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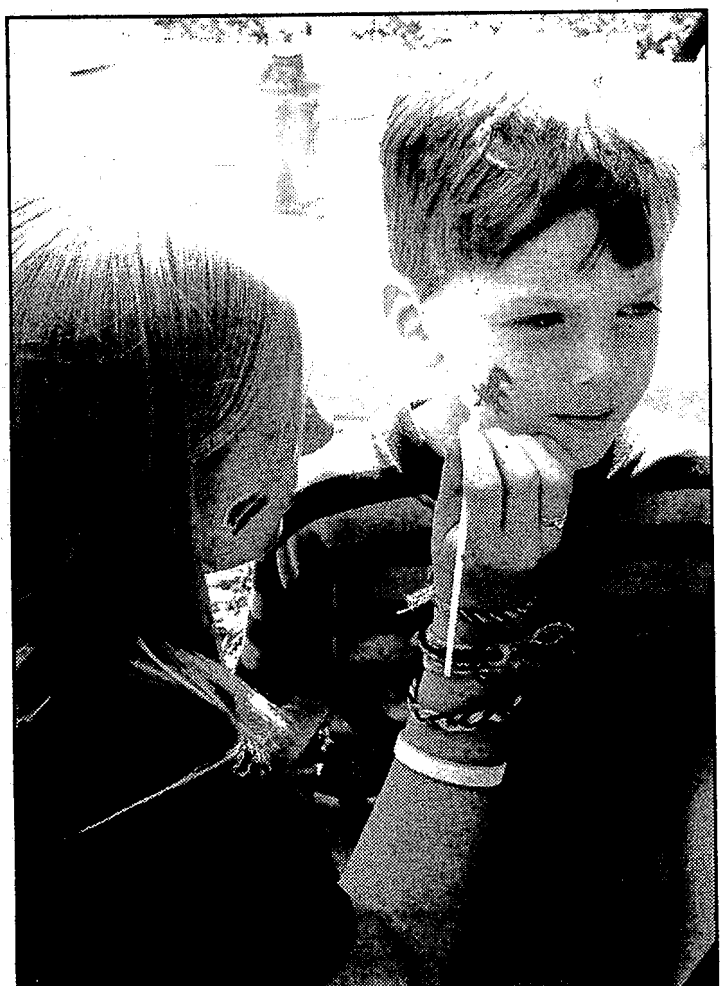
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Making faces

Robby Spencer, 5, sits patiently as Hillary Turner facepaints his cheek during Art in the Village last Saturday. Clarkston High School Drama Club was face painting to raise money to purchase a 1948 Ford for their February production of "Grease" and use in the "Greased Lightning" number. Please see page 15A for more pictures from the art festival. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Stimulating home sales

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

First-time homebuyers can get a federal tax break of up to \$8,000, but not for long. "As that deadline creeps up, I've gotten much busier showing houses," said local realtor Tim Winters, Independent Brokerage Network. The Nov. 30 deadline does not leave much time, especially with all the paperwork, Winters said.

"People are a little bit nervous, but they are definitely out there trying to move into a house by then," he said. Karen Wilcox of Max Broock said they sent postcards and e-mails to people about the deadline. "I think there are more younger couples or people who have been renting who are coming in," she said. "I wouldn't be able to tell you the percentage but it definitely has improved business."

Pam Ford-Morgan of Morgan and Milzow said her 15 agents have been busy with new homebuyer sales and she is happy about that, but doesn't see a long-term effect. "There's not a big financial commitment to make, which I think needs to be made to stabilize the market," Ford-Morgan said. Brian Krol of Prudential feels the same way. "I don't know how we're going. Please see Home on page 10A

Lots to sample at Clarkston's Taste

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

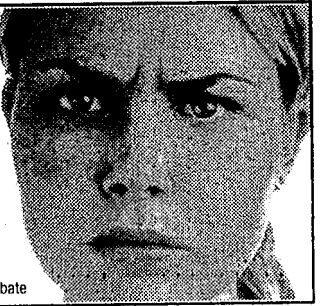
Kari Mascar of Independence Township has enjoyed Taste of Clarkston for years, joining the crowd on downtown Main Street to sample the best dozens of local restaurants have to offer. This year, the owner of Biggby Coffee will be on the other side of the counter. "I'm pretty excited and nervous. I hope we don't run out of food," said Mascar, who will offer blended frozen drinks with flavors such as mint, pomegranate, and chocolate cookie, and other items. "It's so great. The number of people is unbelievable," she said. "It's going to be fun." "It's a blast," said Miranda Warriner, assistant manager of Culver's of Clarkston, planning their second year at the Taste. "It was a great success last year." This time, they'll offer their frozen custards at two stands, one on



Main Street businesses are working hard to prepare for this Sunday's Taste of Clarkston. Here, Editor Phil Custodio pulls the Clarkston News' Taste chef out of storage. Main Street, the other in Depot Park. Taste of Clarkston, the annual signature event for Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, features more than 30 local restaurants, offering appetizers, entrees, beverages, and desserts. Main Street will Please see Taste on page 4A

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Hundreds of quilts at fall show, Oct. 2-3

The 75 women and one man of Town Hall Quilt Guild hosts its second annual Fall into Quilts, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3.

The \$5 admission goes to the guild's speaker program and charitable causes.

"This year's event is bigger and better," said Linda Britton of Clarkston, co-chair with Coleen Merte of Clarkston. "Last year we had about 150 entries, and at last count, 210 quilts will be displayed in this year's event."

The show is at First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road, east of Sashabaw. A gymnasium was added, providing more room for displays, Merte said.

"Our approach is a little different than other quilt guilds," she said. "Instead of just hanging quilts in a sterile atmosphere, row after row, we place them in tableaux, vignettes, where they are showcased with decorative items that enhance their appeal, furniture, flowers, antiques and things like that."

"We get a lot of positive feedback on that at our last exhibit," Britton said.

Of the 210 entries, a third are wall-hanging size, 45-by-45 inches or smaller. Crib quilts, lap throws and bed quilts range from single to queen size. Visitors will see landscape quilts, appliquéd works, as well as pieced examples and novelty quilts. Most are machine-quilted, but many have been com-



Linda Britton, left, and Coleen Mertz, with quilt show entry "Magnolia Bud."

pleted by professional long-arm quilters, and a few were hand pieced and stitched the old fashioned way.

Town Hall Quilt Guild includes residents of Clarkston, Ortonville, Oxford, Holly, and

other north Oakland County communities. They meet at 7 p.m., third Tuesdays, at First Congregational. For more information, call Linda at 248-625-7977 or Coleen, 248-303-8410.

- Phil Custodio

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Briefly

Middle schoolers save lives

Sashabaw Middle School hosts a blood drive, 12:30-6:30 p.m., Sept. 30.

Technology students in the Fix 56 In our Community program are exploring health sciences careers and how technology changed the way they can help others. Participants must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17-years-old or older.

Donate books for BLE Fair

Bailey Lake Elementary is collecting used books and mixed media for children through adults for the school fair's used book sale at 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26.

Drop off bins are located in the front entrance area of the school and must be dropped off by Friday, Sept. 25.

The used book sale will take place during the school fair on September 26, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

All leftover items will be donated to a local charity or organization. Help with the collection is appreciated.

Flu vaccinations

Clarkston PTA Council partners with Flu Busters, provider of on-site vaccinations, to provide affordable influenza vaccinations.

Clarkston PTA Council hosts an influenza vaccination clinic at Clarkston Junior High School on Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for the whole family, at least 6 months of age.

Vaccinations are administered by qualified health professionals. Cost is \$25 per shot for those registered, \$27 per shot for walk-ins. A nasal vaccine is also available for \$30. preregistration required. Medicare Part B will be accepted.

Participants will also be provided with additional tips on staying healthy during the influenza season.

For more information about the program or to register for a vaccination, visit the PTA's web site at www.PTA.org/flushotclinics. For information about preventing influenza, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

News tips?

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Head injury leads to life change

Chiari patient helps others through website

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Devin Kalisz was rear-ended at a stoplight, she didn't know the head injury she suffered when she hit the windshield would trigger a life-altering condition known as Chiari Malformation.

"It took about a year from when I had the accident for them to figure out what it might be. The only way to find Chiari Malformation is through an MRI, insurance companies don't like to do those unless there is some specific reason for it," she said. "Luckily because of some of the symptoms I had, my doctor had remembered a patient he had years ago that had the same thing, so it kind of led me in the right direction."

Kalisz said Chiari is very similar to MS (Multiple Sclerosis) where one can become paralyzed on one or both sides of their body. However, one difference is Chiari deals with an overcrowding of the brain, where one must undergo surgery to have the bottom of their skull taken out to make room.

Since having her first brain surgery, Kalisz said the Chiari has brought on other issues, such as falling down all the time and numbness throughout her body.

"I basically came to the realization that life was going to be different," she said. "I'm 28 and have 10-year-old twins and married to a veteran who's only been home for four years and recently lost his job."

Kalisz decided to take her weakness and make it her strength by creating her own website (www.devinsdiary.com) where she has educated people, friends, family, and even doctors, as well as connected with other Chiari patients.

"I've had a lot of traffic through my site, including people in Britain, London, and Europe," Kalisz said. "It's nice to know that there are other people who have the condition, but at the same time it's nice to know that every person that knows about it, tells someone else and it's also making a greater demand on the doctors to have to learn about it."

She also has gone into local elementary schools in Brandon and Waterford and created "Disability Awareness Day."

"It's cool because once they see what it's like to be born with something like Chiari, or see what it's like to be blind, or deaf, or not be able to use one part of your body, I think it gives them a different understanding," she said. "I've worked hard



Devin with her daughter Paige, husband Chris, and son Micah. Photo submitted.

to bring out that awareness and I think I've done a pretty good job."

In addition, Kalisz received a proclamation from Governor Jennifer Granholm the past three years, making September "Chiari Awareness Month." She was also able to make it happen in Ohio, Indiana, California, and Montana.

"I'm currently working on other states through other people by having them write to their governor," she said.

She's been working on a book for the past three-and-a-half years, which she hopes will make a difference in other's lives as well.

"It's all about dealing with this type of thing and taking the negative out of it and making it positive," she said. "It's Daily affirmation for living with a neurological condition, so it wouldn't just apply to Chiari."

Kalisz says it's the strength and support of her husband Chris, and her kids Paige and Micah that helps her through the day, as well as her faith in God.

"My husband is my rock, and my kids are amazing. I think I've taken the fact that I really want them to be really proud of who I am. I want to make a difference to them and to others," she said. "If I'm going to get through this and be OK, a lot of it's going to come through a positive attitude."

Kalisz said she's found a blessing in her friendship with Michelle Phaup and the "Lend

a Helping Hand" Foundation.

"She is the most inspiring positive person I've ever met and her friends are like that too," Kalisz said.

Phaup and Lend a Helping Hand host a benefit for Kalisz on Oct. 3 at the Heart Community Center, 495 Broadway in Davisburg.

The benefit will include a charity motorcycle poker run, which will begin at noon. It's \$30 for single rider, \$50 for double, and that includes food and entertainment after the ride.

Doors for the dinner benefit will open at 5 p.m. Tickets for just the dinner are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under, or \$25 and \$15 at the door.

There will also be a silent auction and live entertainment from Jason McCord and his band Flashback.

Phaup noted they still need businesses to donate for the silent auction.

For more information, visit www.lendahelpinghand.org or call Michelle Phaup at 248-394-1415 or 248-431-6727.

"Devin is a very sweet and very positive person, especially for everything that she is going through, but at the same time she's out there helping a lot of other people," Phaup said. "Not a lot of people who are in need will take the time to help other people and she seems to be constantly thinking about helping other people."

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More meetings wanted

Proposal called for 48 regular township meetings each year

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Township board meetings clock in at more than five hours, despite getting together almost every week.

Trustee Neil Wallace wants to make it official, calling for four regular meetings a month.

"For the past several months we have had a board meeting scheduled virtually every week. Even with all of that, we are not completing our work," Wallace said in a Sept. 15 memo to the Independence Township Board. "The budget hearings have not been as well attended as they should be."

His request was denied by a 4-3 vote. Supervisor Dave Wagner, Treasurer Curt Carson, and trustees Mark Pettersen and Larry Rosso voted "no."

The board currently meets twice a month, Tuesdays at 7:30, with special meetings/budget workshops on several off weeks at 7 p.m.

Wagner said he was "completely opposed to it."

"If we're worried about money, the trustees could once again say they don't want their pay," Wagner said. "We have a township right next to us (Springfield Township) that's our size, has only one meeting a month, has more items on their agenda and they seem to get through them without any difficulty."

He also thought the only reason for the proposal was so they would be televised. Township policy is to not broadcast special meetings.

"I think we all need to look at ourselves and try to keep these meetings down. Sure, we have to have enough information. Sure, we have to have enough discussion. I just don't see any legitimate reason to do this whatsoever," he said. "I just think it's a real bad precedent to set."

Rosso said he was "not thrilled" about turning special meetings into regular ones;

however, he said he was willing to waive his special meeting compensation.

Though he believed intentions were sincere, Trustee David Lohmeier said for trustees to give up special meeting pay was merely "a token."

"It's not a big impact to a budget and in fact I think it's little insulting to the budget problem we have in million dollar gaps," he said. "If we want to take a 20 percent pay cut (both part-time and full-time) and give up the vehicle mouths (car allowances), then you're feeling some pain. That's a real statement. Otherwise we're just dancing."

Lohmeier liked the idea of four meetings a month because it would give more flexibility.

