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Bill Cobb reflects  
on his 92 years,  
on page 1B

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## Blackout brought out best in business owners

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jeff Todd of Independence Township had a perfect treat in mind for his son's birthday party at Clarkston Elementary — cookies from Clarkston Village Bake Shop.

"It's those big star cookies that my son loves," Todd said. "They're about a half inch thick, and probably about 1,000 calories apiece."

One problem: the order was for Wednesday, June 11, in the middle of a blackout affecting thousands in the Clarkston area, including the bake shop.

"Tuesday, they called and apologized for having no power and I said 'it's not your fault.' My son went to school, he was disappointed, but he understood," Todd said.

Power was still out Wednesday morning, so he gave his son the bad news.

"I told my son, I'll just go to Krogers and probably get you something from there. He said 'OK, no problem dad,'" Todd said.

"About a half hour later, Stephanie called to say that she had personally gone home and made the order, like 30 cookies. Two dozen and half."

Bake shop owner Stephanie Vo, who was recovering from surgery Monday, filled Todd's order as well as another in Bloomfield Hills.

"I think it was just phenomenal what they did," Todd said. "I said 'Jimmy guess what? These are from the bakery.' He said 'daddy, how did you get them?' I said, 'well the power is still out, but Mrs. Stephanie went home and baked them in her own oven and brought them out to us.'"

She wasn't the only business owner to adapt to the lack of electricity, to serve their customers.

After a blackout in 2003, Curt Catallo, owner of Clarkston Union and Clarkston Café, bought a 10-cylinder natural gas generator. With the generator, he was able to power the Union and his house, as well as Kinetic Systems bike store next door with some extension cords.

"It's great to provide Mac-N-Cheese regardless of what's going on out there. We have to keep the 'Mac Machine' running — that's the general number one rule," said Catallo. "It's nice, too, when people are out of power, it's good for us to know that we'll be able to feed them even if their kitchens are in the dark."

He wasn't able to keep the café open, but he did have "one

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## Sashabaw problem solvers best in world

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Sashabaw Middle School students Ashton Krueger, Veronica Block, Caroline Blassick, and Phoebe Morris took on 60 teams from around the world in Future Problem Solvers' world competition, June 1, at Michigan State University.

They beat them all.

"I never thought it would happen," Blassick said. "I was so excited, I couldn't really think."

"It was crazy — we were jumping up and down, our parents were crying," Block said.

Judges in the International Conference Team Booklet Competition announced the top 10 in descending order. By the time nine teams were called to the stage for second-10th places, teammates had their doubts.

"I totally didn't think we'd get first," Morris said. "I thought we'd get close, but not first."

Coach Sue Banworth kept the faith, though.



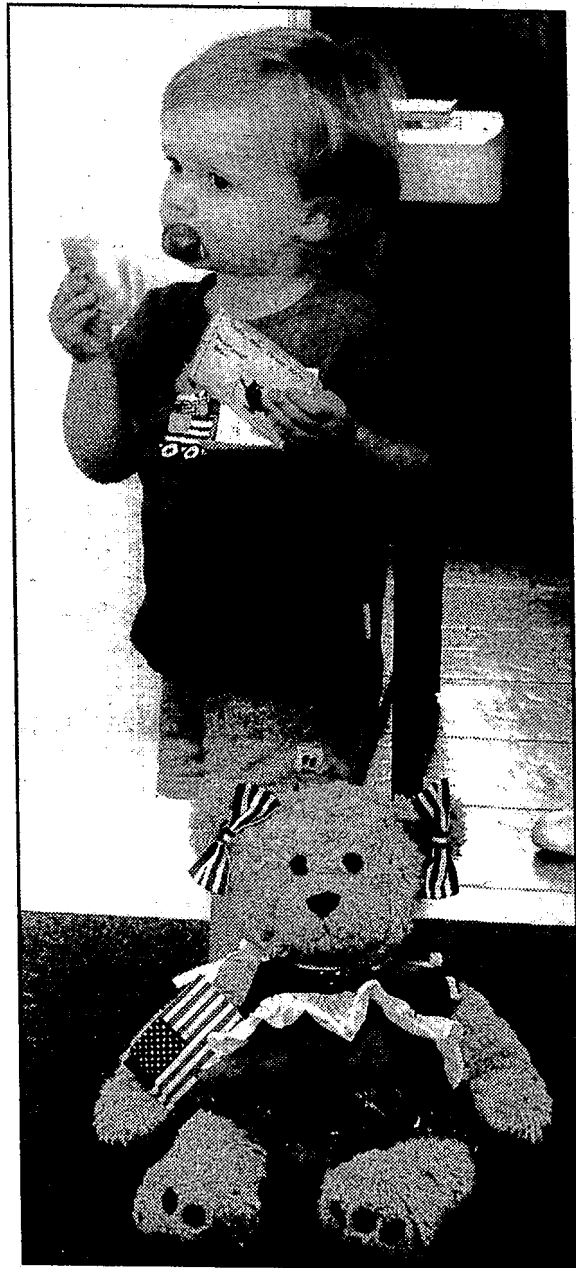
From left, Phoebe Morris, Ashton Krueger, Caroline Blassick, Veronica Block, and coach Sue Banworth, with trophies they won at the international Future Problems Solvers competition. Photo provided

"They're a well-oiled machine," Banworth said. "They do what they need to do in two hours, divide and conquer the responsibilities. They're great team members."

In the competition, teams took two hours to write 11-page booklets present-

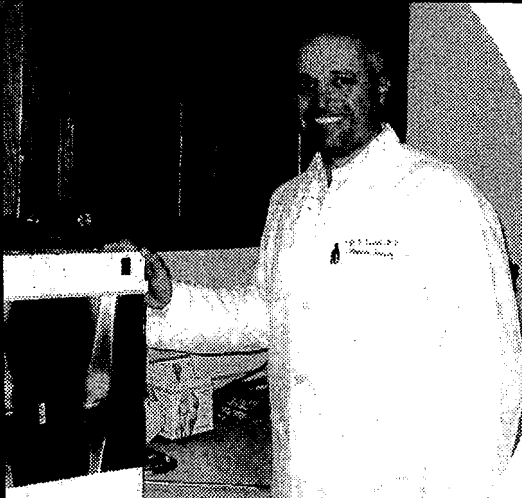
ing solutions to a problem of the future. This year's topic was child labor. Their solution: an insect-size robot with cameras for eyes, a "bug inspector," to keep an eye on things.

The team went through a six-stage  
*Please see Team on page 19A*



## Bears share in picnic fun

Sarah, 21 months, enjoys a hot dog as her bear wins for "Beary-est bear" at the Teddy Bear Picnic, June 13, at Clintonwood Park. For more pictures, please see page 21A. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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Joan Patterson, secretary, Clarkston Board of Education, congratulates Kathy McCarty for her Outstanding Service Award. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Volunteers earn awards

Clarkston Board of Education honored 10 school volunteers and Clarkston Free Methodist Church with Outstanding Service Awards, June 9:

- Phil Vigelius, Andersonville Elementary
- Amy Cicchini, Bailey Lake Elementary
- Colleen Hubregson, Clarkston Elementary
- Kathy McCarty, Independence Elementary
- Myron Grosz, North-Sashabaw Elementary

Ruth Dargay, Pine Knob Elementary  
Jane Rodewald, Springfield Plains Elementary

- Amy Kociszewski-Wilson, Clarkston Junior High School
- Kelly Finazzo, Sashabaw Middle School
- Joyce Nienhuis, Clarkston High School
- Clarkston Free Methodist Church, Renaissance High School

The annual awards recognize volunteers for their service and support to Clarkston schools.

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### Open house at the News this Friday

Readers are invited to an open house of *The Clarkston News* editorial office, 5-7 p.m., Friday, June 20.

Check out the office on the second floor of 5 S. Main Street, downtown Clarkston. Talk with the editor and writers - let them know what you like and what you barely glance at in the paper, story ideas, opinions, comments, questions, etc.

Coffee and cookies will be served. For more information, call Phil Custodio at 248-625-3370.

### Teachers recalled as budget set

Eleven Clarkston teachers have been recalled from layoff, as the Board of Education finalizes the 2008-2009 school budget.

The board is set to approve the district's \$76 million budget at its June 23 meeting, set for 7 p.m. at the school Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

Forty teachers were laid off April 22, from whom 11.4 full-time positions will be eliminated, cutting about \$457,000 from the budget.

Further recalls will depend on state funding and enrollment, said Linda Nester, executive director for Human Resources, at the June 9 meeting.

For more information, call Clarkston Community Schools at 248-623-5400.

### Night out for vets, June 25

VetBizCentral hosts its first Vets Night Out, 7-9 p.m., June 25, at Red Knapp's Grill and Bar in Clarkston.

Vets Night Out is an informal, business networking event for veterans. Those in attendance will determine topics and speakers for future events.

Admission is free. Reservations are requested - call 810-767-9387.

VetBizCentral is a non-profit agency dedicated to assisting veterans start a business or expand an existing business.

# Summer concert series set to begin

BY INGRID SJOSTRAND  
*Clarkston News Intern Writer*

Clarkston's annual Concerts in the Parks series returns, Friday, for its 29th year.

Beginning June 20 in Depot Park, the five-concert series will run every Friday until the end of July, except for July 4.

"The concerts will offer a different variety of music, everything from standards and ballads to old country," said Penny Shanks, executive director of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Rick and Dayna Lieder-Band will open the series on June 20 with what Dayna Lieder describes as danceable music.

"They have a huge following and are fabulous, it is going to be a great start," Shanks said.

The husband and wife duo are Clarkston locals and have been playing music for 15 years.

The couple performs at a variety of venues and this is their second year participating in Concerts at the Park.

Following Rick and Dayna, GDaddy's performs June 27 and Gary Pillows, July 7.

GDaddy's performs crowd-pleasing hits and Gary Pillows offers country music to the series.

For fans of the 70's and 80's, Grievous Angel will perform on July 18.

Finishing out the series will be Legend The Band on July 25, taking the audience back in time to the 50's and 60's.

Each headlining band will begin at 7 p.m.



Rick and Dayna Lieder-Band performs at last year's Concerts in the Park. File photo

and run until 9 p.m. Local groups, including Orion Community Drummers, open each show at 6:30 p.m.

The drummers perform with traditional African drums, giving the audience a chance to drum and interact with each other.

"I am really pleased with this year's variety," Shanks said.

Concerts will include face painting and food at Depot Park. Marble Slab Creamery will sell ice cream throughout the series, and local community organizations will offer other foods.

"There is a different variety this year, hopefully guests will really enjoy themselves," Shanks said.

## County OKs shortened Sashabaw Road plan

BY TREVOR KEISER  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

After two years of debate between Independence Township and Oakland County, the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority is a reality.

"It was a lengthy process, obviously, but there were I think some good reasons from the county standpoint why they were being judicious in this whole thing," said Dick Carlisle, township planner. "We're hopeful that now we can move forward and get the things done that need to be done."

The plan was revised by Independence Township Board in December, and approved by Oakland County Board of Commissioners June 12.

"I'm very happy. It's been a long fight," said Dave Wagner, Independence Township supervisor. "Brooks Patterson (Oakland County executive) was there supporting it and it went well."

A CIA, similar to a Downtown Development Authority, is meant to bring business to a designated section of a township or city, said county Commissioner Tom Middleton, representing the township.

"A new piece of legislation was passed

that allowed the collection of revenue for corridor improvement. It expanded the old DDA," Middleton said. "This says you can do it for economic development and adds quite a few extra areas in addition to old DDA."

When the township approved the plan in May, 2006, it included 15 projects to rebuild sewer and power lines, construct bridges at I-75 and Maybee, widen Sashabaw, and other work.

The plan was narrowed to three: widening the bridge over Interstate 75, widening Sashabaw Road north of I-75, and beautification along the Sashabaw corridor.

The original project would have cost about \$16 million, about \$4 million from the county. It has been scaled down to about \$3.8 million, with \$1.2 million from the county.

"With this project skimmed down so far, we only have to basically argue 'is it worth \$1.2 million to get the jobs?' And there is going to be that many new jobs out there," said Middleton.

The \$3.8 million is to be raised through tax increment financing in the Sashabaw corridor, from Clarkston to Maybee roads. It would collect some of the additional tax rev-

enue resulting from improvements, using 2006 as a starting point, said township Treasurer Jim Wenger.

"As you go forward, anything that increases in taxable value within that district, we're going to collect 50 percent of that increase," Wenger said.

Other funds will be collected from partners Oakland Community College and Huron-Clinton Metroparks, noted Wenger.

"I think it's good for the township and I do believe it's not only good for McLaren, but it's good for the entire project out there," said Dan Kelly, Independence Township trustee. "It will help us create some jobs and some economic growth in the township. That's good news."

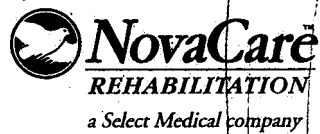
Middleton said plenty of jobs will cover the county's investment.

