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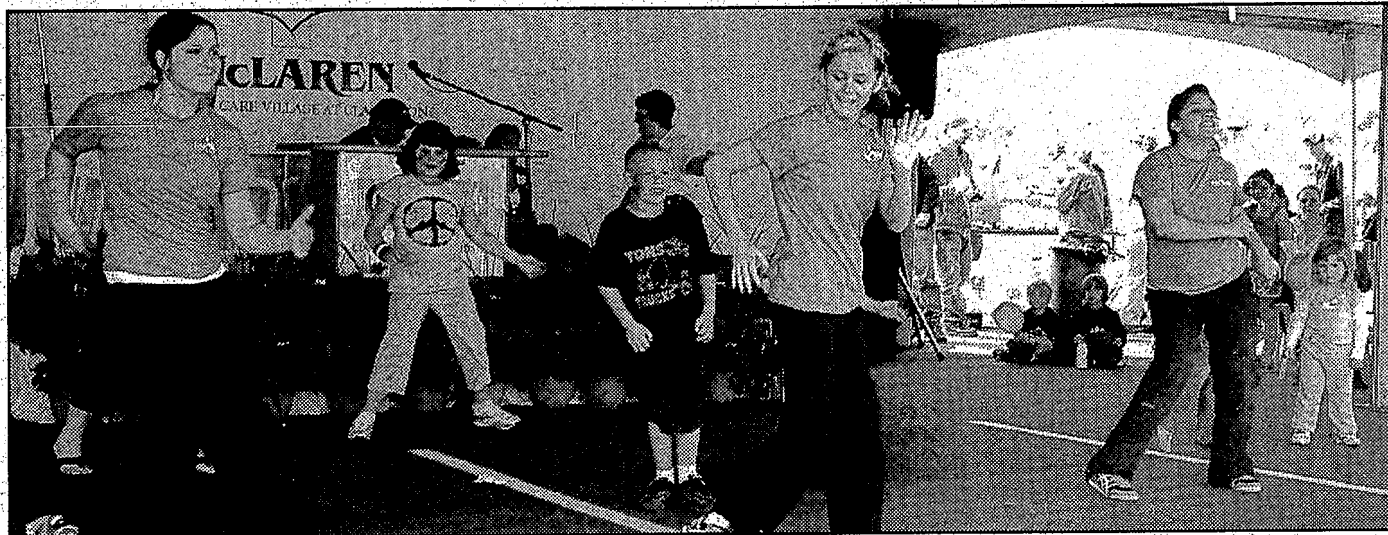
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## Welcome to the neighborhood

Carmen Cook, Ashley Wrathell, and Nikki Cruz shows the crowd how to do some Zumba, a mixture of dance and fitness, at Clarkston Medical Building and McLaren's grand opening, Saturday, on Sashabaw Road. The Mount Zion's Hip Hop dance team was part of the entertainment. For story and more photos please see page 17A.

## Layoffs looming

### Loss in local, state revenue to shrink township gov't

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With nearly \$113,000 loss in state-shared revenue and \$203,000 less in local taxes, township layoffs are coming.

"I know that's a terrible word to use at this particular time, especially with the ways things are in Michigan, but we're beginning to be affected by it," said Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner.

"Our state-shared revenue got cut along with taxable values dropping at a larger rate than expected this year, it's hurting us more than what we imagined."

At the beginning of the first quarter the original budget had revenues in excess of expenditures of \$207,471.

The board voted 5-2 in favor of the recommended net decrease in expenditures of \$27,570.96 at the May 5 board meeting, which Finance Director Susan Hendricks said would give the township's fund balance a projected increase of \$32,041.96.

Treasurer Curt Carson and Trustee David Lohmeier voted against the recommended changes.

"We got the documents basically an hour before the meeting, I hadn't even looked at them," Carson said. "I am not going to make a decision on something until I've viewed it."

Lohmeier said he wanted to have a budget workshop first and look at the budget as a whole.

"We're taking services away when we haven't looked at all of our opportunities to balance out without taking services away," he said. "I would vote no again."

Wagner said all of the department heads are examining their budgets once again and he will bring a new list of recommended

Please see Cuts on page 8A

## Ideas flowing as River Day nears

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A river runs through Clarkston and those interested in helping protect it—or just learning more—are welcome to participate in River Day 2009.

Activities—from planting and expansion of rain gardens, streambank stabilization project, drain stenciling, and more—will be on June 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at several locations in Clarkston.

The Clarkston Farmers' Market will also hold a pre-opening plant and garden art sale. Although the Farmer's Market doesn't actually open until June 20—four weeks earlier than last year's July 19 opening day—

the group will host a dozen or so vendors set up in the parking lot near Depot Park on River Day.

"We'll have a lot of herbs and heirloom plants; annuals and perennials," said Sharon Matzelle, who works with the market and is organizing the River Day sale. "We'll also have quite a few organic varieties."

Garden art, she said, will include everything from garden markers, birdhouses and feeders, pet memorials and more.

All artists are local, Matzelle said, and all plants Michigan-grown; a master gardener will also be on hand to answer questions.

In Depot Park, the Clarkston Watershed Group will work on expansion of both the

rain garden and children's garden.

The CWG recently received a \$500 grant from River of Life—a conservation-conscious group based at St. Daniel's Catholic Church—which it will use to help fund the purchase of native plants for the River Day projects.

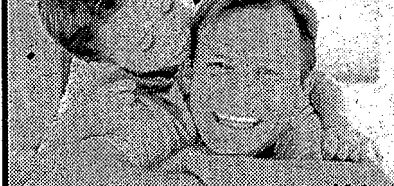
Clarkston resident and Eagle Scout candidate Brent Cousino, a Clarkston High School student, will spearhead a streambank stabilization project near the Depot Park bridge near M-15.

Clarkston United Methodist Church, in partnership with the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, will also host

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## Prancing puppies at park

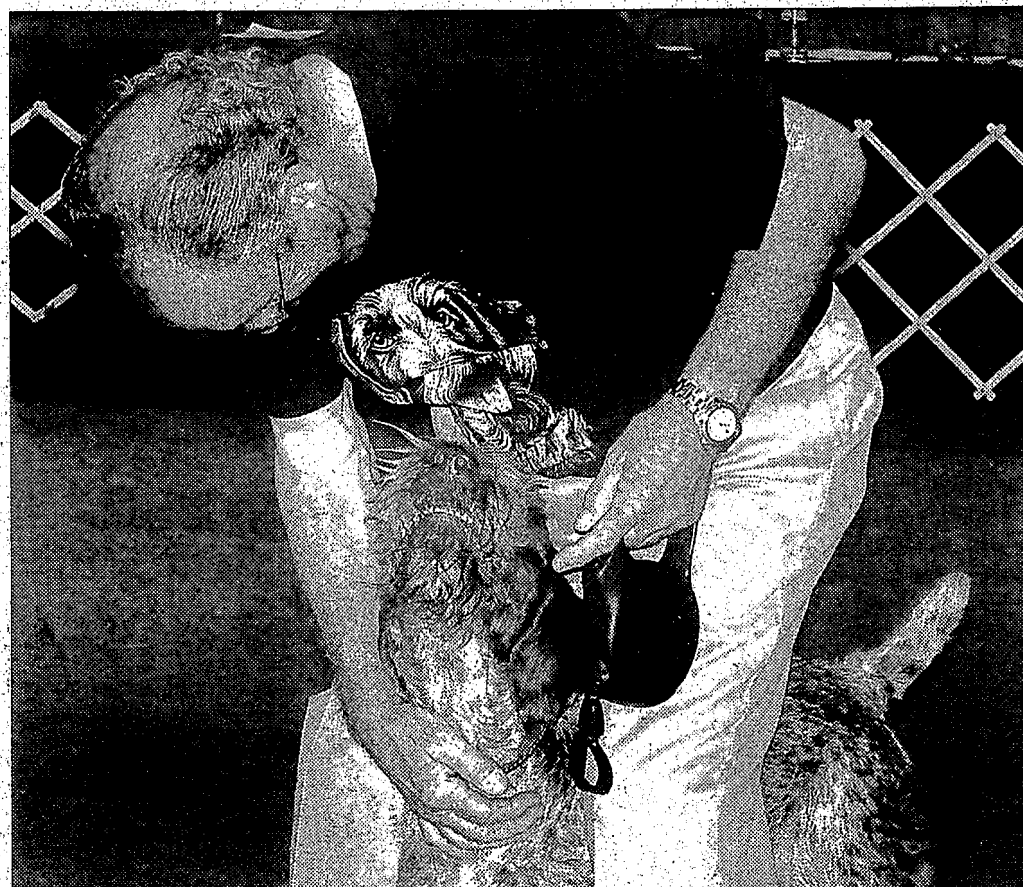
Freestyle Fanatics filled Spring-  
 field Oaks Activity Center with danc-  
 ing dogs, May 23-24.

"This is a choreographed musical  
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 their dogs," said Nancy VonKoehnen,  
 corresponding secretary and found-  
 ing member of Freestyle Fanatics in  
 Davisburg. "The dances showcase  
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 from all over the state, hosts Canine  
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Marlin Redmond practices his dance routine with his dog Heidi, a German Wire-haired Pointer, at Freestyle Fanatics' Motown Bow Wow Boogie. The May 23-24 competition at Springfield Oaks County Park featured choreographed musical programs performed by handlers and their dogs. Photo by Phil Custodio

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### Recycle computers

Recycle old computers and small electronic at Clarkston Community Education Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 13. Clarkston Community Schools partnered with Computer Brokers and Recyclers for Recycling Day, offering a chance to safely and properly dispose of computers and small electronics at no cost. Computer Brokers guarantees no components end up in a landfill, all personal information destroyed, and working equipment donated to local charities when possible. All hard drives are drilled to make data unrecoverable.

For more information, call Gary Soggs, school district energy manager, at 248-623-8020.

### Kayak competition

Michigan Senior Olympics' Idita-Kayak Expedition is 12-2 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, at Deer Lake Beach.

The non-sanctioned event is open to all ages. Participants will have a chance to try out kayaks and equipment, learn new techniques, and network with other water sports enthusiasts.

For more information, contact Riverside Kayak Connection at 734-285-2925 or visit [www.riversidekayak.com](http://www.riversidekayak.com).

### Hillsboro Road construction set

Hillsboro Road between Shaffer Road and Crosby Lake Road in Springfield Township is set to close, June 15-16, so Consumer's Energy can install a 36-inch gas line.

Detour route will be Shaffer to Ormond to Big Lake, according to Road Commission for Oakland County.

### Attention businesses

What are you doing to stimulate the local economy - *The Clarkston News* wants to know. Stop by at 5 S. Main Street, call 248-625-3370, or email [Clarkstonnews@gmail.com](mailto:Clarkstonnews@gmail.com).



Kaylee Phillips leads the pack at Oakland Christian School's third annual Trike-A-Thon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Photo provided

## Children pedal their bikes for St. Jude's

Dozens of Oakland Christian School students 2-5 years old rode tricycles and bicycles to raise money at the school's third annual Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Re-

search Hospital.

The students rode an average of 127 laps around their school parking lot in about 30 minutes at the May 1 event.

The children also learned about bike safety and decorated their bikes with streamers and homemade license plates, ending their service project with a picnic lunch.

## New rules and policies for meetings

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After months of complaining they were shut out of the agenda process, two Independence Township trustees got their way.

At the May 19 meeting, by a 4-2 vote, the board adopted a new Rules and Procedures Policy, which included a new agenda policy presented by Trustee David Lohmeier and Treasurer Curt Carson.

Lohmeier said they were going for three things with the new agenda policy.

"One: We want to ensure that all board members without discrimination have the ability to have items of importance heard and addressed in a timely manner on the agenda," he said. "Two: Trying to make the agenda a responsibility to the board rather than a deliverable to the board, and three: to improve the quality of our discussions by requiring earlier distribution of the meeting packages' submitted material."

Carson said everyone should be able to submit items to be put on the agenda freely while working with Lohmeier on the agenda policy; they drafted a board rules and procedures policy as well.

"We wanted to deal with issues with the whole meeting concept from the point

of putting things on the agenda to the time to review to getting them to the meeting and then to meeting itself," he said.

However, Carson recommended adopting the rules and procedure policy, which included the agenda policy, as opposed to just adopting the agenda policy alone.

Trustee Neil Wallace said "smooth and efficient running of the meeting" should not be the primary goal of the board.

"Not that I think they should be free for all, but our principle goal here should be getting the people's business done," he said. "Sometimes that takes longer deliberation and thoughtful consideration, so I am concerned about that."

Some of the rules and procedures policy included the adoption of Robert's Rules of Order, limiting board members to debate or interrupt members of the public during their comments, limiting board members to only 10 minutes total per topic, and any items not discussed by 10 p.m. will be carried over to the next meetings agenda.

Trustee Larry Rosso said he had no problem adopting meeting policies, but said "it will come down to the same old thing."

"The dispute will always be an

interpretation. Some things are not going to be open to interpretation and some aspects even in this will be open to interpretation, and the other is enforcement," Rosso said. "Any policy is only as good as the enforcement, especially as it applies."

Trustee Mark Petterson also fully supported the new meeting rules policy.

"There are no rules that govern the behavior of board members, nor had there been a need to in previous years until now," he said.

He also agreed the policy would "only be as good as the enforcement."

The agenda policy alone failed 4-3.

"I'm extremely disappointed that board members would support this only if it came with all this other pork that comes along with it," said Lohmeier.

Wagner said the rules and meeting policy "has a lot of pluses."

"When the 10 o'clock hour comes along, the board has got to vote on it, either we go forward or we don't," Wagner said. "My worry is we are going to end up with so many things on the agenda we'll never finish these meetings. Of course they're put on the very next agenda, that's fine

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Emily Sutherland hosts a morning of prayer, June 6. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Prayer and brunch, June 6

Emily Sutherland of Independence Township hosts a local observance of Viva International's World Weekend of Prayer for children at risk.

"The more difficult it becomes here, the more difficult it gets to meet the needs of children globally," she said.

"Prayer is one thing you can do that costs nothing. I've seen the power of prayer."

Prayer with her and her husband, Mike Sutherland, will be at 10 a.m., Saturday,

June 6, at their home, 6654 Pear Lane, followed by brunch at about 11 a.m.

Also a member of Moms in Touch Prayer Ministry, she learned about Viva this past July at an international conference for children at risk at Wheaton College in Illinois.

"Their vision is to bring people together all around the globe who are working with or have a vision for ministry to children at risk," she said.