"For workshops, you meet exactly on what you add. If you have other items that come up like we did tonight that you need to address, you don't really have that flexibility," he said. "Unless you have a full unanimous, everybody is there and frankly we are always missing one or two people. I think this gives us more flexibility and I love the idea of going to seven o'clock - this gives us an extra half hour I think the idea is great."

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen said she would be willing to try four regular meetings a month as an experiment.

"I think there is many times things drag out way longer than they need to. If you have a question, a legitimate question, fine, get your information, but I think sometimes questions are asked or comments are made just to show how smart someone is," she said. "If we could just get down to business and get it taken care of instead of doing the posturing, I think it would serve us well."

Carson agreed. "There is no township in the state going through what we're going through time wise," he said. "We should be able to get our work done and we just have to start following some procedures to get it done."

He also noted he was all for regular meetings starting at 7 p.m. but not four meetings a month.

"I'm happy with the program the way it is," Carson said. "I'm more than willing to show up for a budget workshop or to a special meeting if we need it."

Taste of Clarkston, Sunday

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 be closed to traffic, 12-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27.

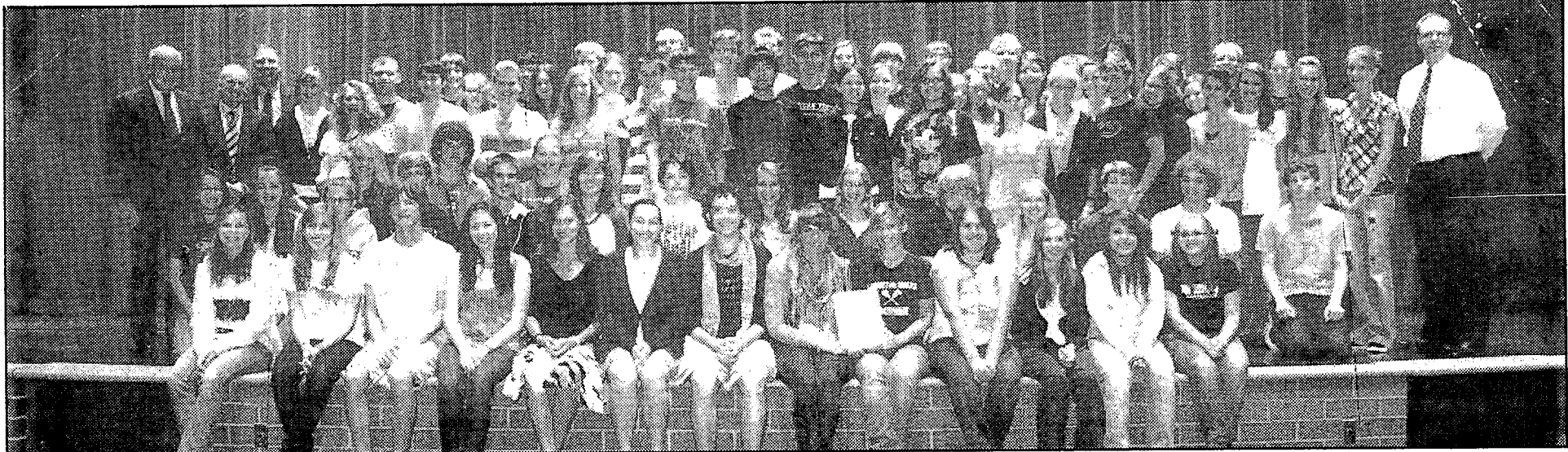
Tickets are sold in \$1 increments, with several desserts and appetizers for one ticket, most entrees for 3-4, six for Clarkston Union's Lobster Jalapeno Mac and Cheese, and seven for Rainforest Cafe's Root Beer Float in Special Frog Glass and Via Bologna's combo.

Live entertainment on Waldon Road stage includes The Hook at 12 p.m.; DJ Jim

Tedder, 1:30 and 4 p.m.; Stardusters Band, 2 p.m.; Chiffon Sisters, 4:30 p.m.; and Second Chance, 5:15 p.m. Kofi Ameyaw of Sunkwa Ghana performs rhythm xylophone at 2 p.m. on Church Street.

Depot Park's Kid Zone will be filled with games and activities for children. Free shuttle service from Clarkston school parking lots on Waldon Road, and Clarkston High School on Flemings Lake.

For more information, check clarkston.org or call 248-625-8055.



Clarkston Marching Band members gather in the high school Performing Arts Center for their British invitation. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Marching band heading to merry old England

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston High School Marching Band made their plans to celebrate New Year's Day - in 2011.

The Deputy Lieutenant of London, Her Majesty The Queen's Representative Roger Bramble arrived at the high school Monday morning with the special invitation for Clarkston to participate in the 25th Anniversary New Year's Day Parade.

"It's really a pleasure," said Junior Melissa Chamberlain, a clarinet player and drum major. "I have never been there and for me it's something I get to participate in for senior year."

Along with the invite to perform in the annual event, the students were also asked to spend a week in the city to take in the historical sights and the culture and meet some of the people.

"I don't think you have taken part in anything quite as grand," said Robert Bone, Executive Director of The New Year's Day Parade and Festival London.

"I would say it the greatest event in the greatest city in the world," he told the students.

He described to the audience walking through the London streets, starting on Piccadilly and ending at the Palace of Westminster, the House of Parliament.

Clarkston was chosen to perform because they attended the event twice in the past 15 years.

"We want the best people we have had in the past to come back and join us for the occasion," explained Bone. "And you are the best."

Bramble humbly admitted why he began the event years ago.

"Music has always been my great passion," he said before jokingly telling the band members he didn't have the talent for it and could empty a room if he played an instrument.

The parade is seen on the street by half a million people and stand for three hours in rain or shine. Another 250 million watch it on TV.

"They don't have marching bands because their music is set up different," said Clarkston High School Band Director Mike Lewis. "Marching band and cheerleaders are a completely foreign thing to them."

The last time the marching band performed in the parade was in 2001.

"We got a tour of London, went to Oxford and visited Oxford University," said Lewis about the trip.

They also kept busy visiting Westminster Abbey, Stratford, Buckingham Palace and saw the changing of the guard, performing a concert, saw a musical and the London Symphony.

"Our hotel was across the street from Kensington Palace - where Princess Diane would have lived," added Lewis still remembering the flowers placed in fence around the palace.

The students found out about the invitation and where they would be visiting last week, but it didn't sink in until they saw Bramble on the stage handing Lewis the invitation.

"It's an honor to be invited," said Senior Pat Furlo, drum major and plays the french horn. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and since you are in high school, you may never have an opportunity to do it again."

He admitted he was excited and his heart was racing after the news.

"It's something we will remember forever and we are going with friends," said Chamber-

lain. "It's something new to see that maybe wouldn't have seen if we weren't invited."

Clarkston Community School Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts and Clarkston High School Principal Vince Licata extended their congratulations to the marching band.

"I would like to thank our friends from across the pond for meeting with us," said Roberts. "I can tell you these gentlemen do not exaggerate. It is quite an experience. One I hope all of you get to enjoy in 2011. You will love London and you will love its people."

Bone said he estimates no more than 20 bands are performing in the 25th anniversary parade.

Bands are chosen for the annual event based on the critique they receive.

"We have a lot of people who judge band competitions," he said. "We have spies who tell us who is good, who is bad and who we should have. We ask them to play solidly - no marking time, no stopping."

The bands chose their music but Bone and his staff help to guide them in the right direction.

"We ask them to play something people will recognize."

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Too much talk

Five and half hours. Yes that's right, **five and half hours**, that's how long this past Independence Township meeting lasted and that was with items deleted from the agenda.

Why was it that long? Was the agenda overloaded? Yes. Should we maybe start earlier? Yes. Does every agenda item need at least a 45 minute discussion? No. Should board members talk less? **YES!!!**

I have absolutely no problem with asking questions on an item you are about to vote on. Obviously if you're voting on something you need to ask vital questions, which will help you decide your vote. However, when it comes to giving your thoughts and opinion on the topic, make it short, sweet and to the point.

If you agree with something someone else said, simply say, "I agree." If you have another point to add (the key word is "add") to what they said, then make your point in a paragraph (that's five sentences.) There is no need to rephrase everything the other person or persons just said. The audience already heard them, they want you to expand upon the thought, not rehash everything.

I personally think the board needs to look at their rules and policies again and perhaps limit board members to three minutes, just like audience members. Ask your questions, give a quick comment and vote. Some topics are just that easy. Other may involve some debate, but even that can be limited.

If the hierarchies of government can perform these tasks on much more complex issues, you can too. Sorry if I'm cranky, but I need my eight hours of sleep.

There has also been much debate as to whether trustees should give up their special meeting pay in order to save some money, or whether across the board both trustees and full-time should take a 20 percent paycut until January of 2010. Why not do both?

Trustees are paid \$202 per regular meeting and \$106 for special meetings. If trustees eliminated special meeting pay, this would save \$2,544 in the next three months.

If they took a 20 percent pay cut, it would save an additional \$3,888. That's a total of \$6,432. Doesn't sound like much when you're talking government money, but it does when you say "taxpayers money." In today's economy every penny counts. Now just imagine the cost savings if the full-time took 20 percent?



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Take a bite out of Clarkston

This weekend brings the fourth Sunday of September – for Clarkstonites, the chance to fill their bellies with the best this town has to offer.

Downtown Main Street closes down to traffic, Sunday, to make room for dozens of restaurateurs and thousands of hungry patrons at the annual Taste of Clarkston.

This isn't an easy time economically for anybody, much less local restaurants. Take the opportunity to see what they have to offer.

Try a deep-fried Twinkie or chocolate-covered slice of bacon. Get some pizza, pasta, clam chowder, frozen custard and/or cookies, washed down with some iced coffee or a root beer float in a frog-shaped glass.

A successful Taste of Clarkston fills the coffers of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, which we need to help attract new businesses to the area.

So fill the streets, rain or shine.

-PMC

Editorial

Lots to brag about in Clarkston

Dear editor,

A little bragging could help said Robert Jablonski. In a recent letter ("Thrift shop could lead to lesser things," Sept. 2), he said he was embarrassed by the new thrift store, dollar store, and used furniture store in the plaza at Sashabaw and Waldon Road.

Would he be more proud of the empty and unkept building and parking lot? He should be grateful that it's not left to decay like so many other sites and even whole towns right now.

Let's face it, no one is lining up to invest in new business in this fragile economy.

Even the most fortunate of us has changed their consumer consumption. Imagine how difficult it must be for a family going through job loss or a small business trying to hold on in this economy.

Clarkston has a lot going for it. We get to live in a beautiful, clean, kind community; and when we come through these tough times, we will shine even brighter. So as far

as bragging goes, I am one little business owner proud I can keep my lights on, employ people who live here, pay my taxes, and provide a service in my community.

I may just be scraping by but I'm thankful for that. I'm able to do so because my business and home is in Clarkston.

My hope is that we can all get by through this rough patch in the road, none of us know what's around the next corner.

How's that for a

little bragging?

From a proud business owner for almost 18 years in the same "shameless shopping center" and now neighbor to The Salvation Army.

And by the way; Digs Consignment Studio is much more than a used furniture store. I invite Mr. Jablonski to come and visit us sometime.

Sincerely,

Gina Leehy
Independence Township

Deficit caused by bad decisions

Dear editor,

The article "Trustees turn down budget adjustments," Sept. 16, did not identify the cause of the problem.

The cause of the deficit problem is the debt service on loan for the new township hall, which, annually, is actually greater than the \$143,000 deficit mentioned in the article.

Too bad Supervisor Dave Wagner didn't have the "financial expert" mentioned in the article with him at the time he decided to

overpay for the new Township Hall.

Perhaps the financial expert could have even projected what the debt service payments would do to the budget, and the impact on services provided to the residents of Independence Township.

This budget train wreck would have been completely predictable by any competent leadership.

Jeff Gibbs
Independence Township

More letters to the editor on page 7A

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Cider Fest" Clarkston Historical Society hosted its annual Cider Festival in Depot Park, offering apple pie, gourmet granola, fresh produce and eggs, as well as apple cider.

"Poet's writing is search for truth"

Tony Stachurski, a former Clarkston schools science teacher, spent his retirement reading and writing poetry in a search for universal truth. He also wanted to learn how to play jazz guitar.

"Playgrounds come under scrutiny"

The "monster piece" was the most popular playground equipment at Pine Knob Elementary, but to Penny Shanks, PTA Council member, it was a nightmare. She presented information and videotapes to the school board about loose screws, exposed metal pieces, unsafe fall zones, and other problems on local playgrounds.

25 years ago - 1984

"Township orders big cats out"

Independence Township wanted William Murdock to get rid of his tiger and bobcat, giving him 30 days to do so. They cited safety reasons, but the cat owner said they were declawed and domesticated.

"10,000 bulbs to beautify Clarkston, school" Bordine's, Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center, and village council Trustee Fontie ApMadoc worked together to beautify the school's grounds. They had 10,000 tulip, daffodil and hyacinth bulbs, and were seeking community help to plant them.

"Tiger bandwagon gains speed" Barb Gibson, Clarkston's expert on the Detroit Tigers and mother of Tiger Kirk Gibson, was enjoying the team's success. Bard, a speech teacher at Clarkston High School, was with the team when it clinched the division title.

50 years ago - 1959

"Beth Ann Eisenlohr feted on birthday" She celebrated her sixth birthday with a party at her Holcomb Road home. Twelve of her little friends joined her for this happy occasion. The little girls all looked lovely in their pastel party dresses and the little boys in their Sunday best.

