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## Springfield approves \$2.3 million budget

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township will work with just a shade under \$2.4 million.

The township board, at its Sept. 12 meeting, approved a general fund budget of an estimated \$2.368 million next calendar year.

The township projects an estimated \$554,800 in taxes and \$628,225 in other local revenues next year. Other major sources of revenue are state shared revenue (\$900,000) and other units of government (state grant, county infrastructure program and CDA reimbursement, \$218,700).

Other revenues which will be received by the township next year are \$15,000 in estimated ordinance fines and \$50,000 in contributions from the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy.

Springfield's 2003 expenses include the salaries for the members of the township board: Supervisor Collin Walls (\$57,500), Clerk Nancy Strole (\$51,300), Treasurer Lois Stiles (\$51,300) and Trustees Dean Baker, Margaret Bloom, Dave Hopper and Dennis Vallad (\$13,500 total, or \$3,375 apiece).

The individual breakdowns of general fund expenses are: Trustees, \$16,350; Supervisor, \$82,850; Elections, \$3,900; Assessing, \$204,100; Clerk, \$198,800; Board of Review, \$2,350; Treasurer, \$167,050; Building and Grounds, \$4,500; Cemetery, \$9,100; General Services, \$207,500; Office Clerical, \$55,050; Planning Commission, \$55,050; Planning Coordinator, \$31,200; Zoning Board of Appeals, \$5,650; Consultants, \$125,000; Department of Public Works, \$502,000; Parks & Recreation, \$350,000; Fund Reserves, \$20,000; Shiawassee Basin, \$43,000; Capitol Outlay, \$304,000.

These are just budgeted figures with final decision coming sometime in December.

The board also approved the following department budgets for 2003:

■ **Police:** Revenues — \$1.062 million; Expenses — \$1.035 million; Surplus — \$27,000.

■ **Fire:** Revenues — \$698,000; Expenses — \$681,450; Surplus — \$16,550.

■ **Cable:** Revenues — \$21,000; Expenses — \$21,000.

■ **Building Department:** Revenues — \$334,000; Expenses — \$330,600; Surplus — \$3,400.

■ **Civic Center Debt Fund:** Revenues — \$339,500; Expenses — \$338,800; Surplus — \$700.

■ **Civic Center Fund:** Revenues — \$470,000; Expenses — \$154,800; Surplus — \$315,200.

■ **Bridge Lake Road:** Revenues — \$50,000; Expenses — \$50,000.

Of these budgets, the fire department budget was the only one debated at length. Randy Harless, a paid on-call firefighter for the township, asked the board to consider adding another full-time position within the fire department to serve during the daytime. Currently, the department has part-time personnel serving in that capacity, according to Clerk Nancy Strole.

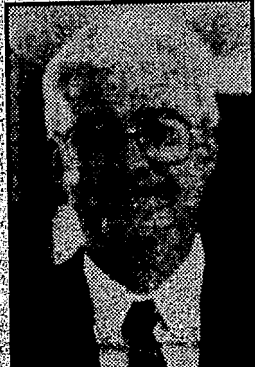
In response to Harless' request, Strole stated there will be plenty of time for the board to consider hiring another full-time firefighter, but in the meantime, the board needed to concentrate on the fire budget.

"We have between now and December," she said. "I think we're open to considering (adding another full-time firefighter), but we need more information."

In addition, the township board also set the millage rates for 2003. They are: General Fund — 1.0283 mills; Fire — 0.9219; Police — 1.7734; Bond Repayment — 0.667.



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Vallad

## Thank you



A thank-you—At a special Sept. 11 remembrance service, Independence Township Fire Department Chief Steve Ronk accepted a plaque from Pastor Bob Galey of Oakland Woods Baptist Church in Clarkston in appreciation of the work the members of the Fire Department do on a daily basis. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

## MEAP scores show Clarkston students doing 'really well'

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Results for the Winter 2002 elementary and middle school Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) math and science tests were released Sept. 5 by the Michigan Department of Treasury, and Clarkston ranked high across the board.

"We did very well," Clarkston Community Schools Director of Curriculum Geri Moore said. "We were consistently above state and county averages at all the elementary schools."

The tests were evaluated by new performance standards, set during the summer months, for each subject area and grade level. Performance standards are based on new cut scores established and approved by groups of Michigan educators and community members. The new elementary and middle school math and science tests now report results across four levels of student performance including Level 1—Exceeded Michigan standards; Level 2—Met Michigan standards; Level 3—At basic level; and Level 4—Apprentice.

These replace the three performance categories for the science test (Proficient, Novice, and Not Yet Novice) and the math test (Satisfactory,

Moderate, and Low).

Moore feels the change is a step in the right direction, and mirrors how other states have been ranking their tests for some time. "It's more understandable for parents. I mean, what does 'proficient' really mean?"

Reading and writing are the only subjects yet to be changed to this style of ranking, and are scored still by proficient or satisfactory levels, she noted.

While direct comparison between the scores released cannot be made with previous test scores, the new tests provide a baseline data for score comparisons in math and science in coming years.

"We'll keep making sure our curriculum is aligned with state benchmarks and meets the needs of all students so they get better and better."

Moore gives credit to the four-year-old Teaching and Learning Counsel (TLC), a group made up of administrators, teachers and parents, for their work in evaluating the district's curriculum, strengths and weaknesses, and areas of improvement.

"MEAPs are one tool to say how we are doing. And if you look at that, we are doing really well."

## Military Photos

Any military photos sent to The Clarkston News for the special Sept. 11 pages can now be picked up at The Clarkston News offices Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The offices are located at 5 South Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

# Briefly

## Chamber sets membership record

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce announced at the September Board of Directors meeting that a new record has been set for membership.

"Our membership cycle is Oct. 1 through Sept. 30," Chamber executive director Penny Shanks said. "At the close of last year's cycle we had 441 members. At the September board meeting we accepted 17 new members who joined in August, bringing our new total to 455."

The Chamber's membership numbers may continue to grow through Sept. 30.

"At that time we start the count over, beginning with our renewals and then adding our new members each month," Shanks said.

The chamber's growth has been steady during the past six years, averaging an increase of 12.5 percent each year.

The Chamber also announced the addition of two new staff members.

Geri Batt, former executive director for the SCAMP funding corporation, began work Sept. 3. Working part-time, Geri will concentrate on developing chamber membership through communication, personal visits, recruiting and retention efforts.

The chamber is also joined by Irma Zvekan, who is also an officer with the ABWA Tipacon Chapter. Irma replaces Terri Bendes, who left the chamber in August.

## United Way elects new board members

The United Way of Oakland County has recently announced new Board Officers and Directors.

Among those elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term included Douglas Williams of Clarkston. Williams is also the deputy county executive of Oakland County.

Board members are responsible for the management of United Way of Oakland County and establishing general policies.

## Kaleidoscope auction set for Sept. 21

Kaleidoscope Foundation will be holding their first auction on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. The auction will be held at the rear of the Kaleidoscope Foundation temporary office at 661 Broadway in Davisburg.

Kaleidoscope Foundation continues to raise funds for their new building fund. Some of the projects this year have been the selling of their "Mormor" quilt tickets and their new cookbook, having a style show, garage sales and dinners.

## Correction

On page 3A of the Sept. 11 edition of The Clarkston News, Kim Huttenlocher of the Clarkston Community Historical Society was quoted as saying, "We continue to host the Chamber of Commerce festival and hold programs for the public." The article should have stated, "We continue to host the Crafts & Cider Festival and hold programs for the public."

The Clarkston News regrets this error.

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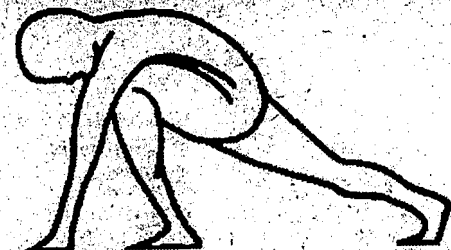
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# The Second Front

## Eldest and only original resident of Pine Tree Place celebrates milestone birthday

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Family close to her say her life has been simple. But given the fact she has witnessed both World Wars, survived the Depression, saw the U.S. put a man on the moon, and observed firsthand a broad range of other extraordinary events in the nation, her life sounds rather amazing.

Now Mary Vaillancourt will celebrate quite a milestone: her 100th birthday.

The eldest resident at Pine Tree Place assisted living in Clarkston, Mary was the guest of honor at a celebration for National Assisted Living Week on Grandparent's Day, Sept. 8.

"She is the only original resident," Crystal Carrier, director of operations, said. (Pine Tree Place opened February 1999.) "You're in charge of this place, aren't you?" she joked with Mary, who now suffers from dementia and is losing her eyesight and hearing.

How does Mary account for such longevity?

"Good clean living," Phyllis Vaillancourt said of her mother-in-law. "She never smoked, never drank, and always watched what she ate. She was always in good health. She was a staunch Catholic for years, and went to church all the time until she couldn't."

Longevity seems to run in the family too. Her sisters passed away at 98 and 92, and her parents passed on at around age 90 as well.

Born September 30, 1902 in Detroit, Mary was married for 58 years to Leo Vaillancourt Sr. before his death in 1984.

"She took care of her family. She was a devoted mother and wife," said Phyllis, who with husband Leo Jr. have lived in the City of the Village of Clark-

ston for nearly 30 years. They took care of Mary in their home for 15 years before she moved to Pine Tree Place.

Mary has two other sons, Robert and Richard, 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

"She always enjoyed doing things with the family," Leo said. "She really lived a simple, normal life."

Mary and her husband resided in the same house on the Clinton River in Pontiac for 50 years. She worked for a short time at the YWCA in Pontiac.

She loved to dance, cook, and play cards. Together, Mary and Leo loved spending time up north and had two or three homes there over the years. They'd often spend winters in Florida.

Phyllis said Mary has always been a "very gracious" person. But Leo admits, she had a stubborn streak, which he blames on her German-Dutch heritage. "Dad always said she could argue with the devil and win," he laughed.

Mary didn't like to leave home often, but always entertained visitors in the home. Interestingly, she never learned how to drive.

Phyllis said she once asked Mary if she regretted never learning how to drive. She replied, "No, Dad never wanted me to. He wanted me to stay home and watch the boys."

At times, it wasn't easy living without transportation, though.

"When I was six I got hit by a car," Leo said, who reminisced his mother used to walk to the hospital where he was staying, which was quite a distance from home, in the winter to spend time with him during the day. "Then she'd walk back to be there when my dad got home from work and cook him dinner."

"You couldn't ask for a better mother," he said.



Happy Birthday—One hundred-year-old Mary Vaillancourt, the oldest and only original resident of Pine Tree Place assisted living in Clarkston, poses with son Leo Jr. and daughter-in-law Phyllis Vaillancourt. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

## Davisburg resident earns Mrs. Michigan title

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

A mother of three from Davisburg recently received the thrill of a lifetime. Lisa Reicheld was named Mrs. Michigan - American, 2002 at the Mrs. Michigan Pageant in Southgate.

