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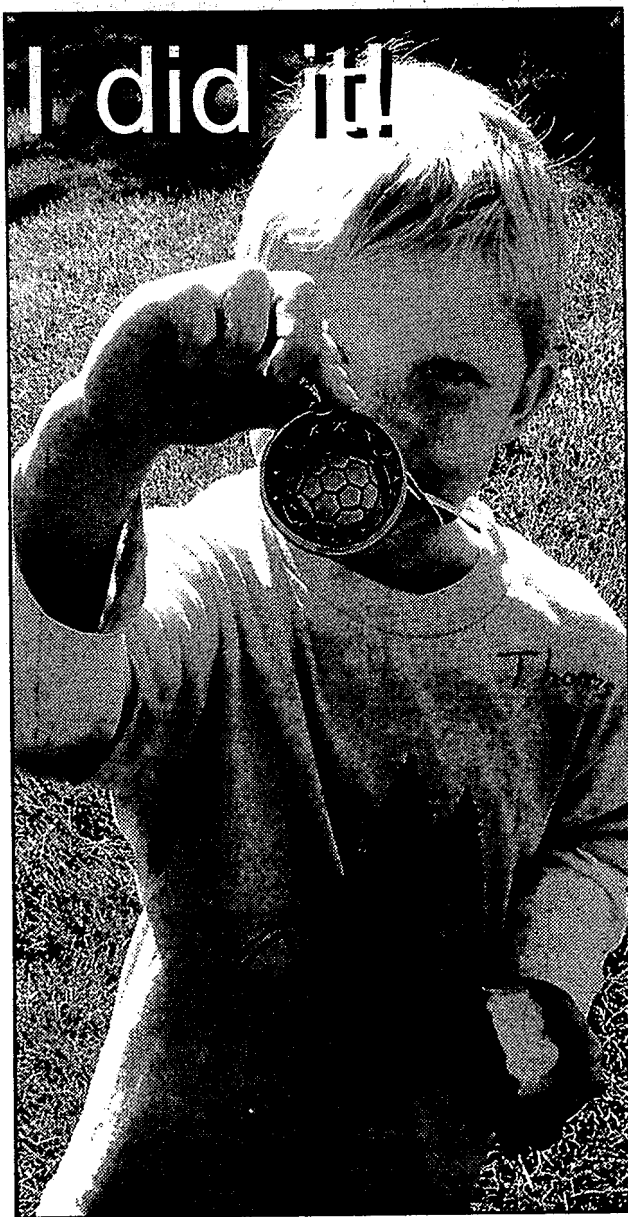
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Local ghosts, goblins go all out to scare their neighbors, please see page 1B

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Thomas Rustadt proudly shows off his medal he received while playing soccer this fall for Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Photo by Wendi Reardon

All hands on deck

School officials meet in emergency session to work out \$1.3 million in state cuts

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Facing \$1.3 million in state cuts, administration and school board met Tuesday morning to figure out what to do.

They'll start by looking at the budget and expenditures line by line, said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

"We are going to continue to thrive during the difficult economy," Roberts said. "We have to see if we can

squeeze anymore without hurting the system."

School districts across the state received the disappointing news last Thursday. State legislators approved the school budget and plan cut \$165 per student.

Roberts called legislators and wrote them some of his thoughts.

"I know our legislatures are in a tough position with this deficit, but to cut us a couple months into the year really is a unconsciousable in my viewpoint," he wrote. "It puts schools into the position of looking reactive instead of proactive."

Initially the state wanted to cut \$218 per student but reconsidered. But it still leaves Clarkston \$1.3 million cut from their general fund, \$82.4 million.

Clarkston schools will work around it the best they can, Roberts said.

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'We just want some accountability'

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Henry Woloson, said he was "very gratified" when more than 50 people filled his office Thursday night to talk about recalling Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner.

"We had not gotten a lot of indication as to how many people were going to come, so we couldn't adequately prepare," he said. "But we've already started making arrangements for a much larger facility for the next meeting."

Woloson, along with Mike Powell and Joel DeLong, split the group into three rooms due to its size. Topics of discussion included flyer distribution and getting 25 percent of people who voted in the last governor election to sign petitions, which Woloson said is approximately 3,500 people, but they'll target 400,000 just in case.

"They know perfectly well we're going to mount this recall," Woloson said to the crowd. "They don't know when

we're going to do it, they don't know at what point we're going to come and that's exactly how we want to leave it."

He also noted they figured out a way to do it at no cost to the taxpayers. DeLong said the action to recall is not a "personal vendetta," as the supervisor has expressed in the press.

"This is about the accountability and legacy cost he is leaving us at what expense both to us and to the people who want to move into the township," he said.

Joe and Mary Mills, who recently moved to the township agreed and said they would like to see "more honesty in every branch of government."

"We just want some accountability," Joe said. "Like everything else in the United State right now, things are getting out of hand and if people don't get their heads out of the sand they're just going to continue to run us over."