"First Methodist starts crusade" First Methodist Church set a goal of \$100,000 in their groundbreaking fundraiser, enlisting 25 captains and 250 men to visit homes all over the area.

"Clarkston locals" Clarkston Rotary Club hosted a family picnic at the Loyal Wing Club, enjoying visiting games, and meal.

Caught in the middle, seeking help

Dear editor,

I've heard about the infamous mural on the side of the Clarkston News building, people get upset when they can't watch "American Idol." People complain they have to clean their house or do yard work. I wish I had a house to clean and a yard to upkeep!

What are my worries? Supporting my family. I am a very hard working U.S., Independence Township citizen who has more than one job, returning to college, and supporting my community since adolescence and need assistance.

I don't like the thought of having to ask organizations, some of which I've contributed to over many years, for help and don't believe I even qualify.

Getting to the point, I am asking for employment, part time to eke me through this "depression," or full time that won't cut my throat with what I already do have. I am very grateful for what we are blessed with, but the bottom line is I live paycheck to paycheck and now my paychecks aren't enough.

Yes, I've tried many supplemental incomes, usually schemes, and I've been through rolls of red tape. What I qualify for on paper is not what I am able to accomplish. I am doing all I can to better my life, continue my

education, go above and beyond in every job I've had, but cannot make ends meet. I've put in numerous applications for more employment, but employers look at my availability and won't give me a chance.

I have to work around my job with benefits and my college education, but I can accomplish twice as much as anyone else can in a shorter amount of time. I'm too "poor" to properly care for my family, but too "rich" to qualify for assistance.

I don't like to gamble, but I am begging someone to take a gamble on me. If I don't fit your written criteria, I will learn extremely quickly! What am I good at? Anything I set my mind to. I have cared for many people, putting myself on the back burner; that's one of my few downfalls. I've always put others before me. Now I am asking others to help me and put myself first, so to speak, to be able to feed, clothe and house my family. I'm not being greedy, asking for a \$500,000 house. I don't want to drive a Rolls Royce (have I just aged myself?), I don't expect to go out to dine 10 times a week or want a maid. I just need a break! I can barely keep my wheels on the road to get to all of my jobs. I still dress myself in 15-year-old clothing. I pinch every penny until it screams

and try to raise respectable, well-rounded children.

Honestly, I feel like I was born with a black cloud over my head because every time I take one step forward, I have to take five steps back. I have not included any specific information as to not compromise my current employments and I'm not above asking for assistance, but all the research I've done on the subject truly does limit any. Aside from doing something illegal or demeaning my beliefs and morals, I am asking this community that I love, have grown up in and want to continue raising my family in to help me, by helping myself.

This wonderful publication, which I've been a loyal subscriber until recently due to having to tighten my belt, has graciously agreed to help. If you would like to invest in your future, invest in your community and invest in yourself, take a gamble on me. I am worth it.

Please do not hesitate to contact *The Clarkston News* with your ideas and/or suggestions. This would be a gamble you would win! Thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul; even if it is a prayer, I truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

"The Cloud with the Silver Lining"

Name withheld on request

Keep dogs tied up for neighbors' sake

Dear editor,

We really enjoy walking these country roads out here in Independence Township. Most folks are very cordial and courteous and do practice the leash laws when walking their dogs.

Why is it though that some folks continue to think it is OK to wander down the road with their dog running loose?

First of all you are endangering your dog and exposing them to possible hazards such as vehicles, wild animals and other dogs. Second it is just plain rude and inconsiderate to those of us who do leash and control our pets.

There are many of us who do not appreciate having your pets running loose causing disturbances; someone or somebody could get hurt.

Why is it, just because we have all this open land people think it's

OK to let their pets run loose? You would not do this in the city? I believe there are "leash laws" and other ordinances that address these issues.

We have had several incidents with unleashed "pets" and I do emphasize the word pets. These were licensed pets. My wife, two dogs and I were attacked by two very large dogs.

The breed is not important, what is important here is the owner did not have the dogs tied up or leashed! Almost killed one of our dogs.

We have also been "charged" by unleashed dogs while the owner just stands there and tries to call them back! And all this while our dogs sat there leashed by our sides?

Unfortunately we now view every loose dog as a possible threat. Ever have 50-150 pounds of

uncontrolled rage going for your pet or your throat?

If anything think about your pet's safety. Too many times we see posters hanging on trees because some owner has lost a pet. Sometimes it is an accident and pets do get loose. We all need to be responsible and safeguard our loved ones. We must do everything possible to insure the safety of our pets and neighbors.

Thanks to all of you who abide by the local ordinances, common sense and just good old-fashioned common courtesy. Your neighbors appreciate it and most of all our "four legged friends"! Oh yeah, and let's not forget the "three legged ones" to. God love em all! Let's keep everyone safe and enjoy the scenery and fresh air!

Thanks,

Mark Stesney
Independence Township

Some humor, tax woes and the tomato season

I watch the Comedy Channel more than ESPN.

I'd much rather smile than cringe, take humor over the sports ego-trippers and retire at least semi-happy rather than irritated.

Oh, I watch a lot of sports when favorite teams are playing, but I get more pleasure from "Seinfeld" reruns, Jeff Foxworthy and his crew and pure-mouthed comics. I do not like the dirty-word humor attempt gaining in air time. I loved totally clean Red Skelton.

Which brings me to recently-received quotes by Larry the Cable Guy. Larry's real name is Daniel Lawrence Whitney. (Someone pulled that off the internet for me, because I don't pull things off the internet.)

Cable Guy Quotables:

- Support bacteria. They're the only culture most people have.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, "What the heck happened?"

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I hope this is just a rumor, but I heard any universal health care legislation coming out of Washington will have a designated physician for people over 65 -- Dr. Kevorkian.

Another doctor-related note I made to myself: Doctors and others who think they have to ask questions should *listen* to the answers.

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I believe Richard Milliman is the most politically aware columnist in Michigan. He writes a weekly column, "The Almanack." I gleaned the following:

Local governments, especially schools, also face recurring dollar squeezes.

It's instructive to review some of Gov. Granholm's speeches and plans when she was first elected in 2002, and how her early optimism has faded year by year. It's not much fun to be the state's leader while jobs disappear and

people hunger for help.

Over the years, the Michigan public has helped paint state and local governments into a financial corner.

Through our elected representatives and sometimes by the ballot box, we have demanded services, programs and benefits that eventually have stretched far beyond our means and our willingness to pay higher taxes to finance the expanded services.

Unless people are willing to lower our expectations from government, we

must somehow come up with the resources to pay the bills. The unhappy choice is a real one: Either pay higher taxes, or receive fewer benefits.

Certainly Michigan will come out of the financial doldrums eventually, but it may take several years.

In the meantime, we can expect annual tugs of war when budget time rolls around for our state government, our schools and other units of government which serve the public and survive on taxpayer dollars.

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When it's not the other season to be jolly, the next best season is homegrown tomato time.

Bet you didn't know there's a song out by that title: Home Grown Tomatoes. Son-in-law Tim pulled it off the internet for me. I'm only going to give you the last verse:

*If I's to change this life I lead
I'd be Johnny Tomato Seed.
'Cause I know what this
country needs
Homegrown tomatoes in
every yard you see.
When I die don't bury me
In a box in a cemetery.
Out in the garden would be
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Angels race this weekend

St. Daniel's Church in Clarkston once again hosts Angels' Place 5K Race/Walk, Saturday, Sept. 26.

Events start at 9:30 a.m. with a one-mile Funwalk/run around the Mill Pond, new this year. The 5K event through the streets of Clarkston starts at 10 a.m.

Paul Maxwell of Clarkston started the race last year to raise money and community awareness for Angels' Place, a non-profit organization providing support services for persons with developmental disabilities.

"Twelve years ago, my sister needed a safe, secure, loving environment," said Maxwell, who serves as race director with his wife, Maggie. "Angels' Place stepped in and placed her into one of their homes. She now has a family and enjoys an active lifestyle, including a daily job."

Several hundred runners, walkers and volunteers raised about \$8,000 last September in the first Angels' Place 5K Race/Walk.

Local businesses donate money, prizes and refreshments, and volunteers hand out food and water, and serve as timers and road marshals.

"This is more than just a race," he said. "The event brings the community together in fellowship with food, entertainment, prizes and awards, and it provides participants with a very rewarding Christian service outreach



Dan Fuller, Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 5436, Pope John 23rd Branch, presents Race Director Paul Maxwell with a check for \$1,100, kicking off preparations for 2009 Angels' Place Race.

experience." Live entertainment will also include music and a robotic demonstration by the Clarkston High School FIRST robotics team.

For more information, check www.angelsplacrace.org.

- Phil Custodio

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Public Safety

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Heroin overdose

Independence Township EMS revived an unconscious woman, 9:50 p.m., Sept. 11, in the 5200 block of Waterford Road. Deputies found a syringe and a small amount of what appeared to be heroin, which tested positive for opiates. Warrant sought for heroin possession.

Not safe for the road

A deputy was on patrol, 2 a.m., Sept. 12, Sashabaw Road near I-75, when he saw a car pull out of a parking lot, run over a curb, fail to stop for a stop sign, and swerve across the road. He pulled over the driver, a 25-year-old woman, who admitted to drinking two light beers.

Heavy heart, lead foot

A deputy on radar duty, 8:54 p.m., Sept. 13, near Waldon Road and Cherrylawn Avenue, tracked a car going 48 mph in a 35 mph, accelerating to 55 before getting stopped. The driver, a 24-year-old Independence Township man, said he drank two beers, later admitting to 6-7 beers. He said he accelerated because he just got off the phone with his girlfriend and was angry with her. With a breath test of .145, he was cited with drunk driving and jailed.

Close call

Independence Township firefighters extinguished a car fire, 6:50 p.m., Sept. 14, in the 5300 block of Clintonville Road. The homeowner told deputies his 17-year-old daughter was driving home when the engine started smoking. She drove home and parked the car in the garage. Her father saw it was still smoking, so put it in neutral and pushed it into his driveway, when flames started shooting from the engine and he called 9-1-1.

Vehicle break-ins

A River Drive resident found the passenger window of his pickup broken out, 7 a.m., Sept. 7, and radio stolen.

A resident of the 4700 block of Owasco Court discovered a laptop and \$70 stolen, Sept. 9, from an unlocked pickup truck.

Someone popped the trunk lock on a car parked overnight in front of apartment, Sept. 15 in 6900 block of Tuson Boulevard, and stole speakers and amplifier. The car was alarmed and locked.

A dance student finished with class, 8 p.m., Sept. 15, in the 5600 block of Sashabaw Road, found the driver's side window shattered and a bag holding two cameras missing.

Attention seeking law breaker

A deputy on radar duty, 7:35 p.m., Sept. 15, on M-15 near I-75, could hear a Jeep's stereo well beyond the 50 feet allowed by township noise ordinance, and stopped it. The 19-year-old Ortonville man's vehicle was equipped with several bass speakers and amplifiers, but he had a suspended license. He was cited for driving with license suspended, and given a warning about the noise.

Home burglary

A S. Eston Road homeowner pulled into her driveway after three hours of errands, 2:30 p.m., Sept. 17, and noticed landscaping was damaged. After cleaning up the mess, she went inside and noticed her flat screen television missing, along with jewelry, computers, and cameras. She has dogs but they're not vicious, she told deputies. Investigation continues.

Bad advice

A motorist alerted deputies to a drunk driver, 5 p.m., Sept. 16, on Maybee Road. Deputies quickly caught up with and pulled over a 27-year-old Independence Township woman, who was swerving all over the road in a pickup truck with shredded tires and bumper left in the road. The driver, who was upset and crying, smelling strongly of alcohol, told deputies she hit a curb on her way home from a Waterford restaurant, blowing out two tires. She called her husband, who told her to just drive home. She admitted to drinking two shots of vodka, and tested .318 on her PBT. She was arrested and jailed for drunk driving.

Drugged driver

Deputies pulled over a swerving car, 10:40 p.m., Sept. 15, on M-15 near Clarkston Road.

The driver smelled of marijuana, and was found with a small marijuana cigarette and three prescribed medications. She was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, and blood test was sent to state police for analysis.

Fugitive found

A deputy on patrol, 2 a.m., Sept. 17, near Andersonville and White Lake, noticed a vehicle with a broken tail light and ran its plate. LEIN results indicated the driver, a 21-year-old Springfield Township man, had two felony warrants, so he was stopped and taken to jail.

- Phil Custodio



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Tax break not long-term solution, realtors say

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to pull through the downturn in the real-estate market unless the government continues programs like that," he said. "What they really need to do is help some of the people that have made their payments that have maintained good credit. There are no programs or very few programs to help them reestablish fair market value for their homes and in some cases those are the people that are upside down on their homes and they really have nowhere to go."

Ford-Morgan said it's a "double edged sword."

"I also have a lot of empathy for people that see a train wreck ahead that have had good equity in their houses, had good employment, but because of economic downturn are struggling," she said. "I'd rather see those monies put in a different direction."

According to National Association of Realtors, income levels of \$75,000 or less for

single taxpayers, \$150,000 for married taxpayers are eligible for maximum tax credit. Single taxpayers with \$75,000-\$95,000, and married taxpayers between \$150,000-\$170,000 are eligible for partial tax credit.

The credit does not have to be repaid if the owner occupies the house for three years or more. However, if the property is sold during the three-year period, the credit will be recouped on the sale.

Michelle Phaup of Clarkston Realty said she heard similar complaints about only helping first time homebuyers

"Having that incentive certainly has brought more people out to buy houses," Phaup said who recently sold a house to first time homebuyer Ashley Swartz.

