonella, not syphilis!"

• On a recent weekend the Detroit Tigers were playing the Chicago White Sox. Both teams had a Cabrera playing for them. At the same time two Cabrerases, Angel and Miguel were playing golf on the PGA tour. This prompted me to ask one of my computer whiz friends to see if Cabrera was the most popular hispanic name. His research showed Cabrera isn't even in the top 50 hispanic names. The top five are Garcia, Martinez, Rodriguez, Lopez and Hernandez. Interestingly the surname Rodriguez is ranked third, but when a "Q" is substituted for the "G" it ranks 38th Touch one if you want E'spaniol.

• Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

• Limerick time:

There was a young driver named Jake
Who made a terrible mistake;

He drove through the wall
And into the hall,

When he mixed up the gas and the
brake.

• Must be I missed the ceremony that gave an official end to the necktie. I guess I should have seen it coming when

President Bush was shown greeting visitors tieless.

Jim's
Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

And, of course our present presidential candidates, Obama and McCain, are frequently seen with unbuttoned collars.

Even when it seems to me formality calls for the politically correct red or blue tie, these two campaigners go without.

I think it's a combination of laziness, forgetfulness, disrespect, or just plain don't-care-what-you-think attitude.

The tie is gone, at least for now. Since I have over 200 neckties (if you haven't guessed, I love neckties) I hope they will be saved for the rebirth.

At a formal wedding I attended recently, I noted some men were tieless. Then I saw a picture of four men being installed into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. Two wore ties. The other two had *that* other look.

The tied looked appreciative of the honor bestowed on them. The other two looked like they wanted to get back on the golf course.

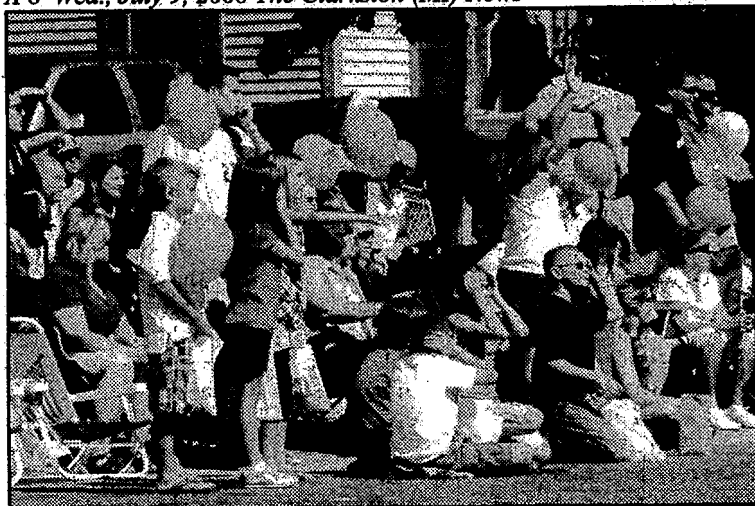
• At the wedding I noted the number of young women dancing in their bare feet. When I mentioned that to another man he said, "If you think the ties are rare, check out the number of sockless women."

Whether it's the flip-flops, lack of dressing time or just wanting to be different and "in," the gals are opting for uncovered feet.

I'll probably never get used to, or like, seeing bared navels, butt cracks, bare necks, bare feet and too much facial hair and long hair on men - and I won't even try.

Share your views with a letter to the editor!

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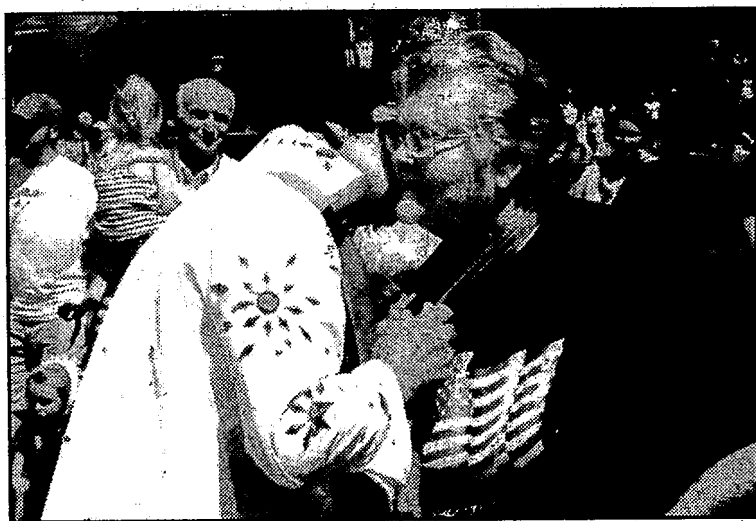


Clarkstonites watch the floats making their way up the street.

Marchers make parade special

About 126 floats, bands, community groups, political candidates, and trucks filled Main Street, July 4, making the Downtown Clarkston parade last about two hours.

Photos by Wendi Reardon and Trevor Keiser



Donna Frick receives a kiss on the cheek from the King.



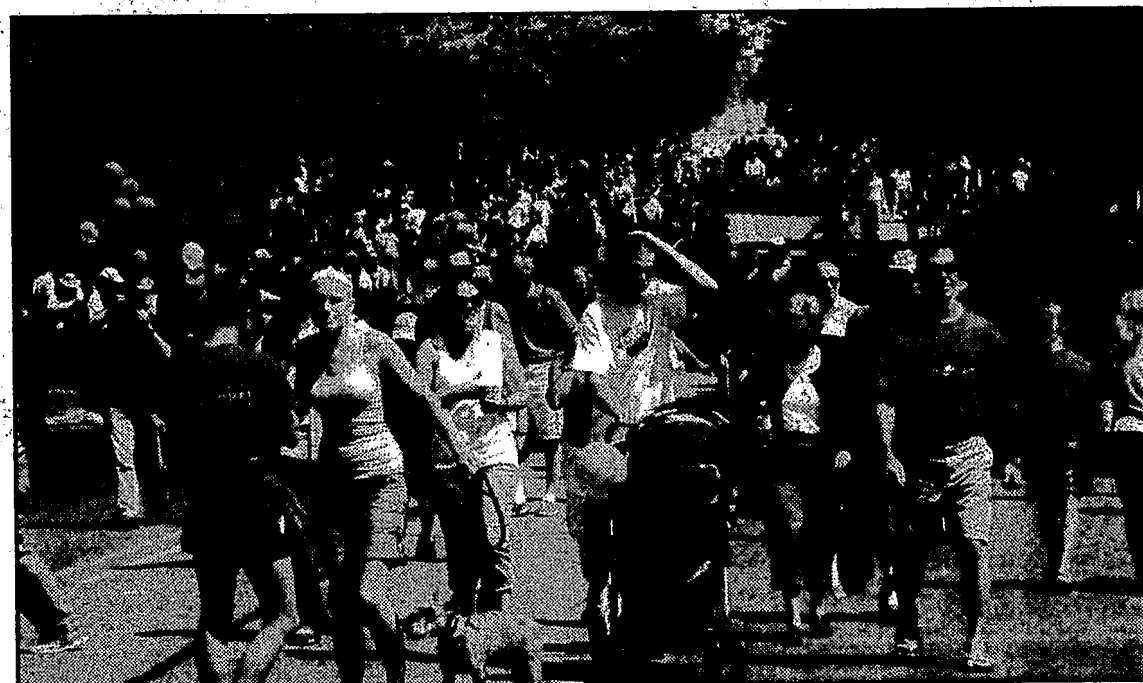
Brady Wilson sees ice cream being handed out to the crowd.



The Clarkston High School Marching Band ends the parade with a song.



Fire fighters and volunteers kept the crowd cool, while spraying water from hoses and water guns.



Independence Twp.

Mon., June 23 A 35-year-old Independence Township woman living in the 5900 block of Scott Circle called police after someone entered her unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a laptop computer and cell phone from inside a vehicle parked inside. The woman, who said she was awakened by a light shining into her home around 4 a.m., said a scooter and bicycle were also missing from her attached garage. The bicycle was recovered.

Thurs., June 26 The mother of a 14-year-old Independence Township girl called police after her daughter spotted someone wearing a white hockey mask looking in her bedroom window after dark. Police told the woman they would provide extra patrol of the area.

A 37-year-old woman living in the 4900 block of Fox Creek called police after returning from a jog to discover someone entered her apartment and stole a purse valued at \$385, and two pairs of Oakley sunglasses. The woman told deputies she'd left the door unlocked, and was gone about two hours.

Sat., June 28 A 56-year-old Lapeer man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after he was pulled over near Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road around 11:30 p.m. The man blew a PBT of .144. The legal limit is .08.

Public Safety

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

Sun., June 29 A 63-year-old Independence Township man was cited for disorderly conduct and transported to the hospital after bystanders near Clarkston and Sashabaw Road called police to report the man was walking his bicycle in the road and blocking traffic. The man, who was apparently injured at some point (the bridge of his nose was bleeding, as were his legs) began yelling and threatening drivers who stopped and attempted to help him. Police smelled the odor of intoxicants, and a PBT registered a blood-alcohol content of .267, more than three times the legal limit for driving a car.

A 62-year-old Independence Township man was cited for larceny after he stole a jar of store-brand instant coffee priced at \$3.97 from a grocery store in the 5900 block of Sashabaw Road. The man told deputies he stole the coffee because he had no money.

