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## It's back

### Memo reopens township hall debate

#### BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Trustee David Lohmeier reviewed a presentation prepared for the township board by Plante Moran, he noticed something interesting.

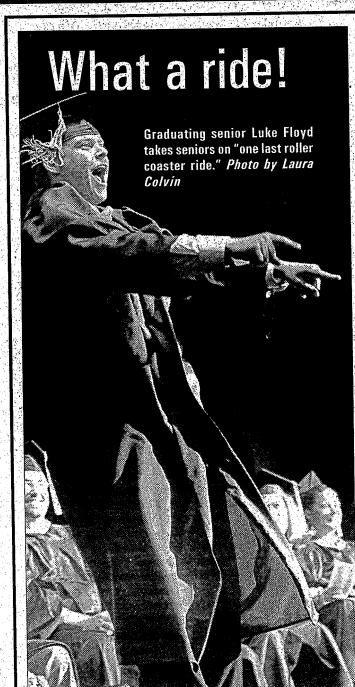
A slide refered to an Oct. 29 memo on funding the new Independence Township Hall, which Lohmeier hadn't seen before.

Requesting the memo, he found it detailed how much water and sewer rates should increase to offset a transfer of funds to renovate the hall. It indicated rates would increase more if money was loaned to the township hall, despite claims to the contrary.

"What we were led to believe was not true," Lohmeier said. "That's been made very clear, so now the supervisor has to find a way of preventing an unfair tax on the water and sewer customers."

Supervisor Dave Wagner and Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen stand by the board's decision to borrow \$2.7 million from water and sewer for the new township hall, saying it has no effect on water and sewer rates

"This was a sound business decision, but the interpretation depends on how you view it," Wagner said. "It can be Please see Auditor on page 22A



## Tradition marks senior graduation

#### **BYLAURACOLVIN**

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The band played Pomp and Circumstance, the choir sang.

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It's tradition.

As the venue settled and commencement ceremonies for Clarkston High School's class of 2009 were about to begin, the first wave of beach balls burst from a sea of graduates.

They do it every year; a final, fun act of high school rebellion staged by seniors catapulting toward the uncertainties of adulthood.

It's tradition.

And, per tradition, seniors listened, laughed and cheered as the teacher they voted to speak at this year's commencement addressed the cap and gown-clad grads amassed near the stage at DTE Energy Music Theatre while family and friends looked on from pavilion seats beyond.

"It was seven weeks of nervousness," said math teacher Nick Hagewood, noting later he learned he'd been chosen when Principal Vince Licata stopped by to deliver the news during parent-teacher conferences. "It was five weeks before I even let anyone look at my jottings."

His wife, he said, was first. After that, things started moving along until he got to Principal Vince Licata's office.

"He said 'it's a great speech, but you're not going to do the roller coaster thing."

But Hagewood said he had to. It was all he had; the core of his speech.

After listening while Hagewood pleaded his case and explained his intentions, administrators finally acquiesced—cautiously, and with conditions.

The roller coaster—in which students raise their arms high, tilt, shout and squeal as if actually barreling down a steep steel track above huge crowds and corn dog stands—was a hit. A big hit. And, Hagewood hopes, a new tradition.

But he was nervous as the time approached and senior Luke Floyd approached the stage to lead seniors on "one last roller coaster ride."

"I wasn't sure everyone was going to be on board," Hagewood said. "I've seen the kids do the roller coaster at basketball games and football games, but everyone doesn't go to those, and I knew some of the kids wouldn't even know about it."

If they didn't, they caught on quick, and from the stage, Hagewood said, 595 grads moving in concert on a screaming, albeit pretend roller coater, was a sight to behold.

"I couldn't have asked for anything more," he said. "It was awesome."

But it wasn't just for fun.

"I wanted to give the kids a message they could take with them," he explained. "If they could tie an action—the roller

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## Win prizes, help chamber at golf classic

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Those hitting the links at the Chamber Golf Classic can spice things up with contests for all skill levels.

At Hole 2, avoiding the rough is good for a sleeve of ball. On Hole 10, \$5 lets you borrow a golf pro's driver, and the pro to go along

'The professional will drive the ball for you," said Penny Shanks, executive director for Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. "The contests are fun."

Challenges for serious players include longest drive, closest to the pin, and hole in one, success at which wins a new car.

"No one's won a vehicle, yet, but I'm always hopeful," Shanks said.

Registration for the 18-hole classic starts at 7:30 a.m., Monday, June 29. Shotgun start is 8:30 a.m., lunch at 10:30 a.m. Location this year is Paint Creek Country Club, Lake Orion.

"The chamber has five golf courses and we rotate among them," Shanks said. "Paint Creek offers a nice golfing experience. It's a great course."

Chaired by Heidi Nettler for her second year, about 100 golfers are already signed up, though they have room for more.

'Sponsorships are filling up nicely, so we're doing great," Nettler said.



#### A golfer sinks a putt at last year's Chamber Classic. Photo provided

Nettler has been key to the fundraiser's success, Shanks said.

"She's an absolute dynamo - she goes above and beyond call of duty," Shanks said. "She's brought her enthusiasm and ideas, which makes it successful. It's very cool."

The classic is a major fundraiser for the chamber.

"It's very important," Shanks said. "It funds about a third of the chamber's overhead expenses.

Admision of \$150 includes 18 holes of golf with covered cart, breakfast and lunch, strolling appetizers and open bar, door prizes, contests, and raffle. Prizes include Paint Creek membership, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, and a wheelbarrow of booze.

"All the booze is donated," Shanks said. "The winner gets the booze and the wheelbarrow."

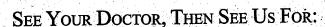
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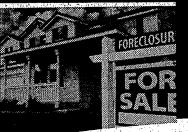
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## Main Street presentation

Those interested in preserving a defined, well-managed downtown district in Clarkston get a chance to voice their opinions when Main Street Oakland County, a group dedicated to such ideas, makes a presentation at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, in Old Township Hall, 90 N. Main.

The brief presentation will describe the National Main Street Program and provide a quick look at the program's outcomes in Oakland County. MSOC officials said they "look forward to a lively, interactive discussion about Clarkston's future in the Main Street Program," and hope a broad cross-section of the community (residents, business and property owners, community event participants, and public officials) will attend.

The meeting features a question-answer session at 7 p.m. and a mixer with refreshments at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to cory@johnstondesign.org or call (248) 620-6489.

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## Crunch time for school budget

It's down to the wire for Clarkston schools' budget, with a week and a half until the state deadline for completion at the end of the month.

Clarkston Board of Education's final scheduled meeting of the month is 7 p.m., Monday, June 22. They will meet June 29 if needed.

One unresolved issue is federal special-education funding, which may be \$2 million less than expected. The proposed 2010 budget of \$82.9 million already includes a \$5 million dip into the district's fund-balance reserves of \$11.4 million.

The board meets at the district administration center, 6389 Clarkston Road. For more information, call 248-623-5408.

## Attention businesses

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Sgt. Amy Day, with her son Dylan and brother Doug, answer questions at independence Elementary.

## School welcomes hometown hero

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Finally meeting Sgt. Amy Day after months of letters and photos, second graders at Independence Elementary had a few questions.

"What was the hardest thing for you," one asked the veteran of the War in Afghanistan.

"Leaving this one for 15 months," said Day, picking up her son, Dylan. "That's a really long time."

Her favorite part?

"We had a Dairy Queen, a little one in a trailer, so we'd get a treat every now and then," Day said. "There was also the bazaar – Afghan people set up tables and we'd, buy things."

Did she ride on a dune buggy?

"No, I didn't. Would have been fun, though."

Was she injured?

"Luckily, none of us was injured," she said. "We weren't in a bad area."

Did she shoot anyone?

"No, I didn't."

"Awwww," the children said.

Day, who was stationed at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division, visited the school, June 9. She also brought her father, Eric Zasacky, and brother, Doug Zasacky, and fellow Screaming Eagle,



Linda Zittel's second-graders are thrilled to receive Day's gift, 100-Afghani bills for each student. The exchange rate isn't very good, though. *Photos by Phil Custodio* 

Sgt. Kevin Littleton.

"It's cool for us to meet her, and put her face together with the pictures we have of her," said Principal Chris Turner.

The second graders also sent care packages filled with gum, Chap Stick, ground coffee, hard candy and other items as part of their S.O.C.K.S., Servicing Our Community Kid Style, project.

"We wanted to let them know that what they do, really matters," said teacher Linda Zittel. "Sending care packages to a person from our own community — what a great learning experience. For Amy to come here in uniform to talk to the kids, shows them how what they do affects others."

Day and her fellow soldiers looked forward to receiving the packages, and shared in the contents.

"There were boxes and boxes of it," she said. "They put smiles on everyone's faces."

Day presented to the school an American flag flown on an Apache attack helicopter on a mission over Afghanistan and signed by her commander, and for each student, a 100-Afghani bill, each worth maybe 20 cents, she said.

She returned to Fort Campbell, Ky., from overseas on May 9, where she expects to stay at least until the end of the year. She plans to go to school in the Army's Green to Gold program, to become an officer.

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## Budget busters

## Clarkston considers cutting cycles, DPW

**BYLAURACOLVIN** 

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When 30 people show up to voice distaste for a large-scale art project, but show no interest in sharing thoughts on the city finances—even while complaining elsewhere about high taxes, something is wrong.

That, anyway, was the reaction of Clarkston City Councilman Charles Inabnit after virtually no one showed up for a pubic hearing of the 2009-2010 budget June 8.

Next year's finances are set for council approval at the June 22 meeting—after a final public hearing.

"It's terrible," said Inabnit. "We get 20 or 30 people that show up with a petition to complain

about a mural—and that's fine, they have every right to do that—but where are those people when it comes down to the bread and butter?"

Residents, he said, stop him on the street to inquire about getting a break from high city taxes.

"People have told me they don't care about police or DPW issues," he said. "They want tax relief."

As of June 8, revenues for the 2009-2010 budget year, which begins July 1, were estimated at \$800,700. Expenditures hovered around \$785,900.

Although the budget committee has been meeting on a twice-monthly basis for the past five months to implement a new format, several members of council have been vocal about a number of issues.

Police department motorcycles are a hotbutton topic for Inabnit.

"For a city our size I feel it's ridiculous to spend \$4,000 a year on a lease for two motorcycles," he said. "It's a complete waste of taxpayer money."

Inabnit said he wouldn't support a budget that includes funds for motorcycle lease.

Police Chief Dale LaCroix, however, said he feels the bikes are money well spent from his budget, estimated for next year at about \$287.500.

"We use them for a number of events," LaCroix said. "This little city has four parades every year, we have Taste of Clarkston, Concerts in the Park; we need an extra vehicle."

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Often, he said, both cars and the bikes are used for traffic control, and to keep an eye

on large crowds when there's no room to get a car in.

The bikes, he said, also save gas, as well as wear and tear on the patrol cars, which the council and LaCroix both agree need replacing.

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"They're very inexpensive for the use we get out of them," he said. "They're brand new, so there's almost no maintenance; everything is under warranty. Yes, it is a little perk for the guys certified to ride them, but more than anything the bikes are an inexpensive tool for us,"

Councilman Jim Brueck said the motor-cycles are a luxury.

"If we can afford it, the motorcycles add

value and visibility to the department," he said. "But if it comes down to making the budget, I'll vote against them."

Councilman Cory Johnston agreed, and said he also took issue with a number of other

items in the budget.

- Councilman

**Cory Johnston** 

"I doubt the general

population has any

idea where their

money is spent."

The DPW budget has been a sore spot with Johnston since his first term on council.

Setting total DPW expenses at \$13,650, as stated the second-to last revision before approval, he said, is "a total misrepresentation of the DPW."

"Why all the secrets?" Johnston said. "That number is totally erroneous."

But, Johnston clarified, he wasn't accusing anyone of wrongdoing as much as looking for governmental transparency.

"If, after all the time I've spent going over these budgets, I can't read that line and know where the money is coming from or going to, then how is the public going to know?" he

Johnston also had issues with lack of funding of sidewalks, and said the city was "heading for a lawsuit."

Trees, he said, are also in dire need of attention—for example, several large dead branches can be seen hanging high above the heavily used Depot Park. One looms over the children's playground area.

And, while he agreed with Inabnit and Brueck, who both said they'd like to see more people at council meetings, Johnston said he doesn't feel surprised by the lack of attendance

"The perception is the city is totally unresponsive to the residents," he said. "They don't feel their comments have value and they just don't want to be at meetings. I doubt the general population has any idea where their money is spent. They see a police car, the streets are plowed, and maybe that's all that matters."

## Supes want more input

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

No local funds are going to a county-wide consolidated trash service study, but they may soon.

Before that happens, supervisors want to know what people think.

"We're appealing for opinions," said Mike Trout, Springfield Township supervisor. "Tell us what you'd like to see."

"We want to get a feel for how the com-

munity views this," said David Wagner, supervisor of Independence Township.

Surveys have been on township websites for about a month, but response has been light. Independence Township has Wagner 38 responses out of about 35,000 residents, while in Springfield Township, 14 out of about 14,000 responded.

Oakland County's Capital and Cooperative Initiatives Revolving Fund study examines consolidat- Trout ing trash and recycling



programs to save money and reduce landfill waste. Also participating are Brandon, Groveland, Waterford, West Bloomfield, and White Lake townships.

The most advanced system would limit services to a few or one hauler companies across all seven communities. In the franchise system, local municipalities would select a company through competitive bids. The system would reduce individual choice but increase efficiency, proponents say.

Study results will be available soon, and townships may take action, such as gathering bids, by the end of the year.

For Independence Township residents, go to www.twp.independence.mi.us and click on "Take the Independence Township Resident Survey on Waste and Recycling Services."

In Springfield Township, go to www.springfield-twp.us/index.htm and click on "Please take a moment and complete the CCIRF Project Survey."

Paper copies of the surveys are available at township halls, 6483 Waldon Center Drive in Independence Township and 12000 Davisburg Road in Springfield Township.

"Hard copies are available - pick it up at township hall and fill it out right there," Trout said.

For more information, call Independence Township at 248-625-5111 or Springfield Township at 248-846-6500.





