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## 'Gateway to Springfield' on the wrong road?

### Development slated for Dixie irks nearby residents

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Once news got out of a proposed shopping complex for property that has long been home for Dixie Baptist Church, area residents came out en masse to a recent Springfield Township meeting.

The church owns the sign along I-75 depicting Jesus, asking northbound travelers, "Are you on the right road?" Plans for the property are by Southfield developer REDICO and call for a Target and HomeDepot, to anchor the shopping complex.

REDICO is seeking a Planned Unit Development approval for the "Gateway to Springfield Township" as President and CEO Dale Watchowski called it during the Aug. 21 township planning commission meeting.

The land, with boundaries on both Dixie Highway and I-75 also borders two condominium complexes, Bavarian Village and Softwater Lake. Residents from these communities ventured to the meeting to voice their displeasure.

Softwater resident Bob Gray, 65, was one such resident. He expressed concern over his property's value, which would face the loading docks of the Target store.

Gray and wife Gail have lived within the Softwater community for 12 years, and they were two of the 48 signatures collected in a letter of strong opposition to the development which was submitted to township officials. Only three members of the community did not sign, Gray said, because they were unavailable when the signature drive took place.

The letter cites resident concerns like light pollution, depressed home values, wetlands' suffering, the infestation of sea gull, noise pollution and proximity of preexisting locations of HomeDepot and Target, as the reasons why the township should not approve the plan.

At the meeting, some residents spoke directly to Dixie Baptist Pastor Todd Vanaman. The congregation plans to relocate to E. Holly Road.

Gray said he does not begrudge Vanaman for wanting to see the church property sold. *Please see Gateway on page 23A*



The Dixie Baptist Church is hoping to sell its property to developers and relocate to property along East Holly Road. The highway landmark portrait of Jesus Christ asks the question, "Are you on the right road?" Photo by Paul Kampe

## Extracurricular means extra money

### Schools hope to save \$192,000

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Area parents were surprised when they read a letter mailed last week from Deputy Superintendent of Clarkston Schools, Dave Reschke. The letter was notice that some extracurricular programs will continue to be offered, but at a price.

With the start of the 2006-07 school year, comes a new "student activity fee" for extracurricular activities affecting students through middle school. According to Reschke, this one time, \$50 fee will cover all clubs listed during the school year (see sidebar for a list of clubs affected). The letter states student leadership/council, band orchestra and certain

music clubs like marching band will continue to be free.

"School districts throughout the state have been facing budget cuts and reductions in programs for the past several years. We are no different here in Clarkston," the letter began.

Reschke said the decision to institute the new fee came in response to budget cuts approved by the Clarkston School board on April 24. As part of an effort to reduce a potential deficit for the 2006-07 school year, the board approved approximately \$2 million in cost reductions, including the removal of general funds designated to fund extra curricular activities and intramural sports.

Ironically, at the June 12 meeting, the

board approved two percent raises for central office administrators and non-union employees. They board also approved a new contract for Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, which included a two percent salary raise and three percent "performance merit incentive." The board approved raises for 196 employee contracts. Of those receiving raises, 33 were central office administrators and that their portion of the expense amounted to \$61,141.

The extracurricular cuts will save the school district approximately \$192,206. The new student fees are an effort to get back some of the costs for club sponsors. Reschke said he only expects the fees to cover some of the costs.

"We'll be lucky if we pay half," he said. According to Reschke, the fee

*Please see Pay on page 23A*

#### Clubs affected by student activity fees include:

- Art Club
- STAND
- Computer Club
- Weight Lifting Club
- Math Counts
- Future Problem Solvers
- Intramural Track
- Middle School Floor Hockey
- Forensics
- World Languages
- Science
- Flag Football (sixth grade)
- Youth in Government
- Middle School Intramural Volleyball,
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- Blue and Gold Club
- SADD
- Drama Club
- Basketball (sixth grade)
- National Honor Society



The Clarkston Varsity Pom Team entertained and energized the crowd during halftime at a recent CHS football game. Photo by Dave Pemberton

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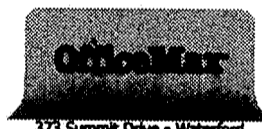


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### Officers catch bank robber on I-75

Independence Twp. - Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies from the township substation assisted Grand Blanc Township police in capturing a suspected bank robber along I-75.

The officers joined the chase at Dixie Highway and I-75, where two cars got into position on the afternoon of Aug. 29.

Police heard a call saying the Grand Blanc Twp. Police were giving chase to a minivan.

OCSO officers followed the vehicle, which weaved its way through traffic until reaching the truck weight station near exit 84, Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills.

The suspect was apprehended after losing control of the vehicle and crashing.

Police recovered suspected stolen cash from the vehicle.

### Oktoberfest 5k run slated for Sept. 23

The sixth annual Clarence Catallo Oktoberfest 5k run for SCAMP is Sept. 23. The annual run is sponsored by the Clarkston Union Bar & Kitchen and begins at the parking lot of the Clarkston Schools Administration Building on Clarkston Road.

Early registration is by Sept. 15 and costs \$15. On the day of the race registration costs \$20 and will be from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. The race starts at 8:30.

All proceeds from the event go to benefit Clarkston SCAMP. Prizes will be awarded to the top three males & females overall and masters. Medals will be given to all age group winners. For more information call 248-620-1882 or visit [www.clarkstoncamp.com](http://www.clarkstoncamp.com)



Children play at Depot Park on Aug. 31. The city's DPW will try to sand the graffiti from the trees and use a thinner to remove the smiley faces from the slides in the park. Photos by Paul Kampe

## Depot Park trees, gazebo, slides, porta-poties 'violated'

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Downtown Clarkston's Depot Park is seeing some changes to its picturesque landscape, unfortunately, not in a good way.

Vandals took aim at the trees which line the rear of the park near the creek. City officials say there is a small sense of relief that whoever decided to spray paint the trees did not use curse words or objective symbols.

However, the 12 trees carry such words as "Love", "Sexy" and "Shrooms!" Several of the trees have new, painted on smiley faces, which now also adorn two of the park's slides.

Department of Public Works Director Bob Pursley said the department will clean up the trouble in the near

future. Pursley said the DPW expects to sand the paint from the trees, which will not harm them.

After the first attempt to remove paint from the slides failed, DPW workers will try a new type of thinner to remove the graffiti.

"We're going to try something different," Pursley said.

City Council spoke about the trees and other vandalism in the park at both of its August meetings.

"It's just terrible," Councilwoman Kristy Ottman said. She said the park is a safe-haven for children, and it is a shame knowing that the trees and slides have been defaced.

Mayor Sharron Catallo feels badly about the incident. *Please see Vandalism on page 23A*

## District fairs well on yearly progress report But, Clarkston high schools 'failed'

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Throughout the year students are constantly reviewed and graded, but since the federally mandated No Child Left Behind program was instituted, schools are graded, too.

For the most part the Clarkston School district received all As and Bs - good for kids, but when a district gets a "D" like Clarkston's Renaissance High did, accumulative grades get skewed. Even though Clarkston High School met the Adequate Yearly Progress standards with a "B" grade, both high schools were failed because of Renaissance's grade.

District officials already filed an appeal regarding the grade for CHS.

"Clarkston High School did make AYP, but the district high schools together did not," said Deputy Superintendent Dave Reschke. The two schools are grouped together for determining whether or not as a whole the district's high schools passed AYP.

On the Michigan Department of Education website, CHS is listed as having failed to test an adequate number of 'economically disadvantaged' students. However, Reschke said district records do not show such a large discrepancy.

"We tested all but three kids," he said. "So, we're asking them to double check their information."

According to Reschke, the district filed an appeal nearly three weeks ago, shortly after receiving the report. If successful, the appeal would not change the school's grade, but would take the district off the list for failing to test the adequate number of students.

The "D" grade for RHS will stand and no appeal is being filed in regards to the grade. Last year, RHS was listed as "unaccredited." According to Reschke, 95 percent of students must be tested in order to receive an AYP grade. The lack of a prior grade makes tracking progress difficult, but Reschke said officials will take the current grade into consideration when adjusting for the new school year. Reschke added, that making large strides to change the grade for RHS will prove difficult because all students at the school have "special needs."

According to the district's website, "Renaissance

**'Clarkston High School did make AYP, but the district high schools together did not.'**

**- Dave Reschke, deputy superintendent of Clarkston Schools**

High School is for students in grades 9 - 12 who need an alternative to the traditional high school setting in order to be successful. Renaissance students must meet Clarkston High School graduation requirements and receive a Clarkston High School diploma. Renaissance students are encouraged to participate in athletics, clubs and extracurricular activities offered at Clarkston High School. Renaissance students can also take courses at the Oakland Technical Campus.

The smaller student-teacher ratio at Renaissance gives students the opportunity to receive individualized attention and support. Renaissance is housed at the newly renovated Community Education center building on Waldon Road.

On the up side, all of the district's elementary schools received "A's", as did Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston Junior High. On the previous year's AYP report, Clarkston Middle School and Sashabaw Middle School both received "B" grades while Andersonville, Bailey Lake, Independence, North Sashabaw, Pine Knob and Springfield Plains Elementary Schools all received "A" grades.

The Michigan Department of Education has posted the AYP results on their website at [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde).

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## Police searching for cigarette bandits

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials are on the lookout for up to four men in connection with a series of cigarette heists. The latest reported theft was on August 28. The BP service station on Dixie Highway, north of the I-75 interchange, was burglarized in what Oakland County Sheriff Deputies call a "routine heist." The theft takes a pair to pull-off.

Sheriff's investigators say one of the suspects walked into the station, followed by another who proceeded to distract the clerk in a merchandise aisle. While this was going on, deputies report

*'Surveillance cameras show suspects are black males, between 30 and 35 years old -- both nearly six-feet-tall. The suspected getaway vehicle is a dark colored, 1999 Pontiac Grand Am.'*

the other suspect hopped behind the counter and stuffed the lining of his jacket with cigarettes. As the clerk and the second suspect head back, the other suspect completed the deed and walked right past the clerk.

The missing merchandise was not realized until the following morning when the station manager tallied stock numbers and notice more than \$300 in smokes missing.

"We're working with a couple other agencies to get this matter resolved," said Oakland County Sheriff's Detective Michael Houck.

Houck said a similar heist took place at the same station July 29, adding there may be up to four suspects in the robberies as they all have the same calling card. Houck also said a similar robbery took place in Genesee County, at a Swartz Creek gas station.

The Springfield Township BP station's surveillance cameras show suspects are black males, between 30 and 35 years old -- both nearly six-feet-tall. The suspected getaway vehicle is a dark colored, 1999 Pontiac Grand Am.

Sgt. Mark Gardner said the video appeared to show the suspects traveling south on Dixie Highway and getting on northbound I-75. Gardner added the robberies were committed during the day and the suspected thieves are taking only cigarettes.



Nothing like a sack race to bring out the competitive nature in Clarkston men -- as witnessed during last year's event. Clarkston News file photo.

## Clarkston picnic in park an old-fashioned get-together

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Though the season doesn't officially end until September 20, to many Labor Day marks the end of summer. For the third year in a row, the City of the Village of Clarkston wants to give residents to say "good-bye" to summer and "hello" to fall.

The annual Clarkston City Picnic is Sept. 10, from 1 - 4 p.m. in Depot Park.

The event is sponsored by the city for residents who live within the village limits. In the past, games, balloons and ice cream have all been part of the festivities.

Chairperson for the event, City Councilwoman Kristy Ottman, said the Coventry family from Clarkston donated the sand for the penny scramble which is new this year.

Besides the scramble, residents can look forward to old-fashioned games like sack races, a tug of war and

costume relay game. There will be ribbons for the contestants, and there will be ice cream for all to enjoy.

"It's a big family affair. It's just good old-fashioned, family fun," Ottman said.

Ottman said nearly a month was needed to organize the event. The most important phone call made, she said, was to secure the ice cream from Brandon Township's Cook's Dairy Farm.

The City Picnic was started three years ago, the brain child of resident and antique dealer, Ginny Schultz. She felt the time was right for everyone in the city to get together for picnic as a community.

"Anyone who has kids will enjoy the picnic. It's nice, and beside that, you get ice cream," Mayor Sharron Catalo said.

Ottman hopes by moving the picnic to the week after Labor Day, they will have a larger turnout.

For more information on the event, contact the city offices at 248-625-1559.

## 'Neighbor for Neighbor' for 'Treasures and treats'

### Community garage sale to benefit area needy

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For those who cannot pass a garage or yard sale without stopping, the folks in Davisburg have something planned for you -- a community garage sale.

Davisburg based Neighbor for Neighbor will host its annual "Treasures and Treats" on Sept. 8 and 9 at the Hart Community Center downtown. This is in conjunction with the Springfield Township Parks & Rec annual community garage and sidewalk sale. Neighbor for

Neighbor is selling baked goods for a portion of the event, which runs from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on both days.

The group usually raises about \$2,000 from their sale. "It's turned into a really good fund-raiser," said Cathy Forst, president of the Neighbor for Neighbor board of directors. The group is a nonprofit charity which provides food, clothing and financial assistance in the Springfield/Independence area. It was formed in 1983.

Please see Neighbor on page 23 A

## Pet of the Month



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# Opinion

## Of dress codes and gas prices

So Pontiac Schools aren't having much luck enforcing their new dress code system yet. Maybe in time things will fall into place. I've always been skeptical of such measures, especially when they are implemented specifically to curb gang activity and violence. To me, enforcing a dress code in schools with so many more serious problems seems like installing smoke alarms in a burning building. The problem is beyond such a simple checking measure.

Fortunately Clarkston Schools seem to see the futility such measures, though the district's problems with cliques are nowhere near those of Pontiac. Nonetheless, you can't walk down the halls of CHS and avoid seeing the different social groups that populate the high school. Whether they're "jocks," "nerds," "goths," or "artists," students will always find a way to express themselves and separate themselves from others. Making everyone wear the same type of shirt is only going to make him or her look for other ways to express themselves.

If the real problem is gang violence, security actions need to be stepped up. If drugs are an issue, stricter enforcement and better outreach programs need to be implemented. If you expect to see any change, you need to be willing to pay the price.

As far as I know, there are no serious talks of implementing one anytime soon and I can only hope things stay that way.

Switching gears, I can't help but wondering about the gas prices in the Clarkston area. Even though I've worked at *The Clarkston News* for a year, I've never said anything despite noticing that gas around here always seems to cost more. I'm used to seeing a six or seven-cent flux in price on any given drive, but a 20-plus difference seems unreasonable.

There are a few things I don't think I'll ever understand and will bug me even if gas drops below \$2 a gallon again. Why are some stations able to charge so much more than others? Why do people continue to pay them?

As wealthy as many people are in the Clarkston area, I fail to believe everyone is so well off that they don't see the point in driving a few extra blocks to save a few dollars. If there really is no "scientific formula" for why gas would cost more the closer the station is to the expressway, how else can we explain it?

Can we only assume that station owners charge more because they know people will pay rather than look for something cheaper?

With all the different factors involved with determining the price of gas, there is little to nothing the average consumer can do to evoke change, but there's no reason to stand for unnecessary markups when they are so easily avoidable. Station boycotts or "gas-outs" that have been suggested through e-mails campaigns never seem to work (or even happen for that matter) but individuals can still put forth a little more effort, drive a little further, save a little bit and hopefully set a proper trend.



Soapbox

Andrew DuPont

## Dear Editor. . .

Letters from our readers

### 'Bravo' to our community

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the hundreds of friends and relatives who attended the funeral of Matt Paulik on Aug. 24th, and the luncheon afterwards, we wish to humbly thank Mr. B's Roadhouse of Clarkston.

Not only did they close their restaurant to allow all employees to attend their co-workers funeral, they also hosted a full luncheon for over 200 people to pay tribute to this well-loved young man whose life was cut short unexpectedly.

Our hats off to the owners Ron Nicol, LJ Hurley, and Managers Dawn O'Malley and Rich Miller for

making his memory so special for all of us that cared so much about him. And how heart warming that all the wait staff from the Rochester Mr. B's donated any money they made to Matt's family.

We also wish to thank many local businesses in Clarkston for offering their services to help, such as Mesquite Creek, The Union, and the Clarkston Tap to name a few. How nice that a community can come together for one of their own.

Bravo to all of you!

Cheryl Gates-Beers, Clarkston

### Let's get somebody else's opinion!

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Independence Township for 37 years. What election did I miss? When was Neil Wallace elected or appointed as spokesman for the citizens of the township? He certainly doesn't speak for me.

It would be nice to read an article about the township without a quote from him. The articles I've read refer to 34,000 residents not only the 500 or 600 members of COG.

When the master plan was written, the township

didn't cost nearly \$3 a gallon. We don't need any more "90 day wonder" stripmalls, you drive by and wonder what was in those empty stores!

I can understand the supervisor being tired of the COG group giving their opinion on everything being considered for the township. Let's hear from some of the other 33,400 citizens. I'm sure there are many who are in favor of the hospital and Wal-Mart.

Average Citizen.

Jack Edwards, Independence Township

## Clarkston ready for second annual 'Salute to Safety' -- so go!

BY DAVE PEMBERTON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Clarkston Health Center and Sunrise Assisted Living will host the second annual Salute to Safety, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 9.

According to Marie Bristow of the Clarkston Health Center the Salute to Safety is a free event designed promote safety in the community.

"It's a really great family event," Bristow said. "It's a good time for people to come out learn some safety tips and have a good time. It's also an opportunity for us to have even that supports wellness and thank our local fire, police and EMS personnel."

One of the popular events returning from last year is the child-car seat inspection. Bristow said people were glad they took the time to get their children's car seats inspected last year.

"I think we did 28 checks and not one was 100 percent correct," Bristow said.

Other events this year include a water tower rescue, roll-over simulator, bike helmet giveaway, playground safety and AED demonstrations.

The Salute to Safety will also feature carnival games, a moon walk, rock climbing, face painting and a dunk tank. "The event is designed to be a fun way to get

across important safety issues," she said. "People also like the free food. My son loved the hot dogs."

Bristow said another interesting attraction involves wearing "fatal vision" goggles, which simulate how a person's vision would be if they were drunk.

"We have people try to walk a straight line or pick something up," Bristow said. "The teenagers learn a lot from it and the adults get a kick out of it, too."

The event was designed to bring the community together to promote wellness and not be just another health fair.

"We tried to think of good community event and we brainstormed about having a safety fair," Bristow said. "Last year we had a really good turnout. This year we are building more momentum. We are trying to do something with a different twist. We don't want a normal health fair."

The Salute to Safety will take place at the Clarkston Medical Campus, which is at the northwest corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road near the blue water tower.

Proceeds from the event benefit a CPR rally slated for next spring. At the rally and will attempt to break the Guinness Record for the world's largest CPR training session.

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## A Look Back

Take a step back into our community's history as reported by the Clarkston News.

The following are from our archives.

### 15 years ago, Sept. 11, 1991

•Outgoing Clarkston High School Principal Dr. Robert Burek was honored by a packed assembly crowd at the high school. Burek left the district to become Fenton's Superintendent.

•A local man's yellow lab named Bear was dognapped.

•On Sept. 4, both David Simpson III and friend Paul Salvino, both men age 23, were arraigned on charges of sexually abusing Simpson's five-year-old son.

•The Michigan Supreme Court ruled Aug. 26 that two developers of Pine Knob recreational center in Independence Township were not libeled in a 1979 series of newspaper articles.

### 25 years ago, Sept. 9, 1981

•A handful of residents turned out to voice opinions on a proposed Deer Lake Beach boat launch at the Department of Natural Resources' hearing on Sept. 2.

•Radmacher Chevrolet donated a 1981 van at cost to Clarkston's Rotary Club to be used by Independence Township to transport senior citizens.

•The township board approved a vote to advertise bids Sept. 1 for a new fire station.

•The Michigan Renaissance Festival comes to town Sept. 12 for six weeks at the Colombiere Center. Adult tickets cost \$5.75 and children's tickets cost \$2.

### 50 years ago, Sept. 6 1956

•The pioneer club will elect officers at a Sept. 27 meeting. The pioneers were well represented in the Labor Day parade where many of them wore costumes of pioneer days.

•Mars will draw closer to earth than it has been in 32 years, said the University of Michigan Astronomy Department.

•Since the opening of "Seven Wonders of the World." at Music Hall Theatre in Detroit, inquiries have been directed to Lowell Thomas, the producer as to how he made his selection of his wonders.

## Some thoughts while laboring on Labor Day

Okay, all you wussies -- how many of you actually lounged on Labor Day? I know lounging wasn't in my plans. So, now the 3-day weekend is over. It's 6 a.m., I am in the office. I am tired.

But, while I was still fresh and laboring this past Labor Day, I thought about an e-mail I got from cousin Doris. It's about a billion. And, it should really make all laborers stop and think the next time you go to the voting box. Here it is, tell me what you think.

#### What is a Billion?

The next time you hear a politician use the word "billion" in a casual manner, think about whether you want the "politicians" spending your tax money. A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

a. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.

b. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.

c. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.

d. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.

e. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate our government is spending it. While this thought is still fresh in our brain, let's take a look at New Orleans. It's amazing what you can learn with some simple division. Louisiana Senator, **Mary Landrieu (D)**, is presently asking the Congress for \$250 BILLION to rebuild New Orleans. Interesting number, what does it mean?

a. Well, if you are one of 484,674 residents of New Orleans (every man, woman, child), you each get \$516,528.

b. Or, if you have one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans, your home gets \$1,329,787

c. Or, if you are a family of four, your family gets \$2,066,012.

Washington, D.C -- HELLO! Are all your calculators broken?

This is too true to be very funny



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Tax him good and let him know. That after taxes, he has no dough.

If he hollers, Tax him more, Tax him until he's good and sore. Tax his coffin, Tax his grave, Tax the sod in which he lays. Put these words upon his tomb, "Taxes drove me to my doom!"

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So, why do we go to work an labor?

Tell me, dontrushmedon@charter.net

## Coffee (n): the person upon whom one coughs

On the west coast of Michigan, the name "Batdorff" has long been a prominent name in the newspaper business.

Austen Batdorff owned the *Traverse City Record Eagle* until selling it to Dow Jones, probably in the 1960s. *The Big Rapids Pioneer Press* and *Manistee News Advocate* were also part of the family chain.

They still are, along with several weekly publications, in Lake County and Reed City -- all are now run by Jack Batdorff.

One of Jack's personal columns was sent to me recently by one of our former *Clarkston News* employees, Maralee Cook. Jack got this article from Bob Levey, a former *Washington Post* columnist.

Levey's Neologism Contest, a challenge for his readers, was picked up by Jack, and is also on the Internet, I'm told.

So, here are some of the better new word usages:

1. Coffee (n): the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj): appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v): to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v): to attempt an explanation when drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (adj): impotent
6. Negligent (adj): describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v): to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n): olive flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n): emergency vehicle that picks you up after you've been run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n): a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n): a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n): a formal dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. Pokemon (n): a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster (n): a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism (n): the belief, that when you die, your Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Jack closed his column with . . .

. . . A husband was in big trouble when he forgot a VERY important wedding anniversary.

His wife told him, "Tomorrow there better be something in the driveway for me that goes from zero to 200 in two seconds flat."

The next day the wife found a small package in the driveway. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Our son-in-law Bob sent me paragraphs defining the origination of various sayings. Sayings like, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old," which I didn't find interesting at all.

The listings start with a disclaimer: *Can't vouch for the validity, but find them interesting.*

I'm going to ask Bob to put a disclaimer ahead of just about everything he tells me, which I always do.

Anyway, there's one with the word bacon in it which I'm passing along (being the bacon-man-about-town that I am.)

Sometimes people could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "Bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Now you realize why anyone coming up with such trivial nonsense would want to put a disclaimer up front.

### Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

What say you? Are Rush and Sherman speaking the truth or with forked tongue?

