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First building in \$600-million McLaren Health Care Village

## Moved in, open for business

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

When Cindy Hawthorne and Arlene Morence approached Karla Lowery in the lobby of the new Clarkston Medical Building, they seemed lost.

It was their first visit to the Sashabaw Road center in Independence Township. Fortunately, Lowery is employed by Clarkston Medical Group as a greeter.

"It's right through there," she told pair, pointing to the center's freshly stocked pharmacy.

The group's medical office building, which opened April 20, is the first of many in the McLaren Health Care Village, a \$600 million project approved in 2006.

CMG's 14 physicians join more than 20 physician practices in the new building, bringing several medical specialties together in one location and offering hospital

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Clarkston Medical Group greeter Karla Lowery gives directions to Cindy Hawthorne and Arlene Morence. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Library suspect booked

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Police say they couldn't have captured the man who pulled off a broad daylight robbery without the quick action of a witness.

Demetrius Emerson Broadnax, 35, was charged with strong-arm robbery after he allegedly followed a patron from the Greentown Casino in Detroit to the Independence Township Library on April 24.

The victim, a 45 year-old Warren man, told police he'd been playing blackjack at the Casino and had \$465 in his pocket when he arrived at the library around 3:30 p.m., per his normal routine, to check email and "kill time" before going to a Piston's game in Auburn Hills.

The man claimed he was getting out of his car at the library when someone grabbed him from behind, put him in a headlock and covered his mouth with gloved hands, making it difficult to breathe.

The assailant demanded money, and reached into the victim's pocket after he claimed he had no cash, saying "I know you got money."

The attacker then fled with money, a library card, a casino card and bank slip, leaving the victim with a small laceration on his forehead and a ripped pocket.

Nearby, a 68-year-old Springfield Township woman heard shouting and looked up in time to see a man run across the parking lot, jump into a vehicle and drive backward out of the parking lot to Clarkston Road.

According to police reports, the woman put her car in gear, gave chase and caught up with the vehicle long enough to get the license plate number.

"We wouldn't have found the responsible without her," said Sgt. Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation. "There was no connection to between the victim and the suspect, so her assistance was invaluable."

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## Pink slips for seven Clarkston teachers

At this time last year, 40 Clarkston teachers were laid off in anticipation of budget cuts. The year before, 46 pink slips went out.

This year: seven.

"We've been able to get a better handle on things this year - we've tightened down quite a bit in the last few years," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "It's not magic. The process is more effective this year. Several things fell into place ear

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## Council member moving out

BY LAURA COLVIN

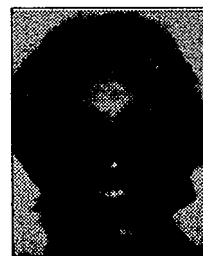
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kristy Ottman grabbed a Kleenex and tried to keep pace with the tears streaking down her face, but heartfelt accolades from fellow council members obviously made the task difficult.

After five years serving on Clarkston City Council, Ottman resigned Monday.

A letter to the council explained: "As each of you know, our home has been for sale for (two-and-a-half-years)," Ottman wrote in a letter dated April 23. "We now have an offer...and will be moving before July 1."

Ottman and her husband, Pete, along with their four young sons, will move to Independence Township, where they recently signed a lease agreement. Their home in the village is in foreclosure.



Ottman

The Ottmans had been in negotiations since October with the children of a deceased resident regarding purchase of their father's estate by land contract.

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# Walk and Roll for SCAMP, Sunday

Ready for some good time Walk and Roll? Walkers, bikers, four-legged furry friends and wheelchair participants are invited to take part in Walk and Roll 2009 on Sunday, May 3.

The annual walk is a fundraiser for SCAMP, a Clarkston-based program providing a summer camp experience for children and young adults with special needs.

Participants can choose from one, two and five-mile routes.

T-shirts in hues "blue water" and "sandy shores"—to celebrate Michigan—will be given to each student walker with pledges of \$50 or more, adults with pledges of \$100 or more and families with pledges of \$200 or more.

Prizes will be awarded for the most unique hat; other categories include youngest walker, oldest walker, and best decorated bike or wheelchair.

Dr. Charles Munk, a local orthodontist and SCAMP supporter, along with his staff, will serve as honorary judges for the event.

In addition, Clarkston State Bank support the walk by offering mini WALK shoes for \$1.

Families can also support the walk by purchasing a lawn sign for \$25 to show "(Your Name) Supports SCAMP!"

All contributions are tax deductible.



A Walk and Roll volunteer sets up decorations at last year's event.

SCAMP has been providing a summer camp experience for individuals with special needs in northern Oakland County and southern Genesee County since 1976. The focus of the 5-week program is to build self-esteem and maintain academic achievement through recreational activities and social events.

Pledge sheets, available at the SCAMP

office in the Clarkston Schools administration building, may be picked up in person at 6389 Clarkston Road or will be sent by calling 248-620-1882.

Registration runs from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 3rd in downtown Clarkston's Depot Park. All ages are welcome; team participation encouraged, and pet pledge sheets will be accepted, as well.

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### Last call for nominations

Deadline for nominating an exceptional teacher in the Clarkston Community Schools district for "Teacher of the Year" is Monday, May 4, 2009. Teachers who may be nominated for this year's award are Secondary Classroom Teachers, grades 6-12.

The award, sponsored by Clarkston Foundation for Public Education in partnership with Suburban Collection of Waterford, will be announced in June.

Nomination forms are available on the school website, [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us). Call Sherrie VanderVeen, chairperson, at 248-625-4743.

### Mail call for food donations

Clarkston area letter carriers will collect food donations during their annual Stamp Out Hunger drive, Saturday, May 9. To participate, place nonperishable food such as canned soup and vegetables, pasta, rice, and cereal, next to mailboxes in time for regular mail delivery.

Letter carriers will pick up donations as they are making their rounds and deliver them to local food banks.

### Wondering about Waumegah Lake?

After a winterkill destroyed much of Waumegah Lake's fish population, many residents are still wondering why the fish kill occurred, when the Springfield Township lake will recover—and how.

Check back with *The Clarkston News* next week as we update the ongoing story.

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A tree knocked down by the storm blocks White Lake Road by Deer Lake. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Winds fell trees, cut power

High winds over the weekend knocked down trees and cut electrical service throughout the area, cancelling classes Monday at Clarkston Elementary School

and Renaissance High School on Waldon Road.

Power was restored by Monday and classes resumed the next day.



A Detroit Edison worker frees power lines from a fallen tree. Photo courtesy of Joyce Nienhuis

## Construction, junk yard irks neighbor

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

What was once an empty field now has become a temporary construction zone and a trucker's junk yard.

It was Feb. 23, when Carolyn Frericks saw the first mobile trailer office arrive on the property next door to her business at Cabinet One.

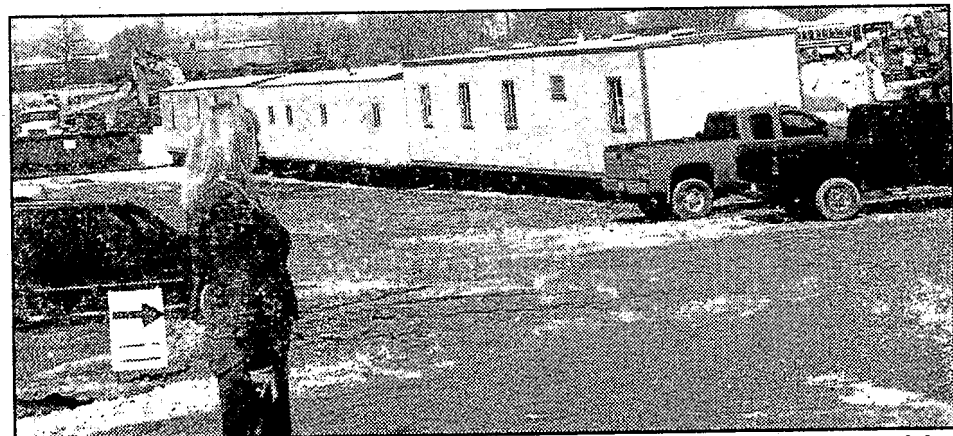
"It sat there and it sat there, I called David Pool at the building department and I said 'I don't know what's going on here but there is some sort of temporary office trailer sitting on the property next door to me,'" said Frericks.

Building Director Dave Belcher told her the trailers were owned by contractors for Consumers Energy, but he had no solutions.

"It's a nightmare, it just never ends and nobody will help me," she said. "Obviously this is a backdoor deal, heads are turning and nobody seems to know what anybody else is doing — basically what I got is a construction village and it's right next door."

Frericks said when their building was built 20 years ago, strict requirements were enforced including sign permit, sign size, conforming letters, green space, and landscape berm.

Brian Foster, co-owner of Stars and Stripes Gymnastics Academy, said it was unfortunate township businesses are being



Carolyn Frericks checks out some temporary trailers being used by Consumer's Energy next door. Photo by Trevor Keisor

let down after being held to such a high standard.

"We are currently trying to run a top notch business in a community that we love and the reason we're out crying is because we feel this is damaging the image of the community, the image of our business. And it does appear there are functions that are transpiring that are illegal," Foster said. "I don't feel that we are trying to stifle growth or create the inability for infrastructure to be built, but the way this is transpiring right now is an atrocity."

Supervisor Dave Wagner, after hearing

Frericks complaint at the April 21 meeting, went out to the property April 23 with Belcher, Pool, and Lt. Dale Lehair of Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation.

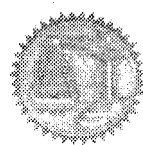
"It's a mess," said Wagner. "He basically has a junk yard back there."

Wagner said Consumer's was putting in a 36-inch pipeline for natural gas to run the entire township.

On Friday, Belcher said business owners at Cabinet One have a "legitimate complaint" and the building department told the

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## Officials looking into violations

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unfortunate township businesses are being let down after being held to such a high standard.

"We feel it is our duty to bring that to the forefront and allow our elected officials that were elected by the people to listen to the voice of the people and take action to bring these undertakings into some type of an organized plan and it would be my hope everyone would be able to come up with a plan that works for all involved," he said. "I don't feel that we are trying to stifle growth or create the inability for infrastructure to be built, but the way this is transpiring right now is an atrocity."

However, Consumers Energy's construction area is not the only problem, said Frericks. She says semi-trucks are also parking at the property.

"When I came to work on Monday (April 20), the Semis were lined up down the street. I couldn't even get in my driveway," Frericks said. "These guys are from all over the place, they are all out of state license plate."

She met with Road Commission for Oakland County officials, who came out to check traffic flow on April 22.

"I said 'listen, the traffic flow doesn't work, the gentleman across the street from

me owns a gymnastics academy where he has a thousand moms with minivans pulling out of there all day and it's a major accident waiting to happen," Frericks said.

Supervisor Dave Wagner, after hearing the complaint at the April 21 meeting, went out to the property Wed. with Belcher, Pool, and Lt. Dale Lehair of Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation.

"It's a mess," said Wagner. "He basically has a junk yard back there."

Wagner said Consumer's was putting in a 36 inch pipeline for natural gas to run the entire township.

"We sent the notice, the guy contacted the township within the time frame, set up the appointment with the township planner to go over the ordinance on what his violations are and he is willing to comply or try and make it comply," Belcher said.

After Monday's meeting, Belcher said township attorney Steve Joppich will get back with them Wednesday.

"Right now there is a consent judgment that we have to follow as far as utility companies, which includes Consumers, and Joppich's looking into what violations they are in and how we're going to handle it," Belcher said. "It will be Wednesday before I get a report from him."



Grief counselors Lou Thorsby, right, and Alicia Brown demonstrate how to make a memory box to Bill Sophiea, owner of North Oakland Family Counseling Center. They plan a teen support group, May 2 and 9. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Teen grief group to meet, May 2, 9

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

When considering a bereavement support group, most teens think of a circle with everyone spilling their guts, said Alicia Brown, grief counselor with Coats Funeral Home.

That's not what she and Lou Thorsby, grief specialist, have in mind for their Bridges Bereavement Program for teenagers 13-18 years old, May 2 and 9 at North Oakland Family Counseling Center.

"We'll have activities related to grief and bereavement to help teens move forward — collage, paint, journal, memory boxes, music, create DVDs," Brown said. "On the last day, we'll have a memorial with balloons."

Grief support is critical for teenagers, Thorsby said.

"As a counselor, I see many adults whose problems go back to unresolved grief in childhood," she said.

"When unresolved, it becomes unhealthy," Brown said. "Grief stays with us. It doesn't go away. It can be delayed, but never denied."

Unresolved grief places teens at risk for substance abuse, violence, promiscuity, and other poor decisions, she said.

"There's not a lot of services in Oakland County for teens in bereavement," Brown said. "They're so vulnerable, with so many

changes going on in their lives, when a harsh dose of reality hits them, they can have a lot of difficulty coping."

"Sometimes you can't tell there's something wrong with a kid. They can get overlooked by parents consumed by their own grief," Thorsby said.

Topics will include grief bursts, sudden, strong feelings of sadness triggered by a song, picture, or other memory.

"They're going along fine when it hits them," Brown said. "They're normal. We let teens know they're natural."

Coats Funeral Home sponsors the group, and North Oakland center donates meeting space.

"I think it's a great idea," said Bill Sophiea, who owns the center with his wife, Elise Finch-Sophiea.

"It's badly needed," Elise said. "Teens working with peers is sometimes the best way to do it."

The teen support group is set for 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Saturdays, May 2 and 9, at the center, 6887 Dixie Highway.

Parent or guardian must attend the first session to sign consent forms. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided.

For more information, call Alicia Brown, MA, LPC, CT, at 248-623-7232; or Lou Thorsby, MA, LLPC, at 248-698-1086.

# Comments lead to resignation

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace took issue with how meeting minutes are written, his words were more than enough for Marguerite Anderson.

In an e-mail, April 22, to Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen and Deputy Clerk Paula Heenan, Anderson, who has been the minute recorder for the township for the past eight months, resigned her post.

"I try not to take things personally but last night's attack on me from Trustee Wallace was embarrassing, particularly as he made it very clear it was me and my work he took issue with, and to do it publicly I think was uncalled for," Anderson said. "I have tried to do my best to present a summary of comments made but I am not a mind reader as to what others may perceive as important. It seems with each meeting it gets worse and I do not appreciate being ridiculed in public."

Wallace commented on minutes at prior meetings as well.

"I have often said here that I think we need to have a lot of detail in our minutes, so someone looking back can determine the basis for the township board's decisions," he said, April 21. "Typically that section of the minutes has been done in summary fashion. I think it's a dangerous precedent to get as specific to what the comments are."

Wallace recommended the April 7 meeting minutes be approved, but public comments altered "merely to identify those individuals who are making a presentation."

VanderVeen said Anderson was a court reporter for the Oakland County Circuit Court and does a fabulous job.

"I don't have to be concerned about errors. She puts everything in a concise manner and it was delight having her. I was so disappointed because it's hard to find someone who knows how to do minutes properly," she said. "Now I don't know what I am going to do because we have meeting on Tuesday and I don't have a recording secretary and I know nobody's going to like my minutes either if I end up doing them."

Wallace who was sent a copy of the e-mail replied that "everyone reading the e-mail should be genuinely surprised at this reaction." He also suggested a review of the audio should "reveal to any unbiased observer that this is not an attack of the scribe or anyone else."

"It is unfortunate that my request to change the minutes as taken as a personal attack—it certainly was not meant to be. Actually Shelagh it was you I had in mind when I suggest this change. Last summer you came under repeated attack during the public comment section and appropriately the minutes did not go into detail," he said. "My comments were that the level of detail in the public comments section set a dangerous precedent—meaning there could well be future criticism that the minutes of similar attacks are launched again."

Wallace said he was told by board members that VanderVeen had reviewed the minutes, but Wallace said it was "not likely" because the clerk had left for Pennsylvania the day after the last meeting because of personal matters.

"From this information I presume you routinely review and edit the note taker's rough draft. I presume those edits are not taken as criticism," he said.

"Although I continue to believe that it is important for township operations and the public that the minutes be detailed enough to provide an understanding of the rationale for Board decisions that is not necessary for public comment."

VanderVeen said she had thought they had reached a "good compromise" between board members concerning how the minutes are written.

"What I've been told in training as a clerk is you only put in there who attended, the motion in verbatim language and if it passed or didn't pass. All this other stuff is not required, but Marguerite did a good job at paraphrasing what was said and I thought that was a perfect solution," she said. "Now, it's like they want a court transcript. They want verbatim language and that's not what the minutes are supposed to be. I'm just shaking my head. You can't make these people happy."

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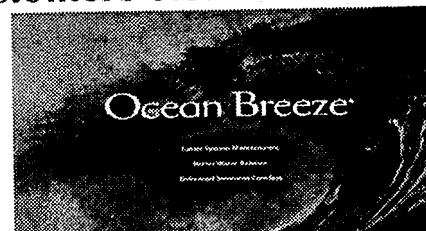
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# Viewpoints

## Out loud

A column by Laura Colvin

### A great loss

Indefatigable.

It was one of the words inserted into a proclamation presented to Kristy Ottman on Monday night as the city expressed gratitude to the departing councilwoman and mayor pro-tem.

Indefatigable: Incapable or seemingly incapable of being fatigued; tireless. Never getting tired or giving up.

Yep, that's Kristy. During my time at *The Clarkston News* I've watched as she sat on one committee after the next, worked hour upon hour behind the scenes, gave careful, conscientious thought to every issue facing the city, and organized volunteers to help local seniors with household chores. You name it, she's been involved.



Not only is Kristy intelligent, fair and dedicated to preserving the city's past and protecting its future, she's articulate, friendly and downright likeable. I can't think of anyone who doesn't respect her.

Yet she and her family have lost their home to a heartless, indiscriminate economy that's proven it will sock when and where it pleases, sparing not even the most hardworking and upright amongst us.

It makes me sick, and sad.

Yet Kristy's not acting like a victim. She counts her husband Pete and their four healthy boys among her greatest blessings, and counts her many friends and neighbors in Clarkston, as well.

When I first came to *The Clarkston News*, Kristy was running for reelection to her second term. At the time, her boys were 7, 5, 2 and 5 months. With such a young, large brood, she said then, sleeping sometimes felt like a recreational sport.

