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## Highest honors Coach Fife makes state Hall of Fame

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

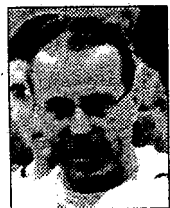
Dan Fife accomplished a lot over his basketball coaching career in Clarkston and on Friday he will add one more accomplishment - being inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame.

"As far as awards go from the state, it is probably as high as you can get," said Fife.

Though as he pointed out quickly a majority of individual awards are not individual awards.

"Several people are involved, if not the entire community, are part of my success," he said.

When he accepts the award on Friday, he is sharing it with the community.



Fife

"I never feel on Friday nights, when our kids play and perform and if we win or lost that it's strictly about Dan Fife," he said. "I think it's strictly the opposite. Anyone who has anything to do with the kids - either it's custodians, lunch room ladies, bus drivers, teachers - they all have an influence on our kids. They are, in a small way, a factor of our success."

Fife felt the same way last season when he achieved two milestones - the team hit 500 wins since he took over as varsity coach in 1982 and the boys made it past the Quarterfinals hurdle and into the playoffs.

"One of my best memories is not just win-

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## Getting a taste

Katie Vought, left, and Paige McClelland chow down on breadsticks from MacPhee's at Taste of Clarkston, Sunday. Please see page 14A for more pictures from the downtown Main Street event. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## People speak out on taxes

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When it came time to talk "truth in taxation" and the possibility of raising taxes, residents of Independence Township were not happy.

"My property value has dropped, and dropped, and dropped, but my taxes went up \$179 this year. This economy in this state is one of the worst in the country, our president just said this is the worst recession since the depression and I don't think you get it," said Mike Hodges, resident of 17 years at the Sept. 15 board meeting.

"You spent \$150,000 on a senior citizen project when the taxpayers told you twice not to do it, you bought this building (township hall) in a time when the property values are going down and then you got to the guts to ask me for more money, I think you're out of your minds," he said. "Houses are selling for less than what they cost to build 15 years ago. People have lost their jobs and the prices of wages are going down. You're going to have to look at your employees and lower their costs, their wages, that's the way this state is going and you

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## Phone policy problems

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two school board trustees missed an Aug. 26 special meeting, but one voted anyway. That doesn't sit well with Trustee Joan Patterson, who didn't vote.

"I think the board needs to decide how it's going to operate," said Patterson at the Sept. 28 Clarkston Board of Education meeting. "The problem is how does the board treat policy. Is it a guideline or our law, and when it's not spelled in our policy, do we go ahead and change it first and then implement the policy or vice versa?"

The board allowed Trustee Barry Bomier, who was unable to attend the special meeting, to phone in his vote regarding rehiring three retired administrators on a contract basis.

The vote was 4-2 in favor of the contract, including Bomier's "yes" vote.

Patterson also couldn't make the meeting, but didn't call in because she didn't think she had that option, she said.

Treasurer Joe Armstrong said this was the first time in four years he has been on the board someone participated in a meeting, much less cast a vote, by phone.

"I don't see where it comes up that often," Armstrong said. "He was out of town, we knew he was going to be out of town and they called a special meeting. Normally he is there and I don't see anyone abusing that privilege."

Bomier said being at meetings is important, and absences are rare.

Current board policy states electronic devices can't be used when "deliberating or rendering a decision on matters pending before the board."

The school board approved first reading, Monday, of a new policy, "Use of any/all electronic devices shall be permitted under circumstances that do not conflict with the Open Meetings Act and meet the specified requirements of the Board."

The updated policy specifies three types of meetings, "regular," "special," and "emer-

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# Club knits for children in need

A local charity knitting group needs a place to donate hats and mittens, items Clarkston Rotary Club collects for its Shoes for Kids program – a perfect match.

"Clarkston gives us so much, we wanted to give back," said club member Judy Senseney. "And it's so much fun."

Rotary provides boots, hats, mittens and other clothing items to local children in need in its Shoes program each December, said Rotarian Mary Sloan.

"This is wonderful, perfect for the club," Sloan said. "We're excited about it."

The club is also knitting socks for Children in Common, a charity for children in orphanages in Russia.

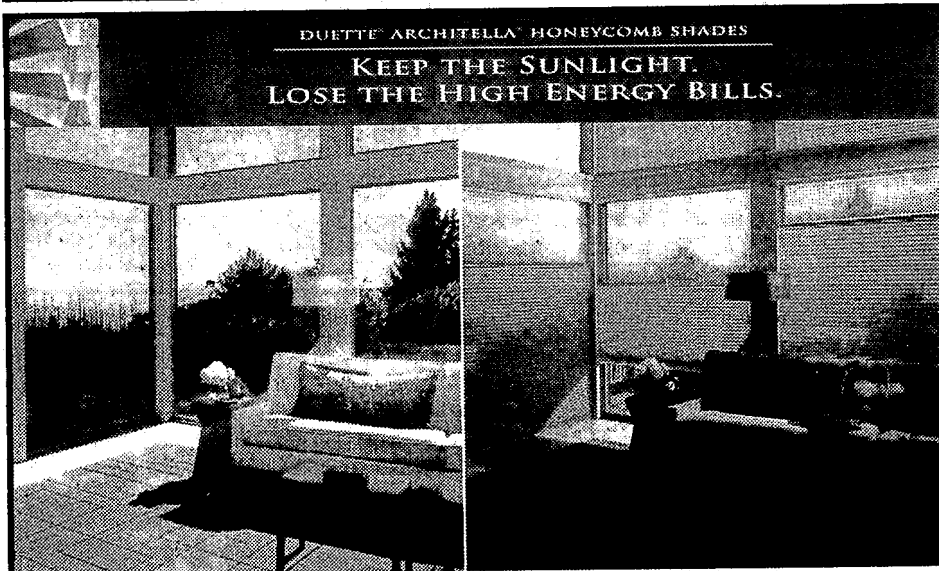
They will be included in care packages along with medical and educational supplies, sweaters, vests, hats, and mittens.

The club meets Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 248-620-2491.

– Phil Custodio



Standing from left, Janet Robertson, Mary VanderElzen, Betty Sornig, and sitting from left, Pat Selent, Carolyn Vanderkieboom, Judy Senseney, Joan Bradshaw, with socks they knit for charity.



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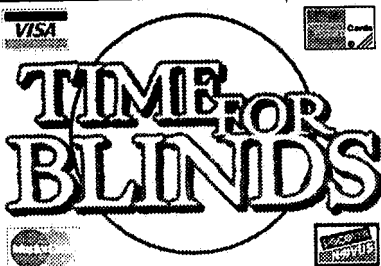
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## Briefly

### Blessing of the animals

Stone Haven Ministries, 11710 Davisburg Road, offers a blessing of the animals, 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4.

Cats, dogs, iguanas, hamsters, turtles, chickens, and other animals will be prayed over individually and given a St. Francis medallion by Rev. Karen Price, pastor of Stone Haven.

There is no charge for this event; however, contributions will be given to Adopt-a-pet in Fenton.

All animals should arrive on a leash or in a cage. No aggressive animals – they can be represented with a photo or stuffed animal.

All are welcome.

### Career transition workshop, Oct. 6

A group of local churches, in partnership with Clarkston Schools, presents a series of five sessions, "Take Charge of Your Career Transition," starting Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The weekly Clarkston Schools and Steeples sessions, free and open to the public, are 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, at Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Waldon Road. Topics are: Oct. 6, Networking/Job Search; Oct. 13, So You're Thinking About a Career Change?; Oct. 20, Utilizing Recruiters in Your Job Search; Oct. 27, Your Finances in Transition; and Nov. 3, Basics of Résumé Writing & Marketing Material.

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# Health care top concern for congressman

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Among national issues like health care and budget deficits, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers worries about the *Clarkston News*.

"I'm worried that you all are a dying breed, that's what worries me more than anything," said Rogers, in a visit Monday to the News office before meeting with Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. "Nothing makes you believe in journalism more than an anonymous blogger – I don't read blogs anymore."

Still, the alternative media serves its purpose. Roger's opening congressional statement during the health care debate is a hit on YouTube, with almost 4 million views.

"Americans are really interested in weighing in – they want to be a part of it," he said. "We (Republicans) can't stop anything. Millions of Americans stood up and literally slowed health care debate down until we could get a handle on it. That's really an amazing thing."

Awakening political activism is growing even in Clarkston, said Don Rush, assistant publisher, attending the meeting with publisher Jim Sherman, Jr.

"People are paying attention to their elected officials, school board, township, and local," Rush said. "They're complaining, sending letters to the editor. I think that's a carry over of what we're seeing at a national level."

Democrats and media pundits make a mistake when they marginalize TEA parties and other demonstrations, Rogers said.

"A lot of people have never done this before – they don't belong to any groups," he said. "This is America. We respect people's right to do that."

As the minority party, Rogers said his role is to present an alternative to policy proposals of the Democratic majority.

"Every day I'm here, I'm just going to do



U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers talks issues with Publisher Jim Sherman, Jr., and the rest of the *Clarkston News* staff. Photo by Phil Custodio

what I have to do, point out alternatives and problems I have with these things, and hopefully we can come to a better place," he said. "We can compromise, without blowing up the whole system."



Rep. Mike Rogers

The recent "Cash for Clunkers" program does not inspire confidence, he said.

"There are dealers out there who still don't have their money," he said. "They can't handle 750,000 transactions, and they're going to handle several million every day?"

One compromise would be more competition, such as allowing people to buy health insurance across state lines, he said.

"Make insurance companies compete and

make policies more transparent, so people know what's covered," he said. "Make it fair and free, so people can make their own decisions."

House leadership wants a vote on its current health care bill within two weeks, he said.

"It has 54 new programs, boards, and commissions, brand new ones to deal with health care," he said. "They're determined try get something, anything, ram it through, then see if they can salvage something from it."

Federal deficit spending, about \$1.8 trillion, is also a problem, one of staggering proportions, he said.

"They're printing up money that doesn't exist to pay off some of the debt," he said. "The budget has 20 percent increases. We can't do that. Who has 20 percent revenue increases? Not Main Street America."

## Cost drives council away from cable idea

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston City Council members frowned at the idea of taping meeting for public access, when City Manager Dennis Ritter it would cost over \$5,700 to update equipment.

"I was pretty surprised by the dollar amount," he said.

Mayor Steve Arkwright suggested some of the equipment might not be needed, which could save approximately \$2,000.

"What I counted up we go from \$3,805 to \$1,805," he said. "We don't have \$1,800 but is there some way we can find \$1,800 because I think this would be beneficial to the community."

Audience member Dave Drap suggested using a webcast and putting it on the City's website.

Arkwright asked councilman Cory Johnston if they could get somebody from the high school. Johnston said that might be possible. Arkwright was also curious as to what other board members felt about it.

"I think it's great if we can do it," Johnston said. "But we don't have the funding obviously."

Councilman Chuck Inabnit said he could "go either way."

"I don't think they show up here," he said. "I don't think they'll watch it on TV."

Councilman Jim Brueck, agreed. "If I felt there was a burning desire for them to watch it I would feel differently," Brueck said. "But they don't come."

Johnston noted a lot of people do watch the Independence Township meetings.

"I think if people were calling in and

asking for it maybe I would be more inclined and interested in it" Councilwoman Peg Roth said. "Since you two (Ritter and Arkwright) came up with it and no one has ever mentioned it, seems a tad overkill."

Brueck said he doesn't want to spend any money on it. Councilman Thomas Hunter feels the same way.

"I'm not opposed to it, but we don't have a lot of extra money," he said. "If it cost money there better be some interest in it by the public."

Arkwright said he'll take that as his marching orders.

"We'll run it by the school and see if they have any interest in it and if we get a website maybe we can look at doing a webcast or some other method," he said. "Certainly dollars are an issue."



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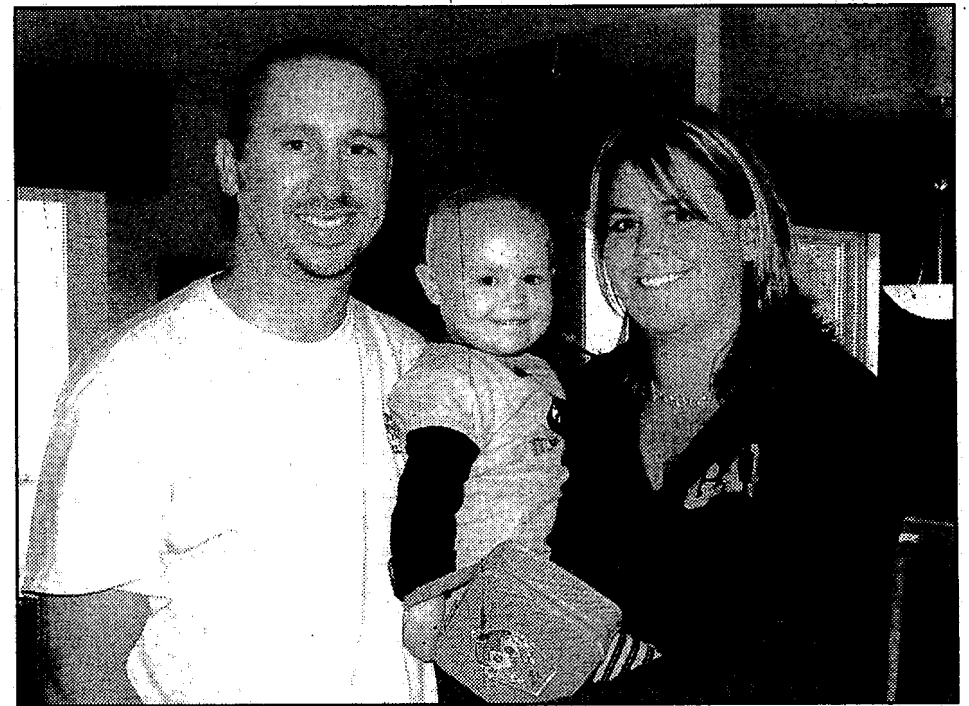
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Halee and Mitch Tong of Independence Township host a fundraiser walk, Oct. 11, for their daughter Addison Tong. Photos by Phil Custodio

## Hope walk to help Addison

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

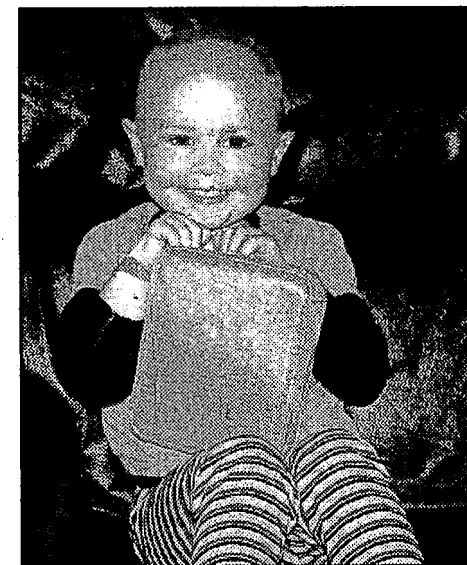
At 3 years of age, Addison Tong of Independence Township is in the fight of her life.

Diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (A.L.L.) in March, she has already undergone a month of aggressive chemotherapy, with monthly blood cell count and loss of all her hair.

"She's been awesome," said her mother, Halee Tong. "I don't know how she does it. She's a little fighter. She never complains."

Halee and Mitch Tong took their daughter, sick with what they thought was stomach flu, to Clarkston Medical Group in February. Testing showed a low white blood cell count, and she was diagnosed on March 11.

She started chemotherapy the next day.



Addison Tong remains in good spirits through her battle with leukemia.

"The first 30 days were the most difficult," Halee said. "They want to put the cancer into remission right away."

When she lost her hair in July, her father, grandfather, uncle, and friends had their heads shaved in support.

"She's a normal kid, just with no hair," Mitch said.

"She loves to play with her dolls, get her nails painted, and play with her brother (Morgan, 5)," Halee said.

"She wants to be one of the boys," Mitch said.

Addison faces more than two years of treatment, including eight forms of chemotherapy, with prognosis of more than 90 percent.

"I want to thank everyone for their support, love, and prayers," Halee said.

Both graduates of Brandon High School, they and their friends are organizing Addison's Hope 4 ALL Walk, Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration starts at 9 a.m., walk from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Brandon High School track, 1025 S. Ortonville Road.

Activities will also include face painting, animal balloons, inflatables, clown, and games.

"It's going well - we expect a good turnout," Halee said. "We have about 100 so far."

The walk will help offset medical and travel expense for the Tong family, and raise awareness about childhood cancer by supporting foundations such as Rainbow Connection.

"We hope to do this every year, with proceeds going to different foundations," Halee said.

Registration forms are available at walk4addison.com or by emailing walk4addison@yahoo.com.



Volunteers prepare a meal all produced within 100 miles.

## Local food for dinner

BY DENNAY BEDARD

Special to the Clarkston News

Buying local was the theme at dinner, Saturday, at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"It is important to buy local whenever possible, because most of the money that you spend on local products goes right back into the community" said Bob McGowan, owner of Bittersweet Farm of Independence Township and guest speaker.

The 100 Mile Dinner included only ingredients originating within 100 miles of Clarkston. Food at the event included hors d'oeuvres of brushetta and cottage cheese, spinach salad, apple-fed pork with apricot glaze, roasted potatoes, green beans, and apple cobbler and ice cream for dessert.

"I think this is a great idea," said Julie Hall, of Clarkston.

More than 70 people gathered for dinner, organized to encourage people to support local businesses by buying locally produced goods whenever possible, and bring the community together for a delicious homemade meal.

Table decorations were also bought lo-

cally. Centerpieces were white pumpkins purchased from Northwind Family Farms at the Oakland County Farmers' Market.

Many ingredients were purchased from local sellers at Clarkston, Oakland County, and Northern Farm farmers markets. Apple-fed pork was purchased at J & M Farm in Allenton, and ice cream at Cook's Dairy Farm in Ortonville.

The church Speakers Committee is running a four-part Speakers Series, aimed at bringing the community together with events for the public.

The 100 Mile Dinner was the third event in the series, which concludes in November with an antiques show.

"The Speakers Committee's objective is to bring the community together," said Pat Martz, committee member.

"This is the first year that the church has run this series of events, and we hope to be able to run the series every year," said Jan Lewis, head of the Speakers Committee.

During his presentation, McGowan talked about the importance of supporting local businesses and giving back to the



Bob McGowan, with his wife Barbara, was featured presenter at the dinner. Photos by Dennay Bedard community.

"It takes a village to raise a garden," he said.

Buying local not only provides the freshest products, but your money goes right back into supporting your community, he said.

Volunteers at Bittersweet Farm grow food for donation to Gleaners Food Bank, he said.

"So, not only can you invest in your community by purchasing local products, but also by volunteering your time at a place such as Bittersweet Farm, where all of your work goes toward helping those in your community."

## Trustee puts money where his mouth is

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The day after the Sept. 15 regular board meeting, Independence Township Trustee Mark Petterson walked into township hall and handed Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen a signed letter asking his regular pay be reduced by 20 percent, with no pay for special meetings until Jan. 1, 2010.

"I said I would do it (special board meetings and workshops) for free, now here I am doing it for free," Petterson said. "I'm charged to do what's best for the township and I'm charged to do what's best for the residents and those are difficult decisions."

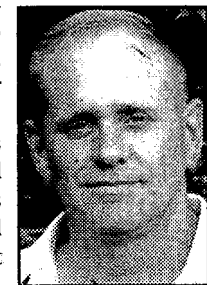
The letter was also signed and witnessed by Deputy Clerk Paula Heenan, and Treasurer Curt Carson.

Petterson said giving up some of his pay was the best thing he could do to try and prevent the board going over budget.

"How can I sit there and beat up a department head for going over budget, when our board is over budget? How can I do that," asked Petterson. "It's a cop who drives down the road drunk, then goes back to work the next day and busts somebody for drunk driving and that's wrong."

On Jan. 1, he said he will revisit the situation and see whether he will continue with reduced pay, which will be determined on how the township budget is doing.

"I don't want a pat on the back for this. If other board members want to join me that's up to them, but I'm not going to pressure them," Petterson said. "This is what I want to do, if they don't want to do it then that's fine and dandy."



Mark Petterson



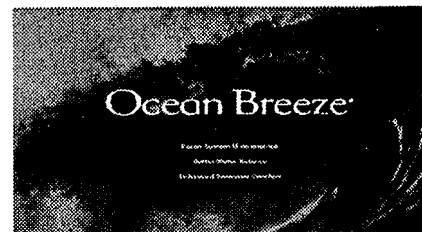
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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

# A good Taste

Taste of Clarkston was just as tasty as always, and pretty lucky, too – rain on Saturday, rain on Monday, but sunny on Sunday.

Even a rainy Taste is pretty good, but sun and dry weather makes it easier to spend some time outside enjoying the best food and drinks local restaurants have to offer.

I couldn't sample more than a few, a small percentage of what's available. But almost as good were the aromas wafting from each booth, especially the spicy stuff. You can smell all you want and not get too full, and it was free, too!

After making my selections, a pulled pork sandwich, cheesecake brownie, deep fried Twinkie, and a Pepsi, I happened to sit right next to two Crittenton doctors who were there enjoying their own taste.

I learned fried Twinkie is about the unhealthiest thing you can eat. It's really delicious though, with its soft yellow cake a nice contrast with the crisp fried batter.

I don't intend to eat another anytime soon, perhaps not until next year's Taste. It's probably a good thing I had already finished my strip of chocolate-covered bacon.

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Kudos to U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers for taking time out of his busy day to stop by the *Clarkston News* offices for some coffee and a chat.

I met Mr. Rogers when he was first running for office in 2000, when working for a weekly newspaper in Genesee County. It's good to see he still gets out into the community and meets with a community newspaper after eight years in the national politics of Washington D.C.

Of course, you don't have to be a congressman to rate a visit to our newsroom. All are welcome, except maybe on Mondays when we're busy putting pages together, or Tuesday mornings when we're in Oxford putting them on the servers.

How about monthly coffee times with us upstairs, 5 S. Main Street? I'll work out some details and set it up.



## The Clarkston News

# Viewpoints

## Phoning it in ruins trust

Trust. It's a fragile commodity, one the Clarkston Board of Education is quickly exhausting. The school board doles out a three-year raise to the superintendent even though state funding is expected to fall hundreds of dollars per student. This violates rules of economics – spending money they don't have and won't get. Now comes an example of the school board disregarding its own rules. Voting by phone at an official meeting? Who would even consider such a thing? If you can't make a meeting, don't. But don't vote either – it's common sense. School policy explicitly forbade it, but instead of refusing to accept the vote, the board is working to change the policy, after the fact. School board election officials' title is "trustee." They need to start acting like it.

### Editorial

## Gov't shouldn't be too efficient

Dear editor,

Mussolini made the trains on time — or so it is said. Trevor Keiser's column "Too much talk" (Sept. 23) suggesting Independence Township Board meetings need to be more efficient is absurd. We citizens need to have an open, vigorous debate on the Township Board.

It would certainly be more efficient but then real efficiency would be meetings where they merely announce the decisions. Make them have their discussions in private, so we all don't have to be bothered with what they think or their efforts to work out solutions and policies. That certainly would be efficient; keep the meetings short and let the reporter get enough sleep. That is, of course, nonsense.

To me the actual decision-making process is more important than the decision. There is no other way to measure the performance, beliefs and values of those we have elected

to represent us. An artificial limit to debate is a bad idea.

Nor do I want to see the board members shirking their responsibility to handle the public business. It is obvious there is more work to be done. The effort to have more regular meetings was a good one. Look at the agenda for their last "special" meeting. It certainly looks like the agenda for a regular meeting. If there is a lot of work to be done, they

should do it. And all their meetings should be televised.

Finally, from what I have seen, some of the trustees come to these meetings very well prepared. It is obvious that they more than earn their pay. And they don't have all the benefits the officers do.

Cutting the trustees' meager compensation would be hollow symbolism.

Craig Bennett  
Independence Township

## Kaul's actions saved student's life

Dear editor,

I just wanted the citizens of Clarkston to know what kind of administrators they have at Clarkston High School. At the end of school the first day a student collapsed in the hall and stopped breathing.

Assistant Principal Kaul immediately took

action and began CPR. I arrived and provided assistance until fire arrived moments later. Mr. Kaul's action resulted in saving the student's life and I am very proud to consider him a friend.

Garry Crane Jr  
Waterford

## Thanks for investigating in PTA case

Dear editor,

I wanted to say a special "thank you" to Andrea Schroeder and Kim Trombley for all their countless hours of research in the PTA embezzlement case.

You both showed true dedication to all Clarkston families.

Camille Retford  
former PKE PTA Board member/  
current SMS PTA Board member

More letters to the editor on page 7A

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1994

**"Traffic protest"** Mickey DeLong and other Miller Road residents complained of truck traffic in their neighborhood. They put together a petition to put up stop signs at Glenburnie, and pushed MDOT to do a traffic study.

**"CHS drinking water contaminated"** The school went to bottled water after testing turned up an unacceptable bacteria level in the well water supply. Oakland County health officials found contamination in a drinking fountain and boiler room sink.

**"Boy's quick thinking saves brother"** Six-year-old Andrew Zuker jumped into the Clinton River and rescues his little brother Patrick after he fell off the family pontoon boat. Their mother, Colleen, said she was glad her boys had swimming lessons and praised Andrew for being such a quick thinker.

### 25 years ago - 1984

**"Record crowd at Renaissance"** In the final days of the Michigan Renaissance Festival's seven-weekend run, 12,000 people passed through its gates. Set up on the grounds of the Colombiere Center in Springfield Township, visitors paid \$6.95 admission to enjoy the 16th-century atmosphere of the festival.

**"Fun in the autumn sun"** Three-year-old Richard Springer enjoyed sliding down the slide again and again at Clintonwood Park, his sister Barbara making sure he wasn't hurt. The Springers and neighbors Laura Mansfield, Joe Mansfield, and Kris Diéhl enjoyed a warm fall day, playing at the park.

### 50 years ago - 1959

**"Women's Club outlines program"** The year's program included a November fashion show, Christmas musicale, evening at the theater in Detroit, and a program on the "Future of Clarkston," examining proposed real estate and highway projects.

**"Large congregation hears missionaries"** A capacity congregation filled Crescent Hills Baptist Church that Sunday to hear Dr. Anna Barbara Gray and Miss Mary Thomas, missionaries to Burma. The speakers related incidents of their work, with volunteers dressed in native costume illustrating their stories.

**"Clarkston locals"** Huey Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose, was rushed from his Dixie Highway home to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital for an emergency appendectomy. All went well and Huey was allowed to return home three days later.

# Sister helped throughout life

Dear editor,

I have a sister.  
Her name is Peggy and she lives in Clarkston, Mich. I want to tell the world about her. She is the kind of person who should be on the news but isn't. She doesn't ask for recognition really ever, but deserves it more than anyone I can think of.

First off, she has raised, with her husband, of course, three really great kids. There was a time when we were growing up that she didn't think she wanted kids and didn't seem to have the patience to change a diaper while babysitting. But it's the way she has accomplished being a great Mom that sets her apart, for her children have all been actively involved since a very young age with Meals on Wheels to begin with. She not only took this on for herself as an honor to our Mom who passed away with cancer many years ago,

but made it imperative for her kids to not only go through the motions but the "whole of it" for many people.

On top of it, she has been instrumental in dealing with our father, who has been suffering with Alzheimer's disease.

She faces the challenges of life head on.

She and her kids also volunteer at soup kitchens in their spare time between school, sports, and musical interests.

The crowning achievement though has been her recent handling of her own mother-in-law's cancer and subsequent passing.

Her compassion is beyond anything I could imagine.

I got all the bad habits in the family. Self driven, I packed up and moved out to the East Coast to develop my art career at which I've

had mild success.

She held the stern at home for all of these years and my success pales in comparison. Yes, she has been fortunate to have the love and support of a great husband, Bob, but her work has been the quiet, painstaking, day in and day out guts with a huge heart.

She is an amazing role model in a time when we are bombarded with anything but.

I personally grieve the loss of her mother-in-law with her more than she knows.

I want the world to know how proud I am and how blessed we are in our family to have this incredibly cool lady, as well as beautiful, as my sister.

I love your Bun (nickname).

Peggy McCort Roth, you rock!  
Signed,

**Maureen McCort  
Greenwich, Conn.**

# Reader finds views distasteful

Dear editor,

Having read the Sept. 2 letter from Robert Jablonski regarding his distaste that the Salvation Army will soon be occupying the old Farmer Jacks' location, I was remiss in not voicing MY distaste in his very

narrow minded views.

Thankfully, Margie Runyan's letter of Sept. 16 most eloquently said all I would have penned, and more. Upon further reading, I came upon Mr. Jablonski's newest rant: that of cleaning up Sashabaw Road.

My immediate thoughts are that perhaps Mr. Jablonski has too much time on his hands. Go clean up a vacant lot, sir, and quit writing grumpy letters.

**Nancy Kite**

**Independence Township**

# Parks serves important purpose

Dear editor,

In our community, parks and recreation have always been an important part of our lives. During this period of troubled economic times it is even more important.

As in parks across Michigan and the country, increasing demands for our community parks and playgrounds have increased.

While logic might dictate that park funding should be cut in hard times, just the opposite is true. Parks offer recreation that is inexpensive,

available to all, great for families, and even more valuable in times like these than in boom times.

