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Elizabeth Scheil loves animals so much, she gave them her birthday cash on page 1B

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Maybe a manager

Primary vote to set township management

BYPHILCUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Voters will have the final say on restructuring local government as they head to the polls Aug. 5, at least for the next few years.

If elected, Trustee Dan Travis, running for supervisor, incumbent Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, treasurer candidate Jeff McGee, and trustee candidates Neil Wallace, Bart Clark, and David Lohmeier all promised to vote for a professional-manager type government for Independence Township.

"This is an idea whose time has come," Lohmeier said. "We've done our homework. We can do this."

Supervisor Dave Wagner, running for reelection, disagrees.

"It would create another layer of bueaucracy," Wagner said. "An outsideer coming in would not be responsible to the people."

According to Michigan law, township boards can appoint a township manager to write and administer township budgets, administer and supervise departments, enforce ordinances, and other, day-to-day operations.

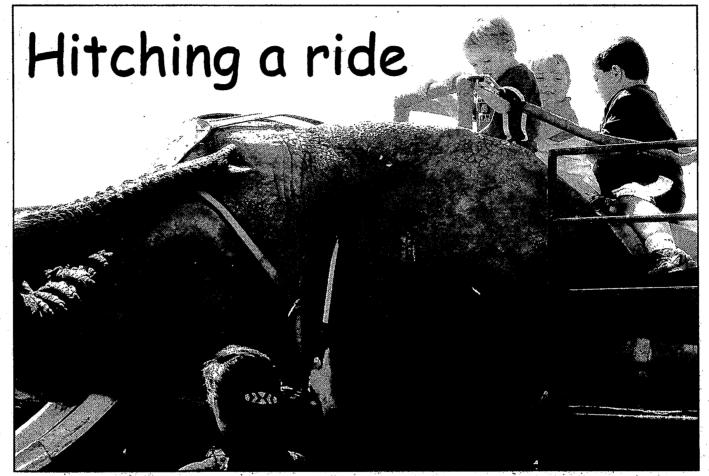
Travis, along with VanderVeen and McGee, pledged to accept reductions in salary to help pay for a manager.

In March 2007, Vanderveen proposed the board look into hiring a superintendent. The board invited Richard Watkins, 15-year manager of Delta Township, to talk about his job duties and hiring process.

In his April 2007 report, Watkins cited growing populations, a growing number of township employees and a large amount of township complexities as reasons for a manager.

He also said a manager is accountable to residents and the board, because he or she is hired at will and may be replaced, depending on the contract

Please see Manager on page8A



From left, Mason, Makayla and Gregor Devon climb on board an elephant at the Oakland County Fair. The fair this year included several circus attractions, in addition to 4-H exhibits. See page 5A for more pictures. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

New life for an old downtown

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Each sheet of paper tacked up at the Hart Center last week had a question penned across the top as business owners and others gathered to discuss problems facing Davisburg's downtown area.

"What words describe the Davisburg hamet?"

Armed with magic markers, participants moved from one question to the next.

"How should the hamlet relate to the surrounding area?"

"As a successful downtown, what would a typical visitor's experience be like?"

The meeting was what many hoped would be the first step in solving a series of ongoing challenges facing business owners in the block-long downtown area – also known as the hamlet.

"I'm really pleased with the way the meeting turned out," said township planner Dick Carlsile of Carlisle Wortman Associates, noting turnout was higher than expected. "We had a lot of energy in the room, a lot of good ideas and some real interest from people who want to improve and revitalize the area."

Revitalization of the downtown area has been on the minds of business and property owners for years, but recently surfaced and gained attention as it was named a "priority" among some candidates running for a township board seat in the Aug. 5 primary election.

At an April 10 township board meeting-

from which her husband, Supervisor Collin Walls recused himself—Diana Walls, chair of the Downtown Davisburg Association and owner of Walls Realty, told the board work has been done to improve the downtown area over the course of several years.

However, she said, the association has arrived at a roadblock and cannot go any farther without backing and assistance from the township on issues such as infrastructure and enforcement of ordinances.

The following month, the board authorized funding up to \$5,000 for contracting with township planner Carlisle Wortman Associates to implement a work plan for downtown Davisburg.

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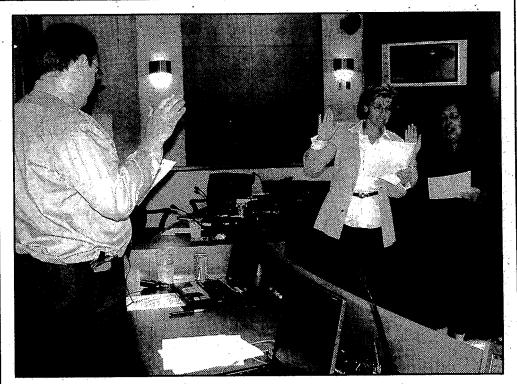
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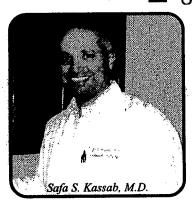
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Swearing in

Clarkston Board of Education President Stephen Hyer administers the oath of office to Trustees Joan Patterson and Sue Boatman. The trustees were elected in this past May's school election, but their new term didn't officially begin until July 14. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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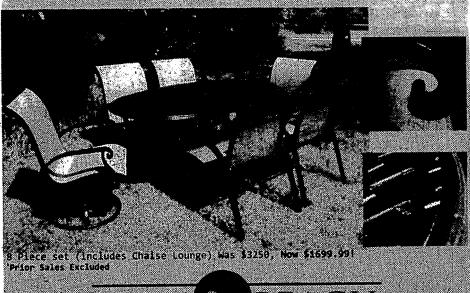
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Briefly . . . Master plan ready for inspection

A preliminary final draft version of Springfield Township's revised master plan should be arriving on the desks of officials in surrounding communities this week.

The township planning commission recently finished an update of the extensive document, which employs narrative and maps to describe overall development for current property uses and future development plans.

At last week's regular meeting, the township board approved the master plan for distribution, also required by law, to the townships of Brandon, Waterford, White Lake Highland Holly Rose, Groveland

Lake, Highland, Holly, Rose, Groveland.

Oakland County, SEMCOG and local utility companies will also receive a copy, and each entity will have 63 days to review the plan and make comments before the township sets a public hearing date for members of the community.

Board members said the hearing would likely be set at a September meeting.

The document is available for inspection at the Springfield Township clerk's office Call 248-846-6510 for more informa-

Third time for school board President Hyer

Steve Hyer remains head of the Clarkston Board of Education, after being reappointed unanimously Monday to his third term as board president.

"It's more a function of my schedule and flexibility," Hyer said, "I glad to be able to serve this role on the board."

The first meeting of the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the board also appointed Cheryl McGinnis to the office of vice president. Ron Sullivan to accretary, and Joe Armstrong as tressurer.

"I'm looking forward to it," said McGinnis, who was elected to the board last year. "I'm up to the challenge."

McGinnis and Armstrong were appointed by unanimous vote. Joan Patterson was also nominated for secretary. Sullivan won the post with a 4-3 posts.

Robin rescuers

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As Phoebe Peterson went out to check the mail box one day she found a surprise.

"I found a bird's nest behind a tree at the side of a driveway," she said.

The birds nest contained three baby robin eggs

Her mom, Tammy said there wasn't a good place to put the nest back in the tree, so instead they left it over night on the widow sill, but the mother robin never returned.

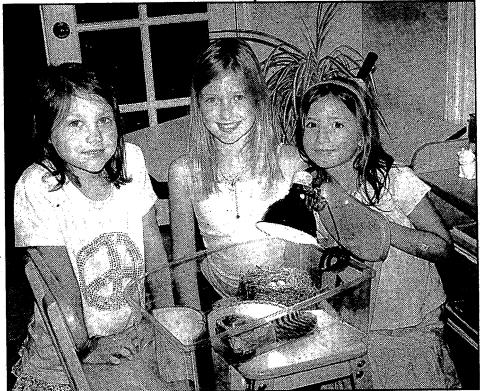
"Phoebe had the idea of getting the old Lizard habitat out, and putting the nest in that," said Tammy.

After making a call to the Howell Nature Preserve, they found out that it's illegal to raise birds in Michigan because they migrant birds are protected. The conservancy told Tammy after the birds hatch, they need to be fed moist cat food.

"Birds have to be on special formula for 14 days and fed every 15 minutes," said Tammy. "We'll bring them their tomorrow and then they'll say we can call everyday to see how they're doing."

Phoebe along with her younger siblings Elena and Karston all picked out an egg and put dots on them, to see whose would hatch first. Their cousin Avabella Nickola was the first one who noticed one of the eggs hatched.

"I like think it's cool when they hatch



Elena Peterson, Phoebe Peterson, and Avabella Nickola wait for the baby robins to hatch. *Photo by Trevor Keiser.*

they bring new life into the world," said Nickola.

"It was Karston's egg that hatched," said Tammy. "He named his baby robin 'King."

Elena said they did a study at school with bird eggs.

"We took chick eggs and when we put them in the incubator they hatched and we got to hold them," she said. "Only two of the ten eggs hatched."

The conservancy also told Tammy because the mother robin spent so much time building the nest, she knows it's hers by

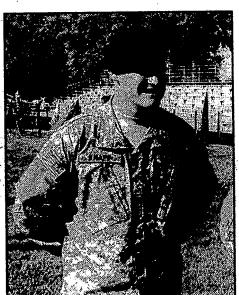
"every little thing she put on it."

"We had some hay last year and I think some of the hay is in the nest," said Phoebe.

Elena said her favorite thing about birds are listening to them chirp. Tammy says her kids get their love for birds from their father Eric Peterson who is a "birder." She said spend the summers in Manitoulin Canada on 400 acres where they have bird houses up all over.

As far as saving the lives of three little baby robins Phoebe says 'I feel good about

Car cruise for local wounded vet



Alex Knapp

Joe O'Hearn felt inspired when he read a news article about local businesses and residents raising money to help a neighbor inneed.

O'Hearn got to work, organizing the "Cruisin' for a Cause" event. The first annual cruise will be Aug. 3.

All proceeds will go to Alex Knapp, 22, a soldier wounded in Iraq.

This past March, Knapp was on patrol when he was hit by an IED. He lost both of his legs above the knee.

The government will pay for his medical expenses, but not for any other expenses.

The fund-raiser will supplement Knapp's recovery effort, including a wheel-chair, house, and money to continue his college education.

O'Hearn invites everyone to attend and show their support.

"Classic cars, motorcycles, anything that rolls," said O'Hearn.

The cruise will begin at Mel's Grill 2 at.

7080 Gateway Park Drive, off of White Lake Road and Andersonville Road.

The cruise will run through Holly, Waterford and round back to Clarkston and end at the American Legion, 4819 Mary Sue Avenue off Maybee Road.

O'Hearn has received donations from local businesses for raffle prizes, and the Detroit Pistons have donated an autographed basketball.

"It should be a fun event," said O'Hearn.

Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 12

o.m.

"Cruisin' for a Cause" will be a yearly event to raise money for a charity or for a person in need.

Before Knapp left for Iraq, he was a volunteer firefighter in Rochester and was a Oakland County Sheriff's Office Explorer.

For more information about donating or attending the event, contact O'Hearn at 248-660-5159.

- Wendi Reardon

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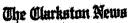
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Nurse follows in her dad's footsteps

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While growing up, watching her father care for people, Angela Humphreys was in awe. She didn't know, however, she would one day follow in her father's (Steve) foot-

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to be while growing up, so as I got older I guess I just felt it was a good profession for me. I knew I always wanted to help people and make a difference," she said. "I can't really imagine a better job for me. I just have so much room to grow and I love it, everyday is different and I feel really good about what I do."

Humphreys works at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac on the Neuroscience floor, which takes care of patients with brain injuries, spinal injuries, strokes, anything dealing with neuroscience, said Humphreys.

The hospital is part of the Michigan Stroke Network, connected with 34 hospitals throughout the state.

While a nurse extern at the hospital during nursing school, Humphreys got sent all over the hospital. While working on the neuroscience floor, she said she met people who would help her in her first year after gradua-

"I felt good about going to that floor and was excited about new things hospital was doing as far as getting involved in neuro aspect of things," she said. "It seemed like the right decision for me."

Humphreys is the June recipient of the Diseases Attacking the Immune System (DAISY) award.

"I was very honored," she said. "It was very nice, just the whole Daisy Foundation and how they go about doing the award is really neat."A

The DAISY Foundation was established in 2000 by the Barnes family in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura at

age 33. The DAISY Foundation funds research to help fight diseases of the immune system and supports patients and their fami-

Humphreys said everyone on her floor received Cinnabuns



because that was Patrick's favorite thing to give to the nurses. She also was given a statute that comes from a tribe in Zimbabwe. She getting the statutes from the tribes gives the tribe enough to eat and feed their family.

"The whole Angela Humphreys award is meaningful," she said. "It's

nice to be recognized from the people that you are caring for everyday in your job."

She said the award also "spoiled her week" because she engaged to her fiancé Andrew North the previous Saturday.

Humphreys grew up in Independence Township, and was a 2001 Clarkston High graduate. While in college she coached Freshman girl's Soccer for a year and than became the Junior Varsity head coach for two years.

"Once I graduated and got my first job as registered nurse I no longer was able to coach anymore working 12 hour shift," she

She received her nursing degree from Oakland University and graduated in May

The best thing about being a nurse says Humphreys is the "options are endless."

"You really get to interact with people. Its different everyday I never feel like I haven't done something good when I'm leaving," she said. "I really do love it."

Fundraiser earns \$25,000 for neighbors in need

Neighbor for Neighbor received almost \$2,500 in its "Treasures and Treats" rummage and bake sale at the Hart Community Center, downtown Davisburg.

The May fundraiser supports Neighbor for Neighbor's food pantry, clothing closet and financial assistance programs.

Neighbor for Neighbor, a 25-year-old allvolunteer non-profit charitable organization, serves low-income families in Springfield, Independence, Holly, Groveland, Rose, and White Lake townships.

The charity accepts donations of clean, seasonal clothing, small household items, and volunteer help.

Items for the annual fundraiser, including fishing tackle, computers, baby swings, glassware, and other items, are accepted thoughout the year. For more information or to donate, call 248-634-0900.

Zoe Forbes, 4, says hi to a goat at the petting zoo.



From left, Raegan Dick, Juju Inlee, and Mackenzie Dick check out a Miracle of Life exhibit. Raegan and Mackenzie have been coming to the zoo for the past 6-7 years, said their father, Travis Dick.

Fun at the county fair

The Oakland County Fair's proximity to the Fourth of July and some inclement weather kept some fans away, but about 80,000 still filled Springfield Oaks County Park last week.

"It went really well, a great week for the kids," said L.C. Scramlin, general manager.

About 1,000 animal and agricultural exhibits were submitted, an increase over previous years, Scramlin said.

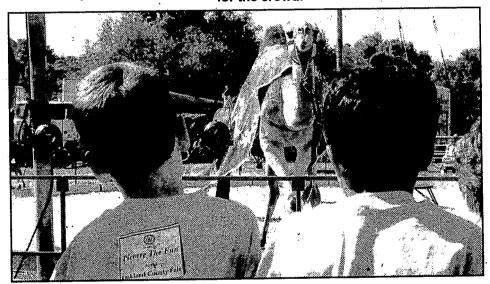
Planning has already started for next year's fair, set for July 14, 2009, he said.

"We renewed the contract for the circus – everyone liked that," he said.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Miss Jessica performs an acrobatic routine for the crowd.





Ingrid's outlook

A column by Ingrid Sjostrand

Fashion should be off limits to law

Flint recently passed a law that banned baggy pants. This new legislature makes it illegal for anyone to wear pants that expose their underwear or bare bottom. The punishment can range from 93 days to a year in jail or fines up to \$500.

Wearing baggy pants there is now considered indecent exposure and disorderly conduct.

When I heard about this new law I thought it was a bit ridiculous. I

understand people thinking that baggy pants are unattractive and even that they make walking difficult but to say its obstructing justice may be taking it too far. It doesn't seem that sagging pants are. harming anyone.



The law also gives police the opportunity to search those wearing baggy pants. According to police, if an individual is committing a crime by wearing baggy pants there is probable cause to believe they could be involved in other crimes. By making a fashion statement, I don't believe these people are necessarily committing crimes.

While Flint is the only city to incorporate probable cause into the law, it isn't the only one with a law against baggy pants. Auburn Hills has considered the issue and debated the creation of a law. Is Clarkston next?

There are many different fashion trends in Clarkston and wearing baggy pants is a popular one. Could our northern neighrbor's new law affect our community? Or will it be taken to the next

Clarkston Schools adopted a stricter dress code for the 2007-08 school year, in which shirts could not go lower than the collarbone. There are already restrictions within the school about wearing pants below the waist but will the school start restricting other fashion choices as well.