Still, she's always made time to be involved in her neighborhood and her community.

"Life isn't always easy and we don't always get what we want," she told me in October 2006. "But as long as I do what I think is right, then I know I've done my best."

And that's what she's doing now, as much as it obviously hurts.

Kristy Ottman been Clarkston's jewel, the epitome of what any politician should be, or at least aspire to.

So when you see her around town in the coming weeks, take a moment to stop and say thanks. She deserves that much from every resident in the city, and from me. Thanks, Kristy, for being someone I could trust for the truth, someone who tells it like it is. They don't come any better than you.

## Hit the polls Tuesday

Tuesday's school-board ballots won't have much on them, just three names, two of which can be marked for approval.

With only one incumbent, Stephen Hyer, on the ballot, the board is guaranteed at least one new face among challengers Michelle Beck and Rosalie Lieblang.

That doesn't mean the election is any less important than November's general election.

As the area's largest employer as well as custodian of our children 180 days of the year, Clarkston Community Schools plays a vital role in the city and local townships.

Its leadership is just as critical. Relatively high MEAP scores as well as much lower teacher layoffs this year compared to the last couple

point to the hard work of Clarkston Board of Education, and speaks well of Hyer's leadership abilities.

His dogged insistence on May elections despite up to \$44,000 in costs each year may prove a vulnerability for those who place top priority on saving money. Both challengers support moving elections to November.

Whatever your views, be sure to get out to the polls and vote!

PMC

### Editorial

## Neo-con letter missed point

Dear Editor,

In his letter "Taxpayer storm is coming," April 15 edition, Mr. Turzanski condenses much of the discredited Neo-Con political platform into a tired desideratum.

He seems to be encouraging a taxpayer revolt against a congress and administration that are attempting to save our citizenry from the disastrous polices of Bush and his cronies.

Administration back-to-work and energy saving projects, such as high-speed rail systems, are ridiculed—even though their cost is chickenfeed compared to the billions of dollars spent on an unnecessary and unjust war in Iraq.

And only those actually or ideologically in the pocket of Big Oil can say with a straight face that Stateside drilling can solve our energy crisis, in either the short or long run.

What's gotten us into the current economic crisis has not been too much government and taxes.

The real problem has been bad government, with tax money wasted on an immoral war, and interest on our national debt, ballooning from imbalance of trade (especially from foreign oil).

More problems have stemmed from no

government at all — the lack of investment banking oversight, a virtual absence of viable alternative energy programs, etc.

Along with his fear mongering, and snipes and jibes at actual governmental problem solving, Mr. Turzanski's letter strikes that note of patriotic self-righteousness we so often hear on Fox "Noise" — the rightness of Rightness.

He implies that folks who don't hold with the past administration's jingoistic platitudes are less patriotic than he is.

Perhaps he didn't notice the forest of progressive political signs on his neighbors' lawns during the last election, or the results of those elections. Or perhaps he did, and that's what prompted his diatribe.

Tea bags hanging from his hat and flag pin firmly in his lapel, while invoking our Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and, surprise, our military personnel, Mr. Turzanski avers that "our government has waged war on the American people." I agree with him. Only he's eight years too late in saying so.

Bob McGowan  
Independence Township

## Writer needs help from above

Dear Editor,

I wish to extend my condolences to Hank Tarzanski. I feel so sorry for this man, having to struggle through life being so terribly afraid. It must be stressful to live in such constant fear.

Hank, try to develop some self confidence

and courage in yourself, and don't be afraid to ask God for a little help along the way. I am sure you will be able to overcome your fears.

Good luck.

Judy McConnell  
Clarkston

## A Look Back From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1994

"Space man and stars visit former Clarkstonite's home" Former Springfield Township resident Cindy Roesler hosted astronaut Jim Lovell, actor Tom Hanks, and director Ron Howard. Her home in Texas used to be Lovell's, and the filmmakers were interested in using it for "Apollo 13."

"A sneak peek at Springfield Plains" The parking lot was still muddy and the building unheated, but residents got a look at the new elementary school. Principal Sharon Devereaux and Superintendent Gary Haner were on hand to greet visitors and show them around.

"Area Marine saves lives during training" Clarkston native Ronald Olsen, sergeant in the Marine Corps, was put in for medals for rescuing Marines from a burning tent.

### 25 years ago - 1984

"Exploring a world of difference" Norbert Schaar, German exchange student at Clarkston High School, described life in West Berlin, in the middle of Communist East Germany. He looked forward to a trip to Florida, free of borders and government checkpoints.

"Math whiz" Steve Doolittle, Sashabaw Junior High student, was a top achiever in a statewide mathematics contest. He received a certificate of merit for superior achievement; one of 30 awarded statewide.

"Independence weathers the wind" Winds gusting to 60-70 mph took their toll, blowing off rooftops, toppling trees, sending students into tornado shelters, and blacking out much of the area.

"Century mark for Ellis farm" Emmalyn Freeman shared memories of growing up at the Springfield Township farm. Her family owned the farm for the past 100 years, earning it Michigan Centennial Farm certification.

### 50 years ago - 1959

"Local Boy Scouts win first prize" Clarkston scouts won the award at the Manitou District Scout Show for their project, a 15-foot tower made of 600 pounds of wood and 1,000 feet of rope. The demonstrated its sturdiness by climbing up and down it in droves.

"Shower honors Jacqueline Powell" Mrs. Ronald Thronset entertained at a miscellaneous shower honoring the future bride. They play games and presented the honoree with many lovely gifts.

"Clarkston locals" Private Douglas DeGrow was home on a 48-hour leave from Ft. Belvoir.

# Liberalism evident at Madame Tussaud museum

This quote is from P. J. O'Rourke, a conservative with a sense of humor: *I like to do my principal research in bars, where people are more likely to tell the truth or, at least, lie less convincingly than they do in briefings and books.*

Now to my point this week. April 9 the metro dailies were all over unveiling the new wax figure of first lady Michelle Obama at the Madame Tussaud's museum in Washington, D.C.

At this ceremony a reporter from the *Washington Times* noticed no Republican first ladies have had the honor of being immortalized in wax at the museum.

Hillary is there. So is Jackie Kennedy. Twice. There is no Nancy Reagan, Betty Ford or Barbara or Laura Bush.

There is a reason for prefacing the word arts with "liberal."

The Tussaud spokeswoman-marketing-director said, "There have not been enough requests. There has been overwhelming support for a Michelle Obama figure because of

her being a fashion icon and mother."

Were those two criteria used in selecting Hillary? Ah, no. So there must be other reasons for such choices.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

That's where liberalism appears to also be a criteria.

Or, there could be this thinking: Democrat first ladies are more entertaining, Republicans more real, less waxlike, less fake.

They get requests from their gift shop and kiosk. Oh, yeah, and website.

That eliminates my vote.

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Comments from 1957:

"I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

"It won't be long before young couples will have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

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Here's one that wasn't heard in 1957: "The day is coming when daily newspapers will go the way of the stagecoach, penny postcards, soda fountain and telegraph."

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In 1956 Secretary of State James Hare sent me a historical chronology of the State of Michigan. It's in a folder I pass over every time I write Jottings. I glanced through it this week. It dates to 1622, when Etienne Brule and his companion Grenoble, French explorers, searching for a water route to the Pacific Ocean, discovered Lake Superior.

I stopped at 1933, when Michigan declared a bank holiday on February 14, created the Michigan Liquor Commission and enacted the Sales Tax Act.

Bad times bring out the best in times for legislators to make holidays and create new

ways to tax the unemployed.

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I've written before about there being way too many things being offered via television.

"Women who aren't satisfied with the settlement can have the pillowcase tightened." Well, at least they are sensitive to some listeners.

Writers' efforts to shorten statements oftentimes lose something. When a politician is seeking reelection they say, "Don't change horses in the middle of the stream."

When Abraham Lincoln, said it in 1864 it was, "It is not best to swap horses while crossing the river."

Grantland Rice is well-quoted for saying, "It's not that you won or lost, but how you played the game."

However, he began with, "When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks, not that you won or, etc."

References to that "One Great Scorer" are left from lots of quotes these days.

## Thanks to firefighters for fine work

Dear Editor,

I want to thank the firefighters of Independence Township for their work Saturday, April 18 on Deer Lake.

A member of the Deer Lake Property Owners Association had just launched his boat, and was tied up at his dock when smoke began to appear from under the engine cover. The smoke turned to flame and he abandoned ship.

We called 911 and shortly thereafter, a large crew of firefighters arrived with foam and high pressure water hoses to extinguish the fire, now fully involved, including the dock.

Several younger firefighters waded into still very cold water to pull the now burned

to the waterline hulk near enough for Beyers Towing to pull the boat onto a flatbed. The firefighters used absorbent booms to contain pollutants as the boat was loaded.

The boat was in perfect shape and well maintained. A probable electrical short could be responsible for the fire. It was just loaded with 30 gallons of high test fuel. The whole event could have turned out much differently had the response not been as timely and professional.

Thanks again to the Independence Firefighters.

Most sincerely,

Robert Namowicz  
Independence Township

## Unbiased Mary play article much appreciated

Dear Editor,

I greatly appreciate the article "Mary takes center stage in Mt. Zion play."

Kudos Trevor Keiser for reporting the facts in an unbiased and interesting article. It's not often that one reads the newspaper and finds simply news.

As an actor in the Mt. Zion play, I can assert that every mention of this article was very positive.

Thank you, *Clarkston News*, for a fair representation of Mt. Zion's "Passion of Mary."

Paul Powlison  
Lake Orion



## Lion on the street

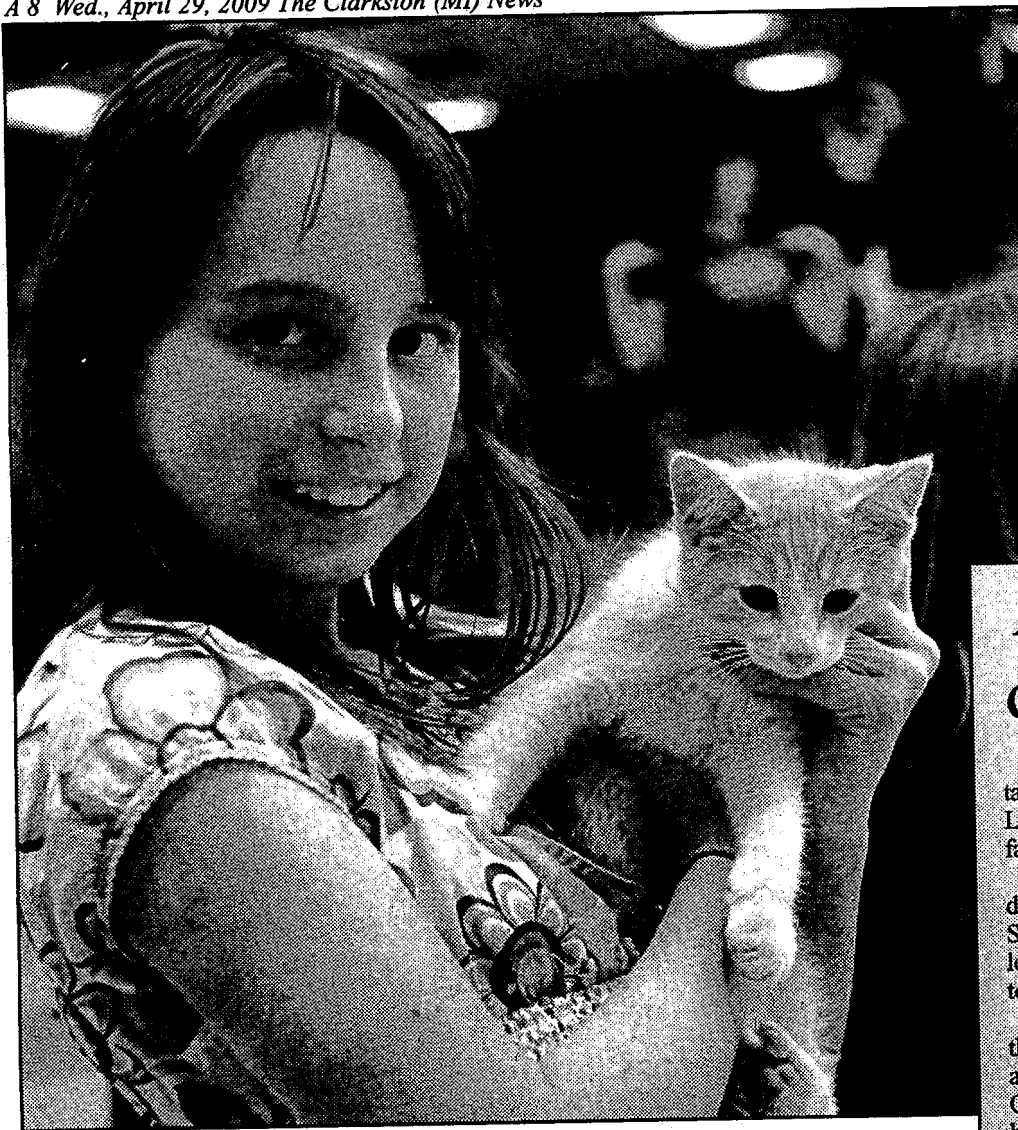
Lisa Shefferly Gillay enjoys a nice Friday, collecting funds for Clarkston Area Lions from passing motorists on Washington Street in downtown Clarkston. "People are very friendly, very kind," she said. "With this economy, to see their generosity shows the good hearts of the people of Clarkston." The Lions' White Cane Week benefits their sight and hearing projects throughout the area. Photo by Phil Custodio.

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Christie Faw said animals are one of her many passions.



Adam Ihm and Hallie McCaghy pet a friendly Golden Retriever.

## A purrrfect day for pets

Students at Bailey Lake Elementary concluded an Academic Service Learning project last week with a pet fair featuring animals for adoption.

"My class made today the best day ever," said first grade teacher Stacey Conn. "They said 'we love learning and we love animals and today we get both.'"

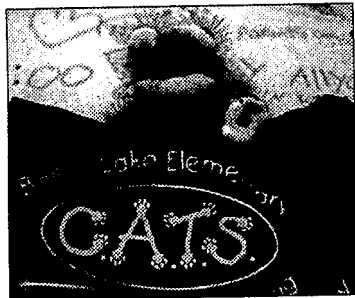
Community partners attended the event, providing donations and advice on caring for animals. The Oakland County Animal Shelter brought pets for adoption.

The project was a continuation of the school's Connecting Academics Through Service, or C.A.T.S., program.

*Photos by Laura Colvin*



Gabby Schultz, left, and Mackenzie Patter make friends with Kappy.



Kappy, a 7-year-old Schnauzer, was hoping to find a home.



Sarah Wilson, a Bailey Lake first grade teacher, shares a smile along with Molly McCaghy, Gabby Schultz, Mackenzie Patter, and Hallie McCaghy.



Tessa Cornwall of Advanced Pet Care hands over a kitten.



## Booked

A retired police officer headed into the Independence Township Library on April 9 spotted pot and paraphernalia in plain view on the dashboard of a car and called police. The retired officer said he was especially concerned because the car contained a child seat. Deputies arriving on the scene questioned and cited the vehicle's owners with possession or marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia as they exited the library with a 6-year-old child. A report was also sent to the Family Independence Agency.

## Sign of the times

The manager of an Independence Township subdivision reported someone used a vehicle to push over and damage two stop signs and a street sign within the complex. Nothing else appeared damaged.

## Lost but found

An Oakland County Sheriff's deputy and his K-9 partner, along with the OCSO Aviation Unit, was dispatched after an 85-year-old Alzheimer's patient was reported missing from her Springfield Township residence on April 25. According to reports, the woman walked away from her home in the 11000 block of Clark Road about 30 minutes prior to caretakers calling for help; Deputy K. Christie and his K-9 were able to safely locate the woman in a short time.

# Public Safety

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

## Viciously vandalized

Sinks, toilets, a glass shower enclosure, and several plasma televisions were smashed; a wall oven and washing machine were destroyed; paint was splashed on walls, ceilings and floors, and water was left running, causing drywall to collapse. Deputies documented page upon page of damage and began looking for culprits after someone broke into a home in the 4800 block of Menominee April 10 or 11 and vandalized the property. Nothing appeared missing from the home.

## Coke isn't it

Narcotics found in the car pulled over on a traffic violation near Maybee and Sashabaw sent the 32-year-old Waterford man to jail on charges possession with intent to deliver cocaine and possession of marijuana. The man reportedly admitted the seven "corner ties" found in his vehicle by a deputy were cocaine, and that he had been using the drug while he and his buddy played golf. The deputy noted white powder on the man's nose.

## Cashed out

A fraud investigator arrived at the Independence Township substation April 23 after an internal investigation allegedly led to an employee at a on Sashabaw Road confessing she'd stolen about \$7,000 from the bank. The employee, an 18 year-old Independence woman, was a part-time teller at the bank. Deputies are investigating.

## Fighting more than fire

An on-duty Independence Township fireman saw a car swerving across lanes and forcing oncoming traffic off the road near Maybee Road and Sashabaw April 18 and called police while following the vehicle. The driver, a 41-year-old Independence Township woman, went off the road and hit a speed limit sign, but managed to get her vehicle turned around and attempted to continue driving but was detained by the fireman until police arrived on the scene. The woman, who had a PBT of .117, was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges.

-Compiled by Laura Colvin

## Swiped!

• A 23-year-old man reported his satellite radio was stolen after someone smashed out a window in his vehicle while it was parked in the 5600 block of Heathland Court.

• A laptop computer and 200 CDs were reportedly stolen on April 15, after the items were left in a vehicle in the 5500 block of Parview overnight.

• After attending an hour-long service April 21 at a funeral home on Ortonville Road, a 54-year-old Oxford woman came outside to discover someone smashed a window from her vehicle and made off with a green canvas school bag that contained confidential student files. The woman told police she teaches in a neighboring district and said the bag looked similar to a computer bag.

• An Independence Township resident told deputies she was only in the country club in the 7000 block of Oakhurst Ridge for about 15 minutes April 21. Still, it was enough time for someone to smash a window from her car and snatch her purse and knitting bag from the back seat.

• Someone smashed a window in a vehicle left at the Sashabaw Road and I-75 Park and Ride on April 21, and stole the owners boat keys and insurance papers from inside.

