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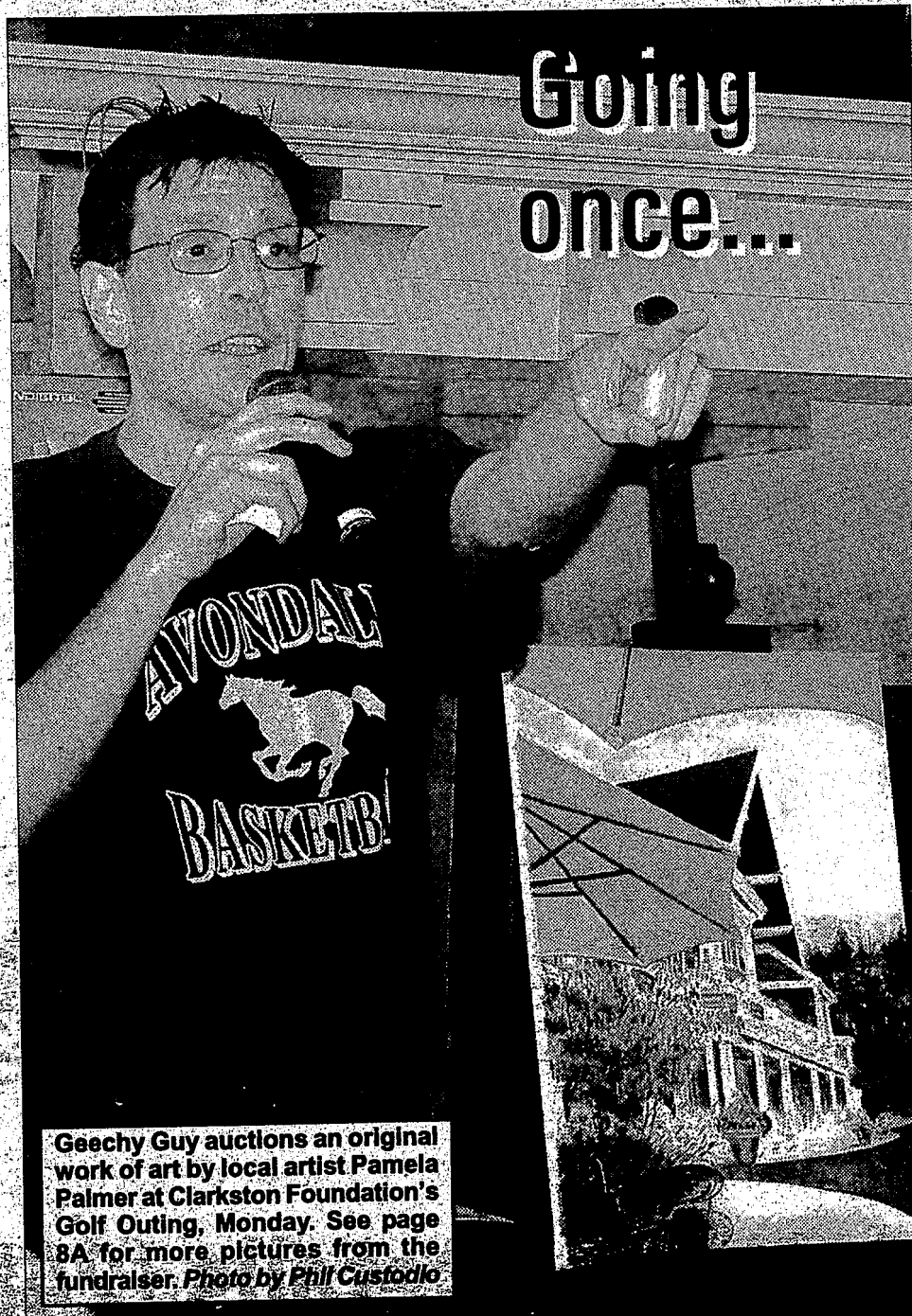
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Clarkston couple on mission to save dogs, please see page 1B

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Geechy Guy auctions an original work of art by local artist Pamela Palmer at Clarkston Foundation's Golf Outing, Monday. See page 8A for more pictures from the fundraiser. Photo by Phil Custodio

## School vote may be on way to fall

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

Clarkston is one vote away from moving May school elections to November.

Clarkston Board of Education hammered out details of a resolution to be discussed for possible vote at its Aug. 24 meeting. It will initially call for even-year November elections of board members serving six-year terms.

"All options are still on the table," said board President Stephen Hyer.

Trustee Barry Bomier opposes six-year terms.

"Six years is a long time," Bomier said. "This is hard work, sometimes grueling, sometimes emotionally draining — that should be a

consideration."

But six years could give trustees a chance to learn the ropes and time to put that knowledge to use, said Trustee Rosalie Lieblang.

"It would give you a chance to apply what you've learned," Lieblang said.

It would also require a greater commitment, she said.

School elections in May cost about \$44,000 each year, contracted with city, township and county clerks. Piggybacking on November even-year elections, cost to school district would be zero.

"My goal is cost savings — that's the number one priority for me," said Secretary Cheryl McGinnis.

*Please see Vote on page 16A*

## Townships seek cash from trash

BY LAURA COLVIN  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Local governments should move forward to establish a solid waste authority.

That's the word from Resource Recycling Systems (RRS), an Ann Arbor-based firm retained earlier this year to evaluate and report on alternatives for current residential garbage hauling and recycling practices in seven North Oakland communities.

Advocates of establishing such an authority have repeatedly touted the benefits, such as less wear and tear on roads, more environmentally friendly trash hauling practices, better prices for consumers and the potential for cutting edge conversion technology.

Whether these benefits actually exist de-

pends on who's answering the question, but study results also focus on other possible outcomes: potential revenue for participating municipalities, for example.

On Aug. 27, representatives from RRS, along with local government officials, will hold an informational public meeting, beginning at 6 p.m., at Clarkston Junior High School to present study findings and respond to questions and concerns from the public.

"There won't be any decision-making," said Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout, noting the meeting would be taped and aired later on local cable stations. "I think it's important for (Springfield) to be involved, but there are still a lot of questions that need to be answered."

In order to answer those questions, RRS is recommending interested communities sign on for a second phase aimed at continuing the study.

"If there's some possibility for revenue, that's definitely something we need to look at," Trout said. "That's why we've been so interested in this; because we've heard there's a possibility some kind of revenue to the townships could result."

*Please see Study on page 18A*

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## Waterfront classes

Swim Lesson students and lifeguards at Deer Lake Beach take a "Safety Day," Aug. 4, in lieu of their regular swim classes. Parents took a refresher course on child and infant CPR while students learned basic water safety with the lifeguards. Independence Twp. Parks and Rec offers various swim classes at the beach, ranging from infant through adult, in groups and individually. *Photo submitted*

## Race is on

Six Clarkston candidates declared intent to run for city council in the November election, turning in required paperwork by the Aug. 4 deadline.

Four seats are up for grabs; Voters will elect three city council members for two-year terms, and one member for a one-year term, at the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election.

Incumbent Jim Brueck will seek a third term his bid for reelection, while incumbent Peg Roth seeks a return for a second term. Tom Hunter, who was appointed to fill an empty seat when Councilwoman Kristy Ottman resigned, is also seeking a return to council.

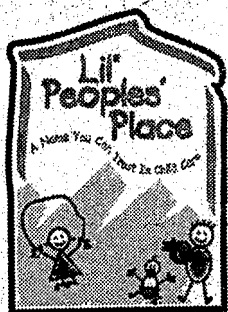
Residents Craig Frasa, Stephen Hargis and Virginia Schultz have tossed their hats into the ring, as well.

Since Ottman's term wasn't due to expire until 2010, one member of the council will serve a one-year term. Brueck, Frasa, Hargis and Hunter are seeking two-year terms, while Roth and Schultz have limited commitment to one year.

If all two-year candidates are elected, the lowest vote-getter will assume the one-year seat. Write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30. Clarkston city offices are located at 375 Depot. Call City Clerk Jan Gillespie at 248-625-1559 for more information.

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## Briefly

### Railroad work set for Big Lake Road

Big Lake Road between Andersonville and Hillsboro roads in Springfield Township is set to close this week for railroad crossing repair work.

Detour is Scott Road to Hall Road to Andersonville Road and back to Big Lake Road, and vice versa.

The road should reopen by Aug. 21, according to Road Commission for Oakland County.

### Garage sale helps children in need

ESTHERS Children hosts its third-annual Big Tent Garage Sale for Charity, Aug. 20-22, 6654 Pear Lane.

Volunteers needed for pricing, set-up, donation pick up, cashiers and helpers during the sale, and donations of baked goods for the bake sale. Set-up/Drop-off: Saturday-Wednesday, Aug. 15-19.

Proceeds will be used to purchase text books, uniforms, school supplies, and backpacks for 16 girls at ESTHERS House in Recife, Brazil.

For more information, call Emily Sutherland at 248-202-5910, email esthers.children@gmail.com, or check esthers.children@gmail.com.

### Bargain meals for seniors at center

Independence Township senior center offers Bargain Meals for Adults 60+, Monday-Friday.

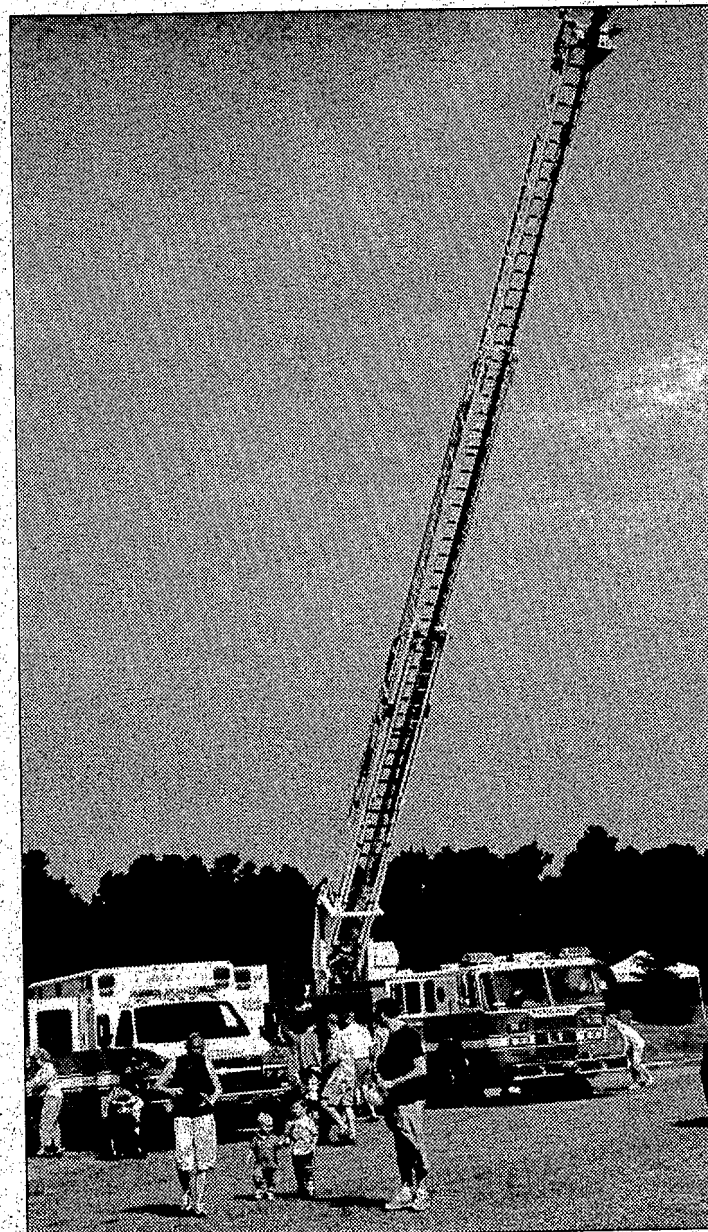
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## Attention businesses

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



Visitors check out Independence Township fire trucks.



Local businesses brought their trucks out to display.

## Trucks at the park

Rainy weather moved Tons of Trucks from Saturday to Sunday this past weekend, but kids still got a chance to get behind the wheels of some of Independence

Township's largest vehicles.

The annual event is hosted by Independence Township Parks and Rec at Clintonwood Park.

Photos by Patrick Riggs



The view from up high.

# Merit exam scores rise for Clarkston

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

Clarkston students scored higher in all categories except one in the 2009 Michigan Merit Exam.

"Science, math, social studies, reading, and writing scores went up," said Staci Puzio, testing and research supervisor. "English Language Arts had a slight drop, but not by much."

Taken by Clarkston High School juniors this past spring, 71.4 percent scored high enough to meet or exceed standards. Last year, 72.6 percent scored at this level, compared to 71.3 percent in 2007.

Math scores increased by 4.5 percent compared to last year, from 65 percent to 69.5 percent.

Writing increased by 3.1 percent, from 59.9 percent to 63 percent.

Clarkston scores are about 18 percent av-

erage higher than statewide scores, and about 10 percent higher than Oakland County averages.

"Clarkston students score consistently in top seven school districts in the county," Puzio said.

Puzio examines MME test results, along with MEAP scores, classroom testing and other assessments, to find where curriculum can and should be improved.

"We look at it and break it down," she said. "There are so many factors - have trimesters had an impact?"

She also follows test scores of students

as they advance through elementary, middle, junior, and high school.

"We look at more than tests - we look at the total picture," she said. "Testing is just one piece of information. We look for where students need assistance in general, not just on the test."

	Math	Reading	Science	Social Studies	Writing	English Lang. Arts
<b>Clarkston</b>						
2007	65.5	75.3	80.0	90.8	62.8	71.3
2008	65.0	75.9	73.0	91.0	59.9	72.6
2009	69.5	78.4	76.0	93.4	63.0	71.4
<b>State</b>						
2007	48	60	56	83	40	51
2008	48	62	57	80	41	52
2009	49	60	56	81	44	52

Percentage scoring levels 1 or 2, meeting or exceeding standards

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## 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).

We use the right equipment to clean your duct work correctly.....the power vac truck. It is the most powerful equipment in the industry. This is where

the entire truck is the vacuum and the truck motor powers the equipment. It's the size of an ambulance and when engaged twelve large air bags will come out of the roof. What makes the difference in equipment? Power! To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 CFM's (cubic feet of air per minute), basically what you feel coming out of your register. Truck mounted equipment only moves 4,000 CFM's. American Power Vac moves over 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute, more than quadruple the power of any truck mounted equipment. The problem is that there are so many companies with inadequate equipment, advertising cheap prices in coupon books, that it gives people a false sense of what the job's worth. The average price to clean your air ducts correctly with the right equipment ranges from \$374 to \$499+ depending on the size of your home. Any company who charges per register or who has "\$99 Whole House Specials" are companies you want to avoid.



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# Teacher charged

## Explicit text messages link suspect to felony charges

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Sashabaw Middle School teacher is facing charges for alleged inappropriate communication with a student.

Police in Independence Township said Michelle Simonson, a special education teacher at SMS, admitted she exchanged approximately 50 text messages—some sexually explicit—with a 14-year-old boy, and also sent the youth a partially nude photo of herself via cell phone.