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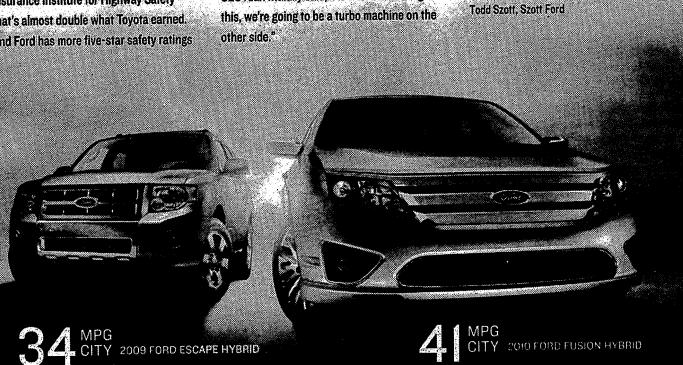
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#### Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

## Time is short

It was between 5:00 and 5:30 on June, 3 when I called my mom to let her know that I would be on my way home shortly It was then that she interupted me and said "Trev, we're sitting

in the Emergeny Room."
When I had heard my dad was having pain in his chest and down his arm I quickly grabbed my stuff and rushed to Genysis hospital. In my panic



I called my sister in PA to let her know of the situaiton, though I didn't have any details yet.

I was scared seeing my dad laying in that hospital bed, not knowing what exactly was wrong with him. Come to find out, dad had suffered from a heart attack.

My dad a heart attack? No way, my dad is Superman (Christopher Reeve) or at least that's who he has been told he looks like.

I tried my best to hold back the tears, I wanted to be strong for him, I wanted to be strong for my mother, but "worst scenerio" thoughts filled my mind and tears flowed down my face. I was scared, I wasn't ready for the possibility of losing my father at age 50.

After the doctors had performed angioplasty surgery and put a stent we found out my dad had 99 percent blockage in one of his arteries and 75 percent in another. He has to go back in four weeks to have the second stent put in.

My dad up to this point has excercised on a regular basis, and eats fairly healthy, doesn't smoke or drink, how can he have a heart attack? It seems a mixture of cholesteral and stress had become my father's kryptonite.

It's looking back on those "emergency situations" that cause you to think a little bit more. It's in those moments that you don't care about money, your job, your home or any material possession all you care about is that the person in the emergency is going to be alright, that they are going to pull through and they are going to come back home.

Realizing I could have lost my dad two weeks ago makes me more thankful each day that I wake up that I have another day to wap my arms around him, give him a hug and tell him I love him.

#### The Clarkston News

## Viewpoints

## Board shouldn't be a warzone

"Disarming myself."

That's how Independence Township
Trustee Neil Wallace described signing
proposed Principles of Governance just
before he turned them down("Clerk seeks
principled agreement." June

10).

Editorial

Differences in opinions should be valued in any

governmental body. Indeed, constant agreement among all would be derided as "rubber stamping."

But a power struggle, with near open warfare, among members of the Independence Township Board is just as had

The ideals expressed in the Principles include "insist on the highest standards of ethical conduct," "bring credit, honor, and dignity to our public offices through collegial board deliberations," and "treat all persons with dignity, respect, and impartiality, without prejudice or discrimination."

Six members of the Independence

Township Board signed, or agreed to sign, the principles.

Mr. Wallace declined, judging some of his colleagues to be unworthy.

Even if they were in the past, coming

together to sign them could, and still can, serve as a first step towards fair and professional conduct by all.

Getting everyone on record wouldn't hurt, either.

A split vote on approving a list including things like "further the understanding of the obligations and responsibilities of American Citizenship, democratic government, and freedom," illustrates the problem.

If board members can't come to an agreement on this, what hope have they on important issues facing the township, things like collapsing property tax revenue?

Township government shouldn't be about who has the power. That belongs to the people, anyway.

– PMC

### Behavior isn't what reader voted for

Dear editor,

I have kept quiet long enough, now I must speak out. My concern is the actions of the so-called "new" trustees, Mr. Neil Wallace, and his sidekick, Mr. Dave Lohmeier.

I have been a resident of Independence Township since 1991 and have been

a part of the township's political group since coming here from Troy.

I have known Mr.
Wallace nearly that long and have had many discussions with him, mostly taking the

opposite side.

I worked with him on the Dale Stuart campaign, worked against him on the Tax the Township issue, when he wanted to tax us to prevent development in the township, and was a letter-writer to this newspaper on the COG issue of the last election, and finally saw him win a place on the Board of Trustees,

along with Mr. Lohmeier.

While I disagreed with Mr. Wallace on the paid manager issue on which his slate was based, I felt that he would add a new voice. I never thought that he would, along with his buddy, become the disruptive force that has been shown.

It seems that he must have the last, negative, word. This week's paper has him attacking the furnishing of the new Township Hall ("Trustees take hall renovation work to

task," June 10).

Does he want all the furniture taken out and sold on Craigs List? The hall is furnished. Move on Neil, and Dave L.

He has gotten the normally mild-mannered Shelagh Vanderveen, who was a member of

and have been his slate, so upset that she brought in "Principles of Governance" to have all the trustees to sign

in order to have order at the meetings ("Clerk seeks principled agreement," June 10).

Guess who doesn't want to sign it. Enough already. Neil, do your job. The trustees, by their votes, are telling you loud and clear that your behavior is unacceptable.

It is time the board accomplishes things for the township without your useless rants tying up precious time at the meetings.

The people of Independence Township felt that you can be a good representative by voting you onto the board. They felt the same way about you as well, Mr. Lohmeier.

Please show them you can do the proper job. Work with - not against - the rest of your fellow trustees and officers.

Recognize that your efforts are not appreciated, and get together to improve our Township.

Fred Neumark Independence Township

#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1994

"School budget up for adoption" It was a status quo budget for Clarkston schools, up to \$34.7 million from \$31.8 million. Budget increases reflected the new Springfield Plains Elementary School.

"Heat doesn't defeat volunteers"
Sheila Ritter, volunteer coordinator, was pleased with the turnout – more than 300 volunteered to build a playscape at Bay Court Park, despite 90-degree heat.

"No more teachers—just work" Jason Keener, 16, braved the hot and humid weather to cut the grass at Depot Park with a push lawnmower. He was trying to earn money to buy sports equipment.

"Baker reaches top of her profession" Chef Nancy Tilley of Clarkston taught baking and pastry preparation at Oakland Technical Center in Springfield Township. She specialized in wedding cakes.

#### 25 years ago - 1984

"Possible disaster averted" No one was injured when concrete from the Davisburg Road bridge over I-75 collapsed onto the pavement. Workers resurfacing the bridge saw concrete curbing start to fall and waved off approaching drivers.

"Ritter home move gets two-week reprieve" There was another delay in moving the 120-year-old Ritter home from Dixie Highway to downtown Clarkston, at Main and Washington, as village and township officials worked out an ordinance amendment allowing it.

"English fun with word processor"
Clarkston Junior High students were excited to try out the latest in computer technology, Radio Shack's TRS-80.
Teacher Ruth Duling studied whether students write better with computers versus longhand.

#### 50 years ago - 1959

"Open house at Colombiere" The new building in Springfield Township marked the climax of two years of construction work of five years of planning. The Jesuit college was named after the Blessed Claude Colombiere, a 17th-century Jesuit apostle of devotion.

"Strawberry Festival at Sashabaw"
Sashabaw Presbyterian Church sponsored the festival, with strawberry shortcake and ice cream. It was a fundraiser for children to attend their summer camp.

"Clarkston local" Mrs. Elizabeth Ronk," Clarkston postmaster, attended the Postmasters' Convention in Pline.

## Looking for a new 'put down' phrase?

For 20 years Bill Ardelan served in various capacities at our Oxford Leader newspaper office -- sales rep, sales manager, creative director and general manager, to name a few. He retired 14 years ago, moved to Gladwin and tried to forget his 20 years with

Well, he can't, cuz I keep reminding him. Bill was a font of talent . . . self taught. He took up the trumpet and eventually had his own trio. He liked the piano, and taught himself to play it.

In retirement, Bill decided to learn a stringed instrument, a guitar. He is also an outstanding pool player, though a bad toe is making him think pool makes one stand too long. While with The Leader, the two of us took a half-day off to shoot pool somewhere out-of-town.

Very shortly into the first game, he began spotting me balls. Eventually he spotted me eight, and he'd run the table while I warmed

Bill is also an excellent painter -- excuse

me, artist. From saw blades to his basement wall mural of the woods he could see from his window, to just plain old paper -- he's talented.

Jim's **Jottings** 



a column by Jim Sherman

In preparing our 400page anniversary edition (1976), Bill's drawings of merchant stores were chosen over the actual pictures we took of them.

The guy's a phenomenon. He's being recalled this week because a collection of put-downs crossed my path. Bill had a collection of his own.

- Here's some. Pick your own pronoun to start:

- In the pin-ball game of life his flippers are too far apart.
  - · A few feathers short of a whole duck. · Elevator doesn't go all the way to the

  - · Belt doesn't go through all the loops.

Antenna doesn't pick up all the chan-

- · Body by Fisher, brains by Mattel.
- Is a Fruit Loop short of a full bowl.
- The cheese slid off his cracker.
- No grain in the silo.
- · Missing a few buttons on his remote
- · Fell off the stupid tree and hit every branch on his way down.
  - If he had another brain it would be lonely.
- · Too much yardage between the goal
- · A few croutons short of chef's salad.
- · Drives around with one wheel in the ditch.
- A few fries short of a Happy Meal. · An experiment in Artificial Stupidity.
- · A few beers short of a six-pack.
- The wheel's spinning, but the hamster
- Has an IQ of 2, but it takes 3 to grunt.
- · Forgot to pay the brain bill.
- Sewing machine is out of thread.
- · Proof that evolution CAN go in reverse.

Now, some facts about Michigan.

- · Sault St. Marie was established in 1668, making it the oldest town between the Alleghenies and the Rockies. It's the third oldest in the United States.
- · The painted turtle is Michigan's state
- Indian River is the home of the largest crucifix in the world. It is called the Cross in the Woods
- In 1929, the Michigan State Police established the first state police radio system
- Isle Royale Park shelters one of the largest moose herds remaining in the United
- · Michigan was the first state to guarantee every child the right to tax-paid high school education.

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Try to remember this, and I'll try to keep reminding you: Believe others' actions, and not their words.

## Supervisor should learn lesson

Dear editor.

Too bad the township supervisor didn't factor in lower taxes and state revenue sharing into his decision to purchase the new Township Hall ("Layoffs looming," June 3).

Maybe he couldn't have predicted these circumstances last fall when he signed the purchase agreement to buy it. I wonder if he would share his financial analysis for this decision, and were he predicted the extra revenue would come from to repay the Water and Sewer Fund.

The township budget picked up a new debt service expense because of the \$2.7 million load from water and sewer.

Based on a 20-year note term, and 4 percent interest on the \$2.7 million principal balance, the township would pay \$196,337 in

principal and interest on the note every year for 20 years, plus the loss in taxes collected, approximately \$60,000, because the building no longer taxable.

Hopefully, the reduction in services to township residents, or increases in fees collected by the township is worth having the new township facility. I am not sure township employees would have made the choice for a new office at the cost of layoffs. We must hold the township supervisor responsible for this decision.

Hopefully with more transparancy and public input the supervisor will be deterred from making more financially irresponsible decisions duing the balance of his term.

Jeff Gibbs Independence Township



Josh Herrera, with a new piece of lawn service equipment. Photo pro-

### Thanks for help with towel drive

Clarkston Junior High School's Academic Service Learning Class would like to thank Smith's Disposal and Recycling, Flagstar Bank, and Allstate Insurance Company/Karen McMurray of Clarkston for donating to our Paper Towel Drive benefiting Lighthouse North of

Thank you for your time and support, it is deeply appreciated.

Thank you,

Kylie Cohu, ASL Class of 2009 Clarkston Junior High

## Business looks good for lawn-service company

Dear editor.

I wanted to respond to your "Attention businesses" article in the last edition of The Clarkston News.

Clarkston Lawnscaping has hired seven new, part-time staff from the Clarkston area and purchased several pieces of capital equipment from local suppliers this year to help stimulate the local economy.

Revenues once again tripled in 2008 over the previous year.

"Our reputation has grown for delivery excellence and some aggressive advertising has helped us to continue to expand," said co-owner Josh Herrera.

'We added a truck and several new pieces of lawn equipment purchased from Weingartz to accomodate the increased demand," added co-owner Ryan Herrera.

Many thanks!

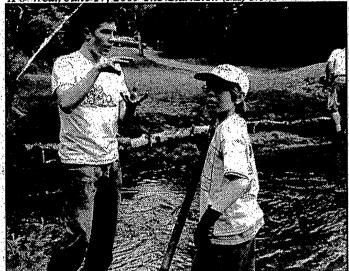
Andrew G. Nagorski Independence Township

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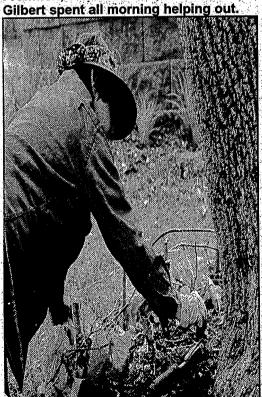
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Brent Cousino, left, headed up an Eagle Scout project to help stabilize part of the streambank in Depot Park. Watch for a story in an upcoming edition of *The Clarkston News*.



From left, Kaitlin Gilbert, Julia Dutkiewicz and Kelsey



Eliabeth Wagner works to weed and cultivate an area of the Children's Garden located near the playground.



Brianna Blaga wraps some vines as a finishing border around a bed in the Depot Park children's garden.

## This way to River Day

BYLAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It wasn't the gloomy skies or prediction of rain worrying Jim Brueck Saturday morning.

It was the seemingly insurmountable work ahead. "I wasn't too sure what we'd

"I wasn't too sure what we'd get done," he admitted with a laugh. "But the turnout was fantastic, I couldn't have been more pleased."

Brueck, who co-chairs the Clarkston Watershed Group with Cory Johnston, said a multitude of volunteers helped expand both the children's garden and the rain garden in Depot Park during River Day last weekend.

Volunteers also worked on other River Day projects, including a rain garden, at Clarkston Untied Methodist Church.

"The main function of the rain garden is to catch storm water running off the large parking lot before it flows directly into the river," said landscape architect Colleen Schmidt, who belongs to the Clarkston Watershed Group and volunteers her professional services to the organization. "The water is caught by the garden and the deep-rooted plants help filter pollutants that would otherwise

go into the stream."

