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speed study

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor Traffic north of downtown Clarkston is too fast - slowing it down may be difficult, even for the city.

The Clarkston City council voted unanimously to request a traffic study by the Michigan Department of Transpotation. The study would address traffic speed on M-15 from Robinson Court to the northern city limits, mostly the area where Clarkston Road comes in from the east. The speed limit there is 40 mph. The council would like to lower it to 30 mph.

"The study may find that the speed limit should be lowered," said Police Chief Ernest Combs to the council.

The power to set speed limits need to be updated, Johnston said.

"The ordinances we have right now are really ineffective," he said. "We're a small village, a great little village. We need to address this. We don't want a big wide road through here."

Three ordinances Johnston cited took effect in 1915. They regulate tree growth

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Nine new MPA awards

The Clarkston News was awarded in nine areas by the Michigan Press Association, who recently announced the winners of the 2006 "Better Newspaper Contest" and "Advertising Contest."

The editorial department received four awards, including a second place "Special Section" award for the 75th Anniversary edition, which the judges called "a real keepsake for Clarkston."

City calls for All hail the new king and queen! At right, Homecoming Queen Jess Palace and King

Andrew Lyons make a proud entrance at the pep rally Sept. 29. Below are seniors Todd Morra and Britanny Walsh. Bottom, from left, are seniors Jake Przybycien, Elissa Smith, Vince Arrowhead, and Tayloy McGowen at Friday's Homecoming game. Photo at right by Andrew Dupont. Photos below by Paul Kampe.







The Millstream section of the paper earned a first place award for "Lifestyles Pages," which was better than the previous year.

"It's nice to see we grew. We took it a notch higher," said former Clarkston News Editor Jenny Matteson. Matteson also expressed her enthusiasm for the News being

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Millstream

Local couple helps develop Clarkston area.

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Schools on 'bad financial track'

Editors note: Because of a layout error, half of the following story in the Sept. 27 edition was not published. It is reprinted here in its entirety.

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Something has to change about Clarkston Schools, and it needs to change now, according to school board members and district administrators.

Nearly the entirety of the Sept. 25 board meeting was spent in group discussions between board members and administrators. Though no final decisions were made regarding the district's future, those in attendance agreed the district is currently on a bad financial track.

"The task before us is not a pleasant task by any stretch of the imagination," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "Something has to change."

He described the talks as "a little bit more than brainstorming but not much," and emphasized that no decisions were being made that night. During the final group discussion, Roberts stressed the need to commit to a decision and a timetable, as the longer a decision is delayed, the less effective it will become. Officials agreed the district needs to be operating on a balanced budget by fiscal year ending 2009 or it will risk completely depleting the district's general fund balance. As of June 2006; the district has \$13,438,870 in remaining fund equity. Even in a "best case scenario," however, the district will have to strain during the current school year to cut \$1.5 million in expenditures, according to Bruce Beamer, executive director of business services.

Even then, the district will still post a \$4 million deficit. Beamer said he does not know how the district could manage such a drastic reduction.

Suggestions posed during the group discussion

'The public doesn't understand the seriousness because we've kept it away from kids pretty well.'

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts

included opening the sports program to corporate sponsorship, something the district has refused to do for many years. Linda Nester, executive director of human resources, suggested that such a move could possibly save the district \$650,000 in expenditures. Nester also mentioned partnering with future land developers to potentially reduce the cost of an additional elementary school. She admitted, however, that they would be approaching them with their "hands out."

Regardless of what decisions are made, Roberts said the district needs to communicate clearly with the public about the nature of the district's financial problems.

"The public doesn't understand the seriousness because we've kept it away from kids pretty well," he said.

However, both Roberts and Secretary Ron Sullivan discussed the possibility of cutting non-core programs in the future.

Vice President Barry Bomier echoed Roberts sentiments, stressing the importance of clear communication while the changes are being implemented and the effect it will have on the district's image,

"This is going to hurt, but you can't do it in a nice way," said Bomier.



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Influenza: Vaccination, Testing, Treatment, and Transmission

Article written by: Timothy O'Neill, D.O.

Many of us have experienced the symptoms of "The Flu". These generally include:

- -sudden onset of body aches and chills
- -dry cough, runny nose, and sore throat
- -headache and fatigue

-nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (typically occurs only in children)

However, the side effects of the flu can be much more serious and include severe dehydration, pneumonia, and worsening of chronic illnesses such as Congestive Heart Failure, Diabetes, and Asthma

VACCINATION: Vaccination is suggested for anyone who does not wish to contract Influenza.

Vaccination is highly recommended among the following at risk groups which are given first priority in years where there

is a shortage in supply:

- -any person >65 with or without chronic illness
- -residents of long term care facilities

-persons 2-64 with co - morbid conditions (diabetes, asthma, immune deficiency) -children aged 6-24 months

-pregnant women (cannot have the live attenuated vaccine) healthcare workers who provide direct patient care household contacts and caregivers of children less than six months

For completeness there is an intranasal "live" vaccine available that has different benefits and contraindications; please ask your doctor about this if you have questions.

TESTING:

There are several testing types available. Some are rapid and can tell you while you wait and others require a several day incubation period. Many physicians feel testing is only helpful to confirm the beginning of an outbreak and the end. Also testing may be useful to confirm exposure to the virus by certain at risk people like a nursing home. These people would benefit from prophylaxis with antivirals and treatment.

TREATMENT:

Treatment with one of several antiviral medications effective against influenza has been successful in shortening the duration of illness in those who catch their symptoms early. It is generally only useful if you have had the symptoms for less than 24 hrs or are trying to prevent close contacts from becoming ill. Some of these medications may actually reduce the risk of close contacts becoming ill by up to 70%. Talk to you doctor about which might be right for you if you become ill or have been exposed.

Usually within two weeks your immune system will have "converted". This means your body has developed antibodies to the flu strains contained in that years's flu vaccine. The vaccine developed for current flu season does not battle the bird flu (avian-flu).

Generally the influenza vaccine is very safe. It may not be given to anyone with an allergy to eggs or prior allergy to the influenza vaccine, anyone with a fever, or those patients who experienced Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of previous vaccination. The side effects are usually very few but may include a sore arm, fatigue, muscle aches and low grade fever for a couple of days.

TRANSMISSION

Influenza spreads through respiratory secretions when infected people cough or sneeze. The virus may be passed from the aerosolized secretions or may be passed by close physical contact. Generally people are able to transmit the virus one day before the symptoms start and 5-7 days after symptoms begin. Unfortunately children may be able to transmit the virus for several days longer than adults. Usually symptoms will begin within one to four days of exposure to the virus.

Lastly, remember to never give children aspirin for any viral illness so we can avoid risk of Reyes Syndrome, a very serious illness. Instead use Motrin or Tylenol for fever control. To find out more ask your doctor or visit the CDC website.

Sources CDC website, UptoDate online, ACFP website.



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City approves library agreement

Clarkston City Council voted 6-1 at its Sept. 25 meeting to approve the Intergovernmental Library Agreement with Independence Township.

The agreement is the same as that signed in 1999. City residents will still have the same library priveledges and responsibilities as people in the township. The difference is in the amount the city will be required to pay to the township for the service.

The old agreement specified that the city pays the township 0.75 mills times the taxable value of all property assessed in Clarkston. The new agreement specifies that the mills used in the formula will be the same as that used in the township, currently 0.691. The new agreement also states that the township must pay the city a library fee of \$250 permonth, in lieu of book-fine money and any state revenue Clarkston to which it may have been entitled. Council member Cory Johnston voted against the agreement.

"It's better than what we had - my reservation is that it's structured as a tax," Johnston said.

Both agreements in effect places a tax on city residents without voters' approval; he said. "The citizens didn't get a chance to vote on this,"

he said.

The city isn't supposed to raise taxes without a rote, he said.

The council approved the agreement with a supulation that a cover letter accompany it, specifying that the millage rate is set at 0.691.

Road work almost done

Road work on Clintonville and Maybee roads at 1-75 in Independence Township is expected to be finished by Oct. 20, according to the Road Commission for Oakland County

RCOC is widening both Clintonville/Maybee intersections, north and south of I-75, for future installation of traffic signals.

Halloween party at Indian Springs

John and Karen Koval were "lucky number 77" at the Taste if Clarkston. Every person registered to bid at the **Chamber's Silent** Auction was entered to win a basket of gift certificates to area restaurants. The basket was valued at more than \$300 in gift certificates and an Entertainment Book of additional savings. "We're empty nesters - this is going to mean a lot of don'thave-to-cook nights," Karen said.



Grabbing a bite to eat

The votes are in!

Visitors to the Taste of Clarkston sampled the fare and

People's Choice - Clarkston Union (highest ticket sales and most

1st Place Best Appetizer - Back Court at Deer Lake Athletic Club;

1st Place Best Barbeque - Montana's Cookhouse;

1st Place Best Cake - Costco 1st Place Best Chicken Entree - Qdoba Mexican Grill

1st Place Best Dessert - MacPhee's Restaurant & Pub

1st Place Best Entree - Stir Crazy 1st Place Best Healthy Choice Menu - Big Apple Bagel 1st Place Best Ice Cream - Cook's Farm Dairy

1st Place Best Mostaccioli - Gregg's Gourmet Cafe

1st Place Best Italian Dish - Mountain Jack's Steakhouse

1st Place Best Beef Entre - Bullfrogs Bar & Grill;

1st Place Best Breadsticks - Papa Romano's

1st Place Best Dip Appetizer - Ruby Tuesday

1st Place Best Overall Menu - Eastern Pearl

1st Place Best Pasta - Outback Steakhouse

1st Place Best Pie - Liberty Banquet & Grille

1st Place Best Pizza - Renderoni's Pizza & Deli

1st Place Best Cookies - Caribou Coffee

voted in several categories. The winners, who will receive

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For once it was okay to just stand in the middle of the street...well maybe it was the ninth time.

The annual Taste of Clarkston began to take shape issa and daughter Kaylee, 13. on a rainy

engraved plaques, are:

votes overali)

Saturday evening and

took a bite out of

Clarkston the following day, Sept. 24. The event helped usher

in the fall with several vendors serving up hot portions to windchilled attend-

ees.

Organizers said attendance, despite less than ideal conditions, should be the same as last year, which was nearly 8,000.

Main

Dale Traver of Clarkston enjoyed the festival and the weather.

"It's a perfect fall day for it."

Traver visited the event with his family, wife Mel-

"I think it's cool that you can try all the different food," Kaylee said. Her favorite item of the day was the ice cream from Cook's Dairy Farm.

Parcha said the move for the Kids Zone to Depot Park turned out to be an excellent decision for the festival, after many people commented to her about its success.

The area offered plenty to do for all of the children, including face painting, carnival games, and multiple bounce around inflatable play areas.

The silent auction, which preceded the event.

Children in the third grade and younger are inited to the Little Kids Halloween Party at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Nature Center of Indian. Springs Metropark near White Lake.

Activities for the children, who must be accomnamed by an adult, include fishing for goodic bags in the spooley graveyard, face painting at Witchie's Saion, and decoming their T-shirts with Halloween spir-

Fee is \$5 per child, free for adults. Pre-registration is required. Call 800-477-3192 or 248-625-7280.

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Street was lined from Washington Street to Waldon Road with vendors dishing things up from ribs, sausage and

1st Place Best Pork Entree - O'Malley's Galley 1st Place Best Presentation - Surf and Turf Canape - Clarkston Cafe 1st Place Best Ribs - Ribs Rack 1st Place Best Selad - Rudy's Quality Market : 1st Place Best Sandwich - Shepherd's Hollow 1st Place Best Soup - Brioni's Cafe & Deli 1st Place Friendliest Service - Mr. B's Roadhouse 1st Place Kid's Choicel - Pete's Coney 1st Place Most Attractive Booth - Hamlin Pub

Cyclone

Pasta to cake and ice cream. The Clarkston Union also served up its famous Mac and Cheese, for ticket bearers.

"I'm exhausted today from it (Taste of Clarkston)," said Chairperson Carolyn Parcha after the event.

Parcha said the light rain that invaded the festival nearly halfway through subsided and did not have a very negative impact on the crowd, which seemed to stay steadfast through the event.

"So far we've heard good things, we're quite ting ideas for the 2007 Taste of Clarkston. happy," Parcha said.

raised \$4,300. enough to fund four scholarships for Clarkston High School students.

The least exciting part of the day, cleaning up after the all-afternoon event, only took little more

than an hour. Parcha said volunteers and vendors worked hand in hand to put Clarkston back together.

One such volunteer, Eric Nordquist, a 9th grade student and Clarkston Junior High School served a tour of garbage cleanup duty during the event, but he still liked the occasion.

"I like everyone coming together and the food, it's fun," Nordquist said.

Parcha said even hours after the event, she was get-

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New plan for park policy?

PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

To be in the park, or not to be in the park.

That is the question facing Clarkston city officials. Police Chief Ernest Combs asked the council at its Sept. 25 regular meeting to consider an ordinance to close Depot Park at sunset.

A sign says the park's hours are from "sunrise to sunset," but current ordinance sets closing time at 10 p.m. Combs would like the ordinance to be changed so that it reflects the sign.

"Youth congregate in there and from

not loitering or vandalizing,"said Council member Cory Johnston. "But I agree with the chief that we need to control this somehow."

Problems in the park recently have included spray-painted trees, carving on the gazebo, and pranks involving a portapotty. Police officers patrol the park, and have been talking to young people and issuing warnings when appropriate, Combs said.

Bonnie Parker of Clarkston, who was in the park Thursday with her daughter, said most of the young people she has seen congregating in the park have



Bill Tudor and little Addison Parker play with Marshall, Tudor's dog, at Depot Park. City officials are considering how to keep the park as family friendly as possible. One possibility is adjusting the park ordinance so that police can enforce the park's posted closing time. Photos by Phil Custodio.

time to time they create a disturbance," he said. "It's hard to catch them in the act - we need some type of tool to help us deal with these kids.'

If closing time was set by ordinance at sunset, then police could issue tickets just based on a person's presence in the park. The time the sun sets changes based on the season. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, sunset ranges from 9:43 p.m. in the summer to 5:30p.m. in the winter.

The council declined to change the ordinance at the meeting.

"It would limit people who are just walking through the park," said City Council member James Brueck. "It's too constrictive - try to control the problem ind not control the people.' People shouldn't be in the park af-"Some people there after sunset are ter dark, though, she said.



been fine.

"They never seem to interfere with the little ones," Parker said. "I've never seen any smoking or drinking, or anything unsavory like that."



Health clinics, screenings gearing up

dence Township Senior Center will hold a Flu Shot Clinic Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. until noon at the First Congressional Church, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Choices plans are accepted, with a non-Medicare cost of \$24 per person.

Independence Township Senior Center is also offering a variety of preventative health screenings that will allow residents to determine and reduce the risk of stroke and heart disease. Six different tests are available, in-

The Visiting Nurses and Indepen- cluding carotid artery, abdominal aorta, leg circulation, echocardiogram, full lipid blood cholesterol, and electrocardiogram.

The screenings are non-invasive, Medicare Part B, HAP, and Care · painless and take about 10 minutes each. with immediate results in writing. Fees vary between \$40 and \$80 ner test.

> The event will take place Oct. 14 at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park.

> Pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-541-8110.



Walled Lake Western

Wed., October 4, 2006 The Clarkston (MI) News 5 A Part Three: Clarkston Schools new teachers BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the conclusion of a three-part series, The Clarkston News would like to present introductions for the remaining new teachers and staff in the Clarkston School district.

Faye Valtadoros makes the hike from Clinton ing, Rogers is likely writ-Township to Clarkston

High School everyday to be the new Japanese teacher.

Valtadoros graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1998. During her time there she was president of the Japanese Students' Association. After graduation, she lived in Shikoku, Japan, for two years where she taught English. Back in the states, she spent three years teaching at Lakeview



VALTADOROS

High School, two at Oak Park High School, and three at the Center for the Advanced Studies and the Arts. She has been awarded twice for being the most influential teacher.

Growing up, Valtadoros lived in a bilingual home, speaking English and Greek, and went to a Greek school for six years. She has traveled to Greece, Germany, England, Korea, Japan and Holland.

Susan Tinetti is the new speech pathologist at Bailey lake Elementary and Clarkston High School.

Tinetti, a resident of Troy, obtained her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1981 and her master's in 1983. She began her career at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak but took some time off to raise her three children. Last year she began working in education at Carlson



TINETTI

Elementary before coming to Clarkston.

Outside of work, Tinetti said she enjoys painting, cooking, skiing, hiking, and traveling. She is also a self-described sports fan and her favorite games to watch are the ones where her children are playing.

Beth Rogers of Clarkston joins the staff at Springfield Plains Elementary as the new fifth-grade teacher.

Originally from Ohio, Rogers attended Bellaire

Pet of the Month

High School and received her bachelor's degree in National Honor Society.

elementary education from Kent State in 1992 and worked in Akron from 1991-92.

When she's not working, gardening, working out, or bird watching. Rogers has been married for 18 years and has three children, all of whom now attend Clarkston schools as well,

Lisa Darin is the new second-grade teacher at Springfield Plains Elementary.

A graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, Darin attended Eastern Michigan University for her undergraduate degree. She majored in math and received the Mabel Jarvis Leib Scholarship in math during her time there. She graduated in 1999 and is cur-

ROGERS

rently pursuing her master's in reading with an early childhood endorsement from Oakland University.

For the last three years, Darin worked for the Oakland Literacy Council, giving early childhood literacy workshops for parents across Oakland County and spending time tutoring adults learning to read.

Outside of work, you might find Darin camping with her family, reading, or listening to music.

In her own words, "my family and I fell in love with the Clarkston area and we plan to stay here. We like being involved in the community and going to Friday night football games at the high

school.' Nicole Toderan is one of two new couselors at Clarkston High School.

Toderan, a resident of Clawson, obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from Oakland University, where she was a member of the Golden Key



DARIN

TODERAN

Prior to coming to Clarkston, Toderan student taught at Schoolcraft Elementary, taught first grade

at St. Vincent Elementary and had her counseling internship at Stoney Creek High School.

Jamie Graves is the second new counselor at Clarkston High School. but some may recognize her from her internship last spring.

Graves attended Oakland University where she obtained her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree in counseling.



GRAVES

Graves lives in Oxford with her husband Brian and two daughters. She said she enjoys traveling around the state with her family every year.

Laura Lewis is the new Learning Resource Center instructor at Sashabaw Middle School.

Lewis grew up in the Upper Peninsula and attended Houghton High School. She currently resides in Lake Orion with her husband.

She graduated from Michigan Tech University, where she was named an "MTU Woman of Promise" and a member of Delta Phi Epsilon, in 2003. She student taught at Cassell High School, and was a guest teacher in both Rochester and Lake Orion school districts.

When not at work, Lewis enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, including running and traveling.

Heather Midkiff is back in the district from which she graduated as the new LRC instructor at Clarkston Junior High School.

Midkiff was a captain of the Pom-Pon team for two years (member for four), as well as a member of the Blue and Gold club and S.A.D.D. while she was at Clarkston High School. She graduated from Oakland University in 2004. While she was in college she was a member of the dance team.

Midkiff student taught at Cooley Elementary in Waterford prior to graduation and worked at Walton Charter Elementary for a year.

Katie Coon is the new LRC/eighth-grade teacher at Clarkston Junior High School.

Coon was valedictorian in high school as well as a member of the National Honor Society. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Michigan State University, where she majored in Special Education, in 2004. Prior to coming to Clarkston, Coon gained experience at Williamston Middle School and Brandon Middle School. Traveling is a big part of Coon's life outside of work. She has been to Europe three times and studied abroad in Dublin, Ireland.

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"Zoie" When she was about 3 months old. Zoie is a Goldendoodle and she belongs to the Hamilton's - Ray, Marybeth, Sarah and Ryan,

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Lots of birds, one stone

Normally a column is dedicated to one, maybe two issues worth sounding off over, but this week is a little different. Readers are spared a long rant on one issue in exchange for a few short rants on several.

I was taking pictures at the CHS pep rally when the robotics team showed off their quarterback machine. When students were reminded how they could sign up for the robotics team, I couldn't help but notice some eye rolling and scoffing in the crowd. That's too bad, the quarterback machine is an amazing feat of engineering, especially for high school students, and the skills those students learn are invaluable in the future. Some-

one should tell the scoffers you can't put "I was cool in high school" on your resume.

Slow down! A good portion of my interview with puppeteer Brad Lowe was spent talking about his dog, Melow, who was hit by a car just outside his home on Sashabaw Road. As a dog owner myself, I could relate to how hard it is to lose a pet. What irked me was how quickly I saw his point about how recklessly people drive down the residental portion of Sashabaw



Andrew DuPont

Road: People seem to forget that after Maybee Road, Sashabaw is two lanes, residential and only a few blocks from several schools. It is not a service drive connecting I-75 and Dixie and should not be treated like one. If you are caught behind me while I am doing the speed limit-down that stretch, don't bother honking or flashing your brights unless your goal is to remind everyone how much more important you are than the law and everyone who lives around there.