Simonson, 28, was arraigned Aug. 7 in 52/2 District Court on one felony count of enticing for immoral purposes, and one count of distributing sexually explicit visual/verbal matter to a minor.

Officials at the Independence Township substation said the investigation was triggered after the boy's foster parents voiced concerns to the Oakland County Department of Human Services.

The agency interviewed the youth and forwarded information to police, requesting an investigation.

Approximately 10 texts and a partially nude photo appearing to originate from Simonson's cell phone were documented with assistance from the Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit, authorities said.

According to reports, the boy was a student of Simonson's when the two began exchanging text messages during the late fall of 2008; the communication allegedly continued until around the time the 2008-2009 school year ended.

Investigators said the boy reported feeling "very uncomfortable" as message content became more explicit, and told the teacher he wanted to stop.

The boy also told police he and Simonson never engaged in any direct physical contact, nor did they share any inappropriate direct conversations.

Simonson provided a similar account to police.

During a July 27 meeting with Independence Township Det. Kirk Matich, who serves as sheriff's liaison to the district's seven elementary schools, as well as the

middle and junior high schools, Simonson admitted she had exchanged approximately 50 text messages with the boy, some of which were sexually explicit, and had sent him the partially nude photo of herself.

Like the student, Simonson stated she had not engaged in any physical contact with the boy, nor had any inappropriate direct conversation in or out of school.

"The statements seem to agree," said Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence Township substation, noting he did not attend Simonson's interview but was later advised of findings. "There's no indication anything more happened. The boy got uncomfortable and swore the whole thing off, and at that time she thought 'I've really run

overboard.' She realized her actions weren't very smart, and... fell on the sword (when interviewed by police)."



Simonson

According to reports, Simonson told police the texting began "very innocently with her wanting to help (the student),

then progressed where she knew she had acted very stupidly and 'crossed the line.'"

Simonson, who denied any similar activity with other students or juveniles, waived her right to a preliminary exam within 14 days—presumably to give her attorney adequate time to prepare the case. She has no criminal record or previous police contacts, and was released on \$1,500 personal bond.

"The district will honor her due process rights," wrote Clarkston Community Schools' spokesperson Anita Banach in response to an email inquiry about the district's early reaction. "These types of incidents are truly disappointing. This is one individual who has made a very poor decision."

Simonson hired into the district in 2007. "Last year she was an (Learning resource Center) teacher at SMS," Banach said. "She may have done some travel between buildings for a short time (she is in Special Education) but for the most part she has worked at SMS."

Banach also included a statement from Superintendent Al Roberts in her reply. "We will take the strongest possible action to protect our students," said Roberts, via Banach's email.



# Exhibit compares old, modern Clarkston

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

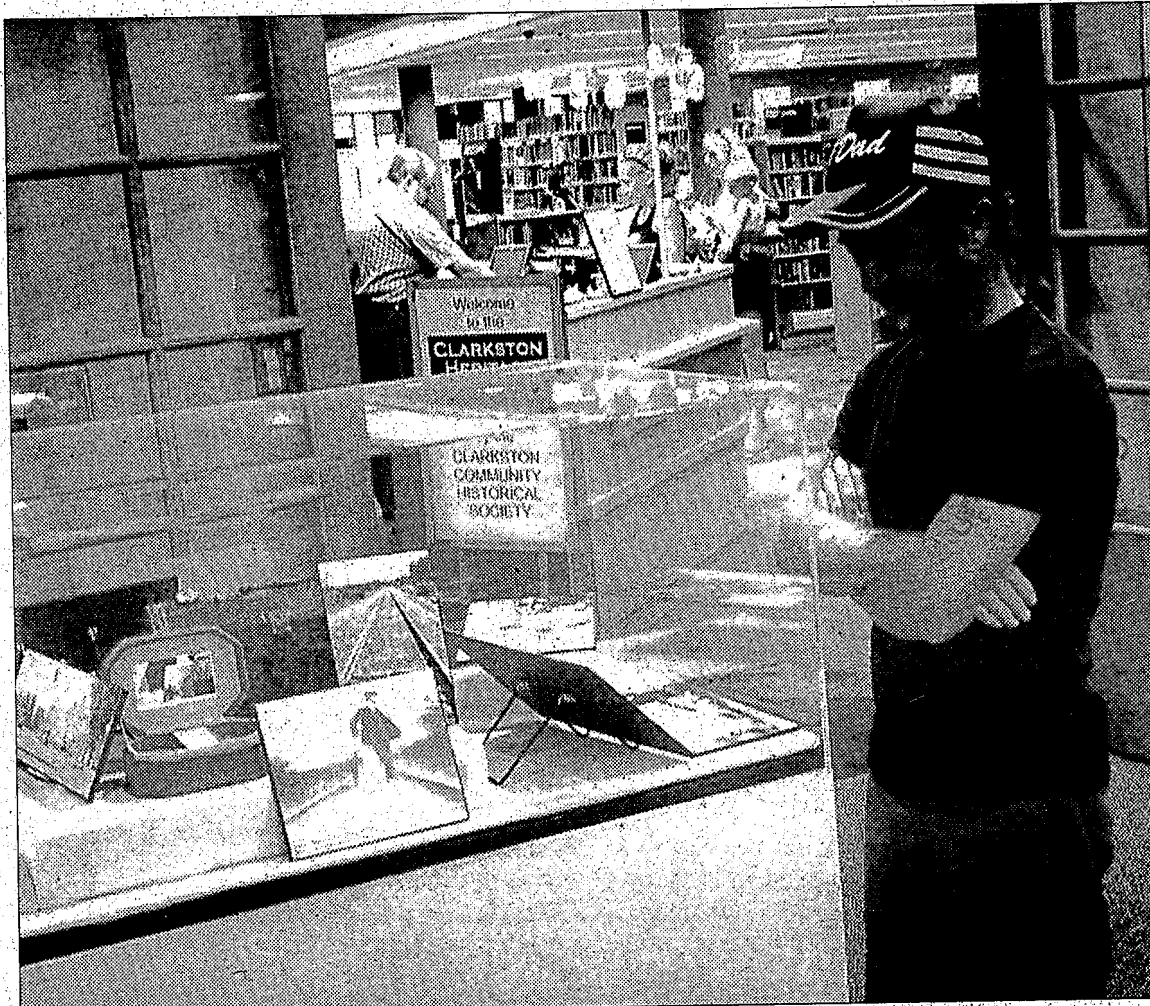
Have you ever sat at a stop-light, looked at a busy corner and wondered "what used to be there?" Or looked at an old building and questioned how long it has stood in that very same spot? If so, a new exhibit at the Clarkston Heritage Museum can answer all your questions.

"Most people really like looking at photographs," said Toni Smith, Clarkston Heritage Museum director. "I think anyone who travels in the area can relate to this exhibit because even if they don't live in Clarkston all the time, they still drive through and often wonder what buildings were there and what has changed."

The museum is sponsored by the Clarkston Community Historical Society. The new exhibit, which runs through November, includes more than 75 historic photos and each is paired with a current photo taken of the same location. In many cases, little has changed and the buildings and homes remain as they have always been. In other views, the curve in a road or the rise of a hill is the only connection between the two photos, with barely a hint at what was once there.

"What's interesting in this exhibit isn't so much what has changed, but what has remained the same," Smith said. "I think that one of the surprises is the dentist office next Morgan's, that's one of the oldest buildings in town and some of our pictures show that building. It was built in the late 1800s, but doesn't look like it because its been aluminum sided."

She also said when she is in the office she can hear people



Tom Cox, a former Clarkston resident, compares photos of the past to the present. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

talking with whoever they're talking with while touring the exhibit about different things they assumed

"For example they assume Rudy's has always been in the same spot, which is hasn't," Smith said. "They are always surprised to see the Rudy's building was a Ford dealership and it had bays for car all along the side where you park."

The museum also has a new

slideshow PowerPoint system that replaced the old touch screen computer, which offers visitors a wide variety of information on the history of Clarkston and function of the Clarkston Community Historical Society. It displays historic photos, past museum exhibits, CCHS events and a game of "Guess the Artifact."

For more information call the CCHS office at 248-922-0270 The

Clarkston Heritage Museum is located within the Independence Township Library at 6495 Clarkston Road. The museum is open during all regular library hours.

"I think when you live in an area, after a few years you assume it's always been that way," Smith said. "But Clarkston has done a good job keeping the character of the town too and that's something that comes through in this exhibit."

## Welcome home to St. Daniel's, Aug. 29-30

St. Daniel Catholic Community hosts Welcome Home Weekend, Aug. 29-30, in the church lobby after all Masses.

The weekend is intended to remind parishioners about the wide range of programs available to them every week at the parish, as well as to welcome those who are seeking a new parish or have not been to church for awhile.

"When we started counting, we realized we had more than 40 programs occurring at the parish every week, from faith formation classes, to Christian service outreach opportunities, to book, mom, senior adult, teen and men's clubs," said Cheryl Smith, director of Adult Faith Formation. "Our buildings are busy with something going on nearly all day and evening throughout the week."

Parish staff will answer questions, and provide information, materials, and phone cards with details on programs and services.

"With summer winding down and people returning from vacations for the start of a new school year, it seemed like the perfect time to welcome them home and remind them of the wide variety of ways they can refresh their spirit and celebrate their faith here at St. Daniel Parish," Smith said.

Masses are scheduled at 5 p.m. on Saturdays; and 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

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# Viewpoints

## Out loud

A column by Laura Colvin

### Meeting musings

Most of the two dozen plus who attended Monday's Clarkston City Council meeting weren't interested in the council's agenda; they came with their own.

And it was all fine until two women from the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club—one of whom had already taken her opportunity to speak—got rude and disrespectful when another woman—NOT of the Garden Club—addressed the crowd.

And then, on the way out, one of the "rude and disrespectful" duo, Mary Himburg, stopped to render some advice.

"I would advise you to be real careful with the information you heard tonight," she told me.

Hmmm. I wonder what she meant by that. Maybe she'll let me know before I write the story for next week's paper. Maybe not. Either way, I was less than impressed with the Garden Club's "presentation."

OK, on to other city council news:

•Derek Werner resigned from the planning commission. Mayor Steve Arkwright nominated Thomas Goldner to replace him, telling the council no one else expressed interest in the position. Did anyone else know the seat was open?

•It'd be nice if everyone who wanted to speak had the opportunity to do so, rather than hearing 'OK, no more comments on such and such topic.' In other words, person A, B and C get to talk, but person D is not important?

•Just because something "has never been done before," or has "always been done this way," doesn't mean it can't be changed if a better idea is hatched. Otherwise, you stagnate. Nothing's wrong with listing an educational website on a sign for the park. It's a GOOD idea.

•Councilman Tom Hunter presented a written report from the Operations/Administration Committee, and asked if council had questions or comments. A verbal summary would have been nice, or at least written copies for those in the audience. What—besides the fact that it's the law—is the point of a public meeting if the public doesn't know what you're talking about?

•Finally, it'd be nice to hear less "we're looking into it," from the mayor. Those words, uttered enough, eventually translate into "I'd rather not say." And, as one of my favorite people once told me, the only thing you get riding on a fence are splinters.



## Reader learns lesson of vigilance

Dear editor,

My wife and I have always supported education, both by paying our share of school taxes from our business and residential properties, as well as considerable additional support we have given over the years.

We are very proud of all of the young people who strive for excellence.

Even though we were not blessed with children of our own, we have always felt support of education is perhaps the most important contribution we can make in any community that we have called home.

The education of the children of Independence Township is certainly the investment we all make in the future of our community, nation and the world.

That said, this period in the history of the economy in Michigan and the nation, this is not the time for raises.

We strongly oppose the liberty taken by Supervisor Wagner in overstepping his authority by granting thousands of dollars in bonus pay to a single individual employee of the township.

## Single hauler would trash Clarkston

Dear editor,

If you really want to understand how important garbage haulers are in our community, visit a city where the garbage haulers are on strike.

Like Clarkston, New York City does not have a system of alleys for garbage pick up. Garbage from all the hospitals, restaurants, and apartments is placed at the curb for daily pick up.

Some years ago, the garbage haulers went on strike.

The strike was settled but only after

## Thanks for help to Lighthouse North

Dear editor,

Once again our community has stepped forward to help Lighthouse Clarkston with a very successful annual food drive sponsored by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance. On Saturday July 25, adults and children collected a record 300 bags of food and paper goods from several neighborhoods in the Clarkston area.

The annual summer food drives sponsored by CAYA, Independence Township post office employee, Waterford

Likewise, we oppose the actions of our school board in granting raises at this difficult economic time.

Every one of the rest of us has suffered the effects of this unprecedented period in our economic history.

People in our community are losing their jobs, homes, savings, perhaps even their

way of life. The effects of this stressful period may last for many years.

How then, when everyone else is taking the hit, can it be justified to give these raises? What were those making the decision to grant them thinking?

As in a previous "Letter to the Editor" we sent, these two tax-paying voters are going to be ever vigilant with regard to future elections.

We urge the rest of the voters in our community to do the same. Those charged with the responsibility of leading us into the future, should keep all factors in mind before they act, opposed to "status quo."

Craig and Debra Strickland  
Independence Township

mountains of garbage had accumulated and the air throughout the city had become truly breathtaking.

To turn garbage hauling over to one contractor is inviting the worst of two worlds. Lack of competition would invite lower quality and higher prices.

Lack of competition results in the customer taking what one provider gives and that's it. I haven't heard of one good argument for using one garbage hauler.

Gerald McNally  
Independence Township

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Connie Stapleton  
Lighthouse Clarkston

More letters to the editor on page 7A

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1994

"New life, new hope, new kidney" Sharon O'Connor donated a kidney to her 14-year-old son, Justin O'Connor, who had lost a kidney at the age of 3. They hoped to start a new life after years of physical limitations.

"City sued: fate of 'historic' stone building in question" Clarkston fought efforts of homeowners to tear down an old stone carriage house off Holcomb road. They wanted to remove it because of renovation costs, and the city wanted to preserve it for historical purposes.

"Taste of Independence" Sept. 11" A new fundraising idea, "A Classical Evening in the Park Featuring A Taste of Independence," was being planned. Almost every restaurant in the-area was excited to participate.

"Art and summertime go together" Clarkston potter Ruth Coulson enjoyed outdoor art fairs, where she could talk to patrons and share her craft with fellow artists. She appeared at fairs around the state.

### 25 years ago - 1984

"Ronk wins supervisor" In a neck-and-neck race spanning all of Independence Township, primary votes elected fire Chief Frank Ronk the new supervisor with a 78-vote margin over incumbent James Smith.

"Sashabaw gets new assistant" Sashabaw Middle School welcomed new Assistant Principal David Reschke. He joined Clarkston Community Schools after 13 years with Waterford's school district.

"Friends bid her adieu" Friends of Hazel Miller jammed the Village Bakeshop to bid her a fond farewell. The lifelong Clarkston area resident, who lived on the Miller farm on Holcomb Road, was moving to Colorado to be closer to family.

"Tennis doubles bound for New York finals" Roger Craig and his daughter Kelly Craig advanced to the finals of the Equitable Family Challenge tennis tournament in New York. They also earned tickets to the U.S. Open, set about the same time.