"Anything we can do to generate jobs and be friendly to business, to build business confidence, this shows that we welcome business and we welcome those new jobs," he said.

Shelagh VanderVeen, township clerk, said it was a "long time coming."

"I think it's going to help show our good

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Rory and Judy Windrim of Springfield Township are set to enjoy a road trip to Alaska. Photo by Phil Custodio

# Motorcycle enthusiasts ready to explore tundra

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Rory and Judy Windrim of Springfield Township had an idea for retirement – a 4,200 trip to Alaska on a motorcycle.

Then they thought, why wait?

“Who knows what our situation will be,” Judy said. “We’re healthy now.”

“We’ve been planning this for more than a year, seriously for about six months,” Rory said.

They’re planning about five weeks this summer for the trip, on a Honda Gold Wing touring motorcycle.

“We’re not out to break any speed records,” Rory said. “We’ll take 6-7 days to get there, about three weeks in Alaska, then come back.”

Their route will be along the northern border of the United States to Washington, then north through Canada – on interstate highways as little as possible.

“If we see something we like along the way, we’ll stay a while,” Judy said. “Alaska is a wonderful destination, but it’s the trip I’m looking forward to.”

Her goals for the trip: don’t hit a moose, and don’t get eaten by a bear, she said.

“Just keep in mind: the car in front of you, behind you, to your left and the right, are out to kill you,” Rory said. “Then you’ll be all right.”

The Windrims have lived in Davisburg, raising their three children, for the past 26 years.

“We love it out here,” Judy said. “I fell in

love with the people here. It’s a small town.”

“Everyone knows everyone,” Rory said.

“We’ll retire here,” said Judy, who works with the Department of Human Services in Pontiac. “We’ll buy something smaller, but stay in Davisburg.”

Rory, General Motors Skilled trades for 31 years, bought his first motorcycle when he was 16 years old.

“My mom and dad never had them, but a neighbor did – I would ride it around his place,” he said.

His father let him get a motorcycle as long as he also had a car. He bought his first bike, a 350 Honda, in 1974.

He bought his first Gold Wing in 1976 just before he and Judy were married. They’ve taken motorcycle trips to Florida, east coast, New Mexico, Niagara Falls, and all over Michigan.

“You miss a lot inside cars,” Rory said. “On a bike, you get the open air, the feeling of the air, a lot more smells.”

“You see things more when you’re not surrounded by a car,” Judy said.

Longtime members of the Davisburg Rotary Club, they hope to use the trip to raise money for the club’s PolioPlus program, to finally end polio.

“There are four countries still with polio (Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan),” said Rory, Rotary Foundation director. “We’re looking into collecting pledges.”

Rotary Club of Davisburg meets Wednesday, 7 p.m., at Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway.

# Housing market shows signs of turnaround

BY INGRID SJOSTRAND  
Clarkston News Intern Writer

The real estate market in the Clarkston area is showing signs of recovery, according to housing statistics.

Joan Faulk, manager of Century 21 Hallmark West, said housing inventory has decreased, though the market probably hasn't hit bottom yet.

"In December, we were selling houses at a 24-month supply. Now we're selling at a 10-month supply," Falk said.

That means more people are selling and buying homes, she said.

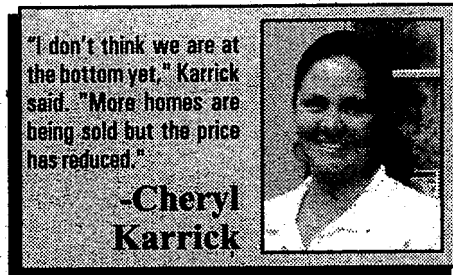
"We are now at a better situation, less houses on the market, less houses for people to look at," Falk said.

According to a recent real estate broker summit in Dearborn, housing inventories across Michigan have decreased.

Cheryl Karrick, of Morgan and Milzow Realtors, found similar results, though it's not all good news.

"I don't think we are at the bottom yet," Karrick said. "More homes are being sold but the price has reduced."

Sellers drop their price in a distressed market, selling their homes for less than they are worth or face going into foreclosure.



"It is a positive trend that we are selling more homes, they are just sold under distress," Karrick said.

According to an Oakland County real estate sales report, 85 percent of homes sold in Independence Township in March 2008 were distressed, due to Michigan's economic situation and high job loss.

These sales haven't affected the market much, though, Falk said.

"There's an increase in the market, my office has doubled in size," she said.

Falk has found that prices are almost equal to selling activity in 2002-03, meaning the market is moving up a bit.

"The market hasn't hit bottom," she said. "It won't leap up immediately, it will move ahead slowly," she said.

# Township OKs codes against drug gear, domestic assault

## New line of law helps raise local funds

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Drug paraphernalia, domestic assault, and animal abuse are already against state law. They're now also violations of Independence Township's Code of Ordinances.

Writing them into local law allows the township get more money, said Trustee Dan Kelly.

"We get a greater share of the money when it's a local ordinance than we do if it's a state law," Kelly said.

The Township Board approved these and ordinances against disturbing the peace and retail fraud, June 3.

Peter Keenan, township attorney for prosecution and enforcement of local ordinances, wrote up the revised ordinances.

"A vast majority of the cases I see are either drug or alcohol related, either directly or indirectly," said Keenan. "If there is one ordinance that officers on road patrol request time and time again, it is an ordinance for

possession of drug paraphernalia."

The board voted unanimously to approve each ordinance.

"Its things that the judges have talked to me about and also the Sheriff's Department asking us to put these in place," said Dave Wagner, supervisor. "We've been working on it for about four or five months and finally we're able to bring it all together and get approval."

Trustee Charlie Dunn said the ordinances are justified for the township.

"I think it's appropriate that we prosecute these offenses within our own jurisdiction," Dunn said.

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen said she was glad Keenan brought the issue to the board.

"He's studied this, he's talked to the court people, police officers, so it's something he's thoroughly researched and I am glad he's taken the initiative to do that because we're not in the court system we don't know the problems that they're encountering out there with drug paraphernalia or animal abuse," she said. "There is no way we can know, so he's the eyes and ears for us and he's taking the problem to us."

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## Out loud

A column by Laura Colvin

### Teachers make an impact on life

Sometimes I wonder if teachers understand the magnitude of their power or the scope of their influence.

Sometimes I wonder where I'd be without teachers like Mrs. Lucky, my eighth-grade creative writing teacher who read aloud my essay describing the flood in her apartment (the assignment was Mrs. Lucky's way of explaining why the previous week's papers were returned smeared and damp).



Where would I be without the English professor from Henry Ford Community College, who thought what I had to say about Hedda Gabbler and Sir Thomas More was deserving of recognition, and (gasp!) an A in her class? She was a tough—but very, very good—teacher, and walking out with an A at semester's end put me on cloud nine for a week.

And where would I be without Dr. Neal Haldane, head of Madonna University's Journalism and Public Relations department, who patiently saw me through one "crisis of confidence" as he called it, after another for what probably seemed like two very long years?

Little by little, each of these teachers helped me uncover something I didn't know existed. They mentored, encouraged, guided and challenged me.

For that, and for them, I am forever grateful.

So in my sincere admiration for teachers, I was honored last week to attend the Teacher of the Year breakfast, as the Clarkston Foundation for Public Education recognized this year's nominees and announced a winner. Principals from each school talked about the achievements, dedication and selflessness of their teachers.

It was truly a feel-good, heartwarming event.

But I had to wonder—do these teachers understand the true scope of their influence? Do they realize, perhaps, the words they say today could resonate with a student well into adulthood?

Congratulations to this year's Teacher of the Year winner, Claudia Keglovitz, as well as nominees Kelly Berti, Mike Peterson, Shelley Roland, and Kelley Woodworth. I'm willing to bet each of you

## The Clarkston News

# Viewpoints

## Group would help township

Dear Editor,

As the presidential election enters its final stages, I hope and ask that *The Clarkston News* focus on an election that will impact all Independence Township residents, the election of a new Township Board.

Led by current board Trustee Dan Travis, campaigning to become the new township supervisor, a very qualified group of candidates is

preparing to continue the growth of Independence Township with an emphasis on maintaining our valued quality of life.

These candidates have pledged to add the assistance of a professional municipal administrator to improve the day to day operations of the township, at no additional cost.

This makes sense and will mean increased efficiencies that will save money and provide for more services. It is a much needed change in this increasingly complex world.

Most importantly, these candidates will

uphold the Master Plan to ensure our community grows to meet our needs and tax requirements, and not just the needs of developers who would like us to ignore our principles for their profit

In the past few years, we have seen developers proposing to build developments that violate our master plan and would dramatically change the face of Independence.

We have also seen a slashing of services to technically avoid a deficit budget, only to be restored by the unexpected discovery of unknown funds.

It is time to elect folks we can trust and who care more about Independence than having a job for themselves.

At the Aug. 5 Primary Election, I am supporting Dan Travis for supervisor, Shelagh VanderVeen for clerk, Jeff McGee for treasurer, and Bart Clark, Neil Wallace, David Lohmeier for trustees.

Robert Ferer  
Independence Township

## Letters to the editor

## Beaumont would benefit area

Dear Editor,

Beaumont Hospital should be commended for revising, again, their plans for a "health campus" in Independence Township.

With their redrawn plan, Beaumont Hospital is clearly demonstrating a desire to accommodate the concerns of individuals and Township officials who have requested the changes.

Township residents who support the redesigned Beaumont project should attend the township Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, June 26, to let the members know there are a significant number of people who are looking forward to having access to medical services provided by one of the most

highly regarded hospitals in the nation, let alone in Michigan.

With an aging population here in Michigan, health care is considered a growth "industry" at a time when manufacturing jobs are rapidly declining.

Having Beaumont Hospital as a major employer and health care provider would certainly improve our local economy and the attractiveness of our community as a place to live.

Supporters of this project and Beaumont need to attend the planning commission meeting and be heard.

Henry S. Woloson  
Independence Township

## Opinions on Independence Twp.'s green space millage proposal?

Check [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com) for continuing discussion

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1993

"City sued for \$1 million" An Independence Township man asked for \$1 million in damages, including mental and physical distress, after his illegal arrest was made by two Clarkston police officers.

"Pine Knob theater officials say noise on decline" Pine Knob Theater, now known as DTE Energy theater, installed noise "softening" equipment under the pavilion and computers to control sound distribution throughout the hill. Their innovative changes made news in an acoustic music magazine.

"70 youths honored at Youth Assistance gala" The Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee held a gala to honor 70 adolescents nominated by 21 organizations for their positive contributions to their community.

"Split board denies I-75 sound wall easement" A proposed 13-foot sound wall for the M-15 exit of I-75 was denied by an Independence Township board vote of 4-3.

### 25 years ago - 1983

"Heroes, life saving rescue" A husband and wife were saved after seven neighbors helped pull them from their burning house and called the fire department in northeast Independence Township.

"Historic district residents to vote on ordinance" 174 homeowners living in the historic district were given the opportunity to participate in a mail-vote on whether the historic housing ordinance should be re-implemented.

"She makes TEEN's list" A Sashabaw Junior High ninth-grader became a semifinalist in TEEN Magazine's Great model search.

### 50 years ago - 1958

"Local boys on television" Two Clarkston boys known as "The Ski Brothers" were on national television playing guitar and singing a song they had composed.

"Strawberry Social at Sashabaw" A strawberry social was held by a committee to promote the restoration of Sashabaw Presbyterian Church to a New England style.

"Hard Work Pays Off" A 12-year-old Waterford boy used earnings from his job as a paper boy to buy an accordion and received two honors at the regional music contest in Flint.

## We wonder; why can't this happen here?

Maricopa County, Arizona, is spending approximately \$18 million dollars a year on stray animals, like cats and dogs.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio offered to take the department over and the county supervisors said okay.

The animal shelters are now staffed and operated by prisoners. They feed and care for the strays. Every animal in his care is taken out and walked twice daily. He now has prisoners who are experts in animal nutrition and behavior.

They give great classes for anyone who would like to adopt an animal. He has literally taken stray dogs off the street, given them to the care of prisoners and had them placed in dog shows.

His budget for the entire department is now under \$3 million. One couple adopted a Weimaraner from Maricopa County Shelter two years ago.

He was neutered, had all current shots, in great health and even had a microchip inserted the day they got them. Cost, \$78.

The prisoners get the benefit of about 28 cents an hour for working, but most would work for free, just to be out of their cells for a day.

Most of his budget is for utilities, building maintenance, etc. He pays the prisoners out of fees collected for adopted animals.

Would that the rest of the country take

a look at the way Sheriff Joe runs his jail system, and copy some of his ideas!

He has a huge farm, donated to the county years ago, where inmates can work, and they grow most of their own fresh vegetables and food, doing all the work and harvesting by hand.

### Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

He has a pretty good-size hog farm, which provides meat and fertilizer. It fertilizes the Christmas tree nursery, where prisoners work and sell Christmas trees for \$6 and \$8.

He was reelected last year with 83 percent of the vote. Now he's in trouble with the ACLU again.

He painted all his buses and vehicles with a mural that has a special hot-line phone number painted on it, so you can call and report suspected illegal aliens.

Immigrations and Customs Enforcement wasn't doing enough in his eyes, so he has trained 40 deputies specifically to enforce immigration laws, started up his hot-line, and bought four new buses just for hauling folks back to the border.

Some will recall first reading about Sheriff Joe when he issued pink under-

clothes to male prisoners.

Prisoners didn't give them to visitors like they did the white ones. He took away cable tv until he found out there was a federal court order that required cable tv for jails.

So, he hooked up the cable tv, and only let in the Disney Channel and the Weather Channel.

He bought Newt Gingrich's lecture series on videotape that he pipes into the jail. He also stopped smoking and porno magazines in the jail, took away their weights and cut off all but "G" movies.

He started a chain gang for men, then one for women so he wouldn't be sued for discrimination.

Maybe Sheriff Joe can get away with these innovations because Arizona is one of those get tough, western states, as opposed to a wimpy western state like California.

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I like this one: A real Christian is a person who can give his parrot to the town gossip.

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How about a limerick to close out the week?

*A cute little babe from St. Paul  
Wore a newspaper dress to a ball;  
But her dress caught on fire  
And burned her entire  
Front page, sporting section and all.*

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Michelle Robinson, senior services and volunteer coordinator for Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township, accepts a donation from fifth graders David Posawatz, Andrew Hudson, Joshua Smith, and Joe DeFinis.

## Students help before heading out for summer

Springfield Plains Elementary wrapped up their school year, Friday, with a donation to Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township.

During the week of May 19, students and staff donated spare change, before school and during lunch. The school raised \$252.94, which was presented to Lighthouse North at the All School meeting, Friday, June 13, the last day of school.

Fifth-grader David Posawatz developed the idea. He participated in a similar fundraiser at his church, St. Daniels, during Lent.

He talked to Principal K.C. Leh and his teacher, Gloria Lacy, and worked with the school Student Council. They sent letters home to students explaining the plan, and rallied classmates around the idea.

Fifth-grader Andrew Hudson volunteered to help collect donations. Student Council Treasurer Josh Smith and fellow fifth-grader Joe DeFinis volunteered to count the money collected.



Patty Sierocki set up her Manic Organic shop on Sashabaw Road. Photo by Ingrid Sjostrand

## Manic Organic offers fresh food

BY INGRID SJOSTRAND  
Clarkston News Intern Writer

Manic Organic on Sashabaw Road offers fresh organic fruits and vegetables. Owner Patty Sierocki decided to open the establishment after trying to eat healthier and realizing there were no local organic stores.

"I want parents to get their kids eating healthier and have adults eating healthier too," Sierocki said.

Organic produce has no added chemicals or artificial ingredients and is environmentally friendly, making it healthier for your

body, she said.

For now, only organic produce is available. Sierocki hopes to expand in the future and offer fruit platters and vegetable trays.

While many people fear organic food is too expensive, Sierocki insists that the price difference is not that extreme.

"The healthier food is worth the little extra money you are spending," she said. "I'm just trying to bring healthier foods to Clarkston."

Manic Organic is located at 4752 Sashabaw Road in the old Fudley's Ice Cream Parlor.

## Camp Bow Wow hosts microchip clinic June 22

Michigan Humane Society and Camp Bow Wow of Independence Township host a microchipping clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, June 22.

Microchips serve as identification, a way for local shelters and veterinarians to identify lost pets' owners.

The Camp Bow Wow clinic, at 6374

Sashabaw Road, will offer the service for \$11, first come, first served. Normal fee is \$50.

Microchipping is open to dogs and cats, well socialized and under supervision at all times.

For more information, call 1-866-MHUMANE or visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

## Woman dies in I-75 rollover

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A 65-year-old Pontiac woman was killed in a rollover accident on I-75 in Springfield Township Sunday.

According to police, Donna Lee, a front-seat passenger in a 1998 Ford Explorer, was ejected when the driver lost control of the SUV after a rear tire blew out.

Investigators said the Explorer, which was headed south on I-75 between Rattalee Lake and Davisburg Road, left the roadway and rolled over about four times before coming to a stop.

"Because she was ejected from the car, we initially believed (Lee) wasn't wearing a seatbelt," said Michigan State Police Trooper Mark Pravato. "But subsequent investigation indicates the possibility that she was—

right now it's tough to say whether the seatbelt failed, was used improperly or there were other circumstances."

Pravato said Lee's daughter, who was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident, sustained serious but non-life threatening injuries. Two children in the car, age 17 and 4, he said, were treated and released.

The accident, which occurred around 3:40 p.m., closed southbound lanes of the freeway for several hours.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash, and police do not believe alcohol was a factor.

Michigan State Police, who have jurisdiction over I-75, are handling the investigation. Oakland County Sheriff's deputies and Springfield Township Fire Department personnel assisted at the scene.

## Near-drowning prompt warnings

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It happens fast. Don't even blink.

That's the message from local authorities warning parents about swimming pool dangers after two near-drowning incidents in Independence Township over the weekend.

The first call came Sunday after the father of a 2 1/2-year-old girl found his daughter face-down in about four feet of water in the family pool.

The man told police he was sitting on the back deck of his home with one of his boys when the little girl left the house, got past him and down the stairs to the pool area without his knowledge.

The man estimated his daughter was under water for about one minute before he pulled her out, dialed 911 and began CPR on the child.

"There's only one tip as far as I'm concerned," said Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation. "If

you're going to have a kid around a pool, they must be watched one hundred percent of the time, without exceptions. You don't even blink."

The victim was screaming and alert after the incident, but was transported to a local hospital for additional medical treatment.

LaBair said swimming lessons are also a good idea for all children, especially those growing up in areas like Oakland County, where summertime water-activities are popular with residents.

In a separate incident Sunday, deputies and fire personnel responded to a call from a family in the 5400 block of Whipple Lake Road for an unresponsive child.

According to police reports, the 3-year-old was playing in the family pool.

The child, who was wearing "proper flotation devices" at the time of the incident, was resuscitated by his parents and transported to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital Independence Township Fire personnel for additional medical treatment.



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# Public Safety

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

## Independence Twp.

**Tues., June 3** Deputies investigated a case of child neglect after a caller reported a baby stroller on the railroad tracks. A 29-year-old Independence Township woman told police she left her 1-year-old daughter in the stroller while she collected scrap metal along the tracks to sell for bill money. When police arrived, the mother was about 300 feet away from her child. A report was sent to the Family Independence Agency.

**Wed., June 4** Deputies were dispatched to a grocery store in the 5900 block of Sashabaw Road after two men engaged in an altercation over yogurt. According to police reports, an Independence Township man was tossing yogurt into his cart when one carton fell short and hit the floor with a splat. The man allegedly picked up the yogurt and placed it back into the cooler, angering a bystander who spat "that's why things are so expensive!" Apparently in no mood to take a scolding from a stranger, the yogurt-breaker punched the yogurt-yeller in the face. Police issued the yogurt thrower a local ordinance citation for assault and battery.

**Thurs., June 5** A 47-year-old woman living in the 4800 block of Fox Creek called police after discovering someone smashed the rear window from her car overnight. The woman, who said she had no enemies and didn't know who would want to damage her property, said nothing appeared to be missing from inside.

Deputies were dispatched for a suspicious person report after a man living in the 8900 block of Ortonville Road called to report an unknown woman had entered his home, and was now walking and cart-wheeling in the middle lane of Ortonville Road. When deputies arrived, the woman began yelling obscenities, and said she wanted to be arrested. The woman, who is on probation out of 52-2 District Court, was transported to St. Joseph Hospital for evaluation.

**Sat., June 7** It wasn't all roses when deputies were dispatched to a possible domestic incident in the 6300 block of Brandeis Court. Apparently, a married couple was involved in a thorny dispute over the planting of flowers.

**Mon., June 9** A 33-year-old man living in the 4700 block of Summerhill Drive called police after returning home to discover someone entered his garage and stole tools, skis, a snowboard and other goods from inside. The man also said speakers were stolen from inside his vehicle.

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was issued an appearance citation for minor in possession after he was caught with a fake identification while attending a concert at DTE. Police escorted the man, who admitted to paying \$200 for the fake license, to security, where he blew a PBT of .22. Officers then called his par-

ents to pick the young man up, but the father refused, and said "take him to jail, I'm not coming to get him." As jail was not an option, officers then escorted the young man to his limosine.

**Tues., June 10** Workers at a construction site in the 5600 block of Bow Pointe Drive called police after a man was spotted speeding away from the scene with fencing in his pickup truck. Workers told police that an individual matching the man's description had previously asked for permission to haul away scrap metal, but was told no.

**Thurs., June 12** A 38-year-old Davisburg man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after deputies discovered him passed out behind the wheel at the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road around 2:30 a.m. Officers awakened the man—his car began to roll into the intersection as he emerged from inside—and transported him to Oakland County Jail after he blew a PBT of .207. The legal limit is .08.

## Springfield Twp.

**Fri., May 30** A 38-year-old woman living in the 11600 block of Old Oaks Lane called police after discovering someone entered her open garage and stole a 24-pack of beer from the fridge, as well as a backpack containing personal information and several credit cards.

A 51-year-old man living in the 10000 block of Dixie Highway called police to report four guns were stolen from his residence while he was in jail during the past year. The man said the guns were in an unlocked case when he last left the home.

Deputies were dispatched to the 9200 block of Hill Crest after the property owner reported a Bobcat front-end bucket, welder, two acetylene tanks and torch were stolen from the property over the past day or so. Also missing were many scrap metal items. Police noted the back door to the garage had been kicked open.

A 32-year-old man living in the 7800 block of Ridge Valley called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole his wallet, which contained a ring and credit cards.

**Sun., June 1** An employee was fired from a pharmacy in the 9600 block of Dixie Highway after she was confronted and allegedly admitted to stealing pain medication.

**Mon., June 2** A 42-year-old man living in the 7800 block of Kingston Court called police after discovering someone stole a wallet and credit cards from his car.

**Fri., June 6** Narcotics Enforcement Team detectives were dispatched to an apartment in the 7300 block of Blue Water Drive after deputies investigating a complaint spotted marijuana in plain view inside the unit.



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# After more than 30 years, deputy dives into retirement

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a Honda Gold Wing in the garage and more than 30 years of policing for Oakland County Sheriff's Office under his belt, Deputy John Graham is ready to retire.

Sort of.

Although he'll no longer be patrolling the streets of Independence Township, boaters and outdoor enthusiasts are still likely to spot Graham keeping watch over Oakland County lakes in the summers ahead.

As a longtime member of the Sheriff's Marine Division, diving isn't something he's ready to give up.

"There probably has to be something wrong with you to want to dive around in water you can't see in," he said with a grin. "There's not a long list of people that want to do it."

But as part of the close-knit, highly trained 12-member Sheriff's Marine Patrol and Water Rescue Unit, Graham wants to be available when he's needed.

Graham first joined the team in 1977 on the recommendation of his father, who also worked for the Marine Division.

"He said 'you ought to try this Marine Division, you might like it,'" Graham said. "So I did it one summer and loved it."

The following year, the Sheriff's office offered him a full-time position, complete with a \$6,000 pay cut from his job at General Motors. He jumped at the chance.

"You're out on the lake, meeting people, making it safe, and helping the community," he said. "All that cliché stuff, but it was all true."

During his tenure with the sheriff's office, Graham also worked with the Honor Guard, the Tactical Mobile Unit, alcohol enforcement and as an Explorer advisor.

Explorers, he explained, are a group of young people coordinated by the Boy Scouts of America and interested in learning, in this case, about police work.

In 1987 Graham took a group of Explorers to Boston, and in 1990 another group to Colorado.

A few years ago, while having lunch with his wife, he spotted a group of Waterford Police officers.

"One of them says, aren't you John Graham? Remember me?"



Deputy John Graham retired June 15. Photo by Laura Colvin

Graham didn't remember, not until he heard the name.

"He said 'I'm Gil Decker, I went to Colorado in your Explorer group,'" Graham said. "Here he is a grown guy working for Waterford. That really tickled me."

Graham is also a member of the Pis-

tol Team—a group who shoot handguns competitively at a national level.

"We go all over the country and shoot," said Graham, who's currently vice-president of the team. "I won a gun at the national level the first year I went out and haven't won jack since but that's OK, I just do it for the fun."

Among his more memorable diving deployments, Graham cites an incident where a man jumped out of a boat on Cass Lake, and was never found.

"In my 30 years that was the only person we looked for and we didn't find," Graham said. "That one kind of sticks in your craw a little bit. We looked for a long, long time, probably a month or so."