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## Good Samaritans stop to help

It was a cold and rainy night, May 22, when Jeanette Justice of Clarkston got a flat tire on her way home from her grandchildren's swim meet at Waterford Mott High School. She didn't have to worry. Dave Alonzi, his sons, Loren Haus, and his sons, going home from the nearby Grace Baptist Church, all stopped to help. "I was in distress and these kind people stopped and changed my tire - everyone helped," Justice said. "Then they wouldn't take anything but a hug." They let her take their picture, though. Photo provided

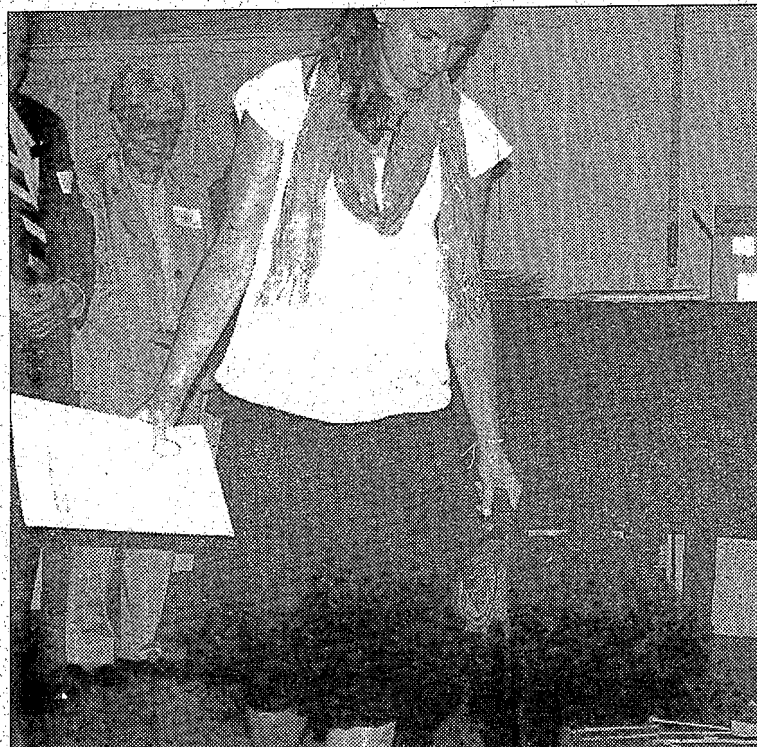




Youth Recognition Award winners Michael Campbell and Devon Rehm talk at the reception.



Local government and community leaders congratulate students for their volunteer efforts. Photos by Phil Custodio



Amanda Martin's volunteer efforts include Paws with a Cause.

## Young volunteers honored

Clarkston Area Youth Association honored 80 Clarkston students' volunteer efforts, May 27, with Youth Recognition Award: Morgan Addis, Danielle Adkins, Maya Alalouf, Marina Anderson, Robert Arden, Laura Ayoub, Maddie Badgley, Eric Barch, Angela Cameron, Michael Campbell, Kellyn Carpenter, Bridget Chiodo, Frank Chiodo, Bree Christie, Cathryn Cooke, Kendell Cummings, Jentica Dabrowski, Quinn Dabrowski, Lauren Davis, Tyler DeCoster, Joshua Fox, Jeremy Frankovich, Julie Goldberg, Erika Hahne, Mackenzie Hannon, Rachael Havens, Jan Helgeson, Jacklyn Hensel, Troy Hughes, Matt Huhta, Chris Hyde, Heather Ingham, Megan Johnson, Aubrey Kenny, Lauren Kissel, Nick Lee, Ryleigh Linseman, Keaton Mantz, Kendra Mantz, Amanda Marie Martin,

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The students contributed about 89,000 volunteer hours to the community, said speaker David Reschke, deputy superintendent.



Deputy Superintendent David Reschke congratulates the community awardees.

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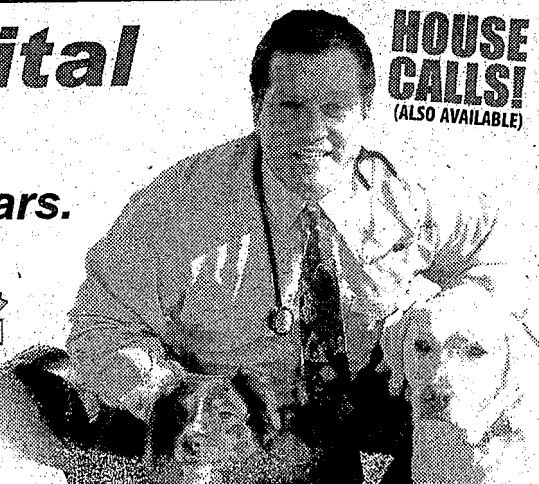
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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Civil discourse or civil war

National news doesn't often appear in *The Clarkston News* – you won't find in these pages how many missiles North Korea launch into the Sea of Japan or how bankrupt California is.

The information is of interest to Clarkston residents, and everyone else in this country, but it doesn't fit into our niche – local news, local people.

There are exceptions, though. Chrysler's decision to drop our local dealership slams home the whole federal private-sector bailout fiasco.

GM is next, which will bring more problems. This is a huge punch in the gut. As Sherry Regiani points out on this page, local dealerships, Chuck Fortinberry especially, provide critical support to the community.

Their primary purpose is to sell cars, of course, but as local business owners and residents, they help their neighbors as much as they can. They see them every day when they're out and about. Their kids go to our schools.

This should answer those who ever shook their heads at big business' mistakes and asked, why doesn't the government do something about it.

The answer: because it's full of politicians and politics inevitably enters the picture.

Nationally, those who oppose President Obama's policies aren't taking to the streets to wave signs and play rock music. They're buying up gun stores' stocks of weapons and ammunition.

A few have turned to violence, ambushing police officers and shooting soldiers. Hopefully local discourse doesn't become so extreme, but some signs aren't encouraging.

A lady stopped in the office a couple weeks ago, describing an argument she had with strangers in a shop across the street, one loud and raucous enough the police were called.

Officials on Independence Township Board sound and look like they're about to throw down on each other sometimes during their meetings.

If we fail to keep our discourse civil, we could end up with civil war. It wouldn't be the first time.



# The Clarkston News Viewpoints

## Shop local to save community

Dear editor,

It was hard to sleep at night after reading the story about Chuck Fortinberry ("Fight not over for local Chrysler dealer," May 20). Much was left unsaid, but that's typical of Chuck. Did you know how much he supports Clarkston?

Whether it was for school programs or the Clarkston Foundation, Chuck Fortinberry supported our kids with his own hard-earned dollars.

Every time there was a fundraiser, we could count on Fortinberry Chrysler. This was not chump-change, either. "Chuck, I need a favor," I'd say. Then we talked about how important the programs were for the kids in our own community.

He never let me down.

And it wasn't just me. Over the past few days others have mentioned his many kindnesses, like the annual Leukemia Ride. He always wanted to be sure his donations went to programs, not to administrative costs. He even donated his dealership as the site of one of the Clarkston Foundation's early fundraiser parties.

The trickle-down effect of forcing a business to close has far-reaching effects for all of us. Imagine if your own employer was told there are too many (fill in the blank). Grocery

stores could close if someone in power said there were too many. Want to see an empty building instead of Rudy's Market? Your own job could be next.

The American way is good old-fashioned free enterprise and competition. It's natural that any business without sufficient sales won't survive. To arbitrarily cherry-pick a random selection to close is wrong.

If you saw me driving around town in a little blue Crossfire convertible the last couple of summers, it was because I believe in supporting businesses that support our community. That Crossfire was from Chuck Fortinberry's dealership.

Chuck's going to stay in business as long as we – not Chrysler and not our government – keep him there. *The Clarkston News* asks us to shop locally.

I bet you moved to Clarkston because you liked it here – the small town, the quaint shops. Now join us by voting with your dollars for businesses in your own backyard.

In the words of Ronald Reagan, "A government big enough to give us everything we want is strong enough to take it all away."

*Sherry Regiani  
Independence Township*

### Letters to the editor

## Thanks for help with race for kids

Dear editor,

The first annual Chuck Keegan "Race for the Kids" was May 2. This event was co-sponsored by the Clarkston Foundation and the staff of Clarkston Junior High School. Chuck taught for Clarkston Community Schools for more than 30 years. He was also the track coach for much of that time. Throughout his career, he touched the lives of countless students, teachers, and parents. This was evident in the outpouring of support from the community; nearly 100 people participated in the event, raising more than \$3,600. These funds will be used to establish scholarships for Clarkston students.

We would like to thank the following community leaders whose help was

instrumental in the success of this event: Paul Coughlin, Runnin' Gear; John Merz, Graphmark Services; and Susan Powers, A+ Teacher's Store. The Learning Experience and Waterford Jewelers also provided monetary support.

In addition, we are grateful to Clarkston Community Schools for their support of this worthwhile event.

Finally, thanks to Amy Ankrom, Jim Berman, Amy Black, Ray Cooper, Claudia Keglovitz, Jamie Rykse, Debbie Sabo, Wayne Samuel, Janet Thomas, and all the other former and current Clarkston Community Schools employees who donated their time and talent to plan and implement this event.

*Mark Greve, chairman*

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## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1994

"Singing for the fun of it" Clarkston High School's barbershop ensemble learned from singing groups Merry Motor Men and Oakland Shores Sweet Adelines.

"It's been a long time coming" Volunteers were set to converge on Bay Court Park in Independence Township to build a new playscape. Sheila Ritter, volunteer coordinator, had jobs for workers pre-school through seniors.

"18-mill school vote is Monday" With recent passage of Proposal A, Clarkston schools requested renewal of non-homestead taxes, affecting mostly businesses. If rejected, the millage would have fallen to six mills.

"You're never too old, adult grads say" About 50 graduates of adult and alternative education tossed their caps into the air, celebrating their graduation. This was the first year they could earn state-certified diplomas.

### 25 years ago - 1984

"New feel to village council" Carol Eberhardt, new Clarkston village president, worked to improve village meeting efficiency, community promotion, and relations with Independence Township.

"Teacher opens first-grade time capsule" Teacher Anne Moller unsealed letters written in 1973 by her students, graduating from high school in 1984. She hosted a reunion of her former first-graders at Pine Knob Elementary.

"No more rain, sleet, snow or dark of night" Howard Bliss, the village's first foot carrier, retired after 31 years with Clarkston Post Office. He was also a volunteer firefighter, so in emergencies he would lock up the mail and respond.

### 50 years ago - 1959

"Scout Troop 134 wins 'Brown Jug'" The Clarkston scouts won the floating trophy at the Manito Scout District Camp-O-Ree. They won contests in camp craft, safety, sanitation, cooking, and unit organization.

"Rotary hears talk 'Selling by Phone'" Clarkston Rotarians invited R.H. Sisson, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, who explained how companies used the telephone to market their products. Employees would place calls, then hold the phone to a record player, which would play the same sales pitch to everyone.

"Clarkston locals" The Henry Dawley family spent the holiday at a family picnic in nearby Davisburg at the Ronald Dawley home.



# State financial troubles an old story; plus notes

The most knowledgeable person I know when it comes to state of Michigan politics is Richard Milliman. He writes a weekly column, *The Almanac*, which appears in several newspapers.

Dick has been a friend of mine of over 40 years. He's owned several newspapers, dailies and weeklies, and still has some, though officially retired.

Early on, he worked on the George Romney gubernatorial campaign and became his press secretary. He also sought, but didn't get, a state legislative office.

Anyway, Dick sends his columns to me, and I want to quote a little of his state budget comments.

"State government in Michigan is in financial trouble.

"That's an old story, of course. It seems as if every year for the past dozen or so -- and periodically most years in modern history -- the story has been repeated.

"The main reason is because state government as a practice spends more money than it takes in. Sooner or later, that can create a huge problem. State legislators and most governors have found it easier to apply a patch than a solution.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

"These past practices of holding the state together financially with duct tape and baling wire are compounded by today's grim economic truths of high unemployment, declining personal incomes, lower property values, business failures, bankruptcies, decreased tax yield, ever-

higher costs of running public programs.

"The inevitable result is public budget chaos."

Now me. Why does this happen and re-

cur?

I'll tell you why: Because our elected either don't know how to do what becomes inevitable, are more concerned with getting reelected or don't have the guts to do what has to be done.

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I don't know why sellers of beef brag about Angus. I'm sure they want to convey the thought that if it's Angus tenderness is assured.

Of course, it could be Angus breeders have a better public relations firm. However, it's a slam to Holstein, Jersey and Guernsey raisers.

Back to the tenderness thing. Daughter Luan has me over for dinner many Sunday nights. Slow cooked beef roast was a recent offering. Luan always cooks enough for me to eat at home the next six days.

This particular slow-cooked beef was tougher than Tarzan's ape. A leftover I gave

to Shayna was so tough she gave up on it, and complained about her aching jaw and cracked tooth.

Almost always Luan does the food buying. This particular beef, planned for his father-in-law, was selected from the Angus label by son-in-law Bob.

'Nuf said.

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How did the pig get atop the GM building?

Swine flu.

I could tell you who told me that, but you'd probably slap him.

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Three quick ones from Will Rogers:

1. Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie" until you find a rock.
2. Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.
3. It's a good thing we don't get all the government we pay for.

## Mural offers lots of lessons

Dear editor,

Yes, this is another letter regarding the mural in downtown Clarkston.

Many times each week, I drive by the "wall" with my daughters. Sometimes we talk about what is depicted, other times we talk about when we think it might be completed. We wonder what compels the artist to undo and redo certain parts of the mural and look forward to see what will appear next.

Our projects tend to be short-term and with obvious beginnings and endings, like homework and chores, so this has become very thought-provoking for us. We are fascinated by not only the mural, but by what goes on within the mind of the artist.

It has become more than a painting to us, it has become an opportunity to talk about our interpretation of Clarkston and how we feel about art and freedom of expression. We have artists in

our family and feel they are special people that add color to our lives, as we tend to be very logical and orderly. We joke about the day the mural is completed and that we will have to come up with something new to talk about when we drive by in the future.

With sadness and shock, I share the letters from people that do not share our fascination. I feel badly that the mural has not given them what it has given us. It may not be what we would paint, but we wouldn't have thought to turn an old church into an amazing restaurant either.

We are grateful for the people in this town that have a different vision, a unique vision that is distinctly their own. I feel it is what sets our town apart and makes it uniquely and ultimately ours.

Missy Brozovich  
Independence Township

## Bloom's off the rose with mural

Dear editor,

Remember the story about the Emperor who was convinced by his new tailor that his new set of clothing was far superior to any previously sewn?

It turned out the Emperor was being duped and when the crowd saw the Emperor strutting naked they began to point and laugh forcing the Emperor to finally see what everyone else saw. Mr. Sherman, that's you and those of us living in the realm are telling you so.

After reading the latest round of explanation from the tailor, uh, artist asking the citizens of our community to see the invisible clothing that she is selling as a symbolic depiction of the history of Clarkston, I for one am not buying, Mr. Sherman.

You should stand in front of the mural and decipher the history you see on the wall. Please

ask yourself as you peer at this wall, is this what I intended, is this the direction I wanted it to take? Call me a Pollyanna if you will but I believe you truly wished to gift the community a piece of art that would be uplifting and would enhance the experience of living in a town proud of its heritage.

I cannot see any uplifting or redeeming message in this twisted rendition being proclaimed by the artist as representing Clarkston history nor do I believe will you, should you take an honest evaluating look.

Mr. Sherman, please get a new tailor or have the one that you hired adhere to the pattern submitted to you in the first place. I will gladly applaud your new set of clothes as you walk with pride down the streets of Clarkston.

Marilyn Parke  
Independence Township

## Thanks for tennis story

Dear editor,

I want to personally thank you for taking the time to write this article about the girls ("Tenacious finish for girls," May 27). My name is Marc Spindler and my daughter is Gabriella.

This article was very bitter sweet for us. The article was a great consolation prize for Gabriella who at 19-0 and a regional winner was crushed not to make it to the state tournament!

I had the unique opportunity to play 10 seasons in The National Football League and know the thrill of victory and

agony of defeat. This was very different though, because of some archaic rule system that the MHSAA has in place, Gabriella was penalized.

There is no other sport in Michigan or other states for that matter that doesn't reward the Regional winner, let alone undefeated, with a trip to states!

I sincerely thank you for your time and ask you to look for these three Clarkston singles players names in the future as they are three of the best in the midwest.