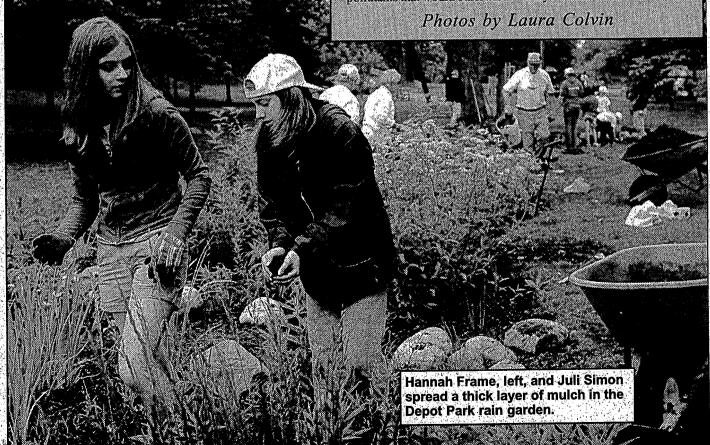
The garden hosts Oakland County-native plants, many of which attract bees, beneficial insects and hummingbirds.

"It's both entertaining and educating," Schmidt said. "Many people in this area live on rivers and lakes, we want them to take these ideas and use them at their own homes."

In addition to Schmidt, Brueck said the CWG was also grateful for help from Trish Hennig, a native plant expert who owns American Roots; the Wildflower Association of Michigan (WAM) for a grant to help purchase native plants; River of Life not only for "great support from their group," but for a contribution to help fund plants and signage; and finally the City of the Village of Clarkston for a monetary contribution, as well as DPW support for prepping the garden area.

"It was a real team effort and the rain garden looks great," said Brucek, noting the group welcomes anyone interested in helping out or just learning more about ongoing projects.

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#### Alarming incident

A store owner reported someone cut wires by phone boxes and attempted to break into his building, located in the 8900 block of Sashabaw Road, through a window in the early morning hours of June 3. The would-be intruder, according to police reports, was apparently scared off by an alarm.

#### Larceny of luggage

A suitcase packed for a trip to Arkansas and left in an unlocked minivan in the 4700 block of Pelton disappeared overnight on June 4. The Eddie Bauer bag contained clothes, \$600 in cash and several prescription medications, including Vicoden, Two DVD players and several Nintendo games were also missing from the van

#### Pretend tornado, real pain

A 67 year-old Waterford Township was reacting to a tornado drill when she fell on the stairs at the Independence Township Senior Center at Clintonwood Park and sprained her wrist, she told police and EMS. The woman said she fell after missing a step, and would take herself to the doctors office for x-rays.

#### **Generating trouble**

The neighbor of a woman wearing flipflops and using an aluminum step ladder on uneven sloped ground summoned police June 9 after she heard her friend calling for

## Public Salety

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

help and discovered the 50-year-old woman had tumbled from the ladder while she pruned trees at her home in the 6800 block of Hubbard. The woman was transported to Genesys Hospital for a possible dislocated shoulder.

#### Actually, it's not cool, man

A Brandon Township man was cited for possession of marriuana, June 7 at the Sashabaw Road and I-75 Park and Ride after a deputy observed the man get out of vehicle and walk to another vehicle. When the deputy inquired, the 35-year-old man replied "It's cool, man, it's cool." The deputy, however, apparenty thought maybe it wasn't cool and discovered a large roll of cash and a baggie of marijuana—along with some suckers and a cell phone—when the complied with requests to empty his pockets.

#### And stay out

Deputies responding to a call from the 4600 block of Fourth Street on June 11 were advised by dispatch that there were "secured guns and three children in the house." A 41-

year-old man was arrested and jailed on domestic violence charges stemming from an argument with his wife.

#### **Vandalized**

Police were looking for the person or persons who threw a handful of gravel at a patrol cantraveling north near 6041 Main Street on June 7. Deputies who inspected the car after realizing what happened discovered the vehicle had been scratched in the incident, Those responsible for such an act could be charged with malicious destruction of police or fire department property.

#### Missing mopeds

A 1986 black Yamaha moped, along with a 1984 red Suzuki 1984 were reported stolen from the front of his garage in 7200 block of Andersonville Road on June 7. The owner told police he had both bikes listed for sale on Craig's List, and had the keys kidden under the seats. Both mopeds were entered into LEIN as stolen property.

### Wed., June 17, 2009 The Clarkston (MI) News 9 A Rocked While rolling

A 69-year-old Brandon township woman was driving Sashabaw Road north of Meadows on June 6 when lawnmower operating nearby threw a rock and smashed out a passenger window of her car. Deputies ruled the incident accidental, but wrote a report for insurance purposes.

#### Clean your mess

Oil spilled from a mechanically faulty truck on its way to a construction site in Bridge Valley had Springfield Township had officials on the phone with the Department of Environmental Quality last week.

Springfield Township Fire Department Chief Charlie Oaks said he was not satisfied with the driver's efforts to mop up the spill.

"I don't think it's clean yet," Oaks said after inspecting the site of the spill on Brook Lane near Holcomb last week.

"I picked up a handful of gravel and you can still see an oily residue. The DEQ said he's going to have to get a private company to finish the job."

The driver, who is employed by an Oxford trucking company, pulled onto Brook Lane after noticing the truck was leaking oil.

According to Oaks, the oil pooled into a 15-20 feet long, half-inch deep puddle along the side of the road.

"Those big trucks can hold 15-20 quarts of oil," he noted.

-Compiled by Laura Colvin







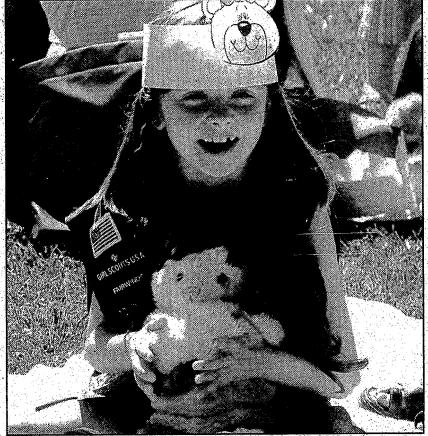
Caroline Sias enjoys her visit with the big Teddy Bear.

# Kids lunch with bear

Children and their teddy bears and other stuffed animals picnicked with Independence. Township Parks and Recreation, June 12, at the annual Teddy Bear Picnic at Clintonwood Park.

They made Teddy Bear headbands and fuzzy bear tails, enjoyed a story read aloud, paraded around the park, and ate hot dogs and cotton candy.

> Photos by Phil Custodio

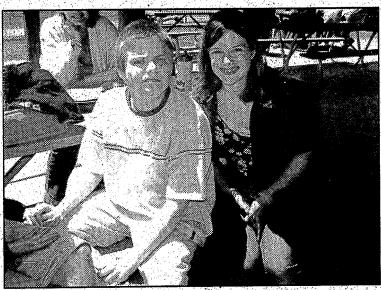


Hannah Music, who attended with her sister Sarah Music, helps her bear applaud the story just read to them.



Picnic participants listen to a bear story.





Noah Nerswick and ASD Link Kate Doty, Sashabaw Middle School.

## Linked together

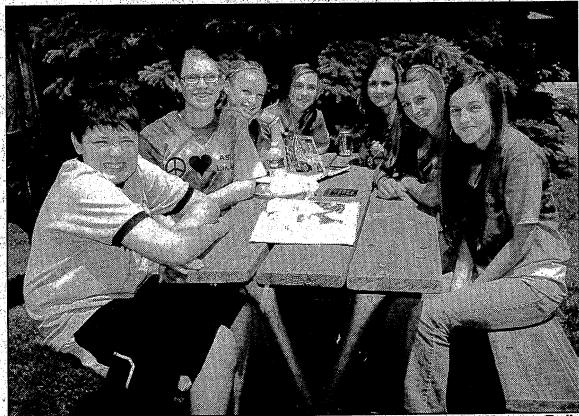
Students in Clarkston's ASD Link program celebrated a successful year with a picnic, June 4 at Clintonwood Park.

The junior and middle school students work with students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"They develop friendships, do homework together - ASD students learn more from their peers," said Jeff Long, teacher at Clarkston Junior High.

They model appropriate behavior and assist ASD students with daily schedules, classes, and assignments.

"Students develop a sense of responsibility," said Hank Passmore, teacher at Sashabaw Middle School. "We emphasize



From left, Bud Norman, Emily Skaggs, Mikayla Ferer, Miranda Sloan, Rachel Manssur, Emily Grohs, and Mariah Lucio enjoy an end-of-year picnic. Photos by Phil Custodio

leadership and empathy skills. From the beginning of the program to the end, you can see a real difference in the kids."

Clarkston's program is funded through a START grant, STatewide Autism Resources And Training.

"I'm learning how to help people - I want to be a teacher, said student Mikayla Jidas.

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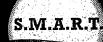






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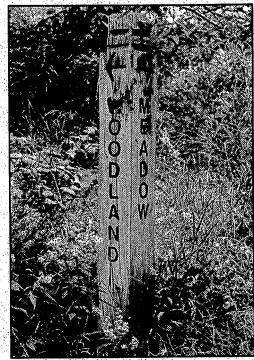
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## Stroll Shiawassee with Nancy Strole

#### BYLAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township is home to a rare and beautiful 515-acre nature preserve and many residents don't even know it exists.

That's the word from Nancy Strole, park enthusiast and recently-retired township clerk, who will lead a hike though the Shiawassee Basin Preserve on Saturday, June 27.

Contained within the Long Lake Complex, the Shiawassee Basin Preserve is classified as the largest, highest quality and most pristine fen in Michigan and is said to be a globally rare wetland system known for its array of native wildflowers and rare wildlife.

"It belongs to the residents," said Strole. "Once they see they're able to access it—the uplands and the wetlands; there's a whole ecosystem right there—they'll be able to come back and enjoy it during any season."

Strole said the two-mile hike will progress at a slow to moderate pace to Long Lake, but noted leaders will remain adaptable to individual needs of participants. Separate groups may be formed depending on the needs and number of people who show up.

Those who want to bring cameras and binoculars are encouraged to do so.

And, although it's described as an easy, flat hike, Strole said hikers should note that shoes are likely to get wet; trails are mowed, but not paved, and likely to be uneven.

The tour begins at 9 a.m. at the Eaton Road Trailhead, located at the northeast side of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve (north on Eaton from Davisburg Road in downtown Davisburg).

RSVP or email questions to Kellyhyer@juno.com, Lost on the way? Call 248-240-2924 for directions.



David Minnick performs the drums at the Farmers' Market pre-sale this past weekend. Photo by Laura Colvin

### Market opens this weekend

More than two dozen growers and crafters are lined up for Clarkston Farmers' Marker official kickoff this Saturday.

"We have a really good selection – beef, strawberries, snap peas, eggs, lettuce, cheese, bread, milk, baked goods, jam, jelly, honey, gnocchi (stuffed pasta), said Anissa Howard, Clarkston Farmers' Market manager. "It's a people's market, open to all growers in the area."

The market is open 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturdays, June 20-Oct. 10, in the parking lot across from Depot Park in downtown Clarkston. It starts four weeks sooner than in previous years, taking advantage of early harvests.

"It's also an educational opportunity," Howard said. "Growers are happy to answer questions about how their food is grown."

More growers and artists will participate as the season unfolds – 43 are signed up so far, offering organic produce, certified and non-certified, as well as goods produced with Gene Modified Organism technology. Local Community Supported Agriculture co-ops will also be on hand to provide information.

"We have musicians, metal workers making garden tools, and soap makers," she said.

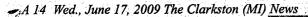
The market is also partnering with Bicycles for Humanity, collecting old bicycles. The bikes will be shipped to Ghana, where Bolga Baskets sold at the market are made.

For more information, go to the Farmers' Market Welcome Booth, marked with bright yellow umbrellas.

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Master gardeners plant thousands of seeds and plants at Clarkston Community Garden. Photo provided

## y Garden helps locally

Volunteers planted more than 1,600 seeds and 1,000 plants in Clarkston Community Garden at McCord-Stickney Park, June 6-7.

"We were able to finish just half of what is planned for the garden this year," said Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor for Independence Township.

Jim Tesnar, Horticulturist for both Bittersweet and the Clarkston Community Garden, calculated this year's garden needs about 155 work hours to plant. Once planting is complete, crops needing weekly watering and weeding include tomatoes, beans, broccoli, peppers, squash, cucumbers, carrots, chard, beets, sweet corn, gourds and pumpkins. Plants were donated by Oakland Technical Center Agriculture, and local neighbors and volunteers.

Clarkston Community Garden is managed by Independence Township Parks and Recreation. In 1998, The McCord family donated 36 acres of land to the township, 34 of which is used for community garden-

All vegetables grown, expected to be more than 30,000 pounds, will be donated to Lighthouse North.

"We are partnering with Lighthouse this year because we wanted to ensure our residents get priority," said Hyer. "The first harvest will come about the first week in August. Produce will be taken there on Fridays."

To volunteer, call 248-625-8223 or go to www.itpr.org and download a Clarkston Community Garden Volunteer Opportunities Form. The garden, on the northeast corner of Stickney and Pine Knob roads, is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

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### Ride for Red to make local stop

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"Ride for Red is an opportunity for motorcyclists to enjoy a scenic route, just under 80 miles, while helping a good cause," said Monica DeJesus, development officer for American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter.

Proceeds from the event benefit services to the Armed Forces, health and safety, and local disaster relief programs.

The event begins at Waterford Oaks County Park at 10 a.m. The course leads to Independence Oaks County Park on Sashbaw Road, with a pit-stop Seymour

Addison Oaks County Park, near Oxford. After the race, participants are invited to Gus O'Connor's in Rochester for an ox roast and entertainment.

There will be freebies, refreshments, and opportunities for participants to win prizes

Vendors include Red Bull, Bearclaw Coffee Company, and Leather Works.

Registration will be accepted until July 1. Cost is \$30/participant and \$20/passenger. Participants can register the day of the event; however, the cost will be an additional \$5/person.

Register online at www.semredcross.org. For more information about Oakland County Township Lake Park. The course ends at Parks, visit www.DestinationOakland.com.

