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Noose found on custodian's chair

District dealt discipline quickly, officials said

BYLAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer A sock, hung by a noose and inscribed with "KKK," hung over the chair of a Clarkston school custodian when he entered the break room at one of the district's elementary schools this past summer.

The incident, which occurred about a month ago, was witnessed by a number of other custodians.

That's the story from a school employee who called The Clarkston News last week, concerned the district did not respond in a timely matter.

"I think the story should be exposed," said the employee, who asked to remain unnamed for fear of retribution. "For a week the individual in charge of the building and grounds department chose to do nothing about this, hoping it would just go away. The victim finally made a phone call and said 'hey what are

we going to do about this?"" The victim, the source said, is an African American custodian, employed with the district for about 20 years, while the two alleged perpetrators are white.

"One of the individuals clearly admitted guilt as soon as he was asked about it," the source said. "It's a sad state of affairs that (the supervisor) would even dream it was going to go away. The people who committed this offense interact daily with our children."

The alleged actions of the two individuals is not typical of the district's custodial staff many of whom "have the children in their hearts, have children who go to the schools and are active in the community," the source explained.

While school officials confirmed the incident did occur as described, spokeswoman Anita Banach said facts presented were somewhat distorted.

"The moment anything was reported to a supervisor or the district, an immediate investigation occurred," said Banach, communica See Discipline on page 17A

From left, kindergarteners Kayla Miller, Addison McDaniel, and Madison McGraw try out an Etch-A-Sketch at Clarkston Elementary. Classes across the district were back in session Tuesday, Wednesday for kindergarteners. Photo by Laura Colvin

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Iggy, mascot for a "green space" millage proposal, represents North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, grand marshall for the Labor Day Parade, Monday. The parade had an environmental theme this year. See page 8A for more pictures. Photo by Laura Colvin

Money root of opposition for group

the proposed "open space" millage, set for a November vote. BY TREVOR KEISER

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Clarkston News Staff Writer For opponents of November's open-space millage proposal, it's not the principle, it's the money.

"Our issue is pure and simple – in difficult economical times, it is fundamentally wrong to ask our neighbors to pay for this additional expense," said Henry Woloson, who with Michael Powell represents "Citizens" Against Taxes to Buy Vacant Land."

Woloson and Powell met Aug. 26 to discuss why they are against the ballot proposal.

Woloson said Independence Township homeowners already pay taxes for Detroit Zoo, Independence Township government and parks and recreation,

First in a series of articles about Clarkston Community Schools, fire department, library, safety paths, Oakland County government, sheriff, and parks and recreation, Oakland Community College, Oakland Intermediate School District and Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Michael Powell, leader of the group, said he is all for paying taxes, but is against paying "unfair taxes."

"Along with Henry, I believe there are other routes that can be taken to preserve property," he said "To come to the tax payer every time, is always the easiest route, I don't agree with that one bit."

Also, the proposal would specifically benefit North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, he said.

"We have never had a taxpayer funded initiative that benefits a

single non-profit," said Woloson. "Not Rotary, not SCAMP, not any other non-profit has tax dollars specifically referenced in the millage to benefit that entity."

Wolves lose season opener, 47-40, to Adams,

Powell and Woloson said other avenues of purchasing land should be pursued. Other avenues include township purchase of vacant land through the Master Plan, as well as private purchase through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Township officials can also fill out a Recreation Grant Application. Michigan DNR.

Both Powell and Woloson say the proposal is misleading.

"I think this is not a 10-year millage. This is a millage of in perpetuity because it has the operative word maintenance," said Woloson. "I have a problem with this misrepresenting the 10-year Please see Millage on page 4/

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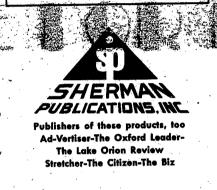
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Fun in the park set Sunday

Clarkston hosts the Annual Village Picnic, 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 7, at Depot Park. There will be free ice cream from Cooks Farm Dairy, as well as "turn of the century and family games. "Everyone is welcome to bring their own picnic basket and enjoy the company of their neighbors," said organizer Kristy Ottman, pictured here at last year's picnic.

JOIN US IN THE STANDS & LET'S CHEER ON THE CHIEFS!

Clarkston Chiefs 2008 Football Schedule

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Briefly... **Outdoor sales** set in Davisburg

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation hosts a community-wide Craft Show and Garage Sale, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sept. 12-13, Mill Pond Park, Davisburg. A Perennial Swap starts at 10 a.m. Sept. 13, at Mill Pond Park. Anyone interested in swapping their bright and beautiful perennials can attend. Take home as many perennials as you bring. Perennials must be in groups of 2-3 root clumps and in 4-6 inch containers. Label all plants and know whether they grow in the shade, sum or both. Swap is held rain or shine - dress weather appropriate.

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Fish fries start Friday

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American Legion Post 377 offers Fish ry dinners, Fridays starting Sept. 5, 5-8 p.m., at 4819 Mary Sue St. Call 248-673-9301.

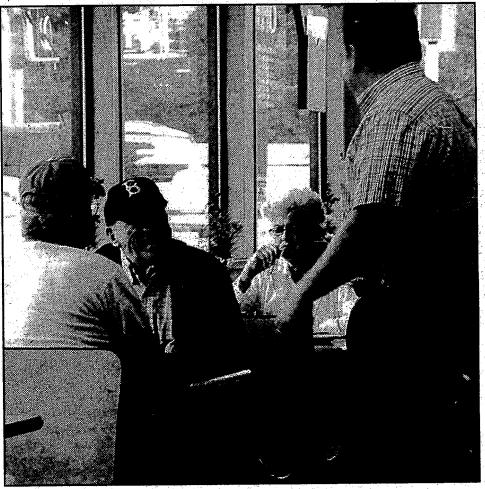
Fall wine tasting on Nov. 5

Clarkston Rotary Club hosts its au tumn wine-tasting party "A Taste for the Holidays," 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 5, at Bordine Nursery, Dixie Highway. The party will feature wines from around the world and food by local reslaurant Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the

8(8,8)8 For more information, call 248-625-4244 or 248-922-9166.

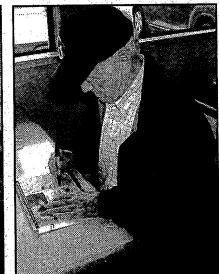
Correction

Bryan Kolano's name was misspelled in the story "Clarkston parents proud of son's service in Iraq," Aug. 27 edition. The story "Floating to victory" should have reported Team Rush hoped to raise \$5,000 and instead raised \$6,000. The address listed in the story Clarkston Hair Studio is a family affair." Aug. 20, should have been 8080 B Ortonville Road.



Ernie Harwell talks with Jerry and Mark Moore at Jersey Joe's.

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Ernie Harwell signs the Clarkston News. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Hearing the voice

About a dozen fans came out to Jersey Joe's on Dixie Highway, Aug. 28, as they hosted a visit by Ernie Harwell, the "voice of the Detroit Tigers." They got his autograph and talked sports with the retired broadcaster.

City seeking bids for private snow removal

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer Residents may be relying on private plows this winter, as Clarskton City Council considers privatizing snow services.

To save money, City Council members Chuck Inhabnit and Kristy Ottman have considered privatizing Department of Public Works for several months.

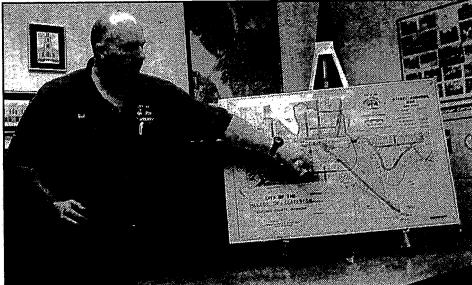
"With these trying times, it would be irresponsible for us not to look at privatizing as a responsibility to our citizens," said Inabnit. "The citizens of this city have certain expectations how they expect the services to be and performed. If we were to privatize we would expect the same service." A "pre-bid meeting" for a three-year con-

tract for snow removal was this past Friday at city hall. Four companies bid for the job. "Right now we're just looking into it,"

said Inhabnit. They discussed labor, materials, type of equipment, supplies, services, and insur-

ance, including workers' comp and liability. Bob Pursley, DPW director, told all bidders vehicles and equipment will need Michigan of Department of Transportation inspections. Pursley said he usually plans on 150 tons of salt for the city each winter.

"That's a pretty good happy medium,"



DPW Director Bob Pursley points out the roads that need to be plowed. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

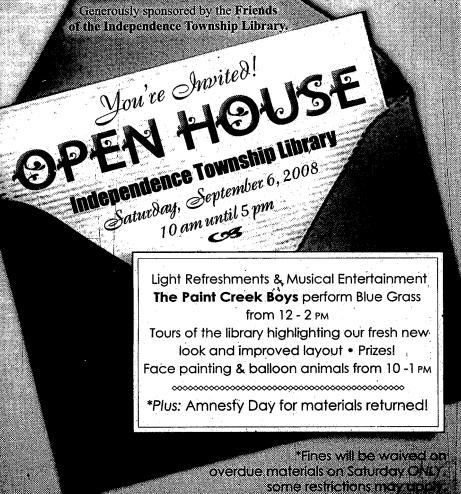
he said. "If you use less, then you are ahead. If you use more, then you're behind."

They doubled salt usage last year, he said.

"In 2006/2007, we used 99 tons, costing \$3,600," he said. "In 2008, we used 172 tons, which cost \$6,800."

Bids will be accepted at City Offices, 375 Depot Road, until 2 p.m., Sept. 10. All bids should be delivered to city clerk/treasurer office in a sealed envelope. The outside of the envelope should have the bidder's name. address, phone number, and the project's name "Snow Removal Bids."

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The Journey of a Lifetime - A Journey into God

"You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. -St. Augustine

We all know that restlessness. Now you can learn about the rest - the wonder and fullness of life that God desires for all people. If you are seeking a worshipping community to support you on this journey, St. Daniel Catholic Community welcomes you!

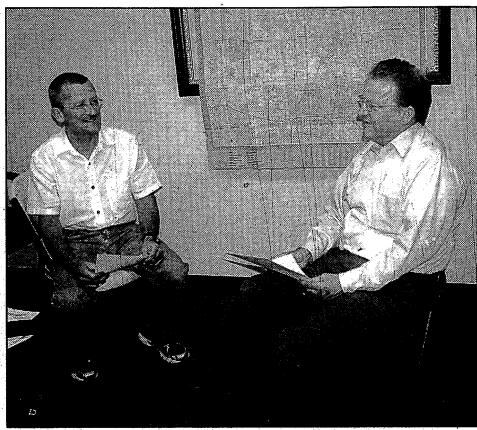
The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process intended to serve those who have never been baptized or were baptized in a faith expression other than Catholic but wish to know more about the Catholic faith. This process begins with inquiry, where questions are invited and meaningful and respectful answers are offered.