Although, ideally, the divers go out on rescue missions, more often than not it turns into a search and recover operation.

"If you could save just one person that would make it for me," he said. "We've come close a lot—but personally nobody I got out the water lived—that's the one thing I wish I had done."

Over the last five years, Graham has been patrolling the streets of Independence Township in addition to

his dive duties.

On June 15, he hung up his hat at the substation and told the guys he'd be back to say hello from time to time.

"I had a little medical issue made me kind of realize that I'm mortal," he said. "I gotta have some time off to enjoy life."

Around the substation, though, he'll be missed.

"He's one of those guys you can always rely on to do things right," said Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation. "Some of the younger guys, you send them into something and you tend to worry."

Graham is very dedicated to the department and the community at large, LaBair said, noting Graham often gets involved in charity events and fundraisers.

LaBair called Graham "a nice guy, a good friend, and a good policeman."

"John has a good common sense approach, and that's going to be missed—that well-learned, down to earth approach that works so well. I hate to lose a veteran like that. He'll be hard to replace."

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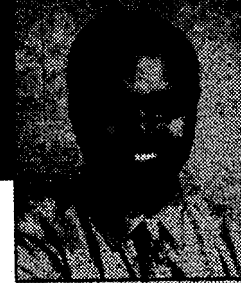
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# Flag football fun way to learn to play

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Each player from Michigan Youth Flag Football League left the last day of the season a winner.

Every boy received a trophy for their work during the season, ate pizza, and watched their coaches play a game of football.

Dale Duffield signed up for the league because he had nothing to do.

"I wanted to get outside and be active," he said.

As a member of the undefeated Saints, he got an opportunity to learn more about a sport he enjoyed and play every position.

"I like the feeling of throwing the ball into the end zone and the feeling of victory," said Duffield.

Greta Senerius thought it would be a great opportunity for her twins, Devin and Clay, to learn more about football in their off-season from the Clarkston Chiefs.

They learned more about the basics of the game and got to practice their throwing and catching.

"It's been a really fun time for them and they got to be on a team with each other, too," said Greta.



Devin Senerius blocks a Raven offense man from scoring. Photo by Wendi Reardon

The twins started the game for the Saints with the first touchdown. Devin received the pass from Clay and ran into the end zone.

The Saints led the fourth and fifth league with a record, 7-0.

The second and third graders making up the Seahawks held onto their undefeated title against the Chargers and won.

The spring season began in April and ran for eight weeks.

The MYFFL Summer championship is June 28-29 at Walled Lake Northern High School.

Check [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com) to see who's playing in the championship.

## Football camp set July 21-25

Registration is now open for summer MYFFL football camps and fall football and cheer teams.

The summer football camp will be held July 21-24 at Friendship Park in Lake Orion from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

The camp is open to children entering Kindergarten - 7th grade.

During the four days, participants will receive fundamental training in passing, catching, running, and flag pulling. They will play daily scrimmages and a flag football tournament.

Also, included are skill contests, weeklong awards, and a Michigan Youth Flag Football t-shirt.

The cost of the camp is \$99.

The deadline to register is July 11

The camp is open to the first 100 children that register.

## Athlete of the Week

### Soccer skills take Timm to regionals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

John Timm is ready to take on teams in this weekend's Midwest regional meet in Illinois.

His team, Bloomfield Force Select Soccer U18, secured their place by capturing the Michigan State Cup last month.

They defeated the Michigan Wolves B team in Lansing, 2-0.

Both teams were unable to score by the end of the regulated game and played two overtime periods.

During the second overtime, the Force scored two goals to advance to the U.S. Youth Soccer Region II meet in Rockford, Ill.

"It's very rewarding after all the hard work me and my teammates have done throughout the season," said Timm.

The Force played two tournaments in November before their indoor season began in December.

Their outdoor season started in April.

He normally plays as a center defenseman.

Normally plays center defense. A position he fell into more or less.

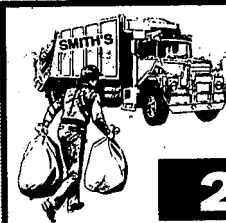
Timm started playing soccer at 6-years-old. His parents signed him up for Kiddy Kickers at Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

"I have been playing ever since," said Timm.

He joined Clarkston Select Soccer Club when he was nine and played until he was 15.

After he finished playing on the JV team his freshman year, he wanted a more competitive level to play on.

He found the Force and has been playing on the team for the past three aspiring athletes. "If you can dream it, you can do it."



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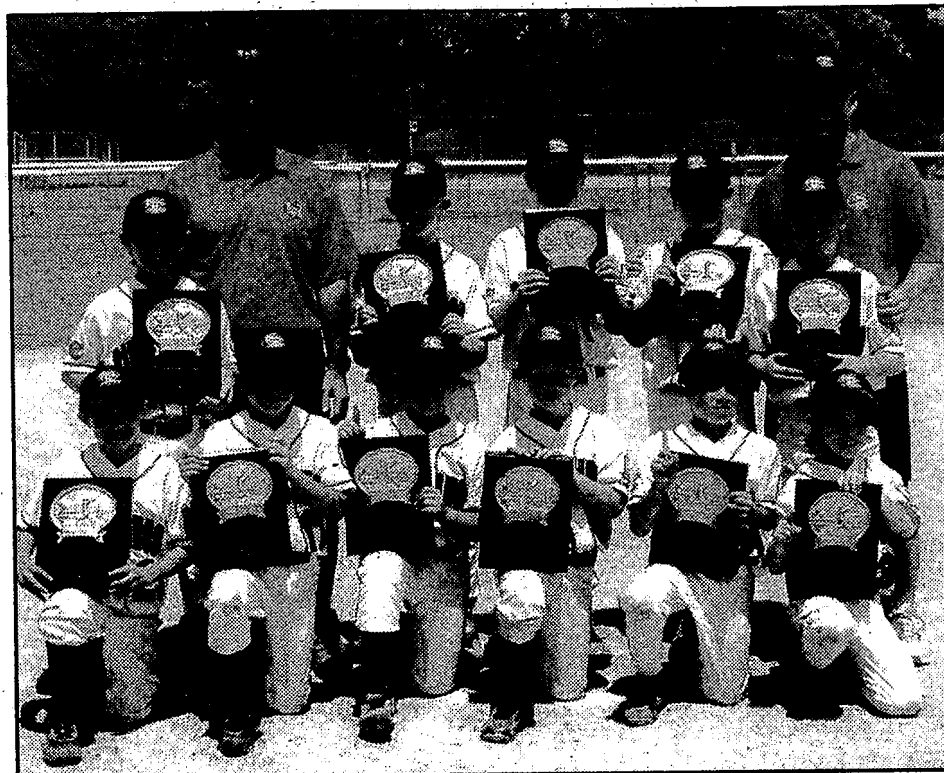
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Clarkston Riverdaws 9U team, proudly holding their championship trophies.

## League title next for 'Dawgs

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Riverdaws 9U team broke from traditional Father's Day gift giving, and gave everyone a treat this past weekend – a five-game sweep for the championship at the Flushing Summer Classic Baseball Tournament.

"They performed exceptionally," said Coach Gary Jbara.

Jbara noted the key moment during the tournament came in the semi-final game against the Davison Renegades.

The boys were down 6-4 in the bottom of the final inning and had two outs.

They made three runs to win the game, 7-6. They beat the Hartland Eagle in the championship game, 10-5.

They began the tournament on Friday and beat the Davison Cardinals, 19-8. Saturday's triumphs over Livingston (20-5) and Hartland (11-6) brought them one step closer to their championship goal.

Joey Kuczanski and J.T. King hit grand

slam home runs during the tournament. Trenton Gilman added another home run to lead the team to their weekend sweep.

Carter Macias, Brock Schultz, Zach Scott, Tony Malinowski, Mason Vaughan, Dylan Perry, Weston, Gilman, and Kuczanski pitched during the tournament. This is the second tournament they won this season. They won the Clarkston Classic in April, 3-1.

"It's been a very successful season," Jbara said.

Every player on the team contributes, he added.

The team's record in the North Oakland Baseball League is 10-1-1.

The next goal for the boys is attaining the league title before the season wraps up next month. The 9U Riverdaws current overall record is 18-5-2.

The boys are on the road until Saturday, July 12. They will host Sterling Titans at Clintonwood Park at 5 p.m. for the final game of their season.

The team is also coached by Steve Weston.

## Basketball camp set June 23-26

Girls Varsity Head Coach Tim Wasilk, coaching staff, and Clarkston High School varsity players present the Dare to Dream Fundamental Basketball Camp, June 23-26.

The camp is designed to help players improve their game, from beginners to experienced. The camp will have instruction on shooting technique, ball handling drills, defensive fundamentals, station work, competitive games, hot shot, lightning, one-on-one

and free-throw knockout.

The camp, open to girls going into grades 3-9, will be 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday, June 23, to Thursday, June 26, at Clarkston High School's gym.

Cost is \$95 and includes a basketball T-Shirt.

For more information, email Wasilk at [wasilkt@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:wasilkt@clarkston.k12.mi.us) or stop by the CHS athletic office for a flyer.

# Grad goes the distance

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

The last time Drew Fries took a day off from school, he was a fourth-grader at Springfield Plains Elementary School.

Now a graduate in Clarkston High School's Class of 2008, he attended more than 1,400 days of school without missing any, despite occasionally being under the weather and a broken collarbone at high school football practice his junior year.

"I made a nice catch, but the strong safety made a nice hit and my shoulder took the weight," he said.

He was recognized for perfect attendance in the fifth grade, and saw no reason why he couldn't do that every year.

"I considered school my job," he said. "It helped that I like school. I enjoy being there. All my friends are there. Call me a nerd, but I like to learn."

He set the goal himself, no pressure needed from his parents, Derrick and Denise Fries, Derrick said.

"It's a pretty extraordinary feat," he said. "Through middle school, high school, he stayed focused."

Life is about opportunities, Drew said. "Are you just going to go to school, or are



Drew Fries

you going to be a part of school. I like being a part of it."

He's set to attend Michigan State University in the fall, majoring in math.

His goal is to earn his Ph.D. and become a college professor, like his father, who teaches at Eastern Michigan

University.

"I've always enjoyed math," Drew said. "But not as much as I enjoy people. I don't want a job where I'm cooped up in an office - I want something where I'm interacting with others."

Teaching fits the bill, especially at the college level, he said.

"The more education you have, the more secure you'll be," he said.

Other goals are to be a supportive friend, loving husband, and caring father.

"Teaching's flexible schedule would help me do all three," he said.

He hasn't decided where he'd like to settle after earning his degrees.

"I like to plan, but I don't know where my life is going," he said.



Anna Wheeler and Emily Kenney received \$1,000 scholarships from Oakland County Credit Union President/CEO Allan McMorris

## Writers earn scholarships

Anna Wheeler, Clarkston High School graduate, and Emily Kenney of Waterford Kettering each earned \$1,000 scholarships from Oakland County Credit Union.

Students wrote an essay on "Saving, Spending and Giving."

"We had a number of excellent entries and these two provided very nice examples of the subject matter," said Allan McMorris, OCCU president and CEO.

The credit union has been offering \$3,000 in scholarships at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes students for the past two years. The contest grew this year to include Clarkston High School.

"Financial education with our youth is such an important topic," said McMorris. "We're proud of our youth programs and pleased to know we help make a difference for members of all ages."

- Trevor Keiser

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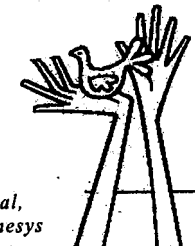
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# Businesses adapt to dark

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leg of power" running through the restaurant, which was enough to power one of his walk-in coolers.

"We moved everything into the one walk-in that was still on, but because the restaurant was closed for two or three days, you still end up throwing a lot of product away, which is unfortunate," he said.

The power cords helped Kinetic Systems stay open, powering a refrigerator, calculator, and lamps, said owner Louise Kasl.

"That was awesome, very cool," Kasl said. "We didn't have to bring our big generator over."

Offices of *The Clarkston News* stayed open, working in the dark with cell phones, paper, and pencils.

For Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, the blackout meant a few meetings in the dark, said Penny Shanks, executive director.

"One thing that was consistent all the way through was everybody had a pretty good attitude about it," Shanks said. "As frustrating as it was losing time and losing money, I think people really persevere and it brings out the best in people. At least that's what we saw from our end."

Throughout the Detroit area, about 400,000 people lost power, according to DTE Energy — 148,000 in Oakland County. Of those, 5,000 were

in Independence Township, 2,000 in Springfield, and 400 in Clarkston. Power returned for Springfield and Clarkston last week, but about 40 customers in Independence Township were still without service on Monday, said Scott Simon of DTE.

"They should be back in service today (June 16)," Simon said.

"It seemed like DTE took forever to repair everything, but it was a major storm," said Dave Wagner, Independence Township supervisor.