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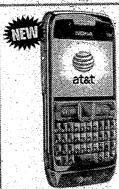


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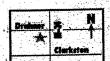


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## pringfield passes on new sheriff substation

Clarkston News Staff Writer

New substation in Springfield? That's a nega-

Police learned on Thursday they won't be getting new digs -not anytime soon, anywayafter Springfield Township Board rejected a \$54,000 layout to relocate its substation into the recently renovated fire station on Dixie High-

The proposal, which failed by a 4-3 vote, included modifications that would make the fire station's 1,532 square-foot multipurpose room suitable for use by police.

"The initial cost isn't terrible," said Trustee Dave Hopper, who voted against the move. "But we also have to factor in costs like maintenance and utilities. Right now, it's costing us noth-

Less money coming in—as taxable values continue to fall—force township leaders to make tough choices and stretch dollars, Hopper added

Currently, the substation is housed rent-free at Colombiere Center on Big Lake Road.

The center's large community of Jesuits operate the establishment, which also serves as an infirmary for sick and retired priests.

Also home to a residential substance abusers treatment center, 27-hole golf course, and an all occasion conference and retreat center,

Colombiere is, according to its website, "nestled on 420 rolling acres," and "secluded with towering pines, oaks and walking trails."

Advocates of relocating the substation say numerous issues make the site problematic and less than optimal for police operations.

Trustee Denny Vallad, part of the committee to oversee fire station renovations, said he was in favor of relocating the police, noting such a move was built into expansion plans.

"It's the right move at some point, but not with the way things are in the economy right now. I can't fault them for that." Sqt. Tim Willis

"I think this project can be completed out of the police fund we have now, assuming some form of a rental charge from the police fund payable to the fire fund," said Vallad. "I think it makes the department more visible and easier to find for residents, and it's an improved facility."

Supervisor Mike Trout and Trustee Roger Lamont voted with Vallad in favor of the proposal, but Clerk Laura Moreau against, noting she wasn't sure the police fund could support such a move.

And while Moreau acknowledged the move would provide deputies with a better, more suitable base, she had concerns about expenses beyond the initial outlay.

"Visibility would be a benefit, but we're going to increase visibility and not have a manned station," she said, noting the township might want to look at the 2010-2011 budget for the project. "People will know where it is, but then expect an officer to be available if they go to that station.

Currently, residents who don't call ahead run the risk of arriving at a lockedup office; substation commander Sgt. Tim Willis, along with a detective and deputies, come and go as

workload dictates. No other staff are employed by the office.

Willis said he respects the board's decision, but still believes relocation is "the right move to make."

"There are a million reasons," he said. "But it was a close vote, and the board took the time and effort needed to think about it. I think they're all in agreement: it's the right move at some point, but not with the way things are in the economy right now. I can't fault them for that."

While challenges continue to exist in the current site, Willis said community safety is not in jeopardy.

"I've told anyone who will listen—we'll work out of a tent," he said. "The bottom line is that the investigator and the officers we have are doing a great job; I defy anyone to tell me we don't have one of the best substations out

But, Willis pointed out, some information circulating at the board meeting was inaccurate; . the Independence Township substation, for example, is considered "manned" only during nor-

mal business hours—not 24 hours, seven days a week.

Willis said he was hopeful the board would revisit the topic down the road.

Trustee Judy Hensler voted against the proposal, but said getting the substation relocated was a priority—and one she didn't place too far down the road.

"I'd like to see this happen in the next 12 months," Hensler said, noting concerns begged several questions. "Do we wait? Do we ask for additional millage? Do our residents want a manned station? Are they willing to pay for it?"

Treasurer Jamie Dubre also voted against immediate funding of a relocating project, especially given an unstable financial outlook

"Last month we made amendments to the police fund, some of which decreased revenue because investment interest is down significantly," Dubre said. "I just don't think it's the right time to move forward, especially on a oneyear contract with the sheriff's office."

Springfield Township, like other communities who contract with the OCSO for police protection, is in the midst of a 12-month contract issued late last year as OSCO and its unions worked to iron out internal issues.

Undersheriff Mike McCabe said the hope is to provide municipalities with a longer-term contract when the current agreement expires at the end of 2009.

But, he said, answers are still unclear.

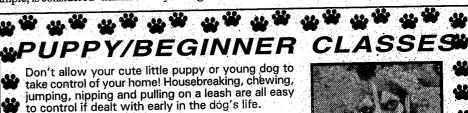
"Our past two contracts were written for five years; the one before that was three years," McCabe said. "But we can't do a lot of longterm planning until we see what comes back from the arbitrator."

McCabe said a decision could arrive by mid-July, but noted many details must be ironed out once the ruling comes down.





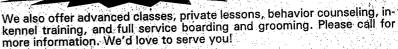




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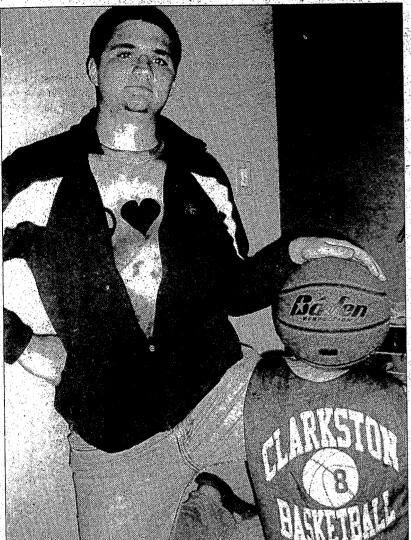
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## Clarkston grad takes over as coach



Brooke Davis is Clarkston Freshman girls' basketball new head coach.

#### BY J.T. BOHLAND

Special to the Clarkston News

Next week is Clarkston freshman girls' first chance to shine on the basketball court, but they won't be the only ones trying to make a good impression.

The first open gym of the summer is also the first day for Brooke Davis as freshmen girls' basketball head coach.

Davis, 18, was assistant coach of the freshmen girls' team last season, working under head coach. Amy Quayle. After one year as head coach, Quayle was offered the opportunity to assist Tim Wasilk in coaching the varsity girls' team. Quayle took the offer, which left the freshmen team without a coach, a problem Wasilk was quick to fix.

"Brooke has good character and a real passion for the game of basketball. I have no doubt that he's going to work hard and be a good fit for our program," said Wasilk, who made the decision after discussing the idea with Quayle and getting her full support.

After nominating Davis to be their potential head coach for next year, they had to get it approved by Athletic Director Dan Fife.

"Hey, if that's your guy and you're confident in your choice, then put him on your staff," Fife said to Wasilk.

"I had no idea Quayle had even been moved up, so when they asked me to take her spot I was in total shock. I was very excited and I said yes instantly," Davis said.

After being an assistant coach under Quayle for one year, Davis felt prepared for the job. Junior varsity coach Mike Greve also had an impact.

"Greve has a good sense of the game and has a fine line between work and play, which is a coaching technique that I like a lot." Davis says.

As a coach next year, Davis wants to use meth- Clarkston basketball players.

ods he's learned from fellow coaches in the program, while also bringing in a method he feels is extremely important to the success of his team: cohesiveness.

"It's not just about working as team, but also as a family. Everyone needs to feel comfortable so that there's a strong connection both on and off the court," said Davis.

With open gyms starting up, Brooke is excited to begin this new experience as head coach and try to fill the role. Ending last season with a record of 9-10, Davis is driven to win and have a better season, but knows that at this level; winning isn't everything.

"I'm confident that I'll have a good team and hopefully a good season, but at this level it's more about preparing the girls and getting them ready to play the Clarkston way for Greve and Wasilk," said Davis.

Brooke is not only involved with the basketball team at the junior high, but also goes to school at Oakland Community College while working full-time as a para-educator in the Autism Spectrum Disorder program at the school. He took that job the summer following graduation from high school in 2008.

While Brooke will be busy at the junior high next week, Wasilk and other varsity coaches will be at the high school for the 3-9 grade basketball camp.

This will be all next week, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Girls will learn and improve shooting, defense, dribbling and other basic fundamentals of basketball, then put it to the test in 5-on-5 scrimmages.

Fee for the camp is \$95. Registration will be available at the door.

"This will be a fun experience for kids that want get involved and get a one up on the competition," said Wasilk, who hopes to have a good turnout this year and is excited to see the fresh new talent of Clarkston basketball players.

## Athlete of the Week

## Cowen to field for Concordia

Nicholas Cowan, Clarkston Varsity outfielder, earned baseball and academic scholarships at Concordia University in Ann Arber

"Nicholas is a speedy outfielder who possesses two main things that can't be taught, speed and heart," said Concordia baseball coach Karl Kling, "He uses his speed, which has been timed at sub 7.0 in the 60 yard dash

to cover a lot of ground in the outfield and get excellent jumps on the bases, making him a threat on both the offensive and defensive sides of the game."

Cowan signed his letter of intent to play at Concordia, May 19.

"Nick is going to be a spark plug for us and he is going to make things happen," Kling said.



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Karl Kling, head baseball coach at Concordia University, congratulates Nicholas Cowan after signing his letter of Intent.



## Lacrossers earn All-State honors

Clarkston Varsity Lacrosse players Jon Avery, Kevin Giaier, Andrew Miller, and Adam Zack made Division I All-State 2009 team. Avery and Miller will play on the Michigan Championship team this weekend at the King of the Hill Tournament invitational in Pennsylvania. Gialer also earned the Spirit Award and Hammer Award, for most hits, and Miller received the Ball Hog Award. *Photo provided* 

## District champs

In their first year of competition, Junior Clarkston Equestrian Team rode to the district championship at Oakland County Fair Grounds in Springfield Township, June 7.

The Clarkston Community Education team, Emma Johnson, Hannah Hawkins, Kendall McCarthy, Kelsey Sanders, Jesse Ubbing, and Lauren Ubbing, competed in English, Western and Speed classes. The middle and junior high students were coached by Karen DeLisle.



From left are equestrians Kendall McCarthy, Emma Johnson, Lauren Ubbing, Hannah Hawkins, Kelsey Sanders, and Jesse Ubbing. *Photo provided* 

## Baseball dinner at Clarkston UMC

Clarkston United Methodist Church hosts dinner and discussion, June 27, with Tim Birtsas of Independence Township, former Major League Baseball player, and Rob Hilliard, one of the owners of the Oakland County Cruisers baseball team.

Hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, nachos and apple pie will be served at the church Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with presentations at 7 p.m.

Children in team uniforms receive a special prize as well as a drawing for child and adult prizes. Bring a camera for a picture of your child with Birtsas.

Tickets are \$8/adults, \$4/children 3-12, free/children under 3. Babysitting available for ages 1-5 with advance notification. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

## Springfield hosts sports programs

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation hosts a Sand Volleyball Camp, June 22-26, at Clintonwood Park.

The five-day program for fourth-ninth graders teaches basic skills, focused on passing, serving, setting and hitting. At the end of each session will be 15 minutes of court play. Fun and games will be incorporated. No prior experience necessary.

Fee is \$70/resident, \$80 non-resident. Shepherds Hollow Golf Club instructors provide Golf Lessons, Mondays and Wednesdays, July 13-27, beginners, ages 8-11, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.; intermediate, ages 12-17, 10:45-11:45 a.m.; beginner adults, 6-7 p.m.; and intermediate adult, 7:15-8:15 p.m., at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course, 9085 Big Lake Road, Springfield Township.

Topics include rules, equipment, etiquette, full swing and short game fundamentals. Participants must bring a seven iron. Makeup dates due to weather will be arranged by the instructor.

Junior-golf fee are \$99/resident, \$104/non-resident. For adults, \$\$132/resident, \$137/non-residents.

Instructor Dan Madden offers tennis camps for participants of all ages, July 6-9, at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg.

Black soled shoes are not permitted. All participants are required to bring their own racquets and plenty of water. Tennis balls will be provided.

For more information, call 248-846-



Parks and Rec offers Adult softball at Clintonwood Park. Photo provided

## Summer games in park

Independence Township Parks and Recreation summer programs for adults include:

Adult Golf Lessons, beginner, 6-7 p.m.; intermediate, 7:15-8:15 p.m., five sessions starting June 18, — Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course. Full swing, putting, chipping, pitching.

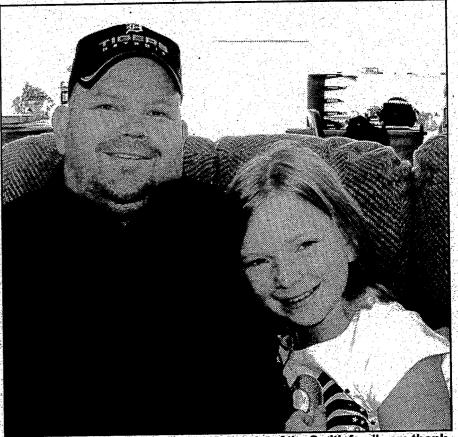
Adult Tennis Lessons, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, June 23-July 9, for players ages 14 and up. Instructed by Pete Riley, Notre Dame Prep tennis coach. All lessons at Clintonwood Park tennis courts. Registration deadline is June 16.

Fun Start Your Kayak, Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 27, Deer Lake Beach. Basic skills including wet exit, forward and reverse strokes, getting in and out from shore, and introduction on how to get back in kayak in the water. Registration deadline, June 19. Ages 10 and up.

Fall Adult Softball, priority registration now, open registration begins July 1. Games at Clintonwood Park on Monday-Friday and Sundays, from mid-August through early October, no games on Labor Day weekend.

Women's 30+ Soccer Leagues, registration begins June 29. Regular season will be about eight weeks. Open registration begins July 8. Team rosters and balances are due Aug. 5. Games are Sundays, Aug. 16-Oct. 18. For more information, call 248-625-8223.





Steven, his daughter Addison and the rest of the Smith family are thankful for help by emergency workers and neightbors in a recent fire.

## Neighbors help family through fire

The Smith family of Springfield Township woke in the middle of the night, Sunday, to their garage on fire with their home soon to follow.

Steven and Jill Smith and two of their children were at home, but everyone managed to scramble to safety. What happened next surprised them.

"We were outside in shorts and T-shirts, no shoes," Steven said. "Our neighbors brought us shoes and blankets, and clothes for the kids—they were incredible."

After spending the night at his wife's mother house, they returned to more surprises.

"During the night, my neighbors took up a collection—it was \$300," he said. "We usually keep to ourselves, and to be that giving to people they don't know that well, I just want to thank them."

He called 911 at about 1:40 a.m., and Springfield Township firefighters and county sheriff deputies responded.

"The firefighters offered water, beverages, coffee – they were very helpful," Smith said.