## Why All The Household Dust?

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch "Desperate Housewives" and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. I tell people that simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines, where a little at a time it gets blown back into your home.

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use truck mounted equipment, which is like a shop vac that you would vacuum out your car with inside the back of a van, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment vs. truck mounted equipment at [www.americanpowervac.com](http://www.americanpowervac.com).

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April and Keith Meadows help keep indoor air clean with their local business, American Power Vac.

powerful equipment in the industry. This is where the entire truck is the vacuum and the truck motor powers the equipment. It's the size of an ambulance and when engaged twelve large air bags will come out of the roof. What makes the difference in equipment? Power! To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 CFM's (cubic feet of air per minute), basically what you feel coming out of your register. Truck mounted equipment only moves 4,000 CFM's. American Power Vac moves over 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute, more than

quadruple the power of any truck mounted equipment. The problem is that there are so many companies with inadequate equipment, advertising cheap prices in coupon books, that it gives people a false sense of what the job's worth. The average price to clean your air ducts correctly with the right equipment ranges from \$374 to \$499+ depending on the size of your home. Any company who charges per register or who has "\$99 Whole House Specials" are companies you want to

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## Remember Mr. Keegan at Race

Runners and walkers can Race for the Kids, in memory of Clarkston teacher Chuck Keegan, this weekend at Clarkston Junior High School.

Mike Greve, history teacher at the junior high, organized the 5K run and 3K walk, May 2.

Proceeds will fund Clarkston Foundation scholarships for local students. Greve worked and coached with Keegan, who passed away this past year from cancer, for about nine years.



Keegan

"He touched more people than he realized. He was an inspiration to a lot of people in the community," Greve said. "He was a wonderful, giving, selfless person who would do anything for his fellow staff members, his students

and those students who ran track for him." Greve expects more than 100 participants this year at the walk and run, which he hopes becomes an annual event.

"I want it to grow," he said.

Race-day registration, \$25/individual, \$60 family, starts at 8 a.m., with races starting at 9 a.m. at Clarkston Junior High School track, 6595 Waldon Road. Donut Dash, a variety of games for children 10 and under, is \$5.

— Phil Custodio

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## Open house set May 30

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"By moving into the Clarkston Medical Building, we're continuing to grow by leading an innovative concept in outpatient care that benefits area patients," O'Neill said.

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CMG plans a community Open House, May 30. For more information, call 248-625-2273.

## Teacher layoffs part of budget plan

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Clarkston Community Schools is set to reduce next year's spending by \$1.8 million, but more than \$1 million in new state and federal revenue is expected to cushion the impact on teachers.

Staff reductions also includes two teacher resignations. Some of the laid-off teachers may be recalled as enrollment and funding becomes clearer over the summer, said board President Stephen Meyer.

State law required layoffs to be by the end of April.

# Ottman served as 'voice of the city,' mayor says

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dent regarding purchase of their father's estate by land contract.

Less than a month ago, however, the heirs reportedly decided to sell the property by conventional mortgage only.

A new state law prohibits people who have sold their house on a "short" to get a conventional mortgage for 24 to 48 months, Ottman explained.

"This economy escapes no one," she said. "We need to go and get our bearings and start over. We made a made a gallant effort to do that here in the city, but it just didn't work."

Ottman, who said she hopes to return to the city within five years, was first elected to the council in November 2004. She was re-elected in 2006, appointed Mayor Pro-Tem and was re-elected again in 2008.

Although she and her family may remain in the city for several months, depending on when the bank sets a closing, Ottman said she felt leaving the council now is the "right thing to do."

"If I stay I become a microcosm of what's happening in Washington," she said. "Our little city is up against some big challenges, and it wouldn't be right for me to be participating in discussions and voting on issues, knowing I'm leaving soon. I'm not happy about it at all, but doing what's right doesn't

necessarily make you happy."

Ottman said she felt a deep debt of gratitude to many residents in the city who've been kind to her family and children over the years.

While she had no idea who would replace her, Ottman said she felt the person who is ultimately appointed "needs to get their feet wet as soon as possible" in order to get an understanding of the challenges facing the city.

As Ottman prepared to leave before regular business got underway, the council wasn't short on praise and good wishes.

"You've always put your whole heart into everything you did," said councilman Jim Brueck. "Thank you for everything you've done for the city."

"The reason I'll accept this resignation is because I know Kristy is going to do great things somewhere else," said Councilman Cory Johnston. "She'll still be involved with her kids, her family, the schools and the community, as she always has been."

Mayor Steve Arkwright and the council members signed a proclamation expressing "deep regret and sadness" accepting Ottman's resignation, but also to thank her for countless hours of service.

During her time on council, Ottman served on a number of committees, including Physi-

cal Plant and Assets, Finance, Departments, Operations, Parks, Youth Assistance and the annual Depot Park Picnic.

Ottman also served on Clarkston's Police Chief Selection Committee and spearheaded city participation in join the Main Street Oakland County program. In addition, Ottman was a proponent of offering assistance to elderly residents of the community and initiated snow removal and yard clean-up services for senior citizens.

"She's always done a great job," said Arkwright. "In many ways, she's the voice of the city and I'm sorry to see her go."

Councilman Charles Inabnit said he would miss Ottman, both as a fellow member of council, and as a friend.

"This is a great loss for the city," he said after Monday's meeting. "She's one of the hardest working members of this council; she's dedicated, she's selfless. It just goes to show that no one is immune to these times."

Arkwright asked council members to send nominations for Ottman's replacement. Any city residents interested in filling the position can also contact the mayor via email at Sarkwright@yahoo.com.

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Girl Scouts Cassidy Kondrat, left, and Nora Storey clean along North Sashabaw Elementary's fence line.

## Girl Scouts clean their schoolyard

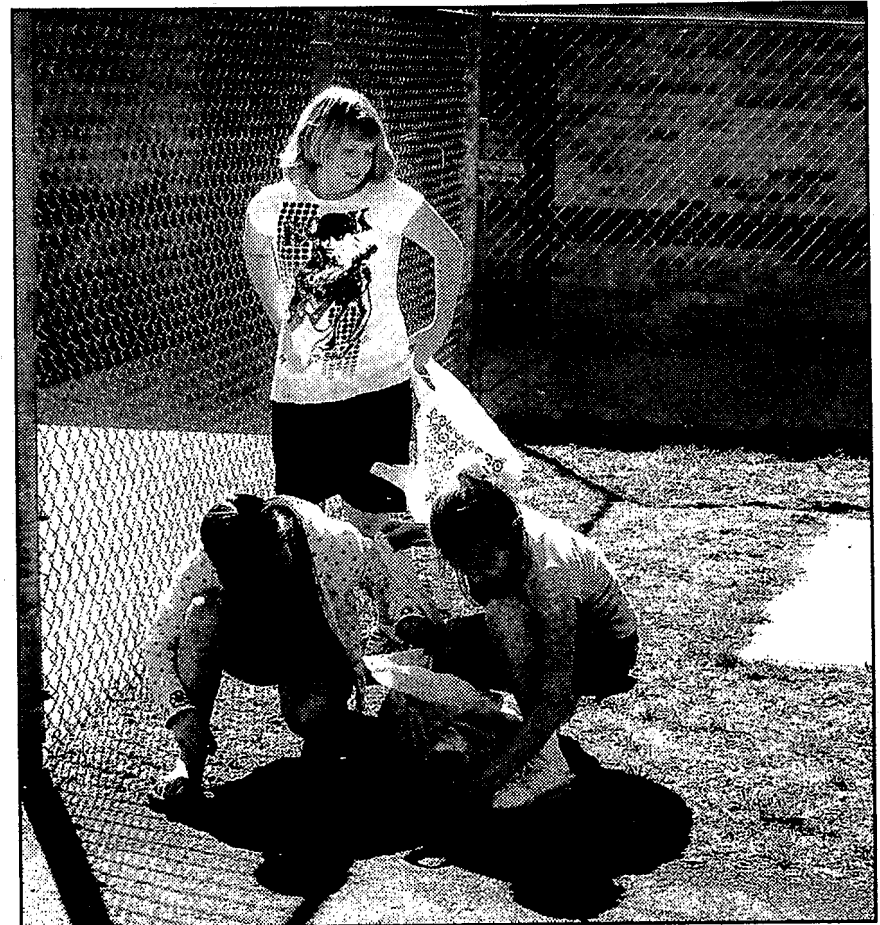
Clarkston Girl Scout Junior Troops 13036 and 13220 spent a sunny Thursday afternoon cleaning up the grounds around North Sashabaw Elementary School.

"All the girls did a great job cleaning up the grounds at North Sashabaw Elementary," said Karen Weiler-Kondrat, Troop 13220 co-leader along with Sue Storey

Troop 13036 scouts Cassidy Kondrat, Lauren Tait, Abbey Kuhn, Avery Lowe, Katie Gravelle, Danielle Keusch, and Sara Klimczak, applied the community service to their Leadership Badge.

They partnered up with the younger scouts of Troop 13220, Olivia Kondrat, Nora Storey, Aalayna Green, Chance McDougal, Maddy Dooling, Rachel Kerr, and Jessica Campbell, led by Lori Teneyck.

"The older girls are also leading younger scouts for their Leadership Badges," Weiler-Kondrat said. "It's part of the Girl Scout journey."



Olivia Kondrat, at right, Sofie Rowland, left, and Rachel Kerr clean near a school entrance.

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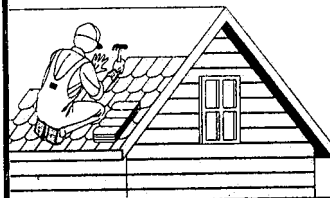


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# GOOD LUCK!

# What's the

Clarkston Area's Monthly  
Business News & Info

Vol. 3 # 10

# BIZ

## Glitz turns 20, but it's still growing

In a time of gloom and doom, Glitz Salon offers a ray of hope and good news.

They recently purchased a home, located off of Baldwin Road (between Seymour Lake and Stanton Roads), as their business headquarters. The 7,500 square foot home sits on five acres in Brandon Township. And, is currently being used for employee training.

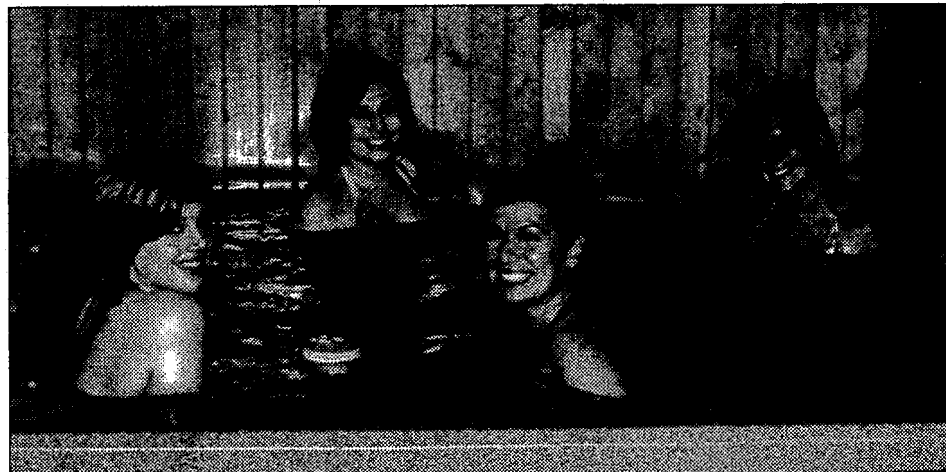
Owner Cherie Barnett, however, has plans to make the estate destination spot for not only staff and clients, but the community.

This November Glitz will celebrate its 20th anniversary. According to Barnett, she now employees over 100 people. She started her business in Clarkston, then opened locations in Rochester, Orion Township and another in downtown Lake Orion.

So, what is the secret of her success?

"Take very good care of your staff and your staff, in return will take care very good care of you," she said. "In our business, the business is the staff. They know how much they are valued. I work on making sure their schedules work around their life. This makes for a great work environment. Simple old-fashion respect goes a long way."

The new HQ is used for Glitz corporate meetings and client events. The mansion also



Four Glitz employees relax after a day of training at the new HQ. From the left, Ashley, Brittany, Jaclyn and Farrah.

features an outdoor veranda on two levels. Always thinking of the future, Barnett said the mansion will eventually be used for weddings and events.

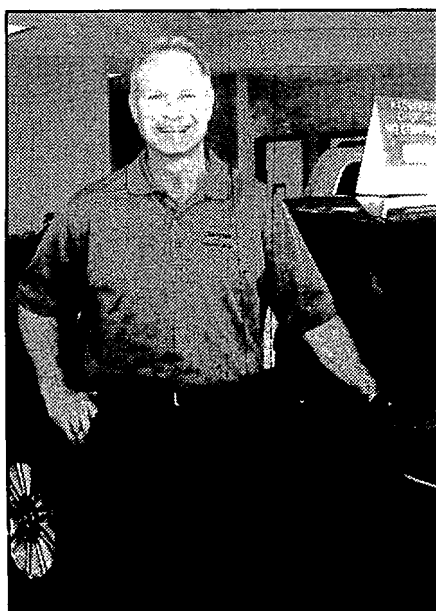
"Brides wanting to host local, affordable weddings can do it here," she said.

Barnett, while growing a successful business, has realized the importance of giving back to the community. They have hosted

fund-raisers for local causes, people, schools, churches as well as helping Children's Hospital in Detroit.

Glitz raises more than \$30,000 each year during their Annual Cut-A-Thon, in July, benefiting the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

For more information visit their website, [www.glitzsalons.com](http://www.glitzsalons.com).



Dean Meadows is back in business at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep.

## Familiar faces at Fortinberry car dealership

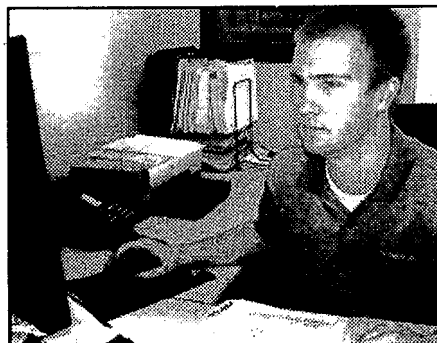
Clarkston Chrysler Jeep welcomes Dean Meadows back from Florida, where he spend the past two months as a minister with the Nazarene Church.

"I've been working here for 13 years, this is home," said Meadows, who continues to minister in Flint when he's not selling cars. "I've missed all the fun here."

Also at the dealership, Lane Fortinberry was recently promoted to internet manager.

"Internet sales are growing," said Fortinberry. "It's an interesting challenge. It's never boring."

The oldest son of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep owner Chuck Fortinberry, Lane has



Lane Fortinberry prepares a sale.

been working at the dealership since he was 13 years old, he said.

"He's worked in every department, washing cars, body work, sales," Chuck said. "He has a full understanding of the business."

Lane said he hopes to take over the family business one day.

"When it's time," he said.

For more information, call 248-625-4200.

## Business News

**Lisa's Country Cupboard**, formerly 5268 Dixie Highway in Waterford, is now open for business at 9355 Dixie Highway in Independence Township, a quarter mile north of exit 98, I-75.

They offer country home furnishings, inside and out. Many new items are available. For more information, call 248-625-0109.

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Local resident **Andrzej Mendela** was recently selected to join Michigan Financial Companies of Southfield as a financial representative.

Mendela has more than 11 years of experience in insurance and financial services fields. A graduate of Michigan State University, he also holds Life, Accident and Health, Series 7 and 63 registrations.

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**David Savage Photography and Design** in downtown Clarkston offers two, \$250 scholarships to the graduating class of 2010.

"We know times are tough for parents that will be sending their graduating seniors to college next year," Savage said. "Any class of 2010 senior photographed at the studio will be eligible to apply. I got the idea last year after hearing what tough times families were having financially."

The studio will also photograph any student who has an extreme hardship for free, and discounted sessions significantly, he said.

For more information, call 248-922-3200.

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**Janet Tait**, owner of Wellness Enhancement of Clarkston, travelled on a grant from a group of Sisters of Mercy to teach Healing Touch classes in Guyana, South America.

She travelled for two weeks this past January.

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**Jessica Koles** of Clarkston earned top honors for outstanding sales, with lia



## Getting fit, helping neighbors

Waterford Fitness Center members with food, hygiene products, tooth paste and assorted new household items they collected for Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac throughout March. Photo provided

## Band web biz takes off

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Brennan Haase, chief marketing officer for MyBandStock.com, understands problems faced by bands trying to break into the music scene.

The 2006 Clarkston High School graduate faces them himself, as guitarist for local band 11 Letters Long.

"In high school, lots of bands are trying to start, but run into the same issues, you can't record without money and equipment, and you can't earn money without a record," said Haase.

Haase works with MyBandStock President Drew Leahy and Vice President Kevin Pritchard, who started the project in 2007. They work with Evan Frankfort of Los Angeles' Would Work Sound studio and Robb Vallier, Grammy Award-winning producer.

"I was talking about forming a cover band with the president of the company and we ended up talking about his idea to buy stock in bands," Haase said. "I thought it was an awesome idea."

A junior studying psychology at University of Michigan, his job is management of the company's brand and message.

"I make sure the message we send out is what we meant to send out," he said. "Our catch phrase, 'Join the Music Revolution,' was my idea. That in essence is what we do."

MyBandStock.com is an interactive social website. Fans buy "band stock" in their favorite music, providing bands with funds and a platform for their music. For their investment, fans receive incentives such as merchandise, concert tickets, and music downloads.

"We're troubleshooting it, redefining the

concept," Haase said. "We're all type-A learners. We check the music blogs and seek advice from music industry contacts. If we have a question, we look for the answer."

Their goal is not to replace recording labels, but to offer music in a different way, he said.

"It provides an opportunity to form personal relationships between bands and fans," he said. "It presents a platform to reach fans, and fans get exclusive content, special deals, and a chance to meet the bands."

It gives a band a chance to become successful on their own, on their own terms, he said.

"It's an option open to everyone," he said. "It's really interesting, reimagining how the music industry works."

Haase grew up in Waterford, and his family, parents Doug and April, his brother, Taelor, a student at Michigan State University, and sister, Kylee, a student at Clarkston High School, moved to Springfield Township when he was in high school.