Only four weeks until the election is here, and that still seems too far away. The result won't likely end the seemingly eternal debate over certain issues like the Independence Township Senior Center, but at least it might *change* the conversation. For as long as the debate has gone, I seriously doubt there is anyone who doesn't already know how they're going to vote come November.

Speaking of the election, has anyone done anything worth promoting? From the way the television ads portray things, you wouldn't think so. Thus far, I've only seen one ad that was not a silly attack, featuring quotes practically taken out of context, or opera singers, and that was for Debbie Stabenow. There's hardly anything worth seeing in these ads to begin with, and now they seem to be continuing the popular trend in politics of talking about what your opponent doesn't do or does wrong rather than what you have done.

<u>'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)</u> Center millage would benefit all

Dear Editor:

I have read recent letters regarding the millage questions to build and operate a new adult activity center for Independence Township. Some of these writers seem to believe that these proposals will benefit only a small segment of our community. Nothing could be further from the truth.

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As someone with one child in elementary school and a preschooler, I recognize the need for approval of these millages and the construction of a new facility. The current senior center at Clintonville Park is extremely costly to maintain due to age and deterioration (and this situation will only worsen in the future). It is unstable and not handicap accessible.

It-is not large enough for existing programs, much less the increasing need for senior services. If the millages are passed, we will have a facility that will not only meet current needs but the growing needs of

younger seniors as well, along with providing space for the many other community groups that currently use the center.

The Clarkston School District has generously donated land to Independence Township on which to build this facility. There will never be a better time to move forward with this plan.

We live in a quality residential community. Quality communities subscribe to core values that maintain their excellence. Those values include continually addressing the needs of all our citizens: young, old, and those in between. This proposal will renew Independence Township's commitment to our senior community.

I hope you will join with me in supporting a new adult activity center. Vote yes twice on November 7.

Very truly yours, Gregory K. Need Clarkston

Stop charging for use of school gym

Dear Editor,

For the first time to my knowledge, the Clarkston schools are charging residents for the use of their gyms and this is after the district spent about \$80 million in tax dollars improving our schools. Now they want to charge us for gym use. It's insane! We have recently experienced this cost at the first meeting of bounce volleyball for seniors last Monday at Bailey Lake Elementary School. The new fees for participation were printed in the Senior Center newsletter at \$3.50 per person and nobody showed up. This was for one hour of gym use.

Unless our seniors can use the gym free of charge for volleyball, the program won't go and again our senior will be left out. Seniors want to be active and bounce volleyball is an excellent low-impact coed sport enjoyed by many.

The drop-in fee required to pay for the use of the gym and a staff person makes bounce volleyball for seniors cost prohibitive. The school board ought to rescind charging for gym use. Our tax dollars have already given them plenty.

> Bob Brown Clarkston

Build the new senior facility now!

Dear Editor,

"Dave, why are you working for a new Senior Center? You're not a senior." I keep getting that question asked of me. It surprised me the first time, and the second. By the third time it really made me think. It seems like everyone thinks that to support a cause there should be something in it for him or her. So I started asking these questions back, "Have you seen our current Senior Center? Do you know what kind of shape it is in?"

The first time I saw the current senior center, I thought it was charming. Set in Clintonwood Park amongst the trees, it was "quaint." Then I went in. Despite the superhuman efforts of the volunteers and staff to keep neat, orderly and clean, it simply didn't cut it. for the moment that this is probably the most judicious and conservative use of taxpayer dollars of any plan to date. Even without these compelling factors, the simple truth is this is the right thing to do and it's been a long time in coming.

What if you don't use the current senior facility? What if you don't even know someone who benefits from the many services they provide, from inexpensive meals to health care checks to shuttles for those who can't drive? What if your children don't benefit from soccer, baseball, swimming, or any of the countless other programs the Parks and Recreation department delivers brilliantly every year? What if you've never been one to fight the crowds to enjoy the hot sun and cool night of The Fourth of July Clarkston Style in Clintonwood Park? What if somehow, someway you simply don't participate in any of these and many other Parks and Recreation programs? Why then should you vote for the new Adult Activity Center? Because this is our community. Because investing in the new Center is an investment in your home. This is our community and it will be what we choose to make it. On Nov. 7, we will have a choice to make.

At the risk of contradicting myself, I just have to say I don't think Dick Devos stands much of a chance. He just recently received supported from the president and first lady – something a lot of republicans seem to be shying away from for the midterms – has no political experience and is an advocate for teaching "intelligent design" in science classes (as opposed to religion classes where it should be taught). All this, and the only message his television ads seems to be sending is "vote for Devos because he's not Jennifer Granholm." The "anyone but Bush" tactic didn't work for the Democrats back in 2004 so I don't think the "anyone but Granholm", approach will work against them in 2006. The three rooms are small and can't accommodate even a modest gathering. Good thing too because the restrooms couldn't handle a crowd. In the summer, the window A/C unit struggles to keep even one room bearable. Wheelchairs can barely access the building and forget about getting to the cellar (I mean the craft room). Despite multiple repairs, one whiff of air will tell you that the foundation still leaks. When the Parks and Recreation Commission evaluated all of its needs, replacement of the existing senior center was clearly number one.

Forget for a moment that the senior programs are 20 percent of the Parks and Recreations budget, and therefore all of Parks and Recreation would benefit from a senior operating millage. You can even put aside

Choose to keep our community a great place to live. Please vote yes twice, once for the Adult Activity Center bond proposal, and again for the operating millage. What do you say Clarkston?

> Respectfully Yours Your Neighbor David Lohmeier

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A Look Back

A peek back to those thrilling days of yester-year as reported in the pages of The Clarkston News

15 years ago 1991

"Cat wounded; hunting season dangerous for pets" - A Springfield Township resident's pet cat was reportedly shot by a hunter. Department of Natural Resources suggested that people keep their pets indoors or fenced in, especially during this time of year.

"One killed, one rescued in fire" - Firefighters from Springfield Township and three other departments responded to a fire Oct. 3 in the township. Before First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was to speak at the Volfirefighters arrived, three passerbys spotted a woman in the second floor of the apartment building, put up a ladder, and pulled her to safety. A man in another apartment died in the fire.

"Don't throw it away; recycling now law" -An ordinance took effect Oct. 1 requiring residents and businesses to recycle. The township provided recycling centers, and required that trash collectors pick up recyclables.

25 years ago 1981

"Massive clean-up follows rainstorm" - A "100-year" rain storm soaked Clarkston in early October. The storm flooded basements, washed out roads, and caused car accidents. Despite four feet of water flooding the stage at Pine Knob Music Theatre, the Motor City Jam benefit concert was held successfully, raising about \$25,000 for charity.

"The Park: Young people talk about why meeting place is popular, needed" - Teens and young adults at the Depot Road Park say they enjoy gathering there, hope residents don't close it, and don't think police should be "hassling" them. The park, says one, is a good place to pick up girls, run the dogs, play frisbee, and "drink a few beers." He once got a \$20 ticket from police for the beer, he said.

50 years ago 1956

• "Mrs. F.D. Roosevelt to be speaker" - Former unteers for Stevenson-Kefauver rally on Oct. 3. Roosevelt was expected to talk about issues such as civil rights, the Middle East, and the needs of humanity. She had helped Adlai Stevenson win the Democratic nomination for president at the convention in Chicago.

"Rotary Club News" - Herbert Straley, chief of police of Pontiac, spoke to the Clarkston Rotary Club. He talked about the origin and history of police work.

The power of the press doesn't compare

There was a time when the term, "power of the press" meant something. It meant, we in the media could sit in our ivory towers, pick presidents, national causes -- live as the power brokers we always dreamt we would be, but couldn't afford. Reporter types throughout the years have come into

the world without silver spoons in their mouths, but rather with chips on their shoulders. What power we attain is by virtue of our profession and cherished.

That time has gone. Now, anybody with a computer and internet connection can become a famous muckraker. Yeah, I'm jealous because the power of the press has been knocked down a notch. Thanks, internet geeks, you have rained on my parade.

And, I have come to this conclusion kicking and screaming. I never thought it would happen. I did not want it to be so,

alas, nothing lasts forever. How do I know the internet has changed every-

thing? It's easy. A couple a weeks ago a reader from Independence Township, Dave C., wrote a letter to us (actually he e-mailed it to us and to our

Dear Senator Levin and Stabenow,

As a native of Michigan and excellent customer of the Internal Revenue Service, I am writing to ask for your assistance.

I have contacted the Immigration and Naturalization Service in an effort to determine the process for becoming an illegal alien and they referred me to you. My reasons for wishing to change my status from U.S. Citizen to illegal alien stem from the bill which was recently passed by the Senate and for which you voted. If my understanding of this bill's provisions is accurate, as an illegal alien who has been in the United States for five years, what I need to do to become a citizen is to pay a \$2,000 fine and income taxes for three of the last five years.

I know a good deal when I see one and I am anxious to get the process started before everyone figures it out.

Simply put, those of us who have been here legally have had to pay taxes every year so I'm excited about the prospect of avoiding two years of the last five years taxes in return for paying a \$2,000 fine. Is there any way that I can apply to be illegal retroactively? This would yield an excellent return for me and my family because we paid heavy taxes in 2004 and 2005 and I estimate a gross savings of approximating \$72,000. After the fine, this would vield me a net savings of \$70,000. In addition, I would reap the other benefits of being an illegal alien such as free health care, avoiding paying Social Security taxes, buying automobile insurance, serving on jury panels, etc. If you would provide me with an outline of the process to become illegal (retroactively, if possible) and copies of the necessary forms. I would be most appreciative. Thank you for your assistance.

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Bands often as enjoyable as games

I watch, and enjoy a lot of football games (college and professional) on ty. I am always annoyed by commercials, and blather filling the screen when public interest should be considered and the cameras should focus on the bands.

So, while I spend a lot of time in front of the tube, being at a game is always better (no commercials or constant blathening by ego-filled, know-it-all announcers)



Jim Sherman

Thanks to friend Bill Patterson I was able to get reacquainted with the University of Michigan stadium when they played Wisconsin Sept. 23. The Michigan State games are such parties for daughter Luan and her husband, Bob, both MSU grads, that I've always been hesitant to accept their invites.

But, were I at Spartan Stadium, my feelings would be just as buoyed. I love the atmosphere. Thousands of happy people supporting their team colors. Tailgat-

ing feasts, kids tossing little footballs, school-supporting t-shirts ga-

lore and, believe it or not, a whole lot of courtesy. Being present at this game prompted some comparisons to tube viewing. The really great thing to me was watching the plays and then not having someone tell me what I saw and what a player or coach was thinking.

Why the networks think there should be no time for viewers' conclusions, that these talking heads saw more than we seers and believe that silence is not golden escapes me.

Offering some background I understand, even appreciate, but the constant blathering is not only unnecessary, but irritating.

That said, let me get back to what I enjoy at these games, sometimes even more than the turf action. The bands, the gymnasts, the flag wavers and the checrleaders

Now add fall colors and we have great entertainment in the great outdoors.

Then, when you can add a personal connection, like knowing a member of the marching band, in our case Emily Jacobsen playing the euphonium, it's extra enjoyable. Emily is our hosts' granddaughter. She's one of about 220 in that "M" band. As such,

she spends a whale of a lot more time practicing than the gridders. After all, they have to work together, precisely. For at least all the home games that means new music, new formations to learn each game and they each have to compete each week for a spot in the giant block "M."

During this Saturday's halftime performance, nearly all members of the band laid their instruments on the ground beside them and went through a dance routine. Something else learned.

It was a great spectacle and the 111,000 fans showed their appreciation, even the fans in Wisconsin red.

Michigan Stadium seats more people than any other stadium in the country. But the athletic director isn't satisfied. Soon a suite addition will be started atop the stands on the east side.

New season ticket holders will come, and more



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Michigan senators Levin and Stabenow).

Two weeks later, I got the letter forwarded to my e-mail account by a friend in Oxford Township and from my cousin Doris who lives down south somewhere. Thing is, Dave's letter has spanned the globe and came back quicker than anything I have written over the past two decades.

Rats! (I told you I was jealous.) Oh, yeah . . . reporter types, long in the power seat, have grown very thin skined, too.

I can't be mad (well I could) at Dave, cuz I liked what he wrote. I like it so much, I'm gonna repeat it here. When you read it, pass it on to all your friends and to your senators. After you're done reading, you'll also know why I am jealous and why I said, "Damn, why didn't I write that." The following is Dave's letter:

Your Loyal Constituent . . . blah, blah, blah. * * *

I am now only waiting for the right honorable senators to respond.

Send your comments, concerns and suggestions to dontrushmedon@charter.net

money will flow into the coffers to help support the mandated Title 9 athletics.

- - - 0 - - -Just jotting

In my continuing effort to find foods ma'dog Shayna doesn't like I offered her tuna and merlot recently. She loved the tuna, but wouldn't even lap the wine.

There are so many ads on the tube offering help in finding a mate I decided to ask for the free questionaire. When I completed filling it out I drew my own

conclusion. No use spending money to learn the obvi-ous. I'm best mated to Shayna. Jan Mickelsen: "Gaze at stars. See beauty every-where. Work hard. Be wise. Try to understand. Take time for people."

Definition: A vegetarian is a person who won't eat anything that can have children.

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school's pep rally.



CHS Lead Advisor Aaron Dob-son was all decked out for the for the battle of the bands.



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The CHS Robotics Team Rush showed off the newest member of the Wolves, a quaterback machine that moved and threw passes to players. *Photos by Andrew DuPont*





The CHS mascot and "boys Pom" team had their own special performance prepared for the school pep raily.



The Varsity Pom-Pon team got the crowd revved up.

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Independence Township

Sept. 19 A fight at Clarkston Junior High School between classes. One boy allegedly punched and slammed another boy's head into the wall after he had tried to break up the original fight.

Sept. 21 An Independence Township woman reported identification fraud after she received a bill from AT&T for \$536, which were charged to a home in Detroit.

Sept. 25 A vehicle rear-ended on southbound Sashabaw Road while traffic was slowing down.

An Independence Township man pled guilty in 52-2 District Court to misdemeanor fraud for altering his electricity connection and bypassing his meter. He was ordered to pay \$3,500 to DTE and fines in excess of \$1,000.

An Independence Township woman was allegedly assaulted by her ex-boyfriend who waited for her to return in her home.

A business broken into on White Lake Road. Several machines were vandalized and damaged and there was graffiti.

Threats of violence made to an Independence Township teenager by an unidentified male from a passing car. Allegedly the man got out of the car and caught up with the teen and his girl-



A Pontiac man rear-ended another driver Sept. 28 on southbound M-15 at Hubbard Road. The victim was stopped for a red light when his 2006 Dodge was hit.

friend along Maybee Road and attempted to punch him, but failed. The man asked the teen if he was talking about him and apparently had become incensed by the teen's conversation with his girlfriend.

A business broken into on M-15. Two laptop computers were stolen.

A vehicle scratched with a sharp object on North Marshbank.

A laptop computer and suitcase stolen from a vehicle parked by a business on Dixie Highway.

Sept. 26 A vehicle rear-ended while heading northbound on Main Street at Laurelton and waiting for traffic.

A four-car accident on Main Street at Deer Ridge Road. One car did not stop in enough time to avoid the lead car stopped for a red light.

Driver rear-ended while exiting Clarkston Junior High School.

A vehicle backed out from a driveway on Sashabaw Road and headed northbound. A motorist also traveling northbound rear-ended the previous car, claiming she did not see the vehicle until the time of impact. After impact, the woman's car left the roadway and struck a vehicle on the roadside that had been for sale.

Construction equipment stolen from a site on Sashabaw Road. The equip-

ment was placed on a lift high in the air and was allegedly lowered in the night by thieves.

An Independence Township man attempted to shut off the water at a residence he pays bills for, citing that the residents had not paid the utility bills.

A Howell man's dog was stolen from his vehicle while it was parked at

Please see Policeon page 19A.



Springfield Township- A woman recovered her vehicle on Sept. 26. The car was the subject of a sales agreement with a Lake Orion man. She had agreed to sell her 2002 Oldsmobile Alero for a sum of \$6,000. The man paid her a \$100 down payment and later gave her an additional \$4,000 after receiving the car. After not making any more payments to the woman, the man informed her he would not be giving her any more money. The Springfield Township woman

called the 52-2 District Court, which told her she would be able to go reclaim the vehicle, which she did.



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Pictured, front (I_r) are Tom Forst, Monica Hefty, Kristina Kovarik, Elizabeth Genslak, Kim Zernec and Tim Smith; middle (I-r) Jessica Keesling, Caresse Bitti and Stacy Woloszyk; back (I-r) Annie Castillo, Breanne Timm, Kelsey Crawford, Charlie O'Donnell, Max Hefty, Jordan Hefty, Brian Steele, Trevor Aaron, Erin Connell, Josh Dolecki and Kat Kovarik. Photo submitted

in Clarkston and St. Anne's in Ortonville joined forces to embark on an adventure in selflessness. They chose to spend a week of their summer vacation providing much needed home repair for those less fortunate throughout the Pittsburgh, PA area, with the help of an organization called Catholic HEART Workcamp (CHWC). These individuals were joined by nearly 400 youth and adults from around the country in their efforts to Make a Difference.

Of the twenty from this area that went, only one of the adults and three of the youth were veterans. The rest of the group had no idea what to expect. Josh Dolecki from St. Anne's first thought was, "Am I really going to enjoy this trip?", but afterwards said, "The trip was actually the best time I've ever had in my life! We got to help people who were down on their luck and got to have the time of my life while getting to know people better than I ever had. I'd recommend the trip to anyone who wants to have a great time!"

With the help of the nearly 400 participants, 90 jobs were lined up to be worked on. Mission was accomplished!! Through four days of grueling work, houses were painted, porches were built or repaired, yards were uncovered from years of overgrowth, and even an old church that had their basement flooded for over 10 years was dug out from three feet of mud. It was not only amazing, something to change this world!"

High School Youth from St. Daniel's but truly inspiring to see all these young people give of themselves so freely, and with such enthusiasm and joy.

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Even better were the rewards seen in the relationships that were built during the week. Jordan Hefty from St. Daniel's worked last year in Elkhart, IN through the CHWC organization and still communicates with people she met last year as well as developed new relationships she maintains from this year.

Trevor Aaron from St. Daniel's did not sustain relationships from his previous year in Elkhart, but said that this year, "I met a lot more people and still keep in touch with them. I will definitely be going on this trip again!!" On the final evening in Pittsburgh, those residents who received help were invited to join the larger group to express their gratitude for all that was done.

Barely a dry eye was in the cafeteria as story after story was shared on how these young people were, "Angels sent from God" and that they were, "A joy to have in their home"!

CHWC organizes well over 30 campsites each summer between June and August. We are not sure which city we will choose to help out next summer, but we know that whatever city we travel to next will provide another as Caresse Bitti from St. Anne's expressed, "trip that was life changing and amazing! When you left your clients home, you had this great feeling inside that you actually did

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The third annual fund-raiser dinner to benefit the Adam Wheatcroft Memorial Scholarship Foundation is scheduled for Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. The dinner is at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Waterford Road in Clarkston.

Wheatcroft, an avid archer, passed away in 2003 after a battle with brain cancer. He was 21-years-old and a senior at James Madison University. Just prior to his diagnosis. Wheatcroft won the US Intercollegiate Championship in archery.

This year's event has a Country-Western theme, so bring your cowboy hat and boots along. The event will feature a bake sale, silent auction, 50/50 drawings and door prizes.

Money raised for the foundation goes towards scholarships for archery stu-. dents at JMU. Since the fund was established in 2004, more than \$86,000 has been raised.

To purchase a \$15 ticket (limited to 300), contact Lynnette and Rob Wheatcroft at 248-628-6390, Nancy Larrow at 734-426-8844, or Susan Welker at 248-505-7449.

If you are unable to attend the dinner, but would still like to donate, send a check payable to the James Madison University Foundation to Lynnette and Rob Wheatcroft, 3640 S. Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI 48347. Please write Wheatcroft Memorial Scholarship Fund in the memo of any checks.

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Local businessman named Republican of the year

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township businessman Brad McKouen isn't a politician, but if the chance to be a lawyer presented itself, the 33-year-old wouldn't rule it out.

"I would seriously consider law school," he said.

But the recently named 2006 Republican of the Year does not think he would be the right person to serve in Washington D.C.

"People always ask me when I'm going to run for something," said McKouen, a Holly resident. "I think I'm a little too honest to be a politician.

"I would be interested, but I don't know if I would ever make it."

The award came from the National Republican Congressional Committee Business Advisory Council in recognition of his "dedication and valuable contributions" to the Republican Party. The NRCC-BAC said the award is given to business and community leaders who practice the free-enterprise system, and support ideals such as smaller government and less regulation.

McKouen is active with the advisory council, becoming a member two years ago when the group contacted him. He is an advisor for small business issues in Michigan, such as repealing the Single Business Tax.

McKouen is the founder and owner of Delta Staffing, which opened in January 2003, where he now has seven employees working for him.

"I've never been good working for other people," he said. "I wouldn't make a good employee."



