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Revolutionary War reenactors, in full uniform despite the 90+ degree heat, carry the Stars and Stripes down Main Street during Clarkston's Fourth of July Parade. Photo by Mary Keck

## Hot times at Fourth

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

From pink limousines to army trucks and John Deere tractors to motorcycles and unicycles, the Clarkston Fourth of July parade offered a variety of sights. With over 100 parade participants, residents couldn't resist celebrating the patriotic holiday downtown even in 90-degree temperatures.

With red, white, and blue costumes, sparkling banners, patriotic band music, and lots of candy, Clarkston kicked off Independence Day with the "American Made" parade.

After a stirring performance of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mt. Zion student Tiffany Calhoun, veterans from the American Legion held flags high to commemorate the day our country declared its independence.

Children dressed in stars and stripes lined up along Main and Church Streets to catch candy tossed from atop fire trucks and floats. They also saw a few of their favorite comic book characters like The Incredible Hulk and Captain America who flexed their "muscles" for the crowd.

The Clarkston High School and Mt. Zion Samba bands boomed downtown with horns trumpeting and drums beating as beauty queens Miss Michigan and Miss Great Lakes waved to onlookers.

The Oakland County 4-H Poultry Club displayed blue and red chickens while tail-wagging Canine All-Stars in patriotic sashes trotted down the road.

Bubbles billowed from bright red trucks and an enormous bald eagle and green lady liberty floated passed Clarkston's historic buildings.

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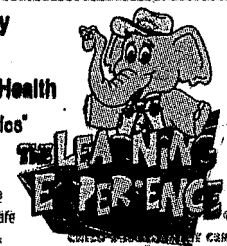
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John and Cindy McCue of Miller Road were the overall winners of the second annual Clarkston Retailer's Group July 4th Parade route decorating contest. They received a goody basket donated by KH Home for their prize, which included a unique Clarkston hand towel. "Thanks to all who participated," said Peg Roth, from the Clarkston Retailer's Group. "We look forward to doing this again next year." *Photo provided*

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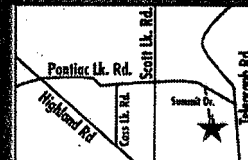
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# Burn ordinance controversy heats up

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"If you're poor, you can't burn anymore," sums up John Keusch, who is critical of the Independence Township Board's revised Open Burn Ordinance.

On June 19, the board approved first reading of the new ordinance, which bans leaf burning on any land less than one acre.

Keusch, who lives on a half-acre lot, believes the revised ordinance is "benefitting those who are rich" because those who can't afford to buy more than one acre of land are restricted from burning.

He also thinks lower income families will struggle with the cost of leaf removal.

"They're taxing us without calling it a tax because we have to pay to have the leaves removed," he said.

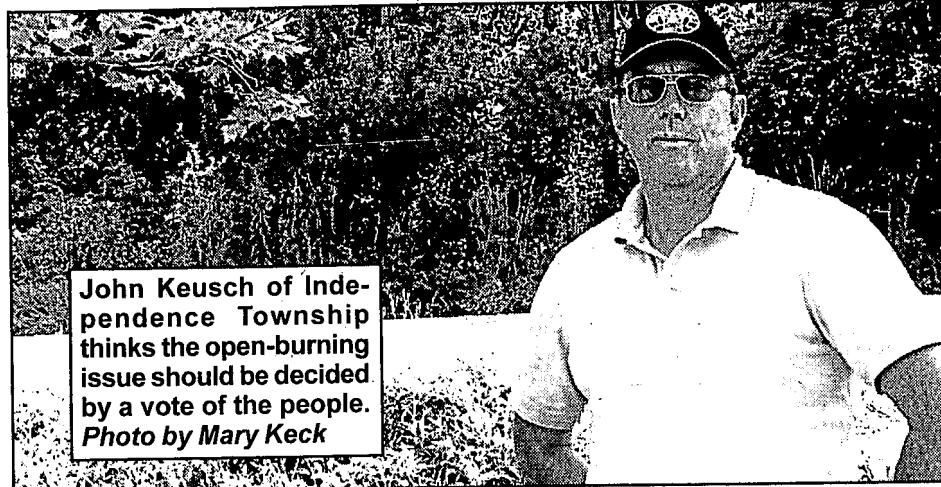
According to Trustee Larry Rosso, several leaf disposal services were contacted during the process of revising the Open Burn Ordinance, but none of the waste management companies wanted to invest in additional leaf pick-up. A vacuum truck to take up leaves costs about \$300,000.

All the disposal services determined it was "not cost effective" to invest in the truck and the added labor necessary to collect the leaves, Rosso said.

Keusch points out leaves on his land don't only fall from his trees; his neighbor's leaves will often blow onto his property. But he will have to bear the cost of removing the leaves without the convenience of burning. From his perspective, the issue of leaf burning "should be worked out with your neighbors," and the ordinance should not be changed.

According to the Independence Township Code of Ordinances, a provision allows fire department officials to extinguish a fire if it is "offensive or objectionable due to smoke, odor or particle emissions" or if it is a "potential hazard or nuisance."

Due to this portion of the current ordinance, Treasurer Curt Carson believes if a



**John Keusch of Independence Township thinks the open-burning issue should be decided by a vote of the people.**  
Photo by Mary Keck

citizen's "neighbors don't cooperate, the fire department can stop it."

However, Rosso doesn't think the provision is enough.

"People do not want to contact the fire department because they want to have a good relationship with their neighbors," he said.

Also, those who have illnesses related to smoke "feel they are a small minority."

John Keusch, who attended Burn Committee meetings and public hearings, said, "75 percent of people there didn't want the ordinance to change."

Treasurer Carson said he counted the number of people who spoke for and against the new burn ordinance when they came to share their views at public hearings.

"Eighty to 90 percent of people that voiced their opinions at meetings felt [the ordinance] was fine the way it was, and 80 percent of the board voted opposite of that," Carson said.

On June 19, the treasurer was the only member of the board who voted against the revised Open Burn Ordinance.

Trustee Larry Rosso, who led the task of revising the ordinance, admits most of those who have contacted him have not been supportive of the change. However, amongst the

12,500 single-family homes in Independence Township, only 1,800 people have burn permits. Therefore, he believes most people don't burn leaves, and it is the few who do who are mainly attending the meetings and voicing their opinions.

To determine if citizens truly want a change to the ordinance, Keusch suggests putting a question on the ballot to "let the community decide." However, the board determines which items appear on the ballot, and they voted against a public vote on the burn ordinance, said Rosso.

From the Trustee's point of view, it is "not unusual to ban leaf burning" and refers to Waterford and Springfield townships, which have a ban on burning leaves.

He believes the board is protecting the peoples' "right to breathe clean air," particularly for those who live in subdivisions where there is a "concentration of smoke."

"On larger properties, smoke has a better chance of dissipating," he said. "Leaves are extremely toxic [when burned], more than campfire wood," Rosso said.

The Independence Township board will hold the second reading of the revised Open Burn Ordinance on July 17 at 7 p.m. in the Township Hall off Waldon Road.

## New zoning proposed for downtown Davisburg

BY KRISTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

Springfield Township is proposing that downtown Davisburg have its zoning changed from commercial to village center.

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls said the change would "better fit the historic aspects and character of downtown Davisburg."

Commercial, or C-1 zoning, requires open space between buildings, parking with each building, and also signs set back off the road. Dixie Highway is zoned C-1.

However, downtown Davisburg is too small with buildings too close together to meet these requirements.

Thinking of downtown Davisburg may cause you to wonder how the current build-

ings are able to be there with the commercial zoning. The situation those buildings are in is known as legal non-conforming. The buildings are allowed to stay the way they are because they existed before the commercial zoning was applied to downtown.

With that in mind, the ordinance to change the zoning to village center hopes to minimize non-conformity, Walls said.

Downtown Davisburg has been the same for over 150 years, and the new zoning would recognize that, he said.

It will allow for residences above the stores

and recognize the issues with space in downtown.

"It's just meant to make it easier to do business in downtown Davisburg...to the extent that zoning can address that," Walls said.

This idea of doing business downtown is an important part of what the zoning will address. Current property owners will be able to make improvements to their lots.

In addition, empty lots will be able to have new structures built in them.

The Township Board will discuss language for the ordinance next meeting. Then they will start to work on the zoning map. The plan is to fully implement it by September or October. So far, no one has been openly opposed to the idea, Walls said.



Walls

## Briefly

### Deadline for McLaren

On June 29, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) sent a proposed letter of intent to deny in response to the Certificate of Need (CON) application submitted in February for a McLaren hospital in Independence Township.

McLaren has 15 days to file an appeal; otherwise, the MDCH will send a formal letter of denial. During a Planning Commission meeting on June 14, McLaren Health Care Senior Vice President Gregory Lane said if the CON was denied, they would appeal.

If McLaren appeals the MDCH's decision, their CON will go before an administrative law judge. To view the McLaren hospital site plans visit [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us).

### M-15 count complete

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has removed their traffic counters from M-15 but is still compiling the information, according to MDOT Spokesperson Rob Morosi.

The counters were gathering information relating to traffic volumes and turning movements. Once the data is analyzed, MDOT will share a draft of their plans with the local government and discuss possibilities such as adding turn lanes or widening M-15, Morosi said.

During meetings with local officials, MDOT will consider elements the counters did not measure such as foot and bicycle traffic, which might require "sacrificing a paved shoulder," Morosi said.

MDOT intends to have a draft of their project ready to share with the community around Labor Day.

### Backyard Jam

The Birdfeeder, Clarkston Flower Shoppe and Bonnie & Clyde are hosting their second annual Backyard Jam, Saturday, July 21 from 2-7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will go to Desert Angels. The organization, founded by Louise Downs in October 2001, ships thousands of care packages each year to the brave men and women saving our country.

The Backyard Jam features live entertainment from Sam and Jeremy and The Locals as well as good food and family fun.

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Independence Township Clerk

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- Commitment to maintaining the integrity of our neighborhoods.
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# Fluids, save power to beat the heat

BY MARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With many hot days still ahead, storms like we saw last week may continue to occur and the health of those in the summer sun may be at risk.

However, there are ways residents can beat the heat and avoid increasing power outages. With temperatures reaching 100 degrees and higher, doctors and energy providers have advice to keep you cool and safe.

While St. Joseph and McLaren Oakland hospitals had no incidents of heat-related injury over the past week, Dr. Matt Swayze of McLaren Oakland warns those who are at greatest risk of heat stress injuries are "the very young and the very old."

He's also concerned about "anyone with chronic illness, especially diabetes."

Although Swayze recommends drinking more fluids during times of high temperatures, he stresses, "I don't mean caffeinated or alcoholic beverages."

He also doesn't recommend drinking full-strength Gatorade, which will dehydrate you; instead, "mix half Gatorade with water," he said.

You may want to get out and enjoy the summer with your children, but Swayze says to keep them in the shade even if they are in a pool or under a sprinkler. He recommends being careful of "physical activity outside" because "even those who are healthy" are at risk.

Most may feel weakness or dizziness if heat impacts their health, but "the elderly may feel confusion making them incapable of responding appropriately. Those are the ones I worry about the most," Dr. Swayze said.

"Make sure older people without power get in air conditioning," he added.

When it comes to air conditioning, Independence Township Firefighter Bob Cesario encourages families to conserve by going to public places like the mall to stay cool to avoid "causing a burden on the [electrical] system" by running their home air conditioners.

According to DTE spokesperson Eileen Dixon, overuse of "power taxes the system" and can cause brown outs.

Dixon encourages consumers to "reduce energy usage during a heat wave" to avoid putting extra strain on the power grid. To do so, residents can "defer from using appliances such as washers, driers, dishwashers, and dehumidifiers until after 9 pm (peak times)," Dixon said.

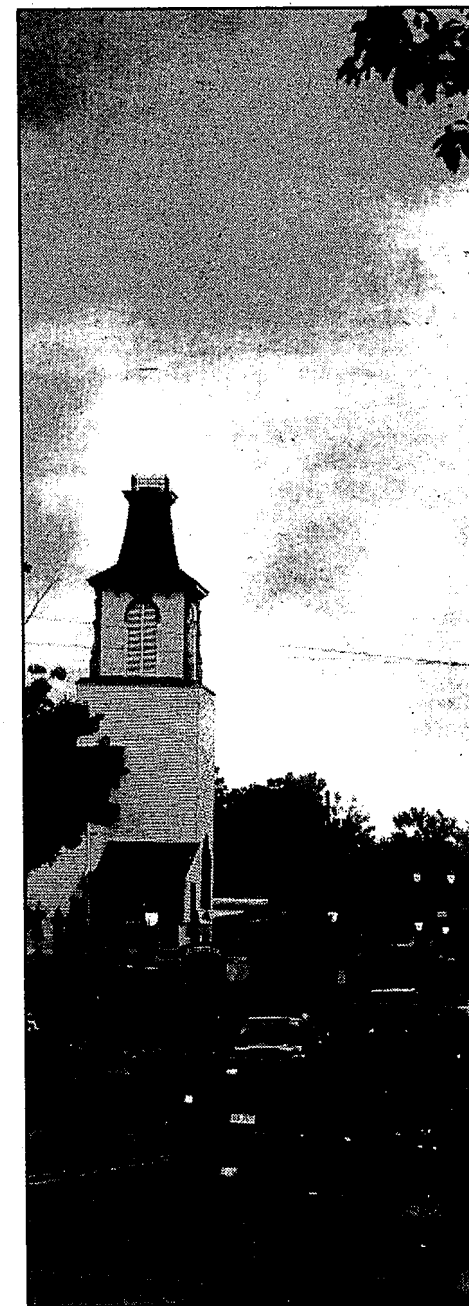
Turning off extra lights, pulling drapes or blinds closed during the hottest part of the day, and keeping exhaust fans in bathrooms and kitchens from running unnecessarily are other ways she suggests reducing the strain on the power system in the heat.

Besides losing electricity due to overuse of energy, high temperatures also contribute to severe weather, which in turn causes power outages - "325,000 in our service area customers lost power as a result of the storms last week," Dixon said.

As of Friday, 90,000 homes were still out of power, and Springfield Township's civic center had no electricity. Those outages were due to wind and downed trees causing DTE crews to work in the high temperatures in an effort to restore electricity to their customers.

Meteorologist Dave Kook at the White Lake Weather Station explained, with the "heat and humidity combined, we were primed for thunderstorm development." With temperatures so high, a simple breeze can set off storms, Kook said.

Storms will "rapidly increase in intensity due to the instability caused by heat and humidity" and the "lingering affects of heat are dangerous," Kook stated.



Heat and humidity combined to produce powerful storms last week. Photo by Wendi Reardon



## Campaign signs unpopular with city

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even though residents of the Village of the City of Clarkston cannot vote in the Independence Township election, candidates and their supporters have posted signs downtown.

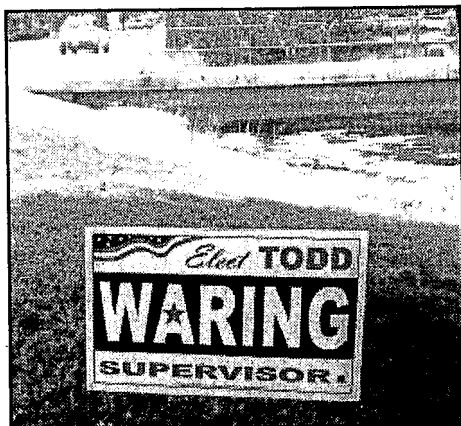
According to City Manager Dennis Ritter, some residents and city council members aren't pleased to see the campaign signs.

Candidates can post campaign signs up to 2-by-3-feet in the village 60 days before the election, Aug. 7, and remove signs 14 days afterward. If they violate the city's ordinance, the signs will be confiscated but not destroyed, and candidates can pick up any removed signs from the Department of Public Works.

While Ritter understands the candidates' desire for visibility, "the magnitude is another story," he said.

Complaints about the number of signs have reached City Hall, but as long as they are not placed on public property or in the public right-of-way, the signs won't be removed.

"Before the next election, those sign re-



Clarkston officials don't like township campaign signs in the city. Photo by Mary Keck

strictions may change," said Ritter.

Although the city hasn't yet made an official move to change the ordinance, Ritter has spoken to a few members of the council and believes "a change to the zoning ordinance may be forthcoming."

During the city council meeting on July 9 the city decided to research altering the ordinance.

## Decker challenges incumbent clerk

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although Jeff Decker hasn't always had success against incumbents in the past, he's challenging Clerk Barb Pallotta in the Aug. 7 primary, because he thinks the Township board needs change.

"The best way the board could improve is to drop out of the race completely and start new," he said.

From Decker's point of view, "a fresh start" is needed because the board isn't listening to the public.

"It is time for that to change. You are the representative of the people; that's the entire job," he said. "I think it is important to hear what everyone is saying."

Decker believes his close relationship as a longtime member of the community will allow him to represent the citizens best.

"More than anything, I'm from, by, and in this area, and I understand our concerns and the people in this area very well," he said.

Although Clerk Pallotta refers to her experience as an important strength, Decker points out her experience was developed "out of the area."

Decker is a realtor from Wilhelm and Associates and has been involved in the Clarkston school district for about 23 years until his daughter graduated. As a teenager, Decker played the drums and sang in a band that performed at Renaissance High School.



Decker

He says he still sings sometimes and hopes his voice will be heard if elected.

Decker believes members of the board "can't talk to each other," which keeps them from accomplishing tasks. He points to meetings, which have continued until 1 a.m., as evidence of the board's poor communication.

"I want to get things done. When there's so much chatter, nothing gets done. It is just talk," Decker said.

Some of the things Decker would like to get done if he's elected include getting "the budget trimmed back down to what it should be" and bringing the McLaren hospital to Independence Township.

Decker is skeptical of Pallotta's decision to change the polling places of each district from schools to churches and the library.

"You get used to a certain way," Decker said. "There's going to be a lot of confusion."

Besides voters being uncertain about where they will cast their ballots, Decker also said, "I wonder now if kids are going to miss out," because having polling in the schools "helps people learn about elections and the process." This perspective comes from Decker's personal experience.

