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## Locals get first look in new policy

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"My Clarkston Buy Clarkston" is a good idea - it's now official policy in Independence Township.

The township's new supply policy places priority on local businesses.

"Those folks pay taxes that allow us to buy things," said Trustee Neil Wallace, who introduced the policy. "Provided we can get the same quality of product or service from somebody local at a reasonable price, we ought to be looking to them first."

Supervisor Dave Wagner said going to local companies first has been common practice in the township "for quite some time." However, he questioned adopting a policy to do it.

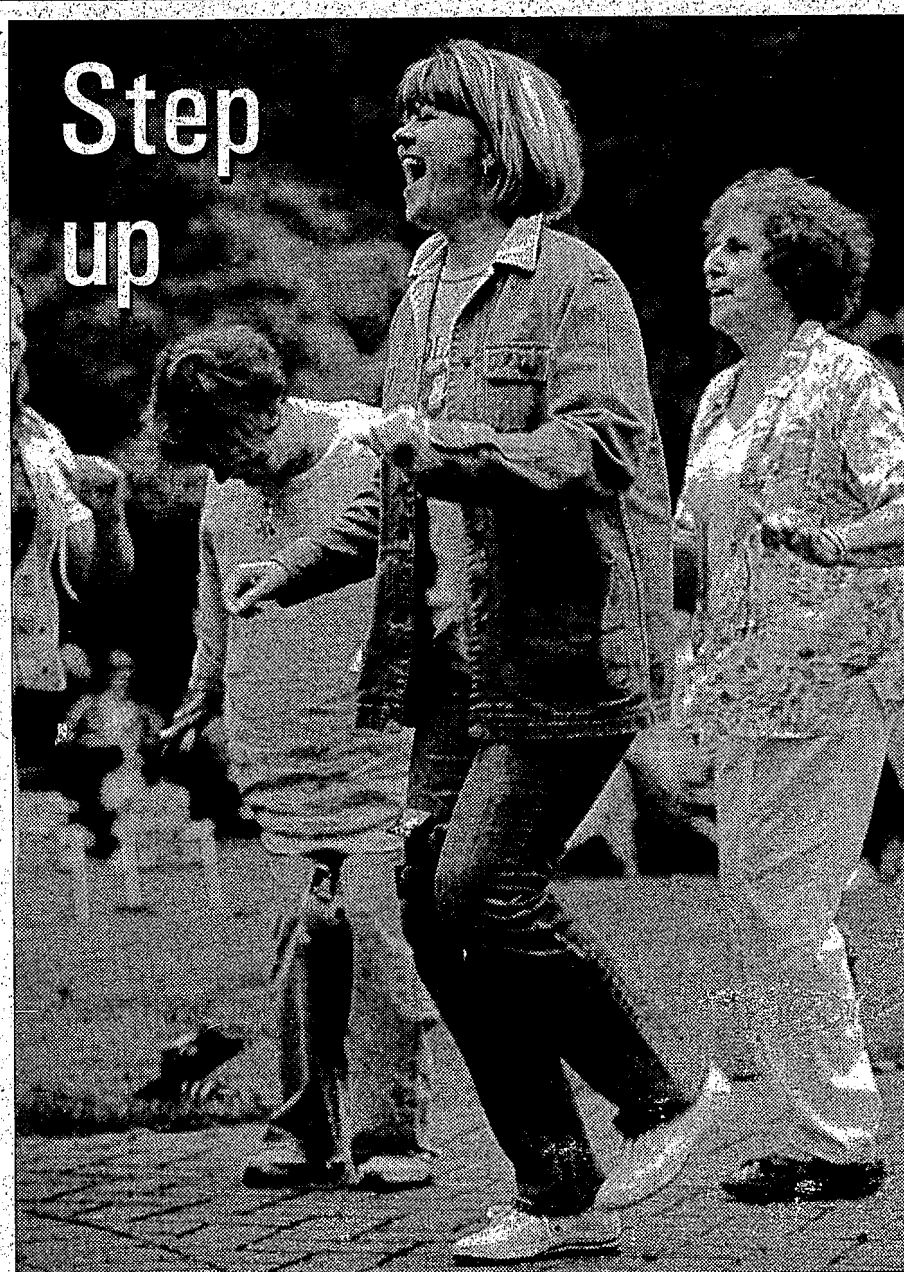
"My fear is if they (department heads) go out and they purchase something that isn't here in the township," Wagner said. "Are the department heads expected to come back and write a report stating they've checked all these sources and there is no one in the township available who supplies these, therefore this is why we bought from someone else?"

Wallace said the only requirement would be for the supervisor to report all new local vendors and services in the township.

He was approached by local businessmen who complained they were capable of providing goods and services to the township, but vendors from elsewhere got the job, he said.

"I think if the board adopts a policy, the department heads will know they need to take

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Eva Maciag, center, has a great time doing the Teddy Bear Twist as Legend the Band performs at Depot Park Friday. See more photos from the Concert in the Park on page 20A. Photo by Laura Colvin

## Over taxed?

### Millions sit in fund balances, but serve essential functions, officials say

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Local governments are required by law to collect at least as much as they spend.

Whatever extra they collect, more than \$11 million in the Clarkston area, they keep in their fund balances, also known as fund equity or rainy-day fund.

For Clarkston Community Schools, maintaining a fund balance avoids hundreds of thousands in interest payments every year.

"It impacts the ability of the district to avoid borrowing," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

"Money should be used in the classroom, not spent on interest to banks."

The Board of Education's goal is to keep 10 percent of the budget in reserve. Budget for school year 2010 calls for \$86.9 million in spending and a fund balance of \$6.3 million, about 7.2 percent.

"Carrying a reasonable fund equity is prudent financial management," Roberts said.

The City of the Village of Clarkston has a \$786,898 budget and a fund balance of \$123,555, which is 15.7 percent of the budget.

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### \$11.6 million in fund balances

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Fund balance = \$6.3 million
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<b>Springfield Township</b>
Budget = \$5.2 million
Fund balance = \$2.7 million
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<b>Independence Township</b>
Budget = \$29.02 million
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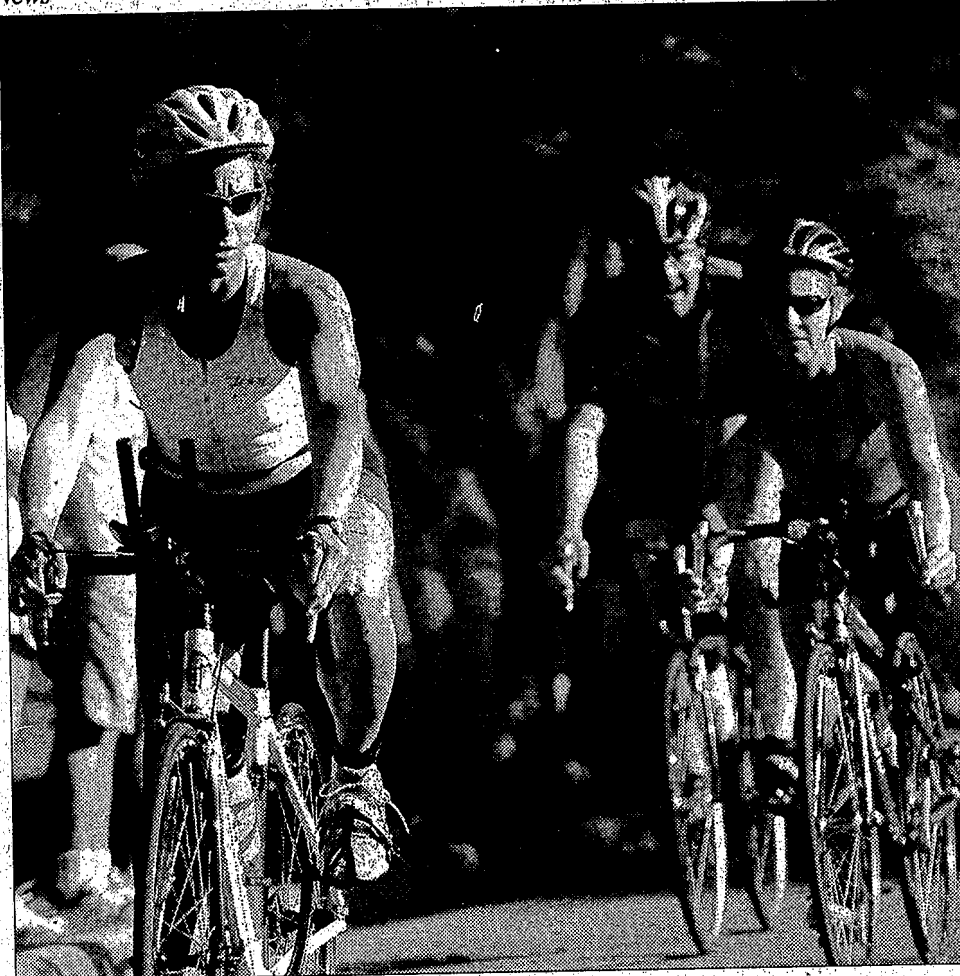
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Athletes work on the cycling part of last year's triathlon. File photo

## Craig Greenfield races at Deer Lake, Depot Park

The sixth annual Craig Greenfield Memorial Tri and Du is set for 7:45 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 2, at Deer Lake Beach and Depot Park.

The event, in memory of Craig Greenfield, who died from non-Hodgkins's lymphoma in 2000, has raised more than \$100,000 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan.

The triathlon race includes an 800-meter swim in Deer Lake, 16-mile bike ride ending in Depot Park, and 4.5-mile run, also ending in the park. The duathlon includes a 1.9-mile run, 16-mile bike ride, and 4.4 mile run.

All festivities following the event are held in Depot Park, including post-race food from a variety of vendors and a raffle with prizes. Top three racers overall and top three in each age group will receive awards.

To volunteer e-mail Corey Greenfield, at cgreenfield@wrighthunter.com. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.skyegentle.com/craig/homepage.html](http://www.skyegentle.com/craig/homepage.html).

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## Briefly

### Labor Day parade planning starts

Clarkston Rotary Club is busy organizing this year's Labor Day Parade, set for 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 7, along downtown Main Street.

This year's parade theme is "Michigan Automobiles - Back to the Classics."

Owners of classic cars, organizations, businesses, musical groups, marching bands, floats, and equestrian groups are all invited to march. Children and families on decorated bikes are also welcome to ride in the parade.

For parade entry application, visit Clarkston Rotary's web site, [clarkstonrotary.org](http://clarkstonrotary.org), or contact Al Avery, at [averyalf@aol.com](mailto:averyalf@aol.com) or 248-953-0438, or Joel DeLong, [joeldelong@netscape.net](mailto:joeldelong@netscape.net).

### Park goes to dogs for Walk and Wag

Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road, hosts Walk and Wag for dogs and their owners, 7 p.m., Thursday, July 23.

Prizes will be awarded in five dog contests: best trick, best costume, look alike, most beautiful and cutest puppy.

For more information, call Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 248-625-8223.

### Dog expert to visit

Joel Silverman, host of Animal Planet's "Good Dog U," and his furry co-star Foster will make a book-signing appearance, 7 p.m., Monday, July 27, at Camp Bow Wow in Independence Township.

They are on a 90-city tour to promote Silverman's new book, "What Color is Your Dog?" Silverman will conduct a one-hour seminar, answer questions, and sign copies of his book.

Admission is free. Call 248-620-9663 or visit [www.campbowwow.com/clarkston](http://www.campbowwow.com/clarkston).

## Attention businesses

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# Market returns weavers' favor

## Donated bikes to help at basket maker's home

BY LAURACOLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Organizers hope the community goes on a roll this weekend when the Clarkston Farmers' Market kicks off a campaign to collect more than 400 bicycles.

Beginning this week, the market—located across from Depot Park and open Saturday mornings 8-12—will serve as the drop off site for bicycles ultimately headed to the Republic of Ghana in West Africa.

The collection, said Farmers' Market Manager Anissa Howard, will support Bicycles for Humanity, a grassroots humanitarian organization aimed at mobilizing and empowering some of the world's poorest people with bicycles.

"We need to collect 420 old bikes," Howard said. "People can bring their bikes right to the market; we'll have a shipping container down there beginning this weekend."

The initiative supporting Bicycles for Humanity, she explained, grew from the hand woven baskets found under the yellow Clarkston Farmers' Market umbrellas every Saturday.

When the market launched its inaugural season in 2005, Howard and her small army of volunteers knew they needed a source of income to fund operational necessities.

They came upon the story of Baba Atule Ibrahim, a Ghanaian master weaver who learned the trade from his parents and grandparents as a boy and continues to teach basket weaving to people in the village areas.

Most have no other opportunity to develop skills or trades.

Organizers at the Clarkston Farmers' Market realized they could enrich the market—and support the faraway village—by selling the woven wares.

"Those baskets make it possible to continue the market," Howard said. "We sell them to fund advertising and cover the cost of



Market volunteer Kelly Minnick collects bikes for Bicycles for Humanity.

insurance. When I learned about Bicycles for Humanity, I asked 'Can we send them to the region where our weavers live?'"

The answer was yes, most likely, and Howard noted she's hoping to send the word about Clarkston's market along with the bikes, so the weavers know about the fruits of their labor.

According to the Bicycles for Humanity website, the bicycle can be an important tool in building a better life in the world's poorest countries, where other forms of transportation are unaffordable.

But the group also developed the methodologies and logistics to receive the bicycles in those countries and to train the local population to maintain and distribute the bicycles.

Therefore, Howard said, the donated bikes need not necessarily be in working order; the 40-foot tall shipping container will literally be transformed into a bike shop—adding sustainability to the venture—once it's unloaded from the ocean liner.

The market will serve as a collection site for bicycles until it closes for the season Oct. 10. The bikes will then be shipped to Ghana.

Monetary donations, amounting to about \$21 for each of the 420 bikes, are also needed.

But, said Howard, bikes can be donated with or without a cash contribution; likewise, those who don't have an unused bike but would like to help are encouraged to make a donation. For more information call 248-821-4769; Email [info@clarkstonfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@clarkstonfarmersmarket.org) or visit [www.clarkstonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.clarkstonfarmersmarket.org)

## Farmers' season just getting started

Cooking demonstrations, children's art activities, henna tattoos and face painting: the Clarkston Farmers' Market will offer a number of special activities and products when it kicks off the Bicycles for Humanity collection Saturday, July 25.

From 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., renowned musician Mark Stone—along with a Ghanaian friend—will entertain market-goers with African themed music.

Hungry? East River Organic Farms will

grill up certified organic grass-fed beef burgers; Essence on Main will offer cooking demonstrations and the Clarkston Optimist Club will brew up fresh joe as the market features Beans for Bikes, a certified organic fair trade coffee blend that will be sold all season to support the bike program.

The coffee is available by the pound—in ground and whole-bean varieties—or by the cup, brewed fresh and sold on site by the Optimists.


"People can taste it to see how they like it," said Market Manager Anissa Howard. "It's actually really good."

But, she noted, market visitors should remember the main attraction.

"The season is opening," Howard said. "Our Michigan harvest is really starting to come in. The blueberries are here; the broccoli and cauliflower is coming in, and we've got honey now, which we didn't at the beginning of the season."


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# Passing it along

## Township eyes sewer rate increase

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As has been tradition since 2002, residents of Independence Township will see their sewer rates increase to cover "pass through" rate increases in the Clinton-Oakland sewage disposal system.

Director of Public Works Linda Richardson recommended an increase of \$10 per quarter at the July 7 board meeting, including \$1.66 per 3,200 cubic feet of water increase this year, as well as an additional two-thirds of last year's rate increase.

Richardson said she made a miscalculation when converting the cost from flow base to Residential Equivalent Unit and only passed on one-third of the cost.

"Last year, our increase was \$10.30 and we only passed on \$3.25 cents," she said.

Trustee David Lohmeier said this highlights the danger of flow rate versus REU.

"As we go forward, if we decide to stay with the REU versus flow rate, we run this risk," he said. "We are going to have to be really diligent on converting the flow base charges through."

The proposed increase would cost Independence Township homeowners an extra \$74.75 per quarter in 2009.

Richardson said from 1986 to 2002, the township received a \$10.11 increase, but never passed it on to residents.

"In 2002, we had a rate study and at that time, it was recommended that we pass thru to our customers our increases that we received from Oakland County," she said. "Since 1986 to this current \$1.66, the township incurred \$35.66 in increases, but we have only passed on \$27.75 to our residents."

Trustee Neil Wallace suggested holding off on the increase and "rolling it into one, comprehensive (increase with other recommended increases coming in the future)."

"I don't want to delay this forever, I want to take the responsibility for it, but I think that we need to sort it out in a way that makes sense," Wallace said. "Make a determination that we're going to go to a flow base and not be having folks get an increase now based on this, a decrease later based on conversion of flow rate and then another increase based on catch up and having to take care of the loan problem."