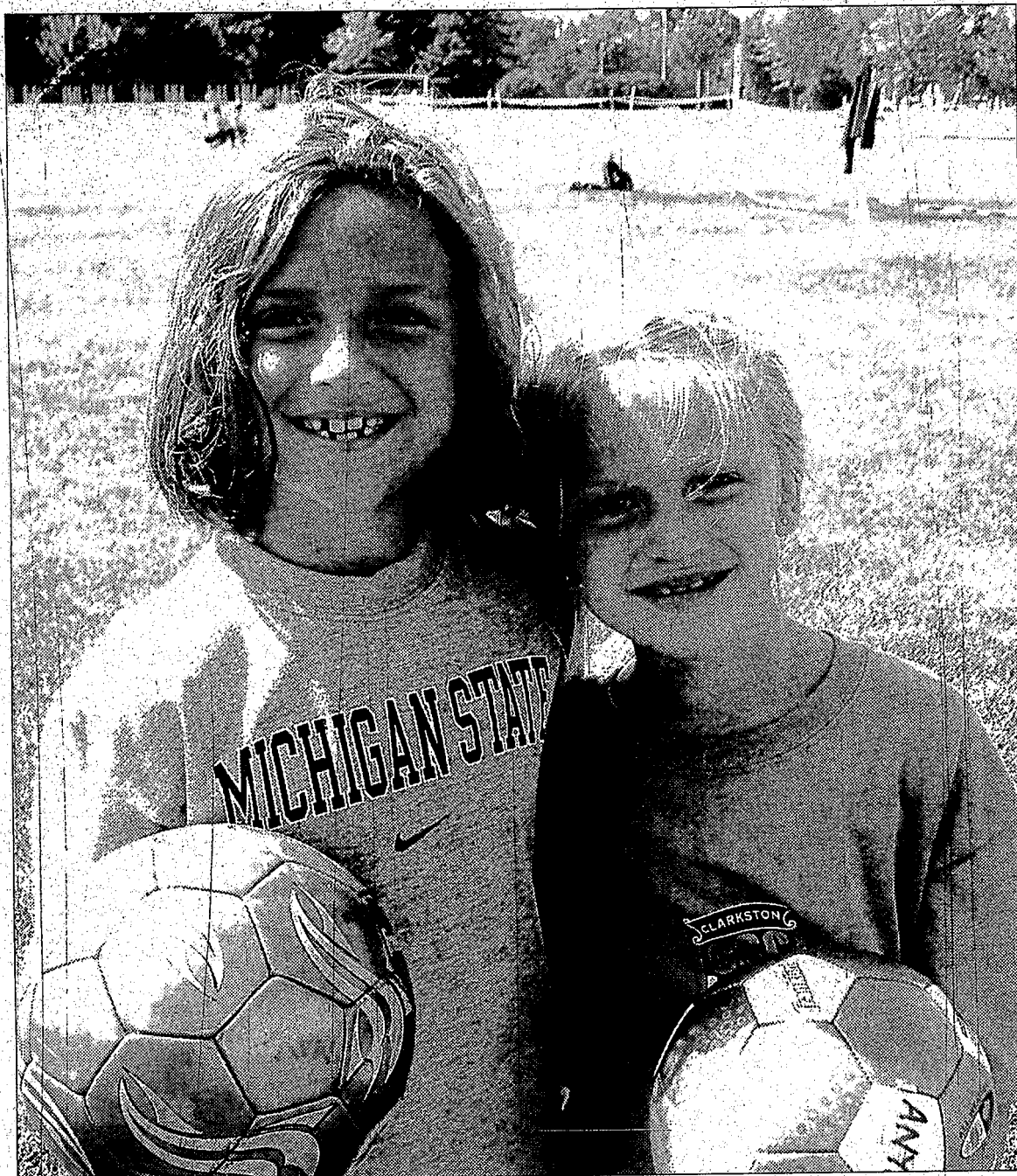
### 50 years ago - 1959

"Skin diver drowns in Deer Lake" Clarkston firefighters could not revive a 26-year-old Dearborn man, who had been diving with family at Deer Lake.

"Don't take a chance, take polio shots now" The Rev. Burton Hodgson warned local residents to get their vaccinations, citing a polio epidemic in Des Moines.

"Clarkston local" Jody Wilford was to leave her job in Dearborn and join her folks at their cottage on Lake Michigan for the rest of the month.





## Smiles of the week

Maya Roy and Anya Karpuhenkoff are ready to play at the Future Wolves Soccer Camp earlier this month. Photo by Caitlin Smith

### Write a Letter to the Editor!

Letters to the Editor should deal with issues affecting our community. They not only criticize, but also praise. Where they point out problems, so too should they offer suggestions.

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### Thanks for stories on basketball

Dear editor,

Thanks for the good articles about Clarkston basketball, including the recent piece by J.T. Bohland ("Fife Camp starts many successful basketball careers," July 15). I am so impressed by the Clarkston program. Great kids, great leadership, and great results!

Thanks again and keep dribbling!

**Bill Uffelman**  
Grand Blanc  
website.submission

## Doggone it! Dog days! Dog eared! Dogface!

You got it!

I'm going to start this column with comments about ma'dog, Shayna. About an equal number of *Jottings* readers say, either, "Not another column about your dog?" and, "Keep writing about your dog."

Thus the early warning.

But, first: Where do you find a no-legged dog? Right where you left him.

What goes "Marc! Marc!?" A dog with a harelip.

Now, then. I found that Shayna likes tuna fish salad. And, it doesn't matter where I buy it. And, she can be sleeping out in the yard and either hear me in the kitchen snap open a box or smell it.

There will be a scratch on the door, then a trot to the site, a sit and an extreme longing look in her anxious eyes.

I don't want her dropping any, so I fork some out of the dish, put it in her mouth, then draw the fork up and out, leaving her working the tuna off the roof of her mouth, while still appealing for more.

After all his anal checking, Dr. Steep has found no difference between tuna salad, the Alpo or Pedigree diets. And, Shayna likes tuna a whole lot more.

However, just in case tuna isn't a healthy dog food, I limit Shayna's forkfuls to three . . . a day.

Dog related comment: Product pusher Dr. Frank has a spray that stops the pain in dogs. For \$19.95 you can get 400 doses. Spray the stuff in the dog's dish, your dog licks it and the pain is gone. Dr. Frank, make one for humans. I'm willing to lick a dish if it eliminates my pains.

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I didn't realize -- until being bombarded recently by so many ads -- that I "deserve" so many things. Lawyers say I should get the settlements I deserve.

Insurance company Cinergy says I deserve health insur-

ance. I deserve to be informed of what others don't want me to know.

Oh, yeah, just call with your credit card handy.

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• A political race can be compared to a horse race, the only difference being that in a horse race, the entire horse runs.

**Jim's Jottings**



a column by  
**Jim Sherman**

town gossip," -Will Rogers.

• I wonder if President Obama was swayed by E. J. Smith's comment. This Smith was captain of the Titanic. He said, "I cannot imagine any condition which would cause this ship to founder. I cannot conceive of any vital disaster happening to this vessel. Modern shipbuilding has gone beyond that."

• Attention Pentagon! The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.

• Ads are becoming more prevalent for a moist wipe. The slogan is, "Be kind to your behind." It really is.

• Sportscasters seem to love using the word, *athleticism*. I think it's the longest word they know, so they use it a lot to prove they are smart.

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How about some comments from Rodney I-get-no-respect Dangerfield.

It's tough to stay married. My wife kisses the dog on the lips, yet she won't drink from my glass!

I'm so ugly I stuck my head out the window and got arrested for mooning.

The other day I came home and a guy was jogging, naked. I asked him, "Why?" He said, "Because you came home early."

# Golfers hit the links for kids

Golfers braved the heat and humidity Monday to hit the greens and help local students.

"This is the largest fundraiser for Clarkston Foundation," said Carl Matisse, who chaired the 15th Annual Golf Classic with Bruce Beamer. "It raises between \$20,000-\$30,000. It all goes back to the kids in the school district."

Participants enjoyed a full day of golf at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club in Independence Township, contests, raffle, auction, all different kinds of contests, lunch, and a dinner banquet, Matisse said.

"It sells out year after year," he said. "That shows strong community support and effort."

Proceeds fund college scholarships, academic programs, summer camp scholarships, classroom grants, Teacher of the Year, and other recognition programs.

*Photo story by Phil Custodio*



Matt McCarty, left, and Linda Nester take a break from their school district administration jobs to jam with Clarkston Foundation member Don Egler.



Golfers wrap up the day with cocktails and dinner.



Geechy Guy, with Clarkston Foundation President Jim Evans provided entertainment.



## Not twice as nice

A deputy checking out a tip about a drunk driver spotted the suspected car driving erratically on White Lake Road around 9:30 p.m. July 30 and arrested the vehicle's driver, a 42-year-old Independence Township woman, on charges of operating while intoxicated. The woman, who produced a PBT of .17—more than twice the legal limit—was accommodated for the evening in Oakland County Jail.

## Cleaned out

The owner of an Independence Township dry cleaning business called police Aug. 3 after arriving at work in the morning to discover the cash drawer was open and money from inside was missing. The building showed no signs of forced entry.

## Barn burned

A large pole barn in the 2800 block of Mann Road was destroyed by fire Aug. 5. A neighbor, who told police she had knowledge of a squatter staying in the barn but hadn't seen the person in quite some time, also said the abandoned structure is often frequented by teenagers, and noted she heard some activity from the area during the previous night. Other neighbors, who also told deputies they'd seen teens around the area, said the kids had a couch and tent inside the barn. Independence Township Fire Department officials were determining

# Public Safety

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

whether an arson investigation was warranted.

## Glass smashed

A man living in the 4800 block of Parview called police Aug. 4 after discovering someone smashed out the front window out of his 1997 GMC Yukon while it sat parked in his driveway during the night. Nothing appeared to be missing from inside the vehicle, the owner noted.

## No weeds whipped

A man living in the 2500 block of Mann Road reported a Steel brand gas weed whipper missing Aug. 5., and told police he normally locks the shed where the equipment was stored, but failed to do so last time he was inside.

## Business break-in

The parents of two 12-year-old Independence Township girls called police Aug. 6 after the friends reported someone driving a pickup truck followed behind them as they rode bikes in the area of Rattalee Lake and Allen Road.

According to police reports, the truck drove slowly behind the girls, even when they motioned for it to go around.

One of the girls told police the same truck, described as an older model GMC with one burned-out headlight, followed her about two weeks ago, but said she didn't tell anyone at the time.

## Fraudulent fitness

An Independence Township woman reported someone obtained her personal data and used the information to open a credit card in her maiden name, resulting in fraudulent charges of \$2,633 for home fitness equipment.

## Business break-in

The owner of a business in the 6200 block of Sashabaw Road called police after arriving at work to discover someone pried open a window, which was located behind a screen of shrubbery, and stole cash and other goods from inside the building during the night.

## Sacked

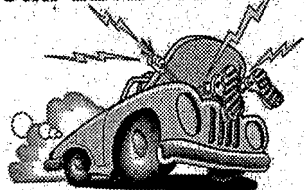
While checking the main building at a club on Waterford Road after an alarm went off, Independence Township deputies discovered two males leaving the area with a bag. The 20-year-old and 24-year-old Waterford men dropped the sack—which contained several small bags of chips, along with some coins, from a concession stand—when approached by deputies and were taken into custody.



## Idle hands

A Sashabaw Road business suffered a case of graffiti this past weekend. Police are investigating. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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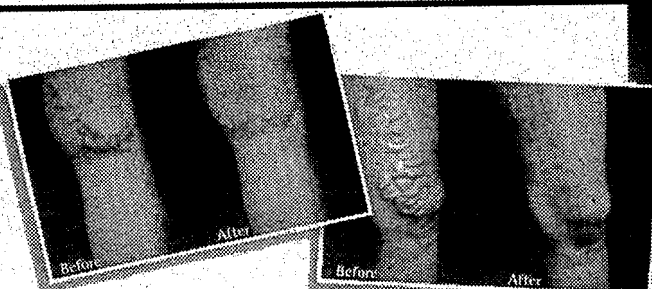
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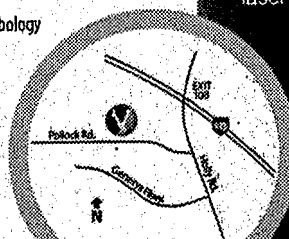
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# \$6,000 for sheriff substation blueprints

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Trustee Neil Wallace noticed \$900 to DeRosiers Architects in the July 21 check run, he thought it was odd.

When he found out it was for preliminary blueprints for a new sheriff substation, he was angry.

"In this letter (from Supervisor Dave Wagner), it says that this came out of the supervisor's budget as though that made it OK, as though the money in the supervisor's budget, he can spend it at his discretion and that's just simply not true," Wallace said. "This is another indication of monies being spent that should have been brought to the township board."

Two more checks to DeRosiers, for \$2,900 and \$2,400, awaited approval in the Aug. 4 meeting.

Trustee David Lohmeier questioned Finance Director Susan Hendricks about the payments before the meeting and she confirmed it was for the new substation.

"Also I asked what account it came out of and she didn't say the supervisor's, she said it came out of the board's budget," Lohmeier said. "I asked why and she said that's what I was directed to do."

Wagner said there was a "miscommuni-

cation."

"We've been going over these bills for the last week, so if it is in the board's account it will be out of there," Wagner said.

Hendricks later confirmed that the money was originally taken out of the board's account, but upon request of the supervisor the money has been taken out of the supervisor's budget. She said invoices are written up at the department level and sent to "accounts payable."

"When it was written up at the department level, it was written to come out of the board's account," Hendricks said. "Whether it was miscommunication or a typing error or whatever it was, the supervisor has informed me there was an error on that payment and it is being corrected."

The board voted 5-1 to approve the check run but to hold the two DeRosier bills until they get clarification. Wallace

voted against the check run. Trustee Larry Rosso was absent.

In a later interview, Wagner said bills submitted by DeRosiers in January were mixed up between the new township hall and the proposed substation.

"As a matter of fact, that was supposed to be pulled out of the check run because the bill was still not correct

and the sheriff's department was going to contribute 50 percent of that bill," he said. "I also have some businesses out there that have said they're willing to contribute to that facility, a substantial amount of money, because they think it's the right thing to do. On top of that, they like the location because it's real close to I-75, it's in the center of the township and they believe it would make police work even more efficient than what it already is."

The reason for having blue prints drawn up, said Wagner, was so they could see what it would look like and what size is

needed, so when the board approves putting the project out for bid, they would have a "floor plan to work off of and get some ideas of cost."

This is within his authority, he said.

"Within my budget, I have a line item that's called contractual services, which allows the supervisor to do certain things if he needs to, to have something looked at, no matter what it is, up to a certain dollar amount that has been approved, and that's what I did," he said. "Once again, you've got individuals who don't have an interest in the betterment of the township, but want to criticize what has gone on, just to criticize and create dissension in the ranks."


However, Lohmeier said it is less of a question of "can you" and more of "should you," when spending \$5,000-\$6,000 on blue prints for a building that hasn't been approved by the board yet.

"If it turns out that he can spend out of the supervisor's budget, fine, but that doesn't mean it's still the smart thing to do, when we can't afford to do other things," he said. "We haven't prioritized any new construction yet, so he is spending money prepping for work that's not approved. That just doesn't make any sense to me."