On his 18th birthday, Decker registered to vote and intends to continue being involved in local politics for a long time.

"This is not my one time shot," he said. "I really would like to continue in the political realm right through my years on the planet. Right where you live is the best place in the whole world to really help out."

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### The nose knows

You are more than welcome to laugh. Some already have because the truth is funny, but my nose is having a blast.

I am on a new plan with Nuvview Nutrition. Alright, so I go plan to plan. I have tried different things. Some were great and some failed.

On this plan, there is no room for failure. You get an itch and scratch it with a piece of pizza or piece of chocolate - it's done.

I have found the key to get me through is right on my face - my nose.

It happened on the sixth day of the plan. My mom and I headed to Port Austin and on the way back she got McDonald's and french fries. It was easier to smell than to taste.

A piece of dark chocolate landed on my desk last week. I opened the wrapper, closed my eyes and breathed in deeply. Ah, chocolate flavored oxygen.

Plus, the trick to dark chocolate for me is it smells better than it tastes.

Even though Rudy's Market pizza is quite appetizing and hard to ignore with it being right next to our office - the nose has also picked up where the taste buds cannot.

It's not too bad. It's like starting fresh.

I mean, yes, I still get cravings. I had an irking for Cinnamon Toast Crunch on Saturday but I think it was more for the milk and the cinnamon sugar left behind when done with the cereal. But any craving I get doesn't last long where before it would linger. Especially if it was pop (I am from Michigan - I say pop), a Mocha Frappuccino, or brownies - just to name a few.

On those hot and humid days we had last week, I wanted ice cream or some nice, cold sorbet. But it was easier to grab cold water or green tea (see can still visit Starbucks.)

The key to the lasting effects of this plan will be maintaining. As long as the body doesn't mind the nose having all the fun it could work out.

It is also the mindset I have right now and have to keep. I have already put in the time and the effort. I have already come so far. If that doesn't work, the number dropping on the scale could give a good push, too.

In the next couple of weeks, the plan will step up a few more levels. I feel ready and hungry for success. Not for food.



## Letters To The Editor . . .

### A vote for Lohmeier

Dear Editor,

Dedication, commitment and integrity are among the many qualities that David Lohmeier has brought to the position of Independence Township trustee.

Serving the past four years, David spent countless personal hours making sense of the annual budgets that were delayed by the previous supervisor.

His analytical insight helped to keep the process on track and resulted in better decisions by the board in bringing balanced budgets and financial integrity back into local government.

He weighed in heavily when needed on misuse or abuse, such as the township hall telecommunications contract that was ultimately deemed illegal.

Well prepared for each board meeting, David continues to exhibit the type of professional leadership that Independence Township needs and will need during the course of the next four years.

It is imperative that the voters elect dedicated, trustworthy people to Independence Township government. That is why David Lohmeier is going to get our votes for trustee on Aug. 7.

*Joel and Mindy DeLong  
Independence Township*

### Director urges patience

Dear Editor,

Last February, when I took over as Program Manager of Independence Television (then known as the Clarkston Public Access Center), it was made clear to me that connecting our signals to AT&T U-verse was a top priority. At the time I had no idea how complicated that would be.

AT&T is fairly specific about what equipment is to be used in connecting with their system.

Since some of the gear isn't normally part of a television studio, we had to do an upgrade of our existing system. This quickly became a fairly large project for the studio which has been time-consuming and often frustrating.

I've received calls from many of our residents who want access to our service and I wish I had been able to tell them something better than, "Please, be patient."

We are now in the final steps of getting connected to our AT&T U-verse residents. Equipment has been ordered and we will soon have the high-speed internet lines that are required to send the signal to AT&T. I hope to have both our Community and Government Channels on the system by the end of August.

In addition, this upgrade to our equipment will allow us to expand our services to the internet. Sometime this fall our channels will begin streaming on-line, giving every resident of Independence Township access to government meetings and community television programs.

We'll even make the meetings available on-demand so that you can watch them on your schedule instead of ours.

I greatly appreciate the patience and support of everyone in our community as we work to make our service more accessible. Please don't hesitate to call or stop by our studio if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

*Joe Barnhart, program manager  
Independence Television*

### Support based on record

Dear Editor,

Neil Wallace is a man of integrity, purpose and vision. He has not missed a meeting in the last four years as a trustee.

Neil does his homework and always comes prepared to every meeting to focus on the challenges and needs of the township.

During the last four years he has promoted citizen participation by increasing transparency by pushing for even the township special meetings to be broadcast on cable and persuading the Township Board that both the treasurer's investment reports and the budget should be posted on the township's website.

I would also like to point out some of his other accomplishments by starting with his proposal and subsequent adoption by the board to change the budget process to be more efficient and effective.

There is now an in-depth analysis of the budget on a monthly basis with special meetings to look at it department by department.

Neil also champions citizen involvement in their local government.

He created an Operations Review Task Force which examined each department of the township and made recommendations to the board for streamlining operations and saving money.

He led the initiative and persuaded the board to pass a change to the elected official's retiree health care, which benefited the supervisor, clerk and treasurer's positions.

Previously, with just eight years of service the township taxpayers would have to pay for these officials to have life-time health care.

Now the threshold is 16 years.

I believe that with his proven leadership, Independence Township can only move forward in the next four years. Vote for Neil Wallace for supervisor.

*Lois Seddon  
Independence Township*

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for more readers' opinions**

## A Look Back From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1997

**"Island Tripping: Springfield Plains kids make annual trip to Mackinac"** As is customary, fourth graders from Springfield Plains Elementary visited Mackinac island near the end of the school year. Children enjoyed the famous Grand Hotel, Butterfly House, a carriage tour and an eight-mile bike ride. They also visited forts Mackinac and Michilimackinac, Mackinac Bridge, Hartwick Pines, Mill Creek, Frankenmuth, and the Star Line Ferry.

**"Aulgur named HM All State"** Capping off a wonderful career, 1997 Clarkston High School graduate Mike Aulgur was named honorable mention All State by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association June 22. Aulgur played at #1 singles all four years for the Wolves and in 1996, became the first player from school to qualify for states in nearly 30 years.

### 25 years ago - 1987

**"Town clock brings own history"** It took a whole day to install the Seth Thomas street clock in front of Pontiac State Bank on Main Street. The clock was built in 1909, and sold for \$350 for a shop front in Dubuque, Iowa. It was sold and kept in Wisconsin until 1986, when Jon Abbot of Independence Township spotted an ad for it and suggested the township buy it for its sesquicentennial celebration in 1986.

**"Caring carpenter saves nest of 3"** A robin in Independence Township and her brood of three moved into a custom-built birdhouse last week. The mother robin had built her nest in the corner of a house under construction on Parview Drive. After planning ways to build around the mother and her babies and worrying about her nervousness when he hammered close by, Tom Pidd decided moving the nest was the only way to save the hatchlings.

### 50 years ago - 1962

**"Moms fete twins at luncheon party"** Janice and Jeanine Wilcox of Davisburg were judged the most identical in the Blue Ribbon Twins Contest, girls division, at the Twins Mothers Club annual picnic at the 4-H grounds.

**"4th Sees Record Crowd and Parade"** The growth of Independence Township is much in evidence with each 4th of July parade. The largest parade in the history of Clarkston was observed by a record crowd. An evening of fireworks display was equally well attended.

# A Jottings stuffed with unoffensive (I hope) stuff

- Now that so many are using hand-held devices, no one reports UFOs.
- Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze one of these dangling things and drink whatever comes out?"
- I suppose because I drink only black tea, some will call me racist. Brother-in-law Ron drinks only green tea. I'm calling him a Gecko.

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Polly said:

One morning the husband returns the boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, puts her feet up, and begins to read her book. The peace and solitude are magnificent.

Along comes a fish and game warden in his boat. He pulls alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am, what are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, (Thinking, 'Isn't that obvious?')

'You're in a restricted fishing area,' he informs her. "I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but I see you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

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• Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older it will avoid you.

• You can't plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

• Ham and eggs: a day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.

• If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride a horse sidesaddle.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

When the forest fires ignited Arizona, California, Colorado, etc. a few months ago there were 27 fire fighting airplanes available.

Soon there were only two. I read nothing about Washington providing substitutes. Maybe some helicopters.

But how much has our national debt increased to support green energy, much of which was wiped out by those resent storms. Electric cars and solar panels be damned!

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• Doctors are saying that each piece of bacon you eat takes 9 minutes off your life. Based on that math, I should have died in 1732.

• When a lady is pregnant, all her friends touch her stomach and say, 'congrats.' None look down at a man and say 'nice job.'

• Law of mechanical repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to go.

• Make something idiot proof and someone will make a better idiot.

• So often when I try to save pennies it costs me dollars.

## Hot times in the city means one thing: ice cream

When I got to the office this morning (Monday), the green-lit, digital clock on my vehicle's instrument cluster read 6:26. Next to that, was displayed the external temperature: 60.

When I got out to get into the office I actually shivered.

Hot damn, I shivered!

A 40 degree swing (dip) in temperature meant living was bearable again. I cannot remember a hotter summer. I remember the summer of 1988 when we had something like five or six days in the 90 degree area. I remember, because at that time I was running six miles a night and that heat wave pretty much put the damper on any further exercise in my life.

(I blame the weather for my expanded waist line, not my lack of discipline.)

Before this past Sunday, when the weather broke for the better, it was pretty interesting at Casa d'Rush. No air conditioning forced me to break out the fans for sleeping. On the plus side of making lemonade outta lemons, I did learn a new trick to help keep the bite off the heat during the

day (you may want to try this yourself): if you have a basement turn on your furnace's fan -- it sucks up the cooler air from down low and blows it upstairs. It's kinda neat.

Gardening in the heat forced me to get up early and water my plants around 5 a.m. Usually I catch rain water and water the garden that way. Not this year.

### Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

The one big rain we got last week (I think in Goodrich we got about seven tenths of an inch during a 20 minute shower), I was able to cool down, after I shucked my duds and donned my bathing suit. In the rain and under the lightning, I worked in the yard, looked at the plants in my garden, swept the driveway and put my head under the gutter's water spout.

(I'm sure the neighbors dug my boyish exuberance for frolicking in the rain.)

Soon the hot weather returned and again I bemoaned my station in life ... hot, too hot. For some reason I started

to think about summer businesses. Landscaping, boat sales, tree-trimming I mentally listed off . . . then I hit on something: ice cream!

Another one of my 47 Achilles heels is ice cream. I love ice cream (which I am sure has *nothing* to do with my expanded waistline). So, I called an ice cream place that's been around a long time (25 years) -- the Dairy Dream at the corner Sashabaw and Maybee roads. I asked owner Sarah Beauchamp how business has been this summer. I think she was taken back to being questioned by a complete stranger and was hesitant to answer.

"It's not bad. When it's really hot it can work against you," she said tepidly. "The ice cream melts fast and some people stay inside."

"Really?" I queried, working my impressively persuasive charms, and then I think she started warming up to me.

"But for the most part it has been an amazing year," she opened up. "All these sunny days, strung together. I almost feel guilty about how good it has been going."

Almost.

Weather is the number one boon or

bust reason for an ice cream biz, she shared. "It's not pricing. It's not competition. It is the only thing I have no control over -- the weather," she said.

The early and mild (some times warm) spring got people out and in a good mood for ice cream. The opposite was true in 2011. "I almost felt like retiring," she confided. "This year, it's the best business to be involved with. It's weird. Michigan, of all the dumb states to have a business that is dependent on the weather."

The Dairy Dream was started by her brother in July of 1987, "And, I've been there ever since."

New this year, says she, is an orange-flavored soft, whipped goodness thing. She twists it with vanilla and, well, let's just say it's kinda addicting. Cook's Dairy ice cream is being served this year, too.

The Dairy Dream, during peak season (read: right now) is open from 11 to 11 . . . and I whilst I am thinking about it, I am getting a hankering for some orange whipped twist goodness thingy right now . . . if the weather holds up and stays warm, that is.



## One step closer to District Library

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Both the Independence Township board and the Clarkston City Council approved The Clarkston Independence District Library agreement this week.

"We're one step closer, but not quite there yet," said Library Director Julie Meredith.

The next step is giving the agreement to Michigan State Librarian Nancy Robertson who has 30 days to approve it. If the agreement is approved, the state will officially recognize the Clarkston Independence District Library.

"It is such a positive thing for the two municipalities to come together," said Meredith.

If it is designated a District Library, on "January 1, 2013 the library will be a completely independent entity," governed by its own board, she explained.

Between now and the state's approval, the city and township will appoint a seven-member District Library Board. The township will choose five members, and the city will choose two.

Nine candidates were introduced

to the Township Board on July 3, and five of them will be appointed to the District Library Board at the township's next meeting on July 17 at 7 p.m. at Township Hall. Based on the candidates, Meredith feels, "it'll be a good board. I'm really excited."

The District Library board will write the November ballot language for the library's replacement millage, which will most likely be 1.25 mills, an increase of .559.

"We're asking for a small increase that is really needed," Meredith said.

The library's current millage at .69 and hasn't increased since the 1980s.

According to Meredith, the mill increase will help the library improve in areas residents mentioned in recent surveys such as more general collections materials like books, CDs, and e-books and more programming.

"After all these years, we're going to be where we need to be," Meredith said.

For more information on the district library proposal, check [www.indelib.org](http://www.indelib.org).



## New officers for Rotary

The new Clarkston Rotary Club Board of Directors is, from left, Frank Rivers, Janet Thomas, Rick Miller, Mary Sloan, Al Avery, Harold Sutherland, Lisa Troschinetz, Joel DeLong and Bart Clark. Rotary changes all of its officers, including the Rotary International president, on July 1, and they each serve for one year. Clark was presented the President's pin by outgoing President Al Avery, and in turn presented Avery with a past president's pin at the formal induction dinner, July 1, at Mesquite Creek. Photo provide

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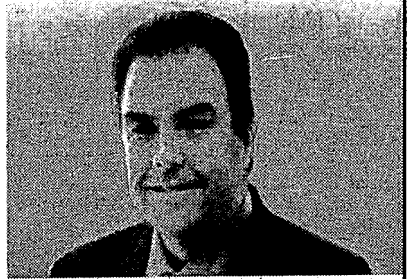
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Firetrucks from another era bring history to life during the Clarkston Fourth of July parade. Photo by Mary Keck

# Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

## Drug impaired driving

A 60-year-old Florida woman drove away after pulling out of a restaurant parking lot on Sashabaw Road north of I-75 and side-swiping another vehicle, 11:31 p.m., June 21, but she left a piece of her vehicle behind. The other driver called police and handed the piece to deputies, who found the Florida woman at Sashabaw and Pelton Road, with substantial side damage to her car. She said she wasn't fleeing the accident, but just wanted to find the safest spot to pull over. Her speech was slurred, and she said she had taken muscle relaxant drugs. She was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, third degree, and driving with a suspended license, second offense.

## Thefts from vehicles

An unlocked bicycle was taken from a yard in the 5000 block of Chickadee Lane, June 17.

Someone took a laptop computer from an unlocked car in the 5000 block of Center Street, June 23.

Someone took CDs, money, GPS, and Ipad from a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Wellesley Terrace, June 19. There were no signs of forced entry.

Lawn care equipment was taken from a locked trailer parked in the 8000 block of Ortonville Road, June 20.

## Home burglaries

The owner of a vacant rental home in the 5000 block of Dvorak Street found missing a washer, dryer, lawn mower, and other items, June 19. A back door had been left unlocked.

A television and three, 3D archery targets were taken from the 4000 block of Waterford Road, June 20. There were no signs of forced entry.

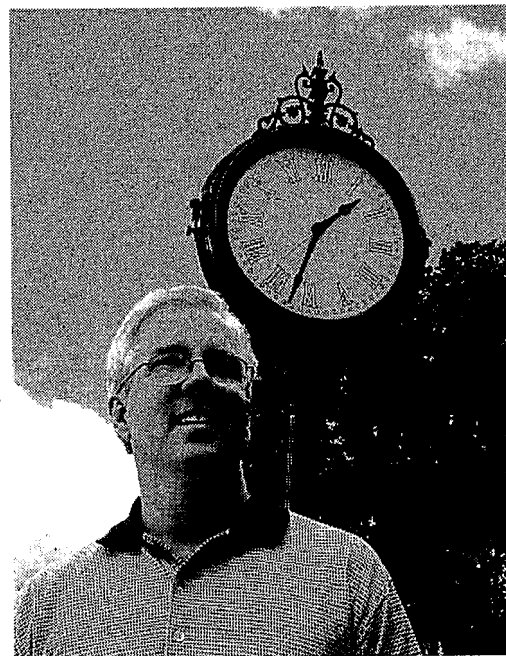
## Motorcyclists injured

A 66-year-old Pontiac man was riding a motorcycle with a 69-year-old passenger, also from Pontiac, when they were hit by a pickup truck driven by a 53-year-old Independence Township resident, 6:03 p.m., June 27, at Pine Knob and Walton roads. According to witnesses, the vehicles entered the intersection after both stopped and collided. Both the rider and passenger were thrown from the motorcycle. They were taken to McLaren - Oakland for treatment. The driver, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered leg and face injuries. The passenger was wearing a helmet, but sustained leg and head injuries and was in critical condition. No one in the pickup was injured. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this crash, which remains under investigation.