Phaup said on top of the \$8,000 tax grant, Swartz also qualified for Oakland County's Homebuyer Program for Vacant Foreclosed Properties.

"Their incentive was to make their area better and try to uphold the value, so not everyone across the board is dropping so drastically," said Phaup. "That's not for first-time home buyers only."

According to the program, the buyer gets a mortgage for 51 percent and then 49 percent of the purchase and rehabilitation cost is financed by Oakland County.

Swartz's advice to new homebuyers is "to be patient and never give up."

"I'm so excited to have my own home and my own yard, it's officially mine," she said. "I don't have to pay to not get anything in return."

For more information on the first time home buyer tax credit check out www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com



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Defense leads gridiron pack to another win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's gridiron gang secured their position in first place in the OAA Red last Thursday after defeating West Bloomfield, 17-7.

The Wolves grabbed the lead in the first quarter with two touchdowns from Dakota Bender and two PATs from Brian Benway.

The first touchdown resulted from Quarterback Tyler Scarlett connecting a 31-yard pass to Bender before he took it into the endzone.

Bender struck again from the 1-yard line and pushed pass defense to further Clarkston's lead.

Benway added the remaining points when he kicked a 37-yard field goal in the third quarter.

Scarlett finished on a game high for 74 yards on eight carries.

Wolves' Head Coach Kurt Richardson was satisfied with the win but noticed more needs to be done.

"Offensively, we didn't take any opportunities," he said.

"Defensively, we were pretty good," he continued. "They are improving every game. West Bloomfield has some very skillful kids and a very potent offense and we handled them."

The Lakers lone touchdown came from Aaron Foster catching the kick-off return and running 85-yards and into the end zone.

Richardson said he saw good performances from the entire defense line - Justin Baetz, Andrew Schram, Jeff Dean, Derek Booker, Chris Canada, Dustin Gamble, Steve Carpenter and Jeff Durkan.

"Our front line guys had the quarterback

running a lot," said Tony Miller, Wolves' defense coordinator. "The outside linebackers played an exceptional game. Our kids came out to play and understood the scheme. They had a great game while shutting down all of West Bloomfield's talent. They played just like we planned."

The Wolves face Southfield-Lathrup this week for another OAA Red challenge.

Both teams will go in fighting - Clarkston to avenge their Homecoming game loss to Lathrup last year, 46-45, while Lathrup is coming off from their shut-out last week against Lake Orion, 35-0.

"I was at the game," said Miller. "They moved the ball well between the 20's - they took the ball all the way to the 20 but couldn't finish. They do have an absolute dangerous offense, but they couldn't score against Lake Orion."

Richardson and his coaching staff are also taking account Lathrup's speed and size during this week's practices.

"They are a very big team," said Miller. "Really big," added Richardson. "Probably the biggest we will face all year."

Lathrup's front linemen are over 300 pounds and a few players have signed their letters of intent to Division 1 schools.

"We will have our work cut out for us," said Richardson. "We have an earlier game so we have to overcome that."

Kickoff is at 5:30 p.m. Southfield-Lathrup High School is located at 19301 West Twelve Mile Rd. in Lathrup Village.

The JV and freshmen teams also won their games against the Lakers, JV was 27-8 and freshmen, 41-8. Both teams are now 3-1.



Dustin Gamble takes on the Lakers' defense. Photo by Kay Pearson



Pictured left to right; in front, Connor Wineman, Alec Jbara, Eli McLean, Brock Schultz, Joshua McCaghy, Justin Nicholas; standing, Robbie Farrell, Bryce Baringer, Conner Sajan, Logan Johns, Jacob Bellner; and in back Coach Todd Rajala. Photo submitted

Athlete of the Week

Kickers off to right start

Clarkston Impact 99 White team started their fall season winning their first tournament.

They played at the Midland Fusion Invitational held in Midland during the last weekend in August.

The boys were off to a rough start after losing their first game against the host team Midland Fusion, 3-2.

They turned things around and beat two teams, GPSA Salvo, 2-1, and Allianc FC, 4-1, leading them to the championship game where they faced Fusion again.

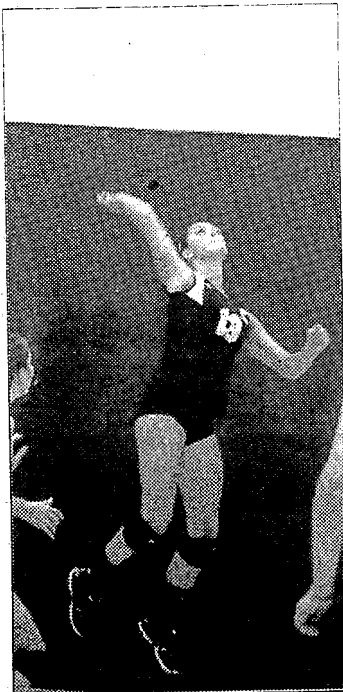
Using their skills and talent, Impact shut Fusion out, 2-0.

The boys next game is Sunday at Clintonwood Park at noon against FC Nova Academy.

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Lady Wolves keep improving



Allison Reis leaps into the air to return the serve. Photo by Matt McCarty

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers' lucky number for their first home match was 25 and 16.

It was the score for all three sets as the Girls Varsity Volleyball beat Farmington High School.

"It's a big win for us," said Coach Kelly Avenall. "This was our first home match so I told them, we only have four home matches this year and they need to savour it for awhile. Just go at teams and take it to them at home."

The girls already knew what to expect from Farmington after facing them at the West Bloomfield Invitational in August.

"They are real young," said Avenall. "I know they are going to get better by the end of the year. So if we see them again we will have to keep that in mind."

Jenna Coates had 15 digs and three aces and Allison Reis had 10 kills.

Avenall noted Junior Haley Barker and Sophomore Stephanie Marani stood out during the game.

"Haley had four aces. She had a great serving game," said Avenall.

"Stephanie definitely had a shining moment tonight," she added. "She had four kills tonight and is just getting better and better every day she plays."

They took the momentum to Birmingham Groves and beat them, 3-0 (25-14, 25-23, 25-15).

Coates had 15 digs and Jessica Frakes had 12 kills and Reis had 10.

The girls played Troy on Tuesday and host Lahser on Thursday.

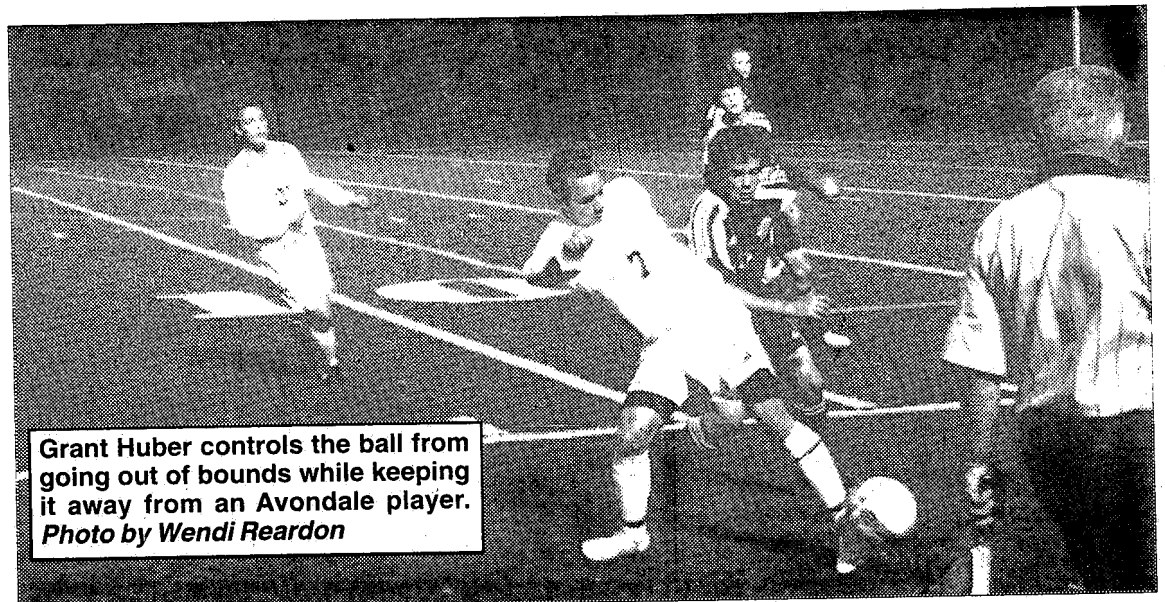
"All I can hope for right now is that we keep improving and keep putting into play what we are doing in practice," said Avenall.

Avenall also has seen the younger players grow and become more and more confident.

"With a few matches under our belt, I regularly play four sophomores and they are gelling better with the team. I think they don't have as many butterflies and that is definitely helping us," she explained.

The girls are now 15-4-2 and 3-0 in OAA Red.

JV plays at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Grant Huber controls the ball from going out of bounds while keeping it away from an Avondale player. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Ready to sink paws in Dragons

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers prepare for a busy week getting deeper into their OAA Red league play.

As the Boys Varsity Soccer team goes into this week against Stoney Creek, Lake Orion, and Rochester, they will take the lessons learned throughout the weeks with them, even from their eighth shut-out game from Sept. 15 against Auburn Hills Avondale, 3-0.

Alex Wilson scored quickly to put the boys on the board and Dave Thomas added another with less than three minutes remaining in the first half.

"Avondale had a few chances in the second half, but goalie Andrew Campbell cleaned up wherever he needed to," said Coach Adam Bican.

Garret Gotaas finished the game with the final goal and Campbell saved five shots on goal.

"There is some stuff we need

to work on, but being midway through the season I think we are making very good progress," said Bican.

He admitted the team was frustrated at times when it seemed like the game wasn't going their way.

"It's a lesson they need to take from it - that not everything goes your way all the time and to just fight through it," he said. "When they keep working harder and focusing harder - things work out."

Besides the win, the boys were treated to another bonus - support from soccer players throughout the community.

"It was such a great time for the youth of Clarkston and to show their support for the high school soccer teams," said Bican. "It was fantastic and a great family night."

The boys played Stoney Creek on Tuesday, face cross town rivals Lake Orion on Thursday and Rochester on Friday.

"It's going to be a tough week for us," Bican said. "It will be nice

to play all three teams and it will show us where we stand in the league."

The Wolves go into the last two games with home turf advantage and are ready to take them on.

"Lake Orion may have some of the top talent anywhere in Reed Losee and Derek Schrauben," said Bican. "The boys will be up for it and we love playing at home. The boys enjoy playing in front of their hometown fans and it gives them a boost playing at home."

The boys saw Rochester only a few weeks ago and beat them in a hard-fought match - which Clarkston won, 1-0.

"This one will probably be even closer," said Bican.

The boys are 4-0-1 in OAA Red and 8-2-1 overall.

"We are a little over the half way point," added Bican. "We are really looking forward to seeing how this week goes."

JV plays at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows.

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BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Natalie Smith kept her pace on the trail at Springfield Oaks and finished at the Holly Invitational in fourth place.

Her finish helped the Girls Varsity Cross Country team take the fifth spot at the race, behind Ann Arbor, Lakeland, Hartland and Waterford Mott.

"We did okay," said Girls Cross Country Assistant Coach Matt Klaver. "We are getting ready to make a big push and we took a step in the right direction."

Erin Billette set a personal record finishing 20:57.

"Lindsey Fantin ran a good race (21:06)," he added. "Natalie had a good run."

The four remaining finishers for the team were Mende Gleiss (21:19), Colleen Napier (21:28), Abby Harrison (22:22) and Annie Castillo (22:36).

On Sept. 15, the girls took third place in the OAA Jamboree #1. Smith led the Wolfpack and finished in seventh.

"We are starting to add speed work into our practices so we are going to start dropping our times pretty soon," said Klaver. "We are poised to make a jump. They have been working really hard in practice."

The girls compete in the Jackson Invite this Saturday.

"We should be pretty competitive," Klaver added.

Adam Bruderick led the boys team in their seventh place spot at the Holly Invitational.

"We didn't run poorly," said Boys Coach Mike Taylor. "Or real well. We were somewhere in the middle. It was our third race in a week and we ran a little flat."

The boys set their goal to finish in fourth or better.

"It was a real tough field," said Taylor. "But we will bounce back - it's only September."

They finished behind Lake Orion and Milford - two teams they know they have to get past them in regionals to go to states and have to do it at the same location.