Tell us your thoughts. E-mail The Clarkton News, shermanpub@aol.com

## Rotary club seeks area professionals for goodwill exchange to Thailand

The Clarkston Rotary Club, with clubs throughout Michigan and Canada are seeking four outstanding professionals to visit Thailand from February 21, 2007 to March 20, 2007 as part of the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Through the program, teams of young professionals from two different countries exchange visits. For four weeks, team members experience the way of life, customs, and vocational practices of another country, while sharing information about their homeland.

The purpose of the Group Study Exchange program is to promote international

understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

Young adults between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in applying should be employed full-time in a business or profes-

sion. Applicants must live or be employed in Macomb, Oakland, Livingston or Washtenaw Counties in Michigan or Kent County in Ontario.

For an application, please contact Rotarian Judy Garver at 248-977-9588 or email: judygarver2000@yahoo.com.

Applications are due by September 22.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 1.2 million Rotary members in some 32,500 Rotary clubs in more than 168 countries.

## CVP 'Mamas' opens this weekend

The Clarkston Village Players' season opener "Red Hot Mamas" starts this weekend. Unlike previous CVP seasons, opening night is scheduled for Friday instead of Thursday night, with the remaining shows following the usual schedule.

Performances of "Red Hot Mamas" are scheduled for Sept. 8-9, 15-17 and 21-23. Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$10 for Thursday and Sunday.

Tickets are available for purchase through [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org) or by calling 248-625-2511. They are also available by leaving a message on the Clarkston Village Players ticket line at 248-625-8811.

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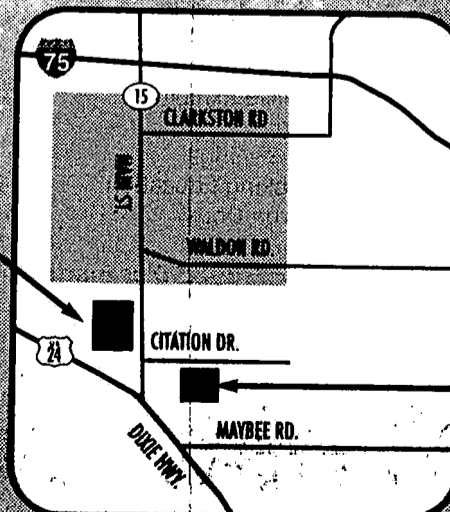
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# Police and Fire

## Springfield Township

**Aug. 28** A stolen pick-up truck and cargo trailer were recovered running and abandoned in Detroit.

**Aug. 29** A Holly woman reported that her ex-boyfriend, recently released from jail returned to see her and had been threatening her while incarcerated.

**Aug. 30** A Springfield Township woman on Norman Road reported credit card fraud after she found charges in her name that she did not make.

An shop-owner on Dixie Highway reported having a fraudulent check cashed at his establishment.

## Independence Township

**Aug. 26** An underage patron at DTE was issued a MIP ticket after his PBT was 0.138 BAC. The West Bloomfield man reportedly could not support his own body weight. He was treated in first-aid and released to his parents.

An Attica man was caught by DTE security saw him trying to illegally entering the venue.

An intoxicated Wixom was taken to first-aid, having a swollen eye from falling, and he said the injury was not fight-related. The underage man's PBT result

was 0.328 BAC.

**Aug. 27** An Independence Township man on Ridgeview receiving harassing ongoing phone calls from a former romantic partner.

Stolen goose lawn ornaments on Kingfisher. The homeowner reported having trailer tires slashed in the past, but leaving the incident unreported.

**Aug. 28** Counterfeit \$100 bill passed at a credit union on M-15.

**Aug. 29** A car rear-ended on M-15 after another motorists failed to stop behind them.

An Independence Township man reported identity fraud and several unauthorized accounts opened in his name.

A Swartz Creek woman left her ID at a grocer on Sashabaw while reportedly writing fraudulent checks for gift cards.

A Waterford woman reported an object came off another vehicle while she was traveling northbound on Dixie Highway on Aug. 24. The woman assumed it was a tonneau cover from a pickup truck, which had damaged her vehicle.

A Foreman reported more stolen copper wire from a business on Flemings Lake Road.

Car broken into overnight in downtown Clarkston and a cell phone stolen.

Car broken into Burgundy without force and a cell phone stolen.

Car broken into on Burgundy and a cell phone and CD's stolen.

Police responded to a domestic as-

sault on Oakstone.

**Aug. 30** Driver rear-ended on Sashabaw Road at Waldon Road while waiting for traffic.

Driver rear-ended on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road.

Driver on eastbound Waldon Road hit by another driver going northbound on Clintonville Road because he thought the intersection was a four-way stop.

Driver rear-ended on northbound Dixie Highway after stopping abruptly.

Possible personal protection order violation at Clarkston Elementary.

Residential burglary, unforced, reported on Smokey Hollow Lane. Suspect came in through basement sliding door. Jewelry, coins and a digital camera reported stolen.

A business broken into in Gateway Park on White Lake Road and Andersonville Road, \$10 reported stolen.

**Aug. 31** Driver struck on southbound Sashabaw Road at Mann Road after failing to yield the right-of-way to another motorist.

Driver eastbound on Clarkston Road turned left and collided with another vehicle headed westbound, due to being blinded by the sun.

Vehicle rear-ended on northbound Dixie Highway at Maybee Road when the other involved party failed to stop for traffic.

Car broken into on Clintonville Road overnight. Victim said passenger window broken and CD's stolen from the car.

Police responded to a domestic assault on Mary Sue.

A three-car chain reaction rear-ending on northbound Sashabaw Road.

Car broken into overnight at the Fox Creek Apartments. CD's stolen from vehicle. Driver's window pried open and left on the hood.

An Independence Township man on Mount Tremblant Trail reported his Detroit Tigers tickets stolen after the online vendor shipped them to his home.

**Sept. 1** An employee at a restaurant on White Lake Road at Andersonville Road noticed a broken window in the front of the building. A rock was found around broken glass, \$300 reported stolen.

### Teen talked down from tower

**Independence Twp.** - Deputies responded to situation near Pine Knob Road. A 13-year-old female had climbed an electrical tower, and refused to leave until deputies talked her down. She was unharmed.

**Look for The Biz -- a monthly news magazine with lots of info from the local business world. Published the last Wednesday of each month (and available online at [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com))**

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### Talk to your doctor if you can't shake those blues

By Ernie Harwell



From time to time, we can get down and just not feel like ourselves. It happens to all of us. You don't live on the mountain all your life, you have to come down in the valley. For most, it's a temporary thing and we "play over it."

But for others, it's not that simple. For them, feelings of hopelessness can last much longer and have a big effect on their lives. Experts can't put their finger on it, but they think depression is caused by things like our genes, chemical imbalances in our brain, stressful events in our life, or a combination of these.

If you're feeling blue and it's just doesn't seem to be getting better, talk to your doctor and ask if you might be experiencing depression. If you are, your doctor can work with you and give you the help you need, so you can start feeling like yourself again.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Barefoot and biking -- that's Derrick Fries in training.

# At 53 Fries is still going strong

BY DAVE PEMBERTON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Derrick Fries has finished in the top 10 overall in five triathlons this summer, which is even more impressive considering he is 53-years-old.

Fries latest finish was 10th overall at Clarkston's Craig Greenfield Triathlon on August 8. Fries said he believed he could be successful when he decided to take running triathlons seriously.

"I was hoping I could be successful, but it's nice to see hope and reality come together," Fries said. "This winter and spring I got more serious about triathlons. This is really my first summer with a full schedule."

To prepare for a full summer of triathlons Fries began a strict training schedule. He trains six days a week varying between swimming, running and biking and two days a week he does two of three.

Competition is nothing new to Fries, who was a successful sailor for years and is a member of the sailing hall of fame.

"When I was sailing, I was always running," Fries said. "I ran six days a week. I've always been physically in good shape. I would do running events for fun.

I was always a good swimmer, too. I thought I would start getting on the bike and I fell in love with the bike. If you look at the results the bike has been my strength."

Fries bike riding skills put him in an early lead at the Craig Greenfield and helped create a fun story from the event.

"They started the over 40 males first at the Greenfield," Fries said. "I came out of the water second and passed the other guy in the transition.

"They started the under 40 guys later, so I'm in the lead on the bike and the guy that won caught up to me at mile 13. He could see my age on my calf and he yells, 'Dude what you doing up here?' Stuff like that is kind of fun."

Fries plans on running two more triathlons this year. Fries still sails, but said he doesn't compete as much as he used to because he has concentrated on triathlons.

Fries said he choose triatlons over sailing because the competitions take up less time and because his family enjoys them more because they can watch him compete.

*'He trains six days a week varying between swimming, running and biking and two days a week he does two of three.'*

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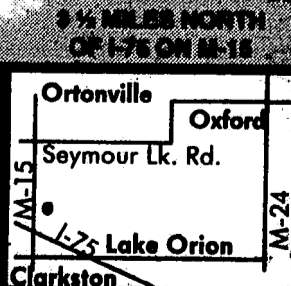
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# Obits

## William 'Bill' Hale

Ortonville resident, William "Bill" Robert Hale died suddenly on August 28, 2006. He was 63 years old.

He is survived by children and his cherished Harley. Surviving Mr. Hale are children, Mike (Dianne) Simon of Fenton, Diane (Chris Jacobs) Hale of Fenton and Karen (Mike) Hughes of



Mr. Hale

Waterford; also survived by 6 grandchildren and loving companion Lynne Johnson; brother of Pat (Bill) Miller of Commerce Twp.; uncle of 3 nieces.

Bill was known for his big heart and sense of humor. He was constantly helping others and rode in multiple children's charity rides. Bill's last gift was to the Gift of Life organ donation program. He was a master electrician for over 30 years, currently employed at ABB and recently EMT certified. He enjoyed riding with friends, turkey hunting and being outdoors. His greatest reward was lending a helping hand and he enjoyed frying turduckens on his back deck.

Funeral service were last Saturday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

## Edith L. Lockwood

Pontiac resident Edith L. Lockwood died on August 28, 2006. She was 88 years old.

Mrs. Lockwood was preceded in death by her husband Leibern and her daughter Sandra Tate. She's the loving Grandma of Steven (Jeannette) Tate of Albuquerque, NM.



Mrs. Lockwood

Great Grandma of Jennifer, Vanessa, Eugene, and David. Edith was a charter member of Columbia Avenue Baptist Church, Pontiac.

Funeral Services were Thursday, August 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Columbia Avenue Baptist Church. On line guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Cleo Ramirez

One of the founding members and Elder of the Mt. Zion Chapel, Cleo Ramirez of Waterford, died on August 31, 2006. She was preceded in death by husband Monico Ramirez Sr. and her sister Consuelo.

She's the loving Mother of Maria (Jim) Ramirez-Carl, Lolly (Bill) Dye, Monica (Tony) Velez and Monico Ramirez Jr. Grandma of Mario and Lisa Rodriguez, Kristina (Charlie) Hyde and Celia Ramirez. Great Grandma "Tita" of Kristyn, Jenee, Jacqlyn, Maegan, Mario II, Morgan, Charlise and Gracie. Sister of Trinidad, Alfonsa, Seferino, Janie, Estolia, Tomasa and Margarita.

Funeral Service held Tuesday at Mt. Zion Temple. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private interment Christian Memorial. Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion. On line guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Linday 'Lynn' Dakroub

Clarkston resident Linday "Lynn" Dakroub died on August 27, 2006. She was 59 years old.

Mrs. Dakroub was the wife of Joseph. She is survived by Joseph and her children, Jennifer (John) Fulton of Plymouth and Joseph (Kimberly) of Pontiac.

She was the "nana" of Jack & Kate; daughter of Juanita (Carl) Roselli. She was preceded in death by her father Keith Tarlton and brother Ronald Tarlton.

Family services were held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Michigan Animal Rescue League. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

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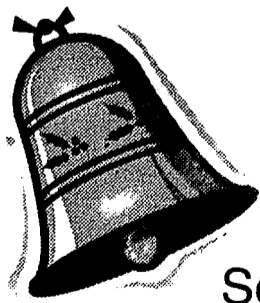
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Tue. 9:30-10 • Wed. 10:45-11:15 • Thu. 9:30-10

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<b>3-4 Year Olds</b>	Mon. 10:15-11	Wed. 10-10:45
<b>4-5 Year Olds</b>	Mon. 11-11:45	Wed. 9:15-10
<b>3-5 Year Olds</b>	Mon. 12:15-1	Mon. 5:45-6:30
	Tue. 10-10:45	Tue. 12:15-1
	Wed. 1-1:45	Thu. 11:30-12:15
	Thu. 1-1:45	Thu. 5-5:45
	Sat. 9-9:45	
<b>Grade K</b>	Mon. 9:15-10:15	Mon. 1-1:45
	Tue. 10:45-11:45	Tue. 1-1:45
	Wed. 10:45-11:45	Wed. 12:15-1
	Thu. 10:30-11:30	Thu. 12:15-1
<b>Grades K-1</b>	Mon. 5-5:45	Thu. 5:45-6:30
	Sat. 9:45-10:30	
<b>Grades 2-3</b>	Mon. 7:15-8	Tue. 4:45-5:30
	Thu. 6:30-7:15	Sat. 12-12:45
<b>Grades 3-5</b>	Thu. 7:15-8:15	Sat. 12:45-1:30
<b>Grades 6-8</b>	Thu. 8:15-9:15	Sat. 1:30-2:15

## Hip-Hop

<b>Grades K-2</b>	Mon. 6:30-7:15	Wed. 5:15-6
	Thu. 5-5:30	Sat. 9-9:45
<b>Grades 2-3</b>	Tue. 5:30-6	Thu. 5:30-6:15
<b>Grades 3-5</b>	Wed. 6:45-7:30	Thu. 6:15-7
	Sat. 9:45-10:30	
<b>Grades 6-8</b>	Thu. 7-7:45	Sat. 10:30-11:15
<b>Grades 9-12</b>	Thu. 7:45-8:30	

## Adult Fitness

<b>Pilates</b>	Mon. 9:30A-10:15A	Joslyn Studio
<b>Yogalates</b>	Mon. 8:00P-8:45P	CERC 209
<b>Yogalates</b>	Tue. 7:30P-8:15P	Joslyn Studio
<b>Yoga</b>	Wed. 7:30P-8:15P	Waldon M.S.
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	Thu. 5:45-7	
<b>Ballet 3</b>	Mon. 5:45-7	Tue. 5:45-7
	Thu. 7-8:15	
<b>Pointe 3</b>	Mon. 7-7:30	Tue. 7-7:30
	Thu. 8:15-8:45	
<b>Ballet 4</b>	Mon. 7:30-9	Tue. 7:30-9
	Wed. 6:45-8:15	Fri. 4:30-6
<b>Pointe 4</b>	Mon. 9-9:30	Tue. 9-9:30
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	Thu. 10:45-11:30	Thu. 1:45-2:30
<b>Gr. K</b>	Mon. 1:45-2:30	Tue. 1:45-2:30
	Wed. 9:15-10	Wed. 1-1:45
	Thu. 9:45-10:30	Thu. 1-1:45
<b>Gr. K-3</b>	Sat. 12-12:45	
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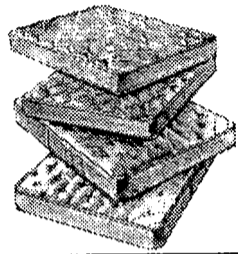
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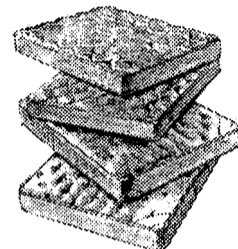


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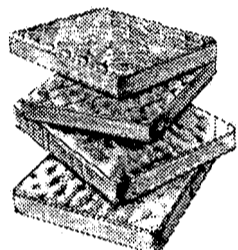


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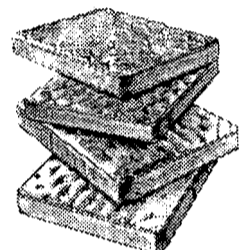


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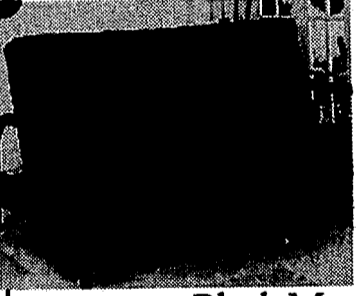
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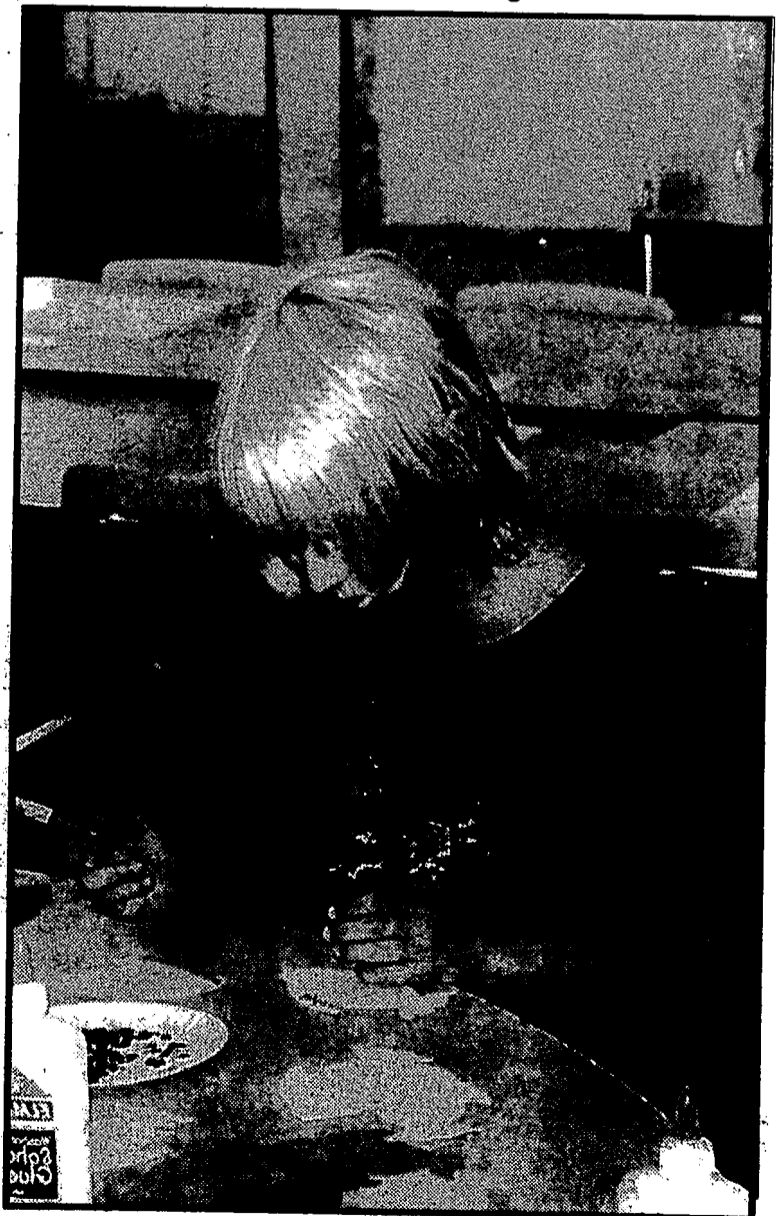
Mitchel Thompson finds his new desk for the school year.



Teachers and staff at Springfield Plains Elementary jumpstarted the school year with an open house for students to meet their new teachers. Pictured, Mrs. Townsend welcomes Brendan Greenlee to the fourth grade.



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Dylan Dixson designs a fish with his name for part of a display in Mrs. Smith's third grade class.



Allison McCulloch, first grade teacher, talks with parents about the new school year.



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# Clarkston Family Dental welcomes new dentist

Clarkston Family Dental welcomed a new doctor into the practice, Dr. Justin Newingham.

Newingham is a graduate from the University of Michigan and prior to coming to Clarkston Family Dental worked at a dental office in Rochester for a year.

Newingham said he joined the practice after visiting the office a few times.

"I had been to the office several times," Newingham said. "I hung around the office and got to know everybody. Once I got to know everybody I knew it was a great office. I decided not to renew my contract in Rochester."

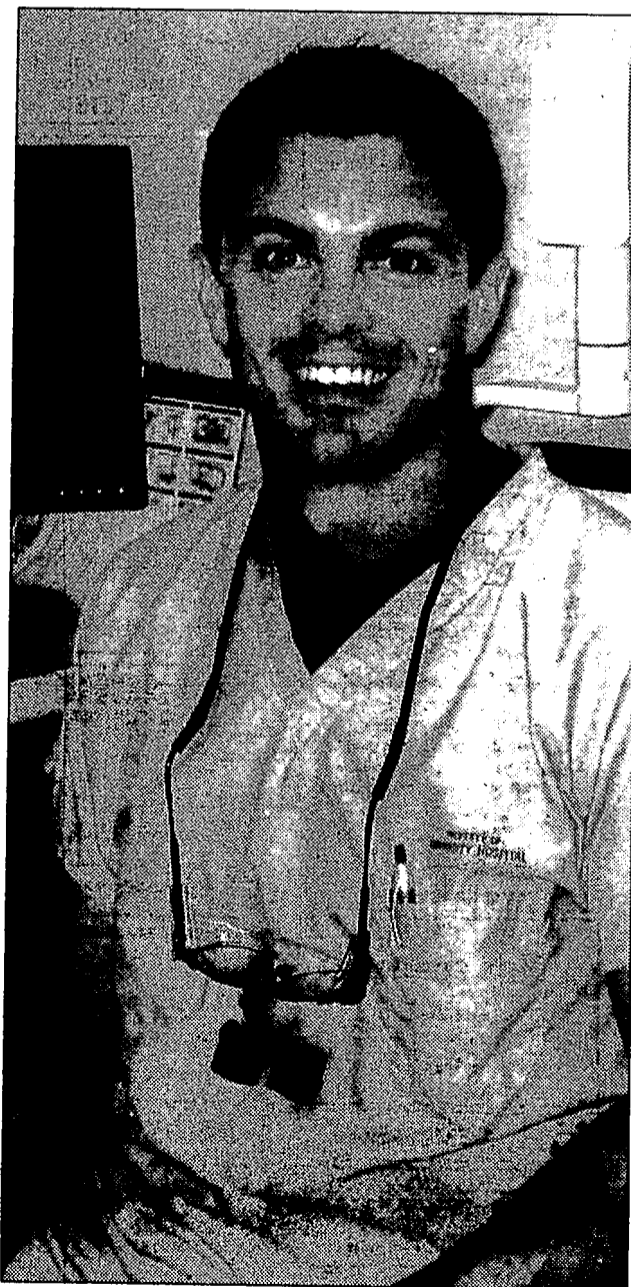
Newingham believes he made a good decision by coming to Clarkston Family Dental.

"It's been good so far," Newingham said. "I like everything about the job. The patients are great people to treat and the staff is great. My favorite part of the job is just helping people. Seeing what is wrong and presenting them with options. I'm here to help people, not get them to spend a fortune. I'm here to fix things for people."

Newingham earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Albion College. He then decided to try dental school.

"I took a bunch of different courses in college. Just about every course you can think of. I was really interested in sciences so it snowballed from there," Newingham said. "I like the lifestyle of dentists. It's usually a private practice. You become your own boss and can take off time when you want to take off time. That's one thing that drew me to it. It's something that just took off and I became passionate about it."