"It was a nice experience," Reicheld said. "Everyone there was so nice. Each one had gifts and everyone could have represented Michigan."

However, Reicheld was chosen to represent the state. All contestants participated in an interview, on-stage questioning, evening gown and swimsuit competition. The event was televised on PAX TV.

The Mrs. America Pageant System "celebrates one of America's greatest assets: the married woman." The emphasis is placed on inner beauty, strength of character and personality.

Reicheld will represent the state of Michigan at the Mrs. America Pageant in Oahu, Hawaii. The event will take place on Sept. 20 and will be broadcast on PAX TV Oct. 13 and 20.

Reicheld was excited about winning the pageant.

"It was great to win since this celebrated married women," Reicheld said. "I went through this knowing it was very subjective but I also felt I had as good a chance as anyone. I have never been to Hawaii so this should be fun."

One of the main reasons Reicheld decided to be a part of the pageant was to use it as a platform. One of her goals is to implement a homework network for elementary school students. Recognizing the desire for quality time experienced by single parents and working families, this network is designed to utilize time students spend at after school latch-key

programs.

Reicheld has already begun collecting information from people with an education background.

"I want to cover all the bases. I want to find out what people need most from a program like this and how to make it work," Reicheld said. "This is why I got involved in the pageant so I could bring attention to this idea."

Mrs. Michigan noticed there was a big need for a program like this.

"For quite a few years I was a single mom myself and it is hard. However this is not just for single parents, many families now have both parents working. I don't like the idea of children coming home to a empty house," Reicheld said.

Reicheld is one of few state queens to also win the Crest sponsored Best Smile Award. She won a trip anywhere

in the United States for that award and is planning a trip to Alaska.

Reicheld moved from the Port Huron area to Davisburg approximately three years ago. She has a husband, Bill, and three children Jake, 11, Shane, 9 and Alexa, 7.

"I have been amazed by the sense of community I have discovered from this," Reicheld said. "The community businesses have sponsored the program and have been great. I now have a full scope of the community."

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# East Washington residents say they'll work around construction

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Construction on Phase I of Clarkston's water system caused many a headache for area residents last year.

While the same is possible for Phase II, residents of East Washington, where construction is slated to begin Monday, Sept. 23, are willing to deal with that situation in order to reap the benefits.

According to City Manager Art Pappas, the road situation shouldn't be too much of an issue, at least in the early going.

"They (East Washington residents) shouldn't have too many concerns because they're not going to do anything to the road," he said. "There shouldn't

be too much of a problem."

Pappas stated he's not sure about the level of road construction that will take place at East Washington, but doesn't foresee any type of road work that would force a major inconvenience upon street residents.

"How much they're going to do, I don't know," he said. "At worst, they'll have to go park across the street (at the municipal parking lot)."

That's a chance a couple of street residents are more than willing to take.

East Washington resident and former village president Carol Eberhardt believes the project will be beneficial to the community.

"This is very long overdue and will increase property values," she said. "I'm

happy they're doing it. Insurance rates will go down."

Even the thought of having to park in another section of town doesn't deter Eberhardt.

"I've thought about it, but I haven't got any sense as far as how bad it will be," she said. "I'm hoping I don't have to park across the street at the village parking lot."

City Councilman Dan Colombo, also a resident of East Washington, isn't sure yet what the construction schedule looks like.

"At this point, the contractor will decide how he will do it," he said. "It's kind of up to him. They don't have a clear plan at this point."

Still, he believes it will be a minor

inconvenience when all is said and done. "We may have to park on Buffalo or Church Street, or park in the main parking lot," Colombo said. "They're supposed to have it wrapped up by Oct. 15. That's not too much of a hardship."

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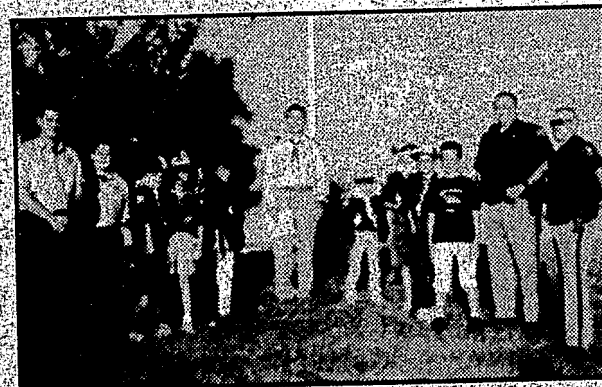
## Honoring 'local heroes'

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Members of the third grade Bear Den of Clarkston's Cub Scout Pack #126 including Matt Wright, Kane Lewelling, Nathan Kuch, Spencer Kent, Jeremy Frankovich, Alex Barta, Chad Frost, Kevin Stiles, Michael Gieske, Sean Cané and Matthew Fox planted a white spruce, donated by Bordine's Nursery, at the Independence Township fire station on Citation Drive to recognize and honor the victims of Sept. 11 and to honor "local heroes"--the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Independence Township Fire Department.

During the ceremony, led by Cubmaster Scott Gieske, Deputy Keith Christie, Sergeant Matt Baldes and firefighters Tom Doyon and Derek Moscovic accepted certificates of appreciation on behalf of their respective departments. Clarkston High School trumpeter Emily Pierce played TAPS and Cub Scout leader, Larry Wright, read a tribute to the firefighters and officers.

Pack #126 was one of approximately 40 Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops from the Clinton Valley Council Boy Scouts of America planting trees in observance of Sept. 11.



Sept. 11 honors--The third grade Bear Den of Clarkston's Cub Scout Pack #126, led by Scott Gieske, planted a white spruce in honor of the Sept. 11 victims and to recognize the local heroes of the sheriff and fire departments. Representing their departments were Deputy Keith Christie, Sergeant Matt Baldes and firefighters Tom Doyon and Derek Moscovic. Photos provided by Gale Gieske.

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# Springfield denies pay increase

**BY JEFF PATRUS**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer  
Springfield Township Treasurer Lois Stiles believes Deputy Treasurer Jamie Dubre should receive a raise immediately.

However, she was outnumbered by her fellow township board members, who voted 6-1 to deny Dubre a raise at their Sept. 12 meeting.

Stiles requested Dubre be given an increase from \$28,400 to \$29,500. She has served as deputy treasurer since Jan. 1.

"This person brings a background and experience that I haven't seen before," she said. "She has a great deal of knowledge and ability. She's nowhere near the salary she should be earning."

Several township board members believed giving Dubre a raise before the standard review period is up would be unfair to the township's other employees.

Clerk Nancy Strole thought approving the move would send the wrong message to the township's other employees.

"My concern is that we have a system set up here," she said. "She's actually been on the job less than a year as deputy treasurer. I'm concerned about all the other employees that work here. I'm worried it will upset the apple cart."

Trustee Dennis Vallad stated since Dubre has already received a pay raise since taking over as deputy treasurer, she should wait until the standard pay review before receiving a pay raise.

# Charges added for driver that hit girl

**BY JENNIFER NEMER**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two new charges were filed against Orion Township resident Jose Carcamo, 25, who struck Clarkston resident Tricia Ann Taylor, 17, with his vehicle, causing her to lose both of her legs.

Carcamo, who was arrested at the scene of the accident Aug. 31, is now being charged with two additional counts of felonious driving, with a maximum of two years in prison for each count. He was already charged with two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, causing serious injury, both 15-year felonies.

Judge Christopher Brown of the 50th District Court in Pontiac lowered Carcamo's bond, Sept. 12 at a scheduled preliminary exam, from \$10 million

to \$500,000. The actual exam, however, was delayed to Oct. 15 at 9 a.m.

Taylor and her friend, 20-year-old Noah Menard, of Pontiac, were attending the Arts, Beats & Eats festival in downtown Pontiac when at 2:15 a.m., while walking along the sidewalk of Huron near Mill Street they were both struck by Carcamo's vehicle, which jumped the curb.

Taylor was pinned against the Ameritech Building, and later had to have both legs amputated. Menard suffered a fractured skull among other injuries.

As of Monday afternoon, Taylor, who was transferred from Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, was in good condition.

# Donate produce to help the needy



**Providing produce**—Clarkston resident Bob McGowan, owner of Bittersweet Farm, is urging fellow farmers and gardeners to drop off their extra produce at his residence to be donated to the Food Bank of Oakland County. Drop off items at the end of the Bittersweet Farm driveway at 8551 Allen Road, near the corner of Hubbard. Questions? Call McGowan at 620-0111. This is the 10th year McGowan has donated his extra crops to the Food Bank. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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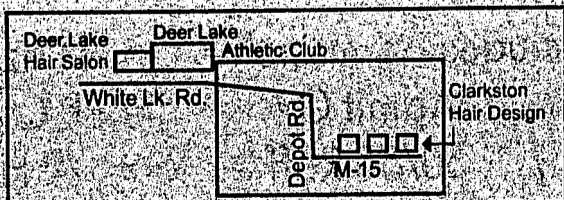
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# Opinion

## Residents get involved

At a time when political apathy has gripped many in our nation, a group of Independence Township residents should be saluted.

I speak of the Concerned Citizens for Independence Township. This group is attempting to block a proposed 132-unit condominium unit on the northeast corner of Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. The group is concerned about the effect the construction will have on wetlands in the area and also the traffic problem it will produce on Maybee Road.

The group has appeared before both the Independence Township Board and the Independence Township Planning Commission. In addition, they meet on a regular basis to brainstorm ideas, have met with County Commissioner Tom Middleton and have also written letters to the editor to this very newspaper.

It must be stated that at least a portion of their reasoning is self-serving. I am sure they care a great deal about nature and the look of Independence Township, but I think the immediate effect it would have on their home's value is also an important aspect. I doubt they would be working so hard if this proposal was aimed at the opposite end of the township.

However, that is to be expected and it takes nothing away from the effort they are putting forth to further their view on the topic.

A lot of individuals complain about government at the local, state and national level. A few even get motivated and attend a meeting, place a phone call or write a letter to make sure their voices are heard.

However most of those individuals stop as soon as they hear the first answer. It is rare when a group of individuals persevere after running into some obstacles and that is exactly what the members of CCIT are doing.

I am not sure how this situation can be resolved so all involved are happy. I feel for the residents who live in the neighborhoods around the proposed construction because nobody wants their neighborhood to be effected negatively. However, you also can't prevent businessmen to build on their land if they are legally allowed to do it.

Independence Township can not be expected to foot the bill since budgets are already stretched due to the economy. Receiving grants to turn it into a park seems like a decent idea but what is the timetable to get that done. Also, why should the developers cut their profits if they are not legally obligated to so?

