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Raises for all School board OKs raises in split vote

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

School earnings are expected to increase \$3.7 million compared to this past year. Spending, however, is expected to go up \$5.5 million.

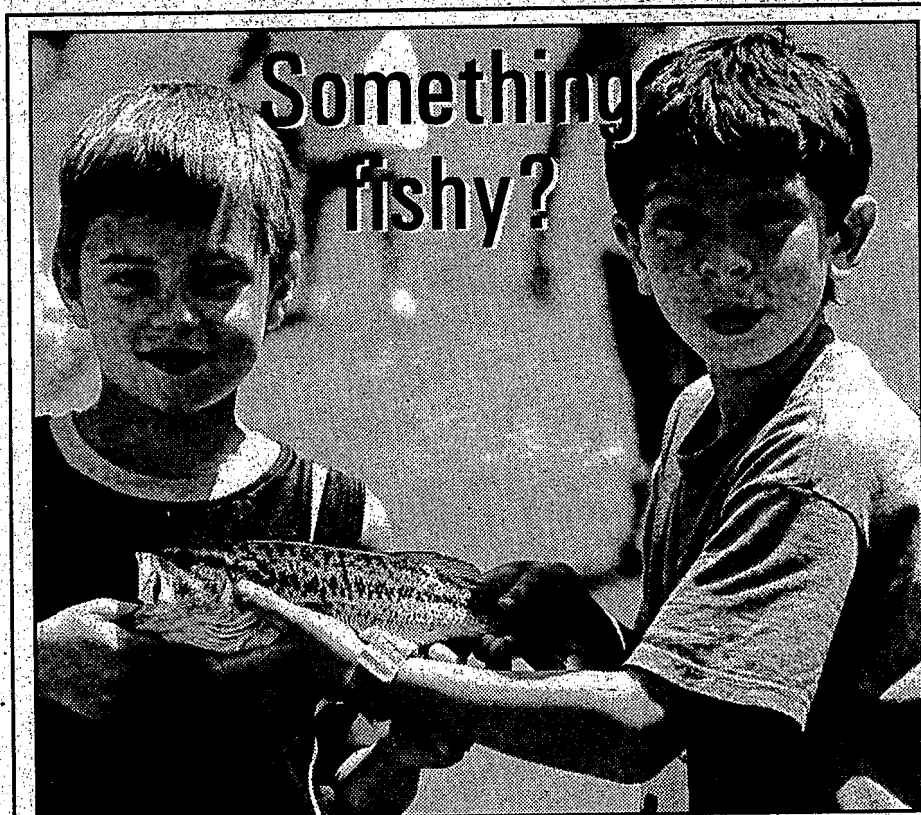
Despite the shortfall, which will be covered by district savings, Clarkston Community Schools administration and teachers negotiated pay raises for teachers, support staff, and Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, approved by Clarkston Board of Education in a split vote, June 22.

"I struggled with these contracts," said board Trustee Joan Patterson, who voted against the new contracts along with board Secretary Ron Sullivan and Trustee Susan Boatman. "I'm concerned with economic projections over the next three years - legacy costs do not match our revenue streams."

Two-year contracts for teachers and support staff include one-percent raises each year, with a half-percent bonus payment in January. New health plans will save the district about \$900,000.

Roberts' contract calls for salary of \$154,000 this coming school year, \$160,000 the year after, and \$166,000 in the 2012 school year. Benefits include \$600 per month for automobile expenses and mileage, and \$15,000 tax-deferred annuity for retirement.

"It's an excellent settlement for both sides," said board President Stephen Hyer. Please see Trustees on page 14A



Daniel Tremblay and Bryan Connolly show off a bass at Springfield Township's fishing derby. See more pictures on page 8A. Photo by Laura Colvin

Memos point to money trail

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Openness and transparency were the reasons Trustee Mark Petterson walked out of the executive session at the June 16 board meeting.

"When I arrived at the township board meeting I was informed that there was an attorney opinion letter sent to all board members that day," Petterson said. "This letter was then prompting an executive session of the board after the regular meeting."

Topic of discussion was disciplinary pro-

cesses in the township's employee personnel manual, according to Trustee Larry Rosso.

Although officials would not say what specifically the meeting was about, memos reveal Supervisor Dave Wagner paid Building Department Director David Belcher two checks of \$1,500 each in compensation for Belcher's work on the hall.

"I take full responsibility for authorizing the payments," Wagner wrote in a June 9 letter to the board. "They were not made with any intent of hiding them from the board"

Please see Payments on page 12A

Busted Father, son charged in heroin fueled landscape theft case

BY LAURACOLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A father and son arrested in connection with a string of larcenies in Springfield Township told police they sold stolen merchandise to support a mutual heroin addiction.

Gregory Michael Baker, 52, and Gregory Ted Baker, 18, were arraigned Friday in 52-2 District Court on nine charges of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving/concealing stolen property.

According to police reports, the thefts began when items went missing May 30 from a shed on Big Lake Road.

Other thefts occurred June 4 and June 7; on June 10, owners of a Springfield Township landscaping company reported a theft after discovering \$4,500 in landscaping equipment missing after a lock was cut from a trailer.

Thieves returned to the same location on Terex the following night, and were caught on surveillance video; a tape showed two males, who were apparently scared off by an alarm.

The same men were captured on video June 12 at a nearby business.

Similar thefts continued in the following days, and on June 17 the case began to come together for police when a patrolling deputy stopped a man riding a mini bike on the north-bound shoulder of Andersonville Road around 2:30 a.m.

"Our officers did a great job bringing these guys in," said Sgt. Tim Willis, commander of the Springfield Township substation. "The deputies took the time to notice some details, like the clothing this guy was wearing matched the suspects in our video, and started asking questions."

After noting the man's story didn't add up, deputies took Gregory Ted Baker to the substation, where he allegedly admitted he and his father committed the crimes to support their "two-gram-a-day heroin addiction (one gram each)."

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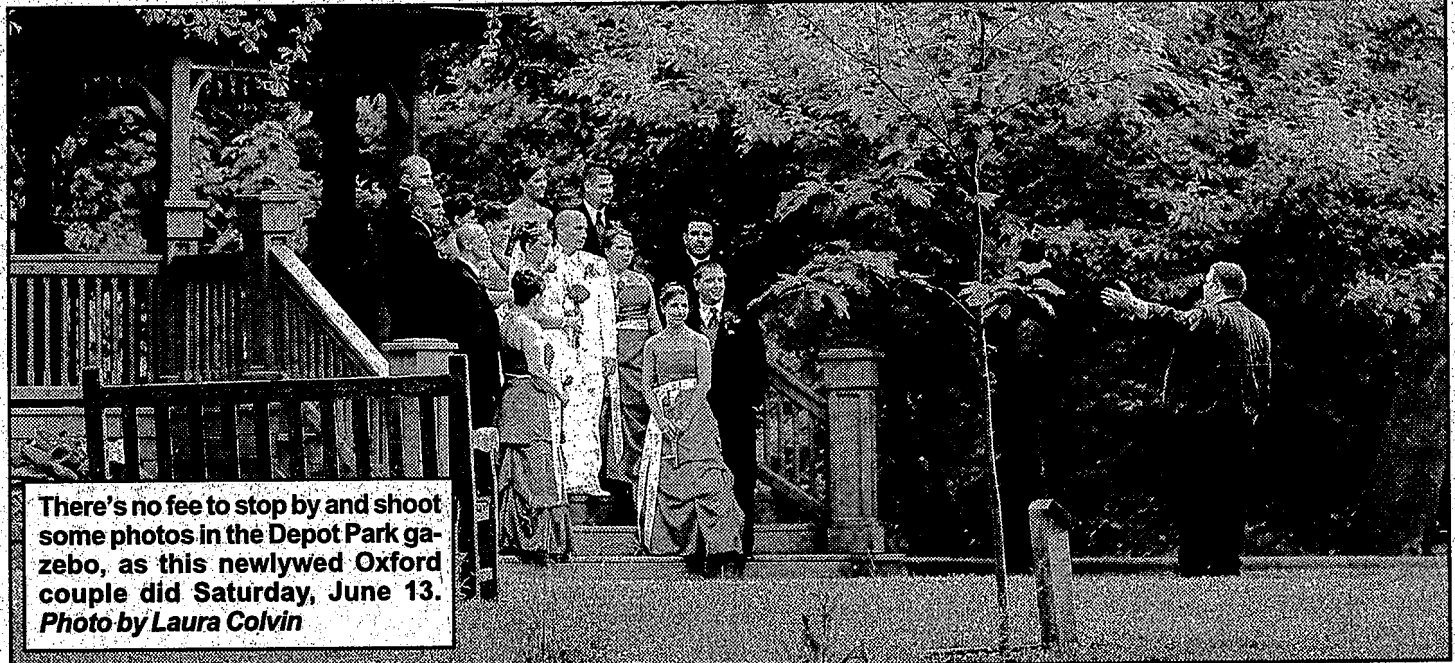
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There's no fee to stop by and shoot
 some photos in the Depot Park ga-
 zebo, as this newlywed Oxford
 couple did Saturday, June 13.
 Photo by Laura Colvin

Clarkston gazebo, banner fees going up July 1

Thinking of renting the Depot Park ga-
 zebo for an upcoming event? Rates are set to
 rise July 1. Residents of the City of the Vil-
 lage of Clarkston will pay \$300 to rent the
 structure, while non-residents will be asked
 to fork over a \$400 fee.

As always, anyone—residents or not—
 are welcome to come by use the gazebo as a

setting for photos, said City Manager Den-
 nis Ritter. The rental fee only applies to those
 wishing to use the gazebo for a wedding cer-
 emony or other event.

In addition to a hike in gazebo fees, groups
 wishing to hang a banner over Main Street
 will have to lay out \$200—four times as much
 as the previous \$50 fee—for reservations

made after July 1.

"It's a wash," said Ritter, noting the city
 did a comprehensive cost analysis to deter-
 mine what it spends in labor and machinery
 to put up—and take down—each banner.
 "We're not making a profit, all we're doing is
 recovering our costs."

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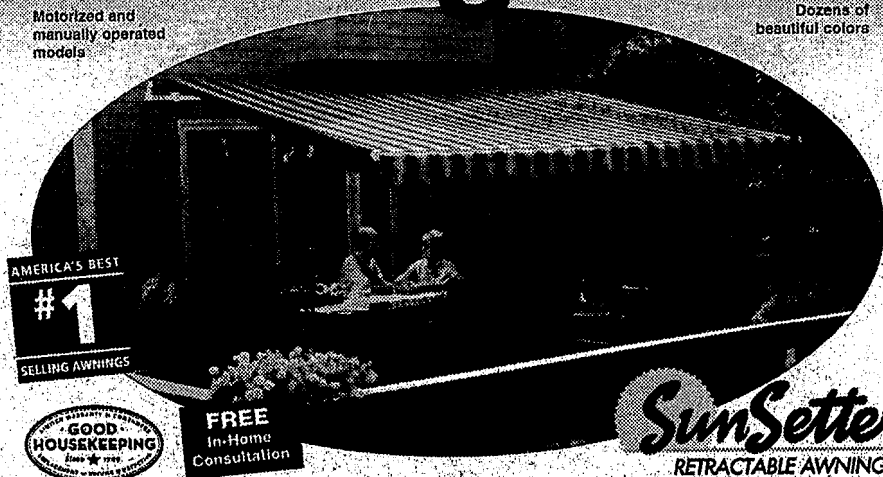
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Township considers rehab act for Dixie

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Business owners along Dixie Highway are a little closer to tax relief to help revitalize the corridor.

Independence Township Board voted June 16 to move forward with a Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement plan, creating tax incentives for commercial properties for up to 10 years.

Tax break districts can include industrial, commercial, and residential property, said Township Attorney Steve Joppich. He noted the township would have to notify the county and have a public hearing with owners and taxpayers.

The county then would have 28 days to "opt out" or reject the establishment of the district.

Trustee Mark Petterson wants to focus on areas of Dixie Highway most in need of renovation.

"My main concern is I don't want to go through all the trouble here and spend all this money and get turned down for it," Petterson said. "I want to get this through and we can expand later on."

Planning Commissioner Ron Richie disagreed. He feels the township should include as much as they can instead of



Petterson

going to the county piece by piece.

"Better to try and get the areas approved now and show the benefits and use that as the marketing tool or the tool to help the revitalization," he said. "That's really what we're doing here is coming up with tools to help the revitalization of empty buildings or areas of Dixie Highway."

Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen said she understood going for the "whole enchilada."

"The county might be more generous in the beginning, but once other communities hear about this they're going to be jumping on the bag wagon and the county might not be so receptive to the idea of handing all of these out."

Lohmeier said it was a "fascinating tool"

It's a tool that's good for us and would be useful in our needs."

Trustee Neil Wallace said "the bigger problem is not the state of the real estate, but the state of the market."

"I'm concerned this won't remedy a lot of the concerns that we have about Dixie Highway," Wallace said. "But I think for those properties that do need rehabilitation to move forward this is a good thing and we should look to establishing the public hearing."

Rosso called it a "local stimulus plan."

"I think this is a reasonable way to go about it and we got to take some risks to get some results and this is what we're attempting to do," Rosso said. "I think this is a well thought out plan and it's worth a venture."

Briefly . . .

City needs volunteers

Have a green thumb, or just a little spare time on your hands? The City of the Village of Clarkston is looking for volunteers to help weed and maintain the outside perimeter of the parking lot at Washington and Main Street, as well as the inside island.

"We just don't have the money to hire part-time help," said City Manager Dennis Ritter. "But something needs to get done before everything is overrun."

Volunteers are also needed to weed and maintain some of Depot Park's planted areas. For more information, Dennis Ritter at 248-625-1559.

Correction: No GMO at market

The story "Market opens this weekend" should have reported all produce at Clarkston Farmers Market are non-Genetically Modified Organisms.

"Our farmers work to find seed that has NOT been genetically modified," said Anissa Howard, market manager.