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# All A's for Sashabaw middle schoolers

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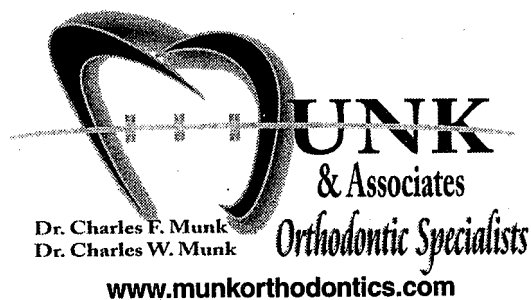
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Kelly Nickelson  
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Luke Oldford

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Kristen Page  
Jean Parke  
Devan Patel  
Dylan Perry  
Phoebe Peterson  
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Michelle Raue  
Justin Reinke  
Kellie Rietsch  
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Renee Rogowski  
Andrew Ross  
Skyler Ross  
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Ethan Thibodeau  
Nicholas Thornberry  
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Gabrielle Vollrath  
Ciara Waggoner  
Margaret Warner  
Jon Wasiel  
Matthew Williamson  
Madeline Wilson  
Cassandra Winkler  
Isabelle Wittebort  
Luke Wood  
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Hannah Wright  
Georgia Zelinsky  
James Zuzelski

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Zachary Aughe

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Hannah Chadwell  
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Kelly Cousino  
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Parker Daly-Seiler  
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Taylor Davis  
Brady Dickens  
Andrew Dimmer  
Robert Doran  
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Darby Durrant  
Madigan Eppink  
Christie Flood  
Mason Gergar  
Ashley Gozdor  
Corrin Gualtieri  
Megan Haddad  
Tori Haneckow  
Margaret Hanna  
Megan Hibbard  
Jack Holmes  
Sophie Hunt  
Courtney Jacob  
Olivia James

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# Going to St. Clair

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The last home game for Jake Forsten on Clarkston High School's baseball field was memorable, May 25.

Parents and his teammates huddled around him as he put a piece of paper on head coach Phil Price's back and put down his signature.

He signed to continue playing baseball at National Junior College Athletic Association Division II St. Clair County Community College.

"I am really excited about it," he said. "It is going to be really cool."

Forsten added St. Clair County Community College was the perfect choice for him. The campus is close to home with a 70 minute drive.

"If I ever get homesick, I can just come home," he said.

A few more perks include he will continue to wear his Clarkston colors at St. Clair Community College, and they have programs he was looking for in a college.

"It's a good school for what I want to go into," he said. "I want to be a teacher or a coach. They have good classes and programs they can offer me."

He is already eager to start his fall semester and has enrolled in his classes.

Mike Greene, the head coach for the Skip-pers, was another key element to draw him into the college.

"He liked my style of game," Forsten pointed out. "He is a really laid back coach. It made me love the game even more knowing I am going to be playing for a guy who is going to be laid back."

He is going to continue playing his posi-

tion as short stop but added he was also on the pitching chart.

"I have always been more of a short stop," Forsten said. "Even for Clarkston and for my travel teams I have been a short stop over a pitcher. When we went to visit the school I was on the pitching chart which was pretty cool."

He began playing baseball when he was old enough to walk but baseball was already in his blood before then.

"My first word was ball, and I think my second word was bat," he laughed. "When I first started walking the first thing I did was pick up a ball and bat."

Once he began playing the game he couldn't stop.

"It was just the idea of it," Forsten explained. "Throwing something as hard as I can and trying to hit something as hard as I can. It is just one of those games I love. I just can't get enough."

He played for the Clarkston Wolves Varsity Baseball team for three years. He was brought up from the junior varsity team after four games in his sophomore season.

His first travel team was with the Clarkston Riverdaws and played with them for two years. He added it was fun to be a 'Dawg.

Then, he was picked up by the North Oakland A's. They saw him play and asked him to try out.

"I played with them for two years," Forsten said. "It was more competitive and we had more tournaments out of town."

He joined the Bloomfield Sting after they asked him to play and still plays with the team.

"Sting has always been a big rival of the  
*Please see Baseball on page 13A*



From left, Todd Forsten, Jake Forsten, Amy Forsten and St. Clair County Community College Men's Baseball Coach Mike Greene. Photo provided

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Lady Wolves celebrate their district win in Lake Orion, June 4. File photo

## Hard hitting season

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Don Peters described the Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball season in one word - awesome.

"Obviously having a 36-5 season is awesome," added the head coach. "But more important was how they played together. It was the teamwork they had and the support from parents. It was a lot of fun."

They ended the season with the most wins the team has had in Clarkston High School history and capped it off with winning the MHSAA District title.

The Lady Wolves also took first place at the University of Michigan tournament, May 19. They took second place in the 20th Annual Michigan Stars Tournament, May 6.

The team also gave back by hosting their first Girls in Pink Classic to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"The girls are one of the best teams in the state this year," Peters said, adding their talent, team chemistry and hard work helped them to get to their high skill level.

The honors players received at the end of the season prove it with seven players receiving accolades.

Honors for players were freshman **Madeline Maday**: All-State, All-Region, All-

District and All-League; junior **Sydney Hasselbach**: All-State, All-Region, All-District, All-League; senior **Megan Hastings**: All-Region, All-District, All-League, Honorable Mention All-State; senior **Shauna Siwicki**: All-Region, All-District, All-League, Honorable Mention All-State; senior **Tara Perry**: All-Region, All-District, All-League, Honorable Mention All-State; senior **Rachel Pytel**: All-District, All-Region; and sophomore **Rachel Alli**: All-District.

Peters received honor of All-Star Coach. "The honors are well-deserved," added Peters. "I was pleasantly surprised so many got them but so many of them had outstanding individual seasons."

The team graduated four seniors this season: Hastings, Perry, Pytel and Siwicki.

"They had great leadership," Peters smiled. "They had a positive attitude and just love to play the game. I think it rubbed off on a lot of the girls."

Hastings will play in the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star game next Wednesday. Peters was chosen as one of the coaches for the game. It is at Secchia Stadium in East Lansing, 1:30 p.m.

"It is neat for the community to be represented at that level," he said. "I really enjoyed the girls and their families this year. I love being a coach in Clarkston."

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# Baseball teaches lessons

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Riverdaws and the A's so whenever we play them it is always a good game," Forsten added.

When he began playing with the Sting two seasons ago they put him on as a second baseman.

"I am really not second baseman," he explained. "All of my movements are short stop movement. They put me at short stop one game and saw me make a few plays and went 'wow, this kid is a short stop.'"

During the summer, the Sting play scrimmages from Monday through Wednesday before they head into tournaments, usually beginning Thursday or Friday and playing into Sunday.

"It is a lot of baseball in the summer but I love it," he exclaimed.

Through the years, baseball has made Forsten the person he is today as he is a positive role model for his teammates. He also helps them out during a game by giving them tips on how to deal with bad or good situations.

"I am a positive person on the baseball field, and it has taught me to carry it outside of the baseball field," Forsten added. "Just being positive all the time life goes better for me - I received a scholarship and the oppor-

tunity to play baseball."

Baseball has also taught him to be respectful to his teammates and his own family.

"Every team I have been on has been like a family," he explained. "I take every single one of those guys on the field as a family."

Forsten's advice to aspiring athletes is to learn the game mentally.

"Baseball is all a mental game," he said. "If you know it mentally your physical ability will become much better. If you are not in it mentally, it will be a long game. If you are mentally in it, the game will go your way. It is what I have noticed.

"If you know the game 100 percent mentally," he continued, "you will know at the bottom of the seventh with bases loaded and near the eighth batter you can't be swinging at the first pitch. You have to help your team, work the pitcher and try to work the count. You will know how to handle it because you will be mentally prepared."

His parents are Todd and Amy. Jake said a part of his love for baseball could be in the blood since his dad still plays baseball and has always been a fan of baseball.

Jake's all time favorite team is the Philadelphia Phillies and enjoys watching the Michigan favorite, the Detroit Tigers.



Jake Forsten goes for the steal during a double header against Waterford Kettering. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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## Tips for Preventing Heat-Related Illness

The best defense is prevention. Here are some prevention tips:

Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. **Warning:** If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink while the weather is hot.

Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.

Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

**NEVER** leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.

Although any one at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:

- o Infants and young children
- o People aged 65 or older
- o People who have a mental illness
- o Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure

Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.

### If you must be out in the heat:

Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.

Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. **Warning:** If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your

doctor before drinking a sports beverage. Remember the warning in the first "tip" (above), too.

Try to rest often in shady areas.

Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).

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# Bikers cross state for good cause

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Five Clarkston residents participated in the 31st Annual Pedal Across Lower Michigan, June 23-29.

Riders Fred Irish, Tom Miller, Chris Peterson and Bob Walters made up the group Clarkston PALM Riders and covered 285 miles during the six days. They are affectionately called CPR since Irish, Miller and Walters are older than 70-years-old.

Margaret Miller, another Clarkston resident, did ride but not on a bicycle. She set up water stops along the tough trek each day.

It was the eighth ride for Irish and Walters for this year's PALM.

"It weren't for him, I wouldn't be doing these rides," said Walters. "I am a social rider. Plus, I am also getting older so it is great to have someone to encourage you. I just turned 77, and he is just a tad younger."

Walters prepared by riding at Indian Springs Metro park with a friend.

"It's not far away, and it is a pleasant eight mile loop," he added. "It is one of the great treasures in our area."

His bicycle also prepared for the trip and he took it to Kinetic Systems in downtown Clarkston.

"It really paid off," Walters said. "They do a really good job."

Over 800 riders began the trip in St. Joseph by Lake Michigan and rode along the coast, which Walters shared the view was beautiful. The riders range in age from under one up to over 90.

Four of Irish's grandchildren have gone on the ride in the past.

"It was wonderful for him and them," Walters said.

The riders also went through small towns - this year Walters discovered Perry and Lawrence through his ride.

"It was good," said Walters. "The route changes every year. It started farther south this year than normal. We went through Ortonville for the first time. Brandon High School was a wonderful host. They really



From left Bob Walters, Chris Peterson, Tom Miller, Fred Irish are ready to go in St. Joseph on the first day of Pedal Across Lower Michigan. Photos submitted

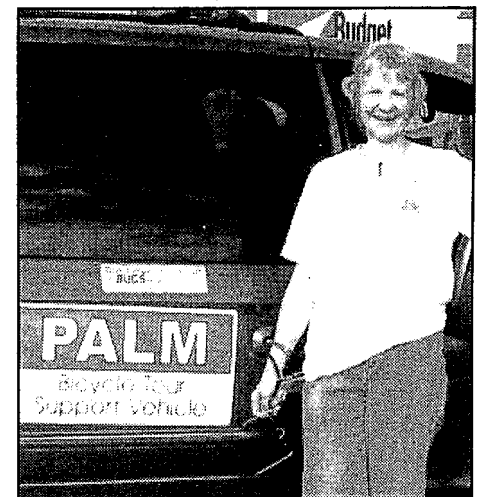
did a good job."

The bicycle ride is a scenic route using paved back roads with the distance 35-60 miles per day until they reached New Baltimore on the last day. At night they would sleep at local schools in tents where showers, breakfast and dinner were provided.

Walters first took part in PALM when his wife's Canadian cousin was visiting in 2003 and invited them to join them for the 2004 ride.

He admitted before he joined he hadn't done a long bicycle ride since college. He added he did have experience riding as he was a Western Union messenger in high school.

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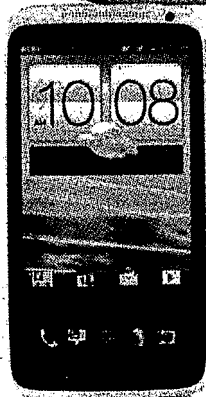
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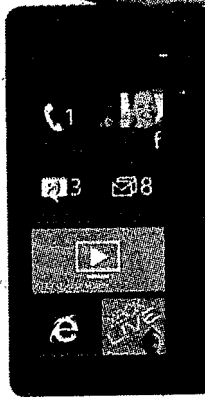


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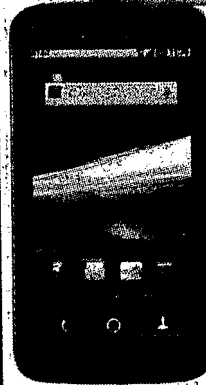


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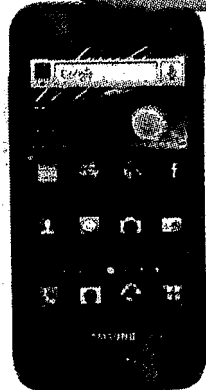


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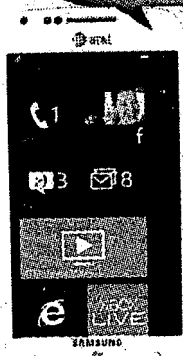


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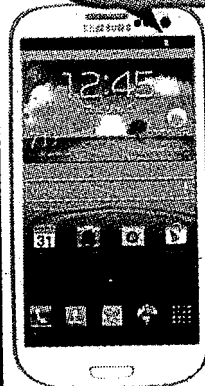


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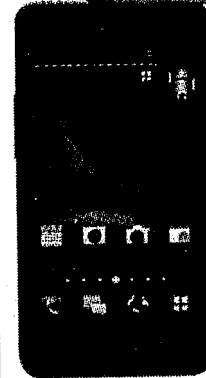


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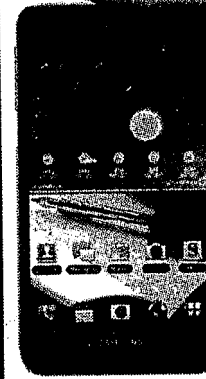


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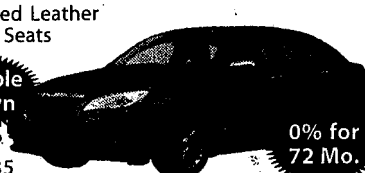
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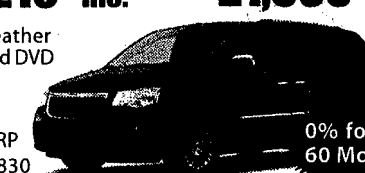
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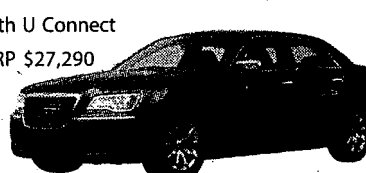
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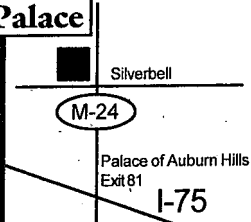


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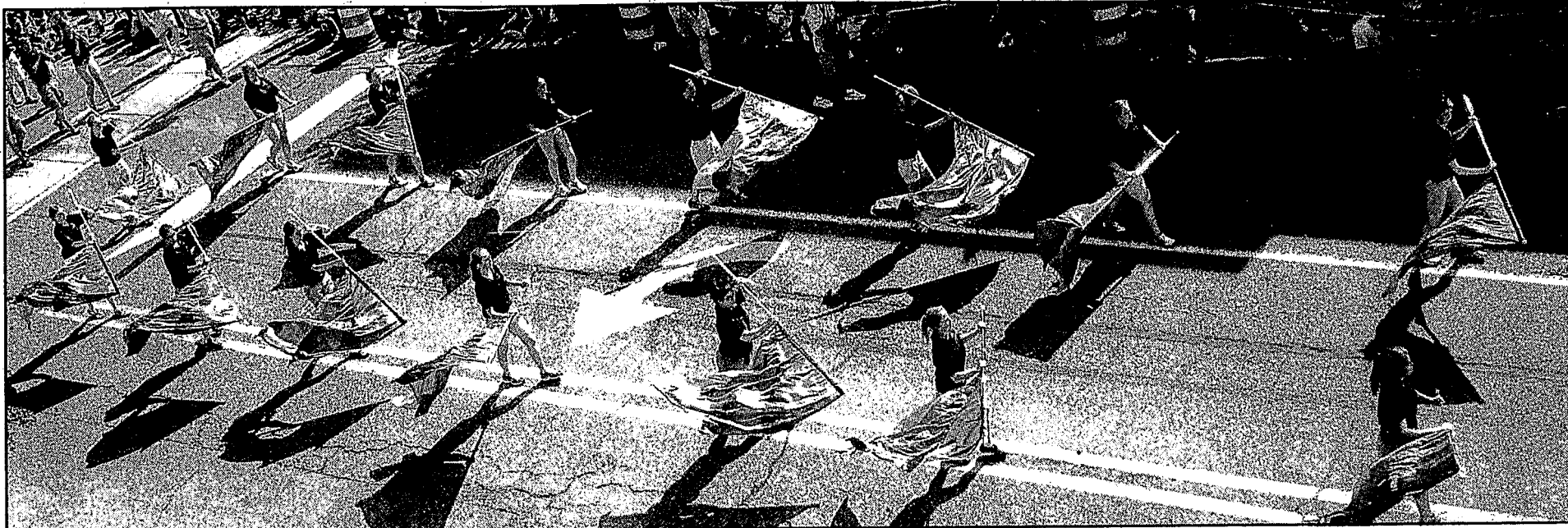


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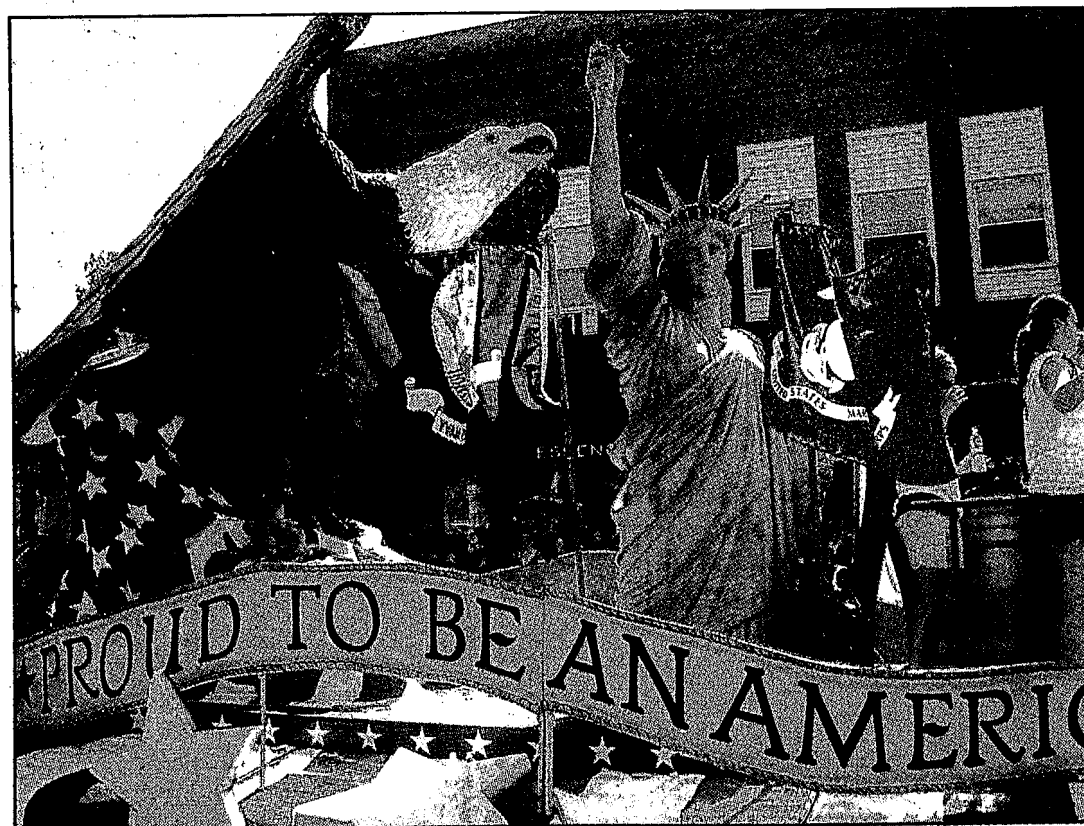
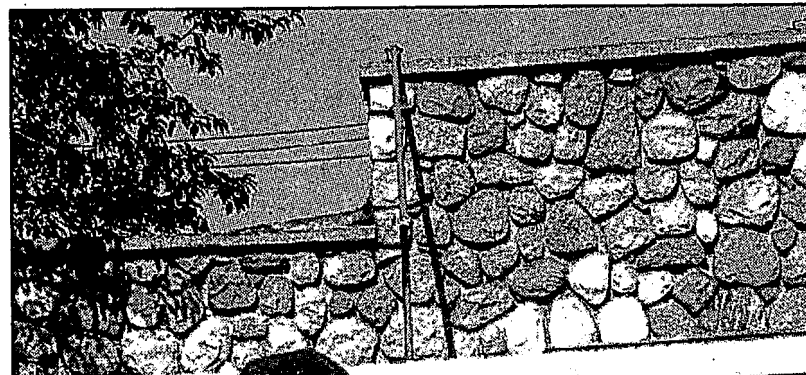


Emma Collins, Miss Michigan Princess 2012, waves to the crowd.