A 31-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed on larceny charges after a deputy patrolling near a golf course on Maybee Road observed a

car pull out of the parking lot in reverse at a high rate of speed. The deputy spoke with an employee, then pulled the driver over after a short pursuit. The man was apologetic, and told police he'd been drinking at the bar inside the clubhouse, and on his way out grabbed a large bag of returnable cans from the golf cart garage, threw it in his car and drove away.

Mon., June 30 A 20-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after she was pulled over near Pine Knob Road and Clintonville Road around 10:45 p.m. The woman, who blew a PBT of .212, allegedly told the arresting officer "This is the first time I drove drunk and you had to catch me. I hope you can live with yourself." The woman and her 19-year-old passenger, a Lake Orion resident on probation for minor in possession, were also cited for possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

Police were investigating a case of burglary in the 8600 block of Deerwood after the homeowner reported someone entered

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her attached garage, which had been inadvertently left open overnight, and stole golf clubs, a brief case, palm pilot, iPod, a GPS unit, sunglasses and other items from inside two unlocked vehicles parked inside.

A woman living in the 8300 block of Deerwood called police after discovering someone entered two unlocked vehicles parked outside her home and stole a number of items from inside.

A 40-year-old woman living in the 5500 block of Adderstone called police to report someone stole approximately 15 gallons of gasoline from the tank of her husband's pick-up truck overnight.

Tues., July 1 An 18-year-old Waterford man was issued a citation for zero tolerance after he was pulled over by an officer who noted the odor of intoxicants from inside the vehicle. The man, who did not possess a valid drivers license, was also ticketed for driving without a license.

Wed., July 2 A 43-year-old Independence Township woman came to the substation to report someone stole her license plate from her vehicle while the car was parked in the driveway at her home.

A 47-year-old Independence Township man called police after discovering someone stole jewelry from two boxes in the center console of his car after he left the vehicle unlocked in his driveway over the previous weekend.

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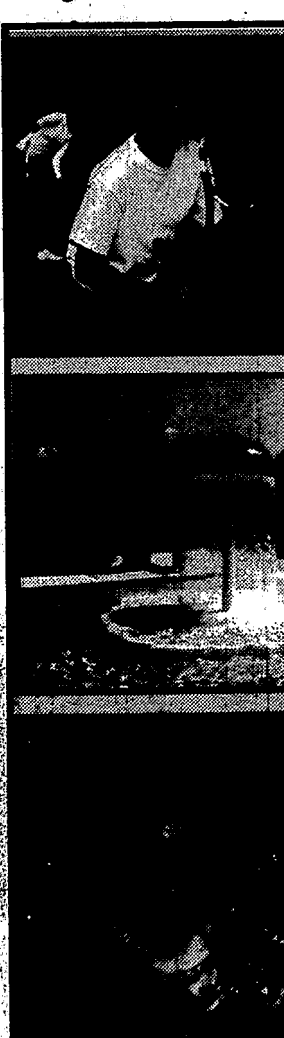
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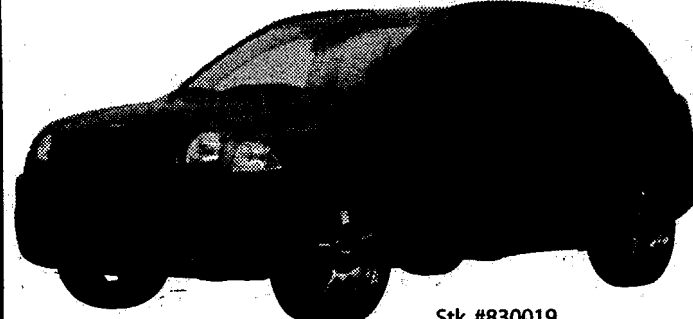


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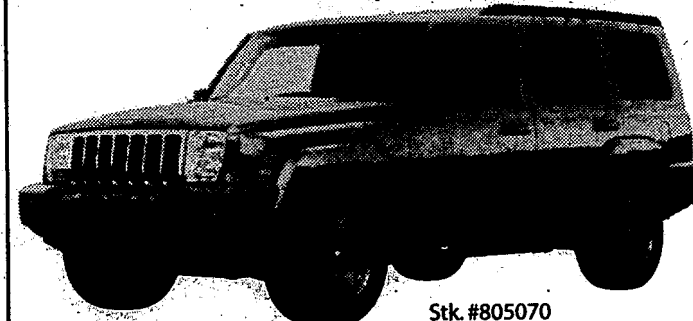


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Supervisor candidate 'familiar with what's going on'

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As a candidate for Springfield Township supervisor, Bill Leddy said he's worried about the gap in leadership come November when the current supervisor and clerk both step down.

"I was afraid of what could happen in the township without that type of carryover," he said, explaining his decision to join the township board race. "When you have people like (supervisor) Collin Walls and (clerk) Nancy Strole in power for so many years with the township's interest at heart, there's going to be a void when they both leave at the same time. People don't know who is going to step in."

A career teacher, Leddy received his BA from the University of Notre Dame and served a 35-year tenure before retiring from Lamphere High School in Madison Heights, where he chaired the Math Department chair worked as director of intramural sports.

Experience in the community, as well as 33 years of township residency, he said, make him a good candidate for supervisor.

Leddy served on the parks and recreation board and is currently a member of the planning commission. He has also been active as a coach and served as vice president of the Davisburg Baseball League.

"I think I am quite familiar with what's

going on in the township and what has gone on in the past," he said. "So I think I have a pretty good idea about what people want in the township."

Leddy, 67, said he made up his mind to run for supervisor partly because he didn't know anything about candidate Mike Trout, and wasn't sure about the motivations of candidate Danny O'Neill.

"Dr. (James) O'Neill is helping his son run, and I know he has some commercial interests at heart," Leddy said. "I'm not sure that he puts the interests of the township above his own personal ones."

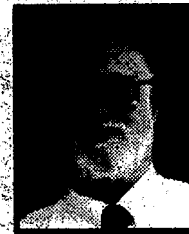
If elected, Leddy listed the following among his priorities:

- Initiate straight-forward approach to the township planning process so developers know what to expect
- Utilize planning services provided by Oakland County so the township is not duplicating studies
- Adjust assessed property values to reflect current market values
- Look to reduce internal spending so funds can be directed to community projects
- Explore possibility of sewer system for Davisburg hamlet
- Pursue boulevard plans for Dixie Highway Corridor; improve or develop commercial and mixed-use properties to create pleasant, vibrant atmosphere.

The Dixie Highway Corridor, Leddy said, is prime for commercial development, but he wants to make sure any plans for development are carefully thought out.

"If it's developed right, it will be a plus for the township," he said. "If its not, it will be the complete opposite."

His vision, Leddy explained, is to keep "the beauty of the township" by incorporating appropriate architectural design and landscaping so any commercial areas blend in with the natural



Bill Leddy

setting.

"In some areas, they just put up a big box store and an ugly parking lot," he said. "If you drive down Dixie Highway through Clarkston down to Waterford and Drayton Plains, you can see how urban sprawl has really destroyed the view."

Although the board recently discussed the possibility of reducing the supervisor, clerk and treasurer's positions to part-time, Leddy said he's running on a full-time basis.

"If you go over to the township hall you'll see it's been pretty quiet, there's not much building going on," he said. "But there are a lot of other things, meetings that have to be gone to with the county and different things,

so the supervisor position is going to be pretty busy."

Leddy said he was, however, in favor of finding ways to cut back.

"I wouldn't be opposed to cutting back cutting back bureaucracy, not necessarily the services; we still need the police and fire services," he said. "But some of the consulting services, for instance, are offered by the county, and I would look to see if we could cut back on some things that are redundant."

The biggest challenge facing anyone who replaces Walls, Leddy said, will be personal contacts and information Walls has stored in his own personal memory bank after 32 years in office.

But, he said, the transition should go relatively smooth since Walls has promised to make himself available to the new supervisor.

"I'm not an overbearing person, so I think I would be fair and I wouldn't show any favoritism," Leddy said. "The office door would be open."

Leddy and his wife Kathryn have been married 38 years. The couple has 11 children and 25 grandchildren.

Leddy is running against Danny O'Neill and Mike Trout for Springfield Township supervisor. Primary vote is Aug. 6. For more profiles, check www.clarkstonnews.com and enter candidates' names in "site search."

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Local runner places fifth at nationals

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kristen Smith made "All-American" in the 5K event at the Nike Track National in North Carolina.

She took fifth place after running 17:43, 10 seconds faster than her time last year.

"I was happy," said Smith. "But I wasn't satisfied with the time. I wanted to at least break 17:40. This year I expected to do better after all of the training."

She competed against 25 runners from the Midwest, including three from Michigan.

Smith said she noticed there were a lot more girls competing last year.

"The race was small, but still lots of good competition," said Smith.

"She has been third and fourth in the state," said Clarkston Girls Track Coach John Yorke. "This puts her in lead in the state. It puts her on top for recruits now it puts on demand for division one schools."

Track members Andrea Butler, Tiffany Kincaid, and Jenna Manilla



Kristen Smith, Andrea Butler, Tiffany Kincaid, and Jenna Manilla compete in the 3200 meter relay. Photo provided

joined Smith in the 3200 relay team in the Nike Nationals Emerging Elite division. This was the first year the relay team made an appearance at the competition.