Attention businesses

What are you doing to stimulate the local economy - The Clarkston News wants to know. Stop by at 5 S. Main Street, call 248-625-3370, email Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.



From left are Amy Walker, Jeff Stuenkel, Arnie Berg, Sharon Kanan, Mickey Ginn, Joyce Loper, Shawn Chamberlain, and Rick Trombley, representing Kim Trombley, and their children. Not pictured are Rosalie Lieblang, Kelly Finazzo, and Barbara Rush.

School volunteers honored for service

Clarkston Board of Education honored 11-school volunteers with Outstanding Service Awards: Jeff Stuenkel, Early Childhood Center; Amy Walker, Andersonville Elementary; Rosalie

Lieblang, Bailey Lake Elementary; Sharon Kanan, Clarkston Elementary; Shawn Chamberlain, Independence Elementary; Joyce Loper, North Sashabaw Elementary; Kim Trombley, Pine Knob Elementary;

Arnie Berg, Springfield Plains Elementary; Kelly Finazzo, Sashabaw Middle School; Barbara Rush, Clarkston Junior High School; and Mickey Ginn, Clarkston High School.

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Kids enjoy sights and sounds of last year's Independence Day parade in downtown Clarkston. *File photo*

All-day fun set for Fourth

Clarkstonites can enjoy a full day of activities on Independence Day, starting with a Main Street parade at 10 a.m.

Hosted by Independence Township Fire Department, this year's theme is "The History of the American Flag," said Kelly Hyer, Parts and Recreation. For parade information, call the fire department at 248-625-1924.

Festival of Fun follows at Clintonwood Park, including:

- Arts & Crafts Show, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., with nearly 100 Michigan-based crafters, craft show application inquiries, call Bonnie Murin with Keepsake Collections, 989-781-9165;
- Live entertainment throughout the day, music starts at 9 a.m. with local DJ Jim Tedder, AM 910 Radio Disney D-Tour, 5:30-6:30 p.m., music, games, prizes. Register to win a pair of tickets and meet-and-greet passes to Jonas Brothers concert, 4:30-6:30 p.m.;
- K-9 Toss and Fetch Competition, 1 p.m., junior, novice, and professional competitions

for prizes, registration begins at 12 p.m.;

- Children's Games and Inflatables, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., on softball fields, bring socks;
 - Renee Przybylski Memorial Spraypark, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., \$1 donation for all day;
 - Demonstrations and Vendor Booths throughout the day, including Clarkston Masons Child ID, Showoff's Body Art, Stars and Stripes Gymnastics Interactive Display, Clarkston Co-Op Preschool Arts and Crafts center, Pickle Ball demonstration, Team RUSH interactive robot display;
 - Food vendors throughout the day, with elephant ears, roasted almonds, lemonade;
 - Men's Slow Pitch Class "C" Softball Tournament, beginning at 8 a.m., pre-registration required.
- Fireworks show, presented by Parks and Rec and Zambelli Internationale, starts right after dusk. Softball fields offer best views.
- To sponsor or volunteer, call 248-625-8223.

30th year

Concerts in the Park

- June 19 Stardusters Band Big Band/Swing
- June 26 Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band
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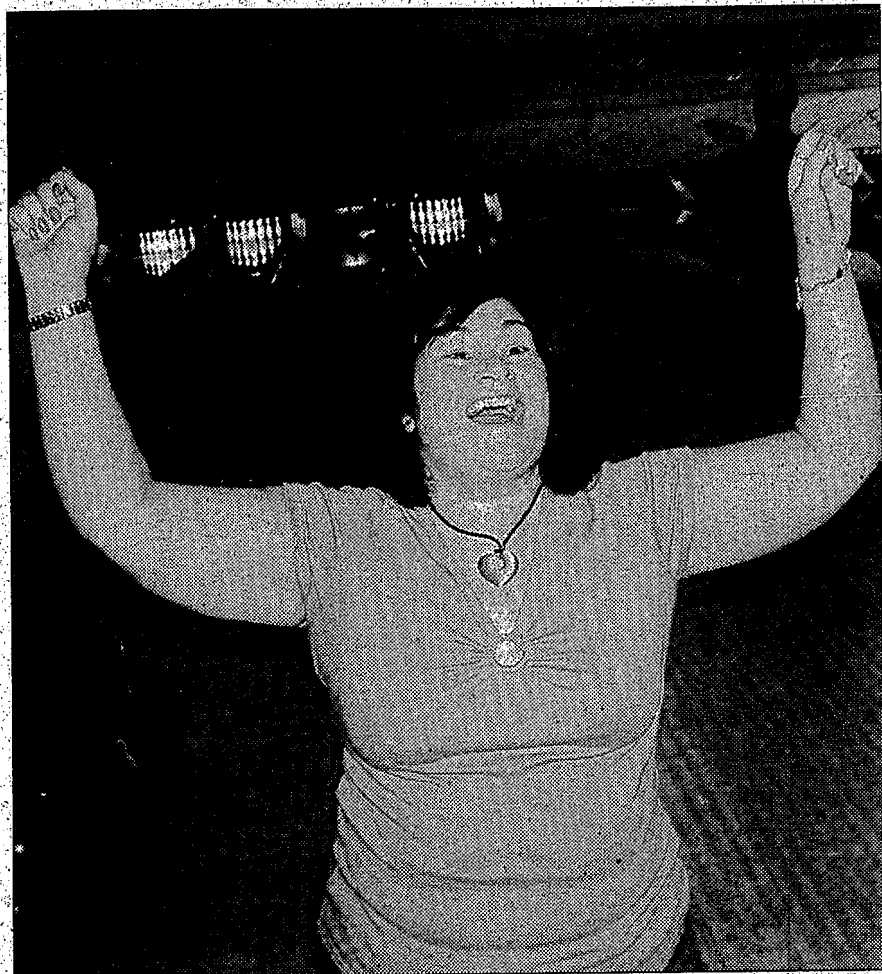
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Weekend rain flooded Deer Lake boat launch, not a problem for some local ducks. *Photo provided by John Meyland*



Karen McClellan puts on a celebration after a strike.



Hale Wells, Karen Dobson, and Verne Vackaro enjoy a good chat.

Players end year with bowling bash

Cast and crew members of the Clarkston Village Players met at the 300 Bowl in Waterford for a fun filled night in celebration of the end of the season.

The night included bowling, food, drinks, con-

versation and lots of laughter.

Al Bartlett awarded Jan Cable with the "Life Membership CVP." The *Clarkston News* was also given an award by Bartlett with the "Applause Award" for community contribution to CVP.

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Beth Egan Deguise approaches with confidence.



Mel Case, Debby Shepherd and the rest of the group listen as Al Bartlett shares a story.



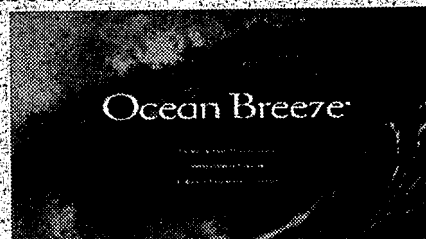
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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Time flies, now I'm 40

As of this past Monday, I am 40 years old, the big four-oh, over the hill.

I went to elementary school in the '70s, high school in the 80s, both Catholic. The following four years in the U.S. Army, complete with seven months in the Middle East during the first Gulf War, still stand out.

I joined up in time to wear World War II-era steel-pot helmets, switching to kevlar after basic training, and carry Vietnam War-era rifles. I think the ones we used in basic were used in Vietnam. One went off when I'd try to put it on "safe."

Then three years at Ohio State for my journalism degree, five years writing for community newspapers in Genesee County, three more years of school at University of Michigan-Flint for a master's degree in education.

A few years working security and substitute teaching here and there brings me to *The Clarkston News* - three years in September.

Forty years of experience across the country and around the world, hopefully of use now here as editor. I've learned enough to know what kind of job this is.

I get to head out into the community, meet and talk to all sorts of folks doing all sorts of things, instead of working in an office all day.

Wander the sidelines at high school sports, trying to get a decent action shot.

Fly a radio-controlled model airplane.

Talk to celebs.

Most surprising has been opportunities I've had to help people, which I didn't expect and appreciate greatly.

It helps when the community comes through with support whenever I write about neighbors in need. That surprised me, too.

A mom appealed for help to get her daughter something nice for Christmas. So readers filled the office with presents. One brought in a new bicycle.

Who does that? Well, people here do that.

That makes this a great job.

I'll keep doing this as long as I can, hopefully a while more. I still have much to learn.

But I'm still young.



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Keep mural letters coming

Dear editor,

I am so anxious to keep up with the controversy over the downtown mural on the *Clarkston News* building that I cannot wait for the U.S. Postal delivery of the *Clarkston News*.

So I buy it on the street.

The pro and con over the mural reminds me of Voltaire, the French author and critic.

He would write a controversial letter to the local newspaper and then write a vicious response to his own letter under a different name. Voltaire would continue writing and responded under the two different names until the subject, and Voltaire, were completely exhausted.

Art attempts to convey a universal idea

Don't help with put-downs

Dear editor,

No, to answer your question, I am not looking for a new 'put down' phrase (June 17, 2009), and neither should anyone else, actually.

I am a public school teacher, and I find it irresponsible and appalling that you would publish 23 new ways to insult people.

In my classroom, as in most others, we have a Put-Down Free Zone, and each one of your examples would violate that policy. Obviously, I am aware that some of the put downs on your list are intended to be funny, but wouldn't you agree that insulting another individual for the sake of humor is in bad taste?

As a parent and an educator, I do. I am

Belcher deserves trustees' support

Dear editor,

Regarding the article "It's back," June 10, I speak as a relatively new citizen to the USA, residing originally in the UK.

I had the privilege this year of being able to vote in the last local and national elections. Being an avid reader of your paper and especially the goings on at township meetings since moving here eight years since, to say I am dismayed at certain board members conduct in regard the funding the Independence Township Hall would be a understatement.

To say the comments, so far, have not been personal attacks on Mr. Belcher is an insult to your readers' and Independence Township

using a particular or concrete medium. Art is not photography.

There are some accepted standards for good and bad art. The more universal and timeless it is, the better the art. The better the art is, the more prophetic it will be. I think

it is acceptable to discuss the value of art, but I do not think it is fair to discuss someone's taste in art.

Someone's taste in art is very personal, much like their interest in religion, their taste in food, music, or literature.

Nevertheless, keep the letters coming. The downtown mural is like a Rorschach test for the local citizens.

Gerald E. McNally
Clarkston

glad that my own children aren't yet old enough to read *The Clarkston News*, because I wouldn't want to have to explain why another adult's published writing in the community newspaper was inappropriate, and that they would be in trouble for using your suggested terms.

As conscientious adults, we should be promoting social responsibility, NOT teaching others how to tear down their peers. I think I'll stick to two time-honored adages: "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all," and "Treat others as you would like to be treated."

Krista Anderson
Independence Township

voters' intelligence.

I wish those trustees would finally go on the record say in plain English what they have been implying for months, otherwise shut up and move on. I am sure the Township Board has more pressing business to discuss than what I see as a beautiful and warranted new building for the township.

If they don't, the Township Board may end up spending more money on lawyers defending the slanderous comments than the building refurbishment cost. I, for one, will remember this shabby business at the next election.

Paul Hargreaves
Independence Township

More letters to the editor on page 7A

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Dog days end happily for Clarkston boy" As 8-year-old Jarrett Sidaway of Clarkston and his dad searched for Dale the dog, neighbor Russell Rana found the pet wandering by itself. Noticing his Wisconsin dog tags, he then saw the Sidaways' car drive by with Wisconsin license plates - the family just moved into town. The boy and his dog were reunited.

"Surprise state money gives school board new choices" More than \$265,000 in unexpected state revenue meant Clarkston schools budget had more wiggle room than anticipated. Suggestions included eliminating Pay to Participate, reducing class sizes and increasing the district fund balance.

"Festival of Fun returns to Clarkston" The Fourth of July festival in 1993 was so successful, Independence Township Parks and Rec was eager to bring it back. They planned three days of activities at Clintonwood Park.

25 years ago - 1984

"Circus is coming to town" Independence Township firefighths organized a circus during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The put up the big tent on 60 acres near Dixie and Maybee Road.

"Introducing the Atomic Breakers" Teenagers Dave Pace, Mark Willson; Greg Cherniak, John Trevino and Mark Whitcomb formed their own breakdancing group. They wore red-white-and-blue, slippery jackets, baggy, black pants, and red-laced tennis shoes as they kicked, flipped, and spun around on sheets of cardboard.

"50-acre mine on hold for traffic" Residents and officials opposed a sand mine proposal at Sashabaw and Waldon roads due to traffic, estimated at about 100 trucks a day. The state wanted the sand to complete I-696.

50 years ago - 1959

"Local girl leaves for scout Roundup" Linda Jean Chapman of Independence Township was headed to Colorado Springs for the Senior Girl Scout Roundup. To prepare, she trained in camping, outdoor cooking, and photography.

"Clarkston boy takes part in 4-H exchange program" Robert Brewer of Independence Township spent a week in Kentucky, meeting with 4-Hers from around the country.

"Clarkston locals" Chuck Hancock and Fred Park joined the Marines and were stationed in San Diego, Calif.

I don't just look stupid, I live for it

Phool. Fool. Phuul. No matter how you spell it, there's still no fool like an old fool.

Rearrange yourself while I tell you just one of my foolish experiences.

Some weeds at the office needed their growth stopped. I measured off six ounces of RoundUp in the provided cup, took the sprayer to the hose and filled it to the gallon line.

Then I put Shayna in the car with the sprayer and doused all the office weeds in sight.

Back home, I spotted the 6-ounce, RoundUp cup sitting where I'd left it on the grill. Darn, I'd sprayed the office weeds with water.

So, I dumped the weed killer into the sprayer, went to the hose again, but tipped the sprayer over, spilling the weed killer on my lawn. Now I'm going to have a dead spot in my lawn, the weeds are still growing at the office, and I'm out of liquid cure-all.