Join us on Sunday, September 7th or Sunday, September 14t^h, from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. for informal information sessions. All sessions will be held in the Cushing Center at St. Daniel Catholic Community, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston. You may also call Cheryl Smith, Adult Formation Coordinator, at 248-625-1750 for more information or check our website: www.stdanielclarkston.org

We look forward to meeting you!



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Michael Powell and Henry Woloson discuss the millage proposal. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Group says millage is misleading

Continued from page 1A nature of the project."

An example is Bay Court township park, which used to have a life guard on duty, but due to cost, the township "lacks the money" to keep it up, he said.

"If we lack the money under current situations and we're now going to acquire \$7.5 million of additional property over a to be in any better position to maintain the property," he asked. "We should be honest with voters - you're not looking pose," said Woloson. at a 10-year millage. You're looking at a longer one."

Powell said the proposal's provision "for open space and active recreation" is misleading.

"If this does pass, expect to see me at every meeting – any piece of property that's being put up for consideration to be paid or bought with that money is going to be made into a park," he said.

Powell noted taxpayers would also pay salaries of personnel recording, maintaining and patrolling vacant land purchased.

"This current proposal with all of its 10-year period, what is to say we're going wording flaws, all its ambiguities, and the non discussion of maintenance, I can't support and I am actively going to op-

"With the current proposal, given the current economy, given the foreclosure rate, given everything else that exists for us to be looking at that and taking on that kind of indebtedness I think in improper."

Millage Proposal For Open Space, Recreation And Protection Of Waters And Wetlands

"Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to levy up to 0.45 of one mill, for a period of 10 years, starting with the December, 2009 levy, for the purpose of financing the acquisition and maintenance of real property for open space and active recreation, and for the protection of waters and wetlands within the Township, with the requirement that such property be acquired subject to a legally established conservation easement benefiting the Township, its residents and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy? This proposed millage, if approved, would authorize the levy and collection of a new millage for such purposes, and would permit a tax limitation increase of 45 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$768,400 in the first year if approved and levied."

Sick deer in Kent County spoils feeding on Clarkston (MI) News 5 A

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer The sign made it clear: 'Feeding of Deer

PROHIBITED.' Still, some ignored orders from the Department of Natural Resources and heaved apples, carrots, corn and cabbage over the fence near Clarkston and Eston roads anyway.

The deer inside the 80-acre privatelyowned parcel in Independence Township "look hungry" as they amble toward the fence, some said.

But the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is warning violators could face a \$50-\$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail.

The agency placed a ban on baiting and feeding of deer in the lower peninsula Aug. 25 after confirming a case of Chronic Wasting Disease—the first in Michigan—at a deer breeding facility in Kent County.

While there is no suggestion deer in Independence Township are infected with CWD, the ban applies equally to feeding for recreational viewing, as well as hunting.

According to the DNR, CWD is a neurological disease found in deer and elk. The disease, similar to mad cow disease in cattle, attacks the brains of infected animals and is always fatal.

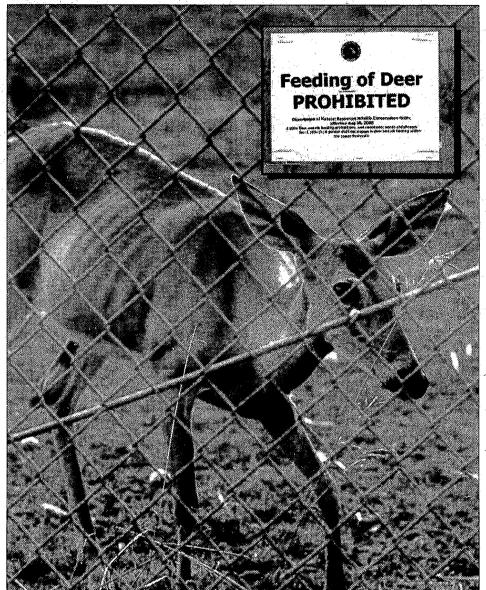
While no one yet knows what's troubling the Independence Township deer, many several dozen appear to live within the enclosed area—appear less-than-healthy.

Judy Ahrens first noticed the herd looked sickly in July when she took her grandchildren to see the deer.

"I was shocked," she said. "I went back a second time to see if I could get a better look, and noticed many of the deer are so thin their ribs are showing, and many have sores."

Others appear wobbly or shaky, and many have thinning, patchy coats.

An Independence Township resident, Aherns said "healthy" deer often visit her property to munch on the flowers growing in her garden—and, she said, they don't look anything like the deer in the fenced area near Clarkston and Eston.



A fenced-in deer near the intersection of Clarkston and Eston roads looks for a handout. Photo by Laura Colvin

"Oh heavens no," she said. "I've lived here 25 years and I've never seen deer that look like that."

Apparently, she's not the only one who noticed.

DNR officials recently heard from others concerned about the health of the deer, and are scheduled to meet with property owners this week.

"We visited the facility in February and



According to the DNR, infected animals may not show any symptoms of the disease for a long period of time, even years. In the later stages of sickness, however, infected animals begin to lose bodily functions and display abnormal behavior such as staggering or standing with very poor posture. Animals may have an exaggerated wide posture, or may carry the head and ears lowered. Infected animals become very emaciated (thus wasting disease) and will appear in very poor body condition.

Infected animals will also often stand near water and will consume large amounts of water. Drooling or excessive salivation may be apparent. Note that these symptoms may also be characteristic of diseases other than CWD.

Anyone who sees a deer with symptoms of CWD should accurately document the location of the animal and immediately and call the Rap Line (1-800-292-7800). Do not attempt to contact, disturb, kill, or remove the animal.

For more information, see www.michigan.gov/ chronicwastingdisease

met with landowner due to some complaints from local public," said Julie Oakes, a DNR biologist. "At that time we didn't find any sick deer or dead dear; we actually scoured the entire 80 acres and expressed to (the property owners) that they needed to not congregate deer and not allow people to feed the deer. They seemed very cooperative and were concerned about the deer."

A more recent complaint, she said, suggest the deer are in "poor condition" and being hand-fed by visitors.

"Hopefully in the next week or two I'll know more information," said Oakes. "We'll see if we can find out if the allegations are legitimate; hopefully we can work something out with the property owners."

The Clarkston News was unable to reach the property owners for comment.







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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

The 'Big House' I am a huge football fan. I will not miss

a University of Michigan football game. If I have something to do on Saturday, I try to work it around the game.

If I can't watch the game, I tape it and tell everyone I come in contact with not to tell me anything. You also know it's football season because I will

be sporting my Maize and Blue Michigan tie.

This Saturday, I got to go to the"Big House" and see the Wolverines' home opener as they took on Utah.



Even though they lost, 23-25, it was a very exciting game for me because it was my first time at the stadium, surrounded by thousands of fans in blue and gold, and amazingly enough, there were plenty of Utes fans there as well.

I am not sure what I think of Rich Rodriguez's new style of offense. It didn't seem to be working. As most Wolverine fans know, with a new coach and style of play, along with Chad Henne, Mike Hart, and Jake Long all gone to play with the "Big Boys" in the NFL and many of last year's players gone to play for different teams, this season and probably the next will be a time of "rebuilding."

Rebuilding or not, I will support my team, loud and proud.

Now for a cheer:

"They are here, triumphant!

"Here they come with banners flying, In stalwart step they're nighing, With shouts of vict'ry crying, We hurrah, hurrah, we greet you now, Hail!

"Far we their praises sing. for the glory and fame they've bro't us Loud let the bells them ring. For here they come with banners flying Far we their praises tell.

"For the glory and fame they've bro't us Loud let the bells them ring. For here they come with banners flying Here they come, Hurrah!

"Hail! to the victors valiant Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes Hail! Hail! to Michigan the leaders and best!

"Hail! to the victors valiant Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes Hail! Hail! to Michigan, the champions of the West!

"We cheer them again We cheer and cheer again For Michigan, we cheer for Michigan We cheer with might and main We cheer, cheer, cheer With might and main we cheer!

"Hail! to the victors valiant!

"Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes! "Hail! Hail! to Michigan, the champions of the West!"

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Tax info on the way

Editorial

unopposed, but one issue remains: an Independence Township millage would affect them.

proposal. At stake is about \$768,400 in new taxes, all carmarked for land purchases for the protection of waters and

wetlands. The Clarkston News brings you the information you'll need this November We're preparing a series of articles describing viewpoints for and against find the first on page 1A of today's edition. We'll tell you how much open space,

Local candidates are running green space, wetlands, and brownfields the township has, and how the millage

We invite your letters and viewpoints. We'll publish them through

Oct. 22. Letters around 300 words from new writers will be given priority. We reserve

the right to edit or not to print. based on space - tell us what you think. but not every week. All letters will be posted to www.clarkstonnews.com. Send your letters to 5 S. Main Street. Clarkston, MI 48346; fax 248-625-0706; or

e-mail Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.

Food drive help appreciated

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston High School Football "Rush for Food" committee would like to thank all who helped make this 11th annual community service

event a success. On Aug.

members of the Varsity.

JV, and Freshman teams came together to collect non-perishable food items to help stock the pantry at Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston. The high school teams were assisted in their efforts by the Clarkston Chiefs Football Association who held a personal and paper drive.

The teams collected and sorted approximately 4,000 pounds of food and paper/personal products. This total set a new record for the event beating last year's record by 100 pounds.

Special thanks go to Joe Lunghamer Chevrolet and GMC, Complex Tool & Machine, Inc. and Sports Creations for funding the pre-event dinner for the players.

Our thanks also go to the Clarkston Athletic Boosters, Clarkston Chiefs and Springfield Twp. Kroger's for

donating supplies.

The committee would also like to thank the CHS football coaches for their support, Lu Ann Stohrer - CHS Athletic Secretary for her assistance, the CHS custodial staff, the football players who gave their time to assist those in need in our community, and the homeowners who generously donated to this food drive.

Sincerely,

Nancy Harvey, publicity chair CHS Football "Rush for Food"

Thanks for help with reading program

Dear Editor.

The Springfield Township Library finished another successful Adult, Teen, and Children's Summer Reading Program!

We would like to thank those who provided prizes and sponsored programs: Friends of the Springfield Twp Library;

Chelsea Rawe; Angie Mozer; AMC Theatre of Auburn Hills; Oakland County Health Department; Steve & Barry's; Meijer's of White Lake; Best Buy of Waterford; Avanti Salon & Spa; and Palace Sports & Entertainment.

Springfield Township Library

Got something to say?

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Watchful and wet" A downpour soaked Labor Day parade marchers and spectators, but a crowd still gathered to take part.

"B&B fight still simmers" Buck and Joan Kopietz planned to appeal a Clarkston decision against their plan to convert the former Goyette Funeral Home on Main Street into a bed and breakfast.

"Help needed to solve mystery" Jennifer Radcliff found a child's "treasure box" on top of a mailbox at Main and Washington, and was looking for its owner. It contained a dinosaur stamp, cat figurine, Yahtzee game, and child's calculator.

"Actress to scream, cry and die on Cinemax" Clarkston actress Lisa Sheldon Miller, star in the cable movie "Hellmaster," shared her experiences making the film.