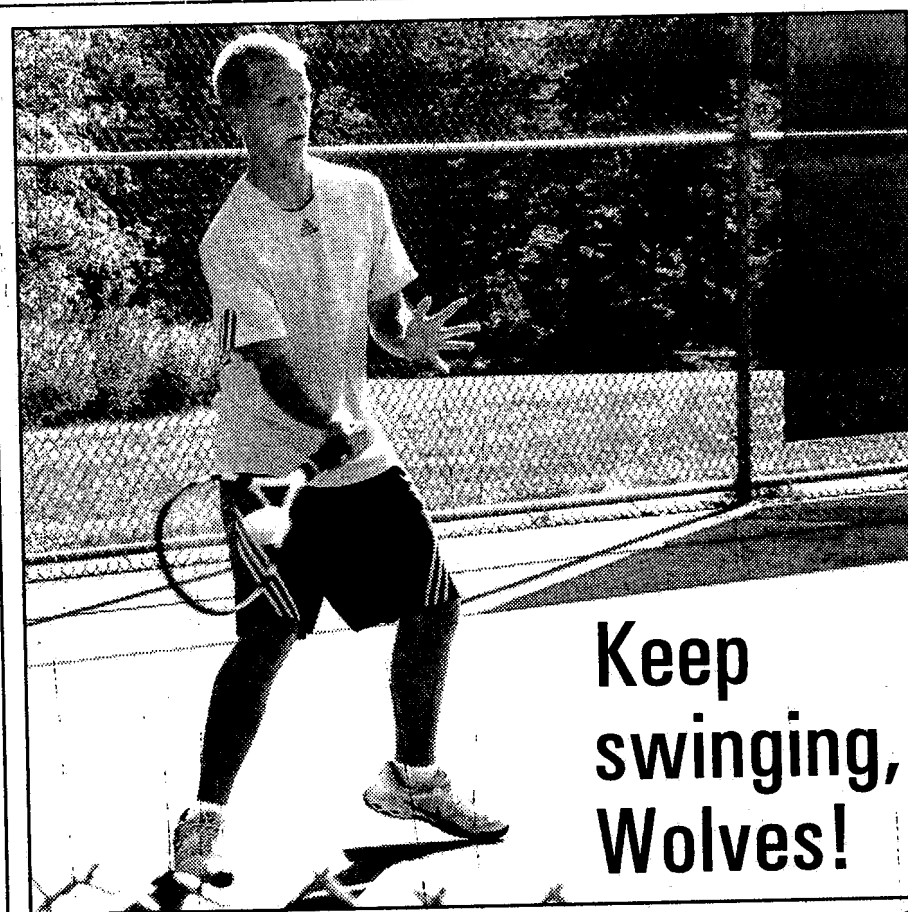
"We just have to do a better job," said Taylor.

More top finishers at Holly were Eric Nordquist (17:32), Branton Dennis (17:47), Aaron Butoro (17:47), Daniel Byrne (17:51) and Michael Inch (18:04).

The boys took second place in the OAA Jamboree #1 on September 15 and are second in the league behind Troy. Christian Bonzheim finished in tenth at 17:20.

The boys have a week off until they run in the OAA Jamboree #2 next Tuesday.

The IV runners competed in Chesaning and finished third against seven schools. Walled Lake Northern and Ann Arbor Huron took the top spots. Taylor noted they did well considering most schools took their varsity runners.



Keep swinging, Wolves!

Andrew Heuerman hits the ball back to his opponent. The Wolves play in the Van Dyke Classic this Saturday in Romeo at 8:30 a.m.



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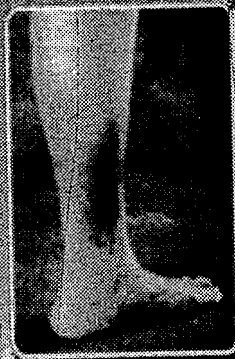
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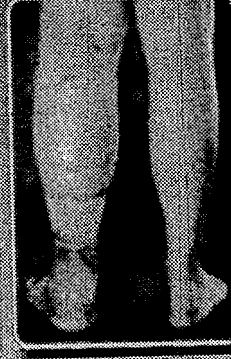
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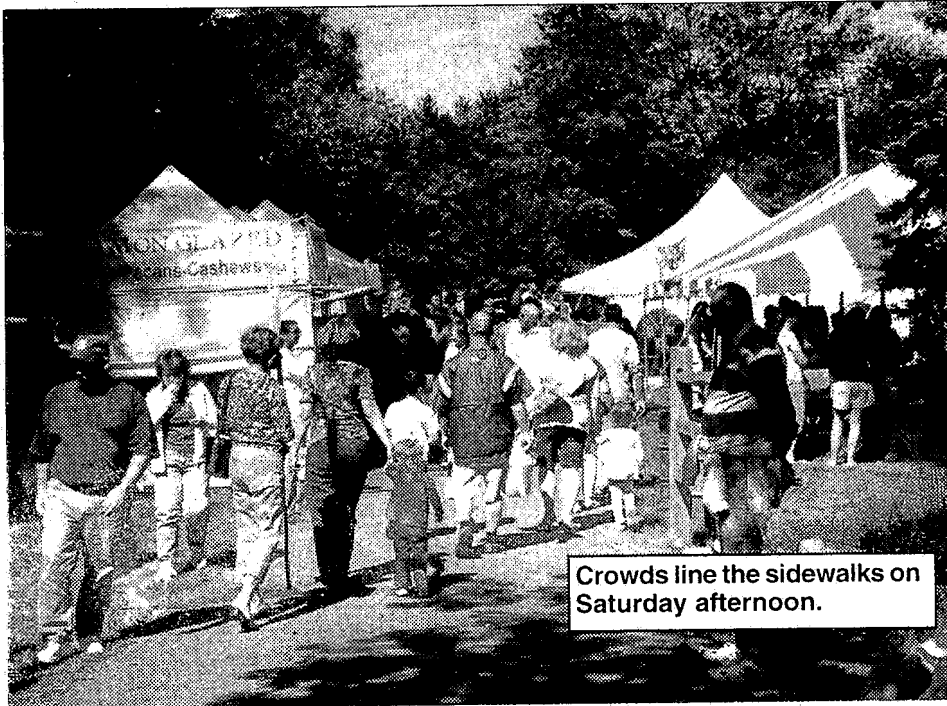
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seeing what creative ideas were brought to life.

They sampled delicious treats - to prepare their stomachs for this week's Taste of Clarkston. They also helped the Clarkston Community Historical Society by bid on items at the Silent Auction and buying antiques at the CCHS's tent.



Darcy Morris, of Clarkston, looks through the bright tie-dye to find the perfect T-shirt. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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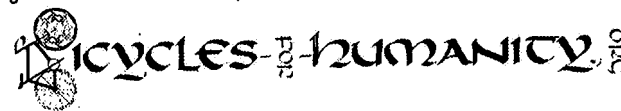
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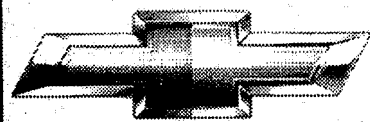


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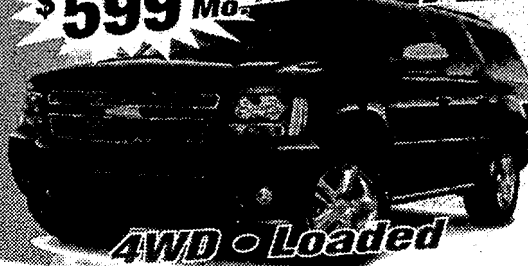
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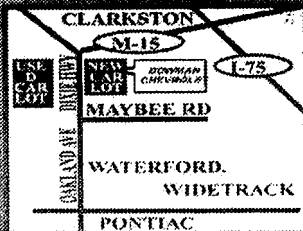


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Have we seen the end of the recession yet?

"I haven't seen it yet, but we're looking towards the future. People seem a little more enthusiastic about an economic upswing."



—Christina Calka

"I see people hurting. People are still having a hard time. It's getting better, but it's not something that will happen overnight."



—Liz Schlink

"Signs are the economy is improving, but it's still slow going. With my interactions with associates around town, I'd be hardpressed to agree the recession is over."



—Dan Jankowski

"I see some positive signs, but I don't think it's enough. Recovering in Michigan won't be as quick as the rest of the nation. We need jobs."



—Pam Ford-Morgan

By Phil Custodio

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Clark House transformed for SCAMP

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

What do you get when you mix an old house with 14 rooms, two porches, and 13 home interior designers?

"A contemporary space within an 1840's shell," said Kevin Harrison, owner of KH Home and chairman of the first annual Clarkston Designer Showcase Home, which will benefit SCAMP.

For the last few months the designers have worked hard to transform their designated rooms at the 71 N. Main Street home, also known as "The Clark House," into a contemporary look, while highlighting the historical aspects of the home.

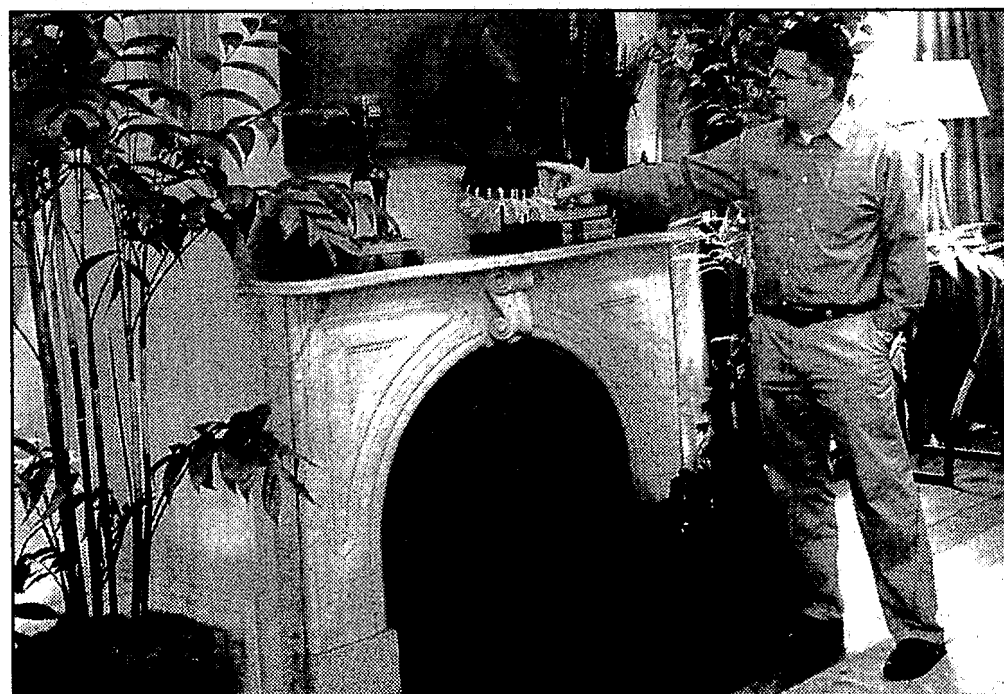
Homeowners Kathy and Jeffery Lynn put the 5,000 square-foot, two-story colonial with five bedrooms, 3.5 baths, and two fireplaces on the market two years ago at listed selling price of \$489,900.

"I am sure it fits beautifully with the furniture that the Lynns had, but when you take your furniture out of a space and time continues to pass, and color trends change and such, the house felt a little bit dark," Harrison said. "One of the first things each designer did was uncover the windows and that made a huge difference just having the windows opened up, seeing the moldings and lighting the rooms: The house feels so much lighter, so much airy, and so much more relevant today."

He noted, they did design a color palette to play with, so when everything was moved out the house would still flow from one room to the next.

"We have hard pined floors in this house, the wood is a very strong yellow. The colors we selected all work with the yellows of the floor," he said. "The designers could work with anything beyond the paint palette, whatever they wanted to bring in as far as furnishings and such that was their choice."

However, the Lynns did have a requirement



Kevin Harrison explains the modern art he used in the 'new' living room. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

anything original had to remain original. If the woodwork hadn't been painted over already it couldn't be painted and certain light fixtures couldn't be touched.

"They kept the integrity of the house, the moldings, the floors, all of the wonderful things about the age of the house," said Kathy Lynn. "Even though they worked within a color palette, each room has something unique that I guess would just reveal the personalities of the designers who did it."

Harrison, who designed the living room said the windows were heavily covered and couldn't see the molding.

"One of things that we realized when we took the curtain downs was here is this foot molding around these windows," he said. "You don't

see that anymore today."

He also said the moldings didn't stand out because the walls were white.

"Everything was kind of a very neutral envelope," Harrison said. "I went with a darker color to bring out widow trim."

Pam Bytner of Bytner Design was in charge of the kitchen. She took what was a darker kitchen and lightened it up.

"Initially it was kind of a darker color palette and the layout of the room obstructed the traffic flow a little bit," she said. "It didn't make the best use of space as a working triangle goes."

She addressed some of these issues by using an island, minimizing the amount of wall cabinetry and whitening the cabinets and

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Fundraisers for local Walk Now for Autism team, The Colors of Autism. Dinner, 4-8 p.m., Sept. 29, Pete's Coney II, Dixie Highway; car wash, 12-6 p.m., Sept. 19, Clarkston Glass, Dixie Highway. 248-342-9676.

Fall Book Sale, Independence Township Li-

brary, 6495 Clarkston Rd. Wednesday Sept. 30 through Saturday Oct. 3. Friday is half-price day, Saturday is \$3 bag day. Open at 10am every day. Thousands of quality used books—most priced under \$2—and organized into more than 50 categories. Donations accepted anytime.

Wint's Healing Hearts, 7 p.m., Oct. 13, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Topic: "Grieving as a family." Led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

A Taste For The Holidays, Clarkston Rotary's annual wine tasting, Nov. 5, Bordine Nursery. Twelve of Clarkston's finest restaurants provide food, accompanying wines from around the world. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Call Jeff, 248-625-4244.

Santa's Workshop/Craft Show, 2-7 p.m., Nov. 20; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 21, Dixie Baptist Church/Springfield Christian Academy, 8585 Dixie Highway. 248-625-9760.

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

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

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

Body Recall, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 9-Oct. 9, gentle exercise and movement for older adults, \$42 for 14

classes. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Creative Cardio and Core, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sept. 14-Oct. 19. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. \$30 for 6 weeks. 248-625-8231.

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 & Rec-

reation, 248-625-8223.

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

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

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

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

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

Outdoor Pickleball for 50+, Tuesdays/Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 a.m., Clintonwood Park Tennis Courts. \$1 drop in fee. Rain play at First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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.

Keyboard Lessons with Evola Music, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sept. 22-Nov. 10. "Easy play" method for beginning adults, \$48 for 8 weeks. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, third Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emo-

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There's an old adage that goes like this: if it ain't broke don't fix it. There's another that asks, "Why change a good thing?"

