

## Keep kids safe this Halloween

"Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat."

Halloween is coming up once more, and it's important to remember to be safe, said Clarkston Police Chief Dale LaCroix.

Young children should be accompanied by an adult, kids should try to stay near well-lit areas, and wear reflective colors and clothing so drivers can see them, LaCroix said.

Parents should also be wary of candy that is not wrapped. If they want candy checked, they can stop by the Clarkston police station, downtown Main Street, 3921 Church St., where it will be checked with a metal detector, he said.

Trick or Treating hour is 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, in both Independence Township and Clarkston.

- Trevor Keiser

## Safety tips for trick-or-treaters

- Always have a parent with the kids when they go trick or treating
- Try to wear lighter colored clothes so you can be seen.
- Always carry a flashlight or a glow stick so you can be seen.
- Make sure that you wear a mask that you can see through.
- Don't trick or treat alone. If you are older and don't need a parent, go with friends.
- Don't accept any candy that is unwrapped.
- Make sure that you get home before curfew.
- And Have A Happy Safe Halloween!

- Andy Feinberg



Carigan Price makes a good Raggedy Ann at Independence Township's Friendly Forest. Please see page 8A for more pictures from the Clintonwood Park event. Photo by Laura Colvin

## It ain't here

### Super staph rumors spread like infection

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

A sick fourth-grader at Bailey Lake Elementary School fueled rumors that a drug-resistant strain of staph spread to Clarkston.

Not yet.

The student was sick with a staph infection, but it was treatable by antibiotics, said Principal Glenn Gualtieri in an Oct. 18 letter to parents.

"Recent news events at area schools have led to questions and rumors regarding this incident," he said in his letter. "This case is not a MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) infection and does not pose a health risk for our school family. As a precaution, we have taken additional steps to sanitize this classroom to further promote a healthy environment for all students and staff."

"This has nothing to do with MRSA," said Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing for Clarkston Community Schools. "He's been treated with antibiotics. He's not contagious."

The student stayed home from school Thursday and Friday, Oct. 11-12, with fever and vomiting. On Tuesday, Oct. 16, the school was notified that the student was in the hospital but feeling better, Gualtieri said.

The student was back in class Monday, Oct. 22, Banach said.

The district also consulted with Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services about cleaning procedures and products, Banach said.

"There are cases around," she said. "There's a case in Rochester. Knowing that, we're having the maintenance depart-

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## Angels among us?

Claire Kirchner makes an angelic impression at the Friendly Forest. Photo by Laura Colvin

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### Ordinance updates set

Do you want to know how many dogs you can have, or how early you can put up those political signs in your yard? Then check out the latest ordinance code book.

Independence Township voted unanimously to approve first reading and resolution of an ordinance re-enacting the township code. The last time the ordinance was updated was 1982.

The code will have to go through a second read before it is fully adopted.

### Flu shots at health center

Clarkston Health Center offers flu shots to the public on a walk-in basis.

They are available in the Emergency Department, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Fee is \$15 and can be paid by cash, check, or charge. Medicare Part B will be accepted. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

For more information, call the Emergency Department at 248-620-4245. Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Place in Clarkston just off of Dixie Highway, north of White Lake Road, in the shadows of the blue water tower.

### Rotary's fall party Nov. 7

Clarkston Rotary's Fall Wine Party is coming up, set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Bordine Nursery on Dixie Highway.

"A Taste For The Holidays" will feature wines from Australia, California, France, Germany, Italy, and South America, along with a few from Michigan. Along with wine will be food from some of the area's finest restaurants as well as Bordine's elaborate displays.

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. They may be purchased from any Clarkston Rotarian or at the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St.

For more information, contact Brad Evans at 248-620-2768 or bevans@fbinsmi.com.



From Left: Kathy Rehahn, Beth Karassey, Susie Sauls, Deanna Heart, Jen Christopher, Julie Wolda, Bonnie Penna, Mary Blackstock, Jeannene Kirchner, and Rhonda Gwinn.

## Remember Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Did you know the probability of developing breast cancer for women is one in eight?

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women today, after lung cancer. Even though it is far less common than in women, it is possible for men to develop breast cancer. Male breast cancers account for approximately 1 percent of all breast cancer cases.

According to Mary Slabinski, practice manager at the Associated Radiologists of Clarkston, this month, dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness, is an opportunity to share with women the importance of cancer screening.

"We try to use that month as a tool to make people aware and to get them to come in for their mammogram," she said. "And to make sure people don't let those screening tools slide. Those are very important."

Beginning at age 40, all women should have annual screening mammograms, receive clinical breast exams each year and practice breast self-exams every month.

"Early detection is the best prevention in breast cancer and the single most important thing about breast cancer is age. As you age, the more you become susceptible to breast cancer — aging is the main factor," said Slabinski.

AROC has been doing mammography since 1990. They perform screening as well as diagnostic mammograms. They supplement mammograms with ultra-sound exami-

nations with what they call "second look," a digital program used in addition to the analog program.

"We have a board certified radiologist that looks at the images and determines whether or not ultra-sound exam is needed to further diagnose issue with the patient," said Slabinski.

Early signs of possible breast cancer include lumps, discharge, tenderness, or significant pain in a certain area. Slabinski said breast tissue changes with age as well. Younger women have fibrous dense tissue and as people age, they become "fatty replaced breast."

AROC is approved through Mammography Quality Standards Act, Food and Drug Administration and American College of Radiation. Five mammographers are on staff, and all technologists are certified in mammography, Slabinski said.

"We have a very great staff here, real friendly people, which is nice because it is a very tense thing for women," she said.

AROC also offers bone densitometry test to patients, to make sure they're not dealing with osteoporosis. The test can be scheduled at the same time when the patient comes for their mammogram. They do not do any interventional procedures at AROC, but they do provide images to surgeons if follow up care is needed.

Slabinski said AROC uses state of the art equipment, which is checked yearly by the Department of Community Health. If needed, patients can get ultra-sounds at AROC as opposed to making a second appointment.

"Ultra-sounds can determine a cystic nature of a lump, it cannot determine if it is cancerous," said Slabinski.

The American Cancer Society said about 77 percent of women with breast cancer are over age 50 at the time of diagnosis.

"There are fewer mammography units in operation now than there were four years ago," said Slabinski. "It's really important to get it (a screening) done. It could be your mother, your wife, or your sister."

Slabinski also said MRIs are becoming a more popular tool for certain breast diseases.

To commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month, AROC is holding a drawing for a Target gift card for patients.

AROC participates with most insurance, said Slabinski. Appointments are available for patients within a week and results are given to the patient within 24 hours. Letters to patients are written in laymen terms and letters to doctors are in medical format.

"So that they know a report went to their doctor and it was either okay, it needs follow up care, or if it was a bad report. So they know they need to contact someone, so we don't miss anything," she said.

AROC is located at 7210 North Main Street, Suite 211. For more information call 248-620-9199, hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Mon, Wed-Fri. 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Tues. and 8 a.m. - noon.

"Every woman over the age of 40 should get screened, it's just that simple. Your best chance of surviving a diagnosis like this is early detection. As it is with everything else, just get screened," said Dr. Marc Kahn, Medical/Radiology Director at AROC.



Several hundred friends and family joined together for a candlelight vigil for John Lafata at Brandon High School Wednesday night. Photo by David Fleet.

## Student's life brightened two school communities

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

John Joseph Lafata lived and learned in Ortonville, but made a big impact on Clarkston High School.

Lafata, who died Oct. 15 at the age of 16, was in his second year with OSMTech at the high school.

"He was absolutely wonderful," said Kyle Hughes, his OSMTech teacher. "He was the student that everyone loved. He understood everybody and was the kindest young man you could imagine. If you asked the kids, they can't speak highly enough of him. It's just a terrible loss."

Lafata, a junior at Brandon High School, attended OSMTech for half the day to learn about science and math using technology, and practical exercises.

"He was absolutely everywhere, working with every tool, figuring out how every process worked - he was so



John Lafata

smart," Hughes said.

He was a member of OSMTech's Team Rush FIRST Robotics team, helping to operate a custom-built robot in competition with other schools.

"He was one of two pit crew students, responsible for keeping the robot working," she said. "He had a tremendous impact on the team after only a year."

The team's name, RUSH, stands for respect, unity, spirit, and heart, all qualities Lafata exemplified, she said.

"The kids here feel very left behind," said Hughes. "He got everyone excited about robotics and about learning."

Lafata was being treated for pneumonia at the time of his death.

He was the son of Matt and Paula Lafata, brother of Paul and Nina, and grandson of Eva Lafata and Marion and Dana Hall.

Prayer Service was Oct. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Friday at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Ortonville.

Please see page 22A for John's obituary.

Susan Bromley, reporter for The Citizen, contributed to this report.

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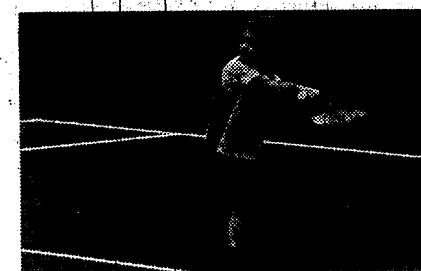
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County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, along with township officials and seniors, dedicates the new Senior Center.

# Ribbon cutting long anticipated

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Fern Schultz, 91, celebrated a dream come true Oct. 18. After 31 years of waiting, Schultz cut the ribbon on a new senior center in Clintonwood Park.

"This is wonderful. They have done such wonderful, wonderful work in record time, of course it took us 31 years to get it, but once it got started they did well. They've done a beautiful job," said Schultz. "That old place had a lot of memories. I hated to see it go down, even if it was a fire hazard."

Members of the community, Independence Township Board, Senior Center faculty and staff, and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson came to support the center.

"I think this is how this community establishes itself, in how it treats its senior citizens," Patterson said. "They have worked hard and they've built this community. Now they get to sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labor."

According to Senior Center Coordinator Margaret Bartos, Schultz came to the center with her husband before she was 60 years old. She has been involved in many of the senior center programs.

"We just are very, very delighted to have this new building and very appreciative of Dave Belcher and facility maintenance crew, Sam Moraco, Dan Kelly, and Chuck Dunn for getting this going and listening to us. We think that a lot of the seniors will be very happy with it," said Bartos.

Supervisor Dave Wagner said Kelly worked hard for the new building.

"He is one of the main reasons why this thing got rekindled again. It had been dead in the water for quite a period of time. With Mr. Kelly's assistance, we were able to fulfill the seniors' dreams," said Wagner.

The new building "was a long time coming," he said.

"It's nice, all the participation from different segments of the community that made this all possible with all the hard work they

put in. I really appreciate it," he said.

"I think Dave Belcher and all contractors did a great job and they did it within budget, ahead of time," Kelly said. "That's about the only way the township could have afforded to do it."

Belcher and Moraco said the 2,100 square-foot building was completed in 12 weeks.

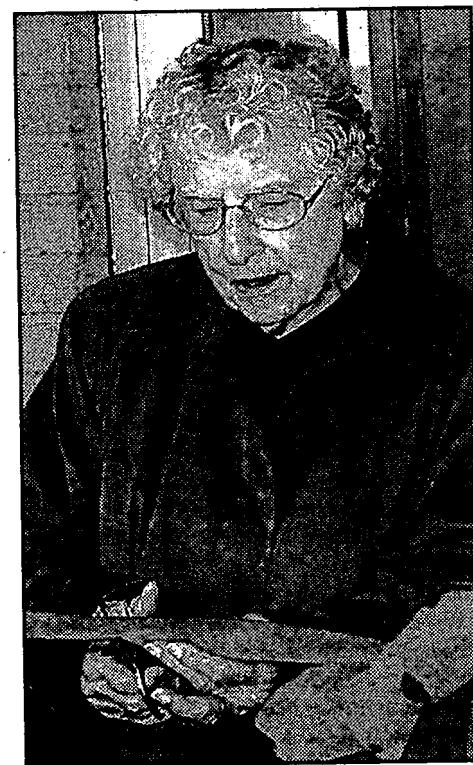
"It's a success story today, it really is," said Treasurer Jim Wenger. "Dave Belcher, Sam Moraco, and all the vendors that supplied their time and discounts, it's good to see. Hopefully it will be a building that will be long used. It's a thumbs up day."

Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen said she was happy to see the project come to fruition.

"It's a beautiful facility and I think it's going to be a great addition to the community," she said.

Cheryl Karrick, planning commission chairwoman, said it was something seniors needed and it was well overdue.

"It's a great addition to our community, I welcome the day that we got to cut the ribbon," she said.



Fern Schultz cuts the ribbon to the new center.

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## Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

### God moments

The other day my co-worker was telling me about a spiritual experience she had while taking pictures of a statue of Jesus, watching a leaf fall from the sky, and hearing church bells play her favorite hymn.

She asked me if I thought of it as a "spiritual experience." I told her, I most definitely did.

I call those "God moments." Those moments that point us back to the right perspective. The creator and the created, that we were created for God's pleasure and His specific purpose for each of our lives.

I often have God moments when I am outside. I tell people I feel the closest to God, when I am looking at the farthest thing away- the stars. How about listening to the wind blow through the trees, seeing a flower blossom, watching a sunrise or set. Wondering what the birds are chirping about in the early morning.

Creation is a reflection of God's character. Genesis tells us at the end of each creation God looked at it and said "It is good." Why was it good? Because God is a good God, He is a loving God, but too often we let ourselves become so busy and consumed with life, we don't take time to breathe in the fresh air and have a reflective God moment.

We forget the true reason why Adam and Eve were created, they were created because God wanted relationship. Adam didn't just have a God moment here and a God moment there, but Adam walked and talked with God each and everyday, just as we should be doing.

David reminds us in Psalms 103:1-3 that when our days are rough we need to remember the goodness and graciousness of God.

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life with love and compassion."

There is nothing that compares to the love, joy, and peace, which can only be found in relationship with the creator. He reminds us each and everyday that He is good and loving all we need to do is take a look around at the creation that surrounds us.

Until next time God bless!



# The Clarkston News Viewpoints

## New school administration needed

Dear Editor,

Clarkston Community Schools Administration has decided to cut five buses and five bus drivers for the 2007-8 school year.

It appears that Clarkston schools has plenty of money for administration buildings but runs short when money's needed for teachers and bus drivers. The administration complex

on Clarkston Road east of Main Street is a shameful waste of our tax dollars.

Because of the fact that the administration has cut so many bus drivers, my children's bus stop has been moved to a very unsafe three-way intersection at Hillsboro and Hillman.

I have written letters and spoken to the Transportation Director Kevin Bickerstaff, Executive Director Business Services Bruce Beamer, Superintendent Al Roberts and the Board of Education President Steve Hyers.

All, save Kevin, have responded in a condescending, arrogant manner. For example, two of the letters have said, "it is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to see that the child gets safely to and from the bus stop."

If a child were to get hurt before or after getting on the bus, would the administration would feel comfortable saying, "It wasn't our responsibility?"

This statement also completely ignores the realities of most working families' lives.

In my letters and phone conversations, I have detailed the hazards present at the new bus stop. They are:

- The visibility is very nearly zero when turning north onto Hillman from Hillsboro. State law "requires...200 feet (visibility) where the speed limit is less than 35 mph." At that time of the morning, cars are racing out of the subdivision so as not to get caught behind the buses. On Sept. 21, a car

- just missed my son as he waited at the bus stop for his sister's bus. The driver never saw him.

- The buses are so full that most seats have three kids each. Kids sitting halfway off a seat are in a dangerous situation.

- These kids will be sharing the unplowed, essentially "two track" roads with cars this winter, risking being hit by cars as well as dangerous slips and falls.

- By eliminating five buses and drivers, the Clarkston Administration has placed budget considerations above the safety and welfare of our children.

This administration has taken the "Governmental Immunity Law" to the extreme. This law, in which "a governmental agency is immune from tort liability if the governmental agency is engaged in the exercise or discharge of a government function" has allowed the Clarkston School Administration to take a "we couldn't care less, it's your problem" attitude.

Decisions are made based on guidelines and budget concerns with little regard to common sense or parental input. It is my view that big changes are needed in Clarkston schools.

John Moore  
Davisburg

## Thanks for barn-buster benefit for NOHLC

Dear Editor,

The pig was not preserved but nature and clean water have a much better chance after 180 guests, sponsors and donors kicked up their heels for the vital cause of land and water preservation at NOHLC's Wild Night Out Goes Country.

The barn doors at the Lazy J in Milford were flung open on a balmy October evening, two sandhill cranes wandered the east field, the sun set through the west doors and WE do-si-doeed our way to a barn-buster.

Thanks to our sponsors, donors, advertisers and volunteers, we expect final proceeds of \$33,000. Top honors must go to our underwriting sponsor, Silverman Development for their generous financial support which made the event possible.

Other sponsors were: Don and Sue Topping, Art Concepts Gallery and Framing, Coats

Funeral Home, Beaumont Hospital, Consumers Energy, Hubble, Roth and Clark, and McClaren Health Care.

Ninety conservation-minded local businesses and individuals donated to our auction. The Clarkston News ran an enticing article that week which helped produce a sell-out. It is especially gratifying to know that some cheerleaders were urging the Wolves on victory that night, and others were giving a "hip hip hooray" to saving places we love. What a community!

Carolyn and Bill Wood  
NOHLC Wild Night Out VII Chairmen  
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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1992

**"Board nixes trailer park addition"** Independence Township Board rejected development of two projects on Mann Road, near I-75 and Clintonville Road. Developers wanted to build a 40-acre neighborhood and expand a mobile home park.

**"Proceeds from the past help secure DNR grant"** Independence Township officials were assembling funds to renovate and reopen Bay Court Park, including a \$314,000 DNR grant. The park was set to open the following summer.

**"Two tax cut proposals set for November ballot"** Proposals A and C were set for a vote. Proposal A called for a 5-percent cap on homestead property tax increases, while C would lower school taxes.