My daddy told me there'd be days like this, but he didn't tell me there would be so

many.

Last Sunday night I had the worst liver and onions dinner I ever had. Usually, daughter Luan has me over for dinner Sunday evenings.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Her priorities got mixed up this week, preferring to go to a friend's daughter's Open House. Tell me, where's my daughter's love in that?

So, Sunday night I cooked for myself. Actually, as it turned out, I cooked for Shayna. Dogs love liver.

My Thursday golf partner, John Patrell, is old. As soon as he turned 84, he started saying he was going on 85. He too frequently says he doesn't buy green bananas. This week I'm going suggest he not buy

any 10-packs of toilet paper.

Another stupidly foolish act. I often get up at 5 o'clock Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. That's when the *Detroit News* posts its crossword puzzle on the internet.

I'm sure there have been times when you couldn't stop humming some song. For over a week, this Statler Brothers tune ...

"Countin' flowers on the wall that don't bother me at all ... Playin' solitaire till dawn with a deck of fifty one ... Smokin' cigarettes and watchin' Captain Kangaroo ... Now don't tell me I've nothing to do ..."

... has been stuck in my head.
Dumb!

Ever read the label on a shampoo bottle? My Suave daily clarifying bottle reads, "We guarantee your full satisfaction or we will replace or refund your purchase."

Trustees should keep speaking out

Although I disagree with Mr. Fred Neumark's recent letter criticizing township Trustees Dave Lohmeier and Neil Wallace for speaking out to protect the taxpayers of this community, I respect the right of Mr. Neumark to express his opinion.

But then why does Mr. Neumark believe that First Amendment Freedom of Speech rights do not extend to elected officials who uncover concealed payments and special deals and expose them for the public to decide if they are appropriate and if the violating officials should be recalled or voted out of office at the next election?

Mr. Neumark writes that Mr. Lohmeier and Mr. Wallace should, "Work with – not against – the rest of your fellow trustees and officers."

Apparently that means even if "your fellow trustees and officers" are wrong and/or not acting in the best interests of the township.

Allow me to offer an example: for several months, I have been unable to get a majority of the township board to sign a simple note or mortgage verifying that nearly three million dollars was "borrowed" from the Township Water and Sewer Fund to pay for the new township hall.

The money was "borrowed" in this manner to override the two negative votes of a majority of the Township residents who opposed paying for a new hall.

The previous township board approved a resolution "borrowing" well over two mil-

lion dollars from "surplus funds" and agreeing to pay the money over 30 years at an interest rate of five percent. So why does a majority of the township board refuse to execute a note, a mortgage, a used napkin from Paco's Tacos, anything that would confirm an obligation to repay the money?

By the way, only Mr. Lohmeier and Mr. Wallace voted in favor of having some type of written document evidencing the nearly three million dollar loan. Once again, there goes those disruptive new trustees voting to protect the township taxpayers.

Especially when we are now told to expect a substantial increase in water and sewer rates because of the lower Fund balance. For confirmation, refer to the report from auditors Plante Moran dated Oct. 29, 2008 addressed to Supervisor Dave Wagner, Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen and Finance Director Susan Hendricks.

Why is a note important? No less than township attorney Steve Joppich has WRITTEN on May 8, 2009, "There is no note, nor is a note required or applicable. ... It (the nearly three million dollars from the Township Water and Sewer Fund) is technically not a loan.

It is actually a transfer from one Township fund to another, ... fund transfers do not have to be paid back."

Not paid back? This is NOT what township residents were told last year. Supervisor Wagner has repeatedly referred to this transaction as a "loan;" and a great invest-

ment paying five percent per year for thirty years. Check board minutes and multiple newspaper articles.

And now we have the township attorney writing that this "loan" is not a loan and that this "great investment" does "not have to be paid back" while our water and sewer rates go up?

Apparently the real township supervisor running our community is unelected township attorney Steve Joppich.

Township taxpayers need to be protected with a mortgage note evidencing an obligation to repay the well over \$2 million.

As I mentioned to current Treasurer Curt Carson who has an extensive real estate background, would he ever participate in a real estate closing with a \$2 million plus building being purchased and have absolutely no mortgage note be signed by the borrowers or lenders?

He too voted against having a note prepared. Very strange since the treasurer is supposedly in charge of township "investments" and one would assume a nearly three million dollar note would qualify as an investment that should be recorded.

Mr. Lohmeier and Mr. Wallace, please continue to voice your opinions to protect the taxpayers of this township.

I did not vote for all the Slate but I greatly appreciate your not caving in to the "township's political group" (whatever THAT is) of which Mr. Neumark claims to be a part.

Henry S. Woloson is a resident of Independence Township.

Guest viewpoint

Write a Letter

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Any questions call *The Clarkston News* at 248-625-3370.

Thanks for help with home tour

Dear editor,

Wow what a weekend! The 27th SCAMP Home Tour was a tremendous success. Fabulous homes with gracious homeowners, extremely generous sponsors, an amazing committee of enthusiastic volunteers, and you, an incredible community joining together to support this very special program. You're the best, thank you!

Sincerely,

Sally Haeden
SCAMP Home Tour Committee



Alex Hepner and Jesse Hepner wait for a bite.



Fish, frogs and family fun

Families with lawn chairs, coolers and fishing poles arrived at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve in Davisburg last week to spend some quality time together at the 11th Annual Youth Fishing Derby.

Participants took home prizes in categories like biggest fish—and smallest fish—biggest frog and craziest hat.

The event was sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Rec, in cooperation with a number of community partners.

Photos by Laura Colvin



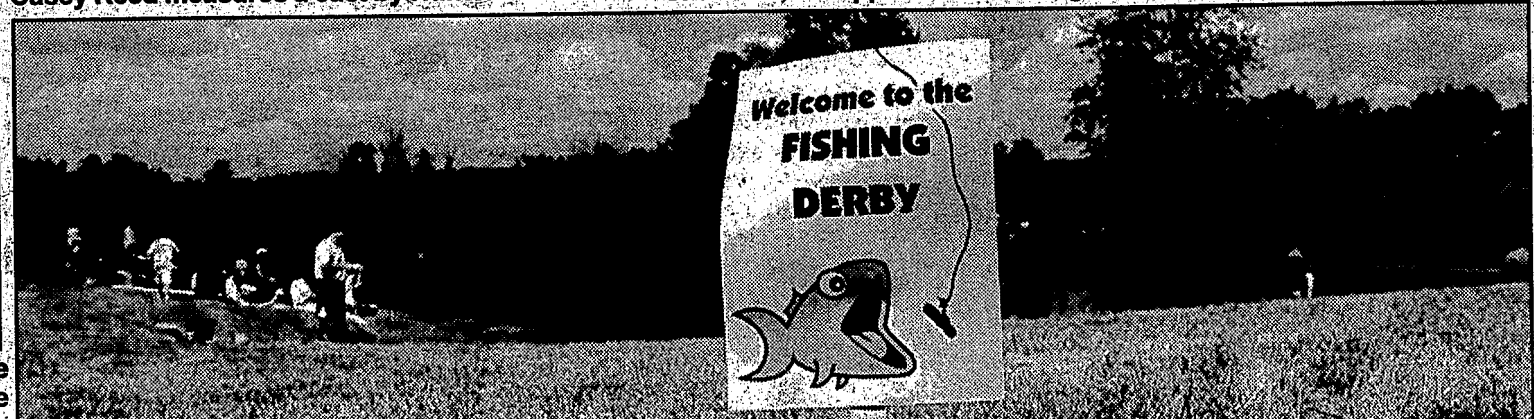
Kids line up to try their skills in the the dry casting contest.



Noah Castillo was proud of the 14-inch bullfrog he found in the brush near the pond Sunday.



Casey Reed measures a cast by Hunter Brotherton. Chad Wohlke appears to have a giant fish on his head!



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Public Safety

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

'What drunk people do'

A belligerent, 26-year-old Brandon Township man causing a ruckus in the parking lot of an Independence Township pub told police he was "drunk and this is what drunk people do." According to police reports, deputies called to the scene around 1:30 a.m. also observed a female attempting to gain control of a pit bull she was chasing out of the business, located in the 6300 block of Sashabaw Road. The man ignored police, who were attempting to calm him, and instead kept twisting and yelling at the female. When he began breathing heavily, tightened up his fists and jaw and began to grunt loudly, behaving in a way that led police to believe he would attempt to fight or flee. The man, therefore, received "two knee strikes to the common peroneal" and was placed on the ground in handcuffs. The man was ultimately cited for disorderly conduct; the woman, his girlfriend, was cited for dog at large.

No go, Daddy-o

Officials at a Springfield Township elementary school summoned police June 5 when a noncustodial parent attempted to pick up his children. The school would not release the kids to his custody. The man, who lives out of state, told school personnel and police he wanted to visit his children while he was in town, but was turned away and advised to contact his attorneys after it was determined he had no rights for visitation.

Blue bike burgled

Police in Springfield Township were investigating the theft of a blue and white Yamaha motorcycle from the 5000 block of Edgar. Deputies were following up on evidence noted at the scene; the owner said the bike was usually kept inside at night, but was inadvertently left out the night it was stolen.

BBs on King

A woman living in the 10000 block of King Road called police after discovering someone apparently shot BBs at the RV parked in her driveway, causing damage to glass and window shades. The woman called police back later to confirm she'd found the offending BB inside the RV.

Call him 'Red light Roger'

A 62 year-old Mount Clemens man apparently decided to take a traffic jam on I-75 into his own hands. According to police reports, an Independence Township deputy on patrol spotted the man, clad in shorts, t-shirt and a straw hat, standing in the middle of the intersection of M-15 and the southbound exit

ramp of I-75. "The light was green for M-15, but he had southbound cars stopped and was waving cars off the exit ramp as and through a red light," the deputy wrote, noting southbound I-75 had bumper to bumper due to construction. When the deputy inquired, the man said he was annoyed with the traffic so he exited, parked and began to get things moving along. The deputy advised the man he had no authority to direct traffic, but the man said he had friends stuck in the traffic jam and wanted to help. He was issued a ticket for impeding traffic, which he told the deputy he planned to contest.

Unenlightened

A member of the Osprey Bay subdivision association board called police June 13 after vandals toppled and destroyed light posts and other property maintained by the association at the entrance to the subdivision overnight.

Stuff stolen

Residents living in the 7200 block of Bluewater woke June 13 to find someone entered several cars in the neighborhood overnight and made off with an in-dash stereo, sports equipment, a GPS unit and other property. At least one vehicle sustained damage in the incident.

Shattered

A passenger window shattered in the car of a 59-year-old Davisburg man as he traveled north on Andersonville Road between White Lake and Farley in Springfield Township June 14. The man, who told deputies it appeared a BB gun caused the damage, said he slowed down and turned around but did not see anyone along the side of the road, nor were any other cars in the area.

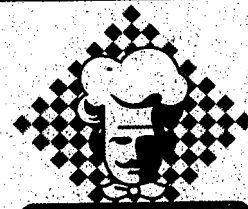
Dude, where's the car?

An employee at a car dealership on Big Lake Road called police June 15 after someone took a 2000 Ford Explorer for a test drive and never came back. According to the employee, the "customer" showed up early for an appointment and was allowed to take the car out alone since sales associate was busy with another customer. A license and phone numbers provided to the dealership turned out to be fake.

More stuff stolen

Two unlocked vehicles in a driveway in the 7400 block of Ingomar led to the theft of two portable DVD players June 16. According to the owner, nothing else was missing.

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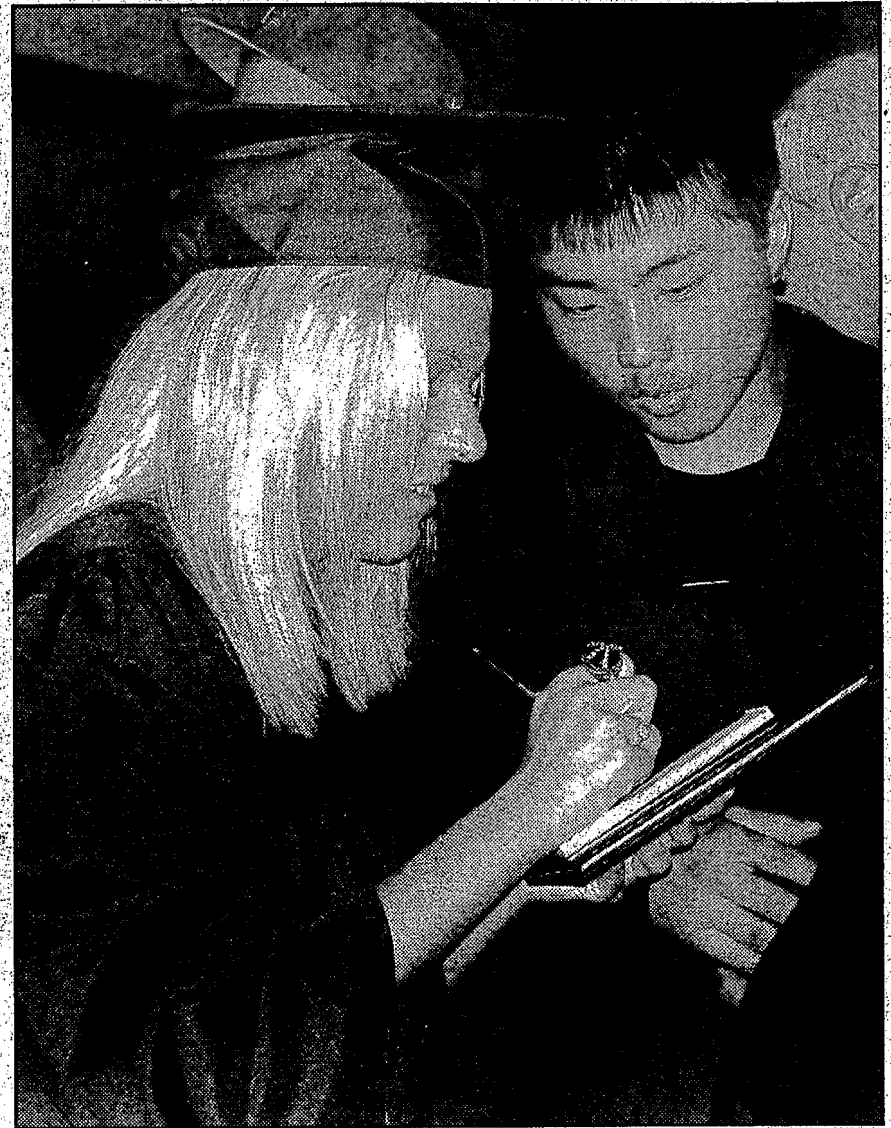
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Mitch Wilson and Jennifer Evans celebrated their graduation.