One could say that individuals that dress bohemian or "hippie" is promoting a drug subculture and that this should be outlawed as well, or that gothic fashion is offensive and intimidating.

Does that mean these fashions should be incorporated into laws as well?

Summer intern Ingrid Sjostrand is a junior studying journalism at Grand Valley State University. She is a Clarkston High School graduate.

The Clarkston News We need independents

When the voters of Independence Township cast their vote on Aug. 5, they will have elected the township board members at that point.

The November election will be just a formality. It is very

important that voters take a very good look at the candidates running for trustee, treasurer, clerk and township supervisor.

There is a group that calls themselves a slate, meaning they are running in unison and have the same thoughts and goals in running this township. This is not what the township needs.

. We need individual thinkers who can say no when necessary. I do not believe this slate of individuals will give us that option. When they were interviewed by Jeff Decker on Comcast recently every one of them urged voters to vote for each

person on the slate they named each person.

I hope that voters will take a very hard look at ALL the candidates. There are some very good ones running that are not on the slate.

We need individuals who will stand up to what they personally believe in and what is best for the township. I don't believe this slate of candidates will give us that option.

Bob Brown Independence Township

lancy can get job done

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
Donna Glancy is running for Springfield Township clerk. Everyone in our area knows who Donna is.

Not only is she the outstanding executive director of SCAMP but she is the 2007 Clarkston area Citizen of the Year.

How lucky we are that Donna now would like to share her expertise, enthusiasm and experience with us! Donna's platform is "preserving our future" with smart growth, wetland conservation and safety as her main

issues. She wants to move Springfield Township forward but at the same time keep the beautiful "up north" feel for which most of us moved here.

With her integrity, her foresight, her commitment to teamwork and her strong organizational skills, Donna has the background, ability and vision to accomplish the goals needed to move Springfield Township forward.

Carol and Joe Mazzeo Springfield Township

Trim impressed with Trout

Dear Editor,

As someone who has lived in Springfield Township for over 72 years, including serving you for 16 years as a state representative and four years as township supervisor, a good share of my life has been spent working to make Springfield Township the beautiful place we enjoy today.

My other priority was making sure that government did not get too big or expensive.

Recently, I met Springfield Supervisor candidate Mike Trout. I could tell immediately that Mike cares deeply about Springfield Township and the people who live here. With the retirement of the current supervisor, it is extremely important that we elect someone who has experience in managing public organizations.

I am impressed with Mike's qualifications

for the job. As deputy director of Bishop Airport, and director at Detroit City Airport, Mike Trout has dealt with many of the same issues a township supervisor must handle on a daily basis—everything from planning and zoning to facilities maintenance, budgeting, and public safety. He also is a professional planner with a Master's degree in public administration.

I am most impressed, however, by Mike's approach to government and his philosophy of putting the taxpayers first, and keeping government as small as possible, while being accountable to the people and responsive to real problems.

Former state representative, former Springfield Township supervisor **Davisburg**

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Mobile caterpillar munching its way into town" A pest that eats and kills trees called the gypsy moth invaded Oakland County. Some districts within the county sprayed for the bugs but the problem hadn't grown large enough for county involvement.

"School board bans smoking" The Clarkston school district passed a policy changing their smoking guidelines to a full-time ban at any district building with a designated smoking area at certain times of the day.

"Local man sails his way to six world titles" A 40-year-old Independence Township man has won six world titles and over 300 trophies in his 28 years of competitive sailing, along with writing four books on sailing and being a contribution editor to Sail Magazine.

"Local woman meets Willie Nelson near home, An Independence Township woman met Willie Nelson and received an autograph after seeing him leaving Pine Knob Golf Course across from her home.

25 years ago - 1983

"Name change to ease stigma" Residents of Shindler Road in Springfield Township filed a petition to change the name of their road to Woodland Trail after having a toxic dump on their road closed.

"Dig unearths mastodon remnants" A group of 75 volunteers held an archeological dig off Seymour Lake Road and found a rib, skull and two pieces of tusk thought to be from a mastodon.

"Weed harvester works cleaning up Big Lake" Property owners on Big Lake agreed to pay \$182 a year for four years to help clean up the lake with the help of a weed harvester, which removed over 600,000 pounds of lake weeds.

50 years ago - 1958

"Garden club goes to Africa" The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club were shown colored slides of a three-month trip to Africa by one of their members.

"Local girl on modeling panel" A Clarkston High School student was chosen out of 1,500 girls to participate in a fashion program sponsored by Hudson stores and modeled in Northland, Eastland and downtown Hudson's.

"Bright Children may talk early" A study at Michigan State University found that children who speak at an earlier age are more likely to be gifted.

Moraco right man for job

Dear Editor

Moraco is our Man! Elect Sam Moraco as trustee, Independence Township. Sam has served our township as a diligent, informed, conscientious planning commissioner for five

This year, he is the chairman and he conducts the meetings in such a way to give the general public every chance to express its views. He is fair and polite to the petitioners, the consultants, his fellow commission members and members of the audience.

Mr. Moraco has attended almost every class offered to the planning commissioners and has attained Master Citizen Planner from the Michigan Association of Planners.

Everyone in the community has heard about Sam Moraco's amazing job at the new Senior Center. He was the main contractor on the building and had his friends and fellow tradesman give of their time and talents to bring it in at the lowest price possible.

Now we have a safe, clean new space for the

senior citizens to use. Thank you, Sam Moraco!

Do you read *Hour Magazine of Detroit*? See the version highlighting the McCord House. Another rescue job by Sam Moraco!

He purchased the McCord house, barn and property when it was in total disrepair. The Moracos completely renovated it and brought it back to its 1800's splendor using the original materials. There is a beautiful barn being restored at this time.

These buildings are of historical significance in Independence Township and he should be complimented on it by all who appreciate this township, its history and its ambiance. If you see it, you will see it has been a labor of love.

All of the above was being done while Sam Moraco owned and operated his own small business. Working hard everyday to make it in this economy, but still giving to the community and serving the taxpayers. Isn't this the type of person we want on our Board of Trustees?

Delbert and Joan McCrary Independence Township

Carson cares for community

Dear Editor

I am new to this beautiful community of Independence Township, two and a half years. My wife and I purchased our home next door to Curt Carson, who is running for the office of township treasurer.

In this short time, Curt has shown he is very community minded and wants only the best for its

citizens. He has helped my wife and I get settled here with the least amount of difficulty. He's a takecharge person with a solid background in finances.

He is a good family man who has the right stuff. He has, and will always be, looking out for the best interest of Independence Township.

Donald J. Blais
Independence Township

Wagner doesn't have his vote

Dear Editor

I just received some literature asking me to vote for Dave Wagner, Independence Township supervisor, and I ask, "why should I," when he cannot even answer my request for information on a complaint I filed?

On May 28, 2008, I filed a complaint with him about the Waterford Hills Race Track, in accordance with the ordinance and requested the results of the complaint.

On June 18, 2008, I requested the results of the complaint again, and of this date, I have not had a reply.

The least he could do as a common courtesy is to answer my request.

James K. Conway Independence Township

Ed. Note: Dave Wagner said he responded to noise complaints from Mr. Conway in the past and continues to monitor the situation.

Thanks for supporting boosters

Dear Editor.

On behalf of Clarkston Athletic Boosters, I want to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for the continued contributions of Drs. R. Abraham, M. Baker, D. Moscovic, T. O'Neill, D. Machnacki, L. Baylis, Clarkston Medical Group staff, Kevin Walsh, and Stephanie LeBeau. Specifically, we wish to thank you for the time and professional services you donated to the recent student athlete sports physical benefit event.

Your donation of time and professional

services to provide 200 sports physicals to our athletes was a direct contribution of nearly \$4,000. The proceeds from this event will directly impact our athletes and the programs they participate in.

The contributions by such kind and generous volunteers are a solid reminder of why it is so great to live in this community. Thank you for your continued support of our student athletes and volunteers.

Sincerely.

Keith M. Clement, president Clarkston Athletic Boosters

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Ford demure in letter; Your Social Security

In March, I traded my mini-van for a Ford Edge. An Edge is a lot shorter than a mini-van. It also has fewer conveniences like a remote to open the back gate. Odd how we can get used to automatic things when we got by for years with manual things.

Anyway, a couple things on the Edge bothered me enough that I decided to tell Ford Motor Customer Relations, Dearborn, about 'em. To whom, etc.

In March I traded my van for an Edge.
I feel I was edged.

My van had my kind of features, the Edge has your kind. It's higher in the rear (like so many people I know) making it more difficult for Shayna to jump into. There's a whole lot less room, making it more difficult to carry skis, which I may want to learn to use some day.

But, that's not why I called, er, wrote. My complaint is the smaller front seat windows have a much higher sill. Shayna has to strain to reach a position to rest her head on the sill.

But, that's not my main complaint. She'll learn.

My message is to the designers, engineers, technicians and Ford employed lovers of sneaking things into production just to get a laugh at their AA meetings.

I'm 6'4" with arms to match. Yet I cannot reach an ATM tube without unbuckling, both my belt and the harness. I know one of your geniuses will tell me to open the window first.

I suppose the higher sill was suggested in some on-line conference call to China and the Dearborn listeners hadn't got used to the dialect yet, but this is a real inconvenience.

And, yes, I could go inside the bank, but Shayna likes her treats delivered in a tube.

Do not feel you have to reply. They may not let me see anything from Ford Motor Company. JAS

 But, Ford chose to reply. I am Case # 1468751788

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Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us. Sincerely, Lisa E.

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Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

My relations just came to a dead end with Ford Lisa gave me nothing on which to build a name-calling continuance. Darn! I wanted a dialogue.

To follow the progress (regression) of Social Security is politics at its sneakiest. Franklin D.

Roosevelt introduced the Social Security (FICA) program promising that it would be completely voluntary. It would be deductible for income tax purposes, the money would go into an "Independent Trust Fund" and be used for no other government program.

We are now being taxed on 85 percent of the money the government was to "put away"

When Lyndon Johnson was in office, our Social Security money was put into Congress' general fund.

Later, the income tax deduction clause was taken away.

More recently, Congress began taxing Social Security benefits.

Under President Jimmy Carter immigrants moving into this country were given the entitlement, at age 65, to receive Social Security payments, even though they never paid a dime into it.

And, this should really make you sick
- Congress gives themselves 100 percent
retirement for only serving one term.

Thomas Jefferson had it right: A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.

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is rest on manager idea for township

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liaison with Michigan Township Associa-

Most have smaller populations than Independence Township, David said.

"It doesn't really matter if they have large populations," she said.

Most serve townships with parttime board, providing regular, day-to-day service to residents in the absence of full-time supervisor, treasurer, and clerk, she said.

Delta Township, just to the west of Lan-

sing, has a relatively large population, about 31,000 residents, compared to about 35,000 in Independence Township.

Delta switched to a township manager form of government in 1993, said township Supervisor Joe Drolett in a phone interview, July 10.

"It's working fabulously," Drolett said. Officials conducted a national search, with three finalists, when it hired Watkins, the

township's second manager. 'We got Richard's name from the Michigan Township Association - he's very qualified, experienced in day-to-day experience in running a municipality," Drolett said. "The right person will do wonders."

Delta Township's budget of about \$19.7 million - Independence Township has a budget of about \$17.2 million, includes \$479,421 for the township manager's office. In addition to the manager, the office includes assistant township manager, human-resources generalist, executive secretary, department secretary, and information technology administraIt's worth it, Drolett said.

"The manager allows the board to step back from micromanaging," he said. "It saves money in time and errors - it's been a wonder for us financially. He keeps a handle on what's going on day to day."

Salaries for Independence Township fulltime officials are \$75,969, superintendent; \$67,826, clerk; and \$67,623, treasurer. Supervisor's office budget is \$249,900; clerk's office, \$518,200; and treasurer's office, \$376,440.

Manager would take over some supervisor duties

State law lists 15 potential duties for a township manager, delegated from the township supervisor. A township board could delegate some or all of them:

- Make sure all laws and township ordinances are enforced;
- · Supervise public improvements, works, and undertakings of the township;
- · Supervise construction, repair, maintenance, lighting and cleaning of streets, sidewalks, bridges, pavements, sewers, and public buildings and property;
 - Manage township utilities;
- · Responsibility for property, tools, and appliances of the township;
- Make sure public utility franchises and other contracts are followed;
- Attend all meetings of the township board, with the right to take part in discussions, but without the right to vote;
- · Serve on all committees of the township board;
- · Prepare and administer annual budgets under policies set by the township board, and keep the board fully advised at all times as to the financial condition and needs of the township;
- Make recommendations to the township board;
- · Efficient administration of all depart-
- ments of the township government:

 Act is purchasing agent for the township of under his responsibility, delegate shelf duties to row offer officer or employee:
- · Conduct all sales of personal property which the township board may authorize to be sold;
- Serve as personnel director for all township employees; or delegate such duties to some other officer or employee;
- · Other duties as required by law, by direction of the township board, or which are not assigned to some other official.



Lousy holiday

Police responded to an incident in Clintonwood Park July 4 during the Independence Day festivities. An intoxicated man punched out the window in his car to get at his girlfriend, who had apparently locked herself inside in an effort to keep the man away. The woman's teenage son attempted to pull the man off his mother after she was dragged from the car, and a bystander intervened to help. The boy's 6-year-old brother also witnessed the scene.

Ping-pong pain

Deputies were dispatched to Crittenton Hospital in Rochester on July 5 for an assault and battery after a 19-year-old Independence Township man said he was playing ping-pong with an unknown party-goer when the other individual, who was intoxicated, accused him of cheating and hit him in the head. At the hospital, the man, who police determined had not been drinking, told deputies he initially tried to laugh it off due to the other man's drunken state, but fell and cut his head when he was struck again. The injury required several stitches, but the man said he did not wish to press charges.

Underwear swiped

A 68-year-old Independence Township man living in the 5100 block of Sashabaw Road called police after a man friend dropped off an un-

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

known man and said he would be back, but did not return. The man allowed the stranger to spend the night because it was raining, but later discovered \$300 missing from his wallet, as well as a \$40 Zippo lighter and eight pairs of underwear. The officer told the man he would file a larceny report, but advised him not to allow strangers to stay in his home.

A Jonas jam

Deputies called the parents of a 14-year-old Canton girl and a 13-year-old Plymouth Township girl Sun., July 6, after the pair, in order to get into the Jonas Brother's concert at DTE, allegedly concocted a story about a purse snatcher who ran off with their tickets Police called the fabricated story "convoluted and contradictory."

What a drip

Employees at a grocery store on Dixie Highway called police Mon., July 7 after a 68-year-old Independence Township man—wearing a plastic shower cap while black hair dye dripped down his face—began making inappropriate comments to a cashier. Employees said the man

was slurring his words, and seemed intoxicated. The man was warned to stay away from the store or be arrested for trespassing.

Quick crooks

On Mon., July 7, a 33-year-old man living in the 7000 block of Deerhill drive reported he put two laptop computers in his car around 7 a.m., went back into the house a short time before leaving for work, but when he got to work discovered the computers were gone.

Smashed glass for gas

A 71-year-old man living in the 7600 block of Rattalee Lake Road called police Sun., July 6 after discovering someone smashed out a window in his attached garage and stole a half-full five-gallon gas can from inside.

Paddleboat pilfered

A 37-year-old woman living in the 5300 block of Parview called police after discovering someone stole her paddleboat from her yard. The woman said she went looking around the lake, but was unable to spot the missing paddleboat.

Nancy Crossley, M.D.

Fists and frying pans

Police were investigating a possible case of domestic assault Mon., July 7 after a woman called to report her husband had punched her in the face. The woman said the man had gone to bed after drinking all day, but got up after to yell at the children when the television was too loud. The woman said her husband punched her after she pushed him away as he was yelling in her face. She then smacked her husband with a fry pan from the sink. The investigation was open, pending an interview with the man, who was not home when the report was taken.

More violence

A 39-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed July 10 after a fight with his wife. The man's wife, who had red marks on her neck, said her husband pushed her down on the couch, put her in a headlock and punched her twice in the head. Because it occurred in front of the couple's two children, a report was sent to the Family Independence Agency.

Unholy hijinks

Police responded to a call after someone again broke a window on the south side of Resurrection Church on Clarkston Road. Responding deputies said it appeared a rock, which was found inside along with broken glass, was launched from a slingshot or some other device. Employees say the incident is the second of its kind within the month.

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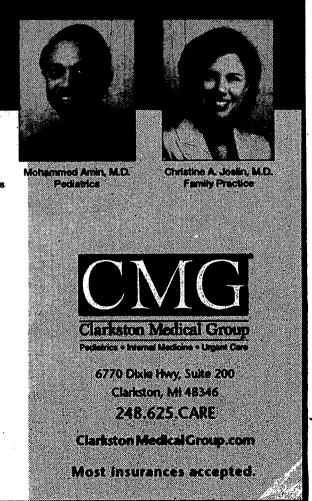
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We really want to thank you..?