**"Mock election"** If old enough to vote, students at Clarkston Elementary School would have overwhelmingly elected George H.W. Bush to a second term as president over challengers Bill Clinton and Ross Perot.

### 25 years ago - 1982

**"Year-round music at Pine Knob?"** Pine Knob music theater appealed to the courts to expand its 100-day summer season to a 250-day year-round operation. Plans included a 5,500-seat enclosed theater.

**"Teacher strike now 'possibility'"** Teachers and administration still did not have a contract. Problems centered on salaries. A mediator provided by Michigan Employment Security Commission was helping out.

**"Scouts prepare to ride scooters, deter crime"** Inspired by New York City's Guardian Angels, local Boy Scouts were set to patrol Independence Township on motor scooters. Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen design the program, the first of its kind in the country.

### 50 years ago - 1957

**"H.S. program being studied"** Clarkston High School teachers were evaluating curriculum and facilities in order to earn North Central Association accreditation.

**"Ground broken for new building"** Several Clarkston residents attended ground breaking of a new headquarters for Oakland County Society for Crippled Children.

**"U.F. to help Big Brothers"** The Independence Township United Fund was to donate \$113.16 to Big Brothers of Oakland County. United Fund goal was to raise \$8,329.10.

Light Ink

## Batting season leads to scholarship

Biff!  
Bam!  
Boom!  
"To the Batpole, Boy Wonder."  
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Ah, it's October. The colors, the (thanks to global warming) warm days and relatively cool nights, pumpkins all turn a young man's attention to things warm and cuddly. And, if you're Dave Kugler, that can only mean one thing, bats.

Kugler, of Ortonville is president of Critter Catchers, Inc. To this young man, the fall season isn't about tossing the pigskin around, nor is it about going out into the woods to hunt for whitetail deer. Nope, fall is about bats. We are up to our knees in guano and the batting season.

Yep, as the days grow shorter and colder, warmblooded mammalians, like bats start fattening up for a long, hard winter. And, bats start looking for a home to wait out the winter. Michigan's little brown bats from the rocky caves of the Upper Peninsula have started migrating south. But, not to Mexico, many end up right about here in south Genesee, Lapeer and north Oakland counties. Unfortunately for some (bats and people), one man's home can be many bats' roost -- which increases the probabilities of man-bat encounters.

"Humans instinctively fear the things in our world that we don't understand," says our man Dave, "And bats, unfortunately, seem to land at the top of that list, regardless of the many benefits they provide, like insect control around the home and garden.

"When the general public attempts to get bats out of their home, the natural reaction is to harm the bat with a tennis racket or a baseball bat. That approach is certainly going to damage lamps and picture frames, and it's definitely not our suggested approach in dealing with an

**Don't  
Rush Me**



**a column by  
Don Rush**

animal weighing ounces, not pounds."

While our hero, Dave, has no cape, he's sworn to combat injustices perpetrated against all of batdom. Crusader Dave has put his money where his mouth is and created the Critter Catchers, Inc. - Bat Conservation Scholarship. The annual scholarship is offered to students at Bat Command Central -- the Indiana State University Center for North American Bat Research. He hopes to encourage a better understanding of the world's sole mammal capable of actual flight.

Last year, around this time I interviewed one of Dave's sidekicks in the critter-catching world, Batboy Bob Lysogorski. Said he, "Bats provide tremendous benefits to homeowners -- when they aren't living in the home. Perhaps the most significant threat posed by bats living within close proximity is rabies, and their waste is highly toxic."

I have learned some interesting things about Myotis Leucifugus (little brown bat) from the myth-busting, critter-catching duo. Like -- all they need to get into your home is hole about an inch long by the width of a Number Two pencil.

"Holy tight spaces, Batman, that ain't a big hole!"

Yep, that means holes in vents and in between bricks are like hotel welcome signs to traveling bats.

And, since bats need to drop down from their upside down perches to fly, they need at least eight feet of clearance. So, when looking for holes bats can enter and exit your home, look high -- not low.

The average colony has six or so bats, but local colonies can reach upward to (take a deep breath folks, remember this isn't in your home) 800 individual brown bats. Zoinks, that would mean a lot of bat poo.

For more information about bats and the scholarship, visit [www.crittercatchersinc.com](http://www.crittercatchersinc.com) or call Dave at 248-432-2712.

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## Will you pick a site with a sight for the hereafter?

In youth we know we'll live forever.

In aging we know we will not. Which brings me to the topic of the week: How are you going to pick a burial plot?

Subjects like that come up at many "viewings," like my most recent one following the death of a friend.

**Jim's  
Jottings**



**a column by  
Jim Sherman**

Of course, some don't believe they will ever die, that they are one of the chosen few. Maybe one of the 170,000 Remnants some believe will be left. Picking a grave site under the timing urgency can only add to the grieving period. At this time you're doing the deceased's thinking. Let's see, would she/he like a hillside and flatland? A roadside or hidden corner? Wooded or grassy?

This selection can be like picking a home or business site: location, location, location. It's very important at the time to try to fulfill the wishes of the lost one.

A major consideration is closeness to family. My sister has told her children to bury her wherever she dies. Others, too, have this "whatever?" attitude. Just say good-bye and put me down, she says.

She won't even rule out cremation, though it's not a choice for my offspring. After all, I bought this burying plot at a good price over 25 years ago and I want it used.

See, the price of the property can also be a consideration. And, do they allow fake flowers, upright headstones, grave blankets, and have running water, good upkeep and snow removal?

The easiest time to pick a grave site is when you're young, your beliefs aren't well established, it can be looked at like an investment and you can check that off your list of things to do.

My friend was an especially friendly person. He loved talking to people. So, the family's first site choice was alongside the entrance road so he could greet

people. Some others must have thought the same, because there were no such places left in their cemetery.

Second choice, a hillside where he could look out over and check on others. And, that's where he is today.

He's such a good, wholesome and friendly man I'm sure he's thanking the family for their choice.

As important as this site selection becomes, it is most often put off until the need. By far the majority of grave selections are made after the death of the needy.

I guess that fits the pattern of the majority- put it off until tomorrow. My mottos are: If it's inevitable, do it now, and plan ahead, be ahead.

And, my farm-girl Hazel is close to a road, shaded by a tree and less than a mile from her home.

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Does your train of thought have a caboose?

Caboose? What's a caboose? Railroad owners have eliminated them, and soon Webster will too. So, I say, concentrate on the engine.

Engines are leaders, and like most leaders they toot their own horn at every crossing, at children waving by the tracks and use it as a gesture to motorists lined up behind guardrails.

Train engines used to have worshipers, people who admired their cowcatchers out front, their billowing smokestacks and trailing coal cars. Who can admire the sleek, clad engines on today's trains?

I liked it when the engines with the big crank spun the iron wheels as the steam began the movement of an 80-car train on its deliver/pick up route.

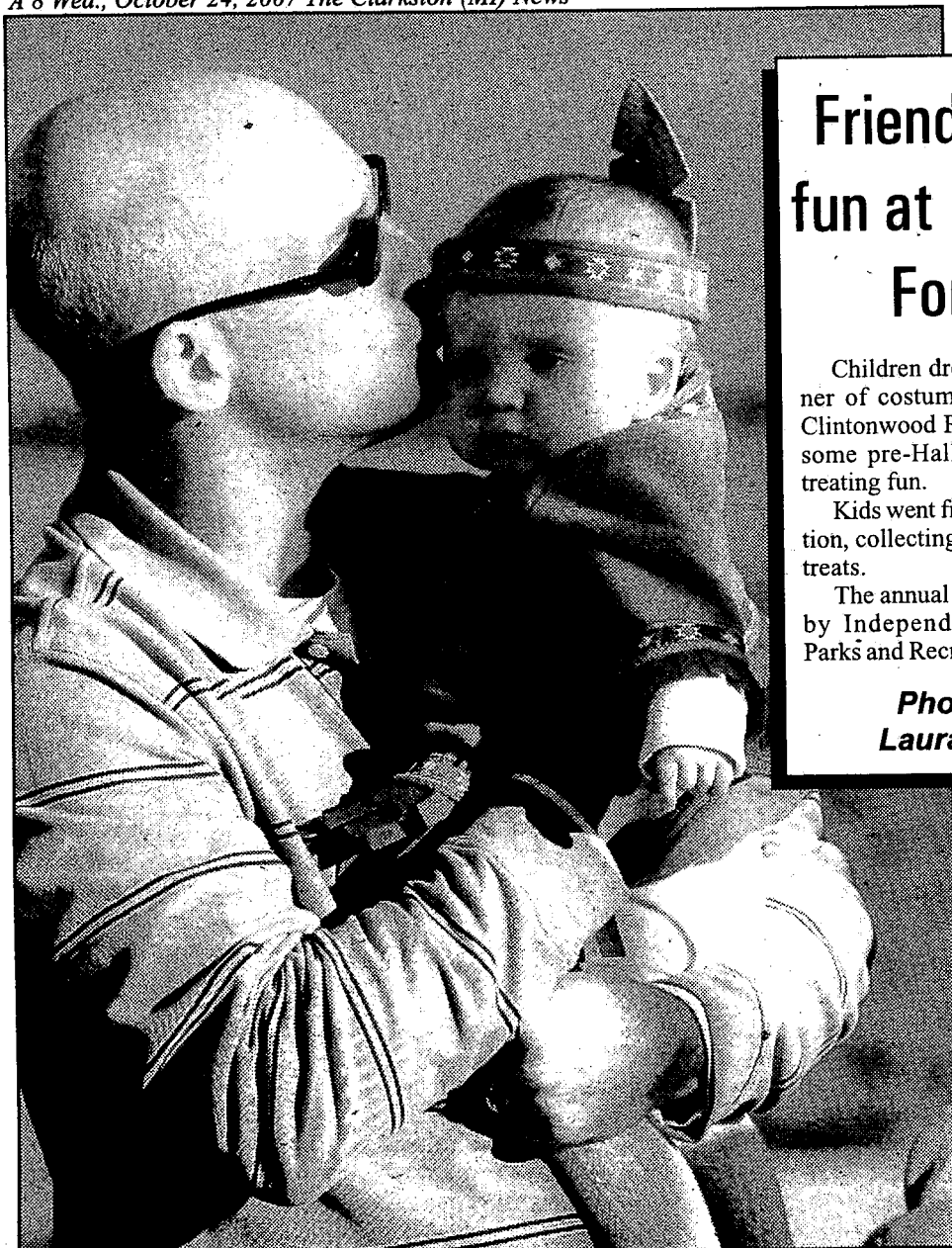
My ol' man was a railroad man, and we were required as kids to count the cars being pulled by every railroad engine at every crossing that stopped his car. He never complained about the engine possibly making him late for whatever.

He'd count the cars and grin, while those lined up behind him honked, spat or cursed.

Dad also told me Humpty Dumpty was pushed.

**Don't like or agree with  
all the opinions  
opined in this edition?**

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Tom Benedict, with daughter Paige, said he's enjoyed many years with family and friends at the Friendly Forest.

## Friends have fun at Friendly Forest

Children dressed in all manner of costume converged on Clintonwood Park Saturday for some pre-Halloween trick-or-treating fun.

Kids went from station to station, collecting candy and other treats.

The annual event was hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

*Photos by  
Laura Colvin*



Deputies Dave Stewart, left, and Jeff Devito don't have any trouble catching bad guys, but they sure had to work hard to keep up with the kids Saturday.



Call, Shay and Bree Bordine have a "beary" good time.



Reece Stachowiak stopped for a good look at Patrick and his spongy friend Bob.



Elizabeth Hart delights in some yummy ladybug licorice.



Brothers Jackson "Magglio Ordonez" and Nolan "pumpkin" Puffer paused briefly to greet one of the Ninja Turtles.



## Independence Twp.

**Fri., Oct 12** A 61-year-old Waterford man pulled over on a traffic violation near Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road was issued an appearance citation when deputies discovered marijuana in his vehicle.

**Sat., Oct 13** An employee at a drug store on M-15 called police after he witnessed a 16-year-old White Lake female attempt to walk out of the store with a bottle of liquor in her purse. The girl told police her friends would not give her a ride home unless she obtained the alcohol.

A 36-year-old woman was arrested and jailed on domestic violence charges after she viewed her intoxicated husband kissing another woman in the driveway of their home and struck the man several times when he came in the house.

A 41-year-old man living in the 5300 block of Clintonville Road called police after discovering someone shattered a window in his vehicle.

**Sun., Oct 14** Deputies were dispatched to an establishment on Waterford Road after an unknown person began shooting BBs at an observation tower around 3:30 p.m.

A 67-year-old Pontiac woman called police after discovering her vehicle was damaged while parked in the 5800 block of North Marshbank.

A 21-year-old Oxford woman filed a com-

# Public Safety

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

plaint for cell phone harassment after her former boyfriend called and made a threat on her life.

A 43-year-old Pontiac woman was arrested and jailed after deputies were dispatched to the area of Clarkston and Sashabaw Roads for reports of a female attempting to flag a ride. Police ran the woman through LEIN and discovered a warrant for parole abscondment.

Independence Township homeowners called police after returning from an out-of-town trip to discover more than \$3,000 in personal property missing from their home. They couple told police they suspected their son, an admitted drug user, might be responsible for the thefts.

**Mon., Oct 15** A 48-year-old woman filed a policed report after discovering someone had attempted to use her Visa card to set up an internet account.

A woman living in the 6800 block of Leib Court was issued an ordinance violation citation after ignoring a previous warning to keep her aggressive dog in the yard. A man painting next door told police the dog chased him around the yard several times.

A property developer working near

Waldon Center called police to report someone entered a construction site over the weekend and stole nine 8-foot sections of cement irrigation pipe. The man told police the sections are quite heavy, and removal would require a large truck equipped with a boom.

## Springfield Twp.

**Thurs., Oct 11** A 50-year-old Fenton woman called police to report someone smashed out the rear window of her vehicle while it was parked in the 12800 block of Fountain Square.

A 52-year-old man living in the 9100 block of Big Lake Road called to report he believed someone has been stealing his papers from the mail, specifically a passport.

A Rochester Hills man called police after discovering a scratch in his windshield after stopping at a Davisburg gas station, where he used the cleaning wand to remove bugs from the glass. The man told deputies he believed the gas station should replace his windshield, and therefore requested a police report.

**Mon., Oct 12** A 35-year-old Springfield Township woman filed a police report after discovering unauthorized charges to her credit card made in London, England.

**Sat., Oct 13** A 32-year-old Springfield Township man was cited for disorderly person an malicious destruction of property after he became intoxicated and began kicking in the door of an apartment next door, where his girlfriend has gone to get away from him while he was drunk.

**Sun., Oct 21** A 19-year-old Springfield Township man was arrested and jailed after violating a personal protection order prohibiting him from returning to his parents home in the 8600 block of South Shore Drive.

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# Church celebrates centennial

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In 1907 First Missionary Church was a mission in downtown Pontiac, started by six ladies as an out reach ministry of the Mennonite Brethren Christ denomination. 100 years later the church still has a thriving congregation. On Oct. 28 the church will have its Centennial celebration from 10 a.m. - noon.

Pastor Bud Freed said he was excited about the event.

"It's the first time I ever pastured a church that was celebrating their centennial. It's a great heritage we have here," he said.

In 1909, the first church was built at Prospect Street. In 1911 the first pastor was assigned to lead the congregation. Over the years, the church went through changes and relocated until 1974, they moved to the current location at 4832 Clintonville Road Palm Sunday, March, 21, 1975, was the first service.

Freed has been the pastor at First Missionary since 2005. He spent his first 25 years with the Wesleyan Church, where he was pastor throughout the state of Michigan.

Freed had his resume out there and was looking for a church when his friend, who is pastor of a missionary church, said 'you ought to call my superintendent.' From there, the door opened up for Freed and his family at the church on Clintonville road.

"I could say that it was an accidental thing, but nothing happens that way. God just worked it out that way and we ended up here," he said. "This was the place He wanted us to be."

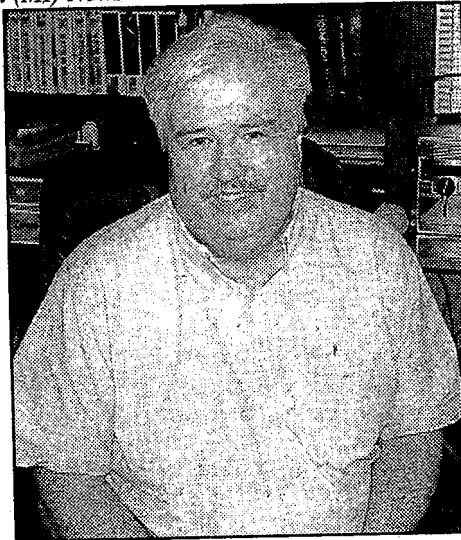
Freed is very proud to be the pastor at First Missionary.

"I have pastured at a lot of churches over the years and I tell you, these are some of the most loving people you will ever meet. They are very kind giving people, very supportive of their pastor here"

Freed said he feels the role of pastor in the community has been "de-valued" in today's culture from what it was years ago.

"I was raised in a very devout Christian home, where the pastor of our church was a position that was always uplifted in our family, said Freed. "This was a person of honor and of dignity."

Freed said his father, a maintenance man in the public school system and his mother, a school office secretary always entertained



Pastor Bud Freed. Photo by Trevor Keiser

the pastor in their home. Because of Freed's upbringing, he felt being a pastor was the highest honor.

"Only God can call a person to the ministry, but we as a family can make them more open to the voice of God," he said.

When he first came to the church, it was mostly an "older" generation congregation and one of their goals was to reach younger families he said.

"We have done that and God has blessed that, so many young new families. We're excited about that," said Freed.

The church has a "fabulous" children's ministry, and youth ministry. The church also offers kids classes in American Sign Language and Bell Choir. On Sunday mornings the kids get a chance to perform for the congregation.