Marc Spindler  
Independence Township

## Consumers key to success

Dear editor,

Contrary to the letter by Todd Messer, "Too much gov't caused this mess," May 6, I suggest he research all the facts.

It was John McCain's economic advisor Phil Gramm who was instrumental in removing controls that would have prevented our current crisis.

It was the unjust war of George W. Bush who borrowed billions off the books from China. It was the greedy manufacturers who send the work to Mexico and China for cheap labor, not to mention southern states offering free land and anti-union low wages.

Laid-off Michigan workers

could no longer pay their mortgages. As for the business owner, without money in the hands of the poor consumers, there is no business or need to borrow. As a retired business owner, I can tell you it was the bank that had me under their thumb.

I was happy to pay my share of taxes, which was a barometer of success. No man is an island and no one can be in business without the hard-working "other half." Don't put the cart before the horse. First comes demand. Second is supply. Wealth trickles up, not down.

Dale Bond  
Independence Township

# Cuts coming to building, parks and recreation

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cuts to the board at the June 16 meeting. "We haven't formally made cuts to personnel, we have looked at areas where we believe that we can make cuts and once again I'm just making sure that the cuts do



Wagner

actually make sense and we're not going to have a domino effect," he said. "Making a cut just to make things look good could actually hurt a service and we don't want to hurt a service."

Wagner recommended a reduction of \$248,000 to the building department because of drastic drops in permits and inspections.

"That one department we're looking at very heavily," he said. "We had several new projects that were supposed to start where we would have needed the personnel and due to the lack of the availability of loans these commercial projects have virtually ceased until financing is available and we don't know if that will be this year or next year."

Wagner said they are also looking closely at the Parks and Recreation department and which programs may have to be cut due to the large amounts of money lost to the township. Parks and Rec. will be losing \$86,675 in revenue.

"Traditionally we've lost a lot of money, but they're very, very popular programs and the board has always decided to fund them just because of their popularity. Unfortunately right now popularity doesn't pay the bills and for the next couple years we may have to cut a few of these programs out," he said. "I'm hoping at the board meeting on June 16, I will be able to detail some of the programs that we're looking at."

However, Lohmeier disagrees.

"I want to keep cuts away from the where people actually get benefits from the services and quit spending on things that have no value," he said. "Township Hall is a beautiful building, but for most people in the township it's just a nicer desk to pay your taxes."

Wagner also noted he talked with both supervisors of Waterford and White Lake township to get ideas of what other municipalities are doing to save money.

"I'm trying not to reinvent the wheel, but see what these other communities have done and if it's been successful," he said.

Where should township priorities should go? Let us know at [Clarkstonnews@gmail.com](mailto:Clarkstonnews@gmail.com)



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## Boy in road while mom slept

Two passing motorists may have saved the life of a 3-year-old Independence Township boy who walked in front of a car on Sashabaw Road near Maybee around 4p.m. on May 18.

According to police reports, the motorists, a 25-year-old Springfield Township woman and a 22-year-old Independence Township woman, retrieved the child and called police. The child would not respond when his rescuers spoke to him in English or Spanish, so the responding deputy and the women took the child's hand and allowed him to lead them to his home at nearby Bridgewater Apartments. Prolonged knocking finally roused his mother and aunt, who seemed to be sleeping.

The deputy noted neither woman showed concern the boy was outside while they slept. Neither spoke much English, but indicated the aunt was supposed to be watching the child while his mother slept; the aunt said the child took a nap so she decided to do the same.

"I advised them that (the child) had walked over to Sashabaw Road where he was walking in the street and was almost hit by a car," the deputy wrote in a report. "They still showed no emotions."

Both women also admitted they are not U.S. citizens and neither has a green card. A report was sent to the Family Independence Agency, and the deputy said the mother agreed to his advice to install child-proof locks on the doors.

# Public Safety

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



## Two-car crash on M-15

An Independence Township man's SUV was knocked onto its side Sunday afternoon when it was struck by an Ortonville man's car, making a left on northbound M-15 from Bluegrass Drive. The local resident was heading into town on M-15 with his family. No one was seriously injured. Photo provided by Dave Daly

## Fighting over \$10

An 20-year-old man was allegedly stabbed twice during a fight at DTE May 22. The victim, a Waterford resident, received two puncture wounds and was transported to POH for treatment, where he was alert and able to talk with police before he was released from the hospital. According to reports, a 17-year-old Kettering High School student told a friend

he was nervous about being "jumped" by Clarkston High School students, and arrived at the concert "strapped" with a knife for self defense.

The altercation with the 20-year-old man, however, arose when the two men ran into one another at the concert and argued over an unpaid \$10 debt. The 17-year-old Kettering student was arrested.

## Eddie Haskell returns

A 22-year old man parked at Bailey Lake Elementary School with two buddies around midnight May 23 rolled down his window when a deputy approached and said, "Good evening officer, what seems to be the problem?" The deputy immediately noticed the strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man, who was slurring his speech heavily. The deputy also noted open beer cans and other alcoholic beverages in both front and back seats of the car. The booze was poured out, the two 22-year-old men cited for open intoxicants and a 17-year-old man in the back seat was cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

## Good stuff gone

Deputies responded to a number of reports of larceny from automobiles around Independence Township between May 20-25. Several items, including a license plate were stolen from the Park and Ride at Sashabaw Road and I-75. Thieves also smashed out a windshield in the 4800 block of Fox Circle, in order to get at an iPod and GPS unit left inside. At another home, thieves entered a garage after finding a garage door opener in an unlocked car outside the home, and stole a number of items, including an iPod, camera, cell phone and checkbook from the garaged cars. Residents also reported various items missing from cars left unlocked around the township.

-Compiled by Laura Colvin



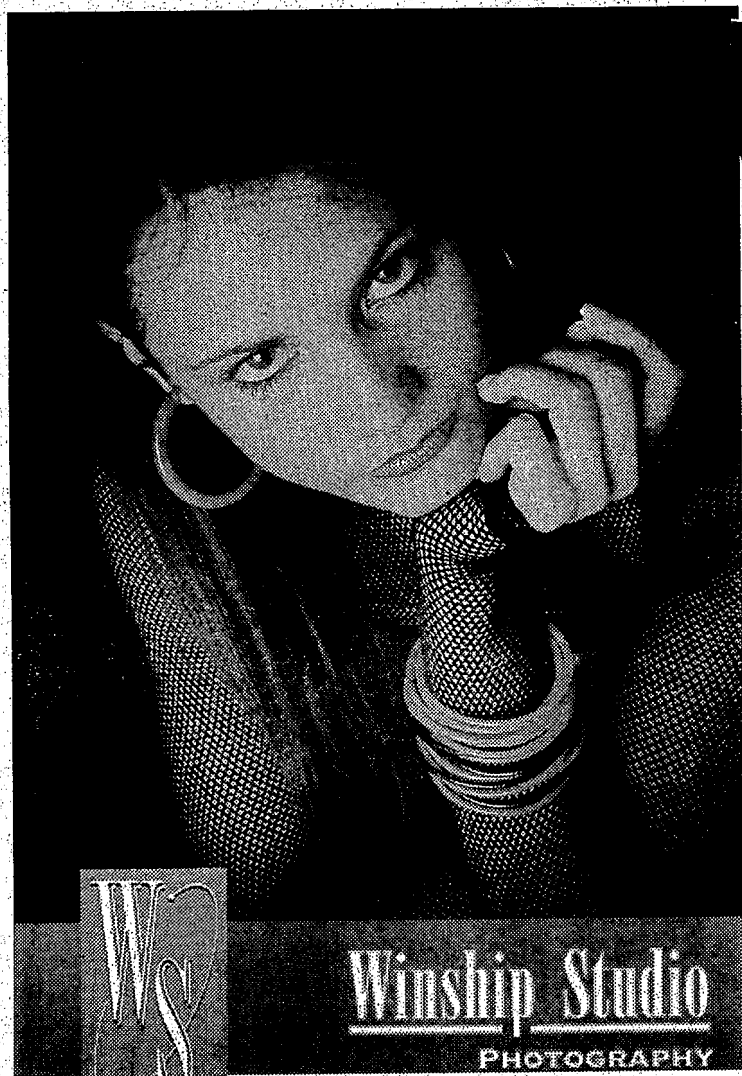
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# GOOD LUCK!





Bob Hannah of Rochester Hills and other local master gardeners and volunteers plant a row of vegetables.



Neal Winnie of Royal Oak rakes a row smooth. Photos by Phil Custodio

## Plant a row

Gardening volunteers gathered at Bittersweet Farms' Clarkston Community Garden, Allen Road in Independence Township, May 23 to plant vegetables for Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

When the 20,000-square-foot garden is harvested, they'll donate up to 5,000 pounds of food.



Susan Burt of Troy waters a row.

## Agendy policy vexes trustees

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and we'll just get as much as we can done, it's a simple as that."

Wallace said the list of rules was "incomplete, inadequate, and an abridgment" of his ability to "function as a trustee."

"I believe there are elements of this procedure policy that are in fact illegal and I have no problem if this is passed by this board attesting whether or not my estimation of that is correct," he said. "I think you're going much too far in trying to usurp the boards authority to run the township because statutorily that's how it's suppose to happen."

Wagner said he was opposed to adopting any policy even back in January.

"I thought the way things went before had never been a problem," he said.

However, Petterson said the first agenda policy adopted in January was never broken.

"It was very difficult for the supervisor to respond to the large number of requests within the policy time frame. Therefore the trustees took no reply as a rejection," he said. "However, the trustees in turn failed to fulfill the policy by asking the clerk or treasurer to support their request."

He said of all the e-mails he had seen, not one asked the Clerk or Treasurer for support.

"To publicly push blame on to any of the three full time officials that they can't get items on the agenda is untrue and a blatant attempt to discredit these officials," said Petterson. "The only ones that are to blame are trustees themselves by not fulfilling the policy."

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# Season ends in district playoff battle with Bobcats

BY CAITLIN SMITH

Special to the Clarkston News

Plenty of opportunities presented themselves as the Clarkston Lady Wolves took on the Lakeland High School Eagles in their first district match up.

Shot after shot by the Clarkston offense either hit the crossbar, landed in the side netting, or was swept up by the Lakeland goalkeeper. After dominating the possession for an entire half, their hard work paid off with 13 seconds left as senior Meagan McCallum scored the first goal of the game.

The Wolves went into the second half up one goal and with adrenaline on their side. Both teams continued to fight hard as they knew a win was necessary to advance to the next game.

With 20 minutes left of play, Senior Allie Browe found herself with the ball just outside of the 18-yard box. She had the opportunity to take a longer-range shot, but instead unselfishly slid the ball forward through the Lakeland defense, to the cleats of teammate Meagan McCallum. McCallum then finished the ball into the net and tallied her second goal of the game.

The Eagles kept in the game by taking advantage of a penalty in close proximity to the Clarkston net. However, Junior Katie Vondette put the game away for a 3-1 Clarkston win, after scoring with just minutes left in the game.

The energy from Tuesday night's win carried over to the Thursday match up between Clarkston and Grand Blanc High School.

Nonetheless, the Bobcats were able to score within the first minutes by connecting off a corner kick.

The early Grand Blanc goal caught the Wolves off guard, however they were still able to respond. Freshman Mikayla Ferar set up an offensive opportunity as she crossed the ball in front of the Bobcat net, within striking distance of her teammates. Senior Allie Browe finished the ball in order to tie up the score, 1-1.

Despite the heartfelt effort made by Clarkston, the Bobcats were still able to score two more goals within the half.

The possession throughout the second half was more equal, as the Lady Wolves refused to go down easy. Several opportunities presented themselves, however it was Grand Blanc who finally capitalized off a breakaway to put the Bobcats up 4-1 with just 12 minutes remaining in the game. Although the loss was devastating and put an abrupt end to the season, the Lady Wolves played well.

"It was a good battle and we fought hard," said senior Allie Browe. "In my book it was a characterization of our passion for the sport."

The girls may not have made it as far into the State Playoffs as they had dreamed, yet they all believe that they had a successful season. Senior Alex Rodebach said "next year's team may have a better chance, especially with all the fresh talent."

Until next season, as Clarkston announcer Neil Grandlund would say "Bye Bye, Buy Bonds."



Lauren Wagner takes a corner kick.



Shadows '96, coached by Damian Huffer, the club's director of coaching, includes Kirsten Andersen, Alicia Curry, Andrea Dean, Nina Foote, Tori Ging, Kayla Grzesiak, Sydney Grzesiak, Danielle Hart, Shelby Hopper, Tori Johns, Megan Kennedy, Franzie Loetzner, Allison Mahaffy, Brenna Meicher, Samantha Messer, Rylee Schaefer and Sydney Sleva.

## Athlete of the Week Kickers win championship

The Clarkston Soccer Club's Shadows '96 team, U13 age group, was undefeated in the Westlake Invitational Soccer Tournament Memorial Day weekend, winning the championship.

"The game was everything youth sports should be," said tournament co-director John Stroh. "Both teams played very well and the sportsmanship and enthusiasm from the players, coaches and spectators - outstanding. We look forward to seeing everyone next Memorial Day. Clarkston has a great group of

coaches and managers."

The Shadows won their three preliminary matches, two on May 9 and one, May 10, before advancing to win the Championship game Sunday afternoon. During their four tournament games, the kickers earned the distinction of scoring the highest number of goals, 13, in their entire age bracket, while also being the only team in their bracket to give up zero goals.

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From left are Tommy Ronk, Chad Wotton, coach Wiegand, Taylor Walker, Andrew Lange, Jimmy Delnick, and Nick Robeson.

## Lessons learned on the links

Boulder Pointe Golf Club in Oxford set the stage for drama last week for Clarkston Varsity Golf.

"We experienced both joy and sorrow," said coach Mark Wiegand. "We definitely played well in the League Tournaments this season, winning both of them at Boulder Pointe."

The week started at Boulder Pointe with the Second OAA League Tournament. The Wolves came out with the victory for the second time this season with a team score of 323. Finishing second was Troy with 324 and Rochester Adams with 325.

Tommy Ronk led with 78, followed by Walker 80, Robeson 81, and Wotton with 84.

"It's nice to be on the positive side of the one stroke for a change," Wiegand said. "It reinforces what we've been telling our players about grinding out every shot of every round and the payoff will be in the end. Today it was."

At Thursday's regionals, the Wolves played well but did not qualify for State Fi-

nals.

"We played very well today, shooting 315, and even though the guys are disappointed, I'm very proud of their play," Wiegand said. Ronk led the Wolves for the final time with a round of 75.

"I'm sad that Tommy didn't get to compete at the State Finals," Wiegand said. "His teammates really wanted to get it done for him today or to have him qualify individually. He's led our team from start to finish this season, and I'm going to miss his character, hard work and tenacity."

Team scores were also Taylor Walker 77, Jimmy Delnick 81, Nick Robeson 82, and Chad Wotton with 88.

"Overall I'm very pleased that the youth of our team gained experience throughout the season," Wiegand said. "They tasted victory and also defeat. We had only one player start this year with any prior varsity experience and to accomplish everything they did this season while learning to compete was awesome."

## Classic to help kidney research

National Kidney Foundation Golf Classic-Oakhurst, benefiting National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, is June 8 at the Oakhurst Golf and Country Club in Independence Township.



Patterson

"I am proud to support the NKFM's mission of preventing and

treating chronic kidney disease," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, serving as honorary chair. "I look forward to contributing to their efforts and enjoying a great day of golf."

