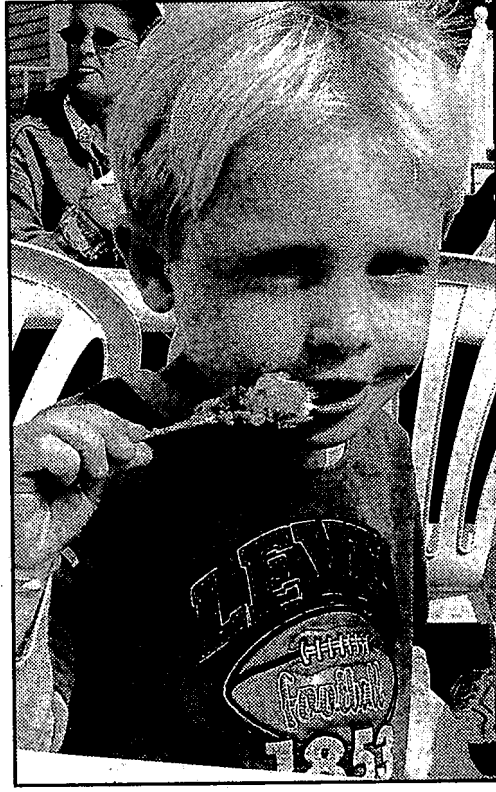


Tastes good!

Crowd fills downtown to sample local cuisine



Marcus Barry of Clarkston enjoys some chicken on a stick at Sunday's Taste of Clarkston. For more pictures, see page 24A

New charge for Pineda as friends follow case

BY LAURA COLVIN
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

A preliminary exam for the man accused in the death of off-duty Flint police officer Vincent D'Anna was rescheduled last week after his defense attorney withdrew from the case.

Citing a "break-down in the attorney-client" relationship, Clarkston attorney Arthur Greenstone asked for permission to step down and handed the case off to court-appointed Elias Escobedo Jr., who asked for time to prepare.

Judge Kelly Kostin granted both requests, and rescheduled the exam for Oct. 11.

Ramon Pineda was charged with second-degree murder after he allegedly

rear-ended a motorcycle driven by Vincent Owen D'Anna on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township Aug. 26.

Witnesses told police Pineda hit D'Anna a second time, dragging him under the car while attempting to flee the scene.

Bystanders tackled the man, who later told police he consumed seven beers before the accident, as he attempted to flee on foot, while others help-lift the car off D'Anna.

D'Anna, 26, died the following morning at Genysis Health Park in Grand Blanc.

Prosecutors also added an additional charge in the case Friday, after an ongoing investigation revealed Pineda was us-

ing a false name.

Investigators told Judge Kostin that interviews with Pineda's wife revealed he assumed a cousin's name after experiencing difficulty in obtaining identification of his own.

Several pieces of ID were discovered, they said, with photos of the same individual, but different names and birth dates.

Pineda, who entered the U.S. illegally about 12 years ago, also goes by the name Reyes Salas.

Communicating through a translator, Pineda was told he now faces a fourth count of false certification of personal information, a 1-5 year offense.

Please see Pineda on page 3A.

Familiar face joins council

BY LAURA COLVIN
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Charles Inabnit said he never hesitated when Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo asked him to fill a city council seat vacated earlier this month.

Bill Rausch, a retired GM employee, rendered his resignation Sept. 2, claiming a busy schedule did not allow him to adequately carry out his obligations to the city.



Charles Inabnit

"I was very disappointed to hear (Rausch) resigned," said Inabnit, a 33-year Clarkston resident. "He made a commitment to serve the city for two years and I think he should have stuck to it."

Inabnit, however, one of a small handful of residents to regularly attend the twice-monthly meetings, said he feels "up to speed" on city issues.

Inabnit served on both the Police Services Committee and the Police Chief Selection Committee, and said he'd like to see the city's police department continue to move forward.

"The police department is a vital part of our city," he said. "It's important we maintain it and continue to make improvements."

The ever-tight budget, he said, is also a concern.

"We pay a lot of taxes in Clarkston," he said. "I'd like to see what I can do to alleviate that."

Inabnit, 38, is a land surveyor with Kieft Engineering, and has lived in Clarkston 33 years. He and his wife Carrie have three children ages 14, 10 and 7.

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A friend of the library

Abby Rankin, an Everest Academy student, stopped to say hello to two of Independence Township Library's most steadfast patrons while her mom paid for books at last week's sale. Please see page 8B for more book sale pictures. Photo by Laura Colvin

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Briefly . . .

White Lake work next week on rail crossing

White Lake Road from Clement to Andersonville roads in Independence Township will close Oct. 8-12 when Canadian National Railroad replaces its rail-road crossing.

Detour will be Andersonville to Dixie Highway to White Lake Road. The project should be complete by Oct. 12, reports Road Commission for Oakland County.

Road-widening work on Clarkston Road at Sashabaw Road in Independence Township will continue through November, stop for the winter, and resume in spring. The road commission does not expect any road closures. It should be complete summer, 2008.

Registration for new voters deadline Oct. 9

Residents have one more week to register if they want to vote in Clarkston's city council or any other election Nov. 6.

Deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 9. To register, you must be at least 18 years old by election day and a resident of the community in which you want to vote.

Register at secretary of state offices or online at www.Michigan.gov/sos. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they are 60 years old, disabled, or overseas.

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Surrounded by family and friends at the 52-2 District Court last week, Elliot D'Anna sits on a bike almost exactly like the one his brother Vincent D'Anna was riding in Independence Township when the accident occurred Aug. 26.

Family, friends thank those who helped

Continued from page 1A

Pineda stood mute when the charge was read, and Escobedo asked the court to enter a plea of not guilty on his client's behalf.

Pineda is also charged with:

- Murder 2nd Degree, penalty up to life in prison;
- Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death, a 15-year felony;
- Leaving the Scene of an Accident Causing Death, a 5 year felony; and
- Driving While License Suspended.

"We're devastated," said Kristine Cobb, noting her husband Dean Cobb and D'Anna were "best friends."

"We're all just sticking together now," she said. "It's all we can do."

Cobb said the group would attend all court appearances related to the case. Most were clad in matching black T-shirts bearing D'Anna's name and picture, followed by, "May justice be served,"

Other friends—many in the group attended high school together—said D'Anna was "the

guy who didn't care what anyone else thought of him, someone who was always there when you needed him."

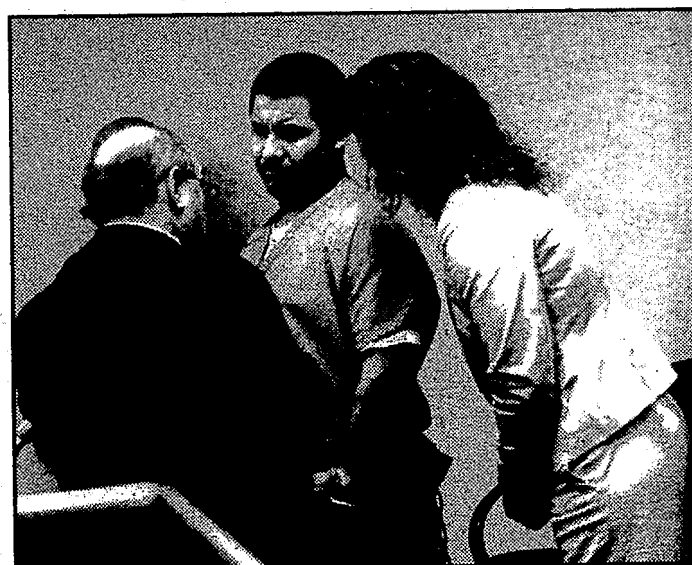
And, while D'Anna's immediate family declined general comment, they did want to express a message of gratitude to the community.

"We really want to thank everyone who was there that day and has been there for us ever since," said Camille Leinbach, D'Anna's sister.

The family named witnesses and bystanders who helped lift the car off D'Anna, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Flint Police, Independence Township fire and rescue personnel, the Oakland County Prosecutor and a litany of others.

"I don't want to forget anyone," Leinbach said. "We'll never be able to thank them enough."

The rescheduled preliminary exam, which will determine whether enough evidence exists to send the case to trial at Circuit Court, was postponed until 1:30 p.m., Thurs. Oct. 11.



With an interpreter's help, Ramon Pineda consults with attorney Elias Escobedo Jr.



Family and friends wear matching T-shirts to show solidarity and honor D'Anna at each court appearance.



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Young man in black

Singer entertains crowds, wins competitions

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Singer T.J. Craven, 11, is on his way, recently winning first place at the 2007 "Flagstar Kids Talent Quest." Craven of Independence Township won a \$500 gift certificate to Macy's and a \$500 savings bond from Flagstar bank.

Craven began singing at age 3; he enjoys singing country and Elvis.

"I really like Elvis, but I am starting to move away from that and try to get into more country," said Craven.

Craven said he really likes Willie Nelson, Tim McGraw, and Faith Hill.

Craven has also been trained to sing opera, by his voice teacher Frank Pitts who used to teach voice lessons at Rochester College.

"I used to sing opera," said Craven.

Craven said he prefers performing for large crowds of people.

"My favorite thing about singing is more along the lines of singing for big audience," he said. "I kind of have this phobia I like singing for bigger audiences (more) than smaller audiences because you can see everybody in the smaller audiences."

Craven said "it would be awesome" to sing when he gets older, but if for some reason singing doesn't work out; he wants to be a defense lawyer.

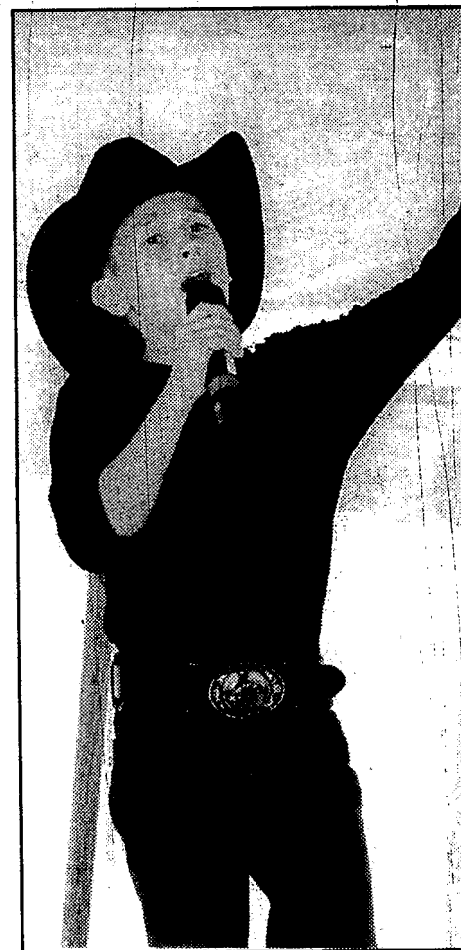
"I am always going to go to law school or college," he said.

Craven has competed in four competitions one of which was the Michigan State Fair where he got second place.

He said he enjoys meeting new people at competitions as well as performing for judges.

"It actually makes you stronger to be judged harder, than it is to be judged winning," he said. "It's not all about winning, it's about having fun."

Craven is not just a solo singer, he also enjoys duets with his friend Molly Svrčina, also 11 years old. They sing the song "Jack-



T.J. Craven took first at Flagstar Kids Talent Quest. Photo submitted

son" by Johnny Cash and June Carter.

"Of course, I am Johnny Cash," said Craven with a smile.

Craven said he really likes singing with Svrčina.

"When we really get into the music and when we look at each other and we kind of act it out and do stuff," he said. "Backstage is fun too, we joke around."

Along with singing, Craven also plays the piano, harmonica and "strums a little" on the guitar. He is performing "Good Golly Miss Molly" for his next piano recital.

When Craven is not singing or performing, he enjoys golf, swimming and any water sport. His favorite school subject is Western Global because he gets to learn about the world. He was excited to tell his mom he was studying "England" for his country. At the end of the year, they get to make food pertaining to England. Craven is also proud to be known as the "class clown" and joker.

Craven is not just competing - he has bookings to do shows. He said he would rather perform than compete.

"I like performing on stage, and moving around the stage and going, doing my own moves, dancing and all that stuff, then the reaction from the crowd is very, very cool," said Craven. "If they're clapping really good, it makes your momentum more of a boost."

Craven is set to perform at a Diabetes Charity Oct. 14 in Ypsilanti, and he will open for country singer Anita Cochran in November.

Welcome new high school teachers

Clarkston High School welcomes four new teachers this year, all with previous school experience:

Jackie Barrowcliff teaches math. She is a graduate of Mercy High School, participating with the swim team, winning the state championship in 1998, National Honor Society, Earth Watch, SADD and Academic All American.

She earned her bachelor's degree at Michigan State University and teaching certificate at Eastern Michigan University. She student taught at Walled Lake Northern and taught at Walled Lake Summer School.

"I love to be outside," Barrowcliff said. "I run, swim, and bike. I enjoy watching all sports and I also love to read."

She lives with her family in Commerce Township, and is getting married in December.

Tara Cassidy, school counselor, attended high school in Norfolk in northern New York.

She earned her bachelor's degree at State University of New York and master's degree at St. Lawrence University.

She taught at Saranac Lake High School in New York and Enosburg Falls Junior/Senior School in Vermont.

She is new to Michigan.

"I'm excited about working at Clarkston High School," Cassidy said.

She enjoys hiking, boating, reading, and spending time with her family, including her 15-month-old son and 11-year-old chocolate lab.

Matt Klaver teaches biology and math. In high school, he participated in band,

cross country, making All Area three times, track, and drama. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Michigan.

He taught at Romulus High School.

He enjoys running, training for his fourth Chicago Marathon this month, fishing, and watching baseball. He has been married for a year.

Ryan Parrott teaches math and physics.

In high school, he participated in executive board, ski team, soccer, and National Honor Society. He earned a degree in math and physics at University of Michigan, receiving University Honors, Phi Gamma Delta, and Union Setup.

He taught at Milford High School. He enjoys water sports such as wake boarding and skiing, and downhill skiing.

"I have lived in Clarkston my whole life," Parrott said.

His parents still live in Clarkston, and he has two older brothers, one in Indiana and the other in Japan.

Renaissance High School welcomes three new teachers this year:

Sandy Dymowski teaches English and social studies.

She attended Plymouth-Canton High School, active in its award-winning marching band. She helped the band earn two national championship titles. She held leadership positions within the band, and was organization and events editor for the high school yearbook. She was a member of National Honor Society and worked at Blockbuster Video and Bennigan's

She graduated Magna Cum Laude with double honors from Eastern Michigan University.

Dymowski, who lives in Davison with husband and three children, taught at Sherman Middle School in Holly, Davison Community Schools, and Atherton Community Schools.

"I enjoy reading, going to the movies with my kids, listening and supporting local live bands, being involved with my children's school and sporting activities, and having family movie nights," Dymowski said.

"I like to help out with community athletics and activities, depending on what my children are involved in and what time allows for."

Matthew Ittig teaches English.

In high school, he competed in varsity soccer and tennis. He earned his bachelor's degree in Central Michigan University and master's degree in liberal studies at University of Michigan in Dearborn. He is working on his doctorate at Wayne State University.

He student taught at East Lansing High School, and taught at Napoleon High School and Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He enjoys writing novels, reading, golf, and tennis.



Jackie Barrowcliff



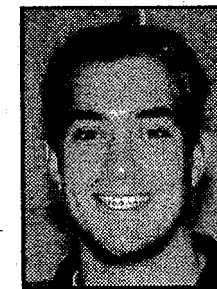
Matt Klaver



Sandy Dymowski



Tara Cassidy



Ryan Parrott



Matthew Ittig

"I have one son and am expecting another in September," Ittig said. "I love teacher and am looking forward to spending many wonderful years at Renaissance."


Jana Thams is a new counselor.

She participated in student council, band, cheerleading, pom and stage crew at New Ulm High School in Minnesota.

She earned a degree in human resources management at Baker College and master's degree in counseling at Oakland University.

Thams, who lives in Davisburg, served an internship at Clarkston High School.

"I grew up on a farm in southern Minnesota," she said. "We raised hogs and grew corn and soybeans. I was very much into sports, softball, tennis, bowling, and was even a ping-pong champion, if that's a sport. I love to golf, travel and read."



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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

'The good, bad, and the ugly'

Last week my co-worker Laura Colvin wrote a story about five high school minors who were caught with marijuana. I know she dealt with some opposition in writing the story and some community members didn't feel the *Clarkston News* should be involved.

To be honest I felt that my co-worker did a nice job in writing a touchy subject news story.

Sometimes I feel people act as though the *Clarkston News* is a Public Relations firm instead of a newspaper and should only print "positive news" because we are a small town local paper and not a big paper like the *Oakland Press* or *Detroit Free Press*.

Bottom line, news is news. We print "the good, the bad, and the ugly."

Now I as much as anybody else, enjoy reading as well as writing uplifting small town human interest stories that make you smile and feel good about the community you live in and the people that represent your community and I think the *Clarkston News* does a really good job with that.

People need to understand we as reporters have a job and our job is to report the news, and all of that we find "news worthy."

If there is a crime we will write on it, if there is corruption in government we will write on it. We have a service to our community to report the facts and shed light in all situations both good and bad.

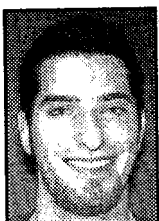
Had Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein not stuck with the Watergate stories who knows where or how far the corruption of the Nixon administration would have gone.

Woodward and Bernstein were not out to bring down a president, it just happened to be where their facts led them.

I have really enjoyed my job these past five months. It's fun becoming acquainted with different members of this community and I am thankful for all the positive feedback I have received from phone calls about different stories I have written.

I want people to trust me and trust the newspaper. I just want people to understand that we have a job to do and we strive to do our job with the utmost integrity.

Until next time God bless!



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Art event doesn't have to end market

Dear Editor:

We were astonished by the Guest Viewpoint published last week in *The Clarkston News*.