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- Trustee David Lohmeier



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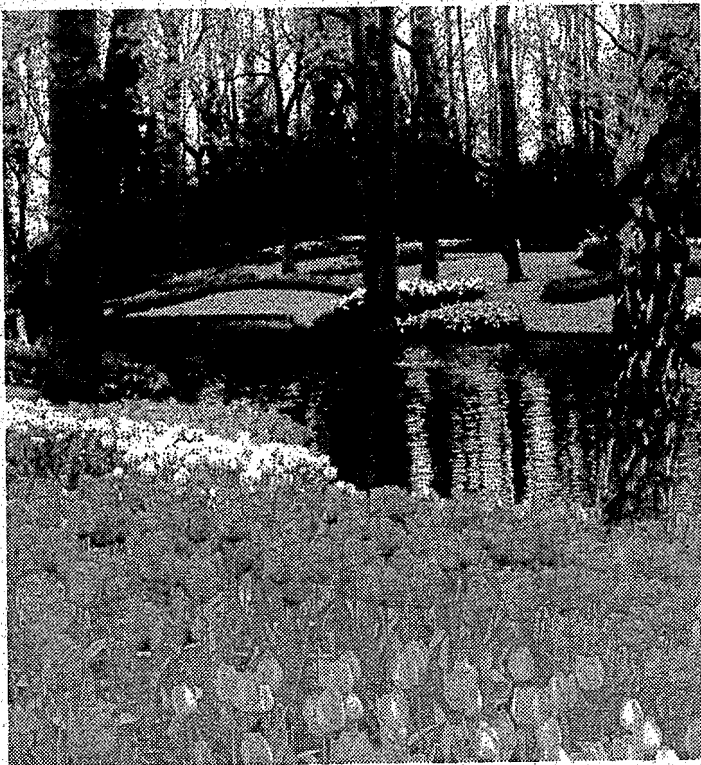
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# GOOD LUCK!

## Open house slated for Planet Kids

Planet Kids, a family-owned, Christian-values childcare center and winner of Best of the Best Day Care for the second year in a row, celebrates its 10th birthday with a gift to the Clarkston community: a free night of childcare for 164 children.

"We've been enjoying a summer-long birthday celebration with events for our families and the community," said owner Kelly Collins, a University of Michigan graduate of behavioral science and early childhood development. "We thought this would be a great finale."

Planet Kids hosts Kids Night Out, 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15. The evening's theme is "Hip to be Square." Children are invited to come dressed in 50's and 60's attire. A pizza dinner will be served along with ice cream dessert. Residents of Clarkston and Independence Township are invited and the first 164 children registered will enjoy this free, fun-filled evening with Planet Kids.

"This is a great way to support our families and community," said Collins. "At a time when many places are conserving and cutting corners, Planet Kids is investing more in the lives and learning of their children with creative, hands-on curriculum, and new, extended hours of operation."

Planet Kids is now open from 6 a.m.-11 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

"Strong children, strong families, and a commitment to our community," she said. "These are the characteristics we strive to be defined by."

If you have a child between the ages of 6 weeks and 12 years and would like them to experience Kids Night Out, call Planet Kid's Jeni Scott or Shannon Bunker to RSVP at 248-620-9032.

## 'No' means no for taping special meetings

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The township board gave their final answer at the Aug. 4 board meeting when they voted "no" a second time in less than a month to taping special meetings.

The motioned failed on a split 3 to 3 vote. Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen along with trustees David Lohmeier and Neil Wallace voted in support of taping the special meetings, while trustee Mark Petterson, Treasurer Curt Carson and Supervisor Dave Wagner voted against it. Trustee Larry Rosso was absent.

VanderVeen was willing to put the issue back on the agenda after a request from Wallace, and finding out cost was not an issue. She was also concerned the "tone" of the regular board meetings would carry over into the special meetings, but since then she changed her mind.

"There seems to be a little more congeniality in those meetings when the cameras aren't on; however, since that time, there have been statements made that somehow in those meetings, we made decisions that were somehow sneaky or underhanded when all board members were present. There was some convenient lapses in memory of what happened at those meetings," VanderVeen said. "I think we have to regain the trust of the citizens and that might be one step towards doing it."

Wallace hoped board members would change their minds on the matter when they were told cost was not an issue, which was one of the main reasons the request was voted down at the July 7 board meeting.

"There was a cost estimate of \$80,000, which was really the agitation by our cable department head to get a full-time person," he said. "What I found with talking to him directly was if we wanted him to send someone over here, a part-timer that he uses now, that would cost us \$9 an hour with no benefits."

Wallace said if they were going to sit at the back table and use a static camera, they wouldn't need the part-timer.

Wagner disagreed.

"I'm not going to debate the dollar amount, whatever Andy (Reish, Clarkston Public Access Center, director) said to you, he said to you. I don't disagree with what he said to you," Wagner said to Wallace. "I know he said to me, so maybe he is saying something different to you because you're there and he is saying something different to me because he wants to hear what I think."

According to Wagner, the cable station needs another full-time person because of extra programming and loss of interns/volunteers at the station. A full-time worker with benefits would cost \$66,000. He also noted he'd rather see Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals taped instead of special board meetings.

"I think there are more things that go on there versus a special board meeting than you can shake a stick at, that people don't have a clue on in this community," he said.

Treasurer Curt Carson wasn't "convinced" they had official cost numbers.

"When you talk about cost, cost can be measured in several ways. One is the physical green dollars as they're coming out of our pocket, that we're paying for or the taxpayers are paying for," he said. "The other is the cost of the value of the work that gets done in these workshops and special meetings."

Carson also noted he talked to 15 communities that don't record special meetings, or workshops, and some don't even record their regular board meetings.

"I believe that under the program we currently have, we get much more accomplished than we do on a regular board night," he said.

"In addition, we're much more comfortable. We talk back and fourth in a congenial way, which doesn't often happen in a board meeting, that's where I see business really getting done."

Petterson said he was for taping special meetings if there was an "actionable item" on the agenda that the board was going to vote on, like discussion of the HR director, but most meetings have just been "budget workshops," not special meetings.

"We don't really get anything accomplished anyways," he said. "These are learning processes for all the board members to sit with department heads and learn about the departments. We've not doing anything money wise, or advised any department to cut anything yet, that will come when we do the budget in Sept. or Oct. All were doing is going through the departments."

Petterson also recommended as he has before that trustees should not be paid for workshops because the board is almost over budget for trustee pay.

Trustees are paid \$202.84 for regular meetings and \$106.09 for special meetings

"We are going to be recommending a budget adjustment to the board to increase, their line item for payroll because of the special meetings," Finance Director Susan Hendricks said.

Hendricks noted \$16,500 has already been spent out the allotted \$24,000 for trustee payroll.

Lohmeier said he was "disappointed" by the turn out.

"Either you believe in transparency and honesty and you support or you don't," he said. "They decided they don't."

## SMILE OF THE MONTH



**Kyle O'Grady**

Kyle is going into the 9th grade. He likes to play sports, especially lacrosse. He also likes biking and hanging out with friends.

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Clarkston Paper 2009 Girls 11-12 Major Team, with their championship trophy.

# Clarkston Paper wins playoff trophy

The Clarkston Paper 2009 Girls 11-12 Major Team capped off a great season by winning both their Independence Township Parks and Rec League and also their Playoff Championship at Clintonwood Park, July 28.

The team finished their season with a 10-3-1 record.

Team members include Katrina Arrol, Tatiana Brinker, Abigail Howe, Alyssa Mangapora, Renee Campbell, Anna Davis, Taylor McKay, Alexis McKay, Jade Beauregard, Sage Beauregard, Gina Setter, Hannah Wilson, and Heather Davies. Coaches included: Brent Davies, Frank Davis, Gerry Brinker and Tom Setter.

## Athletes of the Week Hasselbach a hit in Vegas

Taylor Hasselbach of Clarkston helped lead Compuware 18U softball team to finish fifth out of 140 teams at ASA National Tournament in Las Vegas.

In their first game, against the Boston Bat Busters, Hasselbach went 4 for 5, contributing to an 8-2 victory. In the next game against the Louisville Sluggers, Hasselbach had two RBI's, but they lost 8-4.

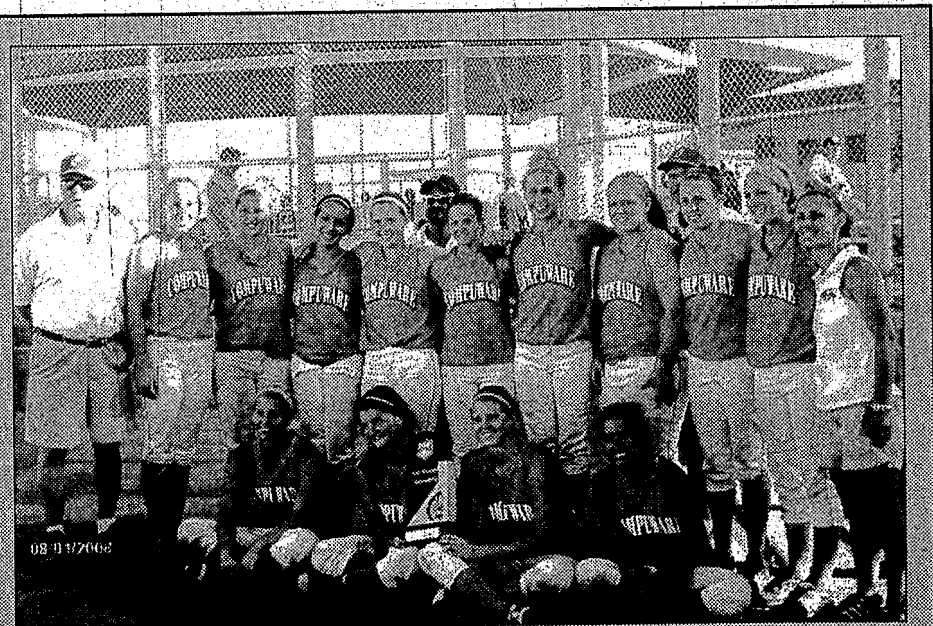
Compuware moved on to defeat the Illinois Sparks 3-1. Compuware's next opponent was the Kansas City Elite. Hasselbach had a

double in the team's 1-0 win.

Compuware advanced in the tournament to face the Wisconsin Badgers, where Hasselbach went 3 for 4 in their 6-3 win.

The team kept their winning streak alive by coming out in full force by beating the Oklahoma City Dynamite 16-4. Hasselbach went 4 for 5.

After falling to the Tampa Mustangs, 2-0, they took on the Ohio Sun Dogs in their final game. The Sun Dogs came out on top by defeating Compuware 5-2.



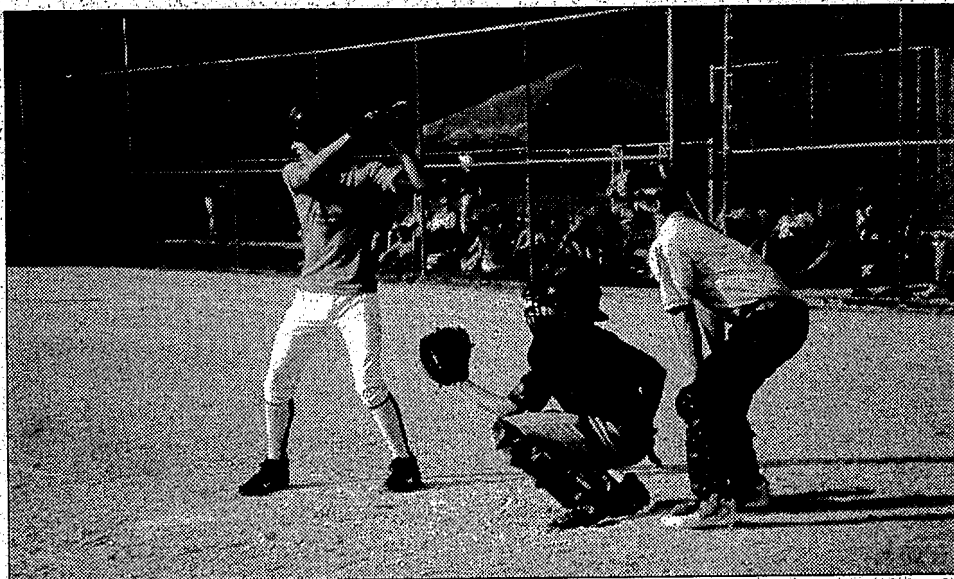
Back row from left, Coach Dave Brubaker, Erika Lehr (Ida), Taylore Hasselbach (Clarkston), Andi Gasco (Patoskey), Mary Houllihan (Marion), Coach Tom Cuthrell, Hannah Atkinson (Mercy), Bryttany VanVilet (Trenton), Katie O'Hotzke (Huron), Coach Dan Jones, Emily Shaw (Trenton), Megan Smith (Lake Orion), Coach Nikki Lawrence. Front row from left, Brittany Bertrand (Goodrich), Mary Divirgilio (Detroit Country Day), Emily Jones (Lapeer West), Heather Cuthrell (Waterford Mott). Not pictured is Coach Al Land.

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Hitters in grades 4-5 can get more time on the fields at Parks and Rec's Sandlot league. Photo provided

## Fall baseball with Sandlot

Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers the Sandlot, a new fun and laid-back baseball and softball program this fall for children in grades 4-5.

"The Sandlot is a great way for kids to get out and stay active on the baseball diamond during the month of September," said Jeff Morris, recreation programmer. "There are games twice a week, so players can get a lot of baseball in during a short season."

Players can sign up as a team, or be placed them on a team. All games are supervised and facilitated by Parks and Recreation staff.

Registration continues through Friday, Aug. 21, at Parks and Rec, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. Games begin on Aug. 31 or Sept. 1, depending on grade level, all at Sashabaw Plains Park.

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

## Girls softball travel team

The Michigan Diamonds 14U fastpitch softball team is looking for girls for the 2010 season. For more information or a tryout, call Jeff Combs at 810-417-1192 or email [jcombs@netscape.com](mailto:jcombs@netscape.com). The teams will play in six tournaments and possibly the World Series.

## Adult softball leagues forming

Fall athletics offered by Independence Township Parks and Recreation men's and co-rec softball at Clintonwood Park, Monday-Friday and Sundays; mid-August through early October, with no games on Labor Day weekend.

Soccer league for women ages 30 and over plays from August through October, Sun-

days at Clintonwood Park.

Programs for children this fall include the Sandlot, a baseball program for boys and girls in grades 4-5, beginning in late August, and fall youth soccer for ages 4-18.

Registration is ongoing at the Parks and Rec. For more information, check [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org) or call 248-625-8223.

## Riverdaws travel baseball tryouts

Clarkston Riverdaws travel baseball team tryouts will be Saturday, Aug. 15 and 22, at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Teams 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U is 9-11 a.m. Teams 13U, 14U and 16U, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Rain date for Aug. 15 is Sunday, Aug. 16. Boys 16 and under as of April 30, 2010, cannot turn 17 before May 1, 2010.

Candidates should attend both tryouts. Each must arrive fully equipped with personal

protective equipment, glove, bat and \$10 tryout fee, checks payable to "Clarkston Youth Baseball Organization."