Brad McKouen was named Republican of the Year by the NRCC-BAC.

One of McKouen's hobbies is studying constitutional law, making him well versed in American issues. The document can be intimidating for others to read, he said.

"The constitution is only 21 pages long, anyone can read it...they wrote it for the average person.

"I make it my personal mission to make sure people understand the constitution," he added.

McKouen said the country has gotten away from the constitution, and civil rights are suffering as a result.

Also, he said political candidates seem to be finally distancing themselves from absolute loyalty to one political party.

"Hopefully it will continue to erode and we get people who can vote independent on different issues," McKouen said.

After graduating from Michigan

Trustees OK Andiamo request

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston is getting a new restaurant and keeping a staple establishment at the same time.

Joe Vicari, president and CEO of Andiamo, a chain of Italian eateries in the Metro Detroit area, signed a purchase agreement to buy Mesquite Creek, 7228 North Main Street, in April from bankruptcy court for \$1.2 million.

The restaurant will remain a Mesquite Creek location, but it will be an Andiamo carryout location for lunch and dinner also.

Vicari said Creek's menu will stay the same for the most part, with only a quarter of the menu items changing \$400,000 in renovations and have those completed by Dec. 1. If he is unable to get those in order, the remodel will not take place until January 2007. He hopes to be closed for only three weeks when the renovations take place.

Vicari's ideas for renovating the 8,000square-foot building includes putting in a new bar and remodeling the dining room and kitchen.

"It's really going to be a complete remodeling," he said.

Clarkston is a great place for him to open a new location, he said.

"It's a very nice community and very nice people. I am certainly excited about the growing community and the city has been very cooperative." State University with a de- lege.

gree in marketing in 1996,

McKouen began his career

in staffing, although his ini-

tial interest was in financial

money is to work directly

that idea because it can be

difficult for younger planners

to gain a foothold in the mar-

ket. He began in staffing

when he went to work with

Aerotek, a company that had

recruited him while in col-

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with it." he said.

In 2000, he was part of a joint venture called Xynox, a staffing company from Flushing.

Delta Staffing has won multiple awards, including Future 50 of Metro Detroit from the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Coolest Place to Work, and 101 Best and Brightest businesses. McKouen said the awards help his business because they help validate the company in the marketplace.

"It gives us a third-party legitimacy."

Delta Staffing is located at 6100 Dixie Highway and can be reached at 248-623-6696.



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quarter of the menu items changing.

Vicari's ownership will become official in October.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees voted Sept. 19 to approve the transfer of Andiamo's liquor license from Mesquite Creek.

Vicari hopes to line up an estimated rant.

Additionally, patrons will be able to order many of the signature items from other Andiamo locations, to go.

This will be the 10th location for the Andiamo franchise. For Vicari, in business since 1984, this will be his 18th restau-



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More letters to the editor

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Don't charge for school use

Dear editor,

What nerve the Clarkston schools have to charge the residents for the use of our own auditorium. A couple of times a year, a developer comes before the township with a proposal that is so important to the community as a whole that it could change the whole character of the township. When this happens, the building and planning department make the decision to find a larger venue than the library to hold its public hearing to allow all the citizens to voice their opinions.

Well, on the 21st of September, 2006, the McLaren group presented their proposal for a new medical campus. I was told that the residents of Independence had to pay a hundred dollars an hour to rent our own facility that we paid for and

are still paying for, I am sure. The meeting was held up for 10 minutes while the school staff tried to find a flag we could use for the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting which they could not produce. We ended up facing the flag outside so we could continue the public hearing.

After getting started, we found out that both the microphones used by the commission were inoperable. I mean, I know things are tight, but there is a thing called public service and the school board should get on board.

If you are going to charge us to use our own facilities, please make sure we get our money's worth.

> Sam Moraco Independence Township

Proposal 5 too expensive

Dear editor,

There must be several good reasons why Proposal 5 (K-16 education funding) is opposed by Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Republican candidate Dick DeVos, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Municipal League, the Police Officers Association of Michigan and many other organizations listed on www.stopthespendingmandate.com.

If Proposal 5 passes, with guaranteed budget increases for K-12 and higher education, Michigan tax payers will either have to pay substantially greater taxes with no accountability by the education lobby or suffer huge cutbacks in critical state services like police protection, health care for the 1.5 million people receiving Medicaid, etc.

Where does the primary backer of Proposal 5, the Michigan Education Association (teachers' union), think Michigan taxpayers will come up with the extra \$565 million for education that Proposal 5 immediately requires be paid? Given the economy, who can afford to

pay for Proposal 5's annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and higher education (includes state universities and financial aid/grant programs)."

Under Proposal 5, a special formula is used to send extra state funds to school districts with declining enrollments such as Detroit, which just lost an estimated 25,000 students.

Proposal 5 will also, "reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities" and will "shift remaining portion to state."

All at a time the state budget will decline by over \$1 billion due to the repeal of the anti-business SBT.

Education needs to be supported. But Proposal 5 does nothing for education other than provide a huge windfall for personnel at the expense of the already hardpressed Michigan taxpayers. Vote NO on Proposal 5.

Henry S. Woloson Clarkston

Schools need local wall of fame

Dear Editor,

In 1958, I recommended to the Clarkston School administrators that the school district establish a citizens com-

several outstanding Clarkston citizens who had demonstrated the "Clarkston Spirit" during the past year.

Perhaps it is now time to honor those mittee for the purpose of developing a members of the Clarkston community

Stop the dove hunts

Dear editor,

This letter is to encourage voters to vote against the hunting of mourning doves. These birds are harmless and propose no threat to society.

I can't imagine anyone killing them just to kill them and, if they are intended for a meal, they would need several. So, what's the use?

Your vote against legalized dove hunting will save these unique birds and their stand for peace in this troubled world.

Your truly, Margaret A. Bloom Clarkston

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Staff deserves new senior center

Dear editor,

I have been in the Senior Center many times but never in the basement or upstairs, so at the Friday spaghetti dinner, I took the "tour." It is hard to believe the conditions under which the staff works as they continue to do a fantastic job! If anyone deserves a better work environment, it is the Senior Center staff.

We, as a community, have the opportunity to provide a facility that meets the vital needs of our seniors. To continue to pour money into the dilapidated old house that now serves as a senior center is a WASTE! Two "yes" votes for the bond proposal and the operating millage will provide an adequate facility (nothing fancy) for our senior adult population and other groups who also use the present facility. The estimated average yearly household impact would be \$80.44, based on an average State Equalized Value of \$154,709.

Lucille Bradlev Clarkston

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R.O.lling Wolves dominate Ravens, clinch playoff berth with sixth victory

BY PAUL KAMPE Clarkston News Staff the other, they're a good type kickoffs after each Writer

Clarkston football Coach Kurt Richardson's ing his team were laid to rest on Sept. 29, after the nent scoreless.

The Wolves (6-0) their running attack.

run, they just put it in the yard touchdown run at air, we couldn't stop everything. We took away one

thing (rushing) and they did continued his driving-range football team," Ravens Coach Terry Powers said. deemed himself with a 25-

downs in the victory.

The Wolves kicked off 14 yards. Clarkston's at 3:53. "When we stopped the Jimmy Popp picked up a 3-

> 3:58. Kicker Ryan Breen

Quarterback Eric Ogg looks for running room.



Clarkston Quarter- yard field goal at the end concerns about homecom- back Eric Ogg passed for of the first, after missing ing week distractions fac- 189 yards and 3 touch- the point after on the team's first score. The Wolves converted Wolves held another oppo- the scoring at the end of the another fourth down situa-

Wolves' possession and re-

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first quarter with an eight- tion from their own 38-yard play, 41 yard drive kept line in the middle of the dominated Royal Oak (4- alive by a 4th and 14 con- second quarter. That 2) 30-0, with their passing version. The play came af- helped set up a 56-yard game, one week after ter a sack and a 5-yard connection from Ogg to breaking Troy Athens with penalty pushed them back Tight End Bren Bergquist

> Linebacker Bryant Craft knocked the ball loose on a Ravens rush and Clarkston recovered at the Royal Oak 45-yard line. Craft had six tackles on the night.

They closed the half as Ogg passed to Wide Reciever Kevin Badgely, who out-jumped the two defenders covering him, for very well. the touchdown and a 23-0 lead.

Bergquist scored anwere awesome," he said. other touchdown on a 9yard diving catch in the assistant coaches have sociation playoffs, begin- Rochester at 7p.m. on Oct.

cap the Clarkston scoring the team on defense.

at 30. He finished the night. with 75 yards receiving. Richardson said the them, they bent a little bit,

"I thought Eric Ogg,

He added the Wolves'

passing game performed but they didn't break, another shutout."

"We're in the dance," Badgley and Bergquist Richardson said. The win grants Clarkston a berth in the Oakland Activities Ascorner of the end zone to done a great job preparing ning at the end of the 6 at CHS.

Clarkston remains tied is doing a great job with with cross-town foe Lake Orion at 6-0, for the lead in the OAA Division One standings. The teams will meet in a season ending showdown on Oct. 20 at CHS

The Wolves take on the

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Athletes of the week Doubles team utilizes chemistry

BY PAUL KAMPE Clarkston News Staff Writer

Chemistry is some

Crawford echoed their friendship. "We're real

Cooley is fast, well co-Cooley's perspective on ordinated, powerful and a good doubles play strategist, Judd said.





gurantees the Wolves a spot in the OAA playoffs. Photo by Paul Kampe month. "Coach (Tony) Miller

thing high school students learn in the classroom, but for athletes, it can also be forged on the playing field.

Clarkston Wolves doubles tennis players Kate Cooley, a junior, and Alissa Crawford, a senior, have become friends over the past two years they have played together, something Cooley said is a necessary ingredient for success.

"We get along really well and we have a lot of fun on the court, you have to have fun or else you're not going to win the game." Cooley said.

. And Crawford adds friends, so on and off the

court, we have a really power and placement with good time together and we her shots, keeping opponents work well." off-guard, Judd said.

"Kate and Alissa have 'During a match, they determinedly challenged are each other's best cheerthe elite doubles teams in leaders. They constantly the area," Wolves Coach pump each other up be-Craig Judd said. tween points."

'These girls are fighters and they don't give up in tough matches.'

The pair defeated both their opponents in the past week, the top doubles teams from both Birmingham Marian and from Rochester Adams. The latter victory was a sound 6-3, 6-0 defeat of the Highlanders.

Alissa Crawford, left, and Kate Cooley use their friendship to help beat opponents. Photo by Paul Kampe



Huskies hand Wolves first loss 49-33 Wed., October 4, 2006 The Clarkston (MI) News 17 A

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Riding the momentum of an upset over No. 1 Auburn Hills Avondale two days earlier, the Clarkston Wolves girls basketball team suffered its first defeat of we had a lot of good looks tonight, but we didn't knock the season at the hands of Pontiac Northern on Sept. down our shots," Wasilk said. 28 by a score of 49-33.

defense from the Huskies (5-2, 1-1), only scoring five tonight both inside and out. When we don't hit our points in the first quarter.

pected Northern to be a very athletic and competitive hole," Wasilk said. team.

said

Lucetry Dalton's lay-up within five seconds of the opening tip-off, put the Wolves behind.

Northern opened the game on a 10-2 run fueled by pushing the ball and poor shooting by Clarkston. The Wolves mustered five points in the first quarter.

Wolves Guard Chelsea Kouri missed her first four field goal attempts, but finished with a game high 15 points, all scored from behind the 3-point arc. Over- Court Wanderer trophy to Northern, which they took all, the Wolves shot 18 percent from the floor in the from Avondale on Sept. 26. The trophy goes from loss

double digits, led the team with 13 points.

Throughout the game, the Wolves played their way back into the game after the contest seemed to be getting out of reach. They tied the score at 17 with 1:11 Lakers finished too late for this edition of The Clarkremaining in the second quarter.

The Huskies kept Clarkston at bay during the third points.

Wasilk said the loss was a combination of the Huskies pushing the ball on offense and tight defense and a faltering offense on the Wolves part.

"We didn't shoot the ball particularly well tonight,

"They played very good defense...however we The Wolves, (6-1, 1-1) were stymied by a tight had good looks tonight and we missed a lot of shots shots it's tough to get going and 33 points is a credit to Prior to the game, Wolves Coach Tim Wasilk ex- good defense and a credit to us not putting it in the

Pontiac Northern Coach Leola Greer was ver "We're going to have our work cut out for us," he pleased with her team after the victory.

"They (the Huskies) did a great job. We spent a The Huskies jumped out ahead immediately as lot of time working on our defense and a lot more time on our offense and making sure the girls execute, because we're having an issue with (that)...I'm really proud of them all around," Greer said.

We knew coming into this game Clarkston was the team to beat and they're going to be a team to beat on down the line."

With the loss, the Wolves pass along the Lady team to team in a trunk and each team keeps the tro-Shannon Smith, one of three Huskies scoring in phy until they lose a game. The packet inside the trunk said the traveling trophy originated in the Upper Peninsula.

The Wolves' next game versus the West Bloomfield ston News.

The following game is on the road for the Wolves quarter with a continuous lead between three and six against the Waterford Kettering Captains on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

Wolves Guard Chelsea Kouri looks for an open pass against Pontiac Northern on Sept. 28. Clarkston suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of

History repeats for Wolves

BY PAUL KAMPE

Writer

repeating itself, as the sayhistory does not take time lier in the season 3-2. off.

quickly for the Clarkston scoreless tie on the same off a pass from Mike Wolves boys soccer team. night against Rochester.

Heading into their road Sept. 27, the Wolves (9-2- ther, because they battled first score. Kupe was chances down the stretch. 2,5-2-2 OAA) battled to a to a 2-2 tie. 0-0 draw versus crosstown rival Lake Orion at a quick start for the way to the net, which he home the night prior.

"I'm proud of the way they kept their composure and the way they played with their heart, (but) 0-0 is not acceptable for the Clarkston Wolves soccer team." said Wolves Coach

Clarkston News Staff need to take care of business next time, especially History has a way of at home."

The Wolves beat the ing goes. Unfortunately, Dragons on the road ear- selves on the scoreboard

Oddly enough, the History came back Redhawks engaged in a

Neither team would

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also it's a rivalry, and we Redhawks, Francisco Captain Tim Parker.

> Athens found themonce again at 14:42 of the half. when Steve Boussie headed the ball to the net Ayotte.

game against Troy Athens leave the field with a vic- first of two critical Athens net the winning goal, in- opponents with 17 shots on (2-3-7, 1-2-6 OAA) on tory on the next night ei- mistakes led to the Wolves' cluding several Wolves' awarded a penalty kick af-The contest got off to ter being taken down on the

converted. The teams ens leading 2-1.

The second costly mis-Trujillo scored at 38:13 of take by the Redhawks led the first half on a pass from to a goal by Barzin Aghamouali at the 36minute mark of the second half after Athens' goalkeeper played the ball poorly. That would be the last score of the game.

From that point until the end of the game, both Later in the half, the teams tried feverishly to

net to the Redhawks' 12. "It's our seventh tie,

Kupe said.



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there's a lot of good things took take out of it because they (Clarkston) are a good team, but we shot have shot ourselves in the foot all season. We made two mistakes," Redhawks Coach Tim Storch said.

"It was a good game, a hard game, but it was a game where we were up 2-0 and we gave them the two goals to get back in it, and that's why we're tying games, because we're making mistakes at critical times.'





need to finish those, it's

The Wolves outshot their

clutch, we need to do that."

Adam Bican.

"We need to win those games, not only because it's OAA division one, but



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Seniors suppress junior uprising

ties came to the Clarkston High School football stadium on Sept. 25 with a misleading title.

The annual "Powder Puff" football game between girls from the senior and junior classes at the high school Brittany Davis earned Most Valuable Player Honors for the squad.

Davis took the ball for a jog, as she went 75 yards to pay dirt within the first 30 seconds of the game. back

the shotgun formation, and the point after attempts that maining in the second quarter. follow a touchdown required a scoring drive from either the two or the 10-yard line.

Lindsey Upchurch set herself up for a 28-yard long run on the previous play, to cap the juniors' 75yard drive. With the extra point, they took their first lead of the game, 7-6.

In the second quarter, senior Brianna Reuter took the score and the seniors led 26-19.

The first in a weeklong series of spirit week activi- the ball on a reverse handoff and ran 53 yards for the score. The team got two chances for a two-point conversion due to a penalty called against the juniors, but again failed to convert.

The juniors looked to get their drive moving to stay was a hard-hitting competition between two fierce com- in the game, but the seniors had other plans, intercepting petitors. The seniors escaped with a 26-19 victory as the ball at the juniors' own 23-yard line. That set up what would be the game clinching score, a 3-yard touchdown run. The team's only point after conversion, for two points, put them ahead 20-7 at the 5:56 mark of the second.

On their next possession, the juniors got long gains After a failed point-after attempt, the juniors answered from Justine Swiercinsky, Caitlin Smith and Monique Guerrero to set up a touchdown run by Alexa Kitson. In this flag football game, the offense consisted of She went for 28 yards nearly untouched with 1:20 re-

The teams went to the half with the score 20-12, unchanged until 8:12 remaining in the game.

Junior MVP Lauren Frank intercepted a seniors' pass touchdown run at 8:09 of the second quarter with a which led to a 9-yard touchdown run, pulling the juniors within reach, at 20-19.

Andrea Scarlett got the final score for the seniors after taking the ball right up the middle of the field for

Wolves tennis gets over the 'tie' flu

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's girls tennis team was victim to the recent wave of ties in the area, after a 4-4 draw with Birmingham Marian on Sept. 26.

On the singles side, no.1 Nicole Janek and no. 2 Blair McCarty were both winners for the Wolves. Clarkston split in doubles matches also, with no. 1 Kate Cooley and Alissa Crawford (The Clarkston News' Athletes of the week) and no. 2 doubles Andrea Scarlett and Kelli McKay won.

Two days later, the Wolves came out on top decidedly, while visiting Rochester Adams, 7-1.

All four of the Wolves' doubles teams defeated the Highlanders, a feat that was pleasing to Coach Craig Judd.

"Our singles teams have had great success this year and I was very pleased to see the doubles teams share and enjoy similar victories," he said.

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but today they all focused, won and played like the champions they are."

"They're always a solid team, they always have a very good singles, and an all-around solid team." Adams Coach Greg Burks said.

Judd added it was great for the Wolves to play well against a competitive Highlanders team in preparation for this weekend's league tournament. The Oct. 7 tournament is hosted by North Farmington High School.

The Wolves final match of the season is against Eisenhower High School on Oct. 4 at Clarkston High School at 4 p.m.



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The Clarkston High School Boys Cross Country team finished sixth at the Hansen Invitational at the 119 acre Delia Park in Sterling Heights on Sept. 30.

The team scored168 points and had four medalists: senior Nick LaMora, who returned from an injury, sophomores Jeff Kuhl and Johann Britting as well as junior Andrew Chaffee."It was a pretty outing," Coach Mike Taylor said. "It was good to beat a few teams." The Wolves finished in last place at the Oakland Activities Association meet on Sept. 25 prior to the outing.

The team goes to the Oakland County meet next, on Oct. 7 at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

The Clarkston High School Boys Golf team placed sixth at the Oakland County meet at the Pontiac Country Club in Waterford on Sept. 29. They shot a 314. with junior Matt Fuller leading the way with a round of 77

"We didn't play bad, but not well enough to win . 314 in Oakland County isn't good enough, you have to play much better to win one of these tournaments," Coach Mark Wiegand said.

The team moves on to district playoffs on Oct. 5 at Heather Highlands in Springfield Township. Clarkston High School's Boys Soccer team improved to 11-2-2 after defeating Flint Powers 3-1 on Sept. 30.

Jake Przybycien, Kavon Khani and Oliver Kupe scored for the Wolves.

Coach Adam Bican said the team kept focused on the game and avoided the distraction of the rainy conditions of the game and that night's homecoming dance.

"I thought they had a lot of things going on and they played through it."

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The judges agreed, remarking that the submitted editorial regarding the Clarkston school district's non-homestead millage proposal "takes a stand on an issue that will directly affect its taxpaying readers. Gets readers involved by soliciting input through a clip-art survey.'

Andrew DuPont, Clarkston News staff writer earned recognition for his "Soapbox" opinion column, winning second place in the "Local Columnist" category.

"You posed questions for readers, which is what a good columnist will do," wrote the judges, who described DuPont's column as "a nice read. Bold, with local appeal."

DuPont was surprised but very excited about his award, saying "I never expected this, but recognition from the MPA means a lot to me. I really enjoy writto know some people enjoy reading it."

The advertising department earned five awards including a first place in "Best use of Newspaper Art Service" for an ad for Rudy's Market. Advertising also received two second place awards-one for "Best Spot Ad" for Clarkston Flower, another for "Best Multicolor Ad" for Associated Obstetrics - and a third place award for "Best Ad Idea" for a POH Medical Center Ad.

"The sales department at The Clarkston News takes pride in making sure our ads benefit our customers," said Cindy Burroughs, Advertising Manager for The Clarkston News.