Unfortunately, not addressing the inaccuracies and innuendos would be an injustice to both the supporters of the Farmer's Market and dedicated volunteers of the Clarkston Community Historical Society (CCHS).

The CCHS and the Farmer's Market organizers have had many long, involved conversations over the last two years, but it appears the facts bear repeating.

Art in the Village has been held on one Saturday and one Sunday each year for the past 33 years. As the society's main fundraiser, profits are used to support the Clarkston Heritage Museum, care for Clarkston historic artifacts, provide programming for children and historical lectures for the public.

Other local community groups, such as DAR, Garden Club, Boosters, St. Dan's and many more, also count on the event for fundraising every year. We are all non-profit groups.

The festival draws 15,000 patrons to the park and over 100 volunteers including boy scouts, seniors, students and even your next door neighbor. All monies raised at Art in the Village go right back into the community.

Depot Park, its surrounding lots and Depot Rd. are active with artists, patrons and cars throughout the weekend beginning Saturday at 7 a.m. and ending Sunday at 7 p.m. Saturday morning by 10 a.m. the parking lot that the market usually sets up in is full to capacity.

There simply is not enough room to share the space with another event.

This fact was recognized by the City Council back in 2005 when the market organizers first sought and received approval "to run Saturdays through the season with the exception of Art in the Village weekend."

CCHS has studied this area specifically for the last two years just to "see if there was ANY possibility" for the two events to run co-currently.

By 10 a.m. on Saturday any observer can say, without question, that two events in the same location would create a safety hazard

with parking issues and traffic congestion problems.

CCHS has directly supported the market from day one. We were one of the first local groups to recommend, via formal letter, to the city that the Farmer's Market be welcomed into the community.

In that same spirit, CCHS has offered to the market organizers free use of Art in the

Village publicity such as signs, posters, flyers and newspaper ads to communicate that "the market would be back next week," or to direct patrons to an alternate location.

But they haven't taken us up on our offer.

We've invited the market organizers to observe the space on Saturday during Art in the Village with us so they can see for themselves how their event can't fit into the space.

But we haven't seen them yet.

They continually push to bypass the requirements set by the city to run the market in the lot we so desperately need during Art in the Village and we have consistently replied: We use that lot. Please respect our needs. We only ask for one weekend each year.

For over three decades, CCHS has worked diligently to meet the goals of our mission to preserve Clarkston's rich history. Art in the Village has been the means to meet these goals each year.

As board members, we are charged with the responsibility to turn out a professional, enjoyable and safe event for the community to be proud of and we take that responsibility very seriously.

Along with the many others in the community, CCHS hopes the market season will continue into October as it has before because, after all, we are market shoppers, too!

With the enthusiastic interest the market has attracted and supportive publicity in place, it seems certain patrons will remember to return the weekend after Art in the Village.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Arkwright, Bart Clark, Laura Covintree, Debbie DeVault, Kim Huttenlocher, Glenida Olafsson, James Schultz, Jonathan Smith, Toni Smith
Board of Directors,
Clarkston Community Historical Society

Letters to the editor

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1992

"Reading not easy for everyone" An Independence Township man explained how he learned to read as an adult with the help of the Oakland Literacy Council.

"Project helps others get picture of United Way services, partners" Volunteer photographers displayed a collection of black-and-white pictures of people helped by the Untied Way and Lighthouse North.

"Check helps DARE get off to a strong second year" A check for about \$2,500 from Cherry Hill Lanes North helped the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in Clarkston elementary schools.

"City sidewalks set for repairs using block grant money" Clarkston City Council wanted to shift federal grant money from sidewalk repairs on Holcomb Road to storm drain repairs on West Church and Holcomb, and remove trees on Holcomb.

25 years ago - 1982

"Clarkston schools lose 272 pupils" The financial blow of losing about 272 students was offset somewhat by a dramatic increase in Adult Education enrollment. Tentative figures were 6,026 K-12 students, 100 Adult Education, and 48 preschoolers. The year before, they had 29 Adult Education students.

"Township ups on-call fire fighters' pay 30%" After 10 years without a pay hike, Independence Township's on-call fire fighters received a raise, from \$5/hour to \$7.50/hour.

"Clarkston area reacts quietly to Tylenol scare" Local store shelves were stripped of Tylenol Extra-strength capsules following news that some were founded laced with cyanide in Chicago. Local stores reported little concern among their shoppers.

"CHS 1982 king, queen named" Kendra Kurz and Eric Peterson were named Clarkston High School's Homecoming queen and king.

50 years ago - 1957

"Homecoming at Clarkston High" Charlene Wilson was set to be crowned Homecoming Queen, and the football team was preparing for its Homecoming game against Clarenceville.

"Know your United Fund - Leader Dogs for the Blind" The Leader Dog program in Rochester, funded by United Fund, supplied more than 1,100 trained dogs to blind people.

"Don't take a chance! Take your polio shots" Detroit was experiencing a polio epidemic, so Clarkston residents were encouraged to get vaccinated.

Please see page 14A for more letters to the editor
Send one of your own to ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

Light Ink

Schools ride the wave of student enrollment

It's the first of October, the beginning of the month so it must be time to clean out the message center, get rid of scribbled notes and in general clean up September's mess.

I received a couple of phone calls from the same Oxford resident wanting to share some love . . . not with me. No, that wouldn't be right. This gal wanted to make sure I give some credit, where credit is due. She was very adamant that Oxford's school board be given a big, "thumbs up" for doing away with "pay-to-play" for athletics.

Not only is pay-to-play off the school's table, the district planned on reimbursing families who already paid for this school year. The district had charged \$150 per student to participate in high school athletics and \$90 per student to play middle school sports. Families with multiple kids in athletics were obviously hit in the pocketbook the hardest.

In past years the district instituted a "medical fee" (pay-to-play) to offset a shrinking budget. To his credit, when Dr. William Skilling accepted Oxford's offer to be superintendent of schools, he figured pay-to-play needed to be tossed from the game. Also, to his credit he called the program, "pay-to-play," not the spin-doctored, feel-good label "medical fee."

Said he, "It's a quarter of one percent of the revenue projected for this year." That equals about \$80,000. He added, the benefits of eliminating pay-to-play far outweighed the revenue it generated.

He and the board went one step, further. "We're going to cut this and we're not going back. That's it. We're done with pay-to-participate. And if we have to nip and tuck, it will be done in other areas."

Oxford was on the fortunate end of the school funding stick. Last year, they budgeted for zero growth. This year they had just over 50 new kids enrolled -- which means the district had

\$396,000 extra to work into their budget.

Ah, were I so lucky . . . hey, a man can dream, can't he?

I believe Clarkston schools are projecting an increase in student population -- and they have pay-to-play programs. Depending on the actual numbers they may want to give their families some sort of break, too. If they cannot eliminate the fee, it would be nice to reduce it. It would be nice if the local tax takers give their residents a break as the state government just hosed us with their late night dramatics -- raising taxes.

Gee. What a shocker.

Not all area districts were lucky enough to experience higher students counts. Lake Orion, Brandon and Goodrich project student loses. Bummer, dude. Goodrich expects about a \$100,000 less to work with, Lake Orion, about \$150,000 in the negative. Brandon -- gulp -- has to figure out how to pay for the year with nearly \$600,000 less.

I don't know, but I predict if those districts do not have pay-to-play or "medical fees" for athletics, they soon will.

This all leads me to a thought. I am surprised school districts across the state are not advertising for more students. Districts can accept students from out of their geographic responsibilities. So, for example, were I Brandon, Lake Orion and Goodrich, I would advertise in local newspapers in the surrounding communities -- like Oxford and Clarkston.

I wouldn't do big ads, just a lot of little ones from the end of the school year until enrollment deadlines. My campaign message would be targeted towards parents.

"Does your school district have too many students? What is the ratio of teachers to kids? In Brandon Schools, we have the room to give your kids the best education your tax dollars can buy. Come on up to Blackhawk country. We want you (but don't forget to bring your sons and daughters)!"

Readers, your thoughts? Email Don Rush : donrushmedon@charter.net.

Don't Rush Me



a column by Don Rush

Time.com takes flatulence over Henry Ford's T

Time magazine has come out with a list of "50 Worst Cars of All Time." We expected to see the Pinto, Edsel and Corvair, but never the Model T.

But *Los Angeles Times* car critic (basher) Dan Neil included the Model T on his list.

He wrote: "A century later, the consequences of putting every living soul on gas-powered wheels are piling up, from the air over our cities to the sand under our soldiers' boots."

Should Henry Ford, Ransom Olds or Louis Chevrolet not have invented the automobile, our

horse power to farm and feed us would have had to come from a lot more horses . . . millions more. Had that happened, I think *Time* critic Neil would blame the "consequences" on emissions from said horsepower.

Of course, Greenies are purposely blaming bovine's flatulence so as to not diminish Neil's opportunity to make a horse's rear end of himself.

Perhaps we could get the Amish to let Mr. Neil follow a horse-drawn plow across some Pennsylvania farmland so he'd get those emission experiences.

Sunday night, Sept. 17 on Fox all the world tuned in to see the 59th annual primetime Emmy awards. Well, not all the world. I did tune in long enough see some cameraman's attempt to open the show with starlet cleavage.

The next day I reviewed the Emmy awards in my morning paper.

I'm very pleased to tell you I have watched only one of the winning shows, heard of only one award-winning actress and haven't even heard of any of the male winners.

Sally Field won for *Brothers & Sisters*. I loved her in *Smoky and*

the Bandit. I no longer watch *Ugly Betty*. I thought it a good show until I gave that opinion to a couple retired, school teacher friends, Tom and Irene.

Tom said it was demeaning to put such references as ugly on children. They can be affected by such taunting.

So, I started seeing the program differently and switched to *Two and a Half Men*. If you haven't seen it, check its rating first. It's 'R' and really should be shown only after midnight.

I watch a lot of sports, but after seeing some of the pro footballers' end zone performances I think that sport, too, could be 'R' rated.

A few weeks ago I gave grandson, Trevor, his 8th birthday present. He opened it, and as he walked away he said, "Thanks Grandpa, see you at Christmas!" His twin sister, Haley, was much nicer.

If you've been even semi-awake the last month, you've learned *The Old Farmer's Almanac* predicts the year 2008 will be hotter than 2007.

But, you might have to read *The Almanac* (or Jottings) to learn eight corporate merger possibilities it hopes and prays will actually come to pass . . .

- Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Crackers will join forces and become **Poly, Warner, Cracker**.

- FedEx is expected to join its major competitor, UPS, and become **FedUp**.

- 3M will merge with Goodyear and issue forth as **MMMGood**.

- Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Mountain Dew and Dakota Mining will merge and become **ZipAudiDewDa**.

- Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become **Poupon Pants**.

- Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become **Fairwell, Honeychild**.

- Knott's Berry Farm and the National Organization for Women will become **Knott Now**.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Don't like or agree with all the opinions opined in this edition? Send your thoughts via e-mail: clarkstonnews@gmail.com

'Don't veer for deer'

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A collective 'oh!' rose from the crowd gathered at Oakland County Sheriff's headquarters last week when viewers watched a deer leap from the darkness, crash against the grill of an oncoming patrol vehicle and finally sprawl in the opposing lane.

The incident, just one of 1,866 car-deer crashes reported in Oakland County during 2006, was captured on dash-cam video last February and used to demonstrate how quickly such a crash can occur.

With Oakland County ranked third in the state for car-deer collisions, a number of local officials gathered to warn motorists as The Michigan Deer Crash Coalition kicked off its annual campaign.

Kent County drivers reported the highest number of crashes, with 2,208; Jackson County was second with 2,017.

While car-deer crashes occur throughout the year, warned officials, October and November are especially dangerous for several

reasons.

First, said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Oct. 1 marks the beginning of bow season, and deer are often flushed from the woods by hunters through the end of fire-arm season.

Reduce your risk

To reduce risk of injury and serious damage to your vehicle, stay alert for deer on Michigan roadways, especially during October and November, and follow Michigan Deer Crash Coalition guidelines:

- Buckle up
- Reduce speed, especially at dawn and dusk
- Remember, if you see one deer, others are likely nearby
- Forgo distracting activities while driving
- If a deer appears, don't swerve; brake firmly, but stay in your lane

In addition, he noted, fall is mating season for the deer.

"They are running a lot more recklessly and with a little more abandon," Bouchard said. "(During this time) the deer are entering road ways that ordinarily they may not have

Independence Township roadways third in county for car/deer collisions

been traversing."

Established in 1996, the MDCC is comprised of governments, law enforcement, and other agencies working to promote awareness and educate drivers about remaining alert and how to react—and not react—when a deer appears on the roadway.

"Statistics show that motorist death and injury occur when drivers swerve to miss the deer," said AAA Community Outreach and Safety Coordinator Paul Weber, "and instead strike a fixed object such as a tree or worse, another vehicle. Staying in your lane often is the best option."

Car-deer crashes, he said, occur in every Michigan county, not just "up north" or in rural areas, and result in about \$130 million in damage annually.

In 2006, motorists reported 60,875 car-deer crashes across the state, but because as many as half of such incidents go unreported, MDCC officials estimate the number is much greater.

"We want you to stay awake, we want you to stay alert, and we want you to stay sober," said Michigan Secretary of State Terri


By the numbers

Community	2006 Deer Crashes	2006 Total Crashes
Rochester Hills	196	2,237
Oakland Township	130	303
Independence Township	119	914
Auburn Hills	108	1,849
Oxford Township	100	367
- SEMCOG.org		

Lynn Land, who spoke at Friday's event noting car-deer crashes resulted in 12 deaths on Michigan roadways in 2006. "Watch out for what's going on in the road."

Deer are most active during dawn and dusk hours, officials said, warranting extra vigilance from drivers as the animals move between bedding and feeding areas.

"Deer are often seen calmly feeding near the highway," said Michigan DNR Field Coordinator Penney Melchoir, who also spoke at the event. "But if they do startle they may appear in front of your windshield in no time at all."



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Fri., Sept 21 Deputies were dispatched to 2500 Mann Road when the manager of a mobile home park called to say he identified two 15-year-old youths spray-painting near the entrance of an adjoining apartment complex. Such vandalism has been an ongoing problem at the complex.

A woman living in the 5200 block of Wood Creek Trail called police after discovering a sliding glass door in her residence smashed after she returned from a football game. Nothing else appeared damaged or missing, she said.

Sat., Sept 22 A man living in the 5000 block of Sheffield called police after discovering someone stole a set of golf clubs from his garage.

A woman living in the 6800 block of Sun Valley Drive called police after a neighbor alerted them someone vandalized two vehicles with multi-colored spray paint overnight.

Deputies were dispatched to a home in the 5200 block of Wood Creek Trail after a man called to say someone smashed the doorwall of his son's home while the man was away and stole a computer still in the box.

A 25-year-old man living in the 5600 block of Meadowbrook Trail called police after returning home to discover a rear French door smashed, and a pair of his speakers lying

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

on the rear deck.

A 26-year-old man was arrested and jailed after an argument with his girlfriend became physical.

Sun., Sept 23 A resident in the 5100 block of Old Cove called police after hearing a noise during the night and woke to find someone smashed the door wall out of a neighboring vacant home. Nothing else appeared to be damaged or missing, the man said.

Mon., Sept 24 An Independence Township man called police after discovering his 17-year-old daughter had stolen nearly \$1,200 from the family by forging her mother's name on checks, which her 16-year-old boyfriend then cashed. According to police reports, the "daughter wants to get jail time to get away from the parents."

Tues., Sept 25 A 24 year-old man living in the 5300 block of Eastview was arrested and jailed after assaulting his mother, who said her son was "high on something" during the incident.

Wed., Sept 26 The owner of a Main Street business called police after receiving an anonymous phone call from a professional-sounding male who said "you messed with

me too many times. I'm going to get you."

A 55-year-old woman living on Fay Street called police after someone cut her tires during the night.

Springfield Twp.

Fri., Sept 14 A 35-year-old Keego Harbor man was arrested and jailed after a witness saw the man back his vehicle into the door of an oil change facility about 11:30 p.m., causing glass in the bay door to shatter. He then entered the building and proceeded to kick at the office door. A 21-year-old witness told police she approached the man and "asked him if he does this every night." The man said "no, I work here" and got into his truck and drove away. The man is currently on parole for larceny by conversion, and has numerous suspensions on driver's license and an "extremely lengthy criminal history."

Tues., Sept 18 A man living in the 9500 block of Earl Drive was issued a Springfield Township ordinance violation after a deputy on patrol noticed marijuana plants growing in a flowerpot on the sidewalk of the home. The man denied knowledge of the plants, and told

police his friends were likely responsible.

A 41-year-old man living in the 9800 block of Creekwood Trail called police after an argument with his wife over an alleged girlfriend became physical. Police noted the wife was visibly intoxicated, and had thrown lamps and other household object about the residence during the altercation. A report was sent to Child Protective Services because the incident occurred in view of the couple's four children.

Thurs., Sept 18 A 41-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed after police in Springfield Township noticed improper tabs and pulled him over to discover the man was driving an uninsured vehicle with a suspended license, had open intoxicants in the vehicle and also had three outstanding warrants.

Fri., Sept 21 A Davisburg man called police after discovering someone broke into a locked pole barn and stole a number of air and hand tools.

A 30-year-old woman called police to report her that her former boyfriend stole a purse from her car while the couple was involved in exchanging a child after visitation.

Deputies went to a home in the 8400 block of Clairridge and arrested a 34-year-old man on charges of probation violation. The man, a habitual offender, was on probation with charges of home invasion, assault and battery, and interfering with electronic communications.