The health benefits for using the parks is another big factor why we should maintain our parks at or near the current level.

Children and adults of all ages need a place to call home to relax, shout, throw or kick a ball, or just walk the fitness course and bond with your mate. Many people are laid off and need a place to collect their thoughts or to just get away.

I understand keeping the current funding is pie in the sky. I get it. We will do our share of tightening our belts and doing more with less.

This board is in a careful and thoughtful process to make sure our budget is balanced and in a position future that will lead us in the right direction.

All I ask is that we all "share the burden."

**Mike Turk**

**Director, Independence  
Township Parks and Recreation**

## Write a Letter to the Editor!

Please keep them short and to the point. We'll edit them for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and length. We take the liberty of publishing (or not) all letters we receive. Please sign your letter (no photo copies!) and include a daytime phone for verifications. Deadline is noon, Monday. You can drop them or mail them to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346; fax them at (248) 625-0706; or e-mail shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News. Any questions call The Clarkston News at (248) 625-3370.

# Udder nonsense and other stunning items

Here's an item to make all Michigan State University grads proud. I attended MSU for just one semester and feel a tinge of pride myself.

MSU has a W. K. Kellogg Biological Station in Hickory Corners, where robots milk the farm's 100 productive cows.

When told of this my sister said, "I hope they warm those udder grabbers first."

This MSU robotic arm reaches under the cow's belly, cleans the cow's udder and then proceeds to do its business without human assistance.

The MSU farm has two robot machines which cost about \$250,000 each, and daily production has increased from an average of 65 pounds to 70 pounds per cow.

Electronic collars for the cows, which transmit data, cost \$180 each. Cows choose their own schedule. When they feel the releasing urge they walk into a stall. These MSU cows also have special water beds, covered with straw for relaxation time.

An MSU science professor says cows should spend 12 hours a day lying down. My information came from Dick Milliman, of Lansing and an MSU grad, who said the cows' downtime is about the same as regular college students'.

The reason this story got my attention is because it brought back milking days, my brother's, not mine.

We lived on a farm two miles west of Durand and a mile south of Vernon.

My oldest brother would pull up his 3-legged stool under the cow, push his head against the cow's belly, get an udder working good, then send a spray of milk toward the nearest barn cat.

Sometimes he's hit its mouth, but it wasn't important to him.

I'm sure there's taxpayer money waiting for the science professor who develops a robot that can direct an occasional spray toward a cat.

I'm also sure some of the taxpayer money being designated to scientific studies has brought some benefits. Ok, I'm only semi sure, because there's this one in my three-times-a-week "daily" paper.

Government scientists have found a third of male smallmouth bass in U. S. river basins have features of both sexes.

Among largemouth bass only one in five have same-sex features.

This prompts a couple questions. Who cares? Can the bass tell the difference? How much taxpayer money was spent on this study? Have they checked the turtles? Polliwogs? Forget it!

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If you watch television at all I'm sure you've seen the commercials for the TP maker which compares its quilted paper to

the feel of sable. (Wonder if they got that from a scientific study?)

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**Quickies:**

I'm not your type. I'm not inflatable.

Don't sweat the petty things. Don't pet the sweaty things.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

Dave Barry quote: "If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there is a man on base."

You (I) won't use this *Old Farmer's Almanac* advice, but here's some on keeping more money.

Out of croutons for the salad or soup? Popcorn is a good substitute.

Reduce wear on your socks by "switching feet" when you wear them for the second consecutive time.

Go to schools where students provide services with teachers' supervision.

Get haircuts at beauty schools, dental work at dental schools, meals at cooking schools.

Right!



**Jim's  
Jottings**  
a column by  
**Jim Sherman**

# Phone-in vote policy up for review

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gency." Electronic devices are allowed if the board has advance knowledge and consents to it.

Issues include what constitutes an emergency, whether a board member needs an excuse, such as being sick, and how much advance notice is needed.

President Stephen Hyer said they would have to look at it case by case. They also need to take into account advancing technology, which will change how electronic devices can be used during meetings.

"I don't know if I am comfortable having a board member communicate electronically," said Patterson. "It will be trying to get to where everyone is comfortable."

Second reading and vote is set for Oct. 12. The school board meets at 7 p.m. at Clarkston Community School administration building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

"It's a new board so we have to decide," said Patterson. "As a group we need to decide what are our bylaws and how are we going to operate something we are going to do in an ongoing process."



## Kids show support for high school teams

Young Kickers munched on hot dogs won during the "Soccer Shootout" on Sept. 15 for Youth Soccer Night.

They watched their Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team shut-out Avondale, 3-0.

"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."

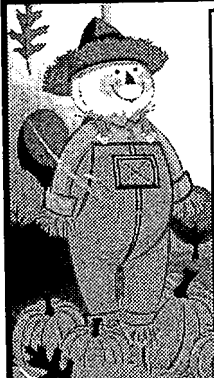
- Wendi Reardon



Ellery Hernandez, 2, accepts a hot dog - her reward for kicking the soccer ball past the goalie. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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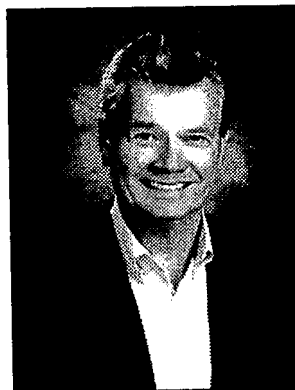
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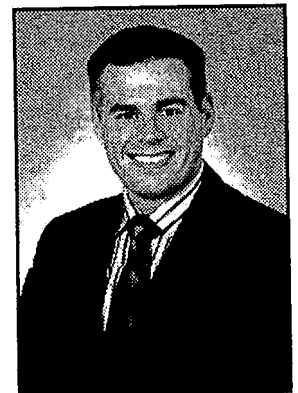
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# Public Safety

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

## Watch out for deer

Fall means frisky deer, frolicking through the woods and onto local roads, where many are hit by passing motorists, including car-deer accidents, 7:20 p.m., Sept. 1, Holcomb near Reese; 11:09 a.m., Sept. 6, I-75 at M-15; 10:45 p.m., Sept. 9, Ortonville and Amy; 2 a.m., Sept. 14, Clintonville and Maybee; 8:14 p.m., Sept. 14, Maybee and Ava; and 7 a.m., Sept. 15, Sashabaw and Pine Knob.

## Drunk driver

A deputy on patrol saw a minivan slowly driving through a parking lot, 12:35 a.m., Sept. 12, near Sashabaw and Maybee, which matched descriptions from a suspicious-vehicle report. The driver, a 34-year-old Independence Township man, said he had been drinking, couldn't stand straight, had marijuana in a bag, and a preliminary breath test of .18. He was jailed for drunk driving.

## Bike snatchers

Thieves took advantage of local students, stealing bicycles left at their bus stops. A girl's bike was stolen from a bus stop on Birchgrove Lane, Sept. 16. Two 8-year-old boys hid their bikes behind in the bushes at their stop near Meyers and Sashabaw roads, but they were stolen sometime Sept. 18.

## Armed robbers

A 20-year-old Davisburg man said he was robbed while sitting in his car by two men armed with pistols, 9:30 p.m., Sept. 18, in the 5400 block of Lancasterhill Drive. Both robbers are described as men about 18 years old, thin, wearing black baseball caps, sweatshirts, and jeans.

## Lock that safe

A Sashabaw Road restaurant manager reported a couple hundred dollars missing from an office safe, 6:49 a.m., Sept. 19. The manager said the safe was always open and was not under video surveillance. A deputy advised the manager to lock the safe in the future.

## Not a legal expert

Responding to a noise complaint, a deputy found loud music coming from a car, 4:25 a.m., Sept. 19, on Oakvista Avenue, a large pool of vomit by the driver's door, and two open bottles of beer in the vehicle.

The driver, a 19-year-old Independence Township man, told the deputy to get the

light out of his eyes, and said nothing was wrong with drinking in his own driveway. Placed in the patrol car, he swore at the deputy and banged on the barrier window. The deputy took him out of the car, placed him on ground, and handcuffed him. With a breath test of .219, he was cited disorderly conduct, open intoxicants, and minor in possession, and jailed on a misdemeanor traffic warrant.

## Drunk and swerving

A deputy patrolling Dixie Highway, 9:45 p.m., Sept. 20, stopped a swerving car. The driver said she was really tired, and admitted to two drinks, which were "kind of big." She had a breath test of .177 and was jailed for drunk driving.

## Drug hiders

A deputy on patrol noticed a car with no license plate and stopped it, 8:27 p.m., Sept. 20, in the 5700 block of Maybee Road. The rear passenger, a 17-year-old boy visiting from Kentucky, tried to toss three baggies of marijuana when the deputy wasn't looking, and the driver, a 17-year-old Independence Township boy, was found with a baggie of marijuana in the bottom of his shoe. They were cited for drug possession.

## Drug in denial

Deputies were dispatched on a report of a suspicious vehicle, 9 p.m., Sept. 22, in the 5800 block of Deepwood Court. They found a parked car with four people and a small amount of marijuana, which everyone denied knowing anything about. The marijuana was confiscated and suspects released.

## Break-in

A homeowner called police, 12:45 p.m., Sept. 22, when she found a sliding glass door open when she was sure she had locked it. A deputy noticed several things looked out of place and an open second story window. The owner reported VCR and DVD player missing.

## Highway accident

I-75 was shut down in both directions, 11:30 a.m., Sept. 26, while firefighters and wreckers cleared a two-vehicle traffic accident, northbound near Holcomb Road.

- Phil Custodio

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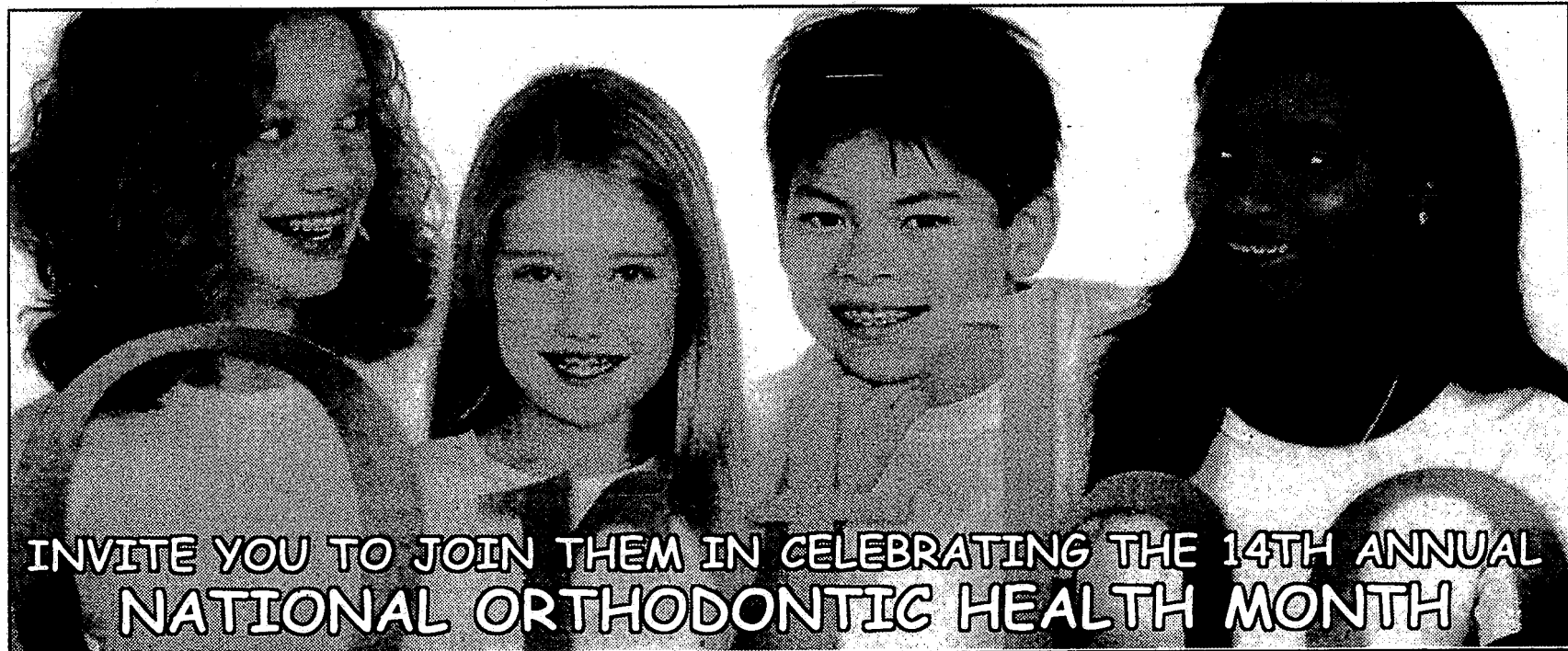
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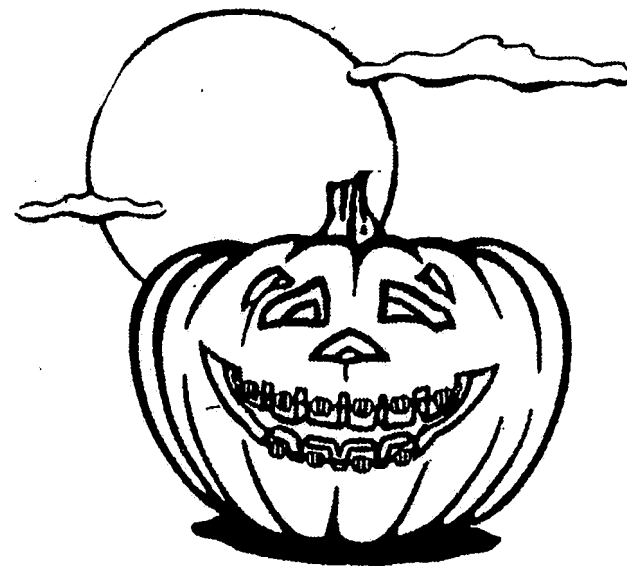
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# Potter earns top nod from state language association

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Vicki Potter doesn't only teach French at Clarkston High School but immerses the students in the culture and experiences she has encountered.

She answered the phone a few weekends ago to hear the Michigan World Language Association president announcing news Potter was named Secondary Teacher of the Year.

"It was a complete surprise," Potter said. "I didn't know I was nominated."

After hearing the news she was also shocked and didn't know how to respond.

"I feel very honored and humbled," Potter said after the news settled. "It was a nice I was nominated by some of my colleagues here at school"

Her interest in the French language started when she was a freshman in high school.

"It just sparked an interest in me," she remembered. "I felt it was just something different and interesting. I had a good teacher who inspired me."

She knew from the beginning she wanted to study French and decided in her first year of college she was going to be a teacher.