They also have a small group ministry which meets in peoples homes throughout the week and on Sunday nights and each small group does a ministry such as visiting a nursing home or volunteering at Grace Centers of Hope.

"This is a church with a great heritage celebrating 100 years, but this is a church that is excited about the future and there are great things happening here."

One of the things the church is excited about is a partnership with four other churches in the Detroit metro area, planning a new church in Macomb Township.

"After 100 years we are still in the business of starting more churches," said Freed.

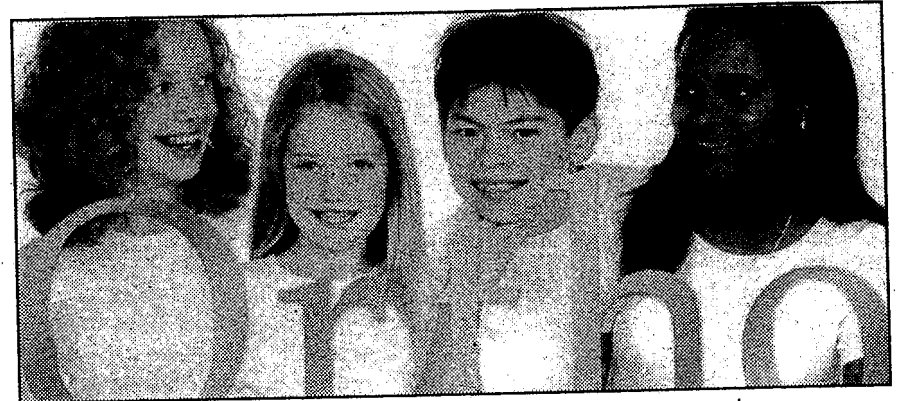
With an average Sunday congregation of 150, Freed said he is expecting about 300 for the Centennial celebration. They are inviting all the former pastors and associate pastors who are still alive.

The Sunday morning message will be given by Bill Hosler, denominational president, as well as introducing the new pastor at the Macomb church.

There will also be a catered dinner after the service in the gym and a timeline of the church on the gym walls.

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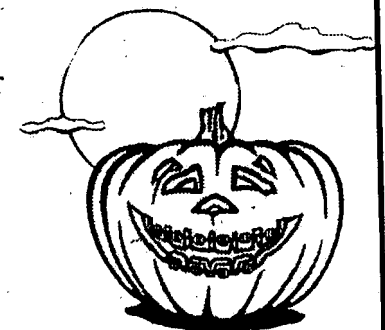
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# Band marches through 30th annual event

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A long series of semi trucks rumbled in and out of Clarkston High School's parking lot last weekend, interspersed with trailer-toting parents and one busload of musically inclined young people after another.

The high school students—several thousand—arrived ready to march, and took to the turf off Flemmings Lake Road dressed in garb ranging from formal band uniforms to hard-hat-topped construction worker attire.

The event: The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association Marching Band Invitational.

The CSIMA—formerly known as the Band Boosters—hosted 30 bands for the daylong competition Saturday.

"A lot of people think a marching band does the halftime show at football games and it ends at that," said CHS Band Director Mike Lewis, who's taught in the district for the past 13 years, working at the high school exclusively since 2003. "Most people just don't realize what the kids put into a whole show like this."

The band, which has 70 new members this year—including about 40 freshman from Clarkston Junior High—practices about 10 hours each week.

Even with so many young, new faces, Lewis said the 160-member band performed "surprisingly well" this season.

"They've been working really hard and picking it up really well," he said. "It's been a nice group to work with."

In addition to regular rehearsals, Lewis said, band members often call and run extra practice times for their various sections. Another four-hour practice is typical on show days.

Each of the 30 bands performed a unique program, but only 29 actually competed to place; as the hosting school, Clarkston's marching band presented "Power and Grace: Music of Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky" as exhibition only.

The band was eligible, however, to accumulate points in a hopeful march toward the

2007 Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship at Ford Field in Detroit.

Clarkston is currently ranked third in the state within their flight—a rating based on total student enrollment.

In November, the top 10 schools in each flight will attend the state championship. Although determinations are not made until after the final competition Oct. 27, Lewis was optimistic about the prospect of competing at Ford Field.

"We'll find out this weekend," he said. "I'm very hopeful at this point."

During the competitions, bands are judged and awarded out of 100 possible points for the general effect of both music and visual elements of a performance, as well as individual and ensemble music performance, and individual and ensemble visual performance.

Judges can also penalize a band for mistakes such as arriving at the goal line less than 10 minutes before their scheduled performance time, crossing the goal line before signaled, taking an excess of four minutes to set up and warm up on the field, performing outside the allotted 7-11 minute time frame, or taking more than four minutes to vacate the field.

Lewis said he depends "tremendously" on CSIMA and other parent volunteers to keep the show running.

"They do just a ton, from way back in the spring until now," he said. "That show couldn't have happened (Saturday) without the parents. Not a chance."

Large groups of parents known as "the pit crew" transport, assemble and disassemble band equipment, including large, often complicated and cumbersome props, in the parking lot and move it up to the field on a strict time schedule.

Parents also make sure kids and volunteers are fed—long tables spread with chaffing dishes, crock pots, and deli trays dot the parking lot surrounded by hungry teens.

Volunteers work during event day, and all through the year, on essential tasks such as programs, concessions, schedules and logistics.



A lot of work goes into a successful marching band performance. Please see page 3B for more pictures. Photo by Laura Colvin

And, in addition to serving as a forum for competition, Saturday's event at the high school is important to the marching band's financial well-being, as well.

"This is our largest fundraiser of the year," said CSIMA President Kathy Tibitoski, noting the group begins planning for the invitational in early spring each year.

"Our music program is largely supported by this event."

It takes hundreds of helpful parents, she said, to pull it all off.

But it's a job none seemed to mind. "I just enjoy being around the kids and the other parent volunteers," said Ken Brown, who was manning an authorized-ac-

cess-only gate and escorting bands off the field Saturday. "I've become friends with many of them over the years."

Both of Brown's daughters were members of the marching band. The oldest graduated in 2000, the younger in 2003.

But he keeps coming back to lend a hand, anyway.

"It's fun," he said. The Clarkston High School Marching band performs at the Huron Valley Invitational Sat. Oct. 27 at Lakeland High School in White Lake.

The 2007 Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship takes place Sat., Nov. 3 at Ford Field in Detroit.

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## Breast cancer survivorship enhanced with support

A couple of years ago, Donna Clancy participated in the three day walk for Breast Cancer.

Soon after the walk, her niece, Emily, completed her degree in Social Work. While feeling victorious and proud of their achievements, Donna turned to her niece and said "Let's go walk the Great Wall of China!"

Dealing with Breast Cancer herself was not on her radar screen.

A year ago, Donna and her sister, Gaile Swiatowy, were both diagnosed with breast cancer. Donna's annual mammogram was scheduled three weeks after her sister's diagnosis. She didn't think she had any reason for concern while following through on her routine annual checkup.

During her appointment, no one gave her any indication that there was any reason for concern either.

But, the day after her appointment, she was asked to return to the doctor's office for a re-scan. Feeling that her return to the office was due to a technician error, she was bothered about having to take the time off work and repeat the "uncomfortable" process.

After the re-scan she met a breast cancer specialist and surgeon who explained that she had a lump in each breast.

Despite the news, she returned home believing that the lumps were benign. Later, she discovered that one of the lumps was malignant.

For six months, her world was tipped upside down. She endured sixteen weeks of chemotherapy and seven weeks of radiation.

"I went to work almost everyday during the treatments," said Donna. "I was determined not to let it ruin my world."

When I asked Donna what helped her



Donna Clancy is a cancer survivor.

mentally and emotionally pull through, she responded, "I had tremendous support from a lot of people - my husband, kids, family, all of the people I work with - every person I knew was very supportive. I can't imagine being alone and having to go through it."

Donna contacted Jo Vaara, a breast cancer survivor diagnosed in 1988, and learned about the Breast Cancer Support group held at the MIRO Center in Clarkston.



a column by Michelle Phaup

The group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 7 pm - 9 pm. Many issues that aren't covered among the medical profession are presented and discussed.

Donna pointed out that in the support group "You get educated answers and it's a comfortable environment to talk about how you feel."

Jo mentioned that, "Statistics show that people do better when they attend support group meetings."

Each meeting has a topic and a speaker. November's meeting will be about the healing power of laughter.\*

As a result of this experience, Donna realized that "everyone is vulnerable. It can happen to anyone." And, "If I know of anyone who is faced with a similar situation, I want to be as supportive as possible. I now know how to support someone going through it."

Sue Welker, a friend of Donna's, feels that "Donna's optimistic attitude made a difference. I believe that a positive attitude is a great medicine. Donna is a great role model."

Today, both Donna and her sister, Gaile, are doing very well. Donna mentioned that "she rarely thinks about it anymore."

In fact, she and her husband just returned from a three week vacation through Japan and China.

The highlight of their trip was visiting their two grandsons, Patick, 12, and Dylan, 9 in Yokuska, Japan.

Remember her "off the cuff" remark to walk the Great Wall of China? Well, she and Emily met up in China a couple of weeks ago to do just that.

\*Recently the Breast Cancer group has considered forming a support group for husbands. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in attending, please contact Jo Vaara, 248-625-3841.

Michelle Phaup, founder of Lend A Helping Hand, enjoys helping people and working for a worthwhile cause. To share a story about a local family member, friend, or neighbor who can benefit from help within the community, please email: Michelle@LendAHelpingHand.org

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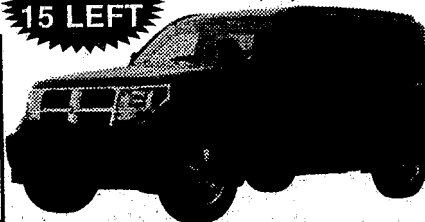
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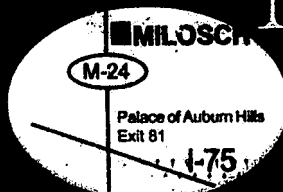
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# Condoms in school?

## State says sure, but Clarkston committee places some limits

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

A new state health curriculum allows classroom demonstrations and practice using a condom.

That's not going to happen in Clarkston, however.

"We didn't want that," said Carla Teare, Clarkston High School teacher and member of the Reproductive Health Advisory Council, which reviewed the curriculum.

"We felt that was against community standards at this time."

Also, state law forbids schools from passing out condoms to students, so the teacher would have to make sure all the prophylactics were collected after the lesson.

"We decided that didn't make sense," Teare said.

Clarkston Board of Education approved the revised curriculum Oct. 8.

The council includes teachers, parents, clergy, and other members of the community. They rejected two lessons from the grade 9-12 physical education/health curriculum: the condom demonstration and a lesson including home-work.

The assignment would have required students to go to local stores to learn about condom brands and prices.

"We didn't feel it was our job to have kids go out on an assignment like this," Teare said.

Clarkston will continue to use a curriculum based on abstinence, relationships, and responsibility, she said.

Condoms will be discussed as one way to reduce risk. According to the latest Youth Risk Assessment survey, 42.2 percent of Clarkston respondents grades 9-12 said they had sex.

"It's built around abstinence," she said. "But we know some kids are not going to be responsible."

The new curriculum should help reduce that percentage, Teare said.

"It should make a difference in future statistics," she said.

## Michigan Model?

The Michigan Model was established in 1985, as a cooperative effort of seven state agencies: Public Health, Education, Mental Health, Social Services, Office of Highway Safety Planning, State Police and Substance Abuse. These agencies worked together on curriculum focusing on disease prevention and health promotion messages.  
— Michigan Model for Health

# Stay healthy with common sense

Continued from page 1A

ment do extra cleaning — it's completely precautionary. There's no reason to believe there is a threat in the schools."

MRSA is dangerous, but not at epidemic levels, said Dr. James O'Neill of Clarkston Medical Group.

"We're not at the panic stage yet, and I don't think we will be," O'Neill said. "But use common sense. Wash your hands. Wash your clothes. Don't drink or eat from others' spoons, dishes, or bottles."

Mild soap and water is best — harsh, antibacterial soap can dry the skin, causing cracks that make it more susceptible to infection, he said.

Working with Clarkston and other local

schools, he notes good cleaning procedures are in place.

"Sports, school nurses, teachers, they work hard to enforce sanitation," he said.

Gualtieri encouraged parents to keep their children home if they are sick.

"As we embark on the winter months, I encourage parents to take this opportunity to discuss the importance of hand-washing with soap and running water," he said. "It is important to also remember that if your child is sick they should certainly stay home from school and extracurricular activities to stop germs from spreading here and in the community."

The Oakland County Health Division website at [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health) has tips and suggestions to prevent sickness, he said.

## Info about MRSA

### What is MRSA?

MRSA is a type of staph resistant to antibiotics such as methicillin and other more common antibiotics.

### Who gets MRSA?

Most frequently, persons in hospitals, healthcare facilities, and correctional facilities who have weakened immune systems.

### How is MRSA spread?

Close skin-to-skin contact, openings in the skin such as cuts or scratches, contaminated items and surfaces, crowded living conditions, and poor hygiene.

### What do MRSA infections look like?

Skin infections that may look like a pimple or boil and can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. More serious infections may cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or surgical wound infections.

### How is MRSA treated?

Most staph and MRSA infections are treatable with antibiotics. However, many staph skin infections may be treated by draining the abscess or boil and doctors generally give antibiotics. Drainage of skin boils or abscesses should only be done by a healthcare provider.

### How can MRSA be prevented?

Practice good hygiene:

- Keep hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed.
- Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages.
- Avoid sharing personal items such as towels or razors.
- Avoid IV Drug Abuse

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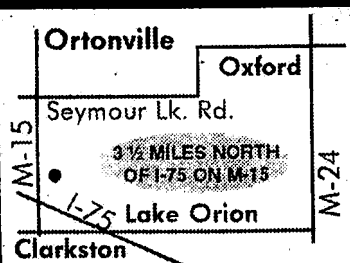
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# Streak Fumbled

## Perfect season again spoiled at final regular game

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Farmington Hills Harrison High School broke Clarkston's heart Friday, spoiling the Wolves' perfect season.

After losing to Harrison 14-13, Clarkston Varsity football team will be going in to Division 1 Playoffs with a 8-1 record, the same as last year's.

With no points on the scoreboard after the first quarter, Harrison scored their first touchdown in the second. Quarterback Craig Sacha passed to Bruce Horner, who ran for cone, stopped at the one-yard line. Buddy Griggs ran the ball into Clarkston's endzone three minutes into the quarter. Udday Kalasho kicked for the extra point.

Harrison scored their second touchdown with 3:23 left in the third quarter. Norman Shuford ran 55 yards to make the touchdown. With another one point kick from Udday Kalasho, the Hawks brought the score to 14-0.

With zero points on the score board, and Harrison beginning to run the clock in the last 10 minutes of the game, the Wolves started to put up a fight.

At 3:19 left in the fourth, Joey Preston caught a 40-yard pass from quarterback Nick

Shamoun ran to Harrison's endzone, scoring a long awaited touchdown. With Erik Thompson kicking the extra point through the goal posts, Clarkston brought the score to 14-7.

With the time on the scoreboard ticking down the last minute and 29 seconds, Chad Blackstone scored the Wolves' second touchdown.

Instead of going for the extra point to tie the game and force overtime, they went for the win with a two-point conversion. It was not to be—they ran short and were unable to score the two points.

"It was a tough loss," Coach Kurt Richardson said. "Harrison matches up well with us, we knew it would be a fight."

Shuford was the gainer for Harrison with 161 yards on 23 carries. Clarkston's Jimmy Popp was held to 21 yards on 13 carries.

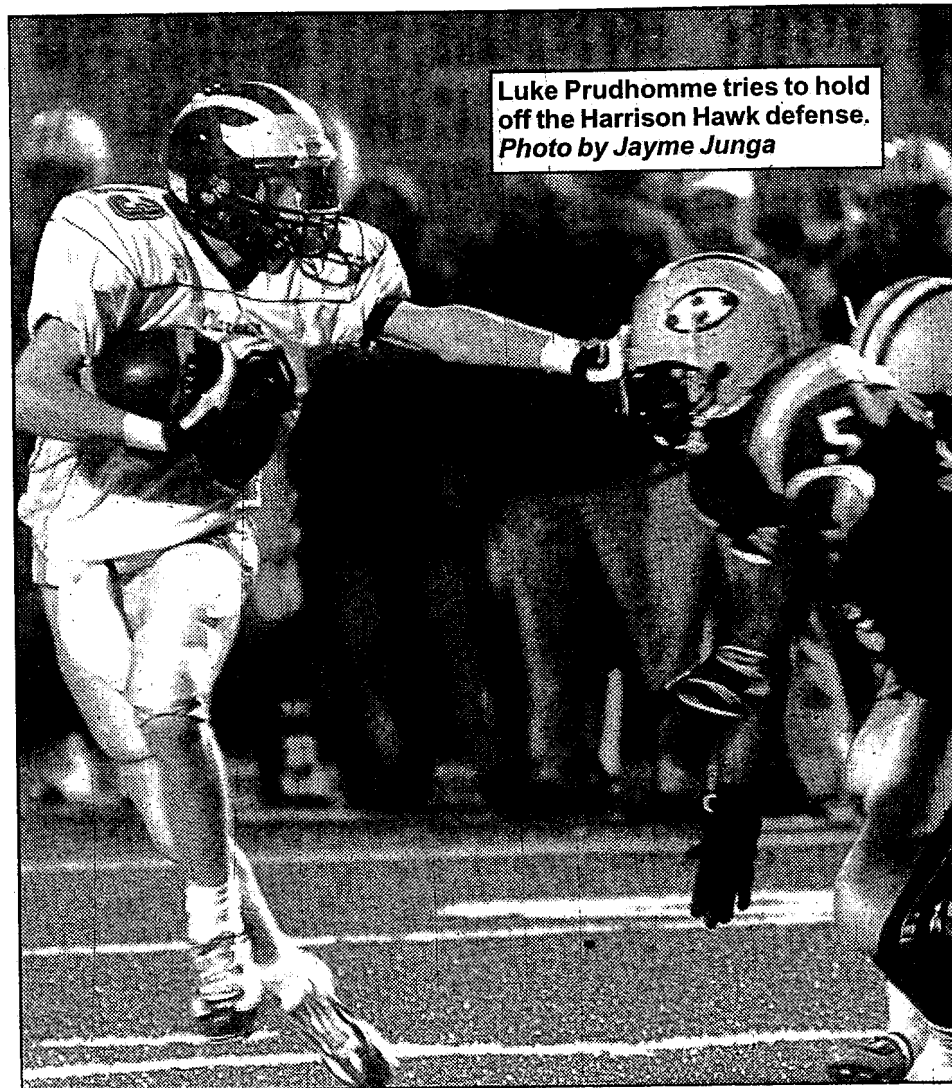
The Wolves outgained Harrison on total offense with 349 to 326 yards.

