



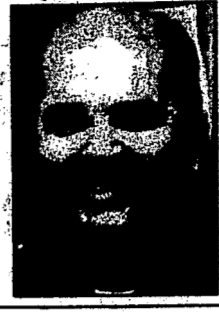
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*Independence Township*

## Resident wants ban on pit bulls

**BY MARALEE COOK**  
Clarkston News Editor

Independence Township resident Jim Houlihan wants officials to adopt an ordinance prohibiting pit bulls.

The Wealthy Street resident spoke on behalf of his family and neighbors in making the request at the October 3 Independence Township Board meeting.

Pit bulls refer to the American Stafford Terrier breed. The breed has been used in dog fights, and Houlihan said there have been many documented attacks of humans by the breed.

Houlihan said there are three pit bulls owned by renters in his neighborhood.

"The dogs have been removed by law enforcement, but have been returned," he said, and asked the ordinance be adopted to protect families and other animals.

He said because Waterford and Pontiac have ordinances banning the breed he's concerned people who keep the breed either as pets or to use in dog fights will move to Independence Township.

The Board authorized township attorney Steven Joppich to draft a proposed ordinance and give the board guidance on the issue.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart

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## How 'bout that pizza!



Senior Adam Burstien, right, stuffs his face for the pizza eating contest at the Homecoming field day assembly last Friday. The seniors won the contest but didn't have time to celebrate. All who participated in the game ran out of the gym to the restrooms — hands over mouths. More Homecoming photos on 10A and 11A. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

## Independence to hear new plan for Bow Pointe Rd.

**BY MARALEE COOK**  
Clarkston News Editor

A proposal for a 120,000 square foot office, research and assembly facility will be presented to the Independence Township Planning Commission at their October 11 meeting.

Recticel North America, Inc. of Auburn Hills, is asking for conceptual site plan approval of the proposal, which would be built on 9.11 acres on Bow Pointe Road (zoned Industrial Office Park) east of Sashabaw Road and south

of Waldon.

According to the project narrative, Recticel produces a wide variety of products including foam filling for car seats, insulation and premium mattresses.

A new technique has been developed which allows for the assembly of complete instrument panels, door panels and air bag covers in one process. "It will be the cornerstone of the success of the Independence Township facility and the future growth of Recticel North

America," according to the information.

The breakdown of the building is as follows: 20,000 sq. ft. will be used for the company's North American Headquarters offices for about 20 personnel.

Research and development will take place in about 25,000 sq. ft. of space with about 20 employees; and about 5,000 sq. ft. will be devoted to lab testing and technology with about 15 employees.

Approximately 70,000 sq. ft. will be used for assembly operations of the semi-finished products, which will be

combined to form the complete instrument panel, door panel or air bag cover. About 43 employees are expected to work in this area.

Theresa Bickford-Laub, a director of Citizens for Orderly Growth (COG), said her group is beginning to research Recticel's application. She said concerns include making sure their operations fit the Industrial Office Park zoning, and that the size of the facility is also within Vi-

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## The News in Brief

### Class of 1981 reunion coming up

Join Clarkston High School Class of 1981 members in a 20th Anniversary celebration Saturday, October 20 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club.

The cost is \$60 per person or \$120 per couple. Send a check made out to Clarkston High School Reunion, 6850 Oak Hill Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348.

For more information e-mail [Clarkston1981@hotmail.com](mailto:Clarkston1981@hotmail.com)

### Library collecting books for used book sale

Friends of the Independence Township Library are collecting books for their Annual Used Book Sale, scheduled for October 25-27 at the library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Children's books, novels, fiction and nonfiction in both hardcover and paperback are wanted. Health books should be copyright 1990 or later.

Donations can be made at the library during normal business hours. Large loads can be taken to the receiving area on the left of the building.

### Trick or treat hours set

Independence and Springfield townships and the City of Clarkston set Halloween trick or treat hours for Wednesday, October 31 from 6 to 7 p.m.

### Wall falls on construction worker

A 42-year-old Detroit man and construction worker was rushed to Gènesys Hospital, Sun., Oct. 7, at 12:05 p.m., after a wall fell on him. The man was working at a home under construction, on Phelan Court in Independence Township, prying the brick off of the wall when it fell.

According to reports, when deputies and rescuers responded, the man was lying on his back, partially under the wall of the house, breathing, but totally unresponsive. His leg was twisted backwards.

Fire Inspector Bob Cesario said the man suffered a spinal fracture and concussion and was transferred to Henry Ford Hospital, Monday.

There were three other men working on the home who were not injured.

### CHS Marching Band hosts invitational Saturday

Clarkston High School hosts the 24th Clarkston Marching Band Invitational Saturday, Oct. 13.

Over 20 marching bands will participate. Performances will run from 1 to 9 p.m., with CHS playing last. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and children 5 and under are free.

The event is at the CHS Stadium, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

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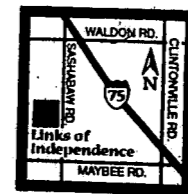
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# The Second Front

## Family hosts benefit to help daughter in need

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The community is coming together this month to help a young local woman.

Kelly (Simons) Carlson was diagnosed as a diabetic at the age of nine. It started off simply as a sore throat from a virus she'd caught, but it ultimately led to juvenile diabetes.

"It was a shock to the entire family," said mother Sue Simons. "But like America we stood united. We did what we had to do."

But now there's more to do.

Kelly, 23, is in need of a pancreatic transplant. She'll go through an eight-hour screening evaluation, Nov. 14, to be put on a transplant list. Her doctors have told her her chances are good for getting on the list; she's a nonsmoker, physically active, and young.

In the meantime, her endocrinologist is suggesting she be put on a system-regulating pump to prevent organ damage, and to regulate her for the possible transplant.

Sue, a 20-year Clarkston resident, has been going door to door, mailing out fliers to churches, and seeking donations from area businesses in hopes of gaining financial support for the \$10,000 pump for her daughter.

Donations Sue obtains—like \$10 in food from Kroger's, Big Boy coupons worth \$15, and hair care products from More Than Hair, among others—will be raffled off at a benefit the family is putting on later this month.



Kelly (Simons) Carlson, left, and sister Dawn Nickerson at Kelly's "Renaissance" wedding. Dawn said, "She never let diabetes hold her back." A benefit, Oct. 21, will seek funds for Kelly to obtain a system-regulating pump to prepare her for a pancreatic transplant. Photo courtesy of Sue Simons.

ing on later this month.

Sue and her family are inviting the general public to the benefit, which is a surprise for Kelly. (She thinks she's working in the kitchen for a diabetic benefit for someone else).

There will be line dancing, karaoke, a cash bar, and food—all made possible

by the kindness of community members, businesses and family, said Sue.

The theme for the evening, a "Tribute to the Grand Ole Opry," will feature entertainment by the likes of Minnie Pearl, Elvis Presley, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty, Reba McEntire, Willie Nelson, and Johnny

Cash—as played by family and friends.

"We hope the turnout will be good," said Sue. "If it doesn't work, I'll just put on another benefit."

"I'm remortgaging my house," she said. "I'm gonna get the money and I'm not gonna give up. I never gave up in the beginning and I'm not gonna give up now. I want her to outlive me."

But, Sue said, Kelly's blood sugar is "bouncing, due to life's normal stresses like we all face."

Married just over a year to Russell, Kelly wants very much to have a baby. Without a pump or transplant she can never bear children, her mother said.

"With your help it could be possible," Sue pleads to readers. "All your prayers and donations are needed. She so much dreams of having a normal life and children. Please help us help our own."

Kelly's benefit will be held Sunday, Oct. 21 from 5-10 p.m. at the American Legion Chief Pontiac Post #377 on Mary Sue, off of Maybee.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children five to ten years of age, and free for children under five. Any remaining money will be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Donations are also being accepted at the Clarkston Brandon Credit Union, under Kelly Carlson. Stop by, or call the credit union at 625-2923.

## 'Evening in Italy' to benefit seniors, others

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Hart Community Center in Davisburg is a busy place — a little too busy for Northwest Oakland Community Services' needs.

With that in mind, Helen Vergin, director of the Kaleidoscope Foundation, which serves as the fundraising arm for NOCS, said she would like to see the organization have its own center and be able to offer a wider range of activities for its patrons.

Currently, the organization is housed in a temporary office on Broadway Street in Davisburg. They can only secure room at the community center two days per week — Mondays for senior activities and Fridays for activities for disabled adults.

The group is currently involved in a number of fundraising efforts to find a permanent home.

One of these efforts is the program "Evening in Italy" will be held Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Holly High School students will be serving a candlelight dinner at the event, and eight representatives from each township the foundation serves, as well as the NOCS Board of Directors, and representatives from Al Serra's Saturn North, representing the business community, will be on hand.

Proceeds from the fund will be

used to raise money for the Kaleidoscope Foundation's efforts to build a new facility. Vergin said a 10-year plan is in place for raising money for the foundation.

At the heart of those efforts is the group's plan to build a new facility in approximately five years.

Vergin said she is looking to acquire land in Rose or Springfield Townships, the heart of the group's service area. She said she could not comment on any specific sites the organization may be looking at.

"We're looking for a parcel of land within a main road in Springfield or Holly," she said. "We're checking on some sites...We've been operating as a temporary headquarters."

The first five years of the plan, from 2001-2005, will be focused on funding the new facility. Vergin said to do that, the organization would seek out grants, foundations, corporate sponsors, and memorial donations, as well as hold fundraising activities such as the "Evening in Italy" program.

She said she hopes to have the center completed by the year 2006.

Vergin said the facility, once completed, will house several activities for disabled adults and seniors alike, including computer training, exercise, music, arts and crafts, seminars, special events, and nutrition tips. In addition, youth programs, such as storytelling, reading, and



Helen Vergin, director of the Kaleidoscope Foundation would like the Northwest Oakland Community Services have its own center.

recreation, will also be established.

In addition, she said the facility, if it meets State of Michigan requirements for kitchen specifications, would house a Meals on Wheels program.

The foundation was established about a year ago, as a fund-raising arm for Northwest Oakland Community Services (NOCS), a nonprofit agency serving seven townships: Groveland, Highland, Holly, Independence, Rose, Springfield and White Lake.

In July, the foundation received tax-exempt status from the federal government, Vergin said.

Currently, the organization offers activities for seniors on Mondays at the Hart Community Center from 12-4 p.m., as well as programs for developmentally challenged adults on Friday, including Bingo, dances, and blowing. Vergin said the group is also active in youth recreation and the beautification of group homes.

Vergin said for the past four or five years, the organization has been receiving block grant money from Springfield Township, and has also held a golf scramble to raise money for its services.

She said she has gone to all seven townships the agency serves to tell them about the foundation, and said she has been receiving support from each of those townships.

"We need the cooperation of all seven townships," Vergin said.

She said she has asked each township board to appoint a representative to serve on the board of directors for the Kaleidoscope Foundation.

"The only thing I ask of them is that they each contribute a township board members, so we can have a group that makes decisions."

For more information on the Kaleidoscope Foundation, visit their Web site at [www.kaleidoscopefoundationmichigan.org](http://www.kaleidoscopefoundationmichigan.org), or call (248) 634-9100.

# Schipani in charge in Springfield

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There's a new face at the Oakland County Sheriff's Springfield Township Substation.

Frank Schipani began this week as sergeant, replacing Ken Quisenberry who transferred to Pontiac after being promoted to lieutenant.

Schipani comes to the community from Rochester Hills. However, this isn't his first time in Springfield Township. He started his career here, 24 years ago, as deputy, serving four and a half years.

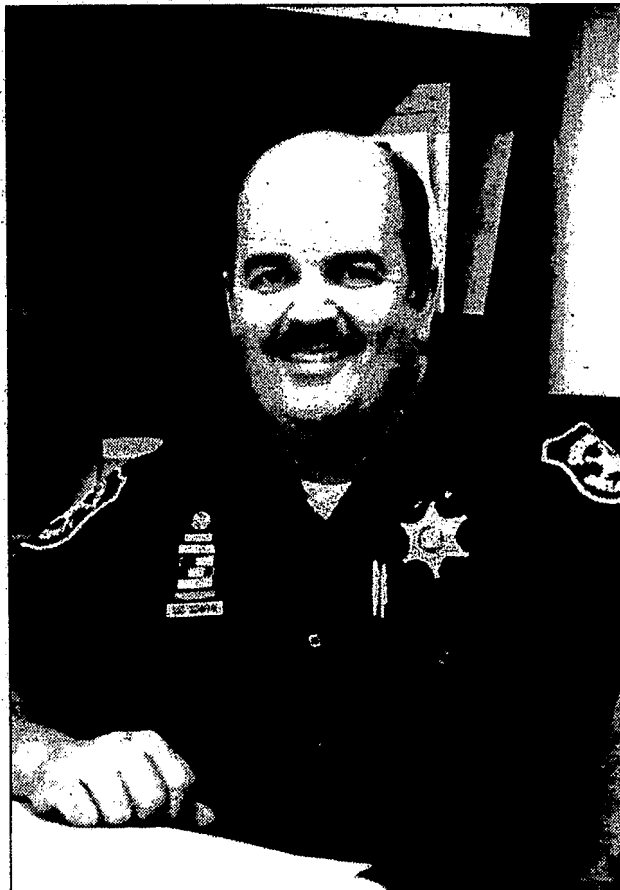
Throughout his police career, he has worked as a detective, in the auto theft unit, the jail and commanded the desk in Pontiac, and spent eight years in the marine division. Schipani, who has been a sergeant for 14 years, is currently the senior diver and instructor for the dive rescue team of Oakland County.

As sergeant and substation commander, Schipani will monitor the officers and police reports, and be responsible for administrative duties, detective and follow up work, and some road patrol, he said.

Schipani said he has a good crew and has worked with many of them before. "I enjoy working in this community. I have a lot of friends out this way," he said, of coming to Springfield Township. "I love the rural atmosphere."

The White Lake Township resident of 31 years is married with three children and two grandchildren.

"I'm looking forward to working with the citizens and elected officials of Springfield Township. And hopefully we'll make this a safe place to live, work and play in," he said.



Frank Schipani is the new sergeant of Springfield Township Oakland County Sheriff's substation. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

# Barn burned on Ellis Road

A 12x20 storage barn, adjacent to an Ellis Road home in Independence Township, caught on fire in the early morning of Wed., Oct. 3.

As police and fire responded, the barn was fully engulfed in flames, according to reports. The barn sat near the driveway less than ten feet from the corner of the attached garage.

Police reports state the 58-year-old homeowner was spraying the roof of the garage to try to prevent the fire from spreading to it when firefighters arrived.

The man said he got up at approximately 7:50 a.m., went downstairs to make coffee, when he heard his wife yell to him that there was a fire.

After seeing the fire, the man moved two vehicles out of the garage to the front yard. A tractor, antique furniture, and bicycle stored in the barn were all destroyed in the fire.

The couple and their 17-year-old son were not injured. Fire Inspector Bob Cesario said the cause of the fire was undetermined.

# Free lecture on immune system

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# Playground aid says boys with weapons sighted nearby

On Thurs., Oct. 4, Independence Township police were dispatched to Pine Knob Elementary because a playground aide said she saw three middle school-aged males with weapons jump the fence.

Deputies checked the area and found no one. One student said they saw the three boys with long rifle-type guns. Three other students told deputies they saw the three boys, but no weapons.

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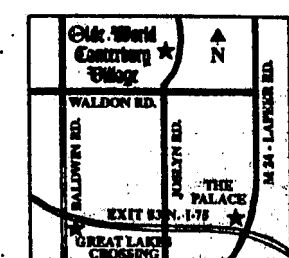
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# City council solicits citizen input on water system

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Citizens have spoken — now the Clarkston City Council is seeking more information on additional phases of its water system.

City Council held a special informational meeting Oct. 3 at Independence Township Fire Station #1 to hear citizens' thoughts on adding additional phases for the city's water system.

About 25 people showed up to the meeting, and a majority of those in the audience were solidly behind the project.

Now, city officials say they must put together information and organize it so residents will be better informed on the project.

The council approved two related resolutions at its Oct. 8 regular meeting.

The first was to spend \$3,000 for a fly-over over the city for topological mapping. City Manager Art Pappas said the purpose of that is to see what the roads look like and what type of services are needed.

City Engineer Gary Tressel said the weather will influence when the flyover takes place -- "after the leaves are dropped and before the snow hits."

The other resolution was to authorize Dennis Neiman, of Miller, Canfield and Associates, to look into the sale of bonds for additional phases.

City Councilman Scott Meyland said he would volunteer to put together a rough draft of a fact sheet for council to review. He also said the majority of city residents are solidly behind the project.

"For the most part, people were in favor of moving forward with it," he said.

Meyland said the council is still learning about what it takes to construct the water system, along with everyone else.

"This information is new to us," he said. "It's clear that there's a fair amount of interest, but there's a need for more information."

He said the council needs to organize more data on how the project would affect the city's citizens.

"We're going to try to put together a fact sheet to see what's out there," Meyland said. "There are some people concerned about financial issues. Hubbell, Roth and Clark presented a lot of facts and figures. We need to get them laid out with some potential calculations on how much the SAD's would cost. We need to get more details on the facts presented."

City Councilwoman Anne Clifton said it is important the council move efficiently in this matter.

"I think whatever we can do as preliminary legwork, we need to do in order to get the process moving," she said. "I don't think we can sit around and wait."

In May 2000, voters authorized the city to borrow money to build the water system. The city has already borrowed \$1.2 million for construction of Phase I along Main Street.

Of that total, he said \$800,000 comes as part of a series of general obligation bonds valued at \$3 million.