Check [www.riverdaws.org](http://www.riverdaws.org) for Riverdaws tryout form. Tryout form should be completed, with parent's signature prior to tryout.

Clarkston Riverdaws are part of the North Oakland Baseball Federation of travel baseball teams. Most games are played in Oakland County.



## Brad Stout Law Team wins trophy

Brad Stout Law Team, winner of Boys 11-12 Playoffs in Independence Township Parks and Rec summer league. Photo provided

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# School board reaches consensus on vote

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Cheryl McGinnis.

Hyer disagreed.

"It's foolish to base the decision entirely on dollars," he said.

November elections also place school-board candidates in a field of local, state, and federal office seekers, at risk of political interference and making campaigning more expensive, he said.

"I don't think the school board should go to those with the most money," he said.

May elections, with their smaller vote turnout, are also vulnerable to special-interest influence, he said.

A stumbling block may be state law, which makes any switch to November elections permanent.

"The decision to move to November is irreversible," Hyer said. "That's what irks me the most. I'm all in favor of trying it, and if it doesn't work, going back."

Also annoying is the history of the issue, with school districts pressured to solve problems caused by the state, Hyer said.

"When I joined the board, school districts ran their own election - they cost about \$12,000," he said. "Since consolidation forced districts to contract with townships or counties, the cost has become \$45,000. It's frustrating."

Issues also include timing. Board members elected in May join the board in July, during summer break and budget cycles. Trustees elected in November would join the board in January, in the middle of the

school year and in the midst of budget discussions.

Boatman said new trustees would have a sharper learning curve, but could handle it.

"We talk about budget all year long," she said.

According to research she collected earlier this year, 21 districts in Oakland County switched to November elections, annual, odd-year, or even-year. Clarkston is among seven districts with May elections.

Bomier is not impressed.

"Just because our neighbors do it, doesn't mean we have to do it," Bomier said.

Odd-year November elections, with fewer elections to piggyback on, would cost about \$30,000.

"If we don't go to even-year November, what sense would it make," said Treasurer Joe Armstrong. "We'd might as well stay with May."

Trustee Joan Patterson said voters she spoke with want cost savings with six-year terms, but others liked the greater accountability of four-year terms.

"That was really interesting - I was surprised," she said.

The board's final decision should be based on what's best for the district, Hyer said.

"Kids need the highest level of leadership," he said.

The board will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 24, at school administration, 6389 Clarkston Road. Call 248-623-5400.

## College athlete earns honor

Robbie Clark, a graduate of Clarkston High School, is one of 121 Albion College scholar-athletes who have been named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Academic Honor Roll for the

2008-2009 year.

Clark, the son of Max and Harriet Clark of Clarkston, averaged 4.7 points per game for the men's basketball team during the 2008-2009 season.



Cheshire Park sanitary sewers has been connected to the wrong pipe the past four years. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

## Sewer connected to wrong pipe

For the past four years, residents of Cheshire Park condominiums and apartment complex off Walden Center Drive has had their sanitary sewers connected to the wrong pipe.

"We know for sure they connected the sanitary sewer into the storm water. I am guessing they connected the storm into the sanitary, but we won't know that until we dig it up," said DPW Director Linda Richardson. "Either way it's a bad thing. You don't want raw sewage going into your wetlands."

Richardson said they first heard about it last week, and since have contacted both the health department and the contractor who did the job for the complex.

"The health department was out today (Monday) taking samples to test for E-Coli and there is a crew coming in to do the repair Thurs or Fri," she said. "Once it's all taken care of I will send my report to the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) and it will up to them to decide if there will be fines or anything like that."

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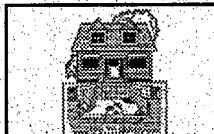
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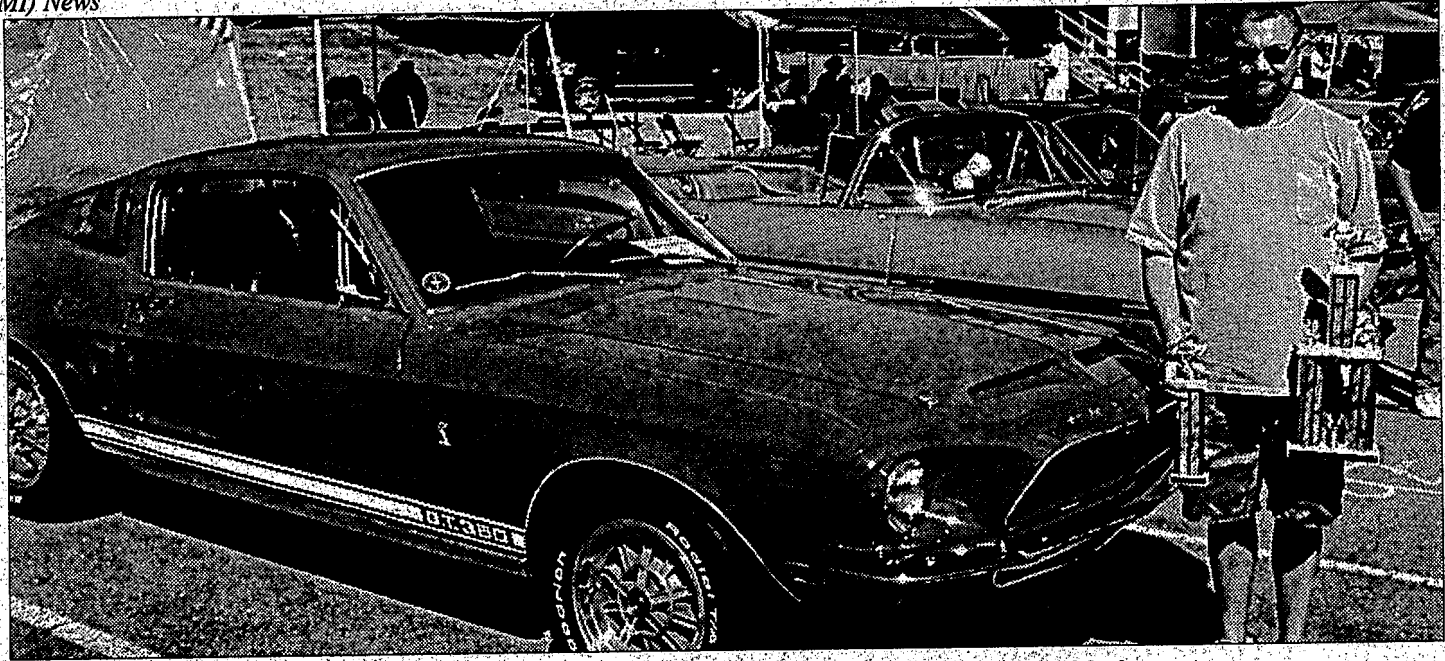
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## Car show at Labor Day fair

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About 100 cars and trucks of all types will participate. The first 100 gets a dash plaque. Trophies and door prizes will be presented at 3:30 p.m.

The fair includes DJ Mark Farnsworth, food, kid's games, auctions, raffles, and a large flea market.

For more information, call the church, east of Clarkston and Sashabaw roads, at 248-394-0200.



Classic cars fill the lot at the church at the Labor Day Fair and Car Show.

## Study to continue if boards approve

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a possibility that some kind of revenue to the townships could result."

Trout said he wasn't sure how those revenues would be realized, but noted it was important to remain involved in the study until involvement no longer made sense for Springfield Township.

"I'm just trying to get the information out there in a way that doesn't make it controversial at all our board meetings," he said. "There's a lot of missing information. What may be important to us as far as technology and replacing the landfills has somehow turned into a discussion about who picks up your garbage. It's not so much who does it, sometimes, as much as how it's done."

Although the first phase of the study didn't cost the participating townships anything, it wasn't "free."

According to Larry Doyle, administrative

director for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the county paid RRS \$75,000 to conduct phase one, which involved Independence and Springfield townships, as well as Brandon, Groveland, Waterford, West Bloomfield and White Lake.

A second phase would require participating communities to kick in funds for continued involvement.

"The second phase needs to be approved by the boards, and I'm looking forward to getting that approval," said Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner.

Wagner said he was eager to move forward, even though he's heard from quite a few residents who have "misconceptions" about the potential for a new waste hauling plan.

Many of the concerns he's heard, Wagner said, are from residents worried about the fate of Smith's Disposal, a Springfield Township based company that serves a large portion of

the Clarkston area and supports numerous charitable community events.

"Everyone is worried about their garbage man going away," Wagner said. "No one's trying to run Smith's out; we're not trying to get rid of them."

Wagner said he was "mostly interested in the green aspect of the plan, noting he "didn't want to get into" a discussion about the possibility for municipal revenue until the idea had been explored more fully.

Still, he admitted, the potential was inviting.

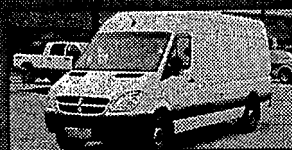
"We're all looking for revenue, which would come from what the (conversion plant) produces," he said. "There's a potential, for us, for an additional \$1.5 million per year. In these times, that helps out immensely."

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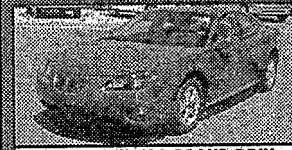
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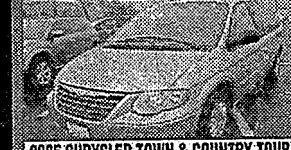
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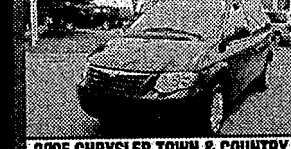
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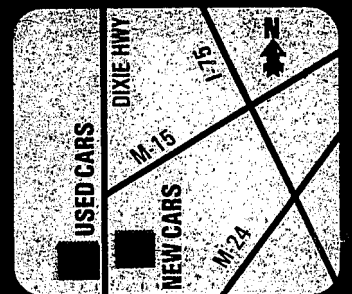
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By Trevor Keiser

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Dog rescuers open homes, hearts

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Five dogs sitting in a row, one in the middle, named Olivia, wears a scarf and a big, toothy grin.

Connie and Carl Fleck love photos like that—the pictures illustrate why they run Canine Companions Rescue Center out of their home in Independence Township.

"They touch your heart," said Connie, who has been rescuing dogs from animal shelters for the past 30 years. "That's why we do it."

"It's the dogs. We love dogs," Carl said. "The feeling you get when a dog goes home with a family with kids and other dogs, and they send you pictures—that makes it all worthwhile."

The Flecks, who have three dogs of their own, work with volunteers, animal control agencies across the state, and members of the community.

"We have 35-40 active volunteers who help with housing animals, adoption shows, and training," Connie said.

Volunteers provide foster care for dogs until they are adopted, and they also use kennel space in Metamora. They also counsel and educate new dog owners, and train dogs in social skills.

They list dogs on Petfinder.com, show them every Sunday, 12-4 p.m., at Petco in Lake Orion, and attend events such as Pet-A-Palooza, Aug. 1-2 in Auburn Hills.

"That was a big event—we adopted out 31 dogs," Connie said.

They rescued and adopted out about 1,700 dogs so far. Most dogs are adopted within a couple weeks, she said.

"We try to make it as easy as we can—we're accessible by cell phone and email," she said. "We help people find the right dog, one that best fits their lifestyle."

They work with agencies across the state, including Detroit, Tuscola County, Muskegon, and Gladwin, as well as some in Ohio. Some come from animal-cruelty cases, others were abandoned.



Connie Fleck and volunteer Marti Waits, with Jacques. If not rescued, Jacques would have been euthanized this past Thursday, Waits said.

When receiving dogs, they keep them for seven days to check for illness, and test them for sociability and temperament.

"They're rescue dogs—we don't know their backgrounds," she said.

They usually have to name the animals, recently going through French names, such as Pierre and Jacques, or whatever seems fitting, such as Elvis for a hound dog.

Adopted animals can be returned to the center for full refund within 30 days.

"We want to give the dogs a chance," Connie said.

Connie has been a counselor at Clarkston High School for nine years, and Carl is retired from the auto industry. They moved to Independence Township from Oregon 15 years ago.

They started working in dog rescue 30 years ago, when their first dog as husband and wife died.

"That was very painful," she said. "We decided to help at the local dog rescue in Illinois—that's where we're from."

They and their daughter volunteered a couple times a week.

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# Around Town

**Bucks for Buses**, 5-9 p.m., Aug. 13. Fundraiser for transportation for seniors and disabled. Bullfrogs, 2225 S. Ortonville Road. Features band 40 Buffalo Band and Friends. 248-625-8231.

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**Insects Galore**, 1 p.m., Aug. 15, at 1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center off Andersonville Road. Catch-and-release insect hunt, learn about insects, bug craft. \$3. 248-625-7280.

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**Matthew West** in concert, 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. \$15/ adults, \$10/students, \$20 at the door. www.itickets.com.

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**Town Hall Quilt Guild**, 7 p.m., Aug. 18. Social half hour preceding. Members assemble and distribute quilt kits for charitable projects. Guild meets third Tuesdays at First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road, east of Sashabaw. Visitors welcome. Call Carol, 248-363-3128.

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**Community Garage Sale**, Aug. 21-22, L.A. Café, 5815 Dixie Highway; **Comedy Night with Mike Green**, Sept. 25, Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. Benefits National Transplant Assistance Fund's Great Lakes Stem Cell Transplant in honor of Barbara Grupido of Ortonville, who needs a stem cell transplant. For more information, call Ginger Blaquiere at 248-623-4777.

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**Fire-prevention smokehouse demonstration**, Brandon Township Fire Department, 6-8 p.m., Aug. 25, Town Center Plaza, 6325 Sashabaw. Free. 248-620-4600.

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**Big Al Knake Golf Outing** for Pancreatic Cancer, benefiting Sky Foundation and "My Dad Is My Hero," shotgun start, 1 p.m., Aug. 29. Four Person Scramble. \$85. Fountains Golf, 6060 Maybee Road. Call Katie, 248-840-0238; Heidi, 248-872-9974; Terri, 248-674-0051.

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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.



Demi Lovato performs at DTE Energy, Aug. 18. Photo provided

## Lovato's turn to shine at DTE

After opening for the Jonas Brothers last year at DTE Energy Music Theater, recording artist and Disney Channel star Demi Lovato returns to headline her own show.

"Touring with the Jonas Brothers was such a great experience, but now with my own tour I get to go out and see all the fans that are there for me," said Lovato in an email interview, Monday. "Seeing people with Demi posters and Demi T-shirts - it's a dream come true."

Lovato performs Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m., with special guests David Archuleta and Jordan Pruitt.

"Nothing really flashy, I like to focus on the music but there's a little flash in the beginning," she said. "I love to perform for my fans and make it fun - I'm looking forward to playing for them!"

She'll perform a mix of songs from "Don't Forget" and her new album "Here We Go Again," including "Stop the World," one of her favorite songs.

"It's a fun song to play the guitar on and just a fun song to sing vocally," she said.

Tickets are \$49.50 and \$39.50, pavilion only. Check Palacenet.com.

- Phil Custodio

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. al 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.

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

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

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**Bingo**, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots 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: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**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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## Clarkston couple leads volunteers to help dogs

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"It was kind of addictive," Connie said. "It's the most rewarding thing I've done, apart from my family."