"It was a good decision for me and I have never regretted it," she said.

Adding to her love of French is her love of traveling, which she includes in her classroom telling the students about different cul-

tures and about the people.

"I love to bring the love of traveling, meeting new people, and new cultures into my classroom," she said. "I think it has helped the students - they see me go out there and go to all these different places. They see 'oh, I can do that.'"

Potter is going into her 17th year at Clarkston High School and teaches all levels of French. She became chairperson for the language department in 1997 and was there as the department created new opportunities for the students.

When Potter began in 1993, Clarkston only offered Spanish and French to the students and has added German and Chinese to the selection through the years.

"Our students have additional opportunities," she added. "When I first began the students could only take language for four years. We now have a program that starts in eighth grade so students can have five years of language while they are here and that's great."

The newest for Clarkston is being an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, in which Potter serves as the district's coordinator.

"It's exciting for the students," she said.

Potter explained students opting to go into the IB program follow a two-year international curriculum in all of their classes - not just their language classes.

"It's a huge honor for us to offer this," she said. "It gives our students a huge new offering and huge pathway for them to success."

"It gives them a whole other opportunity. If they want to pursue anything in international education - they would be completely prepared for it."



Vicki Potter

She pointed out colleges look at IB as top notch education and participating in the program can boost the students entry into the top colleges.

The department also offers oversea trips to the students as a chance to use their language skills.

"It's great they have the opportunity and the students love the trips," she said. "It really is a chance for them to use what they learned in the classroom."

She enjoys taking the students to Paris.

"With students, you can't not go to Paris. They have to experience Paris because it's just a world-class city," she said. "The south of France is lovely. The people there are very warm."

France is one of her favorite places to visit, but isn't the place she always goes to

when she has a chance to travel.

"I have traveled all around the world," she said. "At last count I have been to 40 countries."

She has traveled to every continent except Antarctica.

She has visited New Zealand, Africa and Argentina - just to name a few.

"I love New Zealand and have been there twice. There is just something about New Zealand that pulls me back," she said. "I went on safari on Africa, which was different. I have enjoyed every place I have gone to. Some places I have been to I don't need to go again."

Potter resides in Lake Orion enjoys her spare time with bowling, being outside - hiking and walking.

Potter will be honored on October 16 during the annual MIWLA Awards Luncheon in Lansing.

She was also rewarded as Teacher of the Year by the Clarkston Foundation.

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# Coach Fife combines tradition with innovation

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ning the Quarterfinal game last year in Grand Blanc. My feeling after the game was – all those kids for 27 years – this was not just this team,” he said. “This was every player and every team I have had for 27 years finally won one – all of us.”

Among the past players watching throughout the season was Clarkston High School Assistant Principal Gary Kaul, who grew up with Fife’s sons, Jeremy, Dugan and Dane and played for Fife in little league and on the varsity team from 1988-1990.

“I have always thought the world of Dan,” he said. “He has always been committed to kids and athletics, particularly Clarkston. He has built quite a program being athletic director and he has always done it with a focus on education as well.”

A memory for Kaul is listening to the speeches Fife gave before and after a game. Kaul still listens to the speeches when he visits the team.

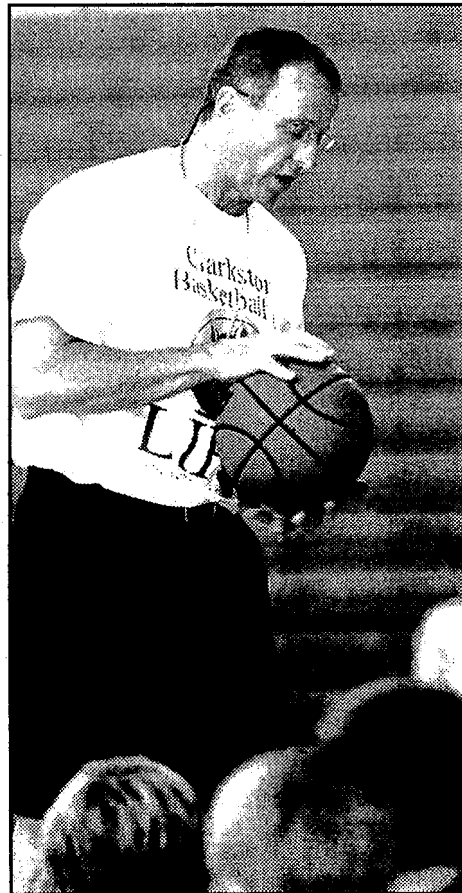
“His message hasn’t changed,” he said. “The message is ‘what can you learn from what happened at there today? What lessons can you take away to apply to your life?’

“Dan always says don’t get too high with the highs, and don’t get too low with the lows – it is a phrase that has stuck with me.”

It’s a lesson Fife learned early in his career. Though his varsity record is 508-140, he realized the negatives and the losses make a person who they are and he could teach it to his players.

“It’s where your greatest lessons are learned,” he said.

Another player who listened to the speeches and is head basketball coach for



**Dan Fife instructs youth at his annual basketball camp. File photo**

Indiana University - Perdue University is the youngest of Fife’s son - Dane.

“Coach Fife is a throwback coach combined with an ever evolving innovative mind full of contemporary ideals,” said Dane. “He gets young men to play the game hard, maxi-

mizing their potential. He teaches his players about the game of basketball as well as the necessities of life.”

As he touched every player and aspiring athlete at his basketball camps - he has touched the community and his coaches in the Clarkston schools.

“For me he has been a great role model,” said Wolves Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson. “He has always been my hero.”

Richardson watched his friend play in high school, at Michigan and play professional baseball.

“He is probably one of the best high school basketball coaches in the state,” he said. “It’s long overdue. He should have been inducted a long time ago. He has always set the bar for all the coaches around here very high for coaching excellence. For young coaches he is a father figure. I could not imagine Clarkston without Dan Fife.”

Tim Kaul coached the JV basketball team for the first 17 years Dan coached varsity and enjoyed being on the same staff.

“Dan and I are on the same wavelength,” said Tim. “We felt strongly about playing a real good half-court man-to-man defense and we ran a very disciplined offense. Dan always demanded a lot of discipline and responsibility from the kids. I went with the program whole-heartedly.”

As many past players and coaches attribute their success and who they are because of Dan - he picked up some of his traits from his own hero - Mel Vaara.

“I remember in 1957 when my dad took me to the old high school, which is the junior high, when we first moved here and meeting him and seeing him,” he said. “He was one of

my coaches and one of my teachers, of all the people that have been in my life in the school system he has been the one here forever.”

Dan learned the Clarkston tradition from him and passed it on to his coaching staff.

He said Clarkston wouldn’t be the same without the people in the community.

“Clarkston is a special place,” said Fife. “Clarkston people always work hard no matter what they do and they instill that in their kids and they are such a strong advocates of whatever their kids are a part of. We are such a strong family community. We believe in family. They are strong advocates either they are a part of athletics, band, robotics, whatever their kids are involved in – the community is involved in and are very supportive of the programs in all of the schools.”

“Coach Fife’s induction in the BCAM Hall of Fame is as much earned as it is deserved,” said Dane. “He has turned Clarkston Basketball into a very successful program, consistently winning with inferior talent.”

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## Taste fills Main Street

Thousands of hungry visits crowd Clarkston Main Street for Taste of Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

# Safety path millage may fall to lower overall taxes

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better face it."

Lifetime resident Mary Walker said the board needed to reduce taxes, because everyone is paying on a "make believe number (a \$100,000) that we're all dreaming that we can sell our house for that again and it isn't going to happen."

"I wish I knew the people that lived in that house because their taxes would be a third of what the rest of us pay," she said. "My house is not worth that much anymore, sadly."

Rob Namowitz agreed the "imaginary \$100,000 house" is hard for people to understand.

"It looks like a bunch of hocus pocus, all people know is their bill is bigger. That's the big problem, people are paying more and folks aren't happy about it," Namowitz said. "You can't sell your home for what you paid for it 10 years ago and the taxes

we're paying don't reflect that realism, that's rather upsetting."

Millages for discussion included general fund, fire, police, library, and safety path.

"I don't think safety path is anywhere near as important as fire or police, I would suggest we reject the override with respect to safety path," Trustee Neil Wallace said. "I don't think there is a more central service with the EMS and the fire department that has to live off this millage."

Trustee Larry Rosso agreed.

"It's essential that we keep our fire service in tact," Rosso said. "I think we're aware that the EMS is being called more and more into service like never before."

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen agreed concerning fire, but felt they should not increase the police budget, which is currently in severe trouble.

"If we're only paying \$70,000 (at the

maximum rate raised,) it won't even cover one deputy," she said. "I don't think it's worth going up to that."

Treasurer Curt Carson disagreed.

"I am very much concerned with major cuts there in which we're going to have to do regardless of what we do, I think we should give them the opportunity to try and restructure as the fire department has and give them some room to do that," he said. "Only \$71,000 I think is very little wiggle room, especially when their projected budget is \$760,000 over revenue for 2010."

Carson recommended lowering the safety path levy to whatever the increases were going to be in the other areas, so township wide there would be a "net wash."

The board voted to keep the general fund the current levy of 0.9974, which brings in \$1,620,960.52 revenue. Petterson opposed the motion.

Fire was from 2.8425 to 2.96 mills, which brings in a total of \$4,810,550.56. Library was set at the maximum 0.691, which yields \$1,123,003.53. Petterson and Carson opposed. Police was set a max levy of 2.0547, which brings in \$3,339,269.67. VanderVeen voted against police.

The board tabled discussion for the safety path millage for the Sept. 22 special meeting, where they took voted on Carson's recommendation to set the safety path to offset the other raises. Safety Path was set from .3602 to .1763 levy, which equals \$270,000.

Total combined revenue for the township will be \$11,163,784.28

"The key was there was no way we could walk away and increase the milage rate. You got to have compassion for the people out there," Carson said. "It's just becoming a huge burden, now we have to live within our means."

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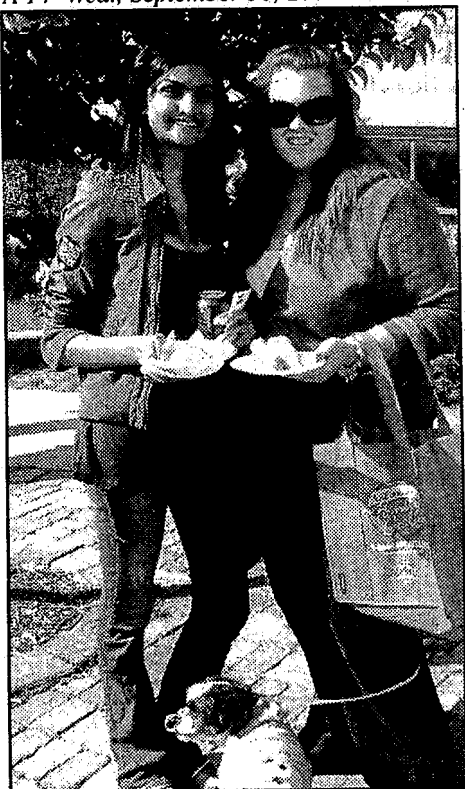
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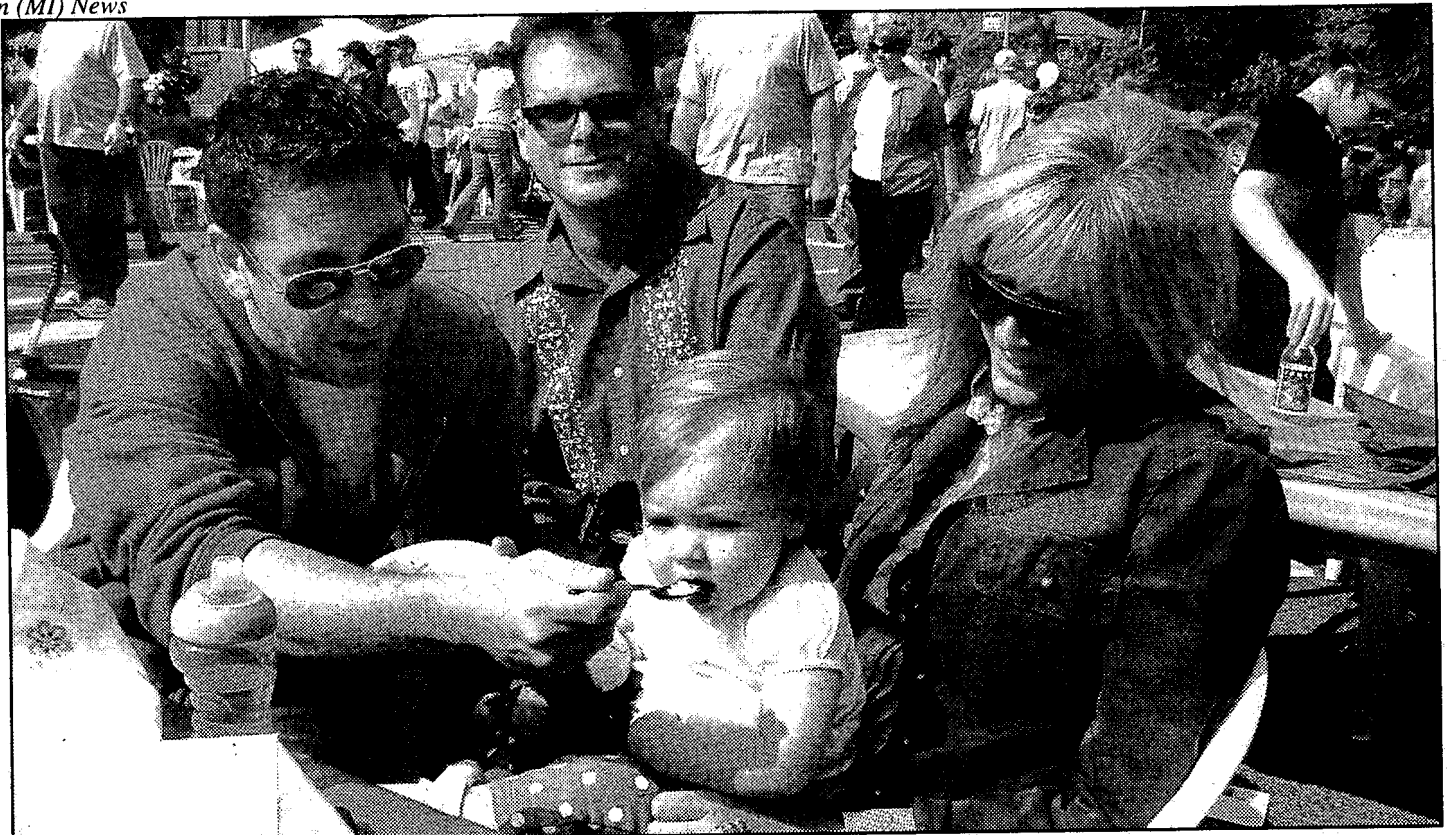
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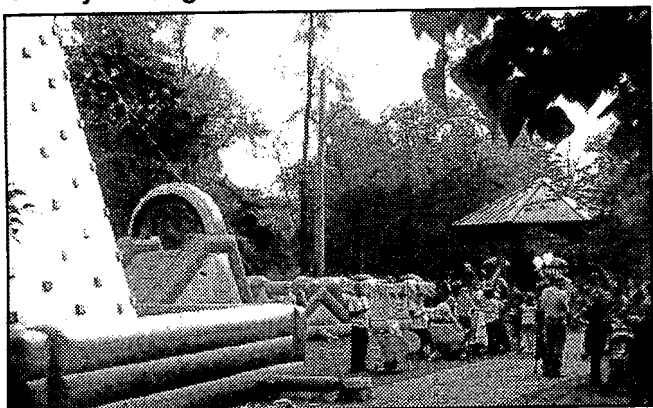
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Nisha Nair and Jessie Arsenault smile with a tasty plate of food, along with Maddy the dog.