Treasurer Curt Carson also agreed on setting the increase aside until a later date, he wanted everything ran through a model created by the township's auditors Plante Moran.

"In this model they have the increases for the county set up in the model so each year as we look at the rates when we put this program into the model it should tell us what we need to do," he said. "Let's look at the whole picture, run everything through the model and come up with something that we understand and agree to and then go to the ratepayers and obviously have to sell our case at that time."

Carson moved to postpone the increase and directed Richardson to run the pass through, through the model created by Plante Moran to see how it effects now and five years into the future by the July 21 meeting; however, the discussion has been further postponed to the Aug. 4 meeting.

"I only want to have to do this one more time. I haven't had a chance to meet with Plante Moran I wanted to make sure our numbers are jiving, I don't want to be coming up with numbers and they come up with something else," Richardson said. "It didn't give us enough time to coordinate."

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# Fundraiser helps students around world

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Harvestland Ministries hosts its second-annual Dumps to Diplomas fundraiser, 12-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1. Weather is expected to be better than last year's wind and rain, but they have plenty of indoor activities this year just in case.

"It's a great cause," said Pastor Pete Freeman, who joined the church at 5848 Clintonville Road this past April. "Last year was a good success. Many new things are planned this year."

Activities include live music featuring the worship band Emerge of Petersburg, Mich., pig roast, cake walk, baked goods, motorcycle ride, silent auction, professional face painter, archery lessons, demonstration by Independence Township firefighters, 14 vendors inside the church, and dunk tank.

"I'm already signed up for that," Freeman said.

Last year's fundraiser raised more than \$8,000 total for Payatas Children's Ministry, serving children living in a garbage-dump shanty town outside Manila in the Philippines.

"That's a huge amount considering size of the congregation," said Angela Howe, community outreach chair. "It's astounding to see the poverty there - seeing children living in the dump changes you."

The Payatas ministry, founded about 20 years ago by Marivic Goloy, provides children with preschool, without which they can't enter the public school system, Howe said.

"Preschool isn't publicly funded - that's why this is so important," said Dr. Leigh Elceser, event organizer. "We just sent tuition for five students. Three students graduated from college, one earned a national math and science award - it's a beautiful thing. It's working."

"As people in the community understands what she does, they become more supportive," Howe said. "It brings unity to our church, working on a good cause like that."

Freeman's father, Dr. John Freeman, was pastor of Harvestland Ministries 18 years ago, so taking over the congregation is a homecoming for him.

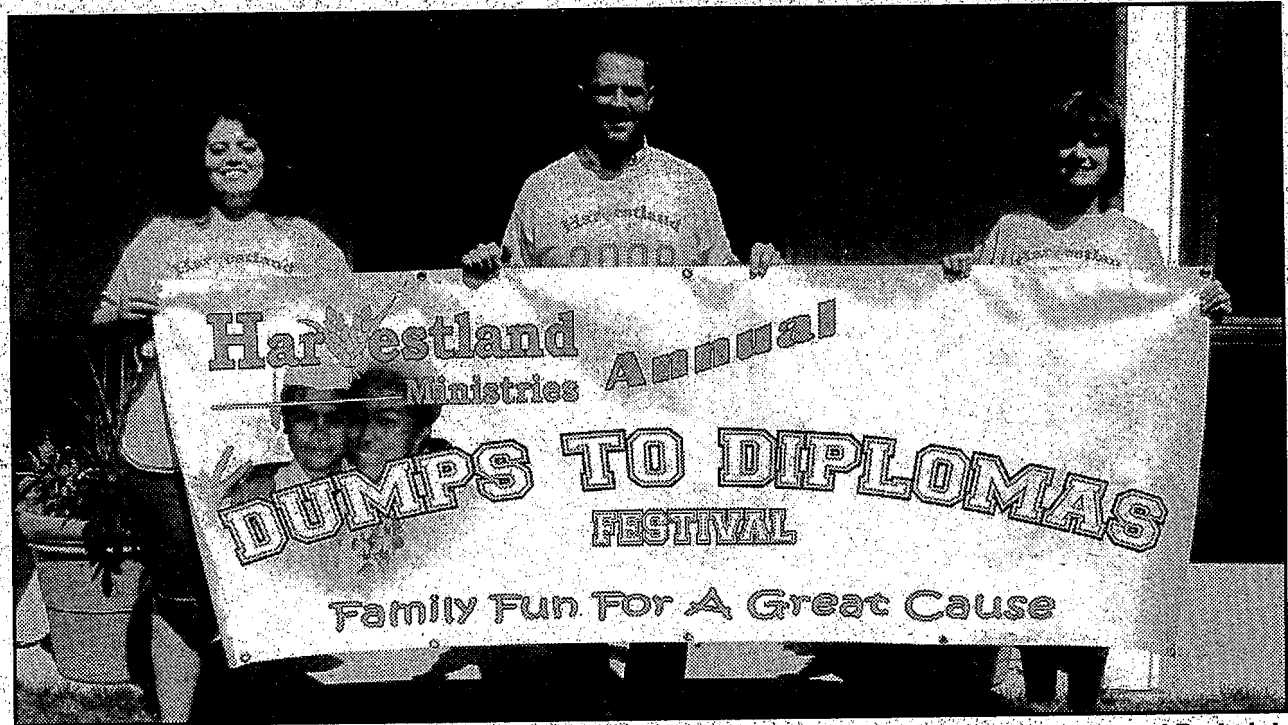
"Back to my roots," Pastor Freeman said.

He served as a youth minister for the past 13 years in Pittsburgh, Pa. He graduated from Oakland Christian High School in 1991.

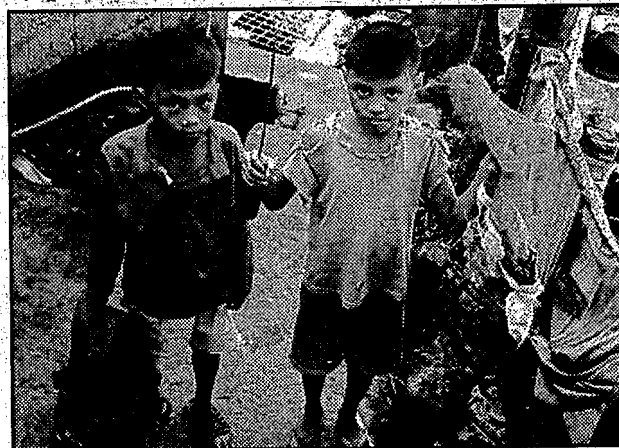
"He's doing quite well," Howe said. "We have lot of new growth and new things going on. I think it's great."

Church ministries also focus on the Clarkston community, Freeman said.

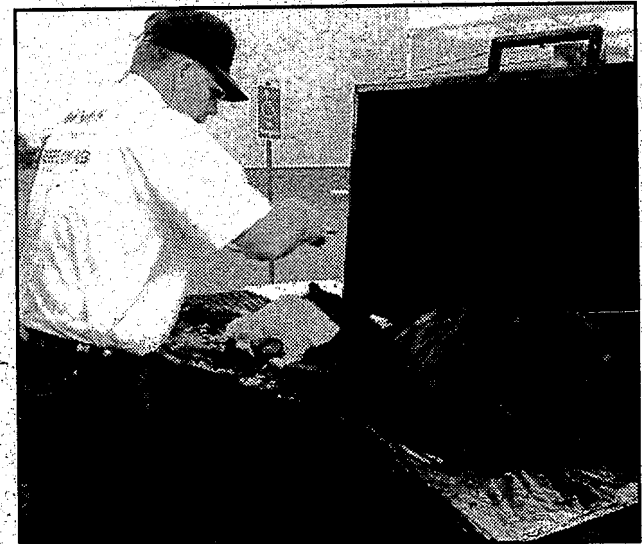
"There are tough times," he said. "Anything we can do to



Angela Howe, Pastor Pete Freeman, and Dr. Leigh Elceser are organizing Harvestland Ministries' Dumps to Diplomas fundraiser.



Church members visited children in need in Payatas, Philippines, as part of their ministry.



The fundraiser includes a pigroast.

be of service to Clarkston, that's what we do."

Harvestland's Vacation Bible School, Crocodile Dock, is set for Aug. 10-14.

For more information on the fundraiser, check [www.welcome2harvestland.com](http://www.welcome2harvestland.com).



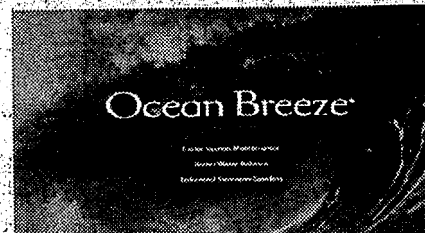
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## Out loud

A column by Laura Colvin

### (Al) Roberts' Rules

It was a strange thing for the superintendent to say. As graduating senior Maddy Dunn finished her commencement speech June 9, the CHS class of 2009 erupted in cheers. Superintendent Al Roberts rose to begin his own address.

"It's always tough to follow the senior speaker," he told the crowd. "They say what they mean and mean what they say."

A novel approach, indeed, and Roberts recently illustrated his inability or unwillingness to do the same.

At a March 23 Board of Education meeting, Roberts called potential cuts "painful."

But the pain wasn't enough to forgo a raise for himself; the board managed to carve \$1.8 million from the district's budget, then iced the cake with some sweet and creamy frosting: a fat pay hike for the superintendent.

The following month, Roberts responded to concerns about class size: "Despite the tough economic times and the need to reduce expenditures, we will thrive," he said. "Our district has a history of doing more with less."



Reduce expenditures? Do more with less? He obviously doesn't say what he means, or mean what he says; Roberts was visibly absent from the June 22 meeting while the board "did more with less" by signing his contract with one hand while dipping deep into the district fund balance to make ends meet with the other.

The superintendent's contract calls for a salary of \$154,000 this year, \$160,000 next year and \$166,000 in the 2012 school year, plus a \$600 monthly car and mileage allowance and a \$15,000 per year tax-deferred retirement annuity.

It's literally sickening.

Even without considering increased class sizes, reduced bussing schedules and other cuts, it's difficult to understand how a person to be so indifferent to reality.

I wonder if he's counted the district children whose families lost their homes to foreclosure in the last 12 months.

I'd like to know; I've personally seen devastated Clarkston families—families made up of good, hard-working people, families with children in Clarkston schools—lose their homes, their savings, their sense of security and their foothold on the future.

I wonder if he's called Lighthouse to inquire about children in his district whose parents, for the first time ever, humbled themselves to ask for food to feed hungry children.

People are losing jobs. The automobile industry is in turmoil. Businesses are shutting down. Michigan's unemployment rate recently hit a whopping 15.2 percent. In the last 12 months, Michigan has lost 338,000 jobs.

The future is anything—anything—but certain.

But hey, the superintendent has accepted a pay freeze in the past. The guy works hard.

Here's the question: So what?

I don't know many people in this community who don't work hard. I don't know many who don't deserve a raise.

The fact that Roberts would accept more in times like these—and that four board members would grant it -- is absolutely appalling, shameful and downright disgusting. It seems he's a man who fancies himself above the rest, a man who says things he doesn't mean and means things he doesn't say.

Ultimately, it's flat-out disappointing.

# Viewpoints

## Trash takeover could ruin community

Dear editor,

It was recently brought to my attention that Independence Township, along with other local municipalities is investigating whether or not to source all garbage removal services to one company ("Greener garbage, but at what cost," April 22).

The townships objective is to decrease the toll it takes on our local roads and explore alternatives to dumping in landfills. That sounds wonderful to those who don't do the research or explore the economic consequences of these types of actions.

This does a few things that will further impact the local economy. First, it will eliminate competition. When you eliminate competition and free market enterprise, demand levels remain, however the consumer has no say in the cost.

Costs will inevitably increase over time whether through the waste removal service itself or in the form of taxation. Secondly, it will eliminate jobs of blue and white collar workers.

The small businesses competition will restructure, move or go out of business. Next, the quality of the service will inevitably deteriorate over time because they cannot be held accountable

when there is no local competition, not to mention these services have "green initiatives" in place already.

Lastly, if the local government should decide to make waste service a government run operation, using taxpayer dollars, etc., we will experience further negative impact. Public sector programs are often ineffective and inefficient.

On a recent business trip to Toronto, Canada, I saw the negative impact first hand. Their city waste removal is on strike and has been for some time. There is trash everywhere and it gives the city a bad name. The local communities need to speak up and let their voices be heard. If something like this passes, where will it stop?

Free market principals and entrepreneurship are what make Michigan and the United States great.

Small business employs roughly 60-70 percent of Americans. Allow the local waste removal companies to do business as usual and continue their pursuit of the American Dream!

Ben Horstman

Concerned Independence Twp. taxpayer

### Letters to the editor

## Thanks for successful Garden Walk

Dear editor,

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club would like to thank the homeowners, businesses, and community members who supported the Fourth Clarkston Garden Walk last Wednesday.

More than 300 people walked through six beautiful and creative residential gardens and gardens of interest at McLaren Healing Garden and the Independence Township Library.

The Clarkston Garden Walk was made possible by the generosity of the homeowners who opened their unique

gardens to visitors.

Funds from the Garden Walk will be used for scholarships for 2010 graduates, programs in the Clarkston Schools, and plantings at the library and in the Main Street planters.

We would also like to thank our partner, Clarkston Community Education for their help.

Enjoy the blooms,

Gail Reading and Joette Kunse  
Garden Walk 2009 CoChairs

## 'Keep writing and we'll keep reading'

Hello Jim Sherman (Sr.),

I have never written to you, but I kept saying I was going to... so here it goes.

My husband and myself love your paper and the columns you write. I like the ones you write about your grandkids and Shayna, your dog. And, I know you like your sons-in-law by the tidbits you put in your column. We really miss Don Rush's column. Seen his column a few weeks ago. Thought maybe he was coming back. Guess not.

We have a little dog. She's a shitzu maltese, 2-and-half-years

old and weighs 10 pounds. Her name is Kookie, we take her to Baylis Animal Hospital in Ortonville. They're a good group of people there, sure loves animals (We see their ad in your paper).

I'll go now, you keep writing and we'll keep reading. Thanks for a good paper.

Readers,

Don & Henryetta James

(Jottings Note: thank you for your input. Don Rush still works for us, performing more administrative duties. He has promised to write more -- so keep an eye out!)

## Letter writers said what needed to be said

Dear editor,

Oh, how wonderful to read both letters ("School board needs budget training," July 8, and "Don't abuse tax surplus," July 11).

Yippee for Mr. Lawrence Matta and Mr. Mike Powell. It is about time and I could not have written the letters better.

Sure hope these men are around for the next elections. Both of these boards need a good and thorough sweeping.

Maybe Clarkston News would be so kind as to republish just before Nov. and May elections!

Fay Brown  
Independence Township

More letters to the editor on page 7A



# Chewing, time, pranks and politicians

• My current advice: "Believe their actions, not their words."

• Baseball is called both America's pastime and America's game. At the All Star game recently the lead off hitter was Japanese. What a country!

• With little else to do and time to do it, I decided to test my chewing time vs. ma'dog Shayna. I took eight chomps before I felt comfortable swallowing a piece of weiner. Shayna didn't chomp at all, just swallowed. A piece of steak took me 14 chews. Shayna, four. What the heck is her hurry?

• Love it the way office holders in Washington, DC use time to pitch whatever they're legislatin'.

"This legislation will save billions of dollars over the next 35 years," they may say.

They obligate future generations and administrations, and don't bother to explain. What president Obama has said is, "Just follow the plans I have laid out."

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• Take time to Work -- it is the Price of Success.

• Take time to Think -- it is the source of Power.

• Take time to Play -- it is the secret of Perpetual Youth.

• Take time to Read -- it is the Fountain of Wisdom.

• Take time to Worship -- it is the Highway to Reverence.

• Take time to be Friendly -- it is the road to Happiness.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

• Take time to Laugh -- it is the Music of the Soul.

• Take time to Dream -- it is Hitching your wagon to a Star.

• Take time to Live.

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I believe I mentioned "Liz Tricks" before. Here are a few more of her (Elizabeth Baldwin's) pranks.

• If they like premium beer, give them the cheapest beer you can buy.

• Put candy in a plastic bag inside an empty Epsom Salts box.

• Plan a white tie evening and take your guests to a White Castle in a limo.

• Give husband of ailing wife a recipe for chicken soup and a live chicken.

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It's been several years since I first gave Jottings readers this quote of Jim Covert, former Supt. of Royal Oak Schools.

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatsoever I can.

"I want to be thoroughly used up when

I die, for the harder I work, the more I live.

"I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle for me, it is a sort of splendid torch which I have hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn brightly as possible before handing it on to the future generations."

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• Remember car coats?

First off, they weren't CAR coats. They had bulky bottoms that ended at our bottoms. They bunched up when you sat down in a car, and were too short to be warm, and too long and bulky to flex. Why do we let some dippy designer sell us into stuff that gets rejected even at garage sales?