They were also there to support and cheer for Smith.

"It's so much different when

teammates are there. Even though it's an individual event it was nice to have teammates there," said Smith.

This was Smith's third appearance at the competition.

Her freshmen year she competed in the freshman mile and last year



Andrea Butler, Jenna Manilla and Tiffany Kincaid cheer on Kristen Smith as she runs in the 5K. Photo by Donna Dye

she took 12th place in the 5K run.

Next year she might compete in the two mile even for something different or work to break 17:40.

"I need to see what place and shape I am in," said Smith.

Placing ahead of Smith in the 5K were Ashley Brasovan from Florida (16:18.91), Chelsea Ley from New Jersey (17:12.08), Tiffany Abrahamian from Rochester Hills, Mich. (17:20.07), and Sophia Ziemian from Pennsylvania

(17:34.98).

"She's a very determined athlete and a great leader for younger athletes," said Yorke.

Her goals for her upcoming senior year are to break 17:40 in cross country and for track she would like to break 10:40-10:45 in her 3200 meter event and five minutes in the mile run.

"It's hard to predict," said Smith. "You can't control what everyone else does."

Athlete of the Week

Lee earns championship at tournament

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Minjoo Lee had one goal going into the 30th Annual Girls Junior Amateur Tournament last month: she wanted to place in the top eight.

She did well - Lee won the tournament.

She played 89 holes at the three-day tournament.

"I thought, 'just one more hole, I can do it,'" said Lee.

It was the motivation she needed as her final 35 holes would make her the winner.

She played 20 holes against Melissa Beurmann from Jackson Lumen Christi high school to go on to the championship match.

Lee won the first three holes against Elizabeth Ecker from Niles during the title match and won on the 15th hole.

She accepted her championship trophy on June 25 at Mount Pleasant Country Club.

Lee graduated last month from Clark-

ston High School, Summa Cum Laude with a GPA of 4.0.

She will attend Bucknell University in Pennsylvania in the fall.

Bucknell fulfilled all the requirements she was looking for in a college, including an engineering and golf programs.

"I was looking for a school with academics first and golf second," Lee said.

She sent out emails to possible schools, found Division 1 school Bucknell and met with head coach Kevin Jameson.

Lee will study mechanical engineering and has thought about going for her masters before finding a job.

She was named "outstanding female ath-

lete" during the Senior Honors Assembly in May.

"It was a shocker," said Lee. "I don't consider myself an athlete. I was really grateful to Larry Sherrill (girls varsity golf coach)."

Her aunt and uncle, Misook and Billy Dodds, got her started in the sport during her eighth-grade year.

Sherrill put her on the varsity team in her freshmen year.

"He really stuck out his neck for me, putting me in the top," said Lee.

She didn't play very well at first, but the placement helped her improve, she said.

"I played with the best girls in the country. It motivated me," said Lee.



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In back are Assistant Coach Andrew Thompson, Carissa McKenna, Destiny Tolliver, Erin Cooney, and Head Coach Loretta Vogul. In front are Jesse Prepolec, Stephanie Bodien, Jenna Coates, Rachael Charles, and Kelly Maxwell. Photo provided

Coates makes top 20 in country

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jenna Coates of Clarkston represented the best volleyball players from southeast Michigan last week.

Her team, 16-National Legacy Volleyball Club, played against the top teams in the country in the USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Competition in Dallas, Texas.

They were the only team of 16-year-olds in Michigan to qualify for the event.

"It was an awesome experience," said Coates. "It was cool to see how each team played."

Coates said she witnessed different techniques and strategies used by her competitors. She played 12 matches over the span of four days.

The team ended the event with a 3-6 record in matches and 9-13 record in games, putting them in the top 20 in the country.

Coates joined the team last year so she could play volleyball all year long, work on her skills and improve her game.

Her teammates come from schools around south-

east Michigan and are dedicated to the game, she said.

Last year the team made it all the way to state finals. They lost the final game by two points.

Coates' teammates are Stephanie Bodien of Mercy, Erin Cooney and Rachael Charles of Marian, Kelly Maxwell of Shrine, Carissa McKenna of Walled Lake Northern, Jesse Prepolec of Andover, and Destiny Tolliver of Notre Dame Prep.

Last fall was her first year on Clarkston's varsity volleyball team. Coates helped the team win the OAA league title and districts before they lost to Marian in the regional match.

As a junior, Coates has focused her goals for her second year on helping the team make it past regionals and become one of the top teams in the state. The varsity team will start their season Aug. 23 at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

She will continue playing volleyball for the rest of her summer vacation. She is attending a volleyball camp at University of Michigan and going to the open gym for practicing and conditioning.

Golf fundraiser for football set Aug. 15

Michigan Hall of Fame Football Coach Kurt Richardson and his football staff invite all alumni football players, supporters, parents, friends, and fans to join them in their 8th annual golf outing.

A \$100 entry fee includes golf, dinner, and door prizes. Additional dinner guest are \$40 more. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Hole sponsorship is \$150.

All proceeds benefit the Clark-

ston Football Program.

The golf outing will be held Friday, Aug. 15, at Pine Knob Golf Course.

Registration will be at 12 p.m. with shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Golf and hole sponsor reservations must be made before Aug. 2.

For more information, purchase tickets, become a hole sponsor, or make a donation, contact Rogers Chiropractic Center at 248-623-6200.

Tennis camps set Aug. 4

Tennis instructor Dan Madden offers four-day tennis camps this summer for all ages at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg.

The next session is Aug. 4-7: 5-5:30 p.m. Little Stars, ages 4-6, \$35/resident, \$40 non-resident, on basic skills; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Big Stars, ages 7-16, \$84/resident, \$89/non-resident, drills and games.

Practice for those 15 and older will be organized, 5:30-7:30 p.m., with drills and games, \$25/residents, \$30/non-residents.

Black soled shoes are not permitted. All participants are required to bring their own racquets and water. Tennis balls will be provided.

Call 248-846-6558.

Tournaments for kids, July 18

Junior golfers can sign up for Carl's Golfland/Metroparks Junior Tournament at Indian Springs Metropark golf course.

The tournament will be on July 18 and is open to boys ages 18 and younger.

The Regional Final Carl's Golfland/Metroparks Junior Tournament will be held at Stony Creek Metropark Golf Course on Tuesday,

Aug. 5.

Tournament fees, registration information, and applications are available at www.metroparks.com.

For more information, call Indian Springs at 248-625-7280.

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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.

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.

Registration fee is \$190/resident, \$200 non-resident. Deadline is July 11. For more information, call Call 248-846-6558.

Clerk candidate wants fresh look at ordinances

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kathy Paul decided to make a bid for the Springfield Township clerk's office, she said, after circumstances in her own life brought on a first-hand education in the workings of local, state and federal government.

"My closest friends and comrades have said 'you know, you should get involved in politics,'" she said.

"They've told me 'you should be an advocate because you know where to go, you know how the system works, and how it doesn't work. You're a digger, you will search and search for things, and you like to help people.'"

So when she heard current clerk Nancy Strole was planning to retire, Paul decided it was time to step up.

Over the years, Paul has volunteered in Clarkston schools, at the polls, and is a member of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights, and the Bloomfield Woman's Republican Club.

She cites management and de-

velopment of \$300 million-plus budgets, achieving a consistent increase in revenue and profits, among her qualifications.

In 1992, Paul and her son moved to Springfield from Harrison Township.

"I liked the ambiance and the country feel of Springfield Township at that time," she said. "And I loved the water, I loved being on the water, and I found a place that had a beautiful view, which is now gone."

Paul, who for years has been embroiled in a battle over a tall, view-ruining fence installed by her next-door-neighbor, said her main goal is to enhance and develop lacking or weak ordinances needed in the community.

Her ongoing encounter with the neighbor, she said, has given her broad experience in dealing with the policies, procedures and programs of government agencies on a local, state and federal level.

Township ordinances, she said, should be reviewed every 5-10 years.

"That was not being done and

because it was not being done, it caused a major issue," she said. "When somebody wants to do something on their property that

damages and lessens somebody else's property value, that's not right."

Paul said she wants Springfield Township to remain



Kathy Paul

the rural country setting it is, and also aims to keep the community "clean and healthy," as well as to "restore the civility" she feels has been lost.

"I feel like I would be able to put myself in an individual's position to understand what they're going through or the assistance that they need," she said. "We don't want (Springfield Township) trashed and quite frankly, that's what's been going on."

Paul said she's heard plenty of complaints along the campaign trail.

"This is mainly a residential area, however when you drive through it's getting a feel that it's industrial, and that it's commercial, and the people don't want that," she said. "There doesn't seem to be a rhyme or reason, or a smooth transition into the commercial in the Dixie Highway Corridor. And in the neighborhoods, people are upset because of all of the construction material and junks that are accumulated."

In addition to evaluating and updating ordinances, Paul said if elected clerk she would encourage citizens to get involved, develop and maintain ambience in residential and commercial areas, and bring back and maintain property values.

Paul, who cites tenacity, organization, accuracy and communication skills among her attributes, is currently working on a certificate from Central Michigan University's program for forensic accounting.

Contact Kathy Paul at electkathypaul@yahoo.com

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Balance needed for future work, supervisor says

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"I'm not sure if we can sit here and make a decision on what improvements we're going to need for the next 10 years and start budgeting them year by year," said Dunn. "I think it would be a budgeting nightmare."