Melissa Brown and Peter Yang hope to keep in touch.



Jennifer Evans received a congratulatory hug as Lauren Drayer looks on.

Making the grade

Forty students earned diplomas at Renaissance High School's June 8 commencement at Clarkston High School, with those in bold receiving college scholarships at the ceremony: Patricia Susan Bolton, Melissa Marie Brown, Lucas Shane Burt, **Justin George Carroll**, Kyle Ryan Christoson, Jake Robert Collins, Mark Richard Cummings, Alexandria Nicole Dodge, Lauren Michelle Drayer, Jennifer Lynn Evans, Andrew Eveland Felt, Stephen Robert Hermes, Joshua Lee Hudson, Corey Ross Lauinger, **Brittani Lynn Leach**, Kyle Steven McClure, Taylor Rae McCormick, Amanda Courtney Nedler, Rosalinda Marie Olivarez, Juan Carlos Ramirez, **Maribell Ramirez**, Samuel Jonas Reijer, Steven Allen Retford, David James Rock, **Arthur Alexander Sanchez**, Ashley Lynn Schudlich, Andrew Michael Shampine, Jacob Patrick Somers, Davon James Thomas, Michael Stephen Tillman, **Koty Kequom Valdez**, Peter James Vang, Mark Anthony VanKleek, **Yinery Vicenty**, Chelsey Leigh Wallace, Heather Jean Wheeler, Nikole Ashley Wilmot, Bailey Jewels Wilson, Mitchell Alan Wilson, and Xieng Xue Yang.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Justin Carroll is proud of his achievement.

Two arrested in Springfield larcenies

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According to police reports, the younger Baker told investigators the merchandise they pilfered was sold immediately, either at the Dixieland Flea Market or to an individual, for drug money.

The Oakland County Fugitive Apprehension Team was notified and the elder Baker was arrested at his mother's home on Andersonville Road, where he and the younger man were sharing a basement living space.

The elder Baker told police he was driving ahead of his son when deputies pulled the younger man over, and therefore dumped stolen merchandise in his car along the side of the road. It was gone when he took deputies back to the spot later.

The elder of the duo, who told police he and his son read *The Clarkston News* to "keep up with the B&Es in the paper," also said he knew they would be caught; it was only a matter of time.

Bolt cutters, black Nike backpack, two screwdrivers with broken, bent tips, and a *Clarkston News* newspaper taken as evidence from the house.

The men also admitted to one theft in Independence Township, where landscaping equipment was stolen from the back of a trailer parked at Mel's Grill during daylight hours, as well as another theft from a shed in Waterford—including the mini bike—the night they were arrested.

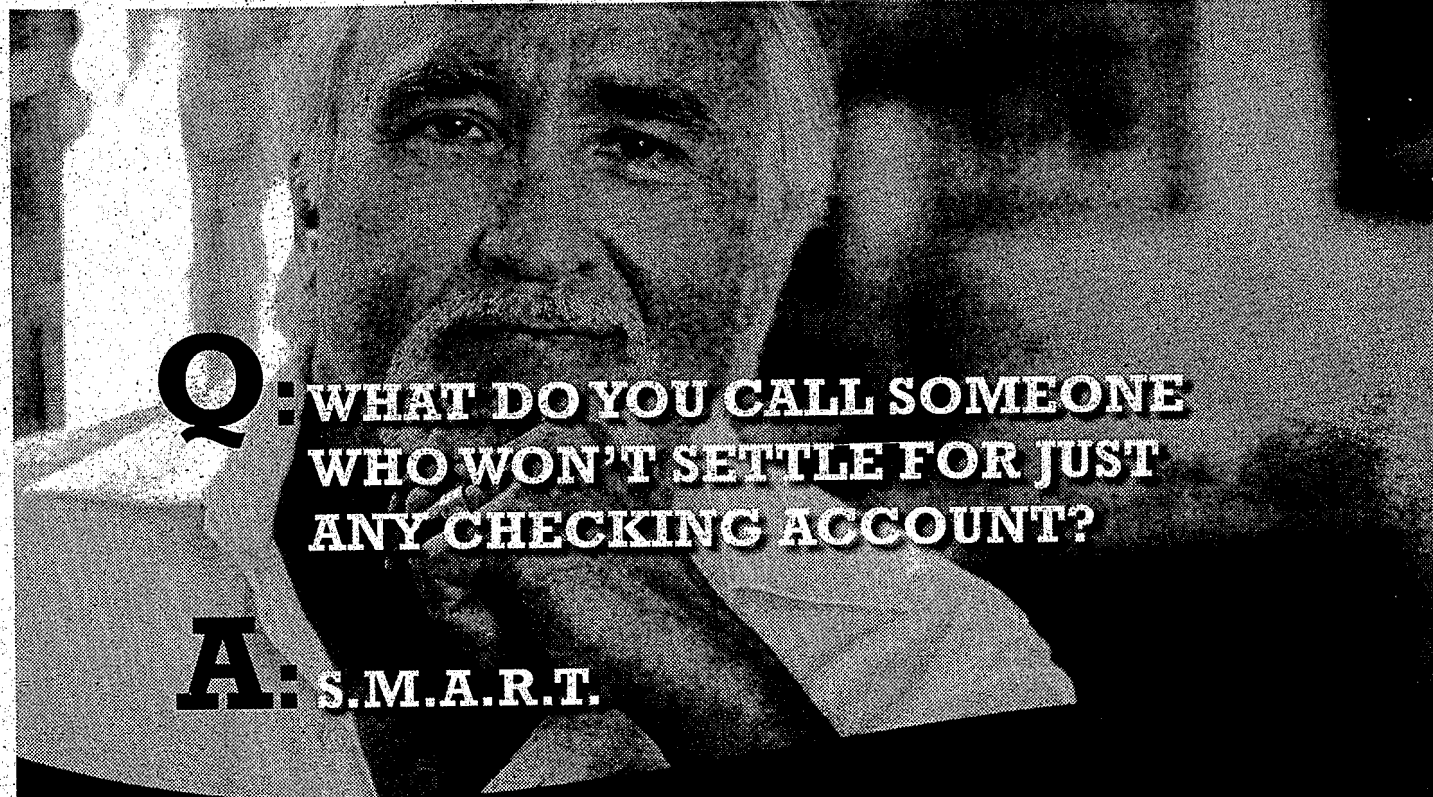
"The lesson here is very elementary, but I can't stress it enough," said Willis. "These guys only cut one lock, everything else they took was left unlocked. They didn't mess with dogs or floodlights; if doors were locked they moved on. People need to secure their belongings. I'm not saying it will deter every thief, but it deterred these guys."

During an interview with police, the elder Baker said "he may write a book in the future to give advice on how to secure personal items."

In his written statement, the father said the heroin use started about a year-and-a-half ago.

"I could pay for it without much problem and then it became difficult to find money," he wrote. "The last couple of months we started to take from people's sheds and businesses. I felt bad for doing this but the drug won. We need money."

Both men are held at Oakland County Jail on \$25,000 cash surety, no 10-percent. It was unclear whether they would waive their rights to a preliminary exam.



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Clerk stops supervisor from giving more payments

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because memos were sent for payment with my signature."

Wagner had sent a Dec. 8, 2008, and Jan. 16, 2009, memorandum to Renee Poole, assistance finance director authorizing the payments. Each of the payments showed up in the May 11, 2009, check run for the new township hall as "Reclassify expenditures to proper account."



Wagner

When asked by phone on June 22 why each payment was labeled as such, Wagner said he couldn't "answer that" and referred questions to Finance Director Susan Hendricks. She was unavailable for comment.

Belcher sent a memo to the board on June 1 saying he worked on the town hall "seven days per week with no additional pay." When questioned at the June 2 board meeting about the "reclassified expenditures," he replied he didn't know what they were.

"The night of the board meeting I was asked about expenditures that were labeled as reclassified. At that time I did not know what it was, there different amounts," he wrote in a

June 12 memo to all board members. "Now after the meeting I found out and now realize that two of them were payments by the supervisor back in December '08 and January '09, each for \$1,500."

When called for comment, Belcher replied "under the circumstances, I have no comment."

When Wagner tried to issue a third payment of \$1,500 to Belcher, Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen addressed him on the issue and said the payments needed to stop.

"Unfortunately, I didn't know before," she said. "It wasn't until the finance department came to me and told me and that's when I went to him."

VanderVeen said she felt the matter should have been brought before the board. However, Wagner said he didn't bring it before the board because of the "embarrassment" Belcher had suffered for the \$2,000 he was already compensated for the senior center.

"I wasn't going to put him through that again," he said.

Wagner said he had planned to pay Belcher somewhere between \$6,000 to \$8,000.

"If the board wanted to give him more, that would be fine," he said. "Personally I think the guy should have gotten \$15,000."

He also stated he did not need board approval to grant the payments as long as they were "under budget" because it was within

his statutory duties as supervisor.

"I don't need to ask their permission to do it. Now should I go and ask them for permission for everything I do? That's what they want," he said. "I'm not going to do that."

According to Michigan Townships Association, "as a general rule, compensation for employees is determined solely by the township board."

"In this particular instance there has been nothing done wrong, all within the guidelines of my job and I'll stick behind it," Wagner said.

Petterson told his fellow board members, June 16, there was no way he could have had time to review the attorney letter because it was sent while he was at work where he does not have access to a computer. After reviewing the letter, he felt there was nothing in the opinion letter that couldn't be "discussed in open for the public" because the letter topic was a "matter of process."

"Everyone, especially the public, should know the processes the township takes for any matter. I felt as a board that expresses how much transparency is needed, this board was failing miserably to provide just that to the public. In protest I removed myself from the meeting," he said. "I believe when in doubt, it is better to let the public know what we are doing than hide behind closed doors."

Count butterflies this weekend

North American Butterfly Count on Saturday, June 27, at the Golden Preserve in Springfield Township and Independence Oaks County Park in Independence Township.

"Butterfly counts help evaluate our natural resources management plans by tracking the distribution of butterflies in managed areas," said Kathleen Dougherty, Oakland County Parks natural resources educator.

Butterfly count at Golden Preserve, 11400 Clark Road, is 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; at Independence Oaks, 9501 Sashabaw Road, 12-3 p.m.

"We catch the butterflies, look them up and release them," Dougherty said. "Some we have seen in the past include the Red Admiral, Spring Azure and Monarch. We have also identified new ones."

Fee is \$3/person for both parks. Park permits required. Participants can register with the Stewardship Network at www.stewardshipnetwork.org.

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Date change leads to debate about note

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

What started out a simple date change, turned into a chaotic debate about a promissory note.

At the June 16 Independence Township Board meeting, Treasurer Curt Carson said after reviewing the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from water and sewer to general fund that he noticed the first payment date needed to be changed from 2008 to 2009. Trustee Neil Wallace thought this would be an opportune time to discuss whether or not the money "borrowed" from water and sewer was a "loan" or not.

"I think in addition to correcting the date we should have a motion to direct the township attorney to create for us two promissory notes," he said. "One for water fund and one for the sewer, I think they should be 'demand notes' meaning they could be called at anytime."

Attorney Steve Joppich said it "technically was not a loan."

"I know that the terminology 'loan' was used on occasions improperly by myself because we continually talk about paying it back," he said. "If anything it's a transfer from one fund to the other with a representation by resolution adopted by the board that can only be undone by the board to pay it back."

Joppich said a promissory note can be

done, but he has never seen one with an "inner fund transfer."

"It would be a document promising ourselves to pay ourselves and I can't guarantee how that would be enforced," Joppich said. "I guess there would be some issues in that. How do you force a promissory note against yourself?"

However Wallace said the borrowers and the lenders were two different groups of people.

"I guess I disagree with the notion that it's a promise to pay ourselves because again the lenders are a different group of people than the borrowers. The borrowers are all tax payers," he said. "The lenders are just the rate payers of water and sewer and a lot of them are not necessarily voting taxpayers."

Trustee David Lohmeier agreed with Wallace that there should be a note.

"I don't see the down side for making a promissory note for something that we've always called a loan," he said. "Every indication has always been that this is a loan from an enterprise fund and must be paid back and may have to be paid back earlier than the amortization schedule to prevent unfairly treating those folks that frankly from a town hall that we borrowed the money to build. I like the idea of doing a promissory note."

Carson said it was made clear to him in private discussions with Joppich that a note

was not needed because the township was borrowing from themselves.

"What is it that we need to make everybody understand that this township has borrowed the funds from these two water and sewer funds and we're paying it back," he asked.

Joppich said he thought what was done in the resolution "satisfies the legal requirements."

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen said she was "embarrassed" because she didn't know what they were doing.

"Mr. Carson put on the agenda the correction to the resolution we went off far field discussing loan documents which was not on the agenda," she said. "Somehow we've gone into this convoluted discussion about what we should or shouldn't do."

Trustee Mark Petterson who was frustrated by the whole thing called "point of order."

"This discussion has absolutely nothing to do with changing the date on the resolution all we wanted to do was change the date and now we're into the water and sewer department," Petterson said. "Now we're going on and on and on, this is way out of hand."

The motion for the promissory note was defeated 4-2. Lohmeier and Wallace voted yes. Supervisor Dave Wagner was absent. The board voted unanimous to change the date.