Mary said "what's happening in Washington and what's

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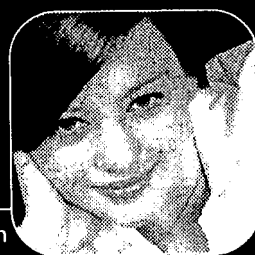


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700 miles 'too far' to travel, but not for balloon

Checking out a flyer he found for Haunted Fountains on Maybee Road, Keith Sterry and his daughter thought it sounded like fun.

He didn't think he could make it, though. A resident of Franklin, Conn., attending the Halloween-themed event would mean a 1,400-mile round trip.

Sterry's flyer dropped in his field via helium balloon, one of about 600 given to children and their parents at Taste of Clarkston, Sept. 27.

A victim of a poor slip knot or handling, the balloon got loose and took to the sky, riding eastward wind currents perhaps across southern Ontario and New York to the east coast state of Connecticut, about 700 miles.

Sterry, who has never been to Michigan, was collecting firewood for his farm when he saw the balloon lying in a hayfield. He mailed it back with a note.

"My daughter and I would love to come but it is a little too far to drive," he wrote.

"It's too funny," said Tammy Robak, bar manager for Fountains. "We couldn't believe it."

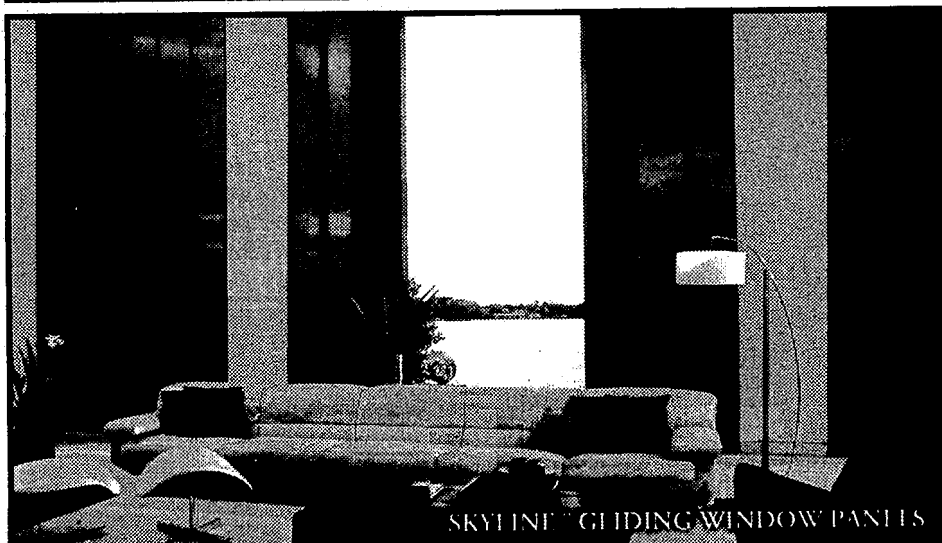
Taste of Clarkston attracted about 16,000 people this year, according to Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It went very well - we're very happy," Robak said. "We ran out of food twice."

- Phil Custodio



Tammy Robak, bar manager for Fountains, with the type of balloon that made a multistate trip to the east coast. Photo by Phil Custodio



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Briefly

Board stops payment to attorney firm

Independence Township board voted 4-3 to cease payments for all legal work by Attorney Charles Dunn, Giarmarco, Mullins, and Horton, P.C. until the board receives an update concerning the Cheshire Park situation.

Dunn was brought in nearly a month ago to make sure the township was "legally complying with all rules and regulations" after the township found out there was an illegal hook up of a sanitary sewer pipe draining into the storm drain.

Wagner said Dunn's report is done and should be brought to the board at the Oct. 20 meeting.

Breast health seminar

McLaren Breast Center of Clarkston, Michigan Hematology Oncology, and Great Lakes Cancer Institute-Clarkston host a free seminar, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 20, about the latest in breast health, in the Community Room of the new Great Lakes Cancer Institute-Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive, McLaren Health Care Village.

Presenters include Dr. Linda Lawrence, board-certified radiologist who is fellowship trained in breast health, focusing on risk factors, signs and symptoms of breast disease, and benefits of digital mammography; Dr. Isabelle Audet, board-certified surgeon, discussing surgical options for breast cancer; Dr. Ellen Ozolins, fellowship-trained plastic surgeon focusing on breast reconstruction, breast reduction, and breast lift with augmentation; and Dr. Farid Fata, board-certified medical oncologist/hematologist, discussing 2009 Updates in Breast Cancer.

The free event for women also includes educational displays, drawings for prizes and refreshments. Register at 877-625-2736.

Attention businesses

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Dixie work starts with intersection

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

When Laura Moreau recently took a group of fourth graders across Dixie Highway at Davisburg Road, the experience was eye opening.

"It was frightening - no sidewalks and no crosswalks," said Moreau, Springfield Township clerk, at the Oct. 1 Township Board meeting.

"Traffic really flies coming from the north," said Trustee Roger Lamont.

A traffic study of the Dixie Highway corridor earlier this year found the intersection the most dangerous in the area, Lamont said.

The board voted 6-1 to approve a \$200,000 improvement project for the intersection, funded through Oakland County's Tri-Party Program.