Dies Mr. Rush, my husband & I just finished the freeze of the first of t Clarkston News. We decided that it was five of great and news. Are all the fleff We really want to Thank you for the improvements we Name seem in the last 6 months serve our previous contects with on out the paper. " We now took forward to tracing the paper, we are expensely toppy with the love newspieter, The for we need to know a seldon't me the Franchise as on TV. James M "Clarkston News our local paper

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Health care questions already answered

Dear Editor.

I am writing to you to restate my position regarding personal health care benefits obtained through the

township. I have paid for all of them.

The supervisors' backers, Mike Clark and Rudy Lozano for well over a year have abused their speaking privilege in nearly all Public Comments opportunities during our Township Board meetings. They have implied some wrongdoing on my part and on the part of other board members allied with me. It has been an orchestrated effort to damage me personally and our campaign to defeat he supervisor in the Aug. 5 primary elections.

The Township Board directed our attorney to investigate many months ago and he responded that there was no wrongdoing on my part. In fact, the supervisor also took advantage of the same heath care coverage. Asked and answered.

The public should be made aware of my long held philosophy that part-time trustees do this work as a community service component of their good citizenship.

Trustees do not receive health care benefits paid for by the township.

Indeed, in the years prior to my seeking office, parttime trustees did receive township paid benefits for health care and were enrolled in a pension fund.

In point of fact, Rudy Lozano as a trustee was himself a beneficiary of these programs. This was a major campaign issue for me in 1980 and 1984. I believed these were totally inappropriate "pecks?" for part-time elected officials to receive.

During my second term, I was able to gain enough support from the Township Board to end these programs. On my motion, the 5-2 vote ended these egregious perks for part-time trustees.

Asked and answered.

Dan Travis Independence Township trustee

Thanks for help with CAYA fundraiser

Dear Editor.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance would like to thank all those who participated in the 15th Annual Golf Outing at Springfield Oaks Golf Course on June 13.

The following Sponsors, Prize Contributors, and Volunteers helped to make this fundraiser a huge success. On behalf of the Clarkston area families we serve, we thank

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Clarkston Area Youth Assistance

dorsements worthless without inquiry

Dear Editor.

Endorsements are potentially important in judicial and other elections, as supposedly influential and unbiased quasi-public organizations will hopefully lend their considered, and researched opinions in the form of an "endorsement of approval" in order to influence the voting public as to their candidate of choice in any particular election based, hopefully, upon their evaluation of all the candidates in the race

While this submission is not directed at my incumbent opponent, she is claiming the following endorsements in her campaign: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Command Officers Association; Police Officers Association of Michigan; and Michigan State Police, Troopers' Association - Groveland Team.

I was not contacted by any of them.

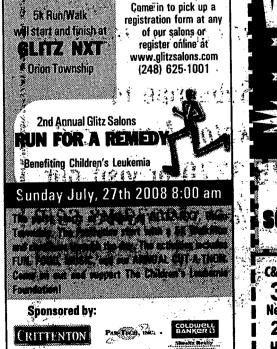
It appears that what we have here are at least three

potentially influential organizations who have decided to lend the credibility of their membership to an incumbent candidate, without even considering the existence, comparative integrity, quality, experience, or competence of the three other qualified candidates in the race.

So what are these quasi-public endorsements worth? In my opinion...little to nothing. They are apparently without any form of inquiry as to the candidates and the real issues and any real due diligence is conspicuous in its absence, but I'm sure you will decide for yourself on Aug. 5.

This is an extremely important race for the citizens of the 52-2 District, Clarkston and surrounding townships, and I encourage you to be fully informed as to who you want judging you, your family, your business, and your friends for the next six years.

Mark W. Lvon Independence Township



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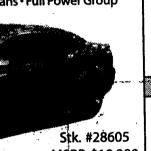
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Manager best idea for future

Dear Editor

As much as Dr. O'Neill has done for our community, he is wrong about our local election this time ("Reasons against manager idea," July 9).

First, the current supervisor has not given us surpluses in our budget. Moreover, we should not have surpluses. We should either spend the money or lower taxes.

We now accrued a massive slush fund of \$5,000,000, an amount that far exceeds what the Michigan Township Association recommends.

Spend it or return it.

Currently, a majority of the board has decided to hoard this money with a vague designation of future possible capital improvements. Be wary of politicians with excess cash.

Furthermore, Dr. O'Neill is wrong about the very real value of obtaining the assistance of a professional municipal administrator for day-to-day operations.

Until recently, we had a deputy supervisor, so the administrator would not even add one person to the board.

In addition, this administrator will actually cost us less because of the reduction in compensation pledged by candidates Dan Travis, Shelagh VanderVeen, and Jeff McGee. Finally, the efficiencies of having a professional on board will save us money in the long term as well.

In another letter ("Township doesn't need 'czar,' July 9), Mr. Neumark suggests that this current board has not allowed any major developments. However, the McLaren

project is more than twice the size of the big-box proposal that was defeated because of citizen pressure, not the current township board. Development, big and little, continues rapidly throughout the township.

The proposed administrator will not be the czar, as Mr. Neumark suggests, but will give the citizens of Independence Township a professional township administrator specifically educated and trained in municipal management.

As an employee of the township, the administrator will report to the Township Board and therefore indirectly to the voters, or be removed from his position.

As the township grows it is only in our best interest to have a professional consultant to advise the Township Board in these increasingly complex matters. Just as many people have financial advisors to assist them in personal financial matters, The township needs to seek similar assistance.

Independence Township can no longer afford to be run by those who don't have the proper level of municipal expertise. Our community has grown to the point where we must accept this next level of professional support.

The township must continue to look toward and embrace its future. A vote for Dan Travis, Shelegh VanderVeen, Jeff McGee, Bart Clark, David Lohmeier and Neil Wallace is what is best for our community's future.

Sincerely

James Williamson Independence Township

Manager makes sense for township

Dear Editor,

After over 30 years in Clarkston, I finally feel prompted to express an opinion other than to thank the community for supporting one of our Rotary projects.

Every election year, the Independence Township electors have a choice of several good, qualified candidates for local political office. This year is no different. I am acquainted with all of the township candidates, many of whom are good friends. I admire their willingness to put up with the expense, aggravation and sometimes some political criticism. It is always a difficult choice for me.

However, we have a new twist this year. Six candidates calling themselves the slate" are collectively running for all of the township offices: supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees. They have joined together with a dedication to bring professional management to the township and downsize some of the elected

ositions.

The township is a \$27,000,000 enterprise and professional management makes a lot of sense. I am definitely for anything that will give the residents more in the way of services for the same or less tax cost.

There are several other qualified candidates running as individuals. I'm sure they are capable of doing a good job. However, to bring about changes that will result in good professional management for the township, we need a team of elected officials who are dedicated to make this happen.

I am supporting Dan Travis, Shelagh Vander Veen, Jeff McGee, Bart Clark, David Lohmeier, and Neil Wallage:

Lhope the township electors will give them their consideration and strong endorsement

Sincerely,

Mike Spillum Independence Township

Businesses join forces to renovate downtown 'hamlet'

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Last week, the firm facilitated a meeting for business and property owners to begin looking sharing ideas for what they need and want.

Once information gathered at last week's meeting is assimilated and a vision created, Carlisle said, the firm will embark on a second step to help develop the organization and commitment to implement ideas.

"The harder part will be to solve the disagreements over parking and other issues," he said. "But we'll get there, that's what we do."

Disagreements, indeed. Although many business and property owners hesitate to talk about the issues in depth or on the record, it was clear a long history of dispute and hard feelings hang in the air over Broadway.

Still, a number of new and unique businesses—including an organic coffee and tea house, a new yoga studio and the Healing Center, where a number of practitioners offer varying modalities to soothe the mind, body and spirit—recently arrived in the hamlet, most built on the momentum of Sweet Grass, a metaphysical shop also offering classes, workshops and entertainment.

Autumn Anderson of Widdershins, where customers can create blends from hundreds of essential and fragrant oils, said she came away from last week's meeting feeling hopeful about getting some help from the township.

"The place looks drab, it needs to be freshened up," Anderson said, noting new awnings and a few potted plants could go a long way.

But drabness is just the beginning. Many business owners would like to see a sewer system, new lighting, replacement of broken sidewalks and a solution to a parking problem that causes more than just a lack of places for people to leave their cars.

On more than one occasion, a customer has returned to Anderson's store with a note that was left on his or her windshield.

"Thank you for you inconsideration in parking," read one, written on a 3x5 card. "We will do the same for you at your business."

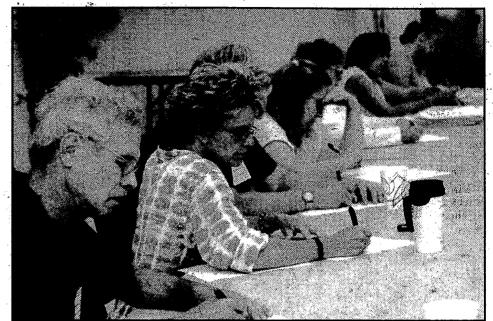
Anderson said she was embarrassed, apologized and gave the woman some free merchandise.

"What else could I do?" she said. "That customer spent a long time in here, spent a lot of money, then came back with this note and said 'Uh, this doesn't exactly make me want to come back to your town."

The complaining from other businesses grew even louder when Anderson brought in a psychic reader and attracted a much larger crowd than she'd anticipated.

She doesn't get it.

"Why would you be mad about a hundred people coming into town?" she wonders. "It's



At last week's meeting, John Steckling, a township planning commissioner, and Bobbi Friday, founder of the Healing Center, joined others jotting ideas for Davisburg's future. *Photo by Laura Colvin*

a hundred people who might stop at your party store, or a hundred people who might decide 'hey, this is a nice place' and maybe want to buy some real estate."

But Anderson refuses to be discouraged.

She's excited about a concert series she recently started, has made friends with many of the other business owners in town, and says she's just ignoring the others and having fun.

"We are an artistic community ready to pop," she said. "There's such good energy here. I'm just going to run over all the negativity."

Sweet Grass owner Cheryl Deane said she was hopeful after the meeting, but felt discouraged the following day after a second meeting, scheduled on the initiative of business owners—took a turn for the negative.

Deane said she's getting used to hearing it.

"There's one group of people who says 'OK, everyone, let's come together,' and another group that says, 'well, this is the way it's always been done," she said. "Change is not their thing. We just keep hearing 'can't, won't, can't won't, and 'this will never happen."

Like Anderson, though, Deane said she re-

fuses to be discouraged.

"We're better off going forward on our own, and I hope as it starts to grow, the others might see that this is a good thing for Davisburg and want to get on board,," she said. "I'm definitely open to keep working with them,, and with the township, but in the meantime I'm forging my own way and making things happen."

But in the other camp, just down the street at the Candle Factory, co-owner Melissa Beznitz said she knows how the newer people feel.

"They have the same attitude I had when we first got here," she said, noting she and her mother and sister opened the business about 8 years ago. "I've just been so disappointed and discouraged over the years."

Why? Come back next week as The Clarkston News continues its look at downtown Davisburg. We'll tell you what other business owners are saying, look at some ongoing problems, and explain what the township can—and can't—do about providing assistance with everything from sidewalks to sewers.



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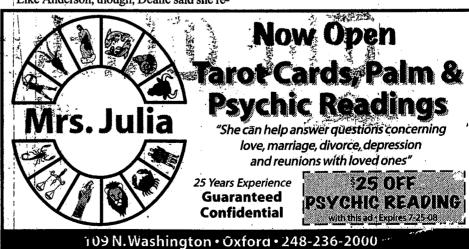
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Clarkston grad Brelinski named All American

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston graduate David Brelinski is being paid for all of his hard work - he was named All American and has received a scholarship to attend Western Michigan Univer-

Brelinski ended his second season at Kalamazoo Valley Community College with All American honors.

He is one of 12 players chosen for the National Junior College Athletic Association All American first team.

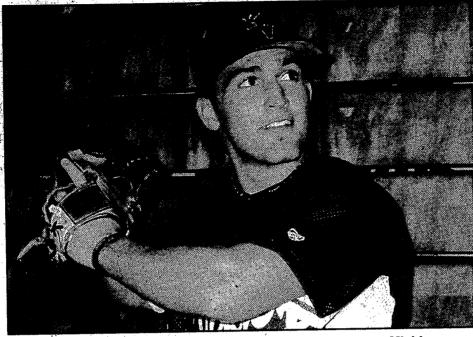
"It feels pretty good," said Brelinski. "It. was surprising.'

"It's a great testament to how hard he has been playing," said step-dad, Keith Bohmen "He deserves it."

As the Cougars' leadoff hitter, he hit two home runs, four triples, and 14 doubles. He had 33 RBIs and 10 stolen bases in this season and he set the school record for batting .479 with 70 hits.

He was also named Most Valuable Player, All Midwest Collegiate Athletic Association First team, MCAA All Region XII First Team, Region XII Player of the Year, Michigan Community College Athletic Association Player of the Year, and NJCAA All American First

Brelinski will travel ten minutes away from



Clarkston grrad David Brelinski won a scholarship to Western Michigan.

Kalamazoo Valley to attend Western in the

Western had seen Brelinski at a few baseball camps and came to his summer games while he was playing on the Michigan Wildcats travel team.

They offered him a scholarship and he signed with them before his spring season began at Kalamazoo Valley.

"I am very proud of him," said Clarkston Varsity Baseball Coach Phil Price. "He is a great example and role model for the kids. He

didn't land where wanted. He worked really hard to get a scholarship to Western."

His main focus will be education with a minor in health education. He plans to teach physical education and be a coach.

"It's nice to continue playing baseball and have my education paid for," he said.

When he graduated from Clarkston in 2006, he chose to attend Kalamazoo Valley because he liked their program.

"Don't ever give up," Brelinski advises other athletes. "There's always options. Things will work out."

Brelinski joined the varsity team in his junior year after playing on the JV team for two

"He was dominant," said Price. "He was an outstanding hitting, hit the ball out, and played all of the positions."

He was on varsity for his junior and senior year and on the JV team for his first two years of high school

Brelinski began playing baseball when he was eight. He played for the Clarkston Riverdawgs until he turned 14.

He played for Michigan Wildcats until last summer.

He is currently on the Michigan Monarchs team in the Livonia Collegiate league.

It was a good fit until could figure stuff out for a higher education," he said.

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Leading the American Legion

Chief Pontiac continues to reign over their league

The American Legion Post 377 19 travel team has won six out of the eight games they played in the last two weeks.

They began last week splitting a double header against Troy's Charles Edward Post 14 on Wednesday.

Troy's pitchers Eric Cotton and Chris Gebara limited Chief Pontiac to five hits.

A shaky defense allowed Troy to score four runs in the third inning, and put them into the lead where they remained in control and won, 8-6.

Chief Pontiac came back in the second game and won in five innings, 16-6.

Zachary Kotz gave up three hits and a walk in the third inning to permit Troy to score four runs.

Chief Pontiac took advantage of Troy's pitching and fielding errors to score 16 runs on 12 hits.

Steven Bazner produced four RBIs on three hits.

The boys continued on Friday and faced their strongest competition in their District 18 league, the Auburn Hills Bombers from American Legion Post 143.

Fans witnessed the battle of the pitchers, Joel Lange of Chief Pontiac and Caleb Tifft of the Bombers both struck out five, keeping the scoreboard tied at zero for the first three

Steven Bazner walked up to the plate at the bottom of the fourth inning and hit a triple to the fence.

Drew Howard brought Bazner home and put Chief Pontiac on the board for one run.

Joey Preston worked a full count until he was walked.

With one hitter on a base, Nick Shamoun hit a double and brought Preston home for the second run of the game.

Lange gave up a hit to Cory Colucci in the top of the fifth

Clayton Coleman then hit a triple and had one RBI to score Auburn Hill's only run.

Chief Pontiac won, 2-1.

Sunday afternoon the Chief Pontiac team held a Sponsor Appreciation day and hosted a double-header against Livonia Post 32.

They won the first game in five innings, 13-3. Joel Lange was the winning pitcher during the game and struck out seven

Nick Shamoun and Drew Howard both racked up three RBIs each with Howard scoring three times and Shamoun

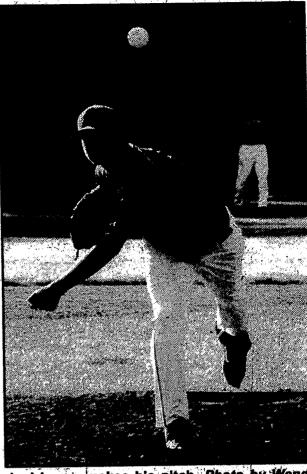
They lost the second game to Livonia, 9-8.

