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Taste of Clarkston

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# Royalty on the gridiron



Clarkston High School's Homecoming Court receives their accolades at Friday's midgame ceremony, from left, Sophomore Princess Melissa Hudson and Prince Connor Lyons, Senior Princess Samantha Wint and Prince Aaron Ducharme, Queen Bethany Parks and King Kory Schweitzer, Senior Princess Angela Haight, escorted by Mike Rivenburgh, father of Prince Kyle Rivenburgh, and Junior Princess Demaree Wells and Prince Ryan Allor. Please see page 8A for more pictures. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Beaumont gets final 'yes' vote from planners

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After two years work with Beaumont Hospital, the time for argument has long passed.

"If you're here to say you don't want Beaumont, or 'we don't need another hospital,' or you think the traffic is going to be bad, we don't want to hear it," said Sam Moraco, chairman of Independence Township Planning Commission, Sept. 26. "We already gave them conceptual approval. If you have comments on specific details of the plan, then I'll take some comments."

The commission granted conceptual site plan approval June 26. Planners voted 4-2 to approve final site approval, Sept. 26.

Commissioners George Krull and Larry Rosso voted against. Planner Curt Carson was absent.

"We've been going through this process beginning Sept. 26, 2006, when we had our pre-application meetings," said Eric Hunt, vice president of operations for Beaumont. "After two years of working on this, it's certainly a sense of relief that we finally have what we think is a good plan and something both parties are agreeable with."

Beaumont's proposed, multi-stage campus on 62.5 acres at the northwest corner I-75 and M-15 includes medical office building, convalescent center, laboratory, radiology department, imaging center, and 100-bed hospital. Developers addressed the

commission's areas of concern, including traffic, lighting, storm water and wetlands, conservation easement, and property on Cranberry Lake Road.

Moraco said the Michigan Department of Transportation confirmed a boulevard on M-15 is not needed, but a service light at Amy Drive would help traffic.

Beaumont agreed to buy 0.3 acres of wetlands to offset development. They also agreed to lower lights at the convalescent center down to 18 feet, with concealed bulbs.

"The township ordinance requires them not to exceed 0.5 foot candle of light at the property line, and they have agreed

Please see Beaumont on page 19A



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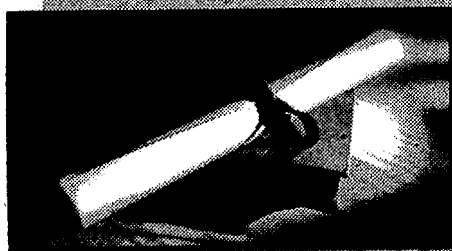
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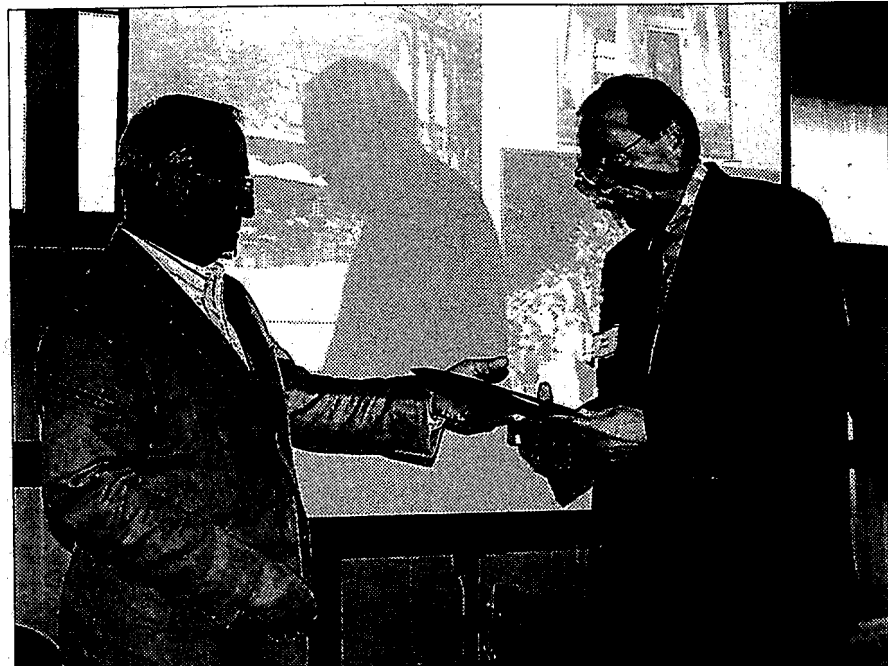
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Doug Smith, director of Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs, presents Dennis Ritter, Clarkston city manager, with a plaque, welcoming the city to Main Street Oakland County. Photo by Don Rush

## Welcome to Main Street

Local officials toured the Upland Hills Farm in Addison Township, Sept. 25, guests of Main Street Oakland County.

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls and Clerk Nancy Strole were recognized during presentations for their years of preservation work.

"It was nice. It's always nice to be honored by your peers," Walls said. "Preservation is very important - development in concert with preservation."

City Manager Dennis Ritter, representing Clarkston, received a welcome plaque

from the county-based economic development program. The city joined on a Mentoring basis, which allows it to sample Main Street's services for up to two years.

"Clarkston is an ideal candidate," Ritter said. "I'm pretty excited about it. We'll be as active as possible."

As part of the program, Clarkston officials can visit and host officials from a mentoring community, attend revitalization seminars and trainings, and set up a town meeting to organize community support, according to Main Street Oakland County.

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## Briefly . . .

### Last day to register set Oct. 6

Monday, Oct. 6, is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 4 general election.

To register, you must be at least 18 years old by election day and be U.S. citizen, as well as a resident of the city or township in which you wish to register.

Mail-in forms are on the Department of State site, [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

To qualify to vote absentee, age 60 or older, unable to vote without assistance at the polls, expecting to be out of town on election day, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons, appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residents.

Deadline to apply for absentee ballot is 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1.

### Railroad work to close Edgar

Railroad crossing work on Edgar Road in Springfield Township is now set for the week of Oct. 13.

Canadian National Railroad wants to rebuild its crossing at Edgar Road. Traffic will be detoured to Farley Road, by Foster and Andersonville roads.

The project should be finished by Oct. 18, said Road Commission for Oakland County.

### Corrections

In the article "Chamber's set to fill Main Street with tasty treats," Debbie Hansen's name was misspelled.

Tim Birtsas' name was also misspelled in "Deer Lake plan rejected as too dense."

The story "We're moving out of town" should have reported the current township hall was constructed in 1910. Its original domed belvedere was later taken down, but the building remained. The school built in 1934 is on Waldon Road, currently used for community education and Renaissance High School.

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## Details falling in place

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer. Together again after about nine years working in two separate buildings.

The three offices are set to occupy a single floor in the new township hall near Sashabaw Road.

Offices for supervisor, clerk, treasurer and the Assessing Department will be on the upper level of the 18,300-square-foot facility on Waldon Center Drive. Building, and Park and Recreation departments will be in the lower level.

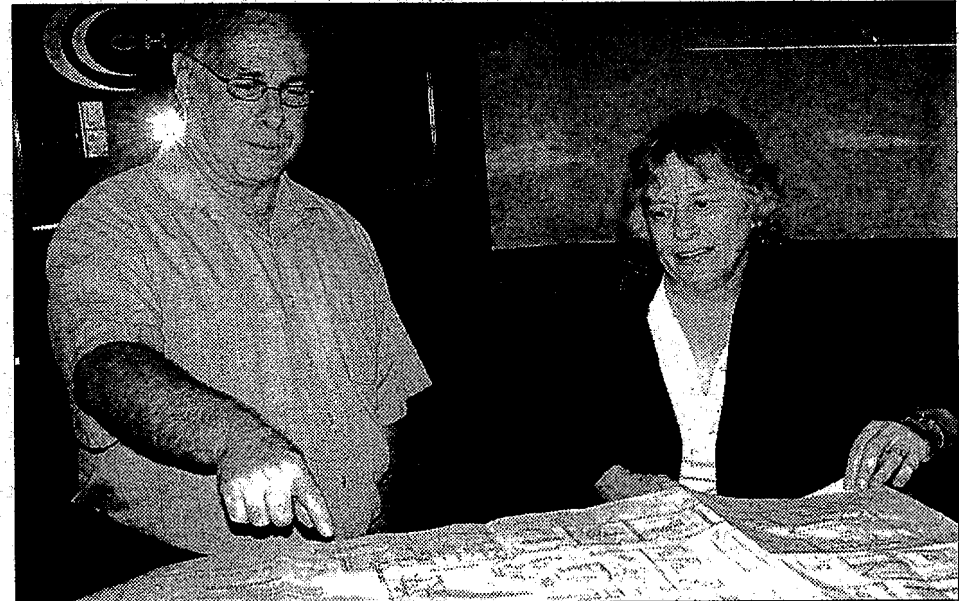
"Every square inch of this building will be used," said Dave Belcher, building director.

Wagner and Belcher met with interior designers at the new building to give them a feel for its layout.

"I thought that it was very informative," said Wagner. "The meeting went well and hopefully we're going to see some stuff from them in the next couple of weeks."

The hall will include a 40-by-63-foot meeting room, seating 130 people full capacity, or 84 with dividers in place. The room will include two flat-screen televisions and two drop down screens.

"That is going to be just fantastic. One of the problems we have is space and availabil-



Supervisor David Wagner and Sherry Innes, ASID Associate with Neumann Smith design firm, check out plans for the new township hall. Photo by Trevor Keiser

ity," said Supervisor David Wagner. "Now we'll have space available, if we're going to do training or something like that. They will be in a training area divided off of that big room. It's just a real, real plus for everybody."

Regular public meetings for the township have been at Independence Township Library. Large meetings have been at school auditoriums.

Township government will move into the new building just as four members of the Board of Trustees begin their terms. Curt Carson, Mark Petterson, David Lohmeier, and Neil Wallace won the August primary and, without Democratic opponents, are expected to win in November's general election.

Presumptive Trustee Mark Petterson said

the board got a good deal. However, he noted a new township hall should have been purchased 20 years ago.

"I know there are a lot of people very upset about it, but I have to take my hat off to the supervisor and the other board members who did vote for it," said Petterson. "Hooray for them, they did something that was long over due and most importantly they did it without raising our taxes. To me, that's the number one thing."

Presumptive Trustee David Lohmeier said he was surprised the board took such action a few weeks prior to November's election.

"I find it hard to give judgment on the deal because I haven't seen the details," he said.

Please see Township Hall on page 19A

## Township officials back millage proposal

Third in a series on the Millage Proposal for Open Space, Recreation and Protection of Waters and Wetlands, up for a vote Nov. 4

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If voters approve a 10-year, 0.45 millage "open-space" proposal, the township would have final say over how it's spent.

But Independence Township officials would work closely with North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy to work out the details, said Mike Turk, Parks and Recreation director.

"I think it's something that we'll have to do between the conservancy and the township board, to come up with land," said Turk.

Park and Rec would oversee land acquisition. Maintenance of the property would depend on the kind of land purchased, he said.

"If it's just easements or wetlands, there

probably isn't a whole lot of maintenance involved in that," he said. "I am sure that we would recommend buying properties that consisted of very little or no maintenance."

A conservation easement is a contract in which property owners maintain ownership, but agree not to build, fill in, or otherwise develop their land.

Turk said he was in favor of the millage.

"I think it's a good idea to purchase property and keep it as wetlands or as easements to protect our water source," he said.

Supervisor Dave Wagner also endorses the proposal.

"I don't know how anybody can't endorse it," Wagner said. "I can't fathom anybody who says they're against green space."

However, Wagner told Independence Goes Green, a group formed to support the proposal, the biggest issue will be "convincing people in these times to go along with the millage."

"Times are so bad and with the government wanting more money from us, we just don't know how we're going to handle that. That is difficult," said Wagner.



Mike Turk



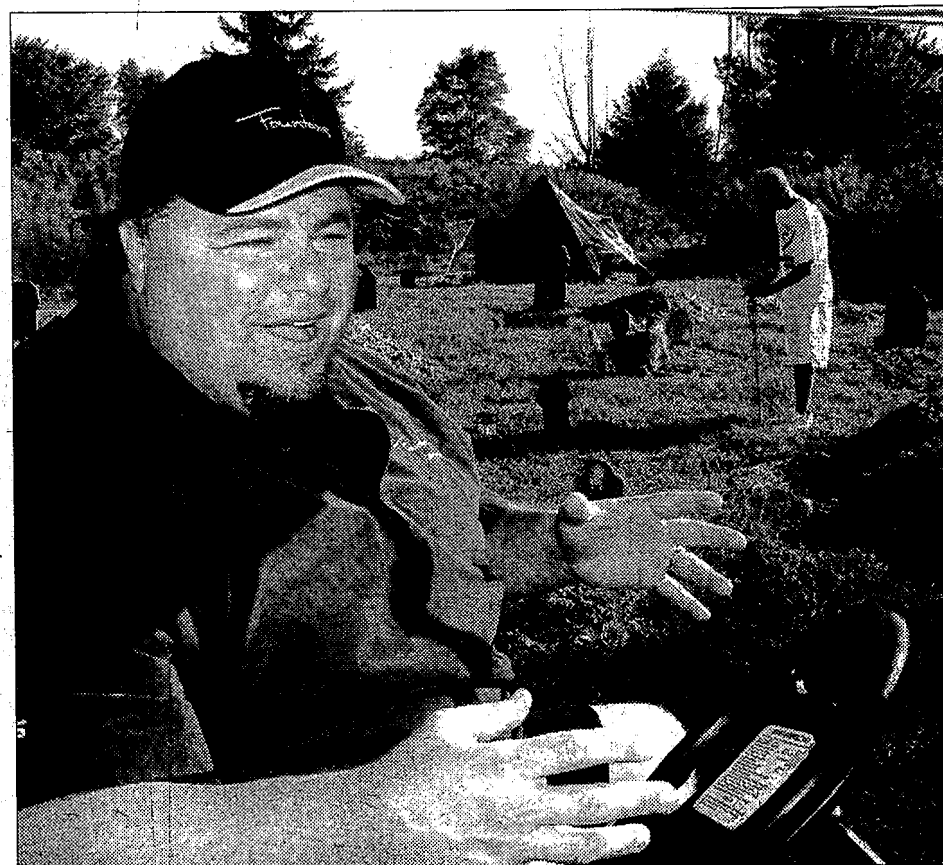


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Keith Patten describes the horrors awaiting anyone brave enough to embark on a trip through Haunted Fountains, which includes this graveyard.

## 'Tis the season for spooky fun

The Halloween season is upon us, and Fountain's Golf and Banquet is in the spirit.

Haunted Fountains is open, dark until midnight, weekends through the end of the month, every day Halloween week. For \$10 admission, guests get a 15-17 minute ride through the pitch-black course, festooned with as many ghouls, zombies, monsters, and fiends as could be found and/or hired.

"We're coming up with ideas all the time — we change things daily," said Keith Patten, partner, who developed the idea with his wife, Debbi Patten. "This is one of a kind. You usually walk through a haunted house. Here, you're driven through, 5-6 at a time."



Guests can expect lots of lots of surprises, like this fellow here. Photos by Phil Custodio

Haunted Fountains Costume Party is set Nov. 1 at the center, 6060 Maybee Road. Prizes will be awarded for best-dressed men and women. Tickets are \$20.

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—Phil Custodio

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## Trick or Treat Trail at Hart, Oct. 24-25

Springfield Township Parks and Rec hosts Trick Or Treat Trail, for children 12 and younger, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 24-25.

Children in costume walk through the Hart Community Center in Davisburg, transformed into a gently spooky maze,

collecting candy and small toys along the way. Juice and snacks will be provided at the end of the trail. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Admission is \$5/residents, \$7 non-residents. For more information, call 248-846-6558.



# Fun runners race to fund field trips

Andersonville Elementary runners enjoyed sunshine and bright blue skies at their Fun Run this year, a welcome change.

"This is the first year in the past three years where the weather is gorgeous," said Principal Bruce D. Martin. "I'm thrilled with the weather."

Proceeds from the Fun Run, organized by Andersonville Elementary PTO, will fund field trips to Michigan's Capitol in Lansing, and Detroit symphonies, art museums, and zoo, as well as assemblies, speakers, and the school's Festival Day.