Road Commission for Oakland County, County Board, and Springfield Township will each pay a third, \$66,667 for the county agencies, a dollar less for the township.

"I think it's an appropriate project at the appropriate time," said Supervisor Mike Trout.

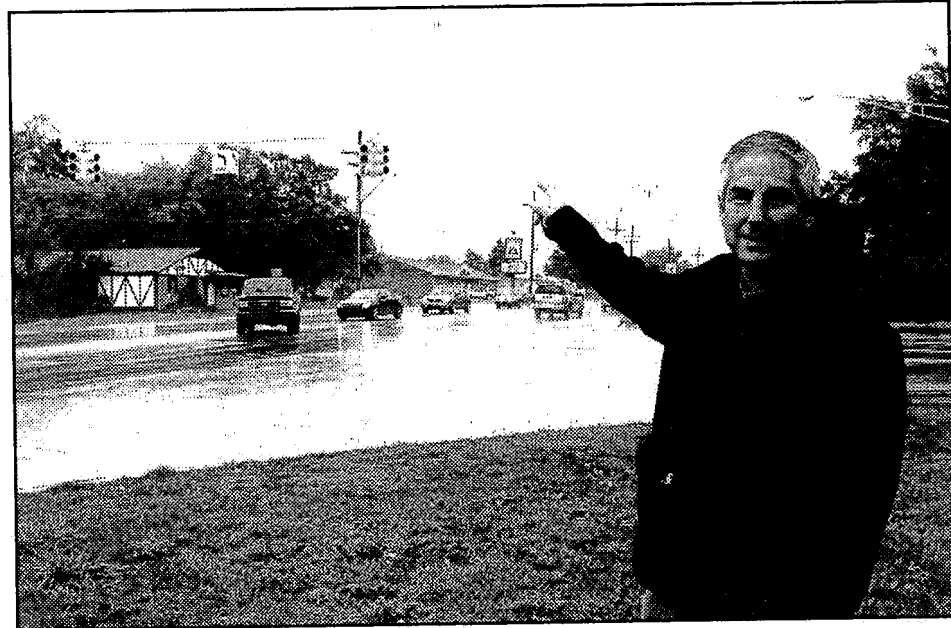
The project includes replacing wire-suspended traffic signals with mast-mounted lights, including left-turn signals, camera-controlled, along with button-controlled crosswalk lights, curb cuts, and markings.

The Tri Party Program faced elimination this year in Oakland County's budget process, but was continued for another year with scaled back funding.

A road commission memo to township supervisors advised municipalities to use accumulated funds.

"Tri Party funding is going away, and we risk losing it if we don't use it," Trout said.

"We should do it now when we have the



Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout points out the intersection of Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road, slated for improvement. The project will be the first of a series of Dixie corridor projects, officials hope. Photo by Phil Custodio

funds," Moreau said. "This is a good first step."

Trustee Dennis Vallad voted against the project, restating concerns from Sept. 10, when the board tabled the project.

"We discussed pulling the mast arms and crosswalk push buttons," Vallad said. "I think \$200,000 is too much."

"I think leaving them in is important," said Treasurer Jamie Dubre. "We should do as much as we can with this intersection - it would cost more to add it later."

The Dixie Highway project, along with \$175,000 for Tindall Road work off

Davisburg Road just east of downtown and \$55,000 for engineering on Oakhill, spends all \$430,000 in Tri Party funds for the township.

Future plans for Dixie Highway include more walkways, perhaps connecting to Independence Township's safety paths, Trout said.

"That would require a cooperative effort with Independence Township," he said. "It would have a lot of challenges. It would be costly, but I think we can accomplish pieces as we go - we have to have a plan and look for funding opportunities."

Sense of civic duty attracts new activists

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happening at the local level is not much different."

"They have to nip it in the bud," she said.

"Transparency" seemed to be the key word to why many attended.

"If we don't get transparency in our local government then we get what we deserve," Craig Strickland said. "Frankly I don't think we should get that. I think we should have transparency and I think we need accountability."

Between the lack of leadership and transparency Dave Belch said he was excited something was finally being done "to solve the problem we're having right now."

"There is too much power in the supervisor's hands," he said.

Matt Reid said he came to increase his "civic awareness and activism."

"I have a lot of passion politically and fundamentally," Reid said. "I don't believe you can impact things at large, but you can at the home, so that's the whole point."

It was the most recent flyer that talked about healthcare, which caught the eye of Bill Skellenger.

"The healthcare issues are a big thing to me because I pay for it myself. I work for a private company and I want to make sure our public money is being spent wisely. A guy who works for GM is receiving his money and healthcare through a private company that's different than when I'm paying those benefits," he said. "If all I had to do was work for eight years and be over 55 and get a lifetime of healthcare benefits for myself and my family that would be an unbelievable deal."

CAITW President Mike Powell, said he was real happy with the meeting and the turn

out.

"I thought everybody was very happy to be there and it seemed like everybody was asking the right questions and pretty much everyone was on the same page," Powell said. "We'll just have to go from here."