25 years ago - 1983

"Cash incentive" Clarkston Junior High School offered prizes for honorroll students, awarded in a lottery. Winners of 10 \$50 prizes would be drawn at the end of the year in various categories, including perfect attendence, citizenship, behavior, honor roll, and student of the week.

"Behind the scenes at Renaissance" Workers described the effort they put into setting up the annual Renaissance Fair, set up on the campus of the Colombiere Center in Springfield Township. An Independence Township woman, Margaret Mauti, was director.

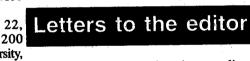
"Parade prizes" About 50 community groups entered floats in the Labor Day Parade. Thousands enjoyed the parade that sunny day.

50 years ago - 1958

"Crowd enjoys Labor Day parade" The Rotary Club's parade attracted a large crowd of viewers' as well as participants.

"Methodist start building fund crusade" First Methodist Church had a goal of raising \$115,000 to build a new church on Waldon Road. The church was established in 1840, and its first church was built at Church and Buffalo, completed in 1847 and rebuilt in 1873.

"Clarkston locals" Local youth were organizing a "21 Club" for monthly dances. Invited were Clarkston students in grades 6-8.



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Tax not needed, unaffordable

Dear Editor.

Dear Editor.

Most Independence Township voters I speak with feel they are already grossly overtaxed in these tough economic times.

They are opposed to the new "Open Spaces Tax" which is on the November, 2008 ballot.

The proposed 10 year (initially) tax is a duplication of: township taxes we pay to maintain our parks; the .25 mil tax we pay to Oakland County for their park system, including several in or near our Township; .25 mil tax we pay to the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority for the close by Indian Springs Park and others, and state taxes for huge Michigan recreation maintaining the purchased property

I am one of the individuals that

began the ballot initiative in

Independence Township for Green

Space and Well water protection that

will be on the ballot this November.

7.5 million over a 10 year period. I

wanted to address some opposition

that has risen to our efforts. Not

because there is opposition, but

because I want our motives to be

happy when Green Space is

preserved anywhere in the world,

Trust for Public Land built Mildred

Helms Park in New Jersey as I am

when tracts of rainforest are

preserved in Brazil or areas such as

the new Lutz Park donation in

Livingston County of 300 acres are

My goal is to think globally and

The members of my committee are

I am just as joyous when the

clear to the voters.

not just our Township.

It is a 0.45 mill proposal to raise

areas in the nearby townships of Waterford, Orion, Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Oxford, Oakland and White Lake.

The special interest non-profit group which is promoting this new tax already receives substantial parcels of wetlands and other property for which donors get tax deductions on their State and Federal taxes.

Apparently those favorable tax breaks are not enough and now they want all township taxpayers to contribute to their organization.

If this tax passes, what will happen at the end of 10 years? The township will be responsible for

Ballot initiative needed for future

without the additional revenue. We no longer have lifeguards at the Township's Baycourt Beach due to budget shortfalls.

Is our local economy projected to improve that much by 2018 that we can afford to take on the maintenance obligations without the guaranteed revenue?

Citizens Against Taxes To Buy Vacant Land is a local group formed solely to oppose the "Open Spaces Tax "

We respectfully ask for a NO vote on this proposal as being not needed and not wanted given the current economy.

Henry S. Woloson Independence Township

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Jim's

Just Jotting

Time is running out on our Detroit Tigers, and not just in the race for the American League pennant. The Tigers have had a night for the Latinos and a night recognizing Negro league teams. There are many nationalities among the nines who deserve a night. So, let's salute the Italians, Irish and even the French. Well, maybe not the French.

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This garden harvest time should get recognition in all our calendars. I'm partial to tomatoes and sweet corn, but I'm told the string beans, squash and other aboveground growing things are great, too. I've got to the hunger point that I'll nuke an ear of corn for a couple minutes 'cause I don't want to wait for the water to boil.

The method of eating corn off the cob has been a no-brainer since time began. Hold the cob between your hands and gnaw east and west, or vice versa, through the rows.

God and Mother Nature put the kernels in a row to be eaten in a row.

I only found out recently some less educated, who lack respect and social graces, eat the kernel "around" the cob. I watched sonin-law Bob do this recently.

gross. He makes it even grosser by lathering the ear, salting and peppering it profusely and making noises like the hog he is.

He must have got this habit from some of his boyhood friends in urban Detroit. While I was born and reared in central lower Michigan, where all our locals ate their ears of corn the American way. You know, civilized, left to right, quietly.

But, this son-in-law is always doing something to upset me (besides marrying our daughter), so maybe that was his recent trick.

By the way, sweet corn is sweet. There's no need to add stuff to the surface. Go by the palate test, not habit. - 0 -

Recently, (I use that word often because I can't remember specific dates) I know I heard a grocery chain spokesman say, "If it wasn't for getting paid for shelving space; we wouldn't make bell

money. That put a couple recall cells in motion. I remember a local grocer telling me years ago a cereal maker paid for space on the rack.

I brought this topic up at an after-golf soup. A retired grocer and a former vending machine operator involved themselves. Some of the first producers to offer payment of some kind were baby food mak-

ers. An ice cream **Jottings**



(dairy) company bought the store's first freezer, some vendors bought the actual shelving section and spray pushers were early space

My cigarette vending machine friend said

tobacco makers would give him slotting fees. Like. he said, Marlboro might make it worth his while to give them three slots.

I guess it proves all is fair in love and war and in attacking competition any way you can. - - 0 - -

I haven't given you a limerick lately, so:

I once thought a lot of a friend Who turned out to be in the end

The southernmost part (As I'd feared at the start)

Of a horse with a northerly trend.

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Besides this being a great year for veggies, it's been an outstanding late summer of clouds. Maybe because of my aging I'm looking up more, but others have mentioned the formation, the billowing, fluff and peacefulness they bring.

Another bright spot in nature's realm this year, are the geraniums, pansies, lilies, sunflowers, marigold, black eyed Susans, Asters and all the rest bringing joy to all who view and grow them.

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Opportunity knocks just once. but temptation leans on the door-

Recreation entry fee.

On the other hand I have witnessed the hysterical cash flow surrounding the Jonas Brothers and Hannah Montana Concerts on their visits to Clarkston.

The truth is there will never be a "good time" for Millage increases, but this proposal went before the Township Board and they supported it unanimously. Our professional poll shows this Township will support it.

It takes money to get Grant money. I receive the reports from the Natural Resources Trust Fund that allocates money to communities for Parks and Green Space acquisition in this State. A community needs 25 percent in order to obtain 75 percent of the money.

Many people have been generous in this ballot effort but I have yet to see a local Conservancy raise large funds to acquire prime environmental parcels. I read of communities all across the State obtaining Trust money because

matching dollars from this fund when possible, to do this the Township must be involved in the application process. I believe this occurred with the acquisition of Bay Court Park.

land surrounding the Headwaters of the Clinton River Watershed was 17 percent impervious to water filtering down to groundwater, due to concrete and asphalt.

When it reaches 25 percent, that's it! Groundwater no longer recharges, according to hydrologists.

We will have to acquire our water forcing the township to fund costly storm water management plans.

These proposals are not for me or for the committee. Give me a break! Although it will increase property value and lower taxes in the long run, this proposal is for the future.

Thomas Pytel

Writer agrees with need for mural to end

Dear Editor.

acquired.

act locally.

Thanks so much to Marilyn Parke for motivating me to write the letter I have been meaning to write all summer and spring ("Mural needs finishing," Aug. 20).

I agree with her completely about the atrocious "mural" facing all residents and visitors to our "historic" tillage. Didn't we spend many dol-"

lars to "spruce" up our village with sidewalks, flower containers, benches and the like? Aren't we interested in complementing the charm of our village? Don't we want to capitalize on the delightful old buildings in our village?

If so, why in the world do "we" tolerate this amateur, dark, Salvador Dali-ish mess? It goes on and on and

over three years never seems to improve, end or be erased.

Hooray for the artist and her efforts, but couldn't she further her career somewhere else? Please, will concerned others encourage this madness to stop?

Thank you.

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Judy McConnell Clarkston

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We would use every dollar raised by the ballot proposal to acquire

And finally, in the year 2000, the

elsewhere, and, I am told, federal mandates will then be triggered,

We are obligated to save our land

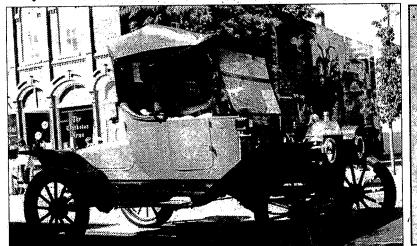
We also realize these are tough and water for generations to come. they have their 25 percent seed economic times. I have seen girls money and I find myself wishing come to try out for softball teams Clarkston that they were local projects. without the money for the Parks and

I didn't watch for long. It's

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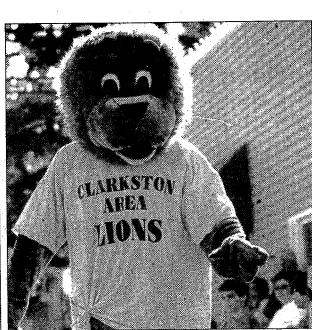


Robyn Rush, 7, watches as the next entry makes its way down Main Street.



The crowd enjoyed this old-time car as it motored through town.

Association and the Mark



This friendly lion handed out hugs and high-fives to kids in the crowd.



Two deputies rode OCSO motorcycles in the parade.



Linda Payton, Clarkston Village Players, dressed like Cruella De VII and looked for pupples.

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Labor of love

Parade-goes lined the street in downtown Clarkston Monday as more

downtown Clarkston Monday as more than 50 groups and organizations marched through the city in the annual Labor Day Parade. The event was sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club. To see these photos, and many more, in full color, check out ClarkstonNews.com.

Photos by Wendi Reardon and Laura Colvin



The Clarkston High School Marching Band is a favorite at every parade.

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Don't spoil crimescene

A North Ridge Trail homeowner said \$1,580 in property was stolen from her two unlocked vehicles parked in her driveway, Aug. 19.

When a deputy arrived to investigate, one of the vehicles had been driven away, and the other had been driven since the theft. The officer dusted for prints, but suggested not moving vehicles broken into before police had a chance to check them.

An offer she could refuse

A Hummingbird Lane resident reported an Internet based scam, Aug. 20. Her son, trying to sell his car for \$4,000 on a web-based listing service, received a check for \$7,500, with instructions to cash it, keep \$4,000, and send back the remaining \$3,500. The homeowner voided the check, cancelled the car listing on the web site and called police.

Good advice

A Shannon Lane resident called police, Aug. 20, to report his \$500 leather jacket missing. He told deputies he noticed it gone after his roommate moved out. He said he was helping out the roommate for a few weeks, and he believed he was an "illegal immigrant."