Despite the steep hill the group needs to climb, their work must be respected. Coordinator Marian Emory and her fellow members should be proud of the effort they are putting forth. Hopefully through conversations and negotiations a plan everybody can live with will be reached. In order for that to happen not only do the builders, township board and planning commission need to keep open minds, but so do the members of CCIT.

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## Letters to the Editor

### CCIT thanks Middleton and COG

As a member of the Concerned Citizens for Independence Township, I thank County Commissioner Tom Middleton for the personal leadership he demonstrated by calling for a meeting on Sept. 12 of representatives from parties involved in the dispute over the use of the 25-acre parcel, formerly known as the "Ritter" property, located at the northeast corner of Dixie Highway and Maybee Road near the Village of Clarkston in Independence Township.

Berit LLC, a Clarkston based developer, has final site plan pending before the Independence Township Planning Commission to construct a 132 rental/condo unit development on the site. The development is named "Trillium Village." CCIT is a group of Independence Township citizens fighting to retain the property, which contains 2.6 acres of protected wetlands and a 1.9 acre wetland pond, as a natural woodland or develop it as a walking park for use by all township citizens.

During meetings of the Independence Township Board and the Township Planning Commission, members of CCIT cited numerous safety and environmental problems as reasons why the township board and its planning commission should turn down the Berit LLC site plan for the proposed rental/condo "Trillium" development.

At the Aug. 20 board meeting, attended by 60 concerned citizens, CCIT coordinator Marion Emery presented a 1,300 signature petition which called for the board to acquire the property for use as a natural area or as a walking park for area citizens. Emery's presentation was vigorously supported during nearly 3-hours of testimony by citizens who presented detailed documentation why the "Trillium Village" project should have its site plan permanently denied.

When presentations from CCIT members ended, Township Clerk Joan McCrary thanked the presenters for their interest and input to the board. The other board

members remained silent. It took a pointed question from CCIT member Tom Bullen to draw a response from Supervisor Dale Stuart. All others on the board maintained their posture of silence.

During the weeks following its Aug. 20 meeting, the board still has done nothing in response to the petition or concerns about the development addressed by CCIT members, neighbors and interested township citizens.

In the absence of any initiative from the township board or its individual members to help resolve the dispute, CCIT asked County Commissioner Middleton to call a meeting of representatives of the township board, the developers and CCIT to see if any common ground could be found to resolve the dispute over usage for the site. CCIT agreed to send representatives to the Sept. 12 meeting proposed by Middleton and it suggested the planning commission also have representation.

In a separate action signaling its widening influence, the CCIT, by unanimous vote, broadened its already large grass-roots base by affiliating with Citizens for Orderly Growth (COG). COG pledged to support CCIT efforts to have Independence Township acquire the 25-acre parcel as proposed in the CCIT petition which, incidentally, now has more than 1,800 signatures. COG representatives also attended the Sept. 12 meeting called by Middleton.

COG, an established Independence Township citizens group, was instrumental several years ago in stopping the construction of a large truck transfer depot proposed for development near the Pine Knob Elementary School on Sashabaw Road. The Holiday Inn originally proposed for construction near the intersection of I-75 and M-15, received attention by COG and is not moving forward at this time.

Thank you to Tom Middleton and thank you COG.  
Charles Neumann  
Clarkston

### Resident believes proposals should be passed

There has not been a lot of publicity on proposals for a new Independence Township Hall, a new senior center and attached community center and improvements to Clintonwood Park.

Therefore, I submit that the public may very well be unaware of the drastic needs the community has for these improvements. The township board was wrong in not including the entire package on the Aug. 6 ballot. But they are not wrong in putting the entire package on the November ballot. It is best to admit your mistake and go forward and that is exactly what the board is doing.

A new township hall and senior center are very much needed. Anyone that has availed themselves of these facilities will agree. The community center and park improvements are also needed but not to the de-

gree of the township hall and senior center.

Putting the entire package on the ballot just makes a lot of sense. There is something here for everyone. From our young people to our seniors, we can all benefit from passing this proposal. I can't think of too many proposals that have come before the voters that will have such a visible and useful impact on the residence of Independence Township.

This proposal is one of them. It is my hope that in the weeks prior the November election that the voters of Independence Township will keep an open mind and seek out information that will help them better understand the needs of the township and become an informed voter.

Bob Brown  
Clarkston

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Faded Ink

# 10 number dialing a pain in the digits

It's been well over a week since the phone gods brought down their reign of terror over us mortals. We, of flesh and blood and bone, who have had the unfortunate destiny to live in or work in an area with "248" as an area code, have been unjustly doomed to an eternity of (at least) ten digit dialing.

And, I'm here to testify, it's been telephone hell here on earth. For the most part my ten-digit dialing has been an exercise in the 17-digit plan. This plan is, I am sure, used by many readers. Here's how it works for me: I dial the phone number to next door as it is 'sposed to (and used to) be. I hear the funny tones from the operator. I cuss, then dial the new and "improved" ten-digit number. I hate to re-dial, but my brain isn't catching on to the new rules.

And, it's really bumming me out. I have been a hard-line telephone number guy. I refuse to use speed dialing. I like the idea of remembering a phone number and dialing it versus remembering a speed dial number. As far as I was concerned, speed dialing was only good for the dummifying down of America and turning our brains into mush. I may be forced to rethink this old theory.

Damn those cold and uncaring phone gods and the power they hold over us, pawns in their games!

Even the great warrior L. Brooks Patterson, (aka the Oakland County Big Cheese) was proven to be a mere mortal. While Patterson has the power to hold a spoon to the tip of his nose without using his hands (I have seen this with my own eyes), he didn't have the magic to go against Ma, Pa, Sister and Brother and the rest of the family Bell. He put all the might of his largess into holding off the phone gods; tried to persuade them to leave those in the world of 248 be, that there were plenty of phone numbers to go around, that we were not too prosperous and didn't deserve a godly spanking.

They smote him down, vanquished him and the rest of us to a two-way area code. Phone gods can be so cruel. Starting this year our good old 248 area

code will be blanketed with another, 947. Life used to be so simple.

Ah, for those days of 313 or even 810. It's hard to believe that in a short ten years we in the region have buzzed through three area codes.

I've tried to come up with some sort of mathematical equation/relationship between 248 and 947 and I am not coming up with anything that sounds good. 247 goes into 947, 3.81854838709 times. If you divide 947 into 248, it comes out to point twenty-six something or other. Nothing to hang a theory on there.

What the heck is it with overlaying or coexisting area codes? Who's the brainiac that came up with this concept? In case you're wondering, why, I a lowly scribe, am crying out against the phone gods, it is because I have already been banished to another phone hell dimension -- the Goodrich Zone.

Because Goodrich is served by a minor phone deity, Centurytel, anyone we call south, east and north of us is a long-distance, toll call. An 11-digit dialing nightmare. So, while the heavy weight telephone companies in Michigan, like Ameritech, are expanding their local calling areas, the smaller companies, like Centurytel, are doing nothing, because they don't have to. Centurytel, by the way is the third largest telephone company in Michigan and something like the eighth largest in the country. At any rate I can complain. What are they gonna do, take away all my push-button phones and replace them with the rotary dial ones? I don't think so.

As the area's population and prosperity grows so too will grow the need for more overlaying and co-existing area codes. In the not too distant future, folks in the 810 area code will be forced into a ten-digit deal, whether they like it or not. It is time for the American inventors out there to come to our rescue.

With current technology, satellites and computers, every American should be able to have his or her own personal phone number that follows them where ever they may go. It's time to break the shackles of area-code slavery.

We need to be freed.

It's time for a reformation.

No, it's only time to pay the phone bill.

Comments for Don can be e-mailed to [dontrushmedon@aol.com](mailto:dontrushmedon@aol.com)



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## A look back

From The Clarkston News

### 15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■By next boating season, Deer Lake area residents should have more enforcement on the lake, according to the Independence Township Board. After an Aug. 25 public hearing, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recommended more enforcement on Deer Lake, said township Supervisor Frank Ronk at the Sept. 15 board meeting.

■The storm clouds held off last weekend, and the Clarkston Community Historical Society sold 350 dozen donuts and 300 gallons of cider at its 13th Annual Crafts and Cider Festival. About 25,000-30,000 people attended, according to Historical Society President Jennifer Radcliff, and Treasurer Peggy Bruni said the society made \$6,000 more than last year.

■Fall 1988 should mark the end of the mud slides and dust clouds that plague the roads in Thendra Park Country Club subdivision. A tentative agreement has been reached between Independence Township and the Fréchettes, property owners along Algonquin Road who objected to an aspect of the road improvements, said township attorney Gerald Fisher.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■Private roads will provide the only access to 20 parcels of land west of Thendara Park Subdivision unless the Oakland County Road Commission agrees to take over the roads in the future. The Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals agreed to the private road request after developer Jack Raisin asked for access to his 180 acres recently split into three and 10 acre parcels.

■An adult foster care facility that was denied a township zoning exemption in 1976 was approved under protest Tuesday night. While board members were evenly split on the issue, the foster care facility will achieve official recognition. State law on such facilities now supersedes local zoning codes.

■If all goes well Bruce Bordine will open a new Bordine's Nursery in Springfield Township next spring. The family owned business will be similar to the present nursery in Rochester. He chose the Dixie Highway site (formerly Boucard's Greenhouse) because the Independence-Springfield area is a growing community, he said.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■When the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Campbell-Richmond Post, American Legion met last week the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Alvin Kinsey; vice-president, Mrs. Herbert Beach; secretary, Mrs. Raymond Jarvis; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Baynes; chaplain, Mrs. Elmer Collins; historian, Vivian O'Roark; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. William Goulet.

■On Monday evening the Clarkston Rotary Club had a very interesting program, and they invited their wives to join them for the evening. A very fine dinner was served at 6:30 by a committee of Rotarians. The tables were attractive with floral centerpieces donated by Louis Jaenichen. Milo J. Cross, president of the Pontiac Rotary, was the speaker of the evening.

■The following items were on special at Terry's Market in Clarkston: smoked picnics, small and lean, 39 cents/lb.; head lettuce, two for 29 cents; frozen orange juice, three cans for 49 cents; S&W coffee, 79 cents/lb.; butter, Remus, 76 cents/lb.; skinless Viennas, 47 cents/lb.; large head cauliflower, 25 cents each; No. 1 grade Michigan potatoes, 10 pounds/49 cents.

# Put some mustard on those hot dogs

When I saw the first of the season ego-exhibition by a pro football player a 1975 song came to mind - "Send in the Clowns."

The guy had tackled an opposing player, you know, doing what he was hired, and agreed to do. He made a tackle.

Obviously, he wasn't sure the fans and camera saw it was him, and him alone, who did his job on that play, so he ran to an open area on the field, took a strong-man stance and growled. Well, I didn't actually hear him growl, but he look growlful.