Lastly, for the second year in a row, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Directory earned an award for "Best Special Section," this year placing third

"We're very pleased to see the section get recognized," said Penny Shanks, executive director of the chamber. "It's an excellent opportunity for the chamber to connect with the

community. We're looking forward to the new edition that comes out this month."

The Clarkston News entries competed against other papers in the "Weekly Class D" category, which are defined as weekly papers with circulation under 4,001.

Assistant Publisher and Clarkston News columnist Don Rush, received an honorable mention for his enterprise feature stories, Let My Son Come Home, which ran in the News' sister paper, the Lake Orion Review. Rush is a 1981 Clarkston High School grad.

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'Tailgators' help local band

Brose Electric and "The Print Shop" will hold their 12th annual "Tailgator," Friday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The two businesses decorate their shops with Spartan or Wolverine colors and balloons the day before the big game. Each business has opposing colors and this drew more and more attention from the public each year and became great fun.

Everyone is invited to participate in the friendly rivalry and enjoy free. hot dogs, snacks, blue & green donuts, the famous "Tailgator" gumbo,

cider and more. For each person visiting the "Tailgator," Brose Electric and "The Print Shop" will donate \$1 to the Clarkston/Sashabaw Junior Optimists Clubs and the Clarkston Community Band. This event has raised more than \$1,000 for these local organizations.

All ages are invited to participate in this free event and people are encouraged to wear your colors, listen to some fight songs, and enjoy some great food.

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Sashabaw Presbyterian celebrates Michaelmas festivities

Sashabaw Presbyterian Church kicked off a week of learning about angels and celebrating their function during this week of Michaelmas. Following a worship service dedicated to this purpose the festivities began with the "slaving of the dragon," a pinata, by the children of the church.

"I didn't realize how much symbolism is contained in the pinata," Jan Jones said. "We learned about some of the early priests to Mexico and how the pinata was used to teach about how God's love triumphs over the dangers (dragons) around us."

'There is so much misinformation about angels all around us," said Teresa Cox. "This celebration gives us a chance to really learn in a number of different ways what the Bible actually says about angels and where we can expect to find them in our own lives."

Michaelmas, or the Feast of St. Michael and All the Angels. is a day in the Christian calendar taking place on Sept. 29. Many churches are reviving the



Some of the children of Sashabaw Presbyterian Church participating in the traditional Pinata "Slaying of the Dragon". Esther Lee watches T.J. Waller take on the dragon. Photo submitted.

observance because of the interest in angels and spirituality. Because the holiday falls near the equinox, it is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. St. Michael, one of the principal angelic warriors; traditionally has been seen as a protector against the dark of night.

'Today in our busy lives the fear that comes with the lengthening of shadows in the autumn is not of the darkness," said the Rev. Laura Sias-Lee. "Rather it is the fear and worry brought about by the increase in all the activities we take on in the fall. People become overburdened with activity and susceptible to anxiety. The truth of St. Michael is that we are not alone and we can face the 'dragons' of our lives."

Upcoming at Sashabaw is a celebration of unity and diversity with World Communion Sunday on Oct. 1 at 11 a.m.

For more information about the Michaelmas or World Communion celebrations, contact Sashabaw Presbyterian Church at 248-673-3101.

More Independence, Springfield police and fire reports

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a restaurant on Dixie Highway.

An Independence Township man reported that at some point in time during a four-day period, his truck was broken into. He reported prescription pain medicine and his power washer stolen.

Sept. 27 A vehicle on M-15 headed onto northbound I-75, swerved off the road, and his vehicle rolled on the grass. The driver, a man from White Lake, was found at a nearby gas station. Hewas arrested for operating while impaired.

A minor collision at a restaurant on Sashabaw

Road.

Car broken into at a business on Dixie High-

way and radio stolen. An Ypsilanti man made threats over the

phone to an Independence Township woman. A Flint man attempted

to enter a lane of traffic blocked off by a sheriff's deputy. The man appeared to be intoxicated and nearly hit the officer while turning around, so the officer asked the man for identification. The officer saw suspected marijuana and rolling papers in the man's glove box as he

searched. The man was given a Preliminary Breath Test and had 0.057 Blood Alcohol Content percentage. He was given a ticket for possession of marijuana and for failing to listen to an officer.

An Independence Township man fell from a ladder and complained of back and ankle injuries.

Sept. 28 A Pontiac man rear-ended another driver on southbound M-15 at Hubbard Road. The victim was stopped for a red light when his 2006 Dodge was hit.

An Independence

Township woman hit a deer on Holcomb Road near Bridge Valley, damaging the grill and radiator of her 2005 Dodge.

A Waterford woman showed up at the apartment of her ex-boyfriend and entered without permission while he was with another female. She became angry and allegedly used physical force and pepper spray against the Independence Township man. He reported the incident to police after arriving at work and finding the hood of his car scratched with obscenities.

Α contracted deliveryman harassed an Independence Township man over the telephone.

Suspects were seen on the roof of a business on Main Street by Clarkston Police Department. Additional deputies and a K-9 unit were requested. The K-9 lost the trail of the suspects. The CPD is handling the investigation.

Springfield Township

Sept. 25 A copper grounding plate stolen from a cell phone tower.

A car dealership on East Holly Road had two vehicles stolen from the used car lot overnight.

Sept. 26 A Springfield Township woman reported several important documents missing.

Sept. 27 A couple on Pine Lake Road was arguing while intoxicated and heading to bed. The husband allegedly retrieved his measuring tape to demark his side of the bed after fighting about a blanket, and a tussle ensued.

CSI exhibit



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at library

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1st Place - THE OXFORD LEADER

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1st Place - THE OXFORD LEADER FEATURE PICTURE - C.J. Carnacchio

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3rd Place - THE OXFORD LEADER

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3rd Place - THE OXFORD LEADER EDITORIAL WRITING - C.J. Carnacchio "From the open meetings act to the local political climate, these editorials work to hold plubic officials accountable. Well-written pieces that call for action."

1st Place - THE OXFORD LEADER

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along roadways, and prohibit obstruction of roads and sidewalks, and bicycle riding on sidewalks. Another ordinance prohibits parking on lawns or unapproved gravel lots. The ordinances are not and probably should not be enforced, he said.

ger issue than I thought it would be," he said. "We need to update and create ordinances that encourage pedestrian use and bicycle use. This is a great place to start."

vel lots. The ordices are not and proby should not be enced, he said. This is a good time to address these issues, especially with the work to be done rewriting the city Master Plan, he said.

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BLE class designs postcards for US soldiers



The 24 students is Mrs. Copland's second grade class at Bailey Lake Elementary wanted to send well wishes to the troops. They also went a step further and made designs for others to send.

"The class has actually been sending postcards and we also made designs of our own," said Copland, who said she decided to submit the class's designs to the Website LetsSayThanks.com, which allows visitors to select a design and send their selection as a postcard to troops stationed overseas. If selected, the submitted designs will appear on the website.

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Justyne Swiercinsky sets up a touchdown for the juniors with a long run.

Are you ready for some GIRLS football?

Clarkston High School Seniors took on the junior class in the school's annual gridiron flag football battle on Sept. 25. Tradition held, as the se-niors were victorious 26-19. The boys pom pon squad (left) took the field at the half, much to the delight of the crowd. Below, junior Lindsey Upchurch burns the senior defensive backs on her way to a

Photos by Paul Kamp









Brianna Reuter takes the ball right back at the juniors in a game that quickly became a rushing battle between the two squads.

Senior MVP Brittany Davis took the ball 75 yards on this carry to the end zone. No one would catch her, not even our camera.





Second round. They have good pitching this year." - Robbie Sims



"They will make it to the World Series and lose to the New York Mets." -- Trevor Raleigh

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"All fhe way." Darlene Dupuak

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



Tim and Liz Wickersham won the "Building Of The Year" award from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Paul Kampe.

Building a winner Area couple takes home 'Building of the Year' award

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tim and Liz Wickersham of Wickersham Homes Incorporated in Independence Township have seen the development in the area first hand...while they were building it.

The Wickershams have been building in the Clarkston area for more than a decade, 12 years to be exact, since Tim made the transition to home building from car sales. And for nearly 10 years, his company was involved in building homes.

Tim and Liz met in a Grosse Pointe establishment while she working and he was socializing. The couple was married in 1990 and later moved to the Clarkston area from Holly in 1993.

"We like the idea of the community

(near Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road) and getting multiple offers for the property, Tim left his position as the general manager of a car dealership for carpentry.

"I slowly worked my way into this and it just turned into an animal, a good one," he said. "That's my passion."

The Wickershams have been purchasing land up and down Dixie Highway for the past 10 years.

The company is shifting away from houses into commercial buildings, which equates to nearly 500,000-square-feet of building space the couple manages.

"We as builders have had a good run for 12 years," Tim said. "This is an excellent location for any business to come to Clarkston because it's within one mile of I-75 and very accessible." square-feet facility, almost one-and-a-half years ago. The building houses Wickersham Homes as well as real estate, mortgage and title companies.

In May of this year, the couple won an award from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce for "Building Of The Year" during a beautification awards ceremony.

"I didn't know anyone nominated us until we got to the ceremony," Wickersham said.

"We have done a lot of projects around Clarkston and when you do the right things, somebody notices...sometimes it comes back at you, and we're proud of those things."

Tim is excited for the company's second phase, a 10,120-square-foot building next to their current facility at 7300 Dixie Highway. He hopes the construction will be completed by Dec. 1. The building will feature four suites approximately 2,500square-feet in size.



feel, we liked the idea of the growth that was happening here," Liz said. They plan to stay in the area for a long time, "We love it here."

She also liked the reputation of the Clarkston Community Schools. Their daughter Courtni, a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School, was set to enter middle school at the time of the move.

After finishing the first of many homes he built in the Pebble Creek development

The market for home building has gone dry in the mean time, a trend Tim hopes will end within the next couple years. Wickersham was building between 40 and 50 homes annually.

"I knew the business would go south," he said. "People are sitting on (not selling) their homes two, three and four years now...the market needs to correct itself."

The Wickershams purchased and remodeled their current headquarters, a 22,460The Wickershams donate to different causes in the area. They annually donate to SCAMP and sponsor the group's annual golf outing. The couple contributes to area benefit events, the Road Commission for

Please see Builder, page 13B.

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The Independence Township Senior Center has several upcoming events:

• Join us for **Bowling** on Mondays at 1 pm through 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..

• 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 Festi**val Theatre on September 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.





Despite the inclement weather members of the 130 piece marching band performed at the 29th Annual Clarkston Invitational Saturday, September 23. This event included 15 marching bands from around south eastern Michigan. *Photo submitted*

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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 There's always something new at the Independence Township Library:

On Oct. 11Dr. David Machnacki will stop by with a presentation on cholesterol. This presentation is free to the public and begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to register for these great events, please call 248-625-2212 or stop by the library located on Clarkston Road.

"Happy Ever After and How to get there" a series of informational seminars on topics relevant to the aging population are scheduled for Saturdays, Dec. 2 and Feb. 3 at Clarkston Junior High School from 9 a.m. - Noon. Seating is limited. To resarve seats or for more information. call 248-625-5556, ext. 162

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.ocscmi.org.

Samaritan Care Hospice seeks volunteers to spend time with terminally ill patients and their families.

Hospice volunteers provide companionship and emotional support to patients on an average of 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers must be 18 or older and have reliable transportation. Two mandatory five-hour training classes are provided prior to your first patient assignment. Training classes are now forming. For more information, call Chris Kokenos at (800) 397-9360. ond a^{-1} four Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. The official meeting takes place at 7 p.m.

Beginning in October, the Lions will meet in the Carriage House, next to the senior center, in Clintonwood Park. For more information, please call 248-484-7130.

Chamber member, Clark ston Community Historical Society, is hostian a Clarkston Barn Tour on Sunday October 22: 2006 from 12:30-5 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per persor (children 5 and under are free Learn about Clarkston's heritage from a unique perspective. Includes tour of local historic barns, complete with farm animals, period crafts and refreshments.

Purchase your tickets in advance at the Chamber office, 5856 S. Main St. The Chamber is located two doors South of the Dairy Queen. Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8-4.

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



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Blessing all of God's creatures



Pets of all sizes were welcome, from little birds to full-size horses.



Despite the rainy weather, many people turned out for the blessing



On the morning of Oct. 2, Everest Academy students were encouraged to bring their pets to a ceremonial blessing in honor of St. Francic of Assisi. Pictured, a student holds her kitten during the blessing. *Photos by DuPont*

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Think before you drink

By Ernie Harwell

If you're like most people, you probably enjoy an occasional glass of wine with dinner, a drink with friends or a beer after work.

And that's OK. As I always say, "All things in moderation."

In fact, studies show that a drink may help prevent certain types of heart disease. But that

doesn't mean we should all start drinking. And with all the holiday celebrations

it's easy

to over-indulge. Keep in mind that drinking alcohol, even in moderation, can be risky. For example, just a beer or two can impair your ability to drive. Alcohol can also cause

problems by interacting with prescription drugs or with over-the-counter medications, such as cold tablets. Always ask your doctor or pharmacist about drinking alcohol while you're taking any medication. And if you're pregnant, you shouldn't drink at all. It's that simple.

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If you find that your drinking is becoming excessive, don't deny it or think you can handle it yourself. Get help from your doctor.

So if you have a drink, do it wisely.

And remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg 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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Local man leader at ROTC

graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The 28-day course is a leadership internship for cadets who are normally between their sophomore and junior college years. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the ROTC Advanced Course at their college. The Army observes and evaluates cadets to determine their officer potential in leadership abilities and skills. The cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional lead-

Erik D. Houston of Clarkston has ership values during the challenging, motivating "hands-on" training.

The training develops well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and helps improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative, leadership potential, decision making, and collective team cohesion. The cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, rifle marksmanship, small arms tactics, weapons training, drill and ceremonies, communications, and squad-level operations field training.

Houston is a student at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. He is the son of Marvin and Janis Houston of Clarkston, and 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School.

arkston ranger leads the way

Specialist Brendan Qulsenberry has Quisenberry of Clarkston and Jeannine completed the United States Army Ranger Training Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

The ranger course develops skills in weapons, tactics, leadership, and survival.

Quisenberry is the son of Thomas

Thibault of Goodrich, and the brother of Beth Quisenberry of Now York City. He is a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School

He is stationed with the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.



Nathaniel Knapper of Clarkston won an \$1,800 scholarship at Calvin Annette Knapper of Clarkston. College in Grand Rapids for this year. Knapper, 20, received one of two Ann Janssen Noteboom Scholarships. It honors junior or senior communications majoys who show outstanding promise.

'It's an award that was highly unexpected and greatly appreciated." Knapper said."This will certainly help as I continue to serve the Lord through advancement of my education at Calvin."

Knapper is the son of Dan and

Emily J. Pierce, a freshman at Northwood University, is the recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship this year.

The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to students who exhibit academic excellence during high school. Pierce graduated from Clarkston High School in 2006 and is working to-

ward a business degree. She is the daughter of Theodore Pierce of Waterford and Jeanne Pierce

Safe trick or treating in Davisburg

of Clarkston.



Little ghosts and goblins can gather goodies safely this Halloween season when the Hart Community Center hosts its trick-or-treating event Oct. 27 and 28 from 5 p.m until 8 p.m. Children should come in costume, and can expect to have lots of fun collecting candy and small toys along the happily haunted indoor trail. Snacks and juice will be provided at the end of the route. Admis- way in downtown Davisburg.

sion is \$5.00 per child per night for Springfield residents, while non-residents will pay \$7.00 per child per night. Pre-registration is encouraged, but will be accepted at the door, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Springfield Twp. Parks and Recreation at 248-634-0412.

The center is located at 495 Broad-

Go online to www.clarkstonnews.com for all the latest Clarkston News Religion Spiritual matters close to home

Hope and wishful thinking

In August I had the privilege of working at the Buick Open Golf Tournament for two days. I worked you die." as an evacuation driver with the Clarkston Booster Organization. We had 17 minivans strategically placed all over the golf course. If it rained, our group of evacu- told me. ation drivers was responsible to get the players and their caddies off the course and back to

the clubhouse.

It didn't rain on Wednesday, but I did get real close to Tiger Woods. In fact, early the next morning I received half a dozen phone calls.

"Greg, did you see the Detroit Free Press today? Your picture is on the front page of the sports section with Tiger Woods'!"

Pretty cool, huh?

I responded, "Now what you don't see in the picture is that just beforehand, Tiger turned to me and asked, "Greg, should I use my six iron or seven iron? (Liar!)

Actually, the highlight of the week for me was not Tiger Woods. We had to evacuate drivers twice on all these desires for a higher purpose and power are Thursday due to rain. The second time I happened to pointers that there is something more?" have a group of players on my fairway that are not well known. By "coincidence" one of the caddies got into hatred and killing in the world. It (religion) can't be a the van with me about five minutes before the other good thing.' guys got in. I asked him all kinds of questions and he was open and eloquent.

Then he asked me, "So what do you do?" "I'm a pastor," I told him.

He said, "Oh that's great. You'll go to heaven when

"Hopefully you will too," I replied.

"Unfortunately I don't believe in heaven," the man

"Oh, what do you believe?"

"I think this life is all there is. We humans are at the top of the food chain, and we don't like the fact that we're at the top and this is all there is. We like to think there's something more. So people have created all these religions to meet those desires. But it's a deception. It's just wishful thinking." Then he went on to say. "But what you do is good because it helps people feel better and gives them hope," he said.

I told him I believe otherwise, but I thanked him for his idea.

I went on to say, "Why is it that almost everybody around the world has deep desires for something more. some kind of god, some kind of religion? Could it be that it's not wishful thinking? Could the prevalence of religion be a pointer that there is in fact something more? After all, if there is no god and this life is all there is, why do so many people long for more? Why not just face reality and say, 'This life is it, so enjoy it?' Maybe

He paused. "Nah. Religions have caused too much

I believe my encounter with that caddie was a "God moment." I got the feeling that I planted a seed that

Please see Hope and wishful thinking page 13B

In our churches...

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.

Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly Wednesday Evening FEAST. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15-8:30 p.m. The church offers a free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

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

Church of the Resurrection has bible study every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." Church of the Resurrection is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

St. Daniel Catholic Church holds Rainbows meetings on Thursday evenings in the Cushing Center. Rainbows is an outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

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7925 Sashabaw Road (1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater) Clarkston, MI 48348 (248) 625-4644 Worship: Sun. 8:15 am & 11:00 am Sat. 6:00 pm Sunday School 9:45 am Preschool: 3-4 years old Preschool: 620-6154 **DIXIE BAPTIST** CHURCH 8585 Dixie Highwy Clarkston, MI

(248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: I. Todd Vanaman Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 11:00 am Morning Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA 7.00 nm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study Normerv available for all services

9:00 am & 11:15 am Sunday Connection Service: 6:00 pm Fellowship Time: 10:00 am & 12:15 pm Nurserv available for both services Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am, 10:10 am, 11:15 am & 6:00 pm service Adult Sunday School: 10:10 am

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH 6765 Rattalee Lake Road Clarkston, 48348 (248)625-1344 Services: Sunday 10:00am Morning Worship Service Exploration Station - Children's Ministry 5pm Evening Worship Service Studio 7/S.C.O.R.E.-Children Ministry Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life Adult Life Ministry c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry **Ozone** - Children's Life Ministry *Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services A Church For Life www.bridgewoodchurch.com

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Adult Bible Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Evening Service Mon: 6:30 pm Awana Wed: 10:00 am Morning Prayer Partners 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & **Bible** Study

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Obituaries

Richard A. Olsen



Mr. Olsen, "Rick," a resident of Clarkston, passed away suddenly on Sept. 26, at the age of 64. He was the husband of Jan. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carol, and was the father of Todd of Clarkston, Kelly (Kevin) McLain of Sterling Heights, and Corey (Michelle) of Waterford. He was the grandfather of Joshua, Jenna, Sierra, Justin, Mackenzie, Grant and Haley. The was the son of Hazel (the late Arthur) of Rochester, brother of Susan Lauckner of Auburn Hills, Chris (Rick) Sikora of Rochester, and Robert (Lynn Marie) Olsen of Colorado, stepfather of Deborah (Harry) Nieman of Chesterfield, Kathy Wikaryasz of Macomb, Michelle (Lowell) Mills of Kentucky, and Ken (Joy) Garcia of Memphis, and several step-grandchildren. Rick retired from Malseed Electrical, Troy. He was a member of the Rochester VFW and Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. Funeral service was Sept. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Visitation was Sept. 27-28. Interment at Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Memorials may be made to the Adam Wheatcroft Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ida Grace Robbins



Mrs. Robbins, a resident of Waterford, passed away on Sept. 23 at the age of 90. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford C. Robbins. She was the mother of Clifford "Al" (Sharon) Robbins of Waterford. She was the grandmother of Allan (Jennifer) Robbins and Cheryl (Chris) Irwin, and the Special Great grandmother and light of her life of Joshua Robert. She was the sister of Thurman (June) Magill of Waterford, and Mae Ola Littleton, Ethel Freels, Ruth Pickel, Ralph (Betty) Magill, Irene (Bill) Summitt, and Jane (Cordell) Gant, all of Tennessee. Ida recently attended Calvary Baptist, Waterford, and was a member of Silvercrest Baptist for many years.