Kids sit for mural

Artist Michelle Tynan is sketching young volunteers for the *Clarkston News* building mural, 5 S. Main Street.

Sittings take about 20 minutes at the mural site, any day of the week while work is ongoing, about 11 a.m.-dusk. Children must be supervised, Tynan said. For more information, call her at 248-410-6713.

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Car allowances cut

'Extra monies' received . . . must be repaid

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whether called a "car allowance," "stipend," or "salary pay," Trustee Neil Wallace believes money handling should be up to the Township Board.

"Merely having something budgeted both by law and by our practice is not enough. It has to come back to the township board for approval." Wallace said at the Oct 6 regular board meeting. "We need to get the process right about how we do these things; we've got a lot of tough decisions, which should be made on good information and in the open by the seven of us."

He was referring to the Dec. 31, 2008 memorandum sent from Supervisor Dave Wagner to Assistant Finance Director Renee Poole, directing her to up car allowances for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer and three other township employees by an extra \$100 a month starting January, 1, 2009.

The board took action on four different motions. The first was a 4-3 vote that the memo by the supervisor is "determined to be void and invalid." Wagner, Petterson, and Carson voted against. The board also voted unanimous that all (extra) monies received by the invalid memo be repaid by elected officials and to adjust the 2009 budget by removing the car allowances as well as removing the increases from the 2010 budget for these same car allowances.

Lastly there was a 5-2 vote to eliminate car allowances for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer for the starting term of a new township board in 2012. Wagner and Carson voted "no."

According to the memo, the \$100 per month increase was "included and approved in the 2009 budget." However, Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen did not accept the \$100 increase because it had not been approved by the board and repaid the extra amount she was given.

Treasurer Curt Carson said he talked to three different attorneys and after looking into the matter, decided against accepting the increase and also paid back any extra he was given.

"I was questioning that because the supervisor said it was stipend," Carson said. "They (the lawyers) said 'no, the way it was set up was payroll deduction, it's salary, therefore the board would have to approve each individual increase for elected officials.'"

Wagner who also stopped his increase after being approached by the clerk and

treasurer said he is paying the extra amount back.

Trustee David Lohmeier said he was glad both the clerk and treasurer paid back the extra amounts, but was less forgiving of Wagner and felt they should have never been in this situation.

While looking at the supervisor Lohmeier said "We don't seem to have time when we're making this decision to check with the board, but we always have time to clean up this mess."

"This is very cut and dry to me," he said. "The board is supposed to set compensation, period. I'm tired of memos to the assistant finance director telling her to do things that we should have known about."

Trustee Larry Rosso the board should lead by example with cost cutting measures.

"We should eliminate all car allowances totally (for the three full-time elected) beginning Nov. 1 of this year and not wait until 2012," he said. "This is what's being done in Oakland County, this is what's being done in Orion Township -- which is having some financial difficulties like we're going to face. They're just ahead of the eight ball on dealing with their budget and we're not."

VanderVeen agreed.

"My husband works for Oakland County and he just took a decrease in pay," she said. "I think it would be a good step and show we

all realize what we're facing to give up those car allowances with the next pay period when it would be on our check."

Trustee Mark Petterson agreed that no one should receive car salaries, but he also doesn't "expect the three full-time elected to

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-- Curt Carson, township treasurer

do things for free."

"In fact for us to even suggest they do something for free would be, in my view, illegal," Petterson said. "I feel our three full-time officials have honor, dignity, integrity, and I believe it should be left up to them and them alone, not for this board to take it away from them."

Rosso argued they wouldn't be doing it for free because they can submit mileage reimbursement for business activities.

"That is a valid way to collect compensation for those business trips that are required. There's some discretion there and we can monitor that by our monthly statements or check run," he said. "In other words, we want to treat the elected officials the same way we treat all the other employees on the same compensation mechanism."

Cuts coming for schools

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"It's going to take a phenomenal teaching core to get us to the next level," he said.

"Many of the jobs our kids will have have not been invented yet. You have a populous that has gone to school and learned in a certain way and we could continue to teach that way in education for less cost but the kids would not be prepared from a world that is going to be very different than the world we grew up in. The concept of teaching kids jobs and technology that hasn't been invented yet takes a different type of education."

Roberts said it will take more than tweaking and the district will have to figure out a plan for upcoming years and beyond.

"We need some overhaul in how we conduct business," he said, pointing out it would have to come from the state because there are too many factors at the local level.

Going into Tuesday's meeting, Roberts said they will discuss a combination of making adjustments where they can and using savings.

"Our board has been prudent," he said. "We have a fund equity that could help us get through this year (\$6.3 million) but next year across the state all bets are off unless we find a way to deal with the structure flaws in the budget."

Though many districts have consolidated and Roberts is not considering it as an option.

"It is very popular to talk about consolidation," he said. "In some cases the ways the laws are written now consolidation would cost money, not save money."

Another way to look at the budget is to look at the revenue, but the

growth in the school district over the last ten years has been small and not enough for a difference.

In the past, Clarkston used creativity to continue providing the same kind of service the community has come to know by doing it in different ways, he said.