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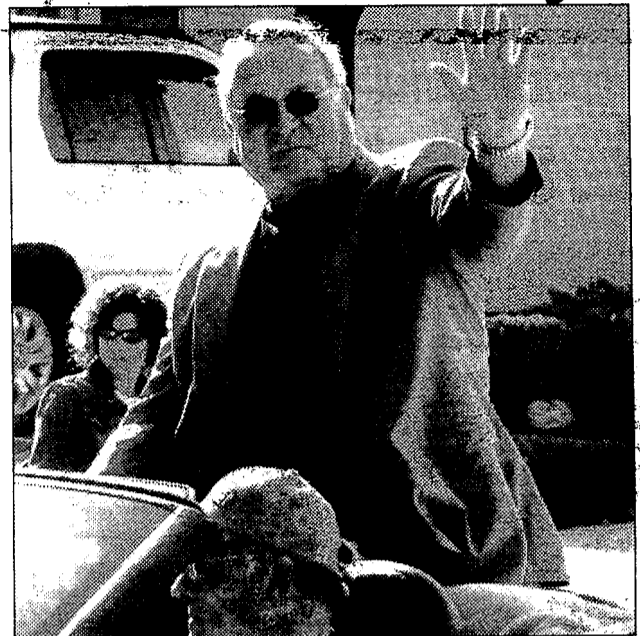
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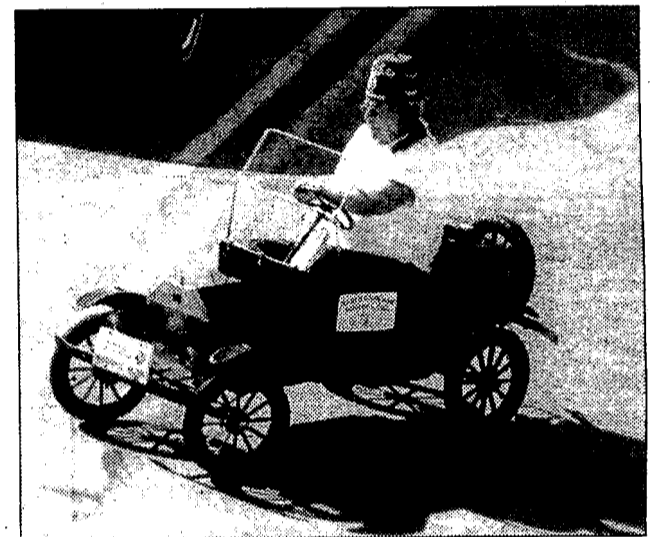
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# Sports

## Lakers no match for the Wolves



Quarterback Eric Ogg scrambles for yardage. Photos by Dave Pemberton.

**BY DAVE PEMBERTON**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

For the second week in a row Clarkston handily defeated an OAA I opponent. The Wolves topped West Bloomfield 28-7 at West Bloomfield on August 31.

Senior Kevin Badgley had another solid game. Against the Lakers Badgley caught his second touchdown pass of the season and had his second interception this year.

"He's one our captains and one of our leaders," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said. "We tell him all the time, 'You have to lead by your actions.' And he's really doing that this season."

Badgley's touchdown came with 0:29 seconds left in the first half and broke a scoreless tie.

The touchdown was set up by three quick completions with under 1:40 left in the half by Eric Ogg, including a 25-yard pass to Bren Bergquist to the 2-yard line.

Erik Thompson provided the Wolves with some breathing room quickly in the second half. Thompson returned the opening kick off 95 yards for a touchdown.

"Scoring right before the half that was huge," Richardson said. "But I think it was even bigger when Erik returned that opening kickoff in the second half."

The Wolves made it 21-0 when Erik Thompson returned the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown.

Clarkston's Ryan Breen hit a 44-yard field goal with 8:42 left in the fourth quarter, but it was erased by a false start. A second false start made Breen have to attempt a 44-yard field goal that was just wide left.

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Badgley's interception in the fourth quarter gave Clarkston good field position. The Wolves capitalized on the shortened field when Ryan Blackstone ran in a 1-yard touchdown to put them up 28-0 with 4:49 left to play.

West Bloomfield avoided being the second straight team shut out by Clarkston when Erik Walker ran in a 1-yard touchdown with 1:44 left in the game.

"I thought our defense played outstanding again," Richardson said. "Defensively I thought we played real sound football. I think our defensive coordinator Tony Millar has done a nice job and made some solid calls. We are flying to the football."

Eric Weiland led the Wolves with 8 tackles and Carlo Mollicone added 5 tackles. Offensively Popp rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown and Ogg passed for 85 yards and a touchdown.

The Wolves will attempt to start the season 3-0 when they travel to Farmington Hills to take on Harrison in OAA I action. Harrison is 2-0 so far this season.



Andy Lyons attempts to breaks a tackle.

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### Athlete of the Week Scott Messer

Goalkeeper Scott Messer (left) helped lead Clarkston to victories over Stoney Creek and Lake Orion. The two wins improve Clarkston's record to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the OAA I.

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# Clarkston tennis blanks Athens

BY DAVE PEMBERTON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston girls tennis team started off its conference season with a convincing 8-0 win over Troy Athens. Six of the eight flights won in two sets.

"In sports your mind and confidence determine a lot, so winning all the matches gives confidence to the team," Clarkston tennis coach Craig Judd said. "I think it's a great way to start the season."

At No. 1 singles junior Alyssa Lucas defeated Medha Jha 6-2, 7-6. Lucas said during the second set she tried not to get rattled.

"I was just trying to stay focused so I could get the win," Lucas said. "I want to win as many matches as I can. I think this win was really important because it will give the team a lot of confidence to start the season."

Clarkston singles players Darylann Trout, Nicole Janek and Blair McCarty all won their matches in two sets and won both sets 6-0.

The No. 2 doubles team of Andrea Scarlett and Kelli McKay also won in two

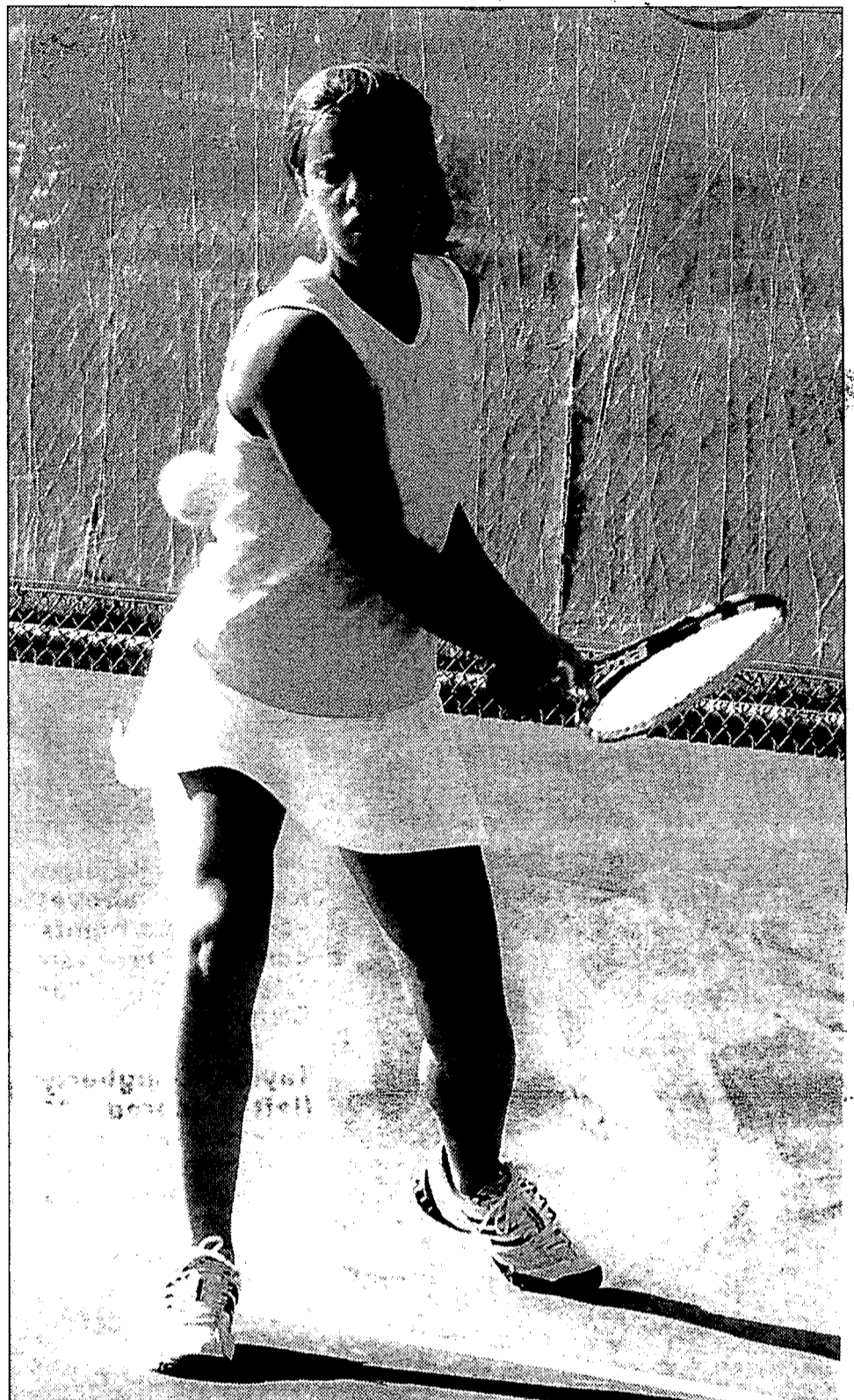
set 6-0, 6-0 and the No. 1 doubles team of Kate Cooley and Alissa Crawford won their match 6-1, 6-1. Judd said all the whole team turned in a solid performance.

"I didn't see any outstanding play," Judd said. "I thought as a team we played good. I didn't see anyone play outstanding or above their level of play. I thought everyone on the team played up to their maximum."

Judd also said the Wolves match against Athens was the first time all the flights were set.

"We are finally at the point where we know our positions on the team," Judd said. "Now we are spending our time improving. Before we were doing a lot of tryout type stuff. This is the first team we are working as doubles teams so all our energy is focused on improving. We are all working together so everyone improves as a tennis player."

Clarkston's match against Bloomfield Hills Lahser on September 5 finished too late for this addition of *The Clarkston News*. The Wolves head to West Bloomfield to take on the Lakers on Thursday.



Clarkston No. 1 singles player Alyssa Lucas won her set 6-2, 7-6. The Wolves won all eight sets against Troy Athens.

## Vela leads swim team past Grand Blanc

Alyssa Vela won two events and was on two winning relay teams for the Wolves to help them defeat Grand Blanc 99-87 in their first meet of the season.

Vela won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.41 and the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 57.35.

She teamed with Kaitlyn Hassett, Molli Simpson and Christine Seiple to win the 200-yard medley. Vela, Seiple, Kaitlyn Hassett and Amanda Hassett won the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Vela's younger sister Julia Vela

teamed with Simpson, Amanda Hassett and Michelle VanderVoord to win the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Other Clarkston winners included Simpson in the 200-yard IM and 100-yard breaststroke, Kaitlyn Hassett in the 500-yard freestyle and Seiple in the 100-yard backstroke.

The meet against Grand Blanc is Clarkston's only non-conference dual meet this season.

The Wolves will begin their conference season when they host West Bloomfield on September 7.

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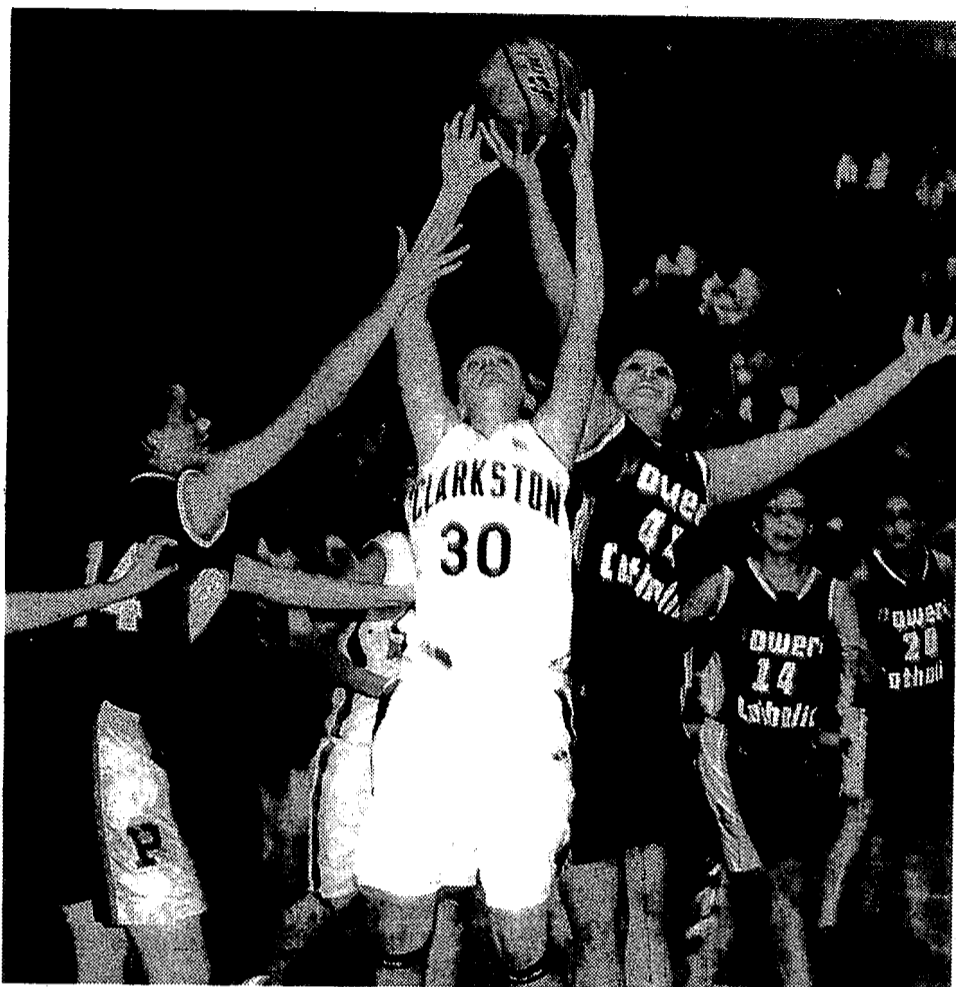
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# Mrosewske's free throws keep Wolves on top



**BY DAVE PEMBERTON**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

If the first game was any indication, the Clarkston girls basketball team is going to have an exciting season. The Wolves went down to the wire with Flint Powers and were able to escape with a 59-58 victory.

Jordan Mrosewske sealed the game for the Wolves by hitting one of two free throws with 7.3 seconds left, although she probably didn't realize it at the time. When Mrosewske stepped to the line Clarkston led by three 58-55, but after her free throws Powers' Megan Rybak hit a 3-pointer with 1.3 seconds left to cut the lead to one.

"Those were pretty big then," Clarkston coach Tim Wasilk said. "I didn't realize her free throws won it for us. That's good for her."

Wasilk was pleased the team was able to defeat Powers, especially since he didn't think the team played up to its potential.

"It obviously showed it was our first game. We were a little slow on what we wanted to do offensively and defensively," Wasilk said. "There are going to be games where we don't shoot the ball -- well like tonight -- and don't look good

offensively. But if we pull it out I have to give the girls credit. We have seven girls returning from last year's team so they know how to win."

Chelsea Kouri led the Wolves with 15 points and Taylor Daugherty scored 11 points, including nine points in the second half.

"Daugherty looked pretty good tonight," Wasilk said. "She improved tremendously since last year. She's gotten quicker and faster and it showed tonight."

Freshman Kaleigh Kenny had an impressive debut and finished with nine points.

Wasilk said he was impressed with Kenny's play.

"I thought Kaleigh Kenny did a nice job," Wasilk said. "She didn't play like a freshman at all."

Brianca Adams led Powers with 18 points, Leslie O'Dell added eight points and Kassie Contos finished with eight points.

The Wolves game against Davison on September 5 finished too early for this addition of *The Clarkston News*. But look to our website, [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com) for the latest score. This Thursday, Clarkston heads to Troy Athens to take on the Red Hawks.



Freshman Kaleigh Kenny (above) scored nine points during her first varsity game for Clarkston.

Taylor Daugherty (left) scored 11 points, including nine points in the second half during the Wolves 59-58 victory over Flint Powers.

Photos by Dave Pemberton.

## What happened/What's next?

- **Football:** 8/31 Clarkston 28, West Bloomfield 7. Up next: 9/9 at Farmington Hills Harrison.
- **Girls basketball:** 8/30 Clarkston 59, Flint Powers 58; 9/5 vs. Davison. Up next: 9/7 at Troy Athens.
- **Boys soccer:** 8/29 Clarkston 3, Stoney Creek 1; 8/31 Clarkston 3, Lake Orion 2; 9/5 vs. Troy Athens. Up next: 9/6 at Troy; 9/12 at Rochester.
- **Girls tennis:** 8/30 Clarkston 8, Troy Athens 0; 9/5 vs. Bloomfield Hills Lahser. Up next: 9/7 at West Bloomfield; 9/12 vs. Birmingham Seaholm.
- **Girls swimming:** 8/29 Clarkston 99, Grand Blanc 87. Up next: 9/7 vs. West Bloomfield.
- **Girls cross country:** 8/31 at Cavalier Classic. Up next: 9/9 at Midwest Meet of Champions; 9/12 OAA I Jamboree at Bloomer Park.
- **Boys cross country:** 8/31 at Cavalier Classic. Up next: 9/9 West Bloomfield Invitational; 9/9 OAA I Jamboree at Bloomer Park.
- **Boys golf:** 8/30 vs. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood. Up next: 9/7 vs. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 9/11 vs. Rochester Adams.

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# Clarkston extends undefeated streak to five

BY DAVE PEMBERTON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston boys soccer team continued its impressive start with two conference victories. The Wolves defeated Stoney Creek 3-1 on August 29 and took down Lake Orion 3-2 on August 31.

With the two wins the Wolves are now 5-0 this season. Clarkston coach Adam Bican said he had high expectations for the team this season, but didn't expect the team to be undefeated.

"I don't think anyone thinks they are going to be undefeated after going through Kettering, Catholic Central, Stoney Creek, Lake Orion and Holly," Bican said. "You have to think like you are able to do it though. These boys have the mindset to be able to put teams away. We have confidence. The boys are mentally where they need to be to compete in the OAA."

The Cougars were Clarkston's toughest opponent so far this season and Bican said it was a huge win for the team.

"It boosted moral because they needed to beat a good team like Stoney Creek to get more confidence," Bican said. "The win basically goes to show that if they trust the system, trust each other and work hard, good things will happen."

Junior Oliver Kupe scored all three goals for the Wolves against Stoney Creek and Jake Przybycien assisted on all three goals. Bican said Kupe played outstanding against the Cougars.

"That's what leaders do," Bican said. "Oliver Kupe is a special player. This is a special team to Kupe so when we play high level opponents like Stoney Creek it's important for him to take over and that's what he did."

Bican was also pleased with the defense's play against Stoney Creek, especially goalkeeper Scott Messer and defender John Timm.

"Messer had an extremely strong game," Bican said. "He kept us in the game. It was 0-0 at halftime and we could have easily been down if it wasn't for Messer. John Timm was also very good. He played really disciplined defense. He was assigned to mark Luke Norman, who is one of the top players in the state and did a nice job marking him."

Clarkston had to overcome a few obstacles to defeat Lake Orion. The Dragons scored within the first minute, but the Wolves responded quickly when James Chun scored less than a minute later.

Lake Orion regained the lead with another quick goal, but Kevin Pinkos tied the game at two when he connected on a pass from Jared Roan.

Roan scored the game-winning goal when he found the net off a free kick with just over three minutes left in the second half.

"Roan had an outstanding game," Bican said. "He took over the mid-field for us and settled down the game. His job was to neutralize their long ball and settle the game down for us in the mid-field. He did a really good job getting everyone involved."

Bican was also pleased the team did not get frustrated when Lake Orion took the early lead.

"The good thing was when Lake Orion scored their first goal I don't think anybody was too worried," Bican said. "They kept their composure. We had some opportunities where we could get frus-



Oliver Kupe's leg and aimed proved strong – he scored three goals against Stoney Creek.

trated, but we didn't. We had enough discipline to stay in formation. We eventually broke through and got that goal. We had great composure."

Things won't get any easy for the Wolves. Clarkston faced Troy Athens on September 5, which finished too late for this addition of *The Clarkston News*.

The Wolves then take on Troy on September 7. Bican said he is not worried the team will be overconfident and he believes they will continue to play hard.

"Our boys are humble and they know they need to stay grounded," Bican said. "Winning five games won't do anything except make them want to win more. There are still things we can improve. I think we need to improve the way we build our offense and the defense's discipline could be better. Just because we are winning games, doesn't mean we don't have work to do. We have plenty of work to do."

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## 'Gateway' on the wrong road?

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ing to move sights, but he feels the scope of this project is too large for the space.

"I don't think he has thought this out in a Christian way - I don't think he has given consideration for his neighbors," Gray said. "I kind of feel he hasn't shown a lot of 'love thy neighbor' in this situation, I understand there's going to be progress - but what they have here is wrong," Gray added.

What would be right, Gray said, would be the addition of housing units at the northwest intersection of the high-

ways where the church now stands.

Gray felt REDICO's development skewed the truth, "They portray an illusion, not fact -- but they're in sales," he said, adding the repeated reference to the development as the "Gateway to Springfield Township" was one of the infatuations made in the company's presentation. Gray called such aspirations, "a fallacy."

The issue will go before the township board at the Sept. 14 meeting at 12000 Davisburg Road in the civic center.

## Pay to play comes to Clarkston

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amount was determined by estimating every club to have at least 10 members.

On average, he said, clubs sponsors costs approximately \$1,000, or \$100 a student. Reschke indicated all fees collected will go into a fund which will pay the total sponsorship costs, so clubs with larger memberships will help offset the costs of smaller groups.

"Again, our goal is to main a high level of activities for students, while keeping our costs within the district budget. As always, we will have scholarships available for any student who needs financial assistance," Reschke wrote.

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## Vandalism 'escalates' at Depot Park

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dents, but she refuses to get upset by the vandalism.

"That's the point, to upset us, that's why I don't get worked up," Catallo said, adding. "What have we done to upset them?"

She could not remember the trees being vandalized at the park in the past and reported vandalism at the park is usually sporadic by one group or another.

On Aug. 21, City Manager Art Pappas requested more patrols from the Clarkston Police Department inside the park because of escalating vandalism.

Pappas' memo was issued to Police Chief Ernest Combs after someone had sprayed inside of a port-a-potty with a fire extinguisher and the city's wooden gazebo was carved.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department oversees police coverage for the city during the nighttime hours. Catallo said due to the sheriffs' large coverage area, it would be difficult for them to wait around the park for something to happen.

Catallo is looking forward to an end of the vandalism, "I think when school starts, it will end."

## Art in the Park starts Sept. 16

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The event was formed in the mid 1970's as the Cider & Donut Festival, and features many art forms including: painting and drawing, glasswork, photography and jewelry.

A tent will also be set up with selected works of art for a silent auction, again, proceeds go to the CCHS.

Area civic groups will also be in attendance, selling baked goods and such

to raise money for their programs.

Nothing says, 'It's fall' like donuts and cider, and the CCHS will make sure visitors to the treats.

Smith said she is always excited to see the artists and musicians roving through the park.

For questions about donating antiques, contact the historical society at 248-922-0270 or visit [www.clarkstonhistorical.org](http://www.clarkstonhistorical.org).

## Neighbors get together in Davisburg

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According to Forst, during the past year, they donated more than 115,000 pounds of food and more than \$20,000 in financial aid to people in need.

There are still spaces available to rent, but don't wait too long to commit.

"Usually people wait to see the weather forecast," said Parks & Rec Clerk, Julie Nitowski. "It's normally a sold out event."

In addition to resalers, crafters and

jewelers will sell their goods too.

"I enjoy seeing the community coming together for an event," Nitowski added.

The Saturday session will also feature a perennial swap where people can trade out their flowers -- so dig up whatever is taking over and trade it for something new.