It was an ugly exhibition during a meaningless and equally ugly exhibition football game. A week later, after my stomach settled, I tuned in another pro football exhibition game, with another exhibitor. This time it was over an offensive (truly offensive) player.

This guy was doing his job, catching a pass. There wasn't a lot of open space in the end zone, but the camera focused on this clown doing something like Elvis with some added erotic motions.

It could be he learned those moves in his one year in college.

Why don't cameras get focused on the Barry Sanders types? Barry would, after making a touchdown, hand the ball to the referee or lay it on the ground and trot off the field.

Class not brass!  
Style not bile!

Some guys on last place teams choose these burlesque, bawdy, strongman, belly bumping, etc. acts. I realize these men might have little to celebrate, but their single shows make teamwork appear secondary, or maybe meaningless.

I know these showboater's thoughts don't go deep enough to have them think "team."

Most of the guys have been told how good they are for so long they can't believe anything matters but self.

"This is a game about me!"

"Look at me!"

"I'm the greatest!"

And, the tv cameras roll. I guess the producers believe this hot dogging, show-off stuff is entertainment.

Maybe it is entertainment, just like the clowns we're familiar with except these guys have cages over their honker noses.

I can only hope real clowns don't start mimicking these athletes and start wearing necklaces and earrings.

As we approach an equinox, perhaps you'd like to be reminded of some weather lore:

When a cow tries to scratch her ear, it means a shower is very near.

When the stars begin to huddle, the earth will soon begin to puddle.

When the morning sun is red - ewe and lamb go wet to bed.

To talk of the weather is nothing but folly; when it rains on the hill, it suns in the valley.

The chill is on, near and far, in all the months that have an "R."

Whether it's cold or whether it's hot, we shall have weather, whether or not!

Jim's  
Jottings



Jim Sherman

# Obituary

## James D. McIntosh

James D. McIntosh of Clarkston, formerly of Clawson, passed away suddenly Sunday, Sept. 15 at the age of 63.

He was the best friend of Yvonne Zisler, father of Jimmy (B.J.) of South Carolina, Johnny of Maryland, and Ann (Jeff) Niezguski of Oak Park; grandpa of Grant, Scott and Carmen; brother of Jeannie (Jim) Brown, Joyce (Roger) Guyas and Jack (Twyila).

Jim retired from General Motors, Pontiac. He loved hot rods and classic cars.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

## Beatrice M. Hefner

Beatrice M. Hefner, 60, of Clarkston died Thursday, Sept. 12.

She was the beloved wife of Kenneth; dear daughter of Rosena Knickerbocker of Clarkston and the late Edward Knickerbocker; dear mother of Paula (David) Bratt of Ortonville and Craig (Nanette) Hefner of Davisburg; sister of Jacqueline Mix and Gerry Atkinson; sister-in-law of Joann McMonagle; grandmother of Heather Hefner, Kyle Bratt, Brooke Hefner and Devin Bratt.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 16 at the Sherman Wilk Funeral Home, 135 South Street, Ortonville, with Rev. Don Kevern officiating. Interment followed in Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston.

## Helen L. Pointer

Helen L. Pointer of Clarkston passed away Friday, Sept. 13 at the age of 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald; mother of Hope (Bryan) Ellis of Oxford, Raechelle Sedik of Milford, Donald of Dearborn and Ronald of Clarkston; grandma of Tim (Marney) Ellis, Gregory (Brenda) Ellis, Kirk and Derrek Sedik; great grandmother of Miranda, Jude and Myles; preceded in death by her sister Elsie Kasun and her brothers Howard and Wesley LaBar.

Helen was a former member of Presbyterian Church in Westland and the Lions Club. She enjoyed the Independence Township Senior Center.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit from 5 p.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made to the Independence Township Senior Center or Cranbrook Hospice.

## Elizabeth Williams

Elizabeth Williams of Auburn Hills, formerly of Detroit, died Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the age of 94.

Her family was her life, preceded in death by husband George; mother of Ann (Henry) Wittek of Auburn Hills, Sherry (Dennis) Kowalik of Clarkston, Jack (Marlys) of Washington and Larry (Janet) of Clinton Township; also survived by 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; sister of Vernelle Hutchison of Indiana.

A funeral service was held Friday, Sept. 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Clearwater, Fla. Any donations to the family will be made to Billy Graham Ministries.

## William Stangis

William Stangis of Clarkston died Thursday, Sept. 12 at the age of 90.

He was preceded in death by his wife Agnes; father of Jerry (Sandy) of Canton, Carol (the late Bon) of California and Pat (Bob) Chetkovich of Waterford; grandfather of the late Kathy, the late Bill, Tracey, Andrea, Deanna, Amy and Susan; also survived by five great-granddaughters and two great grandsons.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment follows at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

## Robbery and assault at grocery store

A 64-year-old Florida man claimed to have been attacked while getting out of his vehicle at the Farmer Jack grocery store on Dixie and White Lake.

Police reports stated: at approximately 7:30 p.m., the man got of his car, felt someone grab his shoulder, spinning him around and striking him in the face with a fist or an unknown object.

The man fell to the ground and said he felt someone feel his pants for a wallet, but said he doesn't carry one.

Several witnesses helped the man up and said they saw two men jump in a car and leave.

The man was taken to the Clarkston Ambulatory Clinic where he was treated for several injuries including swelling above the eyes and a laceration to the lip.

Representatives of the store said they did not see the incident take place, and no surveillance video was available. The investigation has been turned over to the detective bureau.

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Enjoy **The Feast**, Wednesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, featuring a catered dinner, followed by worship and praise, and Bible study and classes for all ages. Make new friends and find hope for day-to-day living. Call the church for details about classes, at 248-625-3288.

**English as a Second Language** classes are beginning at the Clarkston Community Education Center at 6300 Church St. Classes are offered during the morning and evening hours. For more information, call 248-623-4321.

With a newly developed practice soccer field at Clarkston High School, the public is invited to celebrate at a **donor recognition and youth soccer night** during the Clarkston High School vs. Holly High School games, Friday, Sept. 20, at the Clarkston High School soccer stadium on Waldon Road. The Junior Varsity game starts at 5:30 p.m., donor recognition at approximately 6:45 p.m., with the Varsity game following at 7 p.m.

Cruise Independence Oaks County Park in a wagon under the light of the Harvest Moon, Sept. 20 and 21 from 7:15-8:15 p.m. or 8:30-9:30 p.m. during **Harvest Moon Hayrides**. Cost is \$2.50/person. Also at Inde-

pendence Oaks, Sept. 21, is the **Kid's Garden Club** for ages three to seven. Learn about harvest time in the Rubach Sensory Garden from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$4/child. Call 248-625-0877 for more details.

The Kiwanis Club of North Oakland Lakes is holding a **garage sale** on Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Century 21 Val-U-Way, 3714 Sashabaw, north of Walton Blvd. All proceeds go to local designated charities within the Brandon, Clarkston and Waterford communities. Call Brett Bankston at 248-323-3828 or Rob Whitcomb at 248-969-7227 for more information.

Kaleidoscope Foundation will hold their first **auction**, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. at the rear of the Kaleidoscope Foundation temporary office at 661 Broadway in downtown Davisburg. Kaleidoscope is in the midst of raising financial support for their new building fund.

Stop by downtown Clarkston's newest business, **Frank & Me**, at 2 E. Washington, for their **grand opening**, Saturday, Sept. 21 starting at 10 a.m. Find accessories for the home and garden with a shabby chic feel. There's jewelry, French teas, bath and body products, lamps, baby items and more. For more information call Teri Guelde at 248-922-0200.

The Clarkston Community Historical Society's 28th annual **Crafts and Cider Festival** will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22 in the historic City of the Village of Clarkston, Depot Park. This outdoor art show features more than 100 fine artists and crafters from all over the country. The festival will be open Saturday 10

a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call the historical society at The Clarkston Heritage Museum, 248-922-0270.

Registration for swim lessons for children at the Clarkston High School pool will be Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9-10 a.m. at the Clarkston High School cafeteria for district residents. Open registration will begin on Monday, Sept. 23 at the Clarkston Community Education Center. Registration for scuba and water aerobics is now taking place at the Community Education Center. The pool is open for **community swim** Monday through Thursday from 8-9:30 p.m., except for Sept. 26. The pool is also open on Saturday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. Children under 12 must have adult supervision. Cost is \$3 at the door, or swim passes may be purchased at the Community Education Center at the discounted price of \$2 per visit.

The Clarkston Eagles #3373 will host a **sock hop** Sept. 28 to support the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund. The diner will be open at 4 p.m. with hamburgers, fries, and a blue plate special. There will also be raffles. The Eagles are located at 5640 Maybee Rd. Call 248-625-9838.

Explore lake ecology while paddling in a canoe on the 68-acre Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks County Park from 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 28. Cost is \$2/person, \$4/hour/canoe. Also at Independence Oaks is a soil search Sept. 29 from 2-3:30 p.m. Search a worm bin to learn about composting and creatures of the soil. Cost is \$2/person.



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From Arugula to Zucchini, John and Diane Franklin are growing it.

Tucked away in Davisburg, on their five-acre property which includes two gardens totaling 3/4 of an acre, is Rocky Gardens, the Franklins' subscription garden, or CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

Closing out its inaugural season, Rocky Gardens has been a successful undertaking for the couple.

Spreading simply through word of mouth, the Franklins have been organically growing produce for 14 families, want to increase to 20 next year, and have a waiting list of more than 40 people interested in joining.

The current agreement includes an up front fee of \$400 for a subscription, or share, which entitles a member to 18 weeks of fresh produce. Members must work four hours a month in the gardens, except for May and June which requires 10 hours of work. "Those are our crunch months," Diane explained.

She said members must understand what is produced in spring is going to be less than in August. "Learning to eat in season is key. We're used to going to the grocery store and getting whatever we want."

And members, she said, have to understand there could be crop failures, but the Franklins work morning to night to prevent that.

Overall, Diane said joining a CSA offers many benefits, including spending 1/3 of what would be spent if purchasing produce at an organic grocery store.

Diane recently ventured through one to compare prices. "I came home with two little tomatoes and spent \$3.29, and we're sending home gobs of tomatoes with people."

Along with a healthier pocketbook, is healthier eating habits.

"Parents have told me their children are eating better," Diane said, who added kids are always welcome at Rocky Gar-

dens. "I think (they eat better) because they see the growing process and it's possible they helped plant it."

"I've even heard of adults who started eating better."

For Carmen Ross, an Independence Township resident, purchasing a share of Rocky Gardens, was an excellent decision. "It has met beyond my expectations."

"I stopped vegetable gardening a couple of years ago because we have too much deer, but I missed it," she said. "I mainly joined because I wanted to garden. We go up north a lot during the summer and now I don't have to worry about watering, or anything."