Rudy's Market, with its stocks of refrigerated and frozen items, was hit hard, said Robert Esshaki, owner.

The shop closed for almost three full days, Esshaki said.

"We lost a lot of our perishable items, meats, produce, and ice cream," he said. "In addition to that, it took us a few days after that and over the weekend to try and get our store filled up."

"With the economy at the level that it is, it was not good timing for the businesses to be affected like this," said Sharron Catallo, Clarkston mayor and Curt's mother.

Wagner said a few of the township's well sites "got hit pretty hard."

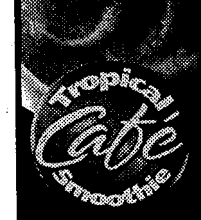
Workers were still getting them back up to speed, Monday, but no residents lost water, Wagner said.

*Phil Custodio contributed to this report.*

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## Power problems vex schools

Weather and a leaky pipe combined to disrupt the last week of classes at three Clarkston schools.

Power failures resulting from thunderstorms, June 8, closed North Sashabaw Elementary and Sashabaw Middle School Tuesday-Thursday, June 10-12, and Clarkston Junior-High School Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10-11.

All power was restored by Thursday, said Wes Goodman, director of building and grounds.

The junior high also closed Monday, June

9, because of an antifreeze leak, unrelated to problems with power, Goodman said.

A four-inch underground pipe feeding the system sprang a leak, and the Glycol chemical bubbled up from the ground, he said.

Parents were notified through e-mail and the district web site, said Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing.

The schools had enough emergency days available to allow the school year to end on schedule, June 13, Banach said.

— *Phil Custodio*

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# Students learn to play it safe online

BY LAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Seventh graders at Sashabaw Middle School learned valuable lessons about staying safe online this summer after they helped save a young teen from the clutches of a smooth-talking Internet predator.

Although the teen—a fictional character called Zackman—was part of an interactive computer game, his dilemma was based on a real-life story of a boy who headed off to meet someone he believed was a friend.

Each of the school's 700 seventh graders participated in the weeklong program, working in groups of 2-3 to review evidence, record clues, and decipher codes in a game designed to illustrate dangers of talking to strangers online.

Now in its second year at SMS, the course was approved by the school board last year after a proposal by Detective Kirk Matich of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation.

"It's a good time to do this," said Matich, who serves as school liaison for Sashabaw Middle School, as well as Clarkston Junior High and all seven of the district's elementary schools. "It's summer, and many of these kids are going to be home alone while their parents are working."

Matich said students were receptive to the program, and seemed more likely to understand dangers when they were able to play the game, rather than listen to a teacher or other adult delivering a lecture on the topic.

"The kids are becoming more cognizant about what they're putting online and who they're talking to," Matich said. "They're starting to see that people are often not who they say they

are."

Program facilitators stressed the importance of Internet safety, but also encouraged the kids to use critical thinking skills and have fun with the game.

"The kids are excited this year more than last," said Kim Prentice, Sashabaw Middle School technology integrator. "It's really neat to watch them toward the end of the game as they get close to solving the mystery. The kids really like it—you can tell by the energy and the feel in the room."

And most seem to walk away with a new understanding of risks involved in chatting with strangers online.

"You have to make sure you pay attention to what you put online," said seventh-grader Jordan Stuart, who said she doesn't have—or want—a MySpace account. "You shouldn't put a picture of yourself in any kind of jersey or anything like that, because someone could figure out who you are."

Once the program was complete and the mystery solved, students were asked to complete an Internet safety plan and fill out a questionnaire about what they liked and didn't like about the program.

Friday, a representative from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Computer Crimes Unit reviewed the game's main concepts and also told kids about real-life predators the unit has encountered.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard recommends Safekids.com as a source of valuable information. Concerned parents can also call Mandy Andrews, sheriff's community liaison, for information on Internet safety presentations or to request child safety literature, at 248-858-1947.



Detective Kirk Matich helps Jordan Stuart, Raven Ruelas, center, and Kaley Konjarevich, right. Photo by Laura Colvin

## Caution can help make Internet safer

### For parents:

- Talk to your child about victimization and potential on-line danger.
- Spend time with your children on-line. Have them teach you about their favorite on-line destinations.
- Keep the computer in a common room in the house, not in your child's bedroom. It is much more difficult for predators to communicate with a child when the computer screen is visible to adults.
- Parents should use, but not totally rely on, service provider's parental controls and blocking software.
- Use of chat rooms, in particular, should be heavily monitored.
- Always maintain access to your child's on-line account and randomly check his/her e-mail. Be up front with your child about your access and reasons why.
- Find out what computer safeguards are used by your child's school, public library, and at the homes of your child's friends. These are all places outside your normal supervision where your child could encounter an on-line predator.
- Understand, even if your child was a willing participant in any form of exploitation, he/she is not at fault and is the victim. The offender always bears the complete responsibility for his or her actions.

### For children:

- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you meet on-line.
- Never post pictures of yourself on the Internet or on-line service to people you do not personally know.
- Never give out identifying information such as name, home address, school name, or telephone number.
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Relay for Life teams walk to raise money to fight cancer. Photo provided

## Relay walk this weekend at junior high

Clarkston's Relay For Life will be this weekend, 10 a.m., Saturday, June 21, until 10 a.m., Sunday, June 22, at Clarkston Junior High School.

The school track will be lit throughout the night with luminaria, candlelit bags decorated with names of people who have faced cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony is set for after sundown, Saturday.

Nineteen teams with more than 100 par-

ticipants have signed up so far, collecting more than \$14,000 as of Monday, according to Relay for Life, Clarkston.

It will kick off with a Victory Lap of cancer survivors. For the next 24 hours, at least one member of each team will walk, to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

For more information, call Kelly Brown at 248 663-3414 or check events.cancer.org/rflclarkstonmi.



From left are Dental Assistant Mia Juneck, Dr. Allan Jacobs, Detroit Pitcher Nate Robertson, Dr. Carl Botvinick, and Independent Township Trustee Dan Kelly. Photo by Trevor Kelsier.

## Tiger helps Endodontics celebrate grand opening

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Endodontic Associates held a grand-opening May 22 to celebrate its North Oakland Office, 6770 Dixie Highway.

"I think we're really happy to be there (in Independence Township) because it's certainly much more convenient for a lot of our patients," said Dr. Carl Botvinick. "It's closer to home, especially with the cost of travel these days. I think it makes a big difference with traffic and so forth."

The grand-opening included a ribbon cutting, food, drinks, live band, and special guest, Detroit Tigers pitcher Nate Robertson, who signed autographs.

"It's good to see a successful business opening up in Independence Township," said Dan Kelly, Independence Township trustee. "It was nice to see Dr. Botvinick and Dr. Jacobs give back to the community by bringing a Detroit Tiger to Independence Township."

Botvinick along with Dr. Allan Jacobs staff and manage the North Oakland Of-

fice and Waterford Office. Botvinick joined EA in 1972 and Jacobs joined in 1980.

Endodontic Associates has nine offices across southeast Michigan. Patients come to them by referral.

"Regular general dentists refer patients to us for root canals or for surgical procedures that have to do with infections in the jaw bone," he said.

The North Oakland office is working on a part-time basis, and is trying to establish themselves full-time, said Botvinick.

"The facility and the people involved are really terrific," he said.

More than 235 dentists and staff attended.

"We had a nice turnout, a lot of the local people dentists and families of assistants," said Botvinick. "I think it was a good community party and hopefully we will have some good will in the community."

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The state passed a law allowing corridor improvement authorities in December, 2005.

Carlisle said it "speaks well of the township" to be the first CIA in Oakland County. "It was a piece of legislation that we

tracked from the very beginning and took advantage of it," he said.

"We knew that we had some existing issues on Sashabaw Road that were going to need to be resolved in the future. We had the opportunity to capitalize on what was happening out there that was in keeping with our master plan by being able to take advantage of the McLaren development and use that as a means to justify the Tax Increment Financing."



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# New chapter begins for local family

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

For Ethan Fenton, Friday wasn't just his last day as a fifth-grader and elementary-school student. It was also an end to a 25-year run for his family at Pine Knob Elementary School.

His sister, Sarah, was the first to attend Pine Knob in 1983.

"He loves this school," said his mother, Beth Fenton. "I know he's going to miss it. He's one of those few kids that really has a spark for school. He has a real spark for learning."

Ethan said he will miss being a part of A World in Motion, and his teachers.

"I like all of the wonderful teachers that taught me new things and the extra help they gave me," he said.

The Fenton family has been there throughout Pine Knob's changes over the years.

"The school has changed immensely," said Beth. "When Sarah started, there wasn't a gym. The school was half the size it is now. They didn't have a cafeteria. Kids would get their lunch at a tiny kitchen and then go back to their rooms to eat."

They have been through five principals and seen many teachers retire.

"I think a lot of the older teachers were like second moms to them, and just really helped them out on the right path and were easy to talk to," said Beth.

The family still keeps in contact with some of the teachers they have had. They keep in touch with Sarah's first-grade teacher and send letters and pictures back and forth.

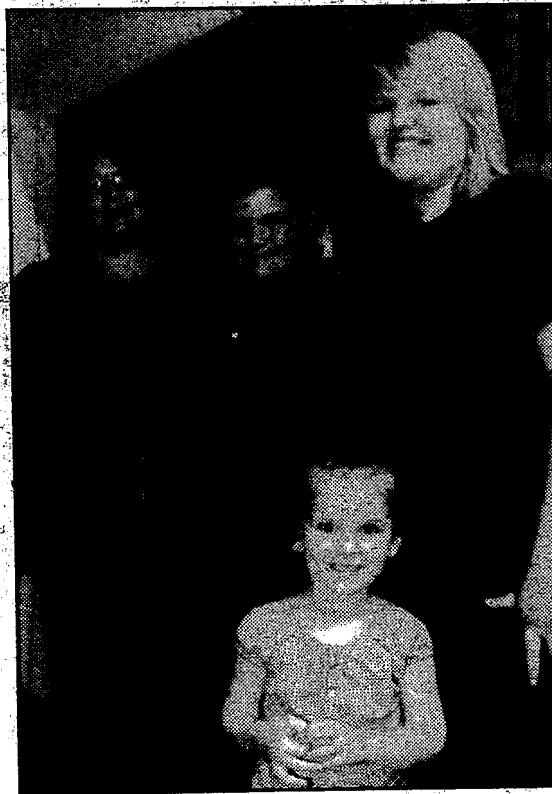
"I know Mrs. Powers made a big impact on Sarah," Beth said.

The Fentons have always had a good experience with the staff at Pine Knob.

"All the kids have gotten a good education, starting from this school," said Beth.

Beth and her husband, Don, moved to Clarkston from Lake Orion after Beth found a job and babysitter in the area in 1982.

Sarah entered kindergarten the following



Ethan Fenton, his mother, Beth, sister Stephanie, and niece, Stella Warrington, celebrate the arrival of summer. Photo by Wendi Reardon

year. "When we first started here, we were the young parents, now I have grandkids. It's been a real transition."

Beth said she will miss the school. "It's small and we know everybody. He'll miss it. We thought about moving a couple years ago. He was more devastated with the fact that he wouldn't be at this school then we were going to move."

The Pine Knob graduates have grown and taken the lessons from their elementary days with them.

Sarah Bielinski, 30, mastered in Chemical Engineering at Colorado State University and

works at EnCana, a gas and oil company. She recently married and lives in Denver.

Heidi Warrington, 26, is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac with her mom. They both attended school for nursing and graduated last May.

Heidi lives in Waterford with her husband and her three children.

Nick, 23, graduated Lansing Community College and is transferring to Denver to finish his degree in Civil Engineering.

Emily, 21, is attending Oakland Community College and studying to be a surgical technician.

David, 19, graduated from Renaissance High School this year and will probably attend a trade school for building.

"He attended OTEC and learned a lot about building houses from start to finish," said Beth. "He had wonderful education with Mr. Moscovic."

Stephanie, 15, will be a junior next year at Clarkston High School. She is a part of the marching band and drama. She plans to become a lawyer.

Ethan, 11, also has his own lawn business.

"He loves this school. He would mow the grass for free if they would let him," Beth said.

Ethan wrote Superintendent Dr. Albert Roberts and asked if he could take care of the school's grass with his tractor.

When Ethan graduates in 2015, it will mark 32 years in Clarkston Community Schools for the Fenton family. Ethan's fifth-grade class planted a tree. Beth plans to take a picture of Ethan next to the tree every year to see how much Ethan and the tree have grown.

"Clarkston caters to everyone, academically bright and athletic, which I really like," said Beth. "The kids got a real great start here. We were really fortunate."

## Team trains hard on world-class problem solving

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problem-solving process, Banworth said.

"They're quite a team," she said. "I thoroughly enjoyed working with these girls."

Training involved lots of practice problems, as they worked out how to research and write on deadline, she said.