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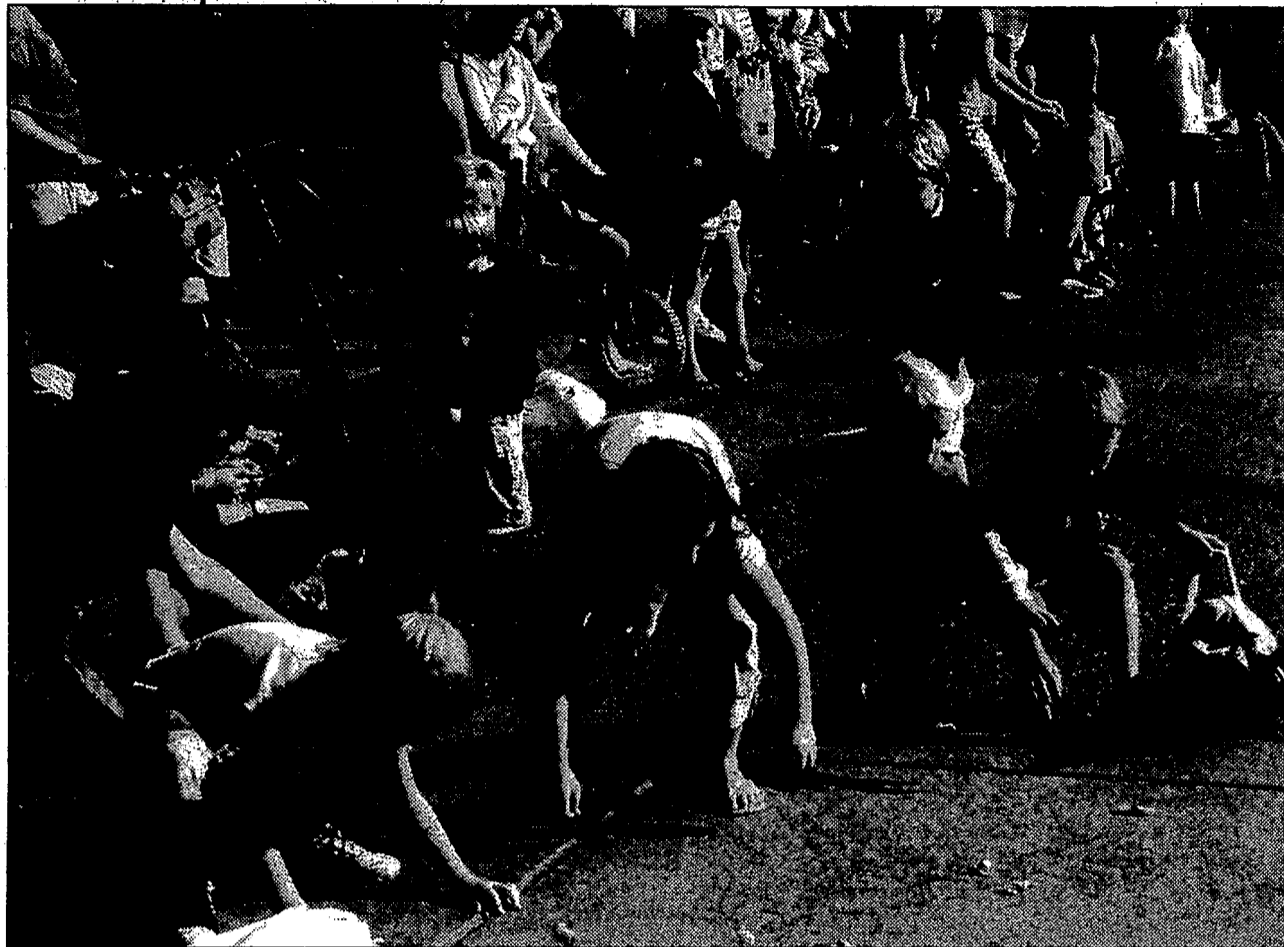
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Several children scramble to grab candy while the getting was good.

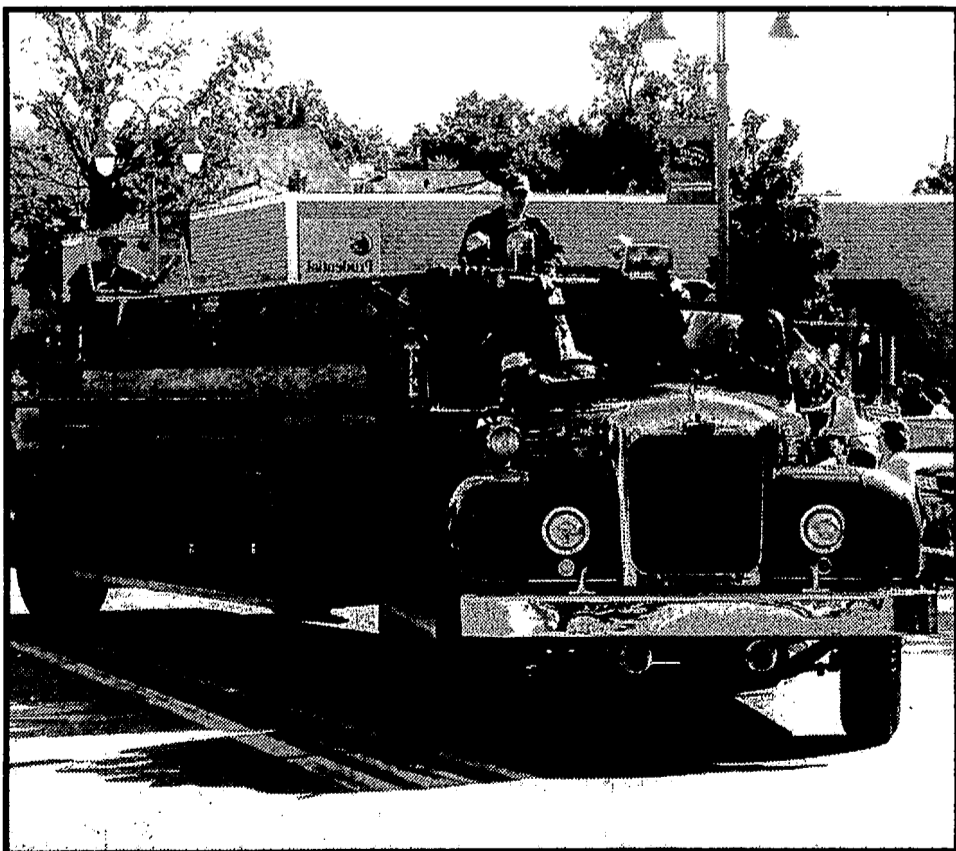
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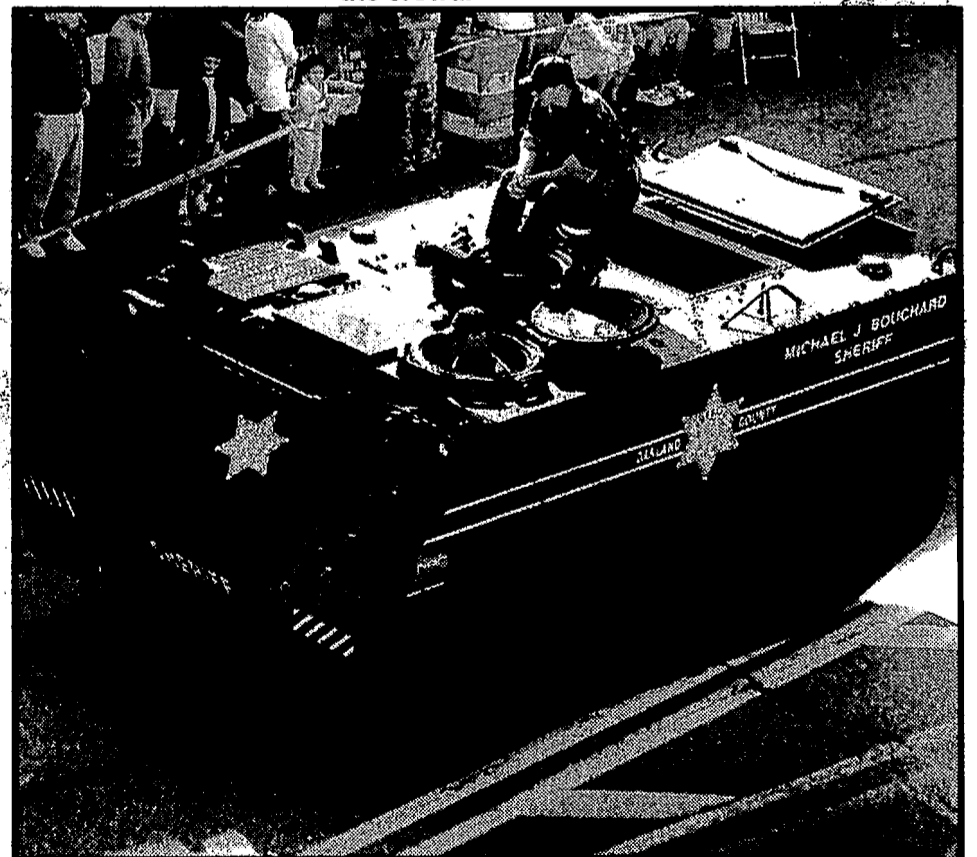
Everybody was pumped up for the parade, even the body of this race car.



Miss Teen Michigan 2006 from Clarkston, waves to the crowd.



One of multiple fire trucks in the parade cruises along Main Street. Labor Day Parade photos by Dave Pemberton and Andrew DuPont.



Parade-goers were treated by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department which brought out one of their lesser used vehicles.



**People Poll**

*Who's your Tiger?*



"Magglio Ordonez. He's a good player and a hard worker. He plays in right field, that's where I used to play."  
- Matt Norwood



"Joel Zumaya, that guy can bring it."  
- Tim Lincecum



"Brandon Inge, I like his character and he seems like a nice guy."  
- Connor Morris



"Carlos Guillen because he is a good everyday player."  
- Rawley Hallman

By Paul Kampe

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing all the reasons this is a great area to live and work!



Clarkston area resident Joyce Bleim plays with seven-year-old grandson Justin, one of her three grandchildren, in Depot Park. Photos by Paul Kampe

## Hands on Clarkston

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When life tosses you lemons make lemonade. So goes the old saying and so believes one Clarkston area resident. Life has thrown a number of curve balls Joyce Bleim's way, and each time she swings back -- usually to the benefit of others.

She charges with the volunteer spirit. She helps area senior citizen, youths and her church's mission work. It almost wasn't that way -- she and her family didn't start out in Clarkston -- and their move here came by chance. This is her story, how her lemons have turned into lemonade that many in the area thirst for.

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Joyce, her husband Jay and their children love the area and like to give back to the community. This is a far different story from where she started life. Joyce, 51, was

born and raised in Nebraska, but being a Cornhusker wasn't her cup of tea. To get out of the Nebraskan state of mind, when she was 18 she joined the United States Army and moved in with Uncle Sam.

My goal was to get out of there," she said. "I have never regretted it. I would never want to go back to Nebraska."

She met her future husband while being a soldier and stationed in Fort Carson, Colo. She and Jay were married in 1975, when she was discharged from active duty. From Fort Carson the couple were stationed in Germany and ultimately at Selfridge Air Force Base in Mount Clemens. When Jay left the service he started working for Chrysler and they settled into civilian life, residents of Wayne County.

Then the good news hit, Jay, a program planner for the auto company's Jeep Division, would be transferred to the Auburn Hills

Technology Center. That was in 1986. They found a home closer to Auburn Hills -- the home they now reside, and fell in love with the community. Unfortunately, Jay's transfer didn't materialize. The long and the short of it, however, is the family was already planted and they let their roots grow in Clarkston soil. Their two sons, Jeremy, now 29, and Jeff, 26, both reside in Clarkston and are raising families of their own here. Joyce and Jay have three grandchildren.

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Fate twists and turns and can lead a person down a path they didn't see before. Such was Joyce's fate. A family car accident in 1991 left her unable to continue working. Rather than pity and wither, however, Joyce continued to tend the garden of her soul. She began to focus her time and energy on the community.

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# Around Town

The **Widowed Support Group** meets on Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Independence Township Senior Center. This month's topic is "Identity Theft: Protecting Your Name and Future." Special speakers are Jill Haskin, CSA, and Kimberly Strosnider, CSA, with Strosnider and Haskin Estate and Wealth Management Services.

All area men and women recently widowed are invited to attend the free session. No registration is necessary and walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home at 248-625-5231 or e-mail [wintfuneralhome@aol.com](mailto:wintfuneralhome@aol.com).

Neighbor for Neighbor, an all-volunteer non-profit organization - which provides food, clothing and financial assistance to families in crisis from Springfield, Holly, Groveland, Rose and parts of Independence and White Lake townships since 1983 - in-

ites everyone to purchase one-of-a-kind items and delicious homemade baked goods at the fall **Treasures and Treats Fund-raiser**.

This semi-annual rummage and bake sale will be held Sept. 8 and 9 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Neighbor for Neighbor food pantry and offices located in the Hart Community Center on the grounds of Mill Pond Park in Downtown Davisburg.

All proceeds from the sale will be used by Neighbor for Neighbor to provide assistance to area families in need.

The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department holds their Community Garage & Sidewalk Sale at the same time, same place making this Davisburg's Biggest Garage Sale.

Please call 248-634-0900 for more information or to donate items for this semi-annual fundraiser.

The City of the Village of Clarkston is holding the **Third Annual City Picnic** in Depot Park on Sept. 10

from 1-4 p.m. The event is open to all Village of Clarkston residents.

There will be game and ice cream. For more information, contact the city's offices at 248-625-1559.

Outback Steakhouse of Clarkston is hosting a Benefit **Scavenger Hunt** on Sept. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial, a statewide memorial dedicated to all the men and women throughout the state who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The day kicks off with registration from 9:30-10 a.m. followed by the hunt until 12:30 p.m. Lunch and festivities round out the day.

The cost is \$40 per person and includes an Outback lunch, two live bands, silent auction and raffle prizes.

For more information, call Jen Szewc at Outback Steakhouse at 248-620-4329.

The **Independence Township Senior Center** has several upcoming events:

- Join us for **Bowling** on Mondays at 1 pm between September 11-May 7 at Cherry Hill Lanes. Informal league includes 3 relaxing games for just \$6 per person per week. No experience necessary. Bowlers are not obligated to bowl each week. No pre-registration not needed. Cherry Hill Lanes on Dixie. Call 248-625-8231 for information.

- **Body Recall Classes** are scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:45-11:45 a.m. between Sept. 11- Oct. 13.

A safe, non-aerobic exercise to reclaim lost muscle tone and flexibility. If you have problems with mobility or haven't exercised for a while, this class is for you. Registered teacher Lois Saunders. 15 classes for \$30. Option: \$3 drop-in per class. Thank you Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center for underwriting this exercise class.

- All are invited for an **open house and spaghetti dinner out** with your family, friends, or on your own on Sept. 15 from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy all you can eat of spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, and Italian garlic bread for just \$5.00. Children under 10 years \$2.50. Desserts \$1.00. Carry-out available.

- Join Jackie M., director of education at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Carriage House on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. for "The Art and Life of Georgia O'Keeffe."

This unique slide lecture demonstrates the concepts that motivated the artwork of Georgia O'Keeffe.

The cost is \$15 per person and includes a catered lunch by Shannon's Cooking.

- **Co-Ed Bounce Volleyball** Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. between Sept. 18-Dec. 18 at Bailey Lake Elementary. Great exercise and lots of fun for a drop-in fee of \$3.50 for residents and \$4 for non-residents. Staff instructor.

- Visit the **Stratford Festival Theatre** on Sep-



## Celebrate good times

The Clarkston High School marching band parades down Main Street during the Labor Day parade. Photo by Dave Pemberton

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# Mt. Zion Church dances to a different beat

The Mt. Zion School of Performing Arts is advancing its dance instruction in a different direction from its secular peers.

While other dance studios and schools use sexually suggestive and sometimes offensive music combined with sex-charged movements in their routines, Mt. Zion is trying to "maintain a G rating" for its members.

Mt. Zion claims to use the same music straight from the music charts, but edited down to meet the more child-friendly standards.

"Our focus is the excellence we look for students to obtain without pushing sexuality and sensuality," said Rich Nowik, spokesperson for Mt. Zion.

Dance Instructor Maria Mohrman offered the similar feelings about the school's concern with keeping adult themes out of dance.

"We are very proud of our students' character and for their perseverance to maintain a modest and positive attitude in a field where suggestive dancing often receives more attention," Mohrman wrote in a press release.

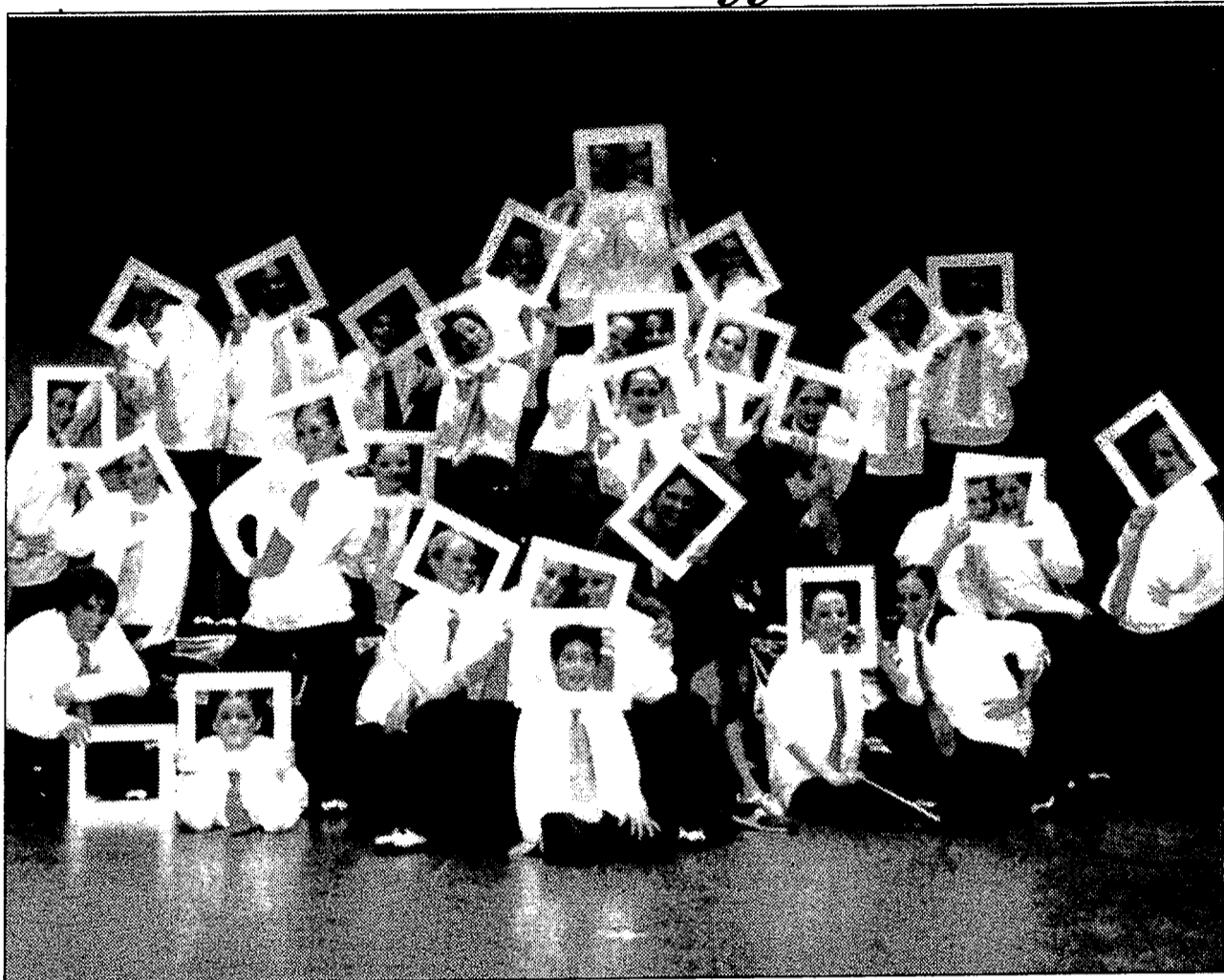
The method does not appear to affect the groups' focus and concentration, as the beat is kept up. The school's hip hop performance group won first place awards in every category they competed in, including two Judge's Choice awards and a scholarship to head to the national finals in Las Vegas.

The school has several types of lessons from toddlers to adults, from tab and ballet to salsa and ballroom dancing. The school is open to the public and fees vary based on the types of lessons requested. Mt. Zion is taking registration for its 14th season, scheduled to start Sept. 18.

Mt. Zion offers instrument lessons for guitar, piano, flute and cello, among others.

The school had 500 students last year, Nowik said.

This season, the school is offering theatre training for the first time for groups 7 - 11 and 12 and up.



The Mt. Zion School of Performing Arts tries to maintain a "G rating" for its students. Their hip-hop group has won numerous awards, a spokesperson said. Photo provided

The school was previously based at the Clarkston Christian Association on Sashabaw Road, but relocated to the church after the CCA closed its doors this summer. For more information, visit the church's Web site at [www.mtzion.org](http://www.mtzion.org) or call 248-391-6166. Mt. Zion is located at 4900 Maybee Road, east of Clintonville.

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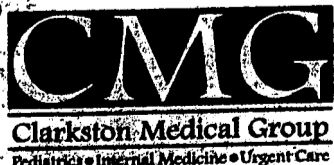
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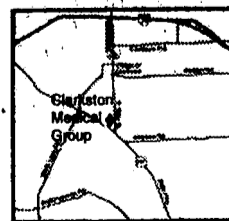
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# Milestones



## Luken-Drallos engaged

Charles Lukens of Rochester, Judy Lukens of Grand Blanc, and George and Linda Drallos of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of Melissa Lukens and John Drallos. The bride-elect graduated from Clarkston High School in 1999, received a degree in biology from the University of Michigan, and her Masters of Science in physician assistant studies from Wayne State University. She is currently employed as a PA with Emergency Medicine Specialists. The groom-elect is also a graduate of CHS, also class of 1999, and received a degree in history from Valparaiso University. He is currently employed as a teacher at Clarkston Junior High School. An October wedding is planned.

## The Poetry Corner

### Dare to be different!

<p>We are alike in that we are different... Being different is an asset It's been said, "no man is an island" When the wealth of gifts was distributed among mankind No one individual could encompass the magnitude of What it takes to sustain life eternally Our bodies are temporary, our souls are forever... We come here to contribute and take with The essence of life This is our link to maintain balance... Each individual who has passed through this earth life Leaves an imprint; an impression on someone's heart This could carry eternally as a great asset To discover life's purpose and meaning is to uncover the self... The hidden treasures within Just waiting to show through... The risk is not to expose those most venerable passions deep within... To be different is a risk A risk worth exposing... To respect and take responsibility</p>	<p>Is to carry an insurance policy... A lesson passed on and bridges For others to pass through... The jungle of fear, fear of being discovered Fear of being responsible... Fear of success, fear of entrapment All illusions of the mind... Face fear square on at your own discretion Bit by bit expose the lie... You will harvest and the world will yield The fruits of your gift... Dare to be different; this is where differences Can be planted... Sameness produces staleness, boredom And often compliance... Individuality expressed, articulately exposed Tenderly met... Collectively contributes to life ongoing</p>
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*Maria Rotondo Mark*

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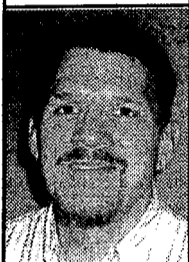
## You reap what you sow

Do you remember the peanut butter commercial that used the line "Choosey mothers choose..." No, this isn't a peanut butter commercial, but you probably remember the brand, right? The whole premise of the commercial was that if your mom really cared about you, she would wisely purchase this superior brand of peanut butter. My choosey mother chose the inexpensive brand (among other inexpensive grocery items) in order to be able to afford to get more for her grocery dollars.

We are inundated with choices every day. If most of our choices were limited to things like peanut butter it would be easy to decide. But living in a complex world demands that the choices we make be the right ones. Some choices require us to simply read a label or an article or perhaps casually ask the advice of a friend. Yet other choices require great reflection and "doing our homework."

Sometimes we ponder choices that, in light of life's true priorities, are trivial. Most of us would say that we would choose to spend quality time with our children over other things. Yet when those opportunities come, often we let them slip by in lieu of something else. We all are quite informed about healthful eating and exercise but choose the chips or cake over the veggies and fruits. And we often we continually fuel our bad choices with excuses and procrastination.