• One of my recent ex-friends said he was going to start a newspaper in opposition to me. He said, "I'm going to take the opposite position from you on whatever you write . . . just as soon as I figure out what the opposite side of a straddled fence is."

• The reason Congress takes recesses is so members can go home to mend their fences before the voters give them the gate.

• The best description of a politician I ever heard is: *He shakes your hand before election and our confidence afterwards.*

• They all promise you pie in the sky, but we all know it's our dough they plan on using.

## \$5,000 raised for veterans

Dear editor,

Recently our organization distributed our bright red crepe paper poppies.

Due to the generosity of the Clarkston community, we were able to raise \$5,000 so that we can assist veterans in need throughout the next year.

We'll be providing food, clothing, and utilities, as well as support for our current service people. Thank you all for your

generous donations!

We would also like to recognize Kroger in Springfield Township, Bueches in Ortonville, Independence Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Thank you to the American Legion Post 63 and Sons of the the American Legion Squadron 63 for their assistance!

Amy Laboissonniere, President  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63

## Taxes up when property down?

Dear editor,

We wish someone could explain to use how the City of the Village of Clarkston can raise our property assessment \$19,000 when the value of property is way down and people are losing their homes in the village.

We went before the board to request it to be lowered and we were denied. Wonder how many others in the village received such a huge increase?

Mike and Mary Mihalcheon  
Clarkston

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1994

**"Injuries in Monday's apartment fire"** Nine fire departments responded to a fire that gutted a 36-unit apartment complex in Independence Township. Firefighters drew water from a nearby lake and pond to help extinguish the blaze. Residents escaped without injury.

**"Alleged stalker ordered to stand trial"** District Judge Gerald McNally ordered the Clarkston suspect to stand trial for threatening his ex-girlfriend with a knife and leaving threats on her answering machine.

**"A new place to play"** Volunteers armed with pitchforks, shovels, and rakes moved mounds of woodchips and gravel from DPW trucks to Depot Park's playground. The renovation was mostly funded by local donations.

**"Goin' for a ride"** Six-year-old Benjamin Chaloner of Clarkston took his mother's 1985 Honda for a short ride. The car hit a neighbor's house, but the boy wasn't hurt.

### 25 years ago - 1984

**"Senior complex site dropped"** After investing thousands into site plans and engineering, developers abandoned plans for a \$30 million senior citizen complex at Dixie and I-75, on 26 acres shared by Independence and Springfield townships. They said the site was too small, and were considering two other sites in Independence Township.

**"Significant finds at mastodon dig"** Volunteers and students worked in four-foot-deep trenches, delicately scooping shovelfuls of dirt. They had uncovered a foot-long jaw with fist-size teeth and three back vertebrae from a 12,000-year-old mastodon.

**"Married 25 years, couple has 65 foster kids"** Jim and Carolann Reed decided to take foster children into their home 11 years before, raising and teaching dozens of babies and older kids.

### 50 years ago - 1959

**"Chance to see U.S. Navy ships"** Destroyers U.S.S. Willis Lee, U.S.S. J.P. Kennedy, and U.S.S. Warrington, and submarine U.S.S. Sablefish were set to stop by Detroit's Civic Center piers.

**"Clarkston Pioneers to have picnic"** The group planned a potluck picnic at the home of George Harris on Main Street. Following the picnic luncheon was to be an afternoon of games.

**"Clarkston local"** Harry D. Waggener hosted for Clarkston Rotarians a pontoon and motorboat ride around Deer Lake. Ail had a grand time.

## Where to reach local government

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City Council

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Village Hall, 375 Depot Road  
www.cityofclarkston.org  
248-625-1559

Independence Township  
Township Board

7:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive  
www.twp.independence.mi.us  
248-625-5111

Springfield Township  
Township Board

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Clarkston Community Schools  
Board of Education

7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays  
Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road  
www.clarkston.k12.mi.us  
248-623-5400

# No to cable broadcast

## Township rejects plan to tape, air special meetings

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Trustee Neil Wallace brought forth a motion to have special meetings taped and broadcast on the local cable access channel, his request was denied by a 5-2 vote.

"I have learned over the course of the last special meetings that we've had this spring, that there is apparently an unspoken directive or policy that precludes the recording of special meetings of the board," he said at the July 7 meeting. "I think to provide information and transparency to the public all our board meetings should be recorded and broadcasted by the cable department."

Supervisor Dave Wagner said it wasn't in the budget, which would cost close to \$80,000 to hire a full-time person with fringe benefits. He also said they don't tape the special meetings because those meetings are "basically workshops."

"Something where we sit around in a different type of an atmosphere, roll our sleeves up," he said. "Nothing is being hidden from the public because they are posted, right out there and it's an additional expense that we're going to impose on the general fund, which the general fund cannot afford."

According to Wagner in a later interview, \$80,000 of Clarkston Public Access Center's (CPAC) allotted \$90,000 budget for the year has been spent and there is only \$4,500 left in the part-time payroll budget.

Wagner also noted at the July 7 meeting that special meetings don't include the "personalities" that are shown on camera.

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen agreed.

"I believe that our workshops are more productive because we go straight to the issues and personalities are not part of the drama so to speak," she said.

Treasurer Curt Carson said he appreciated the "open dialogue" in the workshop setting and thought the board was "much less inhibited and could dive deep" into the issues.

"I think we need to spend that time concentrating on the issues at hand," Carson said. "As opposed to worrying about what you're saying on camera."

Trustee Mark Petterson said he could care less about personalities, but he did care about the cost.

"He's (Andy Reish, CPAC program director) already spent 80 percent of his part-time wages. Most of that is contributed to the amount of our special meetings that we've been having," Petterson said. "Although very necessary, I think we need to collaborate a little bit more understanding how much time were going to have at special meetings. "Furthermore, this board is dangerously close to being over budget itself."

Wagner said there is \$10,000 left out the allotted \$24,000 budget to pay trustees for meetings.

Trustee Larry Rosso also said the cost matter was a "very considerable thing" he weighs in the matter.

"When we were reviewing each of the budgets for each of the departments, we have to be in a scale back mode," he said. "We haven't agreed how we're going to do it or how much in terms of dollars and cents, but we're scaling back."

Trustee David Lohmeier, said he too was concerned with transparency, but disagreed the cameras played any factor in personalities.

"I don't think this is a function of the cameras, I don't think this intimidates anybody, I think it's a function of sitting around the table in a much more casual atmosphere," he said. "I don't think if you started taping us back there that the behavior would be that much different."

Wallace agreed.

"The camera doesn't change anything of how I operate or what I have to say, it doesn't bother me, in fact we've had special meetings where there has been a camera, we've had private recordings of special meetings, and that in my judgment doesn't change anything," Wallace said. "Democracy is an ugly and sometimes expensive process, but it is still a democracy."

Lohmeier said he wanted to be sensitive to the budget cost as well and didn't want any more increases.

"I'll go back in the room and flip the camera on, so we have a DVD they can run on local access, this can't be that hard guys," he said. "Come on, we just don't want to do it."



## Sprucing up

Landscaper Preston Phelps prepares to plant a row of trees along Washington Street in downtown Clarkston, next to 5 S. Main St., home of The Clarkston News. Photo by Phil Custodio

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## Christian crook?

Police in Springfield Township were looking into a fraud report after resident was alerted to suspicious activity on her credit card and discovered an unknown and unauthorized individual was using her identity to order merchandise from an online Christian supply store. The goods were shipped to an address in Nevada.

## Gas and dash

Deputies in Springfield Township responded to a gas station in the 8400 block of East Holly after a white female driving a Pontiac Aztec pumped \$32 in gasoline and drove off.

## Blasted by BBs

A deputy told residents the windows smashed from two different cars July 9 on Klais Road appeared as if shot out by a BB gun. Nothing was missing from either vehicle. Meanwhile, a 17-year-old Independence Township female reported someone smashed out the back window of her vehicle while it was parked at Clintonwood Park as she jogged in the area.

## Windows smashed at DTE

Deputies responded to several reports of smashed-out car windows at DTE July 9-10, discovering a thief was targeting purses and wallets left in cars—even those stashed under seats.

# Public Safety

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

## Like to buy a magazine?

A Missouri man was cited for soliciting without a permit in the 6600 block of Wellesley Terrace after a resident called to complain. The man, who was selling magazines, said he had permit but couldn't produce it and was "not very cooperative" with deputies.

## Out-of-state potato

A business owner in the 6400 block of Dixie Highway called police July 13 after discovering someone shattered a 68x76 window in the building, resulting in about \$1,000 in damages. The responding deputy noted several large rocks—along with an Idaho potato—lying nearby.

## Motorcycle maniac

A 47-year-old Pontiac man who "popped a wheelie" on the motorcycle he was riding in a parking lot in the 5900 block of Dixie Highway July 12 was cited with reckless driving after he lost control of the bike. Witnesses told police they saw the bike—along with the man and his wife, who was riding on the back—slid across the lot before finally coming to rest under a parked Chevy Suburban; the man's wife, who was pinned under the vehicle along with the bike, was transported to the hospital for injuries. The man, who'd been drinking, supplied a PBT of .013, less than the legal driving limit of .08, and was therefore not arrested for drunk driving.

# Township man arrested in child abuse case

A 19-year-old man was arrested in Independence Township after police investigated reports about someone "luring young kids into the woods" July 3 near Bridgewater Apartment Complex.

Michael Dwayne Fisher was arraigned in 52/2 District Court on charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Police said Fisher moved to Independence Township June 27 to live with his stepfather in the 5000 block of Upland Dr; he previously



Fisher

resided with his mother in Canton, Ohio.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, who released the information July 15, deputies arrested Fisher after learning he'd been "hanging around" an 11-year-old girl who was referring to him as her boyfriend.

The girl allegedly advised that Fisher touched two parts of her body "at least once" in each area. Police said "no penetration or attempted penetration occurred."

While initial reports suggested the person "luring young kids into the woods" attempted to make contact with more than one child, police said the investigation didn't turn up evidence others had been targeted.

"No one has reported anything since, and no one else has come forward," said Det. Tim Hein of the Independence Township Sheriff's Office substation, who was handling the case. "That doesn't mean nothing happened, but no one has come forward."

Hein noted he encouraged others in the neighborhood to contact him if they had more information.

Fisher is charged with one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of assault and battery as an alternate charge. He was bound over for trial after a preliminary exam July 17 and remains in Oakland County Jail on \$7,500 cash bond.



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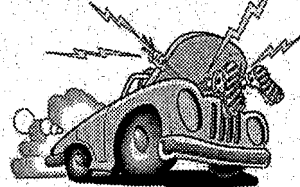
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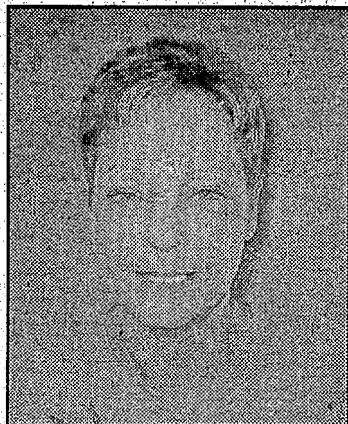
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**Carol Evans - (President)**

I am writing this letter to, as promised, keep you updated on the possibility of you losing your right to choose your garbage hauler. A report was recently finalized and presented to Oakland County and will soon be presented to the individual Township boards. It is my understanding that the report will include a recommendation that several Townships join together to form an Authority and contract out all waste, compost and recyclables hauling. Upon acceptance of this recommendation, and formation of this Authority, the Townships will begin to move forward with implementing the steps necessary to contract Solid Waste Hauling to whomever they choose, not you.

The company doing this study cites the fact that going to a contracted hauler will help mandate recycling initiatives as well as force haulers to provide single stream recycling. They have mentioned in a recent local newspaper article how Rochester Hills recently implemented such a program and attributes it to a waste hauler contract. I already provide this program. I saw that you wanted a more user friendly and comprehensive program and began single stream recycling last July. I have also begun talks on implementing a Rewards program to further encourage and assist our customers to "Go Green" and get involved in recycling. I did this because it was what was needed, both for our customers and to help protect the environment.

It is also stated that you will receive curbside pickup of compost at no charge. Again, I already provide this service. Our customers enjoy garbage, compost and single stream recycling at a very competitive rate, now, with no fuel surcharges or administration fees. No long term contracts. And in the rare instance that someone is unhappy with the quality of service that we provide, it has always been their right to switch to a different hauler. Isn't that what our nation is, or was, based on?

Additionally, it is being promised that fewer garbage companies will mean better roads. This really isn't true. There was a quote in *The Citizen* that quoted an employee from the Oakland County Road Commission as saying "It will not make a significant difference." Evidence of that can be seen by driving through some neighboring communities that have contracted solid waste. Their roads are typically no better than ours. Aside from that, who will be next? Will we force Fed Ex and DHL out of the area and only allow one delivery company on our roads, UPS? How about pizza deliveries or florists? Will we limit our road access to them as well?

I have received an overwhelming amount of support and responses to the letter that was mailed to you this past spring. A great many of you emailed and called me stating that you were opposed to this measure and wanted to know what you could do. The most important thing to do now is contact the leaders in the Township in which you live. Voice your opinion and let them know that it is your desire to keep your right to choose. Email or write your Township Trustees or Supervisor. Most importantly, find out when this issue will be on the agenda of the next Board Meeting and attend. Let your voice be heard. If you do not do so now, you may lose the right. Some of the people in charge of this study are taking the lack of vocal opposition as a sign of acceptance and are moving forward. A survey has been posted on your local government's website, but very few people even know about it, and the responses have been minimal. If you take the survey, please, keep in mind that we already provide the recycling program they want and are in talks to start a Rewards Program. I know based on feedback from my last letter that the idea of more government control worries a lot of you. It is time to make sure that each and every Township Official hears your voice. Tell them that you are against this measure. Let them know you are against forcing more small Michigan companies out of business.

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## Local businesses considered first

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a more serious look, at doing business locally," he said.

Treasurer Curt Carson asked what "substantially comparable price" in the policy meant. Wallace said it may not be the lowest bidder, but a local business who is comparable in price to the lowest bidder.

Trustee Larry Rosso endorsed the concept.

"We have to be much more aware of the local business people, especially the plight of the economy that we're experiencing right now and knowing who sort of spreads butter on our bread around here," Rosso said. "It's the awareness factor we're trying to develop here and we should at every level best on those that are biddable items, such as over the \$10,000 figure to make sure we solicit bids from local business persons as a matter of routine, not as a matter of exception."

Trustee David Lohmeier agreed this was just common sense.

"The very minimum we can do is try to throw them the dollars that we're going to spend. I think philosophically this is just a nice mantel to have in front of us all the time," he said. "If possible, we want to do business locally. We understand there are reasons occasionally where we won't be able to do that, but certainly it should be our goal."

The board adopted the policy unanimously. However, Trustee Mark Petterson later said he believes the board did something "un-American and slapped the idea of free enterprise in the face."

"I certainly agree this township should use the local business products and services as much as possible, but not to the point where local businesses have a monopoly on township funds, even if they do pay taxes here," he said. "It has been the norm for all townships to except low bids and get the best quality at low bid. The object of low bid is to keep everyone, even business in and outside of the township, very competitive."

Petterson also pointed out local businesses bid out their products and services to other communities as well.

"Our township is not the sole source of income for these businesses," he said. "I'm sure our local businesses would be furious if other townships passed the same policy that removed them in any way from consideration for products and services."

He also sees future potential for outside businesses to refuse to bid in the township in protest, because they know local business will automatically get it.

"So they won't waste their time, therefore creating a local business monopoly and some will wait for the right moment, raise prices, and stick it to us good," Petterson said. "Additionally, this could come in conflict with our bid policy."

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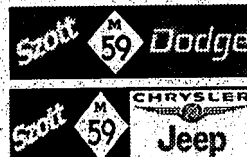
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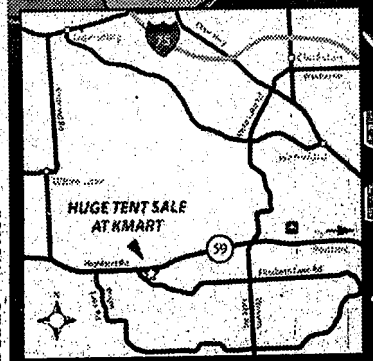
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# Fund balance covers school funding gaps

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Independence Township has a fund balance of \$2.5 million, 8.6 percent of its \$29.02 million budget.

Springfield Township's \$2.7 million fund balance is 52 percent of its \$5.2 million budget.

The fund balance provides a cushion to deal with unanticipated costs, said Treasurer Curt Carson, Independence Township.

"It gives us room in case of emergencies," Carson said.

Fund balances rise and fall depending on economic cycles, he said.

"When the market was going well, the township used the fund balance for things like building and water and sewer projects," he said. "Now that returns are not so good, my number one responsibility is to protect the principal on all funds."

It's also used when costs increase, said Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter.