Winners of the event will be invited to compete at the National Championship at Pebble Beach in California.

For more information, call Kirsten Mumma at 800-482-1455 or visit [www.nkfm oakhurstgolf.blogspot.com/](http://www.nkfm oakhurstgolf.blogspot.com/).

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# Volunteers to help during River Day

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River Day activities.

Church groups and other volunteers will work to build a demonstration rain garden on church property, through which the Clinton River also flows.

"A rain garden keeps salt from flowing into the river when it rains," said Katie Anderson, NOHLC's executive director. "Not to mention motor oil, brake dust and whatever else ends up in the parking lot."

Volunteers will also stencil around drains throughout the community to remind people not to dump anything through the grates.

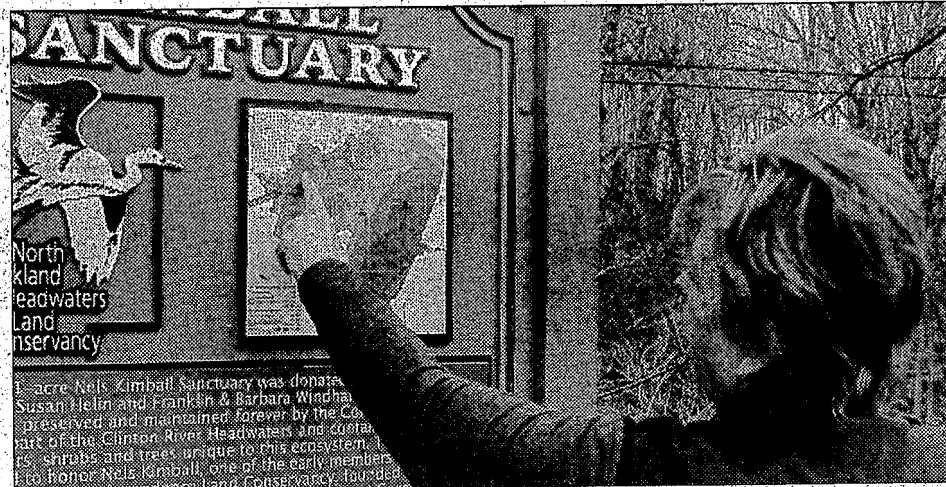
"Whatever goes in the drain ends up in the river," Anderson said.

Children's activities, including the opportunity to float a "rubber ducky" down a stretch of river before retrieving it with a net.

Everyone's welcome, Anderson said, including folks who aren't able to help with the big jobs.

"Lots of people will be digging and carrying on," Anderson said. "But we also want to have some child-friendly activities so families can come out and enjoy some quality time together."

The floating ducks, she explained, are a fun lesson designed to teach kids that the



**Katie Anderson, executive director for North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, points out Clarkston location at the upper edge of the Clinton River Watershed. Precipitation falling here flows to the south and east, starting as wetland bogs, collecting into streams and rivers, and draining into Lake St. Clair. Photo by Phil Custodio**

rubber duck—and anything else that ends up in the river, would eventually float all the way to the great lakes.

For those who want to make the short trip, maps to NOHLC's Nels Kimball Preserve—41 acres near I-75 and M-15 in Independence Township—will be available at the church.

A scavenger hunt list will keep kids interested at the preserve, which is always open to the public.

"We want to create awareness that the Clinton River flows right through there,"

Anderson said. "We're protecting the land to protect the water; that's what NOHLC is focused on—it's paramount to us."

Back at Clarkston United Methodist, a volunteer will fire up the grill around lunchtime; free hotdogs and lemonade will await hungry folks working at River Day activities around town—and anyone else who wants to stop by.

The Clarkston Community River Day Celebration is sponsored by the Clarkston Watershed Group, North Oakland Headwaters

## River Day also features free fishing

River Day coincides with "Free Fishing Weekend" in Michigan.

On June 13-14, residents and out-of-state guests alike can enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes' waters for all species of fish. All fishing license fees will be waived for two days; all fishing regulations will still apply.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, research shows that young people today do not have access to the fishing opportunities enjoyed by previous generations. Some of the reasons: living in urban or suburban areas where fishing access is not readily available; competition for time by an ever-increasing schedule of special activities, and too little time for unstructured leisure. Visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) for more information.

Land Conservancy, Boy Scout Troop 189, Clarkston Farmers Market, American Roots, and River of Life.

Volunteers are still needed for all activities. For more information, contact CWG River Day coordinator Cory Johnston at 248-620-6489 or [CWG@villageofclarkston.org](mailto:CWG@villageofclarkston.org); contact the NOHLC at 248-846-6547. For a list of dozens of River Day activities taking place June 6 and June 13 in Oakland County and beyond, visit the Clinton River Watershed Council website at [www.crw.org](http://www.crw.org).



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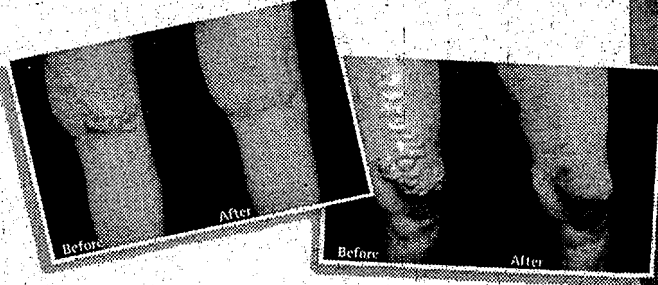
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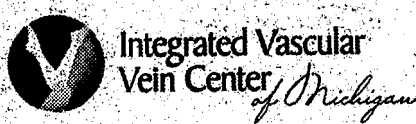
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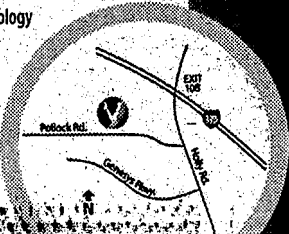
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Dr. James O'Neill addresses the crowd.



Nick and Jane Hamp enjoy a walk through the Garden of Healing and Renewal.



Dan White with RTKL enjoys a tasty banana foster.

## Community welcomes Clarkston Medical, McLaren

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

More than 1,000 people came out Saturday to celebrate the grand opening of Clarkston Medical Group and McLaren Health Care Services.

"It was fabulous. I was pleased and so happy, it was very, very heartening and I think we had just a good a time as everybody else did," said Dr. James O'Neill, founder of CMG. "It was a fun and very memorable day, and we thank everyone."

The day began with a dedication. Pastor Loren Covarrubias of Mount Zion Church gave the opening prayer, followed by speeches from Gregory Lane, senior vice president/CAO of McLaren Health Care; Philip Incarnati, president/CEO, McLaren Health Care; Dr. Timothy O'Neill, president, Clarkston Medical Group; L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive; State

Senator Mike Bishop; and State Representative Eileen Kowall, who presented a special proclamation to Dr. James O'Neill, founder of CMG, and Dave Wagner, Independence Township supervisor.

"It's good to be here," said Lane. "We're looking forward to a lot of good years working with the community."

The Grand Opening featured tours of the Clarkston Medical Building, Great Lakes Cancer Institute-Clarkston, and Garden of Healing and Renewal, as well as lunch, health screenings, and raffles. Some featured activities included performances by Clarkston community and school musical groups, games, and children's activities led by Independence Parks and Recreation, performances by Quest for Change youth troupe, demonstrations by the Clarkston High School robotics Team RUSH, and face painting.

"This is a great thing for the community, they've not had state-of-the-art cancer treatment in this area ever, so this is going to be great because CMG building is right

across the street with 15 odd practices and with urgent care," said Dr. Praveen Dalmia, chief medical physicist and manger with GLCI. "Before this, all the patients had to drive either 20 to 30 minutes north or 20 to 30 minutes south and now they've got something right here."

Dr. Stephen Franklin is excited to join the GLCI team of doctors in Independence Township, since moving from California where he has spent the past five years. He said having parents who are 80 years old and being the only doctor in the family gave him incentive to move closer to home.

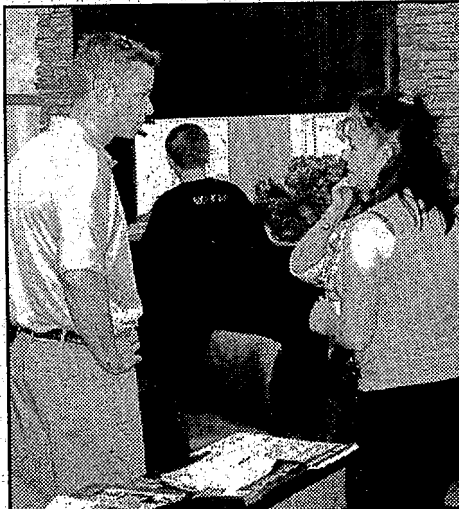
"I was a bit reluctant at first in the summer, but I started thinking about further and it would be a good transition for me to move closer to home," he said. "Also by linking up with Dr. Fraser, I knew that the type of radiation oncology he was practicing was in line with what I was doing out in California, so it made it that much easier to make the transition."

Franklin, who was born and raised in Chicago, said he has family roots in Michigan though.

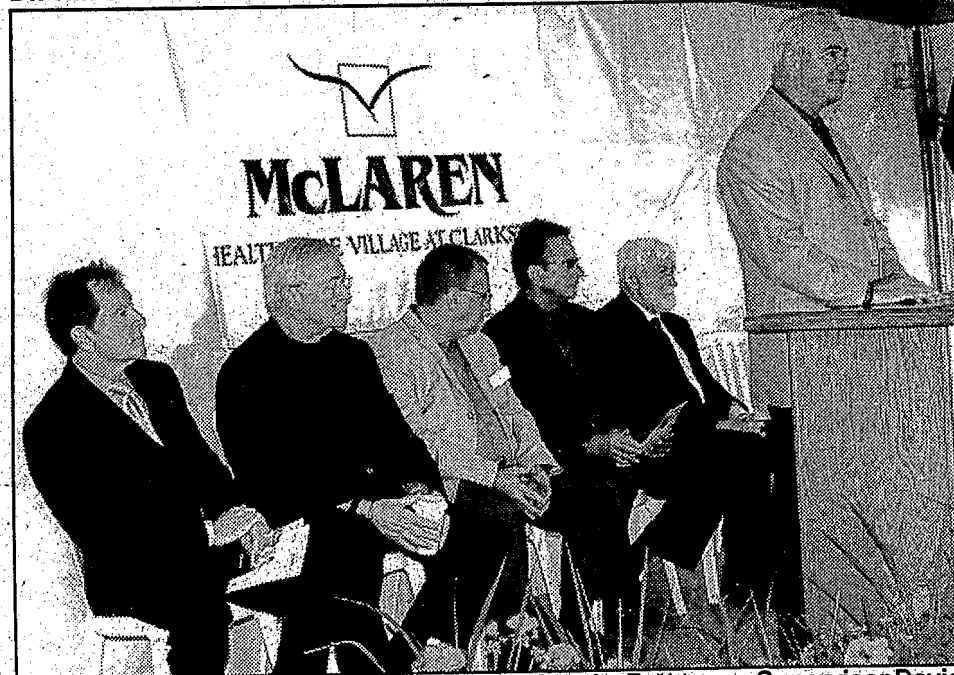
"My great, great aunt was born in 1888 and lived in Michigan, my grandmother's twin sister, my two uncles, and my aunts. They are as north as Flint and as west as Benton Harbor, so I spent a lot of my younger years in Michigan," Franklin said. "I wasn't particular about living in the state of Illinois, I love Michigan. It's prettier, it's hillier, the scenery, the people, I've always had a good experience from Michigan."

Wagner said the grand opening was a "real welcoming to the community."

"Hopefully it will produce the jobs that we're expecting in the near future even though the economy is down and there is a lot going on out there, the medical field continues to grow, it's the only growth industry in the country right now," he said. "I think we have an excellent opportunity and I'm looking forward to working with the McLaren folks on their next phases."



Dr. Tim O'Neill chats with Kim Vorhes.



Pastor Loren Covarrubias, County Exec. L. Brooks Patterson, Supervisor David Wagner, Sr. Vice President/CAO Gregory Lane, and Dr James O'Neill listen to McLaren CEO Philip Incarnati give his speech.



Urgent Care receptionist Janelle D., Sarah B. Krystal C. and Danielle B. smile while on the job.

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## People Poll

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### Plans after graduation?

"My goal is to go Michigan State University and study pre-law. I want to become a defense attorney and maybe someday work my way up to a judge. It'd even be cool to be a senator someday!"

- Bob Bice

"I want to be involved with the funeral home as much as possible, but ideally I want to study medical science at Grand Valley State University and eventually get an established position in a hospital being a physician's assistant."

- Sam Wint

"I'm playing soccer on a full ride scholarship for Detroit Mercy. Until then, I just want to enjoy these last couple of big senior events and see everyone together for one last time."

- Kevin Pinkos

"I'm going to Ryerson University in downtown Toronto, Canada. I'm going to study hospitality so that I can manage hotels someday... the Velagio in Las Vegas would be nice!"

- Alexa Murphy

By J.T. Bohland



# Millstream

The Clarkston News'

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

## Following the signs

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Most people know him as "the sign guy," but Jim Hamblin, 55, will tell you in his heart of hearts he is a musician.

"I love playing the drums," said Hamblin, owner of Hamblin Signs, whose father played guitar and clarinet.

When he and his cousin Dan Saxton started to become interested in music, they both originally gravitated towards guitars.

"I started playing guitar and said 'I don't like this.' It was probably because I am left handed and they were probably teaching me backwards," he said. "I just said to my dad 'I want to play drums.'"

The Christmas of 1965 at the age of 12, Hamblin received his first snare drum. "Bit by bit" he eventually acquired an entire set and began practicing listening to the Beatles and later Led Zeppelin.

At age 18, he got a job playing drums with a keyboard player and just took off on the road on what he calls a "total adventure."

"I just looked at it as an adventure. He was with his wife in the car staying in hotels and I was in my step van by myself," Hamblin said. "Colorado or where ever, I'd stay at campgrounds for two bucks a night and I loved it. I had my stereo and I thought this was cool, spent the whole summer playing drums on the road."

When he came back home he got a job as a bartender working at the Firebird Lounge and slowly began his own moving business, which put his own drumming on the back burner.

"Bands would come in and out of there and they all had U-Hauls and Ryder vans. I had a



Jim Hamblin puts the finishing touches on a sign. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

step van, so I would just say 'why don't you hire me to move your equipment,' Hamblin said. "I had close to 20 bands on the books."

He started working with ITA Agency out of Southfield, which managed some of the bands, including the famous Detroit rock-n-roll band "The Rockets."