The deputy said he couldn't help much without more information, and suggested refraining from harboring illegal immigrants



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

could decrease future possibilities of becombroken, a jagged piece of porceline sticking out

Poor sportsmanship Not an incinerator

A Deerhill Drive homeowner came home A recycling bin at Springfield Township offices caught fire, about 4:11 a.m., Aug. 28. from a trip to China for the Summer Olympics Springfield Township firefighters, assisted by to find a less inspiring example of human be-Oakland County Sheriff's deputies, put it out. havior. His home was broken into, and someone stole cash, coin collection, liquor bottles, and a box from the basement containing his high school and college diplomas, pictures, A caller in the 5000 block of Timber Ridge and grade school yearbooks.

Inconsiderate customers

A fast-food restaurant manager complained about a group of boys skateboarding in the parking lot, being rude to customers, cussing, purposely spilling food and drinks, and disrupting the drive-thru, Aug. 26, at the Sashabaw Road business.

A deputy found a group of boys matching the description at a nearby store, had the manager identify them, and called their parents. The manager told them they weren't allowed at the restaurant anymore.

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Watch the lawn

A Ranch Estates Road homeowner said someone drove on his grass and ran over sprinkler heads, Aug. 21, causing \$200 in damage. He told deputies he suspected a local daily newspaper deliveryperson. He had cancelled that paper, but another daily newspaper has been tampered with several times. He never saw the deliveryperson in the act. The deputy advised motion detector lights and said he would conduct more patrols of the area

Unlocked cars-burgled

Three vehicles parked unlocked at a Reese Road home were entered, Aug. 24. Someone went through the vehicles glove boxes and may have took a set of keys. A five-gallon can of gasoline was also stolen from the garage, and a golf cart was taken from garage for a ride. The cart was found down the road.

Homeowners told deputies they would like to have extra patrols of the area.

Have any info? Call Oakland County Sheriff, Independence Township substation, at 248-620-4970

[Attention Oakland County Residents]

treatment.

ing a victim.

anyway.

Bloody footprint

Trail hung up after calling 911, about 8:47

a.m., Aug. 27, but dispatch sent a deputy

The officer spoke to a woman, 57, who

said her boyfriend, a 64-year-old man, was bleeding heavily from his foot. The deputy

found the man sitting on the hallway floor in

a large pool of blood and called Indepen-

dence Township Fire Department. Firefighters

treated the wound to his foot, a hole about

an inch in diameter, but he refused hospital

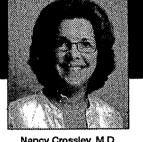
day and fell in the bathroom. The toilet was

He told officers he was drinking beer all

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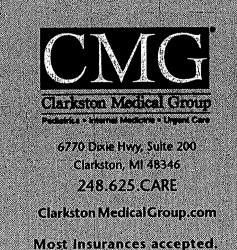
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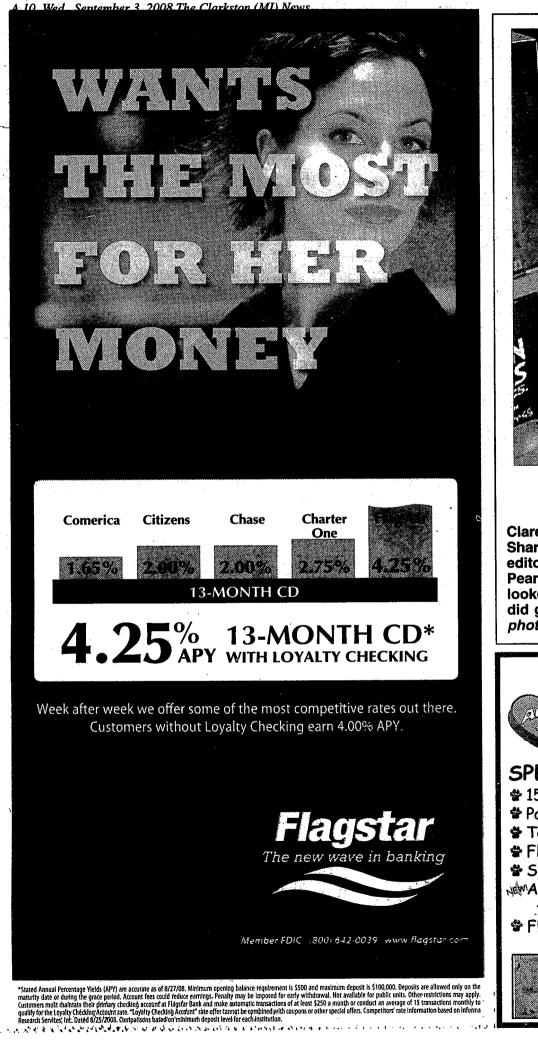
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A riveted reader

Clare Wren Catallo-Werner, 6, reads about her grandmother, Mayor Sharron Catallo, on the front page of *The Clarkston News'* Aug. 20 editon. She was in town with her mother, Cara Catallo, and friend Pearl Cairns, also 6, when she noticed her Nana's picture. "They looked so sweet reading every word, 'til the jump," Cara said. "I did give in and buy a few copies for my daughter's scrapbook." *photo submitted*



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Driver lets highway road rage land him in jail

BYPHILCUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The suspect in a road-rage assault didn't know the man he threatened was an undercover deputy.

For Sheriff Michael Bouchard, that's the scary part.

"He would have thought it was any citizen," Bouchard said. In what the Oakland County sheriff called a bizarre situation, John Patrick McKellar yelled at, pointed what looked like a revolver, and tried to force off the highway one of his deputies.

"Every so often I'm sure we all run across a person who thinks you can't pass or do what you're doing because they --doi?t-think you should," Bouchard said at an Aug. 27 press conference. "They become the enforcer."

McKellar, 22, is charged with fleeing and eluding, a 5-year felony, and misdemeanor assault and battery, for pointing what turned out to be a cap pistol at the deputy. The suspect lives in Grand Blanc.

The law doesn't allow a felony charge for the threat, although it should, Bouchard said.

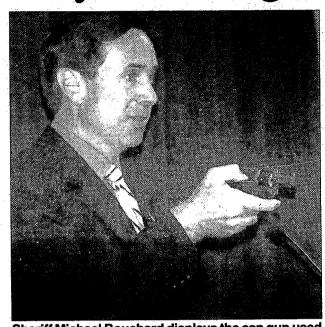
"It can't be felonious assault if the weapon can't be fired – a flaw in the system," he said.

If he pointed the same cap gun at a convenience-store clerk, he would be charged with felony armed robbery, Bouchard said.

"I'd like the legislature to allow us to charge felony assault for pointing something the victim believes is an actual threat," he said

The difference amounts to days in jail for a misdemeanor versus years in prison on a felony, he said.

"This is not an individual afraid or shy to disclose weaponry or threaten people for absolutely no reason," he said. "This needs to be addressed by the legislature."



Sheriff Michael Bouchard displays the cap gun used on a road-rage incident against one of his deputies.

The incident began about 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, when the detective sergeant passed McKellar on southbound I-75near Holly, Bouchard said.

The suspect responded angrily, with obscene gestures, banging on the roof of his car, yelling, and finally reaching for the cap pistol. "The suspect came up and pointed directly at him what clearly appears to be a handgun," Bouchard said, displaying the cap gun, designed to resemble a small revolver.

"The detective slammed on the brakes and called for assistance."

Uniformed deputies responded and pursued the suspect off I-75 onto Dixie Highway in north Oakland County, stopping him in a residential area off Dixie. With weapons drawn, deputies arrested McKellar and searched his vehicle.

They found a pit bull dog in the front seat, CO2-powered BB gun, and a real gun, a .22-caliber, scoped rifle. They also found a hunting knife, four loaded magazines for the rifle, and about 220 rounds of .22-rimfire ammunition.

John P.

McKellar

After his arrest, the suspect needed to be restrained with duct tape because he tried to kick his way out of a police car.

"This person clearly has some issues – I think the pit bull was calmer," Bouchard said.

"His behavior was highly erratic. This is a good reminder to people on the road – you never know what you're going to run into."

Citizens have the right to self defense, but in a similar situation should do what the deputy did – back off and call for help, he said.

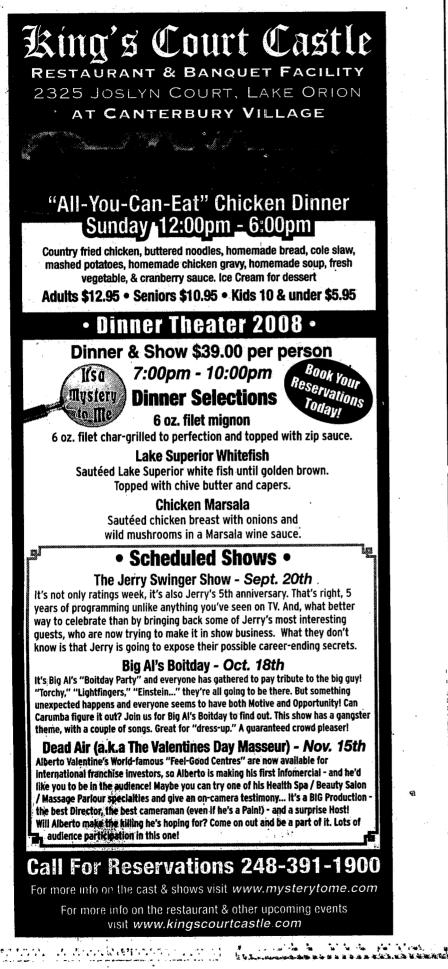
McKellar, whose criminal record includes stalking, resisting police, and drugs, was arraigned in 52-2 District Court. Drugs and alcohol do not seem to be factors in this case, Bouchard said.

The suspect was booked into Oakland County Jail on \$100,000 bond.



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Jean Dasuqi, Sue Ring, and other volunteers with Clarkston Optimist Club offer breakfast brats at Clarkston Farmers' Market. Photo provided

Breakfast Brats at market

This year's Clarkston Farmers' Market includes breakfast - Clarkston Optimist Club volunteers offer breakfast brats.

"Our hope with this venture is not only to raise money for the Clarkston kids but as our sales continue to grow, new or present vendors will be encouraged to sell bratwurst, eggs and cheese at the market," Ring said.

We would then buy those products

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from those vendors. In this way we would help one another with sales."

Hoagies include sliced cheese, scrambled eggs, and a brat off the grill, all on a bun. Condiments include salsa and a spicy mustard provided by one of the market's vendors, she said.

The market is open, 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays through Oct. 11. Call 248-821-4769. -Phil Custodio





Set for league play

BY WENDIREARDON Clarkston News Sports Writer Spikers have a few goals

for the new season – a few of them include repeating their league win and move onto the district championship like they did last year.

A step towards the goal begins this Thursday as the girls play Birmingham Seaholm in a league game. "From what I know from

last year and know from what teams are returning, Seaholm and Farmington will be two tough teams in our league," said Varsity Head Coach Kelly Avenall. "Last year we finished

first, and then it was Farmington and Seaholm.

I know everyone says this, but every team in the OAA Division 1 you can't take lightly. Every game is important, Every game is going to be someone tough to beat. Every time we play a league match we have to prepare for that."