Supervisor Dave Wagner said a capital improvement plan is in place, which will be reviewed over the next 5-10 years.

"This is why we're keeping it (the general fund) at 40 percent, because until we decide to adjust that down to 30 percent or 25 percent or whatever, we want to make sure we're putting it in the right capital improvement projects," he said. "That money is earmarked. It's not just sitting there and that's just good business."

Categories in the plan include a new township hall, improvements to parks, public utilities, fire equipment, computer technology, library, and Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Plan.

About half of the 40 projects in the plan are listed as top priority.

Treasurer Jim Wenger thinks the board needs to look at the capital improvement plan a little closer.

"We have the plans, but we need to have the discussion of just where we are at with our priorities. Let's prioritize those within the capital improvements, take a look at fund balances and make decisions whether we need to pursue any of them (or) whether we need to save," he said.

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McGee embraces professional township manager idea

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jeff McGee is running for Independence Township Treasurer because he sees a need for change.

"In 1985 the board elected to go to a charter township and we haven't changed anything since then and we've now grown to 35,000 people and over a \$25,000 budget," said McGee. "I'm passionate about the fact that we need to add the services of a professional municipal administrator."

McGee said current Treasurer Jim Wenger and his staff have done a "tremendous job navigating the township through investment troubles of the early 1990's"

With controls implemented and enforced by the board since then, however, treasurer responsibilities have diminished, he said.

"I believe there is significant room for reduction in responsibilities and ultimately a reduction in compensation," McGee said.

That's why McGee, along with Dan Travis and Shelagh VanderVeen pledged to reduce compensation voluntarily, in order to bring in a professional manager (see "Candidates pledge pay cut," page 6A.)

"I've watched the township board

struggle with infighting and political posturing over the years," said McGee. "My goal is to get the board back on track with policy and oversight issues by implementing consistency in HR and manager practices through the municipal administrator."

He says the budget has room to pay for a professional manager, add effective operations to the township, and provide consistency in management practices and human resources.

McGee, who has a background in real-estate lending, said reductions in home values will have "profound effect" on revenues to the township.

"As a treasurer, I think we need to be preemptive in dealing with what effect the reduction in revenues is going to have on our budget process," he said.

"The earlier we can acknowledge the problem exists and incorporate thoughtful planning process, the more likely it is we will end up with a balanced budget minimizing the reduction of services to citizens in the township."

Controlling development should not be labeled as "anti-growth," he said.

"I happen to be a big property rights advocate, but I also recognize that proper planning is a balance between reasonable defining our community as developed and

individual property rights," said McGee. "If that means revisiting our Vision 2020 plan to evolve our master plan, then that's what it means."



Jeff McGee

He favors hiring a professional administrator, having a "thoughtful budget balancing process," with citizen participation, and providing "honest, efficient level of communication."

Winning elections does not mean public officials are qualified

to run the township, he said.

"If you're running the day to day operations in this \$27 million budget, pushing 40,000 people, and you just happen to win the popularity contest, I don't think that's a justice or a good service to the community," he said.

"I think it's foolish of us not to consider the fact that we need to have an administrator who is schooled and experienced."

McGee was born in Birmingham, did

most of his schooling in Rochester Hills, lived in Canada for five years, and graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Business Finance in 1985. He and his wife moved to Independence Township in 1989 and have two children, ages 13 and 10.

McGee has served on three local lake boards, is vice chair on the Township Zoning Board of Appeals, and served two terms as trustee on the township board from 1992 to 2000.

He also served two years on the board of directors for Postal Employees' Credit Union. McGee is currently a partner in Watson Group Financial, and owns a building company and property management firm.

"This town has been good to me and I've never moved since I've been an adult; I've been here for 19 years," he said. "I feel that I've made a significant contribution to the township and the time has come to continue that contribution based on a passionate plea for evolution. We need to get this township on track."

Primary election is set for Aug. 5. Independence Township Board's seven seats are all up for a vote, with 17 candidates running. See ClarkstonNews.com for candidate profiles.

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Jackson and his mom, Julie Brandt spread the patriotic spirit with a wave.

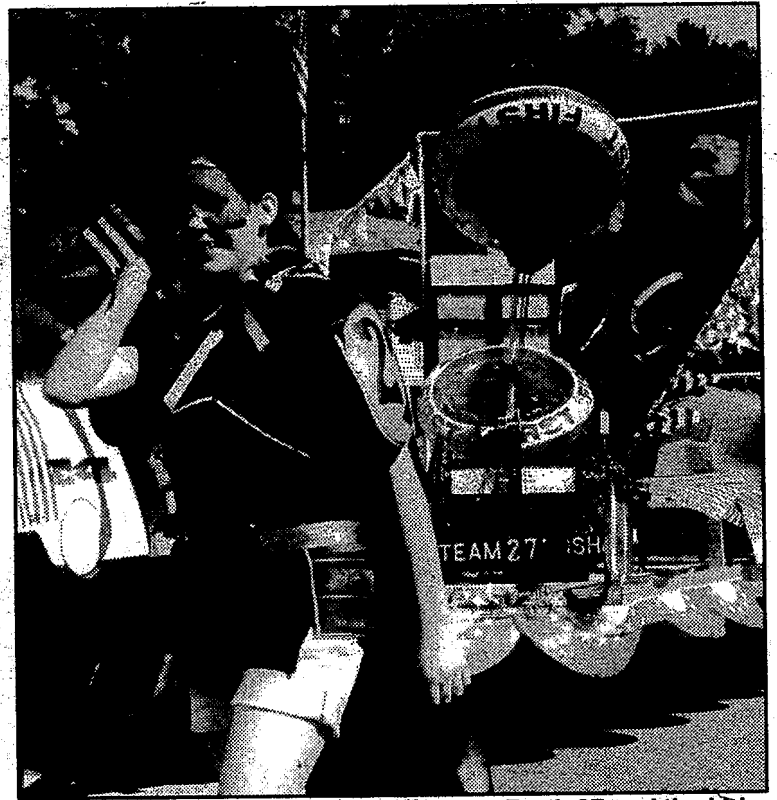
Flags fill Main St.

Spectators lined downtown Clarkston streets from St. Dan's church to Clarkston United Methodist, as veterans and other heroes led the 2008 Fourth of July parade.

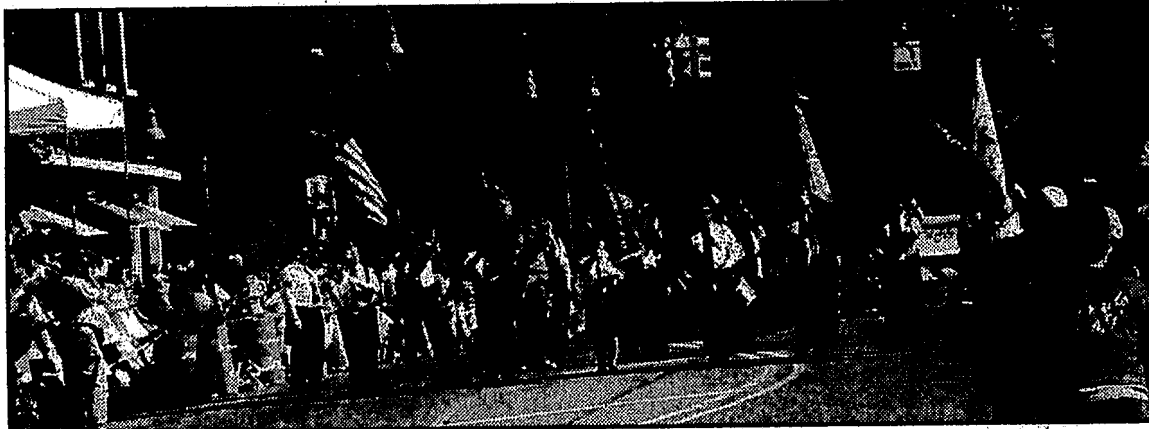
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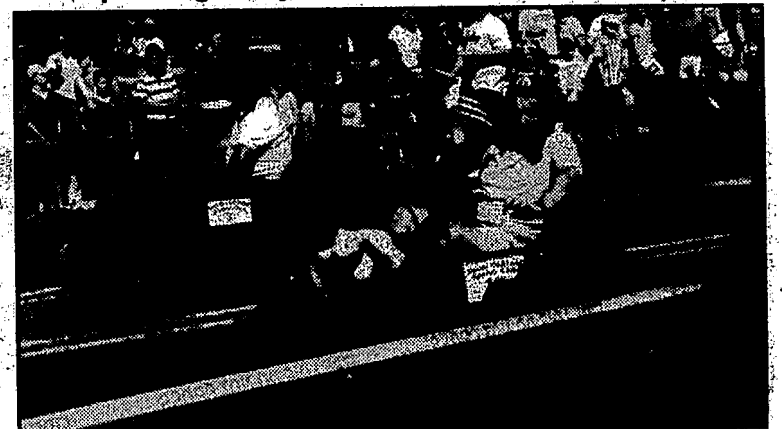
A patron raises her flag high. Ashley Nysowy is a superhero for Team Rush 27 and the kids.



Ashley Brandt waves to people as the parade goes by.



American Legion Post 63 and local veterans lead the parade.



Shriners take their places in the parade.

People Poll

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How did you celebrate the 4th of July?