"We've had tremendous support from our corporate sponsors - record donations from our corporate friends," Martin said. "It says a lot about community support."

"It's going really well. We have a great crop of sponsors," said Janet Porter, vice president fundraiser.

"Kids love it. They have a great time. Parents enjoy joining their kids for a lap or cheering them on."

The Fun Run had an Olympic theme this year, in honor of the summer games in China. Classes represented countries earning gold medals at the games.

Students collected donations and pledges per mile. They ran laps on an outdoor track at the school's back lawn, collecting rubber bands around their wrists for each lap completed.

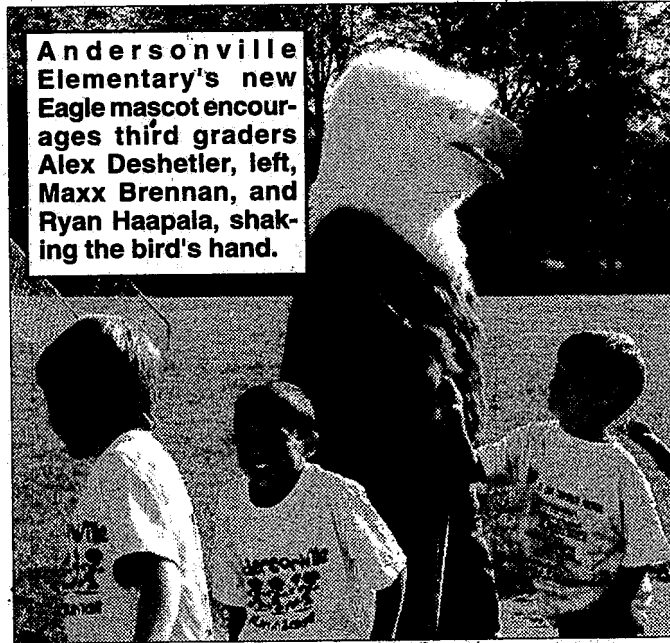
- Phil Custodio



Second graders start strong at their Fun Run. Photos by Phil Custodio



Third grader Mykala Wendt starts a new lap.



Andersonville Elementary's new Eagle mascot encourages third graders Alex Deshetler, left, Maxx Brennan, and Ryan Haapala, shaking the bird's hand.

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## Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

### 'Extra extra read all about it.'

Lots of exciting news has been happening in Independence Township, especially in the past two weeks.

The township approved a \$2.7 million deal for a new township hall, which kept *Clarkston News* phones ringing off the hook.

Citizens of the township expressing their disgust that the board would make such a deal "behind closed doors without public comment."



I even had one lady call me asking if what they did was legal. I told her the board is able to make negotiations behind closed doors concerning real estate purchases.

I don't think anybody is going to disagree there certainly is a need for a new town hall, considering the current building they're in was built in 1910, and is not up to code with Americans with Disabilities Act regulations. Not to mention the supervisor is in a separate building due to room.

As far as negotiations go, I do agree the deal came off as "sneaky" to me as well and I do believe the public should have been given some sort of notice prior to. I was shocked when I heard the news.

At the same time I know the board has been labeled as "lame duck." But they're still a job to be done and issues to be voted on until the new board takes their seats on Nov. 11. Whether the current board made the deal a year ago or two weeks ago they are doing what they were elected to do, which is make decisions big or small that they think are best for the township.

On the other hand, I do know Dan Travis left the closed session because he did not feel it was right for the board to make such a decision at the current time, nor did he feel he had enough time or information to make a solid "yes" or "no" vote. For that, I have to congratulate him and give him my respect for sticking by his morals and beliefs as a board member.

Citizens of Independence Township wishing to hear more concerning the township hall can show up at the Independence Township library on Oct. 7 at 7:30.

On a side note: I would like to congratulate the members of the planning commission on their 4-2 vote for final site approval of Beaumont Hospital.

Also Congrats to Eric Hunt and the Beaumont staff. I know it's been a long time coming.

# The Clarkston News Viewpoints

## Kudos to Clarkston Taste

Great weather, great crowd, great food - it all came together this weekend at Taste of Clarkston.

It didn't happen by itself. Hundreds of volunteers and staff with Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, restaurants, community organization, churches, schools, and neighborhoods put in thousands of hours of work to transform downtown Clarkston into a four-block open-air restaurant, bazaar, and amusement park.

Health food. Butter-fried hamburgers.

Lobster. Finger food and gourmet entrees. It was all there.

Like what you tasted? Too full to try out a selection you missed the first couple times through?

Check out what restaurants and shops have to offer when they have their own kitchens in which to cook, and dining rooms in which to serve you. They're all here - try them all. Take your time. But not too long.

You only have a year until Taste of Clarkston, 2009, when you have to start all over again.

### Editorial

## Township officials irresponsible

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article on the front page of *The Clarkston News*, Sept. 24, which described the Independence Township Board's decision to purchase a building to be used as the board's new home.

Considering the current economic climate in both Michigan and the nation as a whole, where people continue to lose jobs, default on tax and house payments and eventually lose their homes, I find the board's action insensitive at best and irresponsible and incompetent at worst.

It appears the board is either out of touch with the economic realities of the community or they are fully informed but do not care. The fact that the 45-minute discussion and subsequent vote of approval were held in closed session points to the latter.

I must, however, commend Trustee Dan Travis for refusing to participate.

If there is so much money in the General Fund that people are complaining, why not

earmark some of it to assist those in need in the community, or perhaps designate some amount for the purpose of lowering taxes.

Looking ahead, how will the Board pay for ongoing maintenance of the building and grounds, and debt servicing of the loan from the Water and Sewer Fund?

I can only assume the necessary funds will come from future tax revenues from Township residents. However, if revenues are insufficient to meet the needs generated by this decision, and unless operating fund money is found elsewhere, residents should anticipate the board will find it necessary to institute a tax increase to fund the ongoing expenses associated with this ill-advised move.

The taxpayers of Independence Township should remember this decision the next time these Board members seek elective office.

Lawrence Matta  
Independence Township

## Many good reasons for new hall

Dear Editor,

I've always found it amazing how much louder the voices of the disgruntled ring than those of the contented or pleased.

Recently our township grasped the opportunity to purchase a piece of property appropriately located and very well suited for a new township hall. They didn't have to raise our taxes to do so, and it is long over due.

Yes, the board did move quickly, but that doesn't mean that the decision was rash, or that it was, "sneaky"; as implied by the disgruntled.

I believe the board was well prepared and

acted prudently.

I have assisted elderly citizens who couldn't make it up the multiple flights of stairs to pick up their absentee ballots, or pay their water bills. Our township hall should be barrier free, and our new one will be!

I have spoke to many who feel it was a good decision, and I hope that they too will speak up in support of the board who is working to serve them, and not listen to the seeds of distrust being planted by the disgruntled.

Diana Martin  
Independence Township

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1993

"School board could make cuts" Clarkston Board of Education was expected to cut \$392,000 from the 1993 budget. The cuts were necessary because the state cut Social Security payments to the district by \$410,000, officials said. The district's fund equity was about \$1.1 million.

### 25 years ago - 1983

"Stats show 'alarming' drug abuse in schools" Civic leaders gathered at school administration offices in response to a PBS program, "The Chemical People," about drug abuse among school children. They wanted to discuss the issue with the public and create a permanent task force to reduce abuse.

### 50 years ago - 1958

"Homecoming at Clarkston High" Once again the 'big' night at Clarkston High School was just about there. A bonfire was set to get everyone in the mood for an evening of fun.

## Keep defending speech freedom

Dear Editor,

I am writing to congratulate you and *The Clarkston News* on the integrity, courage, and commitment to free speech demonstrated in your editorial, "Inquiring minds need now more than ever" (Sept. 25).

Freedom of speech is at the core of any democratic society - without it, no other freedoms or rights can be assured. Freedoms of speech and expression go hand-in-hand with freedom of access to information, and when authorities jeopardize one of these, they endanger them all.

Hats off as well, to the district employees and parents who stood up and refused to sit idly by or be silenced.

To Dr. Robert: While it is true that "freedom of speech does not protect one from libel," it is equally true a valid defense to both slander (spoken) and libel (print) is truth.

Marke D. Gilbert  
'86 Clarkston High School grad  
Director, Michigan Volunteer  
Lawyers for the Arts  
Detroit

## Township hall was impulsive purchase

Dear Editor,

Our township officials never seem to learn. How could they make an impulse buying decision especially in these economic conditions with a new township hall.

It was like going to the mall just looking around and see a clearance sale on something and deciding to buy it, without thinking about whether it's the right thing to do. Or if it's even in the budget.

I agree with Trustee Dan Travis and was right to leave the closed session. Independence Township Board should of never made this

decision purchasing the new township hall for \$3.5 million without spending more time on it then a 45 minute conversation.

Or including the people in the decision making.

They also assume that they will sell the old township hall to subtract the costs of the new building. Just like so many people in this community that cannot sell their homes because of interest rates, the economy and the mortgage bailout issues.

If we had that much surplus, then why are our water bills still too high? Why can't we have a board that is

responsible for the township to make decisions like reducing our water bill? Or give us a property tax cut or credit?

They also spoke of not going out and asking us for more money for the project so why involve the people. Did they forget where they got this money to begin with? Don't we still have a say in this? Is this legal?

Lots of questions with no answers.

Why are we standing here and taking this? We need a board of trustees that listen to the voice and be the voice of the people.

*Jim Altene  
Independence Township*

## Trustees should return surplus to taxpayers

Dear Editor,

Twice voted down by the people, a new township hall has been contrived through covert machinations.

Like several other recent capital projects, money materialized where there seemingly was none. Surprise

and Shazamm!

This board is adept at using excess funds as it pleases. There is too much money in Independence Township coffers. It sloshes around like water in a sinking rowboat. In the worst economy in decades, the board decides to bail out a local

commercial landlord.

Who do they think they are, Congress?

Rescind this deal and rebate our overpayments. Now!

With great sincere indignation,  
*Robert Namowicz  
Independence Township*

## Story spread bad news about neighborhood

Dear Editor,

I just read the article written about our subdivision.

I have lived in Lake Waldon for 11 years. I think it is terrible when things are written in the paper which seems very one sided.

There are a lot of people who don't want the mailboxes because we cannot afford it. There was a poll mentioned in the article. If there was a poll, our street was not included

in it.

The board is trying to do their job. These are decent people who are volunteers. They have been slandered themselves, and no one seems to have that in the paper.

How can you accuse someone and put their name in the paper like you did with Chris Cook when there is no evidence? You just slandered someone who is doing everything he can for our subdivision.

Since the new board has been in place, we actually have some funds to do things we are supposed to get done.

So please, next time you write an article, check the facts and get both sides. We have a great subdivision and hate to see the way some people are using the paper to try to get their way.

*Grace Topham  
Independence Township*

## Thanks for featuring son's mission in Iraq

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the September 24, 2008 issue of *The Clarkston News*. We were proud to see a picture of our son in the Milestones column along with a brief description of what was taking place in the picture. You see our son is PFC Joshua Cole, and he is the soldier pictured in the article.

When we saw this picture, even though it was only the back of his head, it made us truly excited. Since we have not seen him since April when he was home for two weeks of R&R, and because do not have a

lot of contact with him in regards to his condition, any picture or information about him that we are able to obtain is extremely important and treasured by us. Joshua has been in Iraq since December of 2007.

Although Joshua is scheduled to finish his tour in February of 2009, and then return to his home base at the Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, we miss him greatly each day and pray for his safe return home. We would like to say thank you for giving us this small but priceless gift of his picture which made our day.

Since it is our desire to be in Hawaii on that most exciting day to welcome him and the other soldiers home to the United States, we are praying that God will make the dream financially possible so that we can be there. We cannot wait for him to be out of danger and safely back on U.S. soil. Thank God for men like our son Joshua and the countless others who willingly fight for our freedom.

Thank you again,

*Jack and Karen Cole  
Proud parents of Joshua Cole,  
Holly*

## Lobbyists getting bad rap from candidates

According to Obama McCain's advisers are &#@\*% lobbyists.

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Lobbyists are like &%\$#@# politicians pushing products and ideas for the soul purpose of getting re-elected.

In that way, **Jim's Jottings** the two are alike. We can bad mouth both, and we can thank both.

Lobbyists are the best informed people about a subject or product. They are also best informed about the competitions subject or product.

It is from them that our electeds get their information. Come on now, you don't really believe our representatives and senators read all those bills that are introduced each year in Washington? And, understand them?

These electeds are busy reading their constituents' minds, trying to decide which decision will bring the most popular response . . . (number of re-election votes).

Besides, our electeds have aides to read proposed laws. And, they too are lobbied toward or against a position. Without lobbyists our representatives would be uninformed.

If McCain and Obama have lobbyists running their campaigns, as each accuses the other of having, they shouldn't be condemned. They should be congratulated for selecting people with such background and knowledge.

The quote BIG OIL unquote companies, the energy producers, chemical companies, auto makers, Farm Bureau, Blue Cross, AARP, etc. aren't going to hire dummies to represent them on the Hill or in Lansing.

They are going to hire Dale Carnegie types, those who can convince not upset, are smooth not harsh, listen not overtalk, pick

up tabs, entertain and just be nice to be around. And, intelligent.

Lobbyists are paid big bucks to do their job. Big bucks aren't paid to the mediocre.

So, hiring lobbyists to work for you, as McCain and Obama are doing seems to me to be good hires.

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### Quick hits

- Remember the school playground chant, "Liar, liar, pants on fire?" Yell that in Washington D.C. and there would be a stamped to alarm boxes.

- I think managers of professional ball teams should insist on players being clean shaven, getting normal haircuts and behaving like their mother is the coach.

- I enjoy mowing our lawn, but hate picking up grass clippings. My three tomato plants produced plenty of tomatoes that weren't pretty. My geraniums were more spectacular than ever. And, my pontoon boat never left the dock this summer. Bummer.

- Shayna never remembers where I left my glasses.

- My final limerick - forever.

There was a young lady from Eton,  
Whose figure had plenty of meat on.

She said, "Marry me, dear  
And you'll find that my rear  
Is a nice place to warm your feet on.

- Kyle Melinn and Angela Vasquez-Giroux have written a piece "The Incredible Shrinking Lansing State Journal." It can probably be applied to many daily newspaper and some weeklies.

They predict that by 2014 daily newspapers will have Web editions only. One Silicon Valley guy, Paul Safo, says print newspapers will end by 2014.

He also says by then people will be happy with the change because "the quality will have become so diminished, especially when compared to online offerings."

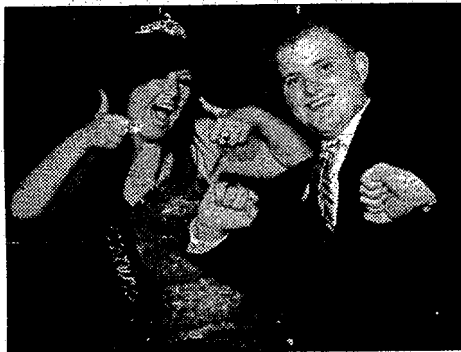
However, the predictions are less dire for this newspaper. Readers want community news, and we're where that's at.

Letters concerning Nov. 4 general election will be printed through Oct. 22. Please keep them short and to the point. We'll edit them for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and length. We take the liberty of publishing (or not) all letters we receive. Please sign your letter and include a daytime phone for verification. All verified letters will be posted to our website. Deadline is noon, Monday. Drop off or mail to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346; fax 248-625-0700; or e-mail [Clarkstonnews@gmail.com](mailto:Clarkstonnews@gmail.com). Any questions, call *The Clarkston News* at 248-625-3370.