Kevin Smith gives his daughter Emily Smith a sample, with the help of Lynn and Richard Rinke.



Visitors enjoy games in Depot Park.

## Taste'n good

Taste of Clarkston proved to be a success once again, as crowds gathered on Main Street between Waldon and Washington roads to fill their tummys with tasty foods and drinks from dozens of local vendors.

The day included not only food and drinks, but also a "Kids Zone" for youngsters to play, local merchants and community groups.

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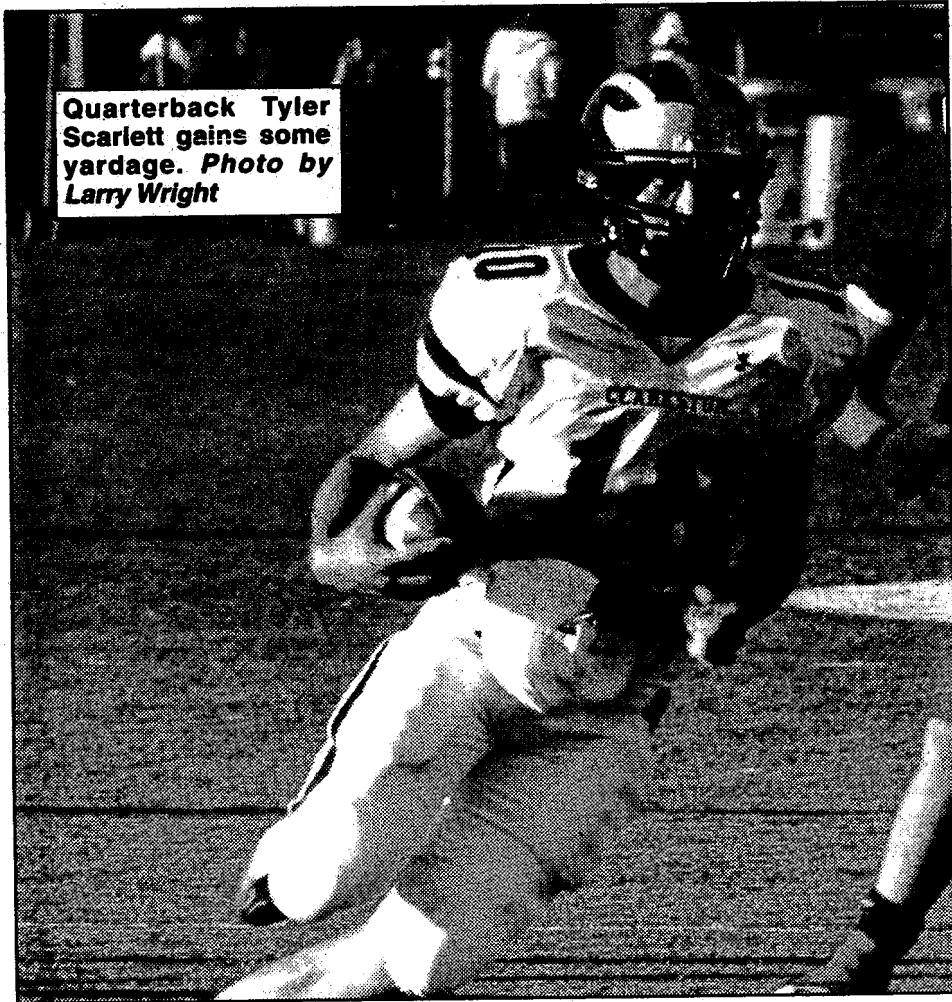
Nikki Childers serves customers at the Stir Crazy booth.



Ligia Langlois of Clarkston enjoys a snack with her children, Mia, left, Matthew and Michael.



# Five down, one to go for district playoff spot



Quarterback Tyler Scarlett gains some yardage. Photo by Larry Wright

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's gridiron gang left Southfield-Lathrup's field in good spirits on Friday.

They avenged last year's homecoming loss and by beating Lathrup, 38-14, while upping their overall record to 5-0 (4-0 in conference).

"It was probably our best game we've played so far," said Wolves Head Coach Kurt Richardson. "It was our most rounded game - we scored on defense, we scored on offense."

Running back Dakota Bender put Clarkston into the lead, scoring on a 13-yard run touchdown with less than six minutes into the first quarter.

Quarterback Tyler Scarlett added one more on a 1-yard run before the quarter closed.

"They were the ones to set the pace," said Richardson.

Lathrup scored at the beginning of the second quarter. The touchdown didn't discourage the Wolves and Scarlett scored on a 23-yard touchdown run with less than a minute to go in the first half.

Returning from their half-time break, Bender scored on a 83-yard kickoff return.

"Dakota's return touchdown opening the second half put the knife in their heart," said Richardson.

The final touchdown came from Derek Booker and Kicker Brian Benway scored a 22-yard field goal and was 5-5 in PATs. Scarlett ended with 107 yards rushing on 13 carries.

Richardson noted Wolves' defense pushed Lathrup from gaining yards - especially when

they were on their fourth down and only one yard to go.

"Defense was good," he said. "We only gave up 14 points."

Richardson noted a few times the boys stopped them and got the ball it turned into touchdowns for the Wolves.

Besides getting the good performances from both sides of the ball, Richardson said they were able to get all the boys time to play in the game.

"That was real nice," he said.

The gridiron gang takes on Royal Oak this week at home.

"It's nice to be home," said Richardson. "It seems like we have been on the road forever."

For the remainder of the regular season, the boys only have one away game and three are at home.

Another aspect of this week's game is Royal Oak hasn't won any of their five games.

"They aren't an outstanding football team. We have got to make sure there are no let downs," said Richardson. "We just want to continue to get better on running and passing and defensively. We just want to keep improving."

Another win will secure the Wolves spot in the MHSAA playoffs.

Kickoff on Friday is at 6:55 p.m.

"Our goal is to win every game and get better every week," said Richardson.

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JV beat Lathrup, 40-20, and the freshmen team won 35-6. Both games are away.



Pictured, back row, Coach Tom Hawkings, Coach Kim Wright, Erin VanBuskirk, Riana Leek, Emily Hawkins, Alex Wright, Darci Molina, Kacey McKay, Alex Seroka, Amber Olsen, Abbey Podbielski, Katie Chasins, Coach Gary Molina, Coach Karen Hillier, front row, left to right, Erica Bono, Lauren McEvelly, Missy Bemis, Danielle Bouchard, Lauren Blaszkowski, Mandy Petersen, Emily Pobuda, Brianna Traver, Lauren Ubbing, Taylor McEvelly. Not pictured Natalie Hansen. Photo provided

## Athlete of the Week

### Riders take on regionals

The Clarkston Equestrian Team secured the District Championship in Armada.

During the two day event, September 19-20, they competed against eight teams - Armada, Goodrich, Imlay City, Lake Orion, Lapeer West, Marion, Notre Dame Prep and Stoney Creek.

They competed in Showmanship, English riding, Western riding, Saddleseat

and Speed and ended with 463 points.

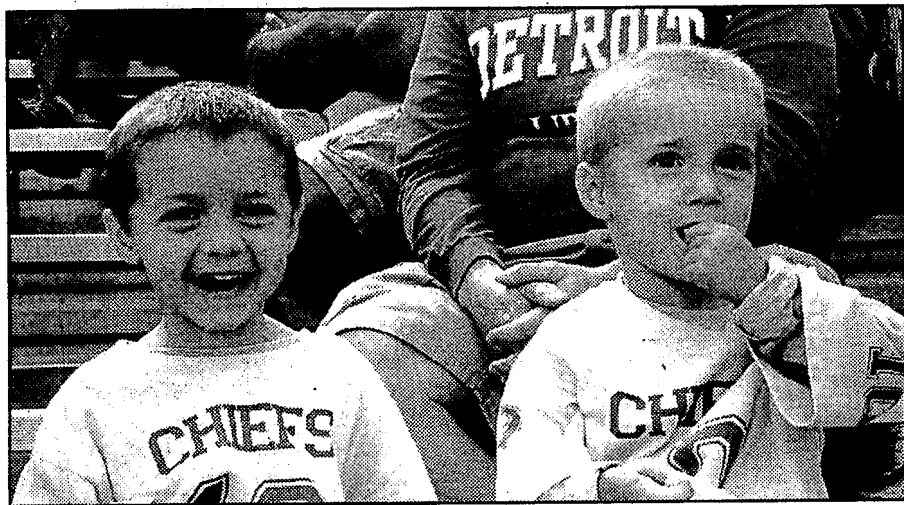
Imlay City took second with 393 and Lapeer West with 200.

"The girls were awesome," said Coach Jill Hawkins. "Every last one of them."

The girls travel to Shiawassee this weekend to compete in the regional meet. The meet will determine what teams continues on to the state meet, October 15-18.

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## Little Fans, Big Spirit

Ronnie and Eric Wade enjoy every moment of Clarkston Varsity football game, Sept. 11. The Wolves next home game is this Friday against Royal Oak. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Lady Wolves send more wins over the net

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers defeated two more league foes last week continuing on their season goal to win the OAA Red.

They faced Troy on September 22 and took them down in all three games, 25-21, 25-14, 25-9.

"We were at the top of our game," said Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall. "Troy is a pretty good team - we were just on our game."

Jenna Coates had 25 digs and five aces. Avenall noted many of the girls had kills during the night.

"Seven different girls got kills. It was spread out," she added, "which was good to see."

The girls won their game against Lahser last Thursday, 3-1 (26-24, 25-23, 20-25, 25-19), but Avenall saw the girls struggle and were down offensively.

"I told the girls the positive we can take out of it is that we can play poorly and still

win which is a sign of a good team," she said. "The negative is - there are plenty of teams that will just crush us if we play that slacked."

Stephanie Marani had seven blocks and Coates had 30 digs during the game.

The girls head into two non-league matches this week - facing Grand Blanc on Thursday and West Bloomfield next Tuesday.

"The non-league matches takes a little bit of pressure off of the girls," said Avenall. "They know one of our goals is to win the league. So they take those matches more aggressively."

The girls saw Grand Blanc during a tournament earlier in the year and know they are a team they have to prepare for.

Avenall is hoping she can get the girls a lot of playing time to get them ready for the upcoming league matches.

The girls overall record is 21-5-2 and 5-0 in OAA Red.

Both games are way this week, Grand Blanc is at 5 p.m., West Bloomfield at 7 p.m.

## Bowler takes fifth at nationals

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Bowler Nick Cooper can be found on the lanes practicing for his upcoming winter season, but he has a much bigger goal for next year - to win a national tournament.

During this past summer he won a local Teen Masters tournament in Lansing and qualified for the national tournament in Las Vegas.

As the tournament progressed he played for three days to place in the top 80 and in the top 32 - where he placed in 11 out of 250 bowlers. It was just the place he wanted to be because the top 32 advanced to the match play rounds.

"It was a lot of bowling," he said about the tournament. "It was tiring, but it was fun."

He moved on to the top 16 and top 8 rounds with family and friends cheering him on the entire time.

"It was unbelievable," his mom, Tami, remembered about the competition. "He just has that head-to-head competition. His focus was unbelievable. He just wanted to win this one."

He was defeated by Kyle King, a bowler from Arizona, and finished fifth in the nation.

"It was great," Nick said about the experience. "There were so many bowlers it made

me play a lot better - to stay calm and stay on my game."

During the tournament he had two lanes to bowl on - one was long and the other was short and he played with two different balls.

The top four played each other in a different atmosphere - a shopping mall with a short lane and Nick and Tami watched to see what it was like.

King confided in Nick after and said, "I thought I was going to throw the ball into the mall and a store front."

He averaged 220 for the entire tournament. He had high game during the whole tournament of 279.

Since Nick finished in the top 8, he is already qualified for the nationals next year in Reno and received scholarship money from the tournament.

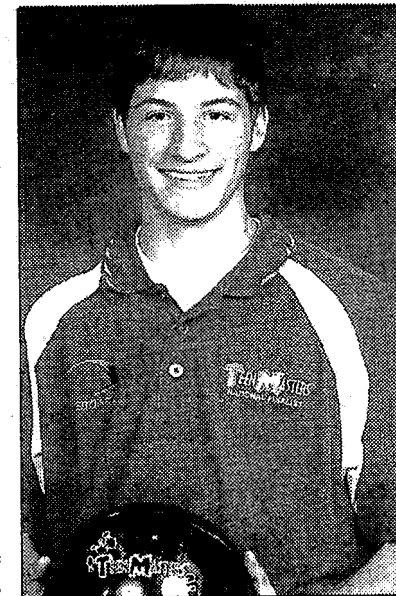
He participated in another national competition against high school and college bowlers. He

placed 347, out of over 2,000 bowlers.

"Out of 2,000 that was wonderful," said Tami.

He plays in tournaments during the weekend until the winter season begins and has already made goals for his junior year.

"I want to up my average - from 215 or higher," he said. "That's one of my main goals. I want to get the team into the top of the league."