Motorcycle ride to help veterans

Oakland County Parks' inaugural American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter Ride for Red, July 12, includes a stop in Independence Oaks County Park in Independence Township.

"Ride for Red is an opportunity for motorcyclists to enjoy a scenic route, just under 80 miles, while helping a good cause," said Monica DeJesus, development officer for American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter.

Proceeds from the event will benefit services to the Armed Forces, health and safety and local disaster relief programs.

The event begins at Waterford Oaks County Park at 10 a.m. The course leads to Independence Oaks with a pit-stop at Oxford Seymour Township Lake Park, and ends at Addison Oaks County Park, near Oxford. After the race, participants are invited to Gus O'Connor's in Rochester for an ox roast and entertainment.

Registration will be accepted until July 1. Cost is \$30/participant and \$20/passenger. Participants can register the day of the event; however, the cost will be an additional \$5/person. Register at www.semredcross.org.

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Three trustees vote against pay raises

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"It's been a truly collaborative effort."
"Thank you, on behalf of CEA (Clarkston Education Association), for your courage and determination in helping us get these done," said Karl Bell, union representative. "Dr. Roberts, Linda Nester - it's taken a lot of hard work."

Boatman voted against the contract, citing uncertain economic projections.

"Given economic conditions, I feel very uncomfortable with these types of increases," she

District budgets \$6 million shortfall

Clarkston Community Schools expects \$80.9 million in revenue next school year, according to the budget approved unanimously by Clarkston Board of Education, June 22.

Spending is projected to be \$86.9 million, an increase of \$5.5 million over this past year, including more for utilities, retirement, health care, and pay increases.

Revenues are expected to increase \$3.7 million compared to last year, including a two-percent increase in property tax on businesses and other non-homesteads, for \$506,000 more, mostly due to elimination of tax delinquencies this past year.

With 30 extra students compared to last year, state funding is also expected to increase, by \$300,000. Federal funding is projected to increase to \$3.6 million, including \$1.2 million in stimulus money for special education.

The district's fund balance will cover the \$6 million difference, dropping it from \$11.8 million to \$5.8 million, about 7 percent of the budget.

"It does not meet the board fund-equity goal of 10 percent," said Dave Reschke, deputy superintendent. "It's a difficult challenge, but I believe we can bring it closer in line."

-Phil Custodio



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said. "We don't know if, in three years, the economy will turn around enough to give that kind of raise."

Roberts, who was out of town at Monday's meeting, received a glowing review by the school board, crediting him with increasing revenue through selective schools-of-choice programs, improving student achievement through district leadership and new programs, and controlling spending as much as possible.

"The Board of Education looks forward to continuing our relationship without conditions into the future," Hyer said.

"Over the last few years, I've watched central administration do the work that has to be done, and the superintendent has shouldered more than his fair share," said Trustee Barry Bomier.

Noting Roberts requested pay freezes twice in the past five years, Sullivan said he favored tabling the contract for re-evaluation.

"I'm concerned with revenues," said Sullivan in his final meeting as trustee, retiring from the board after 12 years.

Voting "yes" were Hyer, Bomier and board Vice President Cheryl McGinnis and Treasurer Joe Armstrong.

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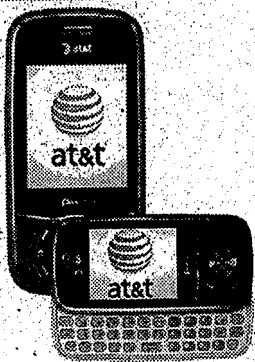
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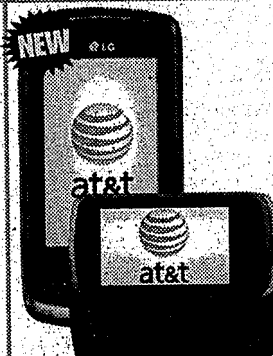
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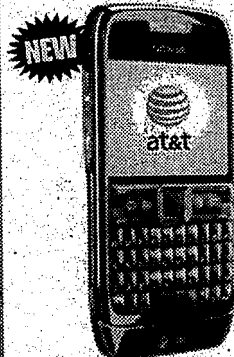
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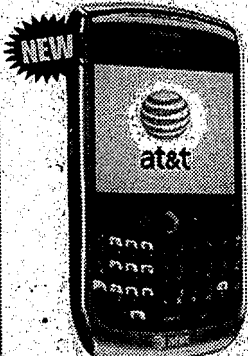
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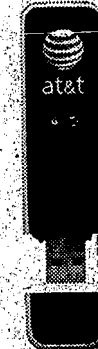
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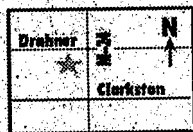
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Athlete of the Week Uballe to play at Oakland

BY CAITLINSMITH

Special to the Clarkston News

Clarkston High School graduate Shantel Uballe has played softball for 10 years and barely recalls life without the sport.

As a 2009 All-League, All-District, and All-Region Softball Team honoree, it would only make sense for Uballe to put her skills to use at the collegiate level. This past spring, Uballe made the decision to sign her letter of intent with Oakland Community College.

"The coach really had my attention and I have nothing but good things to say about the program," she said.

Uballe was a three-year varsity player at Clarkston High School and led her team to win districts this past spring. She also played for the Michigan Dream Softball Team during her off season.

She specializes as first basemen, but believes she will play other positions at OCC.



"I'm not so much scared or nervous to play at the college level, but rather very excited," she said. "I am putting myself in a position to gain new experiences and become a better player."

Uballe has a program she will follow over the summer to condition and personally prepare herself for next year.

The transition into college level sports is a difficult process and athletes often need time to adjust, but she is ready to take on any challenge.

"Softball is a game in which the ball doesn't bounce your way every time, but by knowing this you will be better prepared for the next situation," she commented.



Learning lacrosse

Players demonstrate their shooting skills during lacrosse camp at Clarkston High School. They learned fundamentals of the game as well as team concepts. Photo by Phil Custodio



From left are Morgan Geisler, Lindsey Schenten, Callie Skene, Kate Rock, Maggie Lundquist, Sophia McFadden-Keesling, Val Weaver, Amanda Chamberlain, Michelle Whitmore, Beth Chaney, Kaitlin Catania, Courtney Bell, and Abbey Reinke. Not pictured: MaryBeth Campbell, Maddie Fioroni, and Andrea Dupart. Photo provided

Team kicks in lots of donations

Girls U14 Travel Soccer Team, Independence Township Parks and Recreation, raised almost \$1,000 for Lighthouse Emergency Services.

Coach Carl Schenten challenged the girls to raise donations for each goal or shutout. Nicknamed "Team Lighthouse," the girls scored 38 goals and posted six shutouts, raising \$967.

"It really was a tremendous outpouring of generosity by the girls and their families," said coach Rich Rock. "The girls did a wonderful thing and hopefully the giving spirit will be with them for years to come."

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Landri Berman prepares for the next drill. Photos by Phil Custodio

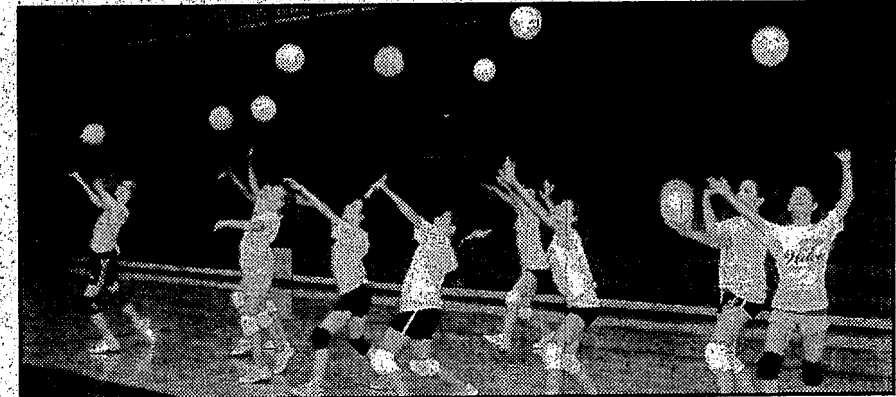


Sarah Del and Grace Sementkowski work on their returning skills at Clarkston High School's volleyball clinic.

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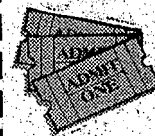
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Plans for the summer?



"Working, traveling up to Lake Michigan, boating, and lots of weddings."

Morgan Sheets



"Working, going to concerts at DTE, and different events in Detroit, like Tiger games."

Erin Mateyak



"Spending summer up north swimming, and playing with friends on the beach."

Matt McLaughry



"I'm taking drivers training as well as going up north to hangout with friends and go tubing."

Ian McLaughry

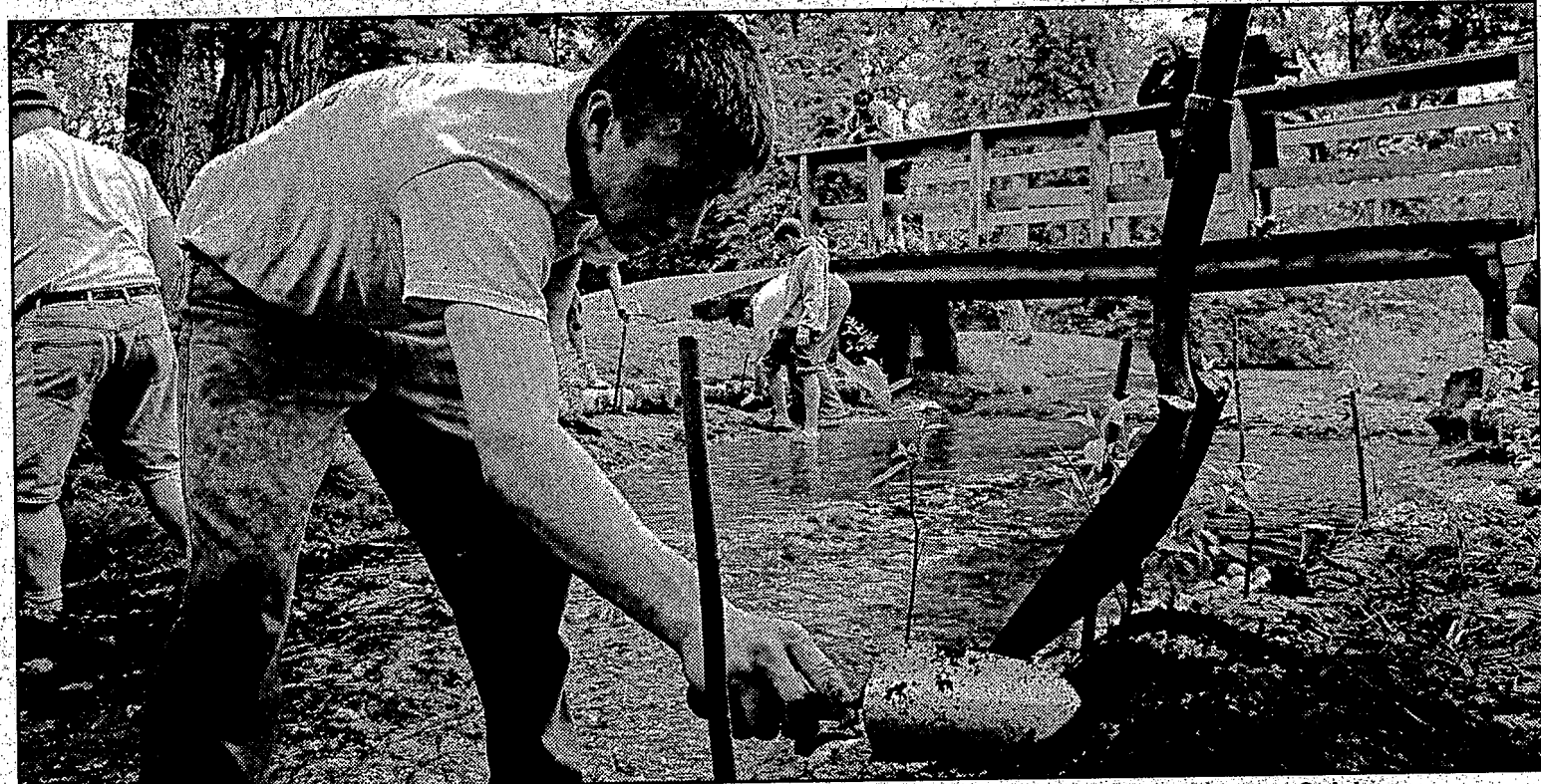
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Brent Cousino and his crew begin the last phase of a streambank stabilization project. Photo by Laura Colvin

Scout takes project to the (stream) bank

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Keep at it. That was one of the lessons Brent Cousino took away from the streambank stabilization project he headed up in Depot Park last week. The undertaking, months in the planning, was an Eagle Scout Service project for Cousino, 16, a member of Boy Scout Troop 189 out of Calvary Lutheran Church.

"I was real proud of him," said Brent's dad, Gary Cousino, who's also the troop's scout master. "He bit took on a pretty big project, but he was adamant he wanted it to be something significant, and something environmental. He stuck

to it, even when he felt discouraged." As a candidate for Eagle Scout, Brent was responsible for the planning—lots and lots of planning—and execution of the project.

It started months ago, when Brent and his dad approached the Clarkston Watershed Group to see if they had suggestions for a project in Depot Park.

Brent, after all, had been volunteering with the CWG since the group's inception. He helped with the first phase of the rain garden in Depot Park, as well as the Children's Garden and another garden by the millpond at Washington and Main Street.

After talking with members of the CWG,

Brent decided on the streambank stabilization project near the bridge in the south end of the park, where the Clinton River passes under Main Street between Waldon and Middle Lake Road.

Once the project was decided and the planning process begun, though, Brent had to overcome one obstacle after another.

"I got shot down a lot," he said with a wry smile. "The project itself was easy compared to all the planning."