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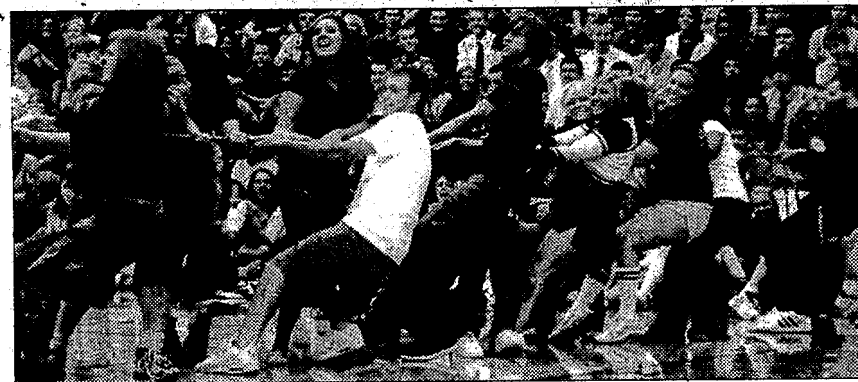
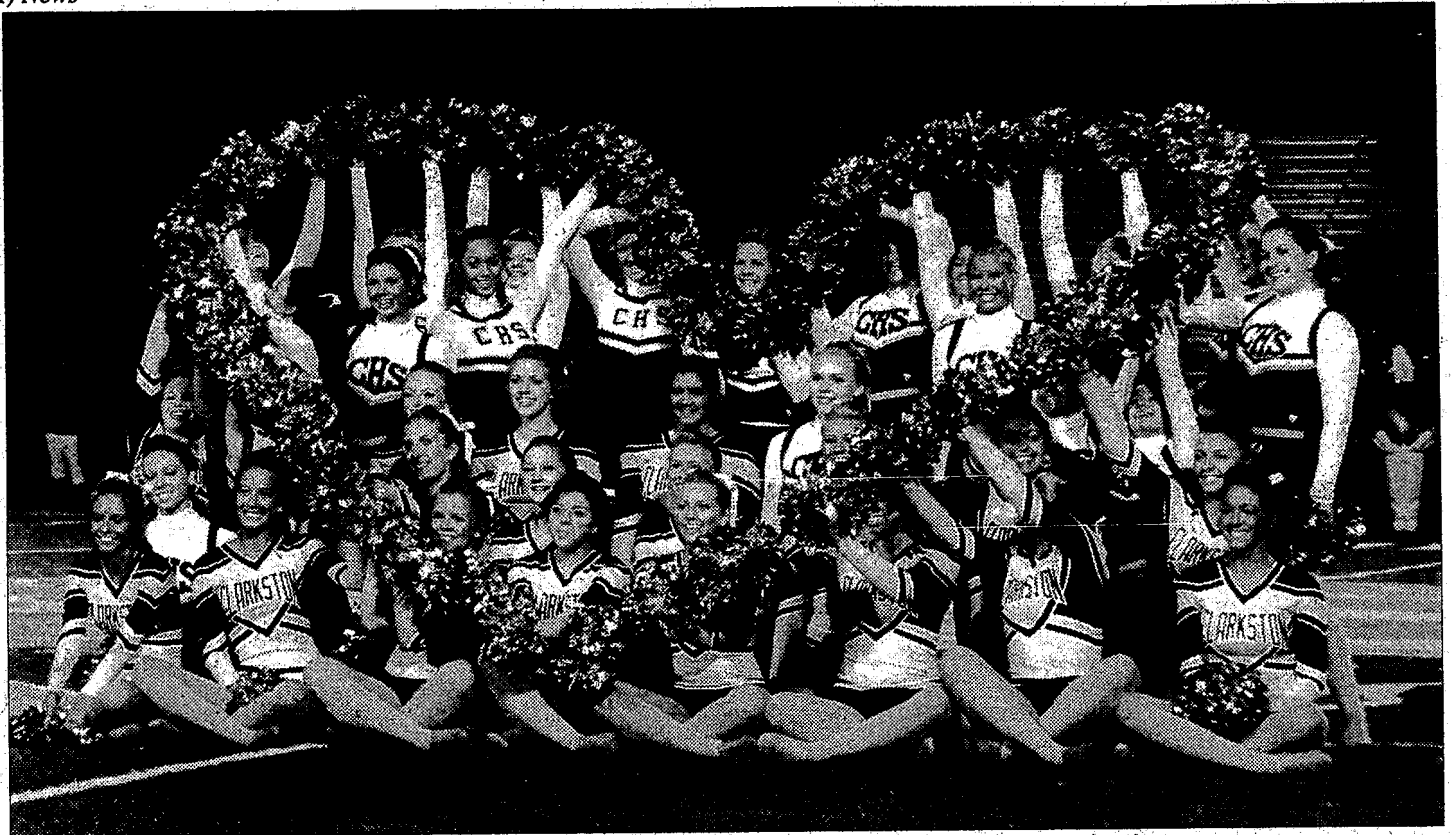
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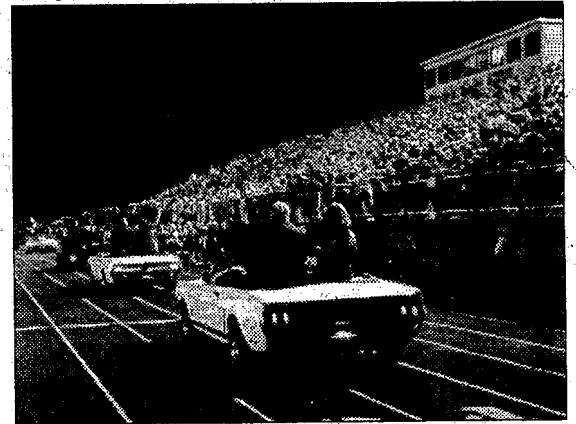
Demarée Wells and Ryan Allor, and



Melissa Hudson and Connor Lyons.



Seniors pull to win a game of tug of war against their teachers.



## Spirit of Homecoming

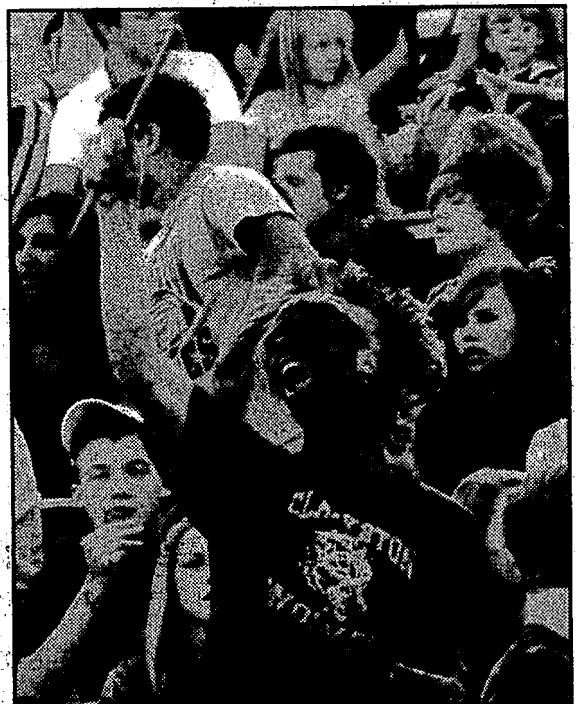
The Wolves may have lost to Southfield-Lathrup, 46-45, but the week leading up to the game will be filled with memories from the annual Powder Puff game, competition of Spirit Week, Battle of the Bands, tug of war and dodgeball battles during the Pep Rally.

See all these photos and more, in color, by pushing the Blue Button online at [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com).

*Photos by Wendi Reardon and Trevor Keiser.*



The Gridiron Gang take the field to play their Homecoming game.



Chris Huffman shows his Wolf colors.

## Inside job

A Sashabaw Road bank teller reportedly took \$2,940 out of her drawer, Sept. 9, and kept it. She told bank investigators and deputies she was having hard time, and needed the money for car, moving expenses, gas, food, and a loan to a friend. The bank fired her.

## Home-based phone service?

A Perry Lake Road resident received a notice in the mail, Sept. 10, saying he owed almost \$200 for phone service. Not recognizing the name of the collection company, he checked on the address on the envelope and found it was a residence in Detroit.

## Watching out for neighbor

A Waterford Road resident reported someone may have tried to steal his neighbor's rowboat, about 5:45 p.m., Sept. 13. Working on his yard, he said a dark red SUV drove up, and two men got out while a third stayed at the steering wheel. The two men picked up the boat, but the driver noticed they were being watched. He waved at the two men, and they all left without the boat.

## Van vandalism

A resident of the 5200 block of Woodcreek Trail reported a van's back window smashed out, about 8 p.m., Sept. 18.

# Public Safety

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

## Stolen bikes

A 13-year-old Springfield Township boy reported his bicycle stolen at Clarkston High School, about 10:21 p.m., Sept. 19. He told deputies he put his bike in a classroom, unlocked, while he went to watch the football game. When he returned, it was gone.

On Sept. 24, about 7:30 a.m., a Sashabaw Middle School student reported his unlocked bicycle stolen.

## With friends like these...

A deputy on patrol, about 3:38 a.m., Sept. 20, noticed a man parked near Ortonville and I-75, with a woman who seemed unconscious. The 20-year-old Goodrich man said he got a call from his 23-year-old sister's friends that she needed a ride home. On the way home, fearing for her safety, he pulled over to check on her. Independence Township first responders requested deputies perform preliminary breath tests on her, indicating a blood alcohol level of .34. She was taken to the hospital.

## SUV stolen from parking lot

A Cottonwood Court resident said he returned home from work about 8:30 p.m., Sept. 20, and locked up his SUV. At about 2:15 a.m., he noticed it was gone, glass debris in its parking slot. He told deputies he heard no unusual noise and his dog was quiet. The case was forwarded to the county Auto Theft Unit.

## Unforgettable face

A deputy recognized a 21-year-old Waterford Township man driving by, about 8:45 p.m., Sept. 20, and knew he had a suspended driver's license. When he pulled him over, he noticed his license plate was also expired. He was cited and released.

## Men mix drugs, guns

Two deputies responded to a report of shots fired on Allen Road, about 9 p.m., Sept. 21. The shooters were reportedly in a black SUV, which was quickly located by deputies. The driver, a 39-year-old Independence

Township man, was tested for alcohol use, indicating .12 blood alcohol level. The passenger, a 41-year-old Independence Township man, was reportedly found with a pipe and a small amount of marijuana. Deputies found three guns in the vehicle, a revolver chambered in .45-70, usually used in rifles, semi-automatic shotgun, and .50-caliber muzzleloading rifle. The revolver had empty cases in its cylinder, indicating it had been fired. The weapons were behind the driver's seat within reach of both men, along with ammunition and an open bottle of vodka. Investigators requested warrants for gun violations, possession of marijuana and the pipe, and open intoxicant.

## Drunk biker

A deputy on patrol, about 4 p.m., Sept. 21, at Clintonville and Spring Meadow, noticed a motorbike with no license plate or tail light, and pulled it over. The rider's eyes were bloodshot and voice slurred. Preliminary breath tests indicated .30 blood alcohol level - .40 is considered lethal. He was taken to the hospital, then jail, charged with driving while intoxicated, third offence.

## Info to crack the case?

Call Oakland County Sheriff  
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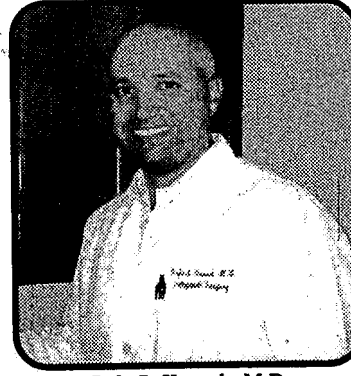


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Children wash a few of the 150 soccer balls donated to the Servathon project.

# Not too young to learn to serve their neighbors

Children had lots to do at Oakland Christian School's 2008 Servathon.

At the school's Independence Township location, Clarkston Community Church, students, staff, and parent volunteers collected toys, books, clothes, and soccer balls, cleaned, and packed them for donation.

"The kids get a kick out of sharing their soccer balls with communities that don't have them," said Tara McFarland, Servathon chairperson.

More than 150 balls will be donated to World Vision for international distribution to places such as Afghanistan and China.

Other items will be donated to Grace Center of Oakland County, veterans and service members groups, and local retirement centers, McFarland said.

Children made placemats, bookmarks, harvest tins, and other crafts. The bookmarks are intended to veterans and those serving overseas, she said.

"They get a lot of book donations,

so we wanted to give them fun little bookmarks to go with them," she said.

Handmade chemo crowns will be donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan's Pediatric Hematology division, for children being treated for cancer.

"When kids have chemotherapy, they often lose their hair. They have a difficult time regulating their temperature. They're self-conscious," said parent volunteer Linda Ludek-Brouns.


"This is a nice way to help them when they get cold. It's not a full head covering, which could be too warm. It's something nice and comfy."

The fundraiser, also at the school's Auburn Hills location, benefits City Missions in Detroit, as well.

"We want to teach kids to have a servant's heart, to serve other people in the community with needs greater than their own," McFarland said.

For more information, check [www.oaklandchristian.com](http://www.oaklandchristian.com).


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Angie Justice helps Matthew Colletti and Bryson Miller assemble a craft.



Hannah Schmidt sits on a soccer ball to deflate it for shipment.

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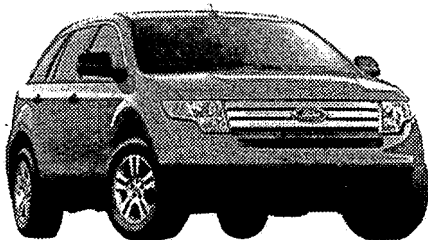
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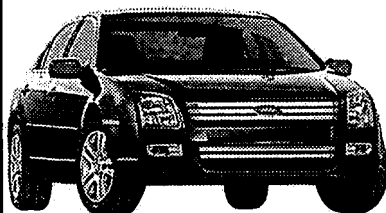
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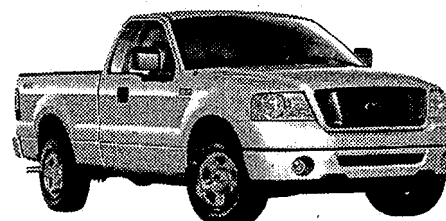
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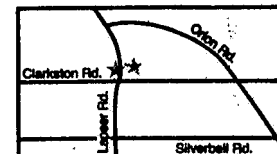
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# Homecoming hopes dashed in final seconds



Tyler Scarlett rushes the ball past Chargers' defense. Photo by John Azzopardi

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The fall winds whirled around the field at the beginning the fourth quarter, marking the change in weather and the game.

The Wolves had recovered from the 30 point deficiency against Southfield-Lathrup from the first half and tied the score, 38-38.

After Lathrup's unsuccessful four tries to break the tie, Clarkston got possession back at their 19 yard line.

Quarterback Tyler Scarlett held onto the ball for several keeper plays getting it down to the other side of the field to the 10-yard line.

The snap went back to Scarlett. He faked the pass and held onto the ball as Lathrup went into the other direction.

Scarlett ran forward and finished in the end zone.

Jon Avery kicked for the extra point and the Wolves were ahead for the first time during their Homecoming game.

The boys had two minutes to keep them from scoring, but a face mask penalty against Clarkston in the last 40 seconds put the Chargers at the three yard line.

Quentin Rice ran past defense and scored putting Lathrup back into the lead.

The Chargers went for the two point conversion and won, 46-45.

"We had a good second half," said Wolves Head Coach Kurt Richardson. "They realized they didn't do well (during the first half). We got to do better defensively."

Scarlett completed 17 of 35 passes for 272 yards and rushed for 134 yards.

Avery was 3-3 in his points after touchdowns.

Dakota Bender scored three touchdowns during the game and Kyle Rivenburgh scored two.

Lathrup went into the game with a 33-0 loss from Lake Orion the previous week. The Chargers learned a few things after competing against the two state ranked teams.

"We understood what was at stake," said Chargers coach Stephon Thompson. "I just have to give kudos to them (Clarkston). We knew we had to make more than 35 points to win. For us to come in here and do what we did we feel at least we can compete with this division."

The boys will be on the road for the next two games beginning with Royal Oak (0-5, 0-4 OAA Red) this Friday.

Despite their record, Richardson and the team are not going down there light-hearted.

"They do some things well," he said. "Our goal is to get down there and win."

The Wolves last Homecoming loss was seven years ago to Troy, 33-0.

## Athlete of the Week

### Christine Seiple ready for state meet

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Christine Seiple didn't have to wait very long to qualify for her fourth trip to states.