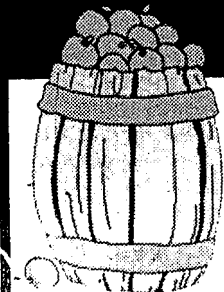


Nick Cooper

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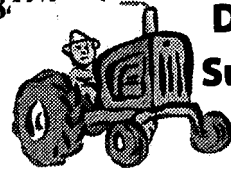
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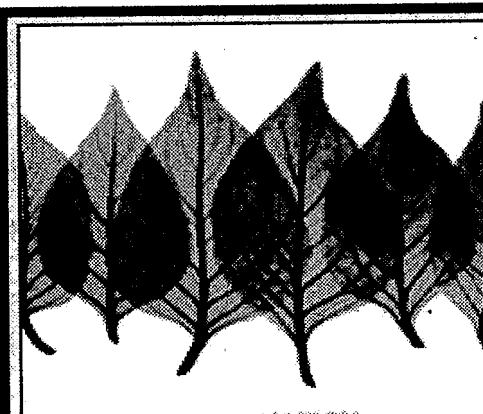


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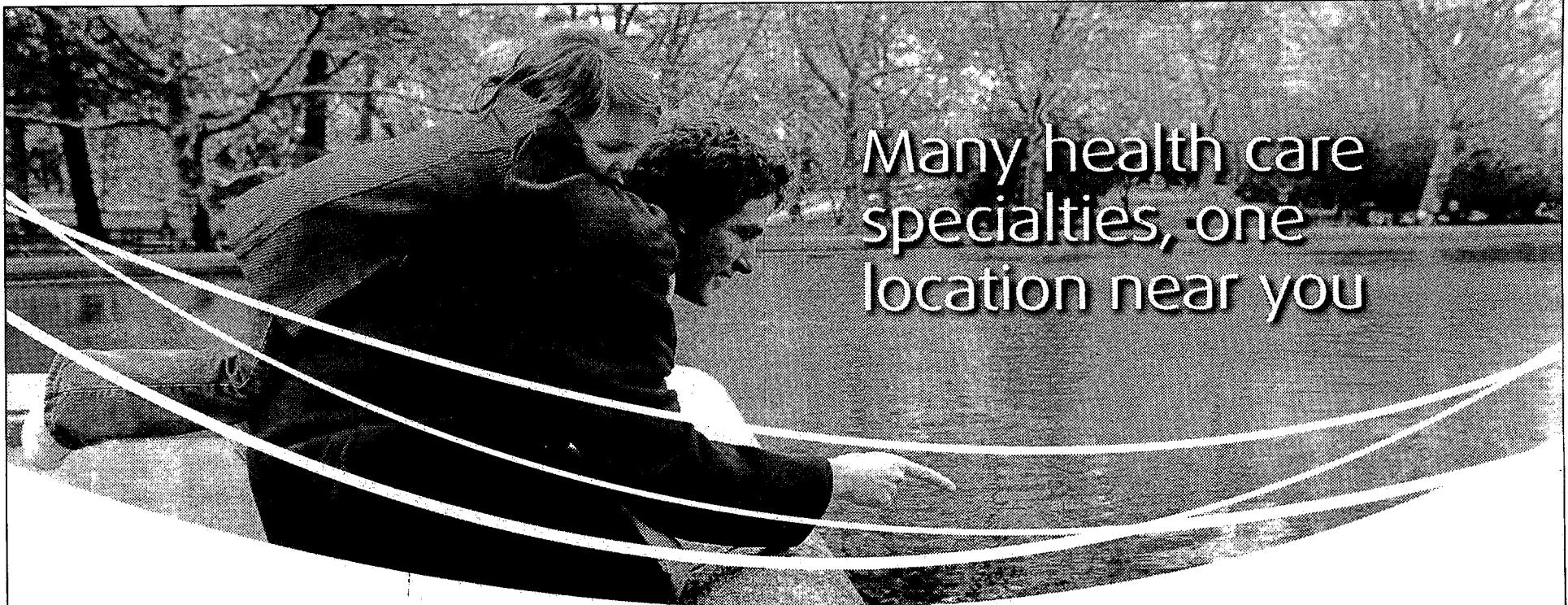
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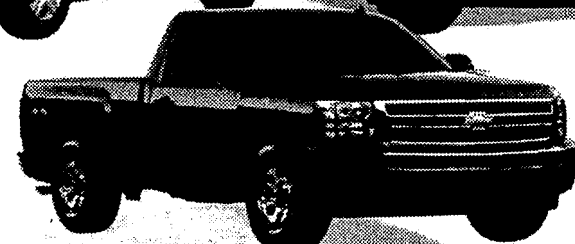
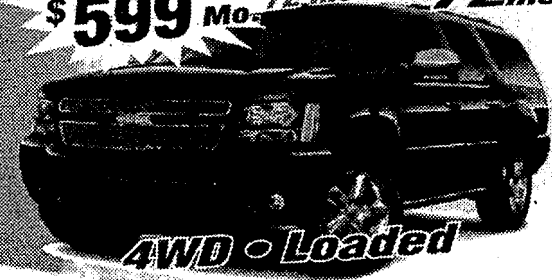
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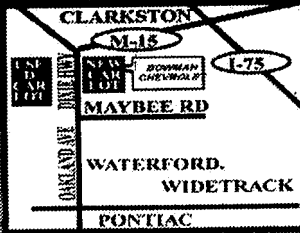


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# Favorite autumn activity?

"Riding my horses."  
- Jessica Bowser



"Going to the cider mill and Taste of Clarkston."  
- Quinn Angus



"Carving pumpkins."  
- Andrew Ross



"Going to the cider mill."  
- Micah Angus



By Wendi Reardon

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Andrea Tanner catches a big fish during a day of fishing. Photos submitted

## Not a typical beauty queen

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Andrea Tanner was surprised when she found out her mom's friend submitted her to compete in the 2010 Miss Michigan Teen USA competition in Port Huron last weekend, but she was even more shocked when she made the top 15.

"I thought I would just give it a try and it would be really fun," she said. "I thought I would be a good role model, but this being my first pageant I didn't think I really had a chance, so I was really happy when I made the top 15 out of almost 50 girls."

Tanner said she had no idea what to expect, because she never watched any pageants growing up.

"I never really knew anything about them. A

lot of those girls there grew up doing this," she said. "Their moms put them in pageants when they were little. Some of them have been in eight to nine pageants. I don't know how people afford them either because they're expensive"

She said her favorite part of the weekend was the food and meeting all the girls.

"I love meeting new people," Tanner said. "Everyone seemed like they got along, there was no clicks, we all grew together and became really close over those two days."

Though it was "nerve-racking" she even noted she loved being on stage as well and when asked what magazine cover she would like to be on, she said "Outdoor World."

She has a love for swimming, four wheeling, fishing (both regular and ice), snow boarding, hunting and archery, However she wouldn't

consider herself a "tomboy" because her favorite color is pink. She has a pink bow, fishing pole and even her camouflage for hunting is pink.

"I do all that stuff with dad and with mom we get dressed up and go shopping," Tanner said. "I love my family we all get along really well."

She said they all have different personalities. "Mom is great at cooking, dad is great at everything, my older brother Jimmy is the funny one, and my oldest brother Justin is the one who disciplines me more than my parents do, except he punches me and stuff," she said jokingly. "We live everyday like it's the last day," which is also here life motto:

Tanner is a sophomore at Clarkston High School, where she is currently on the JV

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**Financial Workshop**, 1 p.m., Oct. 7. Estate Planning by Cooley Law School and Lakeshore Legal Aid. Reverse Mortgages by Oakland Co. housing counselor. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-625-8231.

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**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.

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**Diabetes Review**, with American Diabetes Association, 6 p.m., Oct. 13, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 888-745-4101 or 248-625-8231.

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**Mardi Gras-themed fundraiser dinner**, benefiting Adam Wheatcroft Memorial Scholarship Fund, 5:30 p.m., Oct. 17, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. Bake sale, silent auction, 50/50 drawings, door prizes. \$15. Call Rob and Lynnette Wheatcroft, 248-628-6390; Nancy Larrow, 734-426-8844, or Susan Welker, 248-505-7449.

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**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.

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

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

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

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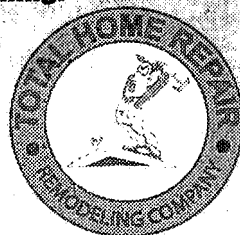
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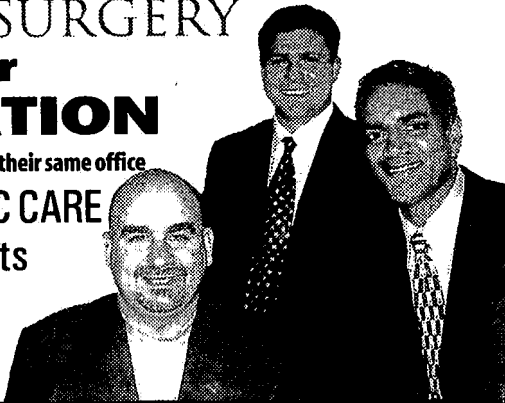
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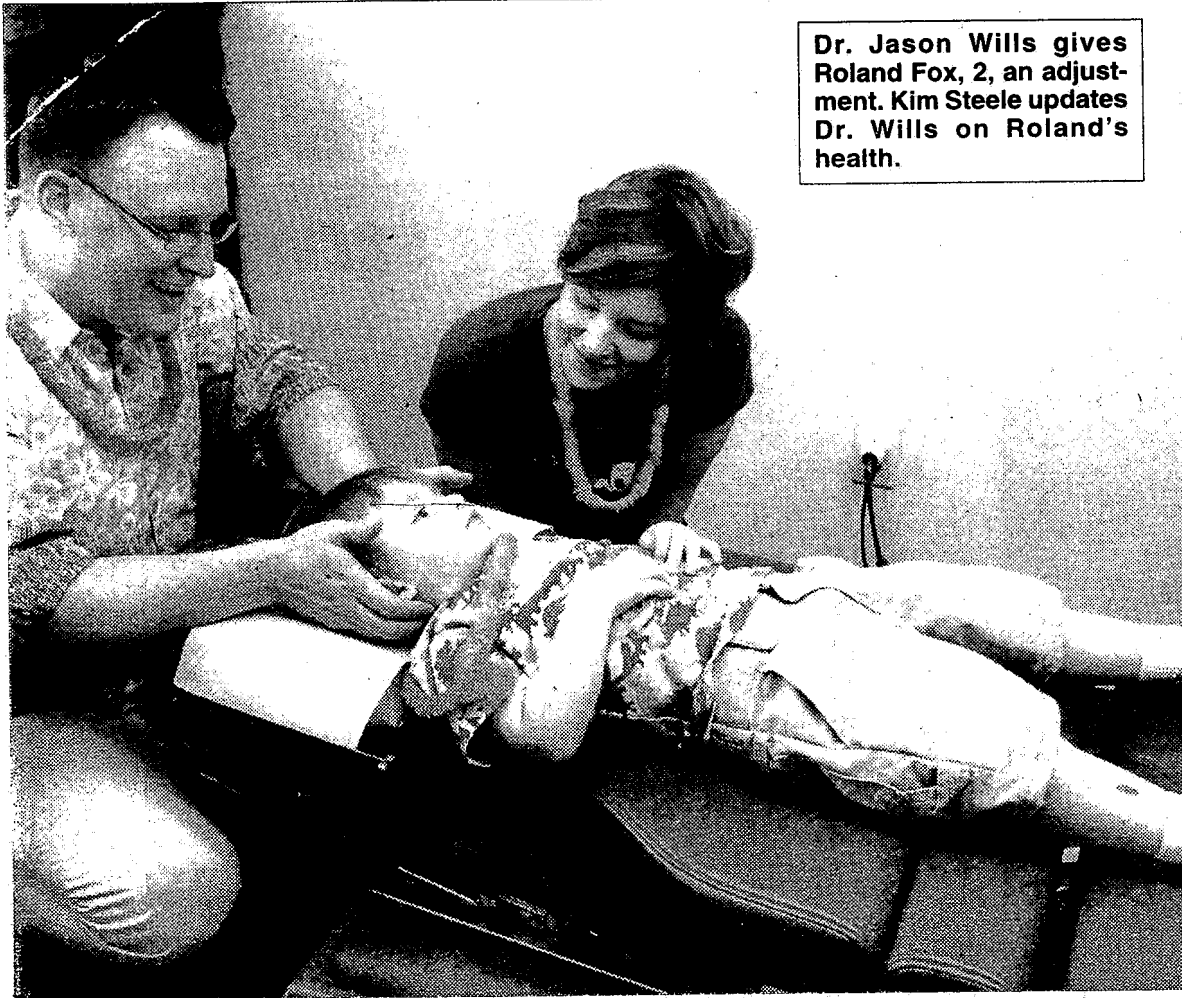
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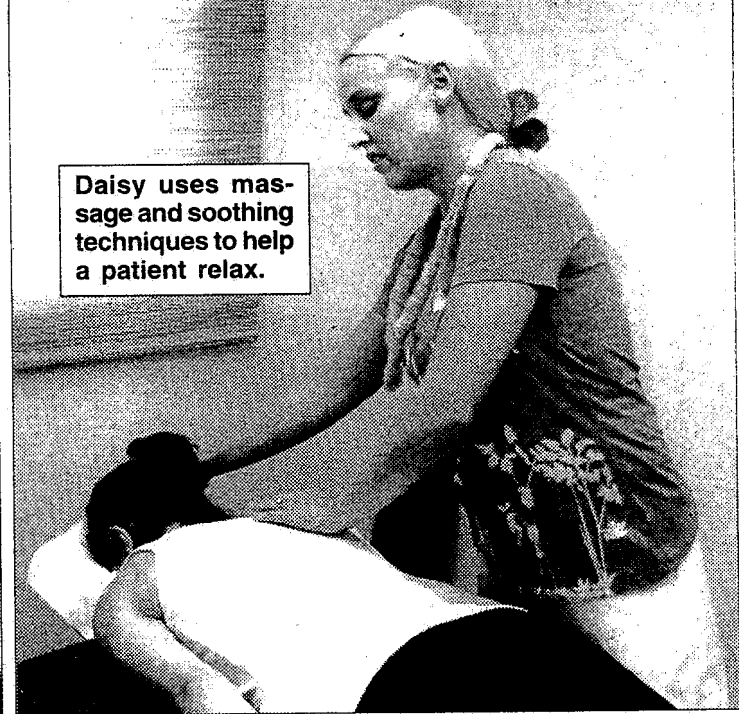
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## Luau for Lighthouse

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event for exchange of a donation for Lighthouse of Oakland County. Dr. Heather Wills said they were happy with the response they received and plan to hold a food and toy drive twice a year.

## Pageant queen hopes to go into education

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dance team. She began dancing at the age of nine. When not at dance practice or performing for football games, Tanner is working for Frosty Boy and volunteering at "Calling All Angels," a non-profit organization to help raise money for children who are homeless between the age of 18 and 22.

"Though she still has time to think about her future, she said she would like to work with kids, perhaps special education and maybe helping out in the family business "Tanner Building and Remodeling."

As far as beauty pageants go, Tanner said "every girl should have a chance to do it."

It was a really amazing experience because I learned so much from it," she said.

"The girl who won (Catherine McGhee, Miss Ortonville) I was best friends with her. Her personality was amazing. Out of everyone there she was the person who absolutely deserved the crown."