"I had moved their equipment out of the Red Carpet down in Warren. I didn't know who was in the band. I'd just go over there and set up their equipment, leave and when they were done, go back and pick their stuff up," he said. Then I heard through the grapevine who is in

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**Shirley Valentine, Clarkston Village Players, 8 p.m., June 12-13, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. \$13. 248-575-4104.**

**Freed-Up Financial Living Seminar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June 13 and 27, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Prioritize financial goals, develop spending plan, reduce expenses and debt. \$20. 248-922-3515.**

**Fundraiser, benefits Independence Township Adult Activity Center, 4-8 p.m., June 16, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Hwy. 248-625-8241.**

**Fundraiser for Mary Rogowski's Breast Cancer 3Day Walk, 5 p.m., June 17, Clarkston Hamlin Pub, 6397 Sashabaw Road.**

**Party Bridge Tournament Fundraiser, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., June 22, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Partners. \$10 per person for tournament, lunch, prizes. Deadline June 17. 248-625-8231.**

**Garden Walk, hosted by Clarkston Community Education and Clarkston Farm and Garden, 12-7 p.m., July 15. Lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, followed with tour of six area gardens. \$15/tour, \$22/tour and lunch. 248-623-4321.**

**Stratford Festival Theatre, Sept. 16-17. "West Side Story" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Motorcoach from Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Deadline July 10. 248-625-8231.**

**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.**

**Travel getaway, bus trip to Branson, \$650, Sept. 20-26, depart from Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-627-7445.**

**Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. al cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.**

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

**Clintonwood Teen Sand Volleyball Leagues, teens ages 13-17, Sundays, sand courts of Clintonwood Park. Independence Township Parks and Rec. League play starts first week in June, regular season lasts eight weeks. All games self officiated, six per team. Must sign up as teams. 248-625-8223.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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 to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186.**

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

**Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.**

**Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.**

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

**Spanish Lessons, Tuesdays, June 16-Aug. 4. Beginners and intermediate. \$35/eight-week class, \$15/textbook. Independence Township Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.**

**50+ Golf, Tuesdays, tee off 7:30-8:30 a.m. tee off. Heather Highlands, Springfield Township. On-going, non-league play. \$8 greens fee and \$12 registration fee. 248-625-8231.**

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

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

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

**BNI, Clarkston Waterford chapter, Tuesdays, 7 a.m., St. Stevens Church, Sashabaw north of Walton. 248-625-1365.**

**Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.**

**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.**

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

**Meet and greet, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.**

**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.**

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

**Local Business Network, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County. Please see Around Town on page 7B**

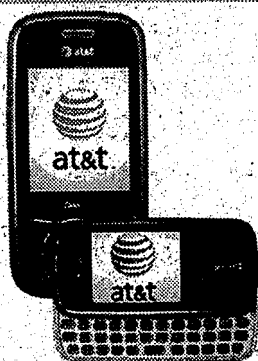
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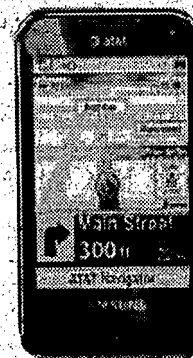
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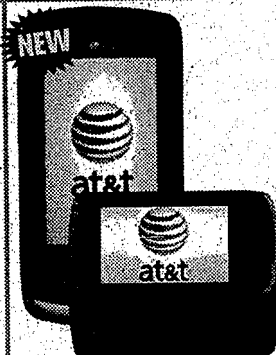
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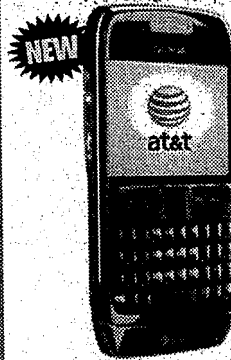
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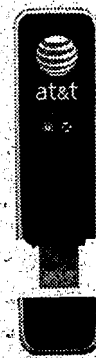
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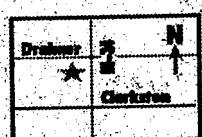
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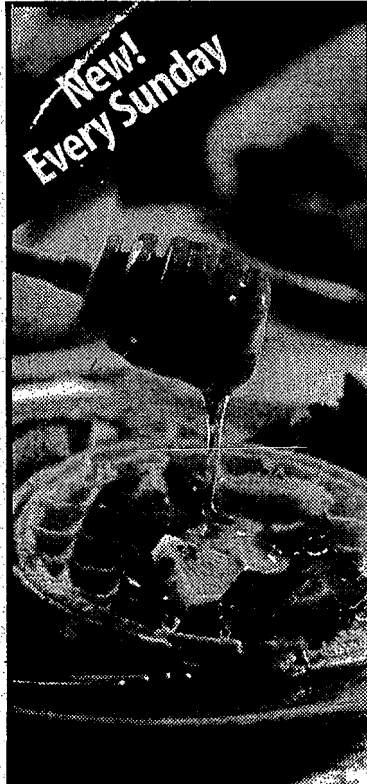
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Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, 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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# Milestones

## Welcome Leah

Proud parents Jennifer and Eric Ryan of Waterford announce the birth of their daughter Leah Sam Ryan.

Leah was born on March 19 at 2:57 pm, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 20 inches long.

Leah was welcomed by big brother Elijah, grandparents Linda and Dale Ryan of Clarkston; Sally McCreery of Alma, and Terry Hall of Mason.



## In our country's service...

Air Force Airman Thomas G. Burkhart graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Burkhart is the son of Grant Burkhart of



Burkhart

Clarkston and Sandra Burkhart of Davisburg. He is a 2008 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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Eric Peart, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory School senior, was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD.

Peart, son of Janet and William Peart of Davisburg, was appointed by U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers.

"Eric is an outstanding young man who is to be congratulated for taking on this new challenge," Rogers said. "The academy will provide him with a great education and an opportunity to become a leader among those who defend our nation."

## Students achieve success

Clarkston High School seniors Heather Arpoika, Michael Schreiber and Jillian Schwab earned \$1,000 scholarships in Oakland County Credit Union scholarship contest, in partnership with Independence Township Fire Department. Entrants wrote 300-500 word essays on the topic "Saving, Spending and Giving."

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Clarkston-area Girl Scouts Kristina Ballough, Brianna Blaga, Hannah Frame, Samantha Hickey, Paige Miller, Melissa Paulik, Katherine Sensoli, Julianna Simon, Rebecca Turner, and Andrea Vedrody were presented their Silver Award, May 12, at the All That Glitters Honor Reception in Davison.

Girl Scouts ages 11-14 earn Silver Awards through skills, career exploration, leadership, and self-improvement.

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Clarkston students Kimberly Conger, Kimberly Cook, Kirsten Graham, and

Michelle Pascoe were named to the Hope College Dean's List for the second semester, 2009 school year.

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Deidre Sesan was awarded the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sesan is the daughter of Nick and Sandy Sesan of Clarkston and Stephanie Clark of Louisville, Ky. She is a 1989 graduate of Little Rock Central High School, Ark.

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Minjoo Lee, daughter of Jong Cheon and Hyunsuk Lee of Clarkston and 2008 graduate of Clarkston High School, and Gillian S. Nordquist, daughter of Steven and Martha Nordquist of Clarkston and 2005 Clarkston graduate, were named to the Bucknell University dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during spring semester, 2009 academic year.

## Got a Milestone to share?

Send your milestones to our downtown office at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail [Clarkstonnews@gmail.com](mailto:Clarkstonnews@gmail.com)



# Religion

## Up-north trip brings miracles to mind

"It's a miracle!"

On this most recent Memorial Day weekend, my family made our annual and obligatory trek to participate in that blessed ritual of summer which is known as "going up north."

This, of course, will be the first of many occasions to do so this season, but there is something especially sweet about the first time. Luckily, we have a place to go that is on a lake, near the woods, quiet, and...free!

My husband's mother, Ann, who happens to be widowed, owns a lovely little home on Mullett Lake near Cheboygan, and she graciously provides for us often and abundantly whenever we can get away. You may be thinking this is where I'm going with the miracle thing, but wait, there's more.

Sitting down to dinner on the first full day of the weekend, Ann took it upon herself to say the table grace. "Thank you Lord, for this day and this beautiful weather. It's a miracle, Lord! It's just so beautiful, a miracle!"

The word "miracle" was probably interjected into her prayer a half dozen more times. We all kind of smiled, almost to the verge of breaking out in laughter. It was a nice day. About 60 degrees and sunny. And yes, we have had worse days on Memorial Day weekend. But, a miracle? Really? A miracle? It got me to thinking about miracles.

### Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

A Harris poll in November 2007 found that nearly 8 in 10 American adults believe in miracles. In 2000 a *Newsweek* poll showed that 84 percent of Americans believe that God performs miracles, nearly 8 in 10 think the miracles in the Bible really took place, and more than 6 in 10 say they know someone who claims to have experienced one.

And lest you think that miracles are exclusive to the Christian faith, they are not. Miracle stories are found in many of the major religious traditions—from the stories of the miracles of Lord Krishna in the Hindu tradition, to those attributed to the Prophet Muhammad, to the miracles of the Buddhist saints.

Often, miracles are associated with human being's darkest hours. Especially in times of tragedy and sickness, our prayers for a miracle take on an urgency that invites a supernatural response from God.

Our rational selves limit us to what can be so; our spiritual selves transform these limitations and see beyond to what God most desires...a time when "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain..." (Rev 21:4).

Interestingly, accounts of miracles have occurred. Just talk to anyone who has experienced a medical miracle and you will become convinced that miracles can and do happen. But this very fact begs another and even more difficult reality. Why does God grant some miracles and not others?

Please see *Spiritual Matters*, page 10B

## In our churches...

**Life Coaching Workshop**, Living From Your Heart, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23, with spiritual life coach Cathy Zucker. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-494-0271

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**Starting Point**, free eight-week class on Christian faith, beginning June 10, 6:45-8 p.m., Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. Free childcare. 248-625-1344.

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**Peace Camp**, day camp for kids 6-15, led by Kathy Harwood Long, educator and minister. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 13-17. \$100. Peace Unity, 080A Ortonville Road. 248-0625-5192.

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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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Please see *In Our Churches*, page 10B

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**Softball leagues**, men and women, 50+ and 70+, Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Games run through beginning of August. Call Lisa McCoy at 248-625-8223.

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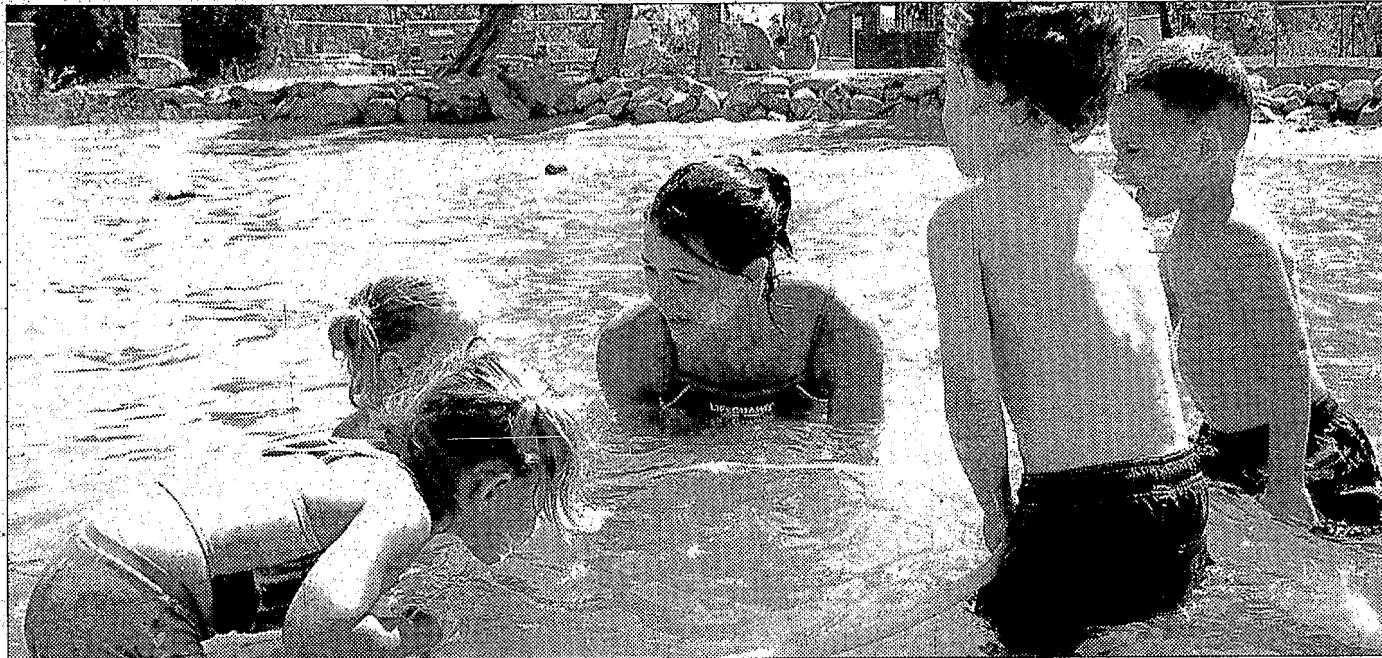
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Swim Instructor Sajel Tremblay teaches a basic swimming skills to her students – blowing bubbles. Photo provided

## Learn to swim at Deer Lake Beach

Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers swim lessons at Deer Lake Beach.

Session one is Monday-Thursday, June 15-25. Registration at Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. Registration deadline is 5 p.m.,

June 10.

Group swimming lessons, with no more than six students per instructor, are available for youth ages 6 months-18 years. Private lessons are now offered at Deer Lake Beach for

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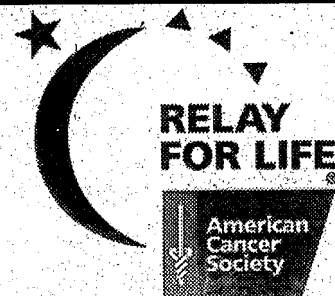
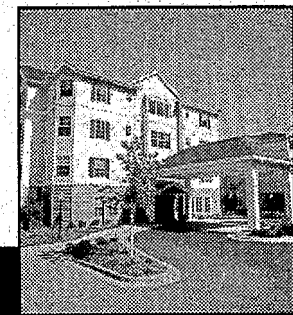
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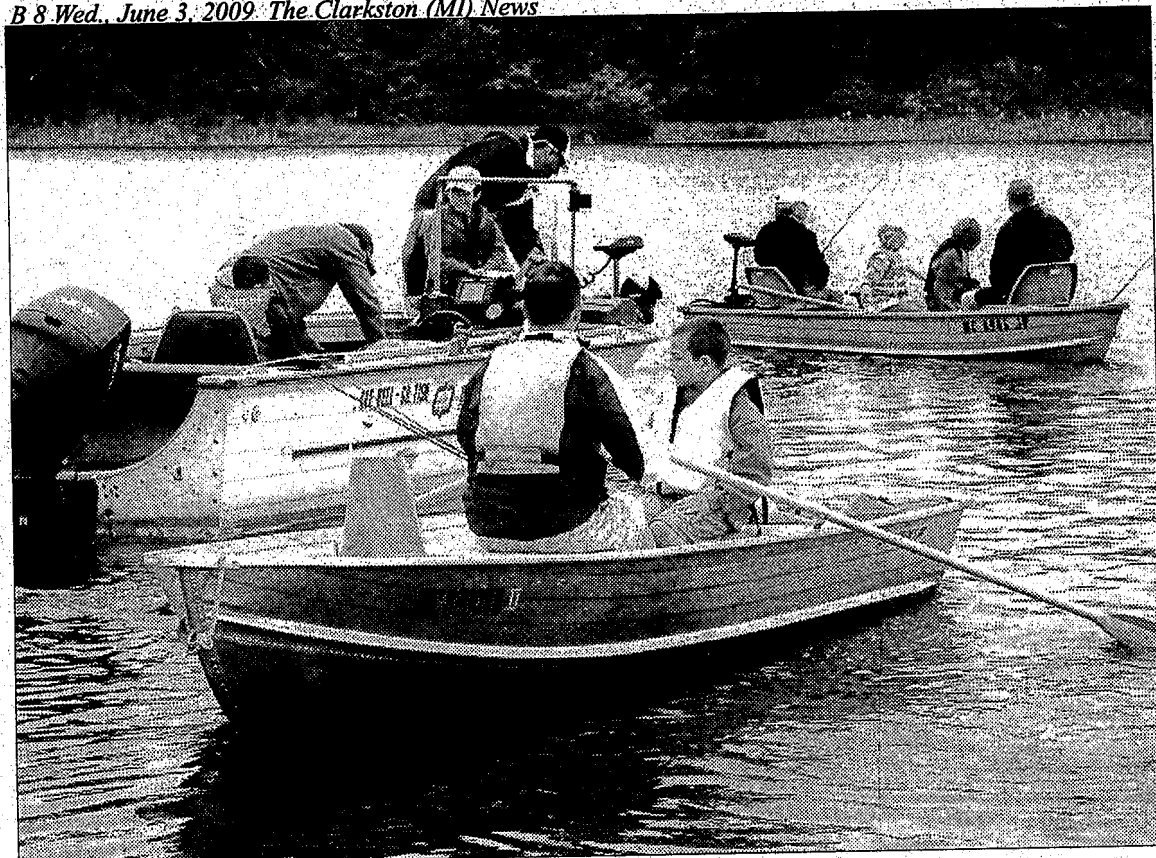
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Families head out onto Crooked Lake at the start of derby.