Ross, who homeschools her four children, said she also wanted the kids to learn about growing produce. "Now they know where potatoes come from!" "We look forward to coming here. It's peace-



**A family affair**—Working together with her four children, Maria, Thomas, Julia and Claire, Independence Township resident Carmen Ross, a member of Rocky Gardens, picks beans here with her youngest. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.



**Produced with love**—With her strong passion for gardening, Diane Franklin, co-founded Rocky Gardens, a subscription garden in Davisburg, in its inaugural year. "I'd love to see others start CSAs, even if it is a small one among a few families. It's a great way to share produce."

ful, and the kids like it. They play and help me out. When we sit down to eat at dinner they say, 'This is from Rocky Gardens!'"

Ross also appreciates that everything is organically grown, enjoys the variety of produce, and admitted, "I can't say enough about John and Diane, what they've taught us, the way they treat the kids, and their generosity."

Diane, who has been vegetable gardening for more than 25 years, said she would love to help local growers start their

own subscription garden. "I'd love to see others start CSAs, even if it is a small one among a few families. It's a great way to share produce."

And she loves sharing her passion for gardening and is even teaching "Gardening Success," a six-week course at the Clarkston Community Education Center, starting at the end of October. She invites residents out.

For more information on Rocky Gardens, call 248-634-2291 or log on to [www.homeandgardensite.com](http://www.homeandgardensite.com).

## Business Briefs

options being explored

The president of Express Auto Credit Solutions, Darren Miller, has selected John O. Collins of Pontiac and Daniel McGill of Royal Oak to jointly share in the daily operations of a new venture to provide auto financing to credit-challenged individuals.

Miller, a Clarkston resident, opened Express Auto Credit Solutions with the intention of providing a new option to customers with less-than-perfect credit ratings.

Carolyn Hrejsa of Clarkston was promoted to director of marketing at Robertson Brothers, one of southeastern Michigan's most prestigious residential developers.

The graduate of North Central College in Naperville, Ill., has been with Robertson Brothers for five and a half years as a marketing representative. In her new position, she will oversee the company's marketing efforts.

## Your children and the Internet: manage what they see

With the varied content available online, it is difficult to be sure what your children are and are not seeing. Being a father of two girls, the



Robert Bondy

Internet is a double-edged sword. It is a wonderful tool for learning and entertainment, but it is also a source of danger. Children can be exposed to inappropriate content, including pornography, violence, and hate speech. Parents need to take steps to control what their children see online.

1. **Manage the Connection.** The "Connection" is the phone cable or DSL line that connects your computer to the Internet. By "Manage the Connection," I mean monitor what is sent and received over the line. A firewall is a program or piece of hardware that acts as the

first line of defense against unauthorized access to your computer. It can also filter out unwanted content.

2. **Manage the Content.** The "Content" is the actual data being sent or received from AOL Instant Messenger to company banner ads. PC Magazine has done a nice review of the major program offerings and came up with Cybersitter as your best bet at approximately \$40. Check out the review at [www.pcmag.com/article/0,14149,2848,00.asp](http://www.pcmag.com/article/0,14149,2848,00.asp).

3. **Manage the Children.** "Managing the Children" is the most important as well as the most difficult step. Here are some suggestions to help.

Review the history logs that the computer generates to see where your child has been.

I hope this will get you started in the right direction. Do as much research as you can so you can defend against the cyber-trash that is out there.

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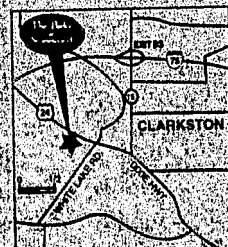
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# Why a good God allows bad things to happen

There's been a lot of tragedy touching those in Clarkston of late.

Shortly after the fatal car accident that involved the passing of 16-year-old Keenan George, the community also learned Dave and Wanda Harrison had been killed in a motorcycle accident, and most recently, that 17-year-old Tricia Taylor had been hit by a drunk driver, causing her to have both legs amputated.

As well, we saw the year anniversary of Sept. 11.

In light of these recent difficult situations, I felt led to write on why such suffering is allowed by God.

Gathered from a variety of Internet sources, but all based on the Word of God, here are some answers.

■ **So we can comfort others.** 2

Just Jen



Jennifer Nemer

Corinthians 1:3-4 says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."

■ **So we won't rely and trust in ourselves.** 2 Corinthians 1:9-10, "Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us."

■ **That we may give thanks in everything.** 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

■ **To make us more like Jesus.** Romans 8:28-29a, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son."

■ **Trials are the will of God.** John 16:33b, "In this world you will have

trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

■ **It produces more fruit.** John 15:2, "He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

■ **It matures our faith.** James 1:2-4, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

■ **It causes us to grow spiritually.** Romans 5:3-5, "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

■ **It disciplines and educates us.** Hebrews, 12:7, "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?"

■ **It proves the reality of our faith.** 2 Corinthians 12:10, "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecution, in

difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

■ **It puts our thoughts on Heaven.** Romans 8:18, 20-21, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God."

■ **It drives people to God.** 2 Corinthians 7:10, "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."

■ **A private decision.** Sometimes God may not want us to know why such suffering is allowed. But, if we believe on Him, the Lord our Counsellor, offers us hope and strength to see through the worst of tragedies. However, it all has to start with faith.

"Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them," Psalms 146:5-6.

## Clarkston girl attends model competition in New York

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

Alana Goeringer enjoyed her first trip to New York City which included the NBC Today Show, the O-Town band and competition.

The 12-year old Clarkston girl recently returned home from the IMTA Convention at the New York Hilton. The modeling competition featured individuals from around the country.

Alana helped represent Barbizon-Aero Management at the competitions. During the six-day event, Alana competed in competitions including cold read, monologues, close-up along with private auditions.

Alana received six

call backs at the competition.

"That was probably the longest day of all. Quite a few people on our team didn't receive any call-backs. I was fortunate I got six," Alana said.

The highlight of the event for the Clarkston residents was taking third runner-up in the monologue competition.

"When it was announced everyone in my school was screaming, jumping, laughing and it was just a huge celebration," Alana said. "My director took me to see my mom and she had tears in her eyes. She told my director that it was the proudest moment in her life."

This was the first

time Alana had been to New York and she enjoyed the sites of the city. Alana and her family visited the Empire State Building, Ground Zero and Wall Street. Additional highlights of the trip for the 12-year old was watching a taping of the Today Show with a sign that said "Hey, Clarkston, MI, I won!" and meeting the O-Town Boys at the convention.

"We got up early because we wanted to get to the Today Show," Alana said. "It was so much fun, I loved being there, although it looks a lot bigger on TV."

The Clarkston resi-

dent says she will never forget her first trip to New York.

"It was an unbelievable experience," Alana said.

New York, New York -- Clarkston residents Alana Goeringer traveled to New York to participate in a modeling competition. Alana, left, is pictured here with president of IMTA Helen Rodgers. Photo provided.



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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Sunday, Sept. 15,** a 26-year-old woman on Dixie was arrested for a domestic assault.

**Saturday, Sept. 14,** a larceny on Shappie. The complainant stated a check for \$3,405 was stolen from the mailbox. Several other opened mailboxes had been reported along the street as well.

**Friday, Sept. 13,** a home invasion on Pine Knob. A laptop computer and \$300 in cash was stolen. The home had been left unlocked.

A 22-year-old man hit a tree with his Jeep on Pine Knob and was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, a first offense. He had a blood alcohol level of .167. He was also cited for having an unregistered vehicle, improper plates and no proof of insurance.

**Thursday, Sept. 12,** a burglary at a restaurant on Sashabaw. The main glass entry door was smashed out with a board. Damage was estimated at \$300. Nothing appeared to be taken.

A home invasion on Glenwood Creek. An unknown person stole a boat motor, valued at \$524, from a ga-

rage. **Wednesday, Sept. 11,** a burglary at a business on Main Street. The glass front door was smashed out and the cash register with \$150 in it was missing.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10,** a 17-year-old woman was found asleep with her boyfriend in a car in the Clarkston High School parking lot. She was intoxicated, registering a .09 PBT. She was cited for underage use of alcohol.

**Monday, Sept. 9,** a home invasion and larceny from a vehicle on Oakhurst Ridge. Several items were stolen including a brand new television still in its box, valued at \$1,000, and \$400 in cash.

A suspicious circumstance on Vinewood. The residents reported an unknown person awoke them, pounding on the door and yelling. Police searched the area, but no suspect was located.

## Springfield Township

**Sunday, Sept. 15,** a larceny from a vehicle on Boulder Pass. More than \$1,300 worth of items were stolen and damage was estimated at \$200.

Trespassing of two males was reported on Davisburg.

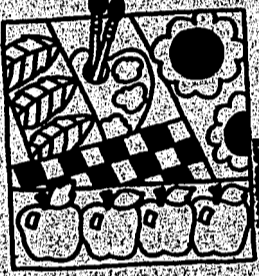
**Saturday, Sept. 14,** a suspicious circumstance on Foster. The complainant returned home and heard and unknown person running around upstairs. Police investigated, but found no one. A window had been left open and a door unlocked.

A larceny of golf clubs was reported from a golf course on E. Holly.

**Monday, Sept. 9,** a burglary was reported at Oakland Technical Center on Big Lake. More than \$3,400 worth of lab equipment was stolen from an area of the school that is not covered by the alarm system. There was no forced entry.

### A week of larceny at Clarkston gas station

Three larceny reports were reported this week from the Clark Oil gas station on Sashabaw. Taken from an unsecured outside display, on Sept. 9, were 43 12-pack cans and 400 two-liter bottles of pop. On Sept. 11, 304 two-liter bottles, valued at \$370, were taken and on Sept. 14, \$150 worth of pop was stolen.



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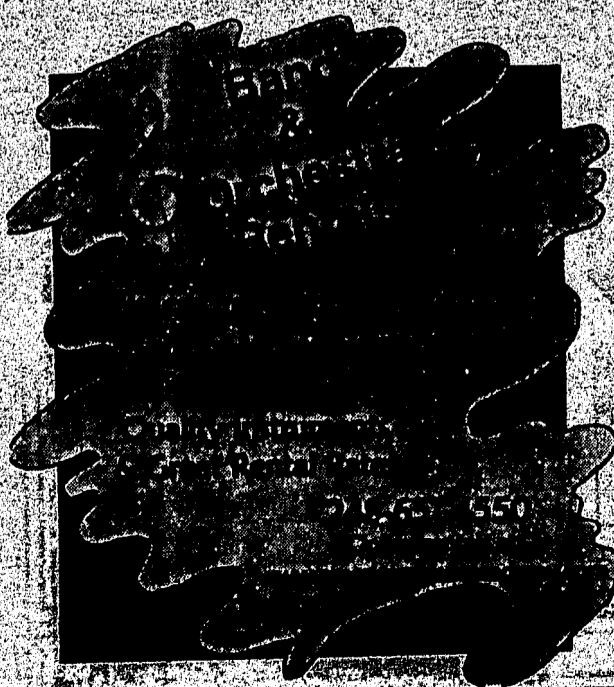
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# Clarkston Milestones



## Engaged

John and Alice Nicholson of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter **Jennifer Marie Nicholson** to **Michael John Ferman**, of Fenton, son of the late Lester and Sally Ferman of Saginaw.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Baker College with a degree in health information management and technology. She is currently a quality assurance specialist at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

Ferman is a 1996 Ferris State University graduate in finance, and is an account executive for NGK Spark Plugs in Wixom.