"The budget is a fluid document," Ritter said. "Electricity and fuel costs, investment interest earnings, state revenue sharing, all fluctuate throughout the year."

A substantial fund balance is also useful when applying for a bond, he said.

"They look at our budget history and like to see a growing fund balance," he said.

Catherine Mullhaupt, Michigan Township Association director of member information

services representing more than 1,200 townships statewide, said every municipality has its own circumstances.

"Fund equity balances are all over the map," she said. "The amount depends on the comfort level of the board. The fund balance is not like a savings account—there are large balances to zero—it depends on the community and what they are saving up for, like a firetruck or a new township hall."

Terry Stanton, public information officer for Michigan Department of Treasury, said the state provides no specific fund-balance requirement.

"While the state does not set or mandate parameters for a fund balance, the amount is used in the fiscal scoring process," said Stanton.

However, it uses fund-balance information when calculating local municipalities' fiscal health, he said.

"It's just one factor," he said. "These local units are funded through property taxes—the expenses are increasing statewide and the revenues are not. We do look at fund equities as an indicator of fiscal stress."

Other factors include changes to population, tax revenues, government spending, and long-term debt.

School district fund balances are also used to cover payroll and operations every Sep-

tember and October.

Based on student population, \$7,552 per student, districts receive state funding every month except for September.

"School starts in September, which means we must make payroll," said Stephen Hyer, Clarkston Board of Education president. "That's why we have money in the bank—that's why the fund equity is absolutely vital."

Borrowing to cover September costs would mean about \$230,000 in interest, Hyer said.

According to Bruce C. Beamer, executive director of business services, the district spends 2.1 percent of its budget in September, about \$1.8 million, and 10.1 percent in October, about \$8.7 million.

If state revenue estimates are too high, it can adjust its budget during the year, possibly resulting in less money for schools. Fund equity provides a buffer, Hyer said.

The fund balance is also an emergency reserve fund for schools, Roberts said.

"We need emergency money set aside in case major repairs are needed," he said.

Clarkston Schools' fund balance fluctuates during the year and from year to year. In the past 10 years, its low point was \$3 million in 2001, up to \$17.5 million in 2006. At the end of the 2009 school year, it was at \$10.6 million.

David Fleet contributed to this report.

# Bariatric seminars, July 28, Aug. 25

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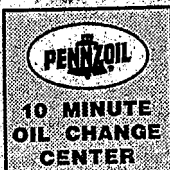
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# Edison champs back in town for 40-year anniversary

Forty years ago, man first walked on the moon. It was also the only time a local team won the National American Legion World Series.

"It was interesting -- I remember as if it was predestined," said Raymond Rolak, Edison Baseball



Gerry Ratkewicz

Reunion coordinator, who was a boy when the team won the 1959 series.

Tournament officials called a game in their favor against their toughest opponents because of rain. In another game, the opposing pitcher was injured and could no longer play.

"That was a big break," he said.

Players of American Legion Edison Post-187 of Detroit team gather once more this summer for reunion and honors, including zone playoffs at Chief Pontiac Field in Independence Township, July 25.

The team was coached by Art Kohn, who was uncle of Billy Pierce, Chicago White Sox pitcher born and raised in Detroit. Pierce will be in attendance during the midday celebration.

Gerry Ratkewicz, who played football for the University of Buffalo from 1960-63, was a pivotal contributor for Detroit Edison Post-187.

"In looking back, I remember when we played Temple, Bill Cosby was on their team. And I remember how dominant Gerry Philbin was for us," Ratkewicz said. "He was a monster on defense."

They will also be guests of honor at the State Championship Banquet in Adrian, Mich., July 29. On Aug. 31, Detroit Tigers honors the team at Comerica Park with a pre-game ceremony.

Outfielder Rich Miller will throw the ceremonial first pitch at the game against Tampa Bay.

The team was 49-10 that season, 40 years ago, winning the Michigan title on Belle Isle in Detroit, Regional in Indiana, and National title in Hastings, Neb. The team was on the road for 23 straight



Forty years ago, Fred Bowen receives the Junior Player of the Year trophy from Ernie Banks.

days, Rolak said.

Each received a black Louisville Slugger with his name engraved in gold on it, and Chicago Cubs leg-

end Ernie Banks awarded the Player of the Year trophy to Fred Bowen, who later went on a press tour. Appearing on NBC's "Today" show, he met baseball legend Ty Cobb.

"At that time, (Cobb) was already in a wheelchair because of his diabetes," Bowen said. "He was having a good day, and I mostly remember him just repeating, 'Do you want me to sign another ball, kid?' He kept calling me kid."

Bowen went on to get a baseball scholarship at the University of Detroit. He is recently retired as

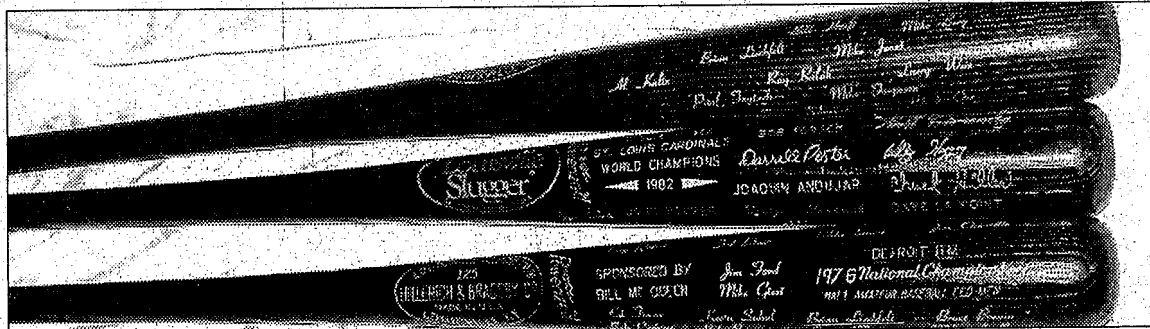
an educator and builder.

The Edison players will also commemorate their title this summer with a series of speaking presentations for young people, retelling the Edison team's tale. Additionally, the Plymouth District Library will host a curriculum-approved reading clinic, which will use baseball as the theme.

"Maybe we can plant some seeds, maybe we can grow some new champions," Bowen said.

For more information visit [www.chiefpontiacbaseball.org/](http://www.chiefpontiacbaseball.org/)

- Phil Custodio



## Athlete of the Week Blue team wins first

Clarkston Soccer Club's Impact '97 Blue won first place in Michigan Youth Soccer League's U12 Boys Red Division, with a record of eight wins, one loss and a tie.

The team scored 58 goals, while allowing 10 goals against them. They also won first place in their age group at the Rochester Classic Soccer Tournament this past spring.



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From left at All-Star players Nick Shamoun, Luke Prudhomme, Mike Musary and Joel Lange. Photos provided

## Chief Pontiac wins district championship

BY G. BENSON LANGE

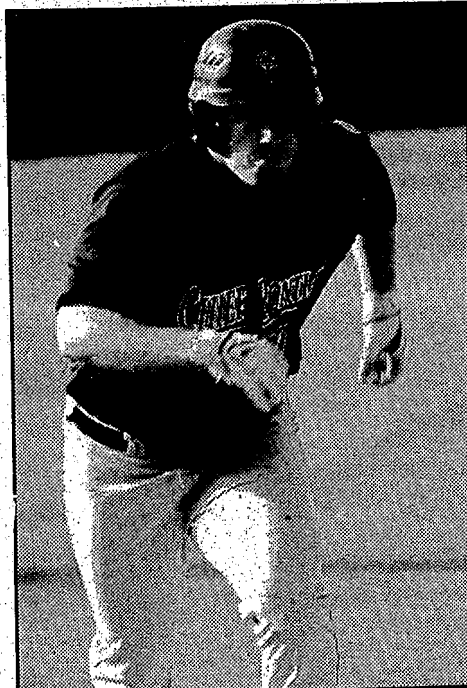
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Chief Pontiac faced their best competitors in the District 18 league at Avondale High School when the Auburn Hills Bombers won the first game of a double header, July 8, 10-6. Auburn Hill pitcher Mike Johnson held Chief Pontiac to nine hits.

The Bombers strung a series of hits together in the second inning allowing them to score seven runs. In the top of the seventh inning Chase Toth scored CP's final run on a Mike Musary sacrifice fly. The loss set the stage for game two under the lights where Joel Lange took the mound.

Lange set the pace by striking out No. 85 Joel Peters of the Bombers. From that moment forward, Lange went on to set a personal record of 16 strike-outs in a single game allowing only four hits and one earned run.

In the second, third and fourth innings all outs were posted as Ks in the score books.



Mike Musary runs for a base.

Neither team scored until the top of the third inning when the Bomber's Nick Bohne hit a three bagger and Donovan Ragle followed up with an RBI single.

Chief Pontiac's offense answered with a pair of runs by Chase Toth and Chris Mocerino. Nick Shamoun produced the first RBI of the inning and Robbie Sims the second. Auburn Hills put up another run in the fourth inning on a pair of CP fielding errors, tying the game at 2-2.

In the bottom of the fifth, CP got down to business, scoring eight runs on five hits including multiple RBI doubles and triples by Mocerino, Luke Prudhomme and Lange. Joel Lange allowed no hits from that point forward and finished the game with his 16th strike-out and a final score of 11-2.

July 10th Chief Pontiac faced American Legion Post 216 from Milford, at home where CP faltered in their pitching and fielding giving Milford four unearned runs, Milford finished on top 13-7.

The following day Chief Pontiac's top players returned to Milford to play in the Annual 18th District All-Star Game. Each player competed for three innings of the 9-inning game. Pitchers took the mound for a single inning.

Joel Lange started the game on the hill putting three strike outs in the books without giving up a hit. Nick Shamoun hit three for three producing three RBI and scored twice. Mike Musary scored a run and Luke Prudhomme drove in a run. Chief Pontiac played for the north team which trounced the south team, 23-5.

Chief Pontiac, still in first place in the 18th District, split their final double header with Royal Oak Post 253 on the 12th of July. CP started the game by scoring six runs on six hits in the first inning. Royal Oak scored a run in the fourth; CP answered by scoring a pair.

Royal Oak's comeback attempt was limited to a pair of runs in the sixth inning. Chief Pontiac finished 8-3 over RO. Luke

Prudhomme led the offensive charge with a 3-RBI double. Chris Mocerino, Nick Shamoun, Robbie Sims, and Joel Lange produced RBI and each scored a run.

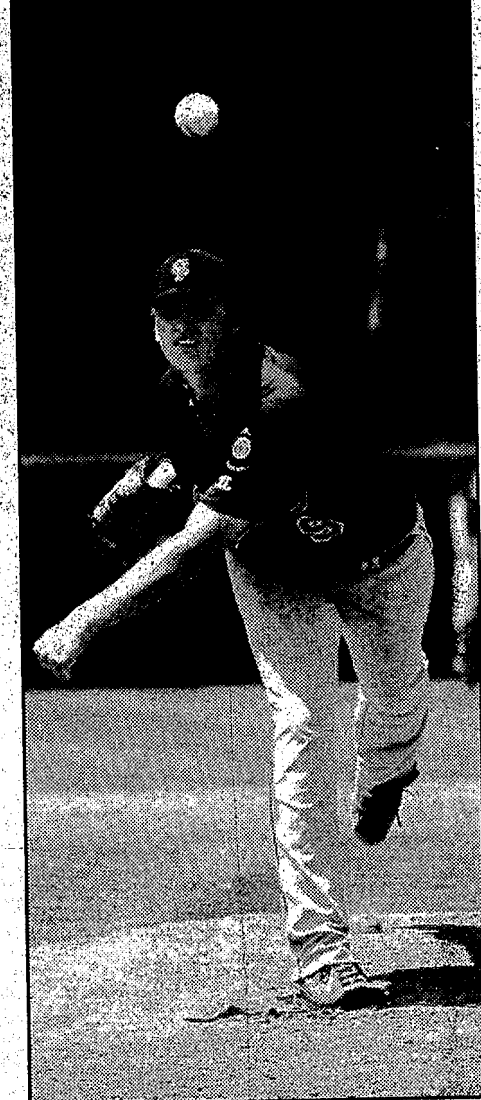
In the second game of the double header Alex Topham limited RO to two runs while CP scored three in the first four innings. Zak Kotz pitched a flawless fifth inning but then his control ebbed and with the bases loaded, Mike Musary pitched the final inning, giving up no hits but a series of fielding errors permitted Royal Oak to score four times in the sixth inning. CP put up only one run on a Chase Toth single and Nick Shamoun's sac fly to center field. CP's efforts fell short; Royal Oak won 6-4.

Chief Pontiac finished their regular season play in a contest against the Clawson Post 167. Joel Lange took command of the pitching duties striking out six Clawson batters in the first three innings while giving up only one hit. During Lange's last three outings he pitched 10 innings while giving up one earned run and fanning 25 batters.

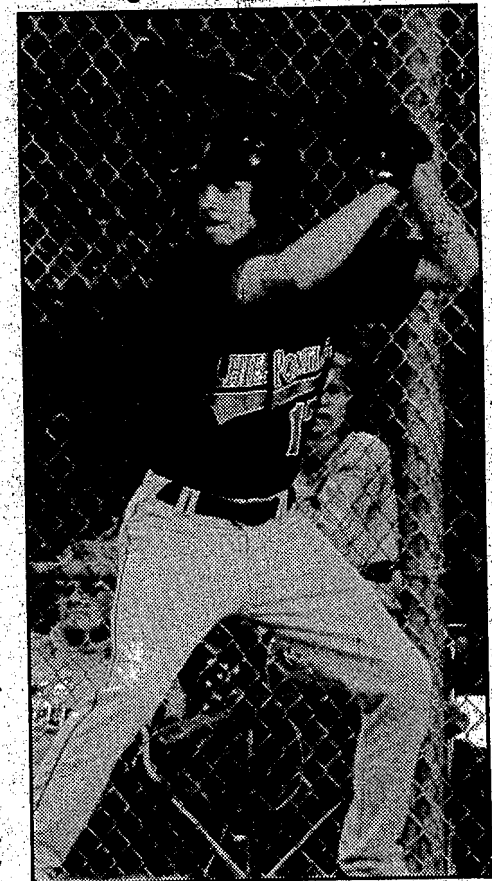
During those first three innings, CP bats rallied behind Lange's pitching as they generated 12 runs on eight hits. As other CP pitchers took their turn on the mound, the momentum faded as CP produced only one more run in the fourth inning by Jake Smith while Clawson clawed back scoring eight times in the fourth and fifth innings.

Drew Fairse took the hill in the sixth and seventh innings thwarting Clawson's offensive maneuvers by giving up only a single hit to Clawson's pitcher, Kevin Krysaik. CP's momentum carried them to the end of the game as they won 13-8.

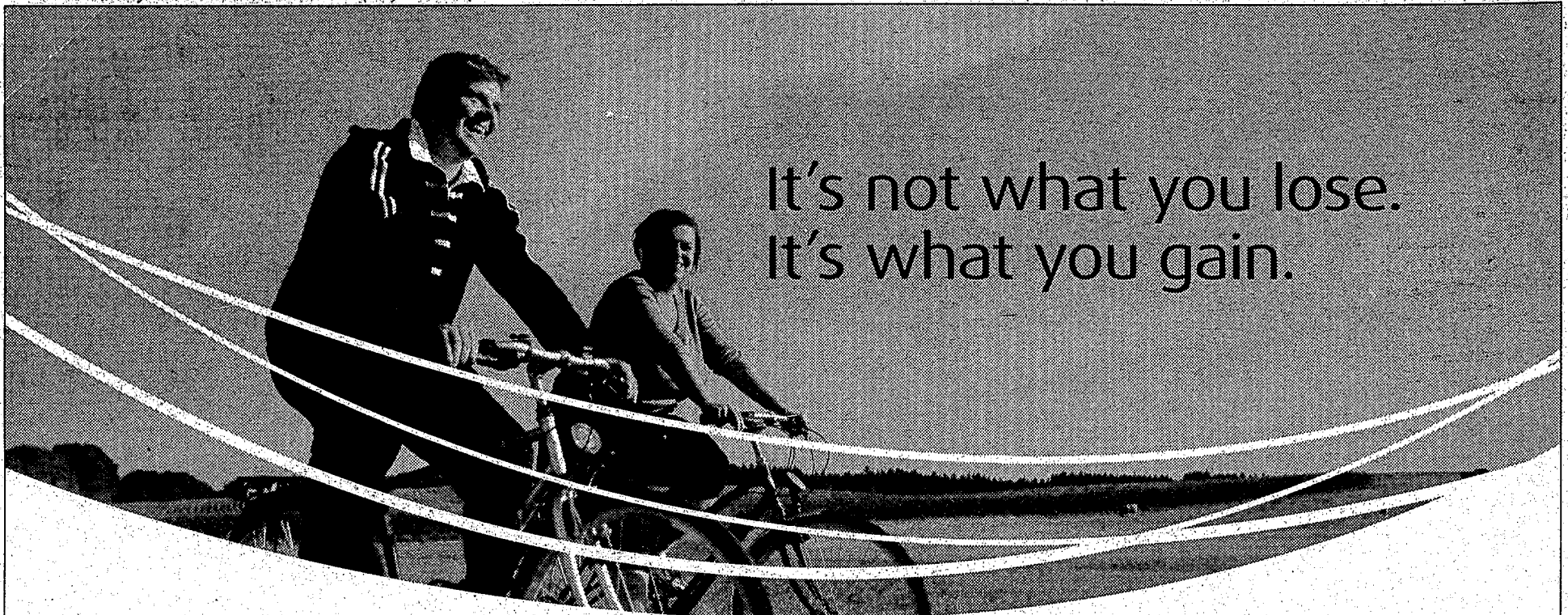
CP finished with a 14-4 record in the 18th District League and a season total record of 21-10. Chief Pontiac will continue playing in the zone double-elimination playoffs starting Thursday, July 23, at Shufer Burns baseball field at Chief Pontiac Post 377, where the zone 1 and 3 playoffs are being hosted. For more information visit <http://www.chiefpontiacbaseball.org/>



Joel Lange throws a pitch.