Meyland said that figure is based on a law that states municipalities can only incur a debt up to 10 percent of the state's equalized value (SEV). Meyland estimated the SEV for the city at \$35 million.

He said the city decided to borrow \$3 million in order to give itself some financial breathing room in case of emergency.

"We had decided to incur an amount of debt that we were comfortable with, so if we had an emergency come up, we could borrow the money," Meyland said.

The city is paying off the debt from the bonds using two different methods.

One method is an ad valorem tax, or property tax, levied on the value of the property over a 30-year period. A fact sheet presented at the meeting states using property taxes for part of the funding is beneficial for three reasons:

- It takes advantage of increases in taxable property values due to new construction or resale of city residential properties, which lowers the taxes paid for the system by most long-term city taxpayers.
- Property taxes are currently eligible for in-

clusion as an itemized deduction, unlike special assessments, on individual tax returns and also for inclusion in the calculation of the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit for qualified taxpayers.

The city successfully financed its sewer system, from 1970-2000, with ad valorem taxes.

The other part of the city's debt is being paid through a special assessment levied on each property in the corresponding special assessment district (SAD), levied over a 15-year period.

Special assessments are levied on a property based on the increased value of the property due to municipal improvements, such as curbs, sidewalks, or a water system.

According to Meyland, the special assessment for the city's water system is based on REU's, or residential equivalency units, which are used to bill for the waste water discharged into the city's sewer system by each of the city's businesses, apartment buildings, and homes.


Meyland said a regular home is billed for one REU of sewer usage each quarter, while businesses that use a lot of water, such as the Clarkston Cafe and the Clarkston Union, are billed for 13-15 REU's per quarter.

He said the cost per REU for Phase I was \$3,800, and also said the cost per REU for future phases would be around \$5,200 per unit.

He also said the way the council typically establishes an SAD is having residents sign a petition calling for the establishment of such a district. A majority of the district's population, or 51 percent, must sign a petition in favor of a district in order for it to be established.

At this point, Meyland said it is likely that only one more phase of the water system's installation would be undertaken.

"Based on economics, it seems pretty clear that only having one more phase would be the wisest choice economically, just because of inflation



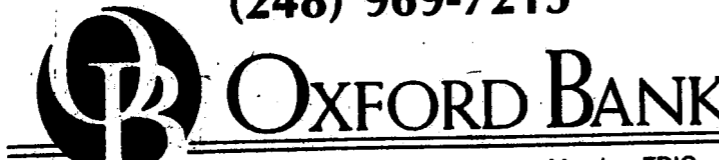
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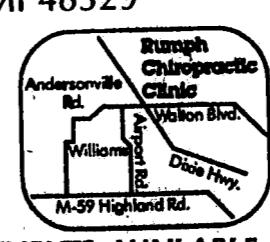
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# Opinion

6A Wed., Oct. 10, 2001

The Clarkston (MI) News

## Editorial

### Support education of kids about fire safety

One of the many services performed for the community by the Independence Township Fire Department is the education of children about fire safety.

October 7 to 13 is National Fire Prevention Week, and the Fire Department is organizing its annual fire safety and burn prevention educational program, geared toward children.

Over 6,500 pieces of educationally sound fire safety materials will be provided to kids designed by the National Fire Safety Council (NFSC), a tax-exempt, non-profit organization.

In honor of this special time you can show your support of this worthwhile cause by helping to defray the cost of the materials through a sponsorship.

The costs are as follows: to sponsor 35 students costs \$57.75; 60 students, \$99; 100 children, \$165; 200 children, \$330.

The names of the business, industrial or professional leaders and individuals who support the program will be listed on the prestige page of all activity manuals under the heading, "Provided as a public service by people who care" in acknowledgement of their support.

All tax-deductible checks should be made payable to the National Fire Safety Council. NFSC is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization, Charitable Solicitations number, MICS 7549. Mail the check to the Independence Township Fire Department, attn: Chief Steve Ronk, 6500 Citation Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, by December 1, 2001 so proper credit can be given.

#### "A Fireman's Prayer" (Author unknown)

When I am called to duty, God,  
wherever flame may rage,  
give me the strength to save some life,  
whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
before it is too late,  
or save an older person from  
the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert  
and hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling and  
to give the best in me,  
to guard my every neighbor  
and protect their property.  
And if according to my fate  
I am to lose my life,  
please bless with Your  
protecting hand  
my children and my wife.

## Letters to the Editor

### Two high schools would offer more opportunities

Hopefully, the article concerning Clarkston High School overcrowding in the October 3 edition of The Clarkston News misquoted Pat Brumback in saying that "another high school may promote unnecessary competition between the two high schools."

Is the administration totally unaware of the current intense competition within the single high school for positions on leadership, social and sports teams?

Having lived in communities that supported two and even three high schools, we and our children were re-

warded with many more opportunities to grow and excel in our areas of interest.

If the suggested survey is conducted to obtain resident input regarding high school planning, please include the question, "Would you like to see two high schools rather than one large one." We predict the administration would be surprised at the number of parents who would support the two high school option.

Denny and Eileen Mead  
Clarkston

### Make a Difference Day community hat drive

October 27 is National Make a Difference Day. It is a day of doing good. People all over the United States make a special effort to volunteer their services on this day.

In October 1999, residents, businesses, schools and community groups in Oakland County collected 1,622 hats during a community wide hat drive to be given to children going through cancer treatment.

This year the Clarkston High School Octagon Club is sponsoring this community-wide event. We are looking for businesses, schools, clubs or organizations that would like to participate in this year's event.

All you have to do is organize your own hat drive any time prior to October 27. On October 27 all hats must be delivered to the main collection site at CHS, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

All hats collected must be new. Donated hats must be appropriate for kids. All hats collected will be given to children going through cancer treatment in Michigan. Baseball style hats and winter hats would be great. Thank you.

Related Web sites: [www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html](http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html) or [www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/1603/HatsOffForCancerWebpage](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/1603/HatsOffForCancerWebpage).

To learn more or participate in this program, please contact Maria Blaine.

Maria Blaine  
CHS Octagon Club  
Hats Off For Cancer chairperson  
[Ribbit278@hotmail.com](mailto:Ribbit278@hotmail.com)  
623-4938

### Something must be done about Comcast cable service

Is there any way we can get another cable company in Independence Township? Comcast is out of service at least once a week for 10 to 12 hours or more.

You can not reach them after 5 p.m., sometimes not in daytime office hours. They raised the price, but do not give a decent service.

If you're dissatisfied, call the township board. Maybe

then they will do something to give us a better cable service.

We should be at least able to complain to them day or night. They need more phones in their office so they can hear from their dissatisfied customers.

M. Johnson,  
Independence Township

### Methinks we need a laugh or two

I don't know about you, but I need a laugh. Even a chuckle would do. So here is my contribution from a book called "Collection of Wit." It was a gift to my late mother-in-law, Charlotte Cook, when she retired from teaching in 1968.

From author Helen Rowland:

"When you see a married couple coming down the street, the one who is two or three steps ahead is the one that's mad."

"When a girl marries she exchanges the attentions of many men for the inattention of one."

"A man snatches the first kiss, pleads for the second, demands the third, takes the fourth, accepts the fifth -- and endures all the rest."

"Soft, sweet things with a lot of fancy dressing -- that's what a little boy loves to eat and a grown man prefers to marry."

"A good woman is known by what she does; a good man by what he doesn't."

"The hardest task of a girl's life is to prove to a man that his intentions are serious."

"In olden times sacrifices were made at the altar -- a custom which is still continued."

#### Rolling Along



Maralee Cook

From humorist Will Rogers:

"Spinning a rope's a lot of fun -- providing your neck ain't in it."

"I never expected to see the day when girls would get sunbmed in the places they now do."

"Nobody wants to be called common people, especially common people."

"Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects."

"Everything is funny, as long as it is happening to somebody else."

"Nobody wants his cause near as bad as he wants to talk about his cause."

"People that pay for things never complain. It's the guy you give something to that you can't please."

"No debt ever came due at a good time."

From humorist Josh Billings:

"Every sorrow has its twin joy; the fun of scratching almost pays for having the itch."

"As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand."

"Beauty that doesn't make a woman vain makes her very beautiful."

"Music wasn't made to make us wise, but better natured."

"Art improves a diamond, but can't make one."

E-mail your chuckles to [Maralee at clarkstonnews@adn.net](mailto:Maralee@clarkstonnews@adn.net)

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# More opinions and advice

I am not saying change is a bad thing, but why the change?

I pass about two million signs to and from work and I have noticed that school districts have taken down their old — for lack of the correct name — school zone signs and replaced them with the same signs, except with a new color — yellowish-green.

I know it is a trivial thing, but since President Bush says we should go back to our normal, everyday lives, I am going back to what I am comfortable with: trivial things.

The dribble I write hasn't been worth a tinker's dang, so why should I change now by penning some award-winning, Pulitzer piece?

Change... why did the schools change the signage? Surely the old signs worked fine — as our newspaper has not reported any school kids getting hit by passing motorists. I believe the pointy-heads somewhere found a study saying the "new" yellowish-green color was more attention grabbing than the old blah yellow signs.

These are probably the same brainiacs who about a decade or so ago convinced fire departments across the land to scrap their old red fire engines and replace them with shiny, new yellowish-green ones.

I had the same reaction then: Why the change? The answer I got was: Because these new yellowish-green engines have a more powerful visual impact.

Poppycock!  
A few years into the yellowish-green episode, fire departments started going back to the tried and tested, true-blue, red engines.

Maybe that has caused a glut of yellowish-green paint. Maybe in order to increase the sale of said hue, the paint-maker commissioned a study and



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found that school signs needed a new color? And maybe the school officials, ever on the cutting edge of societal evolution, were duped into believing the study, prior to any other investigation into the matter??

What do you think?  
Trivial?  
I think so.

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Oxford-based electrician and joke dispenser Willie Hyder, forwarded me this bit of advice:

If you bought \$1,000 worth of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.

If you bought \$1,000 worth of Budweiser (the beer, not the stock) one year ago, drank all the beer, and traded in the cans for the dime deposit, you would have \$160.

My advice to you is to start drinking...  
... Heavily.

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Heard Paul Harvey the other day. He reported he had received a fax from comedian Jay Leno's wife concerning Osama bin Laden. Since I do not have a photographic memory, I'll paraphrase it, as it is an interesting concept.

"We cannot kill bin Laden, if we do we make him a martyr. If we capture him and put him in prison, then his followers will just kidnap Americans and hold them hostage until we release him."

She suggested, "We should send in our special forces, capture him and take him to Switzerland. Once there have a sex-change operation performed on bin Laden, then take her back to Afganistan to deal with the Taliban men."

Hmm? Her satire is either more biting than her husband, or she has a deliciously evil sense of justice.

For what it is worth: Jay should not fool around or make his wife mad.

Comments for the Rusher can be e-mailed to: [dontrushemdon@aol.com](mailto:dontrushemdon@aol.com)

# Keeping it light, and maybe informative

The Old Farmer's 2002 Almanac (\$4.99 with supplements at \$3.50; available all over) is full of wit, wisdom, nonsense, recipes and history. The nonsense interests me most.

Like: Seen on T-shirts: "Frankly, scallop, I don't give a clam." Seen in Cape Cod.

"My dog can lick anyone."

"60-year-old, one owner, needs parts, make offer."

On baby's shirt: "Party - my crib - 2 a.m."

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The Almanac is big on moon phases and signs, and says a number of readers follow their suggestions. In the 2002 edition: Set out tomato and sweet potato plants in sign of Cancer. Do not set out in signs of Leo, Virgo, Aquarius or Gemini.

Try to stop smoking or drinking in the signs of Pisces, Capricorn and Aquarius. You will experience fewer withdrawal symptoms.

Castration should be done in the fourth quarter of the first quarter phase of the moon and in the sign of Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini or Cancer.

Make sauerkraut on the increase of the moon in the sign of Aries or Leo.

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The Almanac 2002 even repeated one of the Burma Shave signs that kept drivers awake in the good old days, when M-78 and some other main roads were gravel.

Jim's  
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Burma Shave Wisdom:

He saw the train -  
And tried to duck it.  
Kicked first -  
The gas -  
And then the bucket -  
Burma Shave

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The Almanac recalled some predictions, crediting their embarrassed sayers:

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." Thomas Watson, IBM chairman, 1943

"This telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." Western Union memo, 1876, turning down Alexander Graham Bell's offer to sell them the telephone rights.

"640K ought to be enough for anybody." Bill Gates, 1981

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We'll close with some of the Almanac's "Think about it's."

"The hardness of butter is proportional to the softness of the bread."

"If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?"

"When they first invented the clock, how did they know what time it was to set it for?"

"What do people in China call their good plates?"

"What do you call a male ladybug?"

Closer: "If quitters never win, and winners never quit, who came up with 'quit while you're ahead'?"

# the People Poll

By Jennifer Nemer

The Clarkston News asks:  
What was the best part of Homecoming?

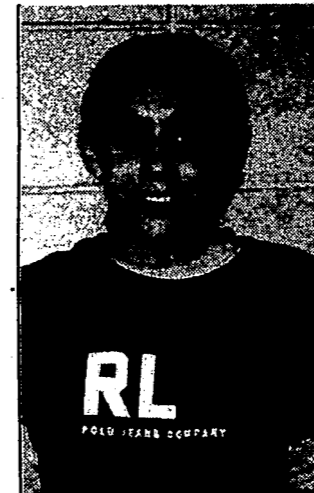
"The Queen's Assembly with performances by Andy 5 (a faculty/staff boy band) and the powder puff boys."

—Colleen Douglas



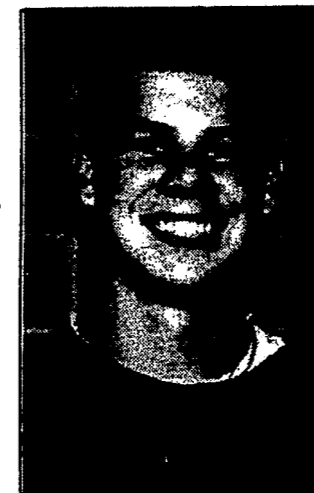
"The shaving cream game at the Queen's Assembly. It was pretty cool when they started throwing it. It hyped up the crowd."

—Alicia Hendershot



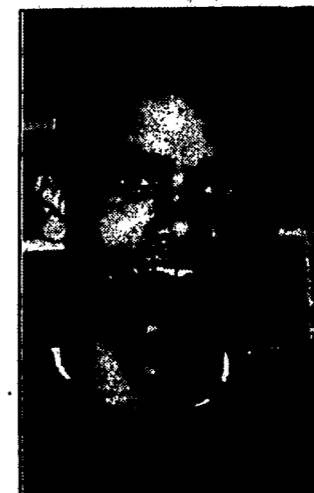
"Andy 5. It was quite delicious."

—Brian Curry



"Andy 5. It was awesome."

—Jason Klotz



## A Look Back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1986)

Taxes are going up in Springfield Township. The 1987 tax millage adopted at the Oct. 8 meeting of the Springfield Township Board includes 1 mill for fire, 2 mills for police, and 1.41 for the general fund, up .41 from the 1 mill levy in 1986. The total mill levy of 4.41 would amount to \$4.41 for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

Recent media reports that the Independence Township Secretary of State branch office may be closing are premature, said a spokesperson for the state. A report recommending the closing or some or all of 19 branch offices, including Independence, was issued by the state auditor general's office, said Paul Charette. Reducing the number of offices to reduce costs was the intent, he said, but it was only a suggestion to investigate the possibilities, not a command.

A confrontation Oct. 13 by community members upset over the Clarkston High School athletic policy ended in a reaffirmation of the school board's intention to maintain the rules. The controversy began when high school football player Mike Norman was caught chewing tobacco in school and was removed from the football team for the remainder of the season.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1976)

Springfield Township will build a new fire hall on Andersonville Road if its application for Economic Development Act funds is accepted. The decision to apply for the funds was made after many in a standing-room-only crowd at the township board meeting Oct. 6 pressured the board to apply for the funds. The minimum grant is \$100,000.

One Clarkston School District PTA member has hopes the Board of Education will appoint a citizen committee following presentation of a financial review due in November. Dorothy Haas of Pine Knob Elementary School asked the board to reconsider its decision not to appoint an advisory group at the present time. She suggested ten or 12 people, including representatives from each school, be named to work with the board in its study of school finances.

Another joint meeting has been requested between the Clarkston Village Council and the Village Planning Commission, to mend rifts in the two governmental bodies' relations. The council called for the session at its meeting Oct. 10, after again delaying a decision on whether to hire planning consultants for the village.


### 50 YEARS AGO (1951)

The regular meeting of the Clarkston PTA will be held Oct. 11 at the school at 8 p.m. Every parent and teacher in the district is invited to attend. The program tonight will be presented by the school band directed by William Janto, music instructor. This program will be a real treat, as much extra work has been done by Mr. Janto and the students.

A large crowd attended the Clarkston Fireman's Annual Ball in the Clarkston school gym. Fire equipment, such as boots, helmets, etc., were used to decorate the gym and to make the room really attractive. There was a large revolving chandelier of mirrors with colored lights suspended from the ceiling in the center of the gym. The crowd enjoyed dancing to the music of Don Smith and his orchestra.

Some of the seniors at Clarkston High School are busy preparing essays on "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me." They are entering these essays in a contest being sponsored by the Pontiac Real Estate Board and National Association of Real Estate Boards. The entries must be in by Nov. 1. Winners in each school will receive a \$5 first prize, \$3 second prize, and \$1 third.