She qualified to compete in three events during her first meet of the season against Grand Blanc on Sept. 2. Seiple qualified in three events, 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle and 200 yard medley relay with teammates Julia Vela, Amber Fullmer, and Mollie Simpson.

"It felt good," Seiple said about qualifying.

During last week's meet against Troy, she broke District 1 records in 50 yard freestyle (25.72) and 100 yard backstroke (1:03.28).

This Saturday she will be swimming at the Oakland County meet at Lake Orion High School.

"County is a pre-game. I can see how all the girls are swimming," she said.

Coach Kenwyn Chock has watched Seiple grow in the last four years.

"She's a strong swimmer," said Chock.

"She cheers on the rest of her team."

As a captain, she has been helping her teammates as they have helped her.

"The girls on the team are a big inspiration in my swimming because they help me and they cheer me on," Seiple said. "It's really fun this year because we are really close."

Christine began swimming at a young age with her dad, Sam.

"They (dad and mom, Tolinda) always wanted me to swim," she said.

It wasn't until she was in fifth grade when she really got into swimming. Within the next few years she began competing and joined Clarkston's Seawolves program.

Christine competes in the same events her dad did when he attended Florida State

—he swam in the 100 freestyle and swam in the 100 butterfly at the Olympic trials.

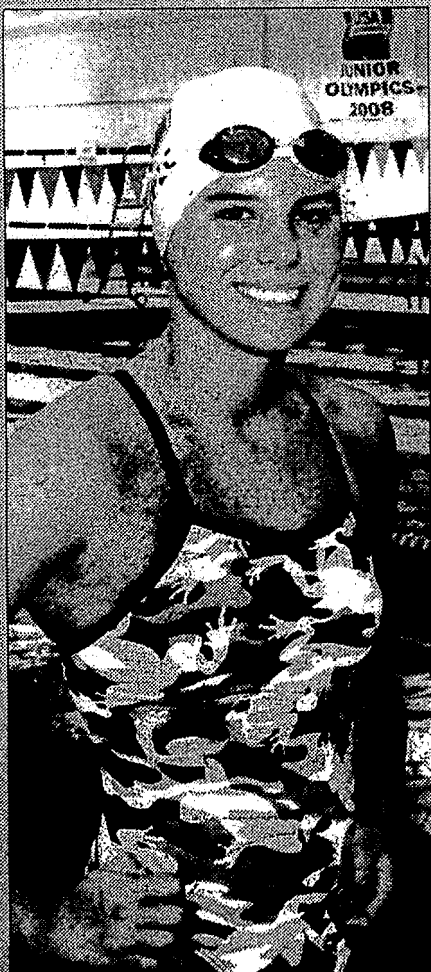
Christine said she doesn't know if she will try for the Olympics like her dad, right now she looking for a college to attend where she can swim and study athletic training.

"It's a good goal, a high goal to have," she said.

During the spring and summer she hits the green and plays golf. She played on the girls' varsity golf team for one year, but she stayed with swimming after the MHSAA changed the season for golf.

"It's hard work," she said but advises aspiring athletes to keep working.

"If you pass the hard work stage you will have so much fun."





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# Cross country success

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cross country runners continued to take top positions during their weekend meets.

The boys team took first place competing against 13 schools at the Hansons Invitational meet at Delia Park in Sterling Height.

"I was really happy," said Boys Cross Country coach Mike Taylor. "They were focused and did what they needed to do. There were a lot of fast times."

Five of the boys placed in the top 15. Christian Bonzhelin ran into third place (16:28) followed by Jeff Kuhl at fifth, Adam Bruderick in tenth, Branton Dennis in 12<sup>th</sup>, and Michael Inch in 14<sup>th</sup>.

It was the second meet this season the boys took first place. They won the 2008 Bauman-Cavalier Classic Invitational held at Carman-Ainsworth High School on August 27.

"We are right where we need to be," said Taylor. "The bad note was one runner was injured, but he will be back."

Last week the boys ran in their second OAA Jamboree and placed in third against Lake Orion, Rochester Adams, Rochester, Stoney Creek, Troy, Troy Athens, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, and Birmingham Seaholm.

Lake Orion took first place with 28 points, Adams was second with 76, and Clarkston followed with 85 points.

"We closed the gap between us and Adams," said Taylor. "They beat us last time by 20 points."

Ryan Ziolk from Lake Orion took first with a time of 16:24.

## Karate for kids starts Oct. 14

A Junior Karate program, combining Sanchin-Ryu and Project: Secure Child, starts Oct. 14.

Offered by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation, the class for grades K-8 will be Tuesdays through Dec. 9, 6-7 p.m., at Hart Community Center in Davisburg.

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Runners placed into the top 50 during the weekend, from left are Michael Inch, Branton Dennis, Coach Mike Taylor, Christian Bonzhelm, Jeff Kuhl, Eric Nordquist. Not pictured are Adam Bruderick and Forbes Dever. Photo provided

The Wolves ran against 85 runners from nine schools and took three of the top 20 spots.

Bonzhelm placed in tenth for Clarkston at 17:16 followed by Dennis (12<sup>th</sup>), and Bruderick (14<sup>th</sup>).

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The girls team placed third in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions in Ohio.

They were only two points away from being second.

Kristen Smith broke the course record by 15 seconds in a cross country personal record 17:59.

More personal records were set by Natalie Smith and Mende Gleiss. Natalie ran in 18:38 and Gleiss in 19:52.

Girls coach Mike Franko said Tiffany Kincaid, Olivia Allen, Andrea Butler and Lindsey Fahtin all ran typically solid races.

The girls took third place behind Troy and Adams during their OAA Jamboree after scoring 64 points as a team.

Kristen Smith led the team by taking third, running 19:03.

Three more runners rounded off the top 20. Tiffany Kincaid finished seventh, Olivia Allen was 17<sup>th</sup>, and Andrea Butler in 18<sup>th</sup>. The boys and girls teams head to the Oakland County meet this Saturday at Kensington Metro Park.

"We have to prepare against a tougher course, tougher teams and more teams," said Taylor.

The boys will see the eight schools they competed against at the OAA Jamboree plus a few more.

"Milford and Lakeland will be there. They are both tough. It will be interesting," said Taylor.

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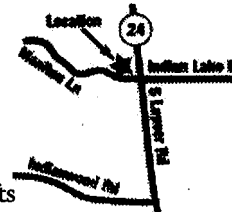
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## Sports Shorts

Clarkston Girls Volleyball continues to reign over the league. A trip to Bloomfield Hills Lahser ended in a victory, 3-2.

The team now has a 4-1 record in the OAA I and 20-5-1 overall.

The girls travel to Rochester Adams on Thursday before hosting Troy Athens next Tuesday.

JV plays at 5:30 p.m. varsity plays at 7 p.m.

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The girls swim team lost to Troy, 120-60.

Molli Simpson in 200 yard IM (2:24.60)  
100 yard backstroke (1:12.91)

Christine Seiple set new District 1 records in 50 yard freestyle (25.72) and 100 yard backstroke (1:03.28)

Rachel Seng one meter diving 144.60.

Coach Kenwyn Chock said the team has a lot first year swimmers.

"Our goal for them is swimming in all events," Chock said.

The girls will compete in the Oakland County meet at Lake Orion on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

Their next dual meet is at Bloomfield Hills Lahser next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.



Nate Schultz serves the ball.

## Meeting the challenge

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The boys had a busy week as they faced league foes and a tournament.

"It was a solid week overall," said Boys Varsity Tennis Head Coach Chaz Claus.

They took fourth place at the Van Dyke Invitational in Romeo on Saturday.

Richmond, University of Detroit-Jesuit, and Rochester finished in the top three places.

"We did pretty well," said Claus. "Not where we wanted to be, but we won two-thirds of our matches. I would like to compliment Scott Dutcher. He won his flight and had the best performance of the day."

The boys began their week on Monday, Sept. 22 against Rochester Adams and were shut-out, 9-0.

Claus scheduled the match for the boys because he knew Adams was a quality team and it would give the Wolves a chance to compete against them.

The team traveled to Lake Orion and defeated

them, 5-4.

Davis VanderVeen, Scott Dutcher, and Jonas Vogler won their sets.

Doubles team Zach Comos and Kramer Kamp won both of their sets, while Bob Bice and Kevin Wieryszko played three sets to win their match.

"They pulled out of a late tight match," said Claus.

The Wolves lost to Rochester, 6-3.

The three top seeded singles were able to score points for Clarkston. Matthew Graczyk defeated Alex Sibert (6-0, 6-0), VanderVeen defeated Jordan Yeller (6-3, 6-4), and Dutcher beat Arthur Lee (7-5, 6-3).

"It went reasonably well," said Claus. "We saw them on Saturday and won in some of the flights we had lost to them."

Eisenhower is a quality opponent," said Claus before the meet on Monday.

They won, 5-3.

The boys host the OAA league meet this Thursday beginning at 9 a.m. If it rains, the meet will take place on Friday.

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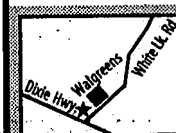


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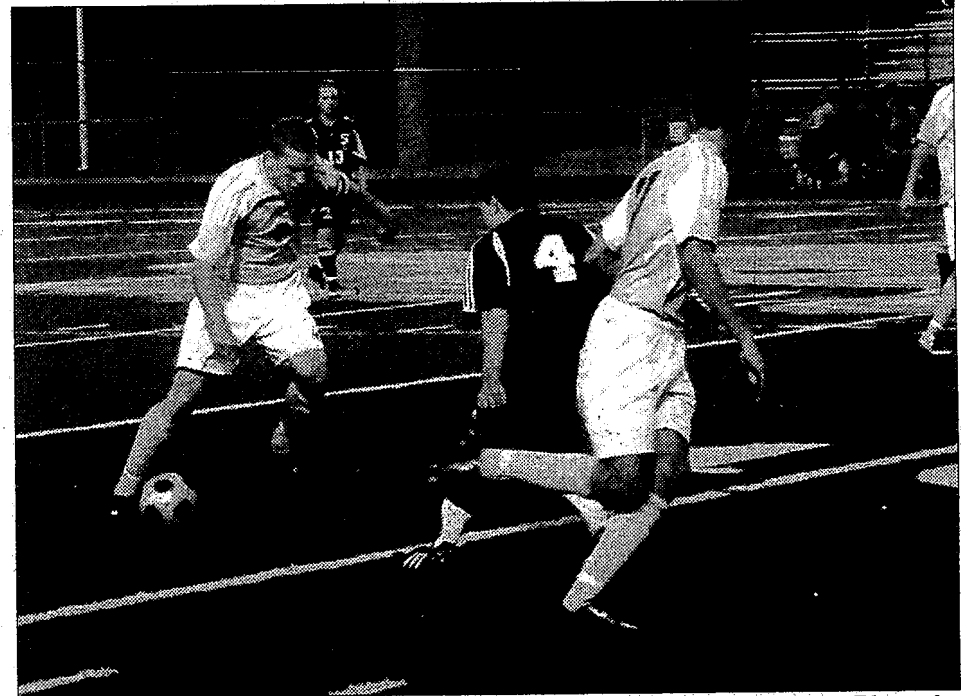
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Kevin Pinkos keeps control of the ball while watching for Cougars. Photo by Wendi Reardon

**Hold on tight**

Kickers feel the heat as they hold onto their number four ranking in District 1

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers scored two wins back-to-back last week after defeating Stoney Creek and Utica Stevenson.

The Wolves began by providing their home audience with another shut-out against Stoney, 1-0.

The previous week's fierce game against Lake Orion prepared the boys, because the Cougars had their claws out and were ready to retaliate their previous loss to the Wolves.

"I thought Stoney really came out and played hard," said Clarkston Varsity Soccer Coach Adam Bican.

"Their boys began to get very chippy and our boys protected themselves and each other. I thought they carried themselves with class, didn't get involved with the trash and it showed."

Brandon Verlinden scored the Wolves lone goal two minutes into the game.

The Cougars' goalkeeper came out of the net to stop the ball from going into the net. As their goalie landed on the field, the ball slipped out of his reach.

Verlinden took the opportunity and kicked the ball into the back of the net.

Clarkston held onto possession of the ball and the Cougars didn't make their first shot on goal until sixteen minutes remained in the first half.

The ball was saved by Scott Messer but his nose was hit in the process.

Andrew Campbell stepped in as the

Wolves' keeper for the remainder of the half for Messer's nose to stop bleeding.

During the game Clarkston made five shots on the Cougars' goal, and Messer saved three shots.

"I think they are starting to come around," said Bican. "Our ball possession skills are doing better. Everybody played, everybody contributed. Andrew Campbell came in as goalie when Scott got a bloody nose from a save. We have all the confidence in the world in him."

The boys took momentum and beat Utica Stevenson on Friday night, 2-1.

Monday night they fought in an OAA crossover game against Avondale (11-1-1, 10-0-2 OAA White).

"Avondale is good, really good. That will be an extremely tough game," said Bican before the game.

They fought through the rain on Monday night and tied the game against Avondale, 2-2.

Avondale had the lead going into the second half, but the Wolves pulled through and a goal from Craig Miller and Verlinden.

Assists were made by Alec Pappas and Justin Strohschein.

The boys will play to hold onto their undefeated 7-0 record in the OAA when they played Rochester on Tuesday and host Rochester Adams on Thursday night in their last home game.

The Wolves overall record as of Monday was 11-2-2.

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## There's a new sheriff (substation sgt.) in town

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Taking command of Springfield Township's substation, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Timothy Willis promises not to spend much time in the office.

"I'll be out and about," said Willis. "We have 11 officers, three per shift. This isn't a sit-down, office job. We're all working."

He prefers it that way, working directly with citizens to protect the township, he said.

"I'm excited to be here," said Willis, who has been a sheriff's deputy for 12 years, including assignments in Independence Township, county jail, and Rochester Hills.

"This is the best job I've ever had. I'm learning a ton."

He is working with Springfield Township Board of Trustees to improve law enforcement services in the township.

"It's a quiet community - not a lot of violent crime," he said. "We have property crime, thefts from automobile



Sgt. Tim Willis

dealerships. We're working with the auto theft unit on that. Fraud cases though the Internet. We're investigating them."

Born in Pontiac and residing in Grand Blanc, he has a

degree in business administration from Rochester College. His father, also Timothy Willis, was an Oakland Sheriff's deputy, as well. The younger Willis joined the department when he was 20 years old.

He reports to Lt. Gordon Pizzini and Capt. Douglas S. Molinar at the sheriff's headquarters in Pontiac, and has access to county investigative resources.

"We get great support from Pontiac," he said. "We're not alone out here."

Call Sgt. Willis, Springfield Township substation, in the Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, at 248-625-8531, or e-mail willist@oakgov.com.



Dennis Pawley and Sherri Lawton, manager of National City in Clarkston, listen as President David Boyle talks about the future of National City.

## National City Bank hosts annual breakfast

Bankers, real estate agents, General Motor execs, county and township officials, and customers attended National City Bank's ninth annual "Round Table Breakfast" at Oakhurst Country Club, Tuesday, Sept. 23.

The round table event gave workers of

National City and customers a chance to ask questions of David Boyle, president of Michigan and Northwest Ohio banking, about credit lines and goals of National City.

About 30 people attended the event.

- Trevor Keiser

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# Planners OK Beaumont

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not to exceed 0.1 foot candle, which exceeds the township," said Moraco. "In the middle, the township ordinance allows for 0.20 foot candles, and they don't exceed 0.13 anywhere on the property."

Hunt said they will continue to work with township planners and building department concerning lighting to make sure they are being "very cognizant of the surrounding neighborhoods and any impact on them."

"We talked about what color of bulbs are going to be in. Are they going to be the amber or the white," he said. "Some of those details still need to be ironed out and will be done so in collaboration with the township."

Beaumont also agreed to a 15-acre conservation easement, which means they can't develop it. The township will be co-steward of the property, said Moraco.

"I think we still need to iron out some of the terms of the conservation easement and put together a document that we're going to sign, but we're very amiable to the concept agreeing to a conservation easement for that 15-acre park," said Hunt.

Beaumont approved a deed restriction on property along Cranberry Lake Road, 200 feet deep.