Clarkston played in the Oxford Quad last week. They faced Oxford first and won their game winning three sets (25-15, 25-16, 25-20).

They played Flushing next and won one set out of four (19-25, 19-25, 27-25, 21-25).

"I thought the Quad went really well," said senior captain Lauren Gardner. "I am proud we beat Oxford. The game against Flushing I thought we could've done better, but all of the games were close."

"We had a tough time getting up on those taller girls," said Avenall.

"Kelley Croll, our three year returner, went



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Lauren Gardner sends the ball past Oxford.

down during a set. I had to mess with the line-up a little bit. I am proud of how we played.

There were chances were we could've gotten them."

Gardner had 15 kills and Allison Reis had 11 kills, Jenna Coates 39 digs.

"I am happy were we are at right now. I think playing Flushing was great competition for them," said Avenall.

"It was a team we really had to play up for. I think that was good competition going into our league play. Flushing was a real strong team and I think that will carry into this week. The tempo in practice has really picked up because of it."

The girls have a 4-2 overall record going into their league game on Thursday.

They host Birmingham Seaholm at 7 p.m.

"Anytime you play with your team it helps you out," said Gardner. "We are ready to take on Seaholm. Go Clarkston!"

Another goal they hope to accomplish is ______ to be in the finals of each tournament they compete in. They will have a chance in the Grand Blanc Classic on Saturday before playing at Farmington next Tuesday.

"Farmington was in the West Bloomfield Invitational and played in the finals. They will a tough team to get by," said Avenall.

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Wolves play for pride in season-opening heartbreaker

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer Only one minute remained in the

first game of the season, and the home team was down, 47-28

Quarterback Tyler Scarlett handed the ball off to Dakota Bender at the line of scrimmage the three yard line. Bender made it two yards when he was tackled by Rochester Adams.

Clarkston lined up for another play, after the snap, Scarlett took it into Adams' end zone for six points capping off a nine play 77- yard football.

Brian Benway attempted for the extra point, but the ball went wide to the left.

The Wolves were ready to try for one more touchdown.

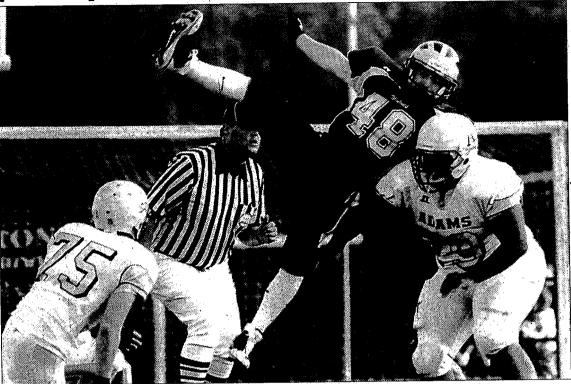
They recovered the ball from Adams' possession on an onside kick and made their way down to Adams' territory once again.

The Wolves took the ball to Adams' 30-yard line with only five seconds on the clock.

Scarlett connected the ball with wide receiver Kyle Rivenburgh.

He stepped into the end zone as ume expired.

The game ended, 47-40.



Andrew Miller avoids Rochester Adams' linebackers with a flip. Photo by Laura Colvin

Scarlett had one thought during the last play,"just have some pride half 14 points behind Adams. and not give up. Pride in the team and pride in ourselves."

The Wolves went into the second sults from first 24 minutes of play. 'We didn't tackle. We didn't play "No defense," said Wolves' Head defense. Plain and simple. We didn't game, please see page 8B. Coach Kurt Richardson about the re- play solid football. That's all we

talked about all week and we didn't do it."

It will give the team something to work on in the next few days before their league game against Troy-Athens (0-1).

'We'll still be okay," said Richardson. "We didn't give up. The kids scrapped at the end, we'll going to be alright."

Luke Prudhomme scored two touchdowns.

Bender scored three. He opened the last half of the game with a 64 run to close the gap on the scoreboard. It was an 81 yard drive on three plays.

Benway was moved up from the JV team to be the kicker for varsity, making three out of his four kicks for the extra points.

Beau Barterian scored four touchdowns, Andrew Waszak scored two, and Joe Reynolds scored one for the Highlander.

Kickoff on Friday night is at 6:55 p.m.

"We're looking forward to next week's game and a win," said Scarlett. "One game at a time."

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For more pictures from Friday's

Athlete of the Week 'Dawgs end season on high note

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer The Riverdawgs 12U baseball team had a lot of accomplishments over their summer season

They ended their season by winning the 21st Annual Grand Blanc Baseball Tournament in July.

We went 5-0 against very good teams," said Head Coach Rich Hynes.

The boys began the tournament against the Hawks from Howell. Eric Suran scored a home run, lending a hand to the victory, 9-8. They continued on and defeated Linden Lightning (8-3) and Grand Ledge Gold (8-1). They took on Davison in the semi-finals. Ahome run from Alex "A.J." Johnson along vith a three point lead kept the 'Dawgs go-

ng into the championship round. The 'Dawgs took home top honors after ofeating Grand Ledge Blue, 4-9. "It's always good to have a successful outin 1 at the end of the season," said Hynes. The boys' season ended with a 28-21 cor and they took sixth place out of the

16 teams in their North Oakland Baseball Fed-

eration league. "We played a vigorous season and the best in the league," said Hynes. "The boys had fun, It was a fun season."

Another highlight to the team's summer was going to Dreams Park in Cooperstown New York

Dawgs finished in Cooperstown with a record, 5-4. They placed 45th out of 98 teams from across the country.

That's a good record for most games won by any Riverdawgs team," said Hynes. Brent Smiles hit five home runs a Cooperstown and Kyle Savoie and David Steward each added two home runs.

The 'Dawgs began their season at the end of May with the Annual Clarkston Classic Tournament. They lost one game during the tournament and took runner-up position. "I am very happy with their progress dur-

ing the season," said Hynes. Hynes said the boys have a goal to play high school baseball. "We are getting them ready," said Hynes



Riverdawgs take first place in the 21st Annual Grand Blanc Tournament. In front row, Sean Martens, Shane Hynes, Eric Suran, Ricky Traynor, Zack McCallum, Spencer Howell; second row, David Steward, Kyle Savole, Max Wardell, Alex Johnson, Brent Smiles; and in the back row, coaches Phil Johnson, Head Coach Rich Hynes, Kass Martens, and Doug Howell. Not pictured Coach Guy Wardell. Photo submitted





Nick Posawatz sees the ball within his reach. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Goalies keep nets empty

BY WENDIREARDON

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Clarkston News Sports Writer.

Fans remained on the edge of their seats as the final minutes counted down on the scoreboard.

Kevin Pinkos made a shot on the net and anticipation from the bleachers filled the air. Novi Detroit Catholic Central's goalie Brandon Waterstradt blocked the shot and kicked it back into the field – a common scene in Aug. 28's scoreless game.

DCC held control of the ball during the first 40 minutes of the game. A strong defense from the Wolves and saves from Scott Messer kept them scoreless going into halftime.

After a pep talk, the Wolves came back for the second half and held onto the ball for the remainder of the game.

The game ended but neither team scored. "We played a very good half," said Boys

Varsity Soccer Coach Adam Bican. "I am very proud of the way they turned it around in the second half. They played extremely hard and played with passion. We need that for 80 minutes."

Earlier in the week, the boys took on Lake Orion on the Dragons' territory.

The result – Brandon Verlinden and Kevin Pinkos made two quick goals in the first twenty minutes and the Wolves won, 2-0.

"They were really quick," said Bican. "I was very happy with how they played at Lake

Orion. They played a complete game. I thought our defense played fantastic, organized and disciplined."

Scott Messer and Andrew Campbell saved a total of seven shots during the game.

"They are a good team as well," Bican said about Lake Orion. "They have good players and are well-coached."

During the week Bican saw a lot of work from his players.

"Verlinden and Pinkos really had good games. Craig Miller really played with heart," said Bican.

"My whole defense, Isaac Piatte, Colin Rumschlag, Alec Pappas, and Jarrett Kersten, were really strong and organized. They have been playing good soccer."

The team travelled to Stoney Creek on Tuesday night and will host Rochester High School (1-2-2, 1-0 in OAA) on Thursday night.

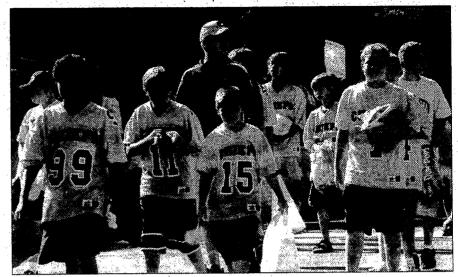
"Rochester is an extremely strong team. It's an OAA game, so I expect it to be really intense," said Bican. "I am excited to play them. They have some good players and they are well-coached.

"We are going to compete and I guarantee we will play all 80 minutes of that game."

The boys overall record is now 3-2-1, 1-0 in OAA. Clarkston hosts Rochester on Thursday and travel to Rochester Adams next Tuesday.

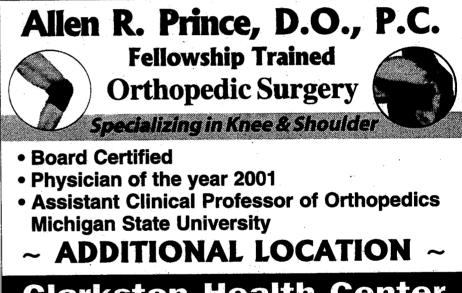
JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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Chiefs on parade

Clarkston Chief teams celebrated Labor Day walking in the annual parade and giving out candy. The Gold teams have their home opener this Saturday at Clarkston High School against the Pontiac Panthers. The freshman team will begin at 3 p.m. *Photo by Wendl Reardon*



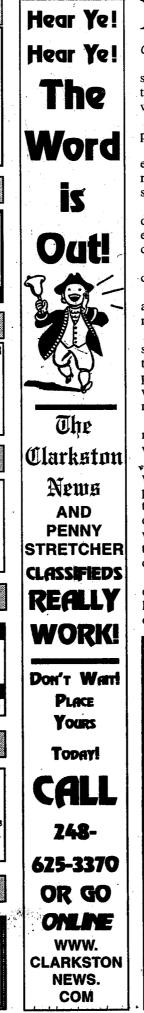
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tions director. "Our district has a very strong stance on harassment of any sort between any employees or any students, and we take those types of accusations seriously." After the investigation, she said, "appro-

priate" measures were administered.

"We always work to the betterment of the environment for our staff and students," Banach said. "We want everyone to feel safe, secure and welcome in our school district."

Oftentimes, she said, conflicts require additional training or a change in job location for employees, while students may be granted a change in schedule.

No employees were terminated over the incident this summer, she said.

"All parties have agreed to the disciplinary action," Banach said, declining to confirm names of the employees.

"As for paid or unpaid leave, that's a personnel issue and we wouldn't comment on that. We really do take the privacy of our employees to heart and issues like that would be worked out within the union and the personnel department."