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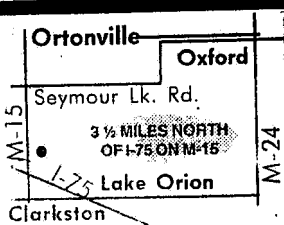
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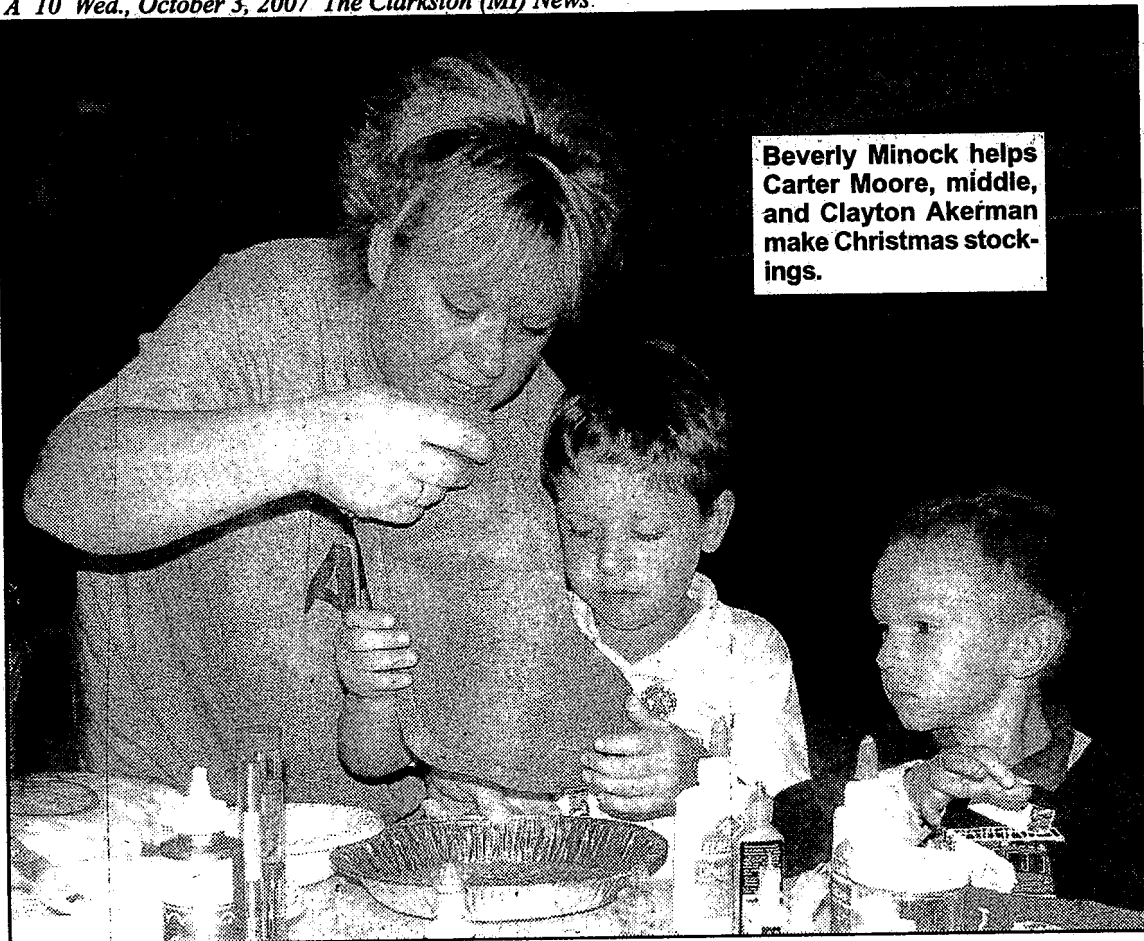
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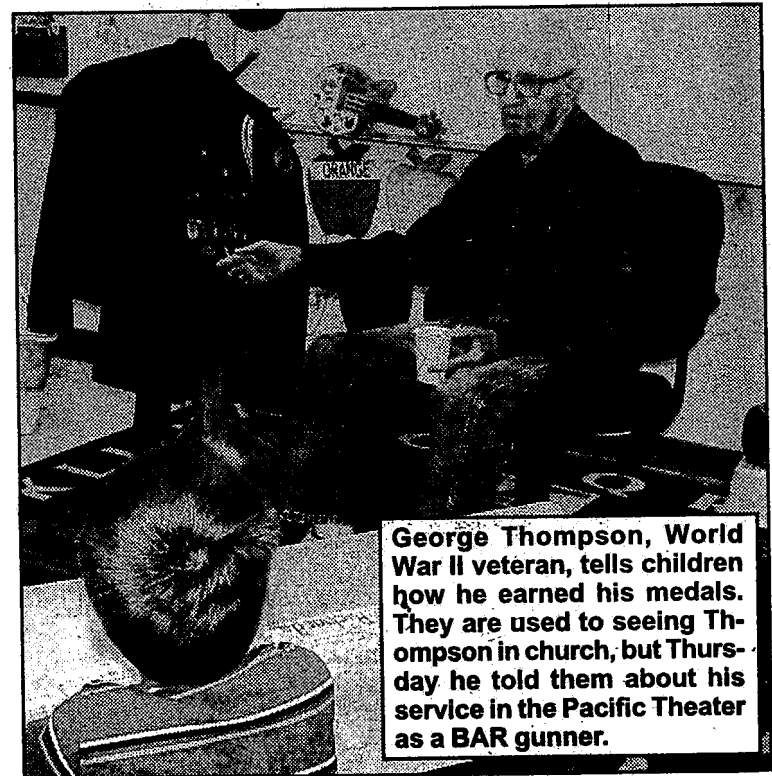
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Beverly Minock helps Carter Moore, middle, and Clayton Akerman make Christmas stockings.



Ally Stanford makes a folding-flag card for the troops.



George Thompson, World War II veteran, tells children how he earned his medals. They are used to seeing Thompson in church, but Thursday he told them about his service in the Pacific Theater as a BAR gunner.

Kids learn about overseas service by serving others

The instructor barked orders at the assembled troops, many of whom immediately started giggling.

They didn't get in trouble. They were preschool-second grade children learning about the service of troops overseas.

"We want the kids to realize we are actually in a war - they don't see it," said Sandy Squiers, coordinator of Servathon 2007 at Clark-

ston Community Church of God. "We want them to know there are troops serving them, for their freedom. This is a way for them to give back in some, small way."

As part of Operation Care Package and Servathon 2007, the children were organized into groups named after military branches, and marched around to stations throughout the church complex.

They made decorative stockings, ornaments, cards, pictures, and prayers for troops serving overseas.

They were among 600 preK-12th grade students at Oakland Christian School, which covers three counties, raising money and completing projects for local schools, service groups, and food banks.

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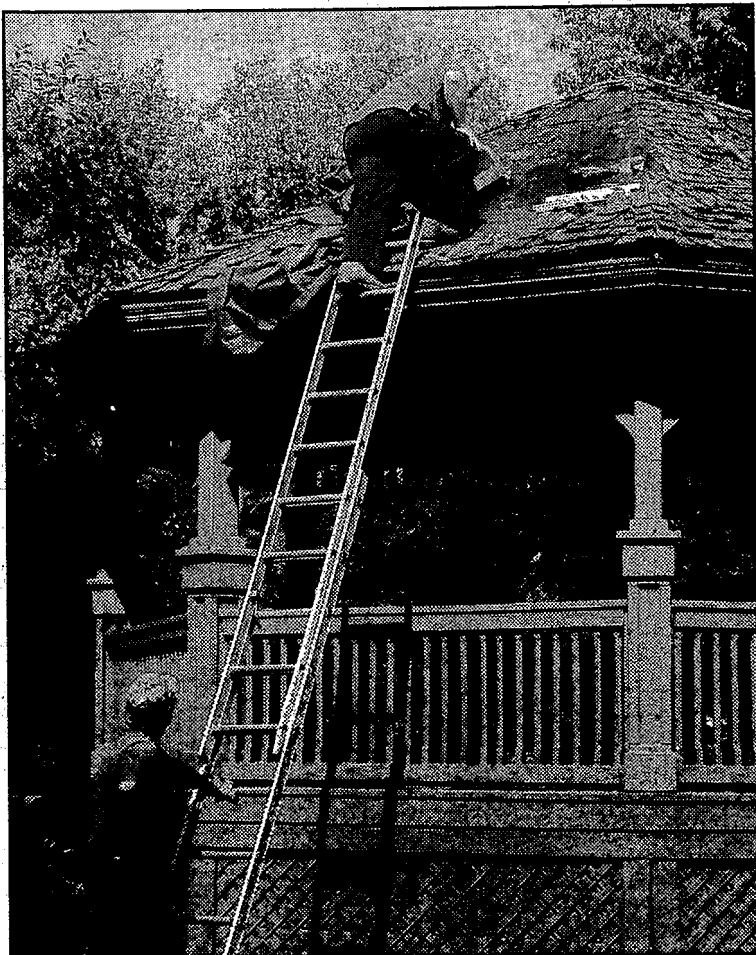
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Scott Rouse and Ralph Dalgie, Clarkston Department of Public Works, check fire damage to the Depot Park gazebo.



The fire started in a wood pile next to Depot Park.

Gazebo fire investigation continues

Fire investigators from Independence Township are conducting an ongoing arson investigation after a fire broke out in downtown Clarkston's Depot Park Saturday, Sept. 22.

The blaze, which started on a wood pile stored in an out-of-the-way-area, was discovered just after midnight, about 45 minutes after an officer checked the

park.

"At about 12:20 a.m. the duty captain requested my presence in Depot Park," said Bob Pursley, who also works for Independence Township Fire Department, but also serves part time as Clarkston's DPW Supervisor. "When I got there, the wood pile was completely ablaze."

It was just windy enough, he said, for the gazebo roof to catch on fire when embers blew onto the structure from the burning wood pile.

Plans to replace the roof were underway, and officials are asking anyone with information to call the Clarkston Police at 248-625-0088.

— Laura Colvin

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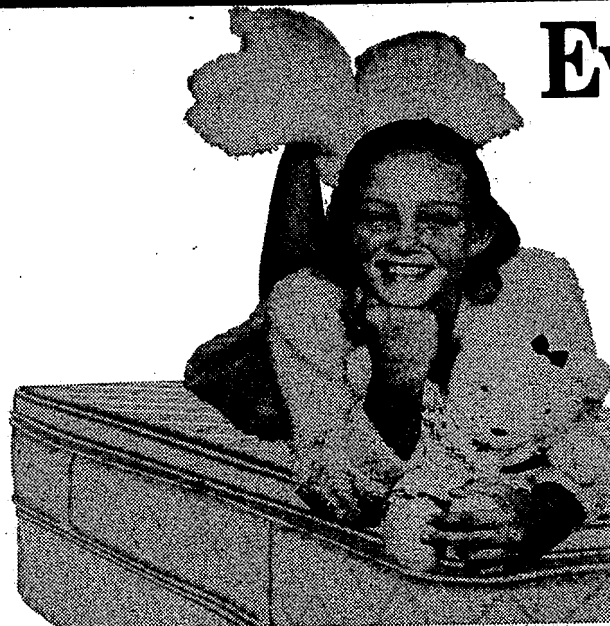
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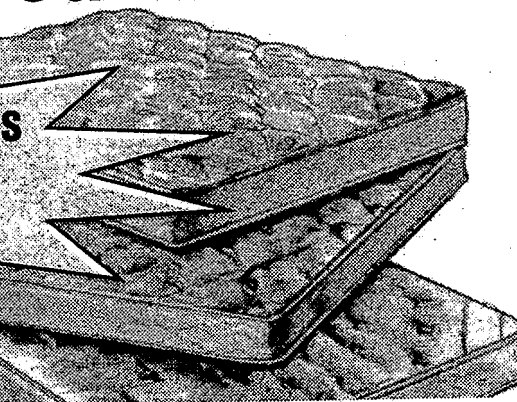
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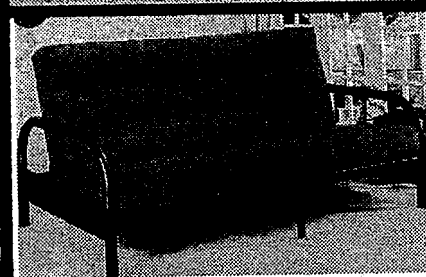
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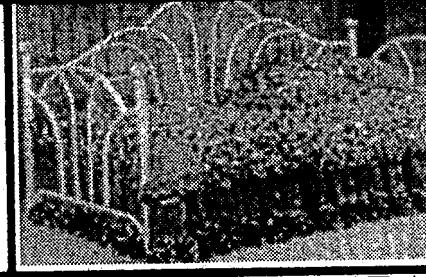
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Welcome Halloween season

These Boys Scouts, friends, and leaders of Troop 377, Clarkston, are getting an early start to the Halloween season.

They dress up in spooky makeup and costumes for the entertainment of campers and visitors at local parks, as a community service. They set up a Haunted

Island Sept. 22 at Groveland Oaks, and are preparing a Haunted Trail the evening of Oct. 20 at Addison Oaks park.

"They haunt the parks," said Roni Halley, one of the troop leaders. "They're really scary."

McLaren, POH centers form local partnership

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

McLaren Health Care has partnered with POH Medical Center, finalizing the acquisition Sept. 27.

Theresa Rogers, POH representative, said since the project is in the very early stages, they are still working out details.

The agreement should affect Clarkston and other satellite facilities in a very positive way, Rogers said.

"There will be improvements and the possibility of expansion on some facilities, a very positive impact on the community as well as job opportunities, but not all the details have been worked out," she said.

POH was founded in 1953, and has grown from one clinic to a medical community including more than 300 physicians, inpatient hospital in downtown Pontiac, and eight satellite facilities throughout north Oakland County, in-

cluding Clarkston Health Center.

McLaren Health Care includes more than 150 locations, 15,000 employees and nearly 3,600 physicians. It includes seven regional hospitals: McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint, Lapeer Regional Medical Center, Ingham Regional Medical Center and Ingham Regional Orthopedic Hospital in Lansing, Bay Regional Medical Center, Bay Special Care Hospital, and Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center.

The new POH Regional Medical Center will make it McLaren's eighth hospital.

McLaren broke ground July 25 on phase one of a \$600 million medical project in Independence Township. The project is being built on 77 acres on the southeast corner of I-75 and Sashabaw Road.

Kevin Thompkins, vice president of marketing for McLaren Health Care, was unavailable for comment.

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More letters to the editor

Politicians should argue merits, not call names

Dear Editor,

Don Rush's article on why Michigan sucks, and the pending shut down of Michigan (at least as of Friday afternoon) have caused me to wonder, yet again, what politicians in Lansing do.

Gov. Granholm and Sen. Bishop both took time out of their busy schedules to bash each other's political party while saying nothing about the real issues surrounding the \$1.8 billion deficit in the Michigan budget, other than it was the other party's fault.

As an elected official in Clarkston I sometimes disagree with the opinions of my fellow officials but I try to argue the merits of their opinion, not which political party they believe in.

For the record, all political candidates in Clarkston run non-partisan and the local budget is still balanced, at least for this year. I'll thank our city manager for both of these as I am not sure elected politicians had a lot to do with either.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston

Rollbacks not really tax cut

Dear Editor,

Your story "Township holds the line on property tax," (Sept. 26 edition), concerning the 0.1508% property tax rollback had political double talk from Independence Township Trustee Dan Kelly that needs to be clarified.

Mr. Kelly's statement that "what we did was effectively lower taxes and that is a pretty unusual thing to be doing these days" was not an accurate statement of the facts.

A more accurate statement would have been, "what we effectively did was raise your taxes by 1.037% using the inflation rate multiplier and then we rolled back them back by a mere 0.1508% which resulted in a 0.89% property tax increase to you."

The inflation rate multiplier raised the taxable value of every home this year by 1.037%.

Hence a 0.1508% mill rollback by the township is still a 0.89% increase in property taxes.

Considering that just last year the township took in \$600,000 more than it needed, a property tax rollback of 1.037% was called for and would have still created a surplus.

Informed taxpayers know that property taxes are always raised when the millage rate rollback is lower than the inflation rate multiplier.

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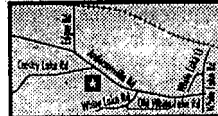
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Thanks to art volunteers

Dear Editor,

The 33rd annual Art in the Village show, sponsored by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, proved once again to be very successful, raising over \$20,000 to help fund the Clarkston Heritage Museum along with other CCHS programs.

Many thanks are due to over 125 volunteers who helped make the weekend a hit!

To the 100 community members, young and old alike, who manned the Antique Tent, Cider Tent, Merchandise Tent, Silent Auction Tent and provided Artist Relief over the weekend: We couldn't have done it without you — thank you, thank you!

Additional thanks are in order for Boy Scout Troop 199 who handles trash and recycling maintenance along with Smith's Disposal who donates trash removal every year.

Thank you to Bob Pursley and his DPW crew for their efforts all week long to prepare the park and lend a hand during the event.

Thanks to Frank Latimer who made artist shuttling to off-site parking possible by donating his Chrysler vehicles all weekend.

And finally, thanks to all community members who join the festivities each year

by including Art in the Village in their weekend plans!

I would like to extend very special thanks to our Board of Directors who volunteer hours and hours of time in the year of planning it take to present each Art in the Village show and throughout the weekend: Bart Clark, Laura Covintree, Debbie DeVault, Kim Huttenlocher, Glenida Olafsson, James & Gini Schultz and Jon & Toni Smith.

These dedicated volunteers strive to improve the event each year and always appreciate your feedback.

Next up for CCHS is our second historic barn tour, Born in a Barn, AGAIN! to be held Oct. 21 from noon - 4 p.m.

Ten historic barns will be featured in this self-guided tour located in the city and the township. Each barn will be complemented with barn animals, craftspeople at work or antique farm equipment.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the CCHS office at 248-922-0270.

This event is a wonderful way for young and old alike to spend a Sunday afternoon on a fall day in Clarkston!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Arkwright, President
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Running back Chad Blackstone plows through a Lahser Knight. Photo by jaymejungaphotographer.com.

Wolves tear up Knights

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The "wolf pack" of Clarkston High showed no mercy to the Lahser Knights as they defeated them 21-0, taking their record to 6-0.