## Scouts learn to fish from experts

Clarkston Cub Scout Pack 499 learned to fish with professional angler John Gillman and tournament fisherman Jerrod Gillman at their Fishing Derby, May 30 at Crooked Lake, Independence Oaks park.

Top four winners of the derby were:

Evan Hall, first place, total inches of five largest catches, 64.25 inches;  
Christian Bartley, second place, 50 inches;

Devon Roodbeen, third place, 40 inches; and Justin Osborn, fourth place, 39.25 inches  
"The rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits and it cleared to be a beautiful day," said Suzette Page, event organizer. "It has become a favorite event of our scouts. As word spread, this year's event attendance doubled in number of kids from past years."



Scouts Devon Roodbeen and Zander Neldeck get ready to fish, as their fathers look for the perfect spot. Photos by Phil Custodio



Professional fisherman John Gillman navigates his boat for some fishing, while Sam Bartley buckles his son Christian's vest. Justin Osborn and his father, Scott, sit in back.



Dave Schmeling checks the bait for his son, Aidan.



Doug Hall, buckles up his son, Evan.



## Hike Clinton River, June 6

Families, groups, and individuals are invited to the Hearty River Hike, hosted by the Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, Saturday, June 6 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Participants will hike a portion of the River Loop Trail with a parks naturalist.

"I don't think many people are familiar with the trail because it was previously non-accessible," said Naturalist Lynn Conover. "It is a beautiful trail that showcases 68-acre Crooked Lake."

Trail snacks and water will be provided. It is recommended that participants wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. The hike will take place rain or shine.

The event is \$1/person. Pre-register by calling 248-625-6473. Participants will meet at the Camp Wilderness Parking Lot in Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

For more information, visit [www.DestinationOakland.com](http://www.DestinationOakland.com).

## Grief support group meets

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages meets Tuesday, June 9, at 7 p.m.

Topic is "Celebration of Life." Attendees are encouraged to bring a photograph of their loved one and/or to bring or wear a memento of their loved one. Family and friends, including children, are welcome to attend. Weather permitting, there will be a balloon release ceremony.

The meeting, led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, will be at the Carriage House, Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Walk-in are welcome, and admission is free. Call 248-625-5231 or email [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



With their dolls are Jordan Pipia from Waterford, Rebecca Stefani from Clarkston, Grace Busch from Lake Orion, Jordan Mountain from Clarkston, Chloe Croff from Waterford, and Emma Busch from Lake Orion.

## Tea time for girls

Clarkston-area girls learned some table etiquette, how to drink tea, dressed in party dresses, and listened to stories about American Girls dolls at the American

Girl Tea party at Baycourt Park, May 2.

The party was hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation.



Rebecca Stefani and Jordan Pipia enjoy some tea and tea cakes.



Rebecca Stefani with her American Girl doll "Samantha." Photos provided

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## Rev. Florene A. Brown, 84

The Rev. Florene A. Brown of Linden, formerly of Clarkston, passed away, May 29, 2009, at the age of 84.

She was the wife of Cal for 60 years; mother of Charlie (Mary Jane) Brown of Oscoda and Claudia (John) Bradford of Clarkston; preceded in death by her granddaughter Niki Loveless; grandma of Charlie (Christy), Jereme (Melody), Nanci (Jeremy), Johnny (Melissa), Lauren, Jordan, Hunter, Bobbi, and Shelly; great grandma of six; and sister of Norman, Norbert, Roy, and Rolly Pugh.

Mrs. Brown retired from General Motors and was a substitute teacher in the area. She was a member of Christian Apostolic Church, Flint, and formerly attended First United Pentecostal Church/Life Tabernacle.

Funeral service is Wednesday, June 3, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Christian Apostolic Church. Online guest book, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Hazel O. Dewey, 83

Hazel O. Dewey, 83, native of Kentucky and 60-year resident of Clarkston and Pontiac, died Sunday May 24, 2009.

She was born on Dec. 30, 1925, in Graham, Ky., the eleventh child of Eli and Lelia (Foster) Stewart.

She enjoyed more than 45 years of marriage to Wilbur J. Dewey. They had four sons. She is survived by son Donald (Barbara) Dewey of Fairfield, Ohio, granddaughter Erin Dewey of Auburn Hills, Mich., and one brother J.C. (Lena) Stewart, of Kentucky.

She was a believer in Jesus Christ, and has joined her husband and many of her family in heaven.

Burial was held at Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston. Memorial service will be held Wednesday, June 3, 11 a.m., at North Oaks Community Church at 9600 Ortonville Rd. Officiating will be Rev. Wayne Uppendahl and Rev. Don Dewey.



Obituaries are posted  
online daily at  
[www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com)

# Obituary

## Judith M. McLaughlin, 49

Judith M. McLaughlin of Waterford passed away, May 27, 2009, at the age of 49.

She was the loving wife of Rick Lawrence for 14 years; beloved stepmother to Justin and Sarah; cherished grandmother to Allie and Madison; dear daughter to Wanda Phillips of White Lake and Martin McLaughlin of Port Richey, Fla.; loving sister of Marilyn (Scott) Waterbury of Ortonville and Denise Aldred of White Lake. Mrs. McLaughlin was also a very special aunt to many nieces and nephews.

She is a 1978 graduate of Clarkston High school and a proud member of Clarkston Free Methodist church. Judy was a member of the Renal Network of the Upper Midwest. She chaired the Consumer Committee for four years. She was also active in the Network as a member of the Consumer, Executive, and Medical Review Committees. Judy was also active with the National Kidney Foundation, in the media area including commercial videos.

Funeral service was June 1 at the Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Visitation was May 30-31 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney foundation in Judy's honor. Online guestbook, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



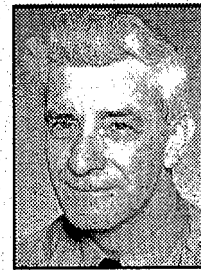
## George Stitt, 78

George "Robert" Stitt of Clarkston passed away suddenly, May 28, 2009, at the age of 78.

He was the husband of Patricia (Lawson) for 59 years; father of Mike Stitt of Waterford, Mary Ann (Steve) Lamkin of Hamburg, Mich.; Janet (Tom) Stayancho of Ohio; "Grandquarter" of Casey, Sara, Katie, and Edison; "Great Grandquarter" of Aerith; and brother of Joyce (Richard) Masters, Carl (Doretta) Stitt and Patsy (Al) Gibbons.

Mr. Stitt retired from General Motors after 38 years as a team leader. He was a "Rusty Blades" ice skater at Lakeland Arena, volunteer firefighter at Independence Fire Department, member of the Saturday night dance club, and member of F&AM 60 Masonic Lodge. He rode more than 37,000 miles on his bicycle at Independence Oaks, was a talented woodworker and taught himself German.

Funeral service was June 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Independence Township Fire Department. On line guest book, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Spiritual Matters

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It is my belief that a real miracle points to something much bigger. A real miracle is not a media spectacle, it is not flashy, and it is never a miracle just for the sake of a miracle. A miracle is meant to transform reality. A true miracle signals change.

Finally, miracles point to God, not to a person, and are a sign of the kingdom which has yet to be fully realized in our world. I believe God wants us to pray for miracles, and I also trust that God's will shall be done in this world.

Even when our prayers are not answered as we would like, transformation can and does take place. Think of the situations in our nation or in your own family that have caused a true conversion because you have prayed for a miracle.

So, can a really nice day be a miracle? I guess it depends on your perspective. Miracle or not, something about being "up north" with your family on a sunny day in May is very special. Even transformative. Have a great summer, and don't forget to keep praying for miracles!

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

## What is voice, what is silence?

To all of you avid supporters of my column, I am temporarily fresh out of wisdom.

I look around, I observe behavior, I listen to the unspoken and the spoken, rarely tune into televised news, at this time, I simply wait to gather my consciousness and carefully examine my choices.

For more than thirty years, I have been on a course of self-expression; in the hopes that my life altering lessons could serve my fellow man and contribute to prevention.

Today I turn to you my friends to examine your choice, accept responsibility respectfully and carry on to the best of one's ability.

The blame and complain game is fresh out of season, whatever seems like may not be, whatever appears questionable, may just be a good time to pause and reflect.

It's interesting when there's nothing to say how much is said.

Fear seems to be spreading like manure, hopefully during the decomposing process the methane gases are filtered out and the good prevails to grow the healthier, more balanced crops.

As I look back to before starting my business of serving my community with "Hair Emergencies" at MakeOver Place salon fear was a huge hurdle I needed to climb. After all my deliberations, education, weighing the odds of failing, I read the book "Fear Fear and do it anyway". That was seventeen years ago.

An all time frequently visited quote from my first book "Awaken Your Thoughts" is, "The reward is no greater than the risk taken to achieve it."

Whenever self-doubt enters, did I do the right thing, have I examined my choices carefully, have I risked too much, at this point it is "all-good." The risk is to take no action when one's personal value is at risk.

Stay tuned to life lessons as they unfold, one story at a time, time and again...

Hopefully out of the open space of nothing to be said, the heart carries peace and harmony to one and all.

Maria Rotondo Mark is owner of MakeOver place salon, 5888 Dixie Highway.



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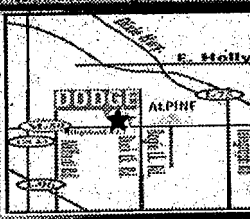
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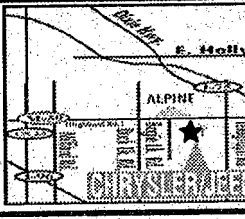
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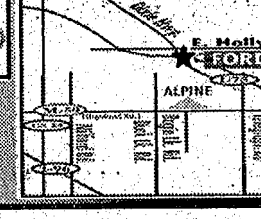
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Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Gawronski, Inabnit, Johnston, Roth

Absent -

Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Ryan Moved by Inabnit, supported by Johnston to "Approve the Agenda". Motion carried.

No Public Comments

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Gawronski to "Accept the Finance Committee's 2008-09

Amended Budget Transfers and Reconciliation for the General Fund as follows:

Revenues: \$818,328 and Disbursements: \$801,447.

Roll: Yeas: Inabnit, Roth, Johnston, Brueck, Arkwright, Gawronski

Nays: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit to, "Accept the City Council minutes of April 27, 2009, with corrected changes". Motion carried.

Moved by Gawronski, supported by Roth to, "Approve the General Fund AP check run from April 14, 2009 thru May 11, 2009 in the amount of \$20,877.33". Motion carried.

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Roth to "Purchase the listed furniture from Independence Twp for \$1,375.00". Roll: Yeas - Roth, Brueck, Gawronski, Johnston, Arkwright, Inabnit Nays - None RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Motion by Johnston, supported by Gawronski to, "Approve the changes presented by City Attorney Ryan regarding the City of the Village of Clarkston vs Lehman Investment Company Case number 2009-098609 CC Consent Judgment Dismissing Michigan National Bank as Party Defendant, Granting of a Drainage Easement and Release of Escrow Funds from Attorney Barnett letter of April 8, 2009 along with consultation with the City Engineer and City Attorney. Motion carried. Roth abstained from voting on this motion.

Mayor Arkwright nominated Councilman Mike Gawronski as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Gawronski accepted the nomination.

Motion by Brueck, supported by Johnston to, "Appoint Councilman Mike Gawronski as Mayor Pro Tem". Motion carried.

Mayor Arkwright nominated Mr. Thomas E. Hunter of 6230 Middle Lake Road to fill the Council seat of Ms Kristy Ottman.

Motion by Gawronski, supported by Roth to, "Appoint Mr. Thomas E. Hunter to fill the council seat of Kristy Ottman until the November 2009 election. Motion carried.

Motion by Gawronski, supported by Roth to, "Approve the American Legion Auxillary Memorial Poppy Drive to distribute poppies at Main and Washington in the City of the Village of Clarkston the week-end of May 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> 2009, subject to receipt of their liability insurance naming the City as an additional named insured". Motion carried.

Motion by Inabnit, supported by Roth to, "Approve the Permit for 'Art in the Village' by the Clarkston Area Historical Society on September 17, 18 and 19, 2009." Motion carried.

Motion by Inabnit, supported by Johnston to, "Move the City Council regular scheduled Council meeting from Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) to Tuesday, May 26, 2009." Motion carried.

Motion by Roth, supported by Johnston, "That the meeting be adjourned". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk



Jim Hamblin plays drums with the band Urban Nomads. Photo provided

# Drums keep Hamblin on right track

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Hamblin gladly volunteered.

"I jumped in with both feet and said I can handle this," he said. "I was also the youngest guy including the crew in the whole thing. Everybody was older than me."

He was with The Rockets for four years, two as a drum tech and two as manager. He eventually quit the band for a couple reasons. He knew he wanted a family and he missed playing the drums.

"Thirty years ago I started drumming again and been drumming ever since," he said.

He has played with various bands over the years. He has played with the latest band Urban Nomads for eight years.

After quitting The Rockets, Hamblin enrolled into an art class at Oakland Community College and began thinking what he could do to make a living that was when he considered opening his own sign shop, which has been in business for 30 years.

"I had made little signs and won poster board awards when I was a kid, so I knew it was something I could kind of do, but I didn't really know how to be a sign guy," he said. "If you got to make a living doing something, at least it involved some sort

of creativity. That's what people like about it, it's not to cut and dry, they know I will put some thought into it and make it look right."

Hamblin said he also likes being self-employed.

"I'm not the type of person who can work for anybody very easily," he said. "Not because I don't get along with people, but just because I like to be 100 percent in control of what I am doing."

Hamblin was born in New Market Ontario, moved here as a child and grew up in Union Lake.

"My whole family, except my youngest sister, is all Canadians."

Though life has thrown some trials Hamblin's way, he remains positive. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis eight years ago, but said he knew it before it was confirmed.

"I knew I had Optic Neuritis 15 years ago, that's the first thing people with MS get," he said. I lost my brother Steve three years younger than me, six years ago, and my sister Anne about year older than me 5 years ago who both had rapid MS."

Though things could be better, he also says things could be worse.

"I got this wonderful wife, two wonderful

kids, three wonderful step kids, two wonderful step grandkids, and a beautiful home," he said. "I have a lot to be happy about, I really do."