The answer to the question is, "Because we can." AND, "Because we can do better."

Desiring to do better is a basic tenant of the American entrepreneurial spirit.

We can do better.

In the next few weeks, the *Clarkston News* is changing and expanding its website. We're changing even though more folks visit www.clarkstonnews.com than any other local website. We're changing even though www.clarkstonnews.com is the #1 source for local news and information on the web. Yep, despite this, we think we can do better -- we can offer more to our community.

We will continue to upload news and information, classifieds and local business advertisements. We are excited to announce our expansion and new offerings. Throughout the summer we have worked with another local business, Cyborg Corp., also located on Main Street, to expand our website to include www.ClarkstonTV.com and NorthOaklandMall.com (NoMall).

Why them? What do they bring to the table? Good questions.

Why them -- because they are a local company and we believe in the power of **My Clarkston, Buy Clarkston**. More importantly, however, using Cyborg offered us a peek into the future -- a future where readers and local busi-

nesses can get into e-commerce.

Our business customers -- the ma and pa shops up and down Main Street, Sashabaw Road, Dixie Highway and all roads in between -- will be able to generate profits a couple of new ways.

The *Clarkston News*/Cyborg collaboration approaches the on-line profit strategy with state-of-the-art technology, allowing on-line inventories, web analytics, secure credit card billing/purchasing -- and -- consistent, comprehensive community marketing.

"There are many local businesses who pay good money to have their websites created, thinking consumers will flock to it. But consumers don't," *Clarkston News* publisher Jim Sherman, Jr., said. "The sites become stagnant, no or little profits are generated and the whole experience leaves a bad taste in their mouths. We can change that, and in time for the holiday shopping season."

The *Clarkston News* with the NoMall site, is creating a "virtual" Clarkston shopping experience that will allow members of this community to support and shop locally from the comforts of their home or office computers.

"I really believe local residents want to support local businesses and they will in greater numbers with the conveniences we intend to offer them," Sherman said.

With Cyborg technology, Sherman believes local retailers and businesses will be able to compete with the "mega" stores.

"Our customers will be able to upload photos of their inventories and shoppers will be able to view and purchase on-line -- and if they want to save shipping costs pickup their purchase on the weekend!" Sherman said.

Cyborg president (and Clarkston High School grad) Charles Phyle said, those businesses who sign up for the e-commerce site, can also make money off their sites by selling advertising to their own vendors.

The difference between successful websites and those that are not, is promotion. If consumers don't know a site exists, how can they find it? *The Clarkston News & Penny Stretcher* handles website marketing with news and advertising.

Both Sherman and Phyle agreed to launch the new venture with an introductory package which includes an e-commerce website, print advertising reaching every address in the community, on-line directory listings, ads and infomercials for under \$400.

"Within the next few weeks, *Clarkston News* assistant publisher Don Rush will start making appointments with local businesses for this year's holiday shopping season," Sherman said.

Any businesses who want up and running sooner, can call Rush at 248-625-3370.

The Cyborg technology will also allow ClarkstonNews.com to offer a local "Craig's List" type of on-line classifieds.

"What is cool about this site," Rush said, "It is will allow sellers to upload a picture of what they're selling and potential buyers can purchase on-line with their credit card. I can foresee people with garage sales using this, too. Allowing folks to come to their sale and if they don't have the cash, buying garage sale items with their credit card... the seller would only need to have an account with us and a computer out in their garage!"

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The expansion of the *Clarkston News* website will also move the newspaper into on-line broadcasting, with ClarkstonTV.com Currently the site offers live camera feeds of downtown Clarkston, a free movie and a number of interviews.

When up and running, the *Clarkston News* staff will compliment print news with broadcast interviews, sporting events and local government meetings.

"I envision Clarkston students having the opportunity to gain experience in broadcasting, local news shows and local experts talking about their areas of expertise. It's all very exciting," Rush said. "The number one source of local information has always been the *Clarkston News*. Six years ago we started publishing news on-line.

"The *Clarkston News* will continue to be the number one provider of news and information well into the future with the addition of ClarkstonNews.TV."

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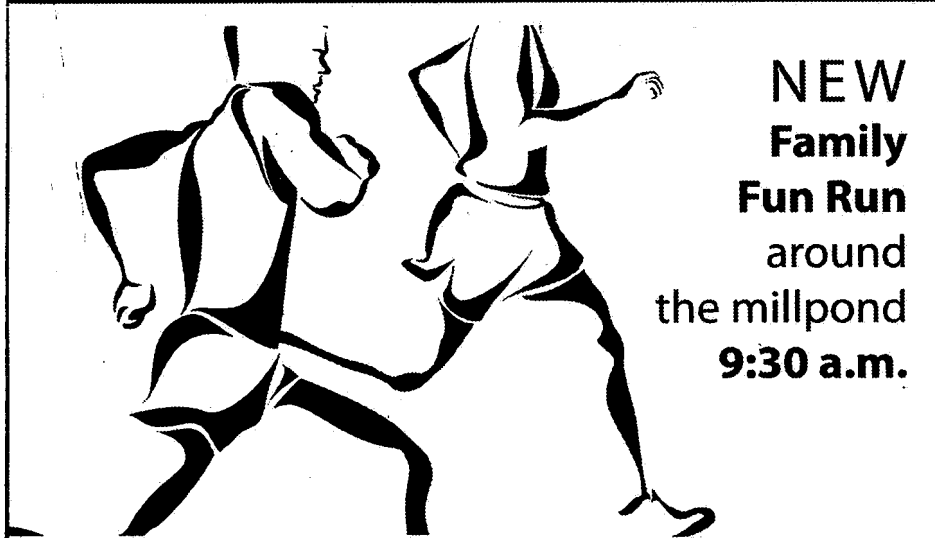
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Milestones

In our country's service...

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The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core



Darrow

values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Darrow earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Dennis Darrow of Clarkston, and a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Adam T. Affolder**, son of Robin F. Teschendorf of Waterford and Timothy G. Affolder of Clarkston, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Business achievements

Clarkston native **Siri Zimmerman** was hired as nutrition educator at the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland.

Zimmerman's responsibilities include individual nutrition counseling, administering blood glucose screenings and nutrition education at diabetes self-management classes throughout Cleveland. This summer, she is teaching nutrition education and meal planning to young campers and staff at Camp Ho Mita Koda, the organization's camp for children with diabetes.

She is a registered dietitian and has a Master of Science degree in Public Health Nutrition from Case Western Reserve University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics from Michigan State University. She lives in Mayfield Heights.

Dr. Laura Kovalcik, DO, of Independence Township will be honored with the title of Fellow at the annual meeting of The American College of Osteopathic Internists this fall in Tucson, Ariz.

Dr. Kovalcik's practice is the Downing Clinic, 5715 Sashabaw Road. She is one of



Zimmerman

three female physicians in her family. Her mother, Dr. Nedra Downing, started the clinic in 1991. Her sister, Dr. Margaret Tirkes, practices in Indiana.

Dr. Kovalcik will continue to mentor medical students this year as an associate professor at the new Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine in Oakland County, where she teaches first year medical students the art of the doctor-patient relationship.

Chase Investment Services Corp. hired **James P. Russell** of Clarkston as a financial advisor for consumers in Swartz Creek and Flint.

Russell brings more than 10 years of experience in the financial services industry, including more than six years in investment services. He worked in individual and corporate retirement plan investment services.

Most recently, Russell was a financial advisor at Financial Network Investment Corp. in Troy. He also worked for Rehmann Financial, a division of the large Saginaw-based CPA and business consulting firm, as well as Edward Jones and Plante & Moran.

He earned a bachelor's degree in actuarial science from Central Michigan University.

Russell and his family live in Clarkston. Working with Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan, they provide a foster home for abandoned or abused dogs.



Russell



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Got a Milestone to share?

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Religion

Freedom should include God, even in public

A few days ago, during one of my visits to the school chapel, I heard one of the girls pray: "Lord, may people all over the world enjoy the same freedoms that we enjoy in our country."

Knowing the girl and what recently happened in her native country, I understood immediately what she was talking about: the freedom to discuss God and religion in schools, both public and private. A law passed last month in Venezuela "requires education to have a 'lay character...in all circumstances' and leaves religious education to families." (Catholic News Service, Tuesday, August 25th, 2009)

If that doesn't sound too alarming to you, take a minute to ponder what is happening. In an age of open-mindedness, globalization, and diversity, it almost appears that in some parts of the world God must only be discussed in the privacy of one's own home. Many are being forbidden to learn about God in the very places where they should be encouraged to open their horizons.

Independence is among the first principles our nation was founded to protect and nur-

ture, but it can be taken too far.

As Fulton Sheen once remarked, "anyone who thinks he is totally independent from everyone else should take a look to see if he has a belly button." We are unique, but we shouldn't pretend that we don't rely on others to help make us better. For many, believing in and relying on a loving God helps them to become better people. Is that a topic that is harmful to discuss? Is it healthy to pretend that we have to be totally independent from God?

Spiritual Matters



Father Daniel Pajerski

In a free society, people should not feel intimidated about or afraid of discussing God in public. We live in a society where free speech is guaranteed. However, among some, it seems that there is a certain fear to speak about God. What is there to fear? Religion has been blamed for causing division and war and it is true that people have fought for religious purposes. However, isn't it unfair

and close-minded to highlight the mistakes people have made in the name of religion while overlooking the countless ways that religion has brought peace, security, and unity?

If we are free to discuss the excesses of those who are devoted to religion, can we not also be free to discuss the hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and, yes, educational institutions established in the name of religion? Can't we also admire the fact that there are those who believe that some things are more precious than their own life?

It is no coincidence that societies which want to leave God aside also end up leaving human rights aside. Governments may decide that God will be banned from discussion in schools, but they cannot banish the desire to know and love God from the human heart. The truth is that when we decide not to make God part of our discussions or part of our lives, he is not the one who suffers; we do.

Fr. Daniel Pajerski, LC, is Formation Director for Everest Academy.

In our churches...

Special guest Dr. Bob Jones III, chancellor of Bob Jones University, 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Sept. 27, Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Road. 248-625-2700.
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Men of Grace musical performance, 7 p.m., Oct. 3, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street off Sashabaw. Gospel-blues music with vocal harmony. 248-673-7805.
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Progoff Intensive Journal introductory workshop, Oct. 9-10, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Led by E. Jane Martin, PhD, interim provost of West Virginia University. 248-625-2325.
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Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.
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Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian. 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.
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See In Our Churches, page 11B



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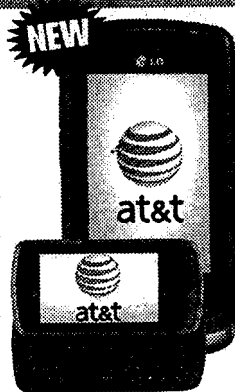
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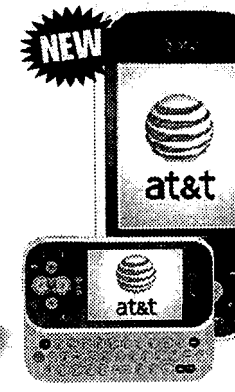
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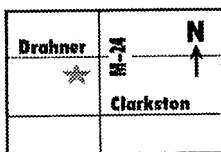
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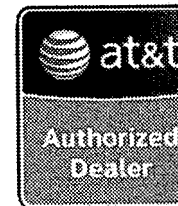


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From left, Dr. James O'Neill, Dr. Robert Barnes, Dr. Tim O'Neill, and Clarence Sevillian, president and CEO of Doctors' Hospital, opened the new Clarkston Family Health Center, in the former Clarkston Medical Group offices on Dixie Highway. Photo by Phi Custodio

Docs volunteer services

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Medical offices vacated last year on Dixie Highway are open again, and the new tenants are familiar with the place.

Dr. James O'Neill and Dr. Tim O'Neill of Clarkston Medical Group have returned, now as volunteers with Doctors' Hospital of Michigan.

"Establishing a center here enables us to treat a group of the population falling through the cracks," Tim said. "We were looking to partner with someone and Doctors' Hospital stepped up."

"In bad economic times, we won't turn our backs on 50 years of service," James said. "People need us. We'll be there for them."

Clarkston Medical Group doctors are part of McLaren Healthcare Village on Sashabaw Road, but volunteer with DHM Family Medicine Center of Pontiac.

The new Clarkston Family Health Center treats patients, walk-in and appointments, for family healthcare needs such as vaccinations, physicals, and check-ups. The center accepts a wide variety of insurances, as well as Medicare and Medicaid.

"It's going well, picking up day to day," said Clarence Sevillian, president and CEO of Doctors' Hospital.

Benefits of reusing the space include familiarity and convenience for doctors and patients, said Dr. Robert Barnes. DO, also volunteering at the center.

"We were looking for a location, and this fits," Barnes said. "It's a good space, well known to the community."

Goals include affiliating with medical schools to make the facility a teaching hos-

pital, and working with more medical specialists.

"More and more specialists are agreeing to see patients, which is a big plus," James said. "This wouldn't be possible with just McLaren or Doctors' Hospital, but it's possible together, cutting through the red tape and making it happen."

The center provides a healthcare option for underinsured working poor and indigent, but is open to all, James said.

"It's a first-rate hospital, with high-quality medical care," he said. "I'm very happy with it."

"The economy is difficult, leaving a large chunk of population financially challenged," Tim said. "The need exists in Clarkston, a lot more than people realize."

The doctors are also watching with interest the federal government's efforts to reform healthcare.