Clarkston Custodial Association spokesman Karl Bell said the union had minimal involvement in resolution of the situation.

"It's not our job to get involved in the investigation; that's the district's job as the employer," said Bell. "We were made aware of the situation and had some dialogue with the district, but I would caution everyone to tread very carefully because sometimes things like this get blown way out of proportion and become something they're not."

Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation commander Lt. Dale LaBair said no reports were filed with his office regarding the incident, but did say he



would take such allegations seriously.

"It sounds like a classic violation of title 7," he said, referring to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"That's the granddaddy of civil rights law, and there are parallel state statues that prohibit discrimination based on race."

LaBair said such a matter would likely be classified as ethnic intimidation, and turned over to the detective bureau for investigation and possible charges against the perpetrators.

In such a case, he said, the workplace establishment could also be held legally responsible.

"It is the employer's obligation to take action," he said. "If I'm an employer and any of my supervisors knows about (an incident of ethnic intimidation) the entire establishment is considered to be liable for it."

LaBair said he recently dealt with a similar but unrelated incident in his Independence Township jurisdiction.

"I said 'let me explain this in terms you understand," he recalled telling the employer. "Do you know how much this is going to cost you if this person gets an attorney?"

'Joke' was despicable, Dr. Roberts says

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts released the following statement regarding this incident:

"When I first heard of the incident I was outraged and embarrassed for our district and concerned about the victim. A full investigation was ordered. As I reviewed the facts, I found out that I had some employees who desperately need additional diversity training.

"In fact, this despicable act was the result of inexcusable judgment and a familiarity among the workers that permitted them to think this was a joke; but we know as a district this is a matter that can never be joked about.

"Neither the investigative team, nor the victim indicated that this was a matter of hatred; and in fact these men have known each other for a long time.

"The district has taken strong and decisive action. That being said, on behalf of myself, the school board and all the employees of the district who care deeply about diversity, I will apologize to the victim when he returns from vacation. I want him, and anyone who was offended by this disgraceful act to understand that the Clarkston Community Schools have no tolerance for such behavior. Given this incident, we will also ramp up our efforts to provide faculty and staff with further diversity training."

A 18 Wed., September 3, 2008 The Clarkston (MI) News Gridion heroes collect two tons of food in one night

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer One more car pulled up after the freshmen football team finished putting all the food inside Lighthouse Emergency Services.

The last car load of the night finished the night at 4,000 pounds of food and toiletries raised for the 11th Annual Rush for Food on Aug. 22. They beat last year's amount by 100 pounds.

The freshmen team stayed behind at Lighthouse to sort and stock the food while varsity and JV players collected food and empty cans from local neighborhoods.

"We have been packaging up the supplies for local families in need. So they can come and pick up the supplies," said Matt Dellinger, member of the freshman team.

"It's a fantastic way to help out your local community and hang out with your friends at the same time," said C.J. Gozdor, member of the freshman team.

"It is probably one of the best learning experiences I will have in a long, long time. I can't wait to do it next year," he continued. Jordan Betts, a junior on the varsity team,

stopped for a moment before going back into + said the shelves were bare before the footthe neighborhoods for more food.

"It's great giving back to the community, for all the stuff they have done for us, going to all of our games," said Betts.



Lighthouse manager Connie Stapleton ball teams and community filled them on Aug.

"We really needed the food," said Stapleton. "It gave us a boost. We really ap-



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preciate it."

Lighthouse.

Stapleton has seen the increase of families asking for help with utilities and food gone up 50 percent since this time last year and many of the families used to give to the

Lighthouse tries to give families enough food for three meals for six days, but had to cut down to giving enough food to last three days because of the small amount they had.

"It's fantastic what these boys do to help out the community," said Nancy Harvey, parent volunteer. "The Lighthouse depends on it. A lot of people in need this year, now more than ever.'

The Clarkston Chiefs Football Association contributed about 250 pounds of personal and paper products to the amount.

Donations are always welcomed at Lighthouse Emergency Services, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are located at 6330 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. They can accommodate times if drop-offs

cannot be made while they are open. For more information, call 248-620-6116.

"Thank you to the community and football teams. Everyone working together helps our neighbors in need," said Stapleton.

Financial sponsors for the pre-"Rush" dinner were Joe Lunghamer Chevrolet and Lunghamer GMC, Complex Tool & Machine, Inc., and Sports Creations. Any remaining funds after food expenses were donated to Lighthouse.

Supplies were donated by Clarkston Athletic Boosters, Clarkston Chiefs and Springfield Township Kroger.

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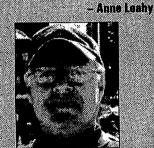


People Poll September 3, 2008 Page B1 What do you think of our vice presidential candidates?



(Sarah Palin) is bringing a lot to the table, more than she is getting credit

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"I think Sarah Palin was an excellent choice. I think she'll do a fine iob." Larry Campagna



'I don't know too much about Sarah Palin. only what I have heard in TV interviews, but she sounds like she would be a youthful boost for the administration if John McCain is elected.



a tough one to call. Time will tell." - Rob Lainge (with Ranger and sen, Trever) By Wendi Reardon

Theater of life New chief found love of theater as

Mill Stream

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

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor As a mom helping run her kids' school talent show in the 1980s, Cheryl Marshall found she enjoyed live performance.

Bailey Lake mom

As new chief executive officer for Meadow Brook Theater, she still enjoys it, but now with a bigger audience.

'It's a thrill, exciting to watch a show from beginning to end," she said.

"It's kind of magical - our people design the lighting and costumes and produce them right here. Our carpenters build the set based on producers' designs. They build them in their workshop and move them piece by piece to the stage. It's like building a house."

The cast and crew bring the story to life, she said.

"The final character is the audience - without them, all of this would be for nothing," she said.

Marshall grew up in Cambridge, Ohio. She and her husband, Larry Marshall, moved to Michigan 26 years ago with their children, Jason, Julie, and Jared. Working in manufacturing for the automobile industry, Larry moved the



Cheryl Marshall of Independence Township is the new chief executive officer for Meadow Brook Theater. Photo by Phil Custodio

family first to Owosso, then to Independence Township.

"My husband had a lot of business friends in the Clarkston area," Cheryl said. "I fell in love with the small town atmosphere. I grew up in small-town Ohio."

As their children grew up, she volunteered to help out with school activities for her children

"A little production at Bailey Lake Elementary - all this came from that," she said. "I was studying to be a certified public accountant. A friend said to me, 'you love the theater. You should do what you love."

Her children brought home fliers from Bailey Lake for Meadow Brook's Christmas Carol play.

She soon found out Meadow Brook offered seasonal work for the annual production, so she applied.

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'Kitty Gentile (box office manager) asked me if I had a resume," Cheryl said. "I told her I didn't. She said we could interview anyway."

She got the job, and worked in the box office, answering telephones, typing, helping out wherever needed. She worked her way up the organization in "little steps," she said.

"I did practically everything," she said. "It was an exciting time for me."

She was offered the chief executive position this past November on an interim basis. She was named permanent CEO on July 1. She is Meadow Please see CEO on page 9B



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Around Town

Clarkston Farmers' Market, Saturdays through Oct. 11, 8 a.m.-noon, across from Depot Park. Eggs, herbs, plants, flowers, vegetables, pickles, fibers, honey, syrup, grass-fed organic beef, raw cheese, fair trade tea, coffee, organic baked goods, gnocchi, bratwurst. 248-821-4769.

Casino Windsor, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 9. Gambling trip for those 50+. Pay \$30 and get back \$15. Motorcoach. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, 248-625-8231.

Annual Meeting, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m., Sept. 11, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane. \$50/members, \$75/non-members. 248-625-8055.

Angels' Place Race, 5k run/walk for all ages, 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, downtown Clarkston. Pre-registration \$15; \$20 at the door. Proceeds benefit Angels' Place, a non-profit organization for developmentally disabled adults. Register or learn more at www.angelsplacerace.org

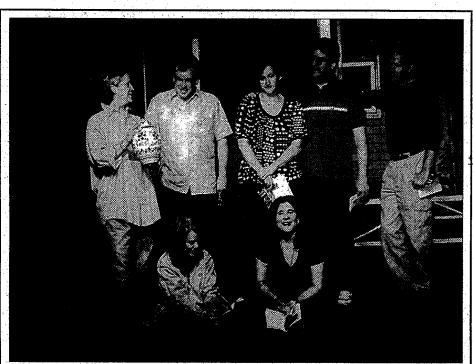
Eye Fight Back, 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sept. 15, Independence Township senior center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Self defense for vehicle, home. \$10.248-625-8231.

Pickle Ball Demo, 10 a.m.-noon, Sept. 16. Combination of tennis, ping pong, badmiton, racquetball. Independence Township senior center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Emergency Food Assistance Program, for seniors in need, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 17, Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road. 248-209-2686.

Country Corn Roast, 4:30 p.m., Sept. 19. Games, chicken or kielbasa, entertainment. Independence Township senior center, 6000 Clarkston Road, \$8. 248-625-8231.

Art in the Village, 10 a.m., Sept. 20, Depot Park. Clarkston Community Historical Society. 100 art-



Standing from left, Susan Craves of Clarkston, Dale Dobson of Milford, Amy Seaman of Clarkston, David Stokes of Waterford, and Howard Andres of Rochester, and sitting from left, Melisa Miller Farr of Bloomfield Hills, and Rikki Schwartz of Waterford rehearse a scene. Not pictured, Shaun Pittman of Clarkston. *Photo provided*

Village players hit the stage

Clarkston Village Players present "Flung" at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Sept. 12-13, 19-21, and 25-27. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays and Sat-

ists from across the country, food, entertainment, children's activities. Free, www.clarkstonhistorical.org. +

Stomp Out Stigma, Community Network Services, 5K run/walk fundraiser, 8 a.m. register, 9 a.m. start, Sept. 20. Independence Oaks County

urdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays.

For information and tickets, call 248-625-8811 or 248-575-4104.

Park. \$25/early registration, \$40 race day, www.cnsantistigmaprogram.org.

Rally Day/Family Fun afternoon, 12:30-3 p.m., Sept. 27, St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Games for all ages, inflatable slide, moon walk, Independence Fire truck and ambulance. Free, accepts school-supply donations to Samaritan's Purse. 248-625-4644.

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.

55 + Men's Softball, Mondays, Wednesdays starting Aug. 25, 9:30 a.m., on softball #1, Clintonwood Park. 248-625-8231.

Bowling, Mondays, starting Sept. 8, 1 p.m., Cherry Hill Lanes. Informal league of three games for those 50+. \$6.50 per week. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, 248-625-8231.

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.