"I went to the fireworks at Clintonwood Park and then went to a party."

— Jules Cantin



"I went to a bonfire and lit some sparklers."

— Katie Grunis



"I saw Ted Nugent at DTE and then lit off some fireworks with my friends."

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By Ingrid Sjostrand

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'A good man

Friends, family pay tribute as Pappas enjoys retirement

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Maryann Pappas finally got her wish. "I've been waiting 15 years for this," she said, as husband and longtime Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas stood on the brink of retirement last week.

But knowing him as she does, Maryann wasn't surprised the man she married waited until he was 74 to retire.

"He likes to work," she said. "He's worked everyday since he was 16 years old."

John Pappas, one of the couple's four children, said while family has always been his dad's top priority, the City of Clarkston comes in "a very close second place."

Art Pappas began his long tenure with Clarkston when he was appointed village clerk, at the time a part-time elected position, in 1962.

In 1972, he switched for the treasurer's hat, also a part-time elected position, and held the title until 1988 when he retired from his teaching career.

Pappas taught business at Clarkston High School from 1959-1966. His career also included time in Oxford and Walled Lake classrooms, at North Oakland Vocational Center and Oakland Community College.

He retired in June 1988, and by October he was working full-time as Clarkston's manager and treasurer.

"He's always been a hard-working kind of



Dennis Ritter, left, Marcy Rotondo, and Art Pappas gathered for cake with a small group of friends on Pappas' last day on the job, June 30. Photo by Laura Colvin



Art Pappas, about 1968. Photo courtesy John Pappas

guy," said John Pappas, noting his dad can work in just about any situation and isn't one to hold a grudge. "He's never been into the politics or the gamesmanship...many people are attracted to. He's all about the actual work that only gets noticed if there's a problem. And I don't think there were too many problems with the mounds of work he has been responsible for."

Indeed, when the Village of Clarkston incorporated and became the City of the Village of Clarkston in 1992, Pappas again took on the title and responsibilities of clerk, this time on top of his manager and treasurer duties.

John called his dad a "damn nice guy," and

said he was "proud and lucky" to have him as a father.

"If you bump into him while he's knee deep in alligators, he'll be just as courteous as ever," he said. "His late mother and his sister are two of the kindest people I've ever known, and he's cut from the same cloth."

Across town, everyone seemed to agree. At a retirement party held at the Clarkston Café on June 30—the last day of Clarkston's fiscal year, and now, officially, "Art Pappas Day"—Pappas was honored with accolades from State Rep. John Stakoe, Oakland County Commissioner Tom Middleton and Independence Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, who called her fellow clerk "Mr. Everything."

"He's always this calm in the midst of a storm," VanderVeen said later. "As clerk, you tend to get all keyed up and worried during the election, but he's always taking everything in stride."

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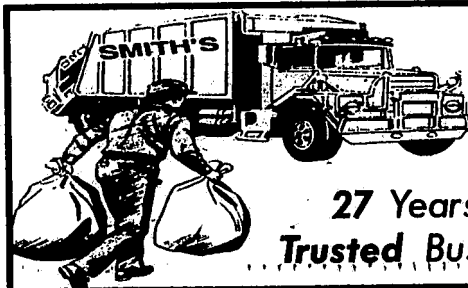
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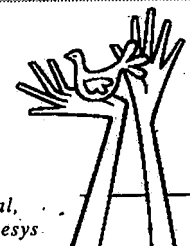
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City left in good shape, good hands, Pappas says

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VanderVeen said she and Pappas struck up a friendship after she was elected in the township four years ago, noting the two would "kind of pal around" during mandatory election trainings.

"He's the epitome of a public servant, and we need more of that type of individual in government. It's too bad we can't clone him," she said with a laugh. "He's a good man. I'm going to miss him."

Pappas said it was the people who make up the community he's going to miss.

"Interaction with people, it's a big thing with any job," he said. "The people you work with and come in contact with, and the residents as they come in to pay bills. That's what I'm going to miss most—the people."

Over the years, he said, several of the city's larger projects—sewers in the 70s, the water main venture and cityhood in the 90s—have been difficult, but worthwhile.

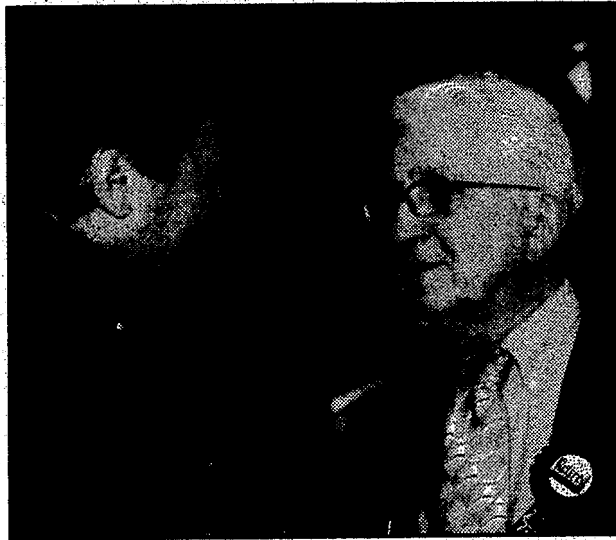
"When we did the sewers in the early 70s we thought that was a big project because our taxes were \$15-\$20," he said. "Then they went up to a couple hundred dollars and people thought they were going to go broke."

The sewers were paid off when the water main project started, he said, but another huge multi-year project was underway.

Because of favorable interest rates, the bond council recommended getting the whole job finished at once, rather than spreading it into phases.

"So we did the whole village," Pappas said. "That was a big project for a little village."

The controversial issue of cityhood still raises ire among



Mike Gawronski, Clarkston city councilman and planning commissioner, congratulates Art Pappas at a June 30 retirement party. Photo by Laura Colvin

some, but these days, the sore spot has mostly healed.

"It was a very political thing," Pappas recalls. "There was some strong opposition, and strong feelings in favor of cityhood, the big thing being they wanted to control their own destiny."

It took about five years from start to finish, but in February 1992, Clarkston's city charter passed 206-194.

Today, just over a week into his retirement, Pappas feels he's left the city in capable hands.

Dennis Ritter, city resident and former Waterford Township board member, has taken over as city manager, while Jan Gilesie takes over the roles of clerk and treasurer.

"They're both very capable," Pappas said, noting he recommended the city council replace him with at least two hires, as the three-fold job of manager, clerk and treasurer was often overwhelming.

"It was like a snowball effect, and some days it was just crazy," he said. "You'd be bouncing around from manager to clerk to treasurer, and if two or three things need attention, what do you do first?"

But office assistant Marcy Rotondo said Pappas left the city offices in good shape.

"He always made sure things were in order," she said. "He's a brilliant man who taught me a whole lot—he couldn't be more pleasant, or easy to work with."

Rotondo, who hired in with the city about eight years ago, called Pappas an "all-around good man."

"It's been pleasant every day," she said. "I've never had a bad moment or heard a harsh word."

In his characteristic, easy-going way, Pappas insists his only plans for retirement are to take one day at a time, and maybe a trip now and then to the Petoskey area home he and Maryann own.

Some, however, think Pappas may just find another calling.

"Art has one of Clarkston's finest senses of humor, but you wouldn't know it because he delivers it with a dryness you can only compare to sand," said Clarkstonite Curt Catallo. "I think there's a Greek comedian in there just waiting to come out."

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Milestones

Clarkston couple marries

Marley Brown and Joe Knakal were joined in matrimony in a double-ring ceremony with 200 guests, Saturday, March 29, at St. Dan's church.

Deacon John Schulte officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Devon Brown of Clarkston. She is a graduate of Clarkston High School and Rochester College, earning a Bachelor's degree in Education.

The groom, son of Mike and Diane Knakal of Clarkston, is a graduate of Clarkston High School and University of Michigan, with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He is a mechanical engineer with Alsons in Hillsdale.

The couple resides in Hillsdale.



Joe and Marley

Students achieve success

Lauren R. Brown and Michelle Lynn Jacques, both of Clarkston, graduated this past term at Madonna University.

Brown completed the school's certification program for elementary-school teachers, and Jacques earned a degree in Journalism and Public Relations.

Samuel Palace of Clarkston has been named to the Dean's List at Florida Institute of Technology. A senior, Palace is pursuing a bachelor's degree in communication.

Amanda Nicole Cummings graduated in April with Honors from the University of Michigan, with a Bachelor of Education Degree.

Jonathon R. Shanks of Clarkston earned a Master of Science, Applied Physics, degree at Oregon State University.

Nicholas Arkwright, 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School, earned the honor of being placed on the Spring term Dean's List for outstanding academic success at Northwood University. He is a junior studying Advertising, Marketing and Business Management.

Also earning Dean's List honors are Claire Glover and Emily Pierce of Clarkston, and Andrew Olds of Davisburg.

Christopher A. Broughton of Clarkston graduated from Northern Michigan University

with a Bachelor of Science degree in History, Secondary Education.

Clarkston-area students graduating from Michigan Technological University during Spring Commencement included:

David P. DeClerck, Associate in Applied Science in Civil Engineering Technology;

Sarra D. Jackson, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering;

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Matthew R. Karnes, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering;

Nicholas J. Riegel, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering - Cum Laude;

Kevin J. Sharkey, Bachelors of Science in Chemistry and Mathematics;

Steven A. Shiel, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics; and

Jacob M. Smith, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; and

Matthew W Ponkey of Davisburg, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering.