She was a JC Penney sales associate for 36 years in Bedding and Housewares at Summit Place Mall, Miracle Mile. Ida loved to garden and quilt but was well known for her homemade rolls. A funeral service was held Sept. 25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment is at Ottawa Park Cemetery: Memorials may be made to Paws with a Cause.

Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jack A. Larson

Nathan R. Allsop

Mr. Allsop of Holly passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 28, at the age of 24. He was the beloved son of Robert and Laurie; brother of Bobby Jr., of Warren, Mark (Mary Schumborg) of Clarkston, Amy (Jason) Hudson, Melody (Josh Messer) and Joey all of Holly; uncle of Kayla, Haley and Charlieanne; nephew of Steve and Sandy Sias, Rick Sias, Mike Sias, Debbie Forslind and Dale Allsop; grandson of Noni and Dick Sias of Holly; cousin of Steve and Lance; fiancé of Leann Chevalier. Nathan graduated class of 2000, Holly, and attended O.C.C., Highland Lakes. He loved the outdoors. Funeral service was held Oct. 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com.





Mr. Larson, a resident of Clarkston, passed away on Sept. 22 at the age of 71. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sally. He was the father of Gene (Kim) Larson of Davisburg, Tracy (Jeff) Larson of North Carolina, and Nicky (Greg) Shann of Holly. He was the grandfather of Tonya, Mathew, Caitlin, and James, and the brother of Rev. Art (Judy) of Brighton. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Dolores Hale, Elaine McGowen, and William Larson. Jack was a member of the Eagles for over 38 years, having served both the Pontiac and Clarkston Aeries. A memorial service was held Sept. 23-24 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, in Clarkston. An Eagle Service was held Sept. 24, funeral service was Sept. 25 at the funeral home, and interment is at Christian Memorial Cemetery. An online guest book is available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Fun Run Chairperson Angie Suarez encouraged students as they made the way around the track. Even in the warm weather, Suarez kept her fur coat on as she made her own laps around the field.



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While the weather was good the students and staff at Andersonville Elementary enjoyed their annual fun run on Sept. 27. Students gathered pledges for the event, with the money raised going towards the cost of future field trips. Pictured, students dressed in colorful outfits and even paitined their faces and hair for the event.





Parent volunteers handed out armbands for every lap a student completed. Photos by Andrew DuPon



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Betty Louise Galligan

Mrs. Galligan, of Clarkston, passed away on Sep. 30 at the age of 83. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger, and her sons David and Frank. She was the mother of Dennis (Vivian) of TX, Beverly (Bob) Sherman of Eagle, J. Patrick of Clarkston, and Norman of Waterford; and mother in law of Nancy of Clarkston.

She was also survived by 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; and sister of John T. (Donna) Waid of Metamora and Robert F. (Violet) Waid of Clarkston. Betty was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church. Betty enjoyed painting and spending time with children, and loved her hometown of Clarkston.

Clarkston United Methodist Church. Clarkston. Online guest book at Interment Lakeview Cemetery. www.wintfuneralhome.com



Arrangments entrusted to the Lewis Funeral service held today at the E. Wint & Son Funeral Home,

Darlene M. Belisle

Mrs. Belisle, of Waterford, formerly of Oxford, passed away on Sept. 25 at the age of 82. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, and parents, Leona and Floyd Caldwell. She was the mother of Michele (Alan) Weverstad of Clarkston, Lee (Steve) Berry of Colorado, Gloria (Paul) Krass of Clarkston, Joseph Jr. of Westland, Larry of Ortonville, Brenda Weiss of Fenton, Andrea of Waterford, and Bruce of Highland. She was the grandmother of Angela, Mike, Cody, Matt, Alex, Meagan, Mercedes, Jennifer, Ashleigh, Anthony, Erica, Tony, Dominic, Natasha and Nico. She was the great grandmother of Alyssa, Sierra, Josiah, Ava, Jordan, and Haley.

She was the sister of Pauline Trainer of Waterford and the late Richard Caldwell. Prayer service was on Sept. 27 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Funeral Mass was on Sept. 28 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catho-



lic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Cranbrook Hospice.

guestbook. Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Hope and wishful thinking continued from 5B

may bear fruit in his life. He certainly got me thinking. Are our longings for God and purpose and heaven simply wishful thinking? I have been a Christian for 35 years and a pastor for 22 years. I have stood beside many caskets and held many trembling hands. I am convinced that the Christian hope is real hope. Jesus said,

In Our Churches

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St. Daniel Catholic Church will have light supper at 6 p.m. every Wednesday in the youth) and Oct.25 will be "What happens month of October. Dinner will be followed by adult enrichment presentations from St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 6:25-8 p.m. Oct. 11 will be the feature, 7010Valley Park Drive in Clarkston.

"Because I live, you too will live. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." Call it wishful thinking if you must, but I'll put my trust -- and my life -- in Jesus' hands every time.

(Greg Henneman is the pastor of Clarkston Community Church)

"Religious Art in the Catholic Tradition, Oct. 18, "How to use the bible (with at the end of life." Call 248-625-1750.

Local builder, contractor wins award

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Wickersham is building a 10,120-square-foot building next to their current facility at 7300 Dixie Highway. Construction should be completed by Dec. 1.

Oakland County, Clarkston High School athletics and to Leukemia re-

search. In their free time, the couple enjoys boating, taking walks and traveling to the Caribbean.

"We like to islandhop," Liz said.

Tim believes the development along the Dixie Highway corridor is a wel-

comed addition to the community.

that we need development, and it's an excellent else to go. I stay in this five tax base," he said.

A large hardware retailer, such as the Home Depot as part of an informal retail proposal at the corner of I-75 and Dixie Highway, would be beneficial to his business.

"As a contractor, I have to drive to Home "I'm a true believer Depot in Auburn Hills to get a 2X4, there's nowhere mile radius, this is what I concentrate on."

> Many the of Wickersham properties lie within the stretch of Dixie Highway from Davisburg Road to the Waterford Hill area.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING	
AGENDA	
Date and Time;: October 3, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. Place: Independence Township Library 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346	
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance	
3. Roll Call	
5. Approval of Agenda	
 Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the op- portunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not 	
on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.	
7. Consent Agenda:	
 Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2005, meeting Approval of Purchase Orders 	(
 c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run d. Resolution - Oakland County West Nile Virus Funding - ADDED 	
Unfinished Business	1
 Liquor License Transfer - Andiamo's - ADDED Holiday Light Show at DTE 	NY I
 Second Reading and Adoption of the Amendments to the Utilities Ordinance - REMOVED 	1
1. Independence/ Clarkston Sewer Maintenance Agree-	4
5. Second Reading and Adoption of the Ordinance for Flood-	
plain Management - ADDED New Business	
1. Halloween Hours	
Only those matters that are listed on the Agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may	r
add or delete an agenda item. The Charter Township of Independence will provide neces-	
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SUMMARY	
CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2006	3
Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.	
Roll. Present: Catallo, Brueck, Colombo, Johnston, Meyland, Ottman, Wylie.	
Absent: None.	
Minutes of September 11, 2006, approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented.	
Moved that a request be made to MDOT that speed limits for	

North and South bound traffic be established at 30 miles per hour beginning and ending at the City limits.

Moved that based on the approval of the Clarkston United Methodist Church and contingent on the approval of the Chief of Police, the Application for Special License for Sale of Beer and Wine Only for Consumption on the Premises of 63 Waldon Road be approved.

Park Ordinance No. 93 was discussed as were hours of operation of Depot Park. City Attorney Ryan recommended monitoring the park at 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. to clear out loiterers to determine if an ordinance revision is required.

Pursley reported on the Art in the Village and Taste Fest weekends, and he felt the personnel assigned to these events had everything in order. Colombo complimented Pursley and the D.P.W. for the work and cleanup after the two week end events.

Resolved that the request for a new entertainment permit, in



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conjunction with proposed transfer ownership escrowed 2006 Class C Licensed Business, located at 14-16-18 South Main, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346, Oakland County, from Sign of the Beefcarver, Inc., to Cash Bar, Inc. be recommended for issuance.

Garv Tressel reviewed the storm drains in the City, especially the drain into Parke Lake and the Mill Pond. After discussion of drains into the Mill Pond and Parke Lake, Brueck stated that the Master Plan should address these types of issues. Tressel stated that pretreatments should be required of any road projects in the future, and the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance should be in compliance with road agencies.

Tressel gave an update on the Sanitary Sewer Agreement with Independence Township. The new agreement is being reviewed and revised by the Independence Township Board and Township D.P.W. Supervisor.

Pursley is working with Roger Ingles on the punch list provided by Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

Council felt there was no need for a written agreement to purchase gasoline from Independence Township.

Resolved that the City Council authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Charter Township of Independence and the City of the Village of Clarkston Intergovernmental Library Agreement effective January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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To the qualified electors of the City of the Village of Clarkston, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

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TUESDAY, October 10, 2006 FROM 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID CITY NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 ANNUAL ELECTION WILL BE CON-DUCTED IN THE VOTING PRECINCT OF THE CITY OF CLARKSTON. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICI-PATING PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

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Ballot Proposals for the State of Michigan CONGRESSIONAL United States Senator and Representative in Congress LEGISLATIVE

State Senator and State Representative **County Commissioner**

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Dennis M. Kacy P15637 21 S. Main Street Clarkston, MI 48346 (248) 625-2916

STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS** Decedent's Estate FILE NO: 2006-306, 527-DE Estate of Patrick J. Kravetz, Date of Birth: ember 10, 1968 TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The dece-ent, Patrick J. Kravetz, who lived at 7379 N. Shaker Dr., Waterford, Michigan died Septen ber 10, 2006

Creditors of the decedent are no ed that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Adam Kravetz, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michi-gan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice

9/26/06 Adam Kravetz 21 S. Main Street Clarkston, MI 48346

(248) 625-2916

To Say? 'Tell Us! The Clarkston News 5 S. Main St., Clarkston 249-625-3370

Have Something

Important

First issues of Clarkston News come home

Long journey of the printed word ends with help of internet

BY DON RUSH Assistant Publisher

Who would a thunk it?

Seventy-six years after the Vol. 1. Number 1 of The Clarkston News was printed in Holly, it is now at home at The Clarkston News office at 5. S. Main, Clarkston.

How the first issue and over 100 first consecutive issues of the CNews came home is a story unto itself. The story has lots of twists and turns, lots of people living relatively close together, only to be brought together by a company based a couple of thousand miles away in California. Go figure?

I guess we'll start somewhere in the middle, at Twist of Fate Number Three or Four-when Ortonville resident Jennifer Roberts e-mailed Jennie Cottrell (whose husband is yours truly) a couple of weeks ago. Roberts is formerly of Independence Township, the wife of 1981 Clarkston High School graduate Tom Roberts and the daughter of longtime Independence Township Department of Public Works Director, George "Andy" Anderson (now retired and residing in Florida) -- but those are different stories all together.



While Jen Roberts was looking for a copy of the 1985 CHS year book to buy on eBay, she noticed some Clarkston News editions up for auction. She e-mailed Jennie Cottrell, who e-mailed me the auction.

I, also a former resident of Indepen-

dence Township and former Independence Township DPW employee (again a different story), have worked for our news group since graduating from Central Michigan University in 1985. Since this time, I have also known-that Sherman Publications, Inc., did not have in its possession all back issues of The Clarkston *News.* We had everything from last week back to 1934. We were missing all issues from Sept. 6, 1929 through 1933.



Above Pat Kenny and her brother John Claus, of the Battle Alley Arcade Antique Shop in Holly. To the right is **Toni Smith of the Clarkston Heritage** Historical Museum. Below and to the left is former Independence Township resident, Jennifer Roberts. Lower right is writer Don Rush.

Thus, seeing an auction for 11 1931 editions of the CNews, I leapt to action. I immediately broke all eBay protocol by first outbidding the highest bidder and then e-mailing said competing bidder to say knock it off -- stop bidding.

"I thought, 'who is this guy? What nerve. Should I report him?"' said Toni Smith, director of the Clarktson Historical Society's Heritage Museum and the bidder to whom I broke protocol against.

As director of the historical museum, Smith is always on the mission to find items of interest to Clarkston-area folk. "One of our best places to find stuff is on eBay," she said.

Which takes us back in time to Twist of Fate Numbers two or three in the saga of the missing Newses (is that a word?).

A couple of weeks ago, Smith was emailed by a friend, Bob Silvis of Tennessee – Bob, formerly of the area, is an antique dealer who has been a blessing to the museum with donations and leads for new artifacts.

"He asked me if I had seen The Clarkston Newses for auction on eBay and gave me the item number," Smith said.

When she looked up the item on eBay she found the auction had ended, without a sale.

'But, I had the item number, so I was able to look them up and ask the owners to re-list it."

Smith made a nice bid, but true to my



mission I outbid her -- unbeknownst to her, however, I also contacted the owners to see if they had any other old Clarkston Newes, which they - Pat Kenny and her brother John Claus - did.

The first or second twist of fate in this sordid tale of newsprint and ink (depending on your perspective) happened before the listing. Kenny, a Waterford Township resident who also owns the Battle Alley Arcade Antique Shop in Holly, went to an estate auction earlier in the year. That's where she bought the original lot of 1933 Clarkston Newses and three bound volumes of our hometown newspaper of record.

"The sale was from an estate of a woman originally from Clarkston but who had moved to Holly. She collected memorabilia from both towns," Kenny said.

The first twist of fate, I reckon, is how the Clarkston News came not to possess The Clarkston News editions from 1929 thru 1934, and how those we recently purchased ended up in Holly? History shows us the CNews was owned by a number of people during its first six years of existence. It wasn't until 1933 when Judge Bill Stamp purchased the paper that the CNews had stability. Stamp sold the paper to Jim and Hazel Sherman in 1966 (the Shermans still own it).

How the 1929, 1930 and 1931 bound volumes wound up in Holly and not in Clarkston, could be this simple: the printer of The Clarkston News, in those early years, was George Patterson, of (drum roll, please) the Holly Advertiser. Cirumstancial evidence suggests, in fact, those Clarkston Newses, never made it to Clarkston in the first place. They may have always resided in Holly.

Nice conjecture, I know.

At any rate, to wrap things up. Kenny sold her Clarkston Newses, The Clarkston News bolstered its archives and the Clarkston Heritage Museum has 11 new items of local interst in its possesion (The Clarkton News donated the original eBay listings) and everybody lived happily ever after.



Epilouge: We are still in need of 1932 Clarkston Newses -- if you have any old copies, please call us at 248-625-3370.

> The museum is still looking for more old Clarkston and surrounding area items. If you wish to donate (they are a 501-

c3 charity, so tax deductions apply) call the museum at 248-922-0270.

Jenny Roberts is still looking for the 1985 yearbook, so hollar if you got one.

Oh, and if you're in the market for antique shopping, Kenny's shop is on Battle Alley, next to the Holly Hotel. They are open from 10:30 to 5:30 Monday-Saturday and from Noon to 5 on Sunday.



We're looking for old copies of The Clarkston News --1933 issues. If you got 'em let us know. 248-625-3370

A SPI Classifieds Wednesday, October 4, 2006



Homel Solid cherry dining room set, Italian marble dining table, credenza, buffet, china cabinet, sofas, coffee & end tables, Oriental rugs, indoor wa-ter feature, lamps, paintings, mirrors, desks, file cabinets, book shelves,

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Oxford Leader • Penny Stretcher BEGINNING AND Remedial reading \$10/yard, plus delivery SHELL OR COB and phonics tutor, 17 years experi-248-627-6316 Lake Orion Review 248-628-1670 & Monday in The Citizen OXFORD AREA anie 248-236-8189 IIIZXM8-1 ENGLISH AS A second language. Contact the Tutoring Club for details. 248-620-4600. October 21st, 28th, LX42-2 ZX7-4c Add Metamora Crossroads for \$11.00 office equipment, bedroom furniture TVs, 6ft. wide screen, kitchen ac-cessories, dishes/ serving pieces, 050 FIREWOOD ROBERTS November 4th, 11th, mornings. Beautiful Contemporary Home for Sale SEASONED OAK, \$80/ cord. Mixed **080 LAWN & GARDEN** TREE FARM hardwood \$70. Extra for delivery and stacked, 248-379-6782. IIILX40-tfc OAKLAND COUNTY'S LARGEST GROWER OF TREES SEASONED FIREWOOD. \$50/ face cord. No delivery. 248-693-9318. IIILX42-2 Located on All GARDEN TRACTOR ATTACH Sports Lake Orion. MENTS- row cultivator \$75, disk cul-tivator \$100. 248-628-0518. Colorado Spruce, Assortment of Maple Trees & Other Ornamentals Great views of sun-SEASONED OAK/ Hardwood-4x8x16, 6,9,12 minimum, Mid-Michigan Firewood. 989-268-5431 Evenings. IIILX41-5 2745 Sashabaw Rd, Ortonville sets. 6 bedroom/4 CRAFTSMAN LAWN TRACTOR is yours for \$50 if you come get it. Est. 10 years old. Needs new tires. Call 248-634-3699, IIILX43-2 full baths. Up-248-394-0390 LX41-6 dated last year to TORO GROUNDSMASTER 52" com-mercial mower, runs good, \$250. 248-393-0112. IIILX42-2 include hardwood floors/2 gas fire-FAMILY TRADITION TOPSOIL, SAND places. Euro style Firewood kitchen w/island 090 AUCTIONS & GRAVEL and snack bar. Ex-Seasoned Hardwood only tra ig måster bed-Low Rates, Prompt & Reliable Service Since 1980. OXFORD Delivery & Stacking available room w/private SALE OF DEFAULT UNIT 248-481-3747 master bedroom & Thurs. October 19th, 2006 248-969-0424 doorwall leading to deck overlooking water. 3 car garage w/additional 10am, Lake Orion Self Storage RX43-1 parking. Oversized attic for plenty of storage, 2 laundry rooms. \$670,000 EDGAR PERREAULT Center Inc. 180 W. Church St. SAVE. Smith's Firewood. Split, stacked, pick up & delivered. 248-894-2804; 248-342-2906. Lake Orion, MI 48362 (100 yards EAT TRANSPORT East of Lapeer Rd/ M-24) Call Kelly for more info or a private showing at 248,293,0000. LM19-tfc Unit # SOO49 Andrea Robinson-Vic-torian upholstered set, antique deck, snow blower, TV, buffet, commercial electric range, stereo speakers, an-tique furniture and much moreil

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Wedgewood china, crystal, flatward decorative accessories. Multiple home/ garden tools & equipment, power washer, snow blower, outdoor power washer, snow blower, outdoor furniture, much, much morel October 14 & 15, 9am-5pm, 540 Sandhurst, Lake Ridge at Waterstone, Oxford. Cash & Carry- No Pre-Sales! 47" HD PANASONIC projection TV, used 1 year, Paid \$1780 new/ ask-ing \$800 obo. 248-391-1182 HUGE GARAGE Sale, furniture, clean-

HUGE GARAGE Sale, furniture, clean-ing equipment, clothes, new light fix-tures and so much more. Thursday-Friday 9am-5pm. 8380 Pine Knob Rd. MOM- TO- MOM Sale- Saturday, October 7th, 9:30am-1pm at Imlay City Christian School, 7197 E. Imlay City Rd. Call Susan, 810-798-8772 for information. IIILZM42-2

HUGE SALE

ONE DAY ONLY! Too Many Items To List Seturday October 7th 9:30em-4:30pm 3463 Berber Rd., Oxford Follow The Signs

110 GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE- Thursday- Friday-Saturday, 9-6, 6460 Middle Lake Rd. East off M-15 near Clarkston Jr. High. No early sales, IIICX12-1

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MOVING SALE! 90 Hi-Hill (Hi-Hill Sub, Lake Orion). North of Silverbell, east of M-24. Oct. 5-6, 9am-5pm. Oct. , 9am-noon. Household, sewing machine, youth bed, tools, yard, golf collectibles, misc. IIICX12-1 OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH, 10am-4pm.

471 Hoag Dr., Lake Orion. Boys clothes, women's clothes, hand made quilts, some toys and much more. IIILX43-1

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BARN-GARAGE-ANTIQUE SALE

Oct. 6, 7, & 8th - 9am-5pm Antique doors, windows & furniturefurniture includes lawyers bookcase, walnut bed, white "Petoskey" wicker sofa & rocking chair. American girl dolls, clothes & accessories. Pedestal sink with fixtures, wicker outdoor patio set, bikes, clothes, toys, tires & sailboat. Lots of odds a& ends. Too much to list. Free items.