Initially, for example, the Eagle Scout project advisor didn't see much merit in Brent's proposal. It took some convincing, but Brent—with some help from CWG co-founder Jim

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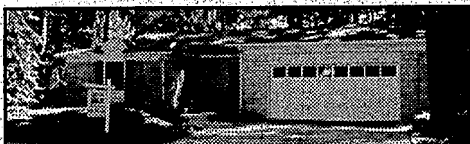
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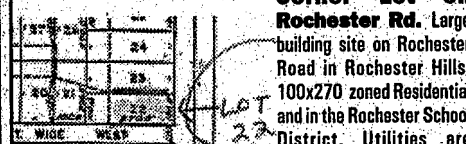
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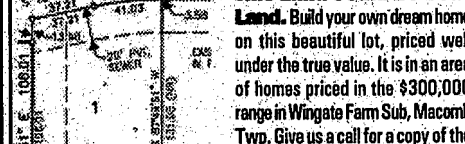
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Farmers offer goods, advice

BY ALICIA GERVIN

Special to the Clarkston News

Clarkston Farmer's Market opened, Saturday, with a variety of goods, from Woodcreek Farm's Alpaca wool to Sweet Monday's delectable baked goods.

For opening day, June 20, 31 vendors sold produce and products, and provided lots of advice to customers, such as "by saving the juice of the pickles and adding other vegetables to the jar, the meal will gain a better flavor while maintaining it's nutritional

value," at the McClure's Pickles station.

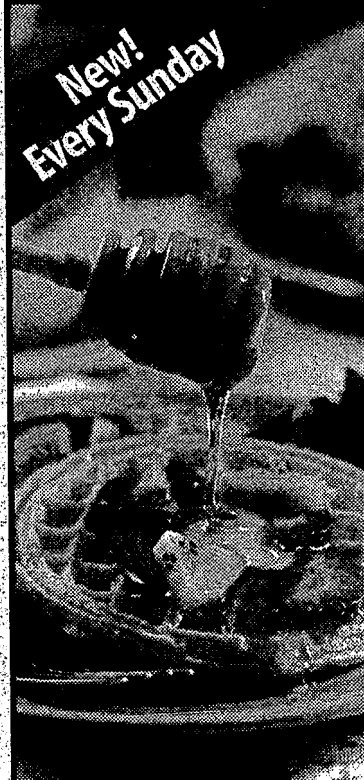
The market will be every Saturday through Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-noon, in the parking lot across from Depot Park.

Organizers are also collecting bicycles in partnership with Bicycles for Humanity, with a goal of 430 by July 25. They will be sent to a small village in Ghana.

Also on July 25 will be Beans for Bikes, where local companies sell custom blends of coffee, donating all proceeds to Bicycles for Humanity.



Ed and Sandra Berry check out D&L Pie and Cheesecake offerings.



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Which plan is right for you? It depends on different factors, such as how many employees you have and how much you can afford to contribute each year. Let's take a look at some popular retirement plans for small businesses:

• **Owner-only 401(k)** — Also known as an individual 401(k), an owner-only 401(k) offers you many of the same advantages of a traditional 401(k): a range of investment options, tax-deductible contributions and tax-deferred earnings growth. You may even be able to choose a Roth option for your 401(k), which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax free. In 2009, you can contribute up to \$49,000 to your owner-only 401(k) or \$54,500 if you're 50 or older. (To make deductible contributions for the 2009 tax year, you'll need to set up your plan by Dec. 31, 2009.)

• **Solo defined benefit plan** — You may have thought you had to work for a big company to participate in a traditional pension plan, also known as a defined benefit plan, but you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

• **SEP IRA** — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, and you're looking for a low-cost, low-maintenance retirement plan, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must

cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can contribute up to 25 percent of compensation (if you're an employee of your own corporation) or 20 percent of income if you're self-employed, up to \$49,000 annually. And you can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment you choose.

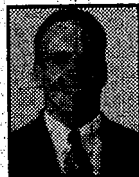
• **SIMPLE IRA** — As its name suggests, a SIMPLE IRA is quite easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. As the business owner, you must contribute in one of two ways: a dollar-for-dollar match of up to 3 percent of salary or a contribution of 2 percent of employees' salaries (up to \$4,900 per year). Employee contributions are tax-deductible, and your matching contributions are generally deductible as a business expense. Still, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k), a defined benefit plan or a SEP IRA. For 2009, your annual contributions are generally limited to \$11,500, or \$14,000 if you're 50 or older by the end of the year. You can also make a matching contribution of up to 3 percent to yourself.

To determine which plan is best for you, consult with your tax advisor and a financial advisor who has experience with small businesses. But don't wait too long to get started — you're moving closer to retirement all the time

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Milestones

Students achieve success

Community groups and businesses awarded \$15,500 in local scholarships at the Clarkston High School Senior Awards presentation, May 28.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce \$1,000 Scholarships for Entrepreneurial Spirit were presented to **Robert Pizzey** and **Amy Cannons**.

The Clarkston Farm and Garden \$1,000 scholarships went to **Evan Markarian**, **Jenica Dabrowski**, **Katelyn Schweitzer**, and **Kory Schweitzer**.

The Clarkston Foundation \$1,000 scholarship for Performing Arts went to **Kellyn Carpenter**. The Clarkston Foundation \$1,000 scholarship for Math/Science went to **Jena Manilla**. The foundation's \$750 Shelmar Scholarship/Future Teacher Scholarship went to **Ali Phillip** and **Allie Browe**.

The Clarkston Optimist Club scholarships, \$3,000 total, were presented to **Bethany Horner**, **Taylor Benson**, **Timothy Ginn**, **Kory Schweitzer**, **Ashley Kukuk**, and **Evan Markarian**.

The Clarkston Rotary \$1,000 scholarships were presented to **Kelsey Ferrand** and **Kortni Chrisman**.

Health Sciences Scholarships include the Devin Werner O'Neill \$1,000 Scholarship, presented to **Kathryn Genoa**; Munk Orthodontics \$1,000 Scholarship, **Chelsea Grainer**; Roeser Dental Associates \$1,000 scholarship, **Olivia Allen**; and Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery \$2,000 Scholarship, **Korni Chrisman**.

Brittany Allen of Clarkston was placed on the Provost's List for academic achievement during spring semester at Lipscomb University. She is an Oakland Christian School graduate and pre-nursing major.

Clarkston graduates of Michigan Tech-

nological University include **Brian C. Arpke**, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; **Richard J. Borth**, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering; **Daniel H. Carpenter**, Bachelor of Science in Construction Management; **David P. DeClerck**, Bachelor of Science in Construction Management; **Gretchen L. Lange**, Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering; **Michael A. Major Jr.**, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; and **Nicholas A. Puroll**, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Davisburg graduates include **Jason D. Ricksgers**, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering; and **David F. Smith**, Associate in Applied Science in Civil Engineering Technology.

Lauren Dedow, a graduate of Clarkston High School, was recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Michigan Technological University. She is the daughter of Mark and Claire Dedow of Clarkston.

She expects to graduate from Michigan Tech in December 2009 with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and a concentration in plant sciences.

Clarkston students **Amanda K. Evanson**, **Megan Elizabeth Gaines**, **Jennifer Marie Johnston**, **Lisa R. Wilke**, and **Cassandra Nicole Yarnall** were named to Madonna University's Dean's List, winter 2009 term.

Michigan Technological University spring 2009 Dean's List includes Clarkston students **David J. Arnold**, junior, Mechanical Engineering; **Brian C. Arpke**, senior, Mechanical Engineering; **Lauren K. Dedow**, senior with a 4.0 GPA, Biological Sciences; **Alexander F. Hardy**, senior, Mechanical Engineering; **Gretchen L. Lange**, senior, Materials Science and Engineering; and **Nicholas A. Puroll**, senior, Civil Engineering; and Davisburg student **Matthew C. Hehn**, senior, Chemical Engineering.

Kelsey Rauhut of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 semesters at Grand Valley State University. She is a 2008 graduate of Clarkston High School, and the daughter of Mark Rauhut and Eileen McGill.



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Religion

Faith frees us to seek truth in life

Graduation open-houses are in full swing and for graduates everywhere this is an exciting season of celebration. It's a time to experience the satisfaction of accomplishment and to anticipate the future.

Yet this year in the midst of stressful economic times there is also much worry and concern about how things will be — and we know they will probably be different from what we have become used to. Above all this is a time of transition and there is an abundance of advice from many sources about life and how to live it.

Of all the wise and helpful words that can be shared at graduation time, I believe there is none more basic nor more easily forgotten in the busyness of life, than something I learned even before I "graduated" from preschool.

You probably even know the song. It goes like this, "Jesus loves me this I know..." I am loved and accepted by God no matter what career path I take; no matter how much I achieve or how much money I make; no matter if I go to college or go to work; no matter who I marry or if I marry, and no matter how things go during this recession.

These simple words, "Jesus loves me this I know..." assure me that God will love and forgive me no matter what

mistakes I make along the journey of life or what difficulties I encounter. And above all, they let me know that God desires to have a loving relationship with me forever. When all else fails, God is faithful and will always be there for me.

When I base my life on this fundamental trust in God's goodness and grace I am free from having to always prove my basic worth and value as a person.

I am free to mold my life around God's will and purpose regardless of the economic climate, and to follow Jesus' example.

I am free to love God and others (see the Great Commandment in Mark 12:28-31). I am free to try new things and to fail and learn and be all that I can be.

And the best news of all is that I am free to do this not to get God to love and accept me, but because he already does.

God never promises we will have an easy life if we stay close to him and follow his way, but he does promise that our life will have purpose and depth, and that we will not be alone. That is enough for me.

For the past few years I have shared with the graduates at Calvary Lutheran a word of blessing and challenge. I have adapted it from something I found called simply "A Franciscan Blessing."

For me it captures what is different about a life lived with and for Jesus. It is about so much more than just being "reli

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Helerman

In our churches...

Pray and Things Happen class, Thursdays, 7 p.m., through July 16. June 25: "Cleansing & Healing with guided visualization." Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Summer Peace Camp for students 6-15, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 13-17. \$100. Instructors include Rev. Kathy Harwood Long, educator and minister; Noreen Daly, yoga instructor and physical education; Susan Alexander, environmental education. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Starting Point, free eight-week class on Christian faith, beginning June 10, 6:45-8 p.m., Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. Free childcare. 248-625-1344.

Life Coaching Workshop, *Living From Your Heart*, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30, with spiritual life coach Cathy Zucker. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-494-0271

Peace Camp, day camp for kids 6-15, led by Kathy Harwood Long, educator and minister. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 13-17. \$100. Peace Unity, 080A Ortonville Road. 248-0625-5192.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625- Please see *In Our Churches*, page 10B

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Sunday: Youth Ministries
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Around Town

Concerts in the Park, 7 p.m., Fridays through July 24, Depot Park. June 26: Toppermost, Beatles tribute band. Local talent at 6:30 p.m. ***

Clarkston Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturdays through Oct. 10, parking lot next to Depot Park. ***

Battle of the Bands, 7-9 p.m., June 26, Independence Township Library parking lot and meeting room, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free. All ages welcome. 248-625-2212. ***

Tim Birtsas, Clarkston High School graduate and former Major League pitcher, 5:30 p.m., June 27. Talk about baseball and Oakland County Cruisers team. \$8/adults, \$4 children 3-12, free/children under 3. Hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, cotton candy, apple pie. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611. ***

Blood drive for the American Red Cross, 2-8 p.m., July 2, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Prizes include free car lease, portable DVD players, portable GPS and gas cards. 248-922-3515. ***

Garden Walk, hosted by Clarkston Community Education and Clarkston Farm and Garden, 12-7 p.m., July 15. Lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, followed with tour of six area gardens. \$15/tour, \$22/tour and lunch. 248-623-4321. ***

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Aug. 11. Topic: "Normal Grief Responses." Le by Bereavement Counselor Emily Trahan. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Walk-ins welcome. Free. 248-625-5231. ***

Stratford Festival Theatre, Sept. 16-17. "West

Side Story" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Motorcoach from Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Deadline July 10. 248-625-8231. ***

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Travel getaway, bus trip to Branson, \$650, Sept. 20-26, depart from Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-627-7445. ***

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. All cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 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. ***

Clintonwood Teen Sand Volleyball Leagues, teens ages 13-17, Sundays, sand courts of Clintonwood Park. Independence Township Parks and Rec. League play starts first week in June, regular season lasts eight weeks. All games self officiated, six per team. Must sign up as teams. 248-625-8223. ***

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Pres-

byterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232. ***

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270. ***

Bingo, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186. ***

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. \$15. 248-625-4244. ***

Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731. ***

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

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. ***

Spanish Lessons, Tuesdays, June 16-Aug. 4. Beginners and intermediate. \$35/eight-week class, \$15/textbook. Independence Township Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231. ***

50+ Golf, Tuesdays, tee off 7:30-8:30 a.m. tee off. Heather Highlands, Springfield Township. On-going, non-league play. \$8 greens fee and \$12 registration fee. 248-625-8231. ***

Breast Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., MIRO Mid-Oakland Medical Center, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841. ***

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

Community Singles, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412. ***

BNI, Clarkston Waterford chapter, Tuesdays, 7 a.m., St. Stevens Church, Sashabaw north of Walton. 248-625-1365. ***

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Pickle Ball, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., First Congregational Church gym, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3 drop-in fee. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 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. ***

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. ***



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More than just makeup

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Kim Hill got her first job at Clarkston Hair Salon in 1985, she didn't know styling hair and putting on makeup would become more than just "enhancing physical beauty."

Hill, a 1983 Clarkston graduate was diagnosed in 2002 with fiberticulitis, (weaking pouches in the lining of the intestine) which has led to five abdominal surgeries, a ruptured colon, a colostomy, severe adhesions, and muscle tears- mesh panels-chronic bowel obstructions, and tissue transfers. In addition she also has a compressed L4 and L5 spinal discs, which she has to go to the hospital every 12 weeks for ultrasound guided spinal injections.