The detached garage was consumed by the fire, which may have been electrical. Investigation continues.

– Phil Custodio



## Day camps at Metropark

Indian Springs Metropark Environmental Discovery Center in Springfield Township offers "Scientist-for-a-Day Day Camp," through Friday, June 19,9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Children entering grades 3-5 can discover what it is like to be a geologist, astronomer, biologist or meteorologist as they explore these different areas of science. Each day campers will run experiments, make observations, use microscopes, do "scientific" arts and crafts, and participate in fun and games.

Participants need to bring a sack lunch each day, bug spray and sunscreen, and dress for the weather, including rain poncho, sun hat or sweatshirt, hiking boots or supportive shoes.

Fee is \$75 per child. Pre-registration required.

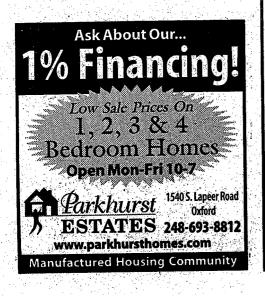
"Nature Adventure Day Camp" is Tuesday-Friday, July 14-17; 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Children entering grades 3-5 hike through the woods and wetlands, discover outer space, solve wild animal mysteries and learn how to use a compass.

Each day, campers will go on an adventure, create natural arts and crafts, and participate in fun and games. Wear hiking boots or supportive shoes, no sandals allowed. Fee is \$75 per child. For additional information or to register, contact the Environmental Discovery Center at 800-477-3192 or 248-625, 6640.

"Nature Tech Day Camp" is Aug. 4-7, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., for grades 4-6. Investigate nature using technology and gadgetsm such as GPS units, microscopes, weather stations, data loggers, and computers.

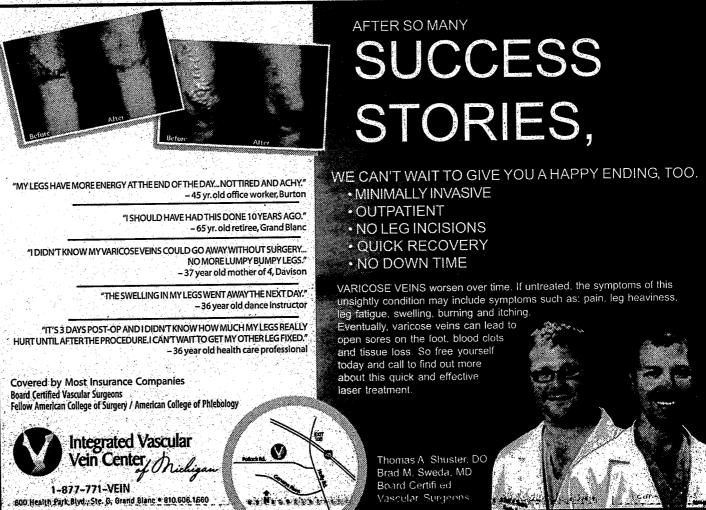
Bring a sack lunch each day, bug spray and sunscreen and dress accordingly for the weather. Wear hiking boots or supportive shoes, no sandals allowed. Fee is \$75 fee per camper. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, contact the Environmental Discovery Center at 248-625-6640 or 800-477-3192.





The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is proud to announce the winners of their 2009 graduating senior scholarship program, from left, Timothy Ginn, Taylor Benson, Bethany Horner, Optimist Scholarship Chairman, Maria Rotondo-Mark, Evan Markarian, Kory Schweitzer and Ashley Kukuk. "Each of these fine young adults will be going on to college in the fall," said Curt Carson, president of Clarkston Area Optimist Club. "We wish them all of the best."





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## Auditor's memo shows concern with loan

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interpreted a dozen different ways."

VanderVeen believes the transfer had nothing to do with raising rates.

"This building was a one-time capital expenditure," she said. "That money is going to be transferred back to the water and sewer fund. It's not like we went in and raided the kitty, so I disagree fundamentally."

Plante Moran sent the memo this past October to Wagner, VanderVeen, and Finance Director Susan Hendricks. It said the current rate of \$1.70 per hundred cubit feet, including a quarterly meter fee, wasn't enough to maintain the fund

According to the auditors, the fund would run out of money by 2011 without a rate increase or loan.

"These events appear imminent even if the fund does not loan money to the general government," the letter stated.

To keep funds at a level defined by management without the Township Hall loan, Plant Moran recommended raising rates 27-50 cents per unit, 100 cubic feet, which would result in an annual net increase of \$32-\$60. With the loan, cost per unit should go up by 31-66 cents, with annual net increase of \$40-\$79.

Wagner said they knew there would be a "substantial increase" in fees no matter what they did, but he also said the board does not have to raise fees as high as recommended by the auditors.

"We have to figure out where we want to be at the maximum or the middle range," he said. "That's what the board has to decide on, where do we want to be?"

VanderVeen said she has known for the past four years that they should have been raising fees incrementally.

"The prior board talked about giving money back to the residents," she said. "They would

never even acknowledge that they needed to be raised."

Trustee Larry Rosso said he never saw the Plante Moran memo, but had trusted the opinion given by township attorney Steve Joppich.

"I don't think we took the time to see the

memo, we just put our faith in our attorney and our attorney said let's go with it and we went with it," Rosso said. "Hindsight is 20/ 20 and if I had to do it over again, I wouldn't have done it based upon what we know right now. If Steven Joppich would have

said 'no,' I would have gone along with it." Wagner said every board member was given

a copy of the memo. These were all given to everybody, they

requested the report," he said. "Plante Moran came out with the report and every member of the board got it, along with the letter from Susan Hendricks.

Hendricks signed a letter along with Vander Veen, dated Nov. 3, 2008, written by Joppich, that "the finance department had concluded after reviewing opinions and advice given in Plante Moran's reports that transferring the loans from the operating revenues of Water and Sewer to the general fund... would not impair future operations or debt service payments, would not result in cash flow deficiencies, postpone normal maintenance within water and sewer systems, or result in a deficit within the water and sewer fund."

Former Trustee Dan Kelly also said he didn't

see a copy of the memo, but that it was 'contrary" to what they had been told.

"There was never a representative of Plante Moran who came to the meeting and said 'we've got some concerns there,' but I do remember Joppich coming and saying the opposite," Kelly said, "that 'this has been

reviewed approved by the auditors and yes, we may have to increase water rates, but this loan wasn't going to affect how much we were increasing water rates."

Trustee Mark Petterson wanted to know where the Plante

Moran letter was while the loan was being discussed.

Why did it not come to light until now, who knew about it, and why was it not brought up for public information," Petterson asked. "Clearly, Trustee Dan Travis asked the department director how the loan would effect the department and the answer was there was no problem in the foreseeable future. I'm sure if the director had known about the letter, she would have been more critical of the foreseeable future."

Department of Public Works Director Linda Richardson confirmed she had not seen the

"If I had seen it, I probably would have said I just don't think you can do this,"" she said. Lohmeier said the ball is now in the

supervisor's court.

"I'm not going to vote for any rate increase that penalizes them unfairly, and continuing to ignore the problem is not an option," he said.





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- Trustee David Lohmeier

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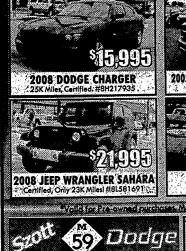
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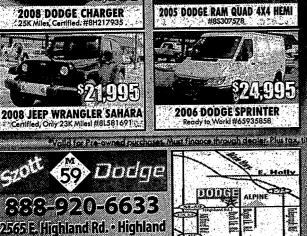
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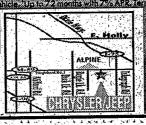


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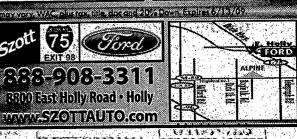
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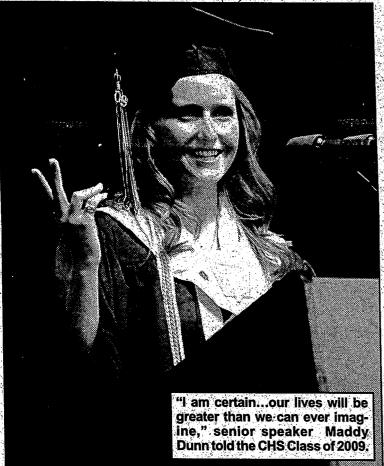




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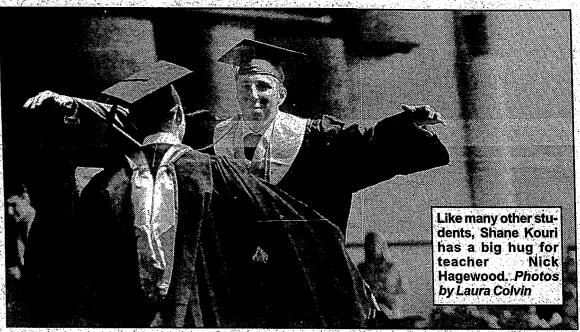


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Diploma in hand, Jenica Dabrowski walks into the world.



## The tassles have turned

Continued from page 1A coaster—back to the speech, then 10 years later they might look back and actually remember what was said."

The message?

"What they're walking into will be a ride with ups and downs," he said. "But if they refer back to the roots they've gotten here, the education they've received, and the challenges they've overcome, then they'll be able to overcome the other challenges they'll face."

As the elected speaker, Hagewood had the privilege of being the last hand graduates shook as they exited the stage.

"It was really an honor," he said.
"It all meant a lot to me and it's something I'll never forget."

Senior Maddy Dunn, chosen from 15 students who auditioned to deliver the senior speech with an assigned topic—certainties in uncertain times—told her classmates in a polished, animated and somewhat facetious address, that "death, taxes"

and cellular respiration" were all she could come up with initially.

"Then I focused more on my senior class," she told 594 fellow graduates. "The class of 2009 has been challenged by our school and our community from beginning to end."

This year's senior class, she said, served as "experimental subjects;" the first to spend freshmen year at the junior high, the first senior class to experience trimesters, "taking education to a whole new level with longer class periods and a new grading scale."

"We were indeed the school board's guinea pigs," she said. "There is always someone who will disagree with change. However, I see the change as a complement to our class's strength and perseverance."

Dunn said upcoming years are full of promise for the CHS class of 2009.

"I am certain...our lives will be greater than we can ever imagine," she said. "I am certain that each and every one of us holds a needed com-

ponent to our future. I am certain that I will not miss a single physics test, tardies or waking up early. I am certain that I will miss the doughy chocolate chip cookies in the lunch room."

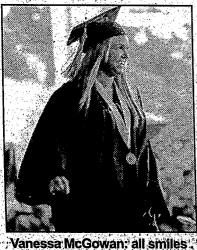
An eruption of cheers seemed to echo the cookie sentiment.

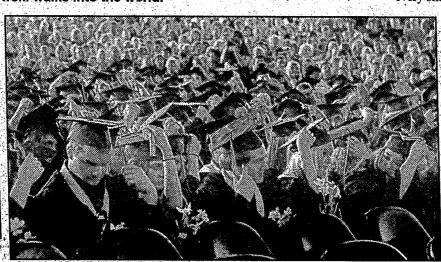
"I'd like to leave this class with one last note for the future," Dunn concluded. "That is to take all the things that are thought to be certainties in life and throw them out the window—because death is completely ambiguous, taxes are for my parents, and cellular respiration is basically just a scientific term—I've come to the realization that yes, indeed, I am uncertain."

And that, she said, was OK with her.

Another wave of beach balls flew as seniors remained undeterred by stern warnings, frowning administrators and a determined team of collectors and deflators.

It's tradition.



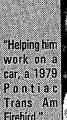




### People Poll

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## Fathers' Day fun?





Joseph Teceno



"Help dad with yard work, play some hall."

 Miranda Ort, left "Spend the day with him."

- Kelsey McCurston



"We painted some wooden birdhouses to surprise dad."

- Ashlyn and Avery Wohlfeil, with their mother Laura Wohlfeil and grandmother Kathy Kroeplin

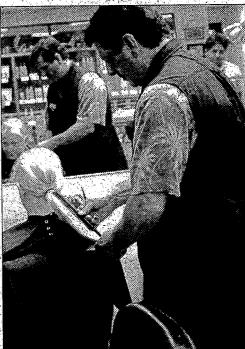


"Visit grandpa's, go swimming and eat

 Jordyn McCarty, with her mother Melissa McCarty By Phil Custodio

# Millstream News





(Above) Dave Chappelli measures 10 inches of Brock's hair. (Left) Brock shows off his new look. *Photos by Trevor Keiser*.

## Hair today, gone tomorrow

#### BY TREVORKEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the last three years Brock Nowak's identity has been "the boy with the long blonde hair," however with one snip with some scissors his identity was changed.

After hearing about the non-profit organization Locks of Love from his mother, Brock decided to donate for his 13th birthday.

"I was just growing my hair out for the sake of it, but then my mom told me about Locks of Love and I thought 'might as well give something to someone else that I have extra of that I didn't really need, but somebody else did," he said.

Brock's mother Donna said she was proud to see her son set out a plan and finish it.

"I do believe it does help build confidence in a young person," she said. "That he did it and he didn't stray from his cause."

David Chappelli of Deer Lake Hair Salon do the honors of cutting Brock's hair.

"In a me, me world, it's nice to see someone care for someone else," Chappelli said.

Brock is an all A student at Sashabaw Middle School, says he loves math and science and was recently awarded for being top in his class in World Languages. He also enjoy playing baseball, basketball and "sometimes soccer."

As far as his hair goes, Donna says she will miss all the funny stories Brock would tell of the people who said things to him, but Brock on the other hand said no one is going to "freak out" when he washes his hands in the bathroom or double check the sign on the outside

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

Design a Lifestyle of Fitness exercise workshop, with Julie Proctor of Cowan Chiropractic, 7 p.m., June 17. Cowan Chiropractic Clinic, 6507 Town Center Drive. 248-625-7600

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.

Tim Birtsas, Clarkston High School graduate and former Major League pitcher, 5:30 p.m., June 27. Talk about baseball and Oakland County Cruisers team. \$8/adults, \$4 children 3-12, free/children under 3. Hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, cotton candy, apple pie. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

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.

## Around Town

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-infee, 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/eightweek 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 dropin 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.