Clarkston picked up 10 first downs and went 10 of 18 passing, while Harrison had 11 first downs, connecting 5 of 11 passes.

Each team had two fumbles. Clarkston committed 35 yards in penalties while Harrison committed 40 yards.

In preparation for their next game, Coach Richardson said they are "putting in new wrinkles."

The Wolves Division 1 Playoff game versus Utica Eisenhower High School will be this Friday. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.



Luke Prudhomme tries to hold off the Harrison Hawk defense. Photo by Jayme Junga

## Athletes of the Week Keeping it in the family

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sisters and teammates Katelyn and Jenna Coates are enjoying the Wolves' Varsity Volleyball team successful season, winning league this past weekend and becoming OAA Champs.

"Close," Katelyn described this year's team. "The Varsity team is a good team and the best Clarkston has seen in years."

For the last six years senior Katelyn, 17, has been playing volleyball. Her sister, Jenna, 15, began playing four years ago. Jenna wanted to play volleyball after watching her sister and her friends play the sport.

They prepare themselves for the upcoming tournaments with conditioning, running and a lot of practicing. The sisters say they are ready for the tournament.

"I give hundred percent during practice and hope it pays off," explained Jenna.

Both sisters have fun and enjoy playing on the same court.

"Jenna is really good. I am proud," said

Katelyn on teaching her sister and playing with her on the court.

Also, they have each other for support when playing.

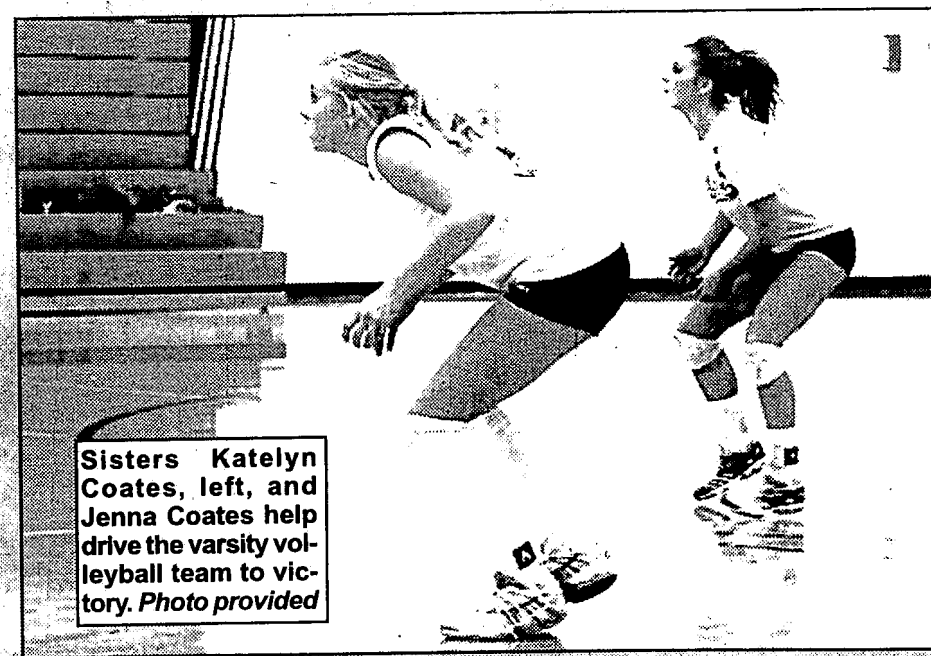
"It kind of helps to have her there while playing," said Jenna. "If I have a bad game, everyone tries to make you feel better. Katelyn is honest with me."

Both sisters say volleyball takes up a majority of their time. As a senior, Katelyn spends any extra time she does have by studying, working as yearbook editor, and applying for colleges.

Jenna spends her time enjoying Michigan football games on Saturdays with her dad. Also, she attends the Wolves' football games and supports her friends by going to their Pom-Pon events.

"It is a lot of fun," said Don Coates of having his daughters on one team. "There's lots of enthusiasm in the bleachers."

Katelyn does not plan to play volleyball. Please see Athletes on page 17A.



Sisters Katelyn Coates, left, and Jenna Coates help drive the varsity volleyball team to victory. Photo provided

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## Closing in

Clarkston Wolves chase down a Hawk. Photo by Kay Pearson.

## Freshman Wolves down Hawks

BY KELLY IRWIN

Special to the Clarkston News

The Clarkston Wolves freshman football team finished their season Oct. 18 with a nail-biting home victory 25-19 over Farmington Harrison Hawk.

The Hawks stunned the Wolves with a two-play touchdown 19 seconds into the start of the game.

But the Wolves recovered late in the first quarter with quarterback Matt Rogers running in a touchdown, complemented by a Brian Benway extra point.

The second quarter saw lots of penalties called on Clarkston with some questionable calls by the officials.

The Hawks quarterback threw a long pass for a 60-yard touchdown with 5:04 left in the second quarter. The Wolves' defense blocked the extra point.

The Hawks threatened again late in the first half. On a first-and-goal on the five with four seconds left, Justin Baetz sacked the

Hawks' quarterback with time expiring.

The Wolves took their first lead of the game late in the third quarter with a Matt Roger's handoff to fullback Justin Baetz. Brian Benway's kick was good but officials later took it off the board.

Midway through the fourth quarter the Hawks scored again but failed in their two-point conversion attempt as Connor Morris batted it down.

Connor Lyons ran back the Hawks kickoff with an 82-yard return but the Wolves failed to get the extra point.

The smaller Hawks team began to wear down as Connor Morris intercepted their pass with 3:57 left in the game. Connor Morris later took it in with 46 seconds left to put the Wolves out front 25-19.

The Hawks threatened one last time but threw a desperation pass which was intercepted by Chris Canada.

The Wolves end their regular season in first place in their division with an 8-1 record.

## Athletes of the week

Continued from page 16A

ball in college. Currently, she plays for fun due to a previous leg injury. She does have plans to study broadcasting and journalism in college.

Jenna plans to play volleyball for the next two years and to continue playing it in college.

"We have earned it, people underestimated us," said Katelyn on her thoughts going into the upcoming tournaments. The Varsity Volleyball's first district tournament game will be held on Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. at Lake Orion High School. They will play against Waterford Mott.



Kneeling, Alan Bartley, left, and Gary Irish. Middle Row: Jack Russell, Terry Brennan, Mark Cynowa, and Randy Merrill. Back Row from left: Roger Bailey, Dennis McCarty, Charlie Laich, Bob Gray, Reggie Madden, and Dave Durham. Not pictured are Gary Bartley, Cal Chase, Tom Harrison, Fred Krause, Max Sherman, Ron Biggs and Dan Lowery.

## Still playing

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Cats continue to practice softball while the weather is still fair.

"As long as the weather holds up," said manager Alan Bartley, "probably until the end of October."

Bartley has been playing softball for the last year. He joined so he could exercise, go outside and meet new people.

They have been playing every Tuesday and Wednesday since the regular season ended. In August, they took second place in their senior B division league.

The senior softball league has existed

for the past 20-30 thirty years. Seniors well into their early 80s still come out to play some ball, proving it's not how old you are, but how young you feel.

The Cats range from 55 to 69.

The Cats begin their season in April with practice. They begin playing games in May.

Next spring, they will be starting their own league for anyone 50 and older.

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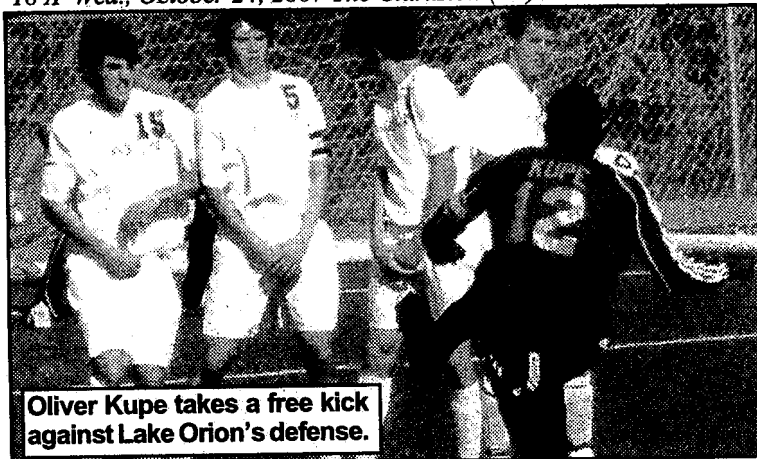


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Oliver Kupe takes a free kick against Lake Orion's defense.

## Score! Wolves beat Lake Orion, earn district championship

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

After a rough first period for the Wolves at the championships with Lake Orion, they needed a break.

A pep talk from Coach Adam Bican during half time did the trick.

"Relax," Bican told his team. "It will come to you."

The Clarkston Varsity Soccer team won the district title 4-3 Saturday against rival Lake Orion.

"I don't have to push the boys," said Bican. "They push themselves, I just have to pull them back."

The Wolves went into the game with a win over Milford 3-1. Lake Orion also won Thursday's game, 1-0 against Grand Blanc.

Lake Orion scored their first goal 32 minutes into the game. Reed Losee assisted Andy Miller.

AJ Pratt attempted one more goal for the Dragons in the last 10 seconds of the first half of the game. Kevon Khani blocked the goal.

In the first 15 minutes of the second half, the Wolves scored two goals. Jarrett Kersten made the first goal at less than nine minutes. Kevin Pinkos made the next goal six minutes later.

With 24 minutes left in the last

half, Clarkston goalie Scott Messer was taken out because of an injury. Davis VanderCeen substituted for goalie for the rest of the game.

At 21:47, Kavon Khani made the Wolves third goal. Kavon took a free kick from the sideline in front of the Wolves' bench. The ball went into the sky and came down landing in the corner of the goal.

Picking up the pace, Derek Schrauben scored Lake Orion's second goal with the clock ticking at 14:31.

With 11 minutes left, Khani passed the ball in front of the net to Oliver Kupe. Kupe in turn drove the ball straight into the net.

Lake Orion made one last attempt with four seconds left of the game as Tim Stonerock made the Dragons third and final goal.

This is the first time in six years Clarkston won district title.

The Wolves were set to play Traverse City High School in Regionals Tuesday, Oct 23. They will play Thursday at Grand Blanc High School at 7p.m., if they win against Traverse City.

Check [clarkstonnews.com](http://clarkstonnews.com) for the latest information.



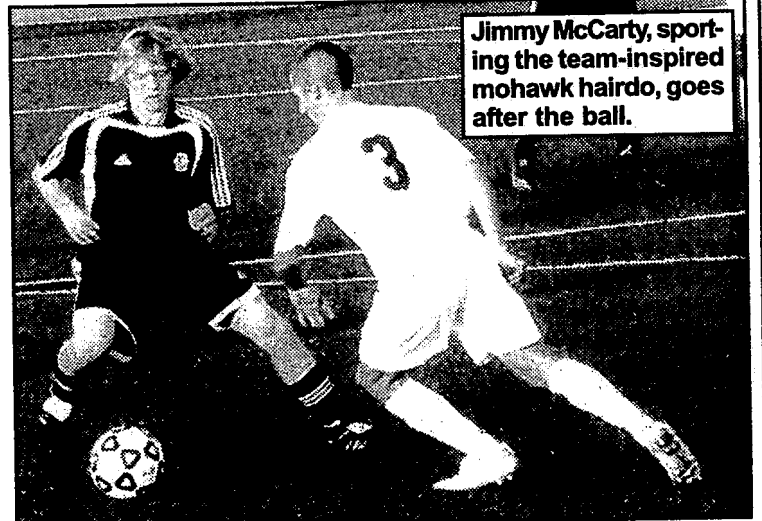
Top row from left: Tim Rogers, John Verros, Danny Rathsburg, Craig Miller, Colin Rumschlag, Davis VanderVeen, Jimmy McCarty, Andrew Campbell, Jacob Melvin, Isaac Platte, Alec Pappas, Kevin Pinkos, Brandon Verlinden, Matt Hall, Coach Adam Bican; bottom row from left: Nick Posawatz, David Thomas, Scott Messer, Kavon Khani, Oliver Kupe, John Timm, Jarrett Kersten, Steve Nacy. Photo provided

## Win secures district spot

Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer's 3-1 victory over Milford Oct. 18 put them in the district championships.

In the last five minutes of the first half, Clarkston made two goals. The last goal for the half was made in the last three seconds. With no defense blocking or preventing Oliver Kupe from the goal, he took the opportunity to drive the ball straight to the net.

The next goal came during the last few seconds of the second half, Brandon Verlinden made a goal on a penalty kick. Alec



Jimmy McCarty, sporting the team-inspired mohawk hairdo, goes after the ball.

Pappas assisted Verlinden with the shot.

Milford managed to get one goal during a one-on-one penalty kick in the last six minutes of the

game

"We are excited," said Coach Adam Bican. "Our goal is to win districts."

— Wendy Reardon

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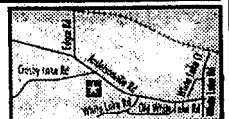
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# More letters to the editor Market to return stronger

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Farmers' Market volunteers have been celebrating the generosity in all of your comments, suggestions and support.

We want to thank all of you, who have spent time and energy responding to our ideas regarding the merging of the Clarkston Farmers' Market with Art in the Village.

The sentiment regarding the closing of the market after just eight weeks this year was overwhelming— we never expected that so many people would want the market to run longer and in conjunction with the existing event.

Such deep appreciation is hard to come by. Thank you to all of you who bowled us over in your insistence that we run longer!

In terms of opposing thoughts, we are prepared to hear many different opinions. We apologize if in our suggestions, hard feelings have arisen.

Our intention is to raise cooperative ideas. We do not feel damaged by negativity we have received. Although we may be having difficulty communicating with a part of the Historical Society over this, we embrace their work and dedication to the Clarkston area, know that they are very important group of caring people in our community and look forward to days when we might work with more compatibility together. There is potential even in opposition.

We still feel that with careful planning, both events could benefit on that Saturday. Market volunteers all went down at various times and scouted out the site this year just as we did last year and the year before that, and found a busy but workable space.

Research is telling us what is working in other small towns across America when it comes to sharing space, and we like those ideas: What if we shuttled cars? What if we closed the market a little early on that day? What if we used the space a little differently that day, perhaps shifting our vendors toward the rear of the lot that we use, creating parking spaces available to both events?

We just don't want to disappoint our customers and we want our vendors to continue to find the Clarkston Farmers' Market to be a market that they can trust to carry them through the harvest season.

In a hungry world, we are striving for abundance, not indigestion. Our customer bases are very much the same, so 1,200 people does

not necessarily mean 1,200 extra cars and our events only overlap by 2 hours. People seem to really like both gatherings and there are many ways to create a safe place. Hearing how passionate people are about this farmers' market is what inspired our first letter that ran in this paper a few weeks ago.

These things having been said, we are delighted to say that we have made some decisions for the 2008 growing season that feel like they support everyone involved and reinforce the integrity of the farmers' market.

Opening day will be July 19 and we will run through the end of September, with the exception of the Saturday that Art in The Village runs. Maybe in the mean time, we will come up with a safe, workable logistical plan.

But perhaps the farmers' market has gained the strength to sustain itself even while taking this Saturday off... We will see in 2008.

Although we had a hunch, we could not have predicted that the market would experience this kind of success this year, with an average of 1,200 people buying directly from local farmers and artists each Saturday morning.

We are growing. We want to extend our gratitude to our volunteers, who gave their time.

Our growers and artists who take the leap each season with the unpredictable rain and sun by signing up to sell at our market— you make the market and are a reminder to all of us about what hard work it is to create beauty, whether it's pieces of food or pieces of art.

A remarkable woman by the name of Helen Nearing once spoke these words to a friend of mine: Doing what you love, in a place that you love, with the people that you love, and being kind.

They certainly fit. While the Clarkston Farmers' Market is in hibernation this winter, we continue to welcome your ideas, thoughts, and support— valuable tools for a new market in an old community.

Thanks so much for a wonderful season and thanks for reading!

*Anissa Howard, founder and co-manager  
with Chris Hardman*

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# Workers should remember plight of 'other people'

Dear Mr. Rush,

I too, am not someone who would normally write to a newspaper regarding an editorial. However, B. Brown's letter "Double-dipping charge offensive," did give me the push to do so.

I did not take offense to his anger at the amendment of the Michigan House Bill 4799, and I can empathize with his frustration of his "guaranteed" health insurance changing since his retirement. I feel taking away or changing benefits that were guaranteed and from people living on a fixed retired income, is tragic and unfair.

However, when I read his comment that "teachers are sharing in cutbacks, as other people are," I felt the need to respond, even though my opinion and response are unrelated to the initial "double-dipping" topic.

I don't believe that any state employee is "sharing" an equal burden that "other people" are with their benefits.