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# Park plan brings town together

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township is putting it in park.  
Rotary Park.

A collaborative effort to improve the park, located across from the Hart Center near downtown Davisburg, got started when Springfield Township Clerk Laura Moreau was working on plans to improve the township's historic cemetery.

Just down the road, she noticed Rotary Park could use some attention, too.

"You're heading into town and cresting over the hill by the railroad tracks and get this eyeeful of concrete and rock," she said. "It struck me we really should be focusing more on that because it's the last thing you see before you get to downtown."

After talking with the township's Parks and Recreation Department and members of the Davisburg Rotary—as well as representatives of other groups: the Springfield Township Garden Club, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, and Oakland County Parks—a plan was formed.

The idea, Moreau said, is for native planting beds to soften the wall of concrete and rock. She's hoping community groups and organizations will sponsor a bed by covering the cost of the plantings and volunteering to manage on-going maintenance.

When she announced plans to run for the Springfield Township clerk's position, Moreau listed revitalization of the Davisburg Hamlet among her priorities, noting such an effort would help bring a much-needed sense of community to the township.

Current efforts to improve Rotary Park—and Davisburg Cemetery—are part of that endeavor.

And, while the township continues to discuss possible solutions for some of the downtown's biggest challenges—parking and septic issues—Moreau said she feels the little things mean a lot.

"We can't go in and make major improvements or invest millions right now," she said. "But we can make a lot of these small efforts,

like the whiskey-barrel plantings the garden club did for the downtown, to show that we are a community that takes pride, and that we care and we are investing some time and effort."

The Davisburg Rotary, Moreau pointed out, has cared for the park over the years and recently painted the structures and added flower boxes to the bridge.

While continued plans for improving the park are still in early stages, Moreau said many have expressed enthusiasm about involvement.

Penny Mason of NOHLC, who had her gardens featured in Michigan Gardener magazine, volunteered to design the beds, she said.

The Davisburg Rotary agreed to help with the planting effort and will contribute to the plant purchase, and the Springfield Garden Club indicated an interest in the project, as well.

Oakland County Parks is also keen on getting involved.

"We're very enthusiastic about this project," said Jon Noyes, supervisor of planning for Oakland County Parks, noting Rotary Park is actually one of three parcels that comprise the Springfield Oaks County Park.

While operating the park in three distinct sections—the Oakland County Fair Grounds, the Springfield Oaks Golf Course and Rotary Park—is a challenge, Noyes said the situation also offers a diversity of experiences and unique opportunities for promoting the park and the broader community.

"Rotary Park should be a gateway for Davisburg, Springfield Township and Oak-



Rotary Park in Davisburg currently hosts a small memorial park, which was part of an Eagle Scout project. Photo by Laura Colvin

land County Parks," he said. "It's such a defining feature of the community and has not been emphasized in the past, but it has a lot of opportunity in moving forward."

Noyes said early efforts are focused on establishing a partnership with the township, mustering a volunteer force to assist with planting efforts, and addressing safety concerns associated with public use of the park.

He also wants to make sure the park remains accessible and usable for a group of remote control car enthusiasts who currently use it.

"If folks can come up with a unique use for that public facility, it's worthwhile to find ways to continue to provide that recreational opportunity," he said.

"At the same time, we want to address beautification concerns expressed by Springfield Township."

Those wishing to make donations or volunteer to support the Rotary Park project can call the Springfield Township clerk's office at 248-846-6510.

Also visit Oakland County Parks' website at [www.oakgov.com/parksrec](http://www.oakgov.com/parksrec)

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# Trucks to roll back into town

Tickets are on sale for the 2009 Tons of Trucks, hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

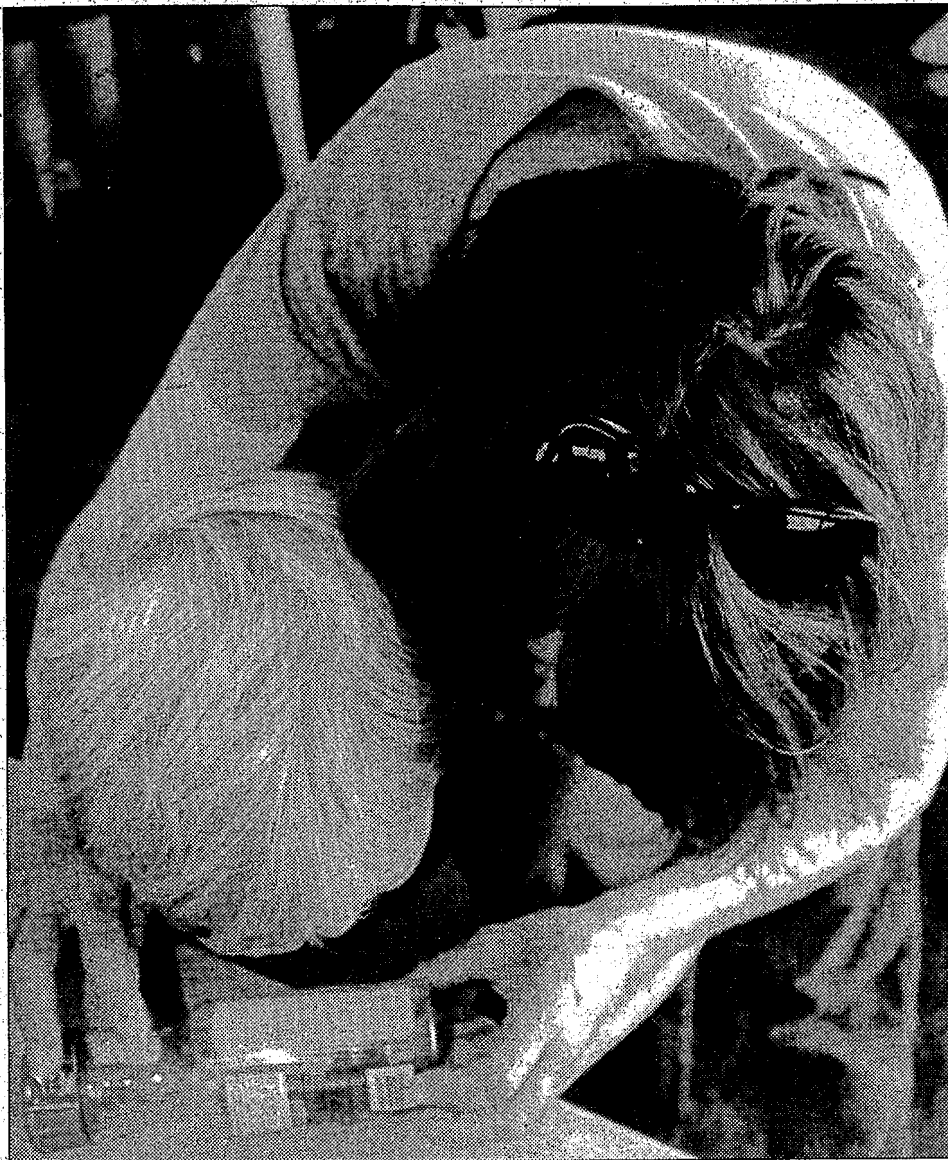
"Tons of Trucks is a really popular event," says Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor. "It's perfect for the younger ones who are interested in seeing what their favorite trucks look like on the inside, and it's fun for parents and grandparents, too. There's nothing like sitting in the front seat of a cool

or unusual truck, no matter how old you are."

On display will be police cars, fire trucks, dump trucks, and other vehicles. Yesteryears Tractor Club will also provide hay rides around Clintonwood for an additional cost.

Tickets are \$3 per child before Aug. 7, \$5 per child at the event, available at Parks and Rec, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. Each child will receive a green army hat.

For more information, visit [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org) or call 248-625-8223.



Shane Stedman, with the help of Gina Hanson, gets a closer look at a captive beetle.

## Bugs, bugs, everywhere!

Children were taught the basics of bugs at Independence Township Parks and Recreation's Bug-A-Palooza, July 11.

They assembled buggy crafts before heading out into the fields of Clintonwood Park and caught their own insects. The kids got to look through microscopes, feel what a honeycomb

is like, and also examine dozens of species of bugs in cases. They also got the opportunity to create their very own "Bug Suckers."

Bug Suckers, used to capture insects in a viewing case, are for when one wants to look at a bug, but doesn't want to touch it.

— Patrick Riggs



Forrest Chan pursues some bugs. Photos by Patrick Riggs

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## Gotta dance now

Residents felt the rhythm of the beat at Friday's Concert in the Park, featuring the 50s and 60s sound of Legend the Band, filling Depot Park with dancing feet and swinging arms.

The final concert of the season is set for Friday, July 24, featuring Rick and Dayna Lieder Band's rock, pop, and country music. Local talent performs at 6:30 p.m., main attraction from 7-9 p.m.

For more information, call Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce at 248-625-8055.

*Photos by Laura Colvin*



Ann and Arden Collier danced 50s and 60s hits, performed by Legend the Band in Depot Park.



Avery Feeney, 3, rushes to back toward her family.



Lila Ball won a giant bear in the Teddy Bear Twist.



Kennedy Canterbury checks on her balloons.



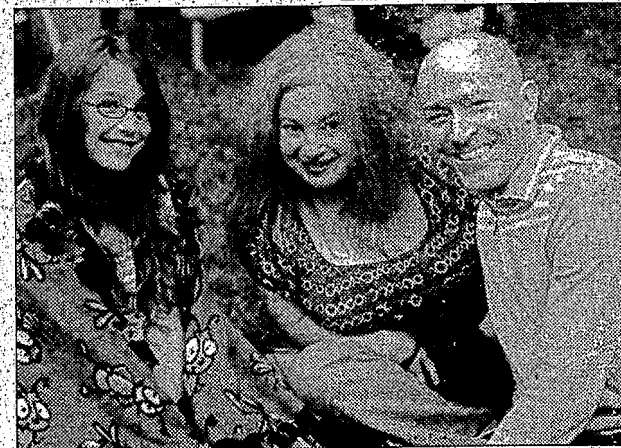
Anna Lampher joins the fun.



Robert McNaughton and Karen Salswedel dance to "Oh Donna."



Aubrie Kelp won at hula hoops.





## People Poll

July 22, 2009

With the 40th anniversary of first Apollo mission...

# Should we go back to the moon?



— John Thomas

"They should spend the money and time and go to Mars."



— Ron Sack

"No. Better to spend the money on things that would be worth the money required to do it. We have more pressing issues here."



— Al Bartley

"We can set up a station on the moon to go to Mars."



— Jerry Akehurst

"We should go to Mars. That's where the future is."

By Phil Custodio

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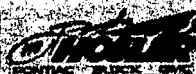
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## Friends honor Fields with fundraiser

BY J.T. BOHLAND

Special to the Clarkston News

Born and raised in Detroit, Jimmy Fields' mother Ann Spencer Fields guided him toward music.

His father, Joseph Fields, pushed him towards athletics, and he played football at Catholic Central High School. When an injury ended his career, Jimmy pursued his "backup," music, where he excelled.

After playing almost every instrument in the band, he graduated high school and went on to attend the University of Michigan, majoring in music.

To follow up his success in college, Jimmy joined the Army Band in Washington, D.C., where he played the saxophone and later started a band called the "Blue Tones."

In the 1970s, Jimmy had the opportunity to open for Flip Wilson and Dinah Shore in Las Vegas. After performing in the big time, Jimmy was ready to bring his talents home to Michigan.

He played at the Fenton Hotel, Jimmy G's, Twin Gardens, and eventually began a seven-year tenure playing the "piano bar" at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston. It was here where Jimmy became most popular and where he met his best friend and figurative brother for life, Ray Heaton.

Throughout their 13-year friendship, Jimmy and Heaton found themselves building traditions and memories together.

"Every Friday night we met at Deer Lake to listen to Jimmy perform, and as time went on, we found we met more people, which then evolved into friendships. Eventually, it wasn't uncommon to see a group of 20 of our friends gathered around to listen to Jimmy," Heaton said.

For almost eight years, Jimmy performed Wednesday through Saturday night, occasionally accompanied by his fiancée Judy, also a singer. Together, they performed popular songs



### First annual Jimmy Fields Memorial Golf Outing

1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8  
Fountains Golf Club  
6060 Maybee Road

from Broadway musicals, such as CATS and Phantom of the Opera.

Once Jimmy's time at Deer Lake started to slow down, he and Judy began a new venture: the JimJud Golf Outing. This annual social event took place at a different Michigan location for nine years. For Jimmy and Judy, it was a special three-day event to spend with their friends.

Then, to add a new ritual to their traditions, Heaton and his wife—also named Judy—invited Jimmy and Judy to their house in Florida for their annual St. Patrick's Day party. For seven years, the tradition continued as Jimmy arrived

to perform for Heaton and his neighborhood friends at the party.

"The party seemed to always be successful because of Jimmy's talent and overall performance. Eventually, I had to build a dance floor and a stage right over my pool, which added to Jimmy's show and the amount of fun we'd have," Heaton said.

But the year came when Jimmy would perform on that stage in Florida for the last time. In 2006, Jimmy was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer and, given only a year to live. He kept the news from his friends for as long as he could to keep them from sorrow and worry.

However, after learning of the news, Heaton decided to build a front deck on Jimmy's home in Fenton, a hobby he picked up after retiring.

"Jimmy used to love to watch people from the front porch of his house in Detroit while growing up," Heaton said. "Unfortunately, Jimmy never had a front porch as an adult and I wanted him to enjoy that part of his childhood for as long as he could before he passed."

Jimmy enjoyed that porch and time with his friends and family for almost three years, as he fought the battle against cancer.

On Feb. 1, 2009, Jimmy Fields passed away at the age of 70.

To honor his best friend, Heaton planted a hibiscus tree at the ninth tee box at the Royal Tee Country Club in Florida. With it is a plaque, "In memory of our dear friend Jimmy Fields."

"I was on that exact hole when I last talked to Jimmy before he passed and I wanted to honor Jimmy. Now I always have a way of remembering him when I go golfing. It's a nice place to reflect," said Heaton.

While the tree serves as a personal tribute in Florida, Heaton, along with Jimmy's fiancée, want to honor his name and life by starting an annual golf outing.

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**Joel Silverman of Animal Planet**, 7 p.m., July 27, Camp Bow Wow, 6374 Sashabaw Road. Info seminar, book signing, "What Color is Your Dog?" Free. 248-620-9663.

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**Educational seminars** on surgical weight loss, 2-3 p.m., July 28 and Aug. 25. McLaren Clarkston Bariatric Institute, Clarkston Medical Building Suite 280, 5701 Bow Pointe Drive. Free and open to the public, with Dr. Michael Kia, bariatric surgeon. Pre-registration recommended, but not required. 248-922-6830.

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**Afternoon Bunco and Pizza**, 4:30 p.m., July 29. \$6. Bunco, prizes, pizza dinner. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Fun Car Show**, 8-10 a.m., Aug. 2, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Classics of all ages. 248-613-0213.

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**Put-In-Bay Tour**, 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Aug. 6. Motor coach, refreshments, ferry, buffet lunch. Senior Activity Center. 248-625-8231.

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**Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group** for all ages for those who have recently lost

a loved one, 7 p.m., Aug. 11. Topic: "Normal Grief Responses." Le by Bereavement Counselor Emily Trahan. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Walk-ins welcome. Free. 248-625-5231.

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**Labor Day Fair and Car Show**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 7. Clarkston First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. About 100 cars and trucks of all types, first 100 gets a dash plaque. Trophies, door prizes at 3:30 p.m. DJ Mark Farnsworth, food, kid's games, auctions, raffles, large flea market. 248-394-0200.