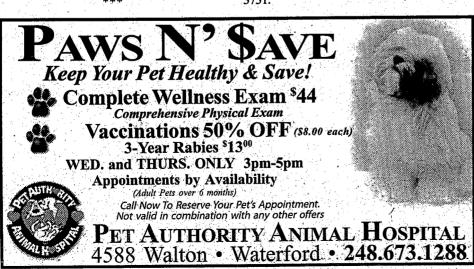
Local Business Network, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

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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of the door to make sure they entered the right one.

Despite all the different comments and funny looks Brock got by people, he never

"Even if you know it's going for a good cause why pay attention to what other people say as long as you know what you're doing is good," Brock said.





Mark Goldberg







Joseph Turner

## **ASD** students make the grade

Clarkston High School ASD students Mark Goldberg, Ian Hahne, Philip Ham, Joseph Turner earned Certificates of Completion this year.

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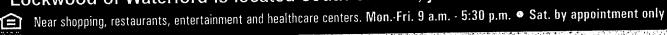
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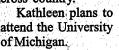
## Hilestones

### Students achieve success

Kathleen Koviak 2009 graduate and daughter of Kenneth and Karen Koviak of

Clarkston, is a member of Notre Dame Preparatory School's 2009 Valedictory Court with a GPA of 4.390. She is recognized

for her academic achievements in German, social studies. religion, math, science, English, and physical education at Notre Dame Prep. She also participated in the German Club, Liturgy Commission, Environmental Club, yearbook, softball, and cross country.



Rose Brickley, Notre Dame Preparatory School graduate and daughter of Will-

iam and Laura Brickley of Waterford, was recognized for excellence in academics and leadership in extracurricular activities.

Rose is a member of the 2009 Valedictory

court with a GPA of 4.430. Among her accomplishments are membership in the National Honor Society, Student Council, marching band, cross country, track, and soccer. Rose plans to attend Loyola University, Chi-

Colin Madole, cum laude, degree in economics and management. He is the son of John Madole of Clarkston and Delores A'Hearn of Waterford and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Jonathan Reynolds, cum laude, degree in philosophy and political science with a minor in religious studies. He is a graduate of Bay City Central High School.

Alexandra Snook, magna cum laude, psychology degree with a minor in English. She is the daughter of Earl and Barbara Snook of Clarkston and Marian High School graduate.

Hannah Trager, magna cum laude, art history degree with a minor in anthropology and sociology. She is the daughter of Aaron and Victoria Trager of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Garrett Phillips of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List Spring Semester 2009, Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice. Phillips received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, May 9. A 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School, he is the son of Mike and Cathy Forst of Clarkston.



Koviak

Air Force Airman 1st Class Tyson D. Moor has arrived for duty at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, La.

The airman, an aircrew life support technician with less than one year of military service, is assigned to the 339th Recruiting Service. He is the son of David Moor of Springfield Township, and a 2007 graduate of Springfield Christian Academy.

Navy Ensign Chelsea M. Hassett, daughter of Elaine and James Hassett of Clarkston, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned in the United States Navy.

Hassett successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training. She is a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Air Force Airman Brian C. Arahill II graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Cindy Hoehn of Clarkston, and Brian Arabill of Cocoa, Fla.,

and a 2008 Clarkston High School graduate.



Patric Alexander, son of Gary and Terri, Alexander, was commissioned into the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant on May 9. He also graduated from Norwich University in Vermont with a degree in criminal justice, May 10.

Patric will continue his training this summer at Fort Sill, Okla., then Fort Eustis in Virginia. In November, he will report to Fort Campbell. Ky., where he is assigned to headquarters, 101st Combat Support Command. He graduated from Clarkston High School in 2005.

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# Religion Change hearts before changing minds

The political debate in our country is intensifying.

The people on what is referred to as "the left" are in a great debate with those on what is known as "the right." Sometimes

the animosity among the television and radio personalities is palpable. It seems like the intensity of the opinions is creating a deep animosity and in some occasions hatred between the people.

What I have noticed is we not only have people disagreeing with each other but it seems we have developed the idea that if someone disagrees with us they not only have a bad idea but they are a bad person. It is interesting to me that in a time of advanced education and great knowledge we have become more simplistic in our reactions to each other.



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This problem has not just impacted the political debate but it seems to permeate our society as a whole.

Relationships between differing ethnic groups and even between the genders has intensified. Every time a government position is filled everyone wants to categorize each person to be sure every group is represented.

It appears we think everyone is self-centered and the only way we can be protected is to get someone just like us at the table. Is it now true that only people who can relate to me can be responsible for affairs concerning my life?

We have become a people without trust. The issue is not one of the head but one of the heart.

When Jesus Christ came to the earth He encountered a world much like we have today. Everyone was fighting over who was right and who was wrong and the lines between the differing classes of people were very striking.

Jesus came with a new message. He said before we can properly use our heads we must make sure our heart is in the right place. He made a statement, which I believe is very important in our time.

He said, "To the pure all things are pure and blessed are the pure for they will see God."

When our heart is not right it will cause us to see wrong. This is why I believe we need a change of heart in our country more than we need to change each other's minds. When our hearts are changed how we see each other will change also.

I am very disconcerted by the fact that even many of us in the religious community have joined the contemporary debate without guarding our hearts.

The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever would believe in Him would not perish but would have eternal life." The Bible goes on to say, "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved."

We need to heed the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, Please see Spiritual Matters, page 10B

### In our churches...

Pray and Things Happen class, Thursdays, 7 p.m., June 18-July 16. June 18: "Energy and Renewal with Transcendental Meditation." Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Great Castle Joust Summer Bible Adventure Program, 6:15-8:45 p.m., June 22-25. Free. Nursery age-grade 6. First Baptist Church of Clarkston, 5972 Paramus Drive. 248-625-3380.

Summer Peace Camp for students 6-15, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 13-17. \$100. Instructors include Rev. Kathy Harwood Long, educator and minister; Noreen Daly, yoga instructor and physical education; Susan Alexander, environmental education. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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.

Life Coaching Workshop, Living From Your Heart, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30, with spiritual life coach Cathy Zucker. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-494-0271

Peace Camp, day camp for kids 6-15, led by Kathy Harwood Long, educator and minister. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 Please see In Our Churches, page 7B

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#### Dear Graduates:

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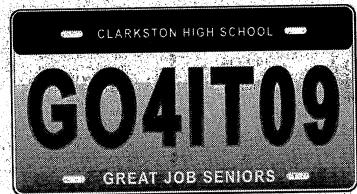
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We would like to wish all of these fine young men and women the greatest success in their futures.

Sincerely, The volunteers for the 2009 post grad party!

## Keep retirement plan working even if you aren't

With all the talk of Michigan having the nation's highest unemployment rate, 12.9 percent according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the news of a major Michigan based company filing for bankruptcy... one may be starting to consider their financial situation and retirement savings accounts.

The unfortunate trend of corporate layoffs has forced many people to think about their financial future and in some cases, survival. Employed or not, it's important to have a plan in the event you find yourself jobless.

Key decisions will have to be made almost immediately, such as where the income to cover living expenses will come from and what to with the 401(k) you've been using to save for your retirement.

If you find yourself without a job unexpectedly, the temptation to take funds out of, or take a loan from, your retirement account may seem like an easy solution to your financial problems.

But in all reality, using your retirement savings account as a financial life preserver has short-term and long-term financial consequences.

Whatever your situation, there are a few need-to-know tips regarding your retirement savings account in the event the unexpected happens

Retirement resource



A column by David Boike

to you.
Understand
401(k) Loans

Loans taken from 401(k) accounts have to be paid back with interest no later than 60 days after employment termination. Defaulting can result in added tax liabilities and penalties.

Also, the withdrawn money is no longer growing for retirement and you will now have to play catch-up in order to retire on time. 401(k) loans are not transferable and cannot be rolled over to another plan.

#### **Evaluate Your Options**

If you find a job within 60 days, consider rolling your 401(k) over to the new company sponsored plan and take advantage of benefits, like

fund matching, that may be offered by your new employer. If considering an IRA rollover, keep in mind that...

Traditional IRAs allow taxdeductable contributions and offer a variety of ways to invest.

Penalty-free withdrawals if you are 59 ½ or older, but if you withdraw before age 59 ½, there is a 10 percent penalty on the amount taken out.

Minimum withdrawals are required by the age of 70 ½, even if you don't need the money for retirement. Taxes are owed on the withdrawal amount.

Roth IRAs don't have a mandatory age to begin withdrawals. Funds can be invested in many different ways and all earnings and principal are 100 percent tax-free upon withdrawal.

Although contributions are not tax deductable, paying taxes on the amount invested today versus the withdrawals made in retirement may prove to be a profitable decision, as tax rates are likely to increase. Roth conversions do come with income restrictions, but in 2010 these restrictions are being lifted.

#### Know HOW to Rollover

When rolling over, the conversion has to be "qualified" and direct to avoid the 20 percent withholding trap. Meaning, don't take the account distribution in your name - or the company will hold 20 percent for taxes and if you're under the age of 59 ½, there will be an additional 10 percent fee.

Plan a "trustee to trustee" rollover with a bank or brokerage house. Notify your former employer's retirement plan administrator you are making a direct rollover and deposit the funds in the rollover account within 60 days.

Facing unemployment or a financial hardship is going to cause a great deal of stress. But, by staying on top of your money and having a contingency strategy in the event of the unexpected, your retirement savings plan will be able to continue working, even if you are not.

David Boike owns Retirement Resources tax, mortgage, and financial consulting practice in Clarkston with his sons, D.J. Boike and Jake Boike. Call 877-732-5751.

### Sheriff collects bikes for kids in Re-CYCLE

Oakland County Sheriff's Office is collecting donations of new, used, or in-need-of-repair bicycles and bicycle accessories in its Re-CYCLE for Kids Program.

The program refurbishes used bicycles through the use of inmate labor, and make them available to children and adults in need through local charitable organizations.

The department has been collecting bicycles since 2006, distributing hundreds of bicycles to adults and children around Oakland County.

Donations can be dropped off at Independence Township substation, 6560 Citation Drive, 248-620-4970, and Springfield Township substation, 9075 Big Lake Road, Columbiere Center, 248-625-8531. Call first.

### Why All The Household Dust?

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

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

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

We use the right equipment to clean your duct work correctly....the power vac truck. It is the most powerful equipment in the industry, This is where the entire truck is the vacuum and the truck motor powers the equipment. It's the size of an ambulance and when engaged twelve large air bags will come out of the roof. What makes the difference in equipment? **Power!** To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 CFM's (cubic feet of air per minute), basically what you feel coming out of your register. Truck mounted equipment only moves 4,000 CFM's. American Power Vac moves over 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute, more than quadruple the power of any truck mounted equipment. The problem is that there are so many

companies with inadequate equipment, advertising cheap prices in coupon books, that it gives people a false sense of what the job's worth. The average price to clean yourair ducts correctly with the right equipment ranges from \$374 to \$499+ depending on the size of your home. Any company who charges per registeror who has "\$99 Whole House Specials" are companies you want to avoid American Power Vac, Inc. is family owned. You never have to worry about

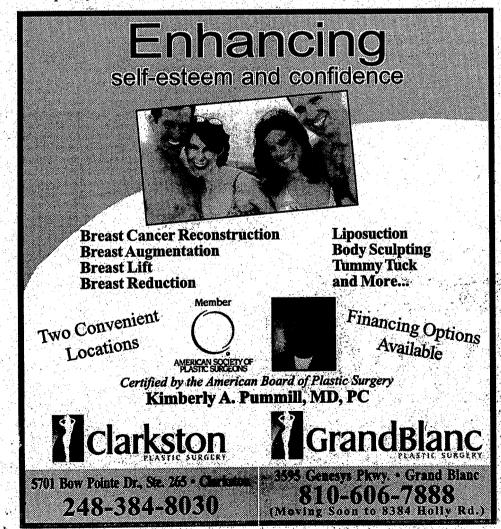
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Darien Bush tries her luck at the craps table.



Kimber Paradis, Janelle Zirwes, and Alexa Gentile make a video keepsake.



Dan McKean, left, takes on Michael Schreiber.

### Seniors rock the house, one last time

Freshly minted Clarkston High School graduates hit the hallways of

their alma mater one last time, this time to celebrate their commencement.

This year's after-graduation, all-night party was at the high school, but grads still had lots of room to have fun for the last time as a class, at least until their five-year reunion.

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Rob Nelson goes all out on the Island Survivor in-flatable obstacle course.



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Daisy fresh colonial w/a walkout positioned on nearly 6 wooded acres. 4 spacious bedrooms, kitchen w/Kraftmaid cabinets, smooth hardwood floors and a Clarkston address/schools. \$199,000 10-ELL



Delightful contemporary in a popular neighborhood w/a deluxe first floor master suite, vaulted great room w/fireplace, peninsula kitchen w/large pantry and a finished walkout. \$190.000 83-OLD



The best of "Birdland"! Original owner, thoughtfully updated colonial poised on an oversized, fenced yard. 4 bedrooms, 2 full/1 half baths, hardwood floors and ceramic tile t/o. \$180,000 59-KIN



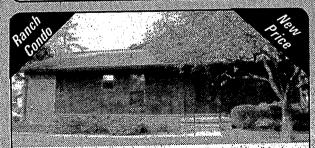
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Stylish end-unit Rochester ranch condo nestled amid nature with widespread Brazilian hardwood floors, kitchen with all appliances included, first floor laundry, attached garage and basement. \$74,500 18-STR





## Obituary

#### Helen Marie Moye, 72

Helen Marie Moye of Clarkston, formerly of Flint, passed away, June 13, 2009, at the age of 72.

She was the wife of Henry; mother of Conrad (Cynthia) Bell of Maryland, Camille Finley and Opella (Perry) Ernest, both of Illi-

nois; stepmother of Deborah Moye, Henry Moye Jr., Shelton Moye, Michael Moye, Kenneth (Gail) Moye, and Darrell (Shatara) Moye, all of Georgia; grandmother of Matthew, Jonathan, Kiana, Ashley, Bianca, Jessica, Tamille, Monique, LaToya,



Mariah, Henry Jr, Mercedes, Jennifer, Kimberly, Kenneth Jr, Callie, Darius, Ashley, Kiana, and great grandchildren; sister of Eddie (Jessie) Powers of Michigan, Carol Powers of Ohio, and deceased siblings Josephine Grogan, Mary Watson, Nancy McKenzie, Neil Carter. Nieces Wanda (Freddie), Brenda (David), Flora, Shirley (Michael), Sharon (Joseph), Darnella, Cheryl and Kelly (Thomas); and nephews Timothy (Amy), Guy, extended family, and numerous beloved friends.