Friends and family had a surprise tribute to Hamblin last month called "Jammin with Jim Hamblin" at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club.

"I walked into the main room and there were 300 people there standing up clapping. I was totally flabbergasted," he said. "Obviously I was crying my eyes out."

Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, The Rockets, and Charlie Martin were all there to perform that night. He also got to meet one of his "drummer idols," 5-year old Julian Pavone, "The world's youngest drummer."

"It was world class entertainment, Pine Knob entertainment, to come to play at my party, I didn't know I had that kind of pull," Hamblin said with a laugh. "That was just really cool and it just made me feel good to know I have that many friends and people want to help me out with this, that, and the other thing because I never ask for anything."

Hamblin Signs has been in the same location of 6696 Dixie Highway for the past 30 years.

## Planning underway for Fourth of July

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers to help at the July 4 Festival of Fun and Fireworks at Clintonwood Park.

Volunteers will help set up and decorate for the festival on July 3, staff parking lot and children's game areas on July 4, help clean-up and tear-down on July 5, and assist with other jobs including staffing break room, K9 Dog Competition, and shuttle bus stops.

"Our volunteers are an integral part to the

success of the Festival of Fun," said Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor and coordinator of the Festival of Fun. "Each Independence Day, we have thousands of people at Clintonwood Park, and we couldn't do it all without them. If you're going to be at the park for the Festival of Fun, why not consider volunteering a few hours of your time?"

For more information, call Parks and Recreation office at 248-625-8223 or check [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org).

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

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tive bidding at National Storage  
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Orion, MI, 48359. Unit(s) may or  
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Household items, recreational  
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Ernest McCloud.

L252

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06/19/09 at 1:00pm the follow-  
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Hemingway Rd., Lake Orion.  
11L261

## ★ 5 HOUSE GARAGE SALE-

Many families- Windsurfer, full  
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4pm. 11L261

CLARKSTON- 6411 Pine Valley  
Rd., June 4-6, 9am-6pm, Mega 3  
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11L261

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GARAGE SALE: TOOLS, com-  
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11L261

GARAGE SALE- Clarkston, 9227  
Robertdale, Thurs., Fri., 9am-  
5pm. 11C471

MEGA SALE. Set 20in. Dodge alu-  
minum wheels, old and new elec-  
tric trains, new karate uniforms  
and gear, Star Wars and Star  
Trek toys, Mopar radios, house-  
hold items, beanie babies, guitars,  
die cast car and Harley models,  
friction tin toys, Tonka, Nylint,  
Tootsie, Hubley, Hot Wheels,  
Match Box, GI Joe, promo mod-  
els, guns and hunting equipment,  
action figures, so much more!  
June 12-13, 9am-?? 1745  
Oneida Trail, Lake Orion, between  
Joslyn and Newman off  
Indianwood. 11L262

MOVING SALE. EVERYTHING  
must go. Thursday, Friday, Sat-  
urday, 9am-5pm. 4861 Pine Knob  
Lane, Clarkston. 11C472

CRESTMORR SUBDIVISION An-  
nual Sale, 1 mile west of M-24  
off Draher. June 4th-5th, 8am-  
4pm. 11L262

LAKE ORION Multi-Family June  
4,5, 9am-5pm, Saturday, 8am-  
noon. Bald Mountain Estates. M-  
24/ Hiram, south of Scripps Rd.  
11L261

HUGE 3 FAMILY Garage Sale!  
June 11-12, 9am-4pm, 582  
Baypointe Dr., Oxford, west of M-  
24 off Lakeville Rd. 11L262

MOVING SALE. BABY furniture  
& clothes, lawn equipment.  
10505 King Road, Davisburg.  
June 6-7, 9am-4pm. 11C471

GARAGE & VENDOR Sale- June  
6th, 9am-4pm. Orion Oaks El-  
ementary parking lot. (corner  
Joslyn/ Clarkston). Spaces \$20  
(1); \$30 (2). Contact Mary 248-  
701-8340 or Patti 248-732-  
7301. 11R261

GARAGE/MOVING SALE. Thurs-  
day- Sunday. 893 Sherry Dr.,  
Lake Orion. Baby items, boys 0-  
7. Lots more. 11L262

CLARKSTON- 6473 Almond Lane  
(off Waldon), June 4-5, 9am-5pm.  
Tons of boys/ girls clothes size 4-  
6yrs, toys, home decor 11L261

ROCHESTER HILLS Estate Sale-  
June 4-6, 9am-5pm, 3129  
Avalon, one block east of Adams.  
11C471

SUB SALE- CLARKSTON  
6/4, 6/5, 6/6  
9am to 4pm  
7090 Ridgewood Rd.,  
Clarkston

(50's furniture, household, baby  
girls clothes & much more)  
(PRICED TO SELL)  
L261

RUMMAGE SALE Heaven! Peace  
Unity Church & Holistic Center,  
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June 4th & 5th, 9am-4pm, June  
6th, 9am-Noon. perennials and a  
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items you need! 248-625-5192-  
11L271

CLARKSTON DEERWOOD Subdi-  
vision. North of I-75, east of M-  
15. 8249 Staghorn Trail, June  
4-6, 9am-4pm. Designer clothes,  
purses, furniture, household  
items. A must attend for any bar-  
gain hunter! 11L261

WATERFORD- A GIANT Outdoor  
Flea Market featuring antiques  
& collectibles plus other great  
stuff. One day only, Sunday, June  
7, 10am-4pm. rain or shine at  
5233 Dixie Hwy., between  
Andersonville and Williams Lake  
Rds. 11C471c

HUGE SALE. June 4-6, 9am-5pm.  
Housewares, collectibles, furni-  
ture, too much to mention. 480  
Green Creek Ln, Baldwin and  
Granger Rds. 11L261

733 MANITOC, LAKEVILLE. Fri-  
day- Sunday June 5th-7th &  
12th-14th. Tub size lots of fab-  
ric, \$25. Household goods, some  
tools, antiques. 248-628-1539.  
11L262

GARAGE SALE- Tons of teen/  
young adult boys and girls cloth-  
ing; misc. items. June 4,5,6, 9am-  
4pm, 2498 Cole Road, (first  
street north of Clarkston Road),  
Lake Orion. 11R261

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Baby  
and kids stuff, bikes, crystal jew-  
elry, household items. 4176 Lake  
Knolls, off Sashabaw near  
Seymour Lake Rd. Thursday, June  
4 And Saturday, June 6, 9am-  
5pm. 11L261

★ DON'T MISS THIS First time  
sale! Boys and girls clothes 2T-  
16, many upscale labels. Kids  
room decor and furniture, Little  
Tykes playhouses, twin racetrack  
bed. Toys, books, VHS, house-  
hold, propane water heater. 900  
Shelmar Lane, Ortonville, south  
of Oakwood between Hurd and  
Sashabaw. June 4-6, 9am-4pm.  
11L261

HUGE 3 FAMILY Garage Sale Fri-  
day, 6/5 & Saturday, 6/6, 9am-  
4pm. Come see some great  
items, great prices- ready to sell!  
(baby items included) 6075  
Barrymoor, Grand Blanc, located  
off Hill Rd between Irish and  
Belsay. 11L261

GARAGE SALE- 962 Eugene Dr.,  
Oxford. Thursday, Friday, Satur-  
day June 4-6. Glass, collectibles,  
Disney plates, clothes. 9am-5pm.  
11L261

RUMMAE SALE- HOPE Senior  
Apartments. June 4-5, 9am-6pm.  
210 West Draher, Oxford. 11L2

ESTATE/ GARAGE SALE. An-  
tiques to baby stuff, everything in  
between. June 4-6, 9am-5pm.  
Crescent Lake Rd, between  
Pontiac Lake Rd. & Elizabeth Lake  
Rd., Waterford. No early sales!  
11C471

MULTI FAMILY YARD Sale June  
5-7, 8am-5pm. 1541 Connell Rd.,  
Ortonville. 11ZX421

GARAGE SALE- Friday-Saturday,  
9am-4pm, 6360 Walden Woods  
Dr., Clarkston. Antiques, games,  
books, clothes, etc. 11L 471

**110 GARAGE SALE**

**YARD/ TACK SALE.** Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 5-7, 9am-4pm. 640 S. Coats Rd., Oxford, between Seymour Lake & Drahnner Roads. Lots of English tack, bridles, reins, bits, saddle pads, etc., show clothes plus household items, adult clothing & much more. **11L252**

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**JUNE 5, 6, - 9AM - 6PM**  
L261

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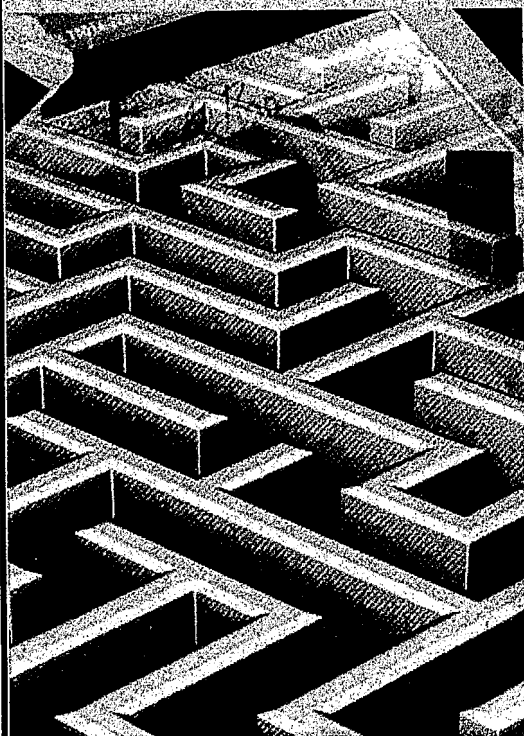
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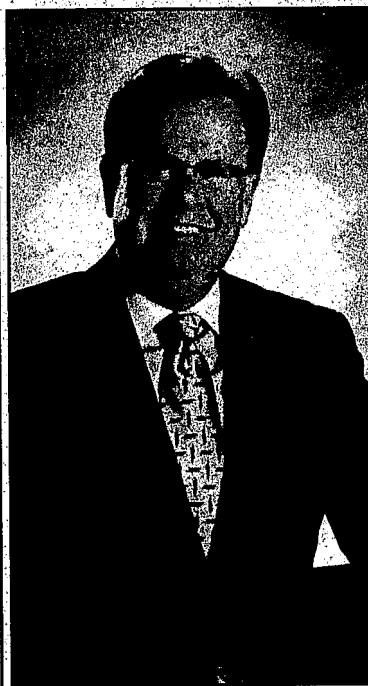
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# Bank appoints 1st female chair

## Mersino named chair of Oxford Bank board

By CJ Carnacchio

Oh, the times they are a-changin'.

For the first time in Oxford Bank's 125-year history, a woman will serve as chairman of the board.

Last month, the bank's board of directors voted to appoint 55-year-old Elba Township resident Karen Mersino as its chair.

Mersino, who's served on the board since 1999, will also chair the Oxford Bank Corporation, the financial institution's registered holding company.

"I'm honored by the board's decision and their confidence in me," she said. "The opportunity to play such an integral role in the guidance of this historic, 125-year-old institution is humbling."

Mersino's new position, which is subject to approval by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, will be formally announced at the bank's annual shareholders meeting, May 21.

Mersino, a 1972 graduate of Brandon High School, will take over for Davidson, who's served as chairman since April 2007. He will remain president and CEO of the bank and its holding company, and continue to serve as a voting board member.

All the negative media attention surrounding financial institutions and corporations during these tough economic times motivated the bank's board of directors to separate the chairmanship from the president and CEO positions.

Mersino agreed the separation of positions comes down to how the board and bank are perceived.

"In the current economic climate, people are looking for transparency and independence," Mersino noted. "We (the board) wanted to maintain our independence while still working with the management of the bank."

"We think that it's just better corporate governance to have an outside director as the chairman of the board," she explained. "It's something we gave a lot of thought to, looked at how other banks are doing it and this seems to be a growing trend, so we decided to be proactive on it."

Mersino's looking forward to being a "conduit between management and the board" as the bank moves forward.

As chairman, Mersino will set the agenda and run the monthly board meetings.

Mersino is no stranger to serving on boards or in leadership positions.

She currently serves on the board of trustees that oversees the Lapeer Regional Medical Center and from 1991-99, she served on the Brandon Board of Education, spending four years as president.

In Lapeer, Mersino spent two years as chair of the county Republican Party and six years as vice chair.

"I think I have the ability to analyze situations and make good decisions," she said. "I meet a lot of people and I try to learn from everybody that I meet."

Her school board experience taught her "to look at every decision from many angles."

Mersino backs up her board-level experience with many years in the business world.

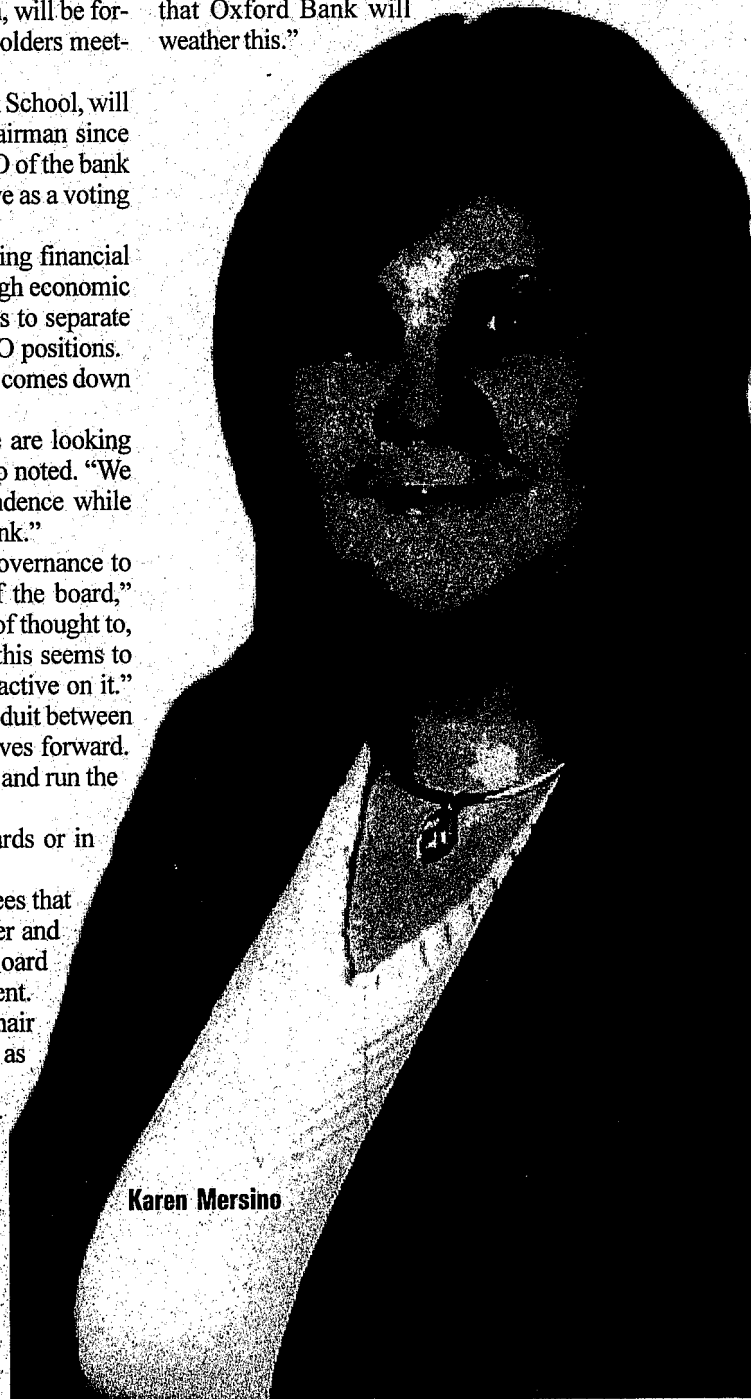
She's the cofounder and current chief fi-

ancial officer of Mersino Dewatering and Mersino Enterprises. She runs the company with her husband of 36 years, Jim.