First case in point, pensions. I don't believe there are too many "other people" that are newly hired or have even worked 20+ years that have seen the word "pension" in their new employee handbook or current employee benefits. The comfort and guarantee of a pension is non-existent for most of us.

Brown also shared his increased prescription co-pays. I would like to share an example of what increase "other people" have had. Three years ago, I was diagnosed with MS. I take three medications, and I initially paid \$30 for a three-month supply for each one.

Last year that co-pay increased to \$90 for two of the medications and \$30 for the other medication, which is the only one available in a generic version.

This year my prescription co-pays are \$326.58 for one, \$300 for the second and \$16 for the generic medication. I am not being ignorant, knowing that our medical coverage is nowhere near the same level that any and/or

some state employees are getting.

My sister-in-law, who is a teacher, takes one of the medications I take for an un-related condition. She takes double the dosage I take, and her co-pay is \$10/month.

My co-pay is \$326.58 for three months, and if I took her dosage versus the one I take, my cost would be 653.16, her three-month co-pay is \$30!

In addition, nothing in my ongoing medical treatment is covered 100 percent until after our deductible of \$6,000 is met, and only after we have paid out the initial \$3,000 is anything covered at 80 percent. It would be nice if the \$2,570.32 I will pay out in prescriptions this year would be applied to this deductible, but it is not.

"Other people," have also incurred cutbacks unrelated to medical. They have incurred lay-offs, increased work-loads, benefits eliminated, no annual pay increases or extensions and little or no bonuses paid due to the economy and profitability of their companies and not due to individual performance.

I realize that state employees have faced many of these challenges as well, but I still see a lot of pay increases being approved by government and school boards even though their budget deficits far exceed those of many private businesses.

I don't believe I am being ignorant, thinking that state employee's benefits have not had the same "cutbacks" we have had.

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*Karen Winkler  
Independence Township*

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# Police make arrest in robbery case

BY LAURA COLVIN  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

The man accused of breaking into a Clarkston home and stealing guns, jewelry and hundreds of dollars in loose change was arrested and jailed after police apprehended him in a nearby yard last week.

Kurt Alan Thayer, 43, was charged in the 52-2 District Court and held on \$500,000 bond, no 10 percent cash surety.

The burglary took place on Robertson Court while the homeowners were out of town earlier this month, and neighbors told police they suspected Thayer.

According to Clarkston Police Chief Dale LaCroix, the man once resided in a home off Clarkston Road, which backs to Robertson Court, and was familiar with the neighborhood, as well as its residents.

When a second homeowner saw a man she identified as the suspect walk out of her home Oct. 18, she called police, LaCroix said, and Officer Bob Hagberg responded, cornered the suspect in a backyard and called for backup from Oakland County Sheriff's deputies in Independence Township.

"I want to thank the county," said LaCroix at a Clarkston City Council meeting Monday.

"They sent about 10 cars out and the guy was captured in short order."

"(Officer Roy Johnson) does all our detective work," said LaCroix, noting a number of sto-

len items were recovered in a Waterford pawn shop. "He's still digging around and working to gather all the information."

Although Thayer listed a Pontiac address as his residence, police say he is homeless, rumored to be a drug user and has walked into homes on Robertson Court a number of times. He also has warrants out of Waterford, and possibly other communities, as well, said LaCroix.

Further investigation revealed Thayer was a suspect in earlier break-ins on Robertson Court, LaCroix said, although he could not specify dates or other details in those incidents.

LaCroix said the department is instituting a house check program, and resident planning to be out of town can contact the city offices, the police station, fill out an information form and police will check on the house.

During Monday's city council meeting, Robertson Court resident Tom Stone thanked police for their work apprehending the suspect.

"The police department and particularly the chief did a wonderful job," Stone said. "And... Bob Hagberg, along with excellent cooperation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, did a really good job corraling the suspect."

Stone indicated he and other neighbors had been concerned about the matter for some time.

"I think it was a wonderful job," he said. "And we all feel more secure because of that."

## Conservancy annual meeting Oct. 27

North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's annual membership meeting is set for 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, at Independence Oaks in the L. E. Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw Road, north of I-75.

Featured speakers are: Jim Keglovitz, senior planner, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development, who will

explain how communities can build "green infrastructure" to make a green impact in their communities, and Christopher A. S. Pratt, chair of Green Built Chapter of SE Michigan, who will address "green home-building."

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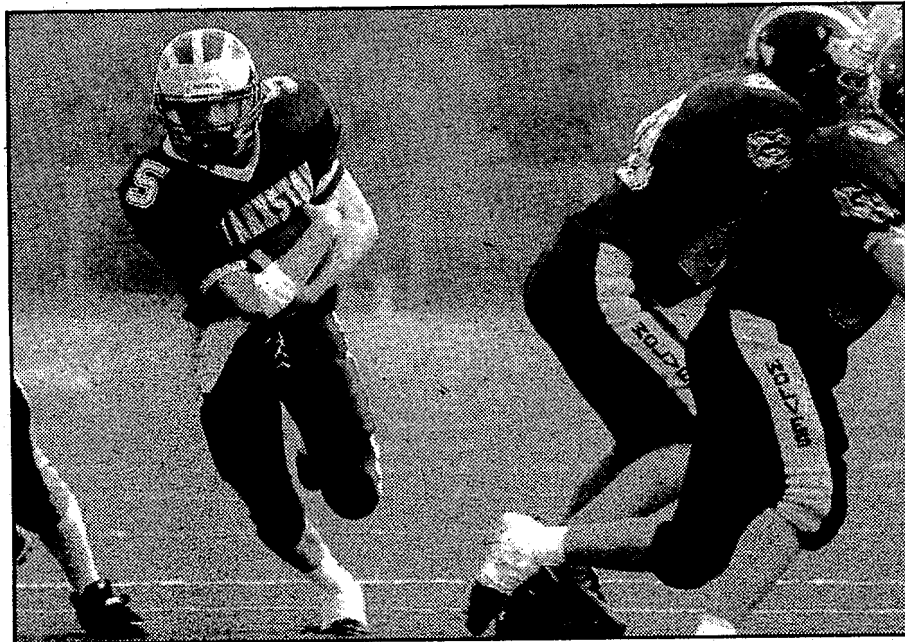
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Clarkston JV wide receiver Dustin Gamble gains some yards.

## Updates on your Wolfpack

### JV Football Rocks Harrison

Last Thursday, Clarkston High JV football team hosted Farmington Hills Harrison High School JV football team.

In the final game of their regular season, JV won 25-19.

### Wolves Can Ride, Too

Clarkston's Equestrian team has many achievements to celebrate.

During the weekend of Oct. 11, the team placed fourth in the state at the State Championship in Midland.

In the prior weekend, they took Regional C Championships at the Regional meet at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds. They won by 58 points.

Before going to Regionals, the team won Division B District 2 Championship.

### Laps To Victory

The girls swim team kept their undefeated reign when they competed against Rochester High School last Thursday.

The Lady Wolves won their meet with a score of 115 to Rochester's score of 74.

During this season, they have broken every Clarkston High School record for girls swimming. This year marks the year Clarkston has sent the most girls to states.

The swim team have remained undefeated at their meets for the last three seasons.

The 200 free relay team is has top seat going into the State meet being held in November at Eastern Michigan. The relay team consists of senior Alyssa Vela, juniors Christine Seiple, Molli Simpson and sophomore Julia Vela.

Coach Kenwyn Chock contributes this season to the girls' hard work and dedication in their water and dryland training.

The team is lead by Alyssa Vela, Christine Seiple and Molli Simpson.

They have OAA Prelims next Wednesday, Oct. at 5 p.m. They are being held at Clarkston High School.

— Wendi Reardon

# Obituary

## John Joseph Lafata

John Joseph Lafata of Ortonville; joined God's angels Oct. 15 at the age of 16.

He was the beloved son of Matt and Paula; brother of Paul and Nina; grandson of Eva Lafata and Marion and Dana Hall; also survived by many, many loving family and friends.

Johnny was a junior at Brandon High School and attended OSMTech at Clarkston High School. He was an excellent student and valued member of Clarkston's OSMTech Robotics, Team Rush 27 and served as Alter Server at St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Prayer Service was Oct. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.



Funeral Mass was Friday at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Ortonville.

Any donations can be made to the Lafata Family Fund or the Lafata Educa-

tion Fund for Paul and Nina's future education expenses, CBCCU, 4 South Street, Ortonville, MI 48462 or CBCCU, 8055 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, MI 48348. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Charles G. Mann

Charles G. Mann of Clarkston passed away Oct. 12 at the age of 88. Mr. Mann was proud to be born on July 4, 1919.

He was the loving husband of Roberta; dear father of David W. Mann, ElRay R. Mann, Linda I. Man, Lorraine B. (Wes) Davis, and Alfred L. (Heidi) Mann; beloved brother of Kenneth (Ruth) Mann, Helen Hopper, Donald (Cindy) Mann, and the late George (Gertrude) Mann; also survived by 13 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents L. Ray Mann and Clara E. (nee Cline)

Mann-Pruitt.

Mr. Mann was a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church, life member of the VFW and the American Legion in Clarkston. He was a gunners mate in the U.S. Navy during WWII in the Indian Ocean.

A private family visitation was held at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. A Committal Service with full military honors was Oct. 15 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. To send a private condolence, go to [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com) and select "guestbook."

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## Leslie Gerald Johnson

Leslie Gerald Johnson of Clarkston since 1953, born Nov. 18, 1919, in Rockland, Ontonagon County, Michigan, to Swedish emigrants, parents Frank Johnson and Hulda Mathilda Englund, passed away Oct. 16 at the age of 87.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Marion, in 2006. Surviving are his son, Dr. Ronald Johnson of Rural Retreat, Va.; daughters and son-in-laws Karen (Kenneth) Simmons and Kristine (Ronald) Burrill, all of Clarkston; grandchildren Karl (Stephanie) Johnson, Eric (Sue) Johnson, Mark (Jen) Simmons, Julie (Rob) Upchurch, Ann Simmons, and Lisa (Richard) Davis; and 11 great grandchildren.

Mr. Johnson had four older brothers and a younger sister who have all preceded him in death.

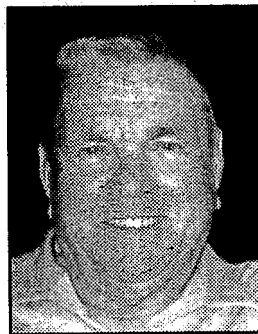
He grew up in the Ontonagon area, and planted many a tree while working in the CCC camps when only 15.

He came to Pontiac, Mich., to work in the auto factory as a young man, planning on only staying a short time, but instead putting down roots, marrying here, and raising his family here.

His Army service during WWII took him to northern France, Ardenness, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

He served with the 94th Infantry Division, Battery A, 390th Field Artillery Battalion.

He received the Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European African



Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, with four bronze battle stars, two overseas service bars, service stripes, and good conduct medal, and he loved his country!

He retired from Pontiac Motors in 1976, after 30 years, where he worked in repair.

Upon retirement, he and his wife spent the following 25 winters in Jensen Beach, Fla., where he surf fished daily.

He loved photography, wove fishing nets, and most recently wove rag rugs.

A quiet and gentle man, he loved being with his family, singing, whistling, playing cards, gardening, reading, puttering, watching sports, and his church.

Funeral Service was Oct. 19 at the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Dr., Clarkston.

Visitation was Oct. 18-19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Alzheimers Association.

On line guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Kristen Jean Rath

Kristen Jean Rath of Alpena, formerly of Holly, passed away Oct. 19 due to an auto accident at the age of 24.

She was the daughter of David & Margaret "Peg" of Holly; sister of Stephen of U of M, Ann Arbor; fiancée of Michael Tebbe of Holly; granddaughter of Shirley Winn; great granddaughter of Helen Munn.

She was a 2001 Holly High School graduate where she was active in band, choir, performing arts and soccer. She received her Bachelors degree in communications-media with a minor in music at U of M, Flint.

Kristen was a member of Steelheads Percussion Ensemble, and recently was employed as a news reporter/ TV anchor and hosted the talk show: "Insights



of NE MI" at WBKB TV, Alpena.

Funeral service Wednesday, Oct. 24, 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment

Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Special Olympics or Muscular Dystrophy Association, in honor of the many times Kristen donated her time and energy to their cause.

Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Frank M. Delgado

Frank M. Delgado of Davison unexpectedly joined his Heavenly Father Oct. 16 at the age of 42.

He was the loving father of Bryan and Jonathan Delgado; son of Kathy and the late Edward Thompson of Ind.; preceded in death by his brother Robert Delgado; brother of Edward (Kristi) Thompson II; also survived by many other family and friends. Mr. Delgado was a dedicated truck driver for ALT Services.

Service was Oct. 20 at Pontiac Mis-



sionary Baptist Church, 1281 Giddings Rd., Pontiac. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family for the future education of

Frank's children. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

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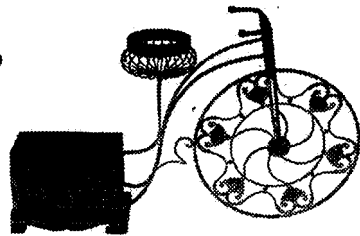
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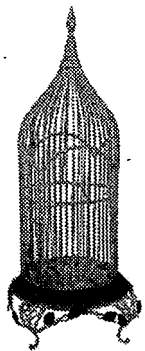
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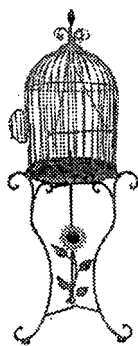
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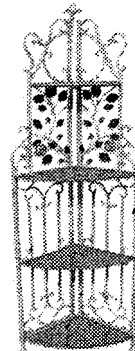
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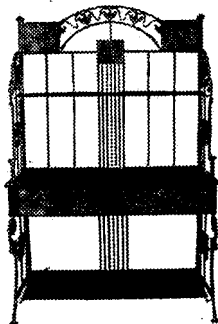
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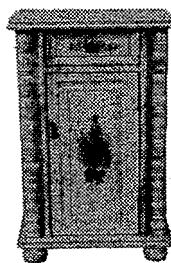
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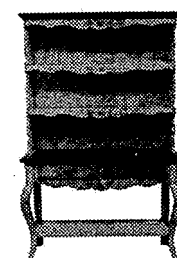
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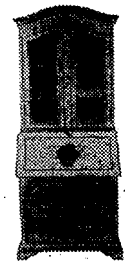
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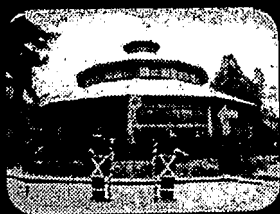
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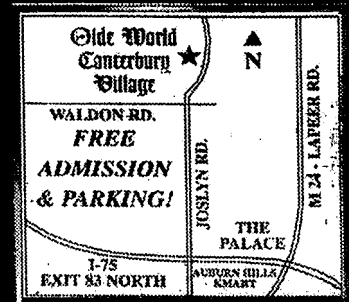
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## People Poll

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What are you going to be for Halloween?



"A Ghost."

- Donnie Flook



"Maybe a cheerleader."

- Katlyn Compagnoni



"Ninja with a skeleton face."

- Chris Miller



"A Witch."

- Magdelynn Miller

By Wendi Reardon

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## 'Voice of the Wolves'

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Every once in a while, Dale Ryan connects with someone who finds him very familiar, yet can't quite place the face.

But it usually doesn't take the person long to realize it's not Ryan's appearance they identify with.

It's his voice.

Every Friday night each fall, Ryan and his crew climb into the press box overlooking Clarkston High School's football field at Clarkston and get ready to keep several thousand fans informed and updated about every aspect of the game taking place on the lighted turf below.

As a self-described sports nut, Ryan keeps tabs on all the hometown teams: Pistons, Red Wings, and Tigers. He's also a Michigan State fan, and although he admits it with a bit of disdain in his voice, Ryan admits he turns on the television every Sunday when the Lions kick off.

"But just to see how bad they're playing," he said. "I'd really rather watch high school football or basketball than any other sport. These kids really want to achieve and they play their hearts out. The high school kids are the real thing."

And he gets plenty of opportunity to watch the young players in action. Along with the fan-packed varsity football games, Ryan also announces seventh, eighth and ninth grade football, as well as junior varsity. When football season is over, he jumps in to announce both boys' and girls' basketball.

"It's kind of neat," he said. "You get to watch these kids grow up and see what they become in five years."

Although he had no formal broadcast training, Ryan has a made-for-the-airwaves voice that quickly earned him a "Voice of the Wolves" moniker.

It all started he said, when organizers were

looking for someone to announce a 1988 Powder Puff game.

Ryan's wife Linda, who was working as an aide at the school, asked if he was interested.

"I said 'oh sure I'd love to do it,'" he said. "So I got up there and had fun and when they needed someone to replace longtime announcer Bill Foster they had they asked me if I wanted to do it."

And he's been climbing into his seat in the press box, for the kids, the parents, and the community, he said, ever since.

With the help of two spotters—one for the home team and one for visitors—Ryan takes his responsibility to the fans and players seriously.

"We're not always right on the numbers," he said. "Sometimes it gets a little scrambled down there and we're trying to pick numbers out of the bottom of the pile."

But, he said, the crowd is responsive and helps correct the occasional mistakes in identifying a player or pronouncing a name.

Lest anyone get the impression it's all business in the press box, Ryan makes it clear the guys enjoy their time spent above the bleachers.

"We have a lot of fun up there, we're kidding around a lot," he said, noting the atmosphere does get tense when the game gets tense. "We're all fans and the guys like to talk and think about what's going to happen on this next play, or if the referees make a bad call they're up there yakking and yakking."

It's times like that, he said, when focus and concentration becomes imperative.

"I have to sit there and keep my composure and try to keep my thoughts straight," he said, "so out don't come out on the loudspeaker with something these guys are saying."

There have, said a grinning Ryan, been a few close calls.