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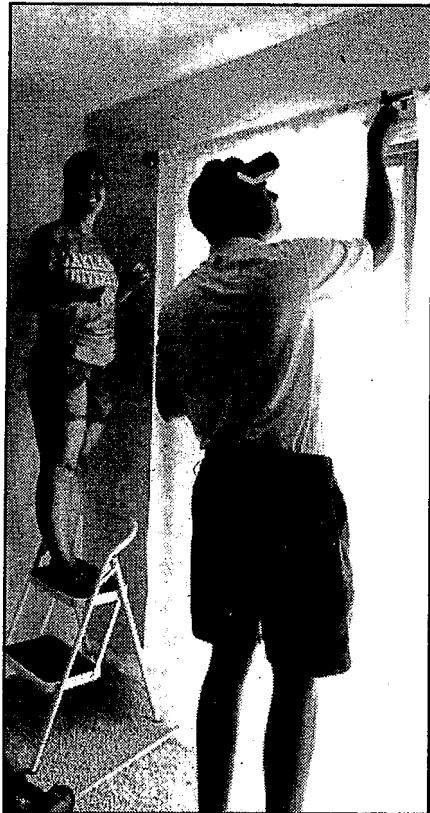
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Beth is the recipient of the A Space 2 Dream project.



Shannon Moscovic and Glenn Gualtieri install some new drapes.

## Making a new space

The staff of Bailey Lake Elementary helped A Space 2 Dream provide a needed boost for a local teen.

"We were excited to work with the group and bring some sunshine to a teenage girl in Chesterfield. The teachers pooled their own money and donated their time to design, shop, and install the room," said Tricia Delude, executive director of A Space 2 Dream.

Following the deaths of her father and grandmother just 10 days apart, 16-year-old Beth needed some light in her life and a space to call her own.

She walked into her brand new bedroom on June 12.

"The tears in her eyes and the smile on her face told everyone that AS2D had provided just that," Delude said.

The volunteers provided freshly painted walls, and new carpet, furniture, and bedding.

"Thank you to Principal Glenn Gualtieri, Denise Casper, Shannon Moscovic and her husband Derrick Moscovic, April Killewald, Meredith Copland, Alexis Iveson, Renee Avery, Amy Staszak, Carol Barber, Amy Morris, Kristin Sprague, and Jenni Conley," Delude said.

Check [www.aspace2dream.org](http://www.aspace2dream.org).



Bailey Lake Elementary teachers, staff, and volunteers. Photos provided.



**TRIP WINNERS:** Angie Klebba-Pesta of Clarkston, at right with her husband, Kevin Pesta, and fellow trip winners Curt and Laura Davidson, earned a six-day, expense-paid vacation to the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino resort in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. She won the trip in recognition of her work with her PartyLite business. Klebba-Pesta, who started her business in 1997, is ranked eighth in the country of overall trip earners. Check [www.partylite.biz/AngieKlebba](http://www.partylite.biz/AngieKlebba). Photo provided

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## More letters to the editor...

### Wallace support

Dear Editor,

I have known Neil Wallace on a personal and professional basis for nearly thirty years. During that time, I have always found Neil to be a person of the utmost integrity.

Neil has worked tirelessly on our behalf for many years as a township trustee and as a member of the Planning Commission, while at the same time maintaining a successful law practice. Neil's devotion to our community and knowledge of the issues that pertain to our local government are without parallel and I am confident that if elected to the position of supervisor he will continue to serve the township with distinction.

*Brad Stout  
Independence Township*

### Support for Wallace vision

Dear Editor,

I am supporting Neil Wallace for supervisor. Neil has demonstrated his ability to lead our community during the recent challenging economic years.

He has worked with the board and the department heads to improve the budget process. He has said many times Fire and Police protection for the residents of our community are the top items on his agenda. In 2010 he presented to the supervisor and the board an analysis of the budget items for the Oakland County deputies. Rather than a cutback of 20 percent, which was presented by the supervisor, the board approved a cutback of 10 percent based on Neil's proposal. This is the kind of dedication, knowledge and initiative that we need in our supervisor.

Neil has attended all of the scheduled meetings in the last four years. He comes to the meetings prepared to address the agenda items. His work ethic is motivated by his desire to do the best for the citizens of our community.

Neil has the vision to promote growth in our community, in accordance with the Master Plan, that will provide revenue for services to the residents of Independence Township.

Vote for Neil Wallace for Supervisor on Aug. 7.

*Carolyn Morrison  
Independence Township*

### Keep incumbents

Dear Editor,

I am voting for Neil Wallace for Independence Township Supervisor. I will also be voting to re-elect Dave Lohmeier, trustee.

I recently heard another candidate for supervisor say Township Board meetings are too long. I watch the meetings and have participated in many. Prior to their announcing to run for supervisor, I had not seen any of the other supervisor candidates participating as concerned citizens.

Where were they? I know that Neil has been to all of the meetings and Dave has missed very few. Neil and Dave are always well prepared for discussing the items on the agenda. This leads to informed discussions.

What would other candidates change in order to shorten meetings? Limit citizen participation? Decide issues behind closed doors before the meetings? Let unelected staff decide important issues just so the meetings are shorter?

I expect an open, robust debate in which the public and board members try to persuade one another to make good decisions and do what is best for our community.

For me it is interesting and important to understand how and why my elected representatives are making their decisions and not just what they decide. It would be wrong to have the meetings artificially cut short, just so they are short.

Since the beginning of the year, Neil Wallace has been running the meetings smoothly as chairman. For the last couple of months, with the two most disruptive board members missing, the meetings run even more smoothly. It also helps that the board trusts Bart Clark and that, as superintendent, he is doing such a fine job.

On Aug. 7 we all need to take the time to elect Neil Wallace for supervisor and re-elect David Lohmeier as trustee.

*Rick Gutowski  
Independence Township*

### Wallace has the skills

Dear Editor,

On Aug. 7, I will be voting for Neil Wallace for Independence Township supervisor.

Of the candidates for supervisor, he alone has the skills, experience and determination to lead our township government. I know from watching virtually every township board meeting over the last four years his skill sets and dedication to our community is abundantly clear.

In an effort to be objective I have researched the information made available by the other candidates which only makes it all the more apparent we need Neil Wallace for our township supervisor.

It is obvious to me that there is no other candidate that understands the issues we face and is willing to talk about them in depth. Just look at [www.rtownshipmatters.com](http://www.rtownshipmatters.com) as I have.

The residents of Independence Township will be the recipient of the sacrifices Neil Wallace makes for their benefit. Let me explain. Mr. Wallace is a prominent attorney who practices law in the township. I am convinced he could spend his time making much more money in his practice rather than giving so much time to our community. I for one am very thankful for his dedicated service.

On Aug. 7, join me in voting for Neil Wallace for township supervisor. We need his leadership.

*Craig Strickland  
Independence Township*

### Waring for supervisor

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to support Todd Waring for supervisor. He is a hard working, self-made business man. He is well spoken and comes precisely to the point.

He won't need 4-5 hours to conduct the Township business each meeting.. The days of meetings every week will be over. There will be no more letting the public sit until 11:30 p.m. to speak to the board. Todd now has people in whom he trusts to manage his business while he oversees it. Todd doesn't feel he has to micro-manage every employee and watch their every step.

Mr. Waring has many good ideas for the future of Independence Township. He has stated that he is in favor of bringing business to the township within the Master Plan. Planned development won't grind to a stop, or take months to bring about, eventually driving away viable businesses.

Since he has had to sell all his life to have business, he knows how, and plans to, 'sell' Independence Township to corporations which will hire our residents, buy our homes, support our schools and increase the tax base. This will be good for all of us! I have lived in Independence Township for over 40 years.

I just can't see the same sad situation continue that we now have on the Township Board.

It is imperative that we see a change. Aug. 7 vote Todd Waring for Independence Township supervisor.

*Delbert McCrary  
Independence Township*

### Support for Clerk Pallotta


Dear Editor,

Since being appointed as township superintendent in November 2011, I have had the pleasure of working closely with township Clerk Barbara Pallotta. I have come to know Mrs. Pallotta as a dedicated, hard-working official. She puts in long hours in the fulfillment of her duties as clerk. Often, she is the first one to work in the morning and the last one to leave at night. Her personal involvement in all aspects of the clerk responsibilities is evident.

Mrs. Pallotta has had a great deal of experience in the duties of township clerk. She served as deputy clerk for the City of Troy for 10 years and has been the Independence Township clerk since February of 2011. An experienced parliamentarian, Mrs. Pallotta ensures that the Township Board meetings follow proper procedures. Recently, Mrs. Pallotta initiated a re-alignment of the township voting precincts to make it unnecessary to utilize schools as voting places in elections. This enhanced the safety of our children by avoiding giving large crowds of people access to our schools on election days.

Mrs. Pallotta enjoys her role as township clerk. I believe she is the best candidate for the position. I endorse her candidacy for township clerk in 2012.

*Bart L. Clark, superintendent  
Independence Township*



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Case #12-0011 Beckley, Ross and Jodie, Petitioners  
APPLICANTS REQUEST A 10' REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT DECK  
6182 Stonewood Dr., PUD  
Village Park at Stonewood, Unit 56  
08-30-451-013

Case #12-0012 Michaelson, Damon, Lars David, Inc., Petitioner,  
Representing Tom and Denise Pauley  
APPLICANT REQUESTS A 7' REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT DECK (ALREADY BUILT - LOWER PORTION WAS ADDED AFTER FINAL BUILDING INSPECTION)  
6883 Williamsbury Cir., R-1A  
Brookstone Hills, Unit 25  
08-17-152-003

Case #12-0013 FR Clarkston, LLC, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS A VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PARKING WITHIN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK  
6560 Dixie Highway, C-3  
08-32-226-016

Case #12-0014 Kenny, Tom / AGE V Inc., Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS A 45' FRONT YARD AND A 32' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 7, SECTION 50-324 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT MEMORY CARE BUILDING  
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.  
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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**CLARKSTON  
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL  
375 DEPOT ROAD  
CLARKSTON MI 48346  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 29, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll. Present - Mayor Luginiski, Hunter, Bisio, Hargis, Sabol and Roth

Absent: Haven (at the time of roll call)

Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Hargis, supported by Bisio to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by Luginiski, supported by Sabol to amend the agenda and add 3 E. Church Update to Unfinished Business, item C.

Motion Carried. Absent: Haven

Moved by Hunter, supported by Roth to approved consent agenda as presented with the exception of removing the May 14, 2012 council minutes from the agenda for corrections.

Motion Carried. Absent: Haven

Moved by Bisio, supported by Sabol to amend the motion to read the corrections into the minutes for the May 14, 2012 council meeting.

Motion Carried. Absent: Haven

Moved by Sabol, support by Bisio to pay the Planner's bill of \$200.

Motion Carried. Absent: Haven

Resolved by Bisio, support by Hunter to approve the Proposed Library Funding Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bisio, Hargis, Hunter, Luginiski, Roth and Sabol

No: None

Absent: Haven

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Roth to extend meeting pass 9:00 P.M.

Motion Carried. Absent: Haven

Resolved by Hargis, support by Haven that we abandon the project that we have been working on with the new building that we would attach to this existing building for storage of all our equipment.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Luginiski, Bisio, Hargis, Hunter, Haven, Roth and Sabol

No: None

Absent: None

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Hargis, support by Bisio to establish June 11, 2012 as Public Hearing date for 2013 budget.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Hargis, supported by Hunter to adjourn meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Richter, City Clerk

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**CLARKSTON**

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ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL  
375 DEPOT ROAD  
CLARKSTON MI 48346  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll. Present - Mayor Luginiski, Hunter, Haven, Hargis, Sabol and Roth

Absent: Bisio

Others Present - City Manager Ritter and Attorney Ryan  
Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent: Bisio

Moved by Hargis, supported by Hunter to approved consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent: Bisio

Resolved by Hunter, supported by Hargis to approve the 2013 Debt Retirement Millage Rate of 5.4365.

Roll Call: Ayes: Luginiski, Haven, Hargis, Sabol, Hunter and Roth

Nays: None

Absent: Bisio

Resolution Adopted.

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Haven to approve the 2012 Tax Year Operating Millage Rate of 13.1979.

Roll Call: Ayes: Luginiski, Haven, Hargis, Sabol, Hunter and Roth

Nays: None

Absent: Bisio

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Hunter, supported by Roth to approve the SMART Transportation Agreement for 2013 as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Sabol to approve the request to use Depot Park for half marathon on November 10, 2013 contingent upon providing insurance and naming the City of the Village of Clarkston as an additional insured.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Hunter to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Richter, City Clerk

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT 2012-344, 308-DE  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
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TO ALL CREDITORS:

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Kristin Sieloff, Independence Township assessor, achieved the highest level in assessing. Photo by Mary Keck

**Assessor recognized for achievement**

After six years of dedication, Independence Township Assessor Kristin Sieloff reached Master Assessing Officer, level four, which is the highest level of achievement for an assessor. She was recognized during the Board of Trustees meeting, July 3 with a loud round of applause.

To attain a level four designation, Sieloff worked for six years to secure a subject of study, wrote 450 pages of photos and detailed analysis of the property, took a 50-question written examination, and successfully completed an oral examination administered by a panel of three Master Assessing Officers.

When it was all finished, Sieloff said, it was "very exciting to hear, 'you passed.'" There are less than 200 assessors in Michigan at level four. "It is a very coveted designation," Sieloff said.

Although she has obtained a new classification as an assessor, Sileoff intends to stay in Independence Township, which is a level three community.

"I like it here. It is refreshing to come into work and feel appreciated and respected," she said.

Sieloff has been Independence Township's assessor since August 2011.