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

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

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**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. at cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

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

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**Whose Got the Buttons**, Mondays, July 20-Aug. 10, 6-9 p.m., Senior Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$15 per person. Create a one-of-a-kind bracelet made with buttons. All supplies provided. 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

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

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

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percus-

sion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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**Outdoor Pickleball for 50+**, Tuesdays/Thursdays, 7:30-9 a.m.; Fridays, 7:30-9:30 a.m., July and August. \$1 drop in fee. Tennis courts, Clintonwood Park. 248-625-8231.

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**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon  
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## Golf outing to honor Fields

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The first annual Jimmy Fields Memorial Golf Outing takes place Saturday, Aug. 8, at The Fountains Golf Club in Independence Township.

The event begins at 1 p.m.

The \$100-per-person cost includes golf, two drink tickets, dinner and a program reflecting on Jimmy's life.

For those who just want to attend dinner, the cost is \$40. The golf-themed evening also includes prizes and raffle.

The family has chosen to run the fundraiser through Grace Missionary Church, which makes the event non-taxable; 100 percent of proceeds will be equally divided among the three foundations.

Proceeds go to the Great Lakes Cancer Center, which aids people with bone marrow cancer, the Polycystic Kidney Foundation, because of the transplant Jimmy's son, Tom, had to receive (from his own brother Jim), and Brian's House, where Jimmy spent the final days of his life.

For more information or to register for the event, visit jimmyfieldsouting.com or call Ray Heaton at 248-425-4245.



Jimmy Fields and his friends organized the JimJud Golf Outing at Garland in 2007. Now his friends are organizing a golf outing in his honor. Photo submitted

## Why All The Household Dust?

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

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

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

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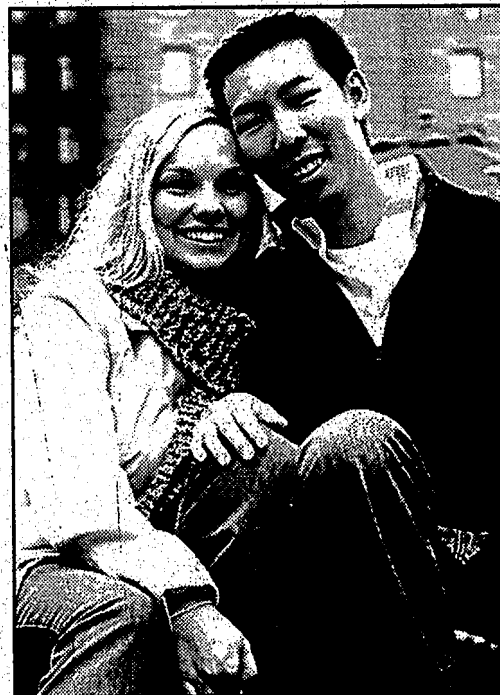
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# Milestones

## Webster - Yu



Clara and Kyle

Clara Ashley Webster and Kyle K. Yu of Clarkston met in the sixth grade at Sashabaw Middle School and started dating eight years ago at Clarkston High School.

Now they're getting married this September at Ciccone Vineyards in Traverse City.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Jennifer and Matthew Ross, is a graduate of Oakland University, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Marketing. She works as business manager at The Kensington, an assisted living community in Walnut Creek, Calif.

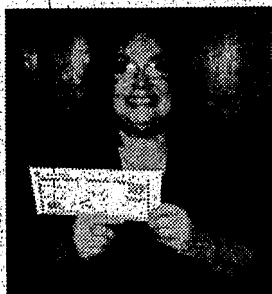
The future groom, son of Macky Cheung and Kenneth Yu, is a graduate of Kettering University, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He works as project engineer at Raymond construction company in Concord, Calif.

After their wedding ceremony and reception at the City Opera House, the couple will reside in Walnut Creek, Calif.

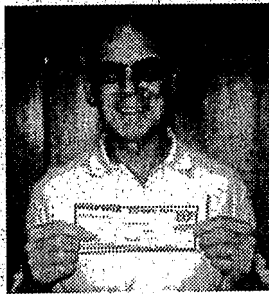
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## Students achieve success

Nicholas Miscovich of Clarkston was admitted to Concordia University, St. Paul, for the fall 2009 semester. Miscovich was awarded the Concordia Opportunity grant and Lutheran Heritage and Church Vocation scholarships, providing a total of \$6,500 in funds.

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Courtney Celiese Herring of Clarkston was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from Denison University at its May 17 commencement.

Herring graduated with a communication and English double major. A consistent dean's list student, she received the Distinguished Leadership Award, Judge Benjamin Franklin McCann Prize for English, Vinton R. Shepard Memorial Scholarship for English, Judge Clyde S. Shumaker Award for Excellence in Public Speaking, and Multicultural Achievement Scholarship.

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Heidi L. Bretz of Clarkston was named to the spring 2009 Dean's List at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

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Parents Mike and Suzanne Cummings, and

sister Amy Cummings are proud to announce the graduation of their sons and brothers Casey, Griffin, and Kyle Cummings.

Casey earned his bachelor's degree in Marketing from Oakland University, and has been assistant to the marketing director of USA Bank's Mortgage division since graduating from Clarkston High School in 2002.

Griffin received his bachelor degree in advertising from Michigan State University, and works with Campbell Ewald in Warren.

Kyle earned his Basic EMT license, and is working on a paramedic degree, recently earning the Clyde Harnack Fire Fighter Scholarship from Oakland Community College and attending their academy this August.

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Jenna Kennedy of Clarkston graduated from Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, International Business.

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Patric Michael Alexander of Clarkston received a degree in Criminal Justice from Norwich University at a May 10 commencement ceremony.

### Got a Milestone to share?

Send your milestones to our downtown office at  
5 S. Main St. or e-mail Clarkstonnews@gmail.com



# Religion

## 'Knowing' God in the signs we see

I'm a great fan of churches who post catchy spiritual quotes on the signs in front of their buildings.

Often they are humorous, always meant to inspire, and sometimes just deep enough to stay with you more than the time it takes you to drive your final two miles down the road. This happened to me just the other day, and I find myself still thinking about it.

It went something like this: "The greatest thing to know is to know God."

Simple, and to the point. Some would say even blatantly obvious. But I must admit I was initially left a bit unsettled.

My reaction was, "Who can claim to know God?" Grade school catechism came blasting back at me with some of the "attributes" of God. God is omnipotent. God is transcendent. God is all-perfect. And of course, the one that always got me: God is incomprehensible.

The question that stayed with me that day and throughout the week remained—Can anyone truly know God?

One of the first things we learn when we meet someone is their name. It is the jumping off point for discovering more about that person. When Moses questioned God about his name, God responded, "I am who am."

Imagine how Moses must have felt when faced with such

an ambiguous reply! Luckily God went on to express his care and concern for the oppressed Israelites, reassuring Moses that part of being the great "I am" meant that it was his nature to provide for his people's salvation. The people would learn to know God through the experience of their salvation from the Egyptians.

So what does that mean for us? Is it possible to know something of God through our experiences? I believe it is, if only we take the time to reflect on what we see, hear, and do. Is anyone old enough to remember the movie Oh God! starring George Burns?

As I recall, the movie-watcher was invited to use their imagination to reflect on the connection between God and the main character and consider what this relationship says about God. George Burns played the part of God, a street-wise and kindly old man who is intimately involved in the life of a grocery store manager.

The story is about the grocery manager, not necessarily about God. Yet the metaphor for God speaks clearly throughout the film. George Burns is loving, compassionate, caring and approachable—all attributes to describe a human idea about God. One comes away from the experience of watching the film feeling that God must certainly be connected to humanity in a real way.

This reflection on ordinary experiences can be done on a  
*Please see Spiritual Matters, page 10B*

### Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

## In our churches...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*Please see In Our Churches, page 10B*

# CHURCH DIRECTORY



**DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
website: [www.dixiebaptist.org](http://www.dixiebaptist.org)  
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Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA  
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**CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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625-3288  
Sunday Worship:  
8:15 am (traditional worship)  
9:30 am (blended worship)  
11:00 am (contemporary praise)  
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[www.clarkstonepiscopal.org](http://www.clarkstonepiscopal.org)  
248-625-2325

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Sunday at 10:00 am  
Celebrant: Msgr. John Budde  
website:  
[www.divinemercyparish.net](http://www.divinemercyparish.net)

**CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
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Website: [clarkstonumc.org](http://clarkstonumc.org)  
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Pastor Steve J. Brown

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(248) 625-3380  
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Wed: 6:15 pm Awana Club  
6:30 pm Teen Ministry  
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6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston  
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Rockstock Summer Rock & Roll Camp students Thomas Hickey, Andrea Clayton, and Bryan Iglesias perform at the Fourth of July festival at Clintonwood Park. Photo by Laura Colvin

## Summer music season

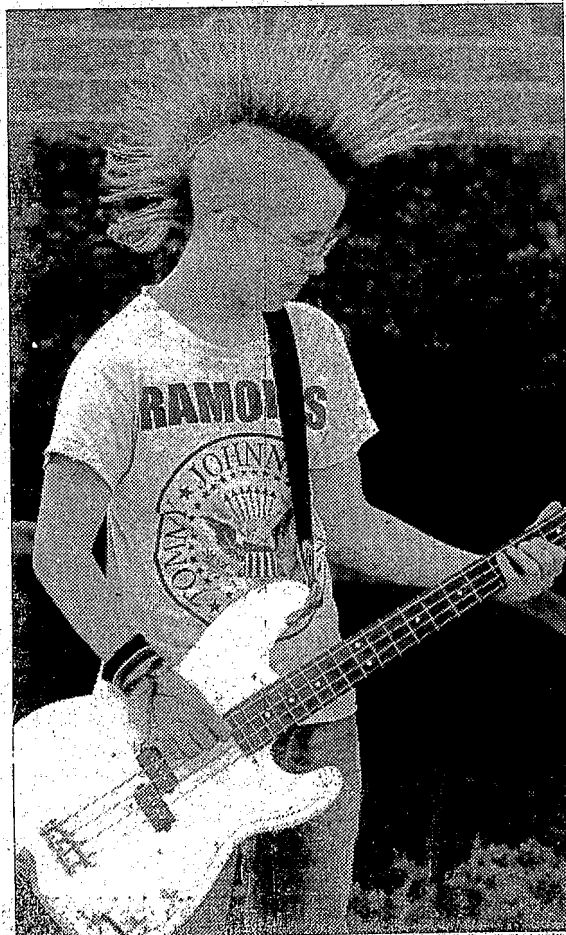
Three bands, Third Rock, Lazy Mary, and Resist, performed at Independence Township Library's Battle of the Bands, June 26.

"We had bands perform in our parking lot during the Summer Reading Kick-Off events in 2007 and 2008, but, because the Kick-Off events have become so busy and chaotic, we decided to make a separate music event," said Tracy Malek, teen librarian. "The local schools often host talent shows and music events, which are very popular. So, as the teen librarian, I wanted to see the library host a Battle of the Bands for the teens and their families."

All participants received a \$20 Borders gift certificate and Summer Reading program T-shirt.

"I hope we can continue to have this event in the parking lot each summer," Malek said. "Hopefully it will grow so we can have more performers and a bigger audience."

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on July 9, 2009, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

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

#### SECTION 1 Amendments

1. In Article II, **DEFINITIONS** - Add the following new definitions:

**Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS)** shall mean any structure such as a wind charger, windmill, or wind turbine that converts wind energy to a form of usable energy.

- Private WECS shall mean any WECS that is accessory to a principal dwelling or use located on the same zoning lot, and is designed and built to serve the needs of the principal use.
- Commercial WECS shall mean any WECS that is designed and built to serve more than one (1) dwelling or use.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following additional definitions shall apply:

- Manual and Automatic Controls** give protection to power grids and limit rotation of WECS blades not to exceed the designed limits of the conversion system.
- Authorized Factory Representative** shall mean an individual with technical training of a WECS who has received factory installation instructions and is certified in writing by the manufacturer of the WECS.

2. Add the following new section to Article XVI - **General Provisions:**

#### SECTION 16.26 - Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

1. Intent - It is the intent of Springfield Township to permit the effective and efficient use of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) by regulating the siting, design, and installation of such systems to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. In no case shall this ordinance guarantee the wind rights or establish access to the wind.

2. Approval Required - Except where noted in this Section, it shall be unlawful to construct, erect, install, alter, or locate any WECS project within Springfield Township unless approval for a special land use has been obtained pursuant to Section 18.08 and this Section.

3. General Standards - The following standards shall apply to all private and commercial wind energy conversion systems in Springfield Township:

- Design Safety Certification.** The safety of the design of all private and commercial WECS structures shall be certified by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Michigan and reviewed by the Township. The standard for certification shall be included with the permit application. If approved, the Professional Engineer shall certify that the construction and installation of the private or commercial WECS project meets or exceeds the manufacturer's construction and installation standards, and any applicable State and Federal regulations.

- Controls and Brakes.** All commercial WECS structures shall be equipped with manual and automatic controls to limit rotation of blades to a speed not to exceed the designed limits of the WECS. The Professional Engineer must certify that the rotor and overspeed control design and fabrication conform to applicable design standards. No changes or alterations from certified design shall be permitted unless accompanied by a Professional Engineer's statement of certification. Brakes are not required on private structures.

- Setbacks.** All private and commercial WECS structures must be setback from property lines at a distance equal to or greater than one and one half (1.5) times the height of the structure, measured from the base of the structure to the highest reach of its blade.
- Climb Prevention.** All private and commercial WECS structures must be protected by anti-climbing devices such as:

(1) Fences with locking portals at least six (6) feet high;

(2) Anti-climbing devices twelve (12) feet from base of pole; or

(3) Anchor points for guy wires supporting tower shall be enclosed by a six (6) foot high fence or shall be located within the confines of a yard that is completely fenced.

- Interference.** All private or commercial WECS structures shall be designed and operated to minimize or mitigate interference with existing electromagnetic communications, such as radio, telephone, microwave or television signals.

- Noise Levels.** The noise level for either a private or commercial WECS structure shall comply with the standards set forth in Section 17.03 - Noise.

- Signs.** Use of the WECS shall be limited to conversion of wind energy to a form of usable energy and shall not provide any other function, including non-safety signage.

4. Additional Standards for Commercial WECS Structures - The following additional standards shall apply to all commercial wind energy conversion systems in Springfield Township:

- Color.** Towers and blades shall be finished in a permanent non-reflective neutral color that is approved by Springfield Township or otherwise required by law.

- Compliance with FAA.** It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the appropriate FAA permits for the WECS structure, or to obtain a determination of no significant impact to air navigation from the FAA.

- Warnings.** A visible warning sign of High Voltage shall be required to be placed at the base of all commercial WECS structures. The sign must have at a minimum six (6") inch letters with 1/4-inch stroke. Such signs shall be located a maximum of three hundred (300) feet apart and at all points of site ingress and egress.

- Annual Inspection.** Every commercial WECS structure must be inspected annually by an Authorized Factory Representative or Professional Engineer to certify that it is in good working condition and not a hazard to the public. Such records shall be submitted to Springfield Township and considered a part of the continuing special use permit.

- Liability Insurance.** The owner or operator of a commercial WECS structure shall maintain a current insurance policy with coverage limits acceptable to the Township to cover installation and operation of the WECS project. The amount of the policy shall be established as a condition of special use permit approval.

- Security.** The application shall include a description of security to be posted at the time of receiving a building permit for the facility to ensure removal of the WECS when it has been abandoned or is no longer needed, as provided in section 4. In this regard, the security shall, at the election of the applicant, be in the form of: (1) cash; (2) irrevocable letter of credit; or, (3) an agreement in a form approved by the Township Attorney and recordable at the office of the Register of Deeds, establishing a promise of the applicant and owner of the property to timely remove the WECS as required under this section of the ordinance, with the further provision that the applicant and owner shall be responsible for the payment of any costs and attorney fees incurred by the community in securing removal.

- Removal.** A condition of every approval of a commercial WECS structure shall be adequate provision for removal of all or part of the facility by users and owners upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:
  - When the WECS structure or portion of a structure has not been used for 180 days or more. For purposes of this section, the removal of equipment; or the cessation of operations shall be considered as the beginning of a period of non-use. The applicant shall notify the Township upon cessation of operations or removal of equipment.

- Upon the occurrence of one (1) or more of the events requiring removal, specified in paragraph (1) above, the property owner or persons who had used the facility shall immediately apply or secure the application for any required demolition or removal permits, and immediately proceed with and complete the demolition/removal, restoring the premises

to an acceptable condition as reasonably determined by the Township.

- If the required removal of a facility or a portion thereof has not been lawfully completed within sixty (60) days of the applicable deadline, and after written notice, the Township may remove or secure the removal of the facility or required portions thereof, with its actual cost and reasonable administrative charge to be drawn or collected from the security posted at the time application was made for establishing the facility.

- Migratory Birds.** The Township may require an avian study to be conducted by a qualified professional, such as an ornithologist or wildlife biologist, to determine any potential impacts the commercial WECS structure may present to migratory birds.