A September 2002 wedding is planned at Christ Lutheran Church in Waterford.



## In Service

**Ryan Thomas**, a 2002 Clarkston High School graduate, is starting his junior year at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs as a Cadet Senior Master Sergeant. The behavioral science major earned the rank by being selected as Squadron Superintendent for the fall of 2002. This is the highest-ranking position a two degree student can hold.

In Thomas' first two years at the academy, he was on the Commandant's List for Military Excellence, earned the Lightning Bolt for Athletic Excellence, and served on the Honor's Board. During his free time, he has participated on the Mountain Biking Team, trained with Soaring, and earned certification in scuba diving.

This summer he completed his OPS training at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga., where he observed the daily rigors of a pilot's life. Thomas also had the opportunity to fly in HC130s and AT38s. After a three-week vacation, he returned to the academy as a Flight NCO for the job of training new appointees during Beast II.

In his final two years at the academy, Thomas is looking forward to parachute jumping and private flight training. He considers Global Engagement and Combat Survival Training two of the most challenging experiences he has had at the academy.

## At School

**Carlo Lini, Michael Lenhardt** and **Erin Parker** of Clarkston were named to the 2002 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University.

**Brandon Guede** of Clarkston, a 2000 Clarkston High School graduate, made the Michigan State University Dean's List for Spring 2002.

**Joe Vilella** was named to the Dean's Honor List for both the Fall and Spring semesters at New York University's College of Arts and Sciences. Vilella is the son of Joanne and Dan of Clarkston.

**Staci E. Hill**, daughter of William and Sharyn Hill of Clarkston, received her medical degree from the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University on May 11. Dr. Hill received her clinical training at the Kalamazoo campus. She will pursue a residency in Family Practice.

**Justin Harris** of Clarkston played in the orchestra during a recent Central Michigan University student

production of "The Sound of Music." Harris, who graduated from Clarkston High School, played first trombone. He is a CMU senior majoring in music education.

**Adam Boggemes, Kristin Leininger** and **Elena Meleski** of Clarkston made the Spring 2002 Dean's List at Kettering University.

## Welcome

**Edward and Caryn Sickmiller** of Clarkston are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Faith Renee Sickmiller**, born July 21, 2002 at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. The baby weighed 5 lbs and 12 oz, and measured 20 inches long. She was greeted home by big sisters Ashley, 16, Brooke, 14, and Paige, 11. Proud grandparents are Mike and Cindy Tobin of Troy, Charles and Christie Goodney of Caryville, Tenn., Lowell and Annette Sickmiller of North Branch, and great-grandmother Leona Alexander of Rochester.

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# Former Clarkston resident celebrating 98 years

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Former Clarkston resident Gladys Porritt recently blew out 98 candles on her birthday cake.

Born August 1, 1904, Porritt, who now lives in Gaylord at Aspen Ridge Retirement Village, lived in Clarkston all her life before moving up north in 1996.

She was a homemaker, married for 50 years to Edward, who passed away in 1977, and who had owned Porritt Dairy in Lake Orion. They have six children, all of whom are Clarkston High School graduates, including Bill (and Joan) Porritt of Farview, Mich.; Mary Radoye of Williamsburg, Va.; Elaine Sharrock of Smyrna, Tenn.; Bob (and Ruth) Porritt of Lake, Mich.; Jean (and Gary) Kim-

berly of Gaylord, Mich.; and Sally (and John) Curry also of Gaylord.

Porritt, who worked for a time at Clarkston State Bank as a teller, has 23 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren. She is a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church, and over the years has spent her spare time counter-cross-stitching and doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

Daughter Sally said, "She's in pretty good health. She has a hard time getting around with her arthritis, but she has said she wants to come back to visit Clarkston."

Correspondence with Porritt can be sent to Aspen Ridge Retirement Village, 1261 Village Parkway, Gaylord, MI 49735.



Happy Birthday—Gladys Porritt, who spent her whole life in Clarkston before moving up north in 1996, turned 98 on Aug. 1. Photo provided by Sally Curry.

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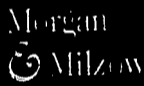
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**Big winners** — In August, the Clarkston Chiefs varsity cheerleaders attended a Cheer Michigan camp at Baker College in Owosso. They received one of three mega awards given out at the camp. The team award that they received was the attitude award. Individual star awards went to Kyla Berden, Erika Bradish, Brittany Rodgers and Shelby Schulte. Congratulations on a job well done. Pictured are: (first row, l-r) Lindsey Willyard, Whitney Francis, Amanda Hoff, Anna Wheeler, Caitlyn Broughton; (second row, l-r) Laura Rodgers (assistant coach), Cecily Wyrick, Cassie Bishop, Jillian Locricchio, Erika Bradish, Brittany Rodgers, Jennifer Robak (head coach); (third row, l-r) Kelle Richards, Kyla Berden, Brooke Fisher; (fourth row, l-r) Taylor Dunford, Hannah Wolf, Shelby Schulte, Lindsey Santola, Lauren Johnson. *Photo provided.*

## Showing their stuff



**Big routine** — Four Clarkston Chiefs varsity cheerleaders practice their moves. Pictured are: (standing, l-r) Brittany Rodgers, Kyla Berden and Shelby Schulte; (held) Brooke Fisher. *Photo provided.*

# Gridders overpower Southfield on ground

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's rushing tandem of Brandon Weaver and Sam Palace proved to be too much for the Southfield Blue Jays to handle.

Weaver, a junior fullback, ran for three touchdowns and Palace, a junior quarterback, added one rushing touchdown as the Wolves defeated host Southfield 35-22 in an Oakland Activities Association crossover game Friday, Sept. 13.

The win improves Clarkston's record to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in OAA Division I.

Palace tallied 47 yards on 11 carries in the game, and also completed five of 10 passes for 68 yards, while Weaver notched 41 yards on 12 carries. Junior wide receiver Kyle Rademacher caught three passes for 36 yards.

The Wolves held the Blue Jays scoreless until the latter five minutes of the game. By then, the Wolves were ahead 35-0, and although the Blue Jays scored 22 points, Clarkston held on for the win.

"We played pretty well," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said. "We played real well defensively for three quarters. Offensively, we moved the ball pretty well. I was pretty pleased with our effort."

Weaver's first touchdown of the game came with about four minutes left in the first quarter. His two-yard run gave Clarkston a 7-0 lead. He added his second two-yard touchdown run with about 10 minutes left in the second quarter to increase the Wolves' lead to 14-0.

Clarkston added one more touchdown before the end of the first half, as Palace's one-yard touchdown run gave the Wolves a 21-0 lead heading into the locker room.

The Wolves continued to roll in the second half. Weaver once again cashed in from two yards out with about six minutes left in the third quarter to increase the Clarkston lead to 28-0.

With about five minutes left in the game, Clarkston's defense contributed the team's final touchdown of the game as senior defensive back Jay Martello picked off a

Southfield pass and ran it back 10 yards to put the Wolves up 35-0. Martello also picked off another Southfield pass in the game, and added two tackles and an assist.

According to Richardson, the Wolves answered the challenge of stopping Southfield's offensive talent. He stated they have four players who will be playing Division

I college football next year, including highly regarded quarterback DeJuan Howard.

"We were just going to take away the perimeter from them," he said. "We tried to take away the big play."

*Please see Football on page 23A*

## Athlete of the Week — Gillian Nordquist

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While she was a student at Clarkston Middle School, Gillian Nordquist was looking for a sport that suited her interest.

The Clarkston High School girls cross-country team is glad Nordquist, currently a sophomore at CHS, found cross-country to be to her liking.

"I've been running cross-country since seventh grade in Clarkston Middle School," she said. "I did Hershey track in sixth grade and I really wanted to get into a running sport. I liked cross-country and I decided to get into it."

Nordquist believes she is more sure of herself than last year. "Last year, I didn't feel as strong as I do now," she said. "I feel like I have more confidence running and racing."

She stated Coach Jamie LaBrosse has been a positive influence on her. "He's been a really good coach and really supportive," Nordquist said. "He knows the right thing to say and the right way to approach workouts."

This year, the outlook is strong for the team, which finished sixth in the state last year. Nordquist hopes the team can live up to their billing.

"We hope to deal really good as a team, because we want to live up to our ranking," she said.



**Strong showing** — Clarkston High School sophomore Gillian Nordquist placed fourth overall for the girls cross-country team at the Holly Invitational Sept. 14. *Photo by Jeff Patrus.*

In addition, she hopes to make it to the state meet this season, and make it to the All-State team.

Nordquist, who is also a member of the girls track team, stated her favorite subject in school is language arts, and she hopes to have a career in writing. She is the daughter of Martha and Steven Nordquist of Clarkston, and has twin siblings, Olivia and Eric, 10.



Brandon Weaver

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# Nouvel CC trips up girls cagers

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central's Danielle Camm showed Clarkston's girls basketball team why she is so highly regarded.

Camm, a 6'3" senior who has committed to Marquette for next season, led the Panthers with 18 points as they defeated the visiting Wolves 54-39 in a Sept. 15 contest.

The Wolves, who had won their last four games after dropping their season opener to Livonia Ladywood, fell to 4-2 overall and 3-0 in Oakland Activities Association Division I. Jenn Carlson led the Wolves with 16 points, while Anna Trim added 10.

Coach Ann Lowney stated the team's subpar defense was the deciding factor in the game.

"We just struggled," she said. "Our post defense was very poor. If we don't do a better job with our post defense, we're going to lose a lot of games."

Despite the loss to Nouvel, the Wolves took two league games last week to remain undefeated in their league.

Clarkston started out slow but finished strong against visiting Rochester Adams Sept. 12. The Wolves overcame a 16-12 first-quarter deficit to defeat the Highlanders 63-53. The win improved the Wolves' record to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in Oakland Activities Association Division I, while Adams fell to 0-4 overall and 0-3 in OAA I.

Lowney believes better execution on defense helped the Wolves come back after their first-quarter struggles.

"We were breaking down defensively," she said. "We did a little better job in the second half. We tried to pressure their guards, and we were trying to get more movement offensively."

Jenn Carlson made four three-pointers and led the Wolves with 20 points, while Anna Trim added 19 points and Kira Karlstrom nine.