They founded the non-profit 501(c)3 corporation in 2004.

"All of us love dogs," she said. "It's like a calling, that's kind of the way we feel about it."

Adoption fee is \$185 for all dogs, puppy or adult, mutt or pure bred.

"We value all dogs the same," she said.

Fee includes spay or neuter, vaccinations, and age-appropriate puppy shots. Local vets including Advanced Pet Care and North Oaks Animal Hospital in Independence Township, and Lakeville Animal Clinic and North Oakland Veterinary Association in Oxford, help with costs.

"They charge fees far below normal," Connie said. "That helps us tremendously."

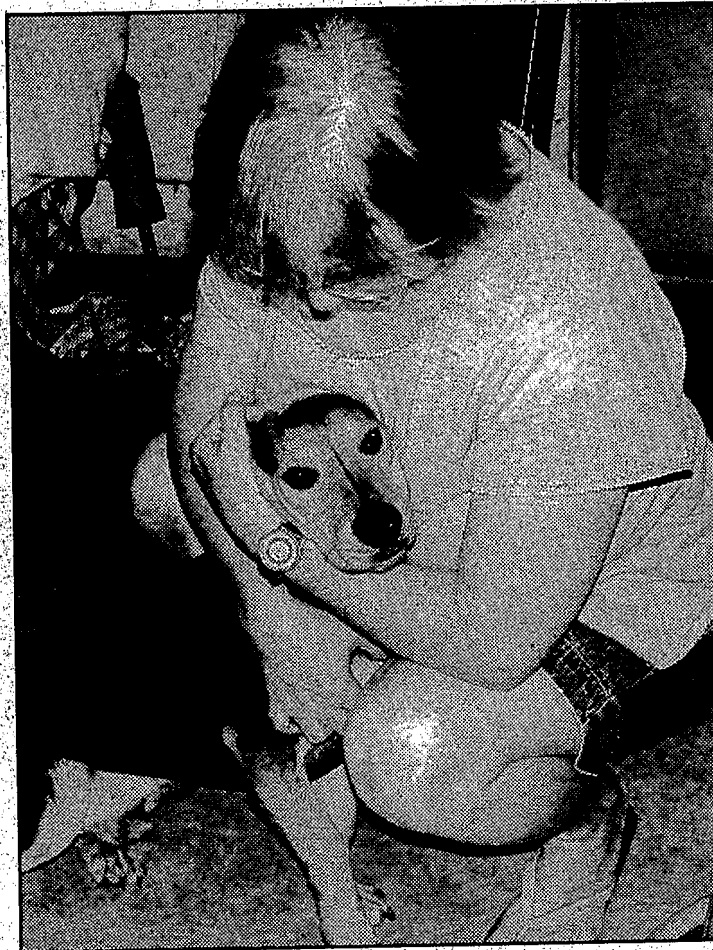
Fees are also used to pay transportation costs and charges by animal control agencies.

"There's often a fee charged by animal control," Connie said.

No money goes to employee salaries, she said.

"We have no paid positions, it's totally volunteer," she said. "I don't know how many hours we put into it. It's a fulltime job for my husband, who's retired, and fulltime for me during summer."

For more information, call 248-834-9419, email [ccrcdogs@ccrcdogs.com](mailto:ccrcdogs@ccrcdogs.com), or check [www.ccrcdogs.com](http://www.ccrcdogs.com).



Connie Fleck, with Elvis, the hound dog. Photo by Phil Custodio

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## Community garden ready for harvest

Clarkston Community Garden is ready for harvest, and members of the public are invited to help.

The 3/4-acre garden was planted this past spring with egg plants, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, broccoli, corn and other vegetables, all set for donation to Lighthouse Emergency Services for distribution to families throughout the Clarkston area.

"We partnered with Lighthouse this year to ensure resources stay in the area and Independence Township residents are the primary beneficiaries", says Kelly Hyer, Recreation Supervisor for Independence Township Parks and Recreation. "We are in dire need of more volunteers to harvest over the next couple of weeks. The food will start to come in fast and will need to be picked in its prime."

Almost 500 pounds of food have already been harvested and delivered.

The garden, Pine Knob and Stickney roads, hosts an open house from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15. Families are invited to see the garden and learn how they can get involved.

"The Open House is a way for garden volunteers to celebrate all of their hard work," Hyer said.

Volunteers, including students, scouts, master gardeners, and residents, work at the garden Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., through early October.

To volunteer, go to [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org) to download a Community Garden Volunteer Opportunities form, or just show up.



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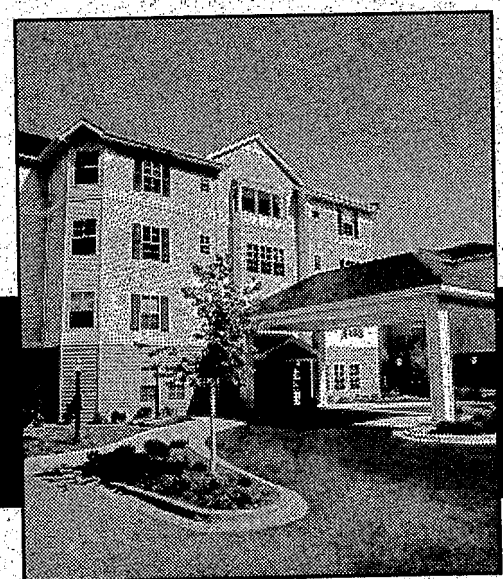
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# Milestones

## Thom-Ostahowski

Michele Lynn Thom and Brandon Lee Ostahowski are engaged to be married in the fall of 2009.

Parents of the couple are Wayne and Janice Thom of Clarkston, Douglas Ostahowski of Roseville, and Ken and Vicky Doyle of Beaverton.

The bride to be is a 1994 graduate of Clarkston High School, Michigan State University, 1998, with a Bachelors in Zoology/Genetics, and from Grand Valley State University, 2000, with a Bachelors in nursing.

She is employed at Genesys Regional Medical Center as a registered nurse.



**Brandon and Michele**

The prospective groom will graduate in May 2010 from Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., with a Masters in the science of Nurse Anesthesia.

## Students achieve success

Aaron Ducharme of Clarkston earned a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University.

Ducharme, a recent graduate of Clarkston High School, is the son of Daniel and Jeunesse Ducharme.



**Ducharme**

Megan DeCoster of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for Spring Semester, 2009, at Michigan State University.

Additionally, she completed requirements to join MSU's Academic Scholars Program.

Tyler DeCoster, sophomore at Clarkston High School, recently attended Brown University, Rhode Island, where he completed a pre-college writing course.

Chelsea A. Lemarbe of Clarkston was named to the Spring 2009 Dean's List at Bowling Green State University. She was a junior in the Health and Human Services College.

Amanda Andersen of Clarkston was

named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for Spring 2009. She is pursuing a degree in biochemistry.

Lauren Fuller, 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School and 2009 Albion College graduate, joined Teach for America, a national corps of teachers committing two years to teach in urban and rural public schools.

She will teach in Memphis.

Michael Gieske was selected to perform this summer with the 2009 Blue Lake International Southern Winds Ensemble.

The Clarkston High School junior, who plays the bassoon, is the son of Scott and Gale Gieske of Clarkston.

The 70-member ensemble was to perform in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, and Italy. The three-week trip, scheduled to depart June 22, was

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# Religion

## Despite trials, God will be victorious

It's often assumed that as history unfolds it's destined to get worse and worse. Many will even say that our own declining times prove the point. In fact, I've stopped counting the number of people who have told me in depressed tones, "the end is near."

But is it really? Is the end of history at hand? Does the decline of our nation necessarily mean that Christ's return is right around the corner?

I don't think so. For a number of reasons.

First, we're reaping what we've sown. The reason for the breakdown we're experiencing as a nation is not mysterious.

We've turned our backs on God, and He will not be mocked. In our self-sufficiency, we no longer see a need for Him. We've sown to the wind, now we're reaping the whirlwind.

Once we see this, we can see that the worsening of our present conditions is not so much a sign of the end as it is God's truth being vindicated. God honors those who honor Him. Those who refuse to honor Him, watch out.

Also, it needs to be remembered that the future of God's kingdom does not hinge on the fortunes of America. Over the long haul of history, nations rise and fall according to

His purpose. "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes them" (Dan.2:21).

America could be changed in ways that we would find hard to recognize over the coming years. But that doesn't mean history is about to end. God's kingdom endures.

More likely, what it means is that the center of God's most powerful work is shifting. For years that center has been in America, where for decades the application of Christian principles has brought good not just to our own people, but people around the world.

But now that is changing, as the most powerful movements of God's Spirit are not here but other places in the world, like the southern hemisphere – and even China.

Finally, the greatest reason to believe that the end of all things is not at hand is God's Word itself. God's Word does not present to us a defeated kingdom, but a victorious one. One where the knowledge of God fills the earth and His ways are followed.

The Bible tells us that "All the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him. . ." (Ps.22:27-28). Further, "The earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (Is.11:9).

Verses could be multiplied, but they all point to the  
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### Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

## In our churches...

Welcome Home Weekend, St. Daniel Catholic Community, Aug. 29-30, Masses 5 p.m., Saturdays; and 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays. 248-625-1750.

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

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

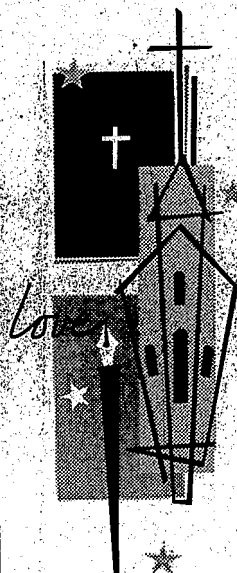
Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

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

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

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# Pattern creates pleasing effect in home's decor

It took me a long time to learn how to wear a patterned tie with a patterned shirt.

I knew it could look great; my favorite shirt retailer, Thomas Pink, has made a worldwide business on pattern combination – the English style of dress.

It took observation and experimentation, and I mastered the shirt and tie combination.

As difficult as the shirt and tie combination was, I have always been able to combine patterns for the home.

For some reason, this is easier for me.

Pattern does not have to be strong to be effective. A small pattern or patterns in similar colors create texture when viewed from any distance.

Both pattern and texture are important when creating a pleasing finished product.

Solid fabrics are easier to combine, but are not always very interesting when the room is finished.

Pillows can introduce the pattern; however, I often recommend that at least one piece of furniture also have a patterned fabric.

I feel that this creates the most visually balanced room.

A few ideas:

- Tone-on-tone pattern is often the easiest to combine with more vibrant patterns. Think about a basket weave carpet to combine with your upholstery. Or a tonal ticking stripe with floral.

- In general, as long as the colors in each pattern are the same, the patterns will work together.

- A big pattern should be combined with smaller patterns. As with artwork and accessories, you should create a hierarchy of pattern. Lay all of the fabric samples you are considering out on a table, and put them in order of largest to smallest pattern or most colorful to softest color.

As you look at your fabrics, each pattern should step down in scale and intensity.

- If you still doubt your choices, ask your designer or retailer to order one yard pieces

of your fabrics. I find that customers always feel more comfortable when they can work with larger pieces of fabric.

It gives a customer the chance to cover an existing chair or the end of a sofa with the fabric as it will exist in the new plan.

## Ask a Designer



A column by Kevin Harrison

This will cost you some money; however, it is much less costly than reupholstering an entire sofa. Also, you can have several accent pillows made with each sample.

- An oriental rug is a great start to a room, and also introduces your first pattern. Something as large as a rug is automatically the number one position in your pattern hierarchy. Even if the rug has a very soft palette, because of the size, it is dominant.

- If you already have a room full of solid color upholstery, think about patterned drapery or wallpaper. Both drapery and wallpaper are experiencing a strong resurgence.

If you have specific design issues you would like me to address, please send your questions to [Kevin@khhomeonline.com](mailto:Kevin@khhomeonline.com).

I will be happy answer your questions in one of my articles.

Kevin Harrison is an interior designer who owns KH Home, 6 N. Main St. in downtown Clarkston.

## In our churches

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Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-1750.

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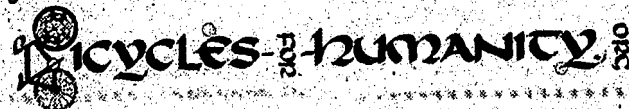
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## Around Town

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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., through August. \$1 drop in fee. Tennis courts, Clintonwood Park. 248-625-8231.  
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**Clarkston Melody Makers**, Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Bring your own instrument. Ask for Stan. 248-625-8231.  
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**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.  
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**Meet and greet**, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 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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**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.  
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Students from Japan and Korea traveled to Michigan and attended Camp Wanna-Have-Fun in Lake Orion this summer. (From Left to Right) Kasumi Nagano, Akari Gunji, Sockihiro Hisanga, Dan Kim, Cindy Jeon, (bottom) Sae Takahaski and Sophi Jeon with their camp director, Kristi Curtis. Photo by Monica Drake

## Clarkston couple hosts kids for camp fun

BY MONICA DRAKE

Special to the Clarkston News

How would you feel stepping off a plane into a foreign nation and only knowing about 35 percent of their language?

Pretty intimidating, right?

Well, this is exactly what four Japanese students, aged seven to nine, and three Korean students, aged nine to eleven, did.

The Japanese students' English tutor, Naoko Bracha, brought them to Michigan to learn about American culture and put the language they have been studying into practice.

Paul Riker and his wife, a retired couple in Clarkston, met Bracha when they traveled to Japan several years ago. They agreed to host the Japanese children, Akari Gunji, Sockihiro Hisanga, Kasumi Nagano and Sae Takahaski, for a couple weeks.

The three Korean children, Dan Kim, Cindy Jeon and her sister Sophi, arrived in Michigan about a week ago to visit their aunt.

Besides coming to Oakland County, these children had one more thing in common. They all enrolled in Camp Wanna-Have-Fun, a camp directed by the Community Education Resource Center (CERC) program in Lake Orion.

"It's kind of cool that they can be with children because their host family has no children," Camp Supervisor Sally Peterson said. "The first day, a couple of them were shy. Now, they fit right in. They're doing

great; they're loving it."

The students have learned about American culture throughout the weeks of interacting with children in Lake Orion. They have brought their culture with them as well, giving other camp goers a taste of traditions they otherwise wouldn't know much about.

On July 24, Camp Wanna-Have-Fun held a talent show. The Japanese children performed a Japanese dance and song, waving their nation's flag to the beat.

"They were practicing a lot at home. It was very important to them. You could tell that they had it all choreographed; they were all in sync," Camp Director Kristi Curtis said. "They adapted as much as we adapted. We learned to communicate with them by being very simple with how we explained things, and pointing and giving gestures. They caught on by following along with what a lot of the kids were doing. Yesterday, they came in and wore their Japanese robes, they had their fans and they had their hair all done up. It was interesting to see what they can come in and bring."

Besides learning more of the English language by being encompassed with it 24/7, the students taught the camp counselors and children to count in Japanese. Ichi, ni, san, shi, go, roku, shichi, hachi, kyu, ju is how you would count one through ten in Japanese.

"Of course, they were correcting us because we can't quite speak Japanese," Curtis

laughed.