"If at some point down the road, Beaumont wanted to let a developer come in and develop houses on Cranberry Lake, we could certainly do that," said Hunt. "That is not our plan at the time. We have no intent to do that, it was just a matter of giving us down the road some flexibility to make some use of that property consistent with the current residential zoning."

"We pushed them as far as I believe the township was able to push them without denying them a reasonable use of their property," said Moraco. "They did everything we've asked of them."

Planner Joan McCrary thinks it's a great project. "We've worked really hard as a planning commission for a couple years to make it what it is. They have been more than willing to work with us, so that's why I felt like we shouldn't change anything else," she said.

Rosso was satisfied with the reduced density of the project, but his main objection was its four-story hospital, which violates township height ordinance.

"The other reason I was primarily against it was the traffic congestion, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hour," he said.

Beaumont compromised on all other issues, he said.

# Public invited to info meeting next Tuesday

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However, Lohmeier did say he sent a note to Wagner asking to be briefed and received a message back that he was willing to meet with him.

"I wouldn't be prudent if I wasn't concerned about the transaction, just given the magnitude of it. If nothing else, it's a massive expenditure of taxpayers' dollars," said Lohmeier.

"We haven't spent this type of capital on an asset in a while, and whether it's a loan from water and sewer or spending out of the general fund, it's still taxpayers' dollars that are paying back the loan."

Lohmeier said it will impact future spending. He also noted he was not in favor of everything taking place "behind closed doors."

"I don't deny that it's needed because we have an outdated building, it has barriers to

handicap and so on, but this is a heck of a replacement," Lohmeier said. "I'm not a big fan of an expense of this magnitude not having some public comment. Whether or not you have to be beside the point. My opinion is you should, as opposed to whether you are legally required to do it."

Primary winners Neil Wallace and Curt Carson were unavailable for comment.

The 50 township employees are expected to move into the new building in February. The current township hall, built in 1910, was traded to Ed Adler, developer of the new township hall, in exchange for more property. Its Main Street location is zoned residential.

An informational meeting about the new town hall is set for 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7, at Independence Township Library.

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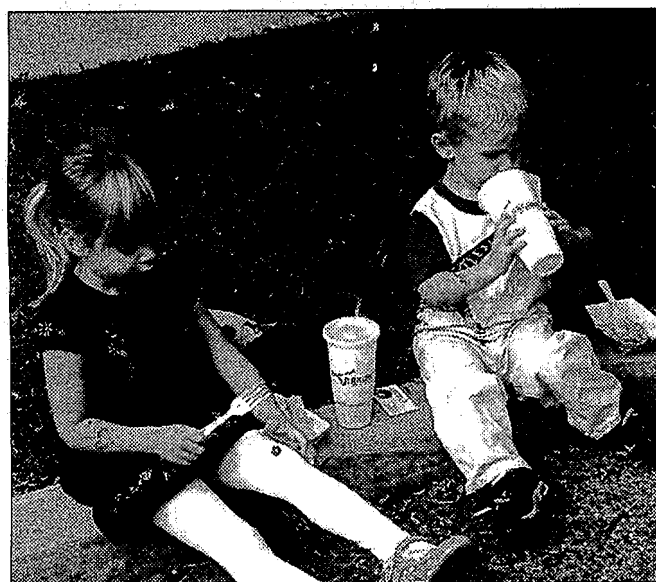
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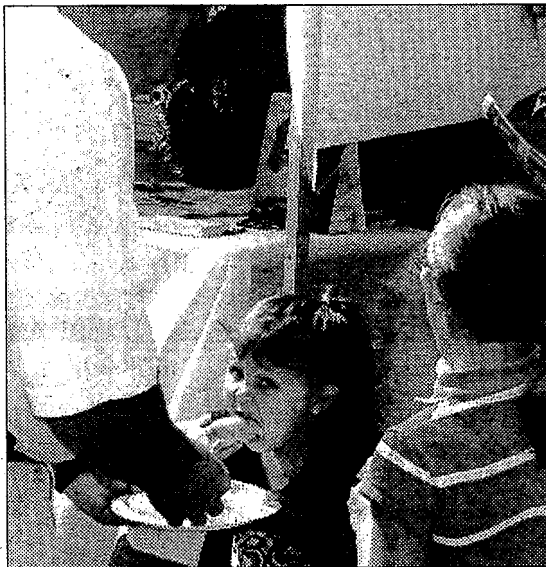
Rachel Feathers and Ryan Wheaton of Livonia sample a treat.



Allison and Andrew Fergin enjoy some snacks.



David Bess, Sheryl Varion, and Kylie Centers plan their route.



Steve Gebrowsky shares a dessert with his daughters Elin, 3, and Mia, 7.



Logan Turk, 3, greets Cha-Cha, the red-eyed tree frog from Rainforest Cafe.

## All in good Taste (of Clarkston)

Thousands of food tasters filled downtown Clarkston Main Street for the 2008 Taste of Clarkston.

They sampled entrees, desserts, and snacks from more than 30 local restaurants, had fun in two Kidzone activity areas, and learned about local banks, doctors, and other services.

Photo story by Phil Custodio and Trevor Keiser



Audrey Butchik serves up a tropical smoothie.



## People Poll

October 1, 2008

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### Wolves' tradition?



"We come to every game home or away since they were young."

- John Azzopardi



"I come to all of the games supporting my daughter (Kate)"

- Pat Vondette



"Watching the Poms squad. This is the first year our daughter (Chloe) is on Poms."

- Jim Smiley



"Tailgating with all of our friends."

- Steph Huber

By WendiReardon

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About 150 woodwind, brass, percussion and color guard in Clarkston High School's marching band take to the field at Homecoming. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Marching band celebrates freedom

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

A presidential-election year, some patriotism seems in order for Clarkston Marching Band.

"It's a patriotic show," said Shelley S. Roland, music director. "It's very interesting. The kids love it."

"The kids enjoy it, and the home (football game) crowd enjoys it," said marching band Director Mike Lewis. "It works well with both."

The show is based on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" speech, Jan. 6, 1941, about Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear.

"Our show incorporates those themes," Roland said.

Musical selections include "Star Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," and "Amazing Grace." The show incorporates tarp-size tapestries based on Norman Rockwell's paintings, illustrating the speech.

"We haven't used props in a number of years," she said.

Led by drum majors Alex LaForge, Anne Marie Hart, and Pat Furlo, the 150-member band takes to the field in competition Oct. 11, at the Linden Invitational.

Their first competition, Lamphere Invitation, was on Sept. 20. The band scored 63.7 points.

"They scored very well, for a starting score — nine points higher than last year at this time," she said. "We're feeling really good."

"I couldn't be happier after this last weekend

— the kids have been great," Lewis said. "We're off to a good start."

The band hosts 22 area marching bands at the Clarkston Invitational, 2-10:30 p.m., Oct. 18. They compete Oct. 25 at Huron Valley Invitational, and hopefully Nov. 1 at Michigan Competing Bands Association's competition at Ford Field in Detroit. The season wraps up Nov. 6 with the indoor Band O-Rama at Clarkston High School.

"The kids are working hard, good camaraderie," Roland said. "They come in early to practice."

"They rehearse on their own," Lewis said.

Parents put in lots of volunteer hours, making new flags for the color guard, and about 300 mini-flags for fans to wave at competitions.

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**Ride of Terror**, after dark until midnight, Thursday-Sunday through October. Every day during Halloween week. Stretch 6-passenger golf carts. \$10. 248-625-3731.

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**Seminar**, Internet and web marketing and search engine optimization, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Oct. 1. North Oakland Business Network. Free. North Oakland Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton, Waterford. 248-464-0756.

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**Flu shots**, Oakland County Health Division, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Oct. 10, Springfield Oaks Activity Center, 12451 Andersonville Road. \$11. Register, [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health).

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**House of Horrors**, 7-11 p.m., Oct. 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Oakland County 4H Fairgrounds, Davisburg. Sponsor: Davisburg Rotary Club. 248-634-0444.

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**Swamp Stomp, Wild Night Out**, benefits North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 11, Springfield Oaks Activity Center, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. \$75, includes BBQ dinner. Live and silent auction. 248-846-6547.

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**Greektown**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 14. \$30, get \$25 back on card. Motorcoach from Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Beginner Genealogy Workshop**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Oct. 25, Youth Activities Room, Independence Township Library. Clarkston Community Historical Society. Demonstration of Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest software. Workshop facilitator: Joette Kunse, 41-year township resident, member of Oakland County Genealogy Society. 248-625-2212.

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**Lace-Making Demo and Tea**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 17. Features Carol McFadzean of En-

## Around Town

### Carricks host Nels Andrews



Nels Andrews, with special guest Annie and Rod Capps, performs a Carrick House Concert in Independence Township, 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5.

Andrews' folk music is based on his journey throughout the country, including hitchhiking to Alaska, planting trees in South Dakota, and wood-working in New Mexico.

He will perform music from his albums "Sunday Shoes" and "Off Track Betting."

Admission is \$10, which includes pizza at 3 p.m. All proceeds go to the artist.

RSVP for directions at 248-394-0113 or e-mail [carrickhome1@netscape.net](mailto:carrickhome1@netscape.net). Seating is limited. The concert will be broadcast live on [www.a3radio.com](http://www.a3radio.com).

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**Little Kids' Halloween**, 1 p.m., Oct. 18, Nature Center, Indian Springs Metropark. Wear costume for haunted forest, scavenger hunt, crafts, goodies. Third-graders and younger. \$5. 248-625-7280.

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**70's Themed benefit**, for Adam Wheatcroft Memorial Scholarship Foundation, 5:30 p.m., Oct. 18, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. Dinner, bake sale, silent auction, 50/50, door prizes. \$15. 248-628-6390.

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**Tailgator**, MSU vs. UM pregame party hosted by Gary Metzger of The Print Shop and Don Brose of Brose Electric, cider, blue and green donuts, hot dogs, Tailgator Gumbo, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Oct. 24. Free. Donations benefit Clarkston Junior Optimists. Tent between 5911 and 5897 Dixie. 248-623-

1212.

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**Trunk or Treat Trot**, 5K Walk/Run, 8 a.m., Oct. 25, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Benefits mission programs. Post-race snacks, prizes for top finishers, raffle. Register at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com). \$20 before Oct. 10, \$23 after. 248-625-1611.

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**Haunted Fountains Costume Party**, Nov. 1. Cash bar, DJ, dancing, prizes for best costumes, prize giveaways. \$20. 248-625-3731.

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**Intermediate Genealogy Workshop**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Nov. 15, Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library. Clarkston Community Historical Society. Land, probate, ship records. Workshop facilitator: Joette Kunse, 41-year township resident, member of Oakland County Genealogy Society. 248-625-2212.

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**Mothers & More**, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

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

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**Therapeutic Yoga** classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 15, Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

**Bingo**, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybe Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186.

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

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**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.

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**Spanish Lessons**, beginners, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 7-Dec. 2; intermediate, 10-11:30 a.m., Fridays, Oct. 10-Dec. 5. \$35 for 8-week course. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon

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**Basic Fly Tying**, Tuesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 7, 5:30-7 p.m.; Wednesdays, Sept. 17-Oct. 8, 8:30-10 a.m. \$45. Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

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**Divorce recovery workshop**, for men and women of all ages, all faiths, Wednesdays, Oct. 15-Nov. 19, 7-9 p.m., St. Anne Church, 825 Ortonville Road. Bethany Peer Support Chapter of North Oakland. Free. 248-627-8662.

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**Introduction to Tai Chi**, Wednesdays, through Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. John Marchewitz teaches Wu Style T'ai Chi Ch'aun form. \$45/10 classes, \$6 drop in. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Basic Yoga**, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Oct. 15-Nov. 9, Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. Instructor Noreen Daly will introduce basic Yoga postures and breath awareness. Bring practice mat or towel. \$42/class, \$7/session. Early registration by Oct. 12, \$35.

248 891-4365.

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**Line Dancing**, Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road. All ages welcome. 248-625-1683.

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**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

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**Local Business Network**, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Harvestland Ministries, 5848 Clintonville Road. 248-505-5091.

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

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**Social Dancing**, Thursdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 16, 11-11:45 a.m., Comcast building, Maybee Road. \$42. Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

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# Milestones

## Students achieve success

Northern Michigan University student **Keith Voorheis** of Clarkston interned with Time Magazine and Time.com at the Republican National Convention this past September.

The political science major prepared offered live reports from St. Paul through blogs and video streams.

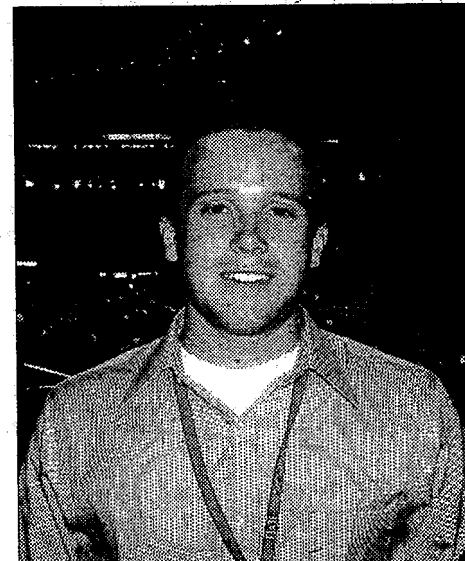
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Five Clarkston area students graduated, May 18, from Lawrence Technological University: **Jason Brown**, Master of Science degree in Automotive Engineering; **Aaron Cooper**, Bachelor of Science in Business Management; **Kristofer Eckhout**, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with undergraduate Entrepreneurial certification; **Loran Walker**, Doctorate of Management in Information Technology; and **Robert Wood**, Bachelor of Science B in Mechanical Engineering.

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**Joseph Kubinski** of Clarkston joined the 340-member Purdue "All-American" Marching Band for its 2008 season.

The trombone player is a graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory School.



**Keith Voorheis**

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**Andrea L. Bergum** of Davisburg graduated Cum Laude this past August with a Bachelor of Science degree, Clinical Lab Science and Microbiology, at Northern Michigan University.

## In our country's service...

Air National Guard Airman **Rebecca L. Miller** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



**Airman Miller**

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic

training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Miller is the daughter of Steve and Linette Miller of Independence Township.

She graduated from Clarkston High School in 2005.

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Navy Seaman Recruit **Victor E. Rennie**, 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Rennie completed training in naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, physical fitness, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

## Got a Milestone to share?

We'd love to see them — births, weddings, engagements, military, business and school achievements!

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# Religion

## Learning about what matters most

Life is best when I am learning and growing. I think that's the way God made us. So each day I try to learn something new and grow deeper in some way - maybe in a relationship or in knowledge about something or maybe in getting to know myself better or God.

It seems to me that as people we are either learning and growing, or we are closing ourselves off and slowly dying. I know that I will always try to be open to new things and new learning and new people - I want to keep on growing until the day I die.

Here is a question to ponder: *What is most important in your life? What is your #1 goal?*

I believe that how we answer these questions reveals much about our deepest values, and about who or what is really guiding our life. We all have dominant core values that we consciously, as well as unconsciously, base our decisions on.

In the Bible God tells us that what is most important in this life is LOVE - that love is to be our most central core value and our primary aim. Love defines what life is to be about and what success is.

In fact Jesus, in the Great Commandment (*Mark 12:28-31*), said that of all the teachings in the Bible the most

important thing to learn about and do is love - loving God with all of our heart and soul and mind and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

So of all the great things there are to learn, I believe that learning about God's love for us and learning to return that love and extend it to others, is far and away the most important. I also know that I've still got a lot to learn about love and that I need help along the way from God and from you.

Often our greatest learning about love and about ourselves comes in the most difficult and challenging situations and relationships. Do you recall the teacher or coach that taught you the most? Most likely they loved and cared about you deeply, but probably they also challenged you to a point you didn't like sometimes - but you learned and grew.

Life is like that as we learn to love. Our greatest teachers often come in the form of things we would rather avoid, like challenges, painful circumstances, and difficult relationships.

Someone once said that "God never wastes a hurt" if we are open to letting him use it to grow us. I've also heard that when we are struggling to love in a difficult relationship it can mean for us that "school's in session" and it's time to learn, not just talk about, loving God and others.