All in all he said, it's time well spent—although Linda, who married him 37 years ago, might hesitate to agree.

"She understands I love her, and I love foot-

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Announcer Dale Ryan calls the play-by-play for Clarkston High School.

ball," he said, adding, perhaps with wisdom acquired over a long marriage, "but she comes first."

The couple moved to Clarkston in 1974, and sent both boys through Clarkston Community Schools; Jeffery graduated in 1990, Eric in 1993.

Ryan retired from Sea-Ray boats in 1989, but stays busy managing a couple of apartment buildings for a friend, and recently began a part time position in business relations at T&C Federal-Credit Union. He's also a longtime member of the Clarkston Optimists Club.

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# Around Town

**Davisburg Rotary House of Horrors**, 7-11 p.m., every Friday, Saturday in October, Springfield Oaks County Park on Andersonville Road. Benefits local needy families and literacy projects. 248-561-7028.  
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**Yoga**, mixed level, Springfield Township Parks & Recreation with Lavender Lotus Yoga Studio, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 24. Free. Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-634-0412.  
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**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.  
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**Lock in**, fundraiser for CHS Robotics Team and Team RUSH, 6-10 p.m., Oct. 26, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Food, Halloween fun, entertainment, robot demonstration for children grades 1-6. Permission slips at [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us). \$15. [kmckinsey@comcast.net](mailto:kmckinsey@comcast.net).  
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**Trick Or Treat Trail**, alternative to door-to-door trick or treating, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 26-27, Hart Community Center in Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks & Recreation. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5 resident, \$7 non-resident. 248-634-0412.  
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**Making a Green Difference**, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy annual meeting and volunteer recognition, 9:30-11 a.m., Oct. 27, Independence Oaks Park, L.E. Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw. 248-846-6547.  
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**Pumpkin carving** for teens, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 30. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Learning Photoshop**, 6-8 p.m. Taught by Roger Bower. Intermediate Level, Oct. 30.  
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Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Wellness Open House**, 3-6 p.m., Oct. 30, Independence Township Library conference room, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free, fun interactive trials and demonstrations of "Safe for your Home" products. 248-394-0039.  
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**Halloween Party with Doctor of Doo-Wop**, aka Dr. Roman Franklin, live broadcast, WPON AM-1460, 5-8 p.m., Oct. 31. Costume contest, music, activities. Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Hwy. 248-623-4300.  
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**Investment classes**, The Advisor's Group, 7 p.m., "Portfolio Optimization in Uncertain Markets," Nov. 1. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free. 248-625-2212.  
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**Jammin' Pajama Parties**, 6:15-8:15 p.m., Nov. 2. Clintonwood Park Carriage House. Pajama party for pre-schoolers, lots of music, crafts and games. 3-5 years old. Deadline to register, Oct. 26. Springfield Township residents/\$16. Non-residents/\$21.  
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**Orienteering and GPS**, 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., Nov. 3. Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center near White Lake. \$2. 248-625-7280.  
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**Benefit fund-raiser dinner**, for Liberty Dynamite Cheer Team, 4-8 p.m., Nov. 5, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. The team is raising funds to go to Orlando, Fla., for the Contest of Champions Nationals. 248-821-0998.  
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**Snowmobile Safety**, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 6, 8, Hart Community Center in Davisburg. 12 years and older. Springfield Township residents/\$10. Non-Residents/\$15.  
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**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.  
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**Buck Pole**, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Nov. 15. Deer must be tagged and licensed before they can be entered into the contest. Shiawassee Basin Preserve in Davisburg. \$10/deer. 248-634-0412.  
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**"Nothing But the Truth,"** a mysterious comedy, 8 p.m., Nov. 9-10 and 16-17. Set in 1913 aboard a ship. \$10/advance, \$12/door. Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, 4900 Maybee Road. 248-391-6166.  
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**Scrapbook fundraiser**, Spotlight Dance Center competition team, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 10, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. \$25 by Nov. 2, \$30 at door. Raffle, vendors, 50/50.  
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**Bear Essentials**, 1 p.m., Nov. 11, Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center near White Lake. Explore, investigate, and learn about Michigan black bears. \$1.50. 7 and older. 248-625-7280.  
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**Children's Book Week**, with author Mark  
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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.  
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**Ginger Bread House Craft**, 11 a.m., Nov. 17. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Animal Prep Work**, 1 p.m., Nov. 18, Environmental Discovery Center, near White Lake. Learn how animals prepare for winter. \$1.50. 7 and older. 248-625-7280.  
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**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.  
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**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. 248-969-9788.  
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**BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter**, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Liberty Golf & Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. Call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.  
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**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.  
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**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.  
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**Movies & Munchies**, 1:30 p.m., every third Thursday. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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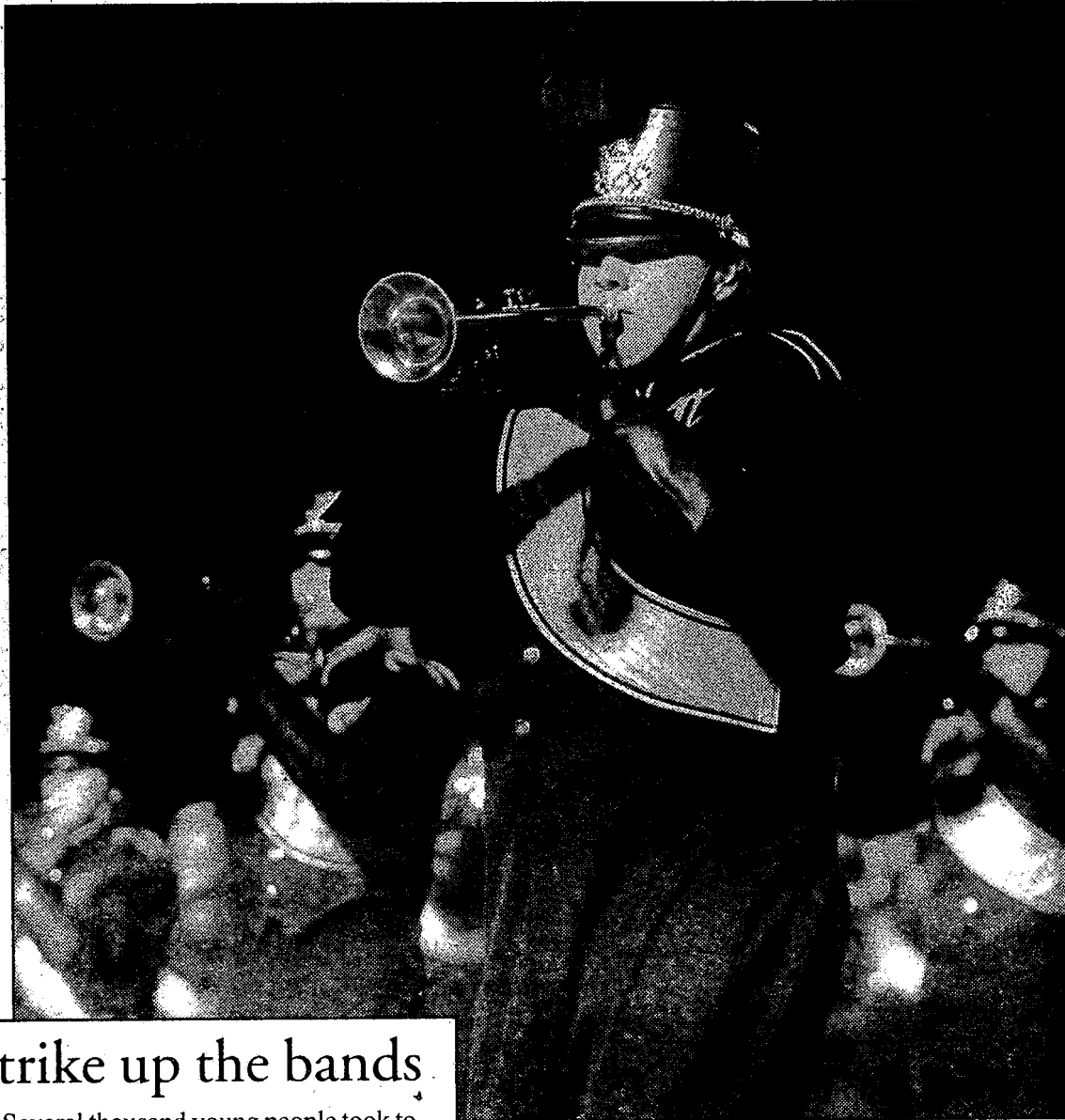
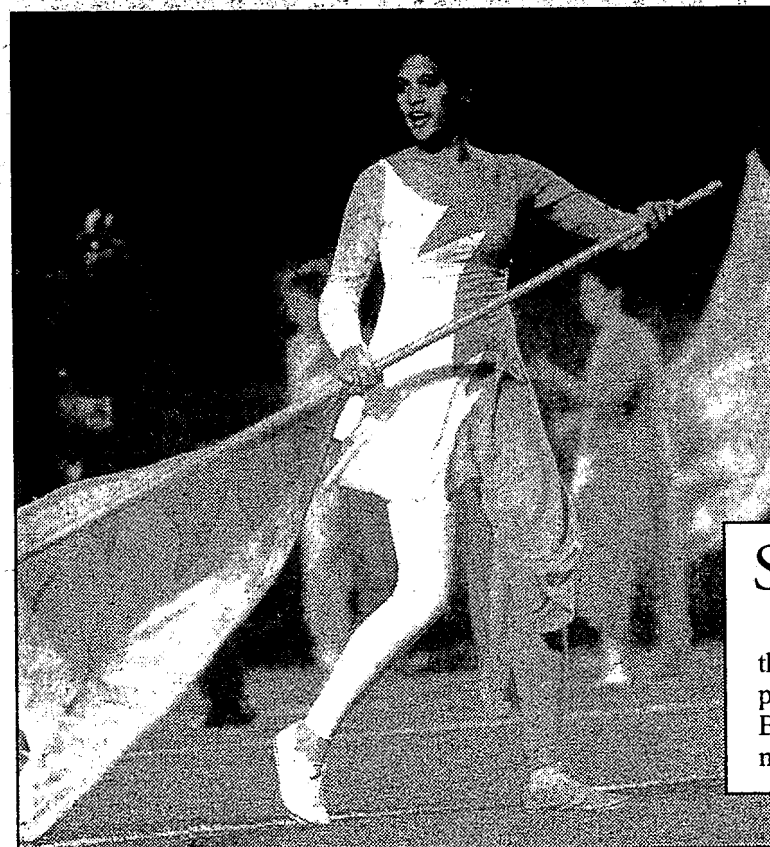
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## Strike up the bands

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Visit "Photo Galleries" at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com) to see these photos (and many more from this event) in full color.

# Milestones

## Clarkston graduate to marry

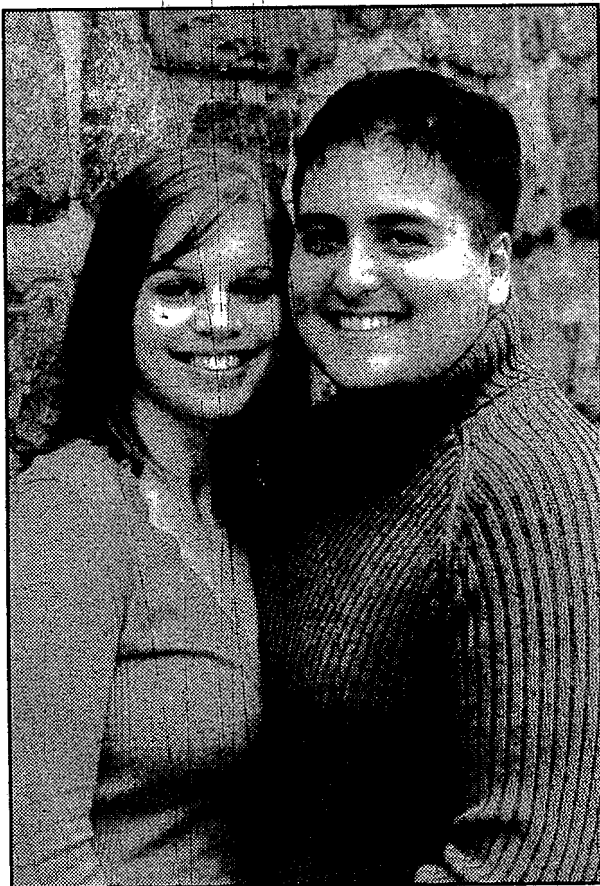
Jennifer Lynn Albers and Raymond Roy Smith II are engaged to be married.

Parents of the couple are David and Lisa Albers of Midland and Ray and Alejandra Smith of Clarkston.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Midland High School and of the University of Michigan. She works at Gale, a publishing company, in Farmington Hills.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Clarkston High School and of the University of Michigan. He works at Perceptron, an engineering firm, in Plymouth.

A May 2008 wedding is planned.



Jennifer and Raymond

## In our country's service...

Army National Guard Pvt. **Kyle J. LeClair** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The son of **Ron and Laura LeClair** of Clarkston, he is a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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Coast Guard Seaman **Elizabeth M. Stevens**, daughter of Joseph P. Stevens of Clarkston, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

Stevens is a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School.

## Poetry corner

### Last Maple Leaf

Lonely little leaf, dangling from  
the Maple tree,  
a pretty orange-red ornament  
for all of us to see.

Afraid to let go  
on this cold, windy day,  
your tree family has fallen  
and have all blown away.

You hang on to life  
and that's natural to do,  
but nature moves on  
and so must you.

So when you have finished

your Autumn-time dance,  
I will look for, and find you  
if only by chance  
and press you between the pages  
of my large photo book,  
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When the book is opened,  
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# Religion

## A matter of priorities

It has certainly been a beautiful autumn so far here in Clarkston and I am very thankful to God for it! However it has also been a very busy time for most people I know. It seems it takes us longer each year to settle into a regular rhythm of life after summer. And it also seems like we try to pack more and more into the time we have. Of course even with all of the advances in technology, and with all of the "time-saving" devices we all own, time still moves along as in God's original design, with 24 hours in a day and 365 days in a year.

We have not figured out a way to make more time, so we are left with the ongoing challenge and opportunity of making good use of the time God has given us. I heard somewhere about a presenter at a seminar who placed a glass jar on a table and carefully filled it with some large rocks.

The presenter then asked, "Is the jar full?" The students responded, "Yes!" Next he took some gravel and added it to the jar, filling the spaces between the rocks, and again asked, "Is the jar full?" Being quick learners, the students replied "Probably not."

Then the presenter dumped some sand into the jar filling in the spaces between the rocks and the gravel. Once again he asked "Is the jar full?" "No!" the students all said.

Finally, he filled the jar completely with water and asked the students what they had learned from the illustration. Someone answered, "If you try really hard you can always fit more things into your life." The presenter replied, "No, the point is this, if you don't put the big rocks in first you will never fit them in."

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

I believe this principle can be applied to all aspects of life. The fundamental question for each of us to ask ourselves is, "What are the big rocks? What are the most important things in life and have I made room for them as my first priority?"

This is very worth thinking and praying about. However it is also interesting to think about the jar itself - our lives. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah (Is. 64:8) proclaims, "O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand."

This passage affirms that God in love has made us and gifted us with life. And Paul, reflect-

ing on the gift of life with Jesus in the New Testament (2 Cor. 4:7) reminds us that, "We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

For me all of this is an important reminder that the biggest rock I place in the jar is my relationship with God, and that even the "jar" (my life) itself is a gift from God. I know I need to always be aware of this as I fill my life with things to do and places to go.

The good news is that we are not left on our own to just figure this out by ourselves. For God desires a relationship with us each and every day, no matter where we are, to guide us in keeping our priorities the way he intends - which is in a healthy life-giving balance. At Calvary Lutheran this fall we have been engaged in a 40 Day spiritual journey of discovery based on a book by John Ortberg called *God Is Closer than You Think*.

Together we have been discovering in Ortberg's words that, "The story of the Bible isn't primarily about the desire of people to be with God; it's [about] the desire of God to be with people." This is good news this autumn and in any season of our lives as we seek to live out God's purpose and priorities.

Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## In our churches...

**Bob Jones University Sacred Sounds** music team, 10:30 a.m., Oct. 28, Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Rd., off Sashabaw just north of I-75. 248-625-2700

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**Harvest Festival**, 6-8 p.m., Oct. 31, Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. \$1. Trunk or Treating, fun games, hayrides, bonfire, concessions, moonwalk, prizes, and candy, candy, candy. 248-625-1344.

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**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.

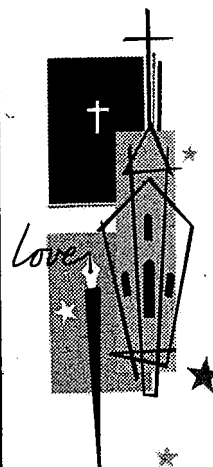
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**God is Closer Than You Think**, video/book discussion series by John Ortberg, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass in Clarkston, SW corner of M-15 and I-75. 248-625-3288.

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**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, 248-628-6825.

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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](http://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.

### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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A new spiritual community:  
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Rev. Matthew E. Long, founding minister  
Peace Unity Church  
P.O. Box 837 - Clarkston, MI 48347  
peace.unity@sbcglobal.net  
Where ever you are on your spiritual path we welcome you!