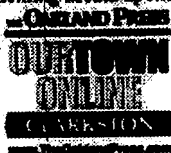
Clarkston area students Tracy L. Domitrz and Renee M. Flores were named to the Dean's List at Boston University for Spring semester.

Clarkston-area students Barry Johnson, Alan Killewald, Tomasz Swierszczyk, Benjamin Wheeler, and Robert Wood were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for Spring semester at Lawrence Technological University.

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Religion

Even God took time off to rest

July 4th has already come and gone, and summer is rushing by...again.

It always seems that there is so little time and so much to do during this brief period of warm weather in Michigan. I know that I so look forward to being able to relax and play and be together with family and friends.

I also know that these times will not just happen. I have to take the time - literally carve it out of my busy life. I have to intentionally build such time into my schedule and priorities. If I don't, I know that most likely it will not just happen.

Our need to rest and be restored is not something optional. It is necessary. In fact I have discovered that it is built into the very fabric of our lives.

Setting time apart and having a change of pace are part of the very way God made us. You may recall that in Genesis chapter one God spends six days busily creating everything. Then on the seventh day God rests.

GOD RESTS!

Why do I sometimes act like I don't need to stop and rest? Do I really think that I can do without something that even God does?

The 3rd Commandment in Exodus 20 says, "Remember

the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work..."

Being a pastor I try hard to do my very best to observe the 10 Commandments, not so that God will love me any more than he already does, but so that I can lead a more healthy and joyful life.

However since Sunday is usually a pretty big work day for me, sabbath-keeping has always been a particular challenge. Often my attempts to take another day of the week off fail. Perhaps you find it hard too - packing so many things in to those precious days off that you fail to really rest in God's love or take time to refocus.

The word *holy* means to set aside for a special purpose or to dedicate to God. God's call to rest by setting aside some sabbath time breaks our weekly patterns of busyness and achieving, expectations and productivity, competition and pressure.

We can lay aside our to-do lists and so something different. One author suggests that: "If your week is filled with e-mails and telephone calls, turn both machines off for the day. If your frantic schedule has you traveling all week, a sabbath at home will provide much-needed rest. If you spend your week cooped up in an office, a sabbath walk in the woods or an afternoon at the park playing with

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

In our churches...

Guest speakers, Joan Ham, "Amazing Grace," 9 a.m., July 20; Rev. Argentina Glasgow, 9 a.m., July 27. Peace Unity Church, meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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.

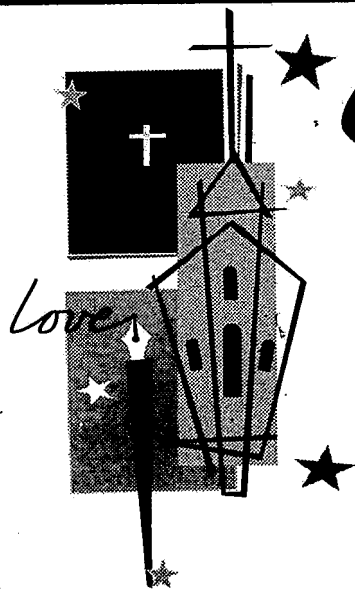
Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

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.

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Life lessons lead Lyon to campaign for district judge

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For judicial candidate Mark Lyon, district court holds a special place in the legal system. "District courts are the 'people's court,'" said Lyon, 63, Independence Township attorney running to unseat incumbent Judge Dana Fortinberry for 52-2 District Court.

"The district court is the place where most people encounter the legal system. The quality of their experience reflects on the court and the judicial system in general - I consider it a position of public trust."

This is his first campaign for public office. "Every lawyer, at a certain point in their career decide they want to be a judge," he said. "I'm at the right place and the right time. I bring what I describe as a complete package to the citizens of this district."

He would bring his life and legal experience, temperament, integrity, and honesty to the bench, he said.

"Judges need to make decisions based on facts and evidence - partiality stops at the courthouse door," he said. "Lawyers, litigants, police officers all want an even break, and to be treated with respect."

He favors diversion programs and other alternatives to prison for first-time youth offenders.

"There are a number of opportunities in the

law allowing for diversions," he said. "Too many judges hit first-time offenders with sanctions that can cause irreparable damage."

One factor: whether the defendant is before the court for the first time or is a multiple offender, he said.

"There are times for leniency and times when leniency should not be granted," he said. "It's important for any judge who sits on the bench to know the difference."

Lyon and his family moved to Rochester, Mich., from Maine in 1957, when he was 12 years old.

He attended Rochester schools and graduated from Wayne State University in 1967 with a degree in psychology.

The Vietnam War was in full swing when Lyon decided to enlist in the Army.

"It was the right thing to do at the right time," he said.

He earned a commission as second lieutenant at Officer Candidate School and volunteered to serve in Vietnam in 1970. He served a year-long tour as an intelligence officer with Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

"Being an American spending a year in a third-world country, it was eye opening - life altering," he said.

"It showed how great this country is."

He earned a Bronze Star and Soldier's Medal for heroism for his service in Vietnam.

"That's insignificant compared to my comrades - many gave much more," he said. "I'm not a hero."

After honorable discharge from the military in 1971, he earned a Master's Degree in Psychology at Central Michigan University, after which he saw two paths for his career - psychology or law.

"I always wanted to go to law school," he said. "Law school seemed like more of an adventure."

He earned his doctorate at Thomas Cooley Law School in 1976, since then handling civil and criminal cases as a partner in Lyon,

Colbert, and Bullard, as well as private practice. He also served as panelist and chairman on the state Attorney Discipline Board.

"We made difficult decisions regarding which lawyer should be reprimanded, suspended, disbarred," he said. "Clearly, there are some bad apples in the barrel, some are good lawyers who made a simple mistake. The wisdom of the panel is to recognize the difference."

He currently serves on the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals, an appointed position.



Mark Lyon

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Spiritual Matters

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the kids may be just the space you need."

Sabbath time brings renewal too. Renewal means making things that have become old and familiar new again. It is a time for us especially to renew our relationships with others and with God.

In the New Testament Jesus sums up all the commandments in this way: "... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12).

Taking sabbath time is really way of following up on that oft spoken refrain, "We really should get together more often." Getting together with God and with others is not an optional, "if I can fit it in kind of thing."

Rather it is essential to our lives today and into all of eternity. Focusing attention on God in awe and reverence (worship) and on others (sharing God's love) is what we were made to do, and it makes the rest of our days more meaningful and purposeful.

I hope you have a great summer...and I hope and pray you will take some sabbath time to let God restore your heart and soul.

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In our churches

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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.



The rides at the Oakland County Fair will be filled with people this week. Photos by Ingrid Sjostrand

County fair opens

Picture the fun of carnival rides, horse shows, and a watermelon-eating contest.

That's the theme of the Oakland County Fair this year, July 8-13 at Springfield Oaks County Park.

The fair will have its traditional 4-H events, animal exhibits and carnival rides as well as several new features.

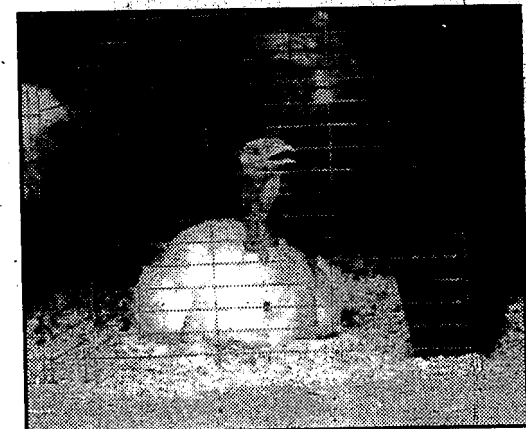
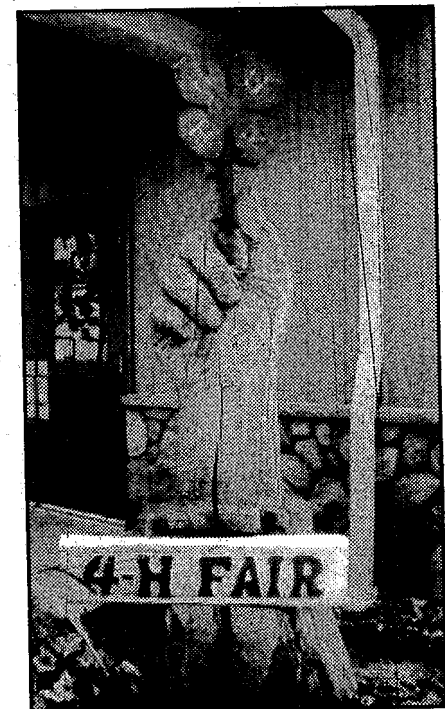
Each day of the 4-H fair features contests and events with discounts and

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Visitors can get unlimited rides passes for \$17-20 depending on the day, and 50-cent bottomless glasses of chocolate milk. Parking costs \$10 per vehicle.

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— Ingrid Sjostrand



This turkey is all set for the fair's animal exhibits.