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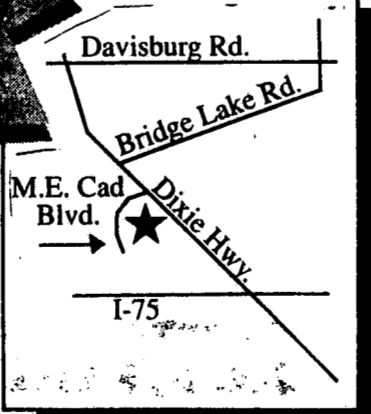
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# Police and fire

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## Independence Township

**Sunday, Oct. 7,** an employee at a gas station on Dixie reported a woman drove off without paying for \$5 in gas. She is described as approximately 35, heavy build, and red hair.

**Automatic alarm on Rattalee Lake.**

**Investigation on Hadley.**

**Medical on Lancasterhill.**

**Saturday, Oct. 6,** a 22-year-old man driving on Dixie was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, a first offense. He registered a 12 PBT.

**Investigations on Dixie, Mann, Clintonville, and Waldon.**

**Medicals on Clintonville, Mann, N. Eston, Sashabaw south of Clarkston, Waldon, Flemings Lake.**

**Vehicle fire on Sashabaw north of I-75.**

**Friday, Oct. 5,** an 18-year-old Clarkston High School student was issued an appearance ticket for being a minor in possession of alcohol at a football game. The boy said he had a stranger at a grocery store buy him the alcohol.

**Medicals on Flemings Lake and White Lake at Andersonville.**

**Thursday, Oct. 4,** a malicious destruction of property was reported on Fox Fire Circle. The windows were broken out of a new home under construction.

**Medicals on Dixie at Rockcroft, Parview, and Maybee.**

**Personal injury accident on I-75 at Sashabaw.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 3,** an unknown person painted profanities on a guard rail and street sign at the dead end of Bow Pointe.

**An 18-year-old woman was dropped off by her friends in the parking lot of a grocery store on Sashabaw, after a night out. When she got in her car, she heard a knock on the window. An unknown man opened the door, grabbed her purse from her lap, and hit her in the nose. He took money from her wallet and threw back the purse. He's described as a white male, 30-40 years of age, with long brown hair and a mustache. He was wearing a dark ball cap, black shirt, and dark jeans and driving a full size blue van with curtains on the windows.**

**Fuel spill on Pine Knob west of Clintonville.**

**Grass fire on Mann.**

**Medical on Cranberry Lake.**

**Personal injury accident on Pine Knob.**

**Tuesday, Oct. 2,** teachers at Clarkston Middle School reported someone stole a laptop and camera, valued at \$2,500, from their classrooms over summer vacation.

**Police pulled over a woman driving on Dixie. She was swerving her vehicle and had a brake light out. She registered a .299 PBT; was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, a second offense; and driving with a suspended license, a second offense. She was taken to Oakland County Jail, but was released to Utica Police on a**

**felony warrant.**

**Automatic alarm on Enclave.**

**Complaint on Ranch Estates.**

**Medicals on White Lake and Flemings Lake.**

**Monday, Oct. 1,** a \$1,000 gas generator was stolen from a home under construction on Iroquis.

**A 45-year-old man was issued an appearance ticket for attempting to steal five cases of beer, worth \$96.95, from a grocery store on Dixie.**

**Medical at Dixie.**

**Personal injury accident at Pine Knob and Clintonville.**

## Springfield Township

**Sunday, Oct. 7,** a home invasion was reported on Eaglehill. While the homeowners were away on a trip, an unknown person kicked in the rear door to the garage. No other damage was found and nothing appeared to be missing.

**Friday, Oct. 5,** a 24-year-old man was cited for recreational trespassing on Stonewood.

**Wednesday, Oct. 3,** a \$600 gas

generator was reported stolen from an enclosed back porch of a home on Tucker. The porch door had been left unlocked. No suspect information was given.

**Tuesday, Oct. 2,** a \$13,500 construction trailer was stolen from a construction site on Peaceful Valley.

**Monday, Oct. 1,** graffiti was found on the walls of the restrooms at Schultz Park on Dilley. No suspect information was given.

**Neighborhood trouble was reported on Dixie. The incident started out with juveniles yelling at each other which prompted the parents to get involved.**

**During the night hours, an unknown person stole a cell phone from a vehicle parked, unlocked, at a residence on Andersonville.**

**A radio and miscellaneous CDs were discovered missing from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on Andersonville.**

**A malicious destruction of property was reported on Pine Forest Court. Two flower pots were knocked to the ground from a street sign pole.**

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# Homecoming Memories

Weeks of anticipation, preparation, planning and fun for the pre-Big Event activities and finally the Big Weekend. Spirit week, powder puff football, Battle of the Bands, running the game ball, the Homecoming Football Game, the parade, dinner and the Homecoming Dance -- so much excitement! The events all make for the most treasured of high school memories.

Right, Homecoming King Nick Turner and his Queen, Laura Barnett, smile for the crowd at the Homecoming Parade Saturday morning. Photo by Jessica Holman.



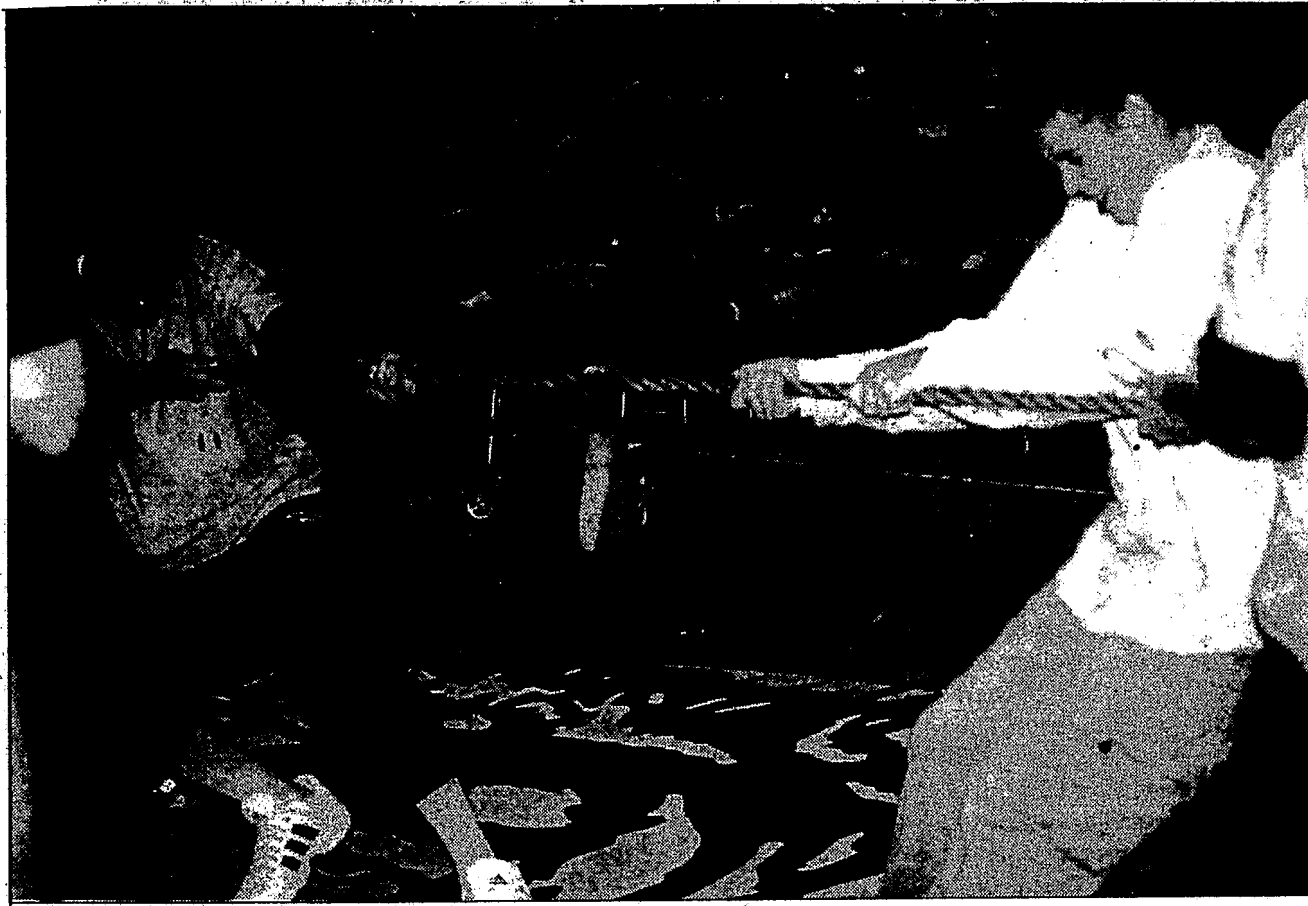
Last year, the faculty/staff boy band, Andy 5, made their debut. They were in such demand by the students, they came back for another performance this year at Friday's assembly, much to the students' delight. Members are Jamie LaBrosse, Brad Vornholt, Dan Ferguson, Steve Branch and Andy Pinner. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.



Mike Kruk, center, helps other Japanese Club members carry a symbol of their organization during the Homecoming Parade. Photo by Jessica Holman.



Members of the Clarkston High School freshman cheerleading squad pose in the brisk morning air at Saturday's Homecoming Parade. Photo by Jessica Holman.



In the tug of war competition at the field day assembly, the juniors tugged their way to the top, beating the seniors and then finishing out with a win over the faculty. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.



Senior Homecoming Court members Matt Davenport and Kendra Harow brave the morning chill in the Homecoming Parade. Photo by Jessica Holman



CHS Mime Club members Amber Risdon, Jen White, Liz Hunt and Christine Witkowski added spice to the Homecoming Parade. Photo by Jessica Holman.



Freshman Maria Blaine gets a crown full of shaving cream at the field day assembly last Friday. The object of the game: see which class can get the highest shaving cream tower. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.



Members of the Clarkston High School band entertain onlookers at Saturday morning's Homecoming Parade. The Parade took place on Holcomb Street. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

# Go Wolves!

# A student's thoughts about September 11 and beyond

*Editor's note: We're glad to welcome our second Clarkston High School columnist, Christine Witkowski, to the paper. A junior, Christine is a member of the CHS Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Drama Club and DSO Civic Orchestra. She plans to study French horn performance in college.*

I came home on a Tuesday a few weeks ago to find myself comforted at the sight of my little sister sitting cross-legged on the couch. There was cheese stuck and hardened to a plastic plate in front of her, left over from an after-school snack of crackers and Swiss.

Normally, I would have been stark raving mad at the disarray of clothes, her sneakers sitting sideways on the new carpet, discarded white socks on the floor nearby, the TV flipped on. (Hey, if you had to clean up after her, you'd be upset too). But, that Tuesday, I felt anything but angry. I was relieved to see her.

I didn't hear much about the terrorist attacks of September 11 at school. The televisions remain off, unless in a rare occasion our teachers remember to turn on the morning announcements. Television doesn't give lectures, or teach foreign languages. All it really has to offer is "Murder She Wrote" and other continuously running shows.

It wasn't until my fourth hour class, Madrigals, that I came in to see CNN flipped on, and students silently huddled around it, rapt attention being paid like I have not ever seen within the walls of Clarkston High School.

"What if we go to war? What if they start drafting?"

Questions were asked that made everyone sink into their chairs, paying closer attention to the glow of a TV screen that kept it all real and live in front of us. It wasn't long before an announcement was made for all students to try and "continue business like usual" which was impossible for most of us.

Concentrating on the population of Cambodia or the difference between nuclear fission and fusion was pretty far from everyone's minds. Parents were pulling their students from classes left and right. I don't know where they were going, or what good it would do.

I understood it, as I felt this overwhelming need to talk to my older sisters. How many weeks had it been since I'd seen them? Talked to them on the phone? Or my brother who is now at school in New Orleans? My parents and my little sister, while still at home with me felt equally distant while I sat in the choir room, watching flames erupt over the World Trade Center.

Weeks later, the shock has far from left as we continue to dig through the remains, continue to fear airports and watch CNN's non-ending coverage of "America's New War."

Weeks later we are still mourning. Jogakuin, the private school I attended as an exchange student this past summer in Hiroshima, Japan,

had an assembly the Thursday after the attacks to announce that I, along with one Jogakuin exchange student in Oregon, were safe. Club practice was cancelled, and instead, the chapel built into the school was filled elbow-to-elbow with students praying for peace.

My friend Agnese, from Latvia, describes the courtyard filled with small, shining candle lights at her high school. A quiet hum of "Amazing Grace" was sung in Latvian, Russian and English. (Yeah, I didn't know it was translated into that many languages, either.) She tells me that many for the first time "see Americans just as they see themselves."

I am left here, looking out onto my generation across the globe and feeling support that can make us all strong again. I also see the fear in youth who swore they would never make the same mistake of war.

Clarkston High School hangs its flags at half mast, our clubs donate time and effort to relief in New York discrimination against Arabic and Muslim American was scrutinized during our seminar class.

Otherwise, school has continued normally. No starlight candle vigils or school assemblies. We are conducting "business as usual," moving forward, I suppose. However, nothing is usual about these weeks, and I find myself shuffling from hour to hour, wondering if the American flag was hanging in classes before Tuesday, and I am just starting to notice it.

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# North Oakland Right to Life educates about value of life

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Our nation's Declaration of Independence states, "...all are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are life."

Right to Life, a volunteer, nonprofit organization, takes these words to heart by seeking to foster respect for all human life and to protect these lives from fertilization to natural death.

"The main way to do this is through education," said Mary Beth Baker, Clarkston resident and secretary of the North Oakland Right to Life, one of more than 100 local affiliates in Michigan.

"Our goal is to educate people about the value of human life, and hopefully end abortion and the idea of assisted suicide, because you really don't know where those issues lead," she said.

North Oakland Right to Life—established approximately a year ago—tackles these goals by providing literature and resources, and sending qualified speakers to schools, churches, and civic groups.

They also encourage the support of pregnancy service groups, monitor school and public libraries for pro-life books and pamphlets, follow current legislation concerning life issues, and more.

"We want to let people know we are here," said Baker, who before having her first child almost two years ago, worked as office manager for the Southfield Right to Life center.

"We want to reach out to pastors and individuals

as a resource for them."

To support their efforts, several fundraising activities are held including the selling of luminaries, Christmas and Mother's Day cards, and participating in area fairs and festivals.

On October 13, North Oakland Right to Life, will hold a Leadership Luncheon at Deer Lake Athletic Club from noon to 2 p.m.

Barbara Listing, president of Right to Life of Michigan, will speak about how to effectively convey the pro-life message. The cost is \$15 per person and preregistration is required.

Baker said the local affiliate, with its eight members, is looking to grow.

"We want to build our membership," she said of the nonviolent organization, whose members have a variety of backgrounds.

The group meets once a month and costs \$12 to join, she said, extending the invitation to the community.

For more membership information or information about the Leadership Luncheon, call President Peter Riccardo at 623-9340.

Mary Beth Baker, with daughter Maria, is one of the founding members and secretary of North Oakland Right to Life.

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# North Sashabaw Elementary has fun earning funds

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On Sept. 28, students at North Sashabaw Elementary participated in a fun run. For two weeks prior, the kids sought pledges and raised over \$8,300 to aid with future field trips, transportation, assemblies, yearbooks and more.



North Sashabaw fourth grader Syllina Reyes enjoys the Macarena.



Gym teacher Carla Teare leads a group of kids in the bunny hop.

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Above, third grader Whitney Stahl is surrounded clockwise by Karen Bailey, a special education paraprofessional, kindergartner Marissa Ellsworth, and fourth grader Kari Arndt. Below, a common scene at North Sashabaw's Fun Run—As kids ran their hearts out around the gym, many stopped to tie those darn shoes, like Megan Littleton.



## Halloween Happenings

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**Halloween Cartooning** for children in grades 1-3 will be Tues., Oct. 16 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Community Education Center. The fee is \$12. Call 623-4550 to register.

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Waterford Parks and Recreation will give children and their families **Tricks and Treats**. Come for an evening of pizza and magic by Steve Zeiman, Fri., Oct. 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Children are encouraged to dress in costume. Cost is \$6/person. Preregistration deadline is Oct. 11. Call (248)674-4881.

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Raise your glass in celebration of Halloween! The Fenton Lakes Chorus of Sweet Adelines International presents, "A Toast to Halloween History! (For all who boo..., this blood's for you!)" Show night is Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church's Activity Center, located on Adelaide between Silver Lake and North Road in Fenton. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets include music, dancing, food, beer and setups. Wear your costume, you may win a prize. Admission is \$20/adults, \$15/seniors, and \$10/children 12 and under. For tickets, call Betty at (248)887-7046 or purchase them at the door. A percentage of the profits will go to Hospice for Communities.

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"Halloween Spooktacular" is set for Sat., Oct. 27 from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks. Get in the Halloween spirit during this evening of family fun. Magician Gordon Russ will entertain with his Spooky Monster Magic Show. Meet live creepy critters and collect treats from friendly costumed characters along the Trick-or-Treat Trail (bring a treat bag). Costumes are encouraged. Participants should be prepared for a half-mile hike. Cost is \$4/person. Pay in advance to register. Call 625-6473

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Independence Township Parks and Recreation presents "The Friendly Forest." Cartoon and fairy tale characters will guide participants on a walk through the enchanted trail of Clintonwood Park. Wear your costume and bring a sack to gather up all kinds of Halloween goodies. Refreshments will also be available. Saturday, Oct. 27 from 5-8 p.m. For ages eight and under. Cost is \$4/resident, \$6/nonresident. Only children need tickets. Registration deadline is Oct. 26. Preregistration is necessary. Bring an additional \$3 if a picture is desired. Call 625-8223.