Took up bass guitar while in middle school. "My friend played regular guitar and we wanted to start a band," he said.

They started a couple bands, Loser Squad and 11 Letters Long when he was a junior, which still performs in the summer.

Plans for MYBandStock include a national launch, digital distribution of music, and revamped system of stocks.

"A generic stock that fans can distribute as they wish," he said. "I'm definitely looking at this as a potential career. Right now it's supplemental because I'm a student. We're all a bunch of young 20-somethings."

For more information, check www.mybandstock.com

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# Lacrossers take home rivals' travel trophy

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The boys carried their new trophy off Lake Orion's field in celebration - they had just won the traveling trophy created for the two rivals.

Adam Zak led the Wolves by lending six goals in the 16-3 victory.

"We have no intention of giving them a reason to take back," said Coach Brian Kaminskas.

"It was great," he continued. "The boys were really excited. They presented it to Dan Fife so they can get it into the trophy case and show it to the school."

Both Hunter Layson and Jon Avery added three goals and Forbes Dever scored two.

Kevin Giaier and Andrew Miller added one. Miller assisted on four goals for the night.

"It was a very good game," said

Kaminskas. "The guys played almost flawlessly. Everything we asked them to do all year, they did without a problem. You can really see them come onto their own. They completely dominated."

Mikey DiPonio scored Lake Orion's two goals.

The boys game on Saturday was cancelled because of the weather conditions.

The Clarkston Lacrosse program hosted their third annual "Game for a Cure" to raise money for Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

This year over 200 players from both the boys and girls teams took to the field from grades 1-12th.

The rain slowed the momentum down for the teams, prolonging the game day but didn't slow down the success.

Funds not figured at press time.

"It was a success," said Kaminskas. "Next year will be bigger. It's a great lacrosse community event. We had a great turnout and support from the families in the area."

"Other than the weather, I couldn't have asked for a better day."



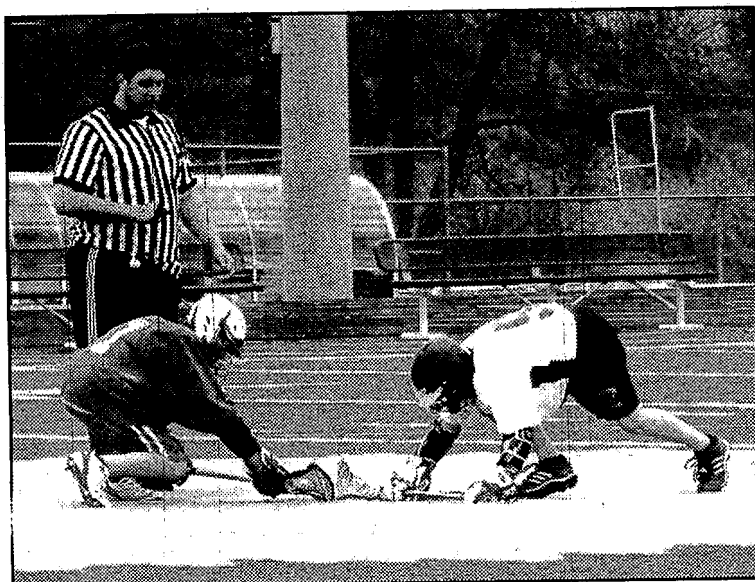
Brian Lorimer watches a St. Hugo's player get ready to advance.

The boys next two games are at Romeo on Thursday and Rochester Adams on Saturday.

They will be back home on Mon-

day when they take on Troy.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m. against Romeo and Troy. On Saturday, they begin at 10 a.m. Varsity follows.



Ian Eriksen gets into face-off position.

## Athlete of the Week Kickers conquer net

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Mikayla Ferer and Lisa Lyon hugged each other after teammate Sydney Dicea scored the lone goal for the night on North Farmington's net.

"The goal gave the JV team their seven straight win for the season on April 16.

The game against North Farmington was a little tougher for the girls than the teams they had previously faced.

"Communication and working together," said Taylor Stokes on what helped the team on the field. "We were nervous."

"This team was tougher," continued Ferer. Three of their wins were mercy wins, as they scored eight goals and blocked their competition from scoring zero on them.

"We put in a lot of teamwork," said Ferer. "It's all coming together."

The game helped the girls to get ready for future games by making them stronger and tougher.

The JV team has six freshmen, nine

sophomores and one junior.

"We have great players," said Coach Kendall Aliber. "The talent we have on the team has really helped. They work really well together and work really hard."

The girls lost their first game to Royal Oak on April 20, 2-0, but they showed no slow down during the defeat.

"They played extremely well and I was very proud of how hard my girls worked," said Aliber. "They made great passes."

This is Aliber's first year as a coach and teaches at Andersonville Elementary. She has used her past experiences playing soccer at Hope College and Marian High School to help the girls out in a situation.

"You can expect more wins and work the best they can," said Aliber as the girls continue their season.

The next game for the girls is Thursday night as they host Youth Soccer Night.

They are set to play at 5:30 p.m. against Farmington Hills Harrison. The varsity game will follow.



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Jimmy Delnick Lahser takes a swing.

## On the links

Tommy Ronk was low scorer for Clarkston at the Traverse City golf tournament this past weekend.

Ronk scored a 73 in Friday's play, while Sean Hoffman got an 80, including a chip-in Eagle, said coach Mark Wiegand, Clarkston High School Varsity Boys Golf.

"As a team we finished in about the middle of the pack," Wiegand said. "Some handled it great, played well, while others will learn from the experience and continue to improve as the season progresses."

Saturday was cold and windy with lots of rain. Ronk continued to lead the way for the Wolves with 80, showing his younger teammates how to grind out a round in poor weather conditions, Wiegand said.

"Overall I was very pleased with their performance, and happy that all of our players got the opportunity to play in the event," he said.

This was the first Varsity Tournament for all players except Ronk, Wiegand said.

Tournaments this week include Huron Valley Invitational, Tuesday, at Prestwick Village; Wednesday's match vs. Rochester Stoney Creek at Twin Lakes; a match Thursday versus Rochester Adams at Fountains; and a Friday scrimmage with Davison and Flint Kearsley at Davison Country Club.

## Set for action

Learn new skills or improve current ones at the Annual Clarkston Volleyball Clinic coming in June.

The camp is open to any girls going into grades 5-12 this fall.

The clinic will be Monday, June 15, through Friday, June 19. The clinic is 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. for girls in grades 9-12, and 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for grades 5-8.

Participants will receive a short-sleeved T-shirt and can earn awards for outstanding athletes, attitudes, and tournament champs.

The cost is \$75.

Registration forms are available at all Clarkston schools.



Brandon Verlinden in Oxford blue on the set of the film.

## Verlinden's star on the rise in film

Clarkston High School senior Brandon Verlinden rose from the bench and stood next to a Lake Orion player. They watched the monitors and the coaches discussing the next move.

"Cut," said Director Chuck Grady.

Verlinden stepped back and went over to the Oxford Wildcats bench. He didn't turn traitor. When Lake Orion High School said they needed extras for an independent movie they were shooting about basketball, Verlinden volunteered Saturday to be a part of it. The opposing team was supposed to be played by the Wolves, but Clarkston Schools changed their mind at the last minute, he said.

"They told me when I got here," laughed Verlinden between takes.

He shrugged and added, "I thought I would be a part of it anyway."

Verlinden put on a Wildcat jersey, sat through takes and scenes and played basketball for the staged game shots.

"It's fun to play again," he said between throwing the ball around with the other players and sinking 3-pointers. "It doesn't matter who you play as."

As for being an extra on the film, he said it was cool.

"I don't know if I like that stuff. But it's a fun experience," he added.

—Wendi Reardon

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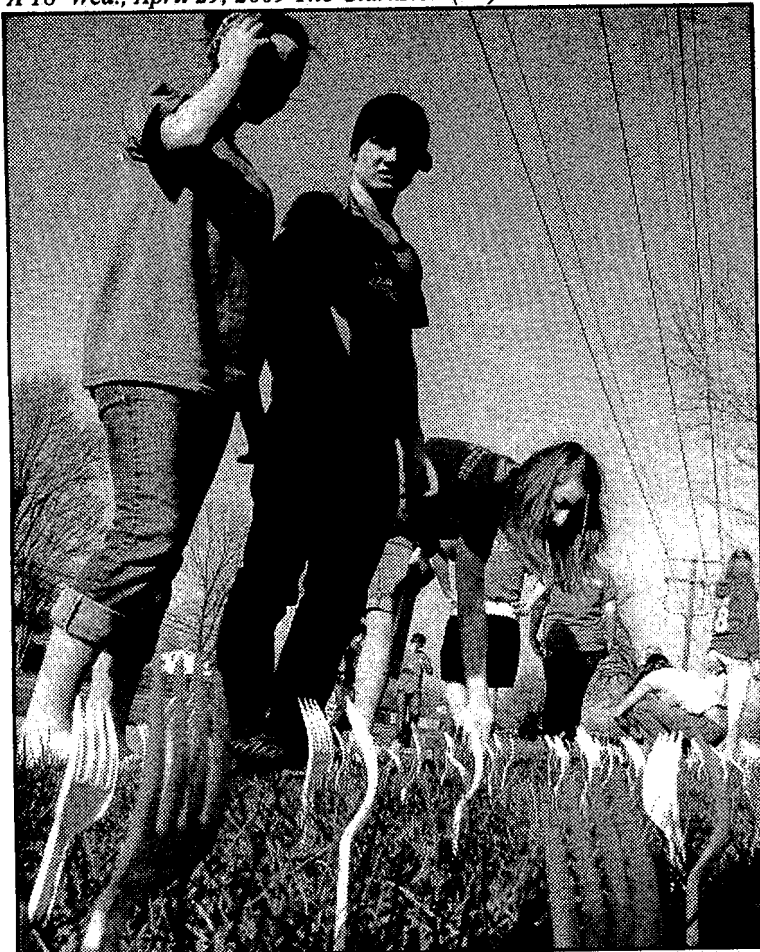
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Codie Nichols, Josh Iglesias, and Melanie Bale contemplate their array of forks, symbolizing child hunger.



Oakland Woods Baptist Church's Transformed Teen Ministries spent the night outside and fasted for 30 hours to fight worldwide hunger.

## Teens fast to fight hunger

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Despite sleeping outside in cardboard boxes with no food for 30 hours, local teens still found it hard to imagine life on the street.

"We have sleeping bags and things they don't have," said Melanie Bale, Transformed Teen Ministries member at Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road.

But the experience still illustrated problems they want to help fix.

"It gives us some perspective into what it's like," said Cody

Nichols.

"It's hard, but I get something out of it - I get closer to God," said Brandon Iglesias.

They raised money for each hour they fasted to help feed those who are hungry.

According to Worldvision charity, 26,000 children die every single day from hunger. The group illustrated that number by filling the church's front yard with forks, each representing 10 children.

"This is to show how big a problem it is," said Codie Lefler.

The weekend project also in-

cluded service projects in Pontiac, including painting over graffiti at Grace Centers of Hope, gardening, grounds work, and trash cleanup at Lighthouse, washing windshields at a gas station, and going door to door to ask people what they need, prayer requests, and talking to them about a local church, and delivering care packages to local firefighters, police officers, and others.

"We'll drop them off all over the community," said Heather Windeler, coordinator. "They're random acts of kindness."



From left, Ben Quigley, Cody Nichols, and Codie Lefler in their cardboard house.

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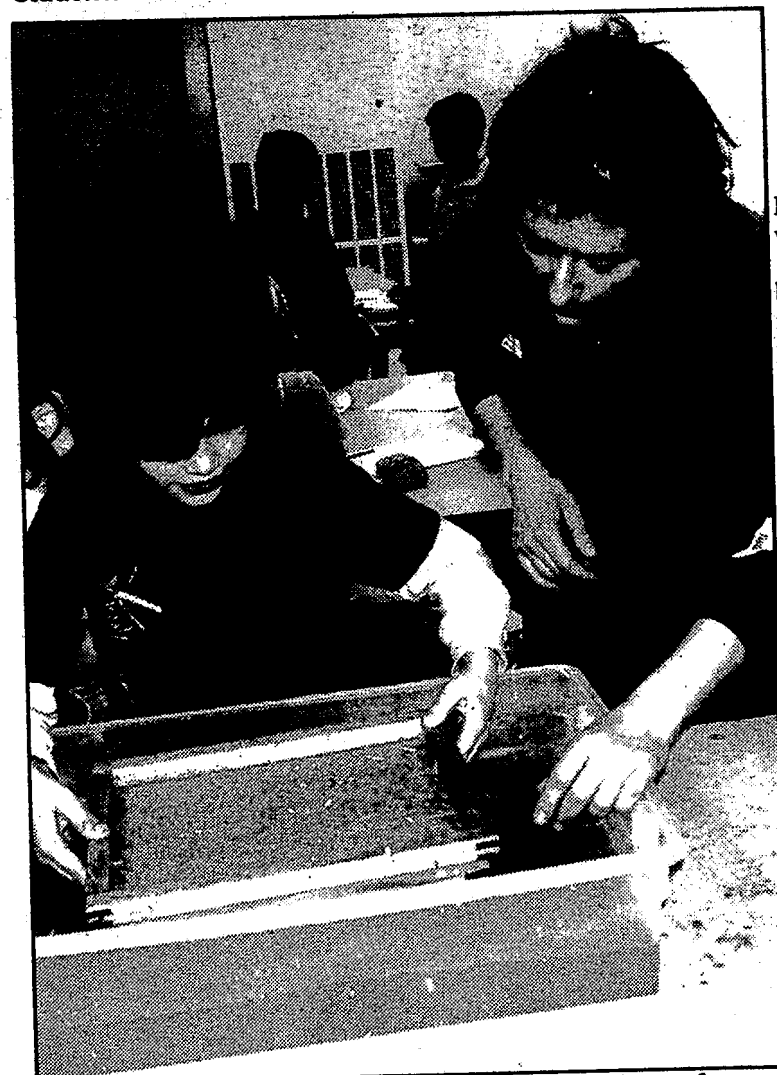




Students from Mr. Brazer's class show off their pine cone bird feeders.



Ashley Williams plants a flower seed, while Griffin Dean watches.



Kelly Morris helps Gabe Saylor make a new piece of paper out of old recycled paper.

## Celebrating planet earth

Third grade classes from Pine Knob Elementary celebrated Earth Day last week with a variety of activities.

The day included pond exploration, building bird feeders, nature rubbing, insect scavenger hunt, planting flowers, painting rocks, and making Earth Day badges.

Photo story by Trevor Keiser



Enjeune Williams turns an ordinary rock into a peice of art.



Alexis Marie Hawkins and Trinity Marisa Roodbeen study a tadpole in the pond exploration.

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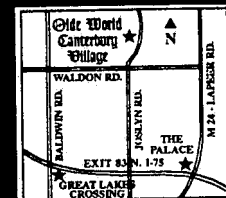
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# Resident fosters deaf dog for good future home

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Hope Ponsart tells people the small white dog they've been playing with is deaf, they don't believe her.

It was five months ago when the Springfield Township resident met Lilly, a little white dog with bat ears and a little stump of a tail, at the Rock Financial Pet Expo Novi.

"I saw her and she was in this little crate and she seemed very disconnected to everything. When kids would go by and the other dogs would get up and they would wag their tails or another dog or something there would be some type of emotional response, but with her there was nothing," Ponsart said. "There was just like this blank stare for everything. She didn't move around a lot."

When asked what was wrong, she was told the dog was deaf.

"I took her out and walked her and things and she was kind of hard to handle, and I said 'has anyone been working with her?' They said 'no, unfortunately they don't have time because rescues are pretty strapped right now,'" Ponsart said. "From what I've been able to find out, Lilly is a product of a backyard breeder. Perhaps that's why she is deaf, when the folks who bred her decided she was 'stupid,' they dumped her at the shelter."

After meeting Lilly, Ponsart said she couldn't stop thinking about her, so after the holidays she called Mary Wilson, founder of A Better Place rescue, who suggested she foster Lilly until they found Lilly a good home. After talking it over with her husband, they agreed.

Not knowing what to expect when they brought Lilly home, Ponsart immediately enrolled Lilly in an AKC "Star" puppy class at Companion Dog Training Club in Flint.

"We spent six weeks learning all kinds of things, from basic commands like sit and

stay, to housebreaking, socialization, and being a responsible pet owner," she said. "I learned a lot about Lilly in those six weeks. I learned she is smart, and doesn't give up easily, even when she's frustrated or confused. She might not be able to hear you, but she feels deeply and when she learns to trust you, it's for keeps."

A classmate who teaches sign language came up with signs Lilly could understand and follow.

"Lilly learned her commands like a champ," Ponsart said. "I can't even explain the feeling when I saw the light go on in her little puppy head and she made the connection between the sign and the desired response. She understood what I was telling her."

She does one or two 15-minute training sessions with Lilly everyday just to reinforce what she learned.

"It's just repetition," said Ponsart. "Some things we'll practice all through the day, like if I'm home and I'm not working and I'm going up and down the stairs a lot. I'll make her sit at the top of the stairs and stay. Then I'll come down the stairs and say 'Lilly now you can come.'"

As to what kind of dog Lilly is, Ponsart is not sure. Perhaps a Bull-Terrier mix or a French Bulldog.

"Lilly is uniquely herself. It's a riot when she greets you at the door with her bat ears waving, little stump of a tail wagging and wiggling so hard, she practically falls over, thus the nickname, 'Silly Lilly.'"

Lilly now functions in the house just like any other dog, she said.

"Except don't expect her to come running when you call her when she's asleep somewhere," she said. "Lilly has evolved into a happy, confident pup, ready to make the transition into her own home."

Ponsart said Lilly lives with three adult cats and Calvin "The Wonder Dog," who

Ponsart rescued outside a warehouse in Detroit. She said Calvin and Lilly enjoy long walks and playing together, but Lilly is "definitely all about being the 'Queen Bee.'"

"Her ideal home might be one where she is the only pet, so it's truly all about Lilly," she said. "She is incredibly affectionate, happy to curl up on your lap whenever you sit down. She'll follow you around the house, or quietly chew her favorite bone on her dog bed. Two 15 minute training sessions and long walks keep her energy at a manageable level."