This October at Calvary we will embark on a six week *Please see Spiritual Matters, page 8B*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Helerman

## In our churches...

**Angel Food Ministry**, \$30 for \$70 in food, order: 6-7 p.m., Oct. 1 and 8; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Oct. 5 and 12. Pick up: 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Oct. 25. Williams Lake Nazarene Church, 2840 Airport Road, Waterford. 248-674-4811.

**Red Umbrella**, Canadian Christian Rock Band, leads the 6 p.m. service, Oct. 5, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

**Video study "Living Beyond Yourself,"** Beth Moore, study of the fruits of the Spirit, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursdays. Childcare provided. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

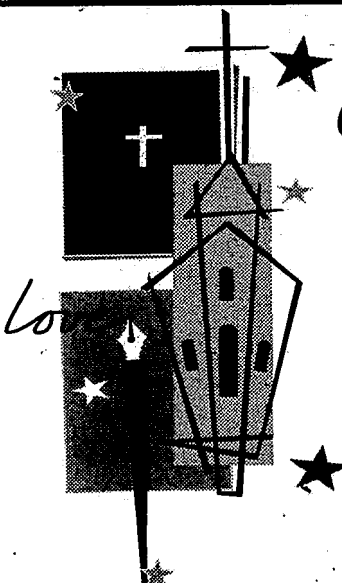
**Prayer Partner Training**, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

**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.

*Please see In Our Churches, page 8B*

# CHURCH DIRECTORY



**DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311

website: [www.dixiebaptist.org](http://www.dixiebaptist.org)  
Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool  
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA  
7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study  
Nursery available for all services.

**CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**OAKLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Pastor Wayne Uppendahl  
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4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI  
Sunday School at 9:15 am  
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Bible Study Wed. Eve., 6:30 pm  
at Church Offices - Yellow House  
7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI  
Phone (248) 858-2577  
Fax (248) 858-7706

**CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611  
Website: [clarkstonumc.org](http://clarkstonumc.org)  
Summer Sunday Worship:  
8:30 am & 10:00 am  
Nursery available for both services  
Children's Sunday School: 10:00 am  
Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am  
Wednesday Connection Service:  
7:00 pm

**ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston  
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75)  
625-4580  
Rev. Christopher Maus  
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
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Wednesday 7 pm  
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[www.northoakschurch.org](http://www.northoakschurch.org)  
Pastor Steve I. Brown

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Fax: (248) 394-2142  
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Dream Keepers Youth Group  
Bible Study  
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Youth Groups 6-12  
Wednesday 6:30 pm  
[www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org](http://www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org)

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Pastor James Krueger  
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Clarkston, MI 48348  
(248) 625-4644  
[www.sainttrinitylutheran.com](http://www.sainttrinitylutheran.com)  
e-mail: [sttrinity@comcast.net](mailto:sttrinity@comcast.net)  
Worship: Sun. 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
Sat. 6:00 pm  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
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10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
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6:30 pm Teen Ministry  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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website:  
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**CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston  
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Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson, Dan Whiting  
Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Spiritual Formation 11:00 am  
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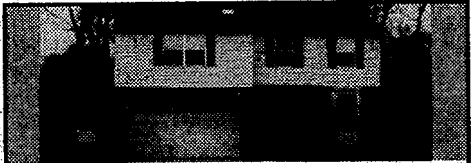
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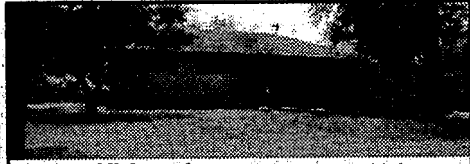
**Gorgeous Colonial in Holly.** 4 bedrooms, 2.1 bath Colonial on a great street in Millpoint. Move in and enjoy this beautiful decorated, like new home, with loads of custom features. All appl. and one year home warranty included. Priced to sell quickly! \$154,900  
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**MACOMB TWP 248.293.0000**



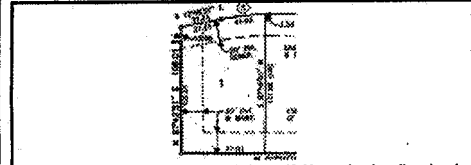
**Calling All Investors.** This home has an adult foster care program running in it & the owner is looking for someone to take ownership of the home. The program has a state lease & will continue to run at the house. Only the house is being sold. This is a ranch home with 1800 sq ft & sits on 1.75 acres. Call Kathy for more info.. \$285,000 (77Pr)  
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**Just Some TLC.** Cape Cod with 2 bedrooms & 2 baths, 1 up & 1 on the level. Living, dining and family rooms. Unfinished basement, porch, and 1 car garage, plus two other sheds. \$119,900 (21Roc)  
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**Treed Lots.** Two lots for sale on Baldwin Rd. Side by side they equal 4 acres. Possible site for nursery school, day care or church. Call for survey. \$200,000/ea. (27Bal)  
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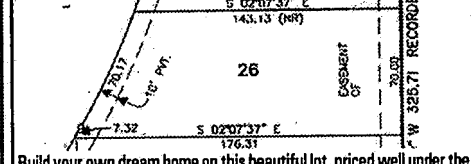
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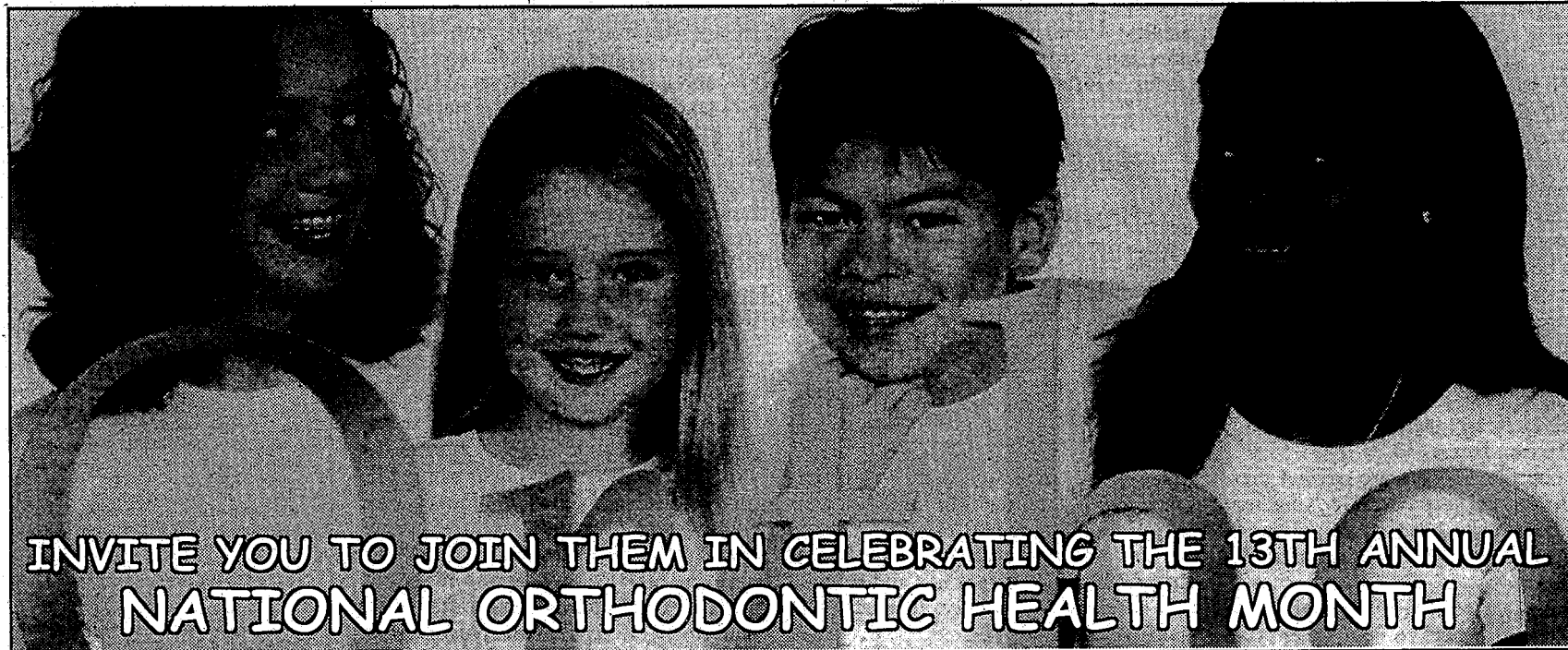


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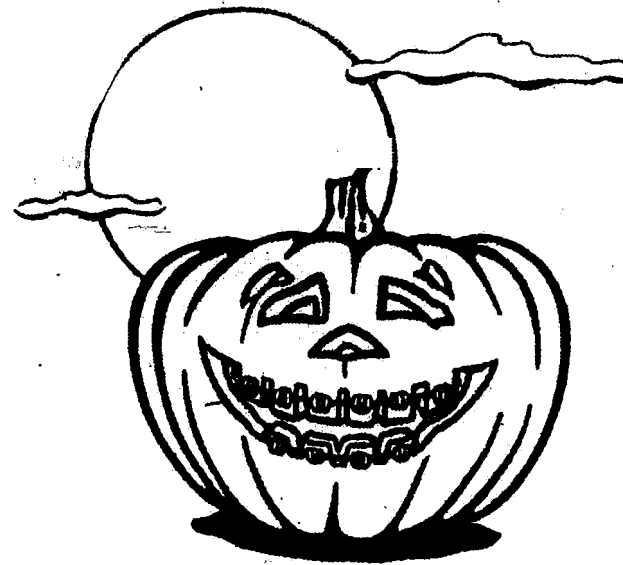
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# What is politics, who are politicians?

Many of us have been taught from early life a few rules to live by; do not discuss politics or religion plus other taboo topics. How sad is that, for a legacy to pass on.

The rule does not allow for healthy opinion sharing or different viewpoints, which are living, learning, growing, connecting or simply disagreeing toward further reflection.

Who is who in politics, why are we repeatedly shocked by unethical behavior of people in leadership?

To question is to plant hope seeds for tomorrow's harvest.

In today's society, one needs not look far to ask, "what is going on?"

The good people have not disappeared; they are just being shadowed by the exposed drama.

When the answers are not out there, look within and keep your faith, your hope, your courage to keep on doing, caring, giving no matter how hopeless situations appear.

This is a time of reflection for me and in doing so, I checked with the encyclopedia for more insight.

This is what the encyclopedia says on politics:

"Politics is the process by which

groups of people make decisions. The term is generally applied to behavior within civil governments, but politics has been observed in all human group interactions, including corporate, academic, and religious institutions."



Maria Rotendo-Mark, owner of Make Over Place Salon

Politics consist of "social relations involving authority or power"

This affirms my belief; what we see is not what we often get. Some folks who are in political arenas may not even realize the honor and servitude the position holds.

Others have the morals, the conviction to make a difference and commitment to be individuals representing the needs of most.

Has anyone asked what is it to be political? If topics as politics and religion are not discussed openly, the drama will persevere.

I can remember in childhood hearing the word in Italian "politica" which means outgoing, friendly, humanitarian, helpful, engaging and social oriented. This breed-

ing ground inspires some to pursue servitude in government sectors and other forms of service. It is an inborn characteristic present in moment-to-moment life.

Much like husbands and wives serve one-another, children are served and in turn learn to serve. This is known as family interaction the first order of corporate training.

From this beginning, come extended family, relatives, and community onto worldly servitude. If this process has been forgotten by some, let's consider that, education is not a curse. Education is a link to preserve human worth.

My father served in the Italian Army during WWII. After the war, he entered the political circle. He was instrumental in restoring roads, power and other necessities to help rebuild life after wartime destruction. He was one human being who made a difference. He left a legacy to be continued by his family.

Who are politicians, are they naturally born and bred to serve, or power driven?

Each of us can make a difference for betterment of mankind and ourselves, let this be the majority rule.

Choice and consequences, respect and responsibility; are partners in building a better world.

## In our churches

continued from 5B

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. 248-625-1750.

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Personal-growth class, "Discover the Power Within You - A guide to the Unexplored Depths Within," with the Rev. Matthew E. Long, Thursdays, Oct. 16-Nov. 13, 7 p.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

Estate of June M. Kellstrom, Date of birth: 6/5/1925  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, June M. Kellstrom, who lived at 5051 Hilltop Court, Clarkston, Michigan died 8/24/2007  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Craig Kellstrom, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) Craig Kellstrom  
6480 Citation Drive 366 Orion Oaks Drive  
Clarkston, MI 48346 248-625-0600 Lake Orion, MI 48360

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

Estate of LARRY K. DRAKE, DECEASED, Date of birth: 10/30/1937  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LARRY K. DRAKE, DECEASED, who lived at 4875 Troy Center Drive, Troy, Michigan died September 14, 2008  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Brandon K. Drake, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
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"BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING"  
AGENDA

Date and Time: October 7, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Independence Township Library  
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
7. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2008
  - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
  - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
  - d. Sewer Rate pass-through

**New Business**  
Discussion regarding new Township Hall location  
Closed Session - Pending Litigation (Goodenough v Independence Township)

Only those matters that are listed on the Agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

## Obituary

### Leonard L. Wasczenski

Leonard L. Wasczenski of Clarkston died Sept. 25, 2008.

He was the husband of Darlene for 50 years; father of Bonnie (Cliff) Andrews, Kim Quinn, Lenny Jr., and Robert (Susan); grandpa of Brittany and Jake; preceded in death by his grandchildren Logan and Ronnie; brother of Carol (Charlie) Silcox and Larry.

Mr. Wasczenski will be deeply missed



by his family. He was an avid sportsman.

Funeral service was Sept. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Heart Association or Breast Cancer Research. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Michael Summers

Michael Summers of Oxford, formerly of Royal Oak, died Sept. 26, 2008, suddenly from complications of Diabetes at the age of 49.

He was the brother of Carolyn (Steve) Poniewierski, Carl (Glenda) Summers, Ken (Judy) Summers, Gary (Linda) Summers, Loretta Gucwa, Nancy (Jerry) Riddle, Cathy (Randy) Sykes, and Lori (James) Gullede; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, special friend Bonnie Cooney and her children, and lifelong friend Jaimie



Griggs. He was preceded in death by his parents Carl Sr. and Violet, brother Robert and nephews, Jerry Riddle, and Keith Summers.

Funeral service was Sept. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Online guestbook, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Spiritual Matters

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spiritual growth journey called "The 40 Days of Love." During this time we will focus on the Great Commandment to love and how we can have more life-giving relationships with God and others.

We will intentionally do some things to help us learn and grow in love as God's people. We will do this by spending time in the Bible, in prayer, in serving others, and in small groups. With conflict, divorce, violence, prejudice, and polarization around us daily, it's obvious we all need some lessons in building healthy relationships, and that's what the *40 Days of Love* is all about.

I believe that the only way I can live and love as God intends is to be a life-long learner about love. You are invited and welcome to learn together with us how to love and live as Jesus did!

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Lutheran.

Like to join in  
Spiritual Matters?  
Call us at 248-625-3370



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### PUBLIC NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI to receive comments and consider the adoption of the Springfield Township Master Plan Update.

The Public Hearing is being held to obtain public comments on the full draft of the Springfield Township Master Plan, in accordance with Public Act 168 of 1959. The draft document can be viewed at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office located at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m.

The following Sections are found within the Master Plan:

1. Goals and Policies
2. Future Land Use Plan
3. Transportation Plan
4. Natural Areas Plan
5. Planning Concepts by Sub-Area

Petitioner: Springfield Township

The hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to express their opinions regarding the proposed Master Plan Update. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350.

Individuals with disabilities who need a special accommodation at the Hearing should contact the Clerk's Office at least two business days in advance. 248-846-8510

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Springfield Township Clerk

Publish: 10-1-08

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, October 20, 2008, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 26,  
ZONING ORDINANCE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

#### Section 1. Amendments

**ARTICLE XV - E-1 EXTRACTIVE DISTRICT** is hereby deleted in its entirety, and in its place the following language substituted:

#### **ARTICLE XV - E-1 EXTRACTIVE DISTRICT**

**SECTION 15.01 - Intent:** It is the intent and purpose of this section to promote the underlying spirit and intent of this ordinance, but at the same time allow for the extraction of minerals in locations where they have been naturally deposited, and to ensure that mineral mining activity shall be compatible with adjacent uses of land, the natural environment, and the capacities of public services and facilities affected by the land use, and, to ensure that mineral mining activities are consistent with the public health, safety and welfare of the Township.