Kurt Richardson, Clarkston High School varsity football head coach, was not happy with his team's performance despite the win, and said they need to work on "everything" over the next week.

"I thought Lahser played very strong and a very good game," he said.

The Wolves defense was able to force the Knights to punt early in the game. However, the Lahser's defense seemed to handle their own as they forced the Wolves to punt. No points were scored in the first quarter.

The Wolves finally put six points on the board after an interception and 27-yard run by T.J. Lawson with 6:32 remaining in the second quarter, followed by an extra point.

After the Knights received the ball from the kickoff, the Wolves defense went to work once again, forcing them to punt the ball. But after four downs, the Wolves brought out the punting team with three minutes left in the second quarter.

After a fake punt, the Wolves were able to gain another first down and work the ball up the field until Erik Thompson was able to gain a touchdown with 1:16 remaining in the second quarter. The wolves went into halftime up 14-0.

In the third quarter, after four downs and 10 minutes to go, Adam Sharp was able to get in front of the ball for a punt block. As the Wolves advanced up the field looking for another touchdown, the Knights were able to stop the attack with an interception.

The Wolves' Alex Popp was able to get the ball back with another interception. However, the Wolves were unable to capitalize on the opportunity and were once again forced to punt, with 5:18 left in the third quarter.

Later in the third, Clarkston's Adam Koelb was able to recover the ball after Lahser threw a bad snap over quarterback Tyler Gust's head. Lahser brought the third quarter to an end after Michael Jackson intercepted a pass thrown by Clarkston's Tyler Scarlett.

As the Knights entered the fourth quarter hoping to put points on the board, their hopes were defeated as the Wolves' Julius Porter intercepted a pass with eight minutes remaining in the fourth.

After battling back and fourth, the Wolves were able to capitalize with six more points after a 30-yard rushing touchdown by Chad Blackstone.

"Clarkston is one hell of a team," said Lahser Head Coach Dan Loria. "We ask our guys to play hard for 48 minutes each week and that's what they did tonight."

The Clarkston Wolves will battle Troy High School Friday, Oct. 5, at their Homecoming game. Kickoff is set for 6:55 p.m.

Award winning fishermen

August winners in the Oakland County Parks Annual Fishing Contest at Independence Oaks are: **Maxwell Palese** of Clarkston, bluegill, 7.5 inches, 4 ounces; **Joseph R. Kristufek** of Troy, rock bass, 9.5 inches, 10 ounces; and **Steve Kuhfeldt** of Royal Oak, large mouth bass, 22 inches, 4 pounds, 15 ounces.

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Jade Hearing senior softball team members Dennis Ferguson, Grant St Amour, Ron Sack, Pat Bourdeall, Mike Meshen, Tom Sokolowski, Ron Burrell, Harry Groth, Jerry Achurst, Earl Solley, Osker Lopez, Carrel Miracle, and Bill Mcneaw, with their trophy, and all wearing their championship shirts. Photo provided

Athletes of the Week

Clarkston's Jade senior softball team wins trophy

Clarkston's Jade Hearing Instruments B Division senior softball team battled through August rain and heat to win this year's Warren Tournament Champion trophy.

Due to miscommunication, they missed their first game, but then won their next six games.

In the championship game, they faced an undefeated Allen Park Allstars team. Jade won the first game 4-2. The second game was tied at two runs apiece in the

fifth inning when Clarkston scored eight runs. Final game score was 10-3, earning Clarkston the trophy and championship T-shirts.

Jade competed with two other Clarkston teams in the summer tournament, which includes teams from all over southeast Michigan.

Planning is underway for next year's Independence Senior Softball season, for ballplayers 50 years old or older. For more information, call 248-625-8231.



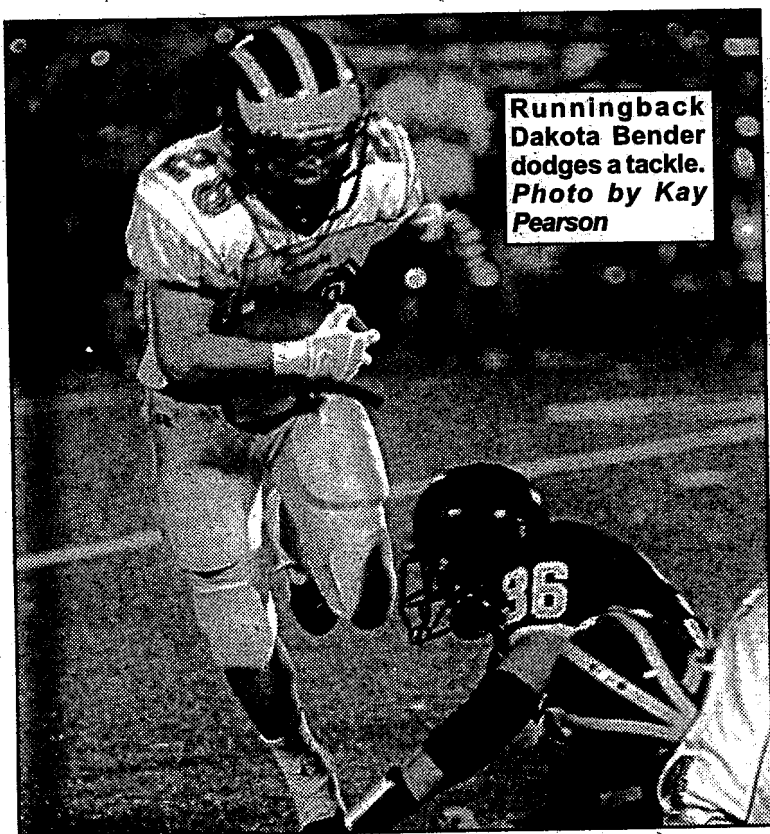
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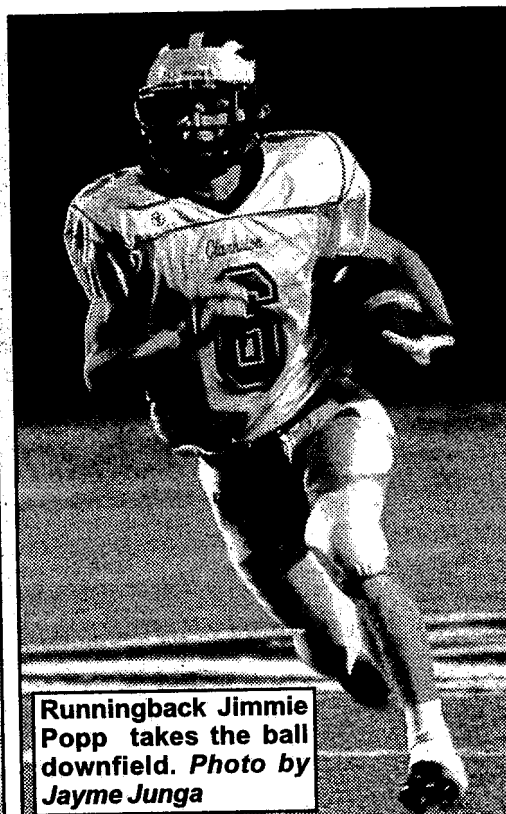
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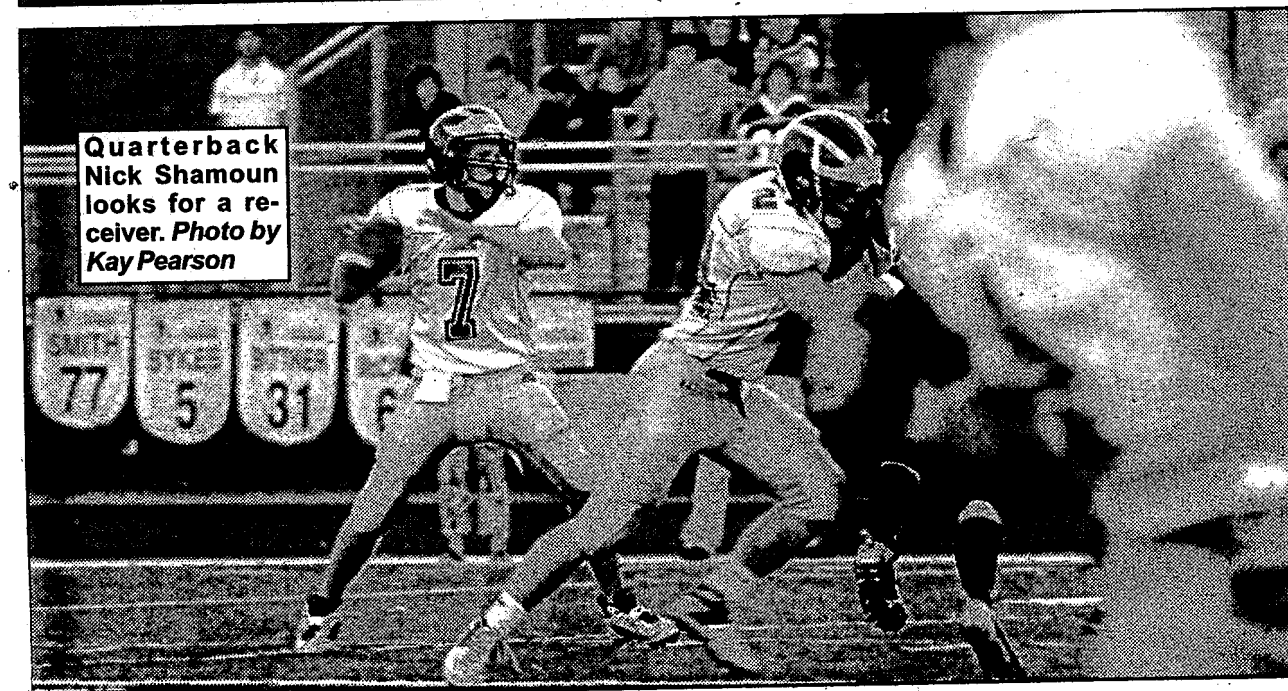
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Runningback Dakota Bender dodges a tackle. Photo by Kay Pearson



Runningback Jimmie Popp takes the ball downfield. Photo by Jayme Junga



Quarterback Nick Shamoun looks for a receiver. Photo by Kay Pearson

Knights also fall to freshmen Wolves

BY KELLY IRWIN

Special to The Clarkston News

The Clarkston Wolves freshman football team continued their climb, Sept. 27 with a home victory over the Bloomfield Lahser Knights 35-14.

Fullback Justin Baetz scored the Wolves' first touchdown on 2nd down and two at 7:53 in the first quarter, with the extra point made by Brian Benway.

Lahser had a smaller team but a very capable quarterback in Bobby Brandon. He made good use of his fullback Paul Jones and runningback Nick Emery who upped the score to 7-7 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Benway had a 45-yard punt that placed the Knights at their five-yard line. When they couldn't get their down, Pike blocked the punt for a safety to end the half 9-7.

After some smart half-time strategizing, the Wolves opened the second half with a perfect inside kick by Benway, recovered by Connor Morris.

Morris later ran in a touchdown followed by a Benway extra point to give the Wolves some breathing space.

Clarkston's defense had some organization problems and gave up a lot of yards in the first half, but eventually wore down the Knights in the second half. This included two successive quarterback sacks by Justin Baetz early in the third quarter.

The Knights quickly proved they were not ready to give up the battle when Bobby Brandon passed to Nick Emery for a 47-yard touchdown with extra point by Michael Henderson.

This didn't faze the Wolves, as a 35-yard pass by quarterback Matt Rogers to wide receiver Chris Canada scored a touchdown with 18 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Wolves set about to finish off the Knights in the fourth quarter with two touchdowns. Runningbacks Tyler Fultz took a 16-yard pass in, and then Brian Burger has a 53-yard run.

Their season record now stands at 5-1 with the next two games on the road, including their archrival Lake Orion Dragons.



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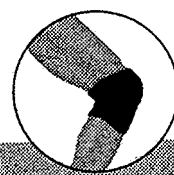
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Good times at Jamboree

BY KELLY IRWIN

Special to The Clarkston News

The Clarkston Wolves Varsity Boys Cross Country placed fourth in the OAA Division 1 Jamboree Sept. 25.

The top finisher for the Wolves was junior Jeff Kuhl, with eighth place overall and a time of 17:14.2. He was followed by sophomore Eric Nordquist, 25th place at 19:21.7, and freshman Christian Bozheim, 27 place at 18:24.2

Andrew Chaffee, Johann Britting, Forbes Denver, Larry Cassar and Michael Inch contributed several strong performances to the varsity team score total.

Lake Orion Dragons boys varsity took the top finish position, followed by Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Rochester Fal-

cons.

Nine teams competed in the event at Stoney Creek Metro Park in Sterling Heights. Boys and girls varsity as well as junior varsity competed during the jamboree.

The junior varsity competition saw five Wolves finish in the top 12, among 163 participants. Junior Giovanni McDougal came in second with a time of 18:53.4. Top finishers also included freshman Austin Yarger, fifth place at 19:07.7; sophomore Ryan Brown, 10th place, 19:38.1; junior Evan Brown, 13th place, 19:43.4; and senior Evan Lessenthein, 18th place, 19:51.8.

Erik Shaw, Aaron Butora, Josh Herrera, Taylor Seimen and Jeremy Kelly also had strong performances and logged several new personal bests.



Independence Elementary students, with their traveling trophy.

Girls cross country winning meets

Clarkston Girls Cross Country is also posting excellent times so far this season.

The team, led by Coach John Yorke, finished first at Corunna Early bird Invitational Aug. 29, third at Bath Invitational Sept. 8, missing second by four points, first at OAA Jamboree 1 Sept. 11, and first at Nike Holly Invitational

Sept. 15.

Results from Holly:

Kristen Smith, 18:40;
Tiffany Kincaid, 19:26;
Andrea Butler, 19:37;
Angela Haight, 20:44;
Bailee Braunreuther, 21:16;
Liz Arnold, 22:54; and
Stephanie Bollini, 23:52.

Kids try cross country

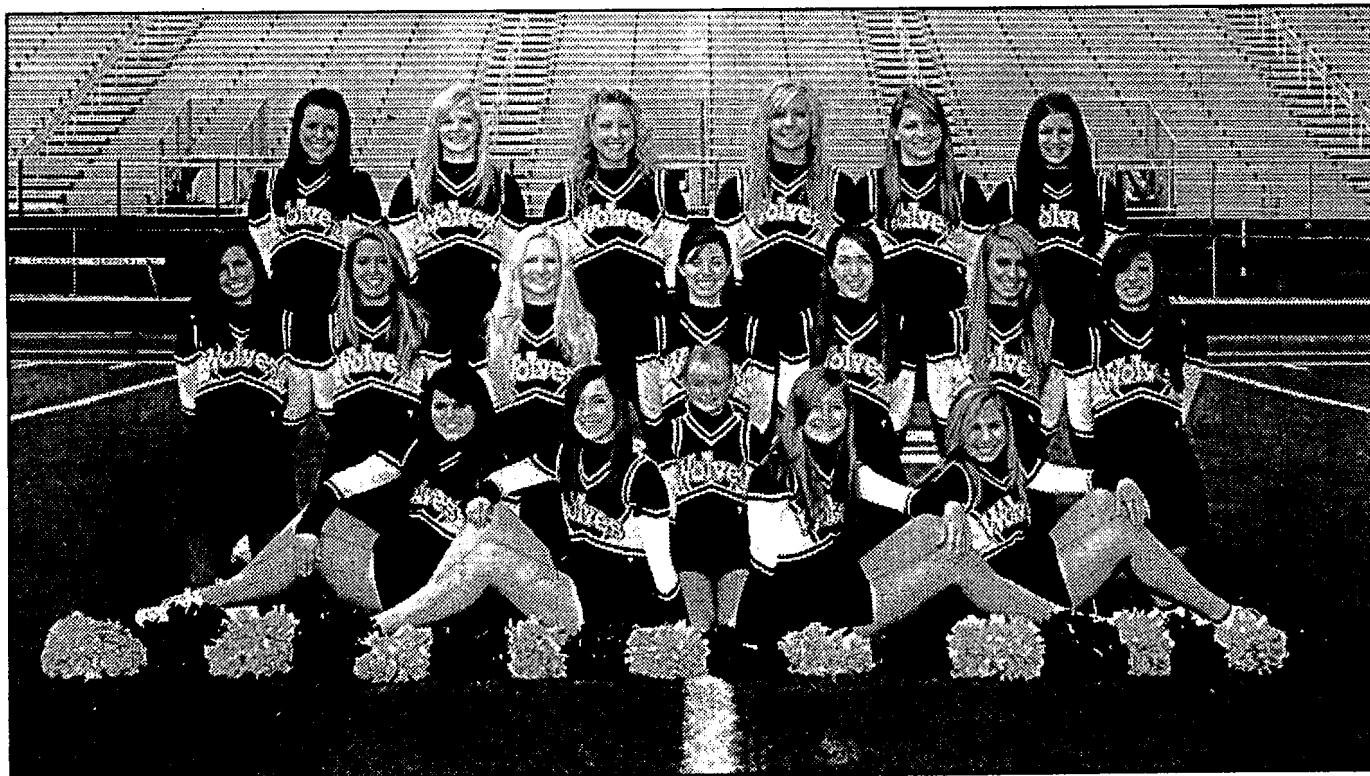
The Clarkston cross country teams held their fifth-annual Elementary Race Sept. 28 behind Clarkston High School.

A record 200 elementary students, kindergarten-fifth grade from the entire district were invited to race. Students in K-2 ran a half-mile course.

Grades 3-5 ran a mile. Boys and girls

also ran separate races, with the top 10 receiving medals.

Members of the middle school cross country team acted as pacers for the races. For the second year in a row, Independence Elementary school won the traveling trophy by having the highest percentage of participants in the races.