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Russ Reemtsma

The consequences of our choices are profound. Galatians 6:7 warns, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (NIV) All of nature teaches us this principle. Planting apple seeds will grow apple trees. Planting a tomato plant, however, will NOT produce apples—only tomatoes.

The same is true with our thinking and our actions. Even what we choose to think about profoundly affects us. Someone aptly observed "Sow a thought, reap an action. Sow an action and reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a lifestyle." The certain consequences of our choices will come to fruition after time. We won't escape the consequences of what we do. What we sow, we indeed shall reap.

One key to making the right choices is choosing to heed the right advice. Choosing the right doctor can make a difference of life and death. Choosing the right financial advisor can make the difference between financial security and financial disaster. It all depends on the advice we heed.

The same is true with God. It is vital to heed His counsel. He greatly desires that we heed what He has to say. The first condition to be able to heed Him is to respond to His call to you. He is the Good Shepherd. The only way to be able to hear the Good Shepherd is to be in His "flock." Christ said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." (John 10:26-28 - NJKV).

Jesus also said ... "The Good Shepherd gives

Please see Choices, page 7E

## In our churches...

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be holding an orientation on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Cushing Center at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston. RCIA: Exploring the Catholic Faith is designed to teach people more about the Catholic faith and worship. The church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. For more information call 248-625-1750.

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Church of the Resurrection will hold a kickoff for the Sunday school program with an ice cream social on Sept. 10 at 9:55 a.m. Kids will be able to build their own sundaes and get registered for the program. Church of the Resurrection is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

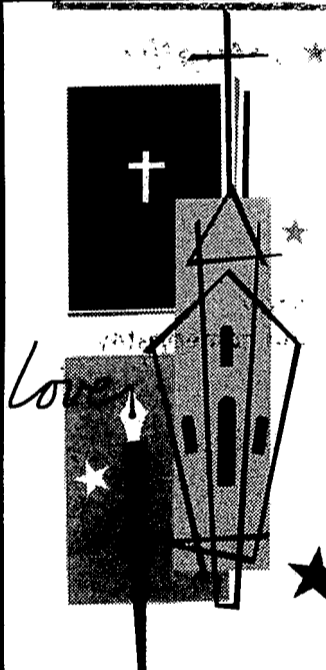
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Every Friday evening at 6 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is offering "Celebrate Recovery." This is a Christ-centered recovery program to help people overcome life's hurts, bad habits and hang ups. The evening includes a simple meal, praise and worship, and group discussion. Calvary Evangelical is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive. For more information call 248-625-3288.

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St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston holds scripture study every Tuesday at 10 a.m. And Starting Sept. 7, the group will cover the Gospel of Matthew at 10 a.m. every Thursday. Starting Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m., the group will cover the gospel of John every Monday. The church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

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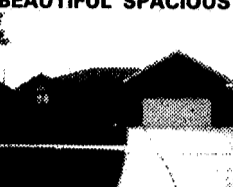
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 HOME WARRANTY INCL  
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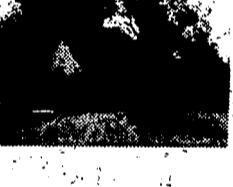
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 INCL  
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 ALL APPLIANCES INCL  
 9FT CEILINGS THRU-OUT  
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 BATHS  
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**COUNTRY STYLE HOME**  
  
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**VILLAGE OF MILFORD**  
  
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 BEAUTIFULLY KEPT  
 3-4 BEDROOMS  
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 \$209,900 86MA


**NICE LAKE ORION HOME**  
  
 WELL MAINTAINED  
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 ALL SPORTS LK ACCESS  
 HW FLOORS IN FOYER  
 & KIT  
 DOORWALL TO LG  
 DECK  
 PART FINISHED BSMT  
 \$185,000 11DE


**GREAT VALUE IN THE LAND**  
  
 ALMOST 900 FT ROAD FRONT  
 ON EACH CORNER OF LOT  
 HORSE BARN W/4 BOX  
 STALLS  
 FENCED PASTURES  
 3 BR RANCH  
 3 CAR GARAGE  
 HOLLY SCHOOLS  
 \$249,900 12CL

**BRAND NEW HOME**  
  
 3 BED, 1.5 BATHS  
 TIME TO PICK COLORS  
 EZ ACC TO X-WAYS  
 2 STORY HOME  
 FULL BASEMENT  
 LOTS OF STORAGE  
 HOME WARR INCL  
 \$129,900 71KI


**BREATHTAKING VIEWS**  
  
 ALL SPORTS LK PRIV  
 3 BED, 2 BATHS  
 VERY NICE HOME  
 FIREPLACE IN L.R.  
 APPLIANCES STAY!  
 2 CAR GARAGE  
 CENTRAL AIR & BSMT  
 \$182,900 10ED

**NEW CONSTRUCTION!!**  
  
 CATHEDRAL CEILINGS  
 FIREPLACE IN GREAT  
 RM  
 MST B.R. W/PRIV BATH  
 1ST FLOOR LAUNDRY  
 NICE LARGE YARD  
 LAKE ORION SCHOOLS  
 CHOOSE YOUR COLORS!  
 \$279,000 64HI

**NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
  
 VIEWS OF BALD EAGLE LK  
 ANDERSEN WINDOWS  
 1ST FLR LAUNDRY  
 PVT MST BATH/JETTED TUB  
 BONUS RM OVER GARAGE  
 WALK OUT W/9FT CEILINGS  
 CHOOSE YOUR OWN  
 COLORS  
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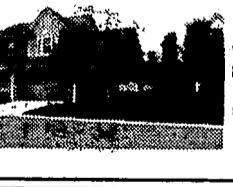
**ALL SPORTS LK/CANALFRONT**  
  
 YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL!  
 37X14 IN-GROUND POOL  
 POOL HOUSE  
 HOT TUB  
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 W/BOSE SS  
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**ON OVER 1 ACRE**  
  
 RURAL LIVING IN HADLEY  
 3 BED, 1.5 BATHS  
 LARGE ROOMS  
 MATURE TREES  
 FAMILY RM/POOL TABLE  
 2 CAR GARAGE  
 W/HOIST  
 FINISHED BSMT  
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**END UNIT RANCH CONDO**  
  
 VERY PRIVATE SITE  
 OVERLOOKS WILDLIFE POND  
 SOARING CEILINGS,  
 FIREPLACE  
 DRAMATIC HIGH WINDOWS  
 GARAGE W/220,  
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 ALSO FOR LEASE!!  
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**FREESTANDING CONDO**  
  
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 IN GREAT COMMUNITY  
 2 STORY FOYER  
 VAULTED GREAT RM  
 OPEN SNACK BAR FLR  
 PLAN  
 CERAMIC & HW FLRS  
 OPEN STAIRCASE  
 \$219,900 74VI


**ELEGANT LIVING!**  
  
 1900 SQ FT  
 GRANITE COUNTERS  
 CERAMIC & BERBER  
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 SPA TUB IN MST BATH  
 ALL APPLIANCES INCL  
 WOOD FLR DEN IN BSMT  
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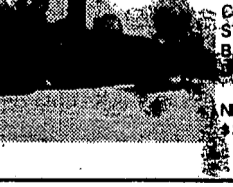
**FOR SALE OR LEASE**  
  
 ELEGANT CONDO  
 IN ROCHESTER HILLS  
 2600 SQ FT  
 3 BED, 3.5 BATHS  
 W/O FINISHED BSMT  
 NEW APPLIANCES  
 1ST FLOOR LAUNDRY  
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**YOU'LL LOVE THIS HOME!**  
  
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 3 BED, 1 BATH  
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 POSSESSION  
 CLOSE TO FREEWAY  
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 APPLIANCES INCL  
 CENTRAL AIR  
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**ENTRY LEVEL CONDO**  
  
 WATERFORD SCHOOLS  
 OPEN FLOOR PLAN  
 VERY CLEAN  
 LARGE MST BEDROOM  
 OAK KITCHEN CABINETS  
 BALCONY W/STORAGE  
 ROOM  
 FIREPLACE & MORE!  
 \$135,000 50HA

**CLARKSTON CONDO**  
  
 DEER LAKE PRIV  
 2 BED, 2 BATHS  
 LG BEDROOMS  
 LG GREAT RM  
 W/FIREPLACE  
 APPLIANCES INCL  
 PAR FINISHED BSMT  
 PRIVATE SETTING  
 \$168,900 57WQ

**WARWICK HILLS CONDO**  
  
 OVERLOOKS 18TH FWY  
 POND FRONTAGE  
 CUSTOM OAK KITCHEN  
 STAINLESS STEEL APPL  
 BALCONY W/ACUZZI  
 UNIQUE BRICK GAS  
 FIREPLACE  
 NICELY FINISHED WALKOUT  
 \$359,000 90SA



## Around Town

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tember 26-27 for an escape into another time. See the classic "Oliver" and Shakespeare's comedy "Much Ado About Nothing."

Accommodations at The Victorian Inn on the Park within walking distance to the Festival Theatre, Avon River and downtown. Elegant dining at Church Restaurant. Optional tours and motorcoach.

For residents, the cost is \$267 for a double and \$324 for a single. For non-residents, the cost is \$277 for a double and \$334 for a single.

• Enjoy being treated like a prince or princess for 11 days on a **Caribbean Cruise** aboard the Sun Princess. The trip is from Feb. 8-18.

Fly into Fort Lauderdale and board a fine cruise ship with five dining rooms, a full-service casino, two showrooms and four swimming pools and hot tubs.

The costs are as follows: \$1,899 per person for an inside stateroom on the Aloha and Riviera Decks; \$2,269 per person for an outside stateroom on the Emerald Decks; and \$2,400 per person for an outside stateroom with balcony on the Baja and Carobe Decks.

Including in the price is roundtrip, coach class air transportation from Detroit, all meals and entertainment, roundtrip motorcoach transfers between the airport and ship, and a wide variety of optional tours.

A \$500 deposit per person is due by Sept. 5. Balance due by Nov. 17.

Pickup a flier at the senior center to learn more on these and many other great programs or call 248-625-8231.

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Look at all the great events at **Springfield Township Parks and Recreation:**

• Come and browse the **Community Wide Garage Sale and Craft Show** at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg on Sept. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You just may find a hidden treasure!

Sellers: Space is available for the public to rent from \$5 to \$8 per table per day. Table price is determined by the location of the table. Crafters and independent product distributors are welcome. Sellers keep own profits. Registration is required before sale.

The event is in cooperation with the Neighbor For Neighbor's Treasures and Treats Sale.

• Do you enjoy a good puzzle? Then join the "Country Roads" Rally on Sept. 16. By solving hints and clues, participants will travel from destination to destination around Springfield Township and surrounding communities, ending for dinner.

The start time is 4 p.m. at the Hart Community Center. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams at the dinner. Door prizes also given.

The cost is \$35 per couple or \$20 per person for residents, \$45 per couple and \$25 per person for non-residents. Entry cost does not include dinner. Each team must have three, but no more than six players.

Please call parks and recreation for more information.

• The Oakland County Sheriff's Department will teach a **Hunter's Safety Course** on Sept. 12 and 14 at the Hart Community Center from 6-10 p.m. both nights.

A minimum and maximum number of participants is required. Pre-registration encouraged, but will be taken at the door. Children of all ages can take the

course; however, those under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$10 per person for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

• **The Babysitting and Home Alone Workshop** will offer several hands-on activities and discussions relating to babysitting and being left home alone. The workshop is for ages 8-14 and will be held on Sept. 19 at the Hart Community Center from 7-8:45 p.m. A certificate is presented upon completion of the class.

Participants are required to bring an infant sized doll and blanket. A minimum number of participants is required to hold the workshop. The cost is \$22 per person for residents and \$27 per person for non-residents. Registration required by Sept. 13.

For information on these and many more activities, call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 248-634-0412.

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"**Widowers and Widows on with life group**" for people ages 40-75 information night is scheduled for Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. For location or a newsletter contact Jackie at 248-393-8553.

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The **Clarkston High School Class of 1991** is currently planning their 15-year reunion.

The reunion is planned for Sept. 29 and 30 at the Deer Lake Athletic Club, and interested persons are asked to contact the Reunion Committee at

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chs1991reunions@yahoo.com, or call 248-797-5011. For more information on the reunion, go to www.chs1991reunions.org.

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The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club presents **Terror in Townsend Forest** on Oct. 6-7, 12-14, 19-21 and 26-30 from 7-10:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Parking is free.

For more information, please call OCSC at 248-623-0444 or go online to www.ocsc-mi.org.

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The Clarkston Rotary Club is holding a **\$2,000 shopping spree** at Tierra Fine Jewels in downtown Clarkston.

Tierra Fine Jewelers is sponsoring a \$2,000 gift certificate to be raffled for the benefit of the Clarkston Rotary Club's community projects.

The winner is provided with a private shopping spree at Tierra Fine Jewelers.

Raffle tickets are \$20 a piece. A limit of 500 are available. Receive a coupon for \$20 off any in-store purchase at Tierra Fine Jewelers with the purchase of a raffle ticket. Only one coupon per purchaser, and the offer expires November 1.

The raffle drawing will be held at "A Taste for the Holidays" wine tasting fund-raiser to be held at Bordine Nursery on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available from Clarkston Rotarians or at Tierra Fine Jewelers. For more information, call Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741.

## Choices

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*His life for the sheep* (John 10:11). Why so? It's that we might be forgiven and changed by the power of the Savior. To repent from your sin and trust nobody (or nothing) other than Christ to forgive you places you under His protective shepherd's care. Have you trusted Him? Are you in His flock?

If we have the Good Shepherd as our counselor, our choices become a matter of following the counsel of the Good Shepherd Who leads us in the "paths of righteousness" (Psalm 23). Being a Christian doesn't always make our decision-making easy. But if we have committed ourselves to following the Shepherd, our priority will be to please Him. Just like Jesus sought to please His Father (John 8:29), so we want to please our heavenly Father.

Once we've established the overriding priority of pleasing God in all we do, our choices will take on a

new character and a clearer direction. It won't necessarily make everything we choose or do easier, but a believer who adheres to God's Word and seeks God's advice will be

*"like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers"* (Psalm 1:3, NIV). This doesn't mean that we will receive everything we want or that things won't be hard, but, in God's eyes, we will be successful. We are trusting His will for us, no matter what may come.

God is a choosy Father. He wants the best for His children. We don't always see what is best for us, but if we follow His leading He will guide us. If you are truly His child, you have his guarantee on it.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths* (Proverbs 3:5-6).

(Russ Reemisma is pastor of First Baptist Church of Clarkston)

## Community Wide Garage Sale & Craft Show

The sale to end the season!

Friday, September 8th & Saturday,

September 9th

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## Millstream

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Her service started as a driver for meals on wheels for the Clarkston Senior Center in 1992, a position she still holds. The path has led to more than 15 positions in four local groups and two distinguishing awards from the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

In 1998, Joyce was named "Citizen of the Year" and in 2005 as "Adult-Youth Volunteer of the Year." The volunteer award she was not able to accept because she was in Kentucky as part of a Red Bird Missions trip. Jay accepted the award on her behalf.

The Red Bird Mission is one of many activities Joyce does Clarkston United Methodist Church. While on the mission, she spent one of the days reading to schoolchildren.

The church is also a part of the habitat for humanity project, one of United Methodists' ongoing local missions. Last year, Joyce was part of a group that built a home in Pontiac. To date, the church has raised \$12,000 for the mission. Joyce served as co-chair for the 2005 Bowl-a-thon to raise money for the habitat project.

In late November of each year, Joyce teams with husband Jay on sleeping bags for the homeless project. The group involved with that project collects sleeping bags, gift cards, shoes and coats for homeless people in both Flint and Pontiac.

"Our congregation is very giving," she said. "It's our way of saying, 'be thankful for what you have' and remember those who don't."

Joyce is involved in projects to help those she knows personally, as well. She started the "Helping Hands" committee to help the family of a friend who was terminally ill. She and others helped prepare meals for the woman's family. Joyce said the program was developed to reach out to people in the church who are going through rough times.

She's not done yet.

Just recently she participated in one of the many annual events to aid kids involved with Clarkston Area

Youth Assistance. She helps produce a back to school party. The event was a culmination of collecting backpacks and school supplies for less advantaged children. The kids prepare back to school lists and bring them to the event, which was on Aug. 31 at Clintonwood Park. The kids, with the help of their mentors, collect items on their list along with a new backpack for the school year.

The Clarkston Optimists donated \$300 for the backpacks and Joyce used her skillful budgeting to make sure the kids got the best gear possible.

"I'm a pretty good shopper. I watch for the sales. I try to make sure that the money that is donated goes as far as it can. I like to make sure our kids get quality backpacks that will last," she said.

Joyce is also considered the unofficial Chairperson of the mentors plus committee for the CAYA.

"That's my biggie," she said. Of all the work she does, this is the most consuming task, which she puts forth 20 hours per week on average. The program mentors help children with homework program, through tutoring, at the Bridgewater Apartments. The complex donates a three-bedroom apartment for the group to use.

Joyce became involved with the CAYA years ago when then Secretary Anita Demster asked her for some short-term assistance. "She said she needed help for one day, one day. And I have been there ever since," she said.

Joyce said tutoring children is challenging, but the reward comes when children succeed with their schoolwork.

Joyce served as a big Sister through the CAYA to Lena Ellis, now a 21-year-old senior at Michigan State University. She mentored Ellis for seven years as Ellis grew to practically become part of the Bleim family. Ellis credits Joyce with helping her grow into the successful student she is today and always having an open ear to listen. Oh, Joyce even taught her how to drive.

"She is just like a younger sister," Joyce said of Lena.

Thanks to her many activities, Joyce considers herself a jack-of-all-trades because she wears so many

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different hats while volunteering.

She likes the Clarkston community because it's a small, friendly area and people seem to know and care about each other.

She encourages more people to become active in the community -- even just a little -- because even the small amount of time given could mean more to others than they think.

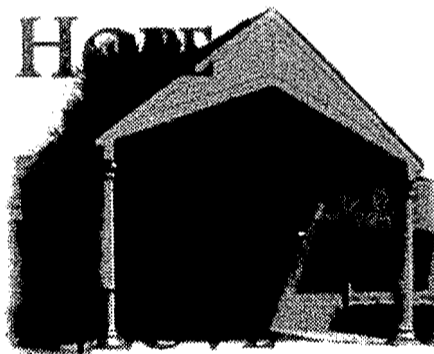
"In order for the community to be strong, it needs a whole lot of people to be involved," she said.

In her spare time, Bleim manages to keep up with both "Law and Order" and "CSI Las Vegas" television programs and she enjoys taking trips to Las Vegas with husband Jay.

Joyce plans to keep volunteering her time to the area groups she is involved with, seeing no reason why she should not volunteer.

There seems to be nothing standing in her way from sharing her enthusiasm for helping others in the community.

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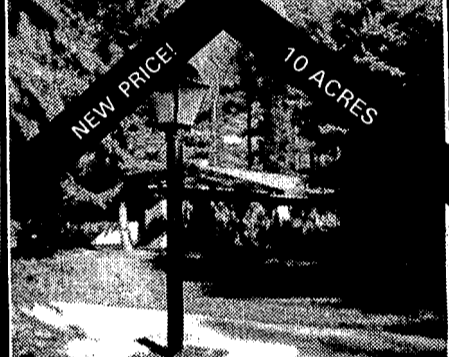
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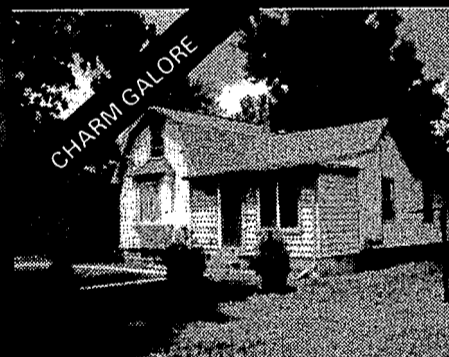
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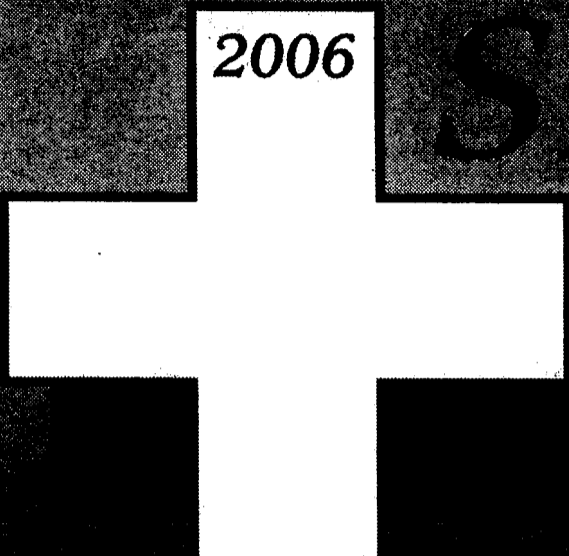
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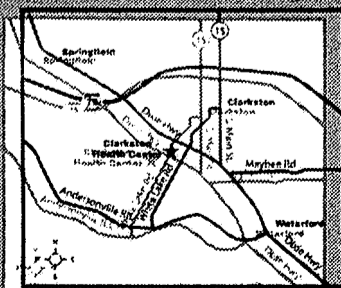
# SALUTE to SAFETY

*A safety fair on the grounds of the  
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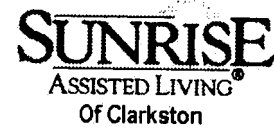
**Saturday, September 9**  
**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**at the Clarkston Medical Campus**

Proceeds for the event will be contributed to a community CPR Training Day to be held in Spring 2007 in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for largest CPR training session.

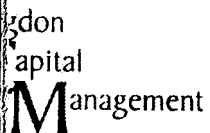
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### CLARKSTON

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

#### SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 14, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.  
Roll. Present: Catalo, Brueck, Colombo, Johnston, Meyland, Ottman, Wylie.

Absent: None.

Minutes of July 24, 2003, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Cost of Living Increase for Police Chief.

Bills in the amount of \$66,733.39 approved for payment.

Meyland discussed the Triathlon conducted on Sunday, August 6, which was composed of 320 participants.

Ottman reported that work by the D.P.W. on Wompole looked good. Johnston reported that there were several dead trees on Main Street that needed attention and trees adjacent to the sidewalks should be trimmed to eight feet above ground level.

Mayor Catalo reported that the Car Rally in Depot Park on August 4 went well and the SCAMP fund raiser was well attended.

Chief Combs reviewed the July Police statistics. Chief Combs stated that the City's police motorcycles escorted the vehicles for the Car Rally in Depot Park from Southern Motors. Three Oakland County Sheriff motorcycles also accompanied the vehicles. Trees in the park and benches have been vandalized with spray paint.

The complaint form draft will be presented by the Chief at the next Council meeting.

Pappas reported on the Primary election and the procedure for write-in candidates in the November election.

Pappas asked the Council to consider Banners and any restrictions that should be placed on allowing banners over Main Street as requests keep increasing.

The Planning Commission is planning a joint meeting for October 2 to review the proposed Master Plan.

Ed Julian explained GEOCACHING and asked that a GEOCACHING station be placed in Depot Park. Mr. Julian was instructed to contact D.P.W. Supervisor Bob Pursley regarding the placing of this station.

Ottman reported that the Annual City Picnic in Depot Park was scheduled for Sunday, September 10, and asked for volunteers. Plans are to distribute flyers to City residents.

Colombo is to meet with Pappas, Pursley, and Combs to discuss medical coverage for full-time City employees.