"Thinking of solutions to futuristic problems - it makes you think ahead of what you know now," Morris said.

When the team gets a problem, the first thing they do is brainstorm. Then comes research.

"We take articles off the internet - You Tube, Google, anything related to it," Blassick said. "We look for good sources."

After researching the topic thoroughly, they

write for two hours, Banworth said.

Teams stayed in university dorm rooms during the four-day competition.

"We made friends from around the world," Morris said. "We started a volleyball game, and everyone came to play."

The team won the state championship on April 20, earning them an invitation to the International Conference.

"Now they're number one in the world," Banworth said.

"More importantly, they possess problem solving skills that will last a lifetime."

Next year's topics have already been announced, including Olympic Games, Cyber Conflict, Space Junk, Counterfeit Economy, and

Pandemic.

"Intriguing," said Blassick, already mulling over ideas.

"We'd need futuristic technology to get junk out of space," Krueger said.

"The waste management of the future," Blassick said.

Considering their own futures, Blassick and Block said they hope to become authors, fantasy novels for Blassick and realistic fiction for Block.

Krueger wants to be a basketball player. Morris said next year is far enough into the future for her.

"I hope we get to internationals again next year," Morris said. "We're up to the challenge."

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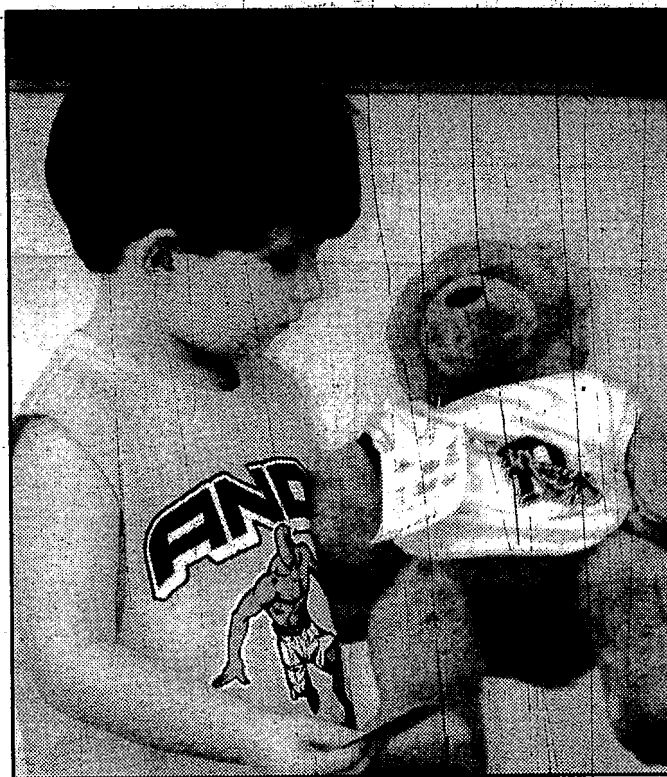
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The team practices for their shot at the pros.



Kayla, 3, poses for a picture

## Teddy bears everywhere!

Children gathered for Independence Township Parks and Recreation's annual Teddy Bear Picnic. They dressed their favorite bear for the sports-themed day.

Miss Amanda read the group two stories before Mr. Sports Bear made a special appearance.

The kids walked in a parade, played basketball and soccer, and enjoyed a hot dog lunch complete with apple sauce, cookies, chips, and water.

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Maggie, 6, brought the smallest bear.



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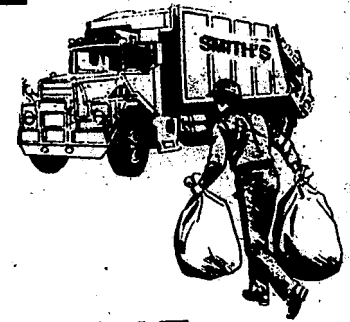
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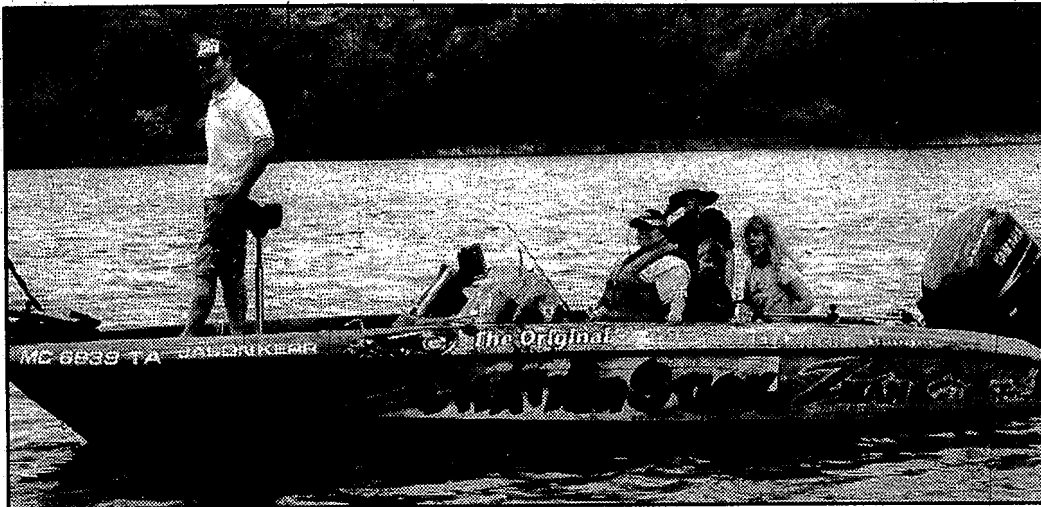
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Pro angler Jason Kerr trolls back to the boat launch after completing another hour-long fishing expedition with a couple happy scouts.

## Learning to fish from the pros

Cub Scout Pack 499, Pine Knob Elementary, fished with the pros at their sixth annual Fishing Derby, May 31, on Crooked Lake, Independence Oaks.

Pro anglers John Gillman of Freeland and Jason Kerr of Holly provided the expertise.

"It's really amazing how much the scouts learn from the professional fishermen and how they are able to relay the strategies that are taught to them," said Jeff Childs, scout parent. "This event is a favorite for many scouts and their families."

Gillman printed and donated T-shirts and measuring sticks for all scouts, and handed out rubber worms packets provided by his sponsor Big Bite Baits. The pack also provided fishing rod/reel combos and tackle boxes as prizes for drawings at the end of the event.

Trophies were awarded to four scout anglers: fourth place, Evan Raddatz; third place, Derek Childs; second place, Mitchell Page, and first place, Jeffrey Boggess.



Smiling scouts and siblings climb aboard professional fisherman John Gillman's boat for a group photo to wrap up the day. Photos provided



Webelo scout, Mitchell Page, reels in an impressive catch.



Pack 499's littlest scout, Jeffrey Boggess, poses with the 8" bass he caught to help him win 1st place at the Fishing Derby.

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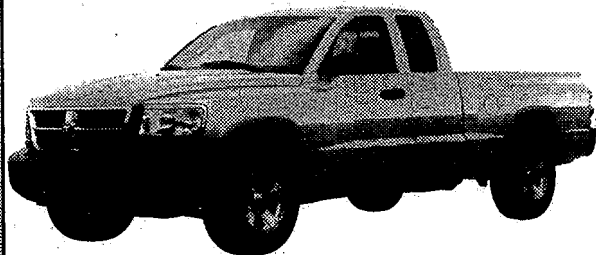
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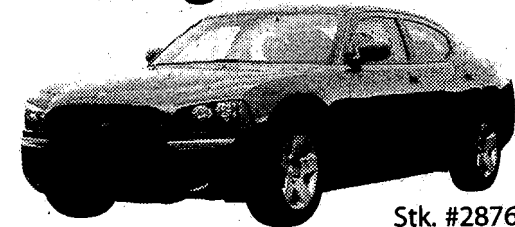


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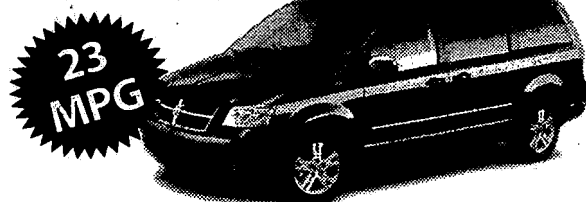


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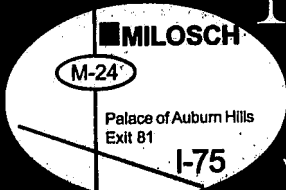
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### What makes dad special?



"He builds a lot of houses for people and he golfs with me."

Nicholas Galley



"Plays with me."

Samantha Galley



"My dad does really fun stuff with me. He goes on the Slip-N-Slide with me."

Ryan Reibling



"He goes on the Slip-N-Slide with me and plays baseball."

Charlie Reibling

By Trevor Keiser

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Diligence, dedication define Cobb's life

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

At almost 92 years old, Bill Cobb of Independence Township has lived a full life.

Born in 1916, Cobb grew up in North Branch, Mich., along with his four sisters Eliza, Harriet, Martha, and Marion, and his brother Burt. His mother was a nurse, who graduated from Alma College in 1903 with a class of five students, noted Cobb. His father tuned pianos.

"Music was his life," he said. "He tuned Henry Ford's piano."

Cobb attended Kingston High school until eleventh grade.

"I had 20 credit hours. I quit in the eleventh grade. They wouldn't graduate me because you had to have two years of Latin at that school to graduate," he said. "I couldn't cut it, I was getting D's the first year I went through it and said 'no more.'"

Instead of going to study hall, the superintendent of schools took Cobb to his office where he learned how to type and do book-keeping.

In 1932, he was first in line for the Civilian Conservation Corp, known as the CCC, which was established by President Franklin Roosevelt as a part of the "New Deal" to help young men from unemployed families.

"It was run by the army," said Cobb. "You went to Camp Custard for 30 days of training first in Battle Creek, Michigan."

Upon returning home from the

CCC, he did not return to school to graduate, but got a job at Pontiac Motors in 1935.

Three years later, with his siblings moved out of the house, Cobb moved to Clarkston in 1938 with his parents. They paid a land contract of \$200 for their house on 44 E. Church Street. Meanwhile, Cobb continued working at Pontiac Motors three days a week.

"It was enough to make the payments, buy me a new Pontiac and all that kind of stuff," he said.

Soon, he was working full-time as well as double shifts. While at Pontiac Motors, he met Mae, who was a secretary at plant. The two fell in love and became engaged.

In 1942, he left for Miami, Fla., and enlisted as a cadet in the Army Air Force.

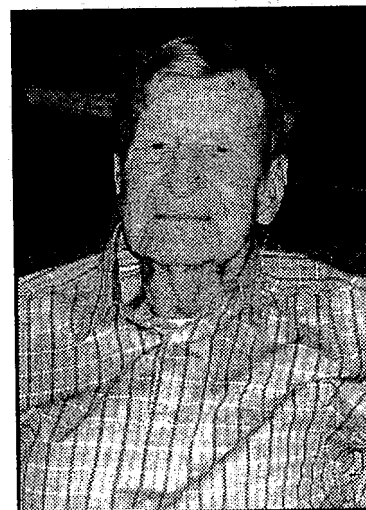
"They didn't have enough places for us when I got down to Miami, so they put me in the University of Florida for three months or so," he said.

From there he went on to Cadet School in Waco, Texas.

When asked if he married Mae before entering the service, he replied, "No, she chased me." The two married in Waco in 1942.

"We weren't supposed to get married until after you graduated, but we did," said Cobb. "They didn't kick me out."

Cobb graduated from Cadet School, and then went on to Fort Worth, Texas, for Airplane Commander School. He became a B-24 bomber pilot and flew aerial



Bill Cobb

mapping missions during World War II.

"I was in the 24th Combat Mapping in India, Burma, China," he said. "When we weren't mapping we were flying oil to the Flying Tigers."

Cobb was promoted from 2nd lieutenant to 1st lieutenant while in India. He was discharged from the service in 1946 and returned home to Clarkston, where he got a job working in construction for Ed Bailey.

"Well, I didn't want to go back to Pontiac Motor, I knew that," he said.

He bought the lot his current house sits on, off Eevee Road in Independence Township, for \$175 from Bailey and built his house himself.

"I had some help with the cement, but I did all the framing,

built all the cabinets," said Cobb. "There wasn't enough building to keep my family going, so I did go back to Pontiac Motors for two years, between 1952 and 1954."

From Pontiac Motors, he went on to work for Les Hutchinson building trailers for Mobile Homes.

"He offered me about twice that I was making at Pontiac Motors," he said. "He (Hutchinson) had accumulated \$4 million and built a big factory on Williams Lake Road."

Cobb was a head of purchasing, production, and material and did scheduling. Eventually the company split up, noted Cobb.

"Les's brother in sales bought a trailer place in Denver, Colorado," he said. "I could have gone with him, but I had become established here and didn't want to move."