Hurrah for cheerleaders

The Wolves Cheerleaders are Megan Best, Megan Delnick, Whitney Francis, Nicole Harris, Ashleigh Henderson, Stephanie Joseph, Rebecca Marquis, Kelsey Miller, Rachel Ming, Lisa Quantz, Brittany Rodgers, Alyssa Santola, Paige Semaan, Lacie Turnbull, Shantel Uballe, Jessica Whaley and Janelle Zirwes. Photo by Visual Sports Network

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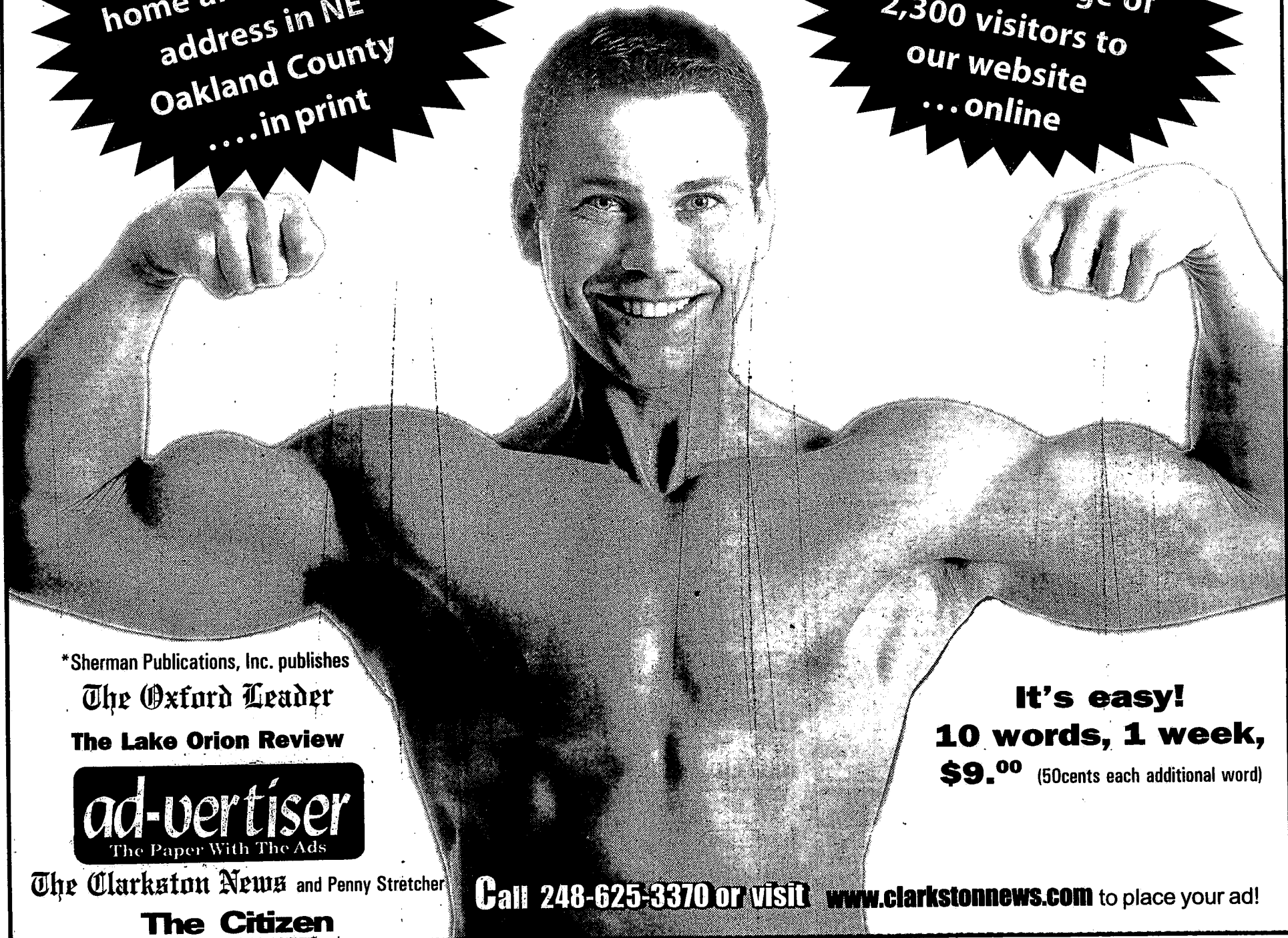
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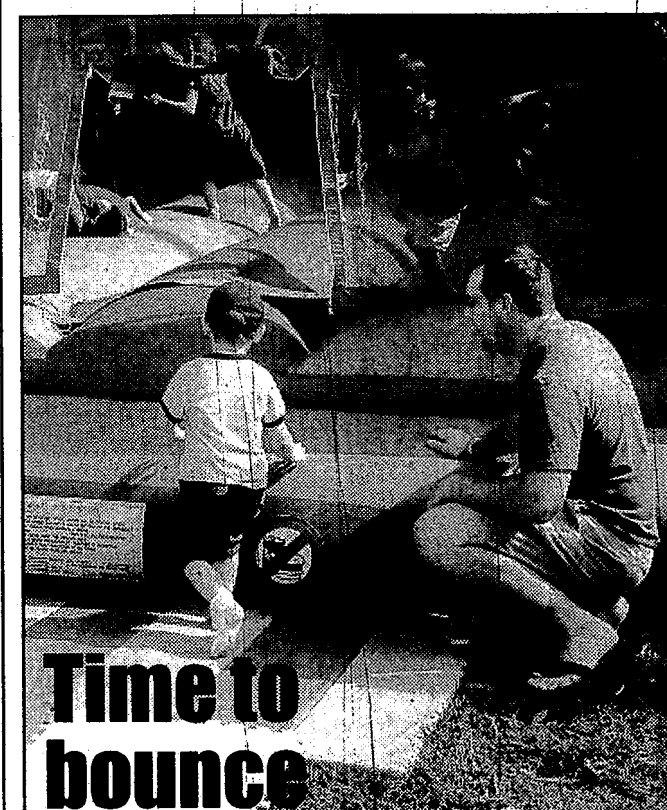
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Time to bounce

A boy climbs into the bounce house to join the fun at Taste of Clarkston's Kidzone.
Photo by Phi I Custodio

More election workers needed

Independence Township and other Oakland County communities need election volunteers.

They are hosting Help Oakland Vote Day today at local municipal offices, offering training, help with applications, and information about working the polls.

Poll worker applications are available online at www.oakgov.com/clerkrod. For more information, call 248-858-0564.

"This is a great way for people to meet their neighbors, make a little money and more importantly, be engaged in the democratic process," said Ruth Johnson, Oakland County clerk.

Poll workers are paid, and many participate as a way to give back to their communities, Johnson said.

"Democracy isn't a spectator sport. We need people to get involved and help keep the system working smoothly," she said.

According to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the average age of an election worker in this country is 72.

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A classic car owner, Jim and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Clarkston with their two adult daughters.

Jim encourages you to call him at 248-625-3370 to say hello and ask him to help you build your business by using the Clarkston News /Penny Stretcher effectively.



New councilman honored to serve

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Serving on the council, he said, is a welcome opportunity.

"I was honored (the mayor) asked me," he said. "The city's been good to me and I'd like to give back."

Inabnit will be appointed to the council for a one-year term, and can seek reelection in the November 2008 election if he chooses.

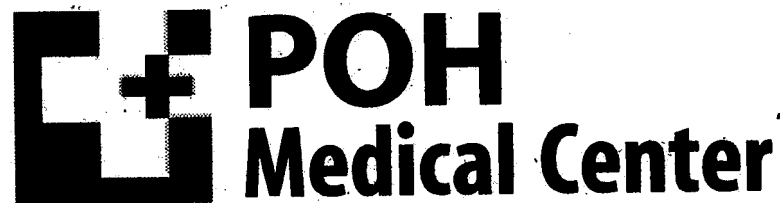


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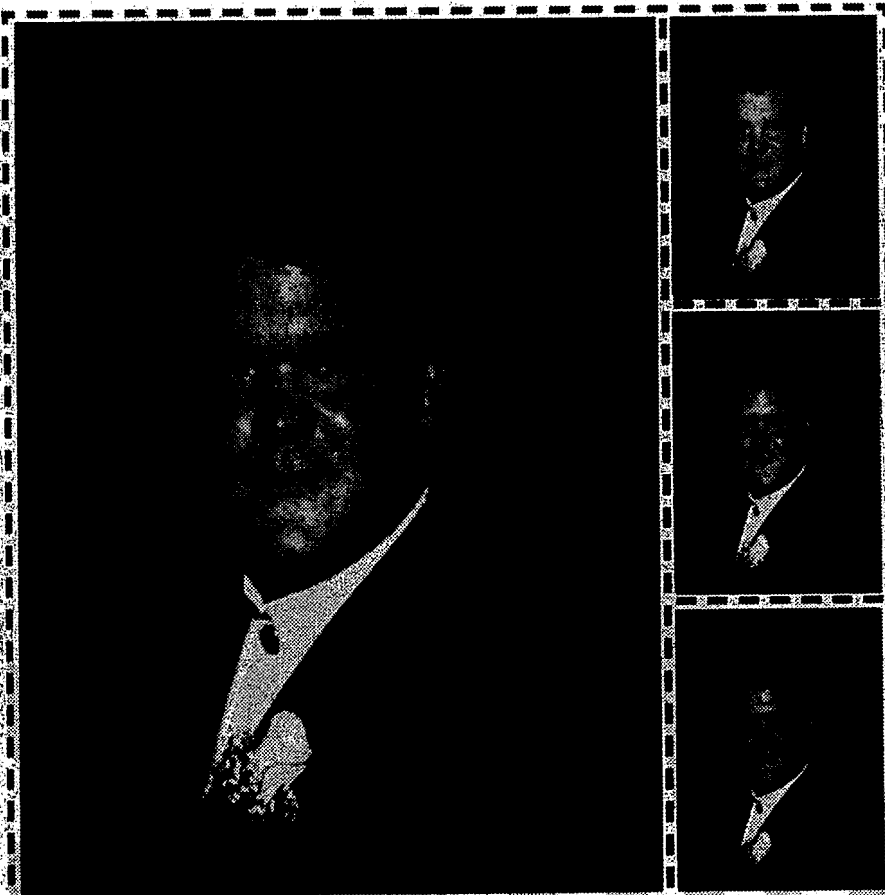
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Kelly fundraiser Oct. 11

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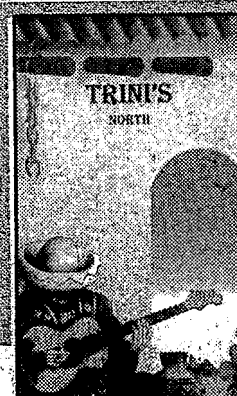
Kelly is running for state representative to replace the term-limited John Stakoe in the 44th District, which includes the townships of Independence, Springfield, White Lake, and Highland, and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

The fund raiser will be Thursday, Oct. 11, 6-9 p.m. at the Nallamothe's home, 7427 Foxburg Court in Clarkston.



Dan Kelly

The host committee includes Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner, Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, Treasurer Jim Wenger, Trustees Dan Travis and Larry Rosso, and former Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary.



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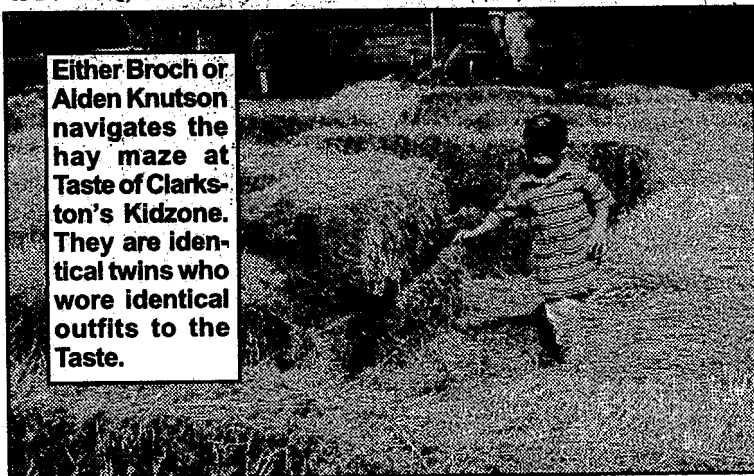


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Either Broch or Aiden Knutson navigates the hay maze at Taste of Clarkston's Kidzone. They are identical twins who wore identical outfits to the Taste.

Sun does its part in terrific taste

The rain held off long enough to deliver a sunny Sunday for the 2007 Taste of Clarkston.

Hosted by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 30 restaurants offered their best entrees, desserts, and drinks throughout downtown Clarkston for thousands of people to sample.

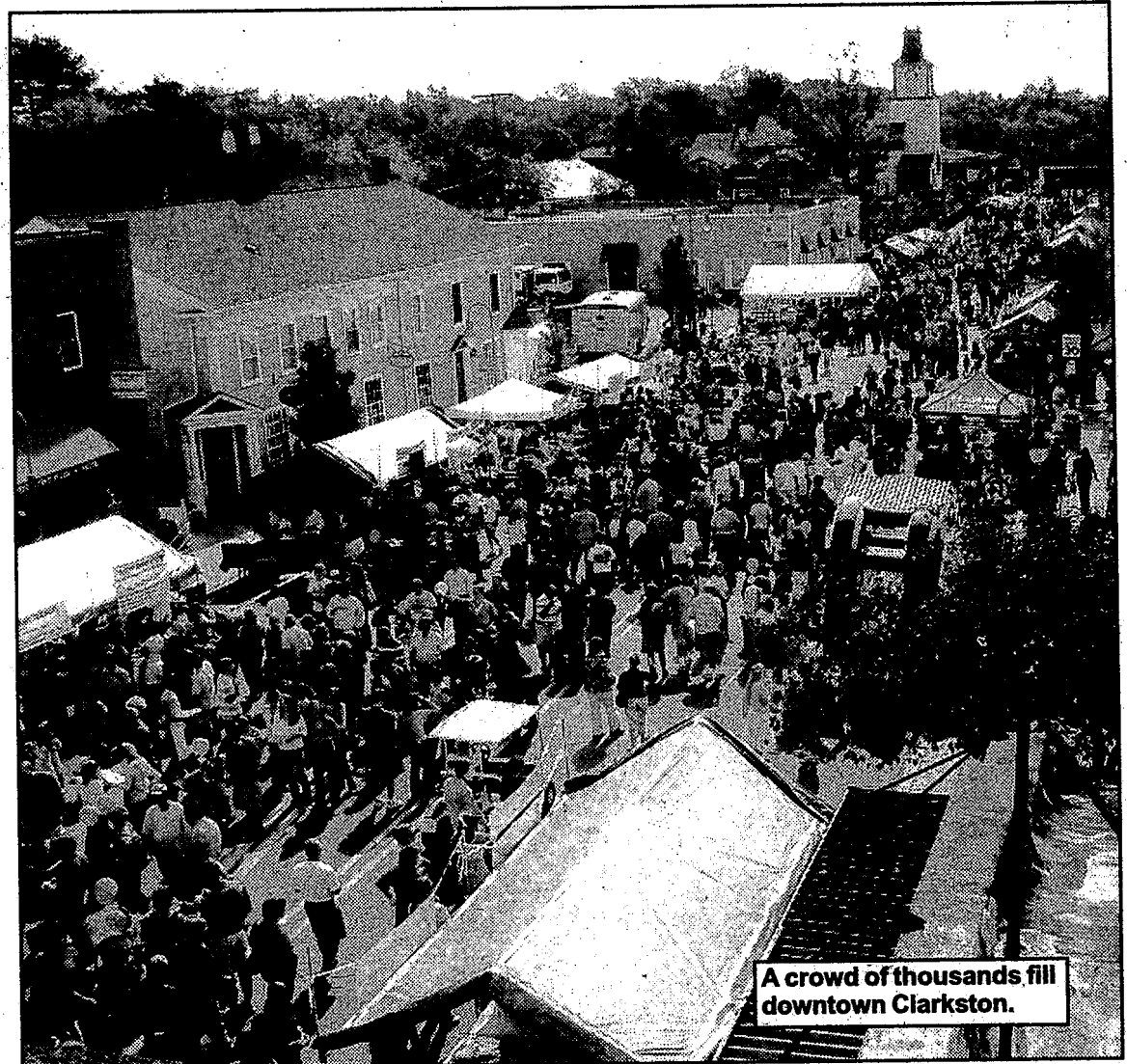
"Main Street was filled with people from noon to 6 p.m.," said

Clarkston Police Chief Dale LaCroix.

After eating their fill, children and parents strolled down to Depot Park for the Optimist Club's Kidzone activities, including a rock climbing wall, bounce house, hay maze, and games.

Estimates place the crowd at the higher end of Taste of Clarkston's annual draw, about 14,000 people.

Photo story by Phil Custodio



A crowd of thousands fill downtown Clarkston.



Jay Hoffman gives his daughter Bailey a taste of Clarkston Union's mac and cheese. Jay, his wife, Laura, and their other children Abbie and Jacob drove down from Grand Blanc.



Braxton and Madison Monsma, with their parents Heather and Alex, greet a moose mascot.

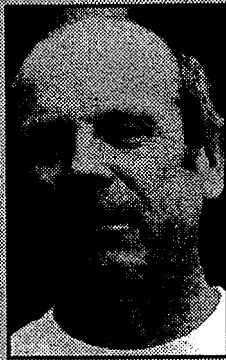
People Poll

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All-time
favorite book?

"To Kill a Mockingbird. The author only wrote one novel, but she got it right."



-Mitch Heber

"The Diary of Anne Frank. It's amazing a child could write in such a way."



-Mallini Rao

"The Bible. It became my favorite book because I needed a father."



-Bill Chamberlin

"Kite Runner. It's a personal story anyone can relate to."



-Sandle Bruce

By Laura Colvin

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Honor bound Clarkston veteran fulfills promise to preserve past

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

As an infantryman in combat in Okinawa during World War II, Sidney A. Centilli Jr. dreamed of the future.

Among his dreams: raising a family in Clarkston, a small town along M-15 his bus would drive through in 1941 on the way from his home in Detroit to school in Flint.