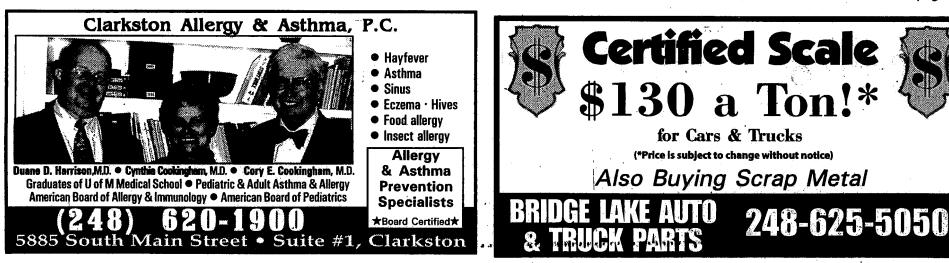
Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

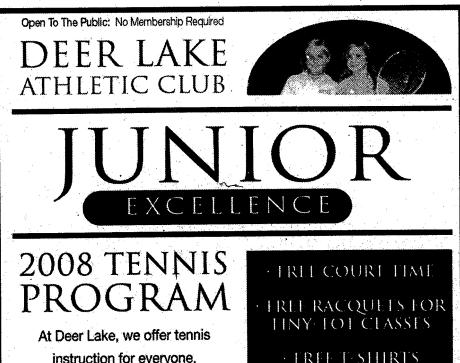
Spanish Lessons, beginners, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, Aug. 5-Sept. 23; intermediate, 10-11:30 a.m., Fridays, Aug. 8-Sept. 26. \$35 for 8-week course. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Community Singles, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412. ***

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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Beth Stalker and guitarist Jim Rawlings perform at Fountain's Shotmakers Lounge, Aug 23. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Busy summer for Idol Beth Stalker

BY TREVOR KEISER Clarkston News Staff Writer

Local singer and song writer Beth Stalker has been keeping busy this summer performing all around the area. She has performed in Independence Township twice in one week, including both Hamlin Pub and Fountain's 'Shotmakers Lounge.'

Since her debut on American Idol last year, Stalker says her "AI" credentials have definitely helped her get more shows.

"August has been the busiest month yet, I've been averaging about six gigs a week," she said.

"I'm starting to have a lot of scheduling conflicts, but I'm not complaining."

Overall Stalker described her American Idol experience as "amazing."

"It was kind of like 'boot camp' for my music career," she said.

Stalker made it to the Hollywood before she was voted out. Upon returning home from Hollywood she said she was depressed.

'It took a few months to get everything back on track," she said. "I thought about all the things I could have done differently. I was also terrified to think of what they might

show on television."

Though it took a while to get "back on track" Stalker says the experience helped her grow stronger and she has learned not to care as much about what other people think and "let loose."

"I know I have a gift and I need to use it, I can't let insecurities get in the way," said Stalker.

"If I can sing in front of Simon (Cowell), and listen to his 'outlandish' criticism, I can sing in front of anybody."

Stalker has not done much traveling outside of Michigan, but would love to set up a mini-tour and drive to some of the surrounding states when her new album of originals and maybe a few cover tunes is finished, which she currently is in the process of.

"It will be mostly in the blues/rock genre," she said. "I'm not even close to having it finished, but I'm determined to have it done by next spring."

For more information check out www.bethstalker.com, www.myspace.com/ bethstalkermusic, or check out her latest music page with guitarist Jim Rawlings. www.myspace.com/bethandjim22.

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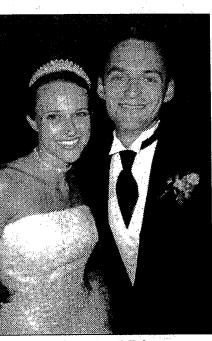
Clarkston couple weds

Pam and Dan Walsh along with Lynne Parker would like to announce the marriage of Amanda and Brian Parker on Aug. 2.

Amanda and Brian are both graduates of Clarkston High School, Amanda in 2003 and Brian in 2002. They are also graduates of Hillsdale College, Amanda in 2007 and Brian, 2006.

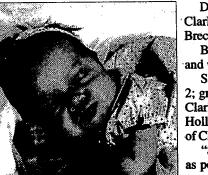
The Parkers were wed at Our Lady of the Lakes and honeymooned in Jamaica. The couple migrated south to Charlotte, NC for warmer weather.

"We will them all the love and happiness in their new home," Pam said.



Amanda and Brian

Brecken joins O'Neill family



Dr. Timothy and Gretchen (Gahman) O'Neill of Clarkston announce the birth of their daughter Brecken Delaney O'Neill.

Born June 2, she weighed 3 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 16 ³/₄ inches.

She is welcomed by big sister Branigan Paige, 2; grandparents Dr. James and Mikel O'Neill of Clarkston and Kenneth and Nancy Gahman of Holly; and great grandmother Dorothy McRath of Clarkston.

"She arrived earlier than expected but was just as perfect as could be," Gretchen said. "Thanks to everyone for all your thoughts and prayers."

Welcome Dane

Matt and Sherry (Cook) Dobbie are happy to announce the birth of their son, Dane Jeston. Dane was born on April 4, 2008, at 7:59 a.m. at Harrisburg Hospital in Pennsylvania. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

He was welcomed into the family by his big brother, Grant. Proud grandparents are Carl and Nancy Cook of Clarkston and Suzanne Medvidovich of Mechanicsburg,



Also welcoming Grant into the family are Dale, Vicki, Kristin and Benjamin West of Ortonville; Suzanne Dobbie of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Jeff and Missy White and Connor and Morgan Langley of Rockford. Ill.

Religion Put God first, rest will fall into place

It is hard to believe that school has begun and that fall is just around the corner.

Perhaps, like me, you have found yourself saying things like, "I don't know where the summer has gone," or "I can't believe it's September already."

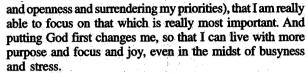
Time certainly seems to fly by - and sometimes we find ourselves just hanging on for dear life, and wondering how we can possibly fit it all in or hold it all together.

When my life seems too busy and out of control, I stop and ask, "Do I really have to live this way? Or is there another, and better, way?"

Of course I know the answer - it's just hard to put into practice sometimes. I know that this time of year is an opportunity to reassess our priorities and decide again what we will fill our calendars, and thus our lives, with first.

Of course some things are pretty much givens; like family responsibilities, school and work. But lots of other things are choices I make. I believe that how I go about doing the things I've "got to do" as well as those which I choose really can be different.

I have discovered that if I take the time to put God first in all things (something which takes time as well as discipline



All of us, I think, seek joy and purpose, meaning, love, contentment, acceptance, and real security in our lives. Frankly sometimes I act like all of this depends on me and my doing.

I forget that God wants these things for me too - and that God will see me through (and even grow me through) the times when life is rough.

In Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) he addresses many of the fundamental areas of faith and the concerns of our lives. It is a model of great preaching that remains relevant, inspiring and real, even today.

Shortly after pointing out that regardless of what we say, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21), Jesus addresses the issues of worry, frantic busyness and priorities.

He reminds us that we are of more value to God than the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, and that we cannot add time to our lives through worry (Matt. 6:25-34). Then Jesus says, "....strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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In our churches...

"Loving Well" Retreat, with author Beth Moore, through video, 6-10 p.m., Sept. 19; 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 20. Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, 3050 S. Sashabaw Road. \$25. Register by Sept. 12. 248-628-4763.

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. * * *

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.

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

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

St. Daniel Catholic Church holds Rainbows meetings on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Cushing Center. Rainbows is an outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.



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Pastor Greg Henneman



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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.

Practical Pilates, Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Carriage House, Independence Township senior center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$27.248-625-8231.

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,

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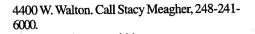
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What "things" is Jesus talking about? In the text he mentions specifically food and clothing, the basics of life.

I think this message also clearly addresses how we gain joy, purpose, meaning, love, contentment, acceptance, and real security too.

We don't get these by just trying really hard, being busy or worrying, but rather by turning our lives over to God.



Art demo. 4 p.m., Saturdays through end of summer. Michelle Tynan will demonstrate how to create a flaky, enamel rust texture on a wrought iron gate she sketched using acrylic paint, glue, newspaper, and molding compound. Also, she will demonstrate creating cracked concrete and moss on a staircase drawn in the picture. Clarkston News building, 5 S. Main St. Bring something to paint on and brushes and wear painting clothes. ***

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The truth is that as Fall again comes upon us we will fill our calendars with lots of things. I want to encourage you to put the best thing, that is God, first and then see how the rest of the pieces of life fit together, rather than just trying to fit God into what is left of an already busy life. It's a matter of priority, but my experience is that the right priority first makes all the difference:

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.



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Who in our society fits the approved Mold?

Who among us feels a sense of belonging?

Who has total and complete confidence?

Who is comfortable in their own skin?

Who is qualified to hold their heads action up with pride?

Who in spite of hurts or bruises to the heart, continues to love?

Why are there outside forces dedicated to disqualify your model?

Who are these false idols on paper or media appearing real?

What is rejection and who is rejecting whom?

What is real what is an illusion?

I once focused on seeking answers; today I question and know that the answers are limited.

One answer will yield countless questions...

If we are to stay in the minority with answers who are the questions for.

If change is in the air, can we bring change to live in our midst?

Each of us is part of the questions and part of the answers, simultaneously. Engaging separately yet united in

purpose. There is a time for all seasons, some folks are in reflection, some are in action, some are indifferent, some focused,

some confused yet some waiting for per-

mission to be who they are...

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I thank the individuals who responded to my column" from July 30.

ing, reflecting, observing and if you desire your voice will be

heard.. When action harmony with others.

have fueled my heart striving

reviews in my work, no vacations; I am just

driven by passion to share what life has taught me.

We are alike in that we are different and different in that we are alike."

The above questions are to stimulate your thinking, expression and action to speak your truth.

Stay tuned for more thoughts to action..

Maria Rotondo Mark owns MakeOver Place Salon Call her at 248-623-9348 email or mariaism@comcast.net.



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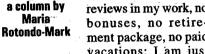
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Assistant Coach Rich Porritt has a word with the offensive line during a time-out.



Senior defensive tackle Ryan Rayford's mom and sister watch in anticipation.





Clarkston's football season opened Friday with a 47-40 loss to against Rochester Adams.

Adams also defeated the JV team Adams also defeated the JV team 33-7, but Clarkston's freshmen team defeated the Highlanders 13-7. Click on the Blue Button on

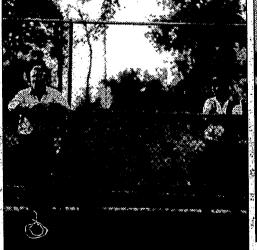
www.ClarkstonNews.com to see more photos from the game.

The Wolves host Troy-Athens (0-1) on Friday at 7 p.m.

Photos by Laura Colvin



The cheer team kept the crowd going all night long.





Clarkston resident new CEO of Meadowbrook

Continued from page 1B Brook's first female CEO.

"It's kind of strange in a way," she said. "Women are making inroads in the field."

The theater is busy preparing its first show of the season, "Murder By Poe," a mystery thriller set to open Oct. 8.

"It's going well," she said. "Rehearsals start Sept. 16. It looks like it will be a great show.'