"Our district has always been conservative and the fourth lowest funded throughout the county, so we have always had to do more with less to compete," said Communications Director Anita Banach.

Some ways to bring revenue into the district, Banach mentioned, is to reintroduce people in the community to public schools, showing them what Clarkston has to offer.

More ways include applying for grants and working with local colleges and universities and creating a partnership in which Clarkston will rent space out to the institutions.

"We have spent a lot of time looking at it from the other side," she said.

Roberts, whose contract renewal this year includes almost 4 percent raises for this and the next two years, said it will take more than a few weeks to find where they can make adjustments.

"We won't achieve what we need to achieve by just looking at 15 percent of the budget. It will be achieved by looking at the major portion of the budget and that's people," he said.

"We are a labor intense organization - that's what we do. About 80 percent of our budget is made up in people and we are dealing with people's lives."

Michigan approved the budget 66-42 in the House, 20-13 in the Senate. Lawmakers still have to find \$100 million to make up for the original \$218 per-student cut.

New group to promote downtown businesses

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

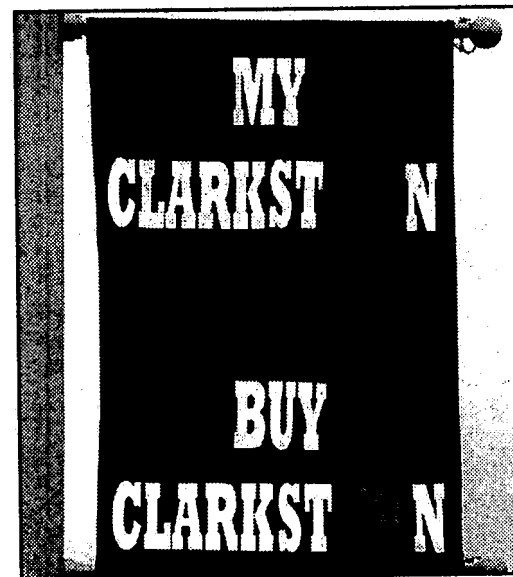
Many people say "Clarkston is a cute town." Peg Roth and Kevin Harrison believe that attractive quality can be increased.

"We're in a great location," Harrison said. "We have such a better location than Lake Orion, Oxford, then Fenton, than so many of these other areas because of our proximity to I-75."

Roth and Harrison have spearheaded a "Clarkston Retailers group" to use the term "My Clarkston Buy Clarkston" literally as a way to promote the businesses directly in the Village of the City of Clarkston.

"There was a focus meeting for the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and Kevin and I talked about it afterwards," Roth said.

"Since we're both downtown we wanted to really focus on the downtown retailers, where this other focus group is about Clarkston, Independence Township, Chamber, Dixie Highway



The group's banner hangs over downtown Main Street.

"It's a positive thing for everybody downtown, even for residents to know retailers are supportive of each other and we want to improve."

- Peg Roth



and all of that."

The group meets once a month to discuss ways of promoting each other's businesses, upcoming events in the city and recapping on the success of prior events.

"We're going to rotate the meetings so each business owner can take advantage of having people come in and see their place," Roth said. "We will serve wine and stuff to nibble on."

It's a way of working together to put the power back into the retailer's hands, noted Harrison.

"At some point again Clarkston will be really hopping and we all want to make sure that we're all in the best shape when that happens," he said. "We hope people recognize that we're doing something so that they join."

Roth said she understands people can't make every meeting, but would at least like to see interest from the business owners and the community.

Upcoming events include a "Holiday Walk" on Nov. 7, which will include family shopping from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and adult shopping from 5 to 9 p.m. along with refreshments. On Dec. 12 there will also be a 5K run and family fun 1 mile on after the Christmas parade.

Roth is also hoping

"It's a positive thing for everybody downtown, even for the residents to know retailers are supportive of each other and we want to improve," Roth said.

For more information call Peg Roth at 248-462-3008 or Kevin Harrison at 248-778-8644.



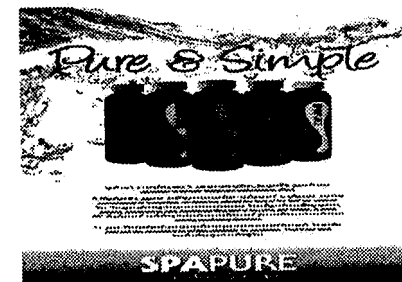
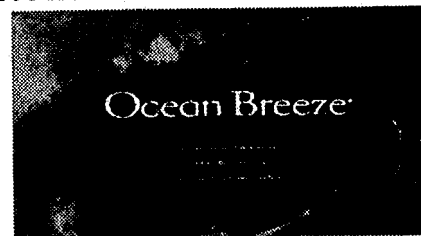
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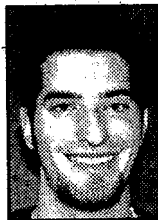
A column by Trevor Keiser

Longing for spring

This past week has been busy as far as news and meetings go. Tuesday was the usual "township party" at Independence Township Hall.

The good news is the meeting was just under three hours long. Thanks for the extra few hours of sleep.