Before the fourth of July holiday, Chief Pontiac beat Clarkston (14-3) and Waterford (7-5).

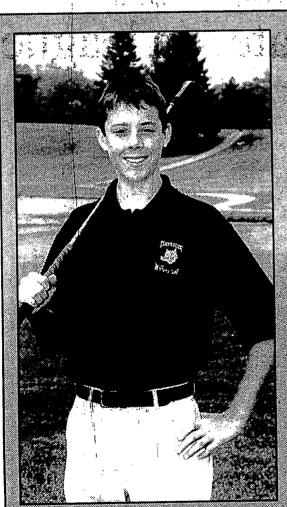
Chief Pontiac is currently first in their league with a 15-2 record.

Chief Pontiac's home games are played at the Shufer Burns Memorial Field at the Chief Pontiac American Legion Post 377 at the south end of Mary Sue in Clarkston

Wendi Reardon



Joel Lange makes his pitch. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Athlete of the Week

Cowan breaks tie to take third

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Nathan Cowan took third place at the Oakland County Parks Annual Junior Golf Tournament at Springfield Oaks on June 19.

He was tied for third place with two other golfers from the boys 15-16 group.

The boys were taken back to the tenth hole were a shootout would determine a winner.

Cowan won the shootout on the first hole and ended the tournament with a par 85.

"He was very excited," said dad, John Cowan. "He felt good he dealt with the pressure.

He followed the victory by working as a Standard Bearer at the Buick Open at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand

From June 23-29, he followed a different group each day and carried a sign on a post that listed the players in the group, the players' current score in relation to par on both sides of the sign.

nity to meet Fredrick Jacobson. He works at Warwick Hills during the

summer as a caddy.

During the event he had the opportu-

The two golf courses he normally practices at are Warwick Hills and his home golf course, Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club. Nathan began playing golf when he

was 7 years old. John said he exposed Nathan and his

older brother, Nicholas, to different sports as they were growing up.

"It ended up golf was Nathan's pas-sion, like baseball was for his brother."

Nathan took lessons at Treetops Resore in Gaylord while Nicholas, John, and his mom. April visited their cottage up

Four years ago, he began taking lessons under the wing of five time long drive champion Evan "Big Cat" Williams and Mulligan's Golf Center in Auburn Hills

Then, he started playing golf on the Meijers Junior Players Tour.

Nathan wrapped up his ninth grade year on Clarkston High School's fresh-

He is looking forward to play on the team next spring," said John

Nathan plans to continue playing golf.



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Riverdawgs signing up for 2009 team

Clarkston's Youth Baseball Organization will be conducting tryouts for the 2009 travel baseball season.

Tryouts for Clarkston's travel teams will be held at Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Indépendence Township.

Clarkston Riverdawgs travel baseball teams are members of the North Oakland Baseball Federation.

Tryouts, open to boys 16 and under as of April 30, 2009, will be Saturday, Aug. 9 and 23. Boys 9-12 years old try out from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Boys 13-16 try out, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For more information, check www.clarkstonriverdawgs.org.

Golf fundraiser for football, Aug. 15

A golf outing for Clarkston High School's football program is Aug. 15 at at Pine Knob Golf Course.

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.

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.

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In front from right, Jacob LaPorte, Steven Scott, Joey Chrabot, Jeff Olmack, Ryan Slaughter, and Zachery Nantau, Back row from right, Coach Bob Slaughter, Coach Bill Chrabot, Jordan Cox, Chris Dickey, Brad Cornell, Dylan Peck, Coach Jeff Harvey, Adam Liddicoat, Brendon Ayres, and Head Coach John Nantau. *Photo provided*

RiverDawgs undefeated in league

The 13U Clarkston Riverdawgs travel baseball team achieved two feats on Sunday.

They completed a 20-0 undefeated season after beating the Troy Warriors, 19-0.

They also became the first Riverdawgs team in any age group to ever accomplish that within a North Oakland Baseball Federation season.

"These boys have been together for three years now, it started with our win in the Clarkston Classic in April and although I thought we had a pretty good team, to win all of our

games this year in the NOBF has even exceeded my expectations," said Head Coach John Nantau.

Led by co-captains Dylan Peck and Brad Cornell, the team started the season in January and will play upwards of 60 games this year, which included tournament games as well as league play.

"I can't say enough about the work ethic on this team, these boys love baseball and that is the way they play, game in and game out." said Coach Nantau.

The Dawgs have qualified for the state tournament in Brighton from July 23-26.

If they win the tournament they would be eligible for the American Amateur Baseball Conference World Series in Baltle Creek the week of August 3.

The Riverdawgs are Glarkston's elite travel baseball organization and the NOBF is comprised of teams from around the Northern Oakland County area. For more information about the Riverdawgs, visit www.clarkstonriverdawgs.org.



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iquid Lightning shine in first trip out-of-state

BY COLIN BAUMGARTNER

Review Editor

Members of the Lake Orion Liquid Lightning Swim Club went on their longest trip as a team last month, when the squad traveled to the Busbey meet in Cleveland, Ohio, June 20-22.

"This was the first time that the club had traveled out of state as a team," said Coach Tom Arusoo. "Competition was strong with swimmers coming from Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan for the heats and finals meet."

Ten swimmers represented LOLL and the team placed sixth in the point standing out of 45 clubs, according to Arusoo.

Making finals and scoring points included Logan Belt (10), Devon Nowicki (10), Haley Kornburger (11), Kevin Reale (11), Courtney McClear (12), Jared Goestenkors (12), Drew Fritsch (14) and Ashley Corriveau

Winners included Jared Goestenkors in the 200-meter breaststroke for 11-12 boys, Ashley Corriveau winning the women's open 50-meter freestyle and Devon Nowicki, who won eight of his nine events, as well as the high point trophy for boys 10 & under.

Arusoo said the entire trip was "an excellent experience" for the club.

Meanwhile, back in Michigan, the summer season has been very busy with big meets yet to come, including the league meet at Romeo on July 10, sectionals at Bloomington, Indiana, July 16-20, State Championships in Grand Rapids, July 30 through Aug. 3, Junior Nationals in Minneapolis, Aug. 6-9, and Mega Zone Championships in Indianapolis, Aug. 6-10.

Arusoo said swimmers can join the club at any time with the fall session beginning the day after Labor Day, Tuesday Sept. 2.

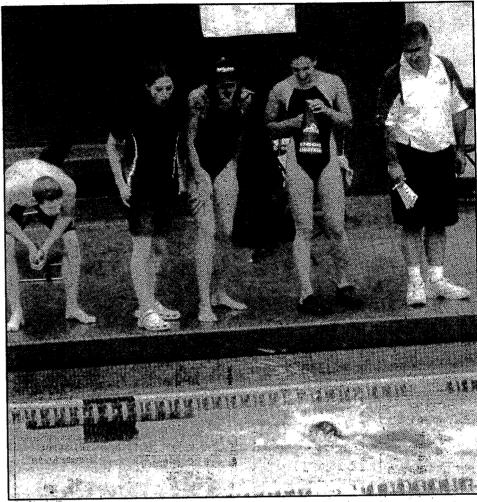
More information is available on the club's web site at www.liquidlightning.org.

Photos by Lori Nowicki



Devon Nowicki wins the 100 breast-stroke, one of his eight first places finishes, helping him become high point champion for the 10 & under boys.





Teammates cheer on Drew Fritsch in his 400 freestyle race. Cheering from left to right are Jared Goestenkors, Kristen Finney, Courtney McClear, Ashley Corriveau and Coach Tom Arusoo.

For more about the team, visit www.liquidlightning.org.



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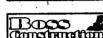
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Survey

A recent report proves Clarkston residents want the city to retain its own fulltime police department.

So says the Clarkston Police Service Committee, who last month released certified results of an independent audit conducted by Intellitrends, a local marketing firm.

The audit was commissioned after the committee's 2007 findings, along with the city council's subsequent decision to maintain the police department, were called into question with suggestions of again looking to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for midnight policing.

The audit, completed in May 2008 and presented to the city council in June, looked at the survey sent to city home and business owners in 2007.

According an overview presented with the audit, each question was reviewed, and the survey appeared to be without "any bias in question structure that would confuse or lead respondents to answer a specific way."

In addition, all responses were reviewed, computer input, re-verified, tabulated and analyzed. Intellitrends was not provided with background information regarding objectives, purpose or potential outcomes or the survey.

"This should answer any doubts about what Clarkston citizens, who responded to the police committee's survey, wanted as Police services and by whom," said Tom Stone, a member of the police committee in a recent letter to The Clarkston News.

According to the audit, about 60 percent of respondents preferred an independent, fulltime Clarkston Police Department.

A copy of the report may be obtained from the city office at 375 Depot Road. Call 248-625-1559 for more information. -Laura Colvin



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More letters to the editor...

Moreau qualified for job

With the retirement of four-term Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole, Springfield voters will elect a new clerk from five candidates at the upcoming Tuesday, Aug. 5,

As a Springfield Township resident, I know how tirelessly Nancy worked to protect our irreplaceable green spaces, focus development in appropriate areas, and just as important, provide efficient and responsive public services. Now more than ever, the township needs qualified people with the character and determination to stay the course during these challenging economic times.

That's why I believe Springfield Township

should elect Republican Laura Moreau for Township Clerk on August 5th.

Laura is currently serving on the Springfield Township Planning Commission. She has a solid resume, from her education to her history of active neighborhood and community service. She is, in my opinion, the most qualified candidate to represent our community in this important office.

Remember, Aug. 5 IS the election. The number one vote getter will run unopposed in the November general election. Laura is the only candidate to receive the endorsement of Nancy Strole to succeed her as clerk.

Neil Willson Springfield Township

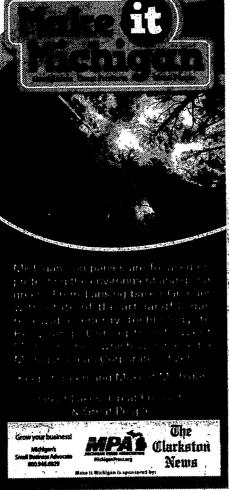
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Facts don't support manager

As a current member of the Independence Township Board of Trustees, I thought it appropriate to share my views on the issue of a township manager which I oppose in the form suggested by a group of candidates.

The concept was first posed to the Township Board some two years ago by Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, and supported by Trustee Dan Travis, who are now current proponents of the plan and members of the "slate" trying to get elected on this single

The plan appeared to be designed to force this change upon the people of the community by a mere vote of the board, as if it were just another routine agenda item. I vehemently opposed this end run, arguing that a change this significant to our form of government needed to be voted on by the people at a general election. As I investigated the plan (or lack thereof), it became apparent that the idea was wholly deficient in many respects and that the cost savings were illusory.

We were told that Delta Township was the model for a "manager", a community with 6,000 less residents than Independence Township. But when I investigated the alleged "cost savings", I was amazed to find that rather than saving money as claimed by Vanderveen, Delta was spending \$350,000/ year more on its "manager" than our Township did merely on its supervisor as Delta still has a full time clerk and treasurer along with the manager.

Following the publishing of the Oakland Press's editorial article confirming the lack of any meaningful plan, Vanderveen and Travis dropped the idea since it became clear that other members of the board were no longer

going to support such an idea.

Now it's back, and nothing has changed. except of course the wild charges that the sky is falling, township employees are unresponsive, and only through hiring a manager can we handle the complexities of modern government, all of which is untrue which is confirmed by the many accomplishments of the Wagner administration over the past four years, including increasing budget surpluses, building of a senior center without the need for a millage, and others.

Still, after two years, no facts have been brought forward to support the exaggerated and unfounded claims of saving money which reminds me of a saving that my father used to say that "when government says its going to save you money, watch your wallet."

As your current township trustee, I say this, the people of our community need to have the flexibility and dependability of three full-time administrators that are beholden to the voters and that can be voted out of office if they are not responsive to the community.

We should all expect to be able to visit the Township offices during business hours and meet our elected officials and not be told they are out selling real estate, golfing, or working their real job.

Inherent changes to government should only be accomplished by a vote of the people in a general election so as to assure the community that as a whole it is agreeable. For these reasons, I oppose the idea of a township manager as contemplated by the "slate" and I urge the voters of the community to vote against those candidates who support it.

> Charles Dunn Independence Township Trustee







Jessika and Kathryn Genoa, a Clarkston High School senior, head off to play a game after getting some cotton candy. *Photos by Laura Colvin*

Clarkston goes SCAMPing

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sticky sno-cones and cotton candy made a fun day even better Wednesday as hundreds of young people converged on the lawn at Clarkston Junior High for SCAMP's annual VIP and Carnival Day.

Every year, the event gives supporters an opportunity to see the program in full swing and look into the faces of the children it serves and also gives the kids a fun day of games, prizes and goodies.

"It was a wonderful day," said Donna Clancy, SCAMP's executive director of fundraising. "It's always nice to get people out to see this wonderful program that exists in our community."

SCAMP is a six-week summer offering young people with special needs an opportunity to make music and art, play games, practice motor skills, swim, fish and go on field trips.

It's a three-day-per-week experience, say SCAMP facilitators, the children would not otherwise have.

This year, SCAMPers got a special treat at Carnival Day when Dan Dickerson, voice of the Detroit Tigers, stopped by for a visit and stuck around to play a few games with the kids.

"The immediate thing you're struck by is all the volunteers," said

Dickerson, who makes his home in Independence Township with wife Lori Anne and their children Rachel and Justin. "It really makes you feel good about the community we live in."

Dickerson played a few rounds of musical chairs with SCAMPers, and also tried his arm at the soccer ball toss.

"I got one in," he laughs. "It's supposed to be my specialty, so I must be having an off day."

Dickerson said it was his first time visiting SCAMP.

"I've heard about it and knew about it, but to see it first hand has been a lot of fun," he said. "I was happy to come out and support them."

Clancy said many, like Dickerson,, unfailingly contribute to the organization through donations and fundraising events each year, but many have never seen how SCAMP comes to life when the kids arrive each summer.

And, she noted, some don't realize the benefits of SCAMP have a far-reaching effect into the lives of mainstream kids, too.

Kathryn Genoa, a Clarkston High School senior, works at SCAMP every summer.

It's a good experience for me," she said, helping her SCAMPer, Jessika, guess at how many tiny soccer balls were in a big jar. "It's a really good camp for the kids. It opens your eyes to things other people have to put up with every day."

But at CJHS last week, it was all about the fun.

"We've go a lot of happy SCAMPers who are super excited," said Danielle Melcher, assistant SCAMP director, who worked hard to keep up with the crowd at the snocone station she helped man.

"We're happy to see so many people coming out to see us and having fun."

SCAMP's other assistant director, Matt Gifford, agreed.

"It's been a great, great day," he said. "Last year it poured rain, but the whether is beautiful today."

Gifford also pointed out a big inflatable bounce house purchased for SCAMP with money raised by fourth-graders at Andersonville Elementary.

"We've been renting that kind of air equipment when we want to use it," he said. "This will save us a lot of money, plus we can pull it out anytime, like when it rains and the kids can't go outside.

The fourth-graders, he said, sold bagels and had other fundraisers and ultimately collected over \$2,000 for the thing.

"We're so grateful," he said.
"And so happy to have it."



Dan Dickerson, voice of the Detroit Tigers, center, tried his luck at a game of musical chairs.



Hannah gets a face painting from Katle Hynan, a member of the Notre Dame girl's soccer team, who came out to volunteer.



Nathan Yeloushan, a volunteer from CJH, sets up the pins as Jake shares a high-five with Jared Lawrence, a CHS senior.

Puppy Poll

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Best fun for dog days of summer?



"It's fun to meet other dogs and their people. I'm an ambassador of good will." -Coal Carolin



"Well, I like to chase rabbits. Can't figure out why they stop when I get 'em cornered, so I bark and hope they start running so I can chase again."

-Reginald VanBassett



Ohl I do tricks: I jump through boops, dance like a ballerina—anything that makes me the center of attention." "Sugar Smith



"Sleeping on pillows is the perfect way to spend my day."

-Sangria Jarosz *By Laura Colvin*

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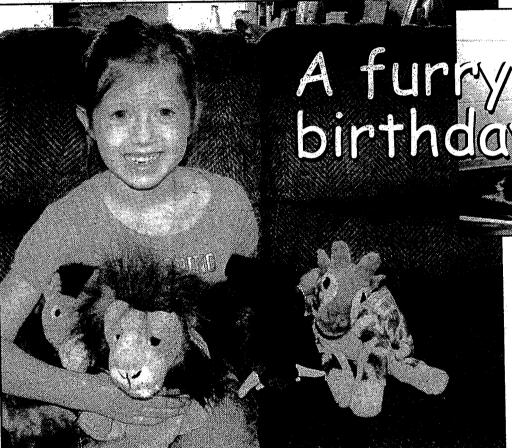
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Elizabeth Scheil earned these stuffed animals for "adopting" their larger, real-life counterparts at the Detroit Zoo. Photo by Phil Custodio

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

When Elizabeth Scheil turned 7, she had an idea for her birthday present.