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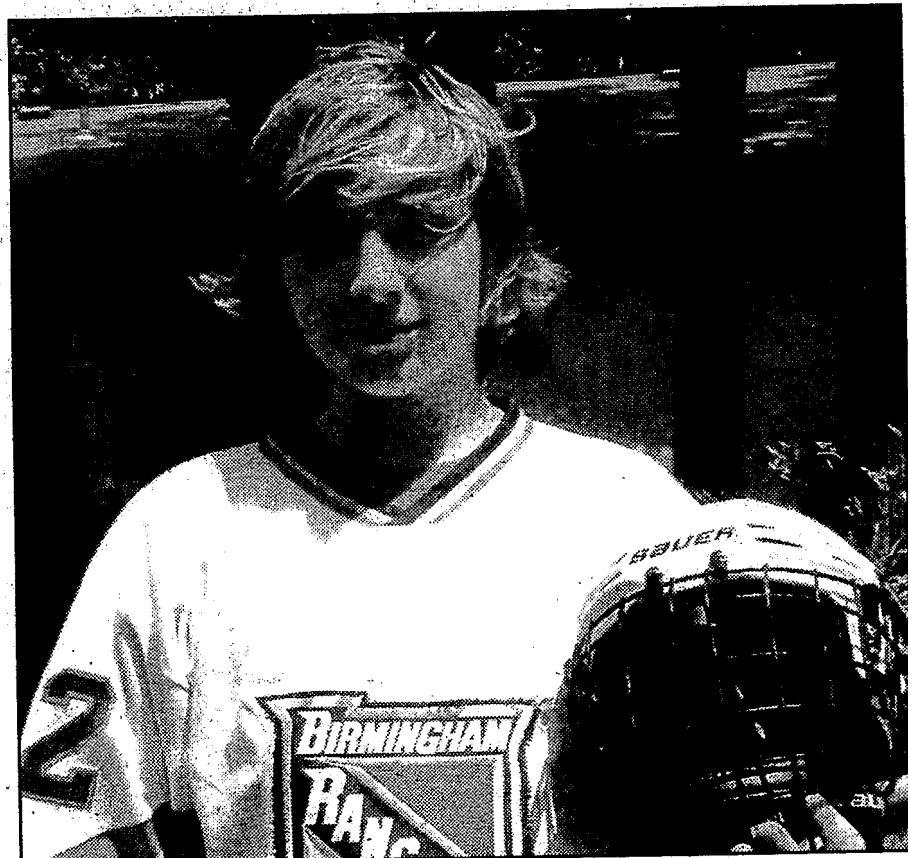


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Zachary Gooite is fundraising for his trip to a national hockey camp. Photo provided

Chocolate for hockey camp

Clarkston Junior High School student Zachary Gooite has been selling candy bars to raise money for hockey camp.

He is not going to any hockey camp, but a camp ran by U.S. Junior Development Program that helps train and prep junior elite players for college and professional hockey.

At 13, Gooite is the youngest hockey player to be invited to the camp.

He just got back from Heartland Hockey Camp in Minnesota, where NHL coaches gave him individual attention to prepare him for next week's camp.

"It was more challenging," said Gooite. "I liked it a lot."

Gooite has been on the Bantam A Birmingham Rangers '94 travel team for the last year. During the winter season he made two goals and had four assists.

He has also played for the Berkley Bears and Lakeland Hawks and has been playing since he was 5 years old.

"He told us he wanted to play hockey," said mom, Darlene Gooite.

Zachary will be selling candy bars at Rudy's Market this week.

Read about his experience at the USJDP Prep Camp in a future edition of *The Clarkston News*.

— Wendi Reardon

SMILE OF THE MONTH

Michelle Ostrander



Michelle is a Senior at Clarkston High School. She enjoys exercising, swimming, shopping, and watching movies. Next year she hopes to attend Central Michigan University to study law. Congratulations on a great smile Michelle.



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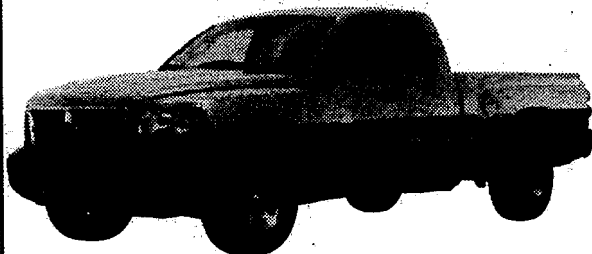
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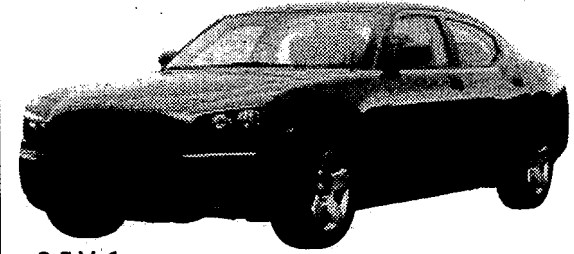
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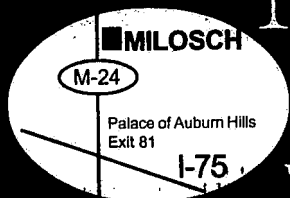
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Obituary

Margaret Ellen 'Meg' DeHerder

Margaret Ellen "Meg" DeHerder of Goodrich passed away unexpectedly July 6 at the age of 23.

She was the beloved daughter of Bill and Pat; big sister of Bill; granddaughter of Sarah (the late William Sr.) of Osseo, Louise (Charles) May of Commerce Twp., and the late Richard and Margaret Frisby; special niece of Rick Frisby of Waterford.

Meg attended Goodrich Schools for most of her education and graduated from Troy High School in 2003. She was on the Dean's List at Baker College Flint, where she was pursuing a degree in Hu-



man Services. Meg was a member of Gamma Beta Phi and volunteered at Horses' Haven.

Visitation is Wednesday, July 9, 4-7 p.m., at the

Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Horses' Haven.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Willis A. 'Bill' Beebe

Willis A. "Bill" Beebe of Royal Oak passed away July 4 at the age of 79.

He was the husband of Lil for 57 years; father of Todd (Kathleen) of Clarkston, Darrel (Carol) of St. Joseph, Holly (Paul) de Benedictis of Maryland; also survived by nine grandchildren and three great

grandchildren.

Visitation was July 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was July 7 at Clarkston Free United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Odyssey Hospice or charity of choice.

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Obituary

R. Gene King

R. Gene King of Clarkston went to be with the Lord, July 1, at the age of 81.

He was the loving husband of Mary Lou for 57 years; beloved father of Patricia King and Barbara Peters; papa of Stacy (Gordan) Manser and Nichole (Doug) Johnson; great papa of Alicia, Ashley, Ella, and Maverick; also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mr. King was a longtime member of the Waterford Church of Christ. He retired from Pontiac Public Schools as a Foreman for the Plumbing Department.



Funeral Service was July 4 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials

may be made to the Paragould Children's Home.

Online guestbook
www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Around Town

Continued from page 2B

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, Aug. 5-Sept. 23; intermediate, 10-11:30 a.m., Fridays, Aug. 8-Sept. 26. \$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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP IS REQUESTING PROPOSALS UNDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (HUD)

GUIDELINES TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR THE 2008 PROGRAM YEAR

(May 1st, 2008 through April 30th, 2009)

1. Provide emergency food, medical, prescription, housing and utility assistance for low-moderate income households.
2. Provide educational and recreational events and dinners for disabled adults: (postage, food, nametags, tableware, and access fee for activity space).

Send proposals to: Springfield Township Supervisor's Office, Attn: Onalee Carnes, Administrative Assistant, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008.
Publish July 9, 2008

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, 1-4 p.m., beginners, intermediate, advanced. \$3. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

LEGAL NOTICE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR
WALTERS LAKE

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION AND
CONFIRMATION

OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is Hereby Given that at a meeting held June 10, 2008, the Lake Improvement Board for Walters Lake resolved to proceed with a five-year improvement program for Walters Lake (2009 - 2013) and confirmed a Special Assessment Roll for the project. Said assessments are final and conclusive unless attacked in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days of this notice.

This notice is being published pursuant to the provisions of Part 309 (Inland Lake Improvements) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

Lake Improvement Board
For Walters Lake

Gunnar Littrup

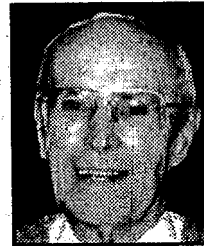
Gunnar Littrup of Clarkston, formerly of Sterling Heights, passed away July 4 at the age of 88.

He was an engineer, soccer coach/referee, church usher, one of seven children and twin to Richard. He was preceded in death by his dedicated wife Gerda Friis Littrup. He was the empowering father of Osa (Keith Schulte) Jackson, Ph.D., PT, of Clarkston, and Peter (Martha) Littrup, MD, of Bloomfield Hills; grandfather to Marius, Gerrit, and Gunnar; great grandfather to Troy.

Memorial Service will be 1 p.m., Sunday, July 13, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Sunday, noon until time of the service.

Donations may be made to First United Methodist Church of Warren.