9662 Hadley Rd., Clarkston Take M-15 to Hadley Rd.,

Go east 1/4 mile

LZM43-1 GARAGE SALE, THURSDAY, October 5th, 9am-4pm. Nice clothing, toys & home accessories. 164 North Axford/ Church St., Lake Orion. IIILX43-1

GARAGE SALE- Oct. 5-6, 9am-4pm, teen and plus women's clothing; household, holiday items, misc. 1584 Oneida Trail, Joslyn and Nakomis. !!RX43-1

HOLLY, HUGE ESTATE sale Oct. 5-8, 9-7 Holiday decor, appliances, fur-niture, patio furniture, grill, linens, dishes, tools, books, toys, games household, lots more, must see. 30 North St., off Saginaw. III CX12-1 OCT. 7TH ONLY 2500 Adams Rd. North of Orion 9a.m.-4p.m.

housewares, bikes, toys, electric chair, 15' pool. IIICX12-1 MANY BABY ITEMS & clothing up to 3T and miscellaneous. Thursday

10am-1pm. 1744 Driftwood Ct., Oxford, IIILX43-1 MULTI FAMILY SALE, Friday- Sunday, 3075 Angelus, Waterford (be-tween Clintonville and Silver Lake). IIIZXM7-1

MEGA GARAGE Sale- Friday- Saturday, October 6-7, 9am-5pm, 7251 Rattalee Lake Rd., Clarkston 13/4 mile west of M-15). Apartment sized electric stove, antiques, collectibles, fur-niture, car parts, tons of assorted household & garage items. Absolutely to early birds! !!!CX12-1

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, Saturday 9am-6pm. Household, 50's & 60's records & collectibles, radios, tools, some-thing for everyone. 6445 Ridgewood, Clarkston (Andersonville & Big Lake Rd.) IIICX12-1

GARAGE SALE

SAT. 10-4pm, SUN 11-6pm Make offer on used items.

Queen size hide-away bed/ couch; dishes; 13" TV, VCR, chest, office chair, end tables, quilt rack; handicap shower chair, handicap potty chair; antique pitchers; umbrella for 2; NEW ITEMS: Tools, welding torches, and gauges. 1968 Barbie dolls, MUCH MORE!

2780 West

Clarkston Rd

between Joslyn and Baldwin

MULTI FAMILY- Goretex hunting suit, leather couch, teddy bear toddler bed, cribs, music CDs, and lots more. Oc-tober 4-7, 9am-4pm, 4594 Seymdur Lake (between Sashabaw & Baldwin) IIILX43-1

707 DORAL, OFF West Drahner & M-24, Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-3pm. Trampoline with net- like new; aluminum row boat, ceramic kitchen table, small entertainment center, lots morel. IIILX43-1 GARAGE SALE- October 5-6, 9am-? Lots of vintage items including jew-elry, linens, fishing hooks, kitchenware, and upholstered rocking chair with swan arms. Free items Don't miss this one; lots to look at! 2785 Granger between Perry Lake and Hadley, Ortonville. !!!CX12-1 BIG SALE- Thursday, Friday, Octo-ber 5-6, 824 Miller Rd. (off Flint St.), Lake Orion. !!!RX43-1

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130 HOUSEHOLD

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mil; 7ft. country doining table (black), and miscellaneous items. Call 248-930-9179 any time, or visit us Octo-ber 7-8 or 14-15, 12noon-5pm at 5060 Sawmill Lake Rd., Ortonville.

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Why is my Nervous System so important?

In the last article, we defined health as 100% function of all the parts of the body. We determined that the Nervous System runs and coordinates all of our functioning parts. We discovered that genetics really plays a minor role in our health and that we have direct control over making choices to improve our well-being. And finally, we discussed an outline of what is required for health.

Imagine this for a moment... You look at a bug moving close to your hand. The visual signal travels through several neural pathways into the cerebrum (the largest part of your brain). A signal then leaves the brain and travels down the spinal cord. It exits the spinal cord through a nerve root and is sent through a nerve to even more nerves that branch out and innervate the intricate muscles of your hand. All this, just to move your hand away from the bug! And more incredibly, it all happened in less than 1/100th of a second! In fact, according to Dr. James Chestnut, the human brain processes 3 trillion bytes per second! Miraculous!

Our Nervous System acts as a superhighway of information, and absolutely nothing happens in our body without it. Our Central Nervous System is so important that it "coincidentally" is the only system in our body that is encased in hard bone. It also just "happens" to be the very first thing to develop after fertilization of an egg. This is absolutely no coincidence because the nervous system is what organizes, develops and instructs all other cells how to become muscles, organs, glands and other tissues. Take a look at this picture! What you see is the tiny little bones (vertebrae) that are already protecting this baby's nervous system! Without this vital system in place and working, everything in the entire body instantaneously stops (death).

All of this sounds interesting so far right!?

But there's a potential problem. That problem is called subluxation (a shift in one of the vertebrae, or bones in your spine, that interferes with and distorts the messages traveling between your brain and your body through your nervous

itself, mostly due to the pressure used to pull the head and its fullest potential. neck through the birth canal, is the most traumatic process in anyone's life. In fact, Professor Abraham Towbin, M.D. This baby, who we're sure is a boy (although we won't show reported the results of a Harvard Medical School study on you THAT part of the pictures), is in some of the most delicate Newborn/Infant Spinal Cord and Brainstem Injuries in 1969. and important stages of developing his perfect little being, He said, "Injuries occur often during the process of birth, just the way nature intended. And, lucky for him, he is already but frequently escape diagnosis. In infants who survive, there a chiropractic patient (Thanks to his mom!) From the time may be lasting neurological (nervous system) defects he was conceived, his inner wisdom has known exactly how



Could just being born cause subluxation?...

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The only way to know whether or not you and your family Absolutely it could! And it gets even more complicated have subluxation that may be affecting your health is through when interruptions are added to a natural birth process, like a spinal check-up. Don't wait another day to have your family

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Awareness Week (22-28) October 23, 2006 **National Mole Day** Scorpio (10/23-11/22) National Save Your Back Week (23-29) October 24, 2006 **EID-AL-FITR United Nations Day** October 25, 2006 International Magic Week (25-31) October 26, 2006 Mule Day October 27, 2006 Cranky Co-Workers Day Navy Day October 28, 2006 Make a Difference Day October 29, 2006 *Daylight Saving Time Ends: (10/29 - 4/1) October 30, 2008 **Devil's Night** October 31, 2006

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Turning over the reins -- Sue Welker, left, 2005-06 president congratulates 2006-07 president Steve Hyer. Executive Director Penny Shanks applauds in the background.

Celebrating local businesses, volunteers

The Chamber's 18th Annual Meeting was attended by 90 area business leaders, on September 9, at Oakhurst Golf Club. A celebration of the Chamber events over the past year, the Annual Meeting also included the election of 6 Directors to the Board and the installation of officers for FY 2007, which begins this October 1.

Directors elected for 3-year terms, expiring in 2009 include: Dawn Horner, Clarkston State Bank; Steve Hyer, IGD Solutions Inc.; Sue Welker, Law Office of Robert Kostin; Jim Summers, Palace Sports & Entertainment; Carolyn Parcha, LaSalle Bank; and Mike Packard, Everest Academy.

Officers for 2007 are:

President: Steve Hyer, IGD Solutions Inc. President Elect: Lou Melone, Smith Barney

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The Chamber also recognized 43 businesses for their corporate sponsorship of events throughout the year. Business Appreciation Awards were given to: Al Deeby Dodge

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Other appreciation Awards included: **Attitude Award**

The Chamber Award for Attitude is given to Chamber members who exemplify a very positive and effective Chamber attitude when volunteering for and representing the Chamber throughout the year.

This year's award goes to the entire Ambassadors Team, who have done an outstanding job communicating the positive messages of the Chamber.

Co-Chairs: Angie Logan, Clarkston State Bank; Jason T. Ryan, Midstates Home Solutions.

Ambassadors: Ron St. Amant, Changing Places Moving & Storage; Marie Bristow, Clarkston Health Center; Katy Dixon, Discovery Business Systems, Inc.; Gary Hintz, IGD Solutions Inc.; Carolyn Parcha, LaSalle Bank; Robin Brose, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Sherri Salk, National City Bank; Debbie Hansen, Oxford Bank; Mike Mercier, PC Miracles, Inc.; Deborah Pauly, Starpointe Mortgage; Stacey Garland, Title Source, Inc.; Janine Luckett, Village of Fox Creek Apartments.

Team award

To the committee that best demonstrates the Chamber model of team work, pulling together for a common cause and producing incredible outcomes because of their united effort.

Biz-to-Biz: Is anyone listening?

By Maria Rotondo Mark

Is any one out there listening? Communication is our link to success. If you are an employer, an employee, a client or any other segment of community, we link to one another through written word, or word of mouth.

If this is so, have we turned a deaf ear, eyes that will not see, or a silenced voice? Is this what is referred to as the "silent majority?"

'There's a power hidden behind most fears, just waiting to shine Maria through you." I was Rotondo Mark

once silent, kept all emotions in check, yes even pretended not to

know or understand. That was my real hell on earth. After my worst fear came true, I chose to rise above the pain and anguish to a new way of living. Hope turned to possibility, possibility to reality, not a perfect life, just a life with choice. Some were good choices and some to learn and grow from. I worked toward self-forgiveness and eventually forgave others, a very difficult process, well worth pursuing.

Tough economic times can also bring forth the hidden toughness, better known as courage. Earned by most who dare to risk and pursue to rise above.

Today I continue to consider options MakeOver Place Salon

carefully. I look to learn new ways of doing personal life and business, based on hope in today and better tomorrows.

A most current opportunity is around the corner. The building I do business in is currently on the market. My business occupies one third of the space, the other part is waiting for its new venture. It was unsettling in the beginning, looked at other options and chose to ride this one out for a while.

As always when the going gets tough, the tough must get going.

After having taken time out of involvement with community organizations to learn to manage my mom's elder care, another full time position. Managing my salon business, writing for the Clarkston News, keeps me connected with community. Thank you, thank you, one and all.

I have recently rejoined the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Looking forward to a great year; thank you, Don Brose for twisting my arm, there are no bruises.

My faith in humanity, my ability to embrace diversity joyfully, brings sunshine to my heart. Glad you're here to listen, reflect, appreciate and hopefully relate, especially to those you love. Keep filling your cup with relationships; it's the affordable energizing fuel.

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Hot Lunch Menu Item of The Month

Shrimp & Pasta Thermidor from Shepherd's Hollow

Shepherd's Hollow clubhouse restaurant has a Shrimp and Pasta Thermidor with shrimp scampi that is served with penne pasta noodles tossed in a light bechamel sauce with white wine, roasted peppers and dijon mustard and topped with steak-cut tomato and herb panko bread crumbs.

Executive Chef Preston Hill said the dish differs from typical thermidor, which is made with lobster and tossed. in tarragon cream sauce and baked with panko Parmesan herb crust.

"It has an a-la-carte flair," he said. "This and other items are not your typical golf clubhouse dish," he added. The restaurant menu is described as American regional cuisine specializing

in beef and fresh fish and a wide range of other gourmet selections. Shepherd's Hollow is located at 9085

Big Lake Road with an adjoining golf course. Call 248-922-0300 for more information.



Shepherd's Hollow Executive Chef Preston Hill presents Shrimp and Pasta Thermidor. Photo by Paul Kampe

Trini & Carmen's bringing restaurant to Springfield

By Paul Kampe

Local Restaurateur Teresa Boyd hopes to bring her lifetime experience to Springfield Township in less than two monuis

founded by Boyd's family, was started in the late 1950's. There are currently two locations in Waterford Township. The main spot is along Telegraph Road, southwest of Dixie Highway. The other, a carryout location on Elizabeth Lake Road, Boyd sold to her brother five years ago. Those locations serve Mexican cuisine. "I knew I wanted to go north and I found that," Boyd said. "I knew it was going to be far enough away from our other locations. "It's really, really growing, I'm excited about that," she added. Boyd's family members, who live near Holly, said to her, "There's nothing out here." "Not for long," Boyd told them. "This was my chance to be myself and be the owner." Boyd said. Boyd said she wants to put her own touch on her restaurant. She said she wants to have a rounded menu that may include things such as prime rib, chicken dishes and hamburgers. Food that is not necessarily from a Mexican cuisine

menu.

Boyd said that she is looking forward to the change, "I want something for everybody."

She said the current owners took ex-

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Boyd will open Trini and Carmen's Springfield, following the completion of the sale for the property from the current owners. The sale is contingent on the approval of a liquor license transfer by the township.

The 2,308-square-foot building is at 10063 Dixie Highway, north of Davisburg Road. 221B Baker Street, a French finedining establishment is in the building now; however; the sale of the property is likely to be completed within the next month, Boyd said.

Boyd does not anticipate staying closed for more than two weeks to make the change over to the her restaurant, the third current location of that namesake.

"I don't want to be closed for long," Boyd said,

Trini and Carmen's, a restaurant

ceptional care of the building and the biggest change will be the paint that she plans to add.

"I'm going to brighten it up," Boyd said.

Boyd remembers being trained for the restaurant business as a child: "I remember being in the kitchen with my dad experimenting" with different recipes.

Boyd said all the recipes that Trini and Carmen's uses are passed down from her grandparents.

Boyd's son, Randy has been getting training as a cook at the Telegraph Road location and will bring that knowledge with him when he moves to the Springfield location.

Her daughter, Michelle, also from the Telegraph location, will also move to the Springfield restaurant, serving as the dining room manager.

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WTB Recipes: Fall Family Supper

the cooler weather and reacquaint yourself with the delights of a classic oven favorite — stuffed peppers. The savory aroma wafting from the kitchen as they bake is sure to bring the family running to the table.

Perfect for a weeknight meal, Classic Beef-Stuffed Peppers are big on flavor but simple in preparation. Total hands-on time is only 15 minutes, and you don't even have to precook the ground beef. Just combine the beef, rice and seasonings, then stuff the peppers. Top with chunky tomato sauce and pop them into the oven. While the peppers are baking, toss together a simple green salad for a wholesome — and easy — dinner.

Remember, when mixing ground beef, mix lightly but thoroughly --- over-mixing can result in a firm, compact texture after cooking. Also, cook ground beef mixtures to medium (160°F) doneness, using an instant-read thermometer to verify the temperature.

www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com.

Total preparation and cooking time: 1-1/2 hours

Makes 4 servings

4 medium red, green or yellow bell peppers

1 14 1/2-ounce can diced tomatoes, drained

1 8-ounce can tomato sauce

3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, divided

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion

1/2 cup cooked white or brown rice.

- cooled
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoons minced garlic

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Chopped fresh parsley (optional) 1. Heat oven to 400°F. Cut tops off

(Family Features) Take advantage of bell peppers; remove seeds and membranes. Place peppers upright in 8-inch square baking dish, cutting thin slice off bottoms of peppers to stabilize, if necessary.

> 2. Combine tomatoes, tomato sauce and 1 tablespoon parsley in large bowl. Remove and reserve 1 cup tomato mixture. Combine ground beef, onion, rice, remaining 2 tablespoons parsley, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, salt and black pepper with remaining tomato mixture in bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly.

> 3. Spoon beef mixture evenly into peppers. Top with reserved tomato mixture. Cover baking dish with aluminum foil.

> 4. Bake at 400°F for 30 minutes. Uncover baking dish; continue baking 35 to 40 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until beef is not pink in center and juices show no pink color. Garnish with parsley, if desired.

Cook's Tip: Due to the natural nitrate content of certain ingredients For more delicious beef recipes, visit such as onions, celery and bell peppers, ground beef may remain pink even when a 160°F internal temperature has been reached. Always verify the internal temperature with a meat thermometer or instant-read thermometer to be certain it reaches 160°F.

> Nutrients per serving using 80 percent lean ground beef: 328 calories; 15g fat (5g saturated fat, 6g monounsaturated fat); 77mg cholesterol; 824mg sodium; 25g carbohydrate; 5.1g fiber; 25g protein; 5.7mg niacin; 0.7mg vitamin B6; 2.1mcg vitamin B12; 4mg iron; 19mcg selenium; 5.8mg zinc.

This recipe is an excellent source of fiber, protein, niacin, vitamin B_x, vitamin B_{12} , iron, selenium and zinc.

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WTB Relaxing:

Try the 2004 Robert Hall Cabernet Sauvignon

With colder weather usually comes the desire for a heartier wine.

The Paso Robles region of California, an area three times the size of the well-known Napa Valley region, has a great selection of such wines -- many of which are carried locally at the Orion Market on Clarkston Road.

"This is a region that's making fine wine at a great price," said store owner Kevin Kallabat.

Of the many Paso Robles wines he carries, Kallabat recommends, among others, the 2004 Robert Hall Cabernet Sauvignon.

"This is a fully matured wine," Kallabat said. "It's heavier and heartier than others."

The wine is barrel-aged in underground oak barrels for 18 months, and its intense dark ruby red color includes a complex variety of aromas, including plum, black currant and cocoa.

Kallabat recommends the 2004 Robert Hall Cabernet with a juicy steak from the grill or a hearty roast. He said it would even go well with a nice burger, and, as always, suits fondues and other chocolate desserts nicely.

Kallabat said the wine is still on the young side and will be good for a few more years, but, because of its reasonable price at Orion Market, now is the time to pick up a bottle.



Orion Market carries a variety of selections and prices from the Paso Robles region. The store offers some of the area's best prices on popular wines and has a wide variety of high-end products as well.

Keep potatoes fresher longer and better tasting too

(Family Features) Potatoes are a favorite food for just about everyone. They are economical, low in calories, nutritious and versatile - they can be prepared in a variety of ways. But have you noticed potatoes can often turn green causing an unpleasant, bitter taste and unappetizing appearance?

In fact, potatoes lose their freshness with increased exposure to light. This problem, called "greening," causes a bitter taste. Yellow potatoes are the most vulnerable type. The fact is, you probably throw away about 15 percent of the potatoes you buy every year because of this spoilage – and that's money taken right out of your pocketbook. But now, help is one step closer.

MountainKing, a well-known potato grower and producer of premium potatoes, recently introduced the Flavor Fresh[™] Bag to the market to help protect potatoes. This innovative, high-tech package provides a storage solution to prevent greening, both at stores and at home. Flavor FreshTM Bags use an opaque white plastic cover on the top of the bag to keep light out. On the reverse side of the bag, a mesh window allows air to circulate around the potatoes. This way, light is kept out while prolonging freshness, protecting taste and reducing potato shrinkage. "The opaque film side of the bag will essentially exclude light from reaching the potatoes, thus reducing, if not eliminating, greening," said Robert E. Thornton, professor emeritus at Washington State University. "The mesh and vented plastic portion of the bag provide for air movement around the potatoes to prevent moisture accumulation on the potatoes (which causes shrinkage). Both of these features result in extending the shelf life

of the potato and a better tasting potato." To locate a store near you that carries MountainKing Potatoes in Flavor please **Fresh**TM Bags. visit: www.MountainKingPotatoes.com

Garlic Parmesan Mashed Potatoes Servings: 8 to 10

3 pounds MountainKing Butter Gold Potatoes, peeled (abcut 6)

- 6 whole garlic cloves, peeled
- 3/4 cup to 1 cup half-and-half

3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

Salt to taste

- Dash white pepper
- Dash nutmeg

Cut potatoes in quarters. Cook potatoes and garlic in boiling, lightly salted water until a fork pierces them easily (about 20 to 25 minutes).

Gently heat half-and-half in a small saucepan or in the microwave.

Drain potatoes and garlic in a colander; return to pot. Add 3/4 cup warm halfand-half to potatoes and garlic. Mash thoroughly. (Add remaining 1/4 cup of half-and-half if the mixture seems too dry).

Add Parmesan cheese and mix thoroughly. Season to taste with salt, white pepper and nutmeg.

Serve immediately



Simple vision keeps Clarkston's Starpointe Mortgage on top

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Staying on the cutting edge by doing Starpointe Mortgage in Clarkston is haveverything in their power not to be thought of as a broker, keeps Starpointe Mortgage at the top. Even with Michigan in rowers selling for you by getting them its downward cycle of home purchases,

ing banner earnings.

Starpointe's vision is simple: Get borthe best deal, place them only with repu-



Are there gaps in your business coverage?

By Dave Smith, State Farm® Agent

There are many types of insurance to cover your small business. From property insurance on your building or contents to coverage for your business vehicles, there is a policy to meet most of your needs.

While these policies on their own may provide

enough coverage, you may be unaware of gaps. Most insurance policies place limits on the amount of coverage provided for certain items, as well as the types of losses



that are cov-Dave Smith, of ered. These State Farm ins. gaps could be

significant depending on your situation. Fortunately, insurance companies may offer endorsements that are

added to policies and extend coverage to a type of loss or increase the amount of coverage available. For example, if your standard policy limits coverage for an outdoor sign at \$500, an endorsement can be added if the cost of your sign exceeds that limit.

Coverage may also be extended to include the personal property of others, normally excluded in the policy language. This could be a much needed option for repair businesses or dry cleaners.

It is important that you look at the coverage options provided by your business policy to determine if they are adequate for your needs. Your business insurance agent should be able to explain the limitations and what options could be added to increase coverage. You may want to start by making a list of questions applicable to your particular business.

You have worked hard to make your business a success. You owe it to yourself to have adequate coverage in place to protect what you have built.