She asked for money, but not for herself—she used it to "adopt" animals at the Detroit Zoo.

"It's a nice thing to do," she said. "I really like the animals."

She took her parents, Carol and Paul Scheil of Independence Township, and her brother and sister, Josh and Alison, to the

zoo for a tour.

"It's the best present anyone could have given her," Carol said. "We're very proud of her."

The zoo offers an adopt-an-animal program for children and community groups - participant receive plush versions of their adopted animal, information sheets, and other benefits.

She has some pets of her own – three fish, a shrimp, and a snail. Her adopted animals are bigger: a warthog named Rebecca, Jock

Scheil, volunteering at a local animal shelter, gives a grateful cat a good brushing.

the hippopotamus, Ajax the giraffe – "he's the tallest giraffe," Elizabeth said – a wild horse called Pez, after Przewalski's horse, and a lion named Percival.

"We call him Percy," Elizabeth said.

Elizabeth received \$260 for her birthday, and donated all of it to the zoo.

During their June 23 visit, zoo officials welcomed the family and took them on a personally guided tour.

"I walked with Helen – she works at the zoo," Elizabeth said.

"She walked with her hand-in-hand, all over the zoo - she didn't have to do that," Carol said.

The family has zoo membership.

"We go to it a lot, several times a year," Carol said.

The Bailey Lake Elementary second grader, and her siblings, also volunteers at a local animal shelter.

"We walk the doggies and we hold the kitties," Elizabeth said.

"It keeps the animals socialized," Carol said. "Sometimes at night, she can't sleep because she can't decide what she wants to do to help animals when she's older."



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

Playing Mantids Storytime, for ages 2-3 years, 10:30 a.m.; for ages 4-6 years, 11:15 a.m., July 17, 24. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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

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

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

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

Around Town



Eva Bousho and a tarantula check each other out at the Independence Township Library's Young Entomologist Society: Bugs on Wheels demonstration, July 7.

Sizing each other up

Independence Township Library hosts Bug Mania, 7-8 p.m., Mondays throughout summer.

Jason Hurdy's Reading is Magic Show

Concerts in the Park, 50s-60s group Legend The Band, 7-9 p.m., July 25, Depot Park, downtown Clarkston. 248-625-8055.

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

All-Day Book Fair, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., July 31; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 1, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Buy one, get one free. 248-846-6550.

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

is set for July 21. On July 28 will be Go Buggy at the Library.

Programs are free and for all ages. Check www.indelib.org for more information.

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

Gods and Goddesses Toga Party, 6 p.m.-3 a.m., Aug. 2, Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. With toga, \$5/women, \$10/men; without toga, \$30. 21 and older.

Family Fun Night at Deer Lake Beach, Olympic style games and activities. Aug. 13. \$11/family. Free/swim lesson students. 248-625-8223.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

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

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

Spanish Lessons, beginners, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, 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.

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.

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Glitz "princesses" will arrive at the July 27 fundraiser in proper princess form: by horse and carriage. *Photo provided.*

Be their guests at Cut-A-Thon

Glitz Salon of Clarkston is preparing its biggest fundraiser of the year, its Cut-a-Thon to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation.

"We'll bring in the whole team, 100 stylists, about 200 volunteers," said owner Cherie Barnett. "One hundred percent of proceeds will be donated to the foundation."

The July 27 fundraiser, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., will include circus activities, live music, silent auction, inflatable games, car show, massages by Belle Visage, face painting, crafts, raffles, hot dogs, cotton candy, 5K run, superheroes, and princesses, in addition to hair cuts, Barnett said.

"This is a really great event – it's big," she said. "It gets bigger and bigger every vear."

Princesses will arrive by horse and carriage. The heroes, hopefully, by helicopter, she said.

"Children will get to meet them and get their photos taken with them," she said. "They're an enormous draw, quite amazing, spectacular."

Items donated for the auction include \$2,000 wedding gown; float plane rides, golf packages, antiques, sports memorabilia, and signed autographs, she said.

"Tons of stuff. We have some amazing donations for the auction," she said.

The salon hosts activities in conjunction with Disney, and sponsors activities throughout the year, including Independence Township Fourth of July fireworks. The cut-a-thon is its main event, raising Raises \$30,000-\$40,000 for the foundation, she said.

"We do things throughout the year, but this is our big one," she said. "We give it all that day."

Barnett started the Cut-A-Thon concept 19 years ago in Clarkston, when a young client she knew well, Mike Quinn of Lake Orion, was diagnosed with leukemia.

The concept resumed seven years ago after the Glitz staff was deeply touched by a Make-A-Wish makeover request from a girl named Stephanie.

"It's a very emotional, yet very positive day," Barnett said.

The fundraiser will be at Glitz NXP, 4868 S. Baldwin Road.

"We need a big parking lot," Barnett said.

For more information, check Glitzsalons.com.

- Phil Custodio

Weekly walks at Clintonwood Park

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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.

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Milestones

Our Lady of the Lakes High School students Karl Romkema and Taryn Stevens of Clarkston and Alexandra Olds of Davisburg, and Thomas More Academy student Christine Allen of Davisburg debated state issues, June 8-14, at Operation Bentley, Albion College.

The students spent the week learning about government operations, writing and seeking support for legislation they developed, and engaging in local and state government simulations.

Founded by Alvin M. Bentley, a four-term U.S. Con

Clarkston area students named to the Albion
College dean's list for the spring 2008 semester
include:

Robert Clark, junior majoring in English, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service and Law, Justice and Society. He is the son of Max and Harriet Clark of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Kevin Crofton graduated from Albion College in May, with a degree in economics and management and minoring in philosophy, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. He is the son of Derek and June Crofton of Spring, Texas, and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Richard Frenchi, junior majoring in biology. He is the son of Mark and Kathleen Frenchi of Clarkston and a graduate of Univ. of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Lauren Fuller will be a senior majoring in English with creative writing. She is the daughter of Bruce and Gayle Fuller of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Sarah Julian will be a senior majoring in German and speech communication. She is the daughter of William and Cynthia Julian of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

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

Colin Madole will be a senior majoring in economics and management and minoring in Statistics Minor. He is the son of John Madole of Clarkston and Delores A'Hearn of Waterford and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Jonathan Reynolds will be a junior majoring in philosophy and political science and minoring in religious studies. He is a graduate of Bay City Central High School.

Alexandra Snook will be a senior majoring in



Local students Karl Romkema, Taryn Stevens, Alexandra Olds, and Christine Allen learned about state government at Albion College.

psychology and minoring in English. She is the daughter of Earl and Barbara Snook of Clarkston and a graduate of Marian High School.

Hannah Trager will be a junior majoring in art history, She is the daughter of Aaron and Victoria Trager of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Cary Marie Hawthorne of Clarkston graduated, May 10, from Anderson University, Indiana

Andrew Parker was named to the Hillsdale College Dean's List for Spring semester.

Parker, son of Michael and Donna Parker of Clarkston, is a sophomore majoring in Economics. He is a 2007 graduate of St. Thomas More Academy in Burton.

Maureen Kuhta graduated Summa Cum Laude from DePaul University, Chicago, Ill., with a degree in Biological Sciences in the University Honors Program.

She received DePaul's Outstanding Senior Leader award. She was a member of the Women's Cross Country and Track and Field team for four years.

She set DePaul records in the indoor and outdoor 4x800m relay. She was named Big East academic all star in 2005, 06, 07 and 08.

Kuhta will be attending The School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall, where she is the recipient of the Dean's Scholarship Award. She is agraduate of Clarkston High School.

Michael Auchter and Joshua Cartwright were named to the Spring Quarter Dean's List at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Auchter, a junior studying computer engineering, is the son of Mark and Elaine Auchter of Clarkston.

Cartwright, son of Fred and Beth Kay Cartwright of Clarkston, is a senior, studying computer engineering.

Re-create yourself – go on vacation

Spiritual

Matters

up north" this summer.

There is really nothing to compare to summer in northern Michigan. Water and pines, cherries and parades, campgrounds and well-worn wooden cottages, rainy day trips to

town, and long sunny days on the boat with a campfire at the end of the day, all provide necessary diversion from our daily routine "down south".

A vacation to northern Michigan isn't like any other kind of vacation. On other vacations, those that involve air travel or are more exotic in their nature—the kind we take when we're freezing in February-it seems like more of our resources are depleted rather quickly. Money, energy, sleep, and time are gone before we know it, and Cheryl Smith sometimes it feels like we need to take a

vacation from our vacation! But that just isn't so when you're up north.

One of our family's up north diversions is putting together a puzzle. It's the only time of the year we do this, so we're not particularly good at it, and that's part of the fun. It takes us a long time to complete, normally the better part of the week, and a lot of the world's crises are solved in our conversations around the puzzle.

This year's puzzle was a 1000-piece picture of Noah's ark.

If you're lucky like me, you'll have an opportunity to travel As my ten year-old niece, Maddison and her dad, Sean, worked on the puzzle with me, Sean asked Maddi if she knew the story of Noah.

"Well, sort of", she replied. Sort of? There was my opportunity!

As her godmother, I felt a sense of responsibility to make sure she was biblically educated. I controlled myself, however, and decided that perhaps this wasn't the best time for a bible lesson. After all, she was much more interested in finding the piece that contained the head of the dolphin. It didn't stop me from thinking of Noah, though. Now there's a man that was concerned for the physical and spiritual welfare of his family!

Noah is a story of re-creation. In the story, God sets out to destroy all the living creatures on earth because humankind had turned wicked; in fact, Genesis 6:5 tells us that "The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.

Yikes. Good thing the human race found some redemption in Noah, since Noah "found favor with the Lord" and went on to "do all that the Lord commanded him." In the story. God carries out his plan, but not before he provides the necessary direction for Noah to participate in the re-creation of the world.

In the end, God makes a promise to Noah and his family, Please see Spiritual Matters, page 17B

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.

Welcome picnic for new Assoc. Pastor Reed Swanson, Clarkston High School graduate, and family, 1 p.m., July 20. Bring your choice of beverage. Potluck contributions: last name A-M, salads and fruits; N-Z, desserts. Church provides hotdogs, chips and fixings. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd. 248-625-1611.

Jerusalem Marketplace, fun, hands-on, Bible-times village, Sundays, 6-8:30 p.m., July 20-Aug. 17. Oakland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 7205 Clintonville Road. 248-858-2577.

Vacation Bible School, Calvary Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.-noon, July 21-25, Power Lab, All welcome, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, I-75 and M-15, 248-625-3288.

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.

Please see In Our Churches, page 17B



DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CALVARY EVANGELICAL

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

OAKLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Wayne Uppendahl Services held at Mount Zion Center 4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI Sunday School at 9:15 am Sunday Morning Worship Bible Study Wed. Eve., 6:30 pm at Church Offices – Yellow House 7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI Phone (248) 858-2577 Fax (248) 858-7706

CLARKSTON UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkstor 248-625-1611 Website:clarkstonumc.org Summer Sunday Worship: 8:30 am & 10:00 am Nursery available for both services Children's Sunday School: 10:00 am Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am Wednesday Connection Service:

ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

PEACE UNITY CHURCH A new spiritual community: We invite you to attend our Sunday Celebration's and Children's Church at 9am. Followed by coffee/social hour in the "Taste of Heaven Cafe" Peace Unity meets at Sashahaw Preshyterian Church 5300 Maybee Rd. in Clarkston Spiritual Education, prayer, mastermind, and social activities offered as well Rev. Matthew E. Long, founding minister Peace Unity Church P.O. Box 837 • Clarkston, MI 48347 peace.unity@sbcglobal.net Where ever you are on your spiritual path we welcome you!

THE EPISCOPAL **CHURCH OF THE** RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Father Les Harding Sunday 8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 9:55 am **Nursery Provided** www.clarkstonepiscopal.org 248-625-2325

CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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

NORTH OAKS

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

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Fax: (248) 394-2142 Rev. Doctor Martin Hall Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group **Bible Study** Wednesday 7:00 pm Youth Groups 6-12 Wednesday 6:30 pm www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

ST.TRINITY **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

"Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod^a Pastor James Krueger 7925 Sashabaw Road (1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater Clarkston, MI 48348 (248) 625-4644 www.sainttrinitylutheran.com e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net Worship: Sun. 8:15 am & 11:00 am Sat. 6:00 pm Sunday School 9:45 am Preschool: 3-4 years old Preschool: 620-6154

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

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

6765 Rattalee Lake Road Clarkston, 48348 (248)625-1344 Services: Sunday 9:00am & 10:45am Morning Worship Service **Exploration Station** -Children's Ministry Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life **Adult Life Ministry** c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry Ozone - Children's Life Ministry **Nurture Center/Wonderland** available for all services A Church For Life www.bridgewoodchurch.com

SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Oakland Christian School Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson, Dan Whiting Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am Spiritual Formation 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm www.clarkstoncchurch.com

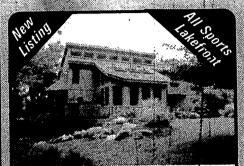
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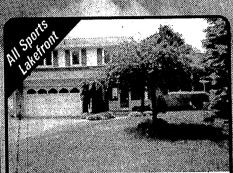
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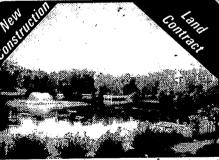
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As trustee, Clark hopes to preserve quality of life

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bart Clark is running for Independence Township trustee to "protect and preserve the quality of life."

"I think we need to protect that," said Clark. "I'd like to be able to say I did something to preserve that for my kids, my grandkids, and for your kids and your grandkids.'

The way to ensure that, he believes is through a township manager.

"The township is now 35,000 people and the budget is \$27 million and growing. The structure is the same as it was in 1985 when it became a charter township," he said. "The population was much smaller, things were simpler, now is the time when we need to modify the township government to make it more responsive and efficient for the people."

Clark says the manager would "back up" elected officials in day-to-day operations. Hiring someone who is "trained and experienced" would benefit the community.

'We really have a lot here. It's a charming little town. The community spirit is pretty much unmatched. We've got Labor Day parade, Fourth of July parade, Concerts in the Park, Christmas light parade, just more activities than you can shake a stick at, and

that's the type of thing I want to protect," he said. "If we allow ourselves to have growth that is not responsible than we're going to jeopardize, perhaps squander the great characteristics that make this area such a great place to live."

Clark says one of the major issues is the economy, not just locally or statewide, but nationally as well. The slowing down of the economy reduces tax revenue to the township, he noted.

"I anticipate some belt tightening," said Clark. "The people are Bart Clark not going to accept



the tax rate increase, nor would I."

Clark wants to look at ways to reduce the cost of government. He says he wants to have a several budget reviews where they break down each department and look at them one at a time.

Even with a down economy Clark said he believes Michigan's economy will recover.

"We just have too much to offer in this state. What we're seeing now is the relatively painful transition from an economy and industry dominated by the auto indus-

try, which is also in transition as we globalize," he said. "Maybe the jobs aren't here but the workforce is."

Clarkston schools are "superb," something he wants to keep that way.

"There are things we can do to perhaps make it more efficient, perhaps more cost effective, but if we allow the quality of education for our students to degrade, we'll have done a terrible service to the students and the nation," said Clark.

In order to keep the trust of the people, Clark said government needs to be transparent with "almost no secrets," outside of the township negotiating contracts. He wants more citizen participation.

"Especially young citizens," said Clark. "If you look around you see a lot of gray hair in government, especially township government."

He also believes in strict adherence to the master plan and building codes to "ensure growth is responsible and orderly."

One of the key questions to ask, said Clark, is "What do you want Clarkston to look like?"

Clark is the great, great, great grandson of Jeremiah Clark, one of Clarkston's founders, and remembers traveling from Detroit where he was born to Clarkston to visit his grandfather, Lee Clark, who lived at 38 Holcomb.

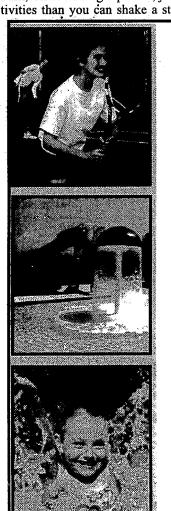
He graduated with a Bachelors of Science with a Mechanical engineering degree from the Naval Academy. He was accepted into the Nuclear Naval promotion program and went into the submarine force and stayed for 26 years. He was a professor of Naval Science at the University of Michigan and retired in 1993.

'This got us back to Michigan," he said. "I said 'well here we are in Michigan what do you do?' You build cars."