On line guestbook
www.wintfuneralhome.com.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Date and Time: July 15, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Independence Township Library
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

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

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2008
- b. Approval of Purchase Orders
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Waiver of Application, Investigation and Fees for liquor license transfer for Palace Sports and Entertainment
2. Approval of bid for Library painting
3. Discussion regarding Elected Officials' Health Care coverage
4. Request reclassification for Jennifer Yingling - Assessing
5. Bid Award for Demolition of Unsafe Structure
The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH

IMPROVEMENTS TO WALTERS LAKE

At a special meeting of the Walters Lake Improvement Board held in the Independence Township Fire Station on the 10th day of June 2008, at 6:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Dobson, Kozma, Lutz, Middleton, Wenger
ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by member Lutz and seconded by member Wenger.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the improvement program for Walters Lake; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Walters Lake Improvement Board to proceed with implementation of a five-year lake improvement program (2009 to 2013) including aquatic plant control, watershed management, fish stocking, an annual newsletter, and administration and contingencies with an annual cost of \$36,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Lake Board hereby determines that the proposed improvements are practical, and it confirms its intent to proceed with the improvements.
 2. The Lake Board hereby approves the lake improvement plan and the estimate of costs for the improvements as described herein.
 3. This resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Oakland County. The project shall not, thereafter, be subject to attack except in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after publication.
- ADOPTED: AYES: All
NAYS: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.
STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Joe Kozma, secretary of said Walters Lake Improvement Board, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the lake board at a meeting held on the 10th day of June, 2008. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this 10th day of June, 2008.

Joe Kozma, Secretary
Walters Lake Improvement Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Wagner called the July 1, 2008, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Wagner, Kelly, Dunn

Absent: None

There was a quorum

1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
2. Approved the Agenda, as amended, with removal of Item 1 under Unfinished Business, Michigan Region II Search and Rescue Task Force Building

3. Approved motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2008
- b. Approval of Purchase Orders
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
- d. West Nile Funding Resolution

4. Public Forum

5. Approved motion to refer findings of Plante Moran's audit of technology Review to IT Committee for review and recommendations.

6. Approved motion to accept Plante Moran's Audit Report for December 31, 2007.

7. Approved motion to tentatively enter into private SAD Agreement for Sashabaw Road and related improvements

8. Approved motion to enter into a contractual agreement with Carlisle Wortman for study of Dixie Highway

9. Approved motion to hire DPW laborer

10. Approved motion to hire Administrative Assistant for DPW Director

11. Approved motion to award Clarkston Meadows Water Main Extension to Sinatech Co., in the amount of \$79,694.40.

12. Approved motion to authorize budget adjustment to DPW

13. Approved motion to adjourn regularly scheduled meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: July 9, 2008

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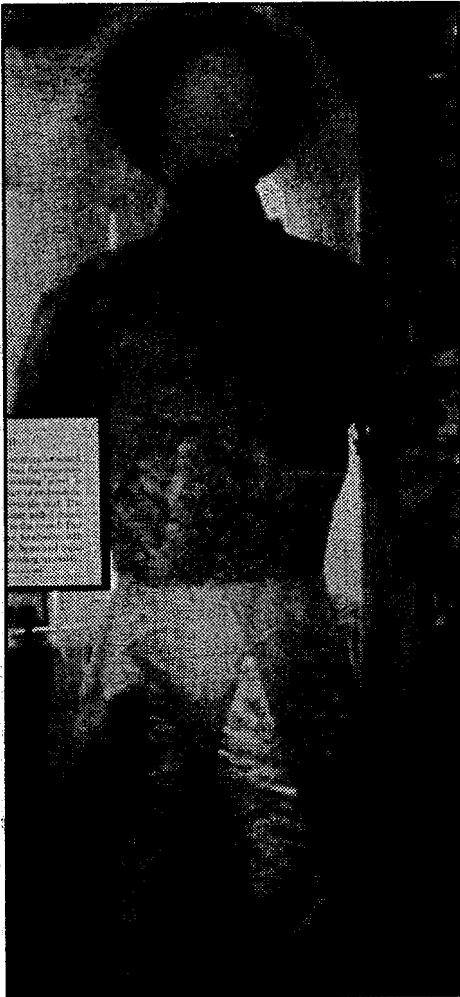
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Marriage memories at museum

Wedding season is here and all of Clarkston is invited to celebrate.

The Clarkston Heritage Museum has a new exhibit celebrating courtships and weddings from the 1890s up till the 1940s.

The exhibit features courtship mementos, such as a Clarkston Opera Hall ticket from 1890, engagement party gifts and tales of local Clarkston weddings.

It isn't a proper wedding without a bridal dress, so the exhibit features five wedding dresses from the 19th and early 20th cen-

tury.

A display of church record books is also presented so visitors can get a better understanding of the types of services held.

The exhibit is called "Dearly Beloved: Clarkston Courtships and Weddings" and will run until late fall.

The Clarkston Heritage Museum is inside the Independence Township Library, open during library hours and run by the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

- Ingrid Sjostrand

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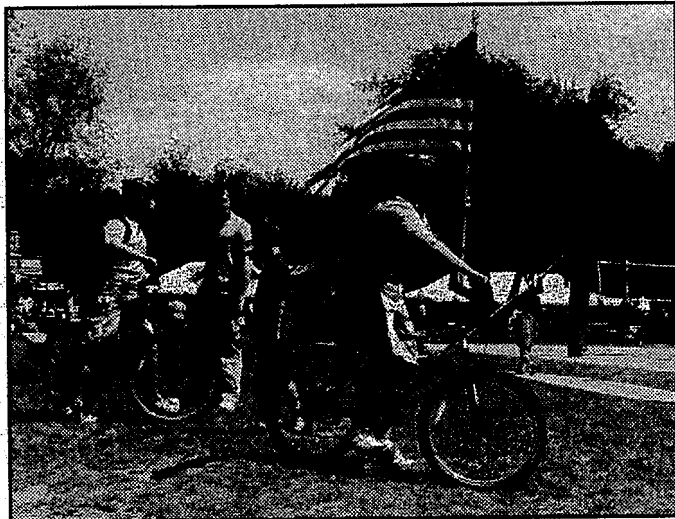
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Emma Eagle, 5 1/2, tosses a frisbee to her dog, Meeka, in the K-9 Toss and Fetch Contest.



Team RUSH members ride around Clintonwood Park carrying the stars and stripes.



Jon Carroll, 4 1/2, grabs some air on the water slide.



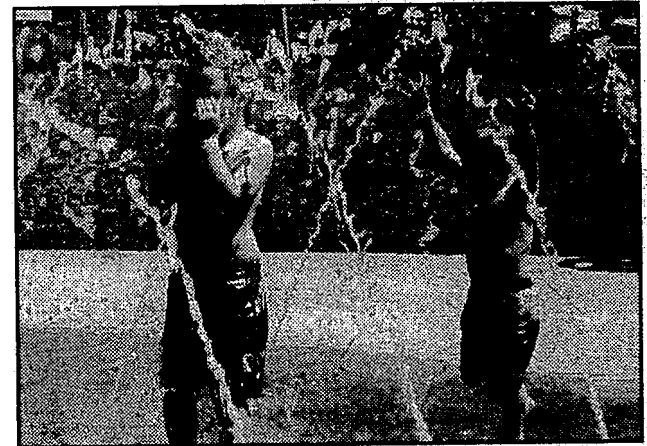
Jennifer, Gabby, and Tori Lucas enjoy an elephant ear.

Fun at the July fourth festival

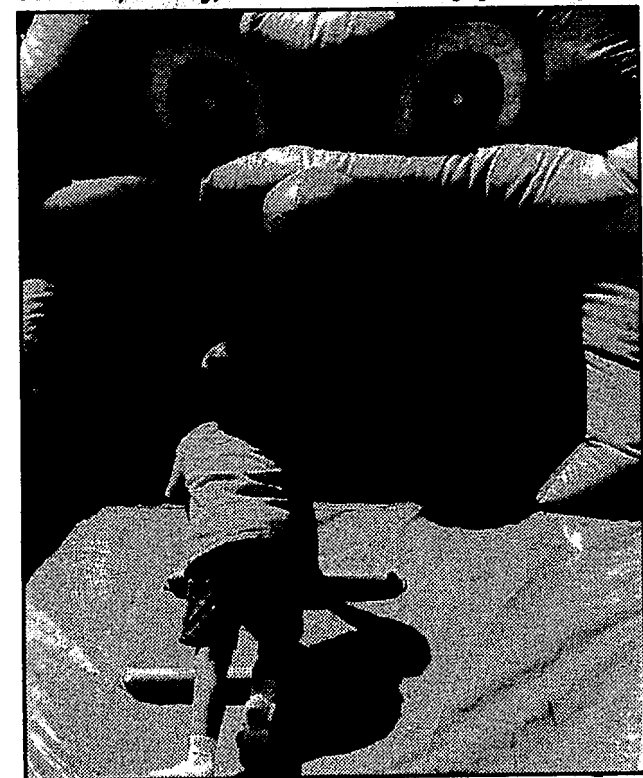
Thousands of people packed Clintonwood Park for the July 4 Festival of Fun.

After the parade in downtown Clarkston, spectators streamed into the park for games, live entertainment, food, and fireworks at dusk.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Christian Morrison and Daniel Evan cool off at the Spray park.



Dean Smith, 5, peers into the innards of an inflatable tunnel.



Brady and Callie Dickens, visiting with their parents, Dave and Kristin Dickens of Clarkston, practice some gymnastics with Stars and Stripes.



Sergeant First Class Rodney Hope helps Zachary Konesko, 7, into a rock-wall climbing harness.