Kids back to school, now treat yourself

By Debbie Trevarrow

at More Than Hair of Clarkston

out your hair. Dampen a small towel and place it in the microwave for about 30 to From one business person to another, 45 seconds, wrap the towel around your hair for about 3 minutes, rinse and style as usual. This helps the conditioner to penetrate the hair shaft, leaving your hair silky soft.

table lenders and most of all, avoid all the extra fees that other brokers charge.

'We are the broker without all the broker fees," said Branch Manager Gary Rehandorf, one of the eight loan officers who, during 2005's "down year," closed more than \$120 million in production.

'We know it's critical to keep our borrowers happy throughout the entire process, because if they lose faith in us, they could lose faith in our referral base ---be it a realtor, financial planner, CPA or family friend. If that cycle of service breaks, we all lose, so it is our top priority to avoid that situation."

The trusted loan advisors at Clarkston's Starpointe Office have more than 40 years of mortgage origination experience combined. They work on 100percent referrals, and their success has local retail mortgage branches taking notice.

Established in 1997 by Michael Cosentino, Starpointe Mortgage continues to show their customers how brokers should do business. Things continue to look up for Starpointe, as clients are reaching out at (248) 620-3030.



Chamber members enjoyed a good meal, lots of networking opportunities.

Chamber's annual shindig packs plenty of honors, fun

Continued from page 3 Schools; Mark Schroeder, Clarkston Area Optimist Club; Charles Spademan; Mike Turk, Independence Township Parks & Recreation.

Donation of Time Award

This award is given to a Chamber member who volunteers on a committee level and whose donation of time, talent and service to Chamber projects has greatly impacted the success of the event or project.

Mike Mercier, PC Miracles Inc. **Results award**

The Chamber Award for Results is given to a committee, volunteer, chairman or board member whose efforts deliver a significant financial impact to the Chamber's efforts.

Stacey Garland, Title Source, Golf Classic

Scott Sheldon, Key Benefits, Concerts in the Park

Carolyn Parcha, LaSalle Bank Taste of Clarkston

President's award

The highest honor that the Chamber bestows is the President's Award, given to an individual whose leadership and support greatly impacted the Chamber and the President's term. This year two individuals were selected for recognition:

Dawn Horner, Clarkston State Bank Steve Hyer, IGD Solutions Inc.

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce seeks to Connect Business and **Community and Build Better Business** Opportunities in the Clarkston Area. Membership begins at \$190 per year. For more information on membership contact Geri or Zoe at the Chamber: 248-625-8055 or visit www.clarkston.org.

InkLink Zone: Good for the enviroment

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 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. Here is how the business works: Customers bring in their empty inkjet print cartridges. A quick check can determine whether or not the cartridge can be refilled and what ink is needed using the InkTec system. A cartridge is then refilled and a test strip is printed to ensure quality, all in Please see InkLink on page 15



w that we are approaching fall and the kids are back in school, there is little time for ourselves. Juggling work, families

errands, and after school activities we sometimes feel like we don't have time to breathe. let alone pamper ourselves. We at More Than Hair of Clarkston wanted to give you a few ways to give yourself a relaxing treatment.

1. Conditioning Debble Treatment Trevarrow After washing

your hair apply a dollop amount (about a size of a quarter) of a heavy conditioner such, as Redken All Soft, in the palm of your hand and disperse evenly through

2. Well Water Treatment

Use Malibu packets with Redken Hair Cleansing Cream as directed on the package to remove well water minerals from your hair. This helps especially with discolored blonde hair. Afterwards you will want to use a good conditioning treatment like the one above.

3. Soft skin

Soften the skin on your hands and feet by massaging your feet and calves with a body oil. Next microwave a damp towel for about 1 minute and wrap it around your feet. After 3 minutes remove the towel and slather feet and calves with a moisturizer. Repeat the same procedure for your hands. Your skin will feel unbelievably soft.

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Some say business is all about who you know.

We couldn't agree more.

When you get to know Oxford Bank you'll notice a difference. You see, we've been around since 1884, and have learned a few things along the way. Our people recognize there's much more to business than balance sheets and income statements.

We match our understanding of the market with solid business sense and a wide assortment of banking products to help you run your business successfully. Add to that a team truly committed to providing a courteous customer service experience, and you get Oxford Bank.

Get to know Oxford Bank.

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By Michael A.Campian

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Although reference checking is an important part of the hiring process, it's one of the most difficult to do properly. Potential employers

want to get as much information as possible about a job applicant, but former employers want to provide as little information as possible-to avoid being sued by the former employee. Therein lies the difficulty.

When checking Michael A. job references, Campian, partner keep two guidelines B2B CFO, CIO, LLP in mind:

Be careful not to violate the laws that prohibit discrimination; and

Protect yourself against negligenthiring claims.

If you only check the references for applicants who are women or minorities, you could be charged with discriminating against those applicants on the basis of sex and race. If you ask inappropriate questions of a former employer - such as if the applicant had an illness that caused absence from the workplace for extended periods of time - you could be charged with disability discrimination.

Generally, the rules to follow when checking references are: S. Mark Barry

Don't ask any questions that you aren't allowed to ask the applicant during a job interview.

Make sure all of your questions are job related.

A negligent hiring claim can arise when

your employee injures another person or 210

another person's property, and you would have had notice of the possibility if you had checked the individual's background. Essentially, the claim is based on the argument that you failed to properly check your employee's background and that a proper check would have caused you to reject this employee.

The best way to protect your company against such a claim is to adopt a detailed plan for checking the references of all applicants. This plan should provide for the following:

Have the person who interviewed the applicant also check the applicant's references.

· Make sure detailed notes are kept of all reference checks - to document that a comprehensive reference check was performed.

Create a reference checklist or interview form with a list of questions that should be asked of former employers. Include the question "would you re-hire this employee?" On that list of questions.

· Try to talk to the applicant's immediate supervisor at prior jobs.

To make reference checking easier, require all applicants to sign a form releasing previous employers and educational institutions from liability for responding truthfully to your questions about the applicant.

Reference checking is a critical part of the hiring process. If you set up a well-planned program to check references, you can obtain the information you need to make the final hiring decision without creating future problems for your company.

Michael A. Campian, Partner, B2B CFO/ C10, LLP

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The impact of color

By Vicky Winkler

At some point, all business owners need to make some sort of decision about the use of color in print, whether it be display

advertising, promotional materials, training materials, etc. I think most people would agree that color has more impact than just black and white. And, it's now been quantifieAd by rent research. came across some interesting statistics put out by Xerox on Vicky Winkler, the impact of color, owner of The and here are just a Marketing Shop, few: Oxford.

owed on a bill!

People are 2.5% more likely to pay the full amount when its shown in color. **Improve Communication**

Color increases comprehension by as much as 73% - messages are understood faster and more clearly.

Color increases learning and retention by 78%.

Color can boost survey participation by 80% - it's hard enough to get survey response, so better add color!

Reader comprehension has been found to be 14% better with highlight color than bold text.



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Enhancing Pro-

ductivity

Color reduces search time by as much as 80% (think about trying to find a section on a lengthy form).

Color reduces errors by 80% - helps customers fill out forms properly.

Information can be located 70% faster if it's in color – use color to highlight sections, headings, and summaries.

Document sorting improves by 15% when highlight color is used.

Highlight color improves search time by 39% compared to using different fonts.

Color can increase payment response by up to 30% - use color to highlight amount

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Color increases motivation by up to 80% - use color when communicating with employees.

Boost Sales

Color helps sell up to 80% - add color to your print materials!

Color can improve brand recognition by up to 80% - brand recognition helps customers break through the clutter.

Capture Attention

Color emphasizes critical information and conveys a sense of professionalism the decision to read direct mail happens in just 2.5 seconds; so give it your best shot by adding color.

Color increases readers' attention spans and recall by 82%.

Color makes an impression that is 39% more memorable, and remember us is what

Please see Impact on page 15



YOUR BIZ WORLD = E-mail high-resolution photos (200 dpi jpeg images or better) from your business event

to Biz@clarkstonnews.com. Heck, if it's good enough we'll even make it the cover shot!

Smiling faces from area business





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Protecting your health medication safety

By Chris Meny, R.Ph.

One of the most important topics when discussing medication therapy is patient safety. Your healthcare team requires complete and accurate knowledge of any medications that you currently take, medication allergies, and any health conditions you may have to en-

sure that your healthcare is both safe and effective. People are often under the care of multiple doctors and there are also multiple options when it comes to filling your prescriptions. Each of your doctors and pharmacist Chris Meny, should have a Walgreen



complete picture pharmacist of your medical

history. Not only do we need to know all of your health conditions (including pregnancy and/or diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, osteoporosis, etc.), we also need to know all of the medications and supplements that you are currently taking, in addition to any medication allergies you have.

It is important that as the patient, you are a knowledgeable and active player on your healthcare team. To do this, you should ask questions and communicate with the other team members. In order to optimize your chances of successful and safe drug therapy you should first know the purpose of each of your medications. You should pay close attention to all directions, such as how and when to take your medication and any special storage requirements. Know what to expect from your medication; including the length of time it takes before you'll notice its effect, the effect the medication will have on your body, and what side effects may occur. Lastly,

you should strive to remain compliant with your therapy. It is important to try not to miss a dose, but you should also know what to do if this happens.

A complete list of the medications and supplements that you are currently taking will enable your doctor and pharmacist to prevent drug interactions. Although combination therapy for certain conditions can utilize drug interactions for a positive outcome, we need to prevent the negative interactions that could be detrimental to your health. These potentially harmful drug interactions can cause toxicity of one or more medications and lead to serious side effects. However, the reverse can happen as well. The absorption of some medications can be decreased if taken with food, antacids, or other supplements (such as calcium), leading to therapy failure.

You should also be careful when treating yourself with over-the-counter medications. Although there are a few exceptions, these medications are meant only for short term use. When a person self medicates for longer than the time recommended, they may be masking an underlying problem that should be treated only by a doctor. If you must take an overthe-counter medication for more than 4 days, or your symptoms return after discontinuing the medication, it may be appropriate for you to consult your doctor. Two examples of this potential problem occur with cold/flu medications and heartburn (acid-reflux) relief. If a cold/flu medication is used for too long it may mask the signs of an infection that needs to be treated with an antibiotic. The symptoms associated with heartburn can also be associated with heart problems. Chronic heartburn, if not treated properly, can also lead to other problems.

Finally, prescription medication should be used only by the person it was prescribed for. If medication is shared, it could prevent the other person from seeking appropriate medical attention, cause toxicity, or even death.



Let's talk about the 'Best' deal

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By Valerie Cooper-Worbois It's not uncommon to hear "you get what you pay for." But does that mean you have to pay top dollar to get a good, quality item?

Does that mean if John goes to Groceries R Us to purchase a box of Cheerios and

Sue goes to Groceries for Less and Sue pays less for the exact same item, that John's Cheerios are than better Sue's? No, it just means that Sue

is a more price conscious shop- Valerie Cooperper and received Worbois, of the best deal. Impressive Type,

Just because LLC she paid less

does not mean the quality was not as good. Maybe it was "buy one get the second one half-price." Maybe it was "buy milk, get the cereal free." Maybe the more items you purchase the better the price. Whatever the reason, you don't have to pay big bucks to get a quality product.

When you sign up for cable, internet and phone, if you purchase each one from a different company, you pay a higher price, but if you combined any two of them or all three, you get a better deal.

A vacation package is the same

thing, you buy a plane ticket and then book a hotel and rent a car, it will cost you a fortune. If you combine them, it may still cost you a fortune, but a smaller fortune and you will still be getting the all three.

You go to buy a computer; do you purchase the monitor, computer, and printer separately, or do you buy it as a package and get a better deal?

How about when you need new shocks on your car? You don't tell the mechanic, "I'll purchase them separately so I can pay a higher price." Or, "One please, I am getting the other one at another garage."

Now let's go to the printing business. There are numerous items business owners purchase. Letterhead and envelopes, business cards, invoices, receipts, flyers, postcards, pens, shirts, hats, signs, banners, magnets, pencils, invitations, awards, plaques, note pads and prescription pads. There are too many items to name them all. The question is; how many places do you go to purchase these items? Like any other business, the more items purchased from a print shop, the better pricing you get.

Bottom line, while looking for the best price and best quality for an item, don't forget, often, if you purchase multiple items from the same place, you get a better deal.

Same product, less money. And, I am sure that in this day and age, we are all looking to get the best deal we can get!



Tired of searching for a "one-stop-shop"?



Ciarkston State Bank President Dawn Horner is a hard worker and a great volunteer in the community. She was recently featured in the Clarkston News' Milistream cover story. If you or somebody you know has an interesting story to be shared, call the CNews office at 248-625-3370.











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Notebook computer maintenance

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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 impor- Anthony Moore, of tant item to re- Zak Computer member while Centers 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

Notebook computers, the smaller 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 build-

> 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.

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The horrors of outsourcing, Version 2.0

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By Luc Robert "Slick" Poirier Co-Founder, President & CEO

Slick and Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites The chill of October creeps through

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my office walls, aided by swirling midnight gusts as I toil late into the moonlit evening. I get up from my desk and walk to the java machine near a window that overlooks Main Street. Jack-

o-lanterns, some funny and others frightening, line the steps of many homes and businesses, reminding passersby that Halloween is on its way.

I get my fix of caffeine when I hear something behind me. Heart pounding and hair (well...if I had any...it's a metaphor!) standing on end, my eyes race across the office to identify this terribly wrong sound.I hear it Luc Poirier, coagain. It's coming from ... my desktop!

Bubba's Elite & It's 12:15am and some- Expeditious one ... perhaps something ... Websites is sending me an e-mail.

Lee or Stephen King, which would be alarming enough, but from a sinister, vile source, darker than the screenplay logic from M. Night Shaliman's latest cinematic farce. It's from Jack Lang and it reads as follows:

"Komron Technology is a leading China software company focused on delivering the best and most cost-effective solutions to our clients in areas such as professional website design solutions, web development, ecommerce web applications, contract web designers, IT outsourcing, graphic design, flyer design, etc. Rates start as low as \$15US per hour.'

Aargh! It's the invasion of the Offshore Outsource Solicitors!

All kidding aside, the e-mail is both funny and frightening. What's funny is the various inconsistent font styles and sizes throughout the text, looking less professional (even though they offer "flyer design") and more like it was cut from other sources and pasted together. Also laughable is Lang's direct e-mail: website.service@yahoo.com. Now "Jack Lang" is the "project manager" of a leading Chinese software company, yet his e-mail address is from a free source and not through his company's domain. Hmmm?

What's frightening is somewhere a company's decision maker will look at the attached price list and actually do business with this enterprise located in the city of Shenzhen of the Guangdong Province of China. Regular readers of my column may regall the June 2006 story on ou sourcing (Bob's Bruised Business... or the True Cost of Oursourcing) where I had elected to do²dry cleaning business with a new company and ended up losing 3 shirts (2 were lost and 1 destroyed). When I challenged the dry cleaner about this, their excuse was that they "outsourced the cleaning and it must've happened at the other facility." I tried to save time and money but it ended up costing more in the end. Thus, the vicious cycle begins: You're challenged to cut costs, and more often than not the most competitive bids come from offshore sources,

But how much do you really save? Consider the following from an entrepreneur who learned the hard way:

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"The contract house gave us a very competitive fixed-bid on a project. This raised some concerns, but not enough to rule them out -- money talks, and we were trying to spend as little as possible. As they got further into the project, the scope of the project

'grew.' Why? Because they did not give the project's complexity any credit when they bid. We were not adding features or functionality -- they were just beginning to realize the scope of the work.

"It was clear their sales force had over-committed their engineering staff in a terrible way. Their engineers resented us and their own management, and it showed dent, CEO Slick & in their dealings with us. Not even halfway through the project, they admitted they had underbid -- now they

It's not an e-mail from Christopher needed more money to complete the project (ironic, since one of the primary factors in choosing them was the attractive price tag). The project was completed by (a stateside company) once we decided we'd cut our losses and sever our relationship. I don't know if we would (offshore) outsource again. I feel like we bought software development services from a used-car salesman."

> Michael Cooney, News Editor for World Network

(www.networkworld.com), also did an outsourcing horror story earlier this year involving a US firm that thought it was protecting itself by insisting the employees of an Indian company they were outsourcing a project to sign nondisclosure agreements (NDA's). They learned NDA's were "of little use when it came to prosecuting" a disgruntled employee of the Indian company when he stole a copy of the project code and threatened to sell it to the US company's competitors. Network World is a leading network IT media company.

The NDA's "weren't worth the paper they were written on," said Nenette Day, an FBI special agent out of Boston who worked on the case. Regarding companies protecting themselves when outsourcing to other countries, Day advises executives to assume that they have no legal rights. "In India, for example, there is no theft of trade secret law," Day says.

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google? Increasingly, that is the question for people searching the Internet for shopping information, travel options or background for a term paper. Choose to google and you're in good company. Google is the most-used search engine on the Web

But how much do you really know about Google and what it can do? Did you know Google can also help you manage your finances or check your child's algebra homework? "Almost everyone I know uses Google, but few use it to its full potential," says Michael Miller, author of 75 best-selling how-to books, including his latest tome "Googlepedia: The Ultimate Google Resource," from Que Publishing.

"Most people are just skimming the surface of what Google can do," says Miller. Google searches are highly customizable. You can use the search engine to ferret out address and phone numbers of long-lost acquaintances; search scholarly information; find word definitions; perform complex mathematical calculations; create detailed maps; e-mail, chat, and blog; search and download video, images and music; and track headlines.

Google, says Miller, is a tool like any other. If you know all its capabilities, limitations and the proper way to use it, you'll get the best results. Miller offers some tips for making the most of your Google searches:

* If you're searching for an exact phrase - such as a famous quote or person's name - but don't remember all the words, put the phrase in quotation marks and use the wildcard character (") to stand in for the missing word. For example, if you can't remember Richard Nixon's middle mine. try the search "Richard * Nixon."

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common words such as "the," "where," "what," "and" or "how" from a search. To include those words, put a plus sign in front of the word: "+where the red fern grows."

* To exclude results that contain a particular word, put a minus sign in front of it. So if you want to search for a "bass" singer, not the "bass" fish, you search would read: bass -fish.

* If you know the specific file type you're searching for, you can narrow your search by adding "filetype:" to your search. For example, of you're only looking for Word documents, your would read: search query "filetype:doc."

* If you are looking for a specific number within a range of numbers use the ellipsis to indicate the range: 100 ... 300.

* Found a Web page you like and want to see more similar to it? Use Google's operator "related:" followed by the original Web page address. For example: "related www.clarkstonnews.com" will return news Web sites similar to Cnews' home page

* Finally, did you know you can use Google as a calculator? Just enter a mathematical equation into the search box and hit "enter" on your keyboard. Google will supply the answer - for addition; subtraction, multiplication, division and algebra. You can also find the value of many common constants, such as Pi, Avogadro's Number, and the mass of the sun.

Miller, who does not work for Google, first wrote Meanthansairch ne bestern venningen efferten die beste a beste tenting allegen die besterne still in beta t about Michael Miller and his books, visit version of the second of the s stores, or calling at www.bn.com



Day adds, another thing to consider when outsourcing to other countries is not just whether there are laws to profect intellectual property but whether the laws are enforced. "No criminal law exists if the police will not enforce it." When cultural issues creep in and service-level expectations are set too high, this sets the stage for outsourcing nightmares that can result in foreboding transitional costs and expensive, labor-intensive ongoing relationship management.

John M. Callahan, partner in Chicago's law firm of McDermott Will & Emery, LLP (www.mwe.com), focuses on mergers and acquisitions, outsourcing transactions, complex contracts and corporate governance, identifies 3 common mistakes firms make Please see Outsourcing Version 2.0 p 14



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News and announcements from your business

Clarkston area has a new salon to do everything

Independence Township has a new allin-one salon and spa to meet every need.

"We wanted to bring full-service to the community," said Tiffiny Graff, manager of Bellezza Salon and Spa.

Bellezza's offerings do not stop at hair and nail treatment. The salon offers several laser treatments such as Botox, hair removal, spider vein treatment, acne resolution and Cellulite treatment with Velasmooth skin rejuvenation system.

"They're (Velasmooth) getting phenomenal results...I think it will be one of the biggest draws," said Nancy Ramos, laser specialist with Bellezza.

Bellezza offers several facial skin treatments, body massages and spa treatments including body wraps. The salon also books spa packages.

Graff said the services all feed off one another. "We wanted to bring all of that so you don't have to run to Bloomfield Township or Birmingham."

Laura Liston, an esthetician for the salon said, "A lot of clients are so happy to have one place."

Liston is in charge of hiring a team of employees to work with the two-room spa, scheduled to open soon.

The team is estimated to be between 15-20 employees, most have already worked in the Clarkston area.

The salon is housed in a 3,200-squarefoot building lined with mirrors and several styling chairs back-to-back with dividers between creating sections. The salon is complete with two large screen televisions and a fireplace.

"It would be a great place to hang out...the girls take their time with their clients," Ramos said.