"When I saw Clarkston for the first time, I fell in love with it," he said. "I thought, that's what a small town should be like – someday, I'm going to raise my family there. I'm still here."

Among his dreams now: collecting and preserving memories and mementos of the war for his children, something he wanted to do since 1945.

His book, "Coming of Age During WWII," is set for publication, and he recently donated about 50 pounds of letters and personal items from the war to the Library of Congress.

Letters to and from his mother, Rose (Jaeger) Centilli, family and friends fill seven three-inch binders.

"The letters from my mother were beautiful, full of pathos – her son was in harm's way," Sidney Centilli said. "She had a beautiful way of expressing herself."

He donated the collection in a ceremony in Washington D.C. a month ago. Sen. Carl Levin planned to attend, but was unable – he was in Iraq.

To make up for it, he stopped by the American Legion Post 63 on M-15 to meet with Centilli and his family.

"Thank you – a lot of important information, memories, and experiences will be lost unless people like you are willing to share it," Levin said.

"I think it's wonderful," said Tim Rollin, post adjutant for American Legion Post 63. "Donations perpetuate memories of World War II. They allow younger generations to sit down and look at it too."

Included in the book are articles he wrote about the campaign in Okinawa as an army correspondent for the newspaper *The Caduceus*, at a military hospital in Saipan.

"I interviewed the guys as they were unloaded," he said.

About 20 years later, he came across the steno pads of paper he used for his interviews, all written in shorthand.

"I couldn't read my own writing," he



said. "I finally pieced them together and put them in book form."

Before he was deployed to the Pacific, he was a student, attending classes at the University of Mississippi, Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, and GMI in Flint, now Kettering University.

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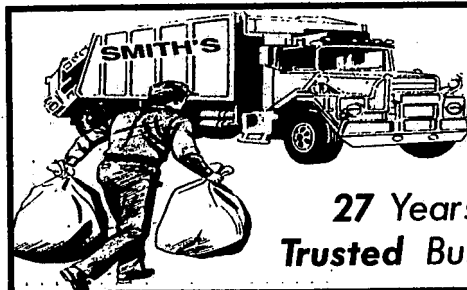
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Internet Safety Class For Teens and Parents, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 4. FBI computer forensics specialist will teach teens and their parents the safe way to cruise around the Internet. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Call 248-846-6550 to register.

Support Group for all ages of those recently widowed, 7 p.m., Oct. 4, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Topic: "Exploring the Lessons of Grief-Positive Outcomes of Bereavement." Alicia Brown, bereavement counselor at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Fall Color Car Classic, 12-4 p.m., Oct. 7, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Limited to first 300 vehicles. Cars will be divided into classes. Registration at the park is \$15/car. Hayrides; swap meet; Crusin' Kid's World with inflatable bouncer; tropical maze, obstacle course, face painting; concessions; nature center visits. Fall color cruise through Clarkston follows the show. 248-858-0916.

Smoke house, Springfield Township Fire Department, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Oct. 11, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Free. 248-846-6550.

Fall Into Quilts, quilt show by Town Hall Quilt Guild, 10-8 p.m. Oct. 12, 10-4 p.m. Oct. 13, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$4. 248-627-4009.

Craft Show & Bazaar, American Legion Post 63 Auxiliary, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 13, Campbell Richmond American Legion, 8047 Ortonville Rd. 248-425-4410.

Spaghetti dinner, Clarkston Junior High School PTA, seatings 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., Oct. 17. 6595 Middle Lake Road off Waldon Road. Adults: \$10; 10 and under, \$7; 2 and under, free. 248-620-1125.

All-world Wine Tasting, North Oakland Ducks Unlimited, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 18, Pine

Around Town



Chip off the ole' block

Jessie Pauley of Clarkston plays Chip, along with Shannon Williams of White Lake, in Oakland Theatre Guild's production of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast." The show runs weekends Oct. 12-28 at the Starlight Theater in the Summit Place Mall. Call 248-335-1788.

Knob Ski Resort. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Benefits wetland conservation. 248-394-1663.

Halloween Craft, Witch on a Broom, 11 a.m., Oct. 20, Ages 6-12 years. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Luau dinner fundraiser, benefits Adam Wheatcroft Memorial Scholarship Fund, 5:30 p.m., Oct. 20, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. Bake sale, silent auction, 50/50, raffles. \$15. Call Lynnette and Rob Wheatcroft, 248-628-6390.

Friendly Forest, 4:30-7 p.m., Oct. 20, Clintonwood Park. Kids ages 2-9 in costume walk the enchanted trail with their parents and collect goodies from cartoon and fairy tale characters. \$6/resident, \$8/non-resident, and adults/free. Purchase in advance at Independence Township Parks and Recreation office. 248-625-8223.

Learning Photoshop, 6-8 p.m. Taught by Roger Bower. Beginner's Level, Oct. 23. Intermediate Level, Oct. 30. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Antique Auction, Clarkston Community Historical Society, 7 p.m., Oct. 26, Independence Township Library meeting room, 6495 Clarkston Road. For information or to donate, call 248-922-0270.

Pumpkin carving for teens, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 30. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Wine Tasting, Clarkston Rotary Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 7, Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Hwy. Enjoy plant display, holiday decorations, food from 15 local restaurants, wines from all over the world. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Benefits Rotary programs. 248-620-2768.

Children's Book Week, with author Mark Crilley, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 13. Live drawing demonstrations, readings, question-answer time, book signing. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Ginger Bread House Craft, 11 a.m., Nov. 17. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Annual Stories with Santa, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 6. Bring your camera, or \$5/picture. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Fall Senior Softball League, for men 50+, Please see Around Town on page 7B

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Conservation country cookout

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Dress code for this year's North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy fundraiser seems a bit looser than usual.

Guests are encouraged to wear their best "farmhouse duds," jeans, overalls, boots, and hats.

"Whatever you hang out at the barn in," said Katie Anderson, NOHLC executive director.

Wild Night Out is going country.

Plans for the evening, set for 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, include a pig roast with all the fixings, old-fashioned hoe down, and live and silent auctions, all at the Lazy J Ranch, 625 S. Hickory Ridge Road in Milford.

"We had to go all the way out to Milford to find a barn big enough," Anderson said. "And in this challenging economy, we wanted to lower the price and increase the fun - people need a good, upbeat party."

The location, which rotates throughout northern Oakland County, also emphasizes the conservancy's farmland preservation efforts.

"Farmland is open space - many farmers are considering selling land to developers," she said. "That's fine, but how about working with us to make it a conser-

vation easement?"

A conservation easement agreement prohibits housing development on the land, which is still owned by a private individual.

"It benefits everyone," Anderson said. "It reduces impervious surfaces, acts as a filter to keep water clean."

The annual Wild Night benefits the conservancy's efforts to protect water quality and quality of life in northwest Oakland County. The event is underwritten by Silverman Companies of Bingham Farms.

Russ Haddon of Holly is this year's honorary chair. Haddon, 90, donated to the conservancy his 80-acre nursery farm as a conservation easement.

Items up for bid include: Wild and Rustic Week in New England; Wild Woods Safari Picnic in northwest Oakland County; Wild Wheels Adventure at Detroit Grand Prix; Wild About Up North at Bay Harbor Resort in Petoskey; Wild Grapes Old Mission Stomp at Green Parrot Resort in Belize; and many decorative items, artwork, spa services, and other recreational and nature experiences.

"We'll have the usual wildly unique items," Anderson said.

For more information, call 248-846-6547 or visit www.nohlc.org.



Carolyn Wood of Independence Township in "farmhouse casual" attire, ready for Wild Night Out Goes Country this weekend. Photo submitted

[Attention Clarkston Residents]

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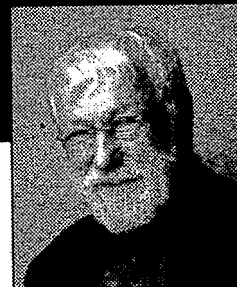
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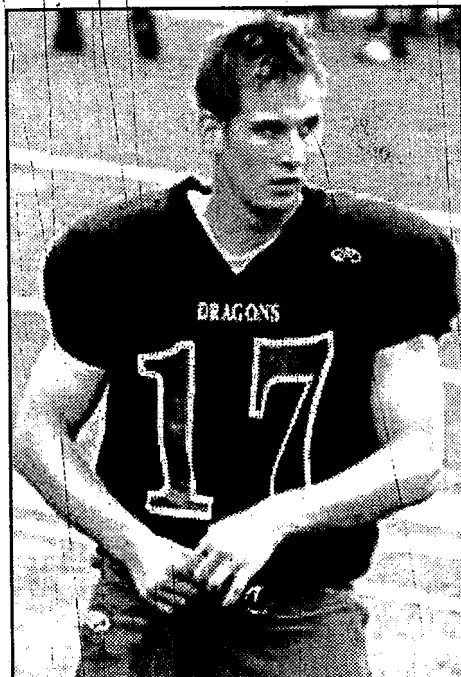
Students achieve success

Andrew Breen, 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School, is the top kicker in the Great Lakes Football Conference.

A senior at Tiffin University in Ohio, Breen scored 12 points in Tiffin University's 60 - 6 win over Gannon on Sept. 29.

He leads the league in extra points, 19 of 20, and is tied for first in field goals, with six. His longest field goal is 41 yards. His 37 total points is eight more than the second place kicker.

Tiffin is 4 and 1 on the season and travels to Wesleyan Kentucky for their next game.



Andrew Breen



C. Lane Fortinberry III, with an exhibit he organized at the Northwood University International Auto Show in Midland. Photo provided

C. Lane Fortinberry III, son of Chuck and Dana Fortinberry of Clarkston, served as captain of Team Jeep at the 44th Annual Northwood University International Auto Show in Midland.

C. Lane Fortinberry, a 2004 graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory School, is a senior at Northwood majoring in Automotive

Marketing. This is his fourth year as a member of the NUIAS committee, having served in previous years as captain of Team Dodge and Team Chrysler. Fortinberry will graduate in May 2008.

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Through word of mouth, television shows and a paid trainer, I discovered that my dog is not the one that needed training; I was the one that needed training.

I had an interesting experience a few weeks ago while shooting some birds. My dog, Zoe, went on point in some high grass. As I approached her and rewarded her with a few pats on her head, I scanned the grass for the bird. I could not see a bird, so I stepped in front of my dog's nose, which is her cue to relocate her body in front of me and make a fresh assessment of the bird's possible location.

She was performing exactly as she had been trained, yet there wasn't a bird. My dog acted surprised and panicked. She started doing large figure eights throughout the grass.

I shouted, "Whoa!" I then added, "Come!" Nothing I said was attracting her attention. I was becoming irritated

and frustrated. After all, I had spent hard-earned money to get her trained.

Then, in response to my abundance of frustrated commands, the trainer yelled at me from several yards away. He advised me to, "Just be quiet and trust your dog!"

After a few moments, she locked on point again. This time she took me right to the bird, which ended in a beautiful shot in a sunset sky.

The trainer later explained how I must trust my dog more than my own logic. The dog's nose is more sensitive than my own. The dog instinctively and by experience will learn more than I ever will about birds.

Later, she locked up again. She led me to the bird and I made another shot, bringing it down. I walked over near the bird, which had fallen in some short cut grass and called for Zoe. She did not come.

In frustration, I called again, "Come, Zoe!" Then I shouted "Dead bird!" but still, no response. It made no sense why she wasn't coming as called. I looked at my trainer and asked, "What do I do now?"

He just looked at me with a grin and said again, "Trust your dog." I walked toward Zoe and there she was, on point again. I didn't know that a second bird was hiding out just past the first bird that we had shot. We bagged both birds that day.

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jeff Stonerock

In our churches...

"Prayer Partner Training," 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

God is Closer Than You Think, video/book discussion series by John Ortberg, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass in Clarkston, SW corner of M-15 and I-75. 248-625-3288.

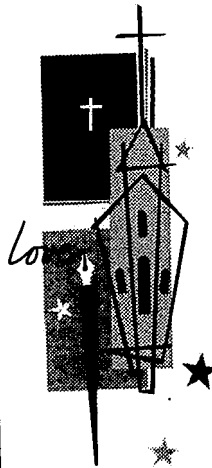
Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539. www.bethanyofsouthernmichigan.org.

Wednesday Evening Feast - Food for Body and Soul, 6:10 p.m., praise and worship at 7 p.m., classes for all ages from 7:15-8:30 pm. Nursery provided. Through Nov. 14. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288.

Scripture Study, 1st/2nd Samuel, 9:30 a.m., Thursdays for 11 weeks beginning Sept. 6; Gospel of John and the Johannine Epistles, 7 p.m., Mondays for 13 weeks beginning Sept 10. Call 248-625-1750 to register. **Orientation** for those interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith, 10 a.m., Sept. 9. St. Daniel

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CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston (corner of Maybee & Winell) 248-623-1224 Service 9:00 - 10:30 www.ClarkstonFMC.org Wednesday 7 pm Youth & Adult Ministry

HOLLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

207 E. Maple Street Holly, MI. 48442 248-634-9494 website: http://www.hollypc.org Rev. Dr. Herb Swanson Rev. Dr. Randy Cullen, new pastor Sunday School 9:15am snack 9:30am classes Sunday Worship Service 10:30am Childcare Provided

NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Evangelical Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship 10:30 am New Location 9600 Ortonville Rd. (M-15) Clarkston, MI 48348 (2 miles north of I-75; church entrance is on Hadley Rd.) (248) 922-3515 www.northoakschurch.org Pastor Steve I. Brown

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 248-625-1611 Website: clarkstonumc.org Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:15 am Sunday Connection Service: 6:00 pm Fellowship Time: 10:00 am & 12:15 pm Nursery available for both services Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am, 10:10 am & 11:15 am service Adult Sunday School: 10:10 am Sunday Youth Groups: Grades 6-7 - 5:00pm, Grades 8-9 & 10-12 - 7:00 pm

ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod" 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

ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston (W. of M-15, S. of I-75) 625-4580 Rev. Christopher Maus Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Fr. Don Duford, D. Min., LPC Sunday 8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 9:55 am Nursery Provided David Hottel - Music Minister Dina Edwards - Director of Children's Ministry Charlie Dean - Youth Ministry Laura Compton - Director of Lay Ministry Bible Study - Wed., 9:30 am & 7 pm Sept thru June www.clarkstonepiscopal.org 248-625-2325

OAKLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services held at Mount Zion Center 4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI Sunday School at 9:15 am Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 am Bible Study Wed. Eve. at 7:00 pm Family Dinner before at 6:30 pm Church Property - Yellow House 7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI Office Address: 404 Cesar E. Chavez Av., Pontiac, MI Phone (248) 858-2577 Fax (248) 858-7706

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston (W. of M-15, just S. of I-75) 625-3288 Sunday Worship: 8:15 am (traditional worship) 9:30 am (blended worship) 11:00 am (contemporary praise) Nursery available Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 (Seasonal) Meal, worship, small groups Wed. evening - Dinner & Bible Study 6 pm (Seasonal) Relevant messages, caring people.

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5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Fax: (248) 394-2142 Rev. Doctor Martin Hall Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Youth Groups 6-12 Wednesday 6:30 pm www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

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5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-3380 Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15) Pastor: Russell Reemtsma Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service Wed: 6:15 pm Awana Club 6:30 pm Teen Ministry 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

6765 Rattalee Lake Road Clarkston, 48348 (248) 625-1344 Services: Sunday 10:00am Morning Worship Service Exploration Station - Children's 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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DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship- 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA 7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study Nursery available for all services.

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Spiritual Matters

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The word of God teaches if you want to live the abundant life that Jesus came to give us, we must be led by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit was sent to take Jesus' place. His job is to lead us and guide us into all truth. The Bible says that "No one knows the heart of God except the Spirit of God. Learning to trust the Holy Spirit is essential to experiencing the kind of life God wants you to live.

Our senses, our logic, and our own rationale can not always be trusted. On the other hand, God's word, which is instructions given by the Holy Spirit, can always be trusted.

The Holy Spirit is a person and He knows all things. He will only lead you in the right direction.

Just like with my dog, Zoe, many times it's just one step at a time.

God gives us direction by the Holy Spirit, then we are required to take a step in that direction. The Holy Spirit will always lead us into truth. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free."

God has all the answers for your life, but **trust is a must**. The human nature without God is led by feelings, emotions, circumstances, logic and rationalization.

However, the child of God is to be led by the Holy Spirit. Trust Him and you'll experience "Zoe." By the way, "Zoe," is the Greek word for "The God kind of life." No pun intended.....

Jeff Stonerock is pastor of Victory World Outreach Center.

In our churches

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Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Dr., 248-625-1750.

Moms in Touch, community group, meeting and prayers for local schools, Fridays, 9-10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church. 248-625-1323.

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.

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 Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. 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.

Around Town

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Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 27-Oct. \$15. Clintonwood Park. 248-625-8231.

Travel Clinics, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, consultation and vaccination, by appointment, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 25900 Greenfield Road, Ste. 600. 248-967-8755.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. Sept. 17: Kim Soncraite, community liaison for Oakland County Parks and Recreation. 248-969-9788.

BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Liberty Golf & Banquet Center,

6060 Maybee Road. For more information, call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.

Knit or crochet program, second and fourth Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels welcome. Tea and coffee served. 248-625-2212.

Clarkston Area Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. The Lions meet in the Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. Call 248-802-8603 or www.ClarkstonLions.com.