Cobb said sales "dropped way off" and Hutchinson called him into the office one day asking if he wanted to go into manufacturing as general manager.

"I said 'well, I better take some time to think about that.' He said 'take 30 days,'" said Cobb. "In that 30 days he had a heart attack and died, that was the end of that."

The business didn't quite go bankrupt, but near it he said. Cobb was offered another job by Carl

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# Around Town

**Rummage Sale**, Calvary Lutheran Church, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. June 19; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 20; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 21. Benefits youth mission trips. 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.  
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**What's So Special About Bees**, with Carol Tait, register, 6:30 p.m., June 24, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Teen Movie**, "Bee Movie," 2 p.m., June 25, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Spaghetti dinner fundraiser**, Sandy Dubre, candidate for Independence Township treasurer, 5-8 p.m., June 25, Clarkston Eagles, 5640 Maybee Road. \$20. 248-625-9838.  
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**Make'n'Take** craft week, June 30-July 3, Children's Movie Matinee, 2 p.m., July 2, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Independence Day Celebration**, July 4, parade through downtown Clarkston, 10 a.m.; Festival of Fun, with entertainment, games, activities, Clintonwood Park, 11 a.m., \$5 parking. 248-625-8231.  
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**Bubble Day**, 1-3 p.m., July 7, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Bug Off**, ages 4-8 years old, 1 p.m., July 14, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Craft Hour**, 2 p.m., July 16, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Clarkston Garden Walk**, Clarkston Garden

Club and Clarkston Schools Community Education, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., July 16. \$22 w/lunch. \$20 without lunch. 248-623-4327.  
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**"Stop Bugging Me"** Acting Up Theatre Company, 10:30 a.m., July 22, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Children's Movie Matinee**, 2 p.m., July 29, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**All-Day Book Fair**, 10 a.m., July 31-Aug. 1, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Playing Mantids Storytime**, for ages 2-3 years, 10:30 a.m.; for ages 4-6 years, 11:15 a.m., June 19, 26, 28, July 10, 17, 24. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Teen Craft Night**, Marble Magnets, 6:30 p.m., July 1, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Bug Book Bunch Reader's Theatre**, 2 p.m., June 25-26, July 9-10, 23-24. Ages 7-9. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Ruff Readers**, 10-minute sessions starting at 10:30 a.m., June 23, 30, July 14, 21. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Video Game Party**, with Guitar Hero and Dance, Dance, Revolution, 6-7:30 p.m., July

18, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**End of Summer Reading Teen Pizza Party**, 6:30 p.m., July 31. \$1. Register. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**End of Summer Reading Children's Ice Cream Awards Party**, 11 a.m., Aug. 1. \$1. Register, Springfield Township 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, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.  
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**Men's 50+ Softball**, Practices Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays weather permitting. Players placed according to ability. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.  
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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.  
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**Women's 50+ Softball**, countywide slow-pitch league, games on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.  
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**Needlework Night**, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Spring-

field Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Spanish Lessons**, beginners, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, through July 1; intermediate, 10-11:30 a.m., Fridays, through July 11. \$35 for 8-week course. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.  
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**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.  
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**Quilting club**, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Beginners, experienced, hand or machine sewers, all welcome. Call Shiela, 248-625-8231.  
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**Knitting, crocheting group**, 10 a.m., Wednesdays, bring your own projects or help make items for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. All welcome. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call Catherine, 248-625-8231.  
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**Line dancing in Clarkston**, Thursdays, Beginners 1-2:30 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced 3-4 p.m. \$3. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.  
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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 and Munchies**, 1:30 p.m., Thursdays; June 19: "The Thin Man"; July 17, "Rio Bravo"; and Aug. 21: "The King and I." Springfield

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## SMILE OF THE MONTH Parker Colling



Parker is a Sophomore at Oxford High School where he is a member of the marching band and plays the Drums. After graduating he plans on attending Murdoch University in Australia for Marine Biology. Congratulations on a great smile!



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# WW2 vet, builder enjoys retirement in Indendence

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Strand, who designed the "Quonset hut."

"When you hire out for Carl Strand you hire out for 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Cobb. "He called me night and day, whenever he wanted me."

Strand ended up selling his patent to Global Steel Inc., he noted.

"He got rich off of it. Like all the rich people, they've got to get a little richer," said Cobb. "He got into this and that, bought a lot of big real estates and he went broke, the story of my life."

After Strand went broke, Cobb took a job as the Independence Township building inspector. When Glen Miller quit, he became the township assessor too.

"Jim Sherman (senior) used to come over and ask me questions," he said.

Cobb also worked on the election board for every election when there was one precinct downtown.

"Every supervisor came in to get a free meal," he said.

"It was interesting; I met a lot of the old guys that way."

After working for the township for 10 years, Cobb went back to building.

"I did mostly remodeling, jobs I could handle myself. I didn't have much of a crew," he noted.

In 2005, he quit working and started taking chemotherapy, due to cancer, and is now cancer free. His wife, Mae, passed away in 2006. They have five children, Betty, 63, lives in Troy, Bob, 61, lives in Arizona, Jerry, 59, lives in Jackson, Janet, 56, lives in Metamora, and Mary Joe, 53, lives in Goodrich. Cobb, along with his sister Martha, 94, are the only two surviving siblings of his family.

Nowadays, Cobb said he enjoys sitting and visiting with his kids when they come to visit.

"Of course, my biggest hobby is going to the doctor and the dentist," he said.

He also watches sports, whatever is on.

"The Pistons, some days I like 'em, some days I am disgusted with 'em," said Cobb. "I think the Red Wings are a championship team, and the Tigers I would say fell flat on their face."

Cobb finally received his honorary high school diploma in 2006, after his daughter Betty wrote a letter explaining his service to the country and the things her dad accomplished.



## Toy shop unwrapped, open for business

From left, Gary Hintz, Ed Zull, Steve Hyer, Heidi Wood, owner Jamie Nye-Menyan, Cathrin Smith, Katie Delnick, Joy VanderWeel, Kim Pabin, and Bill Burr celebrate the grand opening of Great Turtle Toys, 6160 Dixie Highway in Independence Township, with a ribbon cutting, June 11. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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## Start your day in a healthy way

By Ernie Harwell

Read anything about nutrition and one main point you'll see over and over again is the importance of a healthy breakfast, especially for children. Now I have to admit that during my time in the Marines, I wasn't big on breakfast. I hated to get in line for chow, so I'd get me a cup of coffee



and a cigarette, and that was breakfast. Certainly not what you'd call nutritious. I've learned, though, that a well-balanced breakfast is a way of starting the day right by giving your bodies and our minds the fuel they need. And breakfast doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive:

Foods like oatmeal, some fruit and skim milk can provide a healthy start to the day without a lot of time and effort. A good breakfast will boost your metabolism. You'll find that you're more alert and energetic, and you won't need a sugary "pick-me-up" from a vending machine.

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

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

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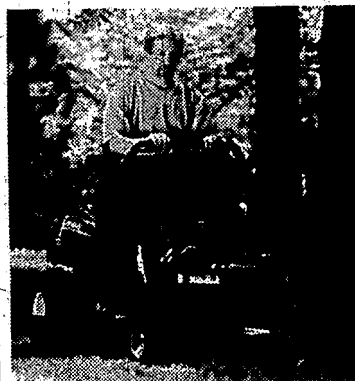


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# Milestones



Kendra and Andrew

## Dixon-Elenberger

Andrew Dixon, son of Dennis and Cindy Dixon of Independence Township, is engaged to Kendra Elenberger, daughter of Steve and Kathie Elenberger, Newcastle, Calif.

Andrew is a 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School, 2005 graduate, meteorology, ROTC, of Valparaiso University, Ind. He has served as a U.S. Air Force weather officer at Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska. He is currently employed with the National Weather Service in Anchorage.

The bride-elect was born and raised in Ketchikan, Alaska, attended Multnomah Bible College, Portland, Oregon, and has served with Christian Missions in several countries including Lithuania and Romania.

Kendra is currently employed with Lynch & Associates, P.C., an Anchorage law firm, and is a student at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Andrew and Kendra are planning an October 2008 wedding in Newcastle, Calif.



## Welcome Connor

Marc and Chrissy Sanderson of Clarkston announce the birth of their son, Connor Hyde Sanderson.

Connor was born Oct. 10, 2007, at 3:28 a.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3.3 ounces, and measured 19 inches long.

Connor is welcomed by grandparents Robert and Mary Kay Dorr of Clarkston, and Robert and Karen Sanderson of Harrisville.

# Religion

## Lessons for the young at heart

Lately I've been feeling my age. Oh, not necessarily in the physical sense, although I am beginning to realize that a particularly significant birthday "milestone" is not far off.

Rather, age is a concept that begets a certain sense of fascination for me, especially as this "middle-ager" reflects upon the young.

June brings a whirlwind of activity when you are young. Recitals and play-offs, tournaments and concerts, award ceremonies, send-offs, and especially graduations, add lots of excitement and pride to many families' lives.

As parents of a recent high school graduate (our third in the household!), my husband and I have participated in and supported our own children in most, if not all, of these activities.

We always come away with a sense of awe at what they are able to accomplish.

After all, they are so young. But really, should we be surprised?

Jesus surely recognized the inherent value and the immense potential of children, teaching his disciples that children are indeed the model for all his followers.

Yet Jesus wasn't focusing on their ability to accom-

### Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

plish; rather, he affirmed their utter dependence upon their parents, challenging his disciples to have this same sense of dependence upon God:

He taught that "unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 18:3) Perhaps we could all benefit from prayerful contemplation regarding our own sense of trust and dependence upon God, praying with the psalmist, "God is our refuge and our strength, and ever-present help in distress. Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken...the Lord of hosts is with us..." (Ps 46:2-4)

Dependence isn't something with which most adults are comfortable. We like to think we have control of every aspect of our lives.

We make our plans for life with an attitude not unlike the rich fool of Luke's gospel. In that parable, the rich man is caught talking to himself (and answering as well!), fretting over the space required to store his harvest.

He is intent upon providing for himself in a big way so that he can "rest, eat, drink and be merry!"

God's response turns that attitude upside down when he says, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God." (Lk

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## In our churches...

**Rummage Sale**, Calvary Lutheran Church, June 19, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; June 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; June 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Benefits youth mission trips. 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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**Special guest speaker**, Rev. Kathy Harwood Long, "Acceptance: The Gate of Heaven," 9 a.m., June 22. Peace Unity. Meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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**Vacation Bible School**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 23-26, Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, 3050 Sashabaw Road.

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**Vacation Bible School**, "Friendship Trek," 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 23-27, St. Trinity Lutheran church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. For children age 3-sixth grade. Free. Access open through construction. Sttrinityvbs.eventbrite.com, 248-625-4644.

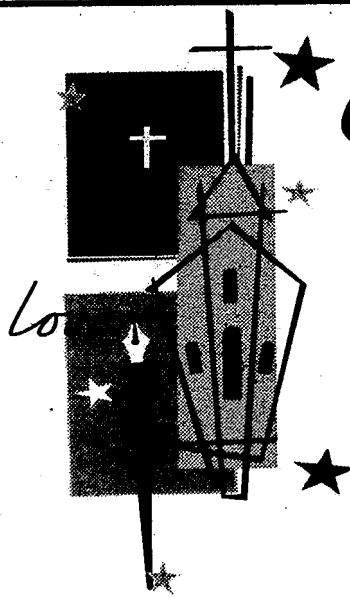
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**Prayer Partner Training**, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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

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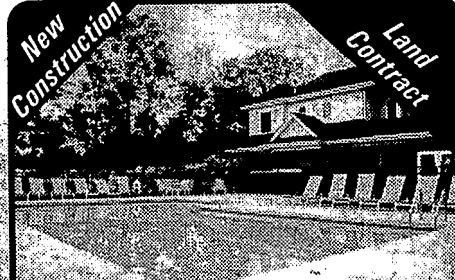
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Bradley Tarrance, a Clarkston-area resident, made a commitment to forgo the cost of two mochas a month when he stumbled upon a website, [www.mochaclub.org](http://www.mochaclub.org) which promotes donating \$7 per month to make an impact on the lives of people in Africa.

"I think everyone should join to better help the world."

Bradley, a teacher who is passionate about helping children and makes a difference in students' lives in the north end of Flint, decided to also join a two week mission in Ethiopia sponsored by the Mocha Club and 963 Missions.

"I know it will change my life and I hope I can bring this experience back to many people here that

for one reason or another are unable to go and help," said Bradley.

Bradley will leave for Dallas on June 21st for a day of training prior to flying to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

### Lend a Hand



A Column by Michelle Phaup

"We will be working with an orphanage where many of the children lost their parents to AIDS and have life threatening diseases."

Bradley's family and friends have pitched in financially to help him

a bit with the expenses. Paige Godschalk, a hairstylist at Randolph Salon in Clarkston, collected \$80 in donations one day from her clients.