Peterson said she thinks the host family decided to enroll the students in Camp Wanna-Have-Fun because of the diversity of the camp. CERC uses the whole Lake Orion High School complex for the camp, which gives them a variety of activities to choose from. The children run track, play volleyball and basketball at the Stadium playground. They swim every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and learn about computers on Thursdays. They have gone on field trips, such as cosmic bowling, and different guests have visited the camp, like magicians and members of the LEGO Company.

Camp Wanna-Have-Fun started on June 15 and ends August 28. The camp is open Monday through Friday 9am-4pm, and first grade through sixth grade aged students are welcome to attend.

Peterson said parents can choose the schedule. Many children only attend camp three days a week. A total of 153 students have participated in the camp so far, and it's rare for a child to attend the camp for the whole summer. An average of 65 kids are present at camp each day. There are three weeks left at camp, and there is still time to enroll your children. If your child is interested in attending camp for a week or two or three, call 248-693-5436, extension 1.

The CERC building is located on 455 E. Scripps Road.



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## Joyce A. Wright, 70

Joyce A. Wright of Lake Worth, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, passed away on Aug. 3, 2009, due to cancer, at age 70.

She is survived by her husband A. Floyd Wright, children Lawrence, Nancy, Julie, and Chris; and four grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her father Joseph; mother Anna; and brother Joseph. She is also survived by her two sisters Constance and Elizabeth; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Wright will be missed dearly by her family and friends. A memorial service and luncheon will be Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Walton Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Society.

## Sharon E. Thatcher-Carpenter, 72

Sharon E. Thatcher-Carpenter of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Pontiac, passed away, Aug. 5, 2009, at the age of 72.

She was the wife of Buck for 21 years; step-mother of Dennis (Tressa) Carpenter of Florida and Melissa Carpenter of Ohio; grandma of Robert and Damien; sister of JoAnne (Ted) Womack of Clarkston; preceded in death by sister Bobbie Wert; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Thatcher-Carpenter had a unique way of making everyone feel special. She retired in 1992 from GM Truck and Bus. After retiring she went to Clown College and en-



# Obituary

joyed clowning with her husband and was a talented oil painter.

Visitation was Aug. 7 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Aug. 8 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Bloomfield Hills. Interment, Square Lake Cemetery, Lake Orion. Memorials to Odyssey Hospice. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Wilma N. Nolen, 83

Wilma N. Nolen of Waterford, formerly of Carrier Mills, Ill., passed away, Aug. 7, 2009, at the age of 83.

She was the dear wife of Hudson for 64 years; loving mother of Donald (Marty) of Clarkston and Linda (Tim) Kaul of Clarkston; grandmother of Gary (Lisa) and Ryan Kaul and Stephanie Nolen; great grandmother of Jessenia Brown, Garrison, Kaelyn, and John Mason Kaul; sister of Charles (Pat) Nunn of Waterford and Ruth Miller of Illinois; pre-



ceded in death by her half sister Juanita Overstreet.

Mrs. Nolen was a homemaker and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Joseph C. Bird Chapter 294.

Funeral service was Aug. 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Graveside service, Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Willie Lee Dubois, 82

Willie Lee Dubois of Clarkston passed away, Aug. 7, 2009, at the age of 82.

He was the husband of Amy for 50 years; father of Marc Lee (Martie) Dubois of Rochester Hills; grandpa of Allison and Isaac; brother of Leonard (Carleen) Dubois of Mt. Clemens and Howard (Nina) Dubois of TN. Willie retired from the U.S. Postal Service and en-



joyed golfing.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Funeral service was Aug. 10 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Private interment, Cadillac Memorial Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Memorials to Parkinson Foundation or VNA Hospice. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Spiritual Matters

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same thing. God's kingdom is expansive, and we have not arrived at what it will one day be.

God's victorious kingdom has implications for how we live each day. It means that instead of hunkering down, we're to do all we can to advance His kingdom in our time in history.

And that begins by praying, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Mt. 6:10).

*The Rev. David Bostrom is pastor of Seeds for the Harvest ministry.*

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### \*\*\*NOTICE OF CORRECTION\*\*\*

The Notice of Adoption for Amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 that was published on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 contained a technical error. The section number shown in the Notice of Adoption was: **SECTION 16.26 – Wind Energy Conversion Systems.**

The correct section number is: **SECTION 16.27 – Wind Energy Conversion Systems.**

The balance of the Notice of Adoption is correct as published on July 22, 2009.

Laura Moreau, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: August 12, 2009

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR SUSIN LAKE

Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Susin Lake in the Township of Springfield, County of Oakland will meet at the **Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan at 7:00 PM on Monday August 24, 2009** to determine the practicability of 4-year renewal of a quality lake water management program consisting of aquatic weed control, dam and boat launch maintenance, inspection, repairs and improvements, lake study / testing and administration for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 for the improvement. The estimated annual cost of the project is \$23,775.00.

This hearing is called pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30910 of Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended.

Lake Improvement Board for Susin Lake  
Publish 7/29 & 8/12

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ASSESSMENT LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR SUSIN LAKE

Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Susin Lake, Township of Springfield, County of Oakland, will meet at the **Springfield Township Civic Center, located at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan on Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Hearing of Practicability scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM.** The purpose is to review, to hear any objections to, and to confirm a four year assessment roll for the purpose of implementing a weed control program, and provide for dam and boat launch maintenance, inspections, repairs and improvements, lake studies / testing and administration for Susin Lake for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, & 2013. The estimated annual cost of the project is \$23,775.00 and the special assessment roll will be on file at the Springfield Township Offices for public examination.

Any person may appeal and be heard at the said Hearing, which is called pursuant to provisions of Sections 30913 of Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended. The special assessment must be protested at the Hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any special assessment dispute. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the time and place of review is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Springfield Township Supervisor, Attention: Susin Lake Improvement Board, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 at or prior to the time of review, in which case personal appearance is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Lake Improvement Board for Susin Lake  
Publish 7/29 & 8/12

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know  
**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #09-0017 Lynn, Franklyn, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-849. VARIANCE TO EXTEND BEYOND 30 DAYS ALLOWED FOR SEASONAL SALES (SEPTEMBER 10TH – OCTOBER 30TH AND MAY 1ST – JULY 4TH, ANNUALLY UNTIL PROPERTY IS SOLD)  
Vacant Sashabaw Rd., OS-2  
08-27-201-020

CASES TO BE UNTABLED (from the August 5, 2009, Hearing)

Case #09-0014 CWL LAND CO., LLC, Petitioner

APPLICANT MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

1. USE VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-685 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES
2. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-687 (a) and (b) SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
3. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-689 PLACEMENT AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS
4. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 ACCESSORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
5. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-846 LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS
6. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTIONS 50-849 (a) AND 50-851 (f) OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT
7. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 50-944, 50-945 AND 50-946 OFF STREET PARKING

4625 White Lake Ct., 3.22 Acres, ML and Vacant  
White Lake Ct., 11.07 Acres, ML  
08-31-302-013 and 08-31-302-019

Case #09-0015 Consumers Energy Co. and Minnesota Limited, Inc., Petitioner

APPLICANT MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

1. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-685 AND 50-687 TO ALLOW THE NON-OFFICE PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATION
2. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 19, SECTION 50-689 FOR SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS
3. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838 FOR SIGN REQUIREMENTS
4. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-846 FOR LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS
5. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-849 TO STORE CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL OUTDOORS
6. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-851 FOR AIRBORNE EMISSIONS, NOISE, VIBRATIONS AND OUTDOOR STORAGE REQUIREMENTS
7. VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE V, SECTION 50-946 FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

Vacant White Lake Ct., 11.07 Acres, ML  
08-31-302-019

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk  
The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111.

## Community events?

Tell us about them at

ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

or 248-625-3370



## Acting a little squirrely

A squirrel makes itself at home in the healing garden at McLaren Health Care Village off Sashabaw Road. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

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### SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

AUGUST 4, 2009

1. The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Present: Wagner, VanderVeen, Carson, Lohmeier, Wallace, Absent: Rosso, Petterson  
Mr. Petterson arrived after Roll Call  
There was a quorum
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. The Agenda was approved as submitted
6. Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the Agenda; public forum opened at 7:35 p.m. and closed at 7:37 p.m.
7. Discussion regarding qualified statements
8. Authorized Township Attorney to pursue PEG fees from Comcast
9. Approved award of Safety Path bid to Italla, not to exceed \$29,239.00
10. Approved postponement of Safety Path review to the first meeting in September
11. Approved revisions to employee manual
12. Approved job posting for Head of Teen Services for Library
13. Authorized HRC to prepare a report on the best use of Tri-Party Funds and report back to the Board at the first meeting in September, not to exceed \$2,250
14. Second Quarter Investment Report was presented
15. Approved change of financial reporting of Parks and Recreation Department from Special Revenue Fund to General Fund
16. Motion to tape all special meetings failed for lack of support
17. Check Run was approved, minus DeRosier
18. Approved motion to adjourn regularly scheduled meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

Published: 8/12/09

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA

Date and Time: August 18, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Place: Independence Township Hall

6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI, 48346

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum – Individuals in the audience will have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the Agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
7. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2009
  - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
  - c. Request for pay increases for part-time/seasonal employees

Public Hearing – Commercial Rehabilitation District (Dixie Highway)

Unfinished Business:

1. Second Reading and Adoption of a rezoning request from C-3 to R-1A, Rockcroft, 08-33-304-004, 08-33-355-001, 002, 006, 007 and 008, and rezoning request from R-1A to C-3 for Pt. of 08-33-354014

New Business:

1. Resolution establishing Commercial Rehabilitation District (Dixie Highway)
2. Review of 2007 Plante & Moran Audit Management Letter
3. Plante & Moran Audit
4. COJRF Update and Resolution to continue Phase II Study
5. 2008 Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Review, Reconciliation and Adjustments
6. Review of Energy Stimulus Fund Grant Opportunities

Closed Session – Review of Teamsters Proposal

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

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**290 RENTALS**

**INDUSTRIAL SPACE**

2250- 5000 SQ.FT. With large overhead doors & office space. Available now in Oxford Twp. 248-628-7714 or 248-521-0648

L364

2 BEDROOM HOUSE on large lot, Oxford. \$800 monthly. 248-693-4750. IIR361

OXFORD- VERY NICE 1 bedroom apartment, stove, refrigerator, utilities included \$560/ month. 586-915-7079 IIL363

AUBURN HILLS NEAR I-75. Business office suites from \$500, singles from \$200. 248-693-0257. IIL353

ONE BEDROOM, VILLAGE of Metamora. All utilities included. \$450/ month. 810-441-4584. IIL352

HOLLY RANCH DUPLEX. 2 Bedroom, appliances. Washer and dryer hook-up. \$395. With air \$495. 248-310-7181. IIC51

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

755 Emmons \$950 monthly plus utilities. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, appliances, Open kitchen living area. Shed, Deck. Stop by, ready for school.

**248-693-2503**

R364

**DOWNTOWN LAKE ORION**

VERWOOD APARTMENTS Studio, 400 sq.ft., \$450/mo. 1 Bdrm, 760 sq.ft., \$530/ mo. Gated Parking - Minutes from Paint Creek Trail. Sorry No Pets 810-796-3100

LZ362

ROOMMATE WANTED lakefront home, \$450/ month, plus security deposit. Clean, references. 248-628-6294. IIL362

ONE BEDROOM UPPER for rent to quiet person. 3 large rooms, 10x10 porch overlooking horse pastures. Nice interior, carpet, hardwood floor in kitchen. \$525/ month includes heat, electric, water (well). 3560 Lakewood Rd., Oxford. 248-628-7294. IIL362

FOR RENT- 1 BEDROOM Apartment, Ortonville, quiet country setting, no pets. \$495 monthly. 248-627-6559. IIZX504

2 BEDROOM +DEN/ 2 BATH Condo in Lake Orion Village. New appliances +W/D. 1 car garage. Vaulted ceiling. Central A/C. Balcony. \$850-975. monthly plus deposit. Call 248-813-4863 or 773-909-0235. IIL364

AVAILABLE NOW! Office Space for Lease in Clarkston. Four rooms; approx. 1,000 sq.ft. Freshly decorated. Heat and electric included. Second floor of Clarkston News Building, 5 S. Main. Security deposit required. \$1,800 a month. 248-825-3370. IILZ714h

**Bad Credit Ok**

●Lk Orion Schools 3 bed doll-house, new carpet, fresh paint. Pets welcome. \$945/mo. ●Waterford '02bkt. Condo, 2bd/ 2.5bth,fnshd. base't. \$1195/mo 248-393-3347 Sect. 8 Welcome L361

INDIAN LAKE lakefront house, 2 bedroom, garage, fireplace, 248-851-1439 IIL344

ORION TWO- 2 BEDROOM Condos for rent. HighPointe, \$825. or Keatington, \$795. 248-760-8598. IIL352

NORTH OXFORD EFFICIENCY Apartment, \$495 per month plus deposit. Utilities included. No pets. 248-736-1910. IIL344

3/4 BEDROOM IN ORION Twp. Large yard, 24x32 Pole barn, 10x12 shed, garden space. \$1,200. monthly, \$1,000 security deposit. References & credit check required. 248-410-0088. IIL352

OXFORD- 1 Bedroom apartments, dishwasher, C/A, laundry facility, fireplace, first month's rent plus security deposit. Starting at \$490/ month. 248-628-2620. IIL71fc

KEEGO HARBOR 2 bedroom duplex w/ air & basement. \$500 plus utilities. No pets. 248-693-2685. IIL353

ORTONVILLE 3 Bedroom furnished house on all sports Bald Eagle Lake. 9 month lease, 1050 month. 248-330-1070 IILZ362

LAKE ORION- remodeled lake front cottage. Completely furnished including washer, dryer. No pets, no smoking. \$695/ monthly plus utilities & security. Available now to 8/11/10. 248-693-4785. IIL363

RETAIL/ OFFICE/ WORKSHOP/ Parking. 20 Front, downtown Orion. \$795, includes utilities/ dumpster. 248-693-6724; 248-652-3551. IIR361

BEAUTIFUL UPDATED Keatington condo for rent. Lake Orion. Immediate occupancy, lowest price available at \$725/ month. 248-202-4286 IIL361

ONE BEDROOM FURNISHED Apartment, attached garage. \$500. monthly, includes utilities. Lake Orion. 772-260-3860. IIR362

2 BEDROOM LAKE LIVING. Sorry, no pets. Utilities included. \$850. 248-693-5071. IIL352

**2 BDRM HOUSE**

2-Story. Full Basement. Access to Square Lake \$695/ Mo. plus deposit Please call for more info

**248-693-2503**

R364

RETAIL/ OFFICE Building downtown Clarkston, 1270ft., 3 offices, reception area, kitchenette, 248-625-3807 IIC52

OAK FOREST APARTMENTS. Lake Orion. O.F.A. \$189 move-in special plus free rent. Call 248-693-7120. IIL334

LAKEFRONT ON BEAUTIFUL quiet Oxford Lake. 4 Bedrooms, walk-out, \$1,875. monthly. Option to buy. 248-628-7150; 248-431-2716. IILZ343

LAKE ORION- REMODELED 2 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry. New hardwood & ceramic floors, new blinds, windows, fresh stained deck. Includes all appliances, lawn care, water & sewer. No smokers, Cat or small dog ok. \$900/ month. 248-240-0114. IIL362c