"Because of all the trauma my body endures each day, I have Fibromyalgia as well, which causes sever muscle pain and weakness, but yet I am so blessed with an amazing husband & two terrific young men as sons, 18 and 21 years old now, they have learned compassion about life and people with disabilities," she said. "My friends are also a huge part of my uphill battle they help when they can and make me smile."

Hill also noted her salon co-workers at "It's Shear Madness Salon" in Goodrich have also stepped in to help when physical limitation or pain becomes too much.

"Helping with an offer to do the final shampoo on a color client when my intestines are spasming & my internal adhesions are pulling me apart from the inside out," she said.

Despite living in constant pain every day and experiencing additional internal complications, that has a sixth abdominal surgery "lurking around the bend," Hill finds herself inspired to help other woman who are suffering with health problems, low self-esteem, possibly depressed about the worries of the world raising children today or just everyday life.

"As I attend my monthly series of Doctor visits over the years I have met some amazing women who I have seen don't have the same inner strength I have found. They clearly have 'become' their challenge. They sit in



Kim Hill applies makeup to client and best friend Sue Manley Burns.

the waiting room to be called in with their hair ascue, no makeup on feeling so overwhelmed that they have put 'caring' for themselves on the back burner," she said.

"Women I have spoken to don't 'feel pretty', or beautiful any more and that breaks my heart because I believe 'every woman is beautiful in their own unique way.'"

That is when Hill began her quest to start her own makeup & skin care line called "Beautiful U Cosmetics," to help woman "Enhance their outer Beauty & Embrace their inner beauty."

"I want them to know that 'they are worth it', that no hurdle or obstacle put before them can take away the beautiful woman that they are," Hill said. "By learning to take the time

for themselves, be it a full face of makeup, or just some mascara and lip-gloss will actually make the 'feel' better about themselves, and in turn help them feel better all together."

Though she has lived in Ortonville with her husband and sons for the past 20 years, she still has fond memories of growing up in Clarkston.

"My best friend Sue Manley Burns and I met in seventh grade at Clarkston Junior High and have been blessed with an amazing friendship," she said. "We love to tell our stories about growing up in Clarkston, walking up to Hallmans and Rudy's after school."

For more information visit www.beautifulucosmetics.com

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Business News

Dr. Stephen E. Hershey of Clarkston, orthodontist with offices in Waterford and Highland, was elected president of the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University and earned his dental degree at the University of Detroit School of Dentistry in 1974.

He was a resident in the Department of Pediatrics at Wyler's Children's Hospital in Chicago and received a master's degree in facial growth and development from the University of Chicago in 1976. He completed his orthodontic education at the University of Michigan in 1978 and has been in orthodontic practice since then.

He taught at the University of Chicago, University of Detroit and University of Michigan, published numerous professional articles in both orthodontics and anthropology, and lectured throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Dr. Hershey and his wife, Patti, are parents of six children, and lifelong residents of the Clarkston area.

Mary C. Fabrizio of Independence Township passed the State Bar Exam and is now an associate attorney with Fabrizio & Brook law firm.

Mary has more than five years of experience at Fabrizio & Brook, most recently as law clerk. She earned her Juris Doctor at the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law and her B.A. from Michigan State University.

Associated Radiologists of Clarkston joins Clarkston Medical Group at its new Sashabaw Road building with its new multi-modality imaging center.

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Jill Smith of Davisburg earned top honors with Lia Sophia's Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for fashion-jewelry sales.

Smith named 2009 Woman of the Year

The American Business Association Greater Oakland Charter Chapter of Clarkston named Mary Smith as its 2009 Woman of the Year.

Smith has been a member of the chapter since August, 2007.

She serves on the board as secretary and is the chapter's publicity chairperson.

Smith is a stylist at Creekside Salon in Clarkston. She has been a stylist in the community for more than 25

years:

She earned an Associate of Applied Science degree at Oakland Community College with a concentration in Interior Design. She plans to further her education in the fall at Wayne State University.

She joined the association after receiving an educational scholarship given by the chapter.

She is married to Brian and has two children, Nicole and Lyndsay. She was honored, April 18, at Wallis Supper Club in Burton.

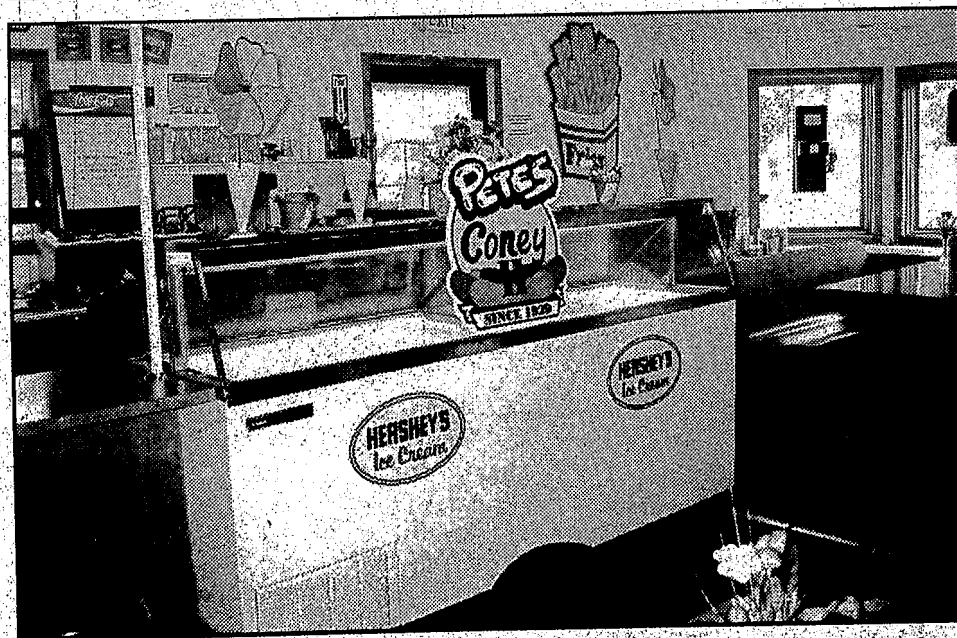


Mary Smith



20 years in business

Owner Donna Zaner, with staff members and Teri Robinson, membership specialist for Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mattresses and More with a ribbon cutting. *Photo provided*



Hand-dipped ice cream at Pete's

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Clarkston Foundation members gather at their Theater Seat Sponsorship plaque at Clarkston High School. *Photo provided*

Foundation reopens theater sponsorships

Clarkston Foundation President Jim Evans announced reopening of the Clarkston Foundation Theatre Seat Sponsorship Program. The program was initiated by former Clarkston Foundation President Sherry Regiani in 1998. Sales are open to anyone wishing to support the Performing Arts.

The foundation is offering sponsorships at the following levels: Producer's Chair: \$2,000; Director's Chair: \$1,200; Assistant Director: \$800; Benefactor: \$400; and Patron:

\$200.

Each donor name will be engraved on the Clarkston Foundation Theatre Seat Plaque that is permanently on display in the lobby of the Clarkston High School's Performing Arts Center.

Contributions may be sent to the Clarkston Foundation at P.O. Box 711, Clarkston, MI 48347. For more information, please contact the Clarkston Foundation at 248-623-5475.

Obituary

Harrel Ray Alcorn, 59

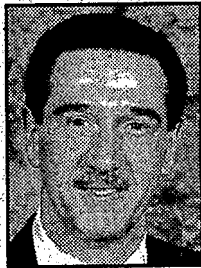
Harrel Ray Alcorn of Clarkston, formerly of Arlington, Texas, passed away unexpectedly, June 17, 2009, at the age of 59.

He was the husband of Betty; father of Amy (Mike) Rosenfelt; and brother of Larry (Cathy) Byars.

Mr. Alcorn was a loving husband, father, grandpa Hal, great grandpa, and friend to many. He was employed by Behr America, Troy, as General Manager and enjoyed photography and traveling.

Funeral service was June 20 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Texas services will be Saturday, June 27, at 3:30 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Funeral Home, Fort Worth, Texas. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Justin Andrew Gravenstreter, 21

Justin Andrew Gravenstreter of Clarkston passed away suddenly, June 19, 2009, at the age of 21.

He was the beloved son of Noel and Gail; and dear brother of Tara (Levi) Rosenbaum of Arizona, Jonathan, Jordan, and Faith, all of Clarkston.

Justin was employed at Wendy's in Clarkston and was an E.M.T. student through Genesys Hospital.

Visitation was June 23 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service, Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clarkston. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery. Any donations to the family will be used for a headstone in his memory. For Facebook friends, please visit Justin's Facebook.

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Spiritual Matters

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gious." It is a different way of going about life that goes deeper. It is not the easy way, but I believe it is God's way and I hope you will be open to it no matter what season of life you are in.

"May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. Amen.

"May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. Amen.

In our churches

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

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

"May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. Amen.

"May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.

"May God bless you with the assurance of his amazing grace, that you may always know that nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen."

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

Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m.; worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. 248-625-1750.

Unemployed Men's Community Support Group, Bridgewood Church, Compassion, prayer, encouragement, with networking, job search, skill development. 248-625-1344.

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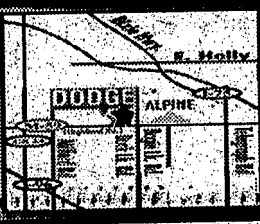
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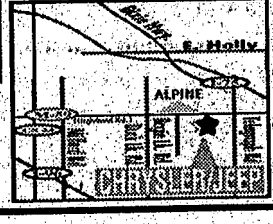
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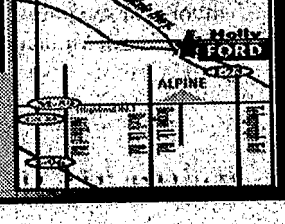
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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP ORDINANCE NO. 26

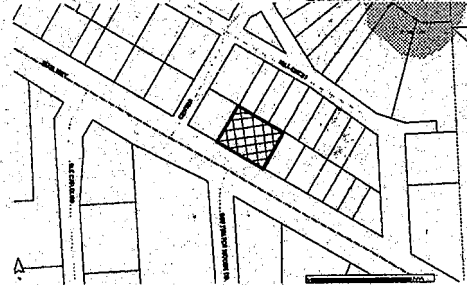
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a Second Reading at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI, to consider the following proposed amendment to Springfield Township Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 26.

Request by Louis DeMonaco, 6813 Deerhill Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346, to rezone approximately one-half (1/2) acre of property located at 9158 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township to OS-Office Service from R3 One Family Residential. P.I. #07-14-476-026.

The parcel requested to be rezoned is located on the east side of Dixie Highway, south of ME Cad Blvd., across from Softwater Woods Dr.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that documents related to the proposed rezoning may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

Laura Moreau, Clerk



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to consider the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS: Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1 Amendments

1. In Article II, DEFINITIONS - Add the following new definitions:
Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) shall mean any structure such as a wind charger, windmill, or wind turbine that converts wind energy to a form of usable energy.

a. Private WECS shall mean any WECS that is accessory to a principal dwelling or use located on the same zoning lot, and is designed and built to serve the needs of the principal use.

b. Commercial WECS shall mean any WECS that is designed and built to provide electricity to the electric utility's power grid as in ongoing commercial enterprise.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following additional definitions shall apply:

a. **Manual and Automatic Controls** give protection to power grids and limit rotation of WECS blades not to exceed the designed limits of the conversion system.

b. **Authorized Factory Representative** shall mean an individual with technical training of a WECS who has received factory installation instructions and is certified in writing by the manufacturer of the WECS.

2. Add the following new section to Article XVI - General Provisions:

SECTION 16.26 - Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

1. Intent - It is the intent of Springfield Township to permit the effective and efficient use of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) by regulating the siting, design, and installation of such systems to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. In no case shall this ordinance guarantee the wind rights or establish access to the wind.

2. Approval Required - Except where noted in this Section, it shall be unlawful to construct, erect, install, alter, or locate any WECS project within Springfield Township unless approval for a special land use has been obtained pursuant to Section 18.08 and this Section.

3. General Standards - The following standards shall apply to all private and commercial wind energy conversion systems in Springfield Township:

a. **Design Safety Certification:** The safety of the design of all private and commercial WECS structures shall be certified by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Michigan and reviewed by the Township. The standard for certification shall be included with the permit application. If approved, the Professional Engineer shall certify that the construction and installation of the private or commercial WECS project meets or exceeds the manufacturer's construction and installation standards, and any applicable State and Federal regulations.

b. **Controls and Brakes:** All commercial WECS structures shall be equipped with manual and automatic controls to limit rotation of blades to a speed not to exceed the designed limits of the WECS. The Professional Engineer must certify that the rotor and overspeed control design and fabrication conform to applicable design standards. No changes or alterations from certified design shall be permitted unless accompanied by a Professional Engineer's statement of certification. Brakes are not required on private structures.

c. **Setbacks:** All private and commercial WECS structures must be setback from property lines at a distance equal to or greater than one and one half (1.5) times the height of the structure, measured from the base of the structure to the highest reach of its blade.

d. **Climb Prevention:** All private and commercial WECS structures must be protected by anti-climbing devices such as:

(1) Fences with locking portals at least six (6) feet high;

(2) Anti-climbing devices twelve (12) feet from base of pole; or

(3) Anchor points for guy wires supporting tower shall be enclosed by a six (6) foot high fence or shall be located within the confines of a yard that is completely fenced.

e. **Interference:** All private or commercial WECS structures shall be designed and operated to minimize or mitigate interference with existing electromagnetic communications, such as radio, telephone, microwave or television signals.

f. **Noise Levels:** The noise level for either a private or commercial WECS structure shall comply with the standards set forth in Section 17.03 - Noise.

g. **Signs:** Use of the WECS shall be limited to conversion of wind energy to a form of usable energy and shall not provide any other function, including non-safety signage.