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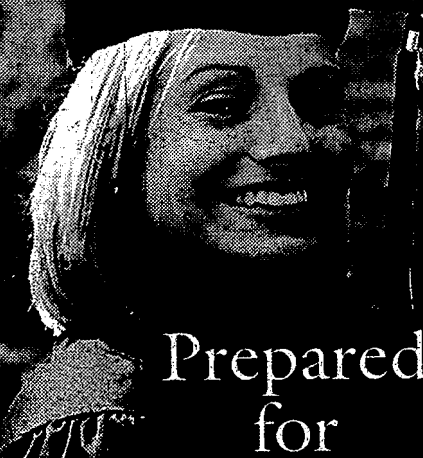
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Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded,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

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# Milestones

## In our country's service...

Air Force Airman Jennifer L. Reinhardt graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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

She is the daughter of Theresa Catalano-Reinhardt of Clarkston, and the daughter-in-law of Shirly Daily of Davison, Mich. Reinhardt is a 2009 graduate of Clarkston High School.



Reinhardt

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Navy Seaman David L. Vanderbeek, son of Blythe A. Moran of Bloomfield and Michael Vanderbeek of Clarkston, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. with honors.

During the eight-week program, Vanderbeek completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Vanderbeek is a 2003 graduate of Eton Academy of Birmingham, Mich. He is a 2008 graduate of Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

## Business achievements



Wittebort

Timothy M. Wittebort of Independence Township, attorney with Howard and Howard law firm, was recently named a Michigan Super Lawyer and Michigan Rising Star 2009.

Fifteen Howard and Howard attorneys were selected through a survey by Law and Politics Media. Five percent of Michigan attorneys were named to the Super Lawyers list, 2.5 percent to Rising Stars.

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Dr. Erica Harding of Clarkston joined Clarkston Medical Group as a fulltime physician, primary care and urgent care.

She graduated from Michigan State University Medical School in 2005 and completed her residency at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, in internal medicine and pediatrics.

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Genysis Credit Union, based in Auburn Hills with a branch in Independence Township, was recognized nationally last week at the Community Action Partnership Annual Convention in Philadelphia, Penn.

Genysis received the Corporate Partnership Excellence Award for outstanding efforts in helping low-income people in metro Detroit, and for the dedicated support of Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, OLHSA.



From left, Don Mathis presents a national award to Genysis CEO Dianne Addington and Linda Zabik, assistant manager for PR. Photo provided

"Genysis Credit Union's dedication to OLHSA and to helping the low-income community is invaluable and irreplaceable," said Ron Borngesser, CEO of OLHSA. "The effort and support of Genysis Credit Union allows OLHSA to enhance the quality and reach of our greatly needed services, and for that we could not thank them enough."

"Genysis Credit Union believes in the value of helping people, and in teaching people to help themselves," said Genysis CEO Dianne Addington. "We are honored to receive this award and intend to continue working to provide opportunity and hope to those who need it most."

**Got a Milestone to share?**

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



# Religion

## Open mind to God's word, not our inner desires

The book of Judges in the Old Testament of the Bible tells of a time when there was no ruling king in the country of Israel.

Central authority had disappeared and the social structure of the country had become fragmented.

During this time the Bible says, "and everyone did what was right in their own eyes." When you read through these times there are some horrific stories of unusual and strange behavior.

One person went so far as to make a vow to the Lord that in the end compelled him to offer his daughter as a human sacrifice to God. Anyone who knows the God of the Bible knows that He would never want us to make such a vow that would lead us to this event nor would He hold us accountable if we made such a foolish vow.

But this person, without the compelling force of government in the country or the religious community, fulfilled his vow before the Lord. What a sad story this is! It is not just the

fact that someone would kill their own child in this manner but that they would think God was smiling on them.

It reminds me of the terrorists of our day who have brought such evil destruction upon people and think they are buying their way to heaven. When they wake up they will certainly have a big surprise waiting for them!

A more subtle outcome and just as deadly is the general attitude of lawlessness in our contemporary society. My generation, the baby boomer generation as it is known, has demanded the world accept us on our own terms.

During the turbulent 60s the seeds were sown for a society where we would have an I'm-okay-you're okay-attitude and nothing is really wrong if it is not seen as wrong in your eyes.

Any institution, government or religious, that would deny this acceptance would be considered bad or even evil. In some cases there were certainly injustices in the system that promoted this struggle but in the end there were no defined limits to our quest for freedom.

We have literally come to a time once again where everyone is doing right as in their own eyes and we are vilified if we dare raise up a flag of caution. There was a time when the restraint of our actions from outside forces was considered a good thing because it gave us the caution to make wise decisions from a broader perspective. These days are passing away.

It is interesting that in a time when education and knowledge is increasing we are also demanding that choices are not questioned in the light of a greater knowledge behind the individual. As Christians it is imperative that we allow ourselves to view things from multiple influences. These

include civil government, church government and most importantly the word of God. By many in popular culture this would appear to be a narrow view of the world but in reality it is actually the broad view because it extends itself beyond our personal realm of knowledge and experience. As a Christian guided by these outside forces I have found my life enriched, not robbed.

Over the long run it has brought me freedom, not bondage. Be careful of the so-called broad path of societal acceptance that in the end will only be a narrow path leading to great trouble. I dare say we have only begun to pay the price for our narrow way.

We need to open our minds and hearts to receive the blessing of guidance. The Bible is so true when it says, "Where there is no counsel the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 14:11.

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

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

### In our churches...

**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.

**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.

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

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

**Bethany North**, peer support to *In Our Churches*, page 9B



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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8585 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
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11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
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New  
Listing



Golf  
Frontage

3,435 splendid sq. ft. encircled by a 1-acre outdoor oasis. 4 bedrooms 2 full/2 half baths, top-notch kitchen, garage w/5-car capacity and a finished daylight basement. **\$500,000 61-ENG**

New  
Listing



All Sports  
Lakefront

Seven picturesque acres surround this charismatic Cape Cod w/ wrap around porch, 3 bedrooms, 2 full/1 half baths, granite kitchen, finished walkout and a 30x40 pole barn. **\$295,000 93-CRE**

Open  
Sun 2-4



Lakefront

4368 Coastal Pkwy., White Lake. Clean lines, soaring ceiling lights, hrdwd flrs, and a neutral color palette beautify all 2,750 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, granite kitchen, walkout w/daylight windows leads to lake. **\$327,900 43-COA**

New  
Listing



3.7  
Acres

Radiantly remodeled ranch perched upon 3.7 verdant acres w/ lake and creek frontage. Open concept floor plan w/3 bedrooms and 3 full baths. 23x27 horse barn w/pasture. **\$269,900 38-HUM**

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New  
Price

6275 Englewood, Clarkston. A storybook setting w/ Shepherd's Hollow golf course frontage encircles this 2,400 sq. ft. Cape Cod w/4 bedrooms, 2 full / 1/ half baths, dazzling granite kitchen and a finished walkout. **\$239,9-00 62-ENG**

New  
Listing



A New England facade w/a circular drive holds nearly 2,800 sq. ft. w/4 bedrooms, 2 full/1 half baths, vaulted great room, formal dining room, cozy study, finished walkout and a 3-car garage. **\$245,000 85-SHO**

New  
Listing



Wondrous Cape Cod w/soarin ceilings, hardwood floors, cherry kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, dining w/doorwall to deck and an unfinished walkout. Facing pond and golf course. **\$209,900 10-CRO**

New  
Listing



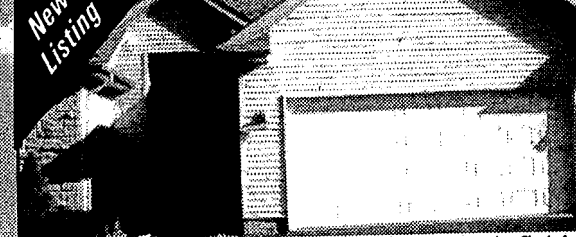
Stately 2,500 sq. ft. colonial w/an eat-in maple kitchen, formal dining room, great room w/fireplace, vaulted master suite + 3 additional bedrooms and a daylight basement. **\$150,000 96-RIV**

New  
Listing



1,716 sq. ft. raised ranch w/3 bedrooms, 2 full/1 half baths, island kitchen w/appliances, and adorned w/fresh paint & vaulted ceilings t/o. Idyllic sub location w/private backyard. **\$127,000 15-WES**

New  
Listing



Distinctive 3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch condo w/a finished walkout = 2,500+ sq. ft. Great room w/tray ceiling and fireplace, kitchen w/custom cabinets and deck w/pergola. **\$115,000 10-HAW**

New  
Price



Ranch  
Condo

Dashing end-unit condo nestled amid nature. Brazilian hardwood floors, kitchen w/all appliances included, first floor laundry, attached garage, and a full basement. **\$59,900 18-STR**



## Helping retirement accounts recover after market turn

It's been one year since the American economy took a turn for the worse. Ever since, area residents have been experiencing financial difficulties, especially with retirement saving.

The following are common concerns retirement savers have today as well as tips on how to resolve these worries to get back on track toward your retirement savings goals.

### Concern #1 – Recouping Losses

Retirement accounts are down, but that's not a reason to give up on your retirement goals. There are ways to turn your losses around and still retire on time.

Changing your strategy to keep up with the changing market is one way to begin to recoup losses. We've experienced some major shifts in our economy this last year. Be sure your portfolio has shifted to reflect. However, be sure to keep your time until retirement and risk tolerance in mind. If you don't have a lot of time left to retirement, consider investments that offer low risk growth such as CDs, fixed annuities and municipal bonds.

### Concern #2 – Outliving Savings

Unfortunately all too often boomers and retirees find their retirement accounts come up short and they are forced to postpone or delay retirement.

You need to know how much you are going to require in retirement to prevent outliving your savings. First determine how long you'll be retired. To do this, take the age at which you plan to retire and then estimate your life expectancy. To get this figure you can use a life expectancy calculator that takes into account your health history, family health history and/or lifestyle habits.

Once you know how many years you'll be retired, estimate what you'll need each year while in retirement. Typically, you need 70 percent of your yearly income, plus 3 percent for infla-

tion each year. This is a base estimate that will give you a rough guess as to how much you'll need to have saved to live comfortably in retirement.

You also need to know where your monthly retirement income will come from and keep track of all possible sources of income. Common retirement income sources include Social Security, pensions and retirement savings accounts.

### Retirement resource



A column by David Boike

going up in the future, consider a Roth IRA. A Roth IRA offers tax-free growth on the principal, no taxes or fees upon withdrawal (taxes are paid at the time of contribution) and there is not a set age that you must begin withdrawing money. Income restrictions for Roth conversions are being lifted in 2010 so anyone can switch to a Roth IRA.

Take hold of your financial future by making subtle changes today!

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



## Tailgator this Friday

Brose Electric and The Print Shop of Independence Township host their annual Wolverine/Spartan Tailgator, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2.

Visitors can enjoy free hot dogs and snacks, listen to fight songs, and cheer their favorite team at the tent event, between their businesses, 5911 and 5897 Dixie Highway

The Print Shop offers special discounts to fans wearing MSU green and white, while Brose Electric has specials for those in UM blue and gold. The shops charge extra to those wearing the opposite colors, however.

Both will donate \$1 to Clarkston Junior Optimist Club for each person visiting.

But it doesn't have to be far from home.

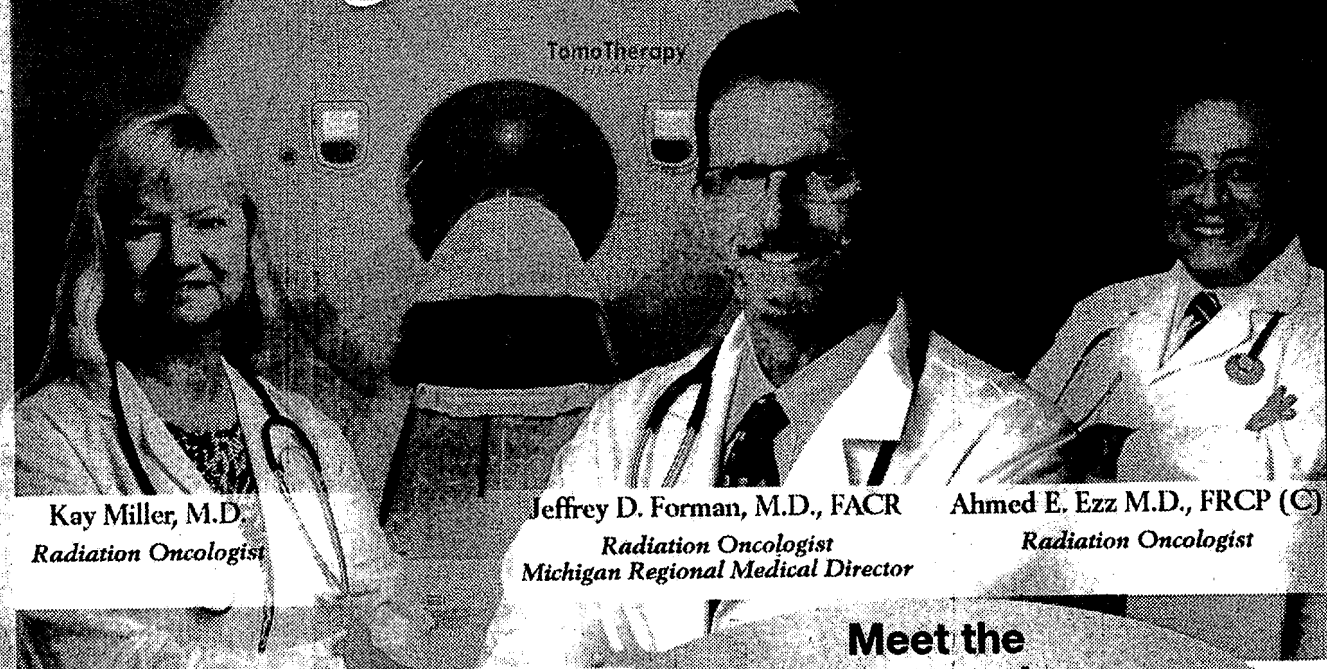
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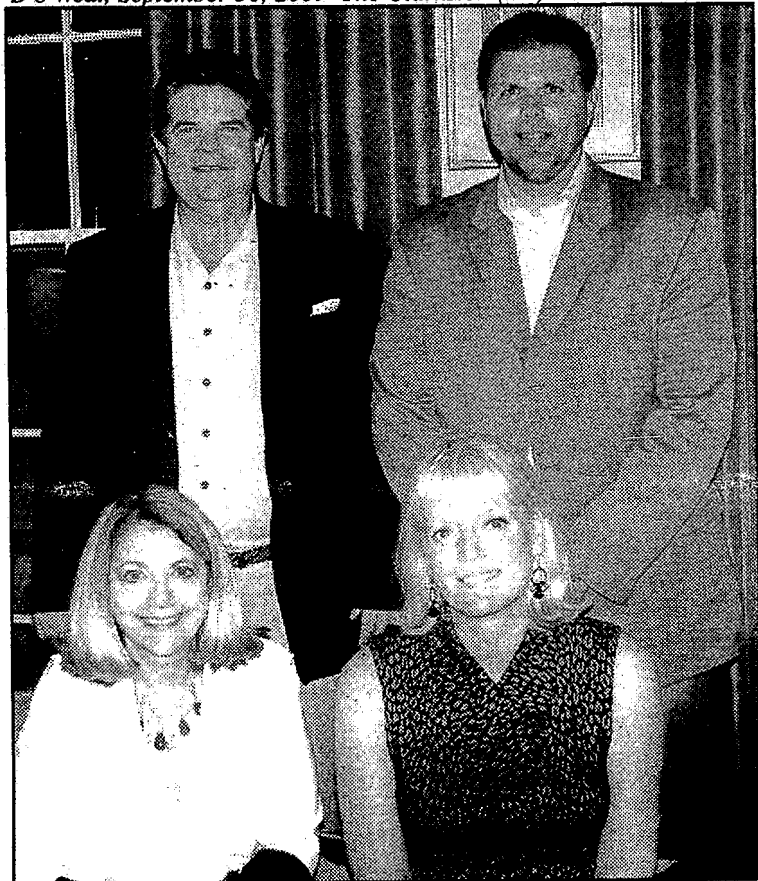
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From left, former homeowners Jeff and Kathy Lynn with new homeowners Joe and Melissa Luginski.