HOLLY DAVISBURG 2 bedroom, 2 story duplex. No pets! Immaculate; modern, private, reasonable. No pets! 248-634-3298. IICZ24

RENTAL HOMES WITH OPTION to purchase. Easy credit terms. Section 8 available. Clarkston, Lake Orion, and surrounding areas. Move in for \$1,000/month. 248-232-0082, Ext. 1404. IIL353

CLARKSTON SCHOOLS, all sports lakefront, 5 bedrooms, 3.2 baths, 3 car. \$2100 month. Immediate occupancy, short term lease okay 248-310-5518 IIC34

KEATINGTON CONDO, Lake Orion. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, all amenities, newly decorated, lake privileges. From \$725/\$825 monthly. 248-391-0121. IIL364

ORTONVILLE BALD EAGLE Lakefront home, luxurious setting, 3/4 bedrooms, jacuzzi, 2750 sq.ft. View photos: owners.com/ WTT1909. Lease \$2,000 monthly. Call Chuck: 248-884-5557. IIZX521

2 BEDROOM HOUSE with appliances. \$575. plus utilities, plus deposit. No pets. 248-628-1196. IIL361

LAKEFRONT, PONTIAC Lake, nice 1 bedroom, 2 car gar., \$725 plus utilities. 586-915-7079 IIL363

6,000 SQ.FT. Commercial/ office/ retail space downtown Lapeer. 248-628-3433. IIL361

LAKE ORION REMODELED Townhouse. \$775. monthly. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Appliances, with washer/ dryer. 1 car garage. Lake privileges. 248-977-9366. IIL362

VILLAGE OF OXFORD- 1 bedroom apartment. \$425/ month. 2 bedroom. \$485. 248-361-0435. IIL352

LAKE ORION 3 bedroom house. Clean. No pets. \$750 plus utilities & security deposit. 248-693-8921. IIL361

1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS as low as \$500, 2 bedroom as low as \$800. Includes washer, dryer, private entrance, blinds, 1 carport. \$99 security deposit moves you in. Call Audrey for leasing information, 248-391-9040. IIL334

VILLAGE OF OXFORD- newly remodeled house, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new carpet, hardwood floors, appliances, 2 car garage, \$925 month. 248-850-3828 IIL362

LAKE ORION 1 bedroom plus bonus room apartment. \$555 per month. Nice, clean & quiet. 1/2 off special. Credit issues OK. The Village East Apartments. 248-693-0340. IIL343

26 MILE, VAN DYKE, Washington Twp., 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, luxury home, \$1400. monthly. 248-236-0936 IIL361

OXFORD 3 BEDROOM Bungalow, fireplace, \$850. monthly plus security. 248-814-1125 IIL332

FOR RENT: 1 Bedroom, Oxford, \$500. 2 Bedroom Home in Hadley, \$700. 3 Bedroom Home with garage, Oxford, \$800. 248-628-0004. IIL344c

ADDISON TWP. 2 Bedroom Home. Newly remodeled. Oxford Schools. Animals welcome. \$750. Call Jack: 248-628-6384, Jerry: 248-628-5835. IIL354

**PARK VILLA APARTMENTS OF OXFORD**

**SPECIAL RATES**

1 & 2 Bedroom As low as \$470/ Month Quiet location by Library & Powell Lake Park Pets allowed

**248-561-2498**

L354

LAKE ORION- very nice, 1 bedroom apartment. Stove, refrigerator, \$575/ month, utilities included. 586-915-7079. IIL363

FOR RENT: CLARKSTON Village 3 Bedroom home, country kitchen, 2 full baths, screened porch. \$950. per month plus security. 1 month free. No pets. Lawn cutting & snow removal included. References required. Call: 248-821-7476. IIC34

OXFORD HOME ON Stoney Lake & Park. 2 Bedroom, 1-1/2 baths. \$850. New kitchen, must see interior! 248-961-0652. IIL361

ORION KEATINGTON Colonial, 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2 car garage, basement, large yard, near beach, 1st floor laundry, pets ok. \$1700 month. 248-933-4775 IIL364

1-1/2 ACRE, 3 BEDROOM. Newly carpeted, new wood floor. Finished basement. Large deck overlooking acreage. Clarkston. \$1,300. monthly, Call 248-770-8891. IIL353

ROCHESTER- 1 BEDROOM home/ cottage. \$500. monthly. 248-420-2686, 810-724-9094. IIL344

HOPE SENIOR APARTMENTS. Age 62 or better. 248-628-7676. IIL71fc

ORION 2 BEDROOM Ranch Condo. \$725. monthly, includes water, trash, condo fee. Garage, lake privileges. New windows. Available September 1st. 248-391-1159. IIL362

FIRST MONTH'S RENT FREE! 2 bedroom condo, Village of Ortonville. All appliances with washer/ dryer. \$850. monthly. 810-444-3113. IIZX494

FURNISHED APARTMENT, \$125. weekly, including all utilities. Downtown Orion. 248-693-6724. IIR361

CLARKSTON ONE Bedroom \$125 week; Lake Orion 2 bedrooms \$135 week. Free utilities. 248-330-9090 IIC34

900SQ.FT. CARRIAGE HOUSE (new) for rent. \$850. monthly, includes utilities. No pets. Lake view, quiet street. 248-884-5337 IIL353

LEONARD 2 BEDROOM Apartment. Totally remodeled, very clean! \$600. monthly, includes cable, 248-514-2699. IIL364

ORTONVILLE/ BRANDON Schools- 2 Bedroom start at \$575. monthly. 1 bedroom start at \$450. monthly. Call 248-627-4239. IIZX524

CLARKSTON PLACE Apartments. Rent starting at \$575 includes heat. 1 & 2 bedroom, newly renovated. Secure entrances. Water & storage, air, vertical blinds, private balcony. Close to shopping. 248-922-9326. IIC34

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT, Lake Orion, ground floor. Fresh decor. Heat included. \$595. 248-628-5805 or 810-441-5160. IIL362

SCRIPPS LAKE VIEW condo, 2200 sq.ft., 2 bedrooms, 3 baths; walkout, 2 car garage, newly remodeled, lake privileges. 9/1 occupancy. Requesting 1,295. 1-3 year lease. 248-496-1799. IIL364

DOWNTOWN HOLLY upper apartment, 2 bedrooms, C/A, skylights, \$850. monthly; immediate possession. 248-330-8361. IILZ362

ORION- 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, house, 1 acre. \$850. monthly. 248-969-1607. L361

SELL in ads like this. We'll help you. 248-628-4801 IILZ81

**300 WANTED TO RENT**

LOOKING FOR 1 bedroom style apartment for art studio in the area of Pontiac Rd. & Village Manor Apartments, Oxford. Call Anne. 248-256-7195. IIL362

**310 REAL ESTATE**

CLARKSTON LAND Contract. Access to Whipple Lake. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, basement, garage. Situated on over 1 gorgeous acre. Priced way below market at \$199,900. Call Pete at Realty Executives 248-515-0651 IIL361

BIG FISH LAKEFRONT sale or lease, all sports lake surrounded by state land with Lapeer County taxes. East/ West exposure, 3300 sqft home with an entertainer's deck (approx. 3800 sqft). More info visit www.5930silverbirch.com or 248-802-0710 IIZX514

**OXFORD**

3 Bdrms, Finished Basement, 2.5 Car, Orion Schools. Was sold at \$189,900, Now \$139,000 w/ Home Warranty, \$8,000 free gov. Plus All Brand New Appliances. Broker, 248-760-3739

L361

ACREAGE: 3 PARCELS, \$50,000 each. Country setting. Brandon Township. 248-379-7982. IICZ BALD EAGLE LAKE lot, \$60,000. Call 248-627-3955. IIZX494c

**320 MANUFACTURED HOMES**

1989 BREEZEWOOD- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, recently remodeled, newer appliances, windows, deck, electric, cabinets, C/A, much more to list. Ideal Villa, Metamora; \$8000 obo. Call after 5pm. 248-627-5983 IIZX522

HANDYMAN SPECIAL- DOUBLE wide, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Some appliances, great roof. Holly. \$2,500 obo. 810-614-9181. IILZ362

MOBILE HOME ON THE LAKE, in White Lake. 81 Parkwood 14x70 with expando, 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, new roof. Best location in park. \$18,900, Kelly: 248-338-0852. IIC42

**Cash For Your Mobile Home 248-760-3841 810-614-9181**

LZ364

2000 MANUFACTURED HOME in Lake Villa Estates; Oxford. All appliances included. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Financing available. \$22,900. 248-652-3967. IIL352

1992 REDMOND CRESTPOINT 28x64 double wide, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room with fireplace, C/A, dishwasher & appliances, shed, deck & ramp. \$18,000 cash. 248-814-1094, 248-622-3968. IIL352

**330 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

\$3,000 MONTH INCOME; 5 houses, all leased; great tenants; Use the equity in your home as a down payment on this money maker. Reduced to \$299,000; will consider all offers. Owner will finance balance. 248-236-0936. IIL361

**1/2 Lot Rent**

**SPECIAL**

QUICK & EASY FINANCE ●3 bd, 2 bath, 28x48. \$250/ mo (Plus lot rent) 248-230-7209 call: 313-815-1737 LZ361

**Can't Get Financed?**

No Credit; Bad Credit OK! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home From \$650/ Mo. LANDSTAR HOMES 248-625-1173 LZ344

**ONLY \$89 WEEK Showcase**

This Real Estate Directory will appear each Wednesday in the classified section of the following publications:

- Ad-Vertiser
- Clarkston News
- Oxford Leader
- Lake Orion Review
- Penny Stretcher & Saturday in The Citizen

**House For Sale**

Beautiful wooded 5 acres, close to town on a private road, great place to have horses. Built in 1978, 1230 sq. ft., 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, full basement, woodstove, fireplace, new paint, new carpet, large pole barn.

Call 810-664-0684 or 810-790-9776 Appointments Only

**OPEN HOUSE Directory**

ONLY \$59 WEEK Deadline 12 Noon Thursday

This Open House Directory will appear each Wednesday in the classified section of the following publications:

- Ad-Vertiser
- Clarkston News
- Oxford Leader
- Penny Stretcher
- Lake Orion Review
- Saturday in The Citizen

**Open House Sun, Aug 16 - 1-4 pm A "Must See" Property**

2430 lids Way - Brandon Twp.

4 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, 2300 sq. ft. on 2.5 acres. Updated kitchen, completely redecorated, new roof and great views of nature & Kearsley Creek headwaters. Reduced To \$179,900

Tim Kernohan • 248-406-6050 Century 21, Real Estate 217



**330 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

TAKE OVER NAIL SALON & Pedicure. Lake Orion area. Good location. Call 772-280-3860. I1R36

**340 CHILD CARE**

BEFORE & AFTER school care. Safe, caring environment. Near Clear Lake Elementary. 248-840-8005. I1L362

LITTLE BEAR DAYCARE. Licensed in-home daycare in Clarkston, near I-75 on M-15. Fun, love and learning! 248-620-0998. I1

JUDY'S DAYCARE. Oxford, Clear Lake. 20yrs. experience. Meals, pre-school. Licensed & teaching degree. Full time opening. Tumble Bus and music lessons offered. Infant thru school age. 248-628-4144; 248-978-2970. I1L352

STATE LAW REQUIRES all childcare facilities to be licensed and some registered. Questions? Call Bureau of Regulatory Services 248-975-5050 I1L28tf

IT'S ALMOST TIME For Preschool. Earlybird specials at The Breakie Bunch when you sign up before August 17th. Experienced and college educated staff. Meals and snacks included. Call or email for details: 248-693-8839; thebreakiebunch@yahoo.com.

BILINGUAL MINI Preschool (German/ English) in Lake Orion is opening September 1st, 2009, M-F. 6 Toddlers between 18 months and 4 years. www.backyardhopper.com I1L361

BEST IN TOWN. Inspiring Minds Childcare. Licensed in-home. M-F, meals included. Ahdí & Carrié Dasugi. 248-922-7327. I1L354

**350 WORK WANTED**

HOUSE CLEANER. EXPERIENCED, references, reliable. Call Carol, 248-499-2203 or 248-818-2375. I1C51

HOUSE CLEANER LOOKING for jobs. Hard working, honest, experienced. 248-891-4178. I1L364

**300 HELP WANTED**

YOUTH SPORTS INSTRUCTORS & ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Now accepting applications for two Youth Sports Instructors and three Assistant Instructors for the Fall Kiddy Soccer Program which runs Saturday mornings, Aug. 22 - Oct. 3, 2009. Instructors must be at least 18 years old, wage will be \$12/hour. Assistant Instructors must be at least 16 years old with valid work permit, wage will be \$8/hour. Approved applicants must have complete physical and drug screening along with background check prior to being hired. Go to www.oxfordtownship.org to get application forms and to read job descriptions. Submit applications to the Township Supervisor's office, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360. For more information, contact (248) 391-0304, ext. 101. Positions open until filled.

NOW HIRING PART time beverage cart and grill staff. Please apply in person. Paint Creek Country Club, 2375 Stanton Rd., Lake Orion. I1L362c

**MEDICAL OFFICE INSTRUCTOR**

Teach adults one night a week in Lake Orion or Clarkston. Send cover letter and resume, fax 248-628-2785 or email office@cartraining.com, or call 248-628-0844

L352  
DIRECT CARE, PART TIME. 12am-8am shift. \$8.75 to start. 248-377-1940. I1R334

DIRECT CARE FULL time positions on afternoons in northern Oakland County/ Oxford. Great starting pay with good benefits. Call Chris, 248-628-1559 or Adrienne, 248-628-4969. I1L363

LABORER, PART TIME. \$8/hour. Email: drdcha@netscape.com. I1L352

OFFICE CLERK WANTED  
Flexible Hours:  
Monday 9am-1pm  
Wednesday 11am-3pm  
Friday 10am-2pm  
Hours are flexible, you need to be flexible too!

Ability to Multi-Task, Good Customer Service Skills, and a Great Personality are Required. Good spelling and typing skills are necessary. Job duties include: Answering phones, taking classified ads, wedding invitation orders, Who To Call ads, subscriptions, etc.

Apply in person:  
Sherman Publications, Inc.  
The Clarkston News Office  
5 South Main Street  
Clarkston  
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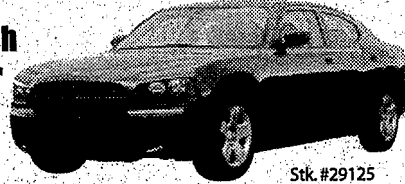
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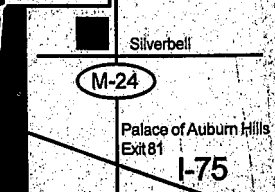


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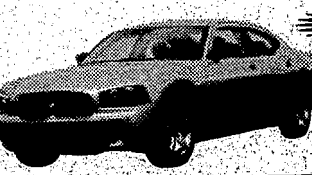
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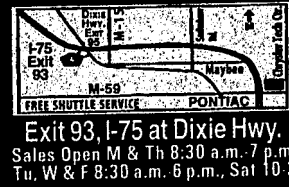
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