**Going strong** — Clarkston's Kira Karlstrom looks to score during the Wolves' 63-53 win against Rochester Adams Sept. 12. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

The Wolves took care of business Sept. 10 at Waterford Kettering, defeating the Captains 59-47. Kira Karlstrom led the Wolves with 21 points, while Jenn Carlson added 10 points and Anna Trim nine.

The team traveled to Troy Athens Sept. 17 for a game against the Red Hawks. They return home Sept. 19 for a 7 p.m. game against Lake Orion, then travel to Troy for a Sept. 24 game against the Colts.

# Golfers experience opposite ends of spectrum

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's golf team went from one extreme to the other last week.

The Wolves had a poor shooting day in a loss against Rochester Adams Sept. 10. However, they rebounded to post their best score of the season in a 153-169 victory Friday, Sept. 13 against Waterford Mott at Pontiac Country Club.

Several Clarkston players shot under 40 during that meet. Leading the way was Bill Haun, who shot a 37. Dustin McMillen followed with a round of 38, while Eric Hurd and Rob Wood each shot a 39.

The Wolves and Highlanders both had a rough day of it in their meet last Tuesday, although Adams came out on the winning end with a 167-172 victory.

"We did very poorly against Adams," Clarkston coach Tim Kaul said. "It was quite high for both teams. Both teams are used to shooting much better. The pin positions were very difficult."

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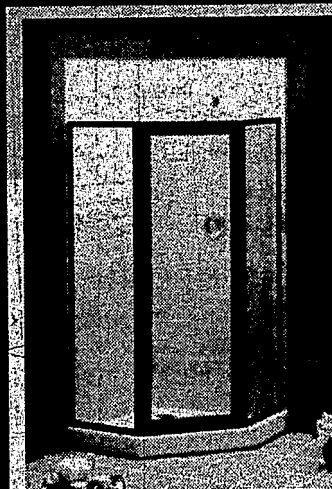
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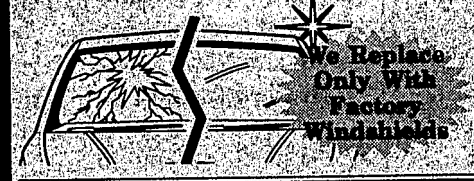
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# Girls' harriers take first, boys ninth at Holly Invitational

**BY JEFF PATRUS**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Holly Invitational Sept. 14 was a disappointment in different ways for both the Clarkston boys and girls cross-country teams.

Clarkston's girls cross-country team may have won the invite, but Coach Jamie LaBrosse believes the Wolves didn't run their best race.

The Wolves took the event with 53 points, ahead of second-place Brighton with 60 points and third-place Saline with 63 points. "It was nice to get the win, but we didn't really run that well," LaBrosse said.



**Top runner** - Clarkston's Mo Kuhta led the girls' cross-country team with a third-place finish at the Holly Invitational Sept. 14. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Clarkston runner Liz Mengyan ran off course for about 50 meters, according to LaBrosse, and when she made her way back into the race she was at about 40th or 50th place. Mengyan recovered to finish eighth overall.

Mo Kuhta and Gillian Nordquist led the pack for Clarkston, finishing third and fourth overall. Other Clarkston competitors were Lyndsay Smith, who finished 13th overall, Anne Oltman, 25th, Beth Hoekstra, 28th, and Anna Kerr, 35th.

The boys team ninth out of 24 teams at the invitational on Saturday, Sept. 14, finishing with 234 points.

Birmingham Groves finished in first place in the invite with 101 points, while defending Detroit Catholic Central took second with 109 points and Grand Blanc third with 162. One of Clarkston's Oakland Activities Association Division I rivals, Rochester, finished ahead of the

Wolves in sixth place with 173 points. "It was not a real good meet for us," Clarkston boys cross-country coach Mike Taylor said. "That was disappointing that one of the schools in our league got us."

Mark Sitko was the main bright spot for the Wolves, finishing in second place overall with a time of 17:19. Jared Elmore finished 26th with a time of 17:31, Jack Kinsey took 48th overall with a time of 18:02, and Andy Kodra finished 78th with a time of 18:39.

The teams competed in another dual meet against Rochester Adams Sept. 17. They return to action Friday, Sept. 20 when they travel to the Michigan State Invitational.

# Swimmers dominate Avondale

**BY JEFF PATRUS**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston and Avondale's girls swimming programs have competed often in recent years.

However, Clarkston proved to be the superior team Sept. 12, defeating Avondale 123-63. The win improves Clarkston's record to 2-1 overall.

"They've been very competitive with us in the past as far as scoring," Clarkston coach Kenwyn Chock said. "That shows how far our program has come."

The Wolves set three school

records at the meet: Andrea Forst in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:31.71, Andrea Galaviz in the 500 meter freestyle with a time of 6:05.29 and Erin Richards in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1:00.56.

The Wolves' next competition is Thursday, Sept. 19, when they travel to Farmington for the first OAA III league meet of the season. Chock believes the Falcons will be a formidable foe, given the school's history.

"It will be very competitive," she said.

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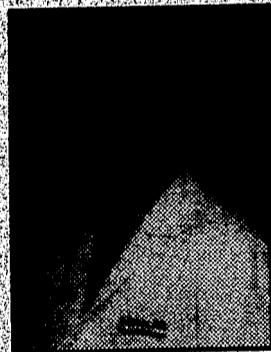
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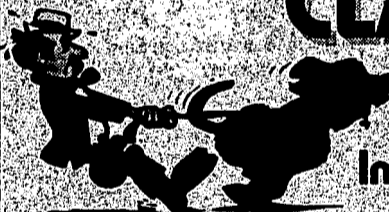
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As superintendent of schools, the school term begins with some routine, but extremely important tasks. One of these activities is our Welcome Back Orientation. At this event it has become typical for me to use a theme to maintain focus, and to drive home some salient points of the presentation.

## Clarkston Schools



Dr. Al Roberts

This year's theme was "Top Ten Reasons the Future is Bright in Clarkston." Readers might be interested in the comments that were made to all staff members in the district.

**Reason # 10**  
 The recruitment and employment of excellent teachers - This year, 37 new teachers became members of the Clarkston School Family. Our standards are high and this group has gone through a rigorous selection process and comprehensive orientation training. We feel they will compliment our exceptional and experienced faculty in ways that will make our fine school system even better.

**Reason # 9**  
 The majority of our school employees have been with us for 15 years or more.

It is important for any organization to maintain a certain amount of stability. Great school systems also have traditions and a sense of history that is best carried by veteran staffers who care!

**Reason # 8**  
 We have a strong vision and mission for the Clarkston Schools. Equally important, we have people who share a belief system that brings the vision and mission alive.

**Reason # 7**  
 Our fund equity is not invested in the stock market and our financial advisors aren't related to Enron. Seriously,

our budget process is one that has been recognized by the American School Business Officials for its rigor and attention to detail. In addition, our recent audit was particularly positive and confirms the fact that we spend the vast majority of funds on instruction (as it should be).

**Reason # 6**  
 There are no major construction projects this year. As you know, we have been in the midst of construction projects for quite some time. While the results of our efforts have been positive for our kids and for the community, such work does create additional anxiety, particularly at the beginning of a term.

**Reason # 5**  
 Back to School Energy - I guess you had to be there for this one, but the positive attitude, intensity and motivation displayed by the faculty and staff at this meeting was phenomenal.

**Reason # 4**  
 We have over 450 Support Staff Members. The job of educating our kids doesn't begin at the classroom door. In fact, our bus drivers are probably the first to see most of our students in the morning and the last to see them at the end of the day. We have food service workers, secretaries, custodians and maintenance personnel and various support staff who are committed to the children we serve.

**Reason # 3**  
 District-wide Developmental Days - While some have found this topic to be controversial, we believe the use of these days will positively impact students in several ways (fewer substitute teachers during the year, better prepared teachers, stronger curriculum, etc.)

**Reason # 2**  
 We have the Technology - The bond issues supported by our public have positioned the district well. Our teachers and students continue to find new and improved ways to complete assignments, and to learn using various technologies.

**Reason # 1**  
 Our employees were told that the number 1 reason that our "Future is Bright in

Clarkston is "You!" When every member of the faculty/staff understand that their performance is critical to student success, good things happen. But I want to include readers in this one. Schools alone cannot have the type of success that is possible when schools, parents and communities work together toward common goals. I look forward to a great school year.

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Independence Township Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 1, 2002 to receive public comment relative to the adoption of the Township's 2003 budgets for all General and Special Revenue Funds.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The hearing will be held at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the Clerk's office, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, from Wednesday, September 25 through Monday, September 30, 2002, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk

Published: 9/18/02 & 9/25/02

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### CLARKSTON

PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
375 DEPOT ROAD  
CLARKSTON MI 48346

**CHANGE OF MEETING DATE**

The City Council will meet on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, instead of Monday, September 23, 2002.  
The Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

Art Pappas  
City Manager

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
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**SUMMARY**  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 9, 2002

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.  
Roll Present: Clifton, Catallo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Werner.  
Absent: Savage.  
Minutes of August 26, 2002, accepted as presented.  
Agenda accepted as presented.  
Bills in the amount of \$224,751.29 approved for payment.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, October 2, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #02-0088 Robert Dowd, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 9' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD  
Raitalee Lake Rd., Lot 4, R-1R  
Allen Woods Estates  
08-08-101-018

Case #02-0089 Keith and Tina Daigle, Petitioners  
APPLICANTS REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 10' TO CONSTRUCT COVERED FRONT PORCH AND SECOND STORY ADDITION  
Buttercup Lane, lot 11, R-1A  
Clarkston Meadows Sub No. 2  
08-20-152-008

Case #02-0090 David Hills, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIZE VARIANCE OF 336 SQ. FT. TO CONSTRUCT 2nd GARAGE (DETACHED)  
Clintonville Rd., Lot 20 & Pt of 19, plus acreage, R-1 A  
Sashabaw Creek Farms  
08-23-476-042

Case #02-0091 Robert Smith, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS RENEWAL OF VARIANCE GRANTED ON 10/17/01 TO CONSTRUCT 288 SQ. FT. ACCESSORY BUILDING ON LOT 25 (LOTS ARE NOT COMBINED)  
Meadowbrook Ave., Lots 21-26, R-1A  
Sunny Beach Country Club Sub No. 1  
08-12-404-037 & 042

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary,  
Township Clerk  
Beverly A. McElmeel  
Director

Gamble reported on the Lake Improvement Board meeting regarding the Mill Pond. Tom Middleton has been appointed Chairman replacing Frank Millard.

Mayor Catallo discussed the use of the area code for local calls, and asked that the City be put on record as being opposed to dialing the area code before local calls.