Clark went to work for Ford Motor Company in their Vehicle Operations division. He stayed with Ford for 11 years as a body construction engineer and served as launch leader for couple of Ford vehicles until he retired from Ford in 2005, at which time He and his wife of 25 years Diane moved to Clarkston. His Son Ben from a previous marriage lives in Connecticut with Clark's two granddaughters.

Bart is president of Rotary Club, on board of directors for Clarkston Community Historical Society, a member of "Friends of Library," a member of "Veterans of Foreign War," North Oakland County Republican Club, and the Oakland County Sportsman

"We moved here in 2005, it's the smartest move we ever made in our lifetime," said





lagner wants four more years in supervisor seat

BYTREVORKEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dave Wagner is proud of his four years as Independence Township supervisor - now he wants four more.

"After the first term as supervisor, I still feel like there are still quite a few things to be accomplished," he said.

When David Wagner took over as supervisor four years ago, Independence Township was in "decent financial shape," but people still looked at Independence as a small community. The township had grown, but government business was still the

"The accounting systems were probably 20 years in the past," he said. "How we dealt with vendors was kind of like, whoever you wanted, you

That was when he started looking around the state and country and seeing signs of economy change. He started looking closer at the township to make all department heads responsible for their actions and their expenses.

The township trimmed expenses and increased revenues by working in-house, rather than sending work to consultants, said Wagner.

"The last three years, through building department doing all its own plan review, brought in over \$3,000, instead of paying outside consultants," he said. "These are things that we need to continue with."

Wagner said even though housing starts this past year decreased by 92 percent, the township is still in good

"If we wouldn't have been doing these sound practices over the last three years, we would be hurting," he said. "Fortunately enough we have tightened our belt and we're very sound financially."

He said the township still needs to look to the future. Oakland County is looking at major cutbacks and layoffs, but he does not see that happening in the township.

We believe that because we got on the band wagon early enough and got the township under control and made sure we were watching every penny we spent," he said.

Wagner disagrees with canidates calling for government restructuring. The current system has "worked for years," he said.

"You look around us at richer larger communities, West Bloomfield, Waterford, Commerce, White Lake, a number of them has our form of govemment," he said. "I believe it's a good form of government. It's a govemment of the people."

Wagner says he also disagrees with hiring a professional manager.

"To bring a township manager in and do what they want to do will probably cost about \$600,000" said Wagner

He said the combined salaries of the township's fulltime clerk, treasurer and supervisor are about \$210.000 without benefits, about \$260,000 with benefits and car allowance. This is still \$100,000-\$200,000 less than proposed savings.

"They also included a deputy, a deputy who has not been in the budget since it was removed a year and half ago, so they would have to add that into the budget, which would be another \$80,000," he said.

He agrees, however, with allowing people to speak without limit during Public Comment at Township Board meetings.

"I have people that come in and speak up for me. It's their right and their choice. Sometimes it gets to me, but they're doing for the reasons they think are right even though I might be in disagreement with them," said Wagner. "One thing about it, we have this right and it is freedom of speech and I believe in it."

He says the township should not run like larger governments.

"Government is this monster out there, that just feels as if they know what's best for everybody instead of really representing the people around them, and understanding that this is their hard earned dollars that you've collected, so you better be a true steward of that money," he said. "If you're not going to do that you don't belong here. That's the difference I bring here. I am interested in every penny that comes in and goes out."

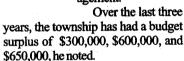
Accomplishments over the past four years include building a senior center without going to the tax payers, Corridor Improvement Authority, keeping growth under control through the master plan, and bringing new jobs

to the township, he said.

"In a time when the state is losing thousands of jobs, we've been able to do the opposite. We've been able to attract them," he said.

He is also proud of his relationship with employees, AFSME Union and Fire Fighters, as well as having a successful budget the past three years.

"We've been able to negotiate two contracts with the fire fighters in record time." he said. "We all know the state requires us to have a balanced budget, but every year we've had better than a balanced budget. It's not through taxation. It's through good management.



Wagner was born in Detroit, graduated from Ferndale High School and was drafted straight into the Army afterwards. He spent 19 months overseas, 1966-1968. He has four children, Lisa, Julie, Mike, and Laura, and has been married to his wife, Janice, for 26 years. They have lived in the area since 1976, part of the time in Springfield Township.

Wagner served as a trustee prior to supervisor, was safety path committee chairman, precinct delegate, and member of the Veterans of Foreign

He was in the car business from 1968-1988. He started as a mechanic, promoted to service manager and director, and became operations manager, in charge of the entire dealership and personnel. There were 100-130 employees, half in unions, which is why Wagner says he is very familiar with unions and was even a teamster at one point. They grossed between \$125-150 million a year between two

"I've had people say that I don't have the educational background to know what I'm doing, but I've already done it," he said. "I want to continue to accomplish with goals put in place which are to make the township as stable as can be, to run efficiently and not like government."

Lohmeier lends support to township manager plan

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

David Lohmeier, candidate for Independence Township trustee, has been elected to office before - as a high school student in Groveland, he ran for and won a precinct delegate

This is his first campaign for township trustee, though.

"I saw an opportunity to make change," said Lohmeier, who grew up in Groveland Township and moved to Independence Township in 1988.

If elected, he would support efforts to hire a township manager, reducing supervisor, clerk, and treasurer positions from fullto part-time.

"A professional manager would be tremendously beneficial," he said. "It's a better way to run local government of this size and complexity.'

Political candidates usually campaign and are elected for reasons other than technical expertise, he said.

"They run on achievement. They run on name recognition," Lohmeier said. "Voters rarely get a resume from a candidate."

Leadership would still be provided by the elected board of trustees, he said.

"We don't want to take away the right to vote for who will lead the township," he said. "The board hires someone with the needed technical skills. If it doesn't work out, they don't have to wait for the next election to find a replacement."

As an appointed member of the Independence Township Planning Commission, 1999-2004, his priority when considering variance requests was the township's Master Plan and Vision 2020, he said.

"They needed a strong, compelling reason," he said. "It's not that we never allowed exceptions, but they needed good reason. We expected a lot of developers, but we would get it."

He was also active with the township Parks and Recreation Board for 2 1/2 years, advocating for a new senior center.

"That's work I'm very proud

of," he said. "I believe we would not have gotten as far as we have without the millage proposal."

Lohmeier earned his electrical engineering degree from Oakland University. As a college student, he sold real estate in Independence Township.

"I learned every square inch of every neighborhood and building," he said.

"I loved Clarkston. It was growing, like it is now, but there was still some open space. Sashabaw was a two-lane road. Traffic was always backed up."

It was a bedroom community, similar to now, he said.

"Pine Knob ski resort and music auditorium was a central attraction to the area, but the schools' reputation was the main draw for new residents," he said.

He and his family were transferred by General Motors to Baltimore, Maryland, from 1996-1998. After that assignment, they moved back to Independence Township.

"We enjoyed being in Baltimore - it was like a vacation," he said. "It had areas in development like Clarkston. Big box stores, a hospital wanted to come in. There were examples of good planning and some where it was, what were they thinking?"

Bad planning resulted in traffic backups and improperly large or located signs, he said.

Their schools would redistrict themselves from year to year - people would cluster near the schools they wanted, creating congestion," he said.

Another priority if elected would be to set a timeline for capital improvements.

"I'm big on planning," he said. He would also continue to resist big-box stores.

"We don't have the infrastructure," he said. "We can't afford cut-and-run developments - we need businesses that will be here long term."

He plans to accomplish these goals in a single term. His plans don't go beyond that right now,

"I'll reevaluate, see if I'm still needed," he said. "This is not an ego thing with me."



Schroeder seeks spot on Township Board

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

After years of volunteering with school PTA groups, Andrea Schroeder feels ready for a more formal service.

"I've worked hard to develop my skills," said Schroeder, candidate for Independence Township trustee. "I want to put to good use all of what I've learned."

She studied state and local legislative issues in Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership program, graduating the yearlong program in 2006.

"If I was going to run, I'd better darn well know what I was doing," she said. "Its purpose is to teach us what we need to know to be in public policy and leadership."

She and her husband, Mark, moved to Independence Township 10 years ago from Orion Township.

"We knew we'd be starting a family and would need more space," she said. "We looked all over. We like it here. It's nice here."

They have three children, Maggie, Luke, and Grace. The family was featured in *The Clarkston News* in 2003 when she unexpectedly gave birth to Grace at home, with the help of Independence Township

first responders.

"I thought, if I can have a baby on the kitchen floor, I can do anything," she said.

She grew up in Farmington, graduating from Farmington High School in 1982. She

earned her education degree from Miami University in Ohio and taught kindergarten in Ohio, Boston, Mass., and Birmingham, Mich.

In 1989, she switched careers.

"I didn't love it anymore – that's not a position a teacher should be in," she said.



Andrea Schroeder

She entered the hospitality business in 1989, as a concierge supervisor for Marriott. She worked her way up to international sales in global housing, providing temporary housing for business travelers.

"I was good at it," she said.

The terrorist attacks on New York in Sept. 11, 2001, ended that career.

"The world stood still," she said. "Everyone decided to stay put for a while."

She and a friend, Lora Wright, started their own business-consulting firm, Stra-

tegic Five Business Solutions.

One role she serves with her children's parents groups has been legislative liaison, researching upcoming legislation and issues and presenting her findings to the group.

"I'd educate myself on legislative issues and take them to the PTA – what they're talking about and what it means to us here," she said.

If elected, she would bring her publicpolicy research experience to the Township Board.

"I enjoy the development and implementation of public policy," she said. "We don't operate in a vacuum – we need resources and opportunities: federal grant opportunities, corridor improvement authorities. How do we take advantage of opportunities offered by Lansing to improve our hometown?"

Issues facing the township include declining tax revenue because of falling property values, she said.

"The economy is troubled," she said.
"We're fortunate – so many municipalities are in dire strait. But it's irresponsible to think that's how it will continue. You just never know what's coming."

With declining property values, loss of

revenue must be anticipated and addressed, she said.

"We have to see where we can create cost savings, where we can work together to deal with changes that are going to come, while maintaining the integrity of the community," she said. "We need to be prudent – find out what's coming down the road."

She would provide due diligence, respect, and knowledge needed on the board, she said.

"I'm a news junkie – I like it. I like going to Lansing and having lunch with (state Rep.) John Stakoe," said Schroeder, who is also taking a class on Robert's Rules of parliamentary procedures.

"I love this town, the parade, the parks. It's different here," she said. "We have great parks, great green space. There are so many volunteers in our community. It's a testament to the quality of life here."

For more information, check www.schroedervoter.org.

Seven candidates are running for four trustee seats on the Township Board. All are Republican, so the results of the Aug. 5 primary election will likely determine who will serve new four-year terms starting in January.



The staff of Impressive Type and local business officials celebrate their new location.

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The Impressive Type, the Unique One Stop Print Shop, is at 5746 Williams Lake Road in Waterford. Call 248-673-1020 for more information.





Fabrizio 'shifting gears' to run for district judge

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you asked Joe Fabrizio 10 years ago whether he could see himself running for judge at 34 years old, he might have replied 'probably not that soon.'

But Fabrizio said he's "identified a need for change" in Clarkston's 52-2 District Court, and his name will appear with three others on the non-partisan portion of the Aug. 5 primary election ballot.

"I've dedicated my life to the legal profession," he said. "But I've chosen to shift gears and focus my attention on this race, because I feel strongly about the roll of the court and the importance of having a judge dedicated to fairness and to serving the community."

After graduating from Brother Rice High School in 1992, Fabrizio obtained a bachelor of science from Michigan State University, and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit.

In his earlier college years, Fabrizio returned to Clarkston every summer, where he worked as a water saftey instructor for Independence Township Parks and Recreation. He also served as a lifeguard at Deer Lake Beach.

Today, Fabrizio lives in the City of the Village of Clarkston with his wife Theresa, a gymnastics instructor, and their three young children, Sophia, Frankie, and Lucy.

Fabrizio currently practices law with the Troy-based firm of Fabrizio & Brook, P.C., where he's been a partner since

"We have a wonderful law firm going," he said. "In fact, that is one of the biggest sacrifices I would have to make, to (remove) myself from any interest in this firm. I've put a lot of sweat and tears into growing it, and it will be difficult to give up. But that's a sacrifice that I'm willing to make.'

Fabrizio currently serves as managing partner over all litigation matters pending with the firm, and said he's handled "thousands" lawsuits. Although he calls his practice "wellrounded," Fabrizio said his cases are concentrated heavily on mortgage banking and construction litigation, with clients from lending institutions and servicing companies.

As a lifelong resident of the Clarkston community, Fabrizio said he feels a sense of commitment, a desire to "give back" to the community, and to ensure the court

is dedicated to fairness and justice.

"If I'm elected, I would focus on showing civility to all individuals who appear before me," he said. "(It's important to) ensure that other people's time is not wasted. I would take the bench on time, hear matters in a timely fashion, make timely decisions, ensure the docket is moving efficiently and allow people to

participate in the judicial process when they have their day in court."

Citing financial concerns. Fabrizio wasn't clear whether he intended to participate in the 52-2's state recognized Sobriety Court program, or other



Joe Fabrizio

community outreach initiatives if elected.

"The one program that is experiencing some success is Sobriety Court," he said. "It's a program that a number of courts throughout the county have implemented and certainly I'm encouraged by the results, and not just here in Clarkston, but (also) in Novi."

But, he said, the program needs to be approached with strict oversight.

"There are budget constraints that are going to be even more prominent in years to come," Fabrizio said. "If properly managed, (Sobriety Court) is a good pro-

Much of his campaign, Fabrizio said, has focused on door-to-door, face-toface interaction with voters.

It is, he said, an encouraging effort.

T've been speaking with individuals who have historically shown up to the polls and voted in the primaries and sort of have a track record of voting," he said. "It's not just indiscriminately going to people's doors, I'm looking at people who have a history of showing up to the polls and voting, people that are typically more informed as to what's going on in the community."

For more information, check out Fabrizioforjudge.com

Fabrizio is running against incumbent Judge Dana Fortinberry, Mark Lyon and Fredrick Miller in the Aug. 5 primary elec-

Edna E. Polidan

Edna E. Polidan of Waterford, formerly of Birmingham, passed away July 13 at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alfred "Fred" and grandson Jeff; mother of Robert (Beth) of Manistee. Jerry (Patt) of Clarkston and Connie (Sam) Polidan-Bonanno of Sterling Heights; also survived by 11 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Visitation was July 15, and July 16 from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Scrip-



ure service, Wednesday 4:30 p.m.

Funeral Thursday, July 17, 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memo-

rials may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind or Alzheimers Association

book Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Alexander Paul 'Slick' Morgan

Alexander Paul "Slick" Morgan of Clarkston, formerly of Burton, passed awav.

He was the loving father of Delores Lintz of Swartz Creek and Renea (Timothy) Huth-Grabow of Clarkton; grandfather of Tracey Landis, Ryan Landis, Taylor Busch, Kara Huth, and Chancelor Huth; great grandfather of Parker Landis; Slick also leaves behind his dear friends and loving caregivers at the Pine Tree Place, Clarkston.

Mr. Morgan retired from General Mo-



tors after 30 years of Service. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

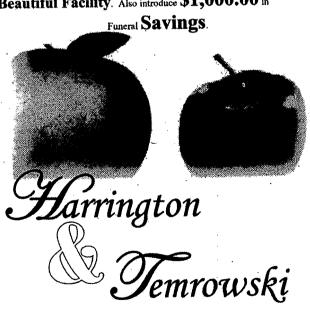
Graveside Service with military honors was July 14 at the **Great Lakes National**

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Putting the 'fun' back in fundamentals

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Young Cagers invaded the Clarkston High School gym last week.

They were there to learn the fundamentals of the game from Varsity Head Basketball Coach Dan Fife, his coaching staff and varsity players.

During the 11th annual Fife Fundamentals Basketball camp, boys entering grades four-six worked on passing, shooting and ball-handling.

"We make playing fun," said Fife.

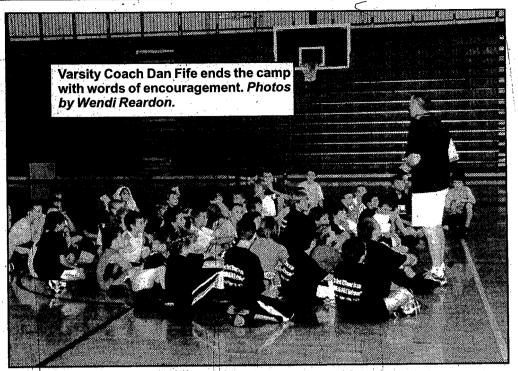
Fife continued by saying he wanted the boys to have fun while playing the game, and not have to worry about the seriousness of it until later.