Maryann Scofield and Louise Hall talk to Robin Amprim about the baby room.

## Extreme Design make over: SCAMP style

Food, drinks, and lots of laughter was the atmosphere at 71 N. Main Street Friday night.

Many SCAMP supporters came out for the grand opening for the first annual Clarkston Designer Showcase House Tour, which featured 13 interior designers, who transformed 14 rooms and two porches.

The Showcase house is a benefit not only to help send more children to SCAMP, but a way for local designers to show off their skills.

The house is open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on weekends, 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.

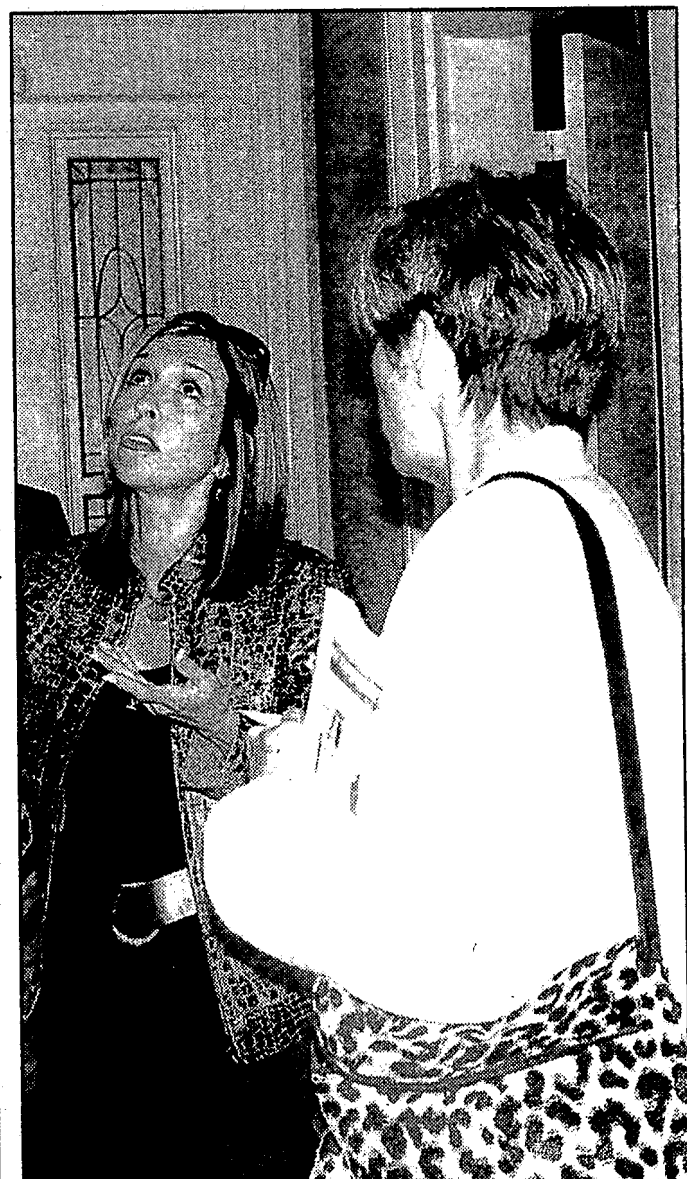
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Robin and Cory Johnston talk with Kristy Ottman.



Sam Monk and Jennifer Crabtree are ready for some pasta.



Designer Donnah Milefchik shows Sue Welker the work she did in the hallway.

## Local artist exhibits 'Wall of Faces'

Artist Donella Reese Vogel of Independence Township presents "A Wall of Faces," an array of 32 paintings assembled in a 5x8 foot presentation, Oct. 2-24 at Arnold Klein Gallery, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak.

"Three years ago I decided to make a portrait of my dealer, Arnold Klein, in the tradition of artists painting those who have supported their career," Vogel said. "The 14x11 inch canvas is a perfect proportion for a head and almost shoulder, just enough room to show the tie which Arnold is famous for wearing even while gardening."

Her idea then developed of a series of portraits of people important in her life, family, friends, neighbors, classmates, and colleagues, she said.

"I would ask each person to look at me. I did not select apparel or glasses or hats or jewelry. The color surrounding each subject is cued from his or her clothing," she said.

"Each portrait is my view of how each person 'faces' or presents himself to the world. At first I envisioned a chronological row of portraits, but eventually I began to see the individual portraits as compositional ele-

## In our churches

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Vogel

ments, the faces and colors part of an assembled presentation, a wall of faces, a quilt of relationships and a portrait of the people I know, the people of my time."

The exhibit opens Friday, Oct. 2, 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 248-647-7709 or check [arnoldkleingallery.com](http://arnoldkleingallery.com) or [donellareesevogel.com](http://donellareesevogel.com).



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# Around Town

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a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

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**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. Emotional 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.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**Line dancing,** Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Salsa, Cha-Cha Rock and Roll rhythms. \$3. 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

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**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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: October 6, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Independence Township Hall  
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI, 48346

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Forum - Individuals in the audience will have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the Agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
6. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2009 and September 1, 2009, and Special Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2009
- b. Accounts Payable Check Run
- c. 2009 Annual Permit for MDOT

**Public Hearing - Reprogramming of CDBG Funds**

- Unfinished Business:**
1. Water/Sewer Rate Study
  2. Sewer Back Up Liability - Payment Release
  3. Discussion regarding DesRosier billings

- New Business:**
1. Bid award for Clintonville Road Safety Path
  2. Annual Spring Clean Up
  3. Reprogramming of CDBG Funds
  4. Permission to participate in 2009 Municipal Credit Program with SMART
  5. Approval of new liquor license for James Mellema at Gateway Square Park
  6. Appointments to Planning Commission
  7. Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals
  8. Car Allowance Matter
  9. Report on the Safety Path millage
- Statements and Correspondence

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

The Charter Township of Independence will provide 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 Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

# Obituary

## Louis E. Schiete, 79

Louis E. Schiete, "Lou," of Clarkston passed away Sept. 22, 2009, at age 79.

He was the loving husband of Theresa "Teri" for 53 years; beloved father of Doug Schiete; dear brother of Richard (Margaret) Schiete of Livonia; brother-in-law of Mary (Gene) Brady of Boston and Urban MacDonald of P.E.I. Canada; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Rosary Service was Sept. 25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was Sept. 26 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Catherine Buhl, 69

Catherine "Babe" Buhl of Clarkston, formerly Philadelphia, passed away, Sept. 25, 2009, at age 69.

She was the wife of Gilbert; mother of Donna (Thomas) King of Pontiac, Gilbert (Jennifer) Buhl, Jr., of Lapeer, and Rebecca (Mike) Hetchler of Oxford; "Nanny" of Scott (Jennifer) Buhl, Allen (Misty) King, Melissa Buhl, Molly Buhl, Gilbert Buhl III, Adam and Tanner Hetchler, Angie (Matt) Howe, Michael Hetchler, Myra (Jim) Hudson, and Kendra King; also survived by 21 great grandchildren; and sister of Augustine (the late Liz) Daly of Pennsylvania, Margaret (John) German of Pennsylvania, and the late Barry Daly.

Mrs. Buhl enjoyed gardening and will be missed by many family and friends.

Funeral Service was Sept. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Robert G. Pence, 87

Robert G. Pence of Pontiac passed away, Sept. 25, 2009, at age 87.

He was the husband of Esther Pauline; father of Vera (Robert) Jensen, Bobby (Paula) Pence and Sharon (Dennis) Kachinski; also survived by several grandchildren and many great grandchildren; and brother of Christine Welch, Leo Pence, Kenneth Pence, and Dormalee Baker.

Mr. Pence served in the U.S. Army during WWII and retired from General Motors Truck and Bus, UAW local 594.

Funeral service, Thursday, Oct. 1, 12:30 p.m., Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Social Brethren Church.

Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Donna L. Masse, 79

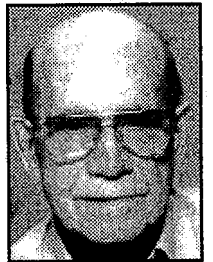
Donna L. Masse of Waterford, formerly of Farwell, passed away, Sept. 26, 2009, at age 79.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl J.; loving mother of Patricia (Tom) Petz; grandmother of Shannon (Tom) Susalla and Scott (Grace Gursel) Petz; sister of Jacqueline Livingston; also survived by many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Donna and her husband formerly owned and operated Red's Oakridge Party Store, Farwell.

Rosary service was Sept. 28 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Sept. 29, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Clare. Interment St. Cecilia Cemetery, Clare. Memorials may be made to St. Cecilia Catholic Church.

Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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### Bereavement support group to start

Bridges Bereavement Program, four-week Teen Grief Support Group, meets 12:20-2 p.m., Sundays, Oct. 18 and 25, and Nov. 1 and 8, at North Oakland Family Counseling Center, 6886 Dixie Highway.

Information and consent forms for parents and guardians about the group, presented by Coats Funeral Home, will be at the Oct. 18 meeting. Refreshments will be served. Register by Oct. 15.

For more information, call Alicia Brown, certified grief counselor, at 248-623-7232.



Grant Mathews selects a yummy treat after winning the cake walk.

## Having fun at Bailey Lake

Students filled Bailey Lake Elementary on Saturday afternoon - yes, during the weekend!

It was the School Fair and Bulldogs of all ages and sizes had lots to do - playing games, dunking

staff members, face-painting, buying books, and of course - eating delicious food.

For more photos from the fair - click on the Blue Button located at [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com).

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Grace Nolan has her target in her sights at the dunk tank.



Grrrrrowl...Joel Girschner and Nicky Pauly feel the Tiger fever with their freshly painted faces.



Hannah Wright, Haley McLaren and Holly Grow go for the big fish, but only the guppies are attracted to the magnet fishing pole.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE NO. 15-A, UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2009, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted an amendment to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 15-A, which is set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of the Notice of Adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE ORDINANCE FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Ordinance No. 15-A, the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance of the Township of Springfield is hereby amended in its entirety, adopting by reference the Uniform Traffic Code, which purpose is to regulate traffic safety; the Michigan Vehicle Code, which purpose is to cope with the problems of motor vehicle registration, licensing, and traffic safety; Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act, which purpose is to cope with the problems of snowmobile registrations, licensing, and traffic safety; and the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act, which purpose is to cope with the problems of motor carrier vehicles registrations, licensing and traffic safety.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS:

### ARTICLE I - ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE

#### Section 1 - Code Adopted

The Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages as promulgated by the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328 and made effective October 30, 2002, and all future amendments and revisions to the Uniform Traffic Code when they are promulgated and effective in this state are incorporated by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### Section 2 - References in Code

References in the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages to a "governmental unit" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

#### Section 3 - Notice

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages and the fact that a complete copy of the Code is available to the public at the Office of the Clerk for inspection.

#### Section 4 - Penalties

The penalties provided by the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages are adopted by reference.

### ARTICLE II - ADOPTION OF MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE

#### Section 1 - Code Adopted

The Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, as amended, and all future amendments and revisions to the Michigan Vehicle Code when they are promulgated and effective in this State are incorporated by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### Section 2 - References in Code

References in the Michigan Vehicle Code to "local authorities" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

#### Section 3 - Notice

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the fact that a complete copy of the Code is available to the public at the Office of the Clerk for inspection.

#### Section 4 - Penalties

The penalties provided by the Michigan Vehicle Code are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the Township may not enforce any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

### ARTICLE III - ADOPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, CHAPTER 324, PART 821. SNOWMOBILES

#### Section 1 - Act Adopted

Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.82101 to 324.82160, as amended, and all future amendments and revisions to Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act when they are promulgated and effective in this State are incorporated by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### Section 2 - References in Act

References in Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural

Resource Environmental Protection Act to "local unit of government" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

#### Section 3 - Notice

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act. A complete copy of Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Act is available to the public at the Office of the Clerk for inspection.

#### Section 4 - Penalties

The penalties provided by Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the Township may not enforce any provision of Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Act for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

### ARTICLE IV - ADOPTION OF MICHIGAN MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT

#### Section 1 - Act Adopted

The Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act, 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.25, as amended, and all future amendments and revisions to Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act when they are promulgated and effective in this state are incorporated by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### Section 2 - References in Act

References in the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act to "local authorities" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

#### Section 3 - Notice

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act and the fact that a complete copy of the Act is available to the public at the Office of the Clerk for inspection.

#### Section 4 - Penalties

The penalties provided by the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the Township may not enforce any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

### ARTICLE V - 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.

### ARTICLE VI - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect, including but not limited to Ordinance No. 79 - Motor Carrier Safety Ordinance.

### ARTICLE VII - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Article VI of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

### ARTICLE VIII - 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.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Ordinance No. 15-A, Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 10th day of September, 2009. A copy of the entire Ordinance No. 15-A may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone need a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

Laura Moreau, Clerk

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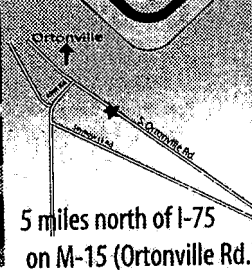
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40/20/40 bench seat, remote start

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LX



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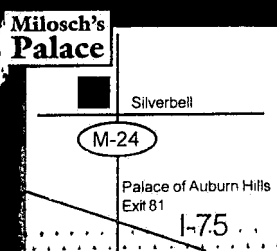
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