- Mary Keck

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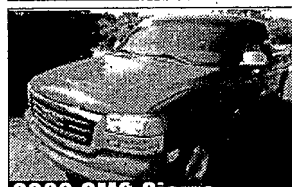
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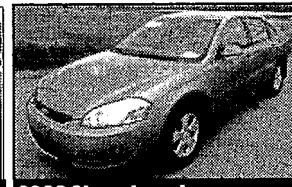
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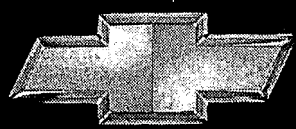
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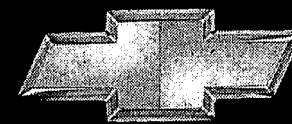


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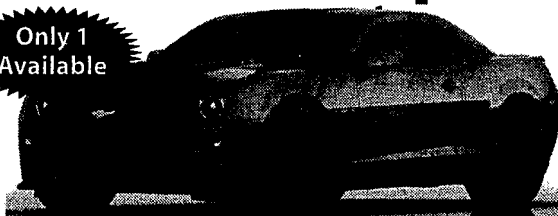
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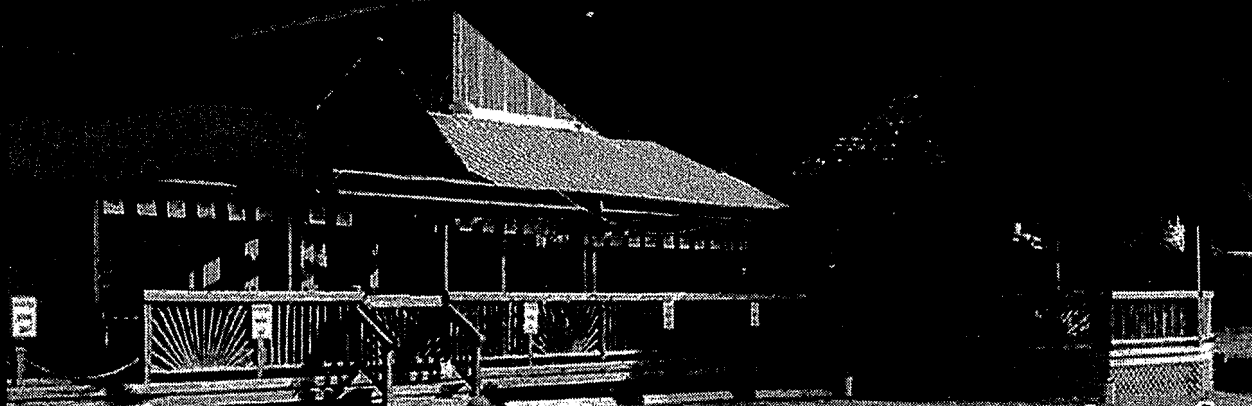


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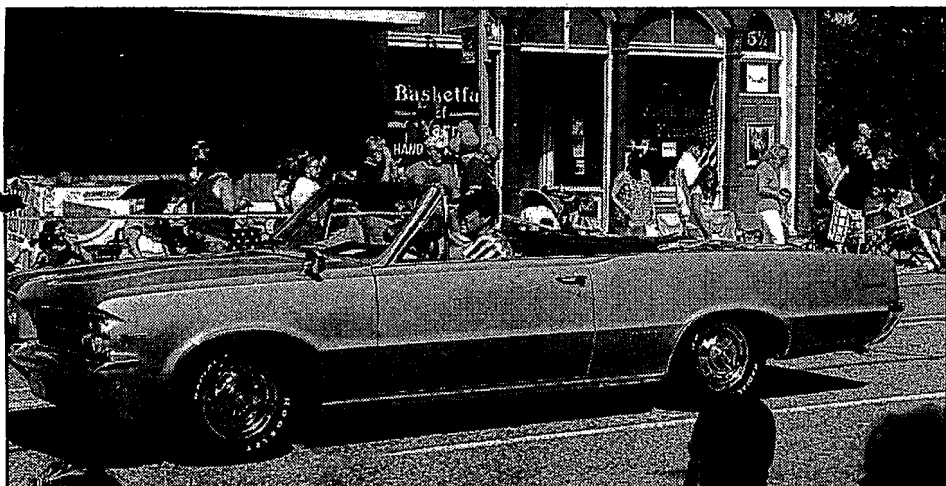
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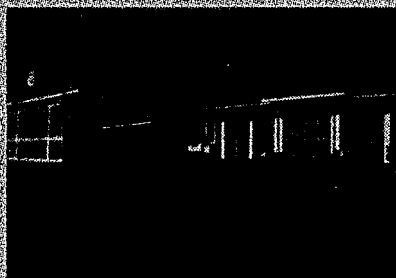
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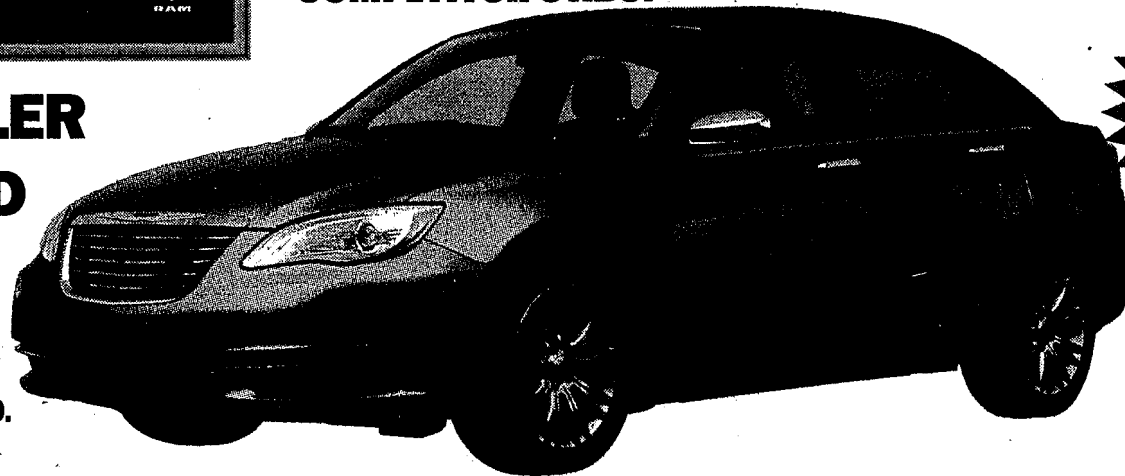


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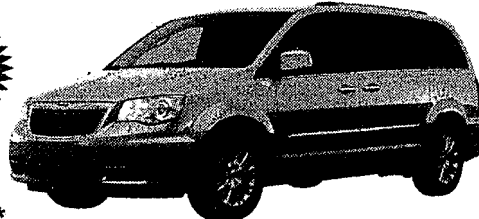


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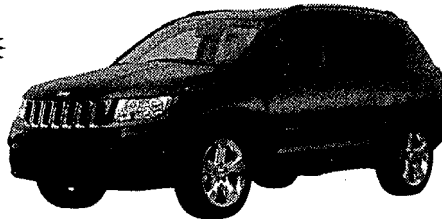


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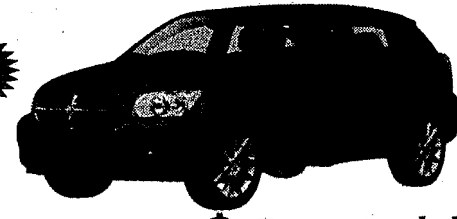


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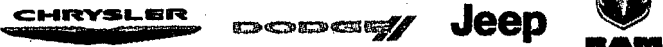
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## How do you beat the heat?



"We go swimming at grandma's."  
- Julie Puffer, with her son  
Eliot Puffer



"Run in the  
sprinklers."  
- Nolan Puffer



"Eat ice cream and go to the spray  
park."  
- John Drallos, with daughter  
Amelia



"We go to the  
beach at inde-  
pendence  
park, pretty  
much every  
day."  
- Jason McBride

By Phil Custodio

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

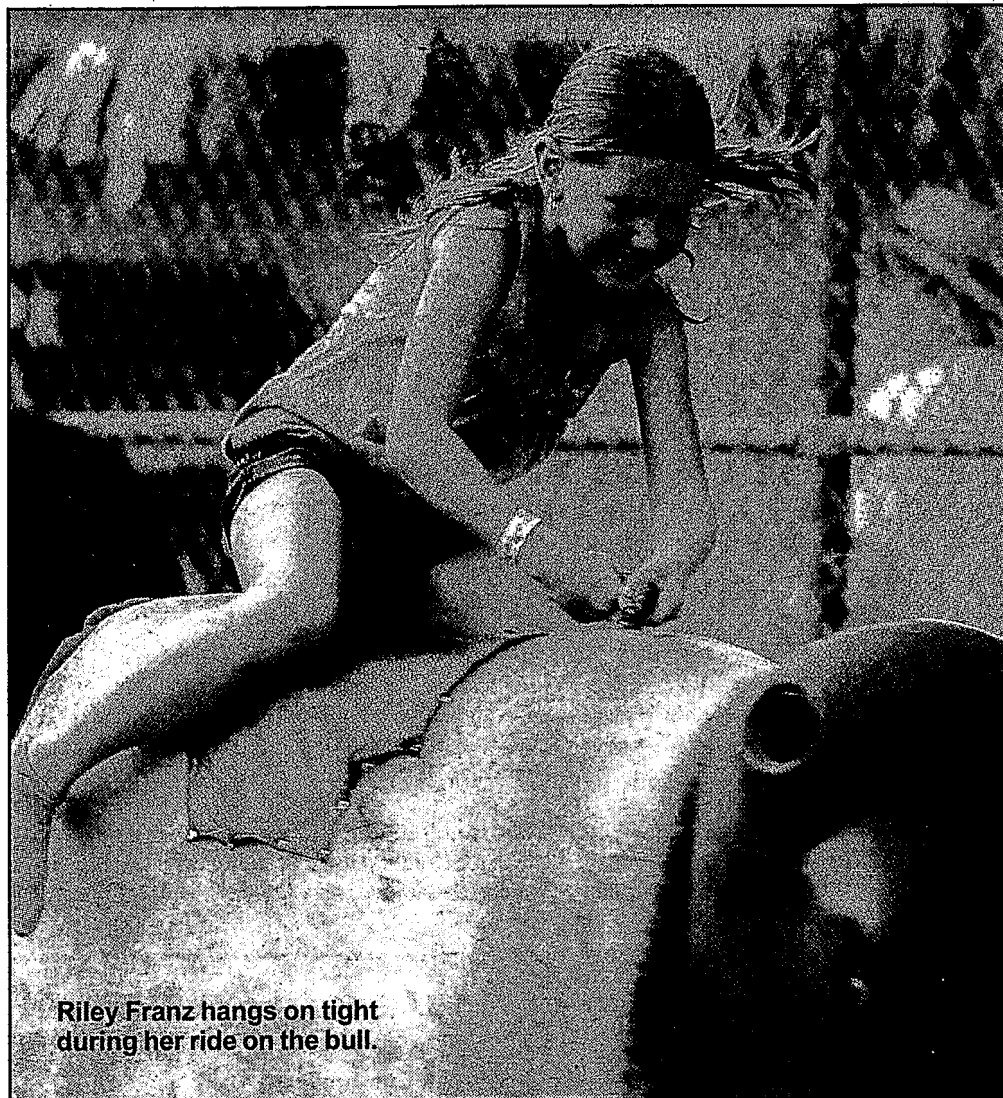
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Riley Franz hangs on tight  
during her ride on the bull.



Daphne Delcarmen and Mike McLain  
dance to "Sweet Caroline."

## After parade, fun in the park

After the Clarkston Fourth of July parade, many headed to Clintonwood Park for the Festival of Fun hosted by the Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

From early afternoon to dusk, patrons enjoyed games, food, craft shows and music from local bands. They ended the day with a fireworks show - please see page 14B.

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\*\*\*

**Meet and Greet**, Bethany North Oakland, 6:30 p.m., July 11, Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. Music by Rick & Dayna.

\*\*\*

**Fund raising auction** for troop support, other Auxiliary projects, 1 p.m., July 21, American Legion Campbell Richmond Unit 63, Auxiliary, 8047 Ortonville Road. 248-634-7140.

\*\*\*

**Backyard Jam** for Desert Angels to benefit troops overseas, 2-7 p.m., July 21, The Birdfeeder and Clarkston Flower Shoppe, 7150 N. Main Street. Live music by Sam & Jeremy and The Locals. 248-625-1399.

\*\*\*

**AARP Driver Safety Class**, 1:30-5:30 p.m., July 31, Aug. 2. \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members, special price of \$5 for educators. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Register, 248-625-8231.

\*\*\*

**35th Reunion**, Clarkston High School Class of 1977, 6:30 p.m., July 28, The Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road, Waterford. Email howelljv@gmail.com, Clarkston77@comcast.net.

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**55th Reunion**, Lake Orion High School Class of 1957, Aug. 11, Rochester Community House, Rochester. Golf scramble at Bald Mountain Golf Course, Lake Orion, Aug. 10. 248-693-2973.

# Around Town



A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



**SING IN THE PARK:** Clarkston singer Beth Stalker, with Jim Rollins sing a hit by Adele at Friday's Concert in the Park.

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**30 year reunion**, Lake Orion Class of 1982, Sept. 15, American Legion, Oxford. \$25 in advance. Dinner, live music. Other classes welcome. Call Tammy, 248-766-0183, sunshineangel39@aol.com.

\*\*\*

**Springfield Farmers Market**, Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 12000 Davisburg Road. Fresh produce, baked goods, crafts, items for garden. 248-846-6558.

\*\*\*

**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. 248-507-4839.

\*\*\*

**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

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**Slow Flow Yoga** with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45p.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

\*\*\*

**Grief Support Group**, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

\*\*\*

**Job Ministry** presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

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**Bingo games**, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

\*\*\*

**Gentle Yoga** with Rev. Matthew Long, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

\*\*\*

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

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

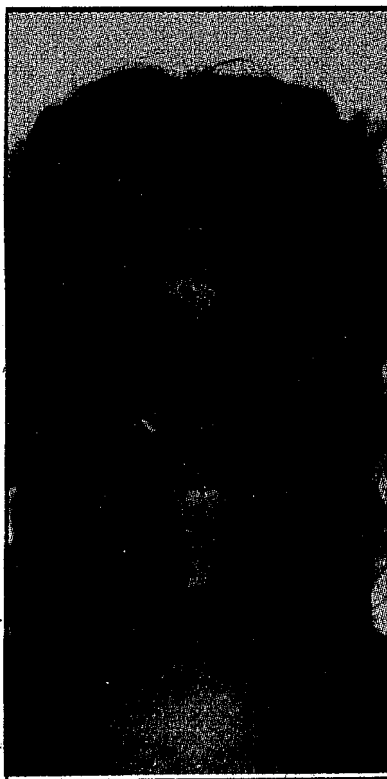
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**Belly Dancing**, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**Widowers and Widows On With Life Group**, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

Please see Around Town on page 8B



## Smile of the Month

### Sinclair Sahajdack

Sinclair is a student at Mason Middle School. She plays softball and likes to bowl. She loves to hangout with her friends. Congratulations on a Smile as Bright as your future!

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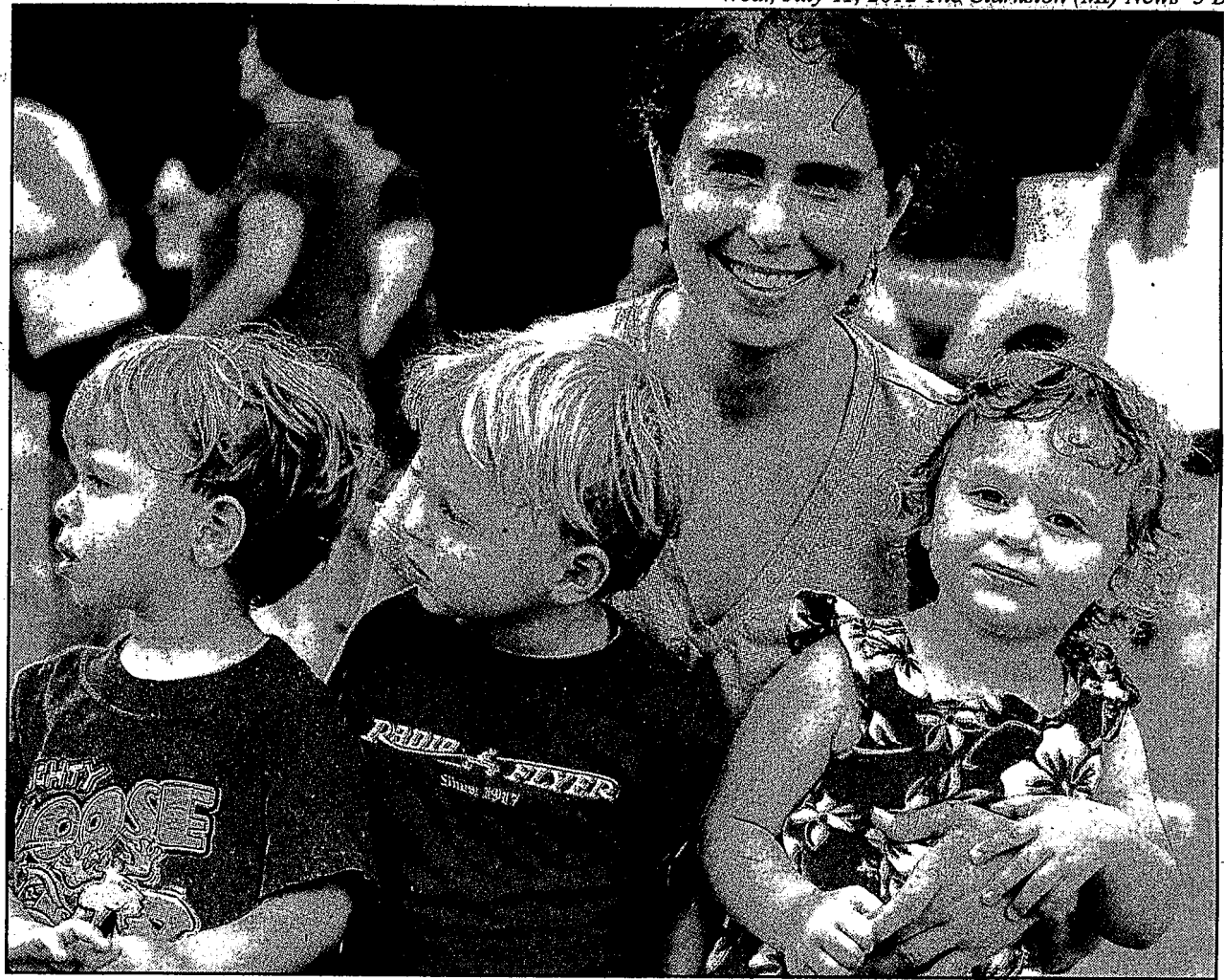
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Joshua Morgan keeps the dunk tank in his sight as he prepares to throw.



From left, Michael, Andrew and Lillian with Sheryl Fielbrandt get ready for the band to begin.



Lillian Muehlheim enjoys ice cream from Culver's.

## Sparkle

Before fireworks spectators settled into their seats for the show at Clarkston Community Church, they enjoyed the church's sixth annual Liberty Fest.

Fun included music from the Solid Rockers, games, inflatables as well as food from Little Caesars and Culver's.

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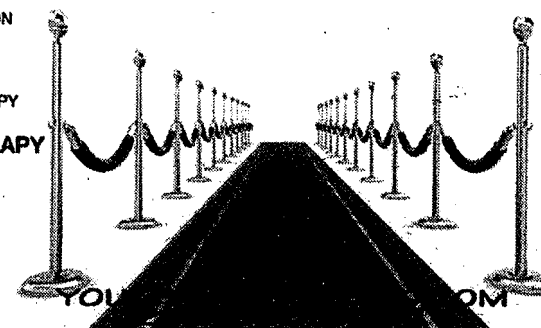
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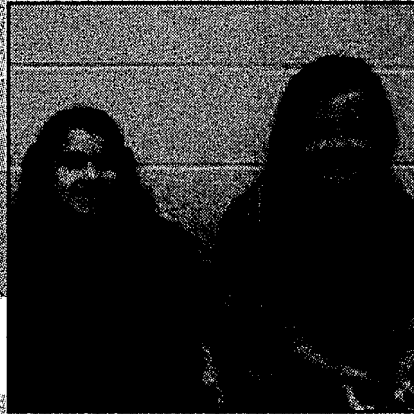
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Are we, as a nation, founded on Judeo-Christian principles? Decidedly, yes. If we look at the historical data and the history of our nation with open eyes it becomes very evident.