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**Trick or Treat Trail:** Springfield Township Parks & Recreation is once again offering the Trick or Treat Trail for children 12 years and younger at the Hart Community Center. On Oct. 27 and Oct. 31, from 5-8 p.m., you can enjoy this safe alternative to door trick or treating. Walk through this haunted trail and collect candy and gifts along the way from the many ghosts and goblins stationed throughout. Juice and snacks are provided. A resident rate of \$3 per person applies to those residing in Springfield Township. For nonresidents, there is a \$5 per person rate. Pictures of your children in their costumes can be purchased for \$3 each. For more information, please call Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

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## Pit bulls

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also suggested the township consider banning vicious animals beyond pit bulls. He expects there to be considerable community debate over the issue based on the opposition Waterford Township faced when it enacted its ordinance (in 1990).

Trustee Dan Kelly said he was surprised an ordinance could be enacted targeting a specific breed, adding he was more comfortable with a vicious dog ordinance.

## How Waterford Twp. pit bull ordinance came to be

Waterford Township Clerk Betty Fortino said that township's ordinance banning pit bulls was adopted in 1990. It followed an incident where a woman was attacked and police had to kill the animal during the attack because it wouldn't release her. She said there was one other attack that was less serious.

The public hearings during the debate over adopting the ordinance were highly publicized, attracting the attention of TV news crews, said Fortino.

"It was one of the biggest issues we've ever had in this community. Someone brought a pit bull to a public hearing and said it was the dearest, sweetest dog. We wouldn't allow it in the building, so the

There are two incidents of a pit bull running loose and being picked up by Oakland County Animal Control officers documented in that area. Sgt. Gerry McNair said a red and white female pit bull owned by an East Church resident was picked up on Wealthy August 30. He said the dog was returned to its owner, but was picked up at a later date at another location and returned again.

McNair said residents can call Animal Control to pick up dogs running loose at 391-4102 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours call 858-4950.

next day he returned with a giant poster of the dog. The following week it severely bit a two-year-old child. Of course he put the dog to sleep, but he was very surprised that the dog bit the child," said Fortino.

People who already owned a pit bull when the ordinance was enacted were allowed to keep the animals, but the dogs had to be tattooed, as well as muzzled when outside of the home.

After the ordinance was adopted the township was sued, but Fortino said it was not overturned. She said she hasn't seen any pit bulls since then in the community and there have been no complaints about the breed.

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sion 2020 recommendations.

Building Director Bev McElmeel said Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle said at first glance the project seems to fit the zoning requirements, but questioning by Planning Commission members would offer a more detailed picture of the project.

Also on the agenda are: public hearings on proposed rezonings for properties at Flemings Lake and Sashabaw Road, and Dixie Highway north of Pine Ridge; and a request for final site plan approval for Advance Floors/Karen's Carpets on Dixie Highway.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

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## Communication is essential to chart a path for the future

Terrorist attacks, homeland security and military reaction to the events of September 11th have dominated the news for the past month. At this point, there seems to be no end in sight. In fact, the attention of citizens across our land was further heightened by Sunday's Presidential Order. In my view, it is only natural to expect the men and women of our armed forces, their families and Americans everywhere to want information reported in a timely and accurate manner. As an educator, and someone who has the privilege of writing a regular column, it is my duty to communicate in a way that:

- provides parents and other community members with real data relative to the operation of our schools;
- builds a base of support for our educational endeavors through open, honest communication; and
- models a protocol that should be expected of public leaders and those responsible for developing the public per-

spective.

It is during times of change, distress or uncertainty that communication is most needed. On a national front, it is not surprising that our President has taken several opportunities to communicate with our citizens. With this in mind, I thought it would be timely for me to discuss our communication efforts and plans for the future.

Our district has a comprehensive plan that includes internal and external communications, including electronic tools and a system to handle emerging issues. This communication plan enables us to pursue a clear plan of action while remaining flexible enough to adjust to changing conditions. One of those con-

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Dr. Al Roberts

ditions, is our ever-growing community. As we become larger, the need for accurate and effective communication becomes increasingly more important. In fact, the Board of Education has listed communication as one of their priority areas to focus on during the year. The clear goal is provide our school community with important information regarding programs, services, costs and the decision-making process.

Our plan of action is built on a five-step cycle. Briefly stated, we continually analyze the environment in which we do business. Based on this ongoing analysis, we develop appropriate strategies to help us meet our goals. Next, a written plan is developed and implemented. As actions take place, the results are evaluated. As you know, evaluation is a crucial step in any plan. It not only helps us determine if we are on the right course, it assists us in determining future actions. One evaluation tool we plan to use is a Community Survey.

During the month of November a random sample will be drawn, and more than 400 residents will be contacted by phone. The tabulated results will provide a community picture of your thoughts, ideas and perspectives regarding our schools. Many of the questions that will be asked, are the same questions that have been asked in previous surveys. These questions are critical in helping us to see our progress over time, and what expectations may have changed.

I look forward to the coming months and gathering input from our community. As your Superintendent, I view open and honest communication as a vital tool that must be in place for us to be successful. As always, my door is open to listen and work through pertinent issues. When we work together, keeping our students needs at the forefront, positive outcomes are sure to prevail.

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# Reading, writing, arithmetic and now, running

*Bailey Lake fifth graders learn the importance of fitness*

**BY JENNIFER NEMER**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

During the school day it's thinking caps they're putting on. At recess, it's running shoes.

Fifth graders at Bailey Lake Elementary are sweatin' their way to fitness success, thanks to the implementation of teacher Kathy Noble's running club.

A marathon runner, Noble felt the students needed some structured activities to keep them out of the unstructured activities at recess. It was also a way to promote fitness.

"Each year when the mile run comes up in gym class," the fifth grade teacher said, "I have several girls come up to me and say, 'we don't feel good.'"

"I want them to see it's not a bad thing. I want to keep them moving."

Made up of 20 boys and 15 girls, the club, initiated in September, currently has 35 members out of Bailey Lake's 96 fifth grade students.

Noble said she wants to give incentives for the kids to keep healthy and fit and to have something fun to do on recess.

Each running club member gets cool neon shoelaces, and for each mile run can get "toe tags," little plastic feet to hang on their shoelaces. There's even a prized 25-mile toe tag.

Parents have responded well, too, Noble said. Many take turns helping out during their bi-weekly practices where kids get geared up for area runs like the recent Fun Run at the Clarkston Fall Fun Daze, and an upcoming two and a half mile trek through Independence Oaks.

Noble—who's tying the running club into her curriculum on metric measures in math, while the kids run to places like DisneyWorld on a map for social stud-



Fifth grade students at Bailey Lake Elementary are adding running to their curriculum, since teacher Kathy Noble started a running club for the kids for their recesses. Here, the club poses for the camera just before taking off in the Fun Run Sept. 22 as part of Clarkston Fall Fun Daze. Students taking part include: Betty Reilly, Curtis Reilly, Stacey

Ledford, Leanne Ledford, Stephanie Ledford, Tammy Keeley, Amanda Chalmers, Nate Schultz, Jim Schultz, Justin Diop, Candace Walsh, Lyle Red, Justin De Zess, Julia Walter, Christine Walter, Tiffany Kincaid, Stephanie Kincaid, Daneen Kincaid, Lori Blum and teacher Kathy Noble. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

ies—said these type clubs are becoming a trend in elementary schools. She actually heard about the idea from a school in Ann Arbor. And she hopes to continue the trend at Bailey Lake every year.

"Plus," she said, "the kids were there for me at the finish line when I ran the 10K at the Taste of Clarkston, which was very motivating for me!"

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## Around Town

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Couples, as well as singles, are welcome to come for an evening of **Ballroom/Latin dancing**, socializing, and light refreshments, Fri., Oct. 12 from 7:15-10:15 p.m. at the Waterford Parks and Recreation C.A.I. Building, 5640 Williams Lake Rd. Dancers will receive 30 minutes of instructional lessons by dance instructor Curtis Haremza. Preregistration is not required. Call (248)674-4881 for more info.

**North Oakland Right to Life** cordially invites you to a leadership luncheon at Deer Lake Racquet Club, Sat., Oct. 13 from noon to 2 p.m. Barbara Listing, president of Right to Life of Michigan, will speak about how to effectively convey the profile message. Cost is \$15/person. Preregistration is required. For more info or to register call Peter Riccardo at 623-9340.

Clarkston Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, will offer an eight hour **Basement Remodeling seminar** on Saturdays, Oct. 13 and 20 from 8 a.m. to noon, at 6300 Church Street. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodel. Cost is \$95 plus a textbook fee of \$8. Preregistration is required no later than Thurs., Oct. 11. Call 623-4550 to register.

**An immune system breakthrough!** A free lecture on how your immune system can prevent or reverse diseases such as asthma, allergies, lupus, psoriasis, chronic fatigue, cancer fibromyalgia, and crohns will be Sun., Oct. 14 at 2:15 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, on Clarkston Road. RSVP to Heman Holistic Health at (248)328-8363.

Members of the community are invited to join with thousands of others in an eight-mile walk through Detroit and Highland Park, Oct. 14. This celebration is an annual fundraiser for the many programs run by Focus:HOPE. The commodity supplemental food program was established in 1971 and assisted 15,000 mothers and children per month and 28,000 senior citizens per month, in fiscal year 2000, with 700 tons of food distributed per month. Total separate food packages distributed from 1971 through 2000 equals 15,690,384. Walk brochures are available. Get one and get sponsors for your walk. Call Vince at 625-5908 for more information.

Join a worldwide effort to illustrate the desire for world peace at the **"One Sky One World Kite Fly"** at the Meadowlark Picnic Area at Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake on Sun., Oct. 14 from noon to 5 p.m. Through demonstrations and hands-on practice, anyone can learn how to fly kites

like the experts during this special program. Registration is not required and participants may try the kites for free. Kites will also be available for purchase. This annual event is held worldwide at different locations around the globe where kites are flown to symbolize the desire for world peace. For more information call 625-7280.

The Flying Rhino Cycling Club will present its **Fall Back 40 Challenge bicycle tour** on Oct. 14. Over 400 cyclists will ride from the Clarkston School's Community Education Building on Waldon Road, through the city of Clarkston on either a 17, 27, 44 or 62-mile route on dirt roads in northwest Oakland County. Snacks and beverages will be provided at several rest stops along the routes. For additional info, call 625-7000.

Earthy terrain and scenic views set the stage for the **Ninth Annual Hidden Forest Trail Run and Walk**, Sun., Oct. 14 at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw. Races start at 9:30 a.m. and vary from a 2.5-mile walk or run around Crooked Lake; a 5.5-mile trek around the lake onto Rock Ridge Trail; and an 8.5-mile route for the experience competitor traversing varied terrain. There are various age divisions. Onsite registration starts at 8 a.m. Cost is \$17 with shirt and \$10 without shirt. Entry fees include park admission. Mail registrations will be accepted until Oct. 5. Cost is \$14 with shirt and \$8 without shirt. Preregistrants will receive free white pine tree seedlings. Call 625-0877.

**"Autumn Magic Festival,"** is set for Sun., Oct. 14 from 1:30-4 p.m. at Independence Oaks. This afternoon of family fun includes games, crafts, cider, doughnuts, hayrides and a special amphitheater show with Rosco the Clown. Guests might want to bring a camera. A nice photo spot is reserved for fall color photos. Participants will also make crafts with a seasonal flair. The cost is \$3 per person. Pay in advance to register. Call 625-6473.

Lisa Gleeson, of Lisa's Gift Wrapped Company of Troy, will be the featured guest at the **Clarkston Community Women's Club**, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Gleeson will make gifts unique and memorable with many ideas about how to wrap with pizzazz, including baskets and bags. For more info, call Gail at 623-9462.

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Ten-year-old Webelos will hit the trails to earn their **Forester Badge** at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center Sat., Oct. 20. Sessions run 9:30-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m., or 3-5 p.m. These youthful Sherlock Holmeses will identify trees, chart forest growths and complete other activities required to earn this badge. Cost is \$3/scout, and \$1/adult. Early registration suggested. Call 625-6473.

Joe Dillon, national speaker, will present a seminar entitled, **"Producing Peak Performance,"** Sat., Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Deer Lake Athletic Club. Dillon has 22 years of research and experience in the health and fitness field. He is a former All-American swimmer, fitness instructor in the United States Marine Corps, and trainer of 22 Olympic gold medal winning athletes. Through his seminars and educational materials, he has taught people from all walks of life how to thrive rather than simply survive. For more info, or to register, call sponsor Dr. Richard Baker at 623-7722.

Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Jossman and Bald Eagle Lake, will hold their **annual harvest supper** on Sat., Oct. 20 from 4:30-7 p.m. Turkey will be served. For further details call 627-2501.

The Pontiac Chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship will hold a **testimony banquet** Sat., Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. at Cooper's Family Restaurant, 4737 Dixie Highway. Kevin Gibson of Rochester Hills will be the guest speaker. Before accepting Jesus at 25, Gibson constantly struggled with the need to compare and prove himself to others. After coming to the Lord, he realized the only opinion about him that really mattered was God's. Invite a friend to hear Gibson share the folly of comparing yourself to others and the importance of being yourself in the Lord. For more info call 625-5221.

Don't go "batty" when fall hits and breezes blow. Study birds from slides while relaxing indoors at **"Armchair Birding--Great Lakes Birds,"** Sun., Oct. 21 from 3:30-4:45 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks. Call 625-6473.

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10/11 vs. West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.

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**Soccer:**

10/11 vs. Avondale, 7 p.m.

10/15 vs. Rochester Adams, 7 p.m.

**Cross country:**

10/12 Oxford Invitational, 4:45 p.m.

**Swimming:**

10/11 at Lamphere, 6:30 p.m.

10/16 vs. West Bloomfield, 6:30 p.m.

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## Girls' harriers make history

*Wolves win Oakland County meet for first time in school history*

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was another first in a trailblazing season.

The Wolves placed five runners in the top 25 on their way to winning the Oakland County Meet at Kensington Metropark in Milford Oct. 6. It was the first time Clarkston has ever triumphed at the county meet.

In taking the meet, the Wolves beat Rochester Adams, a team that had beaten Clarkston just four days earlier in dual meet competition. The Wolves won the county meet with 63 points, outdistancing Adams, who had 102 points. Birmingham Marian finished third with 144 points.

"It's exciting to win it," said Clarkston coach Jamie LaBrosse. "We knew we had a chance going in... We matched up against Adams much better at the invitational."

Liz Mengyan finished third in the meet to set the pace for the Wolves. Anne Oltman followed with a ninth-place finish, while Gillian Nordquist finished 11th. Mo Kuhta took 19th place and Carla DelVecchio took 21st for Clarkston.

Other Wolves competing in the meet were Lauren Witt, who finished 31st, and Anna Kerr, who finished 36th.

Several team members said they were happy to be the first girls' team in



The Clarkston girls' cross-country team poses proudly with their first place trophy after winning the Oakland County Meet Oct. 6 at Kensington Park in Milford. Pictured are the following team members: (front) Liz Mengyan, Anne Oltman; (middle) Lauren Witt, Gillian Nordquist, Carla DelVecchio; (back) Anna Kerr, Mo Kuhta, coach Jamie LaBrosse. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Clarkston history to bring home the county title. "It's really cool, because we're the first team from Clarkston to do it," said Kerr.

DelVecchio said she was happy that the whole team was able to share in the

triumph. "It was neat, because it was the first time all the varsity ran together," she said. "Everyone on the team had a good race."

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## Gardner scores twice as Wolves beat Seaholm

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's soccer team passed a key division test last week. Now, they will face another test.

Forward Sean Gardner's two first-half goals proved to be enough to lift the Clarkston soccer team to a key division win over Birmingham Seaholm, 2-1, Oct. 4.

The Wolves staked themselves to an early lead against their Oakland Activities Association I rival, and then held off the visiting Maples in the second half to earn a 2-1 victory.

The win lifts the Wolves' season record to 9-4 overall, and 5-2 in league play. Seaholm falls to 8-4, 5-2 in the league.

"It was a big win for us, to keep our hopes of winning the league alive," said Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald.

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Clarkston defenseman Mike Holody fires a shot during the Wolves' 2-1 win over Birmingham Seaholm Oct. 4. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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## Karlstrom returns for stretch

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston girls' basketball team recently welcomed back a familiar face as they continue their battle for a division title.

Junior guard Kira Karlstrom, who missed the first five weeks of the season due to injury, returned to the Wolves' lineup in their 49-25 win over host Waterford Kettering Oct. 2.

Karlstrom scored two points in limited duty as the Wolves cruised to a win over the defending Oakland Activities Association Division I champions.

"She played about eight minutes, and hit her first shot of the game," said Clarkston coach Ann Lowney. "For me, it was a chance to see how the team adjusted with her back in there."

The Wolves dominated throughout the game, taking a 23-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 39-7 lead at the end of the first half. Junior guard Jenn Carlson led the Wolves with 20 points in the game, while junior guard Anna Trimm added 10.

Karlstrom played a more active role in the Wolves' next game Oct. 4 against Rochester. She scored 12 points as the Wolves defeated the Falcons, 47-35.

The win improved the Wolves' mark to 7-4 overall and 5-0 in Oakland Activities Association Division I. Clarkston continues to hold their spot atop the division standings.