Bellezza is seeking to capture what could be an untapped market – male clients.

"A lot of men are scared of the salon life," Graff said.

Management is proposing a "Monday Night Football" sort of guys' night at the salon.

"I know there are tons of men out there who want to be catered to," Graff said.

Graff said the shop came together quickly, in the two months and opened on



Manager Tiffiny Graff stands next to an employee at the new Bellezza Salon and Spa at 6465 Dixie Highway. Nancy Ramos, a laser specialist for the salon stands to the right. *Photo by Paul Kampe*

July 17. She attributes that to the experience of the crew involved.

Graff is grateful to owner Terry Woodworth, of Clarkston for investing in Bellezza.

"I wasn't growing at the salon I was at," Graff said. She said Woodworth took her from that place and helped bring her to a great situation.

"We were very fortunate," Graff said. "He did it for us so we would have a new place to grow."

Graff said the salon has a family feel that clients will enjoy.

"We are so excited about this and it's because of the atmosphere," Graff said. She said the environment is what will set Bellezza apart from other salons.

Graff said the name Bellezza came from a brainstorming session with Woodworth's daughter. They were researching how to say beautiful in foreign languages, and the Italian translation stuck.

Their address is 6465 Dixie Highway and they can be reached at 248-620-0301.

Get a better night sleep

By Dave Pemberton

Scientists estimate people spend onethird of their life sleeping, but many never clean their mattress. Chris Bicknell of Mitee Clean thinks that could be a big mistake.

Mitee Clean is Bicknell's branch of Goodnight Mites, which provides mattress sanitizing services.

"People spend money on cleaning their carpets, furniture and air ducts, but then they hop into bed at night without knowing their mattress and bedding contains the highest concentration of dust mite allergens," Bicknell said. "They wonder why they wake up hoarse, wheezy, sneezy or itchy, which are all common side effects of dust mite allergies.

"The more I looked at the huge and growing problem we have in the United States with allergies and asthma, the more I realized the mattress sanitizing service could help a lot of people, including me and my family."

According to Bicknell, not cleaning your mattress can cause all sorts of health problems, especially if you have asthma. "About 90 percent of people with asthma are allergic to dust mites," Bicknell said. "The largest indoor allergen is dust mites. About 80 percent of what you see in a ray of sunlight is dead skin cells and dust mites travel on those. That's how they get throughout the house."



Chris Bicknell

ing the high powered vacuum on the entire mattress.

"The vacuum reaches deep into the mattress and pulls up all the material that doesn't belong there," Bicknell said. "I then use an ultraviolet (UVC) germicidal light. The light kills bacteria, viruses or any other small microorganisms. Then I use the anti-allergen spray."

Bicknell said the process normally takes between 20-25 minutes and he can do three mattresses in an hour and a half. To make an appointment for the free test, or for more information on the process, call 248-701-4112 or e-mail miteman@goodnight-mites.com. Appointments can be made for during the day, evening or weekends.



Julie Alexander Walks in 3-day breast cancer Walk On August 11-13, Julie Alexander, an agent at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate (Clarkston Office) participated in the Breast Cancer 3-Day. Her team raised over \$17,000 in the fight against Breast Cancer. The team consisted of 5 walkers (in photo): Christle Feyers, Karin Saunders, Mellssa Traver (sister), Julie Alexander and Gina Daniels. Also representing team "Sisters in Stride" as crew members were Julie's mom (Ginny Beardsley), and sister Kim Beardsley. Kim battled breast cancer in 2005 and has an excellent prognosis.

Mitee Clean offers a free mattress test for dust mite allergens, with no obligation to have the entire mattress sanitized.

"We us a high powered vacuum to pull them out of the mattress," Bicknell said. "We test to see the level of allergy proteins. It tells us if it's a high level or low level. Based on that, the client can say they want the process done or not. Usually, when people see what we pulled out within a couple of feet, they decide to have the process done."

The process begins with Bicknell us-

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Finances: opinions from around town, beyond Is it time to change 401 (k) plan providers?

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By Bill Langdon, Jr. RFC CFS BCM RFP* Board Certified Funds Specialist Specializing in Retirement Plans and Wealth Management

Much is written about retirement plans lately, so we thought it appropriate businesses should review their current 401(k) plans. Plan Administrators should ask the following types of questions of their current or potential advisors:

1) Can we improve on the record keeping capability of our plans?

2) Do we have sufficient fund choices and flexibility of moving funds to address changing needs of our employees?

3) Are the education and communication programs addressing current trends and most importantly the needs of our employees?

Moving a plan to another provider is more complicated than most Plan Administrators realize. The more questions you ask now. the more confident you will be you chose a provider who will be a partner in ensuring your employees' secure future. .Our intent this month is to help you ask the right questions -- to make certain your plans are the "best" they can be for your company and your employees.

What questions should be asked of current or potential 401(k) plan advisors? Service.

1) Is your provider in the same community or in another state? Remember, services needed after the sale, such as participant education, are easier to arrange locally.

2) Is there a call center and what are its hours? How much information does the center have about your account?

3) Is the provider's web support equal to or better than what you're accustomed to with regard to user friendliness?

4) Are participant statements and management reports user friendly and schedules for issuing them appropriate for your needs?

5) What is the schedule for receiving loan checks and retirement distributions?

6) How quickly are contributions or investment transfers recorded?

Compatibility.

Request references from Plan Administrators of similar plan sizes and styles that have had both positive and negative experiences with the provider. Not all providers are suitable for a small or start-up plan where the administrator may need more handholding and service involvement. Not all are suited for a complex plan with multi-million dollar balances.

Fees.

It's important to address your preferred ratio of employer-paid costs to costs paid out of employees' accounts. Plan providers may be paid in ways that shift costs away from the sponsor and the participants. Fees cover costs for maintaining shareholder records, providing financial statements, administering custodial and accounting services and for management fees internal to a given fund. They may be calculated on the basis of plan assets, eligible participants, the execution of certain transactions or fixed charges.

provider to transmit records to their successor and the new provider to load the data, cross check it and disseminate information to your company and your employees? It's your right and responsibility to push hard with any provider to give you a realistic esti-

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Determining the 'Best' provider through the 'RFP'

the interim.

process Proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) never capture all of the essential components you need to precisely assess potential providers. Therefore, the RFP should only be ONE of

the methods used to determine potential providers, if at all.

If you decide to use RFP, a template should be used to standardize your requests. The Society of Professional Administrators and Record Keepers (SPARK) provides the most commonly used template. SPARK's template is thorough but cumbersome. It focuses too heavily on technical aspects, many of which are "standardized" by noteworthy providers. It also neglects to address critically important components of finding the right provider for your company. Still, it remains the best option if you elect to utilize the RFP process.

Rather than relying upon quantitative comparisons of competitors, you should base your final decision on a more balanced set of criteria that will help you find the best provider.

Following are additional criteria to base your decision:

Philosophical Fit -- the closest match to the overall value proposition and the culture and values of your company.

Product Fit -- the closest equivalent of a provider's solution to the specifications of your retirement plan.

People Fit -- the provider's team that has the best personal fit with you and your employees.

How do you determine if your 401(k) provider is 'best' for your company?

The best solution for answering this question is to perform a meaningful 401(k) Plan Due Diligence Study. Why is this study important? First, it is the law!

The Employee Retirement Income Securities Act (ERISA) states plan administrators must ensure their company's plan is designed for the sole benefit of the participants and that plan expenses are reasonable using the "prudent man" standard. Secondly, a comprehensive due diligence can result in lower fees and administrative burdens for the company, even without changing providers. Finally, participants can realize better returns through lower fund costs and better choices while potentially making better decisions through improved web-based advice tools and other state-of-the-art services a new provider might offer.

mine if your plan is reasonably priced. It's also an excellent bargaining chip with your current provider. Relying solely on information from your provider is an obvious conflict. Even though the information and result may be worthwhile, the process is flawed.

Merely believing your plan is the "best" and competitive will offer scant protection against lawsuits and regulatory review. According to a 2004 Department of Labor ERISA Committee report, ERISA places substantial responsibilities on plan fiduciaries charged in overseeing the administration and investments of pension plans to understand the total amount of fees paid to a service provider to insure reasonableness and also to understand the revenue sharing arrangements between various providers.

As part of your 401(k) due diligence, you should review the following aspects of your plan and activities of your provider:

Pricing

1. Funds

Management fees

12(b)(1) fees (commissions paid to broker or fees to offset record-keeping expenses paid out of expense ratios)

Sub-transfer agency fees (paid from fund expense ratios to offset recordkeeping fees)

Placement or marketing fees (offsets record-keeping fees)

Soft-dollar payments like directed

Clarkston State Bank offers loans to small biz

ADEDIN TEATTER to established companies looking to expand, all kinds of businesses need to take out loans. Clarkston State Bank's Commercial Lending Department can be used for initial expenses, financ-

ing ongoing operations, real estate or major investments in equipment. Depending on the loan you qualify for, the business may need to make monthly payments that in- Don Bolton.

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plus interest to

brokerage Trading costs

Wrap fees

2. Administration and record-keeping Conversion rates **Omnibus** fees

Participant or employee fees

Transactional fees like loan administration and brokerage costs

Investments: How does your plan compare to applicable benchmarks and peer groups?

1-, 3-, 5-year performance Expenses

Risk

Volatility

Style diversification and drift Provider competitiveness . . .

Client loyalty and advocacy -What percentage of clients are searching for a new provider, what is the quality of other clients' recommendations, would they use their provider for other services etc.? Do not waste time calling pre-screened references supplied by providers.

... Scale - Assets and plans under management, which is especially important in an era of provider consolidation

. Market focus - Does your provider serve your market segment? Please see 401(k) providers on page-14

From earliest planning stages \$10,000 or \$1,000,000, so you can take your business to the next level.

> The most common - and generally the easiest - reason to get a business loan is for expand ing your business, either by opening new locations, entering new territories, or otherwise increasing the scope of your current operations.

> While expansion is probably the most common reason for applying for a business loan, here are a few other ways companies use the extra financing:

· The purchase of real estate to house the business

Construction, renovation or leasehold improvements

· To purchase furniture, fixtures, machinery, or equipment For the flooring of inventory

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Compliance.

IRS filings, plan distribution reporting, and nondiscrimination testing to ensure your plan does not unfairly benefit highly compensated employees all need to be someone's designated responsibility. Confirm these services are built into base charges of your plan. If additional charges will be incurred, you may want your accountant or legal counsel to handle them.

Blackout Periods.

Balancing accounts for 401(k) plans takes time. How long will it take for your outgoing

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What is meaningful due diligence?

Referencing static benchmarks or relying solely on information supplied by your current provider is not considered meaningful due diligence. Each plan is so unique that static calculators cannot come close to estimating market prices, which change drastically from year to year and vary widely among providers.

Going to market, even if there is no intention of changing, is the only way to deterthe bank or other lender.

If you're looking for a business loan, there are some important steps to take before you apply. Clarkston State Bank's commercial lenders may ask for business and personal financial information to demonstrate that you have the ability to pay them generated by the purchase or back. à

Clarkston State Bank caters to small businesses, because its loan committee is made of local decision makers they can guickly and efficiently make lending decisions. Our commercial lender can guide you through the process of securing a loan, whether you need

and for working capital

Often, even businesses that have enough capital for an expansion or equipment investment opt for a loan instead. This leaves them with the operating cash to cover unexpected expenses, while the new income expansion coversithe cost of the loan.

Clarkston State Bank's Commercial Lending Department is. headed by CSB Senior Vice President and Senior Lender, Don Bolton. He and his staff are more than willing to meet and discuss your business needs.

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1. Companies don't compare apples to apples. The first and most common mistake that firms make when outsourcing projects is to request bids from vendors without fully specifying the needs they want to outsource, and then award the contract to the least expensive vendor, fully expecting the fee to cover the entire scope of the project. When it turns out that the vendor has a very different idea about the scope of the project, trouble ensues.

2. Companies don't pay attention to the agreements. Major outsourcing companies spend millions of dollars annually to market their products. They hire some of the best salespeople in the industry and typically compensate them by commission. Consequently, it's common for a salesperson to promise a business the world, while urging it to close the deal as quickly as possible. The outsourcing agreement, the salesperson assures the business, is just a formality—it means or call 866-got-webb?

nothing as long as the parties agree on a summary of business terms. But this sales pitch is far from the truth, since outsourcing agreements typically are voluminous, extremely complex, and deserving of a detailed review.

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3. Companies don't watch out for hidden charges. In many cases, the decision to outsource is driven by a desire to cap or reduce the cost of providing products or services. At first glance, the base fee in an outsourcing contract may be less than the cost of doing business stateside, but add-on fees quickly add up.

That dry cleaning business I mentioned earlier has gone out-of-business...they didn't even last 6 months. What's truly scary is that their effort to save money through outsourcing was their inevitable downfall. Don't be quick to cut corners...otherwise you could end up getting fleeced too.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Luc at Luc@slickandbubbas.com

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For example, your plan may have grown beyond the core competency of your incumbent.

- . Technology
-Services offered

Market profiles: Compare your plan to other similarly situated companies on such aspects as match percentage and participation rates.

Service quality: Find out how other similarly situated plan sponsors rate the quality of the essential services of your provider compared to industry benchmarks and their competition. Customer satisfaction scores based on studies conducted by providers on their own clients are useless and cannot be relied upon. (Note: Over 90% of major record-keepers now rely upon the Boston Research Group's annual DCP Sponsor Satisfaction to benchmark service quality.)

The ERISA Committee also made the following recommendations:

Plan Administrators should avoid entering transactions with providers who refuse to disclose the amount and sources of all fees and compensation received.

Plan Administrators should require providers to provide written analysis of all fees and compensation (direct and indirect) to be received for their services to the plan prior to retention.

Plan Administrators should obtain all information on fees and expenses as well as revenue sharing arrangements with each investment plan.

Plan Administrators should require providers to supply annual written statements with respect to compensation (direct and indirect) received by the provider.

Most Plan Administrators do not have the expertise to conduct meaningful due diligence without the assistance of a professional advisor. Advisors include consultants, investment advisors, financial advisors, benefits brokers and insurance brokers. If you are considering an advisor, you should review the following criteria:

Basic retirement experience, including number of plans under management, years in the retirement business and assets under management.

- Size of plans under management
- Types of business they service
- Providers they work with
- Type of plans (DC, DB Deferred Comp) Location

Relationship, are you comfortable with their style?

Form of compensation

Like hiring employees, it's prudent to interview more than one advisor and avoid conflicts of interest. Care should be taken the advisor doesn't have a close or financial relationship with a decision maker at your company. This person should not perform services for the company that might be discounted in exchange for becoming your plan advisor.

Some financial consultants may have inherent conflicts of interest, such as receiving additional compensation from providers for providing client conferences or other services and could compromise their impartiality when it comes to selecting those same providers in a fiduciary capacity.

Finally, it's highly recommended only advisors that are willing to take on fiduciary be considered.

The due diligence process may seem overwhelming. However, with the assistance of an experienced, independent advisor coupled with the help of outside resources, a quick, efficiently complete and meaningful due diligence can be completed. Remember, performing meaningful due diligence does not necessarily mean you need to change providers. Due diligence means you have fulfilled your responsibility as a 401(k) fiduciary and more importantly, you will help your participants be more retirement ready! As always, Successes in Life are Failures turned inside out! C/O William H. Langdon, Jr. Email us at William.Langdon@INGFP.com or Call us at 866.941.PLAN (7526) Fax: 248.922.7527 866.348.401K (4615) *Registered Representative of and Securities offered through ING Financial Partners, Inc., member SIPC Langdon Capital Management Inc. is not a subsidiary of nor controlled by ING Financial Partners. Inc.

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Changing jobs: don't let 401 (k) slip away

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Today's job market is more transitory than ever. And, as more and more individuals switch

jobs, they begin to wonder what they should do with the money they have accumulated in their employer-sponsored retirement plans such as their 401(k) plans. The good news for 401(k) plan participants is that your re-

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By James B. Kruzan Registered Principal, Branch Manager

table so you may be able to keep your existing 401(k) plan assets in a tax-deferred environment.

The trick is to resist the urge to use the monies. After tucking money away in your 401(k) for quite some time, you may be tempted to use it to treat yourself to a new car or some other indulgence. Because it could literally take years to replace your existing 401(k) funds, you should think carefully before prematurely taking money from your retirement savings

A hasty withdrawal decision by someone under age 55 could easily wipe out a third of your 401(k) assets. If you decide you want a lump-sum withdrawal paid directly to you, the 401(k) plan trustee must withhold 20% for federal income tax and, if you do not attain age 55 prior to the end of the year in which you sepa-

rate from service, the trustee must also withhold an additional 10% premature distribution penalty. So you will receive a net payout of 70 to 80% of your existing 401(k) plan account balance. After age 55, however, the premature distribution penalty is no longer imposed if your withdrawal is prompted by your separation from service with the employer sponsoring the plan.

Of course, if you choose to take a withdrawal, you may, within 60 days of the distribution, subsequently decide to deposit it into an IRA as a qualified rollover. However, for the withdrawal and re-contribution to be a tax neutral event, you would need to deposit the gross distribution amount into the IRA, which means you need to replace the withheld monies with funds from another resource such as your personal savings.

If you can resist the urge to take a withdrawal when you change jobs, you are one step closer to making a distribution decision that will preserve your hardearned money. To be in the best position to make an informed decision, you should consider other options available for your existing 401(k) assets, such as:

· leave your assets in the 401(k) plan, transfer your assets to a new employer's 401(k) or retirement plan, or roll your assets into an IRA.

Leaving your assets in the 401(k) plan may not be your best option. It depends on your existing 401(k) plan's provisions. Some plans have limited investment options for employees who have separated from service and some have restrictive distribution options. However, most plans do allow employees who separate from service to roll their 401(k) assets to a new Pkease see Changing on the next page



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Plan Administrators should calculate the total plan costs annually.

How often to perform due diligence

Periodic due diligence has been interpreted to mean every three to five years. Timing can vary depending on changes in the company or the plan such as:

Significant increases/decreases in plan assets or participants

Necessity of consolidating multiple retirement plans

Shift in the profile of plan participants

Acquisitions

Poor service quality or fund performance under current provider

Due diligence may also be warranted if there are substantial changes in the 401(k) market. Examples are introduction of daily valuation, online advice or if there is an indication your provider may exit, sell the business or is under investigation. **Hiring an Advisor**

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employer's 401(k) plan, or retirement plan, or to roll to an IRA.

Transferring your existing 401(k) assets to a new employer's plan may be an option. To do so, you must first meet the eligibility requirements of your new employer's plan. Additionally, the trustee on the new plan must agree to accept your assets, which may be a concern, especially if your existing 401(k) assets include shares of employer stock. Information on other considerations involved in transferring your existing 401(k) assets to your new employer's 401(k) plan is available from your new employer.

A direct transfer to an IRA avoids the mandatory withholding of the 20% for income tax and the 10% for the premature distribution penalty, if applicable. Your 401(k) plan trustee may simply transfer your plan assets electronically or may cut a check payable to

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Your 401(k) plan account balance represents your savings; therefore, it is important to make informed distribution decisions that will preserve your hardearned money. To learn more about the portability of your 401(k) assets, or for more information on preserving your 401(k) assets and 401(k) retirement planning strategies based on your particular situation, please contact a Financial Advisor for a complimentary consultation.

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Bad breath is bad for business

There are three common causes of bad breath. Food and drinks, such as garlic, onions, cheese, orange juice, and soda can change the smell of your breath for a short time. People who diet eliminating carbohydrates or have high protein diets often suffer from bad breath.

Poor dental hygiene, meaning improper brushing and flossing can affect one's breath. Food particles get trapped on and in between teeth allowing

bacteria to form. By brushing at least twice a day and flossing daily, the Dr.

mouth of collected bacteria. Since the

tongue has many cracks and crevices, bacteria often form at the back of the tongue. This bacteria forms a "whitish" coating, depleting the mouth of oxygen which directly affects ones breath. Finally, smoking

and other tobacco

teeth but is a contributing factor to periodontal disease. Periodontal disease is caused by plaque; a sticky and colorless film that forms on teeth. The bacteria formation creates toxins, irritates the gums and causes persistent bad breath.



There are several reasons that a person may have bad breath other than diet dental care and habits. Certain medications, infections from sinuses or lungs, diabetes, kidney failure, liver malfunction, disorders of metabolism, and fasting can be factors of bad breath.

> Fortunately, there are treatments that are effective for people with bad breath of the oral origin. By making sure your teeth and tongue are clean and flossing daily, a vast improvement should occur.

Mouth wash and breath fresheners can mask bad breath temporarily, but cannot cure halitosis. Avoiding foods that are sticky and high in sugar

> also help due to bacteria breeding on sugary foods that stick to your teeth.

> drink Also, plenty of water to flush the mouth and avoid smoking or other tobacco use. **Regardless** of

> the cause of bad breath, good oral

hygiene and breath is something that everyone can appreciate, including your business colleagues. So next time you lean over to speak to a colleague, smile, because you know your breath is not affecting a business deal.



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