Resolved that the salary of the police chief be increased by three percent representing a cost of living increase, effective immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT- FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO: 2006-306,030-DE  
In the matter of CHARLOTTE GILMORE  
a/k/a/ CHARLOTTE A. GILMORE, DE-  
CEASED

TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR INTER-  
ESTED PERSONS including: EDWIN  
GILMORE whose address(es) are unknown  
and whose interest in the matter may be barred  
or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on  
09/20/2006 at 8:30 a.m., at 1200 N. Telegraph,  
Pontiac, Michigan 48341 before Judge Grant  
for the following purpose(s): Petition to Appoint  
David Gilmore as Personal Representative and  
to Determine heirs. With no restrictions on Let-  
ters of Authority

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent,  
Charlotte Gilmore a/k/a/ Charlotte A., who  
lived at 353 Atwater, Lake Orion, MI 48362, died  
June 29, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that  
all claims against the estate will be forever barred  
unless presented to David A. Gilmore, named  
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48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal  
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8-29-06

David A. Gilmore  
363 Atwater Street  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924  
2745 Pontiac Lake Road  
Waterford, Michigan 48328  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT- FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO: 2006-306,028-DE  
In the matter of Russell J. Gilmore  
TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR INTER-  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent,  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL MEETING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

At Clarkston High School Auditorium, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston Michigan, 48346, to consider the following:

FILE PC #2006-001

McLaren Health Care, Gregory Lane, Petitioner  
REZONING REQUEST

From: IOP and OS-2 (Industrial Office Park and Office Service Two)

To: PUD (Planned Unit Development)

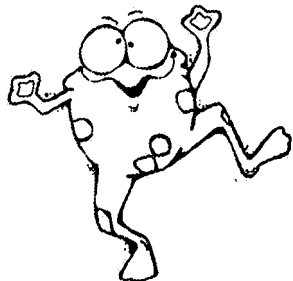
Intended Use: Health Care Campus with Hospital, Medical Office Buildings, and Related Retail Uses  
Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-27-251-003 (5688 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-276-002, 08-27-276-004, 08-27-251-004 (6270 Sashabaw Rd.), 08-27-251-009, 08-27-251-005 (5690 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-252-001 (5725 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-252-003 (5689 Bow Pointe Dr.) and 08-27-252-004 (5629 Bow Pointe Dr.)

Common Description: Approximately 73 Acres, Bow Pointe Road and Sashabaw Road

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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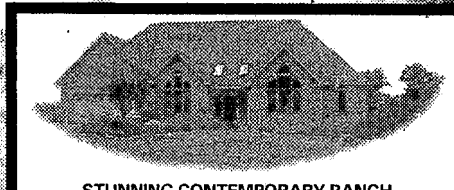
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CLARKSTON ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT!  
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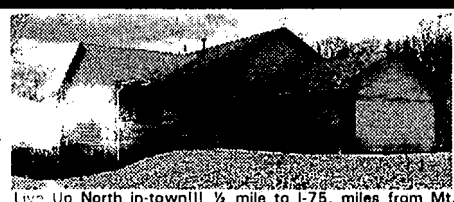
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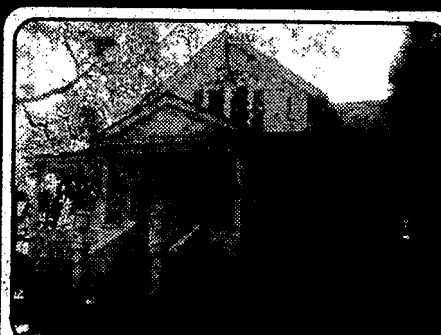
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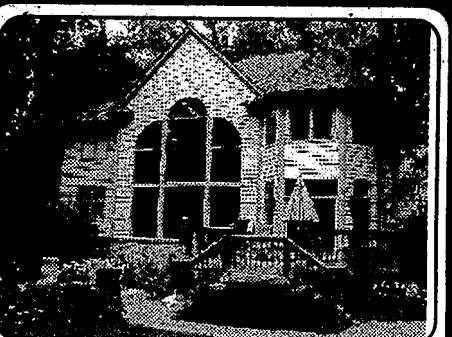
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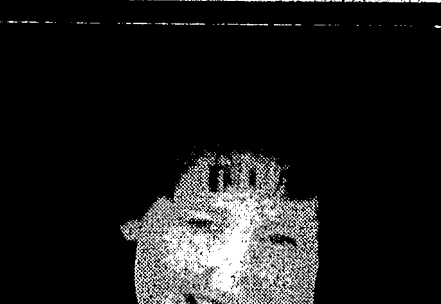
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## Bountiful Breads



September is a grand time to usher in warm and tasty breads like the loaves that pop out of Louise's oven. Louise is owner of Brioni Cafe & Deli, located on the west side of M-15, south of I-75.

### Carter completes comprehensive course

Clarkston area senior citizens have a new resource to help them age successfully.

Mary Beth Carter, CSA with Home Care Advantage, recently completed a comprehensive course through the Society of Certified Senior Advisors and earned the designation of Certified Senior Advisor.

"The health, financial and social needs of seniors are different and more complicated than those of any other age group. SCSA keeps professionals from a wide variety of fields abreast of all these issues by providing education, training, support and communication resources to those of us dedicated to serving seniors," Carter said.

As a CSA, Carter will participate in continuing education that emphasizes ethical selling and business practices and volunteer service specific to seniors.

### Local money manager returns to Clarkston

Investment manager and Chartered Financial Analyst Matthew Cook recently returned to the Detroit area to incorporate unique investment strategies within his family firm, Robert A. Cook & Associates based in Troy.

Cook is a 1990 Clarkston High School graduate who has decided to return to the area. He is the son of Mary Alice and Bob Cook, who also reside in Clarkston.

He plans to apply knowledge he gained while working in the San Francisco Bay area.

"I always imagined coming back and eventually taking over my Dad's business," said Cook. "I did some market research and determined Oak-

### Clarkston News welcomes new ad rep

The *Clarkston News* welcomes advertising representative, Jamie Hanks.

Hanks, 29, lives in Davisburg where she grew up, where she has lived her entire life. She previously worked for Sherman Publications as an advertising rep for *The Citizen* for the last year and a half.



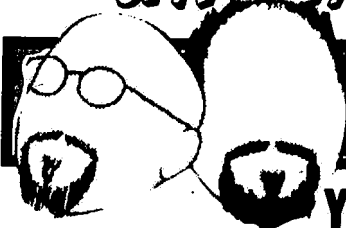
Jamie Hanks

"The area has expanded so much...my goal here is to provide an advertising outlet for those businesses who might not be aware of what we have to offer," said Hanks.

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<b>September Monthly Events</b>	Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month	American Business
Baby Safety Month	Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month	Women's Day
Backpack Safety Month	Self Improvement Month	Ice Cream Cone Birthday, 1903
Children's Good Manners Month	Healthy Aging Month	Pledge Across America
College Savings Month	Sport and Home Eye Health and Safety	*Rosh Hashanah begins at
Fall Hat Month	Update Your Resume Month	Sundown
Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month	<b>September Daily Events</b>	September 23, 2006
Library Card Sign-Up Month	September 4, 2006	*Autumn
Menopause Awareness Month	*Labor Day	Rosh Hashanah
National Biscuit Month	*Newspaper Carrier Day	Kiwanis Kids Day
National Chicken Month	September 10, 2006	National Hunting and
National Coupon Month	National Grandparents' Day	Fishing Day
National 5 A Day Month	September 11, 2006	September 24, 2006
National Hispanic Heritage Month	911 Day	Ramadan (9/24-10/23)
National Honey Month	National Boss/Employee Exchange Day	September 25, 2006
National Mushroom Month	*Patriot Day (5th Anniversary of Attack	Family Day A Day to Eat
National Organic Harvest Month	on America)	Dinner with Your Children
National Piano Month	September 15, 2006	September 27, 2006
National Potato Month	National POW/MIA Recognition Day	World Tourism Day
National School Success Month	September 16, 2006	National Women's Health
National Skincare Awareness Month	Mayflower Day	and Fitness Day
National Very Important (VIP) Parents	September 22, 2006	

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If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.  
**Albert Einstein**

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# Biz-to-Biz, to those who are willing to prosper in economic hardships?

By Maria Rotondo Mark

Those of us who have been called to endure hardships above and beyond are building endurance for higher purpose.

Hope is in learning the lessons. Especially when they are not self-created, yet we are personally affected. A quick visit to the moment's dilemma, letting go of the problem and thus engaging in the adjustment to it.



Maria Rotondo Mark

Forgiveness of self and others is its own lesson.

Whether we are fixed on the Moslems, Palestinians, Israelites, Iraq, these are tsunamis. If nature does not generate them, by golly, humans will definitely fill the gap. Differences between individuals, cultures, customs, physical attributes, religious affiliations, social, non-social and the list goes on and is as old as life itself, or as old as the un-forgiveness

has endured. To forgive is to remember the lesson. To forget is to repeat the dysfunction.

When in doubt, take a few moments to look at the history of mankind. Has there ever been a time of total and complete peace and resolve in the world? Has it existed on Christmas Eve? How about Christmas Day? Independence Day? Or any other day set aside to remember some sort of lesson?

If you are an employee, an employer, a client, a consumer, a friend, an objective observer of financial difficulty, law enforcement, judicial system; the keepers of hope, city government, ministry, social work, students, toddlers, the elderly, the physically or mentally disabled, just to name a few; everyone is affected.

To bring life to the moment is to recognize dysfunctions for what they appear to be and keep focused to the good of the moment.

In my line of work, the salon business is a people business. I have fun doing personal business with all people. It

doesn't get much more personal than a human's hair expression. How an individual looks at themselves is entwined in many curves of comments from others, somehow an individual believes them and thus suffers self-doubt...an opportunity to adjust self-attitude. My personal oath is to seek not what my people can do for me, what can I do for my people? To take despair and turn to hope is a state

of being. It's a no brainer because it's built into my character.

Not difficult when you are bred and trained to be of service to self and others. No self-pity about it, pridefulness and acceptance of the gift.

No matter how dysfunctional the exterior world appears; let's take responsibility to be the change we want the world to be.

## Over-designed ads can badly affect ad readership

By Bob Berting,  
Berting Communications  
The first critical

look of your advertising design

The readers's eye has to be drawn to your advertising and the reader has to be motivated to actually read your advertising without succumbing to fatigue, distraction, or irritation. Certainly the selection of type faces is important with the emphasis on headings in sans serif type (block type), which is cleaner and easier to read.



Bob Berting

Body copy should be in serif type, preferably in the 9 to 12 point range. Key words in the body copy can be set in boldface.

The visual syntax of ad design is important. This means that each page or unit is divided into 4 quads with the upper left hand quadrant being the first key viewing area for the reader. This quadrant might have a small logo, the beginning of the heading, placement of the illustration, and spot color.

### Establishing a reading pattern

There is method of ad design which is described as a "S" scanning pattern. First the eye is drawn across the top of the advertising piece left to right, which is the top of the S. This can include a small logo, the dominant heading, and possible color. Next the elements of the ad are placed in a reading pattern leading to the left bottom of the ad (middle of the S). Finally the "S" pattern is completed by leading the eye across the bottom of the ad left to right—this can include the large logo of the organization and other important information such as phone number, address, e-mail address, fax, etc.

In ad design, what's really important is content, not form

Many times overzealous artists over-design ads so that the content of the piece

### Advertising Tip

is obscured and the important message to the reader is lost—the ad

goes gray and the reader's eye passes over it. The over-design is an attempt to create a beautiful brochure, flyer, or advertisement with a variety of techniques including:

- Reverse type, (white letters on a dark background) which is hard to read, particularly in a serif type face. Reverse type should always be at least 10 pt. type.

- Backgrounds of busy prints and designs with type superimposed over them. Usually the type is very difficult to read.

- Too many boxes, sunbursts, and other visual elements which distract from the content of the ad.

- Greatly exaggerated borders, which distract from the ad content.

### Find the balance in your ad design.

There has to be a balance between good ad design and a powerful, provocative heading, which many believe to be at least 80% of the ad's effectiveness. The central message can be divided between sub-headings and body copy, which continues to support the heading. In the final analysis, you must give reasons and benefits for your readers to react to your message. These reasons and benefits will reach the subconscious mind of the readers and eventually motivate them to take action. Finally, all creative thinking has to be channeled into ongoing campaigns, not one time efforts.

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Clarkston residents get a chance to buy fresh produce and baked goods every Saturday at the Farmer's Market. The market is open from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. through October 7 in the parking lot across from Depot Park. For more info on the Farmer's Market visit [www.clarkstonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.clarkstonfarmersmarket.org).

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 Greg's Gourmet Cafe  
 5914 S. Main Street, 625-6612  
 Outback Steakhouse  
 6435 Dixie Highway, 620-4329  
 Ruby Tuesday  
 6898 Sashabaw Road, 625-2008  
 Clarkston Union  
 54 S. Main St., 620-6100  
 The Nickelodeon  
 10081 Ortonville Road, 625-4833  
 Red Knapp's American Grill  
 6722 Dixie Highway, 625-3900  
 Big Boy - Clarkston  
 6440 Dixie Highway, 625-3344
- Ethnic**  
 Lorenzo's Italian Eatery  
 7071 Dixie Highway, 620-8500  
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 6461 Dixie Highway, 922-5629  
 East Ocean Restaurant  
 6405 Sashabaw Road, 625-8863
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 Classic Coney Cafe  
 6678 Dixie Highway, 922-9322  
 Peta's Coney Island II  
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 6325 Sashabaw Road, 620-5122  
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 Guido's Pizza  
 5960 Sashabaw Road, 620-9999  
 Hometown Pizza  
 7010 Gateway Park Drive, 620-4100  
 Little Caesar's Pizza  
 6373 Sashabaw Road, 620-1007  
 5822 Ortonville Road, 625-4001  
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 6674 Dixie Highway, 6215-4477  
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 5510 Sashabaw Road, 625-4452  
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 M-15, 625-0099  
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 6811 Country Lane Dr., 634-2113  
 6695 Dixie Highway, 625-8500  
 5626 Sashabaw Road, 625-8600
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 7743 Sashabaw Road, 625-5739  
 5930 Sashabaw Road, 625-0805  
 6469 Sashabaw Road, 620-1270  
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 7149 Dixie Highway, 620-2388
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### Middle Eastern Plate

Homemade roasted red pepper hummus and skewered chicken kebabs combine with a "chop and toss" Greek salad to create the Mr. B's Roadhouse Middle Eastern Plate. Above, server Nichole Mendez shows off this popu-

lar dish. This unique taste experience is served with warm pita bread.

The tasty dish often comes as a surprise to patrons who are familiar with Mr. B's classic sandwiches, grill items and salads.

"People's tastebuds are turned on to the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern flavors," said Owner Ron Nicol. "The combination of the cold hummus and salad with the hot chicken is what makes this

unique."

The Middle Eastern Plate is listed for your ticket to an exotic experience, stop by Mr. B's Clarkston Roadhouse, located at 6761 S. Dixie Highway, northwest of M-15.

Their phone number is 248- 625-4600

## Deer Lake Inn under new management

Most people are familiar with the green sign with white letters on Dixie Hwy. The Deer Lake Inn has been a landmark in the community for nearly three decades. However, the inn will soon un-

dergo some major changes under the new management.

Rich King recently took over management of the bar and said he has a three-phase plan to turn the place

around.

King said he wants to develop the Inn into a place where a family of five could come and relax and where a young crowd can come and socialize.

"I want to return to the Clarkston community a family restaurant and sports bar," King said, comparing his vision to atmosphere like Applebee's.

Besides construction work to replace the old sign and fix up the building, King said he is planning to remove the current stage and level the dance floor to open up the dining area, while leaving room for live entertainment. King said he plans to expand the bar area and have more windows.

"We have a great setting out back, so why not take advantage of it?" said King, adding that some projects may take until next spring.

Some changes are planned for the menu as well, King said, but favorites like the "Wanda Burger" will continue to be around.

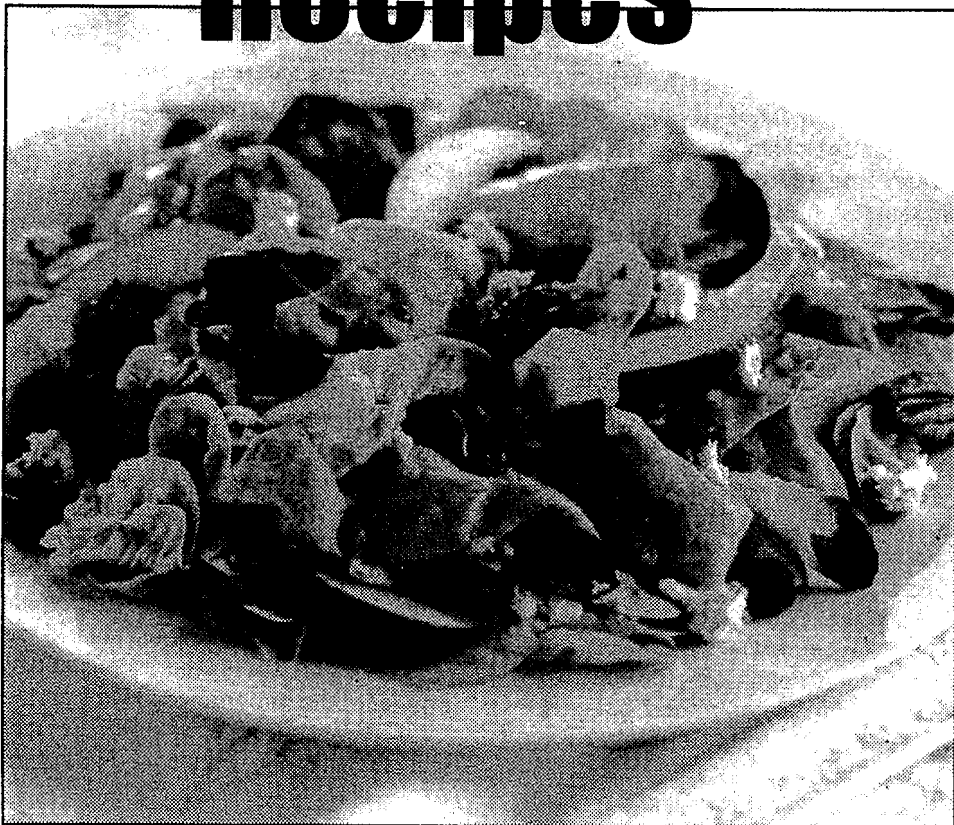
Finally, starting in September, the inn will be open on Sundays, which King said has never happened before. Though these changes may take some time to institute, King is confident people will be pleased with the results.

**Rich King, left, recently took over management of the Deer Lake Inn.**





# WTB Recipes



Flavorful toppings like crispy apples, crunchy pecans, gorgonzola and cherry tomatoes help to create your own gourmet salad masterpiece.

## Lettuce blends with new tastes, textures make for gourmet salads everyday

It's the same sad story this time every year: A dwindling supply of seasonal produce means farewell to summer's bounty.

Fortunately, there's delicious solace in knowing that fresh salads remain on the menu throughout the year, thanks to a growing market for packaged, ready-to-eat blends.

It's a good thing, too. We Americans love salad and we enjoy creatively making salads distinctively our own with flavorful additions. Whether adding fresh and dried fruit, nuts, cheese, veggies, croutons and dressing — as long as we start with the most important element of high-quality fresh lettuces and greens, our salad initiative knows no bounds.

As nutritionists remind us to eat more produce daily, there is added incentive to keep a salad on the menu once or twice a day. A great salad starts with a foundation of greens — the fresher the better. Shop for a variety of blends — lively colors, flavors and textures — to keep your salads special.

Modern fresh salad technology provides us with super-fresh, ready-to-dress salads, so salad making is a snap. With eat-out-of-the-bag convenience, taking a salad for lunch everyday is easy.

Produce experts, like top salad-maker Fresh Express, continue to introduce new blends that inspire salad sensibility. Look for traditional favorites and exciting new blends like 5-Lettuce Mix and Sweet Butter. Continuing its historical beginnings as a leader in fresh lettuce, Fresh Express is the only salad maker offering a freshness guarantee, allowing you to focus on what you do best — letting your salad imagination soar. For the latest arrivals in convenient salads, recipes and flavorful ideas, visit the Fresh Express Web site at [www.freshexpress.com](http://www.freshexpress.com).

### Sweet Butter Salad With Mustard, Potato and Swiss

A hearty salad custom-made for cooler days! Serve alongside a grilled steak, pork chops or smoked sausage.

Use ready-to-serve, diced potatoes. Add cubed ham to make this a main dish. Serves 4 to 6

- 1 8-ounce package Fresh Express Sweet Butter Blend
- 1 cup cooked, diced potato with skin (about 4 ounces)
- 4 thin slices red onion, halved
- 1 cup (4 ounces) mild Swiss cheese, cut julienne
- 1/4 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- Mustard Vinaigrette*
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In large bowl toss together lettuce, potatoes, onions, cheese and walnuts. For vinaigrette, whisk together all ingredients in a small bowl. Add to lettuce mixture. Serve immediately.

### Hearty 5-Lettuce Salad With Bacon and Blue Cheese

This vibrant salad makes a perfect flavor partner for roasted chicken — pick up a rotisserie chicken to make supper a breeze. For added crunch, toast pecans in a skillet over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until fragrant. Then cool. Serves 4 to 6

- 1 10-ounce package 5-Lettuce Mix
- 1 crisp apple, such as Granny Smith or Fuji, cored and diced, about 2 cups
- 4 slices cooked bacon, diced
- 3/4 cup (3 ounces) crumbled bleu cheese
- 1/4 cup toasted pecan halves (optional)
- Creamy Vinaigrette*
- 1/2 cup light mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In large bowl toss together lettuce, apple and bacon. For vinaigrette, whisk together all ingredients in small bowl; pour over salad and toss to coat evenly. Sprinkle with bleu cheese and pecans, toss again and serve immediately.



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## WTB Relaxing:



### Try a 'white' Belgian beer

By C.J. Carnacchio

Looking for a great summer ale that's both refreshing and easy to drink?

Try a Belgian white beer. Better still try the original Belgian white beer — Hoegaarden.

This wheat ale has a very pale, cloudy color. The cloudiness gives a whiteness to its appearance, hence its called a "white beer."

Spiced with coriander and dried Curacao orange peel, it has a crisp flavor that's lightly bitter with just a bit of sweetness in the aftertaste. It's definitely been brewed to quench a summer thirst.

If you like Blue Moon, a Belgian-style wheat/white beer made by Coors, then you'll love Hoegaarden even more.

While sipping your white beer, fire up a Gispert box-pressed maduro robusto.

This cigar's deep, dark chocolate-colored wrapper lets you know you're in for a treat. The wrapper is from Mexico (San Andres Morron), the binder is Nicaraguan and the filler a blend of Honduran and Nicaraguan tobaccos. Gispert Maduro is a well-balanced, cool, flavorful smoke that leaves you wanting more.

## The first time in your life that you want to be uncoordinated

By Art Greenstone

A couple of months ago, I wrote an article advising you to obtain "uncoordinated" medical benefits from your automobile insurance agent. Several readers have called me to ask why "uncoordinated" auto insurance benefits are so necessary. The following is just one example:

A few years ago, a client of mine lost control of his car and smashed into a tree, thereby smashing a majority of his bones. His medical bills were about \$350,000. At least he had the good fortune to have the "uncoordinated" automobile insurance medical benefits that I'm telling you about. Here's how it worked.

His health insurance company paid directly to the hospitals and doctors the \$350,000 medical bills. Because my client had "uncoordinated" auto insurance medical benefits, his car insurance company was also required to pay an additional \$350,000 directly to my client, in his pocket!

It doesn't always work this way, but oftentimes it does. In such cases, if a person has "uncoordinated" auto insurance medical benefits, his health insurance carrier pays the health providers'

bills. Then his automobile insurance pays directly to him the same amount of money that his health insurance company paid to the health providers. This "double coverage," costs only about \$150 per year.

So, although my client wasn't exactly lucky when he smashed into the tree, he was informed and lucky enough to have uncoordinated medical benefits under his automobile insurance policy. For his \$150 per year investment, he received \$350,000 in his pocket! Now do you see why I keep saying to get uncoordinated medical benefits from your auto insurance company? There are many other great reasons for you to have the "uncoordinated" coverage, but the above "double coverage" example is a good one.