"That was a much better day for her," said Lowney of Karlstrom's performance. "She's a great defender. We can use Kira to guard the other team's ballhandler, and Anna Trimm to guard the other team's top scorer."

Trimm said the return of her teammate will help the team on both ends of the floor.

"She's helped us with our speed," she said. "We've got a faster guard. She's going to help us on the offensive end as well."

Carlson had an off-night for the Wolves, scoring only two points against the Falcons, but the other members of the team stepped up their efforts to lead Clark-



Clarkston junior guard Kira Karlstrom recently returned from an injury and scored 12 points in the Wolves' 47-35 win against Rochester Oct. 4.

ston to the win. Senior forward Jennifer Karstensen led the Wolves with 13 points.

"Jenn (Carlson) had a rough game," Lowney said. "She only had two points, but the others picked it up. Jennifer Karstensen had one of her best games of the year."

Lowney said Karlstrom's teammates are happy to see their teammate return to action.

"I think they're excited," she said. "Kira wanted to go back in the game late against Kettering, but Jenn Carlson said, 'No, you're not going to get hurt again.'"

The Wolves face a key OAA I contest as they travel to Troy Athens Oct. 9. The Red Hawks, who are 5-1 in OAA Division I, are battling the Wolves for league supremacy, as they face each other for the second time this year. "That's going to be a big game for us," Lowney said.

The Wolves handed Athens their only loss in OAA I this season, earning a hard-fought 57-50 overtime win over the Red Hawks Sept. 6.

## Netters look to regionals Oct. 12

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although Clarkston's tennis team dropped two matches last week, they still have their eyes on the big picture — this weekend's regional tournament.

The Wolves, who are in Oakland Activities Association Division II, dropped two matchups last week against OAA I teams Rochester Adams and Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Clarkston coach Beth Manojlovich said she scheduled those teams to help prepare the Wolves for their regional tournament, held Oct. 12-13 at Troy High School.

Adams, who is currently tied for the lead in OAA I, defeated the Wolves, 7-1, in their Oct. 2 meet at Clarkston. Lauren Little was the lone Clarkston player to earn a win, defeating Adams' Lisa Pellafone at #1 singles, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.

The following day, the Wolves traveled to Lahser and suffered a 6-2 defeat at the hands of the Knights. Little was victorious again at #1 singles, 6-0, 6-0, while Mead earned a win at #2 doubles, 6-1, 6-2.

After traveling to Berkley for a makeup meet Oct. 10, the Wolves will take on a tough field in regional competition Oct. 12-13. Manojlovich said the top teams the Wolves will be facing are Troy, Troy Athens, and Farmington Hills Mercy.

"Troy and Mercy are top 10 schools," she said. "We're looking for a third or fourth place finish. We're expecting to do better than we did last year."

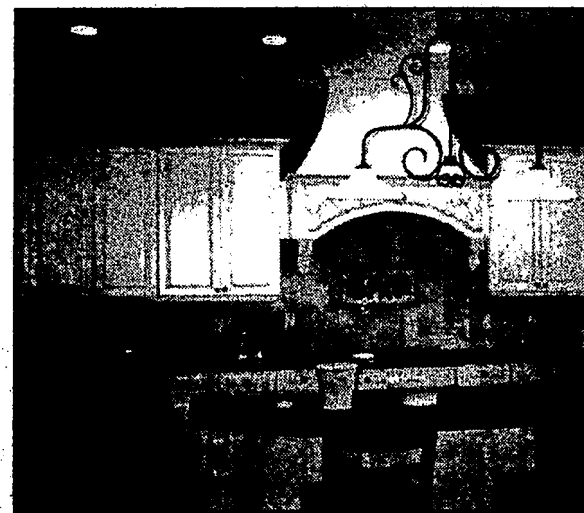
According to Manojlovich, the #1 singles player on each team can qualify for the state tournament if they make it to the finals in their regional tournament. She said the Wolves' #1 singles player, Lauren Little, has a "very good chance" to accomplish that feat.

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## Golfers take fifth in Oakland County meet

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the second straight time, Mother Nature has put a damper on Clarkston's golf matchup against Troy. The meet, originally scheduled for Sept. 24 at Liberty Golf Course, was rescheduled to Oct. 5 due to rainy weather. However, rain again forced another postponement.

The meet is currently scheduled to be held Oct. 9 at Liberty.

The Wolves experienced mixed results in the two matches they competed in last week.

Clarkston took on other Oakland County teams at the county meet Monday, Oct. 1. The Wolves placed a solid fifth at the meet, finishing with a score of 315. Novi took first place with a score of 307.

The team's showing was a pleasant surprise for Kaul.

"That was much better than we anticipated," he said. "If we had shot one shot better, we would have finished in third. I was very pleased with our performance."

Clarkston actually tied with Lake Orion and West Bloomfield for fifth place, but the Wolves won the tiebreaker, as their fifth place golfer, Ollie Ollinger, shot an 82, which beat out the fifth place golfers from the Dragons and Lakers.

Carlos Galaviz played what Kaul considered "his best round of the year" at the meet, leading the Wolves with a 76. Dustin McMillan and Adam Groh each followed with a 79, while Zack Shook added an 81.

After placing highly at the county meet, the Wolves suffered a letdown Oct. 3, losing 159-170 to Rochester Adams.

"There's no question that was our worst outing of the year," Kaul said. "When you come down to the last group and you know you don't have a chance, that's discouraging. Sometimes the game can leave you pretty quickly."

McMillan led the Wolves in that contest with a round of 40, followed by Galaviz with a 43, Robert Wood with a 43, and Matt Baker with a 44.

The Wolves are gearing up for regional action Friday, Oct. 12 at Flushing Valley Country Club in Flushing.

### Girls' cross-country

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Mengyan said it was particularly impressive for the Wolves to defeat Adams for the county title four days after narrowly losing to their OAA I rival.

"It felt good, beating Adams," she said. "We had to prove something."

LaBrosse said Kutha's presence at the county meet, after missing the earlier meet against Adams, was uplifting to the team.

"Mo Kutha was an inspiration," he said. "She's been injured for most of the season, and I think it's making a big difference now that she's back."

The Wolves lost by a single point, 28-29, against Adams in their dual meet Sept. 2. Mengyan finished second in that meet to lead the Wolves, while Nordquist finished fifth, Oltman sixth, and Witt and Delvecchio tied for eighth.

"We had to sit Mo that day, so it makes a difference when we don't run her," LaBrosse said. "When she's in the lineup, it makes a big difference."

The Wolves return to action Oct. 9 as they travel to Lake Orion for a dual meet with the Dragons, then travel to Oxford Oct. 12 for the Oxford Invitational.

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## Athlete of the week: Dustin McMillan

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dustin McMillan has been golfing since he was four years old, and the Clarkston golf team is currently reaping the benefits of his early training.

McMillan, a junior in his third year on the CHS varsity, has led the Wolves to a 5-2 record in dual meets as the team heads into the home stretch of the season.

Clarkston coach Tim Kaul said McMillan has steadily improved since his freshman year.

"He's improving as the season is going along," Kaul said. "He's playing more consistently, and his mental approach to the game is getting better."

McMillan said he started golfing at the age of four, playing the game with his father, Joe McMillan. He started playing competitively around the age of 11, playing in the Michigan Junior Golf Association.

For the past three summers, he has taken lessons from George Bowman, head pro at Oakhurst Country Club in Clarkston. "I do everything George tells me to, because he has been there and knows what it takes to compete at a higher level," McMillan said.

He said he has learned to become a smarter player since his freshman year. "I don't always drive



Clarkston junior golfer Dustin McMillan

the ball," he said. "I've learned to play the game, not just hit the ball."

McMillan, the son of Joe and Pat McMillan of Clarkston, may have someone to follow in his footsteps on the CHS golf team — his younger brother, Brett, who is 13 years old. "I'm optimistic for his success as a golfer," he said.

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## Gridders shut out in homecoming game

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It rained on the Clarkston football team's Homecoming game Oct. 5 — in more ways than one.

A large crowd of Clarkston fans braved a steady downpour of rain in hopes of seeing the Wolves earn a victory in their contest with Oakland Activities Association Division I rival Troy.

However, the Colts had something to say about that, scoring all 33 of their points in the first half on their way to a 33-0 win over the Wolves.

Clarkston is now 1-6 overall and 0-5 in league action, while Troy improved to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in league play.

The Colts used a strong running game to their advantage, marching down the field on their opening drive before Anthony Adams scored on a two-yard touchdown run with 7:53 left in the first quarter to give Troy a 6-0 lead.

On their opening drive, the Wolves made it to their own 48-yard line before losing a fumble with 5:59 left in the quarter, and Troy took advantage of the Clarkston miscue, as Adams scored again from two yards out with 2:47 left in the quarter. The two-point conversion gave the Colts a 14-0 lead.

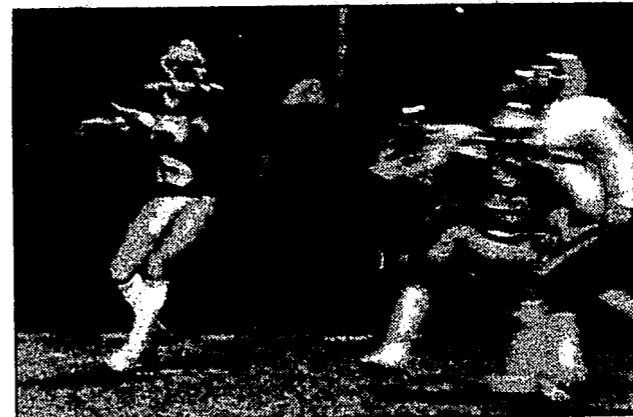
Turnovers continued to do in the Wolves throughout the half. Troy intercepted an Eric Kieras pass with 2:32 left in the first, giving the Colts the ball at the Clarkston 9-yard line. On the very next play, Troy running back Devon Mitchell punched it in to give the Colts a 20-0 lead.

Troy would score twice more in the first half to put the game out of reach, as running back Jimmy Sofer scored with 8:44 left in the second to put the Colts up 27-0, and then Mitchell scored his second touchdown of the evening with 1:02 left in the half to put the game out of reach.

Kieras completed one of nine passes for 16 yards and four interceptions before being replaced by junior Kirk Hanna, who missed on all three of his pass attempts. Senior tight end Case Bannasch was on the receiving end of Kieras' lone completion.

Junior running back Ryan Talbott led the Wolves in rushing with 56 yards on 19 carries.

Defensively, junior defensive back Myles Purdy



(Top) Clarkston senior quarterback Eric Kieras (15) looks to evade the Troy pass rush during the Wolves' 33-0 Homecoming loss to the Colts Oct. 5. (Above) Junior running back Ryan Talbott ran for 56 yards on 19 carries in the contest. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

led the Wolves with seven tackles and three assists, while senior defensive back Mike Loveless added six tackles and one assist. Bob Misialek recovered a fumble for the Wolves.

The Wolves wrap up the season with two games on the road, Oct. 12 at Rochester and Oct. 19 at Kettering.

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**Obituary**

**Lila Margaret Olafsson**

Lila Margaret Olafsson died October 1, 2001 at the age of 78. She was born March 29, 1923 in Copper City. She was the daughter of the late Nels and Ida Kauppila, the wife of the late Matti Jokinen and former wife of Thor Olafsson. She was the mother of Alice Scott (James), Norman Jokinen (Julie), Ann Beard (Rev. John), Bud Olafsson (Gleñida), Sina Locke (Ken) and Leif Olafsson (Janet).

Mrs. Olafsson is survived by 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, her sister, Agnes Grulke and many nieces and nephews.

She was a colorful woman who loved people and her Lord.

Mrs. Olafsson was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and a former member of Waterford Community Church. Funeral Service was at Waterford Community Church, Pastor Paul E. Wilson officiating. Interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Donelson, Johns and Evans Funeral Home, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Oakland County Medical Care Facility. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Supervisor Stuart called the October 2, 2001 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner.  
Absent: Wenger.  
There is a quorum.  
1. Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 17, 2001 as amended.  
2. Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 18, 2001 as submitted.  
3. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2001 as amended.  
4. Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 20, 2001 as amended.  
5. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount of \$39,930.76.  
6. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$284,292.94.  
7. Approval of agenda as submitted.  
8. Approved motion to direct Supervisor to send letter of support of the Coordinated Planning Act No. 4571.  
9. Approved motion of Second Reading and Adoption of Fire Code and Open Burning Ordinance Amendment.  
10. Approved motion to authorize Township Attorney to draft proposed ordinance regarding vicious dogs.  
11. Approved motion of First Reading of a Rezoning Request from REC, OS-2 & R1A to PUD, Parcels 08-28-400-007, 005, 011 and 08-27-300-007, 021, 024.  
12. Approved motion to review the matter of Enclave Ridge Condominium Road Access and to take no further action at this time.  
13. Approved motion establishing Halloween hours for October 31, 2001.  
14. Approved motion-authorizing purchase of a TeleCirc messaging system for the Library.  
15. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.  
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk

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**CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY OCTOBER 3, 2001**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:07 p.m. in the Training Room of Independence Township Fire Station No. 1.

Roll: Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Werner.

Absent: Savage.  
Also Present: Gary Tressel and Matt Slicker from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc.

Dennis Neiman, Bond Counsel from Miller, Paddock, Canfield and Stone

A Special Meeting was held to discuss with interested residents the additional phase(s) for continuing the water system throughout the City of Clarkston.

Councilman Scott Meyland, Bond counsel Dennis Neiman, and City Engineer Gary Tressel gave presentations on the proposed completion of the water construction project within the City of the Village of Clarkston. City residents participated in a discussion and question and answer period.

Resolved That the City Council ratify the Easements and Agreement Regarding Construction Use and Maintenance between the City of the Village of Clarkston and Fulcrum Clarkston, L. L. C., of 39 South Main Street, Parcel I.D. No. 08 20-382-004, subject to Exhibits A and B being attached prior to recording this agreement.

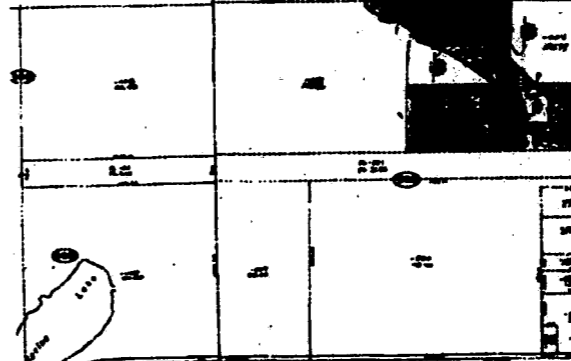
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

At a Regular meeting of the Township Board held on October 2, 2001 the Board authorized a First Reading of a Rezoning Request from REC, OS-2 & R1-A to PUD, Sashabow & Maybee Roads, Parcels 08-27-300-007, 021, 024 and 08-28-400-005, 007, 011 as follows:



Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

**TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA 7:30 P.M. TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

DATE: October 16, 2001

- Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Opening Statements and Correspondence  
Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Approval of Purchase Orders  
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run  
Approval of Agenda  
Public Forum  
**Unfinished Business**  
1. Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from REC, OS-2 & R1-A to P.U.D., 175 Acres, Sashabow/Maybee Road, Parcels 08-28-400-007, 005,011 and 08-27-300-007,021,024. (Liberty P.U.D.)  
2. Detroit Wastewater Discharge Ordinance.  
**New Business**  
1. Rezoning Request from R1-A to O, Dixie Hwy., Dollar Lake Subdivision, Part of 08-29-302-025, part of Lots 19, 20, 21.  
2. First Reading of a Zoning Ordinance #83 Text Amendment - Sashabow Town Overlay District, New Section 5.30 Article V, Article IV Section 4.01, Article XXX and Part of Sections 22 & 27.  
Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

### Soccer

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"The guys were ready to play. We grabbed a 2-0 lead, and held on to it through the second half."

Gardner staked the Wolves to a 1-0 lead about 10 minutes into the game, and then added what proved to be the decisive goal with about 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Fitzgerald said other key performers for the team, in addition to Gardner, were defensemen Sean Dougherty and Ryan Coleman, and midfielders Mike Hall and Daniel Gutierrez.

The teams played under a steady rain the whole game. Fitzgerald said that may have presented a slight problem for Seaholm, since they play on an artificial surface as opposed to Clarkston's grass surface. However, he said the field's wet conditions did not have a significant impact on the game.

"Both teams have to play on it," he said. The win capped off an undefeated week for the Wolves. On Oct. 2, they defeated Brandon, 4-0, as Sean Gardner scored two goals, and Brady Gardner and Holody added one apiece.

The Wolves suffered an injury in the first half against Seaholm when defenseman Mike Holody left the game with a bruised knee. Holody sat out for about 10 minutes before returning to action.

According to Fitzgerald, Holody should be ready to go for the Wolves' next contest Oct. 9 at Kimball.

That contest will be another key league matchup for the Wolves, who trail Kimball in the league standings. The Knights have only lost once in OAA I action — but that loss was to Clarkston Sept. 20.

Fitzgerald said the OAA I race is a three-team competition at this point, with Clarkston, Seaholm, and Kimball vying for supremacy. However, he said the Knights still have three games to play against their two division rivals.

"They still have to play Seaholm twice and us once," he said. "It's pretty much the three of us. They have the toughest schedule left."