The major topic of debate was "car allowances" (see story on page 4A). It seems the longer a topic is discussed, the more confusing board members get, which relates to my last column "Too much talk."



There was a lot of back and forth as whether car allowances were considered a "stipend" or "salary." It's in moments like this when no one can agree, you ask your township attorney to render an opinion. This way there is one final opinion for the entire board instead of everyone saying "well I talked to this person and they said..."

I personally believe there should be no car allowances for anyone full-time elected or township employees. Either use the township vehicles or write your mileage reimbursement like everyone else who works for the township does.

When the clerk treasurer, and supervisor are making between \$70,000 to \$80,000 a year, I'm pretty sure they can afford gas, insurance, and regular car maintenance.

I hope the thoughts and comments from various board members Tuesday night will urge the three elected to give up their car allowances and save the taxpayers a little money.

My other meeting last week was the "Recall Wagner" meeting (story on page 1A) headed up by Henry Woloson, Mike Powell, and Joel DeLong.

With over 50 people in attendance and more who have shown an interest through e-mails and phone calls, it sounds to me like many people are sick of the status que they are receiving from their township officials.

What I gathered from talking to a few of the residents who attended was they were frustrated because they feel the leadership is not listening to the taxpayers and there needs to be more transparency and accountability. As to what will happen we will have to wait and see.

Also thanks to all who responded to my last column.

The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Election information wanted

Dear editor,

Regarding the Nov. 3 election to Village of Clarkston City Council, I believe being elected requires more than attending meetings twice a month. We are a small city with limited staff which means the council must help out, at least within the limits of our Charter. While this may be more work for the elected officials, it is also more opportunity to make a difference. I would like to know the interests and goals of those running for office and what they are going to do to meet the needs of our city.

I would vote for someone who plans on doing more than just approving whatever is put in front of them. For example, the council now receives about 70 pages of financial information each month and few questions, if any, are asked. Nor is there any encouragement to do so. Less than two years ago, the council received about five pages each month and I recall there being more questions.

I want my elected representatives to say, and do, what they think is best for our residents, not what our attorney or auditor

thinks is the least we have to do, or what we don't need to talk about because it is not "legally" required. No one elected any of these advisors to represent us. The oath of office says the elected official will obey the law, but I want the best possible, not the least required. Why would I vote for anything less?

I want my representatives to know what is going in our city, good or bad. Clarkston is very small

and I don't think it would be that difficult to know what is happening.

Make it part of the public record at each and every meeting. There are a lot of good things happening in our city, perhaps a few bad, and I would like those that represent me to know about them and be able to explain them to me.

I don't think this a lot to ask and I think everyone would like to hear from those seeking a seat on the City Council before the election occurs. Perhaps some discussion on specific issues that have yet to be addressed by our current elected representatives?

Cory Johnston
Village of Clarkston

Letters to the editor

Reader sees delivery truck as eyesore

Dear editor,

A recent comment by one of your readers sticks out in my mind and I'd like to echo the opinion.

A few years back when Sashabaw was reconstructed into a boulevard, it was reported the corridor would consist of upscale shops consistent with the standards of the community. I was surprised to see a drive through fast food open when we already had one on Sashabaw.

What really stands out as an eyesore on

that stretch of road is the three-sided billboard parked out in front of the strip mall, south of the expressway. Isn't that parking spot for customers of the businesses? That hardly looks like a loading/unloading zone, although I could be wrong. What I do know is that the plaza would be much more appealing to folks passing by if they could see it, rather than an enormous tray of potatoes painted on the side of a truck.

Don Zeder
Independence Township

Vet service went above and beyond

Dear editor,

On Thursday, Oct. 8, I had the unfortunate pleasure of meeting Dr. Baylis of the Baylis Animal Hospital on Ortonville Road.

Unfortunately because I had a sick dog, but pleasure because Dr. Baylis was so friendly and helpful! I had seen his ad many times in *The Clarkston News*.

A vet emergency brought me to his office, while dog-sitting for my daughter's dog, a

five pound Brussels Griffon. Although I was quite upset, Dr. Baylis was a great comfort and quickly advised me what needed to be done.

I am happy to say that "Zoe" is doing great! Thank you Dr. Baylis - I will definitely be recommending you in the future!

Nancy Licatovich
Independence Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Farmer's dog becomes a star" Nick Nichols and his yellow lab Oakie caught the attention of a photographer for an upcoming Carhart clothing catalogue, making its cover.

"Their majesties" Clarkston's 1994 Homecoming King and Queen, Mark Ryan and Jill Attaman, showed off their finery in a walk around the high school gym, as part of Queen's Assembly wrapping up Spirit Week.

"Is the Sashabaw corridor the next downtown?" Independence Township planners considered how development of Sashabaw Road south of I-75 would continue. They warned long-term planning was needed to avoid "strip developments."

25 years ago - 1984

"670 walk in SCAMP's fund raiser" About double the number of walkers completed the 10-mile course through Clarkston for the summer camp, raising more than \$25,000.