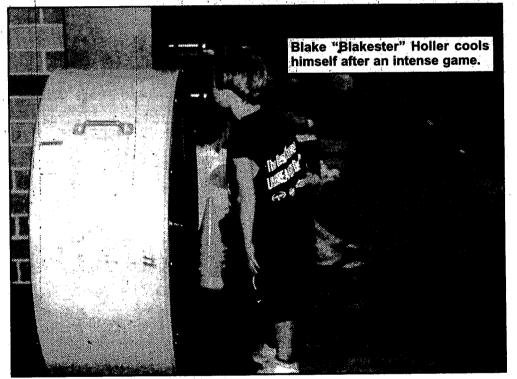
Fife said this week's Dan Fife Basketball Camp for boys entering 7th-9th grade, will be more serious and have a lot more focus on skills needed to get onto the middle school and high school teams.

Before the campers said their goodbyes and thank yous to Fife and their coaches, Coach Fife left them with a few lasting thoughts.

"It's not what you learned this week. It's about what you do with what you learn."

Fife stressed to the boys the importance of listening to their teachers and parents and taking every opportunity to learn.





Around Town

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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.

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

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

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

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

Walk Michigan Footsteps to Fitness, Thursdays, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., through Aug. 28. Meet in the parking lot in Clintonwood Park. Four walking routes. Pedometers available. Prizes, raffle for Labor Day Bridge Walk. 248-625-8231.

Art Workshops, Thursdays, 1-3:30 p.m., With Pamela Palmer. \$32 plus \$7 material fee for each class. July 17: Acrylic Painting on Watercolor Paper; July 24, Brilliant Watercolors; July 31, Self-Drying Clayworks; Aug. 7, Acrylic Painting on Canvas. 248-625-8231.

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Community comes together 'fore' a good cause

I have met many amazing women within our community who have been raising awareness and leading fundraisers for breast cancer. Most of these women have either faced breast cancer themselves or with a loved one.

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Fiona Brown a 13-year breast cancer survivor.

Within a few short minutes of speaking with her I felt uplifted, motivated and inspired to participate in the cause.

Fiona has a strong motivation to continue to support the Susan G Komen foundation. As she puts it, "I don't want to see *anyone* go through what I went through; and, I have two daughters, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren"

During her treatment, she faced six months of chemotherapy and six weeks of radiation.

Five years ago her three kids and son-in-law each raised \$2,000 through family and friends and completed the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day 60 mile walk.

During the walk that year, her son met a wonderful woman whom he married.

The following year they organized a golf outing at the Liberty Golf Club since they wanted to reach beyond their family and friends for charitable support.

They have successfully raised between \$6,000 and \$12,000 at each outing.

"This really is a community effort," says Fiona, "We're always grateful that we're able to do it through the help of really good friends, thoughtful, kind people and local businesses."

Support from many local businesses includes the Law office of Robert Kostin, Dr. Belak, Joe Fabrizio, Caribou Coffee, Waterfall Jewelers and the Print Shop on Dixie Hwy.

"This year it's a little more challenging to get raffle donations and sponsorships," Fiona points out.

Fiona walked one year. "It's an incredible, emotional experience. I still can't believe I walked 60 miles."

"You meet people who have cancer, survived, or lost family. While walking you see supportive people on the side of road cheering.

There was a boy around 15 or 16 years old standing by himself saying 'Thank you' as we walked by.

We also saw a mom with her daughter in a stroller holding a picture of her mother and a sign that said 'I lost my mother. Thank you for helping me not lose my

daughter."

A Column by

Michelle Phaup

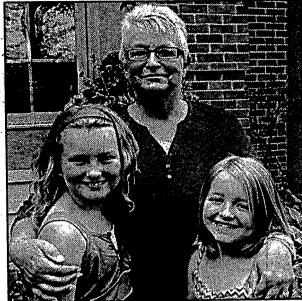
Lend

a Hand

It's people like Fiona and her supporters who make this a wonderful place to live and a community to be proud of.

The Team "Fore!" Mum Fourth Annual Golf Outing benefiting the 2008 Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day 60 Mile walk will be held on Saturday, August 16th, 2008 at The Fountains Golf Glub. Cost is \$440 per team or \$110/pp and includes golf, lunch, buffet dinner and prizes. To participate, please call: (248) 625-0756.

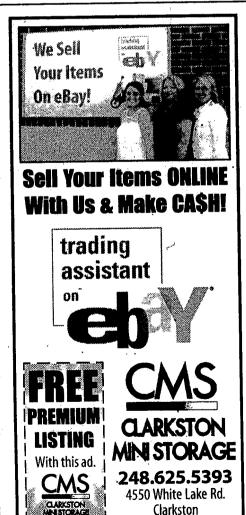
Michelle Phaup, founder of Lend A Helping Hand, en-

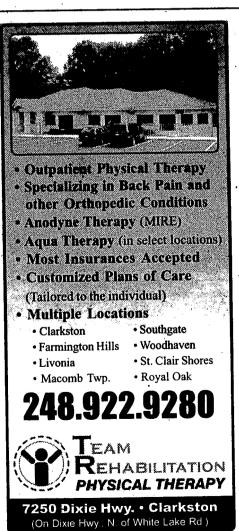


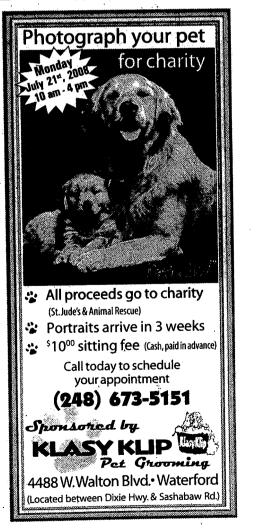
Fiona Brown, with her granddaughters Courtney, at right, and Haley. *Photo provided*

joys helping people and working for a worthwhile cause. To share a story about someone who can benefit from help within the community, email: Michelle@LendAHelpingHand.org. For information on Lend A Helping Hand: www.lendahelpinghand.org.









INTERIOR

When purchasing home furnishings, it is fun and exciting to know that you are on the "cutting edge" of fashion. If you have the budget for a redo every few years, go for

Generally, it is a little chancy to choose furniture that is very trendy. It does, however, make good sense to know and follow current fashion trends. The best way to keep your home looking fresh and up-to-

date is to use the same formula used in the clothing industry. Most successful clothing designers suggest you choose a few good "basics" and accessorize with trendy accessories.

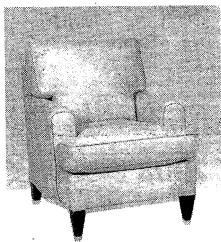
Think of your upholstered furniture as you would a good basic suit or dress. Keep it classic and neutral. Spice it up with some high fashion pillows and updated lamps and pictures, just as you would with jewelry or shoes and a handbag.

"Traditional with a twist." is the inte- A traditional club chair covered in crisp white rior design buzzword of the day. What exactly does this mean? Generally it means classic traditional frames covered in unexpected fab- ery should always be designed to fit the rics in surprisingly bright colors. It would

ical wing settee stylized and

be considered very high fashion to purchase a hot pink hound's tooth sofa (very trendy) or an apple green leather chair. It is less risky to purchase a subtle beige check or a yummy vanilla sofa and then add a contemporary sparkle to your roomscape with apple green and hot pink pillows and accessories. White and pale colors are practical today as many fabrics are manufactured to be "performance" fabrics. The softer, "spa" color palette is far easier to update if large pieces are kept basic and the blues and greens are splashed over the accessories.

Custom drapes are supremely important in creating a modern yet warm ambiance. Updated window treatments should be simple in style, yet rich in luxurious details. Fabrics consist of luxurious silks and fine cotton weaves. Drap-



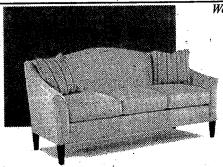
"performance" fabric sits on elegant contemporary

room and be compatible with the scale and style of the rest of the decor. Elegance is never out of style. However, stuffy, heavy overly embellished decor is not appropriate unless your home is Versailles!

Paint is relatively inexpensive. Why not paint one wall in a trendy color such as apple or seafoam green to give a very modern background to traditional furnishings?

The very best way to insure that your furniture purchases are stylish and still have longevity is to make those purchases with the help of an interior designer through HEPPLE-

WHITE'S INTERIORS. "It is our laced in front of a colorful accent wall job to know how to interpret cur-



A trendy apple green stylized camel back sofa sports a snappy pair of hot pink pillows

rent trends and incorporate them into a practical home environment." says Mary Lujan, owner and head designer at Hepplewhite's. "We are trained to see the coming trends and to design for today with an eye to the future." agrees Becky, Lujan's daughter and partner.

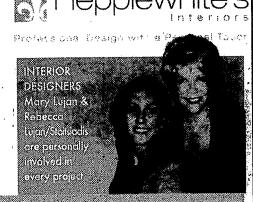
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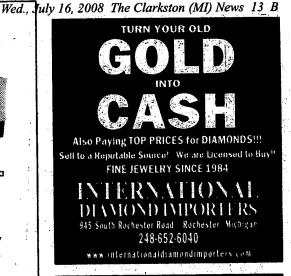
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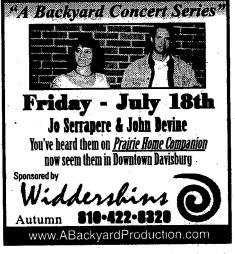
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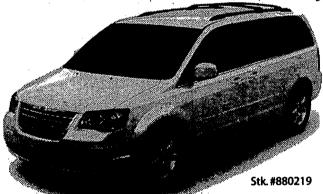
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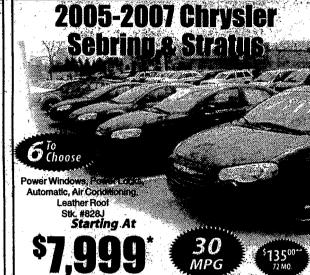
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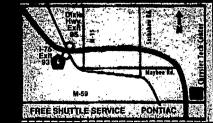
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Campers, ages 11-15, will go river paddling on the Clinton River and camp overnight at Camp Wilderness on Thursday, learning firebuilding, campfire cooking, and camping skills.

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

Campers are also required to wear lace-

up tennis shoes and bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and extra set of clothes and socks everyday.

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

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

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

Registration fee is \$190/resident, \$200 non-resident. Deadline is July 11.

For more information, call Call 248-846-

Spiritual Matters

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formation.

confirming his covenant to never again destroy the earth with a flood.

The story of Noah is more than a good bedtime story or challenging puzzle. It says a lot about how we should think about "re-creation".

Our English word "recreation", is defined as "the act of creating anew". Of course, it's no coincidence that vacation is associated with recreation. Vacation is that period of time when we typically suspend our work or study activities for the purpose of rest, recreation, and

It puzzles me (I admit the pun) when I hear of persons or families who have no time to take a

In our churches

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-

Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly Wednes-

day 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.

Church of the Resurrection has bible study ev-

ery Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is cur-

rently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." 6490

Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more in-

St. Daniel Catholic Church holds Rainbows meet-

ings 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

6805 Bluegrass Drive. Call 248-625-3288.

628-6825, or Joann, 248-673-2539.

summer vacation. How do they re-create their world?

Hopefully none of us will ever find ourselves in the position of being "consistently and totally evil". But, like everything else, evil can and does sprout from a tiny seed. Weeding it out is often successfully accomplished by tak-

Spending time with your family, pausing to appreciate the beauty of creation, allowing yourself to love and to laugh at any little thing, and mer of God's promise to never again flood your

Cheryl Smith is director of Adult Faith For-

PUBLIC NOTICE Charter Township of Springfield

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHAR-TER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

Test on the M-100 Voting Equipment to be used for the Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008 will be conducted on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., Michigan time at the Springfield Township Civic Center, Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Oakland County, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to count the votes

Publish 7-16-08

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Accuracy testing of the computer program for the Election on August 5, 2008.

at the Independence Township Supervisor's Office, Conference Room, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, Ml.

Published: July 16, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a Primary Election will

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD County of Oakland, State of Michigan TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. AT THE PRECINCT POLLING PLACES BELOW:

- Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Springfield Township Fire Station #2, 10280 Rattalee
- Andersonville Elementary School, 10350 Andersonville
- Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Hwy. (temporary location for August 5th only)
 Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb
- Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb
- Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg

FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDI-DATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

CONGRESSIONAL UNITED STATES SENATOR & REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS-

8TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE -44TH **LEGISLATIVE** DISTRICT COUNTY EXECUTIVE, PROSECUT-COUNTY

ING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, CLERK/ REGISTER OF DEEDS, TREA-SURER, DRAIN COMMISSIONER,

SUPERVISOR, CLERK, TREA-SURER, TRUSTEES, PARK COM-TOWNSHIP MISSION AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING IN NOMI-

NATION CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING IN A NON-PARTISON PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE FOLLOW-ING OFFICES:

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT - 6TH CIRCUIT- NON-INCUMBENT POSITION JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT-NON INCUMBENT POSITION JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

- 2ND DIVISION - INCUMBENT **POSITION** AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTIING DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE

REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES COUNTY PROPOSAL
OAKLAND COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

The Oakland County Zoological Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008, and formed to allow for continuing zoological services for the students, residents and visitors of Oakland County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real and personal property to provide revenue for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.1 mill on all of the taxable property located within the County be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2008 through 2017. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage will generate approximately \$6,474,597.63 in 2008.

Shall this proposal be adopted?
FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSAL MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE
12000 DAVISBURG ROAD
DAVISBURG, MI 48350

NANCY STROLE, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of July 2, 2008, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the County of Oakland, is as follows: YEARS INCREASE

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INCREASE 2002-2011 Incl. County of Oakland 1.00 Unlimited 2002 - 2011 incl. 80

County School District of Oakland County
Township of Springfield 3.6483 Unlimited Unlimited 2007 – 2016 2008 – 2017 1.0 **Brandon School District** 16 0410 2005 - 2009

Clarkston Community 19.2491 2006 -- 2015 Schools IS 18.00 2004 - 2013 Dated: July 2, 2008 PATRICK M. DOHANY, TREASURER Holly Area Schools

OAKLAND COUNTY

2.959 2005 - 2009

PUBLISH: 7-16-2008

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #08-0023 Sova, Jeanie A., Petitione

APPLICANT REQUEST VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SEC-TION 50-890. SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDI-NANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (LACKS MINIMUM LOT WIDTH AT THE FRONT SETBACK) 7785 Allen Rd., 10 Acres, R-1R

08-18-426-003

Jeakle, George Neil, Petitioner for Emro Marketing Company

APPLICANT REQUEST INTERPRETA-TION OF ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838, SIGNS. (c) GEN-ERAL CONDITIONS (5)b., OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE FOL-LOWING REASON: THE GENERALI-ZATION OF LED'S CAUSING EXCLU-SION OF FUEL PRICE SIGNS 6594 Dixie Highway, MS

Speedway SuperAmerica LLC 08-32-226-004 Roth, Robert R., Petitioner for Lehman

Case #08-0025

Investment Co APPLICANT REQUEST VARIANCE

FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890. SCHEDULE OF REGU-LATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDI-NANCE FOR A 50' FRONT YARD (FU-TURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY) SET-BACK VARIANCE PLUS 11'7" EN-CROACHMENT INTO RIGHT OF WAY TO ALLOW OUTDOOR SEATING, NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD 7151 Main St. N., 2.13 Acres, C-2

Brioni Café & Deli 08-20-179-016 CASE TO BE UNTABLED:

McClure, Thomas David, Petitioner for Case #08-0017

Mt. Zion Church \ Tabled June 4, 2008 APPLICANT REQUEST VARIANCE FOR SECOND GROUND SIGN PLUS SIZE CONSIDERATION ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838. SIGNS.

4900 Maybee Rd., 51.91 Acres, R-1A Mt. Zion Temple 08-36-126-006

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

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

The Township will provide the 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 Building Department (248)

ing time out to re-create ourselves.

perhaps taking a vacation "up north" are all ways to commune with the world God so lovingly has provided. Take advantage this sum-

mation at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

NOTICE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy

cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

NANCY STROLE, CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST The Charter Township of Independence announces a

The testing will be held on July 23, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk Charter Township of Independence

lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

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HOURS: Monday through Friday 8-5; Oxford - Saturday 9-Noon; Lake Orion & Clarkston Offices Closed Saturday

020 GREETINGS

SHERMAN PUBLICATIONS DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS MONDAY NOON

CANCELLATION DEADLINE MONDAY NOON 248-628-4801

030 WANTED

WANTED: GUNS & parts, tools collectibles, autos, 586-216 6200, 248-933-2217, 248-933-5414. !!L2216

CASH FOR JUNK AUTOS etc. if untitled can haul free, 248-249-3284 or 248-627-2436 11ZX482

CASH PAID for junk cars and trucks, free towing, 810-656-2993. !!ZX494

BUYING SCRAP BATTERIES, Miscellaneous Scrap Metal, and Antiques, Also, hauling for a fee. 248-436-2863, !!L324

WANTED: OLD motorcycles, minibikes, ATVs and moneds. Running or not. 810-338-6440. 11ZX464

WANTED: LOG SPLITTER, running or not. 248-693-1170.