Clarkston junior forward Sean Gardner (20) looks to pass the ball during the Wolves' varsity soccer game against Seaholm Oct. 4. Gardner scored both goals in the Wolves' 2-1 win. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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## Springfield Parks and Recreation offers October events

The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department will be presenting the following October activities:

**Scrapbooking Classes:** Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is offering a Scrapbooking 101 class, taught by Creative Memories Consultant Leah Parks at the Hart Community Center. This fun class will give you a foundation for your creativity. Learn basic scrapbooking techniques and which supplies to use. Participants must bring ten to twelve photos of one subject/event (ex. birthday, holiday). Supplies needed to make a scrapbook page will be provided. The first session of this class will be on Friday, Oct. 5. The second session will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Participants must be 18 years or older. The fee for this class is \$13 per person per session. A minimum of five, maximum of twelve participants are required to hold each session. Registration is required one week before each start date. For more information, please contact Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

**Black Jack Class:** Springfield Township Parks & Recreation will offer a Black Jack class from Oct. 11-23 at the Hart Community Center. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. This class will teach you how to play your cards the right way and put the odds in your favor! Easily learn how to play basic strategy with this hands-on class. Registration is required one week before each start-on date. For more information, please contact Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

**Junior Karate:** Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, in cooperation with Sanchin Systems, will offer "Jr. Karate" at the Hart Community Center on Monday nights from 6-7 p.m. The session begins on October 22 and runs through December 17. The cost is \$20 per person and is for children in grades K-8. Children will learn, at their own pace, a non-competitive art form that will allow them to manage stress, control situations through conflict resolution, enhance their self-esteem and enhance their self-defense aware-

ness. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

**Grace Under Pressure:** Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, in cooperation with Sanchin Systems, will offer "Grace Under Pressure" at the Hart Community Center on Monday nights from 7-8 p.m. The session begins on Oct. 22 and runs through Dec. 17. The cost is \$20 per person and is for individuals five years and up. Individuals will learn personal protection, self-defense and how to act in stressful situations through streetwise techniques where size and strength are not involved. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

**Open/Family Karate:** Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, in cooperation with Sanchin Systems, will offer "Open/Family Karate" at the Hart Community Center on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. The session begins Oct. 22 and runs through Dec. 17. The cost is \$30 per person or \$60 per family, and is for individuals five years and up. This class will build self-confidence, coordination, self-discipline and self-defense. Each person grows at their own pace! Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

**Creative Holiday Crafts:** Come and join Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at the Hart Community Center on Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 4-5 p.m. to make easy holiday crafts for your parents, grandparents or teachers. There will be two crafts for each child to do for Halloween. This program is for children three to ten years of age. An adult must accompany children under five years. There is a \$5 fee per person. A minimum of ten participants is required to hold each class. Registration is required one week before class. For more information, please contact Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

**Trick or Treat Trail:** Springfield Township Parks & Recreation is offering the Trick or Treat Trail for

children 12 years and younger at the Hart Community Center. On Oct. 27 and Oct. 31, from 5-8 p.m., you can enjoy this safe alternative to door trick or treating. Walk through this haunted trail and collect candy and gifts along the way from the many ghosts and goblins stationed throughout. Juice and snacks are provided. A resident rate of \$3 per person applies to those residing in Springfield Township. For non-residents, there is a \$5 per person rate. Pictures of your children in their costumes can be purchased for \$3 each. For more information, please call Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

**Water Aerobics:** In cooperation with Prescription Fitness of Waterford, Springfield Township Parks & Recreation office has water aerobics passes available for sale for individuals age 50 and up. This program helps to tone your muscles and keep you physically fit. Classes are offered Monday through Friday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Prescription Fitness in Waterford, 5210 Highland Road. There is a one-time set-up fee of \$5 and passes are \$40 for 10 visits or \$60 for 20 visits. A Swimming Medical Record/Physician Consent Form must be completed and signed by a physician and on file with the Parks & Recreation office before participation. This form is available through the Parks & Recreation office. For more information, please contact Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

**English Riding Lessons:** Haverhill Farms of White Lake, in cooperation with Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, is offering English Riding Lessons. Haverhill's instructors are professional and are committed to teaching riders. Facilities include two outdoor rings and two indoor arenas. Lessons offered are flat lessons only. Levels offered are from Beginner through Dressage. Participants must cost Haverhill at (248) 887-2027 to schedule a start date and register with Springfield Township Parks & Recreation. The cost is \$170 per person for 10 lessons. For more information, please contact Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

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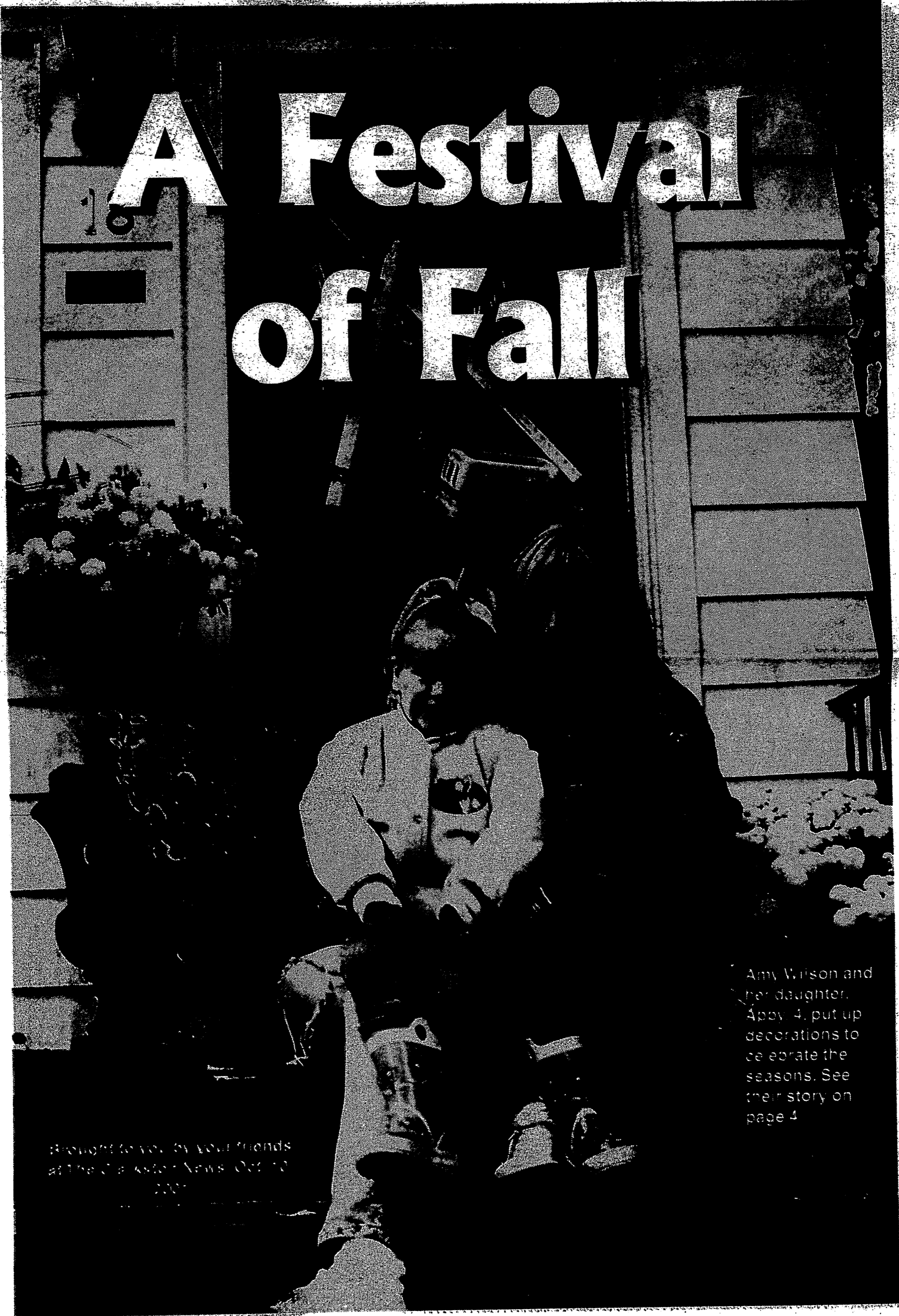
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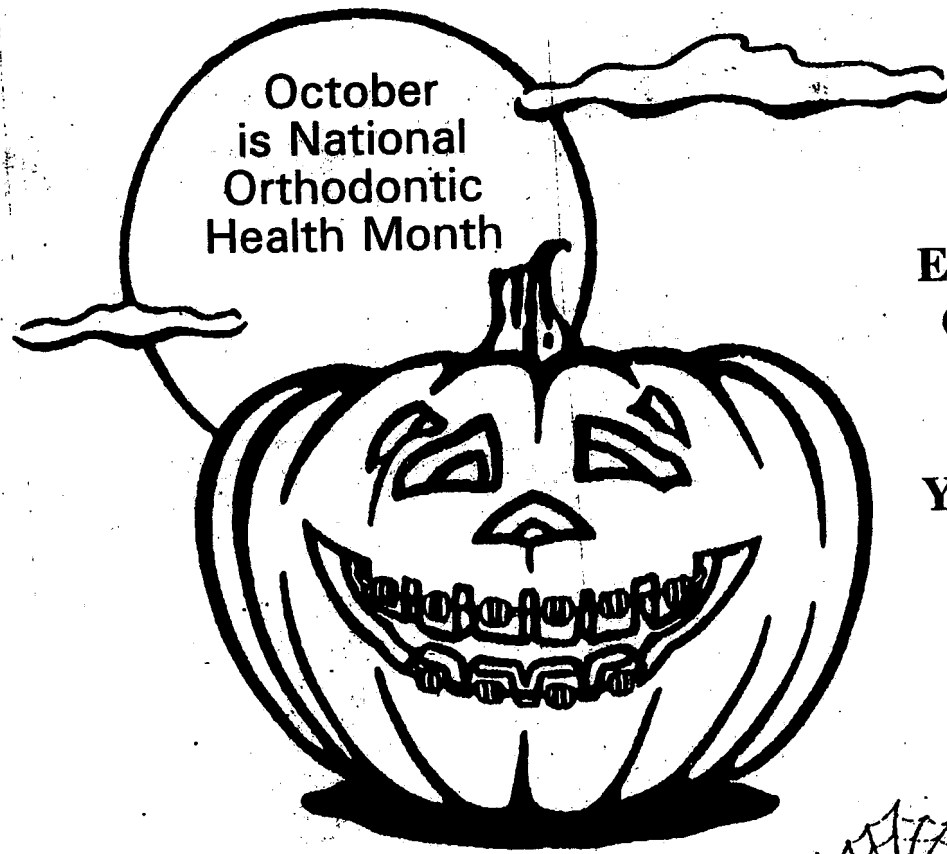


# A Festival of Fall

Amy Wilson and her daughter, Abby, put up decorations to celebrate the seasons. See their story on page 4.

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# Ghouls just want to have fun

As the Halloween haunting season quickly approaches, you might find yourself looking for creative ways to entertain your ghoulish guests.

Experts from The Art Institutes offer some ideas for making this time of year absolutely frightening.

## Haunting Halloween Cards

Finding Halloween cards that fit your style can be a haunting task. Consider creating your own Halloween designs this season. All you need is a sense of fun and some imagination.

Here are some ideas to get you started: "First, pick a theme you can use for invitations, party favors or costumes. For example, use horror films by Wes Craven or John Carpenter for inspiration, teen slasher films, or a cult classic such as 'Attack of the Killer Tomatoes,'" says Karen Habblitz of The Art Institute.

If you or someone in your house likes to draw, create a black and white image from your theme and then reproduce it on card stock of your choice. It's a quick and easy way to create multiple cards with one drawing. Finish with a quick watercolor wash to add a touch of color.

If drawing isn't your strength, try a collage by using typography and images that already exist. Gather a stack of expendable items (old comic books, magazines, newspapers, or greeting cards). Then create your own unique compositions by cutting, tearing and reassembling these images into a final composition. You can even use text from these sources so you don't have to do any hand lettering!

Create multiple mini-collages (one for each card), or make color copies of your finished image. Always remember to use a heavy paper, or paste your image onto card stock for a finished look.

For a trendier look, try taking photocopied black and white images from old horror movie books. You can cut, paste or rearrange these visuals to create a modern, sophisticated look.

## Pumpkin Carving with a Twist

An age-old tradition of the Halloween season is pumpkin carving. "To create a different look this Halloween, consider carving a gourd, or create a 'family' of jack-o-lanterns using a combination of pumpkins and gourds," says chef Sarah Gorham from The Art Institute.

Choose a size, color or shape that will work with your design idea, or allow the unique qualities of the pumpkin or gourd to inspire you. A smooth, blemish free pumpkin provides a good working surface. But imperfections can be fun when incorporated into the design itself.

A blemish can become a wart, or a pumpkin's "bad" side can look like a disfigured face.

Try using a variety of carving tools to create your design. Use carving knives or heavy-handed utility knives for cutting deep, straight lines. Try using a specialty pumpkin carving knife from a craft store for making curved and fine cuts. An electric drill with a variety of drill bits can cut into the hard surface of gourds. Varying cuts can create interesting effects.

Try cutting partially through the flesh for a translucent look. Lighting is the last step in creating the perfect jack-o-lantern. Try a traditional votive candle or go for a different look by using electric string lights.

## Special Effects Tricks

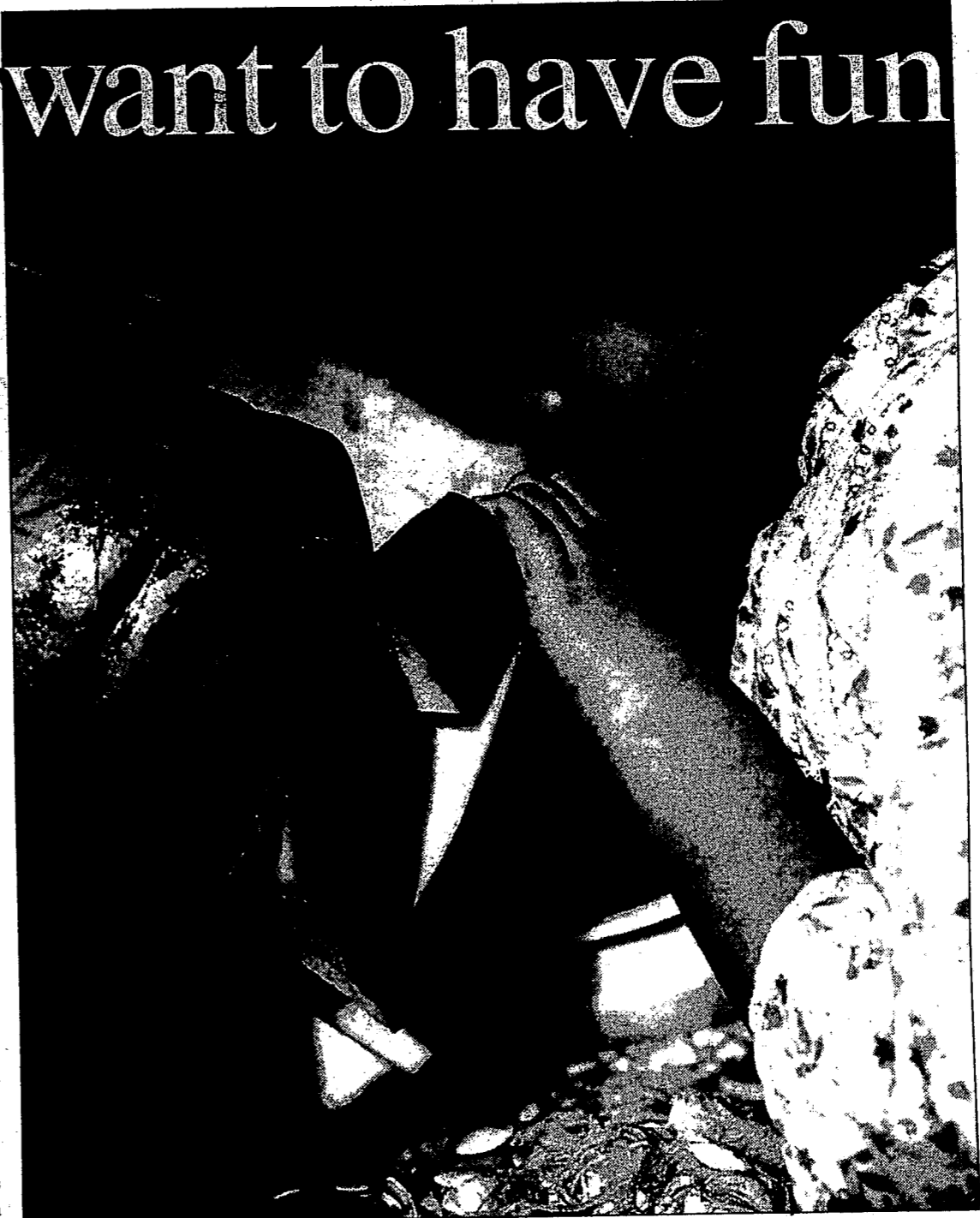
Thinking of updating your old Halloween costume? A good way to create something new is with makeup. For a werewolf, begin from the edge of the cheek and inward toward the nose, drawing hair-like lines.

"It's best to trace any natural creases in the face with dark brown. Dramatically increase the size of the eyebrow and push the hairs forward," says Lars Nyquist from The Art Institute.

Purchase fangs at a local costume shop and you'll be ready to howl at the moon.

Another idea is a ghastly ghoul. Start by painting your face a yellowish-green, then blacken or darken the lips in strokes that pull away from the center of the lips. Darken the area around the eyes and try adding a scar that extends from the corner of the eye down the cheek in a jagged line.

And last, but not least, is the classic vampire. Lighten your entire face with light gray or white and darken the eye area. Use a bit of red lipstick to brighten the lips and use a heavy styling product to slick hair toward the back. Finally, don't forget to purchase fangs from a local costume shop.