Deputy Chief Combs stated that the Labor Day Parade went well and the Clarkston State Bank recognition day event in Depot Park went without incident. Combs reported that the Police Department has expanded its reserve program. There are now two plus one to be appointed on the reserve force. The reserve force is without cost to the City. These reservists work in conjunction with a regular officer. The Police Department is getting assistance from a retired officer from Detroit. The fire arms training is almost completed using the Ferndale Police Department firing range.

Pappas was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Rotary Club for the Labor Day Parade.

Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. discussed the bids received for the water main project.

Resolved that the City of the Village of Clarkston award the Phase II construction contract to Roger Ingles Construction in the amount of \$2,860,411.65, per the recommendation of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. as the lowest and best bid submitted.

Tressel reported on the easements that were requested for storm sewer improvements.

Resolved that Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. prepare cost estimates for water mains to serve Surrey Lane; the engineering costs to be the responsibility of Surrey Lane properties.

Tressel reviewed the construction schedules for Phase II. Meyland asked that the residents be given contacts if questions arise. Tressel stated that Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. would have flyers available prior to the start of construction. Residents would be apprised of construction dates, etc. Bi-weekly meetings with the contractor are scheduled; the first one being held on October 2 at 10:00 in the City Hall.

Tressel further stated that 35 gas meters are to be moved outside of houses and new gas lines will be installed in the Middle Lake area.

Resolved that the City Council adopt Resolution Authorizing 2002 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series C, \$210,000; City of the Village of Clarkston, County of Oakland, State of Michigan. (Copy attached to official Minutes).

Resolved that the City Council adopt Resolution Authorizing Special Assessment District Bonds, \$815,000, for Assessment Rolls W02-1, W02-2, W02-4, P02-1, P02-2, P02-4. (Copy attached to official Minutes).

Moved that the next regular meeting of the City Council be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. to coincide with the bond sales to be held on that date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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# Mead places first in invite as team takes sixth overall

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's girls tennis program made some positive strides Sept. 14 at the Grosse Pointe South Invitational.

The Wolves finished sixth out of eight teams with 11-1/2 points at the invite. Host Grosse Pointe South won the tourney, while Farmington Hills Mercy took second and Flint Powers third.

Clarkston coach Beth Manojlovich believes the team accomplished quite a bit at the tourney, given the level of competition they faced.

"I'm encouraged at the way we're going," she said. "This was a very competitive tourney, with six of the top teams in the state. Everyone on the team got at least one point, so it was definitely a team effort."

Colleen Mead triumphed in the #1 singles division, defeating Shamley Booke of Flint Powers 6-4, 6-1 in the finals. Stephanie Parkison won the consolation bracket at #2 singles.

Clarkston fell short earlier in the week in dual matches against Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Farmington.

The Wolves fell to visiting Lahser 6-2 on Sept. 12. Clarkston's lone wins came at the top two singles spots, as Colleen Mead defeated Lauren Moyer at #1 singles 6-0, 6-0, and Stephanie Parkison defeated Megan Carter at #2 singles 6-3, 7-6.

Manojlovich stated the Wolves were competitive in two other matches against Lahser. "We played pretty tough that day," she said. "It shows the improvement we've been making."

The Wolves were hampered by the loss of Parkison to illness at #2 singles in their 7-1 loss to host North Farmington Tuesday, Sept. 10. Katie Marvel and Amy Montero were moved up to #2 and #3 singles, respectively, while Lauren Kurowski was called up from the junior varsity to fill the #4 singles spot.

Clarkston's lone win came at #2 doubles, where seniors Lauren White and Katie Woloson defeated Jessica Garelik and Jessica Hoffman 6-2, 7-6, 6-3.

The team traveled to Troy for a Sept. 17 match against the Colts. Their next match is Sept. 19 when they travel to Rochester Adams. After that, they return home for a Sept. 24 match against Rochester.



Leaders of the pack — Clarkston's top two singles players both excelled at the Grosse Pointe South Invitational Sept. 14, as Stephanie Parkison (left) won the consolation bracket at #2 singles and Colleen Mead (right) took first place in #1 singles. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

## CHS grad Mazur signs with developmental league

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Marc Mazur will have an opportunity to show NBA scouts what he can do.

The 6'10", 260-pound Clarkston High School 1997 graduate signed a contract Sept. 11 to play basketball in the National Basketball Development League (NBDL). Mazur recently graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy.

"It's going to be a great step," Mazur said. "There's a lot of players that are looking to take it to the next level. It's going to help me get to where I want to be as a player."

Mazur played basketball at Clarkston under Coach Dan Fife, and helped them win three district titles and one state regional crown.

"It was a good experience," Mazur said. "I learned a lot under Coach Fife and the players I worked with. It's like a big family—I can still go back today."

After playing one season under Wayne State University, Mazur transferred to UDM and became a starter by the end of his sophomore season. This past season, Mazur helped the Titans to an 18-12 record and a National Invitational Tournament appear-

ance.

During the last 12 games of the season, Mazur had four double-doubles while averaging close to 10 points and 10 rebounds per game. In a televised game on ESPN2 Jan. 19 against Cleveland State, he had 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Mazur's agent, Lance Baylis, believes the NBDL will be a good opportunity for Mazur to showcase his skills.

"The nice thing is there will be 25 games on ESPN or ESPN2," Baylis said. "The real bonus for this league is exposure."

The NBDL was created last year by the NBA as a source of on-court talent for the NBA's 29 teams. Most of the league's eight teams are located in the southeastern part of the United States. The league offers contracts to only 96 players selected from across the country, and the players sign a contract with the league. The eight teams then each draft 12 players from the roster of players who have signed with the league. This year's draft will be on Nov. 3.

The league plays a 50-game schedule, covering a period of five months beginning Nov. 15. Eight players and one coach were called up from the NBDL to the NBA during the 2001-02 season.

Mazur stated he has worked out



Getting a chance — Clarkston High School alumnus Marc Mazur, who graduated this season from the University of Detroit Mercy, has signed a contract with the National Basketball Development League, which was created by the NBA in 2001. Mazur will be drafted by one of the league's teams Nov. 3. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

with NBA players Michael Curry, Don Reid and Brian Cardinal, as well as Pistons strength and conditioning coach Arnie Kander. His ultimate goal is to get a chance at that level.

"Every player's dream is to play in the NBA," he said. "I've worked out with players in the NBA, and I've learned about the business side of the league. A lot of people will see me (in the NBDL)."

## Kickers' slump continues with two losses in OAA I

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's boys soccer team is still winless in Oakland Activities Association Division I.

The Wolves dropped two league contests late week to drop their record to 1-5-1 overall and 0-5 in OAA I. Their most recent loss came Sept. 13 at the hands of the visiting Farmington Falcons, who defeated the Wolves 3-1. Senior defenseman Edgar Grech-Cumbo scored the lone goal for the Wolves.

On Sept. 10, the Wolves fell to host Royal Oak Kimball 4-2. Sophomore midfielder Mike Klemm scored with about 20 minutes left in the first half, and then sophomore midfielder Mike Holody added another goal with 10 minutes left in the game.

While coach Dan Fitzgerald sees some improvement, he believes the Wolves have more work to do.

"I think both games we played more aggressively," he said. "We still let in some soft goals. (Junior midfielder) Brady Gardner's been playing really well."

The Wolves traveled to Troy Tuesday, Sept. 17 for a game against the Colts. They return home Friday, Sept. 20 for a 7 p.m. contest against Holly.

## Sports shorts

### Riverdaws to conduct baseball tryouts

Clarkston's Youth Baseball Organization (CYBO) will be conducting tryouts for the 2003 travel baseball season for boys age 14 and under (age as of July 31, 2003).

Tryouts for Clarkston's travel teams will be held at Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Independence Township. Tryouts for 15 and 16-year-old players will be conducted in the spring of 2003. Boys turning 15 before Aug. 1, 2003 may try out for that team.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21-22, 12 and 14-year-old boy tryouts will run from 1-3 p.m. on fields 4 and 6, 11 and 13-

year-old boy tryouts will run from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on fields 4 and 6.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, all age groups will have a tryout between 3:30-5:30 p.m. on fields 4 through 7.

Tryouts are free. If a player is selected, fees must be paid prior to the season starting in 2003. Players should make every effort to attend more than one tryout. Please call Benson Lange with questions at 248-673-8853.

### Mesquite Creek to host fundraiser

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training will be hav-

ing a fundraiser Monday, Sept. 23 at Mesquite Creek Bar and Grill in Clarkston.

The restaurant, located on 7728 Ortonville Road (M-15), just south of I-75 and just north of downtown Clarkston, will be donating a portion of the entire day's proceedings to the society.

The event will be hosted by Team In Training members Pamela Vanas-Peterson and April Berlinski-Betzler. Vanas-Peterson, a Clarkston resident, will also ride a bicycle 100 miles on Oct. 5 in Florida to raise money for the society. For more information, call her at 248-909-4627.

## Football

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Jay Martello had a great game. Overall, defensively we played pretty well."

Several Wolves contributed defensively to the win. Senior defensive back Myles Purdy had six tackles and two assists for Clarkston. Senior defensive back Kirk Hanna added five tackles and four assists, while junior linebacker Addison Turk added four tackles and four assists and senior linebacker Derek George four tackles.

Junior linebacker Erik Buetow contributed three tackles and three assists, with one of those tackles being for a loss of six yards. Buetow also blocked a Southfield punt.

The Wolves return to action Friday, Sept. 20 when they travel to Rochester for a 7 p.m. contest against the Falcons.







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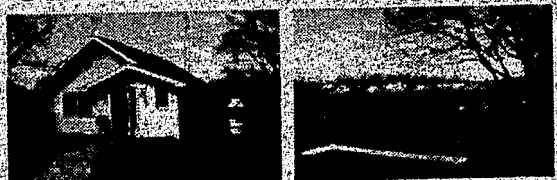


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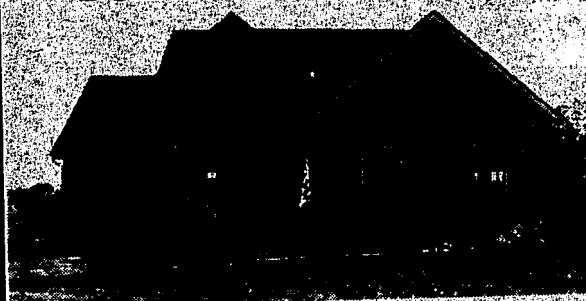
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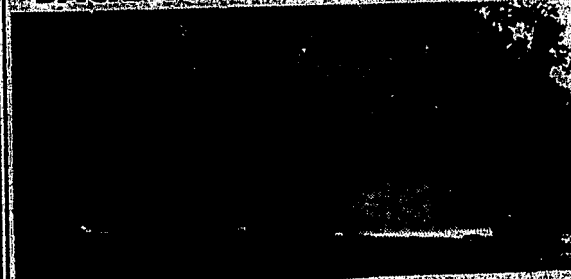
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