**SECTION 15.02 - Principal Uses Permitted:** Sand and gravel excavating, mining, and quarrying, including the processing of such excavated material, subject to the following conditions:

1. In addition to the requirements of Section 18.07, the following additional information shall be submitted in connection with any site plan approval for any permitted use within the E-1 district:
  - a. Vertical aerial photograph, enlarged to a scale to fit on a 24 inches by 36 inches blueprint. The date of the aerial photo-

graph shall be certified, and shall have been flown at such time as the foliage shall be off of on-site trees, provided, if there are changes in the topography from the date of the photograph, an accompanying text shall be provided explaining each change. The photograph shall be provided from an aerial flight having occurred within six months, prior to the application filing date. The vertical photograph shall cover:

- (1) All land anticipated to be mined in the application, together with adjoining land owned and/or controlled by the applicant.
  - (2) All contiguous land which is or has been used by the owner or leasehold applicant for mineral extraction and/or processing and/or storage, and all contiguous (land) in which the applicant or any affiliate has a current interest.
  - (3) All lands within 1,000 feet of the proposed mining area.
  - (4) All private and public roads from which access to the property may be immediately gained.
  - (5) Boundary of the entire planned mining area.
- b. Duration and phasing of proposed operation, exact type and the estimated number of cubic yards of materials to be removed, location and type of any processing plant, proposed method of removal, and any other relevant details with respect to the characteristics, phasing and progression of work on the site.
- c. Land use study/drawing showing the existing land uses with specification of type of use, e.g., single-family residential, multiple-family residential, retail, office, etc., and density of individual units in areas shown, including:
- (1) Property within 1,000 feet of the site; and
  - (2) The property fronting on all vehicular routes within the Township contemplated to be utilized by trucks which will enter and leave the site.
- d. Geological/hydrological/engineering survey prepared by appropriate and qualified experts, indicating:
- (1) Level of water table throughout the proposed mining areas;
  - (2) Opinion as to each and every effect on the water table and private wells and property owners within the reasonably anticipated area of impact during and subsequent to the operation;
  - (3) All qualitative and quantitative aspects of surface water, ground water, and water shed anticipated to be impacted during and subsequent to the operation to the geographical extent reasonably expected to be affected; and
  - (4) Opinion whether the exposure of subterranean waters and/or the impoundment of surface waters, where permitted, will establish a suitable water level at the level or levels proposed as part of the operation, and whether the exposure or impoundment will not interfere with the existing subterranean water or cause any harm or impairment to the general public.
- e. Description of the vehicles, machinery and equipment proposed for use on the property, specifying with respect to each, the anticipated noise and vibration levels.
- f. Reclamation plan demonstrating that the requirements set forth in subsection 7 shall be met.
- g. If the land anticipated to be mined, together with adjoining land owned and/or controlled by the applicant, is situated within the resource protection overlay district, as set forth in Section 17.12, all requirements of such section shall also apply.
- h. All other information required to satisfy the requirements of the Township's Mining Control Ordinance.
2. All active mining and extraction conducted in connection with the operation shall occur at least 160 feet from the nearest property line. All processing and stockpiling shall be conducted at least 200 feet from the nearest property line. The Planning Commission, in their sole discretion,

may reduce the setback distance of active mining and extraction when there would be no demonstrated detriment to adjacent uses.

3. The hours of operation shall be limited to 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., extended to 8:00 p.m. during daylight savings time, and prohibited on Sundays and legal holidays (established by resolution of the Township Board). Operation shall be defined as the operation of mining machinery, the processing plant and/or any related trucking activities.
  - a. The maximum duration of the use, if conducted in or immediately adjacent to a residential zoning district, shall be ten years. However, the Planning Commission may grant extensions in up to five-year increments, based upon a finding that such an extension would pose no unreasonable burden on adjacent properties or the Township as a whole.
4. The site shall be secured with fencing and screened from all adjacent public highways and residentially used parcels in a manner which meets the minimum requirements of the Township's Mining Control Ordinance.
5. The total area being mined, and which has not been reclaimed, shall at no time exceed the lesser of 75 acres or 40 percent of the entire parcel approved as a special use.
6. The proposed transportation route or routes within the Township shall be as direct and minimal in detrimental impact as reasonably possible, as determined in the discretion of the Planning Commission at the time of application for site plan approval, and thereafter.
7. Reclamation. Reclamation of the site shall be in accordance with a reclamation plan approved by the Planning Commission as part of the application review process. The reclamation plan shall demonstrate that final slopes have a grade that does not exceed one foot vertical to three feet horizontal, and, for permanent water areas, for a distance of not less than ten feet nor more than 50 feet, the submerged slopes shall not exceed one foot vertical to seven feet horizontal. The reclamation plan shall also demonstrate that the entire site shall be planted with sufficient vegetation so as to sustain short-term and long-term growth, in order to avoid erosion and washout, and, to the extent necessary to achieve this objective, suitable soils shall be placed on the property; and, all structures, machinery, equipment and improvements shall be removed from the site, unless, following approval of the Planning Commission the structures, machinery, equipment and improvements are deemed consistent with the zoning district in which the site is situated. The Planning Commission shall have the right to impose performance bonds or letters of credit to ensure that the reclamation and restoration plans as submitted are implemented.
2. In **ARTICLE XII - M-1 - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 12.02 - Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions** is hereby amended to add a new Subsection 12.02.8 to read as follows:
  8. Sand and gravel excavating, mining, and quarrying, including the processing of such excavated material, subject to the following conditions:
    - a. Exemption. Usual and customary land balancing by cutting and filling, in preparation for immediately planned and approved development in accordance with this ordinance, the Township's Mining Control Ordinance and, the Township Subdivision Control Ordinance, shall be exempted from the provisions of this section.
    - b. Application. An application shall be filed with the Township and shall include the following:
      - (1) Site plan prepared in accordance with Section 18.07.
      - (2) Vertical aerial photograph, enlarged to a scale to fit on a 24 inches by 36 inches blueprint. The date of the aerial photograph shall be certified, and shall have been flown at such time as the foliage shall be off of on-site trees, provided, if there are changes in the topography from the date of the photograph, an accompanying text shall be provided explaining each change. The photograph shall be provided from an aerial flight having occurred within six months, prior to the application filing date. The vertical photograph shall cover:
        - (a) All land anticipated to be mined in the application, together with adjoining land owned and/or controlled by the applicant.
        - (b) All contiguous land which is or has been used by the owner or leasehold

applicant for mineral extraction and/or processing and/or storage, and all contiguous (land) in which the applicant or any affiliate has a current interest.

- (c) All lands within 1,000 feet of the proposed mining area.
  - (d) All private and public roads from which access to the property may be immediately gained.
  - (e) Boundary of the entire planned mining area.
- (3) Duration and phasing of proposed operation, exact type and the estimated number of cubic yards of materials to be removed, location and type of any processing plant, proposed method of removal, and any other relevant details with respect to the characteristics, phasing and progression of work on the site.
  - (4) Land use study/drawing showing the existing land uses with specification of type of use, e.g., single-family residential, multiple-family residential, retail, office, etc., and density of individual units in areas shown, including:
    - (a) Property within 1,000 feet of the site; and
    - (b) The property fronting on all vehicular routes within the Township contemplated to be utilized by trucks which will enter and leave the site.
  - (5) Geological/hydrological/engineering survey prepared by appropriate and qualified experts, indicating:
    - (a) Level of water table throughout the proposed mining areas;
    - (b) Opinion as to each and every effect on the water table and private wells and property owners within the reasonably anticipated area of impact during and subsequent to the operation;
    - (c) All qualitative and quantitative aspects of surface water, ground water, and water shed anticipated to be impacted during and subsequent to the operation to the geographical extent reasonably expected to be affected; and
    - (d) Opinion whether the exposure of subterranean waters and/or the impoundment of surface waters, where permitted, will establish a suitable water level at the level or levels proposed as part of the operation, and whether the exposure or impoundment will not interfere with the existing subterranean water or cause any harm or impairment to the general public.
  - (6) Description of the vehicles, machinery and equipment proposed for use on the property, specifying with respect to each, the anticipated noise and vibration levels.
  - (7) Reclamation plan demonstrating that the requirements set forth in subsection e. of this section shall be met.
  - (8) The applicant shall request a report from the road commission regarding traffic safety relevant to the application and any road improvements deemed appropriate to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and provide a copy of any report received.
  - (9) If the land anticipated to be mined, together with adjoining land owned and/or controlled by the applicant, is situated within the resource protection overlay district, as set forth in Section 17.12, all requirements of such section shall also apply.
  - (10) All other information required to satisfy the requirements of the Township's Mining Control Ordinance.
- c. Review procedure.
- (1) The Township shall retain the original of the application for the file, and forward the copies of the application and other materials to the Township engineer and Township planner. Plans shall also be submitted to the road commission for review of the haul route.
  - (2) The Township engineer and the Township planner shall each file a report with the Township, together with a recommendation on the need for additional experts.
  - (3) After receiving all reports, including any additional reports of experts recommended by the Township engineer and/or planner, if deemed appropriate, the Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing.

- (4) Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the special use application.
- (5) Reasonable conditions may be required with the approval of the application for the special land use, to ensure that public services and facilities affected by proposed land use or activity will be capable of accommodating increased service and facility loads caused by the land use or activity, to protect the natural environment and conserve natural resources and energy, to ensure compatibility with adjacent uses of land, and to promote the use of land in a socially and economically desirable manner. Conditions imposed shall be reasonable and shall be in compliance with applicable law.
- d. Requirements and standards. The determination on applications submitted under this section shall be based upon the following requirements and standards, as determined in the discretion of the Township Board, and if the application is approved, such standards and requirements shall be maintained as a condition to continued operation and use by the applicant and will automatically be attached as conditions of the annual operating permit required by the Township's Mining Control Ordinance:
- (1) Demonstration by the applicant that the proposed special land use shall not result in a probable impairment, pollution, and/or destruction of the air, water, natural resources, and public trust therein.
- (2) Demonstration by the applicant that the proposed special land use shall not result in a probable impairment to the water table and/or private wells of property owners within the reasonably anticipated area of impact during and subsequent to the operation.
- (3) Demonstration by the applicant that the proposed special land use shall not create a probable impairment of and/or unreasonable alteration in the course, quantity, and quality of surface water, ground water, and/or the watershed anticipated to be impacted by the operation.
- (4) Taking into consideration the duration and size of the operation, viewed within the context of the surrounding land uses in existence, or reasonably anticipated to be in existence during the operation, the proposed special land use shall not be incompatible with such surrounding uses, based upon an application of generally accepted planning standards and principles.
- (5) The proposed special land use shall not unreasonably burden the capacity of public services and facilities.
- (6) The proposed special land use shall have immediate and direct access to a paved road and having necessary and appropriate load bearing and traffic volume capacity in relation to the proposed intensity of the use.
- (7) The proposed special land use shall not unreasonably impact upon surrounding property and/or property along haul routes, in terms of noise, dust, air, water, odor, light, and/or vibration, and further, shall not unreasonably impact upon persons perceiving the operation in terms of aesthetics.
- (8) All active mining and extraction conducted in connection with the operation shall occur at least 160 feet from the nearest property line. All processing and stockpiling shall be conducted at least 200 feet from the nearest property line. The Township Board, in their sole discretion, may reduce the setback distance of active mining and extraction when there would be no demonstrated detriment to adjacent uses.
- (9) The hours of operation shall be limited to 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., extended to 8:00 p.m. during daylight savings time, and prohibited on Sundays. Operation shall be defined as the operation of mining machinery, the processing plant and/or any related trucking activities.
- (10) The maximum duration of the proposed special land use, if conducted in or immediately adjacent to a residential zoning district, shall be ten years. However, the Township Board may grant extensions in up to five-year increments, based upon a

finding that such an extension would pose no unreasonable burden on adjacent properties or the Township as a whole.

- (11) The site shall be secured with fencing and screened from all adjacent public highways and residentially used parcels in a manner which meets the minimum requirements of the Township's Mining Control Ordinance.
- (12) The total area being mined, and which has not been reclaimed, shall at no time exceed the lesser of 75 acres or 40 percent of the entire parcel approved as a special use.
- (13) The activities of the proposed special land use shall not result in a demand for local services and/or facilities which are or become unavailable, including, without limitation, road drainage facilities, sewer facilities, water facilities, and traffic control.
- (14) The proposed transportation route or routes within the Township shall be as direct and minimal in detrimental impact as reasonably possible, as determined in the discretion of the Township Board at the time of application, and thereafter.
- (15) Grant of special approval by the Township does not relieve the applicant of obtaining an annual operating permit in accordance with the Township's Mining Control Ordinance. In the event of a conflict between provisions of this Section and the provisions of the Township's Mining Control Ordinance, those provisions which are deemed more restrictive shall apply.
- e. Reclamation. Reclamation of the site shall be in accordance with a reclamation plan approved by the Township Board as part of the application review process. The reclamation plan shall demonstrate that final slopes have a grade that does not exceed one foot vertical to three feet horizontal, and, for permanent water areas, for a distance of not less than ten feet nor more than 50 feet, the submerged slopes shall not exceed one foot vertical to seven feet horizontal. The reclamation plan shall also demonstrate that the entire site shall be planted with sufficient vegetation so as to sustain short-term and long-term growth, in order to avoid erosion and washout, and, to the extent necessary to achieve this objective, suitable soils shall be placed on the property; and, all structures, machinery, equipment and improvements shall be removed from the site, unless, following approval of the Township Board, the structures, machinery, equipment and improvements are deemed consistent with the zoning district in which the site is situated. The Township Board shall have the right to impose performance bonds or letters of credit to ensure that the reclamation and restoration plans as submitted are implemented.
3. In ARTICLE XIII - M-1 - HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 13.02 - Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions is hereby amended to add a new Subsection 13.02.6 to read as follows:
6. Sand and gravel excavating, mining, and quarrying, including the processing of such excavated material, subject to compliance with all the provisions of Section 12.02.8.

**Section 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect**

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

**Section 3. Repealer**

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Severability**

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Publish: 10-1-08

Charter Township of Springfield

## PUBLIC NOTICE

*Charter Township of Springfield*

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, October 20, 2008, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 26  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:  
Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1. Amendments**

1. In Article II, DEFINITIONS, the following new definitions are added:
- BUSINESS CENTER:** A group of two (2) or more stores, offices, research facilities or manufacturing facilities which collectively have a name different than any individual establishment and which have common parking and entrance facilities. A *business center* may also be considered a nonresidential plat- ted subdivision or *site condominium* development, such as an industrial or office park.
- TEMPORARY USE: TEMPORARY DWELLING:** A temporary dwelling permitted to exist during periods of time due to the principal building being destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion or natural disaster and therefore unsuitable for use; or the principal dwelling is under construction by the occupant of the temporary dwelling.
2. In Article II, DEFINITIONS, the definition for "TOWNSHIP" is amended to read as follows:  
**TOWNSHIP:** means the Charter Township of Springfield, Oakland County, Michigan. Where Township approval is required by this Ordinance, it shall be granted by the Township Supervisor or his/her designee, unless the language specifically requires action by the Township Board or some other individual, board, commission or committee.
3. Under Article XIV - PUD - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT,  
Subsection 14.06.2 Commencement and Completion of Construction, of Section 14.06 Phasing and Commencement of Construction, is amended to read as follows:
2. Commencement and Completion of Construction: Construction shall be commenced within one (1) year following final approval of a Planned Unit Development. Each phase of the project shall be commenced within one (1) year of the schedule established for same in the application submitted. If construction is not commenced within such time, any approval of a site plan on the project shall expire and be null and void, provided extensions for a specified period may be granted by the Township Board upon good cause shown if such request is made to the Board prior to the expiration of the initial period, or any approved extension of the initial period. Moreover, in the event a site plan has expired, the Township shall be authorized to rezone the property in any reasonable manner, and, if the property remains classified as PUD, a new application shall be required, and shall be reviewed in light of then existing and applicable law and ordinance provisions.
4. Under Article XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subsection 16.07.3 (Ground Signs) is amended by adding a new Subsection 16.07.3.c to read as follows:
- c. Business Center
- (1) A business center sign shall state the name of the business center and the tenants located therein. No individual tenants may be permitted to have a separate ground sign.
- (2) One (1) business center sign shall be permitted at the primary entrance and one (1) business center sign may be located at a secondary entrance that is not located on the same street as the primary entrance. If two (2) business center signs are requested, the total allowable square footage as set forth in Subsection 16.07.3.c.(3) shall not be exceeded.
- (3) On sites of less than five (5) acres, the height and area may be twenty-five (25) percent greater than the maximum height and area permitted for ground signs in the under-

lying zoning district. On sites of five (5) acres or greater, the area may be fifty (50) percent greater than the maximum area permitted for ground signs in the underlying zoning district.