WANTED

JUNK CARS, TRUCKS & SCRAP METAL

TOP \$ PAID 248-860-5799

JUNK CARS WANTED

WILL PAY TOP DOLLAR 248-870-0089

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WANTED: CARS, Trucks needing repair or high miles. \$50-\$5000. 810-724-7647 or 810-338-7770. !!LZ294

AUTOS WANTED AND trucks. running or not \$200 & up, 248-842-8169 110514

ANTIQUE FIREARMS WANTED Winchesters, Colts, Savage. Top

dollar paid, 248-628-7086, !!L3

PAYMASTER CHECK ENDORSING MACHINE Call Luan at 248-628-4801 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Mon.-Fri. 131dhtf

I BUY OLD MOTORCYCLES, run ning or not. Rusty, crusty, com plete or in parts. I don't care. Cash iid. Call me for the best price. m restoring old bikes, your old le of old parts might be exactly hat I need to finish a Concours estoration. I'll come pick it up today, and pay much more than the scrappers. Ortonville. Jeff: 248-778-5564. !!LZ296

040 PRODUCE

STRAW FOR SALE 248-431-1934 111 7322

050 FIREWOOD

SEASONED QUALITY hardwood 248-827-8316, UZX454c

060 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

EXPERT PIANO TUNING Call Matt 248-766-3122

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670 THTORING/ · [FESANS

LEARN SPANISH- Personalized risees for hisiness school daily life/ tourism! Professional teacher, 248-804-3090 !!L322

080 LAWN & GARDEN

WOODCHIPS \$12 A yard. Delivery available. 248-627-6318. 11ZX454c

CHR CADET lawn tractor, 18hr Kohler, Model 3188, 54" shaft drive deck 2000 model, \$1,000. 248-628-9824. !!L312

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lawn tractor \$225, both run a cut well. 248-620-6049 !!C12

TOPSOIL, SAND

& GRAVEL

TORO I AWN Tractor \$375: MTD

Low Rates, Prompt & Reliable Service Since 1980, OXFORD

248-969-0424 **EDGAR PERREAULT**

E&T TRANSPORT LZ20-tfc CRAFTSMAN 15 5HP OHV 42' cut. 6 speed mower. Good condition. \$450. 248-628-9421.

HL312 DIXON RESIDENTIAL zero turn nower. Runs and cuts pe fectly. \$1,000. obo. 248-762-

0623, !!С12 RECONDITIONED LAWN and Gar den Tractors starting at \$450. Also lawn equipment repairs. 810-397-2944. !!ZX454

8HP SIMPLICITY Pro Series chip per/ shredder, metal cone and hopper, tractor tow bar, 3" diameter chipping capacity, minima use, very good condition, 10yrs old. Price reduced to \$875. Davisburg, 248-709-1130 !!L322

CRAFTSMAN 15.5HP OHV 42 cut, 6 speed mower, Good co tion. \$450. 248-628-9421. !!L312

090 AUCTIONS

SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS Tuesday, July 29, 2008 10am Lake Orion Self Storage Center, Inc. 180 W. Church St. Lake Orion, MI 48362

100vds. E. of Lapser Rd./M-24 248-814-8140 Unit #50006, Karin Hroda: Chair

Chaise lounge, treadmill, keyboard, asst. boxes, asst. totes, L322

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SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS Wednesday, July 23, 2008 10am Lake Orion Self Storage Center, Inc. 180 W. Church St.

Lake Orion, MI 48362 100 yds, E. of Lapeer Rd. (M-24) 248-814-8140

#40052 Heather Unit Strausbaugh: Big screen TV, couch, easy chair, asst. house hold needs and moral linit #50016- Siver Painting Contractor: Asst. totes, asst. garage goods, asst. tools, asst. lawn equipment and more!

1 L312

100 FREE

KING SIZED Mattresses and Head Board. Good condition. 248-236-0936. UL321f

FREE- (2) ELECTRIC ADJUSTABLE twin beds. 248-236-0372. 11L311f

FREE PICK UP on all metals. scrap, mowers, more... 248-660 7559. !!CZ513

GRACO LITE RIDER Travel Sys tem with matching swing. 586-709-7899. 11L321f

WOODEN RAINBOW Playset, 10 yrs. old, must disassemble, hau way. 248-922-1146. !]L321f FREE LITTLE TYKES Kitchen, dishes, etc. 248-628-1320. 11L321

110 CARACE SALE

3800 ESTATE DR, Oxford, off Seymour Lake Rd. July 17-19. **IIL321**

GARAGE SALE- July 17-18, 9am 4pm. 5251 Ridge Trail N., Sashabaw and Pine Knob, Inde pendence Valley Sub. Barbies, tovs, boys/ kids clothes, car seats. books, household items, Pistons, !!L32-1

YARD SALE: Household items. tools, antiques, some baby. July 16-19, 9am-4pm. 5811 Edgar Rd, Clarkston, 48346 !!C1-1

NICE MULTI FAMILY Sale. July 17-18, 8am-5pm at 2930 Stonehenge (1/2 miles east of Seymour Lk and Sashabaw intersection). Collections of vintage plates, pitchers, kitchen ware, books, records, furniture, primi tives, teaching supplies and misc. **!!L321**

GARAGE SALE!!

Do you have a little princess of your own? Come to this sale and swing, high chair, TV monito for everyone in your family shoes (narrow), furniture, antiques. Camaro car collection. household misc. Everything but the kids and the doo! July 24-26 9-5, 637 Mechanic St., Oxford

EarlyBirdSale At work Thursday morning? Come & shop Wednesday, July 23, 6am-8pm.

PAINT CREEK SUB Sale July 17. 18. 19. 9am-3pm. West of M-24 off Drahner, Oxford, IIL312

SHERMAN PUBLICATIONS DEADLINE FOR **CLASSIFIED ADS** MONDAY

NOON

CANCELLATION DEADLINE MONDAY NOON Oxford Leader & Ad-Vertise 248-828-4801 Clarkston News & Pency Stratcher 248-825-3370 Lk. Orion Review

248-893-8331 (Holiday deadlines may apply) L28-dh

★ YARD SALE. July 17,18,19, 9ám-6pm. Baby items, furniture, household items. 5160 Woodlane, Clarkston. !!L321 HUGE GARAGE SALE. Lots of new items: Freezer, catering supplies, tools, clothes, crafts, floral supplies. 9am-6pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday July 17, 18, 19, 1111 Seymour Lake Road, corner of Tanview, Oxford. !!L321 YARD SALE, 5946 Thomas Rd.

Oxford. July 17-18, 9am-4pm.

IIL324

kitchen gadgets, hunting, fishing, movies, furniture, new hockey/ roller hockey gear, and much

!!L321

LARGE GARAGE SALE: All nice

stuff!! No junk. New and used

more. July 18-20. 9am-7pm.

4044 Brocker in Metamora.

Pebble Creek

SUB SALE

July 24-27

9am-4pm

go away with beautiful, well-kent clothing (birth-4T) for that special little one in your life. Oshkosh, Carters, Old Navy, Gap, Tommy, Gymboree, Stride Rite! Plus stroller with car seat & base, breast pump, Pack-n-play, Radio Flyer rocking horse; girls powered wheelers, toys, etc... Treasures women's clothing, maternity,

At Dixie & Davisburg Rds. Behind Kroger C12 YARD SALE- 46 Elizabeth Street,

Lake Orion, July 18th, 9am-4pm, July 19th, 9am 1pm !!R321

🖈 JULY 17,18,19, 9AM-5PM. 4385 Rose Ct, LO. Off Baldwin north of roundabout Antiques, couches, household, clothes and more! !!L321

CLARKSTON 3 FAMILY Sale Antiques, furniture, dishes, household, more! M-15 to Miller Rd. to 187 Glenburnie. July 17&18. !!C11

ABERCROMBIE. HOLLISTER, Limited Too. Light pink sectional, \$250. July 17.18.19. 9am-5om, 485 Lake: Edges Dr. Oxford Lakes. !!L321

> JULY 18,19 & 24,25 9am-4pm

TOOLS, TOOLS, TOOLS Dinette Dining room Queen bedroom suite, household items 6158 Cramlane Dr, Clarkston

C12 MOVING SALE July 18,20 Sam-5pm. 12441 Countyline Rd. (Ray Rd.), east off of M-15. Some fur iture and a lot of other stuff.

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A UNIQUE GARAGE Sale- Estate items, large costume jewelry collection, antiques, old books, artwork, 1998 Harley Davidson Road King Classis, July 17-19, 9am-4pm, off Whipple Lake Rd., between Pineknob and Estons Roads. Follow signs. !!C11

RUMMAGE SALE- SATURDAY July 19th, 8am-2pm. Leonard United Methodist Church, 254 F. Firmwood Str. Leonard, III-321Waterstone Bluff. July 17.18.19. 9am-4pm. Boys bedroom set, girls bed, furniture, household items, girls and womens clothing, etc. !!L321 HUGE SALE. 1558 Newark, Pontiac, (Walton and N. Telegraph) July 18,19,20, 9am-6pm. House items, furniture, TV, electronics, clothes (M to plus sizes), and kids tovs. !!C11

521 OVERLOOK DR. in

2 FAMILY GARAGE Sale bily 17 19 from 8:30am-4nm daily, 9479 Westwood Cir. at Rattalee Lake & Dixie. Too much to list! !!C11 HUGE SALE- 3210 Thomas Rd., Oxford, North of Meijer, July 17-19, 9am-5pm, Tools, collectibles, fishing supplies, antiques, housewares, electronics, rubber stamp and accessories, furniture !!L321

6 FAMILY

30 Years accumulation Everything must go. No reasonable offer refuesd July 11-26. 9am-6pm daily. 1385 Joan Dr., Lake Orion Conklin to Bunny Run to Joan Dr

1312

FAMILY GARAGE SALE- July 17-19. 9am-5pm, Furniture, kitchen, isehold, baby and children's clothing, toys and books. 10525 Bigelow Rd., Davisburg. III.32-1 17th, 18th, 19th, 9am-5pm. 3951 Nelsey, Waterford. Xcountry skis, new oolf bag, steel radial tires, designer wo clothes, antiques. No junk. IIC11 5530 CHICKADEE LANE, Clarkston, LOTS of everything Something for everyone! Childrens Step 2 Storybook Cottage, \$150, orig. \$399. July 17,18,19, 9am-3pm, !!L321

BIKES, APPLIANCES, Microwave, sporting goods, sewing machine, ladies large clothes rugs, baby items, household. 2758 Regency Dr., Orion. Thurs day, Friday, Saturday 9am-5pm. !!L321

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE July 17, 18, 19, 9am-? M-24 to Indian Lake Road. Follow signs. Too much to list! !!L321

GARAGE SALE at Lakes of Indianwood Subdivision. Fri, July 18th and Sat. July 19th, 9am 4pm. Entrances off Indianwood and West Drahner Rd. !!L312

DESIGNER SELLING INVENTORY. New furniture, antiques, lots of accessories. Everything priced below cost. July 17-19, 10am-5pm. 6955 Washburn Rd. Goodrich, 48438, 810-797-5770. !!ZX481

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATUR-DAY July 17, 18, 19, 9am-5pm. Tools, household & much r 1358 Foreland Dr., Oxford, !!L32 SUMMERFIELD SUB Multi Family Garage Sale, 9am-5pm. July 17, 18, 19th. M-24 north of Silverbell, !!R312

* LARGE GARAGE SALE/ Es-

tate Sale, 3100 Maureen Lane, Davisburg, Off Eagle Road between Davisburg Road and White Lake Road. July 17,18,19,20. 9am-6pm, Antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools, misc. household, and much more, !!L321

🖈 ESTATE SALE JULY 17, 18,

19. 9am-5pm, 8851 Tackles Ct., White Lake, west side of Pontiac Lake. Bring your tools, everything oing. House is repossessed Water softener, gas logs, new beth tubs, sinks, toilet & etc. !!L311 MOVING SALE JULY 17-20, 9am-Som. Little bit of everything. 9315 Hillcrest, Clarkston (north on Dixie Hwy, 1 mile past Bordines Follow signs). 248-431-4373. ! FIRST TIME EVER, some collectibles, 36 Harriet St., Oxford, July 17-19, 9am-2om, III.321

120 CRAFT SHOWS

CRAFTERS NEEDED Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Annual pig/com roast. Clarkston Eagles 3373: 5840 Maybee Rd., Clarkston. Call 248-673-5458. !!C522

FLEA MARKET

5855 Oakwood Rd 1/2 Block W of Baldwin Rd. Every Saturday 9am-4pm VENDORS WANTED

Carl Bandolph. 248.682.6040 Charles Kniffen 248-628-3899

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17304

130 HOUSEHOLD

QUEEN SIZE Feather Edge air mattress and foundation. Excellent condition! \$75, 248-969-0478. IIL322

ETHAN ALLEN PINE bedroom set-Full size four poster frame, highboy dresser and double dresser with full size rectangular mirror. \$425/ set: 248-828-4773. IIL BEDROOM SETS, sofa, recliner, oak dinette set, oak china cabinet, misc. 248-884-0594 IIC52 SOLID DAK FUTON with 8" mattress, \$250. College futon, \$50. Excellent condition. 248-693-4868. IIR312

BUNK BED SET with desk, chair & chest. \$800. 248-236-0134.

BUNKBEDS WITH DESK, chest and ladder, purchased new for \$1300/ sell for \$500. 248-620-9872 11C12

44x70 MISSION STYLE TV Cabinet, \$50. 8 section aluminum pool fencing still in box, \$100. 248-895-0296. !!L322

MAPLE BABY CRIB, no mattress, \$100. 248-628-2963. III.312 GREEN FAMILY STYLE Sofa Set with built-in recliners, pull-out bed, speaker phone, CD player and cooler. A must have to complete your living round Best Offer. 248-693-0086. III.312

2vr. old GAS LOG INSERT, paid \$2,500. Will sell for \$1,000. obo. 2006 OnDemand Water softener with iron filter and osmosis system. Paid \$3,600. Will sell for \$1,600. 2mo. old 3 ton central A/C with warranty. Paid \$2,100, Will sell for \$1,500. Beautiful solid maple kitchen cabi nats, 2yrs. old, also includes 2 hathroom cabinets and beautiful granite look counterton. Paid \$5,600. Will sell for \$2,500. Lots of extras- wine and plate rack, and pull out drawers. 248-807-5901, IIL312

KITCHEN AIDE STOVE, \$175. Kenmore Side by Side, \$200. Whirlpool W/D, \$125. or \$75. each. Roll top desk, \$30. 50 inch Hitachi Projection TV, \$150. Dog house, \$20. 2- 13in. Color TV's, \$30. each. Call after 5pm. 248-628-7384. III.312

5 PIECE FORMAL Cherry Dining room table, etched glass top with 2 leaves, never used, paid \$1800/ asking \$600, 810-625-9772 IIL FURNITURE SALE: Ivory leather couch, \$350, Beige leather reciner, \$200. Sofa table, \$75. End tables, \$75. each, Curio cabinet, \$300. Dining table and 4 chairs, \$300. Kitchen set, 2 chairs, \$100. All in good condition from a smoke free, pet free home, 248-628-4124. IIL322

140 COMPUTERS

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? Microsoft certified technician. Free diagnostic. John 248-892-5667 (Clarkston). 11LZ324

RECONDITIONED DELL Computers with 17" monitor, \$100 while they last. Limit 3. Zak Computer Center, 172 S. Washington, Oxford Marketplace, 248-628-8600. III.21tfc

COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

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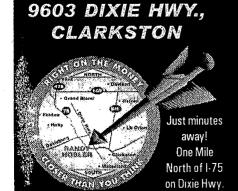
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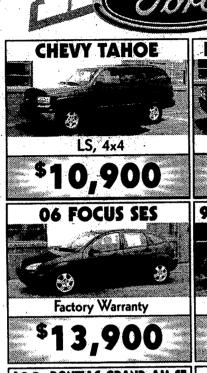
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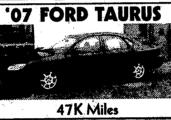










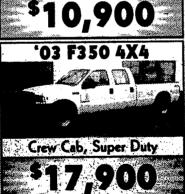


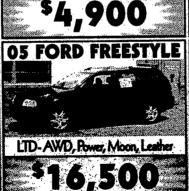












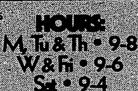






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