"Tiger victory hits home!" Clarkston teacher Barb Gibson was proud of her son, Kirk Gibson, for his two homeruns, five RBIs and base running in the Detroit Tigers' World Series victory against the San Diego Padres. The following Monday at school, she wore her favorite shirt with number 23 in the middle of the back and the words "Kirk's Mom" across the shoulders.

50 years ago - 1959

"Crusade results please leaders" The Rev. Glenn Trembath, director of First Methodist Church's Ground-Breaking Crusade, reported \$87,194.80 donated so far by local families. They projected more than \$90,000 in all for construction of their new church.

"Space' to be theme of fair" Activities at the upcoming Clarkston Elementary PTA Fair included Big Dipper, Satellite Spin, and Cake Heaven. Neptune Juice, Space Candy, and other treats were available at the Jupiter Super Market.

"Gay Ann Park, Homecoming queen" The Clarkston High School students body elected Park, cheerleader and strong class leader, by secret ballot. Her Homecoming Court included senior Shanna Stewart, junior Sandy Asher, sophomore Carolyn Sue Ruggles, and freshman Vicki Sue Burley.

"Clarkston locals" Mr. Melvin Smith of Los Angeles stopped in Clarkston for a short visit with his relatives, the Philip Smiths of Independence Township. He was on his way east.

A story with a moral, and incidental stuff

Once upon a time there was a sparrow that delayed too long in deciding to fly south.

A freezing rainstorm finally persuaded him that he'd better get going. Four hours later, nearly half frozen, heavily coated with ice and totally exhausted, he plummeted to earth.

A passing horse almost stepped on him, then paused and buried him in a pile of steaming fertilizer.

This was, the rigid little bird thought, the final blow. This was the ultimate ignominy - to be so buried during his final moments of life.

As the minutes passed, however, the sparrow began to feel the warmth. First his wings and then his feet thawed out. He voiced a chirp.

Hearing the chirp, a cat dashed over to the pile, quickly dug out the sparrow and ate him.

The moral of this story is obvious.

Those who cover you with manure are not necessarily your enemies, and those who dig you out are not always

your friends.

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When I read recently bow and arrow deer hunters can buy suits that mask human odors I thought, "What a great idea!"

I have a trout fishing shirt that keeps black flies away, but clothes that cloak body odors sounds like a winner.

Get up late? Don't have time to bathe? Don't even like washing? Wear masking clothes.

Maybe Nike can come up with some odor covering clothes for golfers.

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• Judy Garland's "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" is on one of my discs. Know anyone who can sell a song like Judy Garland? Please, don't even let Barbara Striesand's name be hinted at.

• I live a short distance from a very popular church. When the last amen is spoken, drivers head out onto my road like they have just been given eternal life. I know the pastor and his parishioners can't be that anxious to leave his presence. They must believe they were given a blessing to step on the gas.

• Ripped one of my pajama tops recently, so went shop-

ping for another set. Set? PJ's come in bottoms only at my local Meijer and in my LLBean catalogues. Colorful, cotton and flannel bottoms. On to our local Kmart. They had six x-larges. All had blue as the dominant color. Why? Do men's pajama buyers (women) think blue is a male color, like pink for baby girls and blue for baby boys?

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Want proof on how easy men are to get along with? Let the man handle the tv remote control. Today, twice as many men as women get to hold the remote. If it were the other way the divorce rate would be much higher.

Then, there's some irreverent thoughts from the irreverent comedian George Carlin:

• "Honesty is the best policy, but it's important to remember that apparently, by elimination, dishonesty is the second-best policy."

• "There is something refreshingly ironic about people lying on the beach contracting skin cancer in an attempt to acquire a purely illusory appearance of good health, while germ-laden medical waste washes up on the sand all around them."

• "Most people work just hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough money not to quit."

Jim's
Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Why we recall -- clearing up a smoke screen from public officials

On October 8, 2009, more than 50 people attended the first meeting of the group interested in recalling Township Supervisor Dave Wagner. Citizens Against Independence Township Waste (CAITW). Given the two filled parking lots and an overflow crowd, we intend to find a much larger facility for our next meeting. Township residents who attended were very vocal concerning the mismanagement of Independence Township by Mr. Wagner and why he needs to be recalled.

As CAITW Treasurer, I was asked to respond to Mr. Wagner's recent comments about our efforts in *The Clarkston News*.

1) Mr. Wagner complained by releasing a township memo dated Dec. 31, 2008 FROM him authorizing a series of car allowance increases (including his from \$600 monthly to \$700 per month) this somehow "terribly troubled" the employee the memo was addressed TO.

Why? Nobody from CAITW has EVER accused anyone other than Mr. Wagner of mismanagement of township funds during these very difficult economic times.

Who are these mysterious "people" Mr. Wagner claims are "presuming she (the employee to whom the memo was directed) may have possibly done something wrong?" Not one, I repeat, NOT ONE person has ever contacted me implicating the employee who was named in the memo from Mr. Wagner authorizing the car allowance increase for himself and a select group (which does NOT include the "troubled" employee). This is an obvious smoke screen intended to divert focus from his self-serving actions.