Ponsart understands it may sound like a lot of trouble to adopt a deaf dog, but she says she and Lilly have already done the hard work. If someone is willing to learn her signs and continue to work with her, "they'll be rewarded in spades with a very loyal, loving companion for many happy years and people won't believe she's deaf."

"I like to picture Lilly with a couple with an RV. I can see them now, cruising off down the highway on another road trip adventure, Lilly sitting up front, of course, looking straight out through the windshield at what's ahead," she said. "I hope lots of good things are speeding toward Lilly, she deserves them."

If you are interested in adopting Lilly, call Hope Ponsart at 248-328-0166.



Hope and Lilly enjoy some outdoor fun in the sun. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

## Suspect cites gambling addiction for motive

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Broadnax later arrived at the substation along with his pastor, after calling to say he wanted to turn himself in.

The suspect, who has no prior criminal record, told detectives he'd been at the casino gambling and admitted the habit has become a problem.

After losing \$245 and feeling increasingly distraught "over pending bills and harassing phone calls by collectors," he spotted the victim in the casino parking lot and decided to follow the man.

Broadnax told police he took \$80—not

\$465 like the victim claimed—and fled, but felt "sick" over his course of action and threw the money out the window of his car.

The pastor said Broadnax arrived at her home around 5:30 p.m. looking distraught and said he wanted to turn himself in.

"He's a victim of the economy and owes a lot of money," Baldes said, noting Broadnax appeared genuinely remorseful during the interview with detectives. "Unfortunately, it's not an excuse. He'll be prosecuted like anyone else."

Broadnax was jailed on \$15,000 personal bond.

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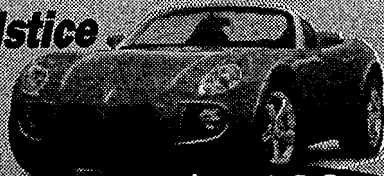
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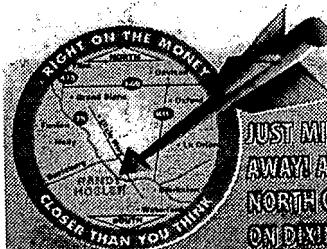
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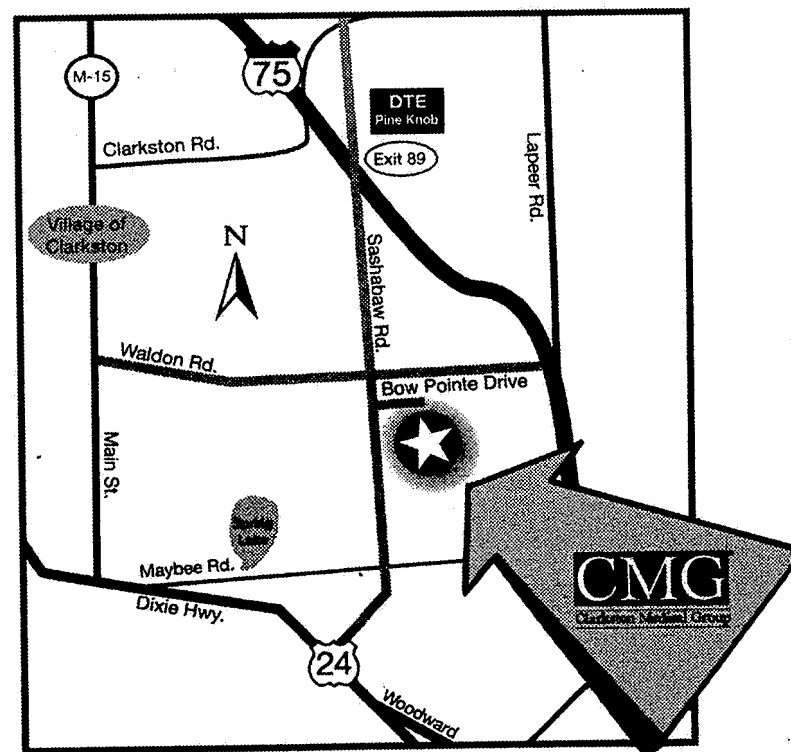
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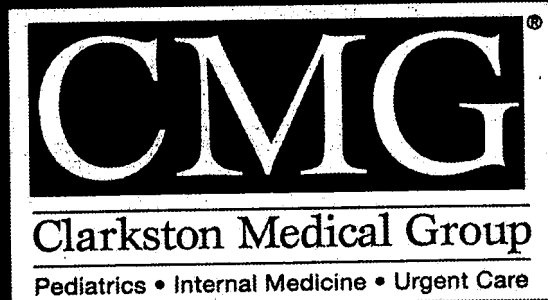
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## People Poll

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### Weekend storm damage?



"The power went out Saturday. They promised Sunday at midnite we would have power, but still here we are Monday without power."

- Jennifer Herrmann



"My power didn't go out, but my lights flickered, but Clarkston Elementary was out of power (Monday) and that is affecting me."

- Ronnie Brueck



"My house was not affected, but I was affected because of no school, but I am not complaining because it's extra time with the kids."

- Amy Music



"We had roof damage and the neighbor had a very, very, very big pine tree come down."

- Clare Catallo

By Trevor Kelser

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Pure Fashion club member Rachel Cotner tries out her runway walk. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Young models learn fashion common sense

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

For Detroit Pure Fashion, revealing clothes increase attention but reduce respect.

They'd rather have respect for themselves as well as from others, said members of the club.

"It's good to be modest, to be true to yourself," said Brittany Ricca of Clarkston. "You can still be who you are without wearing revealing clothes."

"People like who you are, not how much you're revealing," said Diana Chokr of Brandon Township.

The group of 22 girls 14-18 years old from all over Oakland County meet weekly at Oakhurst

neighborhood in Independence Township.

They are planning a fashion show finale to this year's program, 2 p.m., Sunday, May 3, at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester.

"It will be a great day," said Stacy Clothier of Independence Township, chairperson. "We are featuring the Salvation Army Thrift Stores as our main clothing sponsor to encourage recycling, the value of money, and to show you can still get fantastic clothes without spending a lot of money in this economy."

"I'm really excited about it. We've been preparing for it all year," said Sarah Luttinan of Bloomfield Hills.

Luttinan joined the club this year.

"I heard about Pure Fashion and thought it was the coolest thing ever and wanted to be involved," she said.

"It help us become leaders in society and help others," said Lainy Shefferly of Clarkston, who joined with her sister, Mary Shefferly.

"We help kids," Mary said. "We go to Detroit and Pontiac and set up fun days for them."

The monthly, Saturday meetings at Oakhurst Country Club include sessions about public speaking, role modeling, self respect, confidence, and other topics, Clothier said.

"Then we do something fun, with make up, clothing trends," she said. "We do service-learn

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**Family Caregiver Club**, 6 p.m., April 30. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Local attorney will speak on elder law concerns and issues. Free. 248-625-8231.

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**Rummage sale**, 12-7 p.m., April 30; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 1, with bake sale; and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., May 2. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

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**Teen Support Group**, Bridges Bereavement Program by Coats Funeral Home, for ages 13-18 experiencing death of a loved one, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., May 2 and 9. North Oakland Family Counseling Center, 6887 Dixie Highway. 248-623-7232.

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**A Tea to Remember**, benefits ESTHERS Children, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., May 2. Theme: hats. \$25. Clarkston United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-620-6828.

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**Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids**, 9 a.m. May 2, Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Waldon Road. \$20 by April 20; \$25 after. \$5/Donut Dash for children 10 and under. Benefits Clarkston Foundation scholarships. 248-623-5400.

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**Spaghetti Dinner** to benefit Children's Miracle Network, May 3, 4-8 p.m. Includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, cash bar, door prizes and raffle. Adults \$8, children \$5. Hosted by Independence Township Rite Aid #4592. Clarkston Eagles, 5640 Maybee Road. Call Fred, 248-625-5271.

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**Daffodils and Duds**, Springfield Garden Club's style show and luncheon with Kim Rose Fashions, 11:30 a.m., May 5, Genesys Conference and Banquet Center, Grand Blanc. \$25. Silent auction, door prizes. Proceeds to 4-H, NOHLC, Oakland Tech Center. 248-891-0900 or 810-695-3793.

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**Mothers Day Tea**, 11:30 a.m., May 6. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. \$22. Authentic English High Tea with lace tablecloths, silver,

## Around Town



Clarkston Village Players, from left, Justin Steen of Clarkston, Adam J. Lindenmier of Auburn Hills, and Shaun Pittman of Clarkston rehearse a scene.

### Great minds meet in Village Players play

Clarkston Village Players present "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" by Steve Martin, May 8-9, 15-17, and 21-23, at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road.

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**Hearing Loss Discussion**, 10 a.m., May 7, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Relay for Life Clarkston**, American Cancer Society, 10 a.m., May 9, Clarkston Junior High School. 248-663-3414.

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**Matt Perry**, Christian comedian, 7:30 p.m., May 9, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free childcare for ages 1-5, but RSVP. Free-will offering. 248-625-1611.

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**Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group** for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., May 12. Topic: "Stress Management and Open Discussion." Led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor at Wint's. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Walk-ins welcome. Free. 248-625-5231.

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**Kyle Dine**, allergy-awareness concert, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Blue Grass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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**SCAMP fundraiser**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., May 14, Lowrie's Landscape, 9539 Dixie Highway, with Moon Valley Rustic Furniture, catered by Clarkston Union, beverages by Caribou Coffee. 248-625-8844.

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**Treasures and Treats Rummage and bake sale**, benefits Neighbor for Neighbor, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., May 15-16. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0900.

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**Community Wide Craft Show and Garage Sale**, May 15-16, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mill Pond Park, Davisburg. Space available for rent; crafters and independent product distributors welcome. Pre-registration required. 248-846-6558.

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**Motorcycle Ride and cookout** to benefit Children's Miracle Network. Departs 12 p.m., May 16, from Rite-Aid parking lot, 5789 Ortonville Road. \$10/driver; \$5/passenger. DJ, raffles, cash prize, and cookout upon return to Rite-Aid. Hotdog, chips, drink, \$2. Call Cathi, 248-625-5271.

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**Pain, Stress, Emotion and Arthritis program**, 5:30-8 p.m., May 28, Professional Development Center, Oakland Schools, Waterford. Speakers: Dr. Amita Bishnoi, medical management strategies for rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, and Psychologist Jane Savoy, how to use the mind to reduce pain and negative feelings. 800-968-3030.

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**Parking lot sale**, June 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Over 100 vendors. Proceeds benefit library. Independence Township Library parking lot, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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**National Kidney Foundation Golf Classic-Oakhurst**, June 8, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, off Clintonville Road. 800-482-1455. Please see Around Town on page 16B



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Beth Parks' Julia and Saunders, played by Austin Rea, confront the Bellhop, Mat Neal.

## Surprises galore at 'Tenor'

Nothing is as it seems in Clarkston High School Drama Club's "Lend Me a Tenor," a comedy by Ken Ludwig.

"It's all crazy," said Taylor Benson, who plays Maggie. "Everything happens very fast."

Jared Smith plays Tito, a world-famous opera singer whose drunken stupor one performance night is mistaken for death.

Max, played by Marc Zendejas, steps up to take over.

"But he's not dead, so there's two Titos running around," Zendejas said. "My girlfriend cheats on me with Tito, but it's really with me when I'm pretending to be Tito."

"It's an interesting show,



Tito, played by Jared Smith, is pursued by Hillary Hacker's Diana, at left, and Taylor Benson, playing Maggie, to the displeasure of Maria, played by Maggie Schroeder.

something different," Benson said.

"By far the funniest show I've done," Smith said.

The eight-actor, PG-13 comedy farce is set for 7 pm., Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, at Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093

Flemings Lake Road.

"It's very funny," said Jeff Tice, drama club teacher. "Hopefully it will sell out."

Tickets are \$7/adults, \$6/ students and senior citizens. For more information, call 248-623-4024.

— Phil Custodio



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# Milestones



Kevin and Angie

## Pesta-Klebba

Austin and Adam Klebba of Clarkston are happy to announce the marriage of their mother, Angie Klebba, to Kevin Pesta of Lake Orion, father of Melanie Pesta-Lawless of Ortonville and Tiffany Pesta-Anton of Blackburg, Va.

Kevin is a Strategic Account Manager with the Simmons Bedding Company and Angie is a Senior Unit Leader with PartyLite Candles.

A May 2009 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Clarkston.

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## Wingett-Hammer

Joanne Savoie and David and Krystal Wingett of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to A.J. Hammer, son of Allan and Donna Hammer of Pennsylvania.

Jessica graduated from Clarkston High School in 2001 and Western Michigan University in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

A.J. is a 2000 graduate of Brother Rice High School and Western Michigan University in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Integrated Supply Chain Management. The

couple reside in Novi. A May 2009 wedding in St. Pete's, Fla., is planned.



Jessica and A.J.

## Got a Milestone to share?

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

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# Religion

## Summer plans should include God

What are you doing this summer?

It is a question I have asked several of our college age adults who are finishing with another year of school. Some are working, some traveling and some just planning on relaxing for the summer.

As I listened to their answers, I was intrigued not only by what they were going to do but in their belief they had options.

When was the last time you had the luxury of thinking about what you were going to do with three months of "free time"?

For me, summers of my college years always meant I had to work to earn money for the semesters to come. Yet there was a freedom in knowing the routine was going to be different.

For three months the things that had stressed me in the past were going to be left behind. I could catch my breath, gain perspective and get a break to become refreshed for what was to come next. I loved those summers.

For the majority of us, summer is a welcomed season after a long winter. But with the exception of a few weeks vacation and weekends that are now spent out of doors, we still have to go to work, raise families, and tend to the same things that are an ongoing part of our lives.

The stresses of the past three months will remain with us.

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Richard Dake

We just take them with us on vacation when we garden, golf, etc. It is the price of being a grown up, living in the adult world. Or so we think.

But what if we could look to summer as a time to change our routine, become renewed and transformed in the way we see the demands and pressures of our lives?

Summer is the season that God gives us so we can feel warmth, see growth and treasure sunsets. Summer is the season when God reminds us life has a rhythm and the cold and drear of the past can be driven away.

Summer is not just a welcome break. It is the invitation to all of creation to rejoice and renew our relationship with God who has given us life.

It is the season when we allow God to enter our life so powerfully that we become renewed parts of the gift of creation.

It is the season where our souls can enter into intentional worship at any given moment. It is the season where the old can be laid down and hope restored.

The Psalmist tells us, "Shout praises to the Lord!...Sun and moon all of you bright stars, come and offer praise.....every man and every woman, young people and old, come praise the Lord!" (Psalm 148)

Summer is here and so is the opportunity for each of us to be renewed, transformed and blessed. So, I ask, what are you going to do this summer?

The Rev. Richard Dake is pastor of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

## In our churches...

**Positive, Practical Metaphysics**, class series, 7 p.m., April 30: "Love the Life You Live, Live the Life You Love." Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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**Grand Opening**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May 2; 12-3 p.m., May 3. Tours, presentations, demonstrations. Free books to first 50 visitors. Free yoga class, 1-2 p.m., May 3. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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**Angel Food Ministry**, \$70 value for \$30. Order, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., May 3, 10, 17; 6-7 p.m., April 29, May 6, 13. Distribution, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., May 30. Williams Lake Nazarene Church, 2840 Airport Road, Waterford. 248-673-5911.

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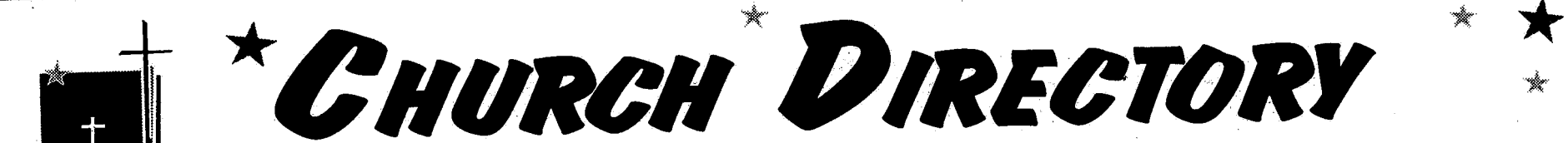
**Health and Wholeness** speaker series, Thursdays, 7 p.m. May 7: Bernie Reuter of CoreSkills, with "Adventures in Attitudes." May 14: Troy Farwell of OmWellness, with "Introduction to Ayurvedic." Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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**Singer/songwriter Peter Mayer** in concert, 7:30 p.m., May 10. \$14. Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

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**Kyle Dine**, Canadian food allergy musician, 6:30 p.m., May 12, Calvary Lutheran Church. Interactive concert and puppet show to promote food allergy and intolerance awareness. Nursery available for 4 yrs and younger. Free - families encouraged to come. 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Please see In Our Churches, page 7B



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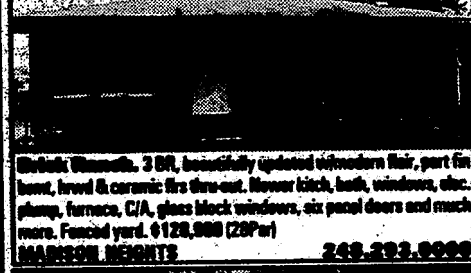
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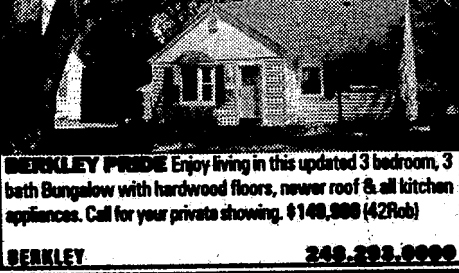
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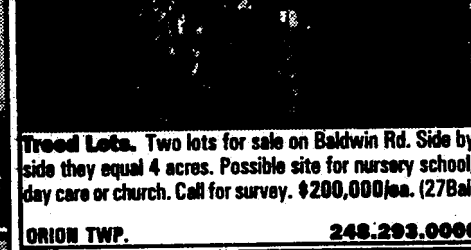
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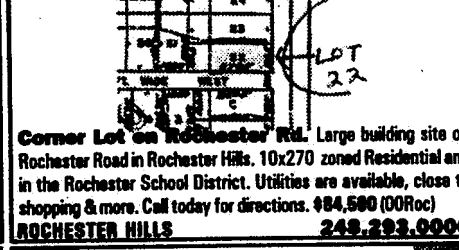
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Songs such as "Smellephant the Allergic Elephant," "Epi-Man," and "Gluten-Free Blues," focus on how to manage allergies safely.