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

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

### SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Little Church with a BIG Heart"  
5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston  
Worship 11:00 am  
Nursery Provided  
Phone (248) 673-3101

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Mass celebrated at Davisburg Elementary School  
12003 Davisburg Rd.  
Saturday at 6:00 pm  
Sunday at 10:00 am  
Celebrant: Msgr John Budde  
website:  
www.divinemercyparish.net

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston  
(248) 625-1323  
Home of Clarkston Christian School  
Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson, Dan Whiting  
Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am  
School of Discipleship 11:00 am  
Nursery Care at all services  
Wednesday: Children's Ministries 5:30-8:00 pm  
Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm  
www.clarkstonchurch.com

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
website: [www.dixiebaptist.org](http://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  
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& Adult Bible Study  
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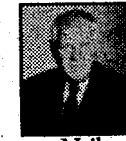
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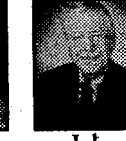
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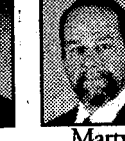
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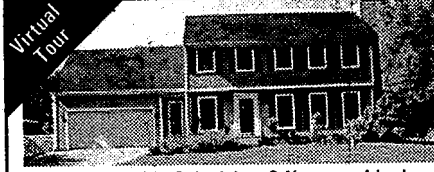
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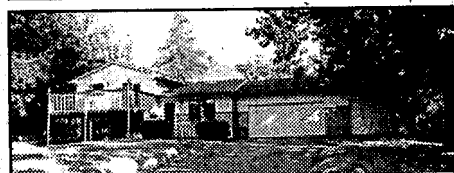
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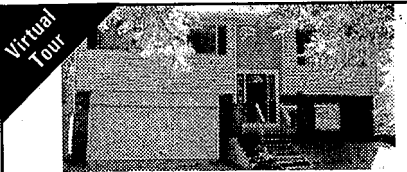
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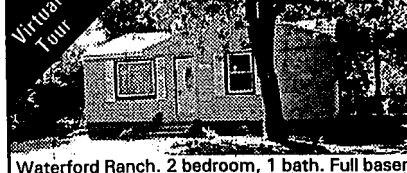
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Because the People Want to Know  
**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on November 6, 2007, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees will consider adoption of an Ordinance to re-enact the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Independence. A full copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Township's Clerk's Office for public review and inspection.

**AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE, REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, RE-CODIFYING, AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE. PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND, PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.**

WHEREAS, State of Michigan legislation empowers and authorizes the Township to revise, amend, restate, codify, and compile any existing ordinances and all new ordinances and to incorporate such ordinances into one ordinance in book form; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has authorized a compilation, revision, and re-codification of the Ordinance Code of the Township of a general and permanent nature and publication of such Ordinance Code in book form; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the municipality and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the municipality that this ordinance take effect at an early date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS:**

**Section 1 of Ordinance. Purpose and Intent.**

The present Code of Ordinances of the Township are inadequately arranged and classified and are insufficient in form and substance for the complete preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the municipality and for the proper conduct of its affairs. The State of Michigan legislation empowers and authorizes the Township to revise, amend, restate, codify, and compile any existing ordinances and all new ordinances not heretofore adopted or published and to incorporate such ordinances into one ordinance in book form. The Township Board has authorized a general compilation, revision, amendment and codification of the ordinances of the Township and publication of such ordinance in book form. It is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the municipality and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the municipality that this ordinance take effect at an early date.

**Section 2 of Ordinance. Short Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Code of Ordinances Adopting Ordinance" and may be so cited.

**Section 3 of Ordinances. Adoption of Code of Ordinances**

The code of ordinances of the Township as revised, amended, restated, codified, and compiled in book form attached hereto and incorporated herein, are hereby adopted as and shall constitute the "Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Independence, Michigan."

Such Code of Ordinances as adopted in Section 1 shall consist of the following Chapters:

{See Attached and Incorporated Exhibit A, Table of Contents}

**Section 4 of Ordinance. Penalty.**

Unless otherwise provided in the Code, a person convicted of violating this Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced by the court for a period not to exceed 90 days in jail and/or ordered to pay a fine not to exceed \$500.00. A person convicted of a violation of this Code which substantially corresponds to a violation of state law that is a misdemeanor for which the maximum period of imprisonment is 93 days, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment for a period of not more than 93 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the Township may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and

revocation of licenses or permits.

Each act of violation, and each day upon which any such violation shall occur, shall constitute a separate offense.

**Section 5. Code Additions or Amendments.**

Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the Township Board to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

**Section 6. Later Ordinances.**

Ordinances adopted after January 2, 2007 that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

**Section 7 of Ordinance. Repealer**

Except for those ordinance adopted between January 2, 2007, and this date \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, all prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated in such Code of Ordinances shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance except as they are included and reordained in whole or in part in such Code.

**Section 8 of Ordinance. Savings**

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

**Section 9 of Ordinance. Prior Ordinances Not Revived.**

The repeal provided for in Section 7 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

**Section 10 of Ordinance. Severability.**

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

**Section 11 of Ordinance. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
Independence Township Clerk  
Published: October 24, 2007

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Because the People Want to Know  
**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A MEETING OF  
THE INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WILL BE HELD AT  
THE INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY  
6495 CLARKSTON ROAD  
CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN

ON:  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007  
AT 7:30 P.M.  
AGENDA:  
2008 BUDGET

A copy of the proposed Budget is on file in the office of the Independence Township Clerk, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Because the People Want to Know  
**CLARKSTON**  
NOTICE OF ELECTION  
ANNUAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 6, 2007  
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

To the Qualified Electors:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election will be held in:

The City of the Village of Clarkston  
County of Oakland, State of Michigan  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007**  
THE POLLS will be open  
7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.  
ALL POLLING PLACES ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE  
BRAILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING  
INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:  
375 DEPOT ROAD, CLARKSTON, MI 48346  
**FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR  
THE FOLLOWING NON-PARTISAN OFFICES:**  
**Three City Council Members - Two Year Terms**  
**ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS MAY BE OBTAINED  
FROM THE CITY CLERK, CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF  
CLARKSTON, 375 DEPOT ROAD, CLARKSTON, MI 48346**  
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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
375 DEPOT ROAD  
CLARKSTON MI 48346  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007**  
The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Testing of the computer program on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. for the November 6, 2007, Annual Election.  
This testing will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan.  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk  
City of the Village of Clarkston

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Because the People Want to Know  
**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
**SYNOPSIS**  
**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
Mr. Wagner called the October 16, 2007, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Kelly, Travis, Wagner, Wenger, Rosso, Dunn  
Absent: None  
There was a quorum  
1. Opening Statements and Correspondence  
2. Public Forum.  
3. Approved the Agenda, as submitted.  
4. Approved the Consent Agenda  
a. Approval of Special Minutes of September 12, 13, 17 and October 2, 2007 and Regular Minutes of October 2, 2007  
b. Approval of Purchase Orders  
c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run  
d. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Ballot Layout and Coding Services with Oakland County  
5. Public Hearing for Ordinance Re-Enacting the Township Code opened at 7:39 p.m. and closed at 7:45 p.m.  
6. Approved motion to approve First Reading and adoption of an Ordinance Re-Enacting the Township Code  
7. Approved motion to approve the updating of the Township Zoning Ordinances by Carlisle Wortman at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00.  
8. Approved motion to table Resolution Adopting Fee Schedule for the Code of Ordinances  
9. Approved motion to support a millage to preserve open space

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10. Approved motion to set Halloween Hours at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
11. Approved motion to form an IT Capital Project Subcommittee  
12. Approved motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.  
Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk  
Published: 10/24/07

**Obituaries posted daily**  
at [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
*Charter Township of Springfield*  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a Public Hearing at its regular meeting Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Springfield Township Civic Center meeting room located at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing is to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from low- and moderate-income persons. Approximately \$33,065.00 may be available to Springfield Township to fund eligible projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The Springfield Township Board will consider all written or verbal comments at this time. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments.  
Funds must be used to benefit low and moderate-income populations, prevention or elimination of slum and blighted conditions or meet an urgent community need.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any questions may be referred to Onalee M. Carnes, Administrative Assistant, (248-846-6502) Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. The Township Board meeting room is handicap accessible. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. (Phone number: 248-846-6510)  
Nancy Strole, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield  
Publish: Oct. 24, 2007





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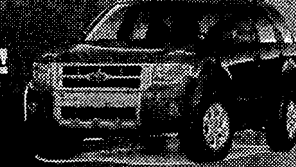
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\$1995 Total Due	
Employee & Family Member	<b>\$198*</b> 27 Mo.
General Public	<b>\$238*</b> 27 Mo.

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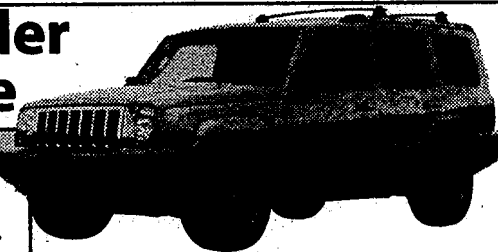
\$1995 Total Due	
Employee & Family Member	<b>\$249*</b> 27 Mo.
General Public	<b>\$276*</b> 36 Mo.

Stk. #845000

Was \$26,580 **Save \$4,043**

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### 2008 Commander 4x4 S Package

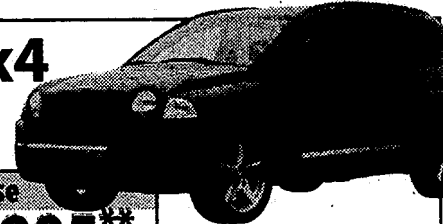


\$1995 Total Due	
Employee & Family Member	<b>\$224*</b> 36 Mo.
General Public	<b>\$259*</b> 36 Mo.

Deep Tint Glass, 3rd Row Seat, Aluminum Wheels, Tilt, Auto, Air, Power Windows/Locks/Seat.  
Stk. #805035

### 2007 Compass 4x4

AM/FM/CD, Tilt, Power Steering, Aluminum Wheels, Fog Lamps. Stk. #730004



\$1995 Total Due		Purchase
Employee & Family Member	<b>\$143*</b> 24 Mo.	<b>\$15,995**</b>
General Public	<b>\$182*</b> 24 Mo.	<b>\$16,995**</b>

30 MPG

### 2008 Chrysler Town & Country Touring



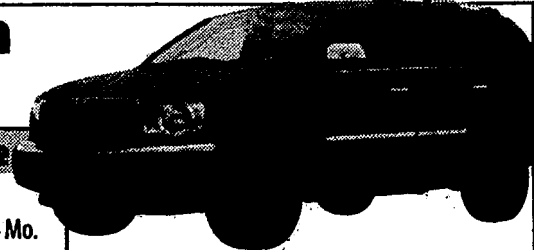
\$1995 Total Due	
Employee Price with TDM Coupon	<b>\$175*</b> 27 Mo.
Employee Price Without TDM Coupon	<b>\$228*</b> 27 Mo.

Stk. #880025

Was \$28,430 **Save \$5,539**

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### 2007 Aspen Limited



\$1995 Total Due	
Employee & Family Member	<b>\$308*</b> 24 Mo.
General Public	<b>\$359*</b> 24 Mo.

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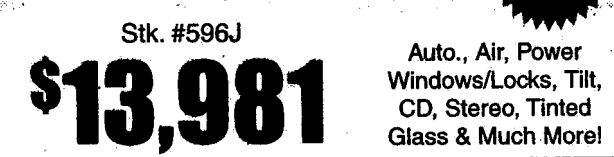
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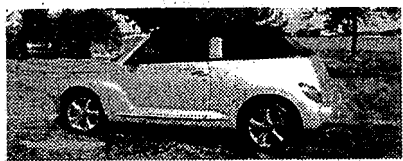
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Stk. #563J

**\$11,986**

## 2005 Grand Cherokee



Auto, Air, Cruise AM/FM/CD  
Stk. #596J

**\$13,981**

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Stk. #626J

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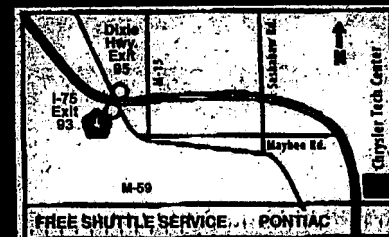
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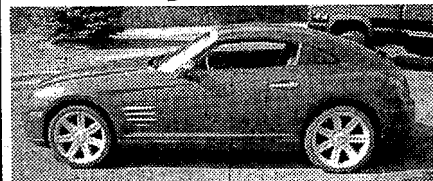
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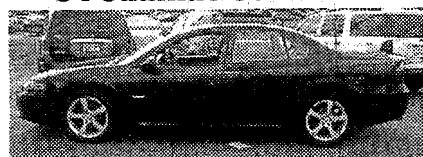
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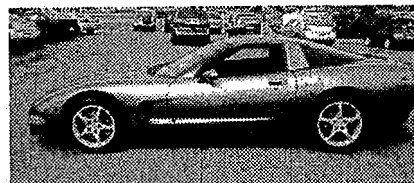
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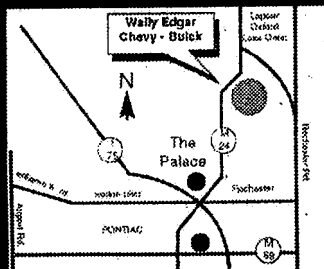
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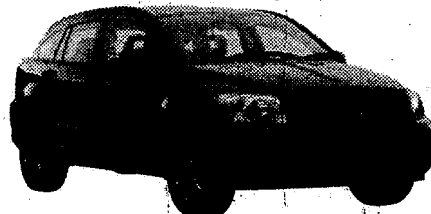
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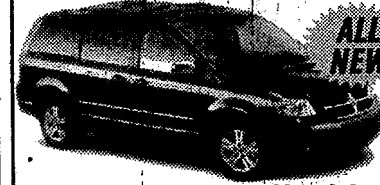
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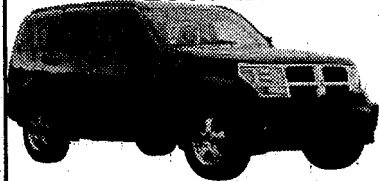
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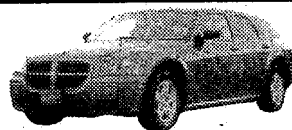
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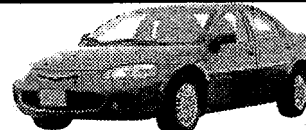
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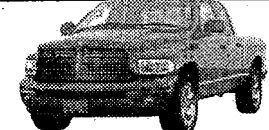
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Dr. Nora Clancy of Advanced Eyecare of Michigan has been a Clarkston-area doctor since 1990, living in the community with her husband, Ken, and their two children.

"Clarkston is a beautiful community," Dr. Clancy said. "We're very involved in St. Dan's Parish, the schools are awesome, we have good neighbors, and my patients are great."

Dr. Clancy, Dr. Todd Staniszewski, and staff offer full-service eye care for patients of all ages. They have a large selection of quality eyewear, and will help you find what's best for you.

Drs. Clancy and Staniszewski are experts with contact lens, including gas permeable, extended wear, and bifocal, and all eye conditions.

They are planning a Women's Day Fair Saturday, Nov. 17, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., to show



From left are Advanced Eyecare of Michigan staff Wendi Ward, Sarah McCanney, Sheryl Hager, Dr. Nora Clancy, Denise Sutphen, Korin Kelly, and Kelli Hubel. Not pictured: Betsy Morris, Janet Hurst, and Jourdan Drake.

their appreciation and support for women in the community.

"We'll have strawberries, chocolate, flowers, everything to pamper women," said Denise Sutphen, public relations. "They can check out our designer frames."

A Trunk Show featuring Coach Eyewear is set for 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27. A Coach stylist will be on site

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## A greater appreciation for patients

"I think the best part about my job is the one or two times a day a person says 'thanks and I appreciate your time,'" says Dr. Lisa Dietz of POH Clarkston Primary Care. "It really makes you feel good. It's a warm fuzzy feeling, to see that you are helping people and they appreciate your efforts."

Dietz spent her first 30 years living and growing up in Southern California and received her undergrad at Santa Barbara College. From there she went on to medical school at Western University of Health Sciences, she graduated in 1992 and then moved to Michigan to do her residency at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She finished her residency in 1996.

Dietz, a Clarkston resident for eight years, has been in internal medicine and primary care for 11 years, as well as married for 11 years with two daughters, ages 5 and 8.

"The majority of my patients are understanding that I am a working mom. Sometimes I have to sneak out because there is something wrong with the kids," said Dietz. "It's really

nice that my patients understand that in addition to being a physician I am also a wife and a mother."

After a recent knee injury from falling on ice and having to go through physical therapy, Dietz says she now has a greater admiration for patients.

"Being a patient is a totally different aspect and I learned to appreciate what patients go through, especially in rehab when patients have strokes or break bones. We don't see the three months they worked hard to get recovery," she said. "The last six months of my life have been very humbling."

Dietz said she did not really decide to be a doctor until she got to college.

"I was very interested in sciences and anatomy. All the classes I was taking I found very interesting," she said.

Even though she finished school 11 years ago, Dietz said she still enjoys learning new things.

"It's wonderful that medicine is still a very lively profession and that there are so many changes going on, it's very exciting."



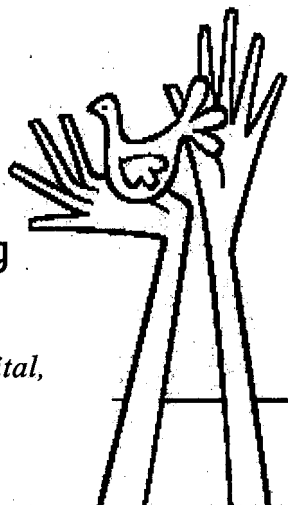
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## Getting to the art of the matter

Pamela Palmer loves the way her students' faces light up when they step back and beam at the artwork they've created.

Palmer, of The Artist's Apprentice, teaches a wide variety of art classes, and believes children grow and develop through their accomplishments.



Pamela Palmer

Palmer started The Artist's Apprentice after years of teaching Clarkston Community Education classes, and guest-teaching in area schools. A year ago, last spring, she opened the doors to her new studio.

The airy building, situated on the same seven-acre wooded parcel as her family's Independence Township home, was brought about by the efforts of Palmer's husband,

Randy.

Palmer offers instruction in drawing, painting, sculpture, Japanese cartooning, printmaking, marbling and more.