4. **Additional Standards for Commercial WECS Structures** - The following additional standards shall apply to all commercial wind energy conversion systems in Springfield Township:

a. **Color:** Towers and blades shall be finished in a permanent non-reflective neutral color that is approved by Springfield Township or otherwise required by law.

b. **Compliance with FAA:** It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the appropriate FAA permits for the WECS structure, or to obtain a determination of no significant impact to air navigation from the FAA.

c. **Warnings:** A visible warning sign of High Voltage shall be required to be placed at the base of all commercial WECS structures. The sign must have at a minimum six (6") inch letters with 3/4-inch stroke. Such signs shall be located a maximum of three hundred (300) feet apart and at all points of site ingress and egress.

d. **Annual Inspection:** Every commercial WECS

structure must be inspected annually by an Authorized Factory Representative or Professional Engineer to certify that it is in good working condition and not a hazard to the public. Such records shall be submitted to Springfield Township and considered a part of the continuing special use permit.

e. **Liability Insurance:** The owner or operator of a commercial WECS structure shall maintain a current insurance policy with coverage limits acceptable to the Township to cover installation and operation of the WECS project. The amount of the policy shall be established as a condition of special use permit approval.

f. **Security:** The application shall include a description of security to be posted at the time of receiving a building permit for the facility to ensure removal of the WECS when it has been abandoned or is no longer needed, as provided in section 4. In this regard, the security shall, at the election of the applicant, be in the form of: (1) cash; (2) irrevocable letter of credit; or, (3) an agreement in a form approved by the Township Attorney and recordable at the office of the Register of Deeds, establishing a promise of the applicant and owner of the property to timely remove the WECS as required under this section of the ordinance, with the further provision that the applicant and owner shall be responsible for the payment of any costs and attorney fees incurred by the community in securing removal.

g. **Removal:** A condition of every approval of a commercial WECS structure shall be adequate provision for removal of all or part of the facility by users and owners upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

(1) When the WECS structure or portion of a structure has not been used for 180 days or more. For purposes of this section, the removal of equipment, or the cessation of operations shall be considered as the beginning of a period of non-use. The applicant shall notify the Township upon cessation of operations or removal of equipment.

(2) Upon the occurrence of one (1) or more of the events requiring removal, specified in paragraph (1) above, the property owner or persons who had used the facility shall immediately apply or secure the application for any required demolition or removal permits, and immediately proceed with and complete the demolition/removal, restoring the premises to an acceptable condition as reasonably determined by the Township.

(3) If the required removal of a facility or a portion thereof has not been lawfully completed within sixty (60) days of the applicable deadline, and after written notice, the Township may remove or secure the removal of the facility or required portions thereof, with its actual cost and reasonable administrative charge to be drawn or collected from the security posted at the time application was made for establishing the facility.

5. **Migratory Birds:** The Township may require an avian study to be conducted by a qualified professional, such as an ornithologist or wildlife biologist, to determine any potential impacts the commercial WECS structure may present to migratory birds.

6. **Ancillary Structures and Uses:** Approval of a special land use under this provision does not extend to any accessory structures or uses to the WECS. All other such accessory structures or uses must be a lawful land use and meet all applicable requirements of the ordinance.

Section 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

Section 3. Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related

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to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510

Laura Moreau, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: June 24, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 11, 2009

SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Trout

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Added New Business Item 7, FEMA Fire Station Construction Grant opportunity. Removed Old Business Item 2, Dixie Davisburg Market, and renumbered Old Business accordingly

PUBLIC COMMENT: Alice Spurgeon, 13137 Andersonville Road, commented regarding the danger of the empty old lumber yard building on Andersonville Road near Broadway. Ms. Spurgeon also commented on the vacant home next door and the many vacant homes she's noticed in the Township that are neglected.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: May 14, 2009 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$189,046.04
- Accepted May Treasurer's Report
- Received May 2009 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance and Fire
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$36,952.23
- Approved payment of annual membership dues to MTA, in the amount of \$5,604.00
- Approved purchase of 6 sets of Fire Turnout gear not to exceed \$9,000.00
- Approved 2009 Budget Amendments for Parks and Recreation
- Adopted 2009 resolution authorizing the reimbursement request to Oakland County for West Nile Virus expenses
- Adopted 2009 resolution supporting the Road Commission for Oakland County efforts to improve roads
- Authorized Supervisor's travel request to MTA workshop with a cost not to exceed \$500.00
- Authorized Elections Certification Training attended by Clerk's office not to exceed \$308.72
- Received Communications and placed on file

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sheriff Department Sub Station: Declined to relocate substation to Fire Station #2
- Trini & Carmen's North new liquor license application: Recommended issuance of Class C liquor license.

NEW BUSINESS:

- First Reading, Amendments to Zoning Ordinance #26, Articles II and XVI: Authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading with edits as noted
- First Reading, Amendment to Zoning Map, 07-14-476-026; Zoning Ordinance #26: Authorized Clerk to publish for second reading
- Parks and Recreation Preliminary 2010 Budget Presentation: Received presentation outlining 2008 revenues and expenses and measures taken by Parks & Recreation to cut costs and improve services
- Copier Discussion: Approved the Supervisor to execute the purchase and to enter into maintenance agreements for two multi-function machines for \$13,939.00
- Personnel Review, Job descriptions, positions & contracts: Approved two permanent part time positions and one contract part time position and associated job descriptions
- Consolidate Web/Cable Policies: Adopted Web Site & Cable Access Channel Policy
- FEMA Fire Station construction grant opportunity: moved to have Supervisor pursue grant opportunity through FEMA with up to a 15% match from Springfield Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Tom Weller, 9225 Hillcrest commented that the Township needs to toughen up on the Trespass Ordinance. Mentioned it was good to see former Clerk, Nancy Strole at the meeting.
- Daniel Spurgeon, 13137 Andersonville Rd commented that he wants a 25 mph speed limit sign added near curve on Andersonville Road.
- Supervisor Trout noted budget workshop meeting coming up in early August.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 p.m. by Laura Moreau, Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #09-0011 Zielke, Andrew, Rosetta Building Company, Petitioner for Terence and Elizabeth Haran

APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890, 2'3" REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD 9246 Allen Rd., Lot 15, 1.09 Acres, R-1R Allen Woods Estates
08-08-101-015

Case #09-0012 Maass, Scott, Petitioner

APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837, 39' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, 2' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, PLUS 1' DISTANCE VARIANCE BETWEEN STRUCTURES AND FRONT YARD PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD (CONSTRUCTION STARTED)
4882 Lakeview Blvd., Lot 23, R-1A Sunny Beach Country Club No. 2
08-13-106-029

Case #09-0013 Cook, Valerte, Petitioner

APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890, VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (ONE OF THE NEW PARCELS WOULD LACK FRONTAGE ON A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ROAD AND IT WOULD HAVE AN ACCESSORY BUILDING WITHOUT A PRINCIPAL USE)
6880 Aspen Ct., Lot 28 also 3.80 Acres, R-1B, R-1R Pine Knob Village
08-23-200-031

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
ADDENDUM**

Case #09-0014 OWL LAND CO., LLC, Petitioner

APPLICANT MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

1. USE VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-685 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES
2. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-687 (a) and (b) SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
3. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-689 PLACEMENT AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS
4. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 ACCESSORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
5. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-846 LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS
6. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTIONS 50-849 (a) AND 50-851 (f) OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT
7. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 50-944, 50-945 AND 50-946 OFF STREET PARKING

4625 White Lake Ct., 3.22 Acres, ML and Vacant White Lake Ct., 11.07 Acres, ML
08-31-302-013 and 08-31-302-019

Case #09-0015 Consumers Energy Co. and Minnesota Limited, Inc., Petitioner

APPLICANT MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

1. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-685 AND 50-687 TO ALLOW THE NON-OFFICE PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATION
2. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-689 FOR SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS
3. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838 FOR SIGN REQUIREMENTS
4. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-846 FOR LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS
5. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-849 TO STORE CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL OUTDOORS
6. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-851 FOR AIRBORNE EMISSIONS, NOISE, VIBRATIONS AND OUTDOOR STORAGE REQUIREMENTS
7. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE V, SECTION 50-946 FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

Vacant White Lake Ct., 11.07 Acres, ML
08-31-302-019

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Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO:
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of DAWN MARIE RING a/k/a DAWN M. BROWN, DECEASED,
Date of birth: 12/22/1957

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent, DAWN MARIE RING a/k/a DAWN M. BROWN, DECEASED, who lived at 2873 GENES DR, AUBURN HILLS, Michigan died MAY 22, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DENISE C. STEVENS, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
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JUNE 16, 2009

1. The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Carson, Rosso, Lohmeier, Petterson, Wallace
Absent: Wagner
There was a quorum.
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. The agenda was amended by removing #5, Plante Moran Audit letter discussion, and adding DPW Summer hours and Closed Session to discuss attorney opinion letter
6. Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the Agenda; opening at 7:39 p.m. and closing at 7:51 p.m.
7. The Consent Agenda was removed
8. Approved the appointment of members to the Task Force.
9. Approved Dixie Highway Commercial Rehabilitation District
10. Approved temporary change for fees charged for non-conforming signs
11. Approved Resolution No. 2008-22
12. Approved motion to expend CIA funds for landscaping
13. Postponed discussion of Annual Spring Clean-Up
14. Approved Fireworks at Clintonwood Park
15. Approved Fireworks at Lake Oakland
16. Approved Emergency Operation Plan
17. Approved Agreement to operate County titled USAR vehicles
18. Approved Parking Lot/Landscaping at Station #2, under supervision of Chief Ronk
19. Postponed discussion of Fire Department Training Facility
20. Postponed the DPW new hours until discussion at next regular meeting.
21. Approved Accounts Payable Check Run.
22. Approved motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation (MDEQ) and attorney opinion letter
23. Motion approved to go into open session at 12:29 a.m.
24. Approved motion to adjourn at 12:29 a.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 6/24/09



With some help from Trish Hennig, Brent Cousino gets ready to begin staking.

Scout helps improve water quality

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Brueck—were eventually able to illustrate the benefits of the project.

The stream bank in the area Brent wanted to work on has eroded over time, and the lack of vegetation allows sediment, fertilizer, chemicals, road salts, and animal waste to wash into the river, causing serious concerns with water quality.

So Brent put together a plan using a technique called live staking to stabilize the area. The stakes, created from Silky Dogwood cuttings, a plant native to the Depot Park area, were sharpened to a point and planted into the shoreline, where they will begin to grow into new plants.

Swamp milkweed, cup plant, and rushes were also planted along the shoreline to supplement the Silky Dogwood.

"Every single plant he used has habitat value for wildlife, as well as deep roots to stabilize the shoreline," said Trish Hennig, a native plant expert who owns American Roots Native Plants and Wildflowers in Brandon Township.

Flowers, berries, and seeds from the various plants, she pointed out, are attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies and bees.

Brent consulted with Hennig in his choice of plants; she also helped him identify Silky Dogwood in Depot Park and advised on proper planting techniques.

"He saw what needed to be done and persevered in learning how to do it," she said. "His project brought a whole new dimension to River Day."

In addition to the plantings, Brent and his crew of volunteers—other scouts and parents from his troop—had to excavate sod, and pull errant chunks of concrete from the river. They also used 6-foot maple logs, placed end to end along both shores to support the live stakes and keep them in place until established.

Over a hundred hours of planning, Brent said, went into the project; he attended meetings with the CWG, Clarkston City Council, and the Oakland County Drain Commissioner.

He also did a great deal of research and made one inquiry after the next about whether

he needed a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality before he could begin the job.

Turns out, the amount of material excavated came just short of requiring an MDEQ permit, a lengthy process.

"Managing my time was probably the hardest part," Brent said. "I play three sports, so trying to get this organized was really tough. I had to balance a lot of different things."

But he had some help along the way.

Dad helped out quite a bit," he said. "He sat through all those meetings with me, drove me around to all the places I needed to go, helped with the research."

Brent will start his junior year at Clarkston High School this fall, and continue on in football, track and basketball. And now that the project is finished, Brent has made a point of going down to check on things, especially with the recent heavy rains.

He's not the only one.

"The end result is fantastic," said CWG Co-founder Jim Brueck. "It's very well constructed; even with the recent monsoon, the plants didn't wash away. Brent did some outstanding planning and execution. He's a super individual to work with."

The issue of streambank stabilization was addressed in a master plan for Depot Park developed by three University of Michigan graduate students who put nearly 18 months of research, analysis, and planning into the project.

In an executive summary of the plan, the students wrote "...ensuring the slopes leading into the water are stabilized to reduce the amount of sediment entering the water is an important ecological priority."

"The streambank should be stabilized...using cuttings like...dogwoods and willows, driven into the ground like stakes and allowed to root and regenerate...and provide more native vegetation and habitat for the area. If these areas along the stream banks are not secured and continue to degrade, sedimentation will increase and additional prime habitat for invasive species will be created."

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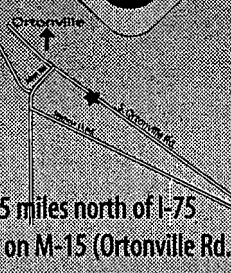
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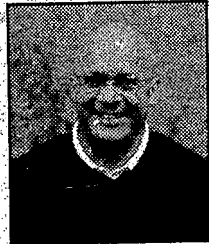
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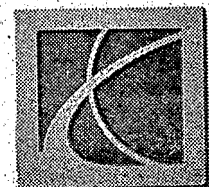
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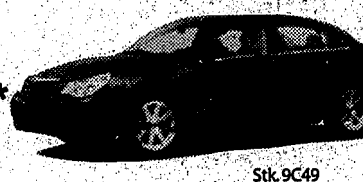
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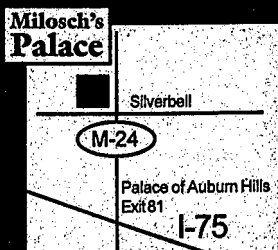
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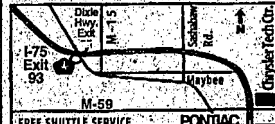
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