- Ancillary Structures and Uses.** Approval of a special land use under this provision does not extend to any accessory structures or uses to the WECS. All other such accessory structures or uses must be a lawful land use and meet all applicable requirements of the ordinance.

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

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

#### Section 3. Repealer

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

#### Section 4. Severability

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

#### Section 5. Effective Date

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 9th day of July, 2009. Documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk

Published: July 22, 2009

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JULY 9, 2009

### SYNOPSIS

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Trout

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approved Minutes: June 11, 2009 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$224257.50

- Accepted June Treasurer's Report

- Received June 2009 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance and Fire

- Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$45,233.83

- Authorized Fire Chief, Charles Oaks to purchase a new thermal imager not to exceed \$5,500.00

- Authorized Springfield Garden Club to install holiday lights on the lamp posts in the downtown area

- Authorized the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to attend the MGFOA conference with a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00

- Received Communications and placed on file.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Second Reading, Amendments to Zoning Ordinance #26, Article II and Article XVI: Adopted amendments to Article II and added new section 16.26 - Wind Energy Conversion Systems to Article XVI

- Second Reading, Amendment to Zoning Map, Ordinance #26, 07-14-476-026: Amended Zoning map to rezone property located at 9158 Dixie Highway to OS-Office Service from R3-One Family Residential

- Dixie Highway Safety Study: Received Summary presentation by consulting engineers, Hubbell, Roth & Clark

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- First Reading: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #26, Landscape Provisions - Authorized Clerk to publish for second reading

- Appoint Parks & Recreation Subcommittee - Discussed purpose and needs of Subcommittee

- Davisburg Cemetery: Update and improvements proposal - Authorized Clerk to contract for removal of dead trees and pursue new sign at cemetery entrance. Approved budget amendment to cover improvements: Reduce Election cost center by \$4,500.00, Increase Cemetery cost center by \$4,500.00. No change to total expenditures

- Rotary Park: Proposal for combined native plantings effort - Discussed Rotary Park beautification effort

- Principles of Governance Statement - Tabled signing of statement until all board members are present

- Budget Workshop - Tentatively set workshop date for Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:56 p.m.

Laura Moreau, Clerk

Published 7-22-2009 TB

## PUBLIC NOTICE

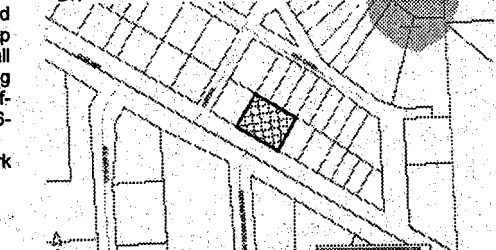
Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO ZONING MAP, ORDINANCE NO. 26

The Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield ordains that the Springfield Township Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 26, is hereby amended to rezone the following described property:

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

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



Said amendment having been adopted in accordance with the provisions of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Township Board held on July 9, 2009, which amendment shall become effective seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

The entire Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance and map, and files related to this amendment, may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: July 22, 2009

### VIRGINIA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WISE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD TO BE KNOWN AS SIERRA JADE STANLEY, BORN MAY 30, 2005 BY EVERETT E. STANLEY, SR. AND LINDA G. STANLEY ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled matter is an adoption of a child to be known as Sierra Jade Stanley.

And, it appearing by affidavit filed according to law that Elizabeth A. Bowman, the biological mother of the child to be known as Sierra Jade Stanley, whose last known whereabouts and address was Clarkston, Michigan.

And, it is therefore ORDERED that said Elizabeth A. Bowman appear on or before the 19th day of August, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect her interests.

And, it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the *The Clarkston News* a newspaper of general circulation in Clarkston, Michigan; that a copy of this order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this court is held.

Jack Kennedy  
WISE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

I ask for this:  
JOSEPH F. HUNNICUTT  
Adkins & Hunnicutt  
P.O. Box 626  
Norton, Virginia 24273  
(276) 679-0996



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a **SECOND READING** at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to consider the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

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

### Section 1. Amendments

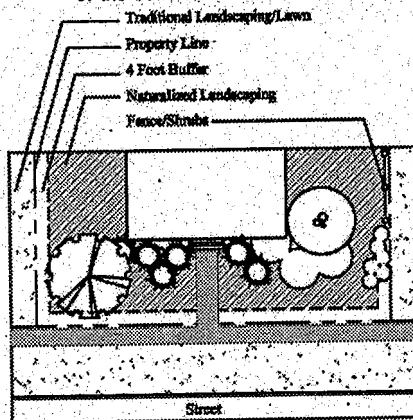
- In Article XVI, the second paragraph of Section 16.06 - Landscaping, Greenbelts and Buffers, and Screening, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
It is also the intent of this section to encourage the use of desirable native species of plants for all landscaping and to maximize the use of native plant species in landscaping all areas of a site, including but not limited to: foundation plantings, lawn areas, screening and greenbelt areas, and surface stormwater conveyance features. See Section 16.06.11 and 16.06.16 for regulations and guidance in regard to landscape design.
- In Article XVI, Section 16.06 is hereby amended to add (3) to Subsection 16.06.3.c to read as follows:  
(3) Screening requirements as shown on the schedule and required elsewhere herein may be waived or modified by the Township body responsible for site plan approval upon finding any of the following:
  - Sufficient natural vegetation is present on the site in question to form an effective screen.
  - Sufficient natural berming is present on the site to create a barrier in keeping with the specific type required for the proposed use;
  - There is sufficient distance between the proposed use and the adjoining parcel boundary so as to render any additional screening ineffective.
  - The topography is such that the planting of a screen as called out in this ordinance would be of no benefit because the adjoining parcel to be screened is at a higher elevation than the subject property or for any other similar reason, or
  - Any combination of the foregoing (a)-(d).

- In Article XVI, Subsection 16.06.11 of Section 16.06, Landscaping, Greenbelts and Buffers, and Screening is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Private Naturally Landscaped Lots. If a landowner decides to use a landscape style that emulates nature where such style is not prohibited, then it is the intent of these provisions to ensure that this landscape style does not intrude on the adjoining properties or impair site distances for pedestrians and motorists. Someone using a natural landscape style must follow these standards:

- A private, "naturally landscaped" lot is a privately-owned lot which is naturally landscaped so as to exhibit the deliberate and conscious decision to plant, cultivate and maintain native plant species. A naturally landscaped lot is NOT the simple neglect of an existing lawn or other plantings on a property.
- Naturally landscaped lots should be maintained so that herbaceous plants are mown or cut to 18" or less at least once prior to June 1 of each calendar year.
- Natural landscaping on private lots shall not be located within four feet (4') of any property line. The four foot buffer shall be made up of short vegetation such as mown turf grass or other non-vegetative materials such as stones. No rear or side yard setback shall be required where the natural landscaping material is separated from adjacent lots by fencing or shrubs, or where the natural landscaping material abuts permitted natural landscaping material on an adjacent lot. An intervening path or sidewalk shall not be deemed to prevent natural landscape materials from

"abutting" for purposes of this section. See the following graphics for further explanation of the buffers.



Buffer to Abutting Property Lines

- A naturally landscaped lot often has a significantly different character than a traditionally landscaped lot, as it generally does not include much mown lawn, but is made up of relatively tall plants, often in an arrangement that emulates nature. Property owners who wish to use a landscape style that emulates nature, where not prohibited by development restrictions, should consider the following design guidelines to coordinate this style with neighboring, traditional landscapes:
    - Acknowledge the Landscape Style of Adjoining Properties. Design boundary areas in a way that create a smooth transition between the traditional landscape style and the more natural landscape style. This can be done by placing naturally-landscaped beds away from boundaries, using a progression of plant heights (short to tall) as you move away from the boundary, or mixing native species with more traditional landscaping plants.
    - Advocate Ecological Stewardship. Talk to neighbors about the proposed landscape style so that they understand the benefits of naturalized landscaping.
    - Start Small. Create small beds in the naturalized landscaping style, rather than transforming large areas of the property all at once.
    - Add Human Elements. Include benches, bird feeders, garden ornaments, and other human elements that invite people into the landscape so that they can begin to appreciate the naturalized landscaping style, and enjoy the plants.
    - Refer to the Springfield Township's Native Plant CD and Information Sheets. The Township has produced a CD and information sheets that provide valuable information about naturalized landscaping and ways property owners can successfully integrate it into developed areas.
- In Article XVI, Subsection 16.06.12 of Section 16.06 - Landscaping, Greenbelts and Buffers, and Screening is hereby amended to read as follows:
    - Prohibited and Restricted Use Plant Species. As of the effective date of this ordinance, the following plant species shown on Table 1 shall not be approved for landscaping in any development requiring site plan approval. These Prohibited Plant Species are not native to the area, reproduce profusely and have potentially harmful effects on natural ecosystems. Table 2 lists Restricted Use Plant Species that have invasive tendencies but are not as problematic as the prohibited plant species when used responsibly. It is not possible to list all the cultivars of the plants prohibited or restricted by this ordinance, primarily because new cultivars are introduced over time. However, because cultivars might contribute to an invasive plant's spread, they are also discouraged. Cultivars may not produce seed themselves (and hence are described as "sterile"), but they will produce pollen that can hybridize with other non-cultivar individuals of their species, creating seed which spreads the undesirable plant. Cultivars are identified in single quotation marks, after the scientific name. For example, *Acer platanoides* 'Crimson King' is a cultivar of the Norway Maple.

Prohibited Plant Species*	
<b>Trees</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
<b>Common Name</b>	
Tree of Heaven	Allanhus altissima
Black Alder	Alnus glutinosa
Russian Olive	Elaeagnus angustifolia
Autumn Olive	Elaeagnus umbellata
Black Locust	Robinia pseudoacacia
<b>Shrubs &amp; Woody Vines</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
<b>Common Name</b>	
Celastrus orbiculata	
Ligustrum vulgare	
Lonicera japonica	
Lonicera maackii	
Lonicera morrowii	
Lonicera tatarica	
Lonicera xbella	
Rhamnus cathartica	
Rhamnus frangula	
Rhodotypos scandens	
Rosa multiflora	
<b>Flowers, Groundcover &amp; Grasses</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
<b>Common Name</b>	
Alliaria petiolata	
Cardamine impatiens	
Centaurea maculosa	
Cirsium arvense	
Coronilla varia	
Daucus carota	
Euphorbia esula	
Hesperis matronalis	
Lythrum salicaria	
Mellilotus alba	
Mellilotus officinalis	
Pastinaca sativa	
Phalaris arundinacea	
Phragmites australis	
Polygonum cuspidatum	
Polygonum perfoliatum	
Typha angustifolia	
Vincetoxicum nigrum	
Vincetoxicum rossicum	
*By Ordinance, these plants are prohibited for use in any development requiring Site Plan Approval. Residents also are strongly discouraged from using these plants anywhere in Springfield Township.	
<b>Restricted Use Plant Species*</b>	
<b>Trees</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
<b>Common Name</b>	
Norway Maple	Acer platanoides
<b>Shrubs &amp; Woody Vines</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
<b>Common Name</b>	
Berberis thunbergii	
Berberis vulgaris	
Euonymus fortunei	
Hedra helix	
<b>Flowers, Groundcover &amp; Grasses</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
<b>Common Name</b>	
Pachysandra terminalis	
Vinca minor	
*Refer to Michigan Invasive Plant Council website ( <a href="http://invasiveplantsmi.org/plants_mpias.html">http://invasiveplantsmi.org/plants_mpias.html</a> ) to determine responsible use of these plants. Depending on use and location, these plants could be prohibited for use in a development as part of the site plan approval process. Residents of Springfield Township also are urged to practice responsible use of these potentially invasive plants.	
<b>Section 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains In Effect</b>	
The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.	
<b>Section 3. Repealer</b>	
All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.	
<b>Section 4. Severability</b>	
Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.	
<b>Section 5. Effective Date</b>	
This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.	
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510	

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk

Charter Township of Springfield  
Published: July 22, 2009

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

## CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 22, 2009

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

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

Others Present - City Manager Ritter  
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to "Approve the Agenda as stated".

Public Comments - Mr. Craig Frasa, 2 Madison Court had questions regarding the 2010 proposed budget. Mr. Frasa will ask his questions during the budget portion of the meeting.

Ms Becky Summerlee, 6055 Pinehurst Court also had 2010 budget questions but would wait until the budget portion of the meeting to bring up her concerns.

Moved by Roth, supported by Hunter to "Approve the Consent Agenda - which included the Minutes of the 6/8/09 Council meeting with one correction regarding the WAM grant for \$240 to the CWG Group; YTD Trial Balance (All Funds), YTD Check Run (All Funds), YTD Income Statement (All Funds), YTD Wire Transfer Report (State & Federal Payroll taxes), YTD Payroll Breakout (By Department).

City Manager Ritter announced that the City needs volunteers to help with the flower beds in the City - Washington and Main parking lot and in Depot Park. Anyone with free time is welcomed to come help pull the weeds. Please let the City Manager know you are willing to volunteer and he will coordinate.

Members of the Council expressed their thanks to Ralph Daigle for his work weeding the flower bed on Washington and Main.

Motion by Inabnit, supported by Roth to move \$1,500 budget amount from 265.805000 U of M.

Depot Park Project to 265.815000 Tree Trimming/Maintenance. This would bring the Tree Trimming/Maintenance budget amount of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Chief LaCroix explained why he would like the motorcycle lease to continue in FY2010. Chief LaCroix also explained the increase in County Dispatch expenses. This year the County will be charging us \$14,670, which is double from FY09. This cost is expected to increase again in FY2011. This service is the 911 calls that we cannot do without using the Oakland County Dispatch service. The County can handle radio traffic and they can backup City police when needed. The City police backup Oakland County twice as much. This service also dispatches the Independence Twp Fire Dept to all our medical calls. There is no alternative for us.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to "Remove \$1,900 budget amount in 301.771000 motorcycle lease from the 2010 budget. Motion carried

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Roth, "That the FY2009 Local Road Budget be amended as follows: Revenue - \$32,750; Disbursements - \$32,750 per the attached report".

ROLL: Yeas - Inabnit, Johnston, Roth, Arkwright, Hunter, Brueck, Gawronski  
Nays - None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit, "That the FY2009 Major Road Budget be amended as follows: Revenues - \$53,700; Disbursements - \$53,700 per the attached report".

ROLL: Yeas - Arkwright, Inabnit, Gawronski, Johnston, Roth, Hunter, Brueck  
Nays - None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Roth, "That the FY2009 General Fund Budget be amended as follows: Revenues - \$852,788; Disbursements - \$812,768 per the attached report".

ROLL: Yeas - Arkwright, Gawronski, Brueck, Roth, Johnston, Inabnit, Hunter  
Nays - None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Brueck, supported by Johnston, "That Council adopt the FY2010 Council Salaries in the amount of \$8,000".

ROLL: Yeas - Inabnit, Roth, Arkwright, Johnston, Gawronski, Hunter, Brueck  
Nays - None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Brueck, supported by Gawronski, "That Council adopt the FY2010 Planning Commission Sala-

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ries in the amount of \$1,500.

ROLL: Yeas - Inabnit, Roth, Hunter, Gawronski, Brueck, Arkwright

Nays - Johnston

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, "That the FY2010 Major Road Fund Budget be adopted as follows: Revenues - \$58,600; Disbursements - \$58,600 per the attached report."

ROLL: Yeas - Hunter, Roth, Johnston, Arkwright, Inabnit, Gawronski, Brueck

Nays - None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Roth, "That the FY2010 Local Road Fund Budget be adopted as follows: Revenues - \$32,144; Disbursements - \$32,114 per the attached report."

ROLL: Yeas - Inabnit, Roth, Arkwright, Brueck, Johnston, Hunter, Gawronski

Nays - None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit, "That the FY2010 General Fund Budget be adopted as follows: Revenues - \$816,381; Disbursements - \$786,898 with a Fund Balance of \$29,483 per the attached report."

ROLL: Yeas - Brueck, Inabnit, Gawronski, Roth, Arkwright, Hunter

Nays - Johnston

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, "That on June 22, 2009, the City Council approves to purchase a 2008 Dodge Charger Police vehicle totaling \$18,115 from Golling Chrysler and authorizes the Mayor or, in his absence, the City Manager, to enter into an installment loan agreement with Credit Union One in the amount of \$18,115 for 48 months at 3.99% interest. The first monthly payment of \$408.94 will be made in July 2009 totaling \$4,907.28 annually."

ROLL: Yeas - Inabnit, Brueck, Gawronski, Hunter, Johnston, Arkwright, Roth

Nays - None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT 09-324, 237-DE  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

Estate of BETTY L. EVERLING

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BETTY L. EVERLING, who lived at 5700 GARRETSON LANE, OXFORD, Michigan died NOVEMBER 12, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JEFFREY D. EVERLING, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

JOHN A. DeMARCO P23886

236 S. BROADWAY

LAKE ORION, MI 48362

248-693-3500

JEFFREY D. EVERLING

5700 GARRETSON LANE

OXFORD, MI 48371

248-628-8615

## Healing hearts meet Aug. 11

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one will meet Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.