But she imparts other important skills, as well, like how to solve a problem encountered during a project, how to think creatively, or how to see with "an artist's eye."

And, on the final day of each session—most classes meet weekly for five weeks—Palmer hosts a gallery show opening, ice cream included, so family and friends can admire the students' work.

Palmer also appears at the Clarkston Farmer's Market, and last summer, students helped create a 48-foot mural for the Independence Day Parade.

And next year's parade entry is already in the planning stage.

Classes are offered for kids age 7 and up, and new parent-child classes have been a hit, she said. Adult classes are also in the works.

Palmer holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Windsor, as well as a Diploma of Interior Design from St. Clair College.

The Artist's Apprentice studio is located at 9915 Reese Rd. For map, registration information and schedule, visit [www.artistsapprentice.com](http://www.artistsapprentice.com). Contact Pamela Palmer at 248-620-3040 or [artistsapprentice@gmail.com](mailto:artistsapprentice@gmail.com).



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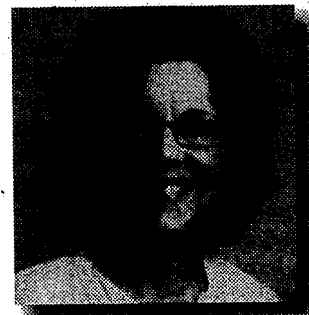
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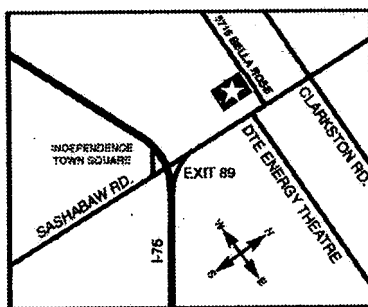
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"Many people need help sometime in their lives, and it takes courage to reach out for that help," says Linda Zynda-Smith, LLPC, who with Emily Trahan, LLPC, has joined the Clarkston-area counseling staff at Maximum Living Consultants, Inc. "We enjoy helping others learn about themselves and adjust to life changes."

Ms. Zynda-Smith earned her Master's Degree in counseling from Spring Arbor University. She met Dr. John D. Canine, psychologist and president of Maximum Living Consultants, Inc., (ML) when she took his class on Death and Dying.

"While learning about grief, I knew I wanted to work with families and do more in-depth counseling."

Ms. Trahan, who received her Master's Degree in counseling from Michigan State University, joined ML as the facilitator of the bereavement aftercare program at Trahan Funeral Chapel, in Bay City. Her current full-time work with ML includes counseling in



Emily Trahan



Linda Zynda-Smith

Clarkston.

Ms. Zynda-Smith and Ms. Trahan are Limited Licensed Professional Counselors. Their specialties include: grief and loss, life transitions, women's issues, marriage and family counseling, ADHD/ADD, and stress management.

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"I also have experience in sports counseling," says Ms. Trahan, a former volleyball player and coach. "I work with student athletes on issues, such as injuries, school pressures, or home life, that may relate to their sports activity."

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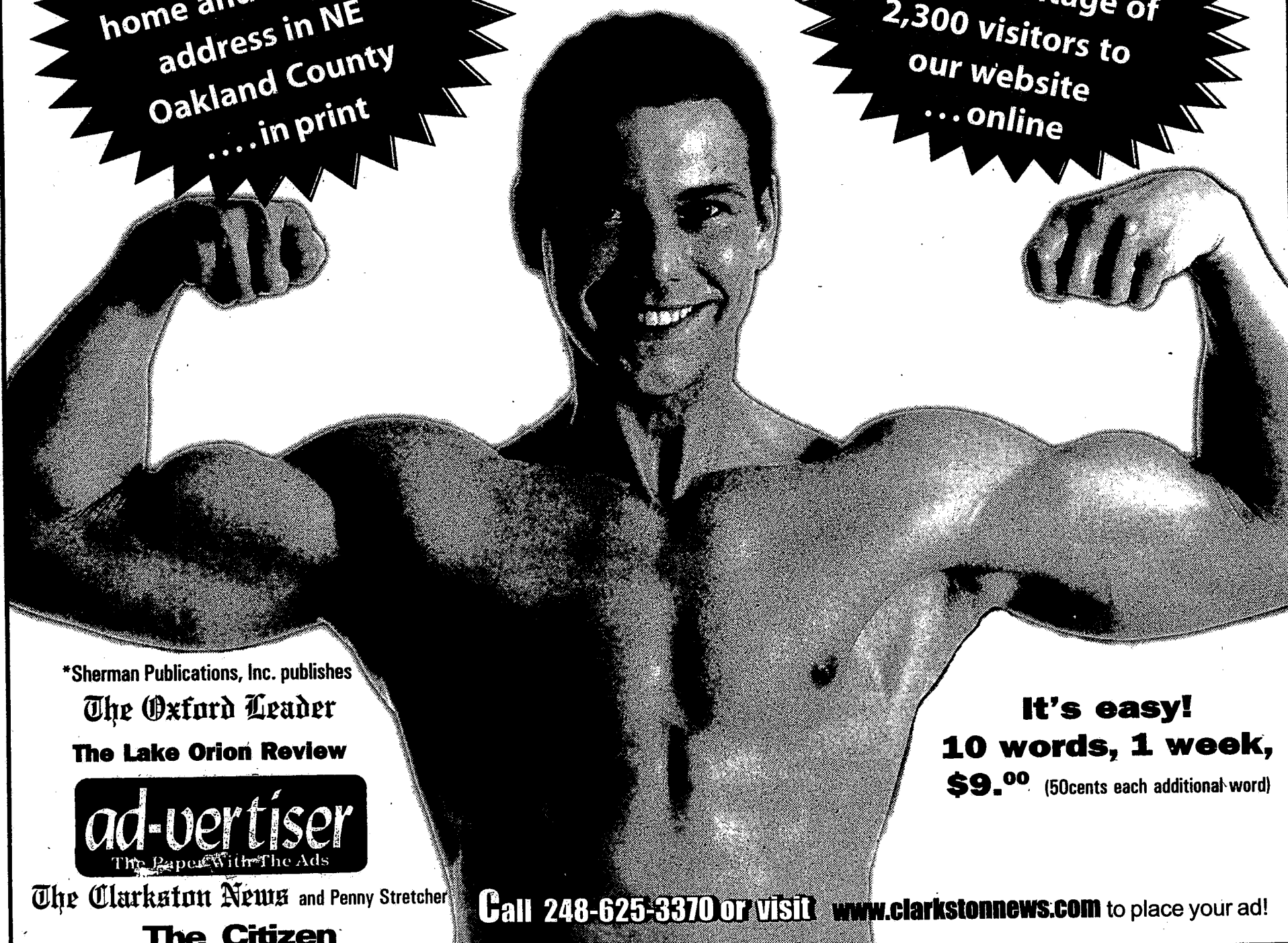
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Wright owns the spa along with her husband Dr. Thomas Wright, a board certified physician. The spa's motto is that people can look beautiful at any age.

This is backed by a variety of many services offered. Using a combination of lasering, botox, restylane, microderm and facial peels, clients feel and see immediate results. They can also be treated for rosacea, acne, hair, brown spots, and spider vein removal.

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Belle Visage is located at 6507 Town Center Suite D. To schedule an appointment or a free consultation, call 248-625-3525.

For more information, visit their Website at [www.bellevisagespa.com](http://www.bellevisagespa.com).

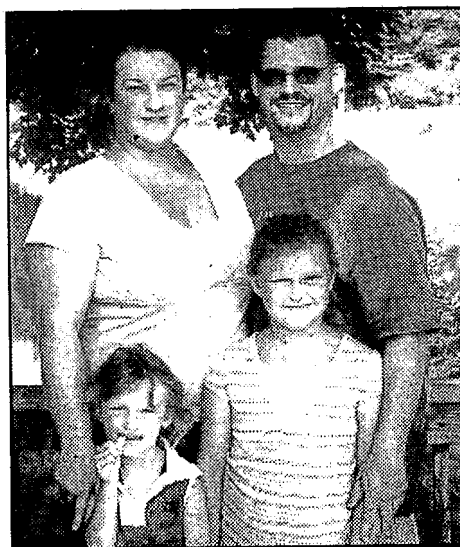
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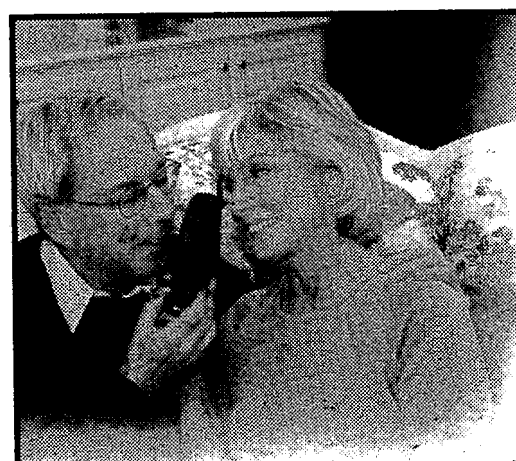
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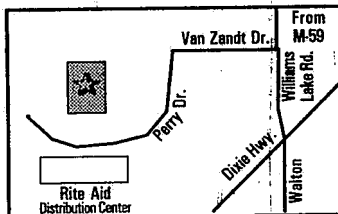
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**Kay Riley and some of her students.**

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## Complete care offered by Dr. Allison

Since 1998, Dr. Allison M.B. Schulte has been taking care of patients at her office at the St. Joseph Mercy Medical Center on Dixie Highway.

Dr. Schulte knew that she was going to open her office in her hometown of Clarkston after her graduation in 1992 from Illinois College of Optometry.

As a lifelong resident of Clarkston, she has become very active in the community. She has been involved in SCAMP and the Clarkston Lions Club. As a mother of two young children, Dr. Schulte can relate her experiences as a working mom to other moms in the office.

Since the opening of her practice, Dr. Schulte has been driven to be a leader in her field. She is recognized by the Michigan Optometric Association thru her legislative actions to bring Optometry to the forefront of patients' total healthcare. In 2003, she became part of a select group of doctors called Vision Source. This affiliation allows her to keep the latest technology available to her



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## Good food, fun at Nina's

With expanded hours and a new catering service, business is good at Nina's Comfort Food Cafe.

They have catered summer graduation parties, anniversary celebrations, and fall football get-togethers all over the Clarkston area, offering sandwich trays, pastas, fresh salads, and desserts.

"We like being a part of the community," said owner Karen "Kip" Tracey, who runs the restaurant with her daughters Wendy Upcott, Beth Stark, and other family members.

Also new is a line of vegetarian entrees. "A lot of people have asked about vegetarian dishes," Stark said. "But we still serve a mean burger."

Vegetarian entrees include fresh (seasonal) fruit, fresh green salads, mac and cheese, veggie lasagna, fresh made soups and specialty sandwiches, and deep fried french toast.

Another new offering - cake.

"If you want cake you better get there early and now that it's fall, apple crisp is fast becoming a favorite," Tracey said.

They make all sorts of cake, including chocolate, lemon, coconut, cream cheese, strawberry, and pistachio.

Theme nights have been popular - especially Thursday Country Night. They serve



Beth Stark and Wendy Upcott run Nina's Comfort Food Cafe with their mother, Karen Tracey.

Southern-style cooking such as chicken-fried steak, pork chops, and deep-fried vegetables, pickles, okra, cauliflower, mushrooms, and greenbeans, all cooked in transfat-free oil.

"Whatever we think might be yummy," Upcott said. "We'll try anything."

Other themes include Pasta Wednesdays and possibly Fish Fridays.

Hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday.

For more information, call the restaurant, 5910 Sashabaw Road in the Kroger plaza at Maybee Road, at 248-625-2224.

"Look for us - we're worth it," Tracey said.



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# Dawn Horner 'Businesswoman of the Year' and one of only 9 female bank presidents and CEO's in Michigan

This year, at no surprise to anyone, the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce awarded the "Businesswoman of the Year" award to President and CEO of Clarkston State Bank, Dawn Horner. The "Businesswoman of the Year" Award recognizes the local business person who has contributed to the community making this a better community in which to live and do business.

The Chamber shares "As President and CEO of Clarkston State Bank, Dawn Horner is one of the most powerful women business leaders in our community. Friendly, caring, extremely competent and visionary, Dawn Horner is a role model for many other men and women in the Chamber of Commerce.

A past president of the Chamber of Commerce, Dawn also chaired "The Taste of Clarkston" during the very important transition years of moving it from a parking lot at Washington Street onto Main Street. Growing an event to something that was four times its original size in just a year was an amazing and intimi-

dating feat. Dawn was up for the task. Her calm leadership, organizational insight and commitment to community laid the foundation for what is one of our community's signature events. Taste of Clarkston receives regional and statewide recognition thanks to the talent of Dawn Horner.

Dawn serves as second Vice President on the SCAMP Board and volunteers for the SCAMP Home Tour and Walk & Roll. She helps plan and host the "Open Your Heart for Lighthouse" February fundraiser and has been instrumental in helping the Senior Center Extreme Makeover initiative get organized.

With so many commitments, you would think that Dawn Horner would have learned to say no, but she hasn't. She is still one of the friendliest most accessible business leaders in our community."

Displaying gratitude to customers and promoting community involvement are part of Horner's philosophy. She has been on the Board of Directors of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce since 1999,

and was president of the organization in 2000-2001. She is also on the board of the Payments Authority, which is Michigan's automated clearinghouse for electronic banking transactions. Horner also is an active board member for the Michigan Association of Community Bankers since 2005.

Thirty-six of the bank's 57 employees are female, including ten in officer and management positions, besides Horner. (See back page). "In the banking industry, my experience has been that females predominately fill many of the positions below management, however things are changing and there are more opportunities opening up to women at the senior level," said Horner. "My philosophy is to fill the position with the best person for the job regardless of their gender. I am extremely pleased with the outstanding team of professionals we have at Clarkston State Bank, as everyone understands what it takes to be a community banker."

Horner's understated team ap-

proach to leadership within the bank translates to the bank's position within the community as well. CSB's focus is on personal, professional service to individual customers and small businesses. As a demonstration of that service, it is no wonder that Clarkston State Bank was voted the "Best of the Best" Bank this year in the Clarkston News' Peoples Choice Awards.

Additional highlights of CSB's growth in 2007 include the current remodeling of the Waterford branch, housed within the headquarters of Clarkston Financial Corporation. Clarkston State Bank is poised for future growth by offering a complimentary courier service to their business account customers. Clarkston State Bank also received the "Businesswoman of the Year" Award from the Township of Waterford and Chamber of Commerce in May of this year.

"Dawn is an outstanding president and CEO and an inspirational leader" shares Kenneth Rogers, Chairman of the Board, for Clarkston State Bank, "she is humble and dy-



Dawn Horner

namic at the same time," he added. "Dawn can bring people together for a common purpose; she cares about people, has great leadership qualities and is excellent at following through. She doesn't attract attention to herself and instead puts the bank and her employees first. She is a walking testament that the Bank's focus is on the most important aspect . . . the human one."

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**Dawn Turner, D.O.** attended medical school at Michigan State University and completed her Emergency Medicine residency at Genesys Health System. Dr. Turner is board certified in Emergency Medicine and is currently serving the Clarkston community at CMG's Urgent Care center.



**Christina Joslin, D.O.** is a new addition to the Clarkston Medical Group team. She received her medical degree in Osteopathic Medicine from Michigan State University and completed her residency in Family Practice at East Carolina University in North Carolina. Dr. Joslin has a special interest in women's health and performs spinal manipulation.



**Sholeh Vaziri, M.D.** graduated from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and completed her residency at the University of Chicago. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and a staff member of CMG Urgent Care. Dr. Vaziri is on staff at William Beaumont Hospital.



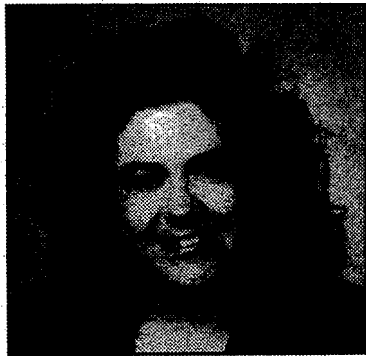
**Nancy Crossley, M.D.** is a graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed a combined Internal Medicine/Pediatrics residency at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. In addition, she teaches Wayne State Medical students and Beaumont Internal Medicine residents.



**Shamim Islam, M.D.** attended Dhaka Medical College and did her residency in Pediatrics at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. She joined Clarkston Medical Group in 2000 and continues to practice Pediatrics. She is conscientious and the caring mother of two boys.



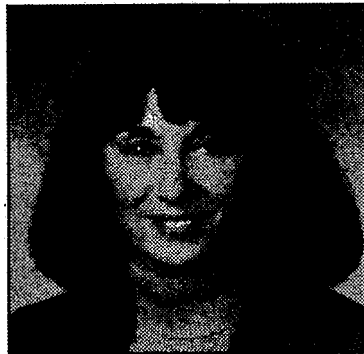
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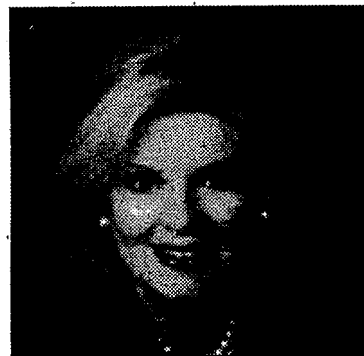
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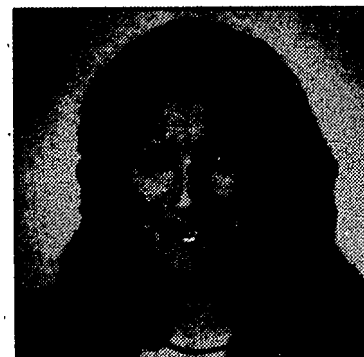
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