Mrs. Moye graduated from the University of Michigan Flint and earned a Masters Degree from Bowling Green State University. She held executive positions with General Motors, Medstat Group and Aspen Tech. She valued education and excellence in all of her endeavors. She enjoyed exercising, reading, traveling, cooking and entertaining her many friends.

Funeral service is Thursday at 12:30 p.m, at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries updated at ClarkstonNews.com

#### Jean M. Watson, 74

Jean M. Watson of Lake Orion, formerly of Waterford, passed away, June 14, 2009, at the age of 74.

She was the dear sister of Audrey (the late William) Cross; aunt of Leola (Doug) Crichton and Lisa Deptula; and great aunt of Stephanie and T.J.



Funeral service, Wednesday, June 17, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis

E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. until time of service, Interment, White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

### **Spiritual Matters**

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"Put away from the midst of you the pointing of the finger and your light will go forth as a lamp that burns, and healing shall arise and finally the Lord will protect you from behind."

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

He shows us how to bring long lasting peace. It is not by making war but making peace. It comes from giving people the benefit of the doubt about their motivations and trusting as we all listen to each other we can really begin to appreciate the differences we have.

Those differences can enrich us when we learn to draw from each other. I have traveled the world and observed many nations with various forms of governance. I have found that none work well if they are operated by people with the wrong attitude but possessing right attitudes go a long way in correcting the errors in a system.

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Temple.

## Clarkston State Bank reaches out to medical community

#### BY TREVORKEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the widespread growth of the Clarkston area's medical community, Clarkston State Bank offers services tailored for medical offices.

"One of the things that we found out over the years is that physicians have a hard time taking any time out of their schedule to come into a bank," said Dawn Horner, executive vice president. "Our philosophy is we're going to come to you. We'll come to your office, we'll meet with you."

The idea for medical banking came about over the past three years. The bank plans to build a branch off Sashabaw Road on the McLaren Campus, Horner said

Medical banking services includes Med-Deposit, Med Finance, and knowledge seminars.

"Med-Deposit is everything from your general operating checking account to merchant services and fraud protection," said Don Bolton, senior vice president.

Med-finance services everything from a revenue line of credit to leasing, and Med Knowledge seminars will focus on practice administrators and office managers, Bolton said.

"We will do either 'lunch and learns' or bring in professionals out there that will be able to provide 'here's what's going on, here's how you can save time, and here is what is going on in your world," he

"We will also have professionals that come in to talk about here is the new healthcare plan that's just been signed into law from the senate and congress of the United States for the physicians."

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- Med Pass lanes and transaction window for quick processing of banking transactions for busy medical personnel.

group with office managers to find out exactly what the needs of different medical office workers were, Horner said.

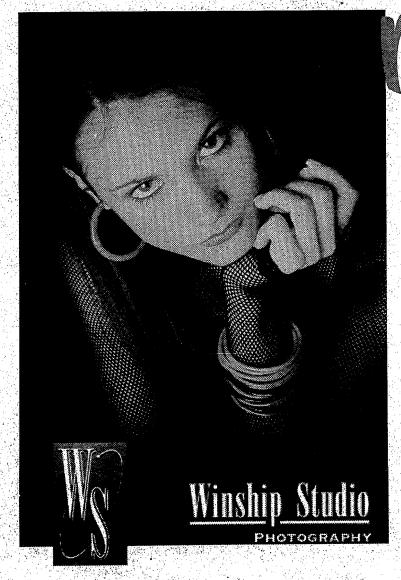
"What we didn't want to do is develop a suite of projects that we thought they needed," she said. "We wanted to hear from them what they needed."

The personal touch sets the bank apart, said Bolton.

"We're available, we're knowledgeable, and we're solution focused," he said. "We know that the health and profitability of our customers is what the future of this community is and hopefully we're not a non-profit, but we'll make some money too," he said. The decisions are made in Clarkston or Waterford, not made in North Carolina, Columbus, Chicago, or Texas. We're apart of this community."





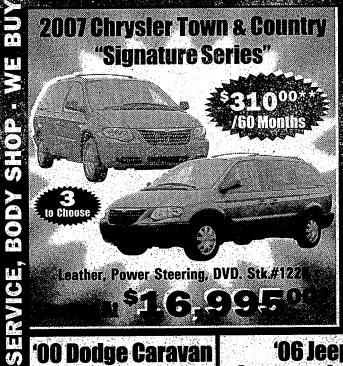


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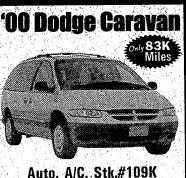
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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 26, 2009

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

Mr. Thomas Hunter was sworn in as Councilman by Clerk Jan Gillespie Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Gawronski,

Hunter, Inabnit, Johnston, Roth Absent

Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Gawronski, supported by Roth to "Approve the Agenda". Motion carried.
Public Comments – Ms Jerry Hunter expressed to Coun-

cil that they made a wise choice in selecting Mr. Tom Hunter as replacement for Kristy Ottman's council seat until the November 2009 election.

Mr. Thomas Hunter has stepped down from the Zoning Board. Mayor Arkwright will be appointing a new member to that board.

Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to "Accept the Consent Agenda which included request of the Moslem Shriners, June 11, 12 & 13 2009 fund raising event, Trial Balance for all Funds as of April 2009 and with correction in the minutes as noted". Motion carried.

City Manager Ritter proposed an increase in the Gazebo and Banner Rates for the new fiscal year.

The 2009-2010 First Draft Budget was presented to Council for their review and feedback, by the City Man-

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Roth to, "Purchase the furniture from Independence Township for the amount of \$1,375.00. This purchase will include 2 table desks (with return, credenza, pedestal and over-head storage); 1 Table Desk (with return, pedestal and overhead storage); 2 Four Drawer Lateral files; 2 three Drawer Lateral Files and 2 desk chairs.

Roll: Yeas - Roth, Inabnit, Johnston, Brueck Arkwright, Hunter, Gawronsk

Navs -None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

This was a revote of the May 11 resolution due to not having the purchase of the furniture on the May 11,

2009 agenda. Resolved Brueck, supported by Roth, "The recommendation of Mayor Arkwright for the members of the Building Committee to include – Ms Ann Clifton, Planning Commission Representative; Mr. Donald Wayne, Historic District Chairman and Representative; and Dr. Doug Roeser, Citizen at Large". Roll: Yeas – Inabnit, Roth, Hunter, Gawronski,

Arkwright, Brueck, Johnston.

Nays- None RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Councilman Brueck reported to Council that the Rain Garden needs to be expanded. Donations to this cause are down this year and would like the City to put money toward this project. The CWG Watershed Group is putting around \$1,000 into the project.

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Roth. "To resolve that \$1,000.00 from account 265.727000 (park materials) be allocated for the purchase of plants or other garden materials, for purpose of supporting the expansion of the existing Rain Garden in Depot Park". Roll: Yeas - Brueck, Johnston, Roth, Hunter Nays - Inabnit, Arkwright, Gawronski

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm. Respectfully submitted, Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Jondro. Date of birth: 2/6/47 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sara J. Jondro, who lived at 27860 Berrywood #20, Farmington Hills, Michigan died May 2, 2009. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sara Wong Hilton, name personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontlac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Sara wong Hilton 20701 Pickford Livonia, MI 48152 (248) 442-0439

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

The Department of Public Works hours of operation will be expanding Monday through Thursday

7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Closed Fridays

We will return to normal schedule after Labor Day September 7, 2009.

In the event of a Water, Sewer or Cemetery
EMERGENCY, please call 248 866-4844.

Any questions or comments contact the DPW - 248 625-822

#### INDEPENDENCE **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 7:30 PM in the Indeence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following

Case #09-0011 Zielke, Andrew, Rosetta Building Company, Petitioner for Terence and Elizabeth

APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890. 2'3" REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE TO CON-STRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD

9246 Allen Rd., Lot 15, 1.09 Acres, R-1R Allen Woods Estates 08-08-101-015

#09-0012 Maass, Scott, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM AR-TICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837, 39' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, 2' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, PLUS 1' DISTANCE VARIANCE BETWEEN STRUCTURES AND FRONT YARD PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD (CONSTRUCTION STARTED)
4882 Lakeview Blvd., Lot 23, R-1A

Sunny Beach Country Club No. 2 08-13-106-029

#09-0013 Cook, Valerie, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM AR-TICLE III. DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890, VARI-ANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF ERTY (ONE OF THE NEW PARCELS WOULD LACK FRONTAGE ON A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ROAD AND IT WOULD HAVE AN ACCESSORY BUILDING WITHOUT A PRINCIPAL USE) 6880 Aspen Ct., Lot 28 also 3,80 Acres, R-1B, R-

Pine Knob Village

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE RE-QUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, prior to the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-

> Respectfully submitted Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT FILE NO: 2009-323,633-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate** of Marole D. Benesh, Date of birth: Oxtober 11, 1921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Margie D. Bene

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Margle D. Benesh, who lived at 11388 Furbush Road, Holly, Michigan died December 20, 2008. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Frank H. Benesh, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after and the named/proposed personal re the date of publication of this notice. Dennis M. Kacy P15637

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# Smile of the week

Haley Campbell plays in the fountain at the Clarkston Farmers' Market pre-sale with her mother and grandmother. Photo by Laura Colvin

## In our churches

continued from 5B

p.m., July 13-17. \$100. Peace Unity, 080A Ortonville Road. 248-0625-5192.

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.

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

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

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

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

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CORRECTIONS: Liability for any error may not exceed the cost of the space occupied by such an

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Penny Stretcher, The Citizen

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#### **020 GREETINGS**

SHERMAN PUBLICATIONS **DEADLINE FOR** CLASSIFIED ADS MONDAY NOON

**CANCELLATION DEADLINE** MONDAY NOON 248-628-4801

#### 030 WANTED

WANTED: OLD motorcycles, minibikes, ATVs and mopeds Running or not. 810-338-6440. 117X434

WANTED- 18' CAR trailer with dove tail. Will pay up to \$1,000 depending on condition. 248 628-6486. !!L23tfdh

RESPONSIBLE BOWHUNTER will pay cash or trade home improvement work for hunting rights on your property. Call Jeremy: 248-867-2303. IILZ284

HINK CARS, Hauled away free. Will buy renairables, Bob Rondo 248-310-2687. !ILZ284

**LOOKING FOR REPAIR-**ABLE cars/ trucks. Up to \$5,000 cash paid. Duick pick up. 810-724-7847, 810-338-7770.

WANTED: Guns: Winchesters, Colts, Savage. Top dollar paid. 248-628-7086, IIL272

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#### **040 PRODUCE**

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#### 050 FIREWOOD

SEASONED QUALITY hardwood cut and split, delivery available, 248-627-6316. IIZX414c

060 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**EXPERT** PIANO TUNING **Call Matt** 248-766-3122

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PIANO LESSONS in your home. Experienced teacher clarkstonpiano.com. 248-625-2956. !!C464

CERTIFIED MATH TEACHER avail able for algebra/ math tutoring in Lake Orion Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Armada Wednesd & Friday. 248-212-0233. **IIL282** 

DRUM LESSONS with a very experienced teacher. 248-770-1319 IIL284

### 080 LAWN & GARDEN

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Screened - 5 yds \$129 Hardwood Mulch - 10 yds \$259 20 ton 21AA Gravel - \$329 Smaller & Larger Loads Available (Delivered Up to 10 Miles) RICK PHILLIPS LANDSCAPE SUPPLY

248-628-9777

1.263c HUGE PERENNIAL CLEARANCE. June 18, 19, 20, 9am-6pm. Clark-ston at Mayee & Winell (between Dixie & Sashabaw). Hybrid day lilies, grasses, hostas, rudbeckias, cat mint & more. Previo www.perennialplay.com. IIC491 2007 EXMARK & Red Max commercial lawn equipment for sale.

248-701-7546. IIZX452 LAWN MOWING: Call 248-850-5356 for quote or email 1934 III.Z273 info@c|arkstonlavyn.com; III.282

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> **EDGAR PERREAULT E&T TRANSPORT**

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**RECONDITIONED LAWN and gar** den tractors. Also Ford 4000 ment repairs available. 810-397-2944. !IZX432

JOHN DEERE, 24 HP, 4x4, Loader- mower, brush hog-blad like new. \$10,600. 810-664-9380. IIL272

HORSE MANURE COMPOST. aged 2 years. \$75/ 5 yard load delivered within 10 mile radius of Oxford, 248-628-8631, leave message. IIL254

#### **090 AUCTIONS**

SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS Wednesday, June 24, 2009 10am Lake Orion Self Storage Center, Inc. 180 W. Church St. Lake Orion, MI 48362

100yds. E. of Lapser Rd./M-24 248-814-8140

Unit #50050- Doug Warzecha: Furniture, asst. household goods, asst. boxes and more!