The concert is part of Calvary Lutheran's 12th annual Food Allergy Awareness Week, May 10-16. All are welcome and admission is free. Nursery care is available for children under 4 years old.

For more information call 248-625-3288 or check [www.kyledine.com](http://www.kyledine.com).

## In our churches

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**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.

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

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

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**Yoga**, 10 a.m., Wednesdays; 5:30 p.m., Mondays, instructor Noreen Daly. Beginning and intermediate techniques. Bring mat. \$7/class. Peace Unity and Holistic Center, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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**Wednesday Evening FEAST**, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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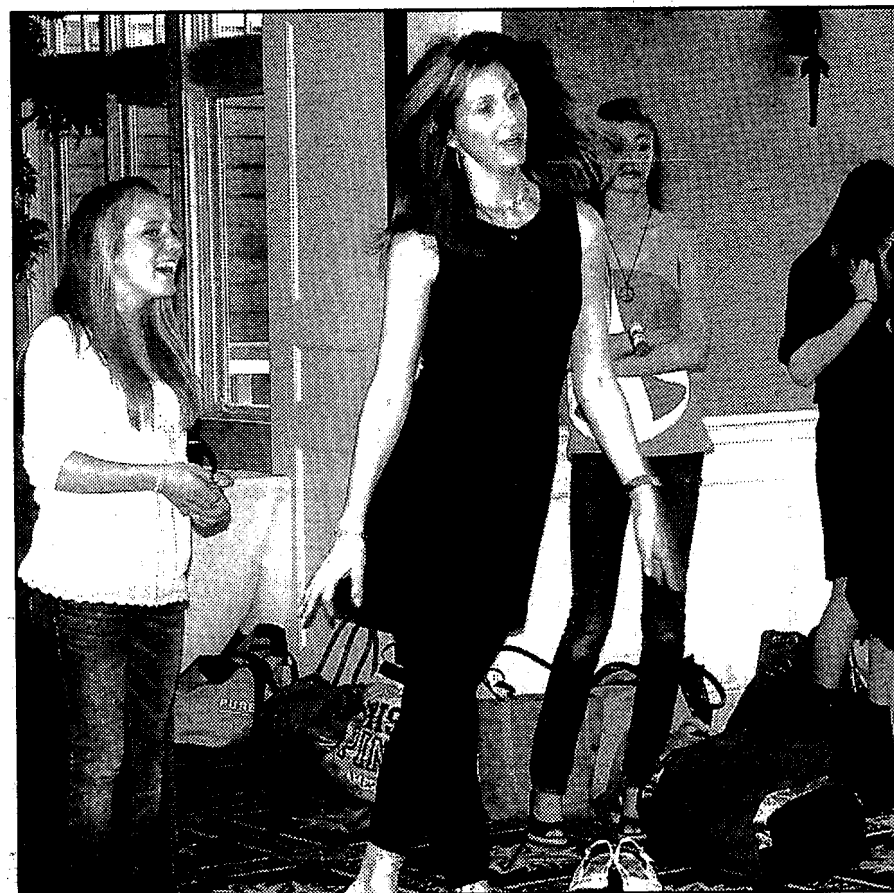
**The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity**, class series based on the book by Edwene Gaines, Wednesdays, 12 p.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

Like to join in Spiritual Matters?

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Linda Hyman demonstrates how not to walk the runway to Christen Ireland, left, and the rest of Pure Fashion club.

## Pure Fashion show May 2

Continued from page 1B

ing projects, check out local stores for modest, tasteful clothing. We teach them to take care of themselves and look good doing it."

"We learn about fashion and how to find the right clothes," Chokr said.

"How to be modest," Ricca said.

"And cute at the same time," Chokr said.

"We're a bunch of different girls but we have the same ideals and beliefs," Ricca said.

Pure Fashion is a faith-based, international program based in Georgia and established in 1999.

"It's just a great program - the girls make lifelong friends. It really affects their lives," Clothier said. "It's a good thing to do. It puts virtue into fashion."

The fashion show begins at 2 p.m. with lunch and entertainment. Club members model Spring fashions provided by sponsors Detroit area Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donation Centers, Jockey Person-to-Person, and Shabby Apple of Utah. Terri King Salon and Day Spa provide hair and make-up.

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

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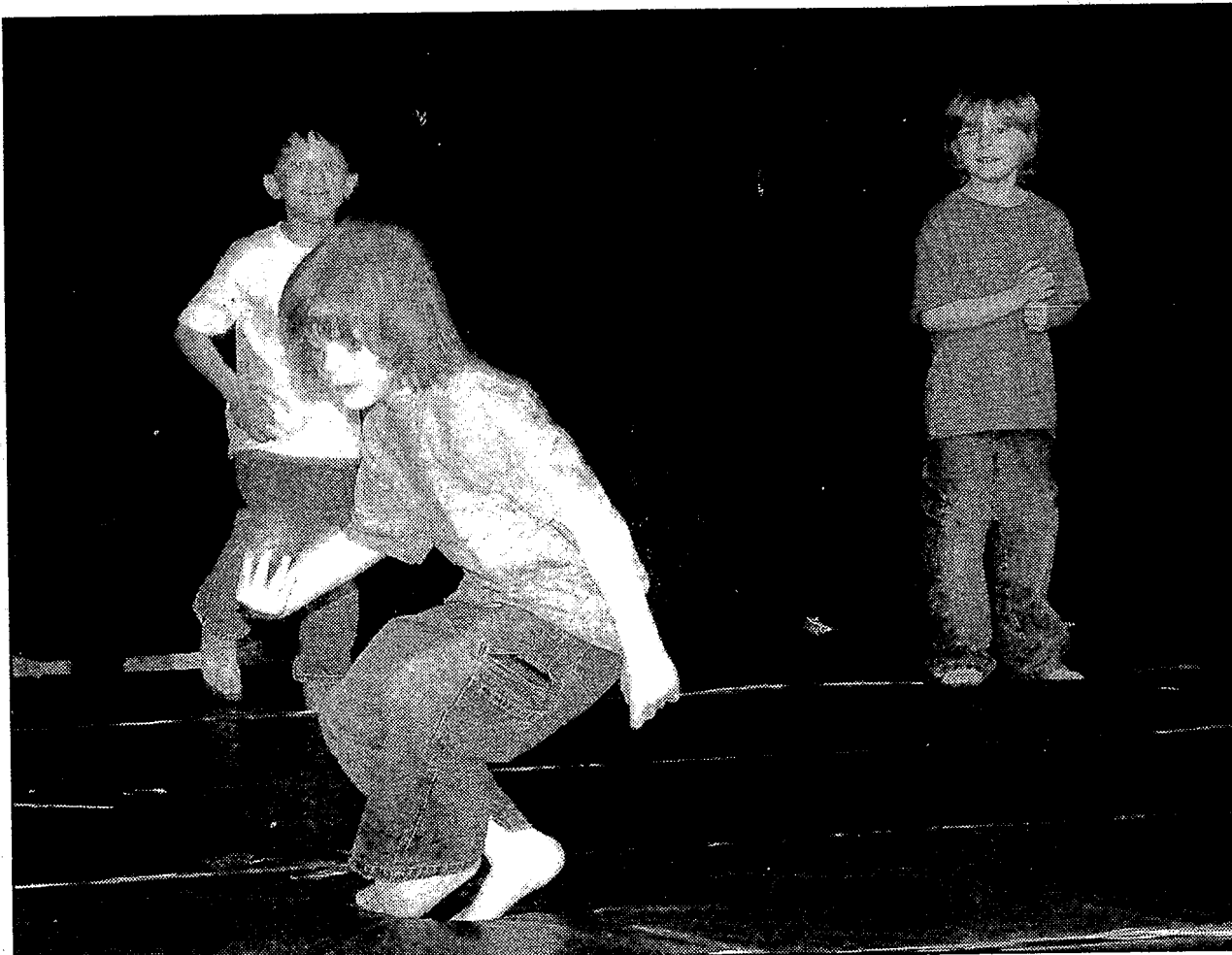


Ellie Vondette sings "I'm Only Me When I'm With You."

## That's entertainment!

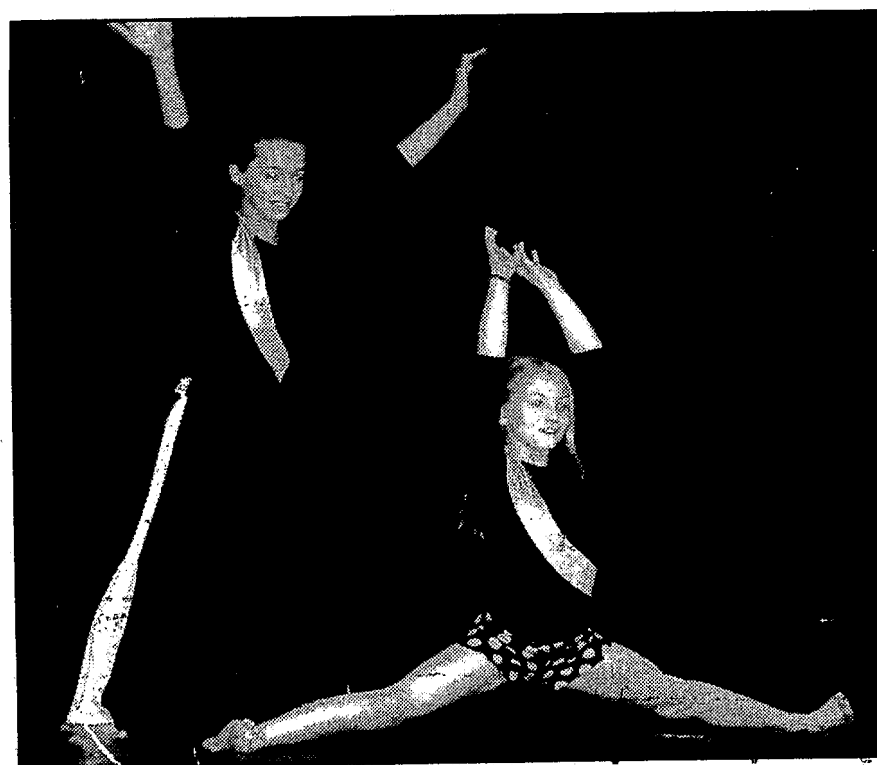
Dozens of students and teachers performed 48 dances, songs, gymnastic routines, and other performances at the 10th annual Independence Elementary Variety Show, April 23.

*Photo story by Phil Custodio*



Nik Martens, Zak Martens, and Adam Tak dance to "Holla."

For these and more photos in full color, check out the Big Blue Button at [ClarkstonNews.com](http://ClarkstonNews.com)



Lauren Moore and Nicole Hanson, gymnastics.



Owen Alexander plays "Living After Midnight" on the guitar.



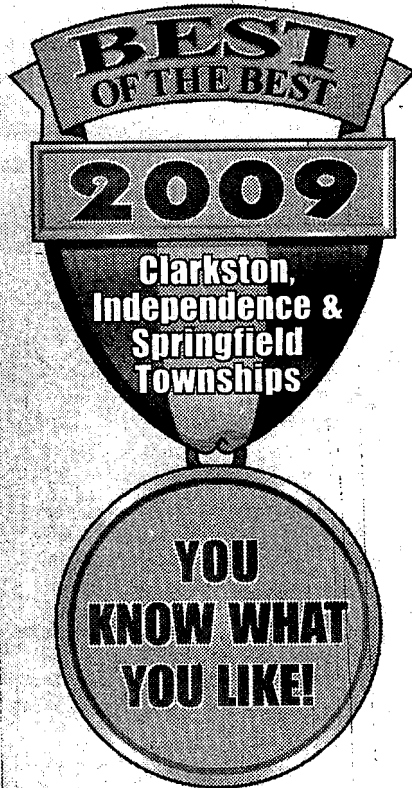
Kevin Woodham plays "What I've Done" on the piano.



Maddie Incammicia sings "Yankee Doodle."



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Best Florist	Best Day Care Provider	Best Physician	Best Party Store
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Best Caterer			Best Place to Worship
Best Optometrist/Eye Care			Best Fish Fry

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Good luck and thanks for your participation.**

# Obituary

## Leo E. Davis

Leo E. Davis of White Lake, formerly of Waterford, passed away, April 19, 2009, at the age of 92.

He was the loving husband of Helen for 69 years; father of Terry (Dorothy) Davis, Judy (Ron) Santavicca, Margaret (Patrick) Dunn, and Douglas (Evelyn) Davis; grandfather of seven; great grandfather of 12; brother of Velma Walters, Arlene Walters, Shirley Bryan, the late Lauren Davis, and the late Ariel Davis.

Mr. Davis retired from General Motors after 42 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an avid outdoorsman, and a member of the U.F.O. Model Airplane Club,



Waterford Rusty Blades, and numerous square dance clubs.

Memorial Mass, 11 a.m., Friday, May 1, at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, where friends may

visit after 10:30 a.m. Inurnment All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice or Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Richard P. 'Dick' Palmer

Richard P. "Dick" Palmer of Clarkston passed away, April 21, 2009, at the age of 76.

He was the loving husband of Barbara for 55 years; father of Cynthia (Tom) Boller, Patricia (Dennis) Jones, Mike (Elaine) Palmer, and Colleen (Russell) Wrijil; grandfather of Gregory Worrell, Jennifer Worrell, Loren (Brandi) Worrell, Christopher (Amanda) Jones, Cheryl (Courtney) Mazur, Joshua (Lindsey) Palmer, Melissa (Brett) Park, Jason Palmer, Meghan Palmer, Emily Wrijil, and Jacob Wrijil; great grandfather of five; and brother of Joy Brummet



and Kitty Stearn.

Mr. Palmer retired from Consumers Power. He served in the United States Army and was recently president of the Oxford Senior Center.

Memorial service was April 25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. On line guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Joseph P. LaPorte

Joseph P. LaPorte of Waterford passed away, April 23, 2009, at the age of 57.

He was the loving son of Betty and the late Leo LaPorte; dear brother of David LaPorte, Lisa (David) Bartlett, and Dennis LaPorte; and beloved uncle of Allie and Jeff Bartlett.

Mr. LaPorte was a graduate of Michigan State University. He owned and operated Joe LaPorte Well Drilling for more than 30 years.

He was a devoted caregiver of his parents and will be sadly missed.

Funeral Mass was April 27 at Our



Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rosary was April 26 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to IHM Retirement Fund or Mercy Hospice.

Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook,

## Carmen Delores Detkowski,

Carmen Delores Detkowski, born May 6, 1932 in Detroit, passed away on April 24, 2009, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Carmen was a truly special person who was grateful for every day. She had a unique ability to find the good in everyone and everything. Carmen was the consummate optimist and a person who happily put the needs of others in front of her own.

Carmen met her husband, George, who survives, at A&P where they both worked, in 1961 and they married in 1968 and shared 41 wonderful years together.

They purchased a small business shortly thereafter and worked as a team to grow the business into a flourishing operation.

Many years later, their son Ted joined them in running the business, but Carmen remained actively involved with its day-to-day operations.

Throughout her life, Carmen took great pleasure in cooking and entertaining. She loved to be surrounded by her family and friends and always welcomed neighbors and new friends into her home. In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Carmen was a loving grandmother and loyal friend to many.

She was very highly regarded for her incredible kindness, generous spirit and dedication to God. Carmen was a member of St.

Patrick's Catholic Church, but she would always lend a hand to help at other local churches.

She was an active community member at both St. Elizabeth's and St. Peter and Paul's churches. She participated in the church's prayer line, assisted other parishioners in their times of need, and was always the first to volunteer her help. She had a special love for children, and spent much of her time and energy helping needy families.

Carmen was preceded in death by her father and mother, Myron and Effie Boyle; her three sisters, Ruth, Nancy and Mary; and her daughter, Karen.

She is survived by her husband George, brother Bill, son Thomas (Diane) Reginek, daughter Mickey (Mike) Lautner, son Ted Detkowski, step-children Debbie, Sandy and Dan. She had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Carmen also leaves behind her beloved cocker spaniel, Riggs, who will greatly miss her.

A visitation will be held at Marsh Funeral Home in Marlette, Michigan on Monday April 27th from 1:00 pm until 9:00 pm. There will be a visitation at St. Patrick's Catholic

Church Mass in Clifford, Mich., was April 28th. The burial was at Marlette Cemetery, with luncheon at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Marlette, Mich.

## Trudy E. Sweet

Trudy E. Sweet of Clarkston passed away, April 25, 2009, at the age of 59.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald and her brother Jeff. She was the mother of James "Jay" Sweet of Indiana and Catherine "Katie" Sweet of Texas; sister of Rod Weston of Waterford, Diane (Roger) Mushall of Florida, Corrine (Bud) Crawford of Grayling, Shirley (Fred) Walker of Millington, and Wendy (Tim) Rudd of Waterford; and sister-in-law of Pat and

Keith Hardison of Milford.

Trudy retired from Michigan Bell and wintered in Cape Coral, Fla. She enjoyed gardening and riding with her brother Rod on his motorcycle.