5. Under Article XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 16.21 Emergency Temporary Dwellings is amended to read as follows:  
**SECTION 16.21 Temporary Dwellings and Buildings**
1. Temporary Dwellings. Temporary dwellings may be permitted upon a finding by the township that:
- a. The principal dwelling has been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, explosion or natural disaster and therefore is unsuitable for use; or
- b. The principal dwelling is under construction by the occupant of the temporary dwelling.
2. Temporary Buildings. Temporary buildings used in connection with the construction of public utilities or public works, construction of a private development project, or the sales and marketing of a private development project shall be permitted as of right if the temporary building was approved as part of the site plan or subdivision plat and all other Ordinance requirements have been met. In all other cases, a permit shall be required under Section 16.21.3.b.
3. Permit application and review standards.
- a. An application for a permit for a temporary dwelling unit or building shall be made to the Township Clerk. The application shall be accompanied by a plot plan showing the location of each proposed structure and water supply and sewage treatment facilities.
- b. The application shall be reviewed by a committee composed of the Township Supervisor and two Township Board members. Approval of the application may be granted by a majority vote of the committee upon a finding that all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) The temporary dwelling shall be served by and properly connected to approved water supply and sewage treatment facilities.
- (2) The temporary dwelling or building shall comply with all applicable Zoning District requirements including setback, area, bulk and other requirements, except minimum size requirements.
- (3) The granting of a permit for a temporary dwelling or building shall be for a period of one year from the date of approval by the committee, or as otherwise specified by the committee. Any conditions of approval shall be specified in writing on the permit. The temporary dwelling or building shall be placed in accordance with all applicable building codes and standards.
- (4) No permit shall be issued until a cash bond has been posted in an amount to be determined by the committee to guarantee compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance and removal of the temporary building or temporary dwelling upon expiration of the permit.
6. Under Article XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 16.24 - Transient and Seasonal Display of Products or Materials Intended for Sale is amended to read as follows:
1. Permit Requirements.
- a. The outside sale of seasonal items which may include, but not be limited to, Christmas Trees, flowers and plants, pumpkins and other such seasonal items, and the transient sale of any other merchandise shall require a permit from the Township, unless such outside sales have received site plan approval.
- b. Such sales shall be permitted only in the C-1 and C-2 Districts.
- c. Applications for transient and seasonal sales shall be accompanied by a scaled drawing depicting the location of the proposed use, parking, drives, and signage.
- d. Applications shall be filed with the Township a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the intended commencement of sales.
- e. Permits may be approved by the Township for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
- f. Outside sales shall be confined to the area designated on an approved site plan and/or through the issuance of a permit as set forth in this Section.
2. Sales Permitted in All Districts Without Permit.
- a. Retail sale of products grown on the premises, provided that such retail sales are operated by the occupants of the premises.
3. Standards and Conditions.

- a. Transient or seasonal sales at the discretion of the Township may be located no closer to a public road right-of-way than the required front setback or existing building, whichever is less.
- b. Transient or seasonal sales shall not occupy or obstruct the use of any fire lane or more than ten (10) percent of the required off-street parking, provided use of such area does not materially affect the functioning of the site.
- c. Ingress and egress shall be provided in a manner so as not to create a traffic hazard or a nuisance.
- d. The Township will determine whether adequate access, circulation and off-street parking is available on the site to accommodate both the principal use and seasonal and transient sales.
- e. One (1) temporary promotional sign shall be permitted. The sign shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area. A temporary promotional sign shall not be located in a public road right-of-way.
- f. Temporary tents and other temporary structures used in conjunction with outdoor sales may be approved by the Township. Upon discontinuance of the seasonal use, any temporary structure shall be removed.

7. Under Article XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, a new SECTION 18.26 - Outdoor Cafe Service is added to read as follows:

**SECTION 18.26 - Outdoor Cafe Service.**

An outdoor cafe service operated by a bar/lounge and/or sit-down restaurant may be permitted in the C-1 and C-2 districts, subject to the following conditions:

1. An application depicting the location and layout of the outdoor cafe including interior and exterior seating shall be submitted to the Township. Site plan approval shall be required.
2. An outdoor cafe shall be allowed only during normal operating hours of the establishment.
3. An outdoor cafe shall be located on the same property and in close proximity to the principal establishment.
4. The Planning Commission shall review pedestrian access. If an outdoor cafe is located on a sidewalk, not less than five (5) feet of unobstructed pedestrian access along the sidewalk shall be maintained.
5. All ordinance requirements including setbacks, landscaping, parking and other standards must be met.
6. The exterior of the premises shall be kept clean, orderly and maintained, or the permit may be revoked.
7. Seating and service areas shall be enclosed with decorative fencing and/or landscaping.
8. Township standards set forth in Article XVII regarding noise, lighting and odor shall be met. Noise, lighting and odor shall be controlled so as to avoid a nuisance or disturbance to neighboring properties.
9. All outdoor cafes shall comply with applicable regulations of the County health department and the State.
8. Under Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, Subsection 18.07.2.m of Section 18.07.2 Criteria of Site Plan Review is amended to read as follows:
  - m. The proposed use is in compliance with all Township ordinances and any other applicable laws, except as otherwise expressly allowed in this section.
9. Under Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, a new Subsection 18.07.2.p is added to Section 18.07.2 Criteria of Site Plan Review, as follows:
  - p. Deviations from the minimum setbacks found in Article XVIII may be allowed for preexisting legal nonconforming structures, provided that the Planning Commission has made the following affirmative determinations:
    - (1) The preexisting structure was, at the time of site plan approval, a legal nonconforming structure as described in Section 18.01.
    - (2) The proposed building setback in the proposed site plan will not have any material adverse impact on the proposed development or any adjoining parcels or infrastructure.
10. Under Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, the second paragraph of Subsection 18.07.4 Site Plan Review Procedures of Section 18.07 is amended to read as follows:
 

Site Plan review shall be conducted solely by the Planning Commission for all Land Uses, except as provided for herein. All condominium developments, all Land Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions (Special Land Uses), and any site plan for which a building setback deviation is being requested pursuant to Subsection 18.07.2.p, shall have site

plans reviewed and final action taken by the Township Board following a review and recommendation by the Planning Commission.

11. Under Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, Subsection 18.07.4.b.(6) is amended to read as follows:

(6) Expiration of Approval. Final site plan approval is valid for a period of one year from the date of Township action within which time all necessary Building or Construction Permits shall be secured and construction substantially commenced. The Planning Commission or, in the case of applications and site plans requiring Township Board review, the Township Board may grant extensions of final site plan approval upon good cause shown. No single extension shall be granted for a period of more than one year, and multiple extensions are allowed. All requests for extensions shall be made in writing and include a statement of why the extension is necessary and confirmation of ability to complete construction in conformity with the final site plan as approved.

12. Under Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, subsections 18.08.4 and 18.08.5 are amended to read as follows:

4. Public Hearing.

A public hearing on the request for special land use approval shall be held before the Township Board.

In all cases where the Township Board, Planning Commission, or designated official is required to make a discretionary decision on a special land use or activity, the Township shall give notice of a request for a special land use or activity. The notice of public hearing shall be given as set forth in Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

The notice of public hearing shall:

- (1) Describe the nature of the special land use request.
- (2) Describe the property which is the subject of the special land use request.
- (3) State date, time, and place of public hearing.
- (4) Indicate when and where written comments will be received concerning the request.

5. Approval of Special Land Use Application.

Upon review of the application and concept site plan in accordance with the standards established in Section 18.11.1-3 for cluster housing projects and in Section 18.08.1 for all other special land uses, findings of the public hearing held in accordance with Section 18.08.4, and the requirements of other provisions of this Ordinance as they apply to the proposed special land use, the Township Board shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the special land use.

13. Under Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, Subsection 18.10.8 Conversion Condominiums, of Section 18.10 - Condominium Project Regulations, is amended to read as follows:

8. Conversion Condominiums.

- a. The Applicant shall submit a conversion condominium plan to the Township in accordance with this Section and Section 18.07 (Site Plan Review) of the Zoning Ordinance. A plan submitted for a conversion project shall include all existing conditions and clearly identify all proposed site and/or building changes.
- b. If the Township determines the site and/or building changes on the property are not significant, then conversion condominium plan approval may be granted administratively, following a review and recommendation from the Township Planning Consultant and Township Engineering Consultant. The Township may waive any of the requirements of Section 18.07.3 or 4 of this ordinance as part of the administrative approval process. Modifications to parking to bring it into compliance with Section 18.02, and landscaping and/or screening upgrades that are necessary to bring the site into compliance with the standards of Section 18.06 are examples of changes that are not significant. If the Township determines the site changes are significant, the condominium conversion plan shall be reviewed in the same manner as a new development on the site. Significant changes may include, but are not limited to:
  - (1) an increase in the number of units, either as a result of interior subdividing or new construction, or
  - (2) provision of additional site features or amenities, such as garages, community or recreation buildings, and the like, or
  - (3) any site work that would impair a State or Township-regulated wetland, or
  - (4) a reduction in available off-street parking to less than the minimum required by this Zoning Ordinance, or
  - (5) if a rezoning is requested or required.

c. Following the administrative approval of the conversion condominium plan, Exhibit B draw-

ings and Master Deed and Bylaws shall be submitted for review by the Township Attorney, Township Planning Consultant, Township Engineer, and other appropriate staff and consultants, to ensure that the documentation meets the requirements of Section 18.10 of this Ordinance, as well as any other applicable laws or regulations, and that the documentation contains satisfactory provisions dealing with the following:

- (1) Repair, replacement and maintenance of facilities that service the condominium development, including, but not limited to, roads, storm water facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, and water facilities;
- (2) Access to the condominium project for governmental purposes; and
- (3) Any other provisions reasonably determined to be necessary.

Review of this documentation shall include any easements or similar documents for property outside the condominium project that services the project.

- d. If the Exhibit B and Master Deed and Bylaws are complete, the Township Attorney, Township Planning Consultant and Township Engineering Consultant shall recommend approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval to the Township.
- e. The Township shall have the authority to approve the Exhibit B and Master Deed and Bylaws. The Exhibit B drawings shall be substantially identical to the approved conversion condominium plan. If the Township approves the Exhibit B and Master Deed and Bylaws, he/she shall direct the Township Attorney to record the approved documents with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.
- f. Once the Exhibit B and Master Deed and Bylaws have been recorded, the applicant may sell units within the condominium.

14. Under Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, a new SECTION 18.15 is added to read as follows:

**SECTION 18.15 - Zoning Commission.**

As previously designated, the Springfield Charter Township Zoning Commission is hereby designated as the Planning Commission specified in Section 301 of Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, and shall perform the duties of said Zoning Commission as provided by statute, in connection with administration and enforcement of and amendments to this Ordinance.

The Planning Commission shall submit a report at least once each year to the Township Board on the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance and on recommendations for amendments or supplements to this Ordinance.

15. The heading for Article XIX is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XIX - PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

16. Under ARTICLE XIX, the headings for Sections 19.00, 19.01 and 19.02 are amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 19.00 - Creation and Membership of the Zoning Board of Appeals**

**SECTION 19.01 - Powers and Duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals**

**SECTION 19.02 - Meetings - Compensation - Officers of the Zoning Board of Appeals**

17. In ARTICLE XIX, subsection 19.01.5 - Other Specific Powers is hereby deleted.

18. In ARTICLE XIX, Section 19.03 - Procedure for Appeal is hereby renumbered as Section 19.07

19. In ARTICLE XIX, the following new sections are added:

**SECTION 19.03 - Authority of the Planning Commission**

The Springfield Charter Township Planning Commission is designated as the Planning Commission specified in Section 301 of Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, which enables and governs the activities and procedures under this Ordinance.

**SECTION 19.04 - Jurisdiction of the Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities as are expressly provided for in this Ordinance, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended) and the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended).

**SECTION 19.05 - Rules of Procedure of the Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission shall conduct business, organize meetings, and perform its duties as provided for in this Ordinance, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended), the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended), and the adopted Charter Township of Springfield Planning Commission Bylaws.

**SECTION 19.06 - Powers and Duties of the Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission shall discharge the following duties pursuant to this Ordinance:

1. Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission shall perform the zoning duties of said commission as provided in Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, and this Ordinance. The Planning Commission shall be responsible for formulation of the Zoning Ordinance, review of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, holding hearings on a proposed Zoning Ordinance or amendments thereto, and reporting its findings and recommendations concerning the Zoning Ordinance or amendments to the Township Board.
2. Site Plan Review. The Planning Commission shall be responsible for reviewing site plans and site plan amendments, and making determinations to approve, approve subject to conditions, or deny applications for site plan approval in accordance with Article XVIII, Section 18.07 (Site Plan Review).
3. Special Land Use Review. The Planning Commission shall be responsible for holding hearings, reviewing, and making determinations to approve, approve subject to conditions, or deny applications for special land uses (and amendments to special land uses) in accordance with Article XVIII, Section 18.08 (Special Land Uses).
4. Site Condominium Plan Review. The Planning Commission shall be responsible for reviewing site condominium plans and site condominium plan amendments, and making determinations to approve, approve subject to conditions, or deny applications for site condominium plan approval in accordance with Article XVIII, Section 18.10 (Site Condominium Project Regulations).
5. Planned Unit Development Review. The Planning Commission shall be responsible for holding hearings and reviewing all applications for planned unit development approval in accordance with Article XIV, Section 14.03 (Planned Unit Development). The Planning Commission shall be responsible for making a recommendation to the Township Board to grant approval, approval with conditions, or denial of a proposed planned unit development and any amendments to a planned unit development.
6. Other Duties and Responsibilities.
  - a. The Planning Commission shall submit an annual written report to the Township Board concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development.
  - b. The Planning Commission shall prepare a Capital Improvement Plan.
  - c. The Planning Commission shall take such action on petitions, staff proposals and Township Board requests for amendments to the Master Land Use Plan.
  - d. The Planning Commission shall review subdivision and condominium proposals and recommend appropriate actions to the Township Board.
  - e. The Planning Commission shall be responsible for review of any other matters relating to land development referred to the Commission by the Township Board. The Planning Commission shall recommend appropriate regulations and action on such matters.

**Section 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect**

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

**Section 3. Repealer**

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Severability**

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

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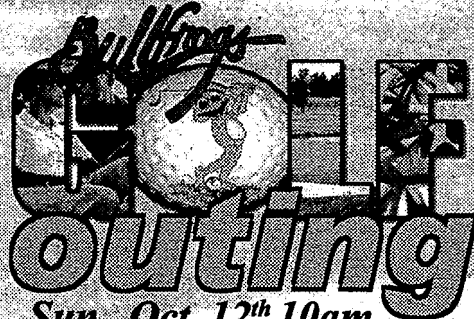




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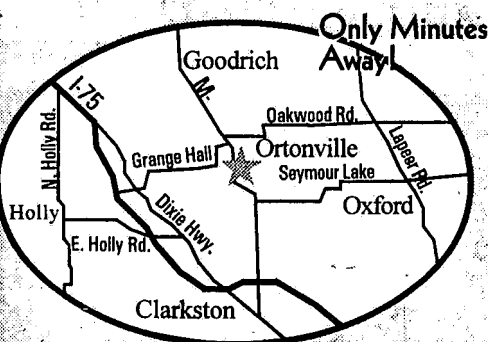
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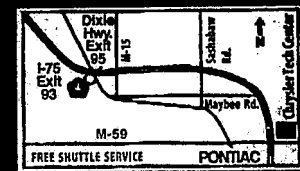
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