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FREE KITTENS, 6 weeks old. 248-693-9273, IIR281f

100 FREE

CREVECOEUR FRENCH ROOSTER crested head, black & beautiful. 248-318-6577. 11L281f

#### 110 GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 9am. Multi family-Lots of stuff, unique items. 631 Drahner Circle, Oxford. 11L281

ANTIQUES, LEYKAUF Bowl, camping and sports gear. Furniture, misc., 3569 Lakeview off Seymour Lake Rd., Ortonville, June 11-13, 18-20, 9am-? **IIC482** 

MOVING SALE & DAYCARE liquidation. June 18-20, 9am-6pm. Cedar Works play set, porta cribs, tovs, crafts, entertainment cen ter, appliances, household & more. 10153 Heather Ridge Ct., Goodrich, off M-15. !!ZX481

ATTENTION FLEA Marketers: Good stuff left over from Yard Sale. \$175. cash takes all! 248-459-1901, leave message. 11L272

GARAGE SALE KING Returns! Barn sale 777 S. Hadley near Granger. June 18-21. A little bit of everything. This is really biggg!. !!ZX481

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE Sale 105 N. Washington St., Oxford. June 20, 2009, 9am-3pm. Quality baby items, childrens & womens clothing, books along with lots of other great things. 111 281

SHERMAN PUBLICATIONS DEADLINE FOR **CLASSIFIED ADS** 

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Oxford Leader & Ad-Vertiser 248-628-4801 Clarkston News & **Penny Stretcher** 248-625-3370 Lk. Orion Review 248-693-8331

(Holiday deadlines may apply) L28-dh

RUMMAGE SALE- Lake Orion United Methodist Church, June 18-19, 9am-5pm; June 20, 8am 10am. 3 blocks east of M-24. downtown Lake Orion, !!L272

MILITI FAMILY SALE 8:00 a.m. · 4:00 p.m. JUNE 20th & 21st Something For Everyone 3013 Talon Circle Orion Woods Sub. M-24, North of Silverbell Next to Bald Mountain Rec

LZ281dh **GREAT ITEMS TO CHOOSE From!** Household, books, some antiques, good too miss! Thurs-Sat, 9am-5nm 362 Spezia Dr., Oxford. !!L281

**Online Features** 

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www.oxfordleader.com www.lakeorionreview.com www.clarkstn

HUGE SUB SALE, Round Tree. Lapeere/ Scripps. June 18-20. 9am-4pm, !!R272

PONTIAC SILVERDOME FLFA MARKET Storte June 20th - Every Sat. Sun, thru October Antiques, Collectibles & Other Treasures Gate 5 off Featherstone More info call: 248-953-9908

LZ272

GARAGE SALE, PENNY Lane, Oxford, M-24, Drahner, west 2.5 miles. Thursday- Saturday. **!!L281** 

BIG SALE-SOMETHING for every one. June 18-21, 9am-4pm 4601 South Baldwin by Judah Rd Orion 111281

LARGE FOUR FAMILY Sale! Fur niture, exercise & sports equipment, electronics, baby & kid gear, clothing forall. 6/18-6/20 at 855 Pontiac Dr. in Lake Orion. !!L281 GARAGE SALE. Lakes of nwood Sub. 1990 Deer Path Trail. June 18-20, 9am-4pm. !!L281

THURSDAY ONLY, 6/18! Clean girls clothes and shoes, baby-4T, jog stroller, morel 1624 John Paul Ct., Oxford, 8:30am-3pm. 11L281

SASHARAW CREEK Sale, Clark ston. June 18-20, 9am-3pm. Kid's clothing, toys, table saw, plants, antiques, scanners, printers, household items. Off Maybee between Baldwin/ Clintonville **IIC482** 

USED FURNITURE, and odds & ends. Saturday, 9am-3pm. 1153 Seymour Lake Rd., Oxford. 111281

MOVING SALE, June 20-21, 9am-5pm, 490 Golf Villa, Oxford-Waterstone Sub. !!L281

**GARAGE SALE AT Metamora Golf** & Country Club Sub. June 18,19,20, 9am-4pm. Two homes: 1252 Invitational and 5239 Augusta. Brand name kid's clothes, furniture, baby gear, small appliances, home decor and much more! !!L281

LARGE GARAGE Sale, No junk. Small/ large household, tools, children's, sporting goods, misc. items. June 18-20, 9am-4pm, 935 Theyer, just north of Groveland Rd. 112X441

GARAGE SALE- 9718 Prairie Lane, Clarkston (Sash

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Bus. Opportunities Card of Thanks

Pine Knob Rd, left on Ridge Trail to Praire lane). Thurs., June 18-Sat., June 20. 9am-6pm. Rugs, dressers, desks, antiques, generator, Shindawa weed wacker. compound miter saw, etc !1C482 CRAPTACIII AR SALE, Widgets. Thingamabobs, Watchamacallits. 8350 Deerwood Road, Clarkston. Fri.-Sat. !!L281

MOORS OF OXFORD Sub Garage Sale, Off of Drahner Rd. Multi-Family: Large items, childrens toys, clothes, Thursday- Saturday, 6/18-6/20, IIL272

MEGA SUB SALE- Summerfield June 25-27, 9am-5pm. Variety of items. West side of M-24, north of Silverbell, south of Home Depot. IIR282

PARTIAL ESTATE SALE- Furniture & miscellaneous items. Friday, Saturday June 19-20 8am 4pm, 3001 Maplewood Ct., Lake Orion off Waldon Blvd. IIL281 HINF 18-20, Dept. 56 col-Inctibles, Heritage Village, 29 Ensley St., Oxford off M-24

**!!L281** MULTI FAMILY GARAGE Sale. June 18-20, 9am-5pm. 5465 Winell, Clarkston. Something for everyone. Household goods, clothes and featuring hand crafted flip flops and gifts. 11C491

CLARKSTON-MONSTER SUBDI-VISION Sale. Godzilla certified. Saturday June 20th, 9am-4pm. Deer Lake Farms. Enter off Dixie Hwy., south of I-75 or from Holcomb..!!C491

CLARKSTON SALE. So huge I cannot describe it! Fabric.. 500+ pieces, creft supplies: books, paint, floral, etc. Trims and rib bons., 500+ bags, finished crafts: quilts, jewelry, glass, red hat access., etc. Tupperware kitchen gadgets, glass, misc. Sale is Fri-Sat, June 26-27, 9am-? Preview night possible- check ad next week! Baldwin and N. Eston area. Address next week also. See vou then!

L281 ESTATE & NEIGHBORHOOD Sale. June 18, 19, 20, 9am-5pm. 102 Dennison S., Oxford, Ml. Furniture, antiques, artwork, beveled nloss doors, household tems D & baby items, video systems & games. Too much to list. IIE281 ANNUAL BARN SALE

HOURS: Monday through Friday 8-5; Oxford - Saturday 9-Noon; Lake Orion & Clarkston

Bigger & Better- No Junk! Most items new- Plus size name brand ladies clothes, avid book reader- lots of books, new baby girl clothes, jogging stroller, new toys, Barbies new in boxes, Longaberger baskets, bookcase/ dresser.

June 18, 19, 20 - 9am-6pm Rain or shine 899 Gill, Off West Drahner

Near Clear Lake School L281 WOODLAND PINES Multi-Family Sub Sale June 19-20, 9am-4pm Ortonville, off Grange Hall, 1-1/4

hold, clothing, furniture, toys. MAMMOTH SALE. Anything

miles west of M-15. Quality house-

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& everything must go! Housewares, lawn & garden, indoor, outdoor items, tools and much much more. Come check it out. June 19,20,21, allday. 4353 Payne Rd., Attica, Ml. !!LZ272

GARAGE SALE- JUNE 18-20. 9am-4pm. 1024 Highlander, Lake Orion (Bunny Run Sub). rger baskets, low prices; Red Hat items. Chapter gifts. prizes, hats and more; rubber stamps and scrapbooking supplies, lots more. New things daily. IIR281

GARAGEI CRAFT SALE, 263 Teelin- M-24/ Drahner, June 17-20, 10am-5pm. Proceeds go to ward 3 day cancer walk. !!L272 SQUAW LAKE PINES Subdivision Garage Sales. Saturday, June 20th, 9am-4pm. in Oxford. Off Sanders between Drahner Rd. & Seymour Lk. Rd. Quality baby & kid items along with lots of other great things, IILZ272

NICE CLOTHES FOR all ages Books! Books! Books! House! items, toys. June 18th & 19th only, 9am-5pm. 3460 Country View Dr., Oxford. East off Baldwin near Saymour Lk Rds. !!L281

GARAGE SALE, June 18-20, 8am 5pm. 790 Drahner, 1/2 mile West of Rochester Rd. IIL281

HUGE GARAGE SALE. Thursday, June 18th, 9am-6pm; Fril Sat, 9am-noon, 641 Renfrew, Lake Orion, Kids toys, electronics, and furniture, !!L281

HUGE SALE, June 19-20, 10am-6pm. Furniture, antiques, treasures! 930 E. Leonard Rd., 48367, !!L281

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GARAGE SALE- CLOTHES birth-4T for your little princess! Brand names. Lots of pretty dresses! Boys clothes too: Swing, breast pump, stroller w/ car seat, Eddie Reportandem stroller \$175 EUC. Schwinn bike trailer/ jogger- LN., womens clothing & more. June 25-27, 9am-5pm, Working? Shop Wednesday evening (24th) 6pm-9pm. 637 Mechanic St., Oxford. 11L282

GARAGE SALE: 8529 Tindall, Davisburg, Friday (6/19), 11am-5pm: Saturday (6/20), 9am-3pm, Housewares, decorative items. dishes, bedding, juniors/ wome clothing Size 4-6 (petite), patio chairs & more! !!L281

GARAGE SALE- 1500 Sports cards, 5500 watt generator, books, tools, collectibles, household items. Thurs.-Sun, June 18-21, 9am-5pm, 4705 Curtis Ln., Waterford Hills Subdivision, Clark-

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WALNUT HILLS SUB Sale, Ortonville, June 19th & 20th, Gam 3nm North of Seymour Lake Rd., off Perry Lake Rd. IIL281 GARAGE SALE, Thursday, 8/18 thru Saturday, 6/20, 9am-5pm. 1992 Somerville Dr. in Oxford Woods Sub. Electric dryer, chest freezer, household & yard items & more good stuff! !!L272

WATERFORD HILGE Church Rimmage Sale- June 18-19, 9amn, 2640 Airport Rd., north of Hatchery. Thursday 8am-9pm. Early admission \$1.00. IIC482 LARGE MOVING SALE. June 18-20, 9am 4pm., 220 Indianside, Oakland Twp. IIL281

GARAGE SALE- 9AM-7PM Thursday June 18th; 9am-4pm Friday <sup>©</sup> June 18th; 9am-12pm Saturday June 20th (1/2 off). 10 Lincoln, Oxford.. IIL272

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE sale Thursday through Saturday 9am 4pm, 1157 & 1188 Rowland, of Rochester Rd., Leonard. Hunting antiques: furniture, motorcycle 8 kids stuff, !!L281

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RIG GARAGE SALE Kids toys and books, cinthes 4T-adult, lots of girls junior sizes, teaching supplies, homeschool books. building sunnlies and misc! Thurs-Sat. 9am-5pm. 585 Crediton St., off Clarkston between Joslyn & Baldwin, 111 281

**MULTI- FAMILY SALES- Oakland** Ridge Sub (Silverbell, 1/2 mile east of M-24) June 18-20th. 9am-4pm. Teaching supplies, household, kids. !!R281

GARAGE SALE- JUNE 18-20, 9am-? 21 Movers, Oxford Village Girls thru 12 months, boys thru 2T, baby gear, home school supplies, old records, war & western books, antique dishes & quilts, household articles, adult clothing, much more, !!L271:

### 120 CRAFT SHOWS

### **FLEA MARKET**

5855 Cakwood Rd 1/2 Block W of Baldwin Rd. Every Saturday 9am-4pm **VENDORS WANTED** Robert Reese 248-682-6963 Charles Kniffen 248-628-3899

LZ274 CLARKSTON 2 WOMAN Show Quilts, iewelry, red hat, Christ mas, embroidery, glass, etc. Selling fabric and craft supplies also! See rest of ad under Garage Sales, !!L282

### 130 HOUSEHOLD

SOLID WOOD Dining Room table with leaf, 6 chairs, plus china cabinet. Excellent condition. \$2,400 new, asking \$1,100. 248-969-3868. !!L282

BOYS WOOD BEDROOM set; twin trundle bed, armoire, desk and chair, \$350; antique drop leaf table, \$150; antique flour box, ( I used it as a coffee table) \$50.; Old railroad cart with glass top great coffee table \$50.; .Call 248-628-5824 after 5:30 p.m. !!LZ22tfdh

SOLID CANADIAN OAK 48in. round table, 2 extra leaves, 4 chairs, lighted 72in. china cabinet, excellent condition, 248 393-0434. IIL272dh

**ESTATE SALE.** Furniture, large chairs/ ottomans, tables, bedroom and dining room set. 248-673-5502, 11C492

DINING TABLE WITH 6 chairs, 2 piece hutch, traditional style. Excellent condition. \$500. Call after finm. 248-393-0227, 248-343-5788. !!L272

#### 140 COMPUTERS

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? Micro-oft certified technician. Free die mostic. John 248-892-5667 (Clarkston). IILZ274

COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

Remove unwented software. spyware, viruses. Is your comter as fast & stable as mine? Onsite at your convenience. Refurbished computers for sale Scotty 248-245-9411, IILZ264

#### 150 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

GERMAN STEINS Beer muns from England, 248-693-2210.

**YE OLDE STUFF & ANTIQUES** Historic Treasures Downtown Lake Orion Ma & Pa 1890's Rockers Summer Hours Wed. - Sat. 12-6pm 248,693,6724 **COME and BROWSE** 

R264

### **160 APPLIANCES**

KELVINATOR STANDUP FREEZER. \$100. 810-650-6606. IIL282

GE ELECTRIC RANGE, Speed Queen Gas Dryer. \$150. each. 248-421-9968, !L272

### 170 GENERAL

### ROLLED **TICKETS**

**DOUBLE & SINGLE ROLLS** Assorted Colors Lake Orion Review Oxford Leader Clarkston News

I X28-tf PRESSURE WASHING: Decks. houses, \$40/ hour includes equip ment. Dave, 248-302-8913.

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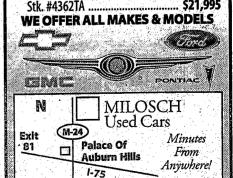
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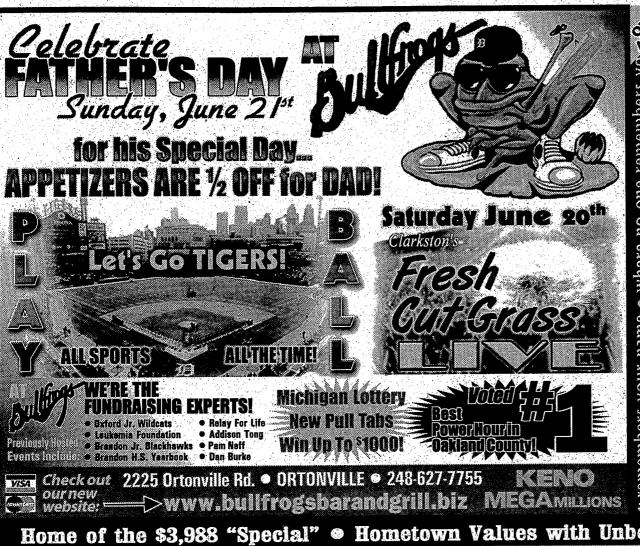
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