Scripture service was April 27 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Inurnment, Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research. Online guestbook, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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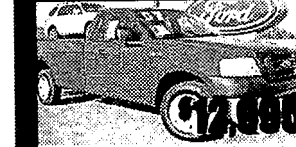
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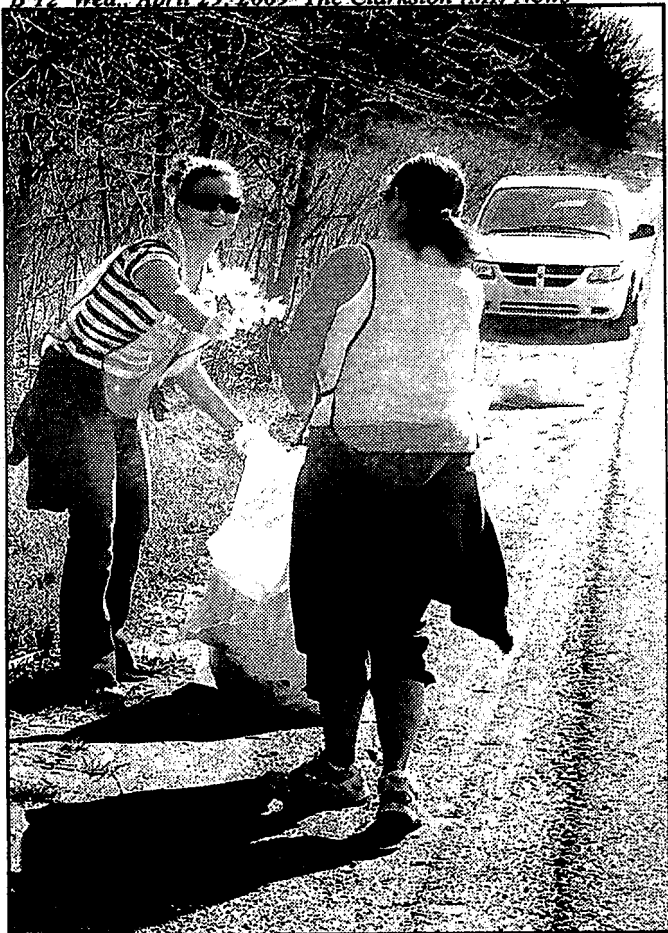


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Lena Boraggina has some yellow flowers for Stephanie Moya.



April Rooding and Megan Brown clean up around Waldon Road in Independence Township.

## Cleaning up Waldon Road

Volunteers with MEEMIC Insurance Company of Auburn Hills cleaned up Waldon Road, April 24.

Sheila Inman, Tammy Bell, Rob Pluhatsch, Kristy Mitchell, Jeff Hawkins, Lena Boraggina, Stephanie Moya, Megan Brown, and April Rooding put on safety

vests and gloves to pick up trash along the road and even in nearby woods.

"We were determined to adopt a road that would allow us to show our commitment to the educational community," said April Rooding, communication specialist, MEEMIC

Corporate Communications. "We are sincerely honored to have a roadway that serves three local schools."

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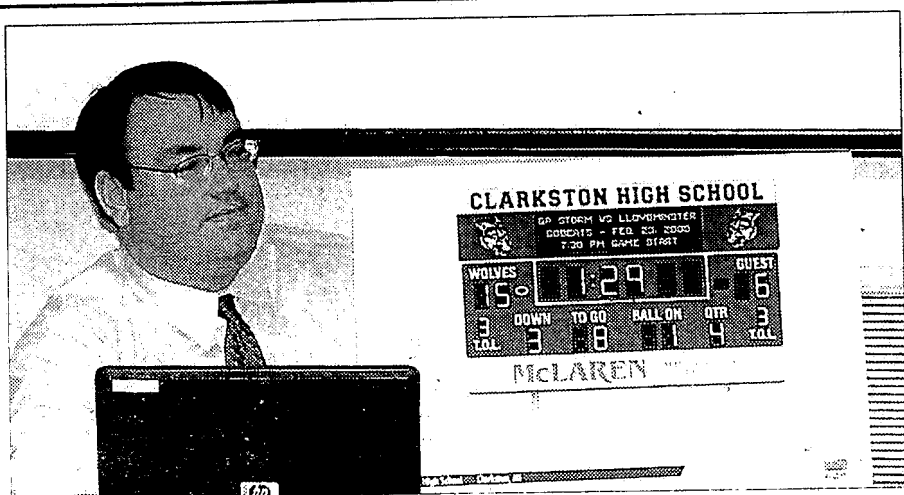
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School Board President Stephen Hyer holds up the new score board design.

## Knowing the score

McLaren Health Care Corporation donated a new score board for Clarkston High School athletic field. In return, McLaren logo on the board.

The scoreboard costs \$35,437 and installation is \$10,000. It will be owned and

operated by Clarkston Community Schools. "We're proud to be a partner with Clarkston schools," said Kevin Tompkins. The partnership will include educational opportunities for students, said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.



Pine Knob Elementary team earns third place in state Destination ImagiNation competition. Team members, (left) Brody Tuomi, Andrew Ross, Ann-Marie Dargay, Caroline Dargay, Ruth Dargay (coach), Alex Pouttu and Mitchell Page.

## Earning top honors

A Pine Knob Elementary team of five fourth-graders and one third-grader defeated 18 other teams for a third-place finish at the state Destination ImagiNation competition.

"We were only four points shy of getting second place," said team manager Ruth Dargay.

The top two state teams advanced to the Global DI competition.

"The kids were excited - a little anxious, but also very composed and focused," Dargay said.

PKE competed in the category, ViDiO Lit

Hits. The team developed a live "music video" re-telling the story from the children's book, "A Fly Went By." They also created their own music, lyrics and choreography for the competition as well as their own costumes.

Destination ImagiNation is a community-based program that helps students build complex, creative problem-solving skills that can be transferred to real-life situations. The Pine Knob team started working on its project in October. PKE earned its way to the state competition, winning second place at the regional DI contest Feb. 28.

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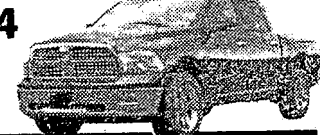
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## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on April 21, 2009, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a First Reading of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The following is the proposed Ordinance Amendment:

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
**ORDINANCE NO. 83A-09-02**

### TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83, BEING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE CODE REGARDING TEMPORARY SIGNS IN COMMERCIAL, OFFICE, AND INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS AS CONTAINED IN SECTION 50-838(h)(3).

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1 of Ordinance

**Ordinance Amendment.** The Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance No. 83, as amended, being Chapter 50 of the Independence Charter Township Code, is amended such that Section 50-838(h)(3) of the Independence Charter Township Code shall read as follows:

#### **Sec. 50-838. Signs.**

(a)-(g) [Unchanged].

(h) **Permitted temporary signs.** The following temporary signs shall be permitted in accordance with the regulations herein.

(1) [Unchanged].

(2) [Unchanged].

(3) Requirements for permitted temporary signs in all commercial, office, and industrial districts are as follows:

- All portable temporary signs shall be freestanding, contain no moving parts, and shall not be affixed to any structure intended for another purpose, including, but not limited to, utility poles and trees. Portable temporary signs shall have no internal or external illumination;
- Only one (1) portable temporary sign shall be permitted on premises where there is a single occupant. In the case of multi-tenant buildings and/or premises, each tenant shall be permitted one (1) portable temporary sign provided a twenty-five (25) foot separation distance between signs is maintained;
- A portable temporary sign shall not exceed four (4) feet in height;
- A portable temporary sign shall not exceed eight (8) square feet per side in area;
- A portable temporary sign shall not be located within a public road right-of-way. Where there is a public sidewalk or safety path, a portable temporary sign shall be placed at least one (1) foot behind the sidewalk or safety path. A portable temporary sign shall not be placed between the sidewalk or safety path and the public road.
- A portable temporary sign located at the intersection of two (2) roads shall not obstruct the clear vision of vehicular traffic on adjacent roadways or pedestrians using Township safety paths and/or other pedestrian walkways; and
- Permits for portable temporary signs shall be issued on an annual basis which entitles the applicant to display a portable temporary sign for up to a fourteen (14) day period, not to exceed four (4) times per year. A portable temporary sign shall be displayed only during normal business hours. When applying for a portable temporary sign, an applicant shall provide proof of permission from the owner of the property. Upon approval of the annual permit, a permit sticker shall be issued with the dates of issuance and expiration. The sticker shall be displayed on one (1) side of the sign in the lower left hand corner.

(4) [Unchanged].

(i)-(l) [Unchanged].

#### Section 2 of Ordinance

**Severability.** If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

#### Section 3 of Ordinance

**Savings.** Except as expressly set forth above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired, or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

#### Section 4 of Ordinance

**Effective.** This ordinance shall be effective on the date provided by applicable law following publication.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
By: Shelagh VanderVeen, Township Clerk

Published: 4/29/09

## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on April 21, 2009, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a Second Reading and Adoption of an Amendment to Ordinance Granting the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development:

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
**ORDINANCE NO. 83A-09-01**

### AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE GRANTING THE MCLAREN HEALTH CARE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

(Text and Map Amendment to Zoning Ordinance)

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 83A-07-03, as amended, under the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 83, for the purpose of amending the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development, also known as the McLaren Planned Unit Development in order to make certain additional property part of the McLaren Planned Unit Development and reclassify such additional property to PUD, Planned Unit Development, in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, and to provide regulations for the development and use of such property under the McLaren Planned Unit Development.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1 of Ordinance

The approximately 2.8 acres of property in Section 27 of the Charter Township of Independence, having parcel numbers 08-27-251-004 and 08-27-252-002 and more particularly described on the attached legal description (the "Added Property"), is hereby reclassified in the Zoning Ordinance and on the Zoning Map, from Industrial Office Park (IOP) and Office Service Two (OS-2) to Planned Unit Development (PUD), subject to and in accordance with this amendatory ordinance.

#### Section 2 of Ordinance

This amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is granted subject to, and all improvement and use of the Added Property, and the property previously rezoned to the McLaren PUD, shall be subject to and in conformity with, the following:

- Chapter 50, Article III, Division 22 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances, as amended.
- The PUD Plans for the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development, as revised to date with the Added Property, and only as approved by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees on the date of adoption of this Ordinance Amendment by the Independence Township Board of Trustees.
- The Permit Conditions for the McLaren Health Care PUD, as amended by the First and Second Amendments thereto.
- The Development Agreement for the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development, as amended by the First and Second Amendments thereto.
- The Declaration of Covenants, Easements and Restrictions recorded on October 24, 2007, at Liber 39696, Page 609 Oakland County Records, which shall be amended by the property owner to include the Added Property and as otherwise may be required by the Township for purposes of incorporating the Added Property and the development thereof.
- Any and all conditions of the approval of the Independence Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission pertaining to incorporating the Added Property and the development thereof into the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development as reflected in the official minutes of such meetings.

(G) All applicable Township ordinances and all design standards for the Sashabaw Corridor Town Cen-

ter Area of the Township, of which the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development is a part.

(H) Recordation with the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office of an Amended Affidavit by the owner of the Property upon this Ordinance becoming effective, containing the legal description of the Added Property, specifying the date of approval of the Planned Unit Development, and declaring that all future development of the Added Property has been authorized, restricted and required to be carried out in accordance with this Ordinance, and/or recordation of the Development Agreement as amended.

(I) All applicable Township ordinances and all Township design standards.

To the extent that there are conflicts or discrepancies between the respective provisions or contents of items (A) through (I), above, between items (a) through (i) in Ordinance No. 83A-07-03, between Ordinance No. 83A07-03 and this Ordinance, or between any Township Ordinance and any of the provisions or contents of this Ordinance or Ordinance No. 83A-07-03, interpretation shall be based upon the more strict regulation of the Property, and interpretation shall be subject to the determination of the Township Board in its reasonable discretion.

#### Section 3 of Ordinance

**Savings.** Amended only as specified in this Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

#### Section 4 of Ordinance

**Severability.** If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

#### Section 5 of Ordinance

**Effective.** This ordinance shall be effective on the date provided by applicable law following publication.

#### Section 6 of Ordinance

**Enactment.** This ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting called and held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

#### CERTIFICATION

It is certified that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2009.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

By: Shelagh VanderVeen

Introduced: 3/17/09

Adopted: 4/21/09

Published: 3/25/09 and 4/29/09

Effective: 5/6/09

#### REZONED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT LINDBERG PARCEL:

Part of the East ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 27, T.4N., R.9E., Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the East ¼ corner of said Section 27; thence along the East-West ¼ line of said section 27, as monumented, S88°23'42"W, 1330.17 feet to a found concrete monument; thence continuing along said East-West ¼ line as monumented, S88°15'40"W, 1263.69 feet to the east line of Sashabaw Road (60 feet half width); thence along said east line, N01°07'14"W, 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said line, N01°07'14"W, 165.01 feet; thence N88°15'40"E, 204.01 feet; thence S01°07'14"E, 165.01 feet; thence S88°15'40"W, 204.01 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.773 acres more or less, and subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any. *Subject to field survey*

#### EMERGENCY ACCESS PARCEL:

T4N, R9E, SEC 27 PART OF SW ¼ OF NE ¼ BEG AT NW COR THEREOF, TH N87-57-00E 664 FT, TH S00-37-00W 247 FT, TH S87-57-00W 664 FT, TH N00-37-00E 247 FT TO BEG EXC W 60 FT TAKEN FOR RD 3.42 A 10-27-03 CORR Being more particularly described as: Part of the Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 27, Town 4 North, Range 9 East, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan; Commencing at the North ¼ Corner of said section 27; thence S01°07'14"E along the North-South quarter line of said section, 1324.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N88°17'07"E, 663.60 feet; thence S00°30'26"E, 229.84 feet; thence S86°49'46"W, 661.53 feet to the aforementioned North-South quarter line of Section 27; thence N01°07'14"W along said quarter line, 246.61 feet to the Point of Beginning; Except the westerly 60 feet for highway purposes. Containing 3.28 acres, more or less, and subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any. *Subject to field survey.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting held on April 21, 2009, the Independence Township Board of Trustees approved a Second Reading and Adoption of the Ordinance Amending Fire Prevention Code and Open Burning Regulations, as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
**ORDINANCE NO. 09-01**  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING FIRE PREVENTION  
CODE AND  
OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS**

An Ordinance to amend Charter Township of Independence Ordinance Code, Chapter 20, Articles II and III, to adopt the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code and to repeal existing ordinance provisions adopting the 2003 edition of the International Fire Code and to amend open burning permit application procedures.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE TOWNSHIP CODE:

#### Section 1 of Ordinance

Chapter 20, Article II, Fire Prevention Code, Section 20-21 shall be amended to read as follows:

#### **ARTICLE II. FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

**Sec. 20-21. Adoption of International Fire Code; amendments.**

(a) The 2006 edition of the International Fire Code, including Appendix A, Appendix B, Appendix C and Appendix D, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as part of this Ordinance Code.

(b) Complete printed copies of the International Fire Code shall be available for public use and inspection at the office of the Building Department and Fire Department.

(c) The following sections and subsections of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth, and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated. Section numbers used refer to the like numbered sections of the International Fire Code.

**Amended Section 101.1 Title.** These regulations as set forth herein shall be known as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Independence and are herein referred to as such or as "this code."

**Amended Section 102.1 New and Existing Conditions.** The provisions of this code and the Independence Township building, mechanical and plumbing codes shall apply equally to new and existing buildings and conditions.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- Existing conditions which, in the opinion of the code official, do not constitute a distinct hazard to life or property.
- The transportation of any article or substance under the jurisdiction of and in compliance with the regulations prescribed by the military forces of the United States.

**Amended Section 102.2 Exemptions.** Buildings built under and in full compliance with the codes and ordinances in force at the time of construction or alteration thereof, and that have been properly maintained and used for such use as originally permitted, shall be exempt from the requirements of this code pertaining to any of the following matters, except as otherwise provided for in this code:

- Fire protection of building elements except as required for existing buildings under this code or the Independence Township Building Code.
- Exits required, except as required for existing buildings under this code or the Independence Township Building Code.
- Isolation of hazardous operations and mixed uses as required for existing buildings under this code or the Independence Township Building Code; provided, however, that the code official requires the installation of fire safety devices or systems (fire extinguishers, fire protective signaling systems, automatic fire detection devices, sprinklers or similar systems) where such devices or systems are necessary to provide safety to life and property. In lieu of requiring the installation of safety devices or systems or when necessary to secure safety in addition thereto, the code official shall prescribe limitations on the handling and storage of materials or substances or upon operations that are liable to cause fire, contribute to the spread of fire, or endanger life or property.

**Amended Section 102.6 Referenced codes, ordinances and standards.** The Codes and standards referenced in this Code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 45 and such Codes and standards shall be

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considered part of the requirements of this Code to the prescribed extent of each such reference. With respect to any references to the *International Building Code*, electrical code, international mechanical code, international plumbing code and international property maintenance code, if the referenced provisions of such codes differ from the building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing or property maintenance codes adopted and/or enforced by the Township, to the extent that they are applicable to a given structure, condition, facility and/or situation in the Township, the codes adopted and/or enforced by the Township shall apply as if specifically referenced. Where differences occur between the provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the more strict provision shall apply.

**Added Section 102.10 State regulations.** Whenever state law or regulations apply a higher or more restrictive standard or requirement than is provided in this Code, the higher requirement or standard of the state law shall prevail.

**Deleted Section 103 Department of Fire Prevention.** (The establishment of a similar department or bureau of fire prevention may be addressed separately in the ordinances of the municipality.)

**Added Section 104.12 Enforcement authority.** In addition to the code official, this article may be enforced by the fire chief, the fire marshal, fire inspectors and designated officers, all of whom shall have the authority to issue appearance citations for violations of this article.

**Amended Section 109.3 Violation penalties.** The penalties for violating a provision of this code are set forth in Chapter 1, Section 1-9 of the Township Code of Ordinances. Subsection 109.3.1 of this Code, regarding abatement of violations, shall apply in addition to the penalties referenced in Section 1-9 of the Township Code of Ordinances.

**Added Section 109.4 Restitution.** When the fire department is called to respond to any emergency or incident which was the result of a violation of any federal, state or local regulation governing fire safety, or from gross negligence, the responsible person or firm shall be liable and reimburse the fire department for all costs incurred as a result of the emergency or incident, and the township may institute appropriate legal action for the recovery of such costs, plus attorney fees and court costs, if necessary.

**Added Section 112.1 Improper summoning of fire department.** It shall be unlawful for any person to summon, in any way, the fire department unless a valid reason for their response is present. Violation of this section shall be a municipal civil infraction, punishable upon a determination as provided in subsection 1-9.5(2) of the Township Code of Ordinances, but the fine for a first offense shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each repeat offense. In addition to the above fines, any person found responsible by a court of competent jurisdiction to have caused or assisted in a false alarm shall be liable and reimburse the fire department for all costs incurred in responding to such alarm, and the township may institute appropriate legal action for the recovery of such costs, plus attorney fees and court costs, if necessary.

**Added Section 112.2 Activation of fire alarm systems.** A person shall not activate a fire alarm system in any building or place within the Charter Township of Independence unless a valid fire emergency exists within that building or place. A fire alarm system is any system which upon activation warns the occupants of the building or place that a fire emergency exists.