"The trip has been a little more costly than I expected," said Bradley.

"Including the cost for a passport, immunizations, and the trip,

it will cost approximately \$3,200.

"I have gotten some negative feedback about going because it has emptied out my bank account, and people are wondering why I can't help people here.

"I feel blessed to be born in the U.S. I want to bring joy to the world in one way or another. When one sees the joy on a child's face that a small act can do, it is the brightest and best thing anyone can experience."

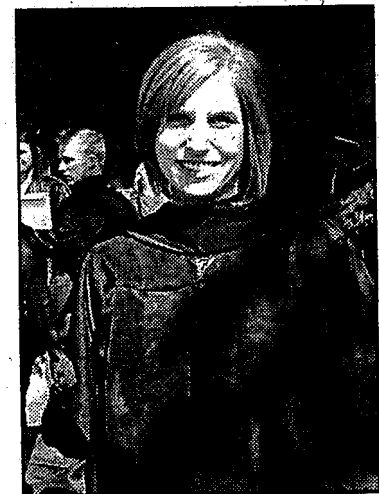
To make donations to Bradley's mission, please contact Bradley: 248-202-9570.

For more information about the Mocha Club, visit: [www.africanleadership.com/mochaclub/welcome](http://www.africanleadership.com/mochaclub/welcome).

Michelle Phaup, founder of Lend A Helping Hand, enjoys helping people and working for a worthwhile cause. For information on Lend A Helping Hand: [www.lendahelpinghand.org](http://www.lendahelpinghand.org). To share a story about someone who can benefit from help within the community, email: [Michelle@LendAHelpingHand.org](mailto:Michelle@LendAHelpingHand.org).

## Students achieve success

Kristine M. Tippen graduated on May 10 from the University of Detroit Mercy with her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. She is also a graduate of Michigan State University and Clarkston High School. Upon completion of her predoctoral internship this summer, Dr. Tippen will continue her clinical work in the Detroit area, specializing in eating disorders.



Kristine M. Tippen

Clarkston-area students named to Western Michigan University's spring Dean's List include:

Jeffrey A. Chaney, Fine Arts Theatre Design/Technical Production; Stephen C. Giannaris, Haworth College of Business Pre-Management; Christopher N. Kato, Education, Special Education; Michelle D. Marmon, Fine Arts, Dance; Charles H. O'Ryan, Haworth College of Business, Pre-Economics; William J. Parr; Joseph J. Rademacher, Haworth College of Business Pre-Management; Michael B. Schiller, Haworth College of Business Sales & Business Marketing; Cory J. Vaught, Arts & Sciences Criminal Justice; Christopher J. Voorheis, Engineering & Applied Sciences, Pre-Electrical Engineering; Michael S.

Voorheis, Engineering & Applied Sciences, Pre-Chemical Engineering.

John Timm, Clarkston High School graduate, qualified recently for the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Chancellor's Merit Award.

Timm will attend IPFW this fall. The scholarship enables out-of-state students to attend IPFW at in-state costs for tuition and fees and is renewable for four years.





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# Obituary

## Dr. Richard Dale Hackley

Richard Dale Hackley, M.D., of Clarkston, formerly of Flint, passed away June 9 at the age of 85.

He was the husband of Maxine for 17 years; father of Kathryn (Ed) Clayton of Calif., Richard Jr. "Rick" (Linda) of Ill., Ann Conroy of Calif., Barb (Tom Baker) Hackley of Ct. and Virginia (Ken) Hackley Walls of Mich.; grandfather of Talia, Richard III, Michelle, Ian, Kai, Emma, Sarah and Clifford; preceded in death by his first wife Elizabeth "Betty" and his stepson Kevin Fredenburg.

Dr. Hackley served for 42 years as a

physician in private practice in Flint and was on staff at St. Joseph, McLaren, and Hurley hospitals.

He served as president of the medical staff at St. Joseph Hospital, Flint, now Genesys Hospital, Grand Blanc, from 1978-1986.

He grew up in Indiana, graduating from DePaul University and serving in the infantry during World War II. He studied at Rutgers University and Long Island College of Medicine while still in the service.

He interned at Hurley in Flint and entered private practice in 1951, but was

drafted back into the military to serve in the Air Force.

He retired on a 3-acre home in Clarkston, planting flowers and oil painting. He won prizes for his gardens and sold paintings as a semi-professional artist. He also enjoyed photography and sports cars.

Private family services have been held. Arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Eye Bank.

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

Obituaries are updated daily at [ClarkstonNews.com](http://ClarkstonNews.com)

## Spiritual Matters

continued from 5B  
12:20-21)

So what matters to God?

First and foremost I believe God desires that we recognize our need to trust in his ability to care for us.

Jesus teaches us to seek first God's kingdom, and everything else will be given us besides. This trust and dependence upon God will naturally allow us to accomplish the things that add real meaning to our lives and the lives of others.

This, too, is what God desires - our willingness to be his hands and feet in our world. Once again, youth provide a beautiful model of this attitude, especially in our own community.

At our schools, in our neighborhoods, and in our churches, Clarkston youth can be seen taking the lead and witnessing God's love through service to others. Parents, teachers, youth ministers and pastors provide the support, and the youth come through with unbridled enthusiasm!

Let's take a lesson from their vibrancy and join in the fun. Take some time this summer to serve your church, your community, your world.

Allow the Lord to speak these words to your heart, "Well done, my good and faithful servant... come share your Master's joy!" (Mt 25:21)

Cheryl Smith is director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

## Jean P. Strzelecki

Jean P. Strzelecki of Holly, formerly of Clarkston, passed away June 10 at the age of 73.

She was the loving wife of Steven for 52 years; beloved mother of Mike (Debbie), Matt (the late Cindy), Steven (Linda); Maureen Kettner and Jeanne (Phillip) Bartosik; grandmother of 12; also survived by her siblings: Kathleen (Tom) Preston, Terry (Kit) Braney and Joan (the late Ron) Lynch.

Visitation was June 12-13 at the Lewis



E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was June 14 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the Scleroderma Founda-

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



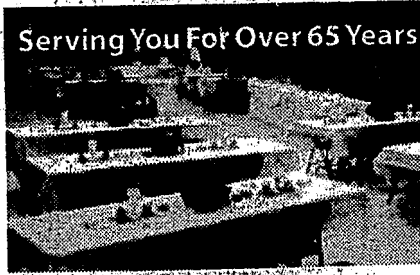
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

### INDEPENDENCE TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #08-0022 Flagstar Bank, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838. SIGNS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW LED ILLUMINATED CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN ON NON CONFORMING PARCEL.  
Flagstar Bank  
5720 Sashabaw Rd., Unit 3, C-2  
Regency Independence Center  
08-27-400-034

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION  
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

FOR  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

To the Qualified Electors of  
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Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 7, 2008 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

Qualified electors may register to vote or change their address in the following manner:

In Person:

- At the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI, 48350 during normal business hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, Tel. 248-846-6510
- At the office of the County Clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.
- At specified agencies of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Health and the Department of Career Development.

By Mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:  
Springfield Township Clerk's Office  
12000 Davisburg Rd.  
Davisburg, MI 48350  
(248) 846-6510

Note:

A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Nancy Strole, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield



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**Local Business Network**, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Mico's Real Estate, 7183 Main Street. 248-505-5091. \*\*\*

**Local Business Network**, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000. \*\*\*

**Chess Anyone!**, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231, leave name and phone number. \*\*\*

**Walk Michigan Footsteps to Fitness**, Thursdays, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., through Aug. 28. Meet in the parking lot in Clintonwood Park. Four walking routes. Pedometers available. Prizes, raffle for Labor Day Bridge Walk. 248-625-8231. \*\*\*

**Art Workshops**, Thursdays, 1-3:30 p.m., With Pamela Palmer. \$32 plus \$7 material fee for each class. June 5: Chalk Pastels; June 19: Colored Pencil Drawing. Call the senior activity center for more information. \*\*\*

**Biking Club**, Fridays, 8:45 a.m., Independence Township Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$2. 248-625-8231. \*\*\*

**Volunteering**, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334.

**Community events?** Let us know at 248-625-3370 or ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:  
**Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**  
 At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:

**FILE PC #2008-013**  
**TO CONSIDER THE REVISIONS TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE MASTER PLAN**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT a copy of the proposed ordinance amendment may be examined at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

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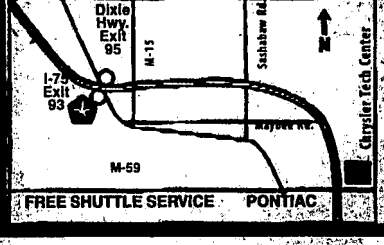
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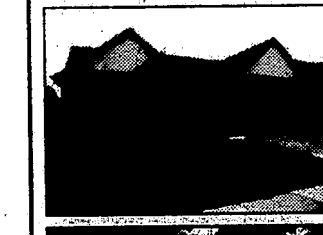
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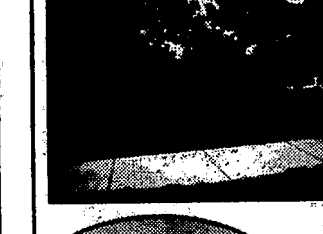
**AUCTION: Thursday, June 26**



**12:00 noon**  
**72755 Van Dyke, Romeo**  
Lender Owned. Home sits on 2.27 acres has 3 bedrooms, 1.25 baths, 1316 sq ft, and a 24 x40 pole shed.  
Open House Date: Friday, June 20th 11-12:00 noon



**2:00pm**  
**57385 Breckenridge, Washington**  
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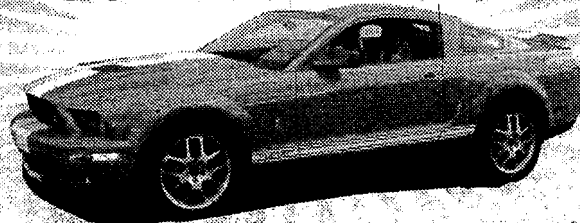
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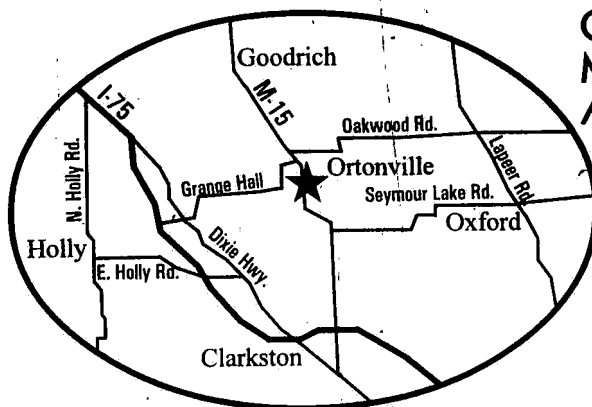


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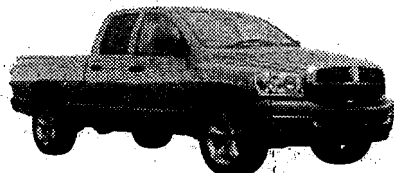
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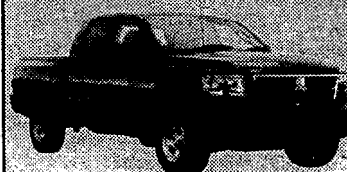
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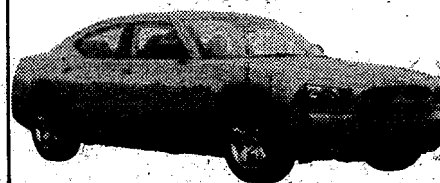
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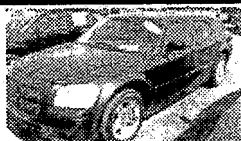
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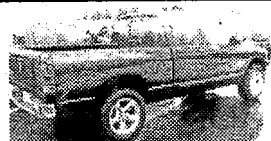


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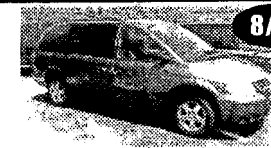
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~ Texas Hold 'Em ~  
~ Bike Night ~  
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### TUESDAYS

~ All-You-Can-Eat Shrimp ~  
~ Open Mic Night ~  
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### WEDNESDAYS

~ Car Show 5:30pm to Dusk ~  
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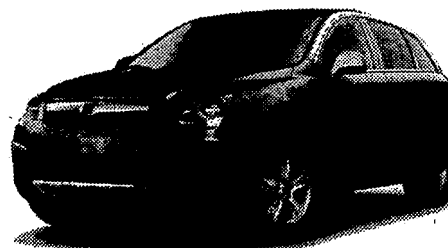
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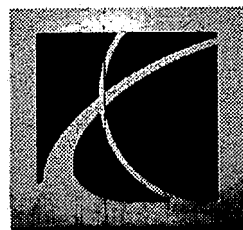
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