Movies & Munchies, 1:30 p.m., every third Thursday. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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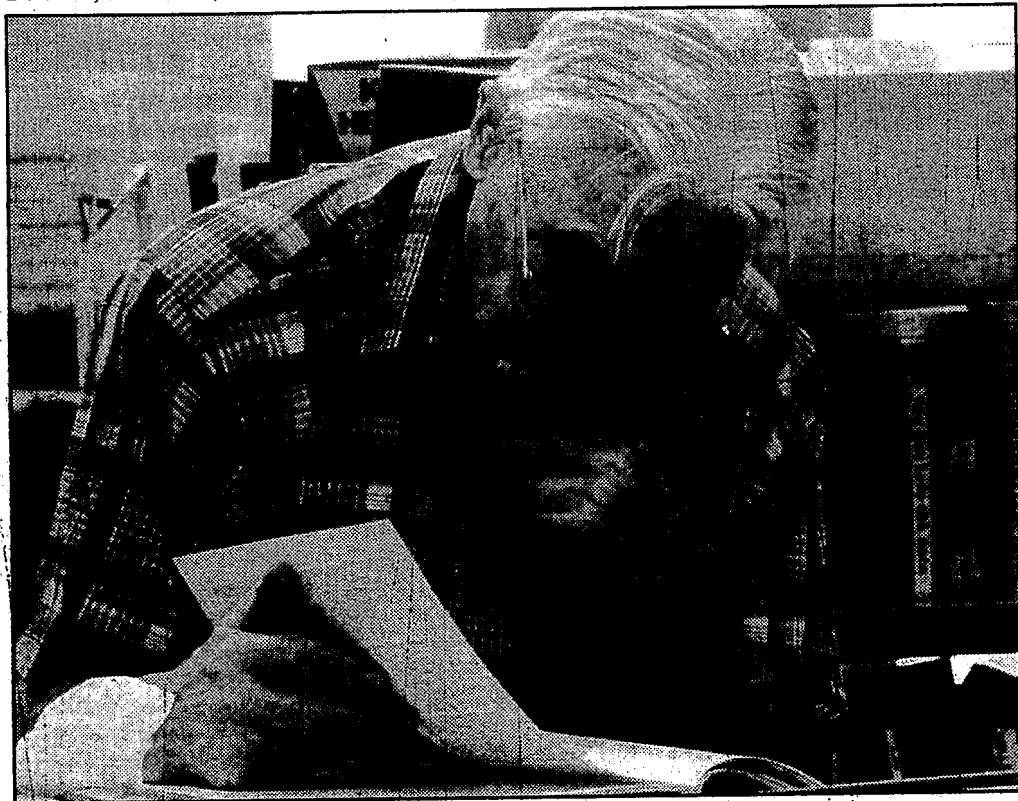


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Ted Spehar, a Friends of the Library volunteer, found a book called "History of the Motor Car" when he took a break to do a little shopping.

One for the books

Last week's fall book sale by the Friends of the Independence Township Library raised more than \$9,500.

All proceeds directly benefit the library and its services.

"Thanks to the generosity of the community and the efforts of many volunteers," said Mitch Heber, "the spring and fall sale totals combined have set an all-time record."

The next Friends of the Library book sale will be held Dec. 1-2 at the library. All books at this holiday sale will be of gift quality and offer choices in many categories.

See page B1, where four Friends of the Library volunteers answer this week's People Poll question: What's your all-time favorite book?

Photos by Laura Colvin



Abby Rankin, along with her mom and brother, stopped at the sale after school let out at Everest Academy.



Eleanor Miller, 21 months, and her mom, Krista Miller, look at some new story books.



Olivia, left, and Megan Simon, sisters, each picked out some books.

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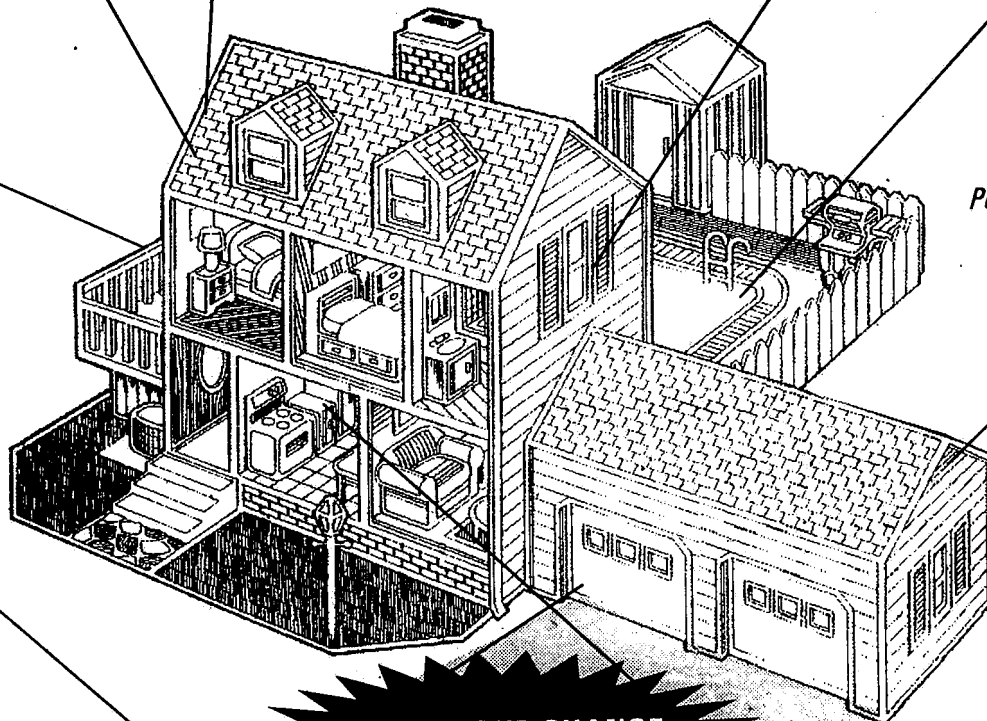
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Obituary

Mildred Eleanor Duffie

Mildred Eleanor Duffie passed away Sept. 24 at the age of 88.

She was born June 29, 1919, in Toronto, Ontario. She moved to Pontiac at age 28 for work. She raised her family in Davisburg with her late husband Charles.

Mrs. Duffie was talented at making crafts and sold them out of her home and at area craft shows for years. She leaves behind three children - Cheryl, Keith (Sherry), and

Brian (Shirley). She had five grandchildren, Tara, Misty (Michael) Stewart, David Doan, Amanda, and Sean, and one great-grandson, Jason Doan. Preceded in death by her brother, Stanley Hunt.

Visitation was Sept. 27 at Harrington & Temrowski Funeral Home. Funeral service was Sept. 28. Interment at Hadley Cemetery.

Send condolences at www.harringtonfuneralhomeclarkston.com.

Dale R. Wood

Dale R. Wood of Gladwin, formerly of Pontiac, passed away Sept. 30 at the age of 76.

He was the loving husband of Shirley for 53 years; father of Jill Hurst, Kim (Craig) Giroux, and Richard (Starr) Wood, all of Clarkston; grandfather of Angela, Jeff, Tony, Nikki, Dana, Marc, Autumn, Kaila, Kathryn, Ashley, and Chelsea; great grandfather of nine; brother of William Wood of Gladwin and

Gloria Driver of Lake Orion.

Mr. Wood retired from General Motors after 43 years of service. He was very devoted to his family.

Funeral Service 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

JoAnne Elizabeth Rivard

JoAnne Elizabeth Rivard of Clarkston passed away Sept. 27 at the age of 77.

She was the wife of Roger; mother of Mary Ann Rivard of Troy, Debra (John) Anderson of Texas, Diane Rivard of Clarkston and Michael (Rebecca) Rivard of Shelby Twp.; grandmother of seven; greatgrandmother of one; sister of Ammon (Linda) Martin of Richmond, Ronald (Donna) Martin of Clarkston, Larry (Karen)

Martin of Ariz. and Janice (Christ) Reppuhn of Lapeer.

Funeral Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Friday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Genesys Hospice. On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Owen

Virginia Isabelle Owen, 94, of Anna Maria, Fla., passed away Sept. 25.

A native of Wayne County, she was a daughter of the late Lee M. and Bertha Hadley Clark. She was a retired schoolteacher, having taught in Avondale School System, Oakland County, for many years.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Survivors include two daughters, Diana Owen of Athens and Joy Bennington of Anna Maria, Fla.; three grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Lord and Stephens, Athens, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

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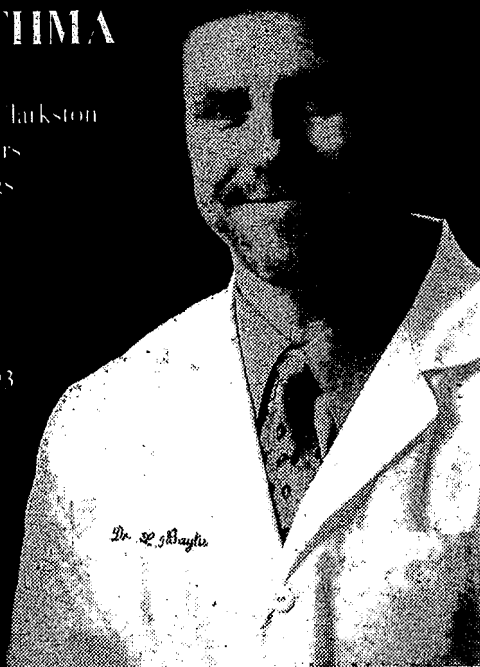
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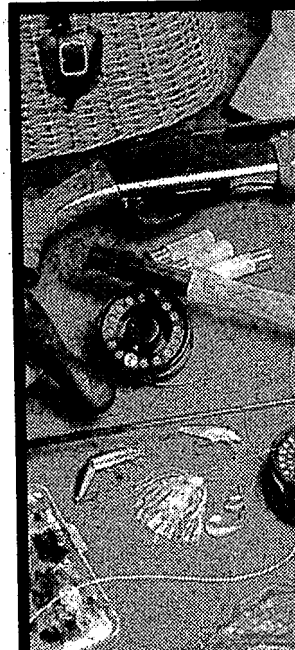
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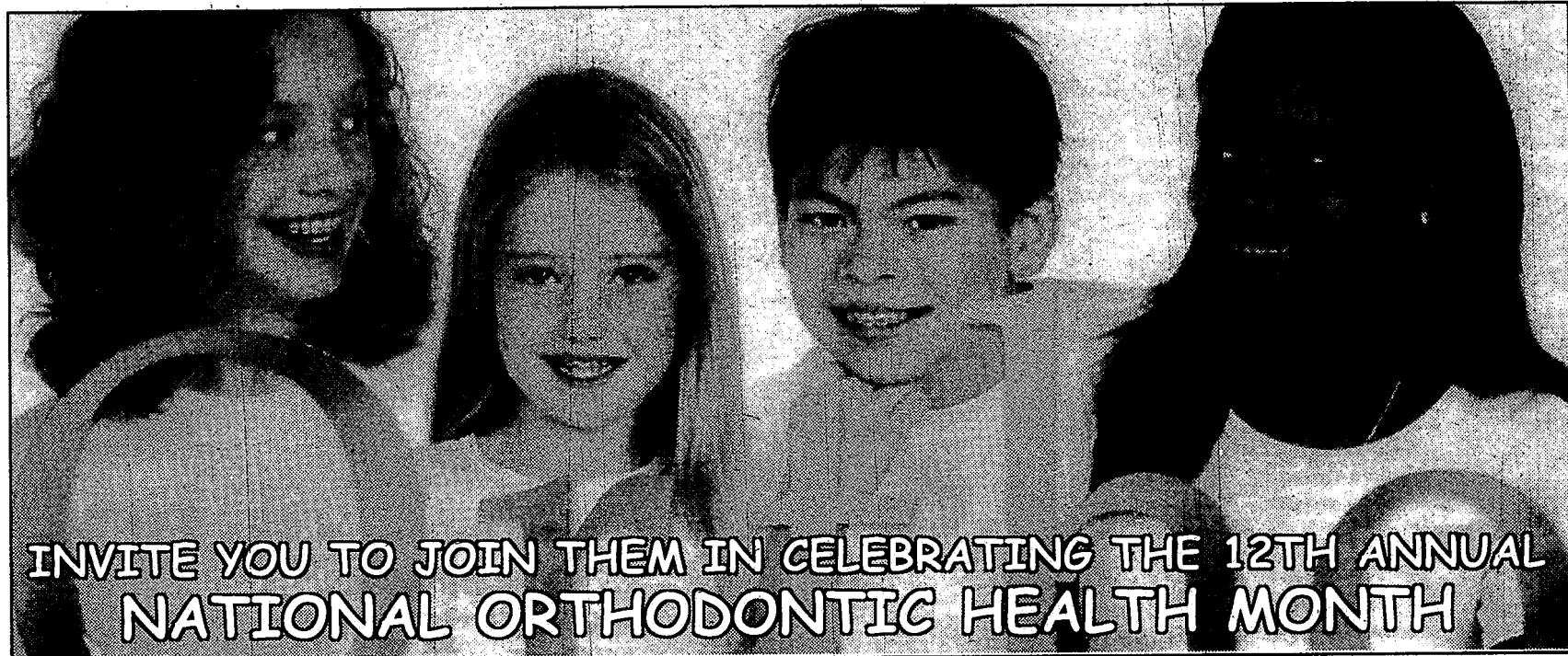
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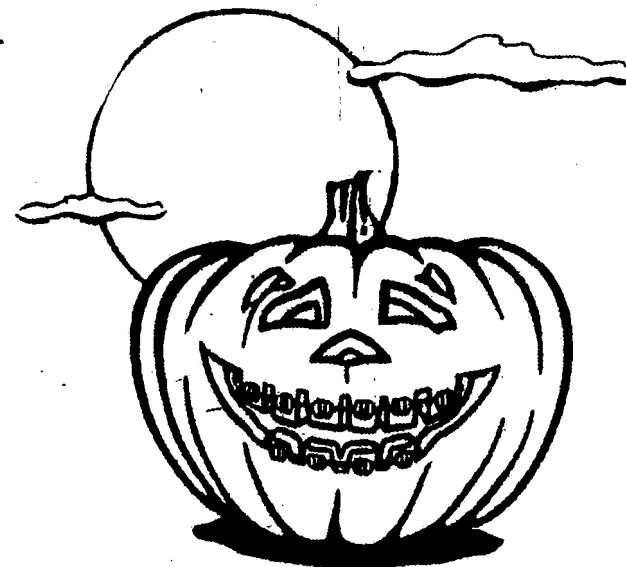
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Local vet welcomes visit by Senator

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"But the army was in dire need of infantry," he said.

After training at Camp McCain in Mississippi, he shipped out with the 96th Infantry Division. He fought as a machine gunner in battles at Leyte, Samar, Philippines, and Okinawa.

He went by the nickname "Cass." He didn't want to go by his initials - spelling "SAC." He didn't want to be named after the comic character "Sad Sack."

"I talked them into turning it around," Centilli said.

He was hit by shrapnel from a Japanese 47 millimeter gun while fighting in Okinawa.

"It was like the gun out in front (of the American Legion Post 63 on M-15)," he said. "We didn't know they had antipersonnel rounds - we found out the hard way."

The Americans were crossing a river near the ocean when Japanese soldiers started firing down at them, he said.

"We lost our platoon leader," he said. "We were trying to recover his body and in

the ensuing action, I got hit."

He was evacuated to Saipan, where he wrote for the newspaper until an editorial he wrote got him kicked off the paper by the base commander.

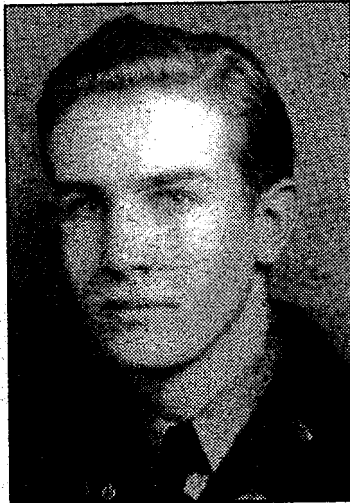
"I wrote about fatigue duties being assigned to combat troops - he said it nearly fermented a riot," he said.

After recovery, he rejoined his unit in Okinawa. By that time, troops were preparing for invasion of Japan. Atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki made that unnecessary.

"One day, they said the war was over - I was in shock," he said.

For his service, he earned the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Bronze Arrowhead Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, two Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, two Presidential Unit Citations, and Rifle and Carbine Expert badges.

After the war, he worked with General



Sidney Centilli



Sidney Centilli points out an interesting photo from World War II to Sen. Carl Levin.

Motors as a senior manufacturing project engineer, retiring in 1986, then as a consultant, retiring again in 1991.

He and his wife, Lois, raised five children in Clarkston, all daughters: Barbara, twins Kathy and Kristine, Diane, and Sharon. They have 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

"He has been a part of Clarkston since 1956," said his daughter Kristine Jacques. "It was his dream."

"I always thought of dad as a gentleman, soldier, and scholar - he's the most honorable man I ever met," said daughter Barbara Laboissonniere.

"I grew up listening to stories of World War II. Only in the last 10 years or so did dad open up about some of the trauma he went through. It's profound - it enlightened us as to what he went through. I can't believe how intense it was. I'm so proud of him."

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New home for ATD Solutions

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

ATD Solutions started in 2000 as a home based business with mother and daughters Sandra Siler, Jackie Kopp and Nicole Jones. Over the past seven years, the business was at two other locations before finding its current home at 6978 Dixie Highway.

"We love it, we moved to this location and doubled our size and now have eight employees," said Kopp. "It's working out great space wise, looks great, and our landlord can't be any better."

ATD's services include QuickBooks consulting ATD helps setup, train and consult on QuickBooks to make sure the customer's finances are correct.

"So whenever anybody's complaining about their QuickBooks, it's not working right for them, usually if they give us a call we tweak the data entry and they're happy with the outcome of their reports, so they can really manage their business and know where their money is," said Kopp.

ATD also does "in house bookkeeping" or go to the client's house if necessary.

"We have a staff of four bookkeepers, that really helps to do the daily, monthly or bi-monthly bookkeeping for our clients," said Kopp.

Most of their clients do not require a full time 40 hour bookkeeper, but need the "quality of the bookkeeping to be kept up, so clients bring things weekly, bi-weekly or at the end of the month so ATD can provide financial statements for them. ATD works with both large and small businesses, as well as personal finances as well.