"We don't know what's coming," Tim said. "There'll be significant health care reform, but we don't know what that means. We'll keep our options open."

For James, the most effective reform would be to allow individuals to control their own healthcare funds.

"The private sector does better than the public sector," he said. "Government healthcare could change everything, every facet of American life."

The 6,000-square-foot center, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 200, is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

DHM also runs one of its other subsidiaries, Clarkston Diagnostic Radiology Center, out of the same building on the first floor for X-rays, mammograms and nuclear medicine testing. For more information, call 248-625-3056.

Raffle Prizes
Addiction Awareness Information

RACE FOR RECOVERY

5K Walk/Run
September 27, 2009
10:00 AM - Registration open @ 8:30
@ the mansion where the race starts and ends

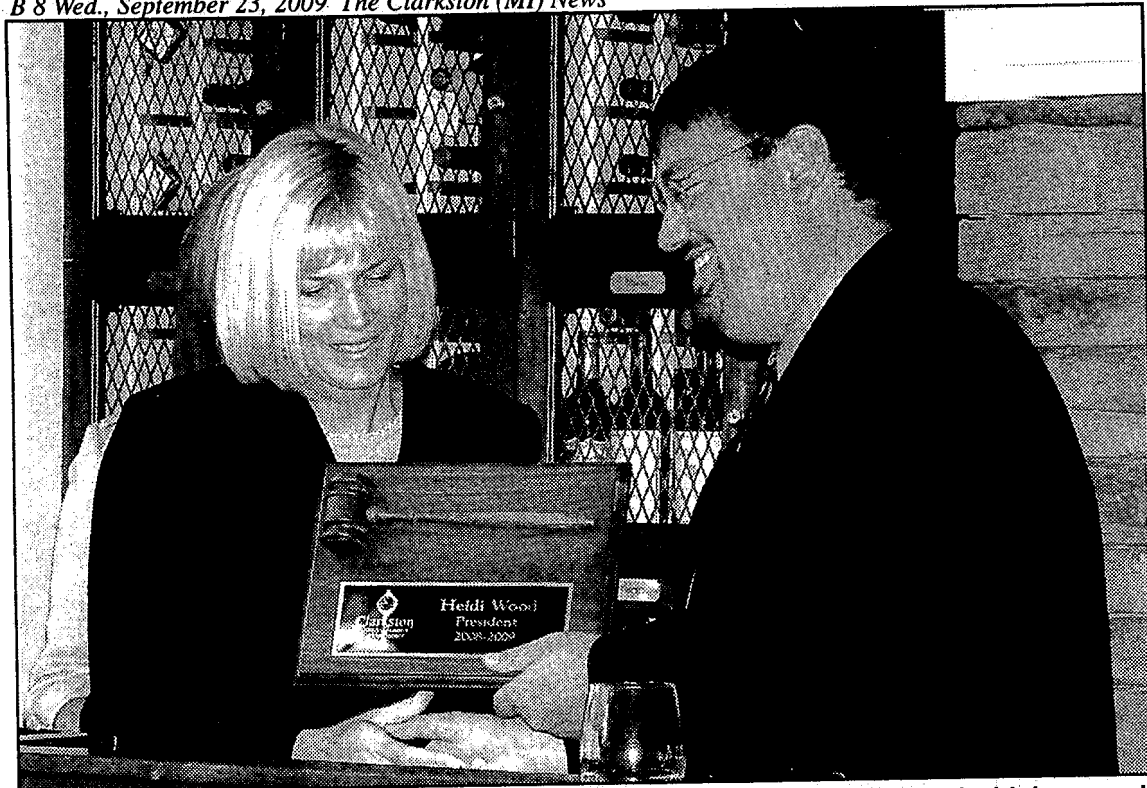
To register go to www.guesthouseinstitute.org
or Call Colleen or Louise at 248-391-4445
Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Event coordinated by **Hansons Race Management**
All Proceeds donated to **Guest House Institute**
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Guest House Institute
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overflow parking @ Canterbury Village

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Stephen Hyer, 2008 chamber president, presents 2009 President Heidi Wood with her gavel.



From left are chamber President Heidi Wood, President's Award winner Jason T. Ryan and chamber Executive Director Penny Shanks.

Changes for chamber

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated another year of business at its annual meeting, Sept. 17 at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.

President Heidi Wood led the chamber through some tough times in her year-long tenure, reducing staff and services to streamline expenses.

"It's been a challenge to balance the budget and still remain a strong, viable chamber," Wood told the chamber. "I thank you for your support this year - I couldn't have done it without you."

The chamber expanded its presence on social websites such as Facebook and Twitter with the help of Jason T. Ryan, winner of this year's President's Award.

"We have 667 followers on Twitter," Wood said.

New chamber President Johnna Struck takes office Oct. 1.

"I can't believe it's already here - the year goes by very fast," Struck said.

The chamber will continue to focus on its members and its Think Local, Buy Chamber campaign, she said.

Keystone Distinguished Service Awards winners include:

Board Members, Donna Bullard and Sue Fryer; Chair, Heidi Nettler, Chamber Golf Classic; Ambassador, Tom Lowrie; Volunteer, Connie Morgan; Partnership, Independence Township Parks and Recreation; and Service, IGD Solutions.

New officers also include President Elect Bill Burr, Treasurer Deb Hansen, and Secretary Steve Hyer.

- Phil Custodio



New President Johnna Struck gives her thanks.



Penny Shanks and Donna Bullard pass out balloons, each containing a prize.



Chamber members crowd Oakhurst's dining hall for their annual meeting. Photos by Phil Custodio

Obituary

Geraldine B. Trim, 74

Geraldine B. Trim of Davisburg passed away, Sept. 14, 2009, at age 74.

She was the wife of Claude for 56 years; mother of Jeffery (Tracey) Trim of Davisburg, Suzanne Trim of Bloomfield, Julia (Dennis) Bradley of Davisburg, and Terri Auer of Kalamazoo; grandma of Robert, Scout, Anna, Alex, Michael, Grace, Claire, Ethan, Angela, Nichole, David, Justin, and Kaitlyn; great grandma of nine; and sister of Lora Kay Ruelle and Brenda (Ed) Robins.



Mrs. Trim was a member of Waterford Community Church and retired from AAA, Waterford. She enjoyed golfing, reading, knitting for her grandchildren, homemaking and baking for her family.

Visitation was Sept. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Sept. 17 at Waterford Community Church. Interment, Andersonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice, Waterford Community Church or Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Marian E. Kelley, 85

Marian E. Kelley of Davisburg passed away, Sept. 18, 2009, at age 85.

She was the wife of Ross for 62 years; mother of Kay (Keith) Flood of Clarkston, Linda (Jerry) Killeen of New Hudson, Pat

(Ron) Kugler of Davisburg; "Grandma Marian" of Tammi (Todd) Bridger, Tracy (Vicki) Flood, Matthew Killeen; great grandma of Brittani, Cody, Robin, Christie; and sister of Ouina Garner of Silverwood.

Funeral service is Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Graveside service, Thursday at Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Marilyn M. Hagler, 72

Marilyn M. Hagler of Clarkston passed away, Sept. 19, 2009, at age 72.

She was the wife of Morris; mother of Jane (Mike) Dennis of Mississippi, Julia (Mark) Elledge of Mt. Morris, Anne (Bob Szmagaj) Thompson of Hubbard Lake and Lisa (Garry) Edwards of Fenton; "Grams" of Jeffrey, Cyndi, Amy, Alyssa, Brian, Andrea, and Leighann; great grandma of five; and sister of Audrey Woods, Peter Frick, and Duane Frick.

Funeral service, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 12:30 p.m., at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Andersonville Cemetery, Davisburg. Memorial donations may be made to Genesys Hospice. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Health Fair this Sunday

St. Daniel's Catholic Church hosts a health fair, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27, at its Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

Offered will be free blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar screenings, and information on nutrition, heart disease,

cancer, depression, stress, smoking, natural family planning, hospice, pregnancy crisis, stem cell, and child insurance, dental checks, and activities for children. Also, free healthy breakfast, vendors, and hourly prize drawings.

For more information, call 248-858-3048.

Around Town

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tional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Care-givers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

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

De-Stress Gentle Yoga 50+, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sept. 9-Oct. 21. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. \$35 for seven weeks. \$6 drop in. 248-625-8231.

Zumba Gold Fitness, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sept. 16-21. Clarkston Specialty Healthcare, 4800 Clintonville Road. \$36 for 6 weeks. 248-625-8231.

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

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets,

7:45-8:45 a.m., Mico's Real Estate, 7183 Main Street. 248-505-5091.

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


Woodcarving 50+, 9:30 a.m., Fridays, bring tools, taught by Joe Savino, \$1 drop in fee. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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

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.

Community events?

Tell us about them at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com



Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce
7th Annual
Women's Expo 2009

Thursday, October 1 • 12 Noon - 7 p.m.
Located at Boulder Pointe Golf Club & Banquet Center • Oxford

Highlights Of The 2009 Women's Expo

- Excellent Speakers
- Interesting Demonstrations
- No Admission Fee
- 80+ Diversified Vendors
- Special Giveaway
- Gift Totes - First 250 Guests
- Shuttle Service

Women's Luxury Raffle - Proceeds to P.O.H. Riley Foundation Mammogram Program

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The Oxford Leader

SIGN UP TODAY 248-628-0410

To be part of this great day filled with entertainment, enrichment and education ~ something for every woman!

Sponsorships & Booths Still Available

Applications online at www.oxfordchamberofcommerce.com

SPORTSMAN'S SWAP MEET

Sponsored by the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club
D.R. Wilson Rifle Pistol Club

Sunday, September 27, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club
4770 Waterford Rd. • Clarkston

Indoor Range Building • \$2.00 Admissions
Under 12 years of age **FREE**

Buy ~ Sell ~ Trade

Table Rental: Non-Members \$20
Members \$10 • Carry-In Firearms \$3.00 ea.
Set-up Time: 8:00 am until 10:00 am

Merchandise must be sports related. Table reservations taken at Club Office during posted hours - reservation deadline September 26, 2009.

Call 248.623.0444 for Further Information
or Dave Buesching 248.620.3769
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

LEGAL NOTICE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR BIG LAKE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing held on August 20, 2009, the Lake Improvement Board for Big Lake, by resolution, confirmed a three year (2010, 2011 & 2012) renewal of a lake management plan for the Aquatic Weed Control program for Big Lake in the annual amount of \$89,100.00.

This Notice of Confirmation is published pursuant to the provisions of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, Part 309.

Lake Improvement Board for Big Lake
(publish 9/16 & 9/23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 62, THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on September 10, 2009, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted an amendment to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 62, which is set forth herein and shall be effective upon publication.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:
Ordinance No. 62, the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance of the Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Amendment:

1. Section 3.1 is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read in its entirety as follows:

"3.1 Issuance of Notice. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, if a building or structure is found to be a dangerous building, the Springfield Township Building Official, or the Township Supervisor or his/her designee, shall issue a notice that the building or structure is a dangerous building."

2. Section 3.4 is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to read in its entirety as follows:
"3.4 Filing of Notice. The Township Building Official, or the Township Supervisor or his/her designee shall file a copy of the notice that the building or structure is a dangerous building with the Hearing Officer."

3. This amendment is declared to be an emergency ordinance amendment and shall be effective upon publication.

Section 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect

The balance of Ordinance No. 62 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

Section 3. Repealer

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

Section 4. Severability

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

Section 5. Effective Date

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

Section 6. Adoption

This Ordinance amendment is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of September, 2009, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. Documents pertaining to the adopted amendment may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance, 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: 9-23-09

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 SYNOPSIS

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Remove New Business #3 -Transportation Advisory Committee and replace with Building Upgrades. Remove New Business #6 - Budget Amendments and replace with River Church Fee Request. Add New Business #10 - Set Budget Workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Alice Spurgeon, 13137 Andersonville Road, thanked Supervisor Trout and the Board for handling blight situation next to her home. Questioned if the public had any input or anything to do with what's happening in Downtown Davisburg. Grant Ward, 655 Broadway, indicated he was invited in to Township office to discuss tree and sidewalk situation and assumed he would be involved in planning but was not. Requested that when downtown parking spaces are striped that they are parallel and evenly spaced. Noted concern about native species at Rotary Park. Explained his effort to save his Ginkgo tree he planted in the sidewalk in front of his office downtown. Said he is unhappy with the Board, that he was not contacted or involved in the tree removal plan after he has been an involved member of the community for many years.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: August 13, 2009 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$234,984.98
- b) Accepted August Treasurer's Report
- c) Received August 2009 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance and Fire
- d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$145,435.87
- e) Received Communications and placed on file

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Dixie Lake Watercraft Controls: Received public comment

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading: Amendment to Ordinance No. 15-A, Traffic Code Ordinance and Repeal Ord. No 79: Adopted Amendment
2. CCIRF Update: Adopted resolution to continue collaboration with other communities to investigate options and potential benefits of emerging solid waste and recycling conversion technologies
3. Building Upgrades: Authorized Supervisor to enter into agreement for test manifold and HVAC system upgrade, not to exceed \$18,500 and to come from Civic Center Maintenance budget
4. Tri-Party Agreement for Davisburg Road/Dixie Highway Signal: Tabled agreement for clarification.
5. 2009 Millage Rates: Adopted 2009 Millage Rates: General Fund: .9950; Fire: 1.00; Police: .7163 and 1.50; Bond: .60
6. River Church Fee Request: Received comments and discussed building plan fees for The River Church
7. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commissioner appointment: Appointed Anne Loncar to fill vacancy through November 2010
8. First Reading: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 Section 16.09 Wireless Communication Facilities: Authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading
9. First Reading: Amendment to Ordinance No. 62, Dangerous Buildings Ordinance: Adopted amendment and declared it to be an emergency amendment which shall be effective upon publication
10. Set Budget Workshop: Set second Budget Workshop meeting for Tuesday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dixie Lake Watercraft Controls: Adopted resolution to request the Dept. of Natural Resources to inquire into the need for special watercraft controls on Dixie Lake
2. Sherwood and Patrick Road Repairs: Discussed Township assistance with road repairs, Declined assistance
3. Building Upgrades: Authorized Supervisor to enter into agreement for test manifold and HVAC system upgrade, not to exceed \$18,500 and to come from Civic Center Maintenance budget
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PUBLIC COMMENT: Treasurer Dubre noted that Monday, September 14 is the last day to pay taxes without penalty. Clerk Moreau announced that Laura Colvin of the Clarkston News could not attend tonight's meeting and will no longer cover Springfield Township. She has accepted a position with the Lake Orion Review as Editor. Trustee Vallad requested that the Board get back to the policy to have meeting materials ready one week in advance.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:47 p.m. Laura Moreau, Clerk
Publish: 9-23-09

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 24, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright.
Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Hunter, Johnston, Roth

Absent - Gawronski, Inabnit
Others Present - City Manager Ritter
Moved by Johnston, supported by Roth, to "Approve the Agenda as presented." Motion carried.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Roth to "Approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Trial Balance as of July 31, 2009 (by Fund), Income Statement as of July 31, 2009 for the General Fund." Motion carried.
Motion by Johnston, supported by Brueck to "Allow the Technology Committee and City Manager to negotiate an agreement with the Clarkston High School Technology Department and School Board for website design and maintenance services to benefit the City and provide hands on training and experience for the students. Actual expenses would be paid from the approved Website Maintenance budget." Motion carried.