The season also includes "Kong's Night Out," a farce set to star Cindy Williams, "The Trip to Bountiful," a drama, and musicals "Beyond the Rainbow," "By Jeeves," and "Nunsense 2: The Second Coming."

"I'm really excited about the season - we have some new and wonderful things planned," she said. "This is a nice place. We all work together well. I couldn't do this without all the expertise everyone brings.'

She still looks forward to the annual show "A Christmas Carole," a tradition for her family since their Bailey Lake years.

"We'll have them up from Ohio – the grandkids love to see the show," she said.

Meadow Brook's Theater Guild's main fundraiser of the year is Sept. 5 in downtown Rochester, offering artwork and sculptures.

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"They're a wonderful group of women. They've been with us for 30 years. They're just tremendous."

A new Children's Series includes four productions, "Freedom Train," "Nate the Great," "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," and "Charlotte's Web."

"There's a lot happening. It's all close to home. It's affordable," Cheryl said. "It's a small, intimate space, with no pillars or obstructions."

Meadow Brook Theater, 207 Wilson Road, is on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

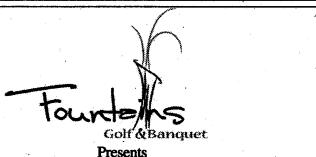
"We're grateful to Oakland University for renting us this space and letting us do what we do," Cheryl said.

It has 584 seats in 19 rows, 57 feet from stage to the last row.

'You get a really good seat anywhere you sit," she said. "There's not a bad seat in the house. We're very proud of what we do – my goal is to make sure the theater goes another 43 years."

Tickets range from \$24 for previews to \$39 Saturday night. Most shows are \$30. Season tickets range from \$104 to \$166. Tickets go on sale Sept. 22. Call 248-377-3300.

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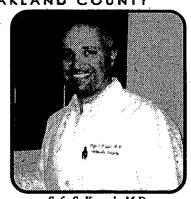
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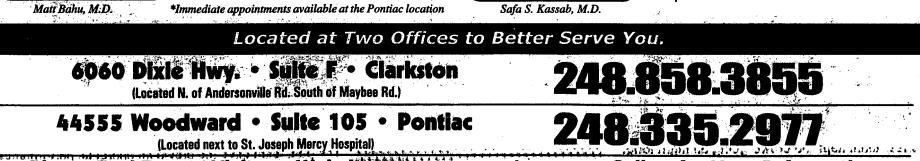
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Peggy-Jo E. (Caruso) Eddy

Obituaries updated daily

at ClarkstonNews.com

Peggy-Jo E. (Caruso) Eddy of Clarkston died, Aug. 20, at the age of 51. She was the loving wife of Bob for 29 years. She was the beloved mother of Bobby (Erin), Joe, and Steve; daughter of Joseph and Margaret Caruso; sister of Mark (Tammy), Bill (Anna), Steven Caruso and Annette (Jim) Pippin; daughter-in-law of Robert J. and the late Rose-

mary Eddy. Mrs. Eddy loved and supported her family in all their varied interests. She was a working partner in the family business. She was well known as a wonderful cook. Peggy loved her 11 nieces and nephews Ryan Caruso, Keith Caruso, Katrina Caruso, Josh Caruso, Brittany Caruso, Linda Caruso, William Scypinski,



Anna Scypinski, Travis Pippin, Samantha Pippin, and Cody Pippin.

She enjoyed her job as an accountant for Shore Mortgage. No matter what she did, she excelled.

Peggy died from complications of Pancreatic Cancer.

Viewings were held at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Aug. 23-24. A Funeral Mass was Aug. 25 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

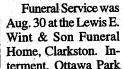
LeRoy D. Newmarch

LeRoy D. Newmarch of Waterford died Aug. 26 at the age of 90.

He was the Beloved Husband of Ruth Woods Newmarch. He was preceded in death by his first wife Jean. He was the father of Bonnie (Terry) Lancaster of Lincoln, Larry D. (Bunny) Newmarch of Clarkston and Lyn (Dennis Schmith of Clarkston; grandfather of Christian (Tonya) Newberry, Amy (Jason) Randolph and Matthew (Lisa) Newmarch; great grandfather of 10; brother of Frances and Geraldine.

Mr. Newmarch retired from Ford Trac-

tor. He will be remembered for his love of flying and quick wit humor.



Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Good

Samaritan Lutheran Church. On line guestbook

www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Sally J. Warden

Sally J. Warden of Clarkston died Aug. 28 at the age of 75.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gillette Dennis, Jr. She was the mother of Robbie (Jimmy) Simpson of Harrison, Sandy (Mike) Fuller of Clarkston, Gillette Dennis III (Deanna) of Calif., and Tyra (John) Bueno of Pontiac; grandmother of Jamie Ray, Jamie, Christopher, Arron, Juan, Erica, Gillette Dennis IV, Julian, Haley, and Gabriella; great grandma of Makaila, Jonah, Elizabeth, Lily,Lila, Luke, Jordan, Tyler, Brianna, and John Paul; sister of Verna (Keith) Hieser, Pat Humphries, and Mary (Phil) Durand. She was former past president of Clarkston Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 3373. Funeral service

was Sept. 1 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Arthritis Foundation. Online guest book

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Grief support group set to meet Sept. 9

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m.

This month's topic will be Healing Through Storytelling. Those attending are encouraged to bring photographs of loved ones. The meeting will be led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

The group meets at the Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Citizen Complex in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road.

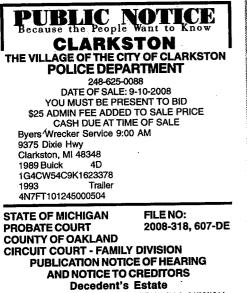
No registration is necessary. Admission is free. For more information, email www.wintfuneralhome.com or call Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at 248-625-5231.

Friendly Forest tickets on sale soon

Tickets for the annual Friendly Forest at Clintonwood Park go on sale Sept. 17 at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation office, 90 N. Main St.

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The Friendly Forest will be Oct. 18, 4:30-7 p.m. Call 248-625-8223 for more information.



Estate of Raymond K. Olson, Deceased. Date of birth: 04/09/1914 TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Including

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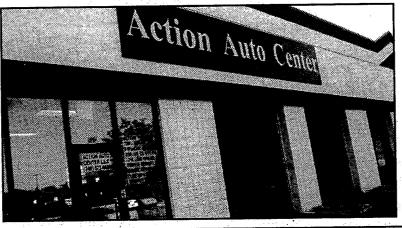
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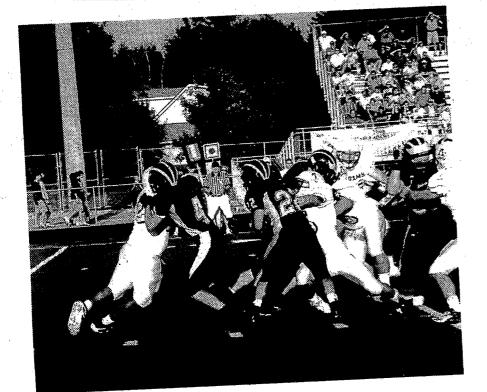
The auto shop offers 509 percent off labor through the end of September. For more information, call 248-673-8400 or 248-623-8403.



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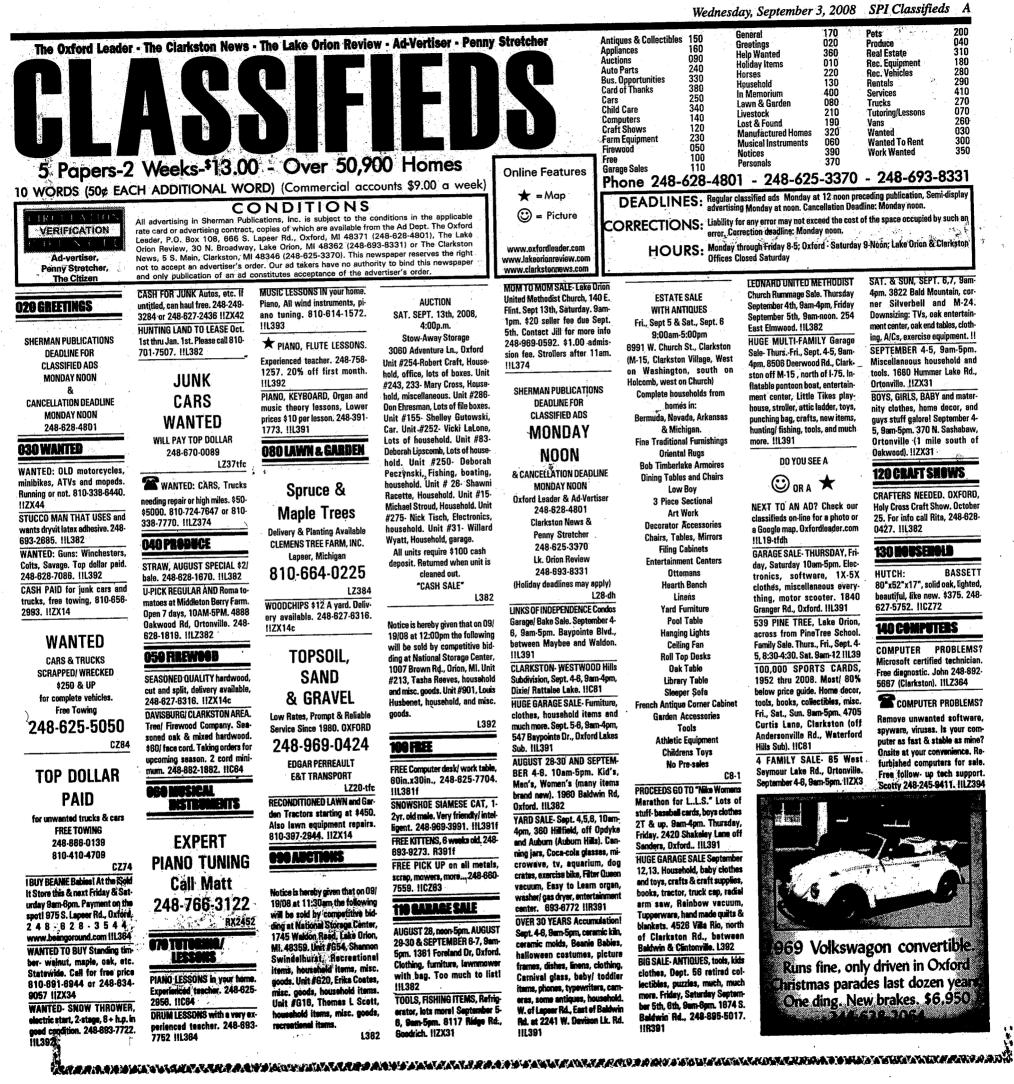
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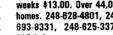
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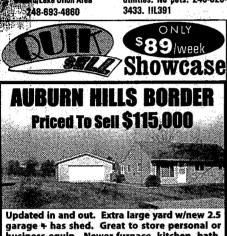
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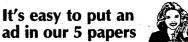
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