"We also have a financial statement interpretation service, where we can take two years of financial statements and print out words in laymen terms of what their financials mean and where they are compared to the industry. And give them a sense where their business compares to others or understand where their cash is going or what parts of the business they need to look at," said Kopp.

ATD has done consulting through the

computer and on the phone so they don't have to drive to every client. With a client list more than 300 people, ATD has clients in Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, as well as Florida and California.

"The location doesn't hinder us from doing any services for somebody," said Kopp. "Now with new technology we can figure out a way to do it."

Kopp said they get many complaints from people not knowing where to go to get help on QuickBooks.

"Our goal is to try to publicize it so that everyone knows that there are QuickBooks supporters," she said.

ATD means "Attention to Detail" and their logo is black and red.

"We chose black and red because in the bookkeeping world you're either in black or red," said Kopp. "We hope you're in the black, which means positive cash flow, but some people are in the red sometimes."

One of the new things ATD Solutions is working on is franchise opportunities, for people to purchase a bookkeeping and QuickBooks consulting franchise. They will be trained and given support by ATD as well as the statewide international advertising needed in order to bring in business.

ATD Solutions keeps busy with the Clarkston and Waterford Chambers of Commerce as well as the Clarkston and Troy local business network. ATD also does a lot of expos both power and traditional networking, not a lot of advertising mostly word of mouth and referrals.

"All three owners are QuickBooks pro advisors and certified in the use of QuickBooks and have degrees in either bookkeeping or accounting," said Siler.

Siler's background is in banking, Kopp's in operations, and Jones' title company, closings and real estate.

"I think the thing I enjoy the most about this business is even though bookkeeping is the same thing throughout different companies. What we get to do here is we get to do the bookkeeping for different companies, which means everything is just a little bit



In front are Jeanette Weaver, Amber Shahin, and Lynn Karetz. In back are Owners Nicole Jones, Jackie Kopp, and Sandra Siler. Photo by Trevor Keiser

different," said Kopp. "Every company needs a different setup of bookkeeping, different reports, so you get to know a lot of different businesses, how they work. It's just not the same thing everyday, which is very interesting, very challenging, makes it fun."

Siler said "you must love variety" to do the job working with many different people and businesses.

ATD works with all types of business including retail, legal, construction one of ATD's specialties, insurance agencies, hair salons, restaurants, consulting service trades, and non-profits.

Siler, Kopp, and Jones are very apprecia-

tive of their hardworking staff.

"We have a great staff. They definitely have helped us grow the business. Their knowledge in bookkeeping is outstanding. They've gone through our growing pain (with needing more space) which is really great," said Kopp. "We've needed a lot of space for awhile and they're just a great set of girls to work with, the clients enjoy them and they produce a lot of good work. And good books for our clients, we're really, really pleased to have a good team working with us."

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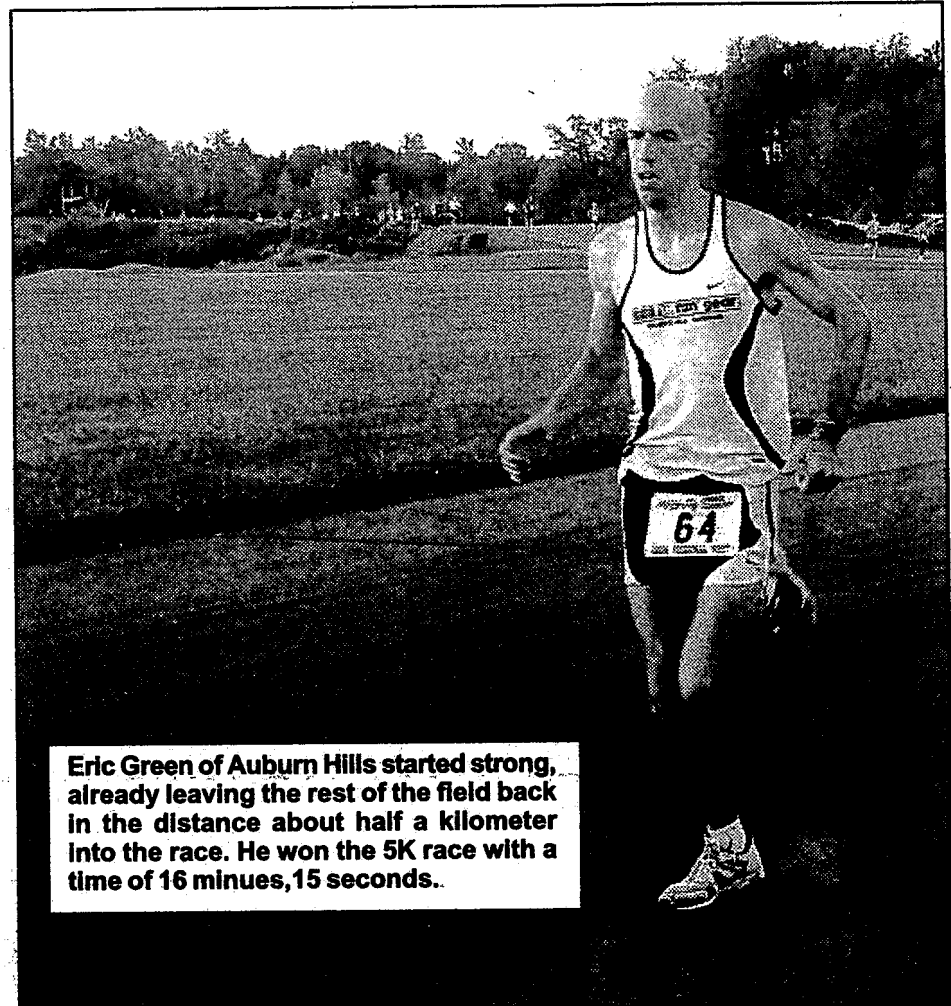
Kori Lowes and Krista Lowes provided hydration support to the runners. Photos by Phil Custodio

Making tracks for SCAMP

Runners and walkers got an early start to a busy Sunday at the SCAMP 5K Race at Waterford Hills track.

A field of about 40 runners and walkers completed the two-and-a-quarter laps to raise money for the non-profit summer day camp for impaired children and young adults.

For more information on SCAMP, call 248-620-1882 or visit www.ClarkstonSCAMP.com.



Eric Green of Auburn Hills started strong, already leaving the rest of the field back in the distance about half a kilometer into the race. He won the 5K race with a time of 16 minutes, 15 seconds.



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Turkey neighbors

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To the qualified electors of the City of Clarkston, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE City of the Village of Clarkston, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346, WILL BE OPEN:

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID CITY NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

THE NOVEMBER 6, 2007 ANNUAL ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PRECINCT 1 OF THE CITY OF CLARKSTON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
(THREE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS)

ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS
CITY CLERK

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375 DEPOT ROAD
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SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.
Roll. Present: Catalo, Brucek, Colombo, Johnston, Ottman.

Absent: Gawronski, Rausch.
Minutes of August 27, 2007, accepted as presented.
Minutes of the August 30, 2007, Special Meeting accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented after changing "Signs" to "Park Signs."
Bills in the amount of \$338,038.65 approved for payment.

Ottman expressed appreciation for the D.P.W. coverage of the City Picnic as well as volunteers Joyce Little and Jeff and Carrey Jones. Ottman stated that it was a great turnout with 420 cones distributed.

Brucek reported that work on the rain garden was successful as the rain proved the garden successful in filtering without washout.

Mayor Catalo added that the picnic was a great success with hundred attending the picnic and bridge dedication.

Ginny Schultz thanked Kristy Ottman for the work on the picnic as well as others who attended and volunteered to assist in the festivities.

Acting Chief Thompson reported that there were no issues to present. There have been citations issued for curfew violations in the park.

Pappas reported that D.P.W. Supervisor Pursley was obtaining bids on sidewalk replacement. Pappas was instructed to have Pursley put areas on a map where sidewalk repair or replacement was needed.

Pappas reported that Pursley had received a bid of approximately \$600 on the repair of the fence on East Church Street adjacent to the Roeser property. Pappas was instructed to have the D.P.W. pursue this repair with this bid.

Pappas reported that there is an opening on the Planning Commission due to the death of Martha Johnston. Further, Robyn Johnston had resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals, creating a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Tom Stone reported that the "Clarkston Street Walkers" had reported two items to the City Manager. A landscaping sign at 150 North Holcomb was never removed after the work was completed about two years ago. Also, a sign at the loading zone in front of the Clarkston Mills had been knocked down.

After discussion on motorized vehicles on sidewalks, it was decided to table this ordinance until the next meeting.

Pappas reported that he had attended a meeting with representatives of Oakland County and Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner regarding the feasibility study of joint services with Independence Township and the City of Clarkston. The City will be

receiving correspondence from Oakland County; however, Oakland County does not address financial issues, just the feasibility shared services by municipalities.

Moved That the City Council approve one double-sided sign with plastic screw-on lettering of rules for a cost of approximately \$2,500.

Resolved that the Police Chief contract be approved as amended which did not include overtime compensatory time but included \$1,000 in lieu of health care to be paid after six months should the contract be renewed at that time. Further a review would take place four months after the execution of the contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.
Chief Dale LaCroix, newly-appointed Police Chief, was introduced to Council and others present.

Roll. Present: Catalo, Colombo, Johnston, Ottman,
Absent: Brucek, Gawronski, Rausch.

Minutes of September 14, 2007, approved as presented with the change in the D.P.W. report from 'obtaining bids on sidewalk repairs' to 'obtaining future bids on sidewalk repairs.'

Agenda approved as presented with the addition of 'Park Signs' under Unfinished Business.

Ottman reported that Pursley had obtained bids on a reflecting mirror to be installed on East Washington at the alley on the south side behind the businesses. The cost for a thirty-six-inch diameter mirror including brackets was \$125 which was previously approved by the City Council.

Johnston asked that a Park Committee be established to review park activities. It was determined that after the University of Michigan students working on the park plans complete recommendations, a park committee will be considered.

Mayor Catalo welcomed Chief LaCroix and expressed her appreciation for Officer James Thompson's work as Acting Chief during the transition period.

Moved That the resignation of William Rausch as City Councilman be accepted with regrets.

Chief LaCroix reported on the fire in Depot Park in the storage area which spread to the roof of the Gazebo. Officer Zena Dailey was on duty and reported the fire which is attributed to arson.

Chief LaCroix reported on the new system in place for filing and retrieving police reports through the T.I.A. and State computers.

Pursley reported on the fire in Depot Park as he was on duty at the fire station and was called to assist in moving the wood pile with the City's front end loader. Ten thousand gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire. One side of the octagon roof of the gazebo started to burn, but was extinguished before there was damage to the main gazebo structure. A tarp will be placed on the gazebo roof to prevent water damage from expected rain. Pursley will be obtaining bids for replacement of the entire roof with either cedar shakes or a metal roof.

Pursley advised Council that the fence on East Church had been reset in the sidewalk.

Pursley also asked that the Council reconsider an alarm system for the City Hall as it is isolated and he is concerned about security at this location.

Pursley stated that sidewalk specifications furnished Council were completed for the water main project with the aid of the City Engineer.

Pappas distributed a draft from Plante Moran regarding the feasibility study for shared services with Independence Township and the City of Clarkston. Pappas asked Council to review the draft for comments at the next regular meeting in order that Plante Moran can be notified of any concerns of the Council.

Resolved That Mr. Hamblin be asked to present to Council costs for three signs, similar styles, single-sided.

Moved that City Council adopt the revised Bicycle Ordinance No. 139.

Johnston is to put together existing material and material collected into one document for Council consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas

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ORDINANCE NO. 139

AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING THE RIDING OF BICYCLES AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES ON THE SIDEWALK AND PATHS OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON.

THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ORDAINS:

- SECTION 1.01.**
- That no person or persons shall ride any motorized bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, motorcycle or other motorized vehicle upon any sidewalk or safety path within the corporate limits of said City of the Village of Clarkston.
 - That no person shall ride any bicycle, tricycle, skateboard or similar device on the sidewalks of the recognized downtown area as defined in the City of the village of Clarkston Zoning Ordinance and as posted by the City.
 - That whenever a person is riding a bicycle or similar device on a sidewalk or public path, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.

SECTION 2.01.
This Ordinance shall not limit the use of recognized single person motorized or non-motorized vehicles and devices on a sidewalk or safety path that are required for a disability as long as speeds to not exceed 5 miles per hour and the safety of all pedestrians is respected.

- SECTION 3.01.**
- Municipal Civil Infraction Payment of Costs.**
Any person violating a provision of this Ordinance upon receiving a notice of violation may pay civil costs to the City of the Village of Clarkston in the amount prescribed by Section 3.01 B of this Ordinance.
 - Costs.**
 - A person 17 years old or younger shall pay costs in the amount of \$10 for a first offense, \$20 for a second offense and \$40 for a third offense.
 - A person older than 17 years of age shall pay costs in the amount of \$10 for a first offense, \$30 for a second offense and \$50 for a third offense.

SECTION 4.01.
Any person who is given a notice of violation and who fails to pay the notice of violation within 14 days or has received and paid costs for notices of violations and is charged with a fourth violation shall be issued a citation to be adjudicated in the 52-1 District Court. Penalty for said violation shall be a civil infraction, shall pay fines and cost of \$500, which costs may include all expenses, direct or indirect, for which the City of the Village of Clarkston has incurred in connection with the violation.

SECTION 5.01. REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY.

- Ordinance No. 18 is hereby repealed and all other Ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- If any section, provision, phrase, word or part of this Ordinance shall be held void, ineffectual or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, words or parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6.01. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston, at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the twenty-fourth day of September, 2007, and shall be published in the manner prescribed by law an shall become effective 20 days after publication.

Artemus M. Pappas, City Clerk
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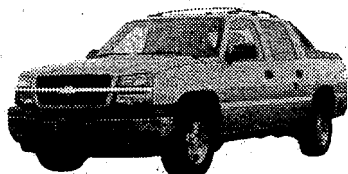
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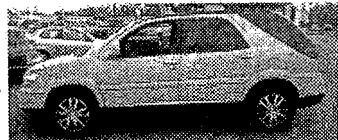
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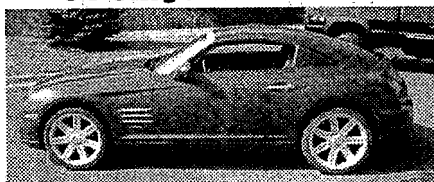
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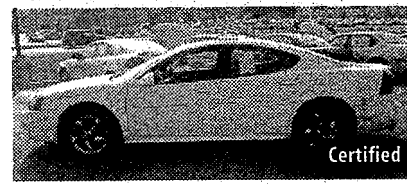
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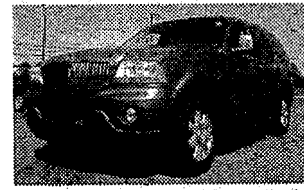
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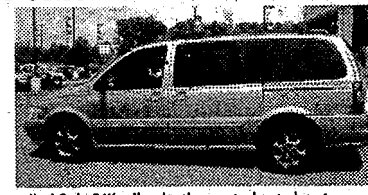
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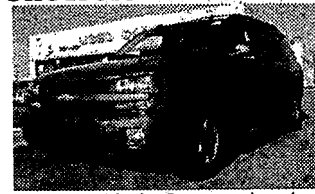
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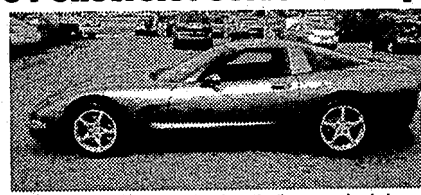
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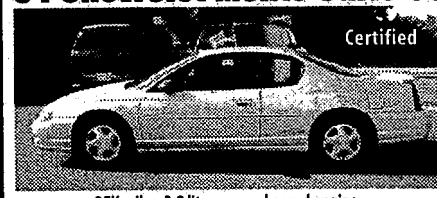
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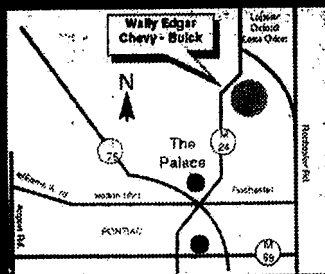
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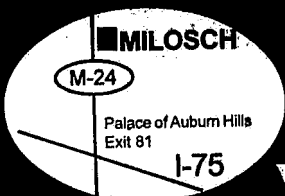
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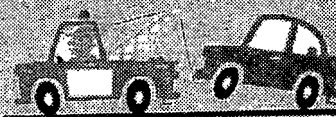
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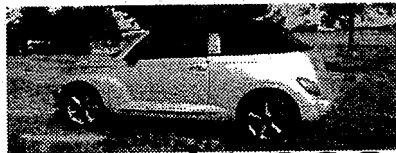


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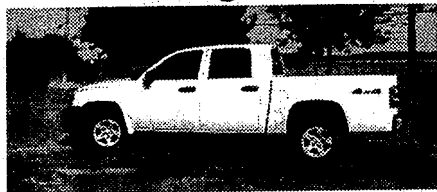
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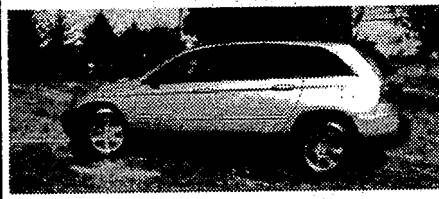
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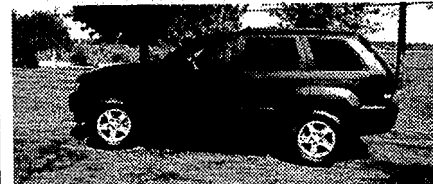
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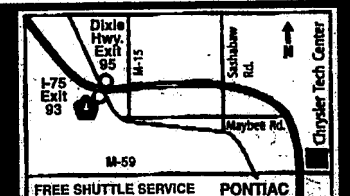
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