**Added Section 304.4 Dumpsters.** Dumpsters shall be located a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any building or structure. (Exception: Dumpsters connected to a compactor contained within a building or structure.)

**Deleted Section 307 Open Burning.** (Open burning may be addressed separately in the ordinances of the municipality.)

**Added Section 311.2.4 Open buildings due to fire.** The code official or his duty authorized representative is empowered to order the securing of fire damaged buildings. If the owners of the affected building are present this order shall be given to them. If no owners or representatives of the building are present, and are not located upon reasonable investigation, the fire official or his duty authorized representative may have the building secured. The expense of this securing shall be a debt to the owner from the fire official or his duty authorized representative.

**Added Section 401.6 Prohibition upon boarding or trespassing.** A person shall not without proper authorization from the fire official in charge of fire department emergency equipment climb to, attach him-

self to, climb upon or into, board or swing upon any fire department vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest, or sound the siren, horn, bell or other sound-producing device thereon, or to manipulate or tamper with any levers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps or any equipment or protective clothing on, or a part of, any fire department emergency vehicle.

**Added Section 401.7 Vehicles crossing fire hose.** A vehicle shall not be driven or propelled over any unprotected fire hose of the fire department when laid down on any street, alleyway, private drive or any other vehicular roadway without the consent of the fire official in command of operations.

**Amended Section 502.1 Definitions.**  
**FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD.** A road that provides fire apparatus access from a fire station to a facility, building or portion thereof. This is a general term inclusive of all other terms such as fire lane, public street, private street, parking lot land, access roadway and driveway.

**Added Section 502.1 Definitions.**  
**PRIMARY FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD.** The fire apparatus access road that provides the quickest and safest means of access, as determined by the code official, between the nearest fire station and the building or facility for which the fire apparatus access road is required.

**SECONDARY FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROAD.** A fire apparatus access road other than the primary fire apparatus access road.

**SECURITY GATE.** A moveable barrier or structure that is or may be used to restrict, limit or prevent free, uninterrupted and unobstructed vehicle passage on a fire apparatus access road.

**Amended Section 503.6 Security gates.**  
**503.6.1 Prohibited on Primary Fire Apparatus Access Roads.** Except for gates or barricades required by the code official under Section 503.5, and as provided in Sections 503.6.2 and 503.6.3, security gates are prohibited on primary fire apparatus access roads.

**503.6.2 Exception for single building or facility primary access roads.** A security gate on a primary fire apparatus access road that serves no more than one (1) building or facility may be constructed and maintained with the written approval of the code official if:

(1) All owners, occupants, insurers and persons with an interest in the building or facility sign a legally binding agreement to indemnify, defend and hold the code official, township and all township employees, agents, inspectors and officers harmless from all claims and damages of any kind that may arise or result from the security gate delaying police, fire, ambulance or other emergency vehicle or personnel response to the building or facility, and;

(2) Plans and specifications are submitted to and approved by the code official, confirming that the security gate will comply with the standards in Section D103.5 of Appendix D, and;

(3) The security gate is constructed and maintained at all times in conformity with the plans and specifications approved by the code official and any conditions imposed on the approval by the code official.

(4) All owners of the building or facility sign a legally binding agreement, secured by a lien upon the real property upon which the building or facility is located, under which the owner agrees to be liable and reimburse the fire department for the cost of repairing any damage that may be caused to fire apparatus by the security gate, and such agreement shall provide for the township to institute appropriate legal action for the recovery of such costs, plus attorney fees and court costs, if necessary.

**503.6.3 Exception for multi building or facility primary access roads.** A security gate on a primary fire apparatus access road that serves more than one (1) building or facility may be constructed and maintained with the written approval of the code official if, in addition to the requirements of Section 503.6.2, being satisfied for each building or facility served by the access road, the security gate, (5) will be of a type that is operable by electric or electronic means by siren activation, keypad controls, a "Knox key" or other means that is approved in writing by the code official.

**503.6.4 Secondary Fire Apparatus Access Roads.** A security gate on a secondary fire apparatus access road may be constructed and main-

tained with the written approval of the code official if:

(1) Plans and specifications are submitted to and approved by the code official, confirming that the security gate will comply with the standards in Section D103.5 of Appendix D, and;

(2) The security gate is constructed and maintained at all times in conformity with the plans and specifications approved by the code official and any conditions imposed on the approval by the code official.

**Added Section 508.5.7 Installation and Location of Hydrants.** Fire hydrants shall be located at each intersection with intermediate hydrants so that they are not over six hundred (600) feet apart and not more than three hundred fifty (350) feet from the farthest point of any building. The six hundred (600) feet spacing between hydrants shall be scaled along paved streets or driveways of approved width and construction such as a piece of fire apparatus would travel in an emergency situation.

**Added Section 508.5.8 Blocking fire hydrants and fire department connections.** It shall be unlawful to obscure from view, damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or fire department connection for the pressurization of fire suppression systems including fire hydrants and fire department connections that are located on public or private property. No obstruction shall be placed or constructed within fifteen (15) feet of any fire hydrant, public or private.

**Added Section 508.5.9 Removal of obstructions and cost recovery.** Upon the expiration of the time stated in a notice specifying a violation of subsections 508.5.4, 508.5.5 or 508.5.8, if obstructions or encroachments have not been removed, the fire official may proceed to remove the same. The responsible person or firm shall be liable and reimburse the fire department for all costs incurred as a result of such removal, and the township may institute appropriate legal action for the recovery of such costs, plus attorney fees and court costs, if necessary.

**Added Section 508.6 Hydrant use.** A person shall not use or operate any fire hydrant intended for use of the fire department for fire suppression purposes unless such person first obtains permission from the fire official and secures a permit for such use from the department of public works. This section shall not apply to the use of such hydrants by a person employed by, and authorized to make such use by, the township department of public works.

**Added Section 508.7 Protection and maintenance of hydrants and fire appliances.** A person shall not obstruct, remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant or fire appliance required to be installed or maintained under the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code, except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, training or testing purposes, recharging or making necessary repairs, or when permitted by the fire official. Whenever a fire appliance is removed as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or reinstalled as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished. Defective and non-approved fire appliances or equipment shall be replaced or repaired as directed by the fire official.

**Added Section 906.11 Sale of defective fire extinguishers.** A person shall not sell, trade, loan or give away any form, type or kind of fire extinguisher which is not approved by the fire official or which is not in proper working order or the contents of which do not meet the requirements of the fire official. The requirements of this section shall not apply to the sale, trade or exchange of obsolete or damaged equipment for junk and the units are permanently disfigured or marked with permanent signs identifying the unit as junk.

**Added Section 912.7 Fire Department Connections.** In any building or structure required to be equipped with a fire department connection, the connection shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of a fire hydrant and within fifty (50) feet of a minimum twenty (20) feet wide paved driveway or street and in clear view of the fire department.

(d) The limits referred to in Section 3204.3.1.1 of the International Fire Code are hereby established as being the limits that are permitted by the applicable regulations of the Michigan Department of Transportation, as they may be amended from time to time.

(e) The limits referred to in Section 3404.2.9.5.2 of the International Fire Code as NFPA 30 Table 2-7, are hereby clarified as being the limits set forth in NFPA 30 Table 2-7 with Michigan amendments "Flammable & Combustible Liquids Rules," as amended from time to time.

(f) The limits referred to in Section 3406.2.4.4 of the International Fire Code are hereby established as being

the limits that are set forth in NFPA 30 with Michigan amendments "Flammable & Combustible Liquids Rules," as amended from time to time.

(g) The limits referred to in Section 3804.2 of the International Fire Code are hereby established as being the limits that are set forth in the NFPA/ANSI 58-1992, standards for the storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gases, as amended from time to time.

**Section 2 of Ordinance**

Chapter 20, Article III, Open Burning, Section 20-59 (b)(2) shall be amended to read as follows:

(b)(2) Permits issued shall be in effect for a period of one (1) year or less, as indicated on the permit. Permits shall be applied for by making application at the Independence Township Fire Stations or going to the fire department website: [www.independencetwp.org](http://www.independencetwp.org). Upon completion of the application for a permit, if the permit is issued the applicant shall retain a copy of the permit for his or her records.

**Section 3 of Ordinance**

The prior ordinance provisions of the Township adopted the 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code, including Appendix B, Appendix C and Appendix D, are hereby repealed.

**Section 4 of Ordinance**

If one or more sections, provisions, phrases or words of this ordinance are declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases and words of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, this ordinance is declared to be severable.

**Section 5 of Ordinance**

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

**Section 6 of Ordinance**

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the manner prescribed by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

By: Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

Introduced: 2/17/09

Adopted: 4/21/09

Published: 2/25/09 and 4/29/09

Effective: 4/29/09

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Because the People Want to Know  
**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

Date and Time: May 5, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Independence Township Hall  
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI, 48346

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 will 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2009, Special Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2009 and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2009
  - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
  - c. Proclamation - Mental Health Month, May, 2009
  - d. Permission to sell used Library equipment

**New Business**

1. First Amendment to Sewer Maintenance Agreement - City of Clarkston
2. Discussion of Operations and Management Study
3. Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan
4. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Plan
5. Presentation as to capital fees/tap fees as they apply to the Dixie Highway project
6. Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Heather Lake Estates Street Lighting Improvement and Special Assessment
7. Emergency Operation Plan
8. Agreement to operate County titled USAR vehicles
9. First Quarter Budget Status Report.

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) 625-3111.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

#### CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
375 DEPOT ROAD  
CLARKSTON MI 48346  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST  
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Testing of the computer program on Friday, May 1, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. for the May 5, 2008, School Board Election.

This testing will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan.

Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk  
City of the Village of Clarkston

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

#### INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
APRIL 21, 2009

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:40 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Roll Call: Present: Wagner, Petterson, Lohmeier, Carson, Wallace, Rosso  
Absent: VanderVeen
- There was a quorum.
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
  - The Agenda was approved, as amended.
  - Citizens were offered a chance to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the Agenda.
  - The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
    - Special Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2009
    - Sale of Library's used circulation desk
  - Public Hearing for CDBG Reprogramming opened at 8:03 p.m., and closed at 8:04 p.m.
  - Approval of motion to authorize Stuart Cooney to pursue collection on the Patricia Clark case
  - Approved Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Fire Prevention Code and Open Burning Regulations
  - Approved Second Reading and Adoption of the Amendment to the Ordinance Granting McLaren PUD
  - Approved future updates of CCIRF Study
  - Approved motion to refer Linda Richardson to do an analysis and presentation to the Board as to capital fees/tap fees and how they apply to the Dixie Highway project
  - Approved motion to ask Township Attorneys to get with Linda Richardson to discuss the legal issues involved with the above
  - Approved motion to have Dick Carlisle move forward and report to the Board as to what district would be the best suited for the Dixie Highway Corridor
  - Approved motion to amend the existing fee schedule applicable to signs in Independence Township
  - Approved motion to direct the Township Attorney to draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance relating to second wall signs
  - Approved motion to direct the Planning Commission and its committees to come back to the Board with a sign design proposal and cost estimates
  - Approved motion for First Reading of a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 50, Section 50-838, Subsection (h)(3)
  - Approved reprogramming of \$5,588.00 in 2007 CDBG Funds from General Program Administration to Home Repair
  - Approved reprogramming of \$10,468.00 in 2008 CDBG Funds from Transportation Services to Senior Services
  - Approved renewal of liability insurance with MMRMA
  - Approved authorization of HRC to complete the Water System Reliability Study and Contingency Plan Update at a cost not to exceed \$32,000.00
  - Approved the expenditure to purchase water meters and make a budget adjustment of \$115,000.00 for said purchase
  - Approved minutes of April 7, 2009, with amendments
  - Approved Accounts Payable Check Run
  - Approved postponement of items 5 through 8 on the Agenda
  - Meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

Published: 4/29/09

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 9, 2009 Time: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Springfield Oaks Youth Activity Center  
12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, MI 48350

NO TRASH PICKING.

DUMPSTER DIVING OR SCAVENGING ALLOWED.  
Proof of Residency or Property Ownership Required.

FEES	
Cars:	\$1.00
Trailers	\$10.00 & \$15.00 depending on size
SUV/Minivan	\$5.00
Batteries	\$5.00 each
Pick-up Truck	\$10.00
Freon Appliances	\$15.00 each
Large Truck	\$15.00
Tires - No Charge	(no tires on rims)

Items not allowed are: brush, farm tractor tires, leaves or grass clippings, stumps, oil, propane tanks, paint, flammable liquids, concrete or bricks.

No Commercial Dumping.

If possible, bag, box or bundle all trash.

QUESTIONS: Call Supervisor's Office at (248) 846-6502

MAY 16, 2009 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION, AT INDEPENDENCE TWP., D.P.W. LOCATED ON FLEMINGS LAKE RD. CALL SPRINGFIELD OFFICE FOR DETAILS AND VOUCHER. (248) 846-6520. Published: April 29 and May 6, 2009

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING APRIL 16, 2009 SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Trout  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Bistoff, 8625 Waumegah Lake Rd. Provided update regarding condition of Waumegah Lake and raised questions and concerns regarding how the lake will be managed in the future.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved of Minutes: March 12, 2009 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$203,604.13
- Accepted of March Treasurer's Report
- Received March 2009 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance and Fire
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$148,099.61
- Authorized participation in RCOC dust control program @ 28¢/linear foot for five applications on public roads; authorize contracting with Road Maintenance Inc. for dust control on private roads @ 40¢/linear foot for 4 applications

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

##### OLD BUSINESS:

- Davisburg/Dixie Market: Discussed transfer of ownership and status of new signage proposal. Reviewed draft amendment to consent judgment.

##### NEW BUSINESS:

- CCIRF presentation by Ann Collison: Received update regarding solid waste management study conducted by Consultant Resource Recycling Systems on behalf of Springfield Township and six other participating Oakland County Communities
- Site Plan Refund Request: Jonathan Crane/Verizon: Declined request to refund site plan fees.
- Parks and Recreation Budget Amendment: Approved budget amendments
- Road Graveling: Authorized Supervisor to proceed with road graveling project
- West Nile Program: Authorized Supervisor's Department to submit the proposed project to the Board of Commissioners to participate in the 2009 West Nile program
- Civic Center Cost Split, Library Billing: Discussed billing procedure to provide more detailed historical and supporting information and to improve communication with Library Director and Board

PUBLIC COMMENT: Julie Nitowski, 5745 Ormond, requested that the Township conduct a solid waste management survey by mail because not all residents have internet access.

Carol Malar, 10199 Wellington, requested information regarding companies involved in the technology vendor interviews through the CCIRF study.

Carol Evans, Smith's Disposal, asked why Smith's Disposal was not listed as a hauler in the solid waste management study survey.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:58 p.m. Laura Moreau, Clerk

## Around Town

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Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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Men's 50+ Softball, Independence Township Senior Center, practices Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. League games start in May. 248-625-8231.

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Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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

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Bingo, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

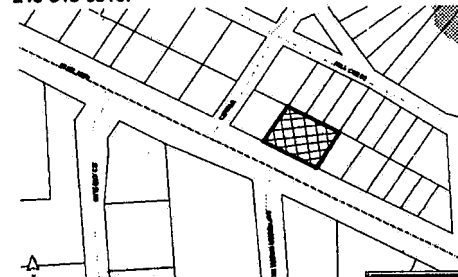
#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSAL TO REZONE PROPERTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Public Hearing for the proposal to rezone the property at 9158 Dixie Highway is rescheduled for May 18, 2009. Due to a lack of quorum, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield did not convene its April 2009 Regular Meeting and the Public Hearing scheduled for April 20 did not occur. The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a Public Hearing at its Regular Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd, Davisburg MI to receive comments on the following:

Request by Louis DeMonaco, 6813 Deerhill Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346, to rezone approximately one-half (1/2) acre of property located at 9158 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township to OS Office Service from R3 One Family Residential. RE #07-14-476-026.

The parcel requested to be rezoned is located on the east side of Dixie Highway, south of ME Cad Blvd., across from Softwater Woods Dr.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that documents related to the proposed rezoning 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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to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186.

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Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. \$15. 248-625-4244.

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50+ Golf, Tuesdays, 7:30 and 8:50 a.m. tee times, Heather Highlands, Springfield Township. \$8. Register with Independence Township Senior Center, \$12. 248-625-8231.

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Breast Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., MIRO Mid-Oakland Medical Center, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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Women's 50+ Softball, Independence Township Senior Center, practices and games Tuesdays, May-August. 248-625-8231.

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Pickle Ball, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., First Congregational Church gym, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3 drop-in fee. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231,

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Chair Massage, Alternative Medicine, Wednesdays, April 22, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$10/15 minutes. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

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Meet and greet, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.

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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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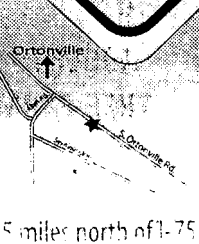
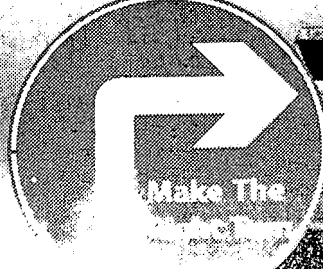
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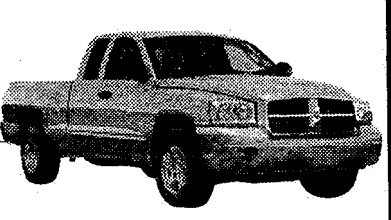


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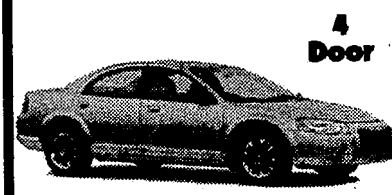


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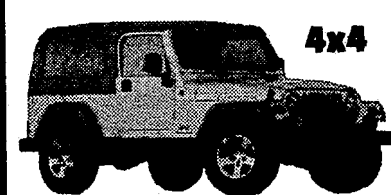


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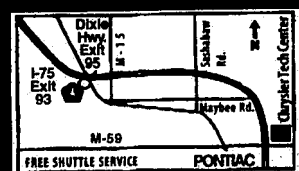
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