Motion Johnston, support by Roth to "Approve sending out council packets electronically in the future." Motion carried.

Resolved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Hunter to "Amend the 2009-2010 budget process by funding the following account lines with the following dollar amounts:

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| DPW-PR-Spec Events-Art in the Village | \$ 330.00 |
| #441.711202 | |
| DPW-PR-Spec Events-Concerts in the Park | \$ 290.00 |
| #441.711201 | |
| DPW-PR-Spec Events-Parades | \$ 225.00 |
| #441.711200 | |
| DPW-PR-Spec Events-Taste of Clarkston | \$1,650.00 |
| #441.711203 | |
| DPW-PR-Spec Events-Concourse in the Park | \$ 50.00 |
| #441.711204 | |
| DDPW-PR-Spec Events-Angel's Run | \$ 60.00 |
| #441.711205 | |
| DPW-PR-Spec Events-Triathlon | \$ 85.00 |
| #441.711206 | |
| DPW-PR-Spec Events-Misc | \$ 310.00 |
| #441.711207 | |

Totaling \$3,000.00 and reducing the fund balance for the General Fund. Misc will cover all other Special Events during the year."

Roll- YEAS - Hunter, Johnston, Roth, Arkwright, Brueck
NAYS - None
ABSENT - Gawronski, Inabnit

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolved by Arkwright, supported by Roth, "That on August 24, 2009, the City Council resolved to designate Ronald R. Pursley as the single Street Administrator of the City of the Village of Clarkston in transactions with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as provided for in Public Act 51, of 1951".

Roll - YEAS - Johnston, Roth, Hunter, Brueck, Arkwright

NAYS - None
ABSENT - Gawronski, Inabnit

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND FILE NO: 09-3325,269-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of LUTGARDO P. ABESAMIS. Date of birth: 07/12/1946

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LUTGARDO P. ABESAMIS, who lived at 47964 Andover Drive, Novi, Michigan died 08/17/2009.

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

Joan Reilly Schliem P53475
40950 Woodward Ave., Suite 110
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
(248) 540-3363

09/15/2009
RUTH M. ABESAMIS
47964 Andover Drive
Novi, MI 48374
(248) 946-4025

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND FILE NO: NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Lesley D. Harrington. Date of birth: 12-20-13
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lesley D. Harrington, who lived at 4134 Athens Ave., Waterford, Michigan died 7-21-09.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Linda D. Harrington, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

9-15-09
Linda D. Harrington
4134 Athens
Waterford, MI 48329 (248) 674-2786

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. NOTICE OF RE-PROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements, a Public Hearing will be held by the Charter Township of Independence on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston. The request will be to change the assignment of \$33,433 in 2006 funds from Senior Centers to additional equipment in Senior Centers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Rosso, Petterson
Absent: None

There was a quorum

4. The agenda was approved with revisions
5. Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the agenda.
6. Consent Agenda items approved:
Ratification of Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit with Verizon
7. Approved motion to add Trojan, Silverman SAD and Sewer Back-up Liability.
8. Approved motion to add cross connection
9. Accounts payable check run was approved
10. Truth in Taxation Public Hearing opened at 8:04 p.m. and closed at 8:52 p.m.
11. Approved millage rate for Firefighters at 2.960
12. Approved millage rate for General Fund at .9974
13. Approved millage rate for Police at 2.0547
14. Approved millage rate of Library .6910
15. Postponed discussion of Safety Path Millage
16. Postponed Tri-Party Funds discussion
17. Task Force Presentation
18. Approved motion to extend meeting after 10:00 p.m.
19. Approved motion to support and move forward with DSS Work Flow and Document Imaging
20. Approved Toshiba Copier Leases
21. Approved hiring Head of Teen Services in Library at \$42,000 effective September 16, 2009
22. Approved purchase of PC Management for Library
23. Postponed purchase of Prospera for HR Human Resources
24. Approved entertainment license for Hamlin Pub
25. Approved Cross Connection Program
26. Motion failed to changed Township Regular Board Meetings
27. Approved payment to R&B paving
28. Approved increase to Silverman/Sashabaw Road SAD
29. Postponed discussion as to Liability of sewer back-up
30. Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 a.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen,
Township Clerk

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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.

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

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

Unemployed Men's Community Support Group, Bridgewood Church, Compassion, prayer, encouragement, with networking, job search, skill development. 248-625-1344.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2009-325,325-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Thressa M. Junglas, Date of Birth: February 21, 1916.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thressa M. Junglas, who lived at 5114 Heath, Independence, Michigan died July 27, 2009.

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

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NOTICE OF RE-PROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements, a Public Hearing will be held by the Charter Township of Independence on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston. The request will be to change the assignment of \$25,000 in 2009 funds from Mobile Home Minor Home Repair to Minor Home Repair.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ADDENDUM

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

Case #09-0018 Kubicki, Karen, Petitioner for Hamlin Pub APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-861 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A ONE DAY, OUTDOOR EVENT, WITH TENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009.
Hamlin Pub
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Independence Town Square
08-27-100-045

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

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SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 10, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright.
Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Hunter, Inabnit, Johnston, Roth

Absent - Gawronski
Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Tom Ryan

Motion by Brueck, supported by Hunter to "Accept the minutes of the July 27, 2009 Council meeting as presented". Motion carried.

Motion by Roth, supported by Inabnit, "To accept the General Fund cash disbursements July 14 to August 10, 2009 for General Fund for \$15,820.95; Sewer Fund for \$28,144.84 and Tax Fund for \$86,029.52. Motion carried.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Brueck, "To approve the Rain Garden sign as presented." Motion carried.

Resolved by Johnston, supported by Brueck, "To Accept the Michigan Green Communities Challenge -

Whereas:

The City of the Village of Clarkston wants to emphasize the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation; The City of the Village of Clarkston wants to demonstrate that energy efficiency and conservation practices can be applied to the daily governmental operations and to infrastructure projects; The City of the Village of Clarkston recognizes that sound energy efficiency and conservation practices can reduce government costs over the long-term; The City of the Village of Clarkston will lead by example to show the practicality and effectiveness of these practices; and the City of the Village of Clarkston seeks to encourage its citizens and businesses to initiate stewardship activities that benefit the environment and their community; accordingly, it is resolved that the City of the Village of Clarkston accepts the Michigan Green Communities Challenge and pledges to work toward achieving the goals of the Basic Challenge over the next three years."

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

Nays: None
Absent: Gawronski

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Council requested that the City Manager be listed as the contact person on the Michigan Green Community Challenge form.

Mayor Arkwright announced that Mr. Derek Werner resigned from the Planning Commission and is recommending Mr. Thomas Goldner to replace Mr. Werner. Mayor Arkwright feels we need people who have a history of the City on the Planning Commission and he is a great candidate.

Moved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Roth to "Appoint Thomas Goldner to the Planning Commission". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk



Clarkston Oakland Christian School students Trisha Verbeke and Alex Dombrowski enjoy sorting shapes as part of the day's lesson plan.

Preschool program applications due Sept. 30

Oakland Christian School's Clarkston campus offers a new reduced-fee Early Childhood Education Program for preschool students beginning Oct. 5, part of an outreach ministry to provide a tuition-based Christian education to families who may not otherwise be able to afford it.

"This outreach opportunity has been on our hearts for a while," said Principal Erin Akers. "Putting it in motion now may be a

God-send for some parents."

Prekindergarten is Monday-Thursday, 1-3:30 p.m. Children must be 4 years old by Oct. 1. Annual fee is \$500.

Applications must be received at Oakland Christian School's Clarkston campus, 6300 Clarkston Road, by 3 p.m. Sept. 30. Space is limited. For more information, call Michelle Golus, early childhood education director, at 248-625-1324.

Homeowner thrilled with new design

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spacious."

"I'm really excited about it, so far the people who have seen it have responded favorably to it and I am really anxious for the tour to open to other people can get in and see it. I think we worked really hard to make the most of the space," Bytner said. "I love working in historic homes or older homes. I just love when the house has some bones to it. That house certainly does and it's such an icon in Clarkston. It was a thrill to get in there and work with in."

She also noted she really enjoyed working and building community with the other designers.

D'Ann Columbo of Heart of Home Interiors took what was used to be a dark floor to ceiling wallpaper pool table room, into a relaxing sitting room.

"It had plaster walls, so we had to strip all the wallpaper off. It had a very tiny little light fixture," she said. "The window coverings were old lace and it covered up all the windows, so you couldn't see the beautiful detail on the leaded glass, it was just kind of outdated."

Columbo said the house is remarkable though.

"It's a great transformation and I give the Lynns lots of credit for trusting in us and it was a lot of fun," she said. "Everybody was really wonderful to work with and I hope it raises a lot of money for SCAMP."

Kathy agreed.

"I'm just thrilled to see the house brought back to such a beautiful state," she said. "It's very lovely. The public is going to love it."

She was also proud to announce they sold the house and will introduce the new homeowners at the open house on Friday.

"They are going to be a great asset to Clarkston," said Kathy "Just the type of people that I would have wanted to buy the house."

Opening night party is 7-11 p.m., Sept. 25 at the Mill Pond alongside the Designer Showcase House. A strolling dinner featuring themed fare will be served, accompanied by a selection of wines and beer. A silent auction focuses on comforts of home. Business casual attire is appropriate. Admission is \$75.

The house is open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on weekends, Sept. 25 through Oct. 4. Admission is \$10. Buy tickets at KH Home, Clarkston State Bank, Frank and Me, Essence on Main, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Union General, and SCAMP.

"It was a nice event to chair. The group at SCAMP has been wonderful to work with, overall the event has gone pretty smoothly considering it's our first year," Harrison said. "We hope to announce at the event Friday night which house we're going to redo next year. We intend to make this annual event for SCAMP."

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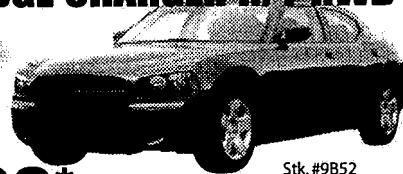
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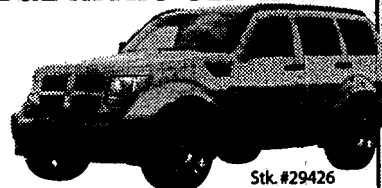
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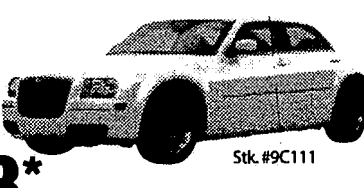
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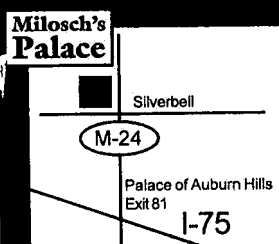
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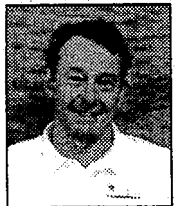
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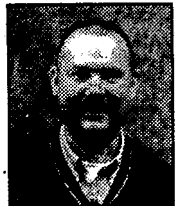
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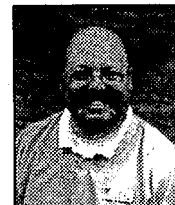
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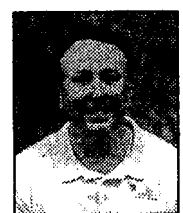
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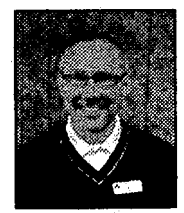
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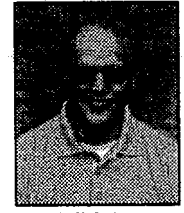
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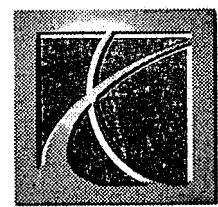
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