Mersino is also the founder and former operator of the Frosty Boy ice cream shop located on W. Burdick Street, a licensed real estate broker and owner of several property management companies.

Despite the bleakness of Michigan's economic picture, Mersino is optimistic about the bank's future because of its "strengths," which include "our core deposits, our loyal customers and . . . a strong board who's ready to take any action that needs to be taken."

"I have every confidence that we are going to get through this turmoil," she said. "I can't tell you what's going to happen tomorrow, but I have every confidence that Oxford Bank will weather this."



Karen Mersino

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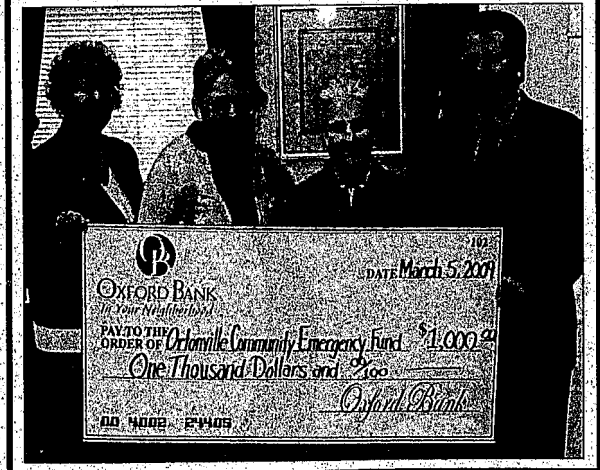
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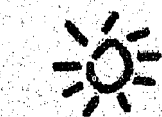
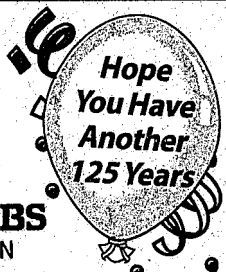
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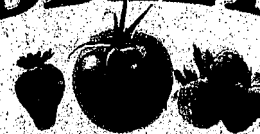
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# OSB survived bad economies before

The Oxford Leader headline of May 19, 1933 shouted in a banner headline: "A new bank for Oxford Announced."

Four other headlines followed:

"It won't be long now Oxford will be sitting pretty among 1 of 7"

"Forty Thousand Dollars Already Raised For New Enterprise"

"Stock Going Fast, Speak Up If You Want Some"

"Will be capitalized at \$50,000; Businessmen Interested"

Oxford Savings Bank was re-opened July 8, 1933 after 100 percent assessments were made against the stockholders when the \$50,000 stock was subscribed.

OSB had closed three days prior to Gov. Comstock's bank closure order of February 17, 1933. At the time, the bank assets were about \$1,200,000. It was a temporary closing, followed shortly by a semi-reopening.

The board of directors authorized the cashier to assist in reliving the situation by dispensing small amounts to meet urgent needs of depositors. This applied to both checking and savings accounts, but could not exceed \$25.

Cashier Frank Olive was appointed conservator by the state, and after extensive examination Oxford Savings Bank was found to be 'sound' and permitted to reopen with the capitalization provision.

With the 100 percent assessment, 50 percent of that amount went into a trust account. The other 50 percent of the deposits were taken care of thusly:

(The following is from the May 12, 1933 Oxford Leader, including the editorializing in the news column.)

All accounts from one cent to ten dollars, also Christmas Savings Accounts will be paid in cash to depositors

on date of opening, and the balance of this fifty percent as follows: Certificates will be issued to each depositor for balance their due and same to be paid in five annual payments with interest from date.

The bank will become a member of the Federal Reserve System, and the new law which is now being enacted, but they were not sure just how soon it will take effect and the banking department feels sure it will become a law, will guarantee all deposits as follows: Deposits up \$10,000 guaranteed in full. \$10,000 to \$50,000 will be safeguarded by 75 percent, insured 50 percent.

Oxford Savings Bank, after the reorganization will be one of the best banks in the State and with the guarantee deposits every one can feel safe when they place their money in the bank.

The Conservator feels that in the long run, every old depositor will be paid in full, but of course it will take some time to work this out, and he hopes the people will bear with him.

Oxford needs a bank and the conservator informs us that it will only be a short time before he will have the reorganization completed and soon as a few preliminaries are done, with the required notice, they will be ready to open.

On opening date the amount of cash to be paid out will be over \$80,000, which the bank already has on hand, and this amount distributed in Oxford at this time will do a world of good.

The opening of the bank is going to be a great event for Oxford as it is needed by the businessmen, farmers and, in fact everyone, and will help promote business as they will be in position to give us complete banking service.

## Besides Oxford Bank, what else happened in 1884

- Mississippi established the first U.S. state college for women.
- US Congress adopted Eastern Standard Time for the District of Columbia.
- John Joseph Montgomery made the first glider flight in Otay, Calif.
- The first long-distance telephone call was made, between Boston and New York City.
- Thomas Stevens started the 1st bicycle trip to cross the US from San Francisco. He later continued around the world (2-yrs, 9-mos). He purchased a bicycle with a 50-inch diameter front wheel from Col. Albert Pope of Hartford, Conn., for \$110, the price of a horse and buggy.
- Construction began on the first steel-skeleton skyscraper, a 10-story structure in Chicago, designed by William Le Baron Jenney and built by the Home Insurance Co. of New York. It was completed in 1885. It stood 9 stories and had 2 added in 1891.
- Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States (1945-1953), was born near Lamar, MO.
- Alaska became a US territory. US Congress did not provide for an Alaskan government until this year. Administration of the territory was done in succession by the War Department, the Treasury and the Navy.
- America's 1st roller coaster began operating at Coney Island, NYC. It hit a top speed of 6 mph.
- Congress declared Labor Day a legal holiday.
- The 1st Dow Jones average included 11 stocks: Chicago & North Western, Union Pacific Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Missouri Pacific, Lake Shore, Louisville & Nashville, New York Central, Pacific Mail, St. Paul, Western Union, and Northern Pacific preferred.
- The Statue of Liberty was presented to the United States in ceremonies at Paris, France. The 225-ton, 152-foot statue was a gift from France in commemoration of 100 years of American independence. Created by the French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the statue was installed on Bedloe Island (now Liberty Island) in New York harbor in 1885. It was dedicated on October 28, 1886.
- The 1st known photograph of a tornado was made near Howard, SD.
- Greenwich was established as universal time meridian of longitude.
- Democrat Grover Cleveland was elected to his first term as president, defeating Republican James G. Blaine.
- Cops arrested heavyweight champion boxer John L. Sullivan in the 2nd round for being "cruel."
- John B. Meyenberg of St. Louis patented evaporated milk.
- Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument.
- Mark Twain published his classic "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."
- Hillerich & Bradsby, makers of the Louisville Slugger bats, was founded.
- John H. Patterson founded the National Cash Register Company (NCR), maker of the first mechanical cash registers.
- Herman Hollerith found a way to store information through holes on cards.

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# Why Oxford Bank is Oakland County's oldest

First published in the Oxford Leader special section celebrating Oxford Bank's 100th anniversary.

In the published history booklet of Oxford Savings Bank, Chief Executive Officer Robert P. Dick examined the reasons the bank has been successfully operated for 100 years.

He listed four:

1. The most apparent thing is the longevity of the chief executive officers, of which there have been only five.

2. The bank has benefitted from the fact that Oxford is a very stable community.

3. Numerous people have invested money and contributed their time and talents in the bank.

4. The institution is independent.

All have been important, indeed probably necessary, to achieve success in banking.

Obviously, from the beginning, good boards of directors selected good people to look after the day-to-day operation of the bank, as well as having foresight.

The man who set the pace is the founder, Gabriel Sherwood Holbert.

He actually opened a bank of his own in Oxford October 1, 1879. He called it Bank of Oxford and 18 months later named Clarence E. Stanton cashier.

That appointment was most critical, and his \$25 a month salary well worth it.

Holbert must have taken ill, had a premonition, or just wanted a change, because he worked for and got Oxford Savings Bank organized and chartered June 12, 1884.

Six months later Holbert died.

What Dick said about longevity of chief executive officers was not true with Mr. Holbert, but was certainly true with Stanton. He continued in that position until 1921.

The board, at the beginning, had John D. Hagerman as president. The Hagerman name goes back many years in northeast Oakland and is continued today through heirs and an Addison Township road named for the family.

William J. "Billie" Tunstead, of hardware fame, was on the original board and became OSB's second president in 1889.

Powell Killam, Joshua Predmore, Lovett Stanton, Worth Axford, Dan Hulick, and Alfred Hagerman were on the board along with Hulbert.

Predmore was to leave Oxford and start the Orion State Bank in Lake Orion in 1909. Lovett Stanton was Oakland County Sheriff in those days.

By the end of 1890, Charles Tunstead, George VanKirk, Allen Hosner and Nelson Crawford had replaced others on the board of directors.

C.L. Randall, a major produce buyer and seller, came on the Board in 1892. His activity in financial matters greatly aided the bank.

Both the Bank of Oxford and Oxford Savings Bank had their first quarters on the second floor of Tunstead Hardware, 3 S. Washington.

In 1894 the bank made a deal with W. D. Robinson, Oxford barber who had been cutting hair here since 1865. W.D. and his

son, Roy, occupied the building on the northwest corner of Washington and Burdick.

The bank wanted it and Robinsons wanted 9 N. Washington. Roy's son, Lavern (Stub) has been cutting hair there since 1924, one year after OSB moved into a brand new bank on the corner.

Frank Olive was chief executive officer at the time, having been appointed following the death of Stanton in 1921. He was with the bank 35 years, including 32 as CEO, when he died in 1953. He, as conservator of OSB, brought the bank through the Great Depression of the early 1930s, at a time when the other bank in Oxford, Farmers State Bank, closed.

At that time the board of directors were: A.R. Bellaire, Robert Marshall, Olive, J.H. Patterson, George Tunstead, Marsh Kessell and John G. Sutherland. Bellaire was president.

Harold A. Pickford came to Oxford Savings Bank in 1947. A year later he became cashier. Upon the death of Olive, Pickford was named to a seat on the board of directors and executive vice president.

In August of 1953 Robert P. Dick was hired and the next year he was appointed assistant cashier. George Tunstead was board chairman at the time.

After Tunstead died, Pickford was elected president of the board, while retaining the title of chief executive officer.

Pickford had been with OSB 29 years when he died following surgery in 1976. The board appointed Dick to the top two

offices shortly thereafter.

He carried both responsibilities until 1984 when Randall Fox was appointed president of Oxford Savings Bank. Dick continues as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors.

So, for 99½ years Oxford Savings Bank had four chief executive officers. That's the longevity Dick mentioned in the history.

Some of the same longevity occurred on the board of directors. However, besides time, many of these men helped "make" the history that is Oxford's.

Business and professional people basically donated their time and talent to the bank. Their names are marked on streets, subdivisions and buildings in northeast Oakland County.

Their make-up, for the most part conservative and independent, helped provide the stability and independence Dick listed in his reasons for success of the bank.

Oxford Savings Bank's fifth chief executive officer and ninth president, Robert P. Dick summed up the 100-year history booklet on the oldest bank in Oakland County...

"... The institution has always prided itself on being independent, locally owned and operated to serve the northeastern corner of this county. It does not seek big-ness; it knows where it has been and where it is going; it takes pride in offering safe and progressive service. It appears to have the right blend to last another hundred years."

## Savings books start with move in 1900

When Oxford Savings Bank moved from the second floor of the Tunstead Hardware Building, 3 S. Washington to 9 N. Washington, *The Oxford Leader* carried the following account dated October 5, 1900:

The interior of the Oxford Savings Bank has been completely overhauled and decorated with a fine steel ceiling, in white and light green tints - surmounted by gilded designs and figures. The walls are in green color with elegant frieze and relief work - with a 3 ft. wide gold border near the floor. The interior is now one of the prettiest in the state. Beside this praiseworthy change in the building, it has been decided by the institution to open a Savings Department and issue Savings Books on or about Nov. 1st. They will accept of \$1 upwards, on which they will pay 4 per cent interest.

Previous to opening their savings bank department they will commence paying 4 per cent interest on Savings Certificates of Deposits on Monday, Oct. 8th. The above action will be a great advantage in aiding the people of this vicinity in caring for their savings, whether the amounts be large or small.

## Revolver in hand: 'This is a stick-up!'

Oxford Savings Bank was robbed for its first and only time Tuesday, May 18, 1937. It was one of nine such robberies in Michigan the first 5 months of 1937.

Bank robberies were prevalent in the early 1930's. In early 1931 Michigan Bankers Association requested all small town banks close Saturday nights to make them less vulnerable.

Oxford Savings Bank, Farmers State Bank of Oxford and Orion State Bank in Lake Orion complied.

The OSB robbery came at 10 a.m. One man came in with a .38 caliber revolver in hand, another had a sawed off shotgun. The revolver was pointed at Assistant Cashier Lloyd French and the holder stated, "This is a stick-up!"

Employees Donald Marshall, Vernon Schiller and Marion Kamm were forced to the back of the bank. In something like a minute-and-a-half the robbers escaped with \$1,306.

Doris Titus, who worked for Dr. Hammer, saw the men drive up. She said the only thing that seemed suspicious was that the car was parked parallel with the bank, facing west. When she saw the people in the bank put their hands up she called the telephone operator, who immediately sent the alarm. The robbers escaped before

there was response.

Oxford had one policeman at the time, Vern Schoof, a respected man of the law, but one whose duties went beyond carrying a badge. At the time of the robbery Schoof was outside the post office across Burdick Street from the bank tending barricades put up while the post office was being painted.

Schoof had to move the barriers, according to the *Oxford Leader* account, to let the men and their gun-metal 1937 Olds through. He even waved to them, not having been contacted by the village clerk.

Twenty minutes prior to the OSB robbery, Lapeer Savings Bank was robbed of \$7,000. Descriptions of the men and car were identical to those in Oxford.

In OSB at the time of the theft were Mr. and Mrs. Omar Potter, a cashier from a Lapeer bank, making a social call. This was his third bank robbery experience. Two days after the robbery, the Olds was found on Mahopac (the Mill Lake area on Baldwin Road).

Later in 1937 George Benchick, 23, of Calumet was found guilty of robbing the Lapeer Bank. In December Donald Marshall, Lloyd French and Doris Titus were subpoenaed to Detroit Circuit Court as witnesses in the OSB robbery. Benchick was found guilty of the crimes.

# We were born in 1884, the same year she was.

Oxford Bank was formed in 1884, the same year that construction of The Statue of Liberty was completed in France. This national icon was ultimately shipped to the United States, assembled, put upon its pedestal, and dedicated by President Grover Cleveland on October 28, 1886.

Like the foundation "Lady Liberty" sits atop, Oxford Bank built itself upon a solid base of principles that include Integrity, Quality and Service. These values continue to support and guide us, as we celebrate our 125th birthday this year.

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