Topic of this month's meeting is "Normal Grief Responses." The meeting will be led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Meeting location is the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road

No registration necessary, walk-ins welcome. Admission is free. Any questions or to be on the invitation list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at 248-625-5231.

## Thomas Dean Wallace, 48

Lifelong area resident Thomas Dean Wallace, of Hadley Township, died unexpectedly last week at the age of 48. Mr. Wallace passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2009, from complications of undiagnosed high-blood pressure.

Mr. Wallace was born on August 18, 1960 in Pontiac General Hospital to Miles "James" Wallace, Jr. and his wife Marilyn Jean (nee) Anderson.

To all who knew him, Mr. Wallace enjoyed life. He loved spending time with his family, fishing, camping, and working out-

side on his family's three-acre yard. He enjoyed wood-working, loved classic cars, and rock and roll. He was a talented artist, loved to make people smile and was also known by family and friends to do "cheesy" Arnold Schwarzenegger impersonations.

Mr. Wallace was raised in, and attended Clarkston schools. He married Independence Township resident Patricia Loretta Rush on



Mr. Wallace

April 18, 1986, in Clarkston. Since 1988, Mr. Wallace was employed by Steelmaster Corp. in Oxford Township.

Mr. Wallace is survived by his wife of 23 years, and their two children, Dylan Thomas, 21 and Chelsea Lynn, 17, all of Hadley Township.

He is also survived by his parents, now retired and living in Roscommon; and his brothers and sisters: Missy (Alan) Solly of Brandon Township; Dennis (Cindy) Wallace of Lake Orion; Tracy Weede of Owosso; and James (Kelly) Wallace also of Roscommon.

Mr. Wallace is also survived by his mother-in-law Shirley Rush, of Sterling Heights; sister-and-brothers-in-law, Barb (Jeff) Felker, of Hadley Township, Donald Rush of Goodrich, Nancy (Alex) Piper, also of Sterling Heights; 21 nieces and nephews and many, many friends and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Cindy; brother-in-law, Steve Weede; and father-in-law, Donald W. Rush.

Arrangements are by Coats Funeral Home (formerly Sherman-Wilks Funeral Home) in downtown Ortonville. Visitation for family is Monday (July 20) starting at 4 p.m. for family and from 5-9 for friends and the public. Pastor Dave Gerber will officiate funeral services at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home. A gathering of family and friends will follow.

Donations may be made for his children's education fund. Make checks payable to Patricia Wallace. Coats Funeral Home in the Village is at 135 South Street, Ortonville, MI 48462. For more information go to [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com)

## Obituaries updated at ClarkstonNews.com

### Around Town

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Road. 248-622-6096.

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

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

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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.

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Local Business Network, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County

Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

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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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Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147.

## Barbara Newman, 69

Barbara Newman of Waterford passed away, July 17, 2009, at the age of 69.

She was the wife of Paul; mother of Michael (Deborah) Kowalczyk of White Lake and Linda (Kevin) Giroux of Clarkston; grandma of Kelli and Matthew Kowalczyk, Kevin Michael Giroux, Nick (Jackie) Giroux, and Aaron Giroux; great-grandma of Luke and Bella; sister of Nancy (Ted) Dow of Nevada and Stan (Diane) Opalewski of Sterling Heights; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Newman retired from Waterford Kmart, Cass Lake Road.

Funeral service was July 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guest book, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Spiritual Matters

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daily basis. What do you know about God from preparing a meal, weeding a garden, playing a round of golf, attending a business meeting, or going to class? What do you know about God from having an argument with your spouse, paying your bills, or volunteering at a clothing drive?

Anything and everything can be an opportunity to meet God and know God better. Even reading a sign.

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

## In our churches

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

## Where's the senior page?

We promised, but couldn't deliver this week our new feature page devoted to senior adults. We'll have it next week or you can eat the editor's hat!



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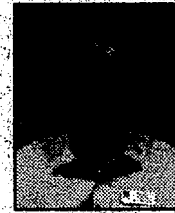
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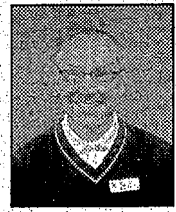
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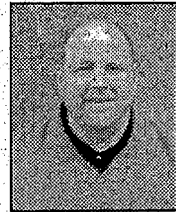


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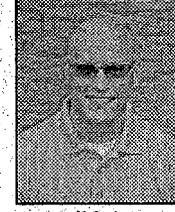
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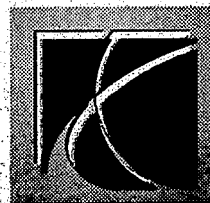
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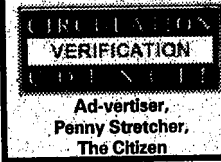
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**ALL CARS AND TRUCKS,** scrap or repairable, free towing. 248-625-5050. I1ZX464

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### 090 AUCTIONS

**EXPRESS MINI STORAGE** 2121 Lapeer Rd., Oxford Announces the sale of Unit #79 leased by DeeAnna Hurrigam, misc. boxes, refrigerator. Unit #109 leased by Patrick Corbin, fish tanks, misc. boxes. Unit #242 leased by Stephanie Pirozek, furniture, misc. items. August 8, 2009, 10:00-3:00pm. Each unit sold a whole. Cash sale only. 248-628-0004  
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**TAPPAN COUNTERTOP MICRO-WAVE,** white. 19"wx14"dx11"h. excellent condition. 248-391-1467. I1L331F

**ADORABLE FEMALE KITTEN** to good home. About 8wks. old. 248-904-6629. I1L331f

### 110 GARAGE SALE

**SOUTHEAST CORNER** of Haven & Leonard Roads. July 22-26, 9am-5pm. I1L331

**JULY 22-25, 10AM-5PM.** 1974 Lakesview, Oxford off west Draher. Quality items- Watches & much more. I1L331

### HYBRID DAYLILY/ IRIS SALE

\$.50 - \$5.00  
 Saturday July 25th  
 9am - 5pm  
 Corner of Thomas & Ludwig Rds., Oxford  
 ALSO - Other Miscellaneous Garage Sale Items  
 L331

**BIG BARN SALE!** Tack- new & used; misc. household. 3190 Purdy Ln. North off Oakwood, 1/2m. west of M-24. Thursday only! 8am-4pm. I1L331

**HUGE 3 FAMILY- items** from every room. Clothing, ren. fast costumes, shoes, purses, golf shorts, items for every sport, luggage, jewelry, books, baby grand piano, furniture. 3935 Groveland Rd. Friday/Saturday, 9am-7. I1L331  
**MOM2MOM SALE.** 10/3/09 Christ the King Church, Oxford. Tables available. \$15. before 9/19. Contact Jenn 248-709-3357 or orionoxfordmoms@comcast.net. I1L332

**BARN AND GARAGE Sale- tools,** electrical, plumbing, housewares, antiques, 8N tractor and attachments, exercise equipment. July 24-25, 10am-5pm. 4397 Fox Lake Rd., Goodrich. I1ZX491

**DO YOU SEE A ☺ OR A ★**  
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**JULY 23-26, 7166 Groveland Rd.** (1 mile east of Dixid Hwy.). 4 Family, toys, antiques, furniture, household, misc., Case Tractor, \$2,500. 810-459-7391. I1ZX491

**MULTI FAMILY YARD Sale.** July 23-25, 9am-4pm. Toys, antiques, furniture, miscellaneous items. 377 Bunny Run Blvd., Lake Orion. I1R331

**MOVING SALE- Waterstone, 505 Sandhurst,** Large screen tv, treadmill, desk, bookcase, filing cabinet, washer/ dryer, toys, clothes, much more! July 30-31, 9am-4pm. I1L332

**YARD/ MOVING SALE- July 31st,** August 1st, 2nd, 10am-6pm. 1799 S. Coats Road, Oxford. Antiques, furniture, books, toys, clothing, more! I1L332

**YARD SALE- July 23-25, 9am-4pm.** 1424 Beach Drive, Lake Orion. I1L331

**★ GARAGE SALE.** Multi-family. July 23-25, 9am-4pm. 5518 Rendell Ln. Off Pine Knob near Sashabaw. Dishes, clothes, books, games/ toys, Christmas decorations, scrapbooking and much more. I1L331  
**LARGE GARAGE SALE.** Downsizing, many years of accumulation! Something for everyone! Also, brand new bridesmaid dresses: 4- pale pink- sizes 6,8,10,12. 1149 Holiday, Miller/ Conklin. July 30,31, Aug. 1, 8am-4pm. I1L332

### FLEA MARKET

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 Largest grounds available in the state. Located at the Silverdome parking lot, 1200 Featherstone, Gate 5 Sat. & Sun. 8am-3pm  
 Vendor setup at 6am  
 248-953-9908  
 LZ303

**GARAGE SALE.** 867 Vemita, Lake Orion. July 23,24,25. 9am-4pm. Come take a look, you'll love us! I1L331

**TABLES, APPLIANCES,** home furnishings, tires, surround sound speakers, and more! 3555 Hi Lure, Lake Orion, Hi Hill Sub. July 23-26, 9am-5pm. I1L331

**GARAGE SALE/ MOVING Sale- July 30 & 31, August 1.** 8am-4pm. 810 Pleasant Ridge, Lake Orion. Clothes, some antiques, dishes, collectibles, some furniture, electronics, other miscellaneous. I1L332

**1ST TIME! HOUSEHOLD goods,** childrens toys. 2480 Noble Rd., Oxford, West of Lake George. July 23-25, 9am-5pm. I1L331

**GARAGE SALE: 1818 Harwood,** Oxford. July 23, 24, 25, 10am-4pm. I1L331

**JULY 25-26, 8am-2pm.** 2600 Amy Ct., Oxford. Baby stuff/ miscellaneous. I1L331

**BOYS CLOTHES** 6mos. thru 24mos., toys, maternity clothes, tools, welder, compressor, as-sorted air tools. 12122 Kipp Rd., Goodrich. July 23-26, 9am-5pm. I1ZX491

**SATURDAY, 9AM-2PM.** July 25th. 2667 Wareing Cove, Orion Township. E: Baldwin, N. of Waldon. Toys, Books, Furniture, Video Games. I1L331

### ★ MOVING- "DOWN UNDER"

Sale. Everything must go! Appliances, Furniture, Antiques, Household items, Home decor and much more! July 23-26, 3650 Lakeville Rd., Oxford, 48371 I1L331

**ESTATE SALE- JULY 23, 24,** 25th, 9am-5pm. 102 Dennison St., Oxford, MI. Furniture, antiques, artwork, household items. Everything must go! I1L331

**HUGE GARAGE SALE.** July 23-24, 9am-4pm; 25th, 9am-2pm. Toys, Books, Housewares: 1988 Dodge Ram Charger car cover, Lots more! 10121 Windy Knoll Ct., Clarkston, Off Oak Hill, between Sashabaw and Dartmouth. I1L33

**GARAGE SALE PLUS Stanley Home Products.** 2935 Stonehenge, Oxford, off of Seymour Lake Rd. Thursday- Saturday, 9am-5pm. I1L331

**NIPPAGON STREET SALES:** July 23,24, 9am-5pm. Near D.A. School, Oxford. Voted best sale! I1L331

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### SALE- 885 HEIGHTS, L.O.

Baby things, toys, weight bench, sewing machine, misc. July 23-25, 8am-5pm. I1L331

### SUB SALE

**SOFTWATER WOODS CLARKSTON**  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
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 C21

**LOTS OF STUFF- Garage Sale** Thursday, Friday 9am-4pm; Saturday 9am-noon. 480 Bunny Run Blvd., Lake Orion. I1R331

**TOOLS, ZOELLER HD Sump pump,** electronics, households, junior clothes. 733 Laird Rd., off Clarkston Rd. July 23-25. I1L331

**BEST GARAGE SALE Ever!** Lake Orion. Quilting supplies, housewares, Dreamsicles, angels, Noah's Arcs, much more. Clarkston Rd. to Pint Tree to 1112 Arbrook Way. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, July 22-24, 9am-5pm. I1L331

**GARAGE SALE- SATURDAY** July 25th; 10am-5pm; Sunday, July 26th 10am-3pm. 2493 Adams, between Clarkston & Orion Roads. I1R331

**GARAGE SALE: Waterstone, 830** Cross Circle, Oxford. JULY 23-25, 9am-5pm. Star Wars collectibles, Coca Cola ice cream parlour table with 2 chairs, green captains' desk, clothing, miscellaneous household items. I1L331

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**CRAFTERS WANTED:** Darci Seipke Benefit Foundation Fall Festival October 3rd&4th, Canterbury Village, \$50. per space. Call Pam 248-721-1647 or go to www.dsbfoundation.com I1L324

**GARAGE SALE- 360** Maybee (West of Baldwin). Kasper women's business suits & quality clothing 8/8P, 10/10P; some antiques, household, childrens. July 24-25, 9am-4pm. I1R331

**BENEFIT SALE** For Children's Village! Lots of highend clothing, misc. Will take your donations and your help. Noon-8:00 Thursday, 9-? Friday, Saturday, 78 S. Conklin Rd. off Miller, Lake Orion. I1L331

**655 BUTLER DR.,** Lake Orion. Thursday, 9am-5pm. Lots of kids clothes & toys. I1L331

**GARAGE SALE** 2750 Rochester Rd., Leonard. July 23-26. Baby and kid's clothes galore, toys, women's clothes, shoes, electronics, furniture, much more! I1L331

**HOLLY WHOLESALE** Closeout: Stock up and save! Grange Hall Rd. North Fish Lake, one mile. 3030 Elliott, July 23-25, 9am I1C21

**GARAGE SALE- 10am-?** Thursdays, until September. 50%off. 10 Park St., Oxford Village I1L322

**ESTATE SALE.** 7907 Bridge Valley, Clarkston. Off Holmes Rd. Furniture, stereo cabinet, full mattress, odds and ends. Cash & Carry. Thursday, 9am-2pm. I1C21

### 120 CRAFT SHOWS

**Lake Orion Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre**  
 1st Junk-in-the-Trunk Show  
**July 23, 2009 - 9AM-3PM**  
 Lake Orion is having our 1st Junk-in-the-Trunk Show in the parking lot of the nursing facility at 585 E. Flint Street. Reserve a parking spot for \$15 or 2/ \$25. Bring your old stuff, new stuff, grandma's stuff or homemade stuff to sell in a flea market type setting. All rental fees will benefit our "Van/ Bus Fund".

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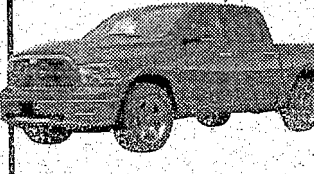
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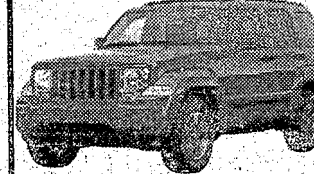
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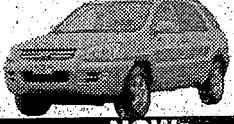


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WAS	NOW
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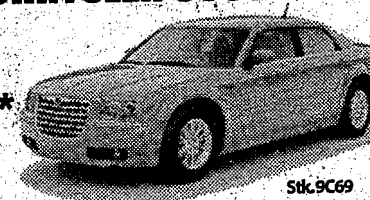
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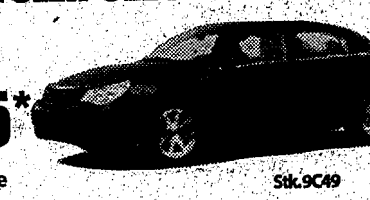
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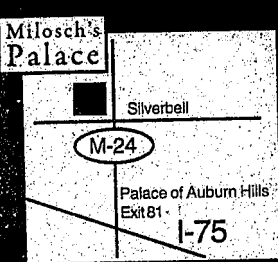
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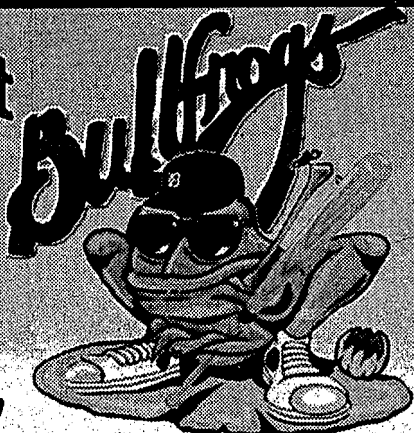
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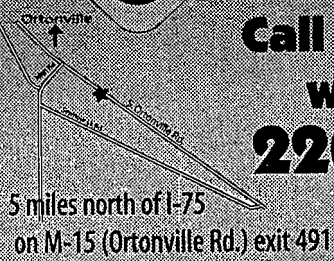


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