The Preamble of the Declaration of Independence says: We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal with certain inalienable rights, that among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

As you read the Constitutions of all 50 states that make up our great nation you will find reference to God, in many of them di-

rectly referencing the Creator.

While there is controversy in the wording, we proclaim we are one nation under God. Our coinage proclaims that it is in God we trust.

The early settlers of our nation gave thanks to God for successful voyage across the stormy seas and for providing them with food needed—in spite of the tragedies and hardships they faced.

We are a people who have been blessed by God. Stop and take a look around you.

Look at the beauty of His creation.

Look at all the material supplies He has poured upon our nation.

Look at how He has guided us as His faithful people for over 200 years. And then turn the other way and see how we have failed God.

We have turned from Him, rejected His guidance and His ways. We have turned from His teachings and when we look at the problems we face as a nation what do we do? We blame God.

God has called us to gather to worship Him and to celebrate the blessings He pours

upon us as a society.

We just recently celebrated the freedom we are given to gather in worship as we decorated His skies with colorful fireworks (thank you donors!) and the plumes of smoke that followed.

Remember God's people of old who, during the exodus, were led by God by a pillar of cloud by day that covered them and a pillar of fire by night that led the way before them? We, too, are led by God!

Do we see? Do we find the joys and blessings He has in store for us?

Too often we look for the smoke that covers our ways and seek to hide from the light. Come out of the dark. Come into His Light. Come and gather around His Word.

Seek Him while He may be found.

Let Him lead.

Do we see it? We are blessed. As we look to Him, Who gives all things, pass those blessings on to others.

When asked how you are, tell the person I am blessed—to be American!

*The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Kendall Schaeffer

## In our churches...

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

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**DC4K**, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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

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**Celebrate Recovery** ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

\*\*\*

**Peace Camp**, July 9-12, for ages 6-11, art, music, drumming, meditation, yoga, peace-making tools and practices. Led by Three Moms for Peace. \$100. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-892-0196.

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CATV-10 Tues. 2:30 pm  
Worship:  
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Wed: 7:00 pm Awana Club  
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**PARADE LEADERS:** With flags held high, the American Legion head up the Clarkston Fourth of July parade. Photo provided by John Meyland

## Clarkston author brings history to life

**BY KRISTEN COOPER**  
*Special to the Clarkston News*

Kim Crawford is a Clarkston local and has had three books published.

His most recent work *The Daring Trader* was completed this spring and brings to light the untold story of an 1800's fur trader who was a secret agent for the U.S. government.

Crawford worked as a reporter for over 30 years and uses those skills to gather the material he needs to write his historical books.

He had been working on *The Daring Trader* for about 10 years before it was published. When he started writing the book, he was working as a reporter and only gathering information on the weekends when he could. Eventually, it turned into a 320 page

paperback book published by Michigan State University Press.

*The Daring Trader* Crawford said, has a small audience and will be enjoyed mostly by hard-core history buffs. However, you don't need to be a professor to understand it, and some people have enjoyed it as a story. In the end, Crawford doesn't care much about the audience though.

"What I'm proud of is that it's a forgotten story, an untold story that I've managed to bring to light 200 years later," he said.

The book follows the story of fur trader Jacob Smith. Crawford said that an interesting thing he learned about fur traders of the time is what scoundrels they were. They would sue each other back and forth and have frequent disputes.

This is very different from the typical brave adventurer angle with which most are familiar. Crawford said one of his big draws to Smith was that he went above and beyond

the typical scoundrel of the time.

There were government liaisons working with the Indians in Michigan throughout the time, but they would be announced as such. Smith was working with the Indians but never told them he was working for the U.S. government.

Smith became so involved with the Indians that they started asking him for advice, which, in the end, caused Smith to gain a lot of land for the U.S. Smith also played a large role in founding Flint and the surrounding areas.

If you are surprised that Smith did so much, but you never heard of him, don't worry. Crawford said, "to me that's what history is. To tell a story that hasn't been told." This has certainly been done in the story of the rascal of a fur trader, Jacob Smith.

For further information about the book, visit Michigan State University Press's webpage, [msupress.msu.edu](http://msupress.msu.edu).



**Crawford**

# Around Town

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**Town Hall Quilt Guild**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

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**Zumba**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.

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

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**Tell Us About Your Travels**, third Wednesday through October, 6-7:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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**Women's Cancer Support Group**, second Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

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**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

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**Young At Heart Active Adults**, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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**MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers**, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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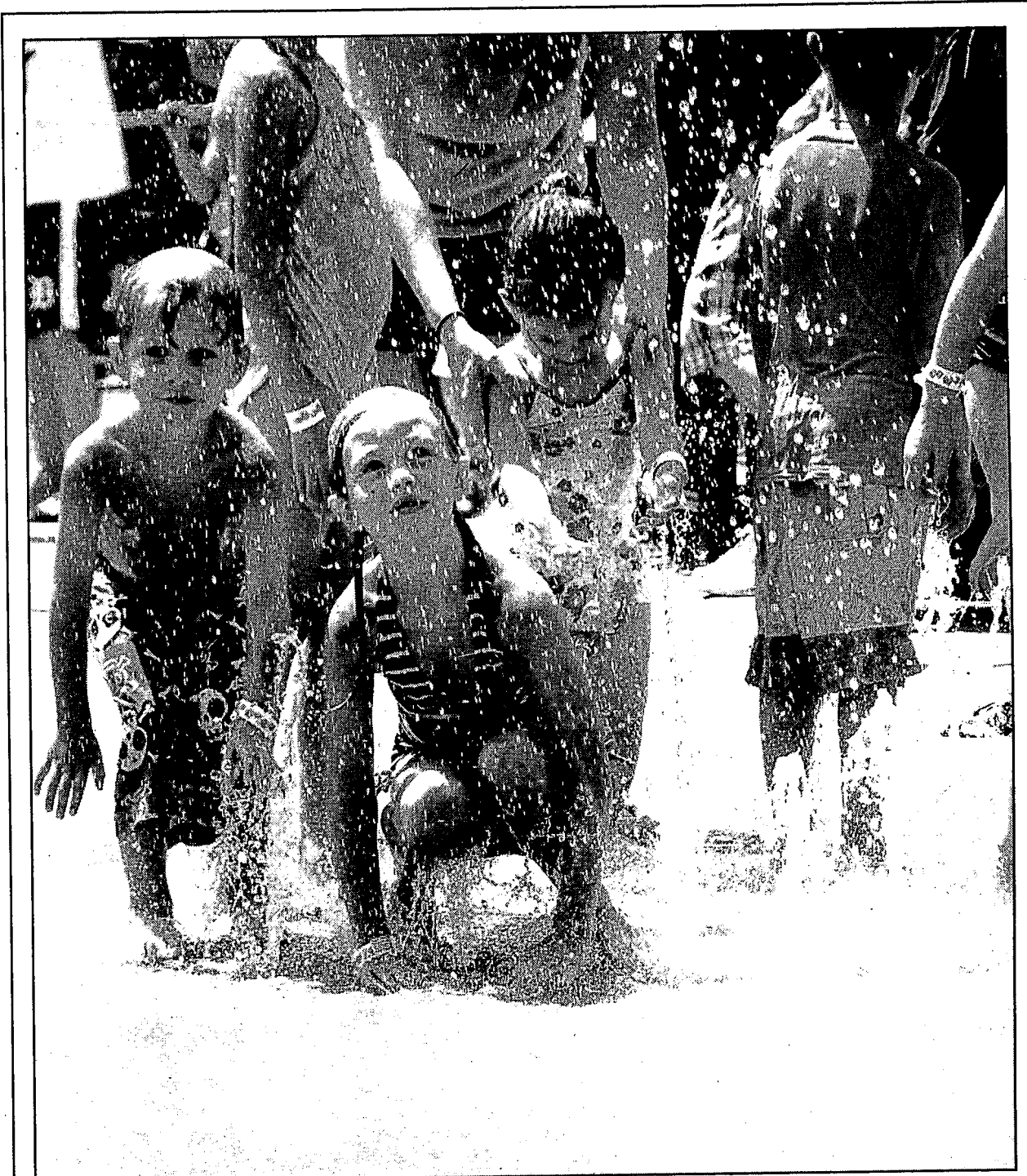
**DivorceCare** facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

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**General Support Group** for anyone with a cancer diagnosis, fourth Thursday, 2-3 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

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**Clarkston Farmers' Market**, Saturdays through Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Education Center, 6300 Church Street.



From shooting water from cannons to running under sprinklers and romping over water spraying from the ground, kids beat the heat on the Fourth of July by splashing in the spray park during the Festival of Fun in Clintonwood park. Photo by Mary Keck

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Leslie Graham, who sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Festival of Fun, poses with her sister Emma Graham and her friends Gracielle and Adrianna Wilhelm. Photo by Mary Keck



Brendan Constable tames the wild mechanical bull. Photo by Mary Keck

## Fun fest

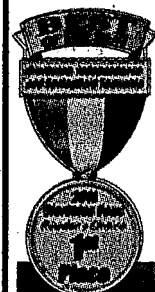
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Kaeley Mowry takes a trip down the water slide. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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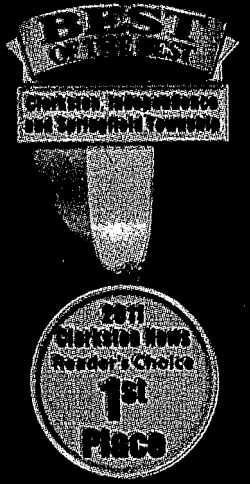
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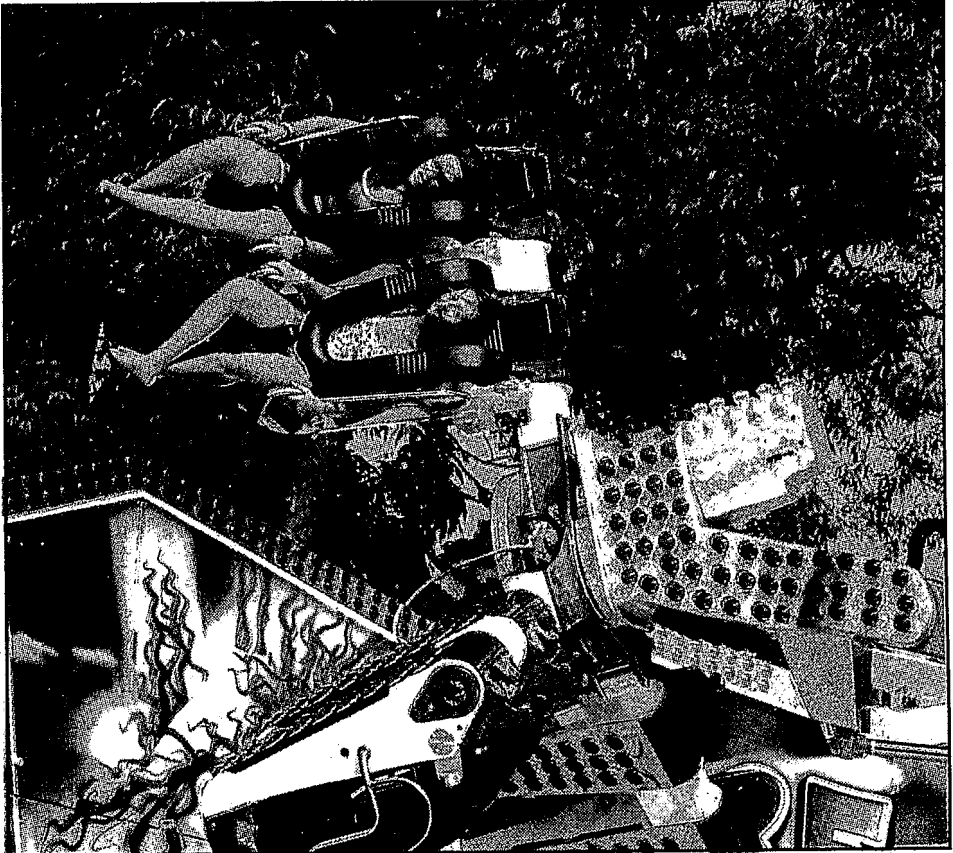
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Riders opted for some sideways spins.



Kari and Kaelyn Rhyndress bump cars.

# To the fair, to the fair

Fun seekers braved the heat and humidity last week to enjoy the sights, sounds, and thrills of the Oakland County Fair. The fair opened on Friday at 4 p.m.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Ellie Carlson and Michael Rolston hang on tight on the Himalaya.



Paige Ford seeks out her target on the bumper cars. Photos by Wendi Reardon

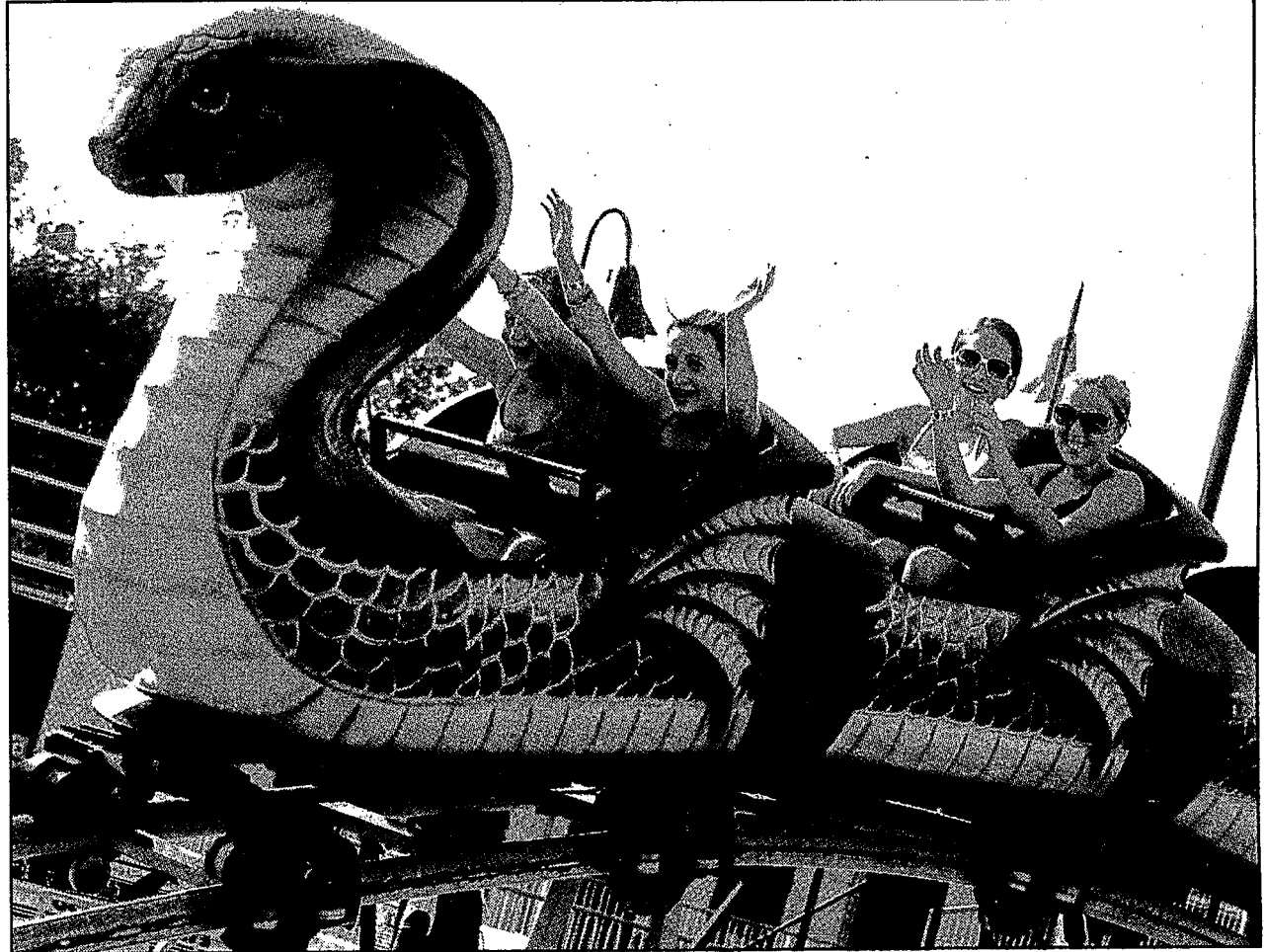
## Thrill rides

The Oakland County Fair continues this week, with events and activities through Sunday.

Thursday is Oakland County Parks and Rec Day with free parking with the Oakland County Parks Annual Sticker. It is also Special Needs Day, with free rides from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday is Toddler Day with a Diaper Derby/Toddler Trot at 12 p.m. For teens, enjoy a free dance at 10 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday is Family Fun Day and the fair will close for the season at 9 p.m.

For more information, please go to [www.oakfair.org](http://www.oakfair.org).



From left, in front, Belle Johnson, Makenzie Jones, Paola Martin and Megan Smith raise their arms on the Cobra.

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## Making someone's day is best gift of all

Recently I surveyed a few of my clients and asked them what would interest them to read about. I heard, "something to feel good about." So I kept asking for more clarification on what to research.

Then it came: someone suggested I write about unique and meaningful gifts because it's wedding, graduation and summer party season.

Off on my quest to research I conducted a Facebook survey asking my friends what was their "best gift they've ever received." Not giving specific direction as the questioner- I got some of the most beautiful responses.

A few I will share with you, "my new set of lungs." As described by my cousin that received a double lung transplant a few months ago. Amazing story and a true blessing. I heard many more such as, "my favorite gift was my kids!" Or they would even say "my husband!" etc...