Insurance companies try to talk customers out of having this wonderful coverage. They'd rather keep the money than give it to you. Once, another client of mine was badly injured in an auto accident, but did not know about these "uncoordinated" benefits. His insurance agent had not informed him about such coverage. I sued the insurance company for withholding this information. Its defense? It claimed that it didn't have a legal duty to divulge that information to customers!

You have the legal right to have "uncoordinated" automobile insurance benefits, and don't let anyone tell you differently.



Art Greenstone, Personal Attorney

## Water, water, everywhere . . .

Michiganders are unique in the fact that we are surrounded by fresh water. The Great Lakes are a huge source of fresh water throughout the Midwest. We have an abundance of lakes, rivers and streams for clean water and recreation, yet approximately 75 percent of us are chronically dehydrated. The importance of water in our bodies cannot be overstated.

Water is the largest component of the human body. The following statement can illustrate the critical balance of water in our bodies. Under optimal conditions, the body can survive 30 days without food, but only 4-10 days without water. Certainly we can all agree that water is essential to a healthy body. We hear it everyday!

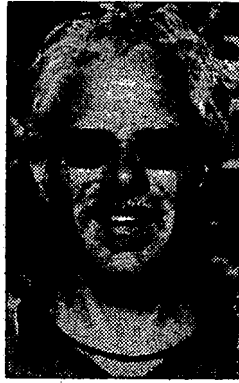
Every function of the body - digestion, respiration, muscle activity and the nervous system activity - is monitored and regulated by the efficient flow of water within the body. Fluid loss, due mainly to sweating, equal to as little to 1 percent of total body weight, can be associated to an increase in core temperature during activity. Loss of 3 - 5 percent of body weight in water results in cardiovascular strain. It seems like we have enough of this in our lives already with the stresses of work and family, doesn't it?

Under normal conditions, fluid balance

in the body is achieved by regulation of fluid intake through changes in thirst sensations and regulation of loss through the kidneys. The estimated fluid requirements for adults are 2 - 2.7 quarts per day. This is in normal situations! Any type of exercising or sweating increases the fluid requirements drastically. How many of us can say we are drinking enough fluids to even maintain a proper balance in our bodies?

A University of Washington study showed that one glass of water can shut down midnight "hunger pangs" for close to 100 percent of dieters. It also has been shown that drinking five glasses of water daily may decrease the risk of colon cancer by 45 percent. Actually, "dry mouth" is the very last sign of dehydration.

We in Michigan, with the abundance of fresh water all around us, should feel very lucky. It should be a constant reminder of the importance of water in our lives. We just need to remember to get it into our bodies for healthier, fulfilling lives. Bottoms up!



Jeff Noonan, of NOVA Care Rehab

### Keyholing ordinance

According to Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner, work is still underway for a keyholing ordinance in the township.

Trustee Larry Rosso, who is the board representative on the planning commission, said the ordinance was referred back to the commission. He said the planning commission was awaiting info from the township attorneys. Wagner added that he was informed the issue was sent to committee, and was currently still at that stage.

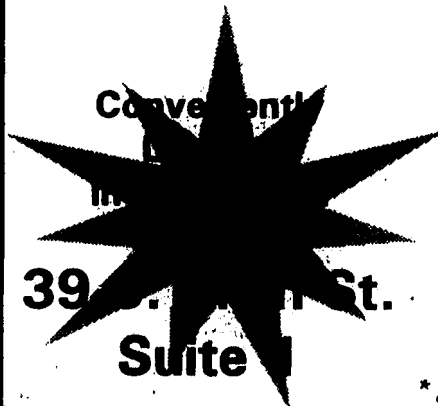
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# WTB Management

## How to manage a rapidly growing business

By Michael Campian

While some new business owners face the issue of not enough customers, others face the issue of too many customers/clients.

I am sure some of you are saying that is a problem you wish you had, but both are serious issues and must be dealt with carefully.

There are many ways to find new customers.

Here is a list of 10 ways to deal with a rapid influx of new customers. The goal is a steady flow of just the right customers.

**1. Know the customer that is right for your business**

Get really clear about your ideal client or customer so you can be selective when there are too many business opportunities and you do not have time to accept them all.

**2. Have a specialty that you are known for**

Specialize, so that you get really good at what you are doing. You can then service more customers/clients quickly.

**3. Eliminate clients who drain you**

If a client/customer takes too much of your time, that person is costing you money. Look for ways to predict who will be a time-consuming customer and avoid them. Find ways to eliminate those client/customers.

**4. Create systems to support you**

Examples are: a good business development system that provides you with the customers or clients you need, a good bookkeeping system to keep track of expenses and revenue, a customer/client tracking system with a database of customers' names, addresses, and other useful information.

**5. Off-load routine tasks to others**

What are the repetitive tasks you hate to do but which you know are necessary to run your business? Many administrative tasks are easily taught to a support person and by doing so you make more time in your day to see customers.

**6. Leave time in your day for reflection and self-care**

Doing the tasks of the business is, of course, necessary. Many get so focused on their task lists that they never have time to take a strategic look at the business. Putting aside time every week helps you to find more ways to work with the customers you want to. Leave some time, too, for taking care of you. This means taking time for doctor's appointments, hair care, exercise, meditation and anything else that provides for your health and well being.

**7. Set firm boundaries**

Don't allow a client to play on your sympathies and convince you to do something you know you should refuse (i.e. too time consuming, not your specialty and/or for free). Doing favors for others is not a favor to you!

**8. Raise fees**

If all the customers coming to you are your ideal customers, then it is time to raise fees/prices. This will sort the customers that are willing to pay more for your services and those who are not. Revisit your fee/price structure at least once a year.

**9. Refer to others**

When clients are not your ideal clients or when your ideal client cannot afford your fee, have a list of other business owners to whom you can refer.

**10. Hire someone to help you do the work**

Once you have off-loaded all the repetitive tasks, it may become necessary to hire another worker who does the work that you do, to work with you. Get professional help for the functions that are not your best, do what it is your strongest skill and get the best of it.

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## Independence Ok's Wireless Oakland: township will be a part of Phase 2

The deal is official - Independence Township is formally a part of Phase II for Wireless Oakland.

The township board voted unanimously to sign an interlocal agreement with Oakland County in order to be a pilot community for the second phase of the program. To date, 40 communities have signed the agreement.

Wireless Oakland is a program spearheaded by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson with the goals of providing free wireless internet access to everyone (at 128K, four times faster than dial-up); assist in planning and improve the use of technology in government; and provide equipment and training to lower income-lower education residents.

Through the program, residents who wish to do so will have the opportunity to purchase higher speeds from Michtel, the private provider for the project. Oakland County has entered a six year agreement,

with the option to renew, with the private corporation.

Independence Township applied in the fall of 2005 for the program. Included with the application was a listing of the township's "elevated assets," such as utility poles, cell towers or water towers.

The high network will be placed on assets such as water towers and will involved dishes and 11x14x2 networking boxes. The low level, about 15 to 20 feet from the ground, will have similar sized networking boxes with 12-inch antennas spaced around a quarter-mile apart.

As for home equipment needs, most newer computers come with the required Wi-Fi cards. He added that upgrading slightly older models can be done affordably.

The pilot areas should be complete this fall. The rest of the county will follow shortly thereafter. It's anticipated the entire county to be blanketed by the end of 2007.

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## Grand openings . . .



Oakhurst Golf and Country Club celebrated a grand opening for Middlesboro neighborhood built by Neumann Homes. A few in attendance were (left) Neumann Homes representatives Ron Borawski and Desiree Davis, and (above) Steve Johnson and Eric Konieczny.



Pine Knob Wine Shoppe owners Zack Al-Sheikh (from left), Heidi Al-Sheikh and Matthew Al-Sheikh passed out hot dogs during the opening weekend Aug. 11-13. Photo by Paul Kampe

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# Before back-to-school, get back-to-the-optometrist

Vision is a dominant process in the growth, development and daily performance of children.

In fact, 80 percent of what students learn is through vision. And yet, 86 percent of all school-aged children have not had a complete eye exam.

"This could mean that thousands of school-aged children simply can't see correctly," said Dr. Allison M.B. Schulte, of Clarkton's Allison Eye Care. "Parents and teachers need to know that with a complete eye examination, we can diagnose and begin treatment of many of these debilitating vision and eye health issues."

Students with poor vision can be misdiagnosed as learning impaired, as hav-

ing attention deficit disorder, or are just plain left behind from their peer group. And these kids don't know that they can't see what their friend sees, because they don't know what normal vision is like.

It also means that many children, by the time they have that first exam, may have a condition, such as amblyopia or lazy eye, which now cannot be treated and is the leading cause of blindness. If they had a complete eye examination earlier in their lives, the condition could have been easily corrected.

"We encourage parents to have children examined three times prior to starting school: at six months, three years and before starting kindergarten," said Dr. Schulte. "This monitors eye development

and can prevent conditions that may be irreversible in later years."

Teachers can help, too, by letting parents know the importance of eye examinations and the link between good vision and successful learning. Children need to have a complete eye exam where vision acuity, eye health and vision skills are measured. And they need to have these examinations at an early age.

Comprehensive vision examinations

can only be conducted by an eye care professional with the specialized training needed to make a definitive diagnosis and prescribe treatment. Keep in mind that a vision screening, while a useful tool, is a limited process and cannot be used to diagnose an eye or vision problem, but rather to indicate a potential need for further evaluation.

For more information call Allison Eye Care at 248-922-1111

## Retirement planning through the years

By Daniel Krug

President and Founder Daniel Krug & Associates Clarkston

In today's turbulent economy, living financially stress-free during the "golden years" is not as simple as it once was.

After working for 30-50 years, those nearing the end of their working careers hope they can retire comfortably and live off their accumulated assets. However, there are factors that make this desire more difficult for the retirees of today than of previous generations.

What could be a more shocking surprise than to wake up at age 70 or 85 and discover that you have depleted your income?

To make sure this doesn't happen, there are certain points retirees need to consider at each age to use as a "checklist" to ensure they shift into retirement as easy as possible and live the retirement they have always dreamed of.

### Ages 60-65

When retirees first reach the retirement age, this is the time to review wills, trusts, powers of attorney and beneficiaries.

Many people want to take small steps when faced with a complex task like retirement planning. Compiling a list of assets and annual expenses is a great place to start.

Retirees should put everything on the table for their financial planner, just as a patient should disclose his or her full health history to the doctor making a medical diagnosis.

From there, retirees need to calculate the money needed each month to determine their day-to-day retirement expenses. A smart plan of action is to develop a budget and set aside an emergency fund for unexpected needs that may arise. Without the comfort of a weekly paycheck, retirees need to carefully plan for these unexpected expenses in advance.

People who don't have adequate cash flow to cover their necessary living expenses should consider converting some assets to an annuity, which can provide guaranteed income for the rest of their lives. Putting off that decision can prematurely deplete assets needed to make sure they don't outlive their money.

Another important factor to consider is creating a plan for possible long-term care expenses. These are many options to protect your nest egg from these expenses if you or your spouse needs care. It is best to seek the advice of a professional who is familiar with these options

to make sure your hard-earned assets are protected.

During this age range, it is also imperative to review your insurance coverage to make sure all of your policies are appropriate for your new lifestyle, determine what date to apply for Social Security benefits and select pension benefits and 401K distribution options that work best for you.

### Age 70

If you're a senior who has a lot of equity tied up in your house, but can't find money for needed repairs, a reverse mortgage could be the solution to your problems. There are plenty of mortgage professionals who are familiar with this option that is growing in popularity.

Also, when a retiree reaches 70, this is a great time to think in advance about what distributions they will start taking at 70½ from their qualified plans.

### Age 70½

This is the age where retirees are required to start taking required minimum distributions for all qualified plans including IRAs, 401Ks, TSAs, etc. This is important because there is a 50 percent penalty if you forget to withdraw the funds.

This is also a good time to think about the impact of your Social Security income on your overall taxes. Up to 85 percent of your Social Security income could be taxed without the proper planning, which could cost you twice as much come April 15.

### Age 75

There are many irreversible errors that will force children to pay tax on their parents' entire IRA in one year. At 75, retirees need to properly redesign their IRA so that this is not a reality for their loved ones.

With a properly designed IRA, beneficiaries have the privilege of letting the IRA accumulate tax deferred over their lifetime. For those who do not need their IRA for income, they can adopt an IRA rescue plan that can pay all the taxes on their IRAs and provide a large tax-free sum of money for their spouse or other heirs.

### Age 80

To make life a little easier at 80, some retirees may begin thinking about moving into assisted living facilities. Today, assisted living facilities resemble resorts and can offer retirees a comfortable living atmosphere without the stress and added work of owning and maintaining a home.

To make this option a reality, retirees may want to think about taking distributions from their annuities and other investments to help pay for assisted living, which can ultimately increase many retirees' quality of life.



## Sign for the times...

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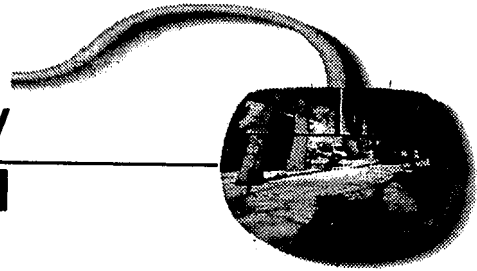
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## Notebook computer maintenance

Notebook computers, the smaller counterpart to the desktop style computer, require much of the same maintenance to stay functioning at max performance.

However, there are some major differences in the two that need to be accounted for.

Notebook computers are much more compact than desktops. With this in mind, it's very important to keep all of the air vents free and clear of obstructions while in use.

Another important item to remember while using your notebook, is to not place it on top of surfaces where the computer can sink down and cover the vents. Examples of this would be on a soft bed comforter, or in your lap. This can cause the system to overheat and result in severe damage.

The user should be conscious of the location of all fans and air vents on their system and use the system on flat surfaces only.

Maintaining your notebook computer involves some of the same procedures as your desktop, however it can be

more difficult to accomplish. As mentioned earlier, it is important to have all of the vents clear of obstructions. At the same time we need to make sure there is not excessive dust buildup inside the notebook, as this will lead to overheating. Take a can of compressed air and gently blow these areas out. Be sure to blow all of the intake and exhaust vents out, to remove all dust buildup.

You can also use compressed air to remove dust and dirt buildup from between the keys on your keyboard. Just be careful not to concentrate too much in one area, as the compressed air can damage your keys if you stay in one spot too long.

Another aspect of maintaining your notebook computer is cleaning your LCD. When cleaning your LCD be sure to use only approved electronic cleaning solutions. Solvents that are corrosive could lead to permanent damage to your LCD. If you are unsure if the cleaner you have can be used on an LCD, read the label on the cleaner as it will usually say what not to use it on. Furthermore, most electronic retailers will carry some type of cleaning solvent for these devices.

For more information on notebook computer maintenance, or for any general questions, call Zak Computers at 248-628-8600 or email [ASKZAK@zakpc.com](mailto:ASKZAK@zakpc.com).



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## Embrace your 'skunkmonkey'

By Luc Robert "Slick" Poirier  
Co-Founder, President & CEO  
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It's a breezy summer afternoon and you're driving along the highway, listening to the radio as it blasts out a tune by Paris Hilton. Your mind wonders how it's possible that shrieking, moaning and whining can be mistaken for vocal prowess, when you round a blind corner and discover that the ear-splitting shrill isn't coming from Hilton's attempt at singing, but a gigantic, terrifying beast with powerful jaws, huge vicious teeth and really bad b.o.

It's the fearsome Oakland Skunkmonkey! It lunges toward you with arms flailing and fangs gnashing! Shifting into reverse, you floor the gas pedal and back the vehicle into yet another Skunkmonkey who then picks up your car and removes the entire trunk area in a single bite. The first beast hops over and chomps off the front part of the auto, leaving you and the tiny passenger area behind. You're too high up to safely leap from what's remaining of the vehicle and both monsters are ready to finish off what's left. What do you do?

You wake up from this nightmare and analyze it: You are an entrepreneur and you're trying to take your business (the car) to new heights by accessing previously untapped revenue streams via the internet (the highway) but you're hitting roadblocks because you've never had to rely on credit cards (the monsters) before and are afraid that fees will eat away your business (the munching on the car).

True, short term the fees associated with accepting credit cards online can be daunting, because there's a higher risk of *chargebacks* (a reversal of a credit card transaction that's typically initiated by the cardholder) associated with online purchases, since the card isn't present during the transaction and there's no signed receipt to prove the transaction was authorized. But in the long run accepting credit cards online is one way for your business to stay competitive and survive. Just consider the following: According to recent data provided by Leilani Han, PR & Marketing Coordinator for Nielsen NetRatings ([www.nielsen-netratings.com](http://www.nielsen-netratings.com)) there were over 4.2 million more visitors to e-commerce sites during July 2006 over the same 31-day period last year. All told, last month there were approximately 34.8 million visitors to internet sites that accepted credit cards. Nielsen NetRatings is a global leader in internet media and market research.

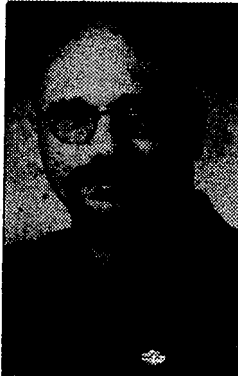
According to ChargeToday.com ([www.chargetoday.com](http://www.chargetoday.com)) this translates into three things for the credit card accepting internet merchant:

1. Increased sales (studies show that consumers who use credit cards spend twice as much on average as those who only pay with cash).
2. Increased exposure to a whole market of people who choose to only make credit card purchases which will increase your customer base.
3. Increased profits (studies show consumers are much more likely to purchase more expensive products and services from a business if it accepts credit cards).

ChargeToday.com offers full service merchant accounts and credit card processing solutions to businesses.

Now that you're ready to accept credit

cards online there are several viable options available to you depending on your cash flow. For example, if you're a startup and capital is tight, Heather Dougherty, Senior Analyst for Nielsen NetRatings in New York, recommends starting out with PayPal ([www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)) because "it's more cost effective to set up." With credit



Luc Poirier, co-founder, president, CEO Slick & Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites

card online merchant accounts you have setup fees, fees associated with fraud protection, gateway fees and transaction fees. PayPal only charges transaction fees and those range from 1.9% to 2.9% of the transaction plus an additional 30 cents per transaction. Also, with credit card online merchant accounts you incur fees whether or not transactions are conducted; PayPal only charges fees when transactions are completed.

But for all the advantages PayPal has to offer, there's also a dark side.

Christie Kojima, owner of The Chocolate Moose ([www.mooschocolate.com](http://www.mooschocolate.com))—a retailer of high quality chocolate confections—became a phishing statistic a few years ago when she responded to a PayPal scam (reference my March 2006 column *Phishing Phor Inphormation* to learn how to identify and protect yourself). Although Kojima became suspicious early on, she didn't take any chances and elected "to close all my PayPal accounts." PayPal phishing scams are among the most prevalent on the internet today.

Here's something else to consider: PayPal is wholly owned by eBay, one of the world's largest—if not *the* largest—online marketplaces (i.e., your competition). Anything you sell on your website can be found on eBay and if you use PayPal, every transaction you pay for goes to eBay. How long can you afford to support your competition?

Dougherty also suggested using Bill Me Later ([www.billmelater.com](http://www.billmelater.com)) as an alternative to PayPal. Melissa Campanelli, a marketing and technology writer in New York City, wrote the following about Bill Me Later in the Feb 2006 issue of *Entrepreneur* ([www.entrepreneurmagazine.com](http://www.entrepreneurmagazine.com)): "The service encourages impulse buying by eliminating the need for customers to have credit cards. When shoppers proceed to checkout (online), they see a 'Bill Me Later' option along with the major credit card options. To use Bill Me Later, they must provide their date of birth and the last four digits of their Social Security number. The transactions are then processed by Bill Me Later (authorization takes only 3 seconds); the merchant gets his settlement within 2 days and the customer gets billed within 2 weeks."

With merchant fees ranging from 1.5% to 1.95% of the transaction plus 15 cents per transaction, it's no wonder big online muscle like Wal-Mart, Office Max and Pet Smart are part of Bill Me Later's growing client list. But in order to become an approved merchant you have to average \$20 million a year in online sales.

Finally there's going direct to merchant account providers like ChargeToday.com. Merchant fees range from 2.1% to 2.5% or more of the transaction plus 20 cents or more per transaction. Yes, it's more expensive than the

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## WTB Technology

### SCOREs a new look on website

Life got a little easier for small business types to access SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" website.

SCORE announced a fresh, new look for their Small Business Website, [www.score.org](http://www.score.org), designed to be more visually appealing and easier for clients and visitors to use. New How-To and Business Tools sections offer valuable guides, templates and resources to help small business owners achieve success.

Through focus groups with SCORE small business owners, SCORE found that entrepreneurs wanted more information on starting, financing, managing and growing a business. SCORE re-organized online content around each of those themes.

How-To articles provide tips and advice on a variety of topics, including business plans, venture capital, customer relations and increasing sales. Business Tools links offer access to SCORE online workshops, template gallery, business quizzes, public relations toolkit and other free resources.

As part of the website makeover, SCORE refined navigation features and added a site map to make getting around easier. A new *Ask SCORE* box on the homepage gives quick access to SCORE's free and confidential online counseling. Each page now includes a zipcode finder to find a local SCORE office. New photos added to each page support SCORE's awareness campaign theme, Live Your Dream. SCORE Can Help.

SCORE CEO Ken Yancey says, "Aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners told SCORE they want immediate access to a one-stop resource that helps small businesses succeed." Yancey adds, "SCORE's website provides 24/7 *Ask SCORE* online business advice and a wide range of information and useful tools for both start-up and growing businesses."

For more information about starting or operating a small business, call 1-800-634-0245 for the SCORE chapter nearest you. Or, visit SCORE on the Web at [www.score.org](http://www.score.org).

### InkLink Zone: Good for the environment

By Andrew Dupont

Nowadays, everyone has a computer and printer in their home, saving trips to the library or one-hour photo shops. Such conveniences come at a price, however, and while printers may last for years, ink cartridges usually only last a few weeks or months. The cost of replacing those cartridges can really add up.

That's where Ink Link Zone comes in. Recently opened in Waterford by Doug and Ruth Nesbitt, ILZ is an inkjet refill store whose goal is provide their customers with the highest quality products and services while saving them money and helping the environment. While the cartridges may be small, think of how many people in the world use them and how many are thrown out every year.

Individuals and businesses can both benefit from the cost saving use of an inkjet refill service, but you don't have to be on a tight budget to make use of the ILZ.

Ink Link Zone is located at 4184



Doug and Ruth Nesbitt recently opened the Ink Link Zone in Waterford. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Pontiac Lake Rd. in the Pine Tree Plaza shopping center. Store hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m and on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 248-674-7280.

### Virtual retail boom creates unique shipping challenges

(NewsUSA) - Who could have predicted that online buying and selling would become the giant international business that it is today?

Everything from electronics, cars, clothing, collectibles, sporting goods, toys, antiques, books -- you name it -- can be found at online auction sites like eBay. According to the online auction giant, eBay is the most popular shopping destination on the Internet.

Why are online auctions all the rage? From collectible toy trains to custom-built furniture, you can find a variety of extraordinary items not found at your local mall.

And for those putting their large, bulky or fragile goods up for bids, selling is easy compared to figuring out how to get the items shipped to their new owners.

Seeking solutions to these and other

shipping hassles, many online auctioneers are turning to professional packing, crating and shipping services, such as Pak Mail Centers. They can ship anything, anywhere in the world.

There is also an extended menu of services, including custom-built, wooden shipping crates for bulky and valuable items. Items that have been successfully shipped include an antique Japanese sword, an elephant skeleton and even artificial limbs.

Pick-up service is available at most locations. Pak Mail can also provide estimated shipping costs, which allows an online seller to know ahead of time how much cost to factor in for shipping when listing an item for auction. For the do-it-yourself shipper, Pak Mail Centers also carry a large selection of packaging supplies. For more information, call 800-778-6665 or visit [www.pakmail.com](http://www.pakmail.com).

# WTB Newzbriefs

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## Three days, 60 miles, one cause

Christine Keener is walking a long distance to help others.