There's more than one way to carve a pumpkin.

For more information on the creative and culinary arts programs at The Art Institutes, call (888) 328-7900 or visit

[www.artinstitutes.edu/nz](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/nz).  
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## 'Bewitching' treats involve kids in halloween festivities

Creating fun food for Halloween is always a great way to involve children in the festivities. Here are a few fun and easy ideas for Halloween treats that are sure to create quite a scare from the chef instructors at The Art Institute of Los Angeles.

### Skewered Eyeballs (Serves 20)

10 eggs  
1/2-3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 7-ounce jar of green olives with pimientos  
Red pepper flakes (optional)  
Toothpicks

Place the eggs in a saucepan and cover them with cold water. Cook over high heat for 10 to 12 minutes.

Cool the eggs. When they're cool enough to handle, peel away the eggshells and cut the eggs in half.

Take the yolks from the eggs and mash all of the yolks in a bowl, adding the mayonnaise. You should end up with a mixture the consistency of paste.

Fill the egg-white halves with the yolk and mayonnaise mixture. Press an olive into the middle of the mixture, with the pimiento "looking" up.

Sparingly dot the yolk and mayonnaise mixture with red pepper flakes and then, for effect, stab each "eyeball" with a toothpick. (This is truly a case of form meeting function!)

**Eyes-A-Poppin' (Serves as many as you make!)**

Soak pitted prunes for 30 minutes in brandy. Stuff prunes with cream cheese and place a raisin or dried cranberry in the center.

### Voodoo Doll Meat Loaf (Serves 6)

1 1/2 pounds ground beef  
1 egg, beaten  
1 cup breadcrumbs  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 clove, crushed garlic  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 cup minced onion  
2 tablespoons tomato paste  
26 ounces spaghetti sauce  
Several strings of thick spaghetti  
Olives with pimiento filling  
Several strands of pimiento  
Corn kernels  
Toothpicks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together the first seven ingredients in a large bowl. In an ungreased baking pan, form the mixture into a body.

Create a head, two arms, two legs and a torso. Use the olives for eyes. Create lips with the strands of pimiento, and fill in the mouth with corn kernels for teeth. Poke small holes in the skull and stick 2" strands of spaghetti in each hole. Use at least 12 strands to create hair.

Pour spaghetti sauce around the body and bake for 60 to 75 minutes.

Liberally spike the voodoo body with toothpicks after removing from oven. As you do this, try to picture an ex-boss, whom you have special feelings.

### Gazpacho con Ojos (Serves 12)

2 1/2 pounds tomatoes, peeled and chopped  
1 pound cucumbers, peeled and chopped finely  
8 ounces onion, chopped finely  
4 ounces red pepper, without seeds and pith, chopped finely  
4 ounces yellow pepper, without seeds and pith, chopped finely  
Clove of garlic, crushed  
1 pint tomato juice  
3 ounces red wine vinegar  
4 ounces olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Please see RECIPES on page 21

# Celebrating the seasons with fun

BY MARALEE COOK  
Clarkston News Editor

Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most opportunities for decorating outside.

And the first signs of Fall sneak up on us early in Michigan. Sometimes in late August a sprinkling of leaves will turn yellow or red, signaling the changes to come. It's not unusual to feel a nip in the air then either -- on a cool night or as dawn breaks in the morning.

There are more signs to enjoy -- early morning fog or a mist on the lake as the water begins to give up its heat.

And then there are the unmistakable signs -- kids going back to school and bright yellow school buses darting around the community.

Decorating takes on a festive feel, beginning with the return to school, and continuing with the colorful, distinctive signs of autumn, plus halloween, and Thanksgiving.

Colorful mums, big cornstalks, soulful scarecrows, big pumpkins, gourds and scary witches make autumn an exciting time, especially for children. And they love to get involved in decorating.

Then that excitement turns to preparation for the December holidays, be it Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukah or other special times.

Clarkston resident Amy Wilson loves

decorating her home for fall. Part of that she gets from her mom.

"My mother once said that the New Year should start in September. I didn't really understand what she meant until my children started going to school. Our calendar revolves around the school cycle," Amy joked.

Her family includes her husband, Greg, their seven-year-old daughter Hailey, Abby, who is four, and their son, Brady, who just turned two years old in September.

**'Greg teases me, calling me a Martha Stewart wannabe. I tell him, 'Just think what I could do with a staff of 500.'**

Amy enjoys celebrating different seasons, holidays and special occasions with unique decorations. One of the reasons is because the home has special historic significance, which Amy and Greg are very fond of. In the 1920's it was a birthing home.

This year Amy chose a back to school theme for her front entrance as she was preparing the girls for the new school year. Hailey attends Clarkston Elementary School, and Abby attends St. Trinity preschool.

The vine wreath on the front door is decorated with Brady's bright yellow Fisher Price school bus, a wooden red apple, a wooden yard stick, a large pencil and yellow silk flowers.

Bright yellow mums dress up the front porch, and like many homes, these days, a U.S. flag flies proudly.

The vine wreath also holds two blue and gold pom poms, which have special significance.

Amy and Greg are both Clarkston High School graduates. Amy, whose maiden name is Frady, graduated in 1983, and Greg graduated in 1981. She said the couple has been friends since they were 12 years old, and dated off and on from high school on. They were married in 1994.

Although school's been in session for a couple of months, when she found out the October 6 Clarkston High School Homecoming Parade route would be on Holcomb Road, Amy decided not to change the decorations until after the parade.

Amy's beginning to think about her next decorating theme -- for Halloween. She hasn't made a final decision yet, but there may be an appearance by a witch, and she's expecting a lot of input from the kids.

For Thanksgiving Amy said she usually hangs up a wicker cornucopia with colorful gourds. She'll change it again for Christmas, then hang a Happy New Year wreath complete with noisemakers and crown.

The winter months will find a pair of antique ice skates gracing the front door in honor of the Mill Pond in the backyard and it will be changed to celebrate Valentine's Day.

A big watering can holding gardening gloves and tools will announce the coming of Spring, and in Summer an antique sap can will hold fresh flowers.

"Greg teases me, calling me a



Amy Wilson and her daughter Abby

Martha Stewart wannabe. I tell him, 'Just think what I could do with a staff of 500,'" laughed Amy.

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# Is there a 'handywoman' in the house?

Move over aerobics, shopping and cooking ... a new Home Depot/Yankelovich Partners study reveals that home improvement is the new "trendy" leisure time activity for women.

Of the 1,012 survey respondents, 37 percent of women said they would prefer to spend their weekend leisure time working on a home improvement project, such as gardening or painting, rather than shopping in a mall (28 percent) or cooking/baking (25 percent).

Another survey by the American Hardware Manufacturers Association said women accounted for nearly 38 percent of all do-it-yourself product purchases last year. And, with more single women becoming homeowners, the trend seems destined to continue.

So just what projects are most appealing to women? The list is long and sometimes surprising.

**1. Painting:** In the study, painting was tied with gardening for the top spot. Gone are the days when the paintbrush and roller were the only tools of the painter. Today's techniques call for bold, colorful designs with faux finishes often using sponges and stencils.

Many women are now looking at painting as a form of expression and look at their walls as their canvas. Workshops held at home centers and paint dealers are teaching women to paint like pros using some of the latest color options, including denims, dark blues, greens and maroons.

Painting is also one of the easiest projects to take on in a home and one that can be accomplished at a relatively low cost. Painting a room is also one way to make a dramatic difference - quickly - and color can really open up the living space or give a ho-hum room character. Plus it provides immediate satisfaction and



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boosts a woman's confidence to tackle other home improvement projects.

**2. Gardening/Landscaping:** Gardening and landscaping provide a perfect excuse to be outdoors - and get something accomplished at the same time. In addition, the results of these efforts produce beautiful flowers, foliage, shrubbery and plants that can be enjoyed all season.

For a woman looking to make an impact, home centers and greenhouses offer a multitude of options that allow a DIYer to spruce up her own yard by adding mulch, new shrubbery or flowers. Other options include adding a small hedge for extra privacy or a brick flowerbed border for some additional yard definition.

**3. Wallpapering:** Many of today's wallpapers are pre-pasted, which means the woman DIYer only has

to wet the roll in water and position it on the wall. Even if a room is already painted, a decorative border can add just the right touch of style and color.

These borders are popping up on all areas of the wall - not just near the ceiling. Try a waist-level, chair-rail border or even something at eye level to break up the room.

Another option is to put a border around a window to give it a "framed" look. Much like painting, wallpaper can change the look of a room in just a few hours - and if you do it yourself, it is a relatively inexpensive proposition.

**4. Installing a New Kitchen Faucet:** Creating a functional workspace in the kitchen is a must for most women and changing and upgrading faucets are increasingly popular kitchen DIY projects.

Often, they opt for a pullout faucet that offers the ability to easily fill up large pots, water plants or clean all areas of the kitchen sink. Not only are these pullout faucets functional, they are stylish as well.

And, one of the best things about pullout faucets is that while they look complicated, they are actually easy to install - just like a regular kitchen faucet.

**5. Putting in a New Floor:** Carpet and vinyl are becoming a bit passe. Women are opting for new tile options that not only look great, but clean up well too. An inexhaustible range of patterns, colors and textures make tile a great way to enhance a room and add a little self-expression, plus, tile is easy to install.

Once a pattern has been established, simply add adhesive to the back, position it properly on the floor and tap the tile with a rubber mallet to set it in place. Hardwood is also making a comeback as a popular flooring

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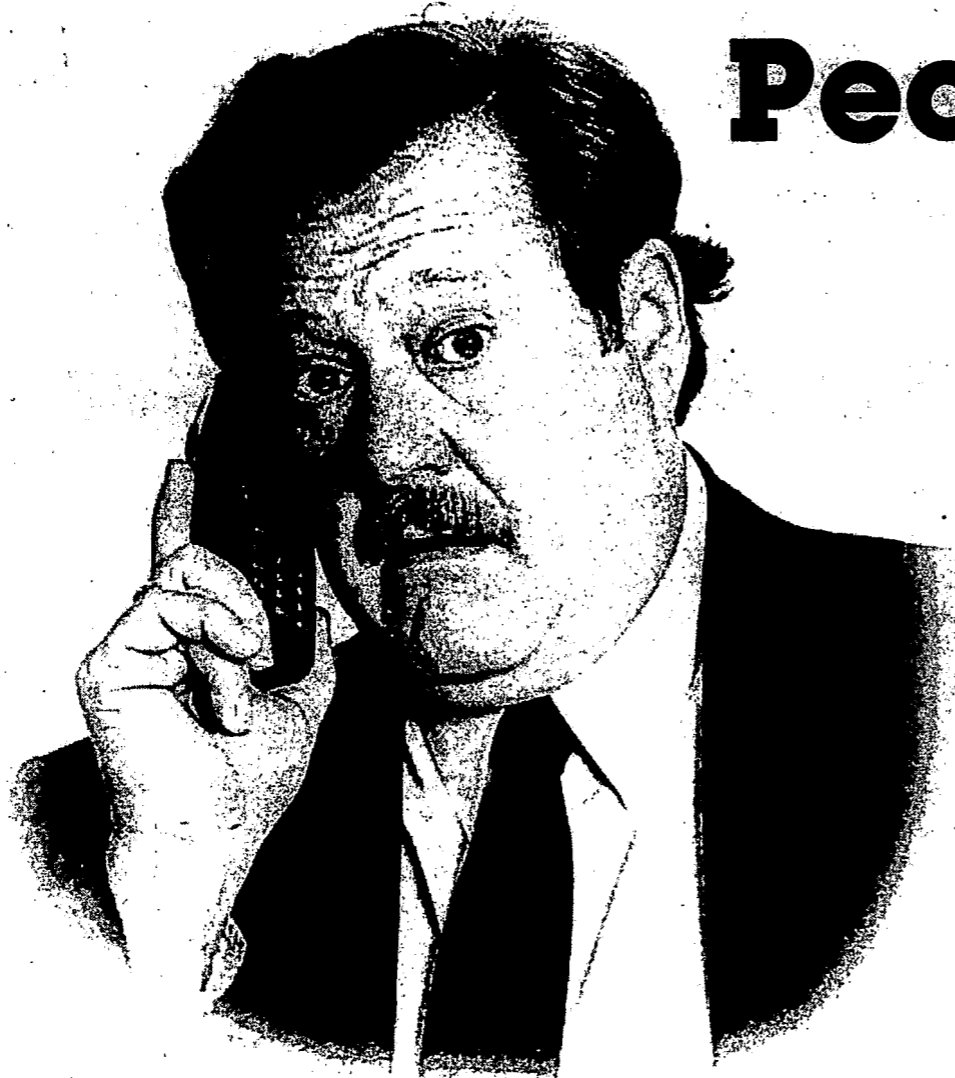
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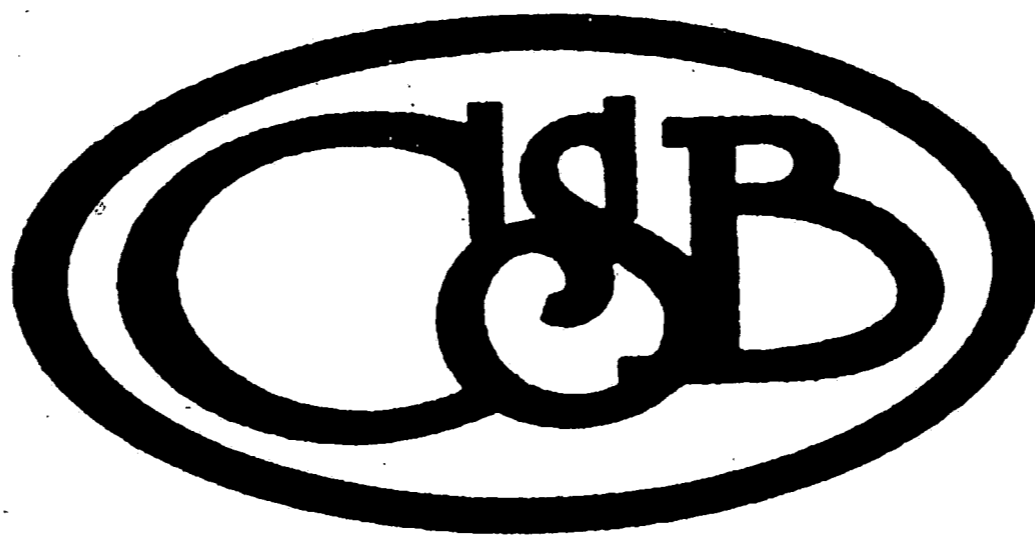


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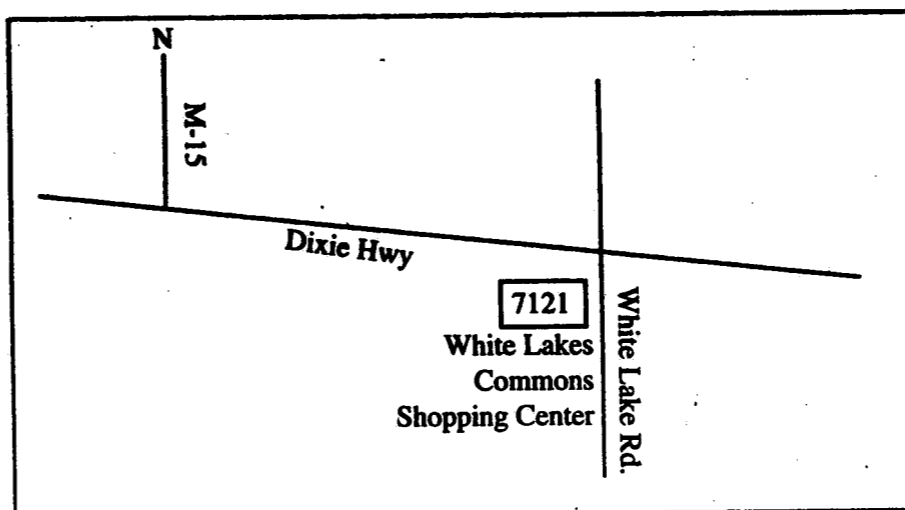


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## Clocks that Automatically 'Fall Back' for Daylight Savings Time

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Now there are wall clocks, desk clocks and wrist-watches that synchronize with the official clock to simplify your life as well as keep you on time.

Atomix brand clocks, from Chaney Instrument Co., synchronize with the official clock in Boulder to keep accurate time. In addition, this signal re-sets the clock when the time switches to, and from daylight-saving time, making it easy to set all your clocks accurately and eliminating that panicked feeling of waking up two Sundays each year and not being sure what time it re-

ally is.

(For those who live in areas that do not observe daylight-saving time, the clocks have a bypass button that can be activated when the clock is initially set.)

The clocks run for up to two years on a single AA battery. Atomix clocks not only spring forward and fall back automatically for daylight-saving time, they also receive the NIST signal at least once a day to maintain accuracy. This technology has been used for years by NASA, the military and the broadcast and aviation industries, and is also now crucial for Internet service providers, cellular communications and power grid regulators.

Advances in timekeeping technology have made it more accessible to consumers, who can now have the same degree of accuracy in their timepieces as astronauts and aviators.

Although Atomix clocks are high-tech, they can fit into the decor of any room of your home. They are available in a variety of designs, including analog and digital wall clocks with wood, metal or acrylic frames, as well as desk-top clocks and wrist watches for men and women.