What a great survey for people to express what they are grateful for and what they view as "GIFTS." The stories were awesome! It sure was a "feel-good" piece to read.

The information I had intended on getting on material gifts were well, not-so-much. So what do we learn from that? Material stuff is only stuff, at the end of the day it doesn't mat-

ter.

I reposted with a bit more direction. Again I was surprised by what I learned. There too, thinking I would get things like, "on my sons graduation he got a Dr. Seuss book, *Oh the Places You'll Go...* with a savings bond in it." (Which is a brilliant idea by the way.)

What I got back were things like, "for Mother's Day my best gift was when my kids came over and each planted a special flower or plant that would come up every year in my new flower bed."

Recently, I received a gift from a friend, too. I broke my ankle and couldn't move around much. She came over and picked up my house for me. The same day my dog got skunked. Even though she offered to give him a tomato-juice-bath, I called my groomer, and she came to my house, picked up my dog and de-skunked him.

You have no idea how gifted I felt with amazing people that day.

So the lesson of that mission was people think of "gifts" as the act of giving of time or service. In a nut shell, it's as simple as making someone's day. I guess that's why I've done hair for so long; I am grateful to get to make someone's day every day!

Just think what it would be like if we all did something to make someone's day every day... Like passing it forward... hmmm!

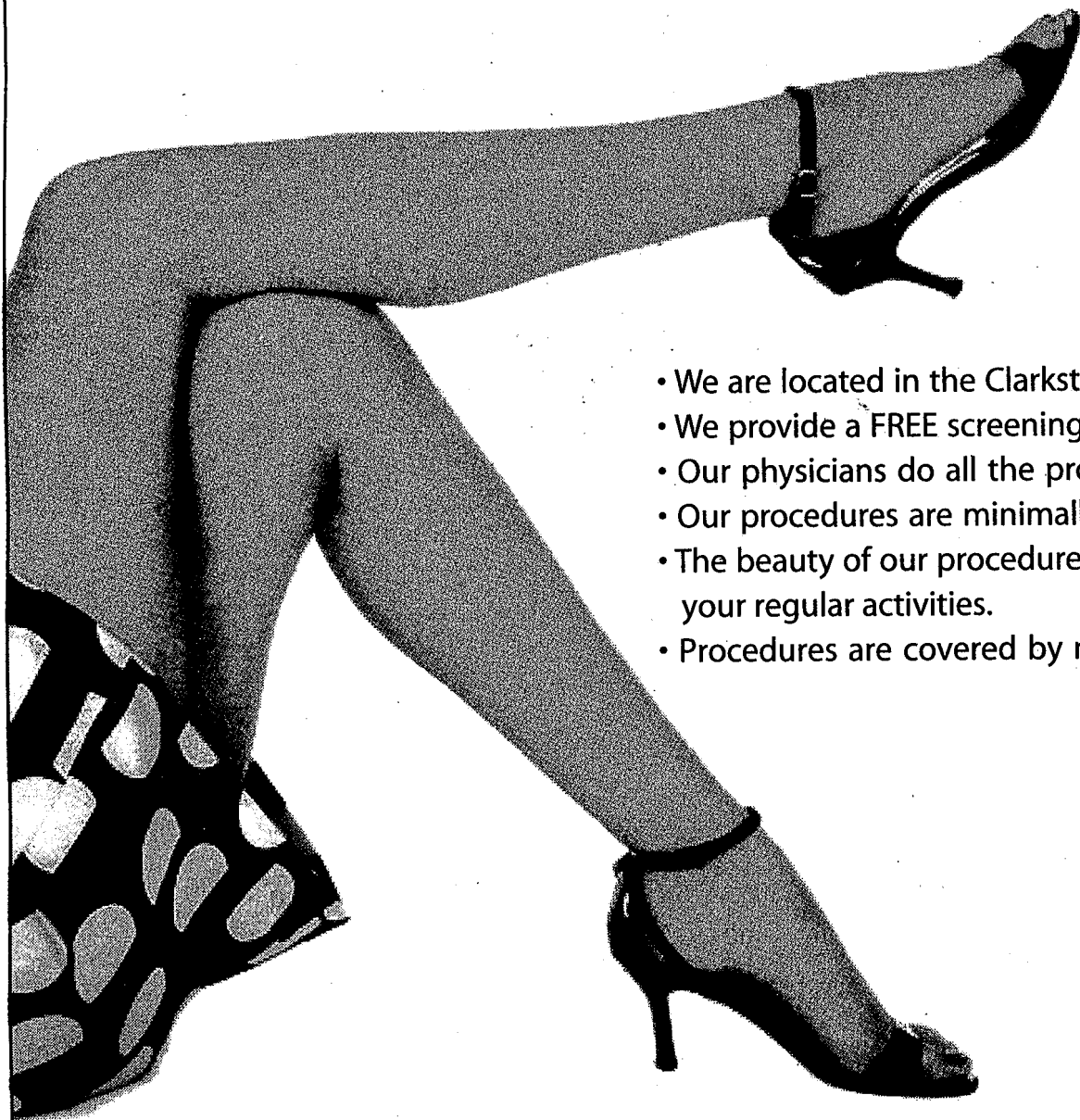
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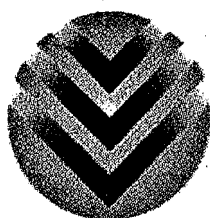
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# Milestones



Lillian Lucas celebrated her second birthday on June 23, 2012, with her dad Chris Lucas, and his fiancée Jackie Gibson, as well as family and friends. Photo provided

## Students achieve success

**Brett Crawford**, a 2000 Clarkston High School graduate, received his Doctoral Degree in Organizational Management Studies from Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, on June 15, 2012.

Brett is the son of Lisa Crawford, a Sashabaw Middle School teacher, and the late Terry Crawford. Congratulations on a job well done.

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**Ashlynd Romkema** graduated from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. Ashlynd, daughter of Karen and Michael Romkema of

Clarkston. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics.

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**Christina Riegel** of Clarkston graduated May 5 from Trine University with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in Hershey Hall on the university's main campus in Angola. Riegel is now pursuing a graduate degree in MSM Operations Research/Supply Chain Management at Case Western University.

She is the daughter of Roger and Beth Riegel. She is a graduate of Clarkston High School.

## Local woman honored with 'Tribute to Women'

Judy Tully of Independence Township was honored with the annual "Tribute to Women" Award by the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club at the Tribute to Women Dinner at the Chisholm Hills Banquet Center in Lansing, June 9.

Soon after joining the club in 2005, she served on the board as social chairman, organizing the Packing Party for our Troops and Candidate's



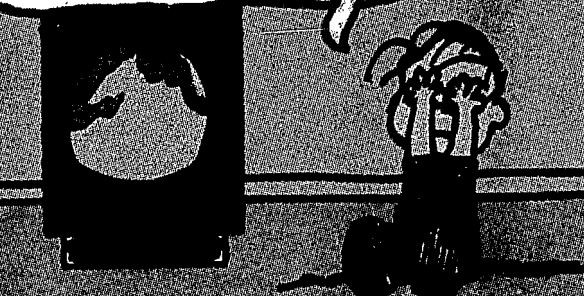
Tully

Night.

She also helped create the group's website and continues to maintain it. She served as president of the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club in 2009 and 2010. She is currently serving as the club's treasurer.

Tully is also an active member of her community as a precinct delegate in Clarkston; has worked on political campaigns; is a founding member of Independence Township Conservatives; treasurer of her homeowner's association; and regularly attends township meetings.

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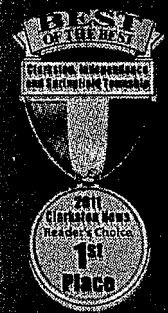
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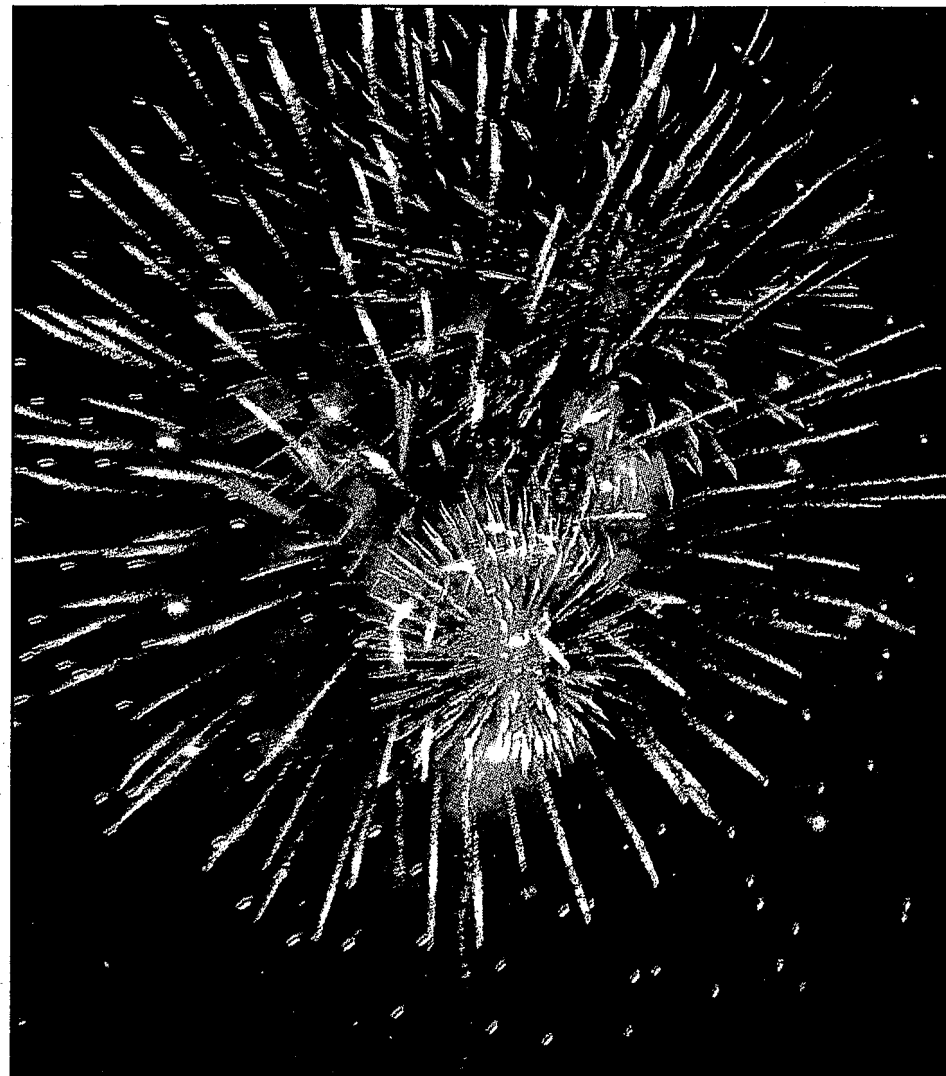


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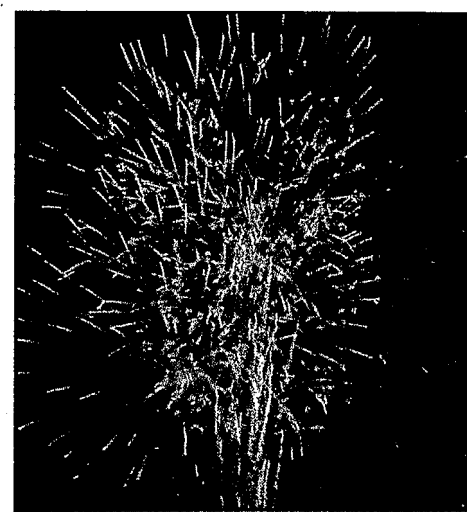
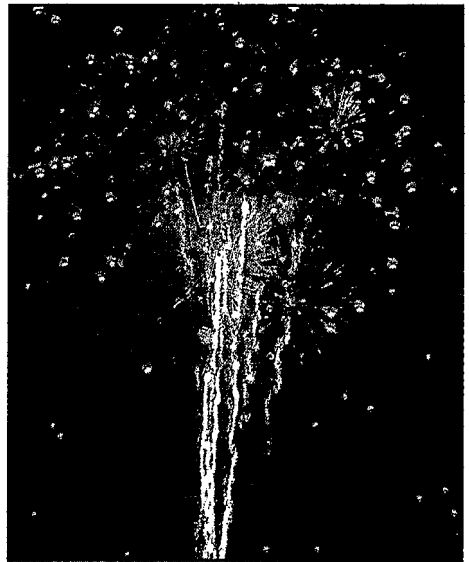
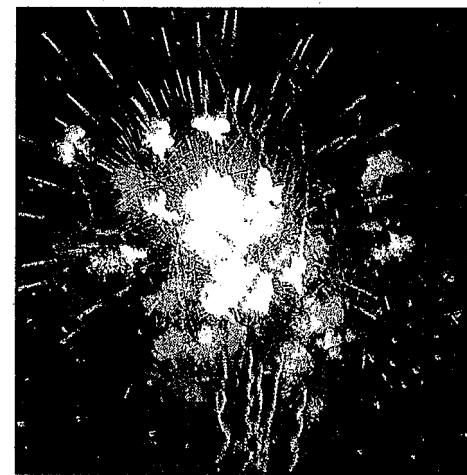


## Light the night

Families and groups of friends gathered at Clintonwood Park on Wednesday, July 4, for the annual fireworks show. Many enjoyed the show from blankets on the baseball fields as they watched the night sky light up in red, blue and white.

Other popular spots to watch the fireworks were Clarkston Community Church, Clarkston High School and Everest Academy.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



# Endangered butterfly off to Minnesota zoo

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Minnesota Zoo collected about 200 rare butterfly eggs from the Prairie Fens in Springfield Township on Friday, June 29.

The Powsheik Skipperling, a brown butterfly with orange-tipped wings, is on the Michigan threatened species list and is currently a candidate for the Federal endangered species list.

"Population numbers are declining rapidly," Conservation Scientist David Cuthrell said.

While the reasons for the reduced population remain a mystery, Cuthrell believes it may be due to "drought, disease, [land] management, or soy bean aphid spraying."

Although there aren't many of these butterflies left in other parts of the United States, Powsheiks are making a comeback in Springfield, which has the largest population of Powshiek Skipperlings in the world. Their success in the region is due in part to the abundance of prairie fens, which is the butterfly's preferred habitat.

"If you don't have prairie fens, you don't have the butterfly. Michigan is very important to their overall survival," said Cuthrell.

There are less than ten sites in Michigan where Powsheik's have been spotted, and they haven't been seen in Minnesota since 2007.

"They're an indicator species of the health of the ecosystem," Cuthrell explained.

The survival of the Powsheik impacts the existence of the birds, dragonflies, preying mantis, and crab spiders that feed on them.

Springfield's prairie fens are dotted with Black-Eyed Susans and are fed by groundwater, which gives them a spongy feel beneath one's feet. Besides the Powsheik, the fens are home to Monarch butterflies along with rattlesnakes, ground squirrels, birds, and

other wildlife.

Management of the prairie fens has played a significant role in the Powsheik's increased population too. Plants like Phragmites have threatened to take over the butterfly's habitat by crowding out the Powsheik's favorite vegetation.

Through methods such as controlled burning and restoration planting, the butterfly population has been revived, said Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Tucker.

"This is a fantastic ecological system, and stewardship is important," Tucker said.

The whole process of surveying the butterflies and restoring their habitat has taken over five years, and Tucker was excited to finally reach this point where the Powsheik's eggs could be shared.

Collection of the butterfly's eggs is part of a larger prairie conservation effort on the part of Butterfly Conservationist Dr. Erik Rundquics of the Minnesota Zoo.

Rundquics secured grant funds and permits from the Michigan DNR allowing the zoo to take the eggs across state lines.

"The goal is to take the eggs back, and next summer the adults will emerge. We hope to develop a colony on zoo grounds," said Cale Nordmeyer the Resident Butterfly Naturalist of the Minnesota Zoo.

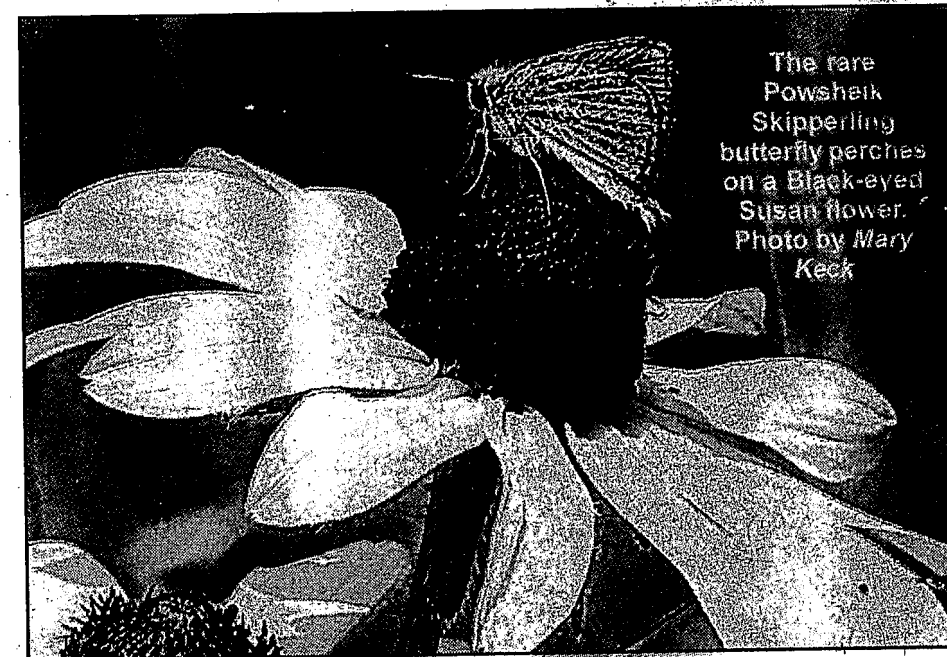
Nordmeyer deftly transferred Springfield's female Powsheiks with large, egg-filled abdomens from their glass vials and into mesh containers holding Little Blue Stem plants. Little Blue Stems along with Prairie Drop Seed make the perfect hosts for baby caterpillars, Nordmeyer explained.