Keener is one of 42 walkers from Clarkston who will join thousands of others at the Michigan Breast Cancer Three-Day benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust. The participants will walk 60 miles during three days to raise breast cancer awareness and money for critical research and community outreach programs.

"I had such an incredible experience doing the Three-Day last year that I'm going back for more!" said Keener. "I'm so excited about this event, even though this year I really know what I've gotten myself into. This event isn't easy, but I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't believe 100 percent that it was worth every blister and the months of training to do it."

In order to participate, each walker committed to raising at least \$2,200. So far,

Keener has raised over \$2,800 and is hoping to surpass the \$3,100 that she raised last year. Keener said her biggest donations come from friends and family.

This year, Keener approached The Chocolate Moose in downtown Clarkston about making chocolate ribbon suckers as a fund-raising idea. Owner Christie Kojima and Manager Gaylene Portela were more than happy to support Keener's idea. The Chocolate Moose not only made the suckers for Keener to sell, but also have a display in the store for additional fund-raising efforts.

The Three-Day started at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township on Aug. 11 and ended on Aug. 13 at Metro Beach Metropark in Harrison.

If the 42 walkers from Clarkston participating in the walk only meet their minimum goal of \$2,200 they will raise at least \$92,000 combined.



Christine Keener (center) asked Chocolate Moose owner Christie Kojima (left) and Manager Gaylene Portela to participate in her fund-raising efforts. Photo provided

## Clarkston resident opens Farmer's Insurance office

By Dave Pemberton

Cheryl Bean has lived in Clarkston for 17 years, and now has opened her own Farmer's Insurance Group office at 7300 Dixie Highway.

Bean said she is confident Clarkston was the right area for her to open the office in June.

"Clarkston is a great community to be in and it's growing really fast," Bean said. "We have people here we want to service and make sure are covered. Whether it be their home, their car or their life. My plan is to grow as the area grows."

Bean said she will offer many different types of insurance.

"We do auto, home, life, business and worker's comp," Bean said. "We also do everything from motorcycles to campers. We plan on doing financial services in the



Cheryl Bean explains one of the Farmer's Insurance Group policies.

near future and health insurance within the next 12 months."

Bean, who is a member of the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, said it's important to be involved in the community and plans on being very active.

Farmer's Insurance is open 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. Monday- Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday and other hours by appointment. For more information on Farmer's Insurance Group call Bean at 248-625-7550.

## Clarkston Health Center Earns ACR accreditation

The Clarkston Health Center was awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high prac-

tice standards after a peer-review evaluation of its practice. Evaluations are conducted by board certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. The Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Place just off Dixie Highway. For more info call 248-922-2800.

## Clarkston Family Dental welcomes new dentist

Clarkston Family Dental welcomed a new doctor into the practice, Dr. Justin Newingham.

Newingham is a graduate from the University of Michigan and, prior to coming to Clarkston, Family Dental, worked at a dental office in Rochester for a year.



Newingham said he joined the practice after visiting the office a few times.

"I had been to the office several times," Newingham said. "I hung around the office and got to know everybody. Once I got to know everybody I knew it was a great office. I decided not to renew my contract in Rochester."

Newingham believes he made a good decision by coming to Clarkston Family Dental.

"It's been good so far," Newingham

said. "I like everything about the job. The patients are great people to treat and the staff is great. My favorite part of the job is just helping people. Seeing what is wrong and presenting them with options. I'm here to help people, not get them to spend a fortune. I'm here to fix things for people."

Newingham earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Albion College. He then decided to try dental school.

"I took a bunch of different courses in college. Just about every course you can think of. I was really interested in sciences so it snowballed from there," Newingham said. "I like the lifestyle of dentists. It's usually a private practice. You become your own boss and can take off time when you want to take off time. That's one thing that drew me to it. It's something that just took off and I became passionate about it."

Clarkston Family Dental is located at 6778 Bluegrass Drive. For more information about Clarkston Family Dental call 248-625-2424.

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**Paradise NAILS SPA**

**GRAND OPENING**

## Paradise nail and spa has family feel

By Paul Kampe

There is a new option for people who want to get their nails done, Paradise Nail and Spa opened its doors July 24.

The business offers full-service ranging from spa and facial treatment; manicure and pedicure to acrylics nail service. "We try to make it convenient," said Manager Christie Nguyen.

Paradise will accept walk in guests without appointments.

The store "Feels like family," Nguyen said about its approach to serving its cus-

tomers. Every customer, Nguyen said, is offered a beverage upon arrival.

Every Saturday, guests are offered free non-alcoholic mixed drinks.

Thai Ha of Oxford co-owns Paradise Nail and Spa with Lung Nguyen of Shelby Township. The owners have been involved in the industry for more than five years. They said that this shop is different than places they have owned in the past because it uses high end materials in its work.

Please see Paradise on page 14



## Complaints versus compliments

By Valerie Cooper-Worbois

If you are unhappy with a product or a person, what is the first thing that you do? Call or write with a complaint? Tell them to do it right the next time?

Shape up or ship out? Get all bent out of shape? Decide that if you want it done right, you'll have to do it yourself?

There are a multitude of things that people do when they are not happy with a product, a person or a job.

On the other hand, what do you do if someone does a good job? The product you ordered is perfect, just what you wanted? Your employee goes the extra mile and is proactive? A difficult task is completed on time and error free? My guess is, the majority of the time, the answer is "nothing."

A simple "Thank you" or "Good Job" goes a long way when it comes to most situations. However, what about the times that your employees go beyond the extra mile? What about the times that a thank you just isn't enough?

There are endless ways to "say"



Valerie Cooper-Worbois

thank you that show you truly appreciate what has been done for your department, for your division, for your company.

You don't have to have a large budget to "say" thank you. You could have personalized notecards on hand to write a short note. You could get a gift for someone to say "thank you" for a job well done. Money Clips, Key Rings, Clocks, Paperweights, Business Card Holders, Letter Openers, Pen/Pencil Sets and numerous other items are all inexpensive gifts.

While you should thank your employees and clients all year, Christmas seems to be the time that most people take the time to say "Thanks."

You've made it through another year and that is due to the diligence of your employees and your clients, so why not let them know you appreciate them? Send your clients a 'thank you' card. Thank them for referrals. Give them a calendar or "token" to show your appreciation.

Bottom line...

Thanks! Cool! Keep up the good work! Great! Brilliant! Wonderful! Wow! Groovy! Spiffy! Awesome! You're the best! Fantastic! Smashing! Gnarly! Wicked! Terrific! Well done! Good Job! First Rate! Hunky Dory! The Cat's Pajamas! Peachy Keen! Neat! Thank you for a job well done!

Valerie Cooper-Worbois, *The Impressive Type*

## Brand vs. Generic Medications: What's the difference?

By Chris Meny, R.Ph.

At some time in our lives, all of us have taken medication to treat an ailment.

Whether that medication was available Over-the-Counter (OTC) or prescribed by your doctor, you may have noticed that in many cases you have a choice of whether to purchase a brand or a generic version of the drug. I am often asked whether there is a difference between the two options.

All medications must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) before they can be marketed and sold in the United States. The rigorous approval process weeds out any drugs that are not effective for the target condition and/or are unsafe for human use.

Brand name companies such as Pfizer and AstraZeneca are the patent holders of the original medication product. They have performed all of the initial discoveries, drug approval applications, phase clinical trials and marketing/advertising. This initial process, known as Research and Development is very costly and time consuming. Therefore, once the initial New Drug Application is submitted, a brand name company has 20 years of patent protection.

An average of seven years of that time is consumed performing the clinical trials. All of this is a big reason why brand name medications are more expensive than their generic equivalent.

Once a brand's patent protection expires, generic companies can then seek approval for an equivalent product. The generic companies will submit an Abbreviated New Drug Application and their product will go through the same rigorous approval process that the brand product did.

Because clinical trials performed by the brand name companies have already addressed the safety and efficacy of a drug, generic companies only need to focus on manufacturing a product that is able to duplicate the original drug's release, the rate and extent of absorption into the body, and ultimate availability at the site of action (known as bioequivalence and bioavailability).

A generic equivalent must have the same amount of *active* ingredient(s) and must be the same dosage form (tablet, capsule, suspension, cream, etc.) as its brand name counterpart. The inactive ingredients, shape, and color can be changed. The brand name product will have its unique trade name and the generic is usually named according to the active ingredient.

In the case of a generic company that is owned by a brand name company, the generic product can sometimes be approved under the brand name company's original new drug application. For example, Greenstone Ltd. (a generic company) was once a subsidiary of Pharmacia/Upjohn Co. (a brand name company). Both are now owned by Pfizer.

Many of Pfizer's medications have generic equivalents that are manufactured under the Greenstone name. These types of products are typically called clones. Approximately 50% of the generic manufacturers are owned by a brand name company.

It is important to point out that product substitution is not always recommended. Because the FDA allows a 10% variance in batches of both brand and generic drugs, not all medications should be substituted for one another without consulting a physician. These include the blood thinners Coumadin® and Jantoven™ (warfarin sodium) and thyroid hormones such as Synthroid®, Levothyroid®, Levoxyl® (levothyroxine sodium), and Armour® Thyroid (desiccated thyroid hormone).

Although the 10% variance does not have any bearing with regard to safety and efficacy in other medications, warfarin and the thyroid hormones listed above are different. They are said to have a "narrow therapeutic index". This means that the 10% variance can possibly have a significant effect on efficacy (and possibly safety) of the drug product.

It is therefore recommended that whether a person starts taking the brand or generic product, they should continue to use the same product. If it is necessary to switch to another manufacturer due to cost or availability, your physician may need to monitor your blood levels and/or therapeutic response, for a short period of time, to determine whether a change in strength is necessary.

In conclusion, when choosing a medication, there are three factors to consider with regard to the chosen drug. These include safety, efficacy, and cost. Both brand and generic medications address safety and efficacy.

Both the brand name medication and its generic counterpart will have the same effect and side-effects because they have identical active ingredients, but generics add the advantage of lower cost. This can make a significant difference whether you are paying the cash price or the co-pay that is set by your insurance company.

It is important to note that you (and your physician if they prefer a specific product) always have the final say as to whether your pharmacy dispenses the brand or generic product for your prescription. You just have to remember that when you purchase a brand name product that has a generic equivalent, whether it's OTC or prescription, you are spending extra money for no additional benefit.

Generics are as safe and effective as their brand equivalent, and because all drug manufacturers are held to the same FDA standards, you will receive a high quality product no matter what you choose.

**Watch for these new generics and their availability in 2006.**

Finasteride (Proscar®)  
Pravastatin (Pravachol®)  
Simvastatin (Zocor®)  
Meloxicam (Mobic®)  
Sertraline (Zoloft®)... early to mid-August  
Zolpidem (Ambien®)... October  
Ondansetron (Zofran/Zofran ODT)... December

For additional info visit [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) or ask your pharmacist, physician, physician assistant, or nurse for advice.

## Clarkston State Bank Makes Owning a Home Easy!!

When you are ready to purchase a home, first - know that Clarkston State Bank can easily get you into a home for very little money out of your pocket. Some lenders now offer significant incentives for you to work with them, BUT also beware...work with a reputable lender like Clarkston State Bank! There are many mortgage companies and many options. Make sure you are getting a product that matches your needs. Direct lenders are lending their own money, offer local service, have in-house programs and are making loan decisions locally, not over a toll-free number.



Deanna Brucker

Along with choosing your lender, you'll also have to review the total cost of the loan, including the interest rate, fees, points (each point is one percent of the amount you borrow), prepayment penalties, the loan term, and a host of other items.

For local lenders such as Clarkston State Bank, success or failure largely rides on personal relationships; so consumers can count on a strong business ally once they work with a local bank. Customers need to be kept well in-

formed of their options and ensured they have the right product for their individual needs.

What can you expect from a local lender who wants your business? Good communication. Personal service isn't something local lenders have a monopoly on, of course, but their reliance on local business makes them responsive. It also drives them to map out a niche as a way to compete against the big lenders that offer a product for every type of borrower.

Given the range of niches and emphasis on customer service of local lenders, consumers should include them in the mix of lenders to consider. To work with a good lender, you don't necessarily need to work with a national lender. Clarkston State Bank offers a complete line of mortgage products, including:

- 100% financing is available for purchase and refinances
- No verification of income is required
- Low credit score mortgages are available
- Interest-only products can be obtained
- FHA, VA and MSHDA loans are available



John Smith

Clarkston State Bank has two mortgage originators working at their Clarkston branches - Deanna Brucker handles mortgages from the downtown Main Street branch, while John Smith manages mortgage customers from CSB's new branch at M-15 and Citation Drive.

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# Finances: *opinions from around town, beyond*

## A guide to Estate Planning: Part 2

By **Bill Langdon, Jr.** RFC CFS BCM RFP  
Retirement Plans Specialist - Board; Certified  
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There is a lot of discussion and opinion about estate planning. Our intent here, as it was last month, is to provide you with enough information to discuss your estate planning intelligently with your attorney, financial planner, accountant and most importantly, your family.

### The Federal Estate and Gift Tax Exclusions

Unless you plan for taxes, they can take a large part of your estate. Calculating estate tax is complex and the phase-out of the tax through decreases in the top estate tax rate and increases in the estate tax credit makes the computation even more complicated.

Every individual is allowed a credit that permits a certain amount in assets to pass free of estate and gift tax. If your total taxable estate and lifetime gifts are less than or equal to the applicable credit exclusion amount, no federal estate tax will be due.

### Highest Tax Rates (Gift and Estate)

Year	Rate
2006	47%
2007-09	45%
2010	35%

### The Estate Tax Exclusion Amount

Year	Credit	Exclusion Amount
2006-08	\$555,800	\$1,500,000
2009	\$780,800	\$2,000,000

To illustrate: In 2007 the credit will offset \$780,800 in estate taxes. If you die in 2007 with a taxable estate of \$2.1 million, having made no taxable gifts during your lifetime, the tentative estate tax will be \$825,800. However, assuming your estate has no adjustments other than the estate tax credit, the actual tax will be \$45,000 (\$825,800 - \$780,800.)

### Estate Value

For a general idea of how much tax, if any, will be due on your estate, estimate the current value of your estate. Then subtract allowable deductions that include but are not limited to:

- Estate administration fees
- Funeral expenses
- Valid debts, such as mortgage and unpaid property or income taxes
- Transfers for public, charitable and religious uses and
- Bequests to your surviving spouse

Next, add in the value of any taxable lifetime gifts you have made. Check this amount against the chart above to determine the tax that would be due on your estate if you should die.

### The Unlimited Marital Deduction

As a general rule the marital deduction allows you to give your spouse an unlimited amount of assets free of both estate and gift tax. The assets may pass either outright or in trust. Thus if you leave your entire estate to your spouse, there will be no taxes due.

Even though the marital deduction will allow your assets to pass to your spouse tax free, when your spouse dies these assets will be included in his or her estate for tax purposes. Other strategies might better accomplish your objectives.

### Successful Lifestyles, Ink



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### The Generation Skipping Transfer Tax

Another concern for the near future is the generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax. This tax comes into play if you want to leave your assets in a way that will benefit your grandchildren or other persons more than a generation younger than you. The GST rate is steep - equal to the highest federal estate tax rate. GST tax must be paid in addition to estate and gift tax.

The intent of GST tax is to prevent families from sidestepping a generation's worth of estate taxes by transferring assets to grandchildren, rather than to children. A cumulative \$1.5 million GST tax exemption gives you leeway to transfer up to that amount to your grandchildren or others free of the GST tax. If you and your spouse agree to split gifts, together you can give your grandchildren up to \$3 million without incurring the GST tax.

### Capital Gains Tax

Currently, capital gains taxes are more of a financial planning consideration than an estate planning one. But this may change in the future. With the estate tax repeal comes a change in the way capital gain on inherited property may be taxed.

You pay capital gains tax on profits realized when you sell property that has increased in value while you owned it. Your gain (or loss) for capital gains tax purposes is usually determined by your "basis" in the property. Basis is generally the amount you paid to acquire the property. Your gain is the value of the property in excess of your basis.

When you give someone assets during your lifetime, your basis on the gift date is carried over and becomes the recipient's basis. If the recipient later sells the asset, he or she is liable for capital gains tax on the assets' appreciation both before and after the gift.

Inherited property is treated differently. It usually receives a "step-up" in basis to its fair market value at the time of the owner's death. So, if you leave property to your heir and he or she later sells it, he or she will be responsible for capital gains tax only on the appreciation generated after your death. However, after 2010 new rules apply for determining inherited property's basis. The new rules limit basis step-ups and will result in significantly higher capital gains taxes on the sale of inherited property.

In 2010 each estate generally will be able to increase the basis of property transferred only up to a total of \$1.3 million. An additional \$3 million for a total of \$4.3 million may increase the basis of property transferred to a surviving spouse. These amounts will be adjusted annually for inflation.

Estate Planning is a very complex subject and one that deserves a great deal of your time and consideration. Next month we will provide you with some planning strategies to be considered before you finalize your estate plan.

Thank you for taking the time to read my column and I sincerely hope it helps you become more informed and, most importantly, successful. As always, Successes in Life are Failures turned inside out!

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## Retirement Myths

It is an unfortunate fact that many Americans spend less time planning for their retirement than planning for their vacations. All it takes is intelligent planning - and a clear understanding of the myths that hinder us from building a secure retirement.

Consider the following myths:

• **Myth #1: I'm too young to worry about retirement.**

You're never too young to make plans. The sooner you begin saving for retirement, the less you'll have to put aside. For example, if you want to have a \$200,000 nest egg by age 65, you'll only have to save about \$26 a week if you start at age 35. But if you wait until you're 55 to start, you'd have to put aside \$233 every week.

(Both cases assume that your money is invested earning a hypothetical nine percent return. This example is for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to reflect the actual performance of any security. Investing involves risk and you may incur a profit or a loss.)

• **Myth #2: I won't need much to live on.**

Many experts estimate that on average, to maintain your standard of living in retirement, you'll need 60 to 80 percent of your pre-retirement income. And that income has to continue to grow enough in an attempt to keep up with inflation.

• **Myth #3: My kids will take care of me.**

Most children want to lend their ag-

ing parents a hand, but many can't afford to. About the time you're ready to retire, they'll be paying their children's college tuition - and saving for their own retirement. You'd be wise, therefore, to leave the kids out of your plans.

• **Myth #4: Social Security will take care of me.**

Although it's unwise to expect Social Security to cover all your costs, you can take steps to increase your benefits. Work as long as possible. You can start collecting Social Security at age 62, but your benefits may be reduced by 20 percent. If, on the other hand, you work until age 70 you'll receive even more.

• **Myth #5: I can't afford to put money away where I can't touch it for many years.**

The truth is, you can't afford not to participate in tax deferred retirement plans. Contributions to 401(k) and similar employer sponsored plans may reduce your current taxation. In addition, taxes are also deferred on earnings, so retirement savings have the potential to grow faster than others do. Best of all, many employers match all or part of your contributions to employer sponsored retirement plans, giving you money you would not otherwise have. The one drawback is that you may have to pay a 10 percent penalty, plus current income taxes, if you withdraw money out of a retirement plan before you're 59 1/2.

What should you do? A comfortable retirement requires looking the facts squarely in the face - creating a realistic plan that works for you. Of course, this brief article is no substitute for a careful analysis of your personal circumstances. Before implementing any significant tax or financial planning strategy, contact your financial advisor, attorney or tax advisor as appropriate.

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Registered Principal,  
Branch Manager

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earlier examples, but at least you're not supporting your competition or don't have to be a millionaire in order to use it. As always, you'll want to consult your web designer and discuss options that are best suited for you.

True, the monstrous fees incurred by online merchants in order to provide the convenience of expanded payment options

to their customer base really stinks—short term—but the sweet music of funds being routinely deposited because you make this convenience available will last longer than any Paris Hilton song...and it'll sound a lot better too.

Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact Luc at [Luc@slickandbubbas.com](mailto:Luc@slickandbubbas.com) or call 866-got-webb?

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The store is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All of the employees, six in all, are licensed to provide their specialized services.

"We try to make sure everyone who's leaving is happy," Nguyen said.

Her husband Lung Nguyen added, "Our theme is: make people have fun and relax and enjoy."

"We treat them all like friends," he said. The 1,700 sq. ft. building is a lot big-

ger than previous shops operated by the owner duo.

Paradise Nail and Spa is located at 5970 Sashabaw Road, tucked in the Kroger plaza near Sashabaw and Maybee Roads.

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## Improving your smile

By **John Foster, DDS**  
and **Justin Newingham, DDS**

Within the first three seconds of a new encounter, you are evaluated... even if it is just a glance. Don't let your smile affect the way people perceive you as a professional. An attractive smile is an asset and an important form of communication not only in your personal life, but also your social and business life.



**Dr.  
Newingham**

With today's technology and knowledge there are numerous ways to enhance your smile. Within the past 25 years cosmetic dentistry has progressed immensely to provide a variety of services to meet the needs of every patient. Due to these new services, patients can have a more natural and attractive looking smile.



**Dr. Foster**

It has been known that smiles change with age over a lifetime. If you don't like the shape of your teeth, a treatment option could be to contour their appearance. This process of shaping and contouring natural teeth can improve their overall structure and form.

If the color of your teeth is too dark and stained, try professional bleaching. There are numerous bleaching options on the market for consumers to choose

from. From bleaching strips to custom made bleaching trays, patients can achieve a more youthful smile.

Chips, cracks or fractures of teeth can be easily repaired with veneers or bonding. Veneers can fix a multitude of dental problems such as staining, gaps between teeth or teeth that may be misaligned. Veneers are very thin, yet strong, custom made porcelain shells that are permanently bonded to your teeth.

Bonding is a minimally invasive procedure much like that of a veneer to improve unpleasant staining from coffee, teas, tobacco or certain childhood medications. Although bonding is a procedure that can improve your smile it is not always a permanent solution. Bonding usually lasts from three to five years before needing to be replaced.

An attractive smile can be one of the most eye-catching features on your face. Not only is a smile a greeting, it is a symbol of vitality, health and success. Studies have shown that beautiful smiles can have a positive effect on individuals improving their self-esteem and confidence levels.

With dentistry's advances, patients no longer have to settle for stained, chipped or misshapen teeth. These enhancing cosmetic dental procedures may be much more affordable than one may realize.

Patients now have choices that can help them achieve the smile they have always dreamed of and a smile they are not ashamed to show to the world.

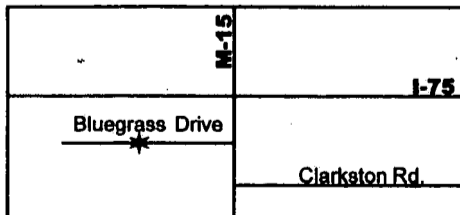
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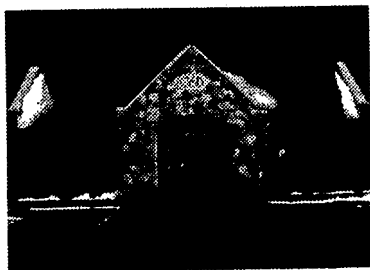


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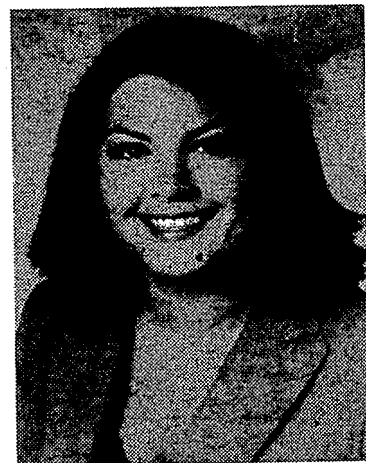
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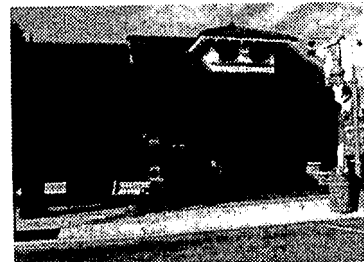
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