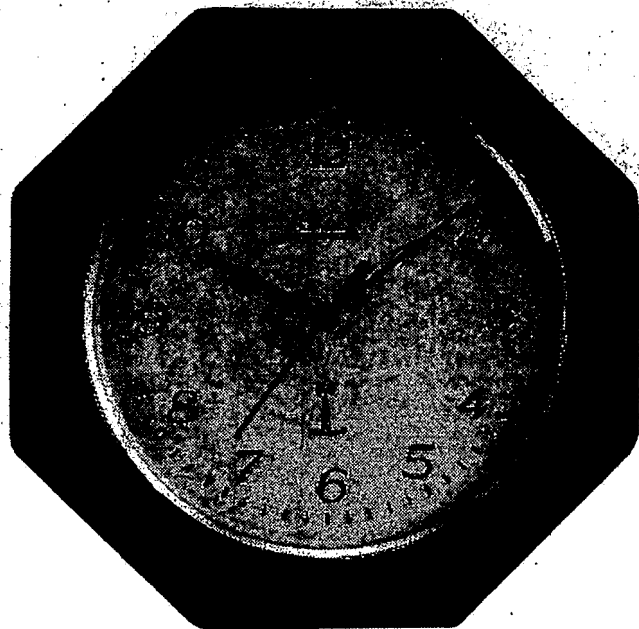
(Atomix's wrist watches will re-set to different time zones at the touch of a button, making them ideal for anyone who travels across the country.)

Whether you're setting your VCR to tape a show, picking up your child from daycare or catching a flight for an important meeting, you can be sure you have the correct time on your clocks.

Atomix clocks are available at more than 2,500 retail, online and direct mail outlets. Suggested retail prices start at about \$30.

For more information about the Atomix line of clocks, visit [www.atomixtime.com](http://www.atomixtime.com). To learn more about the United States official atomic clock, visit [www.nist.gov](http://www.nist.gov).

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Atomix clocks fall-back and spring-forward automatically.

## Red Cross kicks off fire prevention month with 'hot' safety tips

October is Fire Prevention month, and the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross offers these fire safety tips to help you prepare for, prevent, and respond to a fire in your home:

- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.

- If people sleep with doors closed, install additional smoke alarms inside sleeping areas.

- Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year.

- Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly.

- Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every ten years.

- Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department on how to use them.

- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.

- Plan Your Escape Routes

- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home

- Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them and store them near the window.

- Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year. Escape Safely Once you are out, stay out!

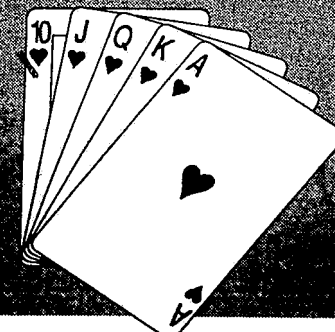
- Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.

- If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit

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A wintergarden, also commonly known as a sunroom, is a glass-enclosed room that creates a sunny haven in which to relax and revitalize. A sunroom offers homeowners a chance to reap the benefits of natural sunlight when cooler temperatures keep them indoors for extended periods of time or when heading south for the winter isn't a viable option.

A lack of natural sunlight can sometimes cause the winter blues, leaving some individuals fatigued and depressed. Their increased need for sleep may often lead to a feeling of hibernation. Scientific studies have shown that natural sunlight can actually improve our mood, our health and boost our energy level 24 percent more than artificial light, according to Men's Health and Current Health magazines.

Designed with insulated glass and optional glass roofs, wintergardens provide a comfortable retreat that can be enjoyed year round, according to Patio Enclosures, Inc., the nation's largest manufacturer and installer of sunrooms. In addition to soaking up natural sunlight, homeowners are discovering the many ways these light-filled rooms can provide an invigorating and energizing experience for the whole family.

As a large, open family room, the sun-

light and tranquil environment attract the entire family and enhance the valuable leisure time they spend together.

Children, who seem to be naturally attracted to sunlight, enjoy using a wintergarden as a play area to escape the harsh effects of cold, wind, rain and snow.

Wintergardens also are used as enclosures for hot tubs, creating a romantic getaway for wintertime star gazing, or as a place for plants and gardens to thrive. Surrounded by soft, casual furniture and sunlight, blooming flowers help create a warm, springtime feeling even in the dead of winter.

Many homeowners create their wintergardens by enclosing an existing porch, an open carport or a patio overhang. Others add one to an outside wall of their home, often constructing an enclosure with an insulated foam roof or an all-glass solarium on an existing deck or concrete pad.



Get ready for the wintertime blues by planning your inside garden now.

However, wintergardens are designed or used, they offer homeowners a chance to relax and revive in natural sunlight while cruel winter weather stays outdoors.

For more information on how to design your own wintergarden, call (800) 480-1966 or visit Patio Enclosure's Web

site at [www.patioenclosuresinc.com](http://www.patioenclosuresinc.com). Write Patio Enclosures, Inc., Free Homeowners Guide to Sunrooms, P.O. Box 186, Macedonia, OH 44056.

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Hikers, golfers and campers (through the end of October) are welcome at the 11 Oakland County Parks and Golf Courses. They can visit the new exhibits at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks Parks.

Pet owners can have some fun with their favorite off-leash animal at the Orion Oaks Bark Park.

Here's what's going on . . .

### CAMPING

**Addison Oaks** is open through October 20 with Halloween activities on October 20. Call 693-2432.

**Groveland Oaks** camping ends September 23. Cabins, modern and group sites. Advanced reservations accepted for cabins.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

October 27

**Free Wood Chip Days**, Orion Oaks, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Clarkston Road parking lot between Joslyn and Baldwin roads. Unlimited quantities; residents must bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. call 858-0906.

October 7

**Fall Color Car Classic**, Independence Oaks, noon-4 p.m. (rain or shine). Judging and trophies in various categories, pre-1920 to present. Entertainment, pumpkin decorating, tricycle races, Oakland County Parks Puppet Show,

Orbotron, Bumpa Bounce, boat rentals and more. 625-0877

October 6

**Bark in the Park** at Orion Oaks Bark Park, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Information Fair and activities for dogs and their owners. Tour the displays and enjoy the Bark Park. Dogs must be on a 6-foot leash when not in the fenced compound. Co-sponsored by Orion Township Parks. 858-0906 or 391-0304, ext. 143.

October 14

**Hidden Forest Trail Run and Walk**, Independence Oaks, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Choose from 2.5-mile run OR walk; 5.5 mile run or 8.5 mile run. 625-0877

October 20

**Campers Boo Bash** and last night of camping at Addison Oaks. Campers enjoy afternoon and evening activities, including gourd decorating, ghoulish games and a costume parade; also campsite decorating contest, hayrides, Bumpa Bounce and DJ dance. 693-2432.

October 24

**Halloween Hop**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Springfield Oaks Activity Center. For individuals with mental impairments (with or without physical disabilities). Dinner, music, dancing and Trick-or-Treat Street. Dress in favorite costume.

October 27

**Halloween Spooktacular**, 7-9:30 p.m. Get in the Halloween spirit during this spooktacular evening of family fun. Magician Gordon Russ will entertain with

his Spooky Monster Magic Show on stage at the amphitheater. Meet live creepy critters and collect treats from friendly costumed characters along the Trick-or-Treat trail (bring a treat bag). Costumes encouraged. Be prepared for a half-mile hike. \$4/person. Pay in advance to register.

### NATURE

**Wint Nature Center** at Independence Oaks. (Pre-registration required, call 625-6473.)

**Tuning Your Tot Into Fall** Oct. 9-10-11:45 a.m. OR 1-2:45 p.m. OR Oct. 10, 1-2:45 p.m. OR Oct. 13, 1:30-3:15 p.m.

Tots, 3-6 years old, along with an adult friend are invited to explore nature through stories, songs, a hike and hands-on activities. NOTE: To ensure a special time for you and your tot, please make other arrangements for siblings. \$3/tot.

October 14

**Autumn Magic Festival**, 1:30-4 p.m. This afternoon of family fun includes games, crafts, cider, doughnuts, hayrides and a special amphitheater show with Rosco the Clown. \$3/person Pay in advance to register.

October 21

**Armchair Birding-Great Lakes Birds**, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Enjoy birding through the extraordinary slides of nature photographer Jim Simek. Explore the beautiful birds you can see in the woodlands, countryside and area backyards.

Suitable for school age children and adults. \$1/person.

November 3

**Junior Naturalist Birds Of Prey-Mini-Class**, 10 a.m.- noon. Children ages 9-13 will explore the amazing lives of hawks and owls in Michigan through various activities including examining hawk and owl pellets. \$10/youth. Pay in advance to register.

November 10

**Fall Star Party**, 8-10 p.m. Witness the winged horse, Pegasus, who dominated the fall sky along with all of the other characters of this well-known legend. Telescope viewing courtesy of the Oakland Astronomy Club, weather permitting plus a portable planetarium show and more. Suitable for school age children and adults. \$2/person.

November 17

**Eco-Explorers Dig Dinos-Mini Class**, 10 a.m.- noon. Kids love dinosaurs. Explore some of the common dinosaurs through a variety of activities and learn what it takes to be a paleontologist. \$10/child. Pay in advance to register.

November 18

**Wreath Workshop-Mini Class**, 2-4 p.m. The wreath is a symbol of welcome. Make wreaths celebrating the fall and winter seasons. Suitable for ages 12 and older. \$10/person. Pay in advance to register.

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# Women taking home improvement into their own hands

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choice.

New parquet floors are installed in much the same way as tile and are much easier to work with than older-style hardwood strip flooring. Specialized kits provide everything the woman DIYer needs to install the floor herself.

**6. Upgrading Lighting Fixtures or Ceiling Fans:** Since outdated fixtures give away the age of your home, many women are upgrading their lighting.

Relatively inexpensive and easy to install, changing out existing lighting fixtures can make a world of difference to brighten up a home. Another option is to change the look of an older ceiling fan by simply changing to new blades.

**7. Adding New Window Treatments:** A tab top valance, sweeping swag or new blinds ... women can easily add some warmth and beauty to their walls with new window treatments.

Once thought of only for function,

window treatments are now a focal point in most rooms. Women are integrating their room's design elements by having the pattern of their furniture complement or even match that of the window treatments.

And, so many styles are now available to fit individual preferences - maybe a simple valance in the kitchen or a swag positioned on a brushed nickel decorative rod. Many of the new styles only require material that is simply draped over a rod for positioning - no sewing skills are even required.

**8. Turning a Bathroom Into a Suite:** Rather than live with a bathroom featuring mismatched fixtures and accessories, women are turning their bathroom into a suite with coordinated and integrated products. These suites provide a continuity of style and color throughout the entire room.

Catching on to this trend, manufacturers are now offering a full assortment

of products that allow consumers to produce this full suite look without having to go from store to store looking for just the right products.

These quick changes allow any woman to create a whole different look in the bath by easily changing from traditional chrome to the elegant look of polished brass, or even to a more contemporary brushed nickel or matte black look.

**9. Improving the Home's Exterior:** Aside from gardening and landscaping, there are some other items that a woman can do to the exterior of her home to make the most out of it.

Changing the color of the shutters is something that is very affordable and doesn't take much effort - just some paint. Women may even want to paint the front door to match the color of the shutters, add a decorative kick plate or perhaps change out the doorbell.

**10. Refinishing Kitchen Cabinets:** Many women might not be able to completely replace their kitchen cabinetry - but refinishing is definitely a job most women can accomplish.

With refinishing, cabinets can be sanded, stained or re-painted. It is amazing what this simple facelift will do for the look of a kitchen - a dark kitchen can suddenly see the light of day with white paint or a light oak stain on the cabinets.

Even changing out the handle hardware is an inexpensive way to create a new look.

So the next time you are looking for a gift for that important woman in your life ... maybe she'd like a hammer, some nails, a paintbrush or a faucet ... these are the gifts today's woman homeowner can truly use (Uh, but you might want to check with her first!)

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## Safety first

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through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit. If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second way out.

If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a bright-colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where

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# "I Ate A Pound Of Candy A Day!"

## Debi Stewart Reveals How She Conquered Her Sugar Cravings and Shed 30 Lbs.!

*Hi! My name is Debi Stewart. I am an Office Manager. I was once a candy-holic. I would eat a pound of candy a day! I was out of control. Then I discovered an amazing weight loss secret that ended my sugar cravings. I melted off 30 pounds effortlessly! Next, I found myself on the Sally Jesse Raphael Show telling my amazing story. I was astounded! What follows is my true and utterly remarkable story...*



"After years of buying candy, I suddenly stopped."  
Debi Stewart

For 17 years my weight hovered near 150 lbs. I couldn't lose an ounce. Then, in one short year, I gained 15 pounds. That upward climb was a real eye-opener!

I had tried everything to lose my weight. I took off 20 lbs. once on an all protein diet. Two weeks later, I was 30 lbs. heavier! Nothing worked.

### "Out of Control"

My sugar cravings were out of control. I was spending as much as \$10.00 a day on candy. I rarely ate regular meals; a bag of licorice would suffice for breakfast or lunch. I binged on candy morning and night. Then I would exercise for 3 or 4 hours a day to compensate for the sugar. It was crazy!

One day I heard a friend talking about losing weight with hypnosis. It got me curious. I asked if he thought hypnosis could end my sugar addiction. He said he had met some people who had amazing results. I was skeptical. Sheer desperation made me give hypnosis a try.

I was astonished with

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my results! Hypnosis instantly ended my sugar addiction. It was amazingly effortless. I didn't even think about it. After years of buying candy I suddenly stopped.

### Sugar Cravings Vanish Instantly!

Hypnosis eliminated my sugar cravings and candy binges. I now have an appreciation for healthy food. I can taste the flavor and enjoy the texture of everything I eat. Sugar does not even interest my mind. I now have strange cravings for fresh fruits and vegetables. I don't even think about food between meals.

Hypnosis also eliminated those grueling exercise routines. I exercise like a normal person, 2-3 times per week, instead of 2-3 hours per day. It gives me more time for myself. I have a sense of well-being. I no longer stress out over little things. That's why I don't think I will ever go back to my old habits. I'm convinced that my success is for life.

When my father was diagnosed with diabetes, it frightened me. I knew sugar was bad for me. I simply couldn't give it up. Now that hypnosis has extinguished my sugar cravings, all that fear is gone. Without sugar, I have more energy. My memory improved dramatically. My complexion is clear and my skin feels supple. I am just sorry that it took so long for me to find hypnosis.

### Sleek & Sexy

One sunny afternoon while vacationing in Aruba, my husband commented on how sexy I looked in my bathing suit. "When is the last time you ate candy?" he asked.

"You know what?" I said, "I can't remember!"

After I returned home, I stepped on the scale and was flabbergasted! I was back to my high school weight—a feather-light 125 lbs.! I was amazed! Especially after spending the last 17 years exercising obsessively and never getting anywhere. I had all but given up. Yet with hypnosis I had melted off 30 lbs. without even realizing it!

### My Sally Jesse Story

I was the most skeptical person in the world. Hypnosis seemed hokey to me. Now that I have experienced such amazing results for myself, I am a true believer. Hypnosis works!

I was thrilled when Sally Jesse Raphael invited me on her show to tell my hypnotic story. My family was floored! They always knew me as the one who ate candy and junk.

I will always be grateful that I discovered hypnosis—and that's why I felt honored that Sally chose me to talk about hypnosis on national television. I feel like a winner and you can, too.

### You Can Win, Too!

My hypnosis program was the smartest investment of my life! In fact, it was unexpectedly affordable. Plus, I'm saving at

As Seen On  
Sally Jesse Raphael!

least \$10.00 a day by not buying candy! What a bonus!

I recommend Positive Changes Hypnosis to anyone who wants to lose weight. If you're ready to take back control in your life, hypnosis is the only way to go.

Take my advice. Call and schedule your free hypnotic screening and

demonstration. It takes only 20 minutes and it's fun.

Then do what I did. Enroll in their weight loss program and uncover the real you hiding beneath all those unwanted pounds. Don't hesitate. Don't even think about it. Call NOW Then you will have your own remarkable success story to tell!

### I Stopped Smoking in 1 Session!

I left a pack of cigarettes in my truck and went into Positive Changes Hypnosis. When I came out, I threw my cigarettes away. I haven't smoked since.

I was smoking 3 to 4 packs of cigarettes a day. A friend of mine, who was a client of Positive Changes Hypnosis, recommended I call and schedule my appointment. Hypnosis made it very easy to stop. I tried the patch. I tried smoking cessation classes. I tried quitting cold turkey and even timing myself between cigarettes. Nothing worked for me. Yet my success using hypnosis was fast, easy and effortless.

I noticed a change in

my behavior immediately I no longer needed or wanted a cigarette. Hypnosis totally eliminated my cravings. I know that I will never go back to smoking.

My health has improved. I am more energetic. I get twice as much done in a day. No more brown fingers and yellow teeth for me!

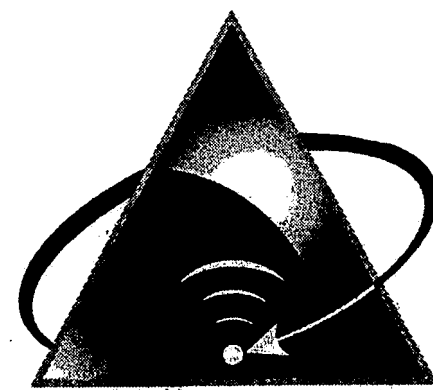
I would tell anyone who is thinking of coming to Positive Changes, don't wait. I feel great about myself and I give Positive Changes Hypnosis 100% of the credit. I've also met other clients going through the program who have had the same great success as I have. Ben Banks, Performance Machinist

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