After the butterflies laid their eggs, they were released back to the prairie. They are expected to hatch in Minnesota in the next few days.

For more information, check [www.mnzo.com](http://www.mnzo.com).



Conservation Scientist David Cuthrell holds a freshly hatched female Powsheik butterfly in a vial. Photo by Mary Keck

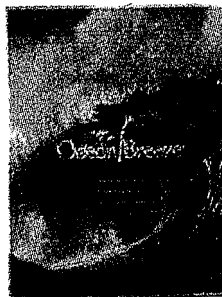


The rare Powsheik Skipperling butterfly perches on a Black-eyed Susan flower. Photo by Mary Keck



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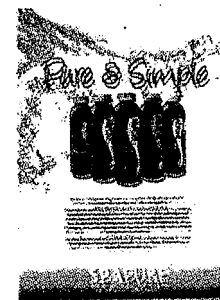
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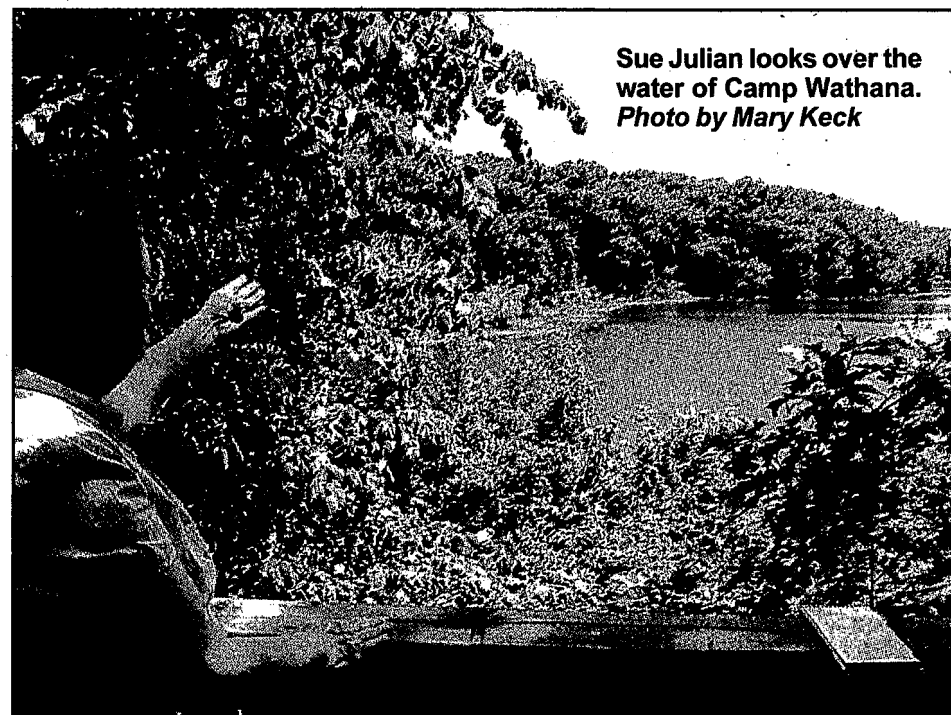
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Sue Julian looks over the  
water of Camp Wathana.  
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## NOHLC to preserve historic camp

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In their 40th year, the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) is still preserving land in Independence and other townships. Since 1972 when Clarkston resident Nelson Kimball became the conservancy's founding president, the NOHLC has preserved 494 acres in Independence Township alone.

According to Interim Executive Director Sue Julian, the NOHLC has no plans to stop protecting Michigan's lands. In fact, they're hoping to reach a 10,000-acre goal, and have already begun.

"We've identified as much as 10,000 acres that have high quality features to the land," Julian said. "This conservancy does not anticipate owning or managing 10,000 acres, but if we identify areas that are important, we can speak to a Planning Commission, for instance, if an area is going to be developed," she explained.

The acquisition the NOHLC is currently working to protect is a 250-acre historic camp in Rose Township called Camp Wathana. The camp is located on land with two glacial lakes, and it has lush forests, bogs, and scenic vistas. It also includes historic buildings, which housed youngsters participating in the camp when it opened in 1926.

Clarkston resident Jan Merz attended Camp Wathana when she was nine and later became a counselor there. "It was really special to take that bus way out into the country," she said. From her point of view it was "not just about getting camping skills; it developed you as an individual."

Being away from family and in the wilderness, Merz "gained independence," but she also had fun swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, and singing. Merz remembers birch trees, eating breakfast in a rowboat, and tak-

ing canoe trips down the Michigan River. "We didn't realize how lucky we were," she said wistfully.

As an adult, Merz returned to the camp to find it has been reduced from the 400 acres she remembers to the 250 the NOHLC hopes to protect. "I want to see it preserved," Merz said. Her love for Camp Wathana now fuels her determination to aid the NOHLC in connecting with other former campers who would be interested in preserving the historic camp. "We need to keep it for future kids in Michigan and Ohio," said Merz.

Conserving lands for later generations is the NOHLC's specialty. "It was conceived by people in Clarkston and based on the idea that you could put an easement on land, which would last forever," Director Sue Julian explained. "A person could live on the land, but it would be protected. If they sold it or passed it to their heirs, it would continue to be protected," she said.

While many of the NOHLC's acquisitions are privately owned, some are accessible to the public such as the Nels Kimball Sanctuary and Voorheis-Beardsley Preserve located in Independence Township.

Once land is safeguarded by the NOHLC, they "monitor and make sure to protect the natural values of the land," Julian said. The acres preserved will sometimes have open land, an important river corridor, high ecological qualities or it may be home to endangered species.

Much of the land under the protection of the NOHLC is donated by individual landowners, but the non-profit organization also purchases acres or acquires conservation easements to preserve natural spaces, said Julian. To find out more about the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy go to [www.nohlc.org](http://www.nohlc.org) or stop by their office located at the Springfield Township's Civic Center.

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## Robert P. Brewer, 68

Robert P. Brewer, of White Lake, passed away July 6, 2012, at the age 68.

He was husband of Lorraine; loving father of Hollie Huehn; step-father of Yvonne (Patrick) Sturt and Jeff (Christine) Ehli; grandfather of Alexis and Hannah Huehn; step-grandfather of Remy, Samantha and AnaLisa; brother of Anna Marie,



Janet, Betty, Margaret, Pauline, Nina, Judy, Cindy, Dixie, Sharon and the late Bonnie.

Bob served in the U.S. Army and retired from General Motors.

Funeral Service was Monday, July 9th at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association.

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## Lawrence Kowalski, 70

Lawrence F. Kowalski, of Ortonville formerly of Roseville, passed away unexpectedly July 1, 2012, at age 70.

He was husband of Edurne "Noonie" for 47 years; father of Lawrence (Sandra) and Matthew (Jill); grandpa of Lawrence (Caitlyn) & Alexandra; son of Charlotte (the late Lawrence); brother of Robert (Charlene) and the late Barbara (Robert) Kostrzewa.

Larry served in the U.S. Marines and retired from Chrysler Corp. He appreciated nature and enjoyed traveling.

Rosary service was Thursday at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston Funeral Mass was Friday at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville.

Rite of Committal with military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

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## Karen Ohrnberger, 77

Karen W. Ohrnberger, of Clarkston, passed away July 1, 2012, at age 77.

She was the wife of Peter; mother of Erik (Gina), Klaus (Jeanne) and Corinna (James) Barry; Oma of Katherine, Elisabeth, Corinna & Annika.

Celebration of Life Memorial Service was Friday at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council.

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Obituaries posted daily at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)

## Obituaries

### Robert D. Parke, 72

Robert "Bob" D. Parke, of Clarkston, passed away on July 6, 2012, at the age of 72.

He was husband of Margery for 49 years; Father of Rodney (Jennifer) and Juli; Preceded in death by his son Tim; Grandpa of Colin and Kyle.



Bob enjoyed hunting, camping and wood-working. He served in the U.S. Army and retired from General Motors.

Funeral service is Monday at 12:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston where friends may visit Sunday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.; Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

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### Sharon Rynerson, 55

Sharon L. Rynerson, of Waterford, passed away July 3, 2012, at the age of 55.

She was loving mother of Mark (Audra) Rynerson. Preceded in death by her parents George and Marion, brothers Bruce and Thomas, and nephew Jason. Dear Sister of David (Rose), Terry Rynerson



and Laura Thompson. Aunt of Nicole Thompson and Christopher (Jennifer) Rynerson.

Memorial Service was Saturday, July 7, 2012 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

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### Troy Skeleton, 81

Troy Skeleton, of Pontiac, passed away July 6, 2012, at the age of 81.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles, parents Leonard and Louise Edwards and siblings: James, Hazel, Lucy, Dorothy and Wanda; sister of Jewell Miracle, Gerri Desjarden and Paul Edwards. Special aunt of Rita (Larry) Glassford.

Funeral service is Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at noon at Harvestland Church, 5848 Clintonville Rd, Clarkston where friends may visit directly at the church Tuesday at 11 a.m. until time of service. Interment White Chapel Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Harvestland Church. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

### Lisa A. Sheehan, 52

Lisa A. Sheehan (Moniuszko) of Clarkston, formerly of Clawson, passed away July 7, 2012, after a battle with breast cancer, at age 52.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kevin and parents John and Geraldine. She was the mother of Sarah, Benjamin, Liam and Sydney; sister of Andrew (Kim) Moniuszko, Donna Sinclair, Michael (Alyssa) Moniuszko, Lily (Gary) Moniuszko-Johns, Paula (Anders) Jonsson and Nancy (Paul) Seals; daughter-in-law of Joanne Hampton.

Mrs. Sheehan loved spending time with her family and always welcomed friends into her home. She worked as a financial analyst at Beaumont Hospital.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Any donations to the family will be used toward the future education of the children in care of guardian: Nancy Seals.

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### Karyn B. Thompson, 61

Karyn B. Thompson, of Clarkston, passed away unexpectedly July 6, 2012, at the age of 61.

She was loving wife of Bill for 26 years; mother of Beth (Jim) Hunter and two grandchildren; sister of Debbi (Bob) Carlson, Jocelyn (Raymond) Baldwin, Kimberly (Daniel) Wilson, Warren Joseph and the late Robert Joseph Jr.



Karyn was co-founder and partner with her husband of Perfect Solutions. She was mentor to many.

Memorial service is Saturday, July 14th at 4:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston where friends may visit Saturday 2:30 p.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

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In response to the increasing request for sympathy gifts, Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, has opened a gift shop inside the funeral home.

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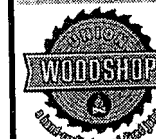
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### Guest viewpoint



Maria Rotondo-Mark

A society based on economic value is not a fully functioning system.

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Maria Rotondo Mark lives in Independence Township

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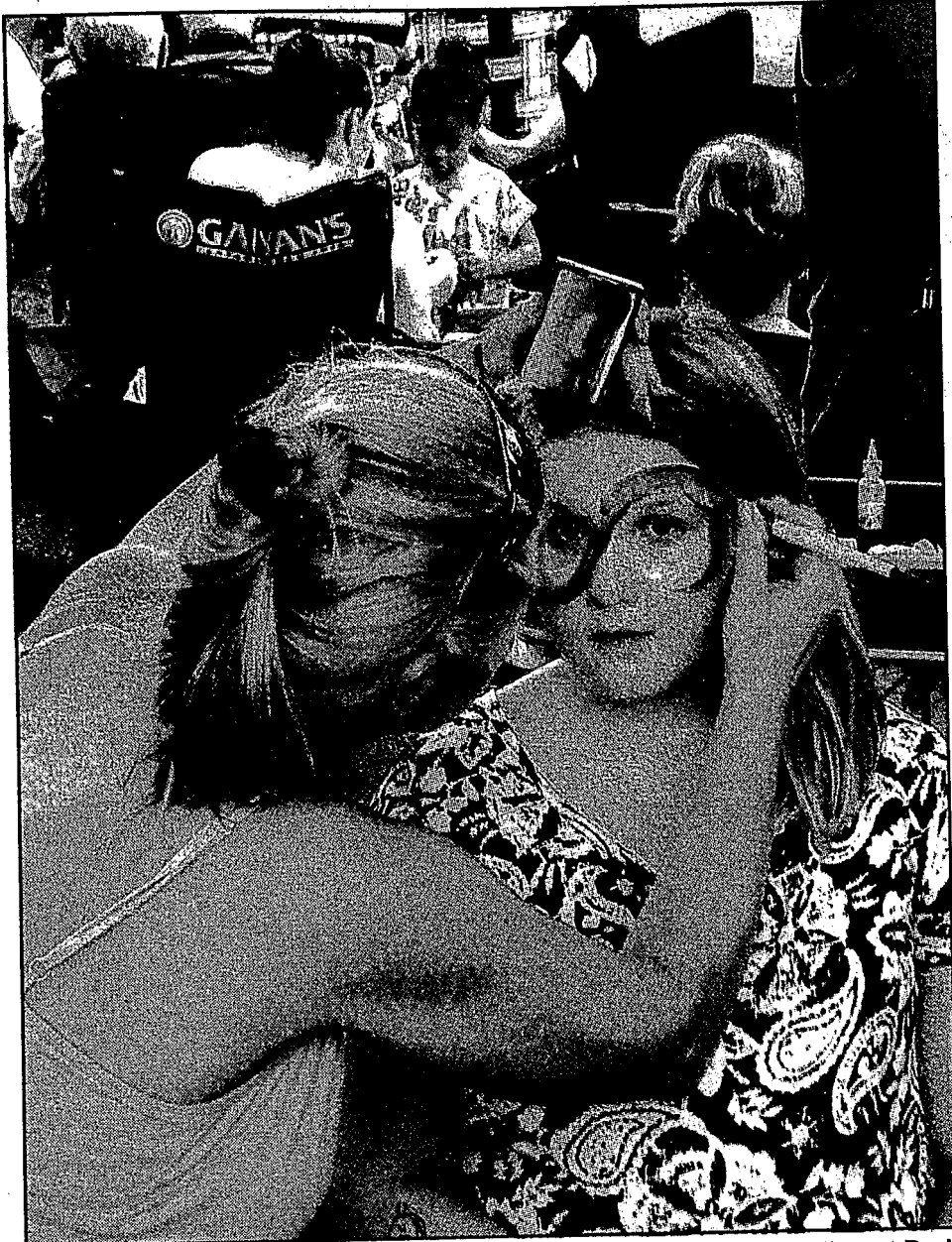
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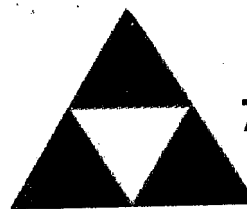


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Grand Master Joe Sanders slices through 113 2-liter club soda bottles in 26.52 seconds. Photo by Mary Keck

# Record slashed

Grand Master Joe Sanders sliced 113 club soda bottles with a 32-inch steel Japanese Tatchi sword on July 7.

He completed the task on Washington Street in 26.52 seconds. Afterward, he was soaked in club soda.

"I was blind after cutting the first bottles. It sure was fun," Sanders said.

During the demonstration, club soda flew into the air and halfway across the street.

The audience gathered at the record-breaking event could find severed soda bottle caps a block away.

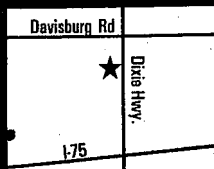
Sanders' original plan was to cut 144 bottles, and he intends to take another stab at breaking his own record in August. - Mary Keck

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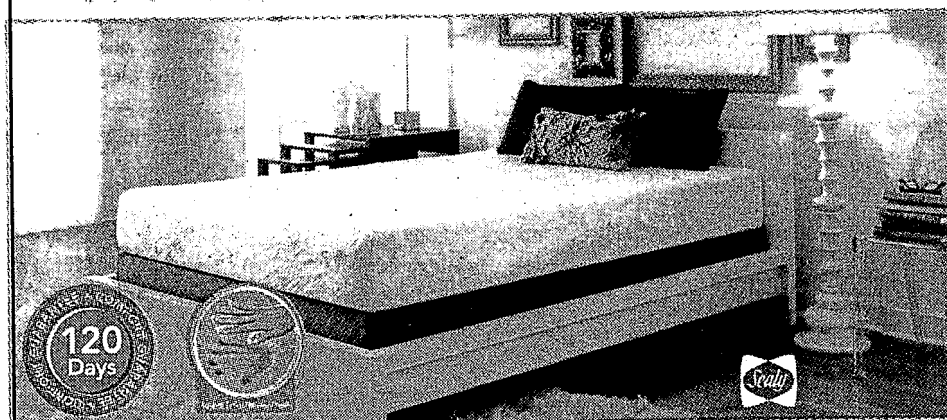
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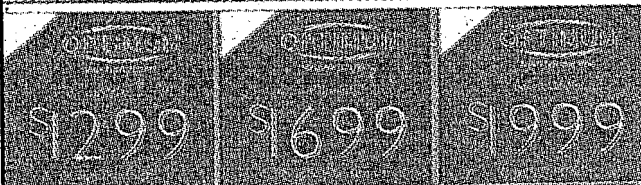
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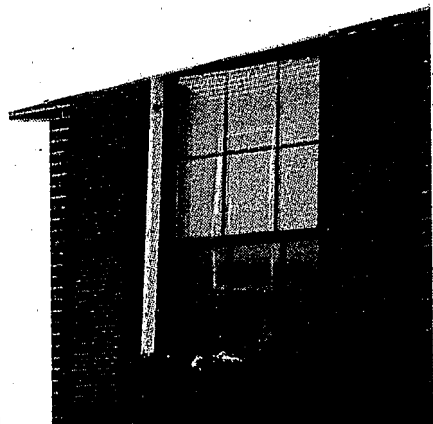


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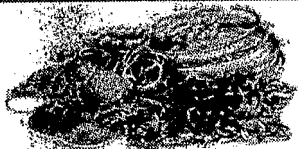
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