2) Mr. Wager says the car allowance memo

"was inaccurate" because he, Mr. Curt Carson (township treasurer) and Ms. Shelagh VanderVeen (township clerk) "decided against receiving the \$100 increase in their car allowances." The statement in our flyers is that Mr. Wagner "approved" the increases. The memo from Mr. Wagner — with Mr. Wagner's initials — confirms the accuracy of that statement. Only Ms. VanderVeen rejected the increase immediately. By Mr. Carson's and Mr. Wagner's own admissions, they have "repaid the extra amounts taken out."

How can you "repay" something you "decided against receiving?" Did guilt set in once the memo was made public? Plus we now understand some Board members question if Mr. Wagner still receives the higher \$700 per month allowance.

3) Concerning fees (estimated at \$20,000) to architects for blueprints for a new sheriff's substation (estimated cost \$800,000) which has NEVER been submitted for Township voter or BOARD approval, King David states, "The supervisor's office has every right to hire an architect as long as it's within his budget and under a certain dollar amount."

Is this HIS money or does this belong to financially pressed taxpayers, many of whom feel the current sheriff's substation at the relatively new fire station is completely adequate? Does Mr. Wagner want to establish a substation next to the also not-approved-by-voters new Township Hall because, like Roman Emperors, he feels he needs a palace guard nearby to protect him from angry voters?

Our flyers state Mr. Wagner paid for architects for a non-voter-approved building.

He agrees.

4) Mr. Wagner, claims he "has been cleared of any illegality" concerning the "secret bonus payments to employees." Our flyers say nothing about payments being "illegal."

We state in our flyers payments were "secret" because they were concealed from the Board and given to the same employee who received a \$600 per month car allowance from Mr. Wagner which was \$100 more per month than the amount approved for elected officials, Ms. VanderVeen and Mr. Carson. Again, Mr. Wagner does not dispute our statement the payments were "secret."

5) Mr. Wagner indicated "there was no concealing a water and sewer fund deficit." Plante & Moran, issued a report dated 10/29/2008 addressed ONLY to: "Supervisor Dave Wagner, Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen (and) Finance Director Susan Hendricks."

The report states: "The model appears to demonstrate the current rate is inadequate to maintain fiscal sustainability of the Water Fund. With no rate increase, by mid 2010 the level of working capital will be below levels targeted by management. By mid 2011 the fund will run out of cash and need significant loans to continue to meet cash requirements of operation."

The report goes on to say there is a problem even without the loans for the Township Hall, clearly taking more than \$2 million from the

Water and Sewer Funds compounded the problem. The report indicates if the loans are made, the needed rate increases would be higher. Since this report was not shared with other Board members, we have no way of knowing if Board votes approving the new Township Hall would have changed to reduce the amount of the needed rate increases or to delay the need for "significant loans" to continue operations. Other than getting approval for the new Hall, what was to be gained by not releasing the report?

6) Finally, Mr. Wagner says our statement "takes the cake" concerning a possible "trash hauling monopoly." The exact comment in the flyer was, "Is a trash hauling monopoly Wagner's next goal?"

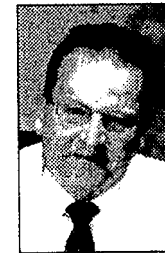
There is a question there.

Any of the several hundred people who attended the "Trash Meeting" at the Clarkston Junior High School on Aug. 27 heard repeated mention of Mr. Wagner and other Township officials considering "single hauler" trash collection. The flyer asks if such a solo (also known as a monopoly) operation might be considered in the future by Mr. Wagner. A valid question.

Based on comments of many residents who have joined our efforts to recall Mr. Wagner, we are proceeding as planned. A petition drive is forthcoming. Despite lies to the contrary, we intend to piggyback the recall vote on one of the two upcoming elections in 2010 to avoid any cost to already hard-pressed Township taxpayers. It is a shame Mr. Wagner was not as concerned about saving the Township money.

Henry S. Woloson, is a resident of Independence Township.

Guest
viewpoint



by Henry
Woloson



Independence Township Assessor Bev Shaver with Springfield Township trustee Judy Hensler.

'Peace, love, and conservation'

Hippies, folk music, food, drinks, silent auction, and lots of fun was the atmosphere for the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's "Flower Power '09 Wild Night out Fundraiser. The money raised will help pay for the ac-

quisitions and conservation of existing properties.

The conservancy currently has 52 properties in its care, including a new 100 acre farm off Dixie Highway in Genesee County.



People lined up ready to fill their plates with yummy food.



Floyd Raeon and Judy Insley performed a variety of folk songs for the crowd.



Clarkston High School Seniors Briana Prescott and Olivia Hemig sell drink tickets.



Cindy and Brian Lace show off their hippie style with friends Todd and Kathy Bangilden.

Public Safety

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

Out for justice

A 49-year-old Independence Township man was cited for disorderly conduct, 2:40 p.m., Oct. 3, after an apparent case of road rage.

The man was a passenger in an SUV driven by his wife on Holcomb Road when they stopped behind a Jeep. When the Jeep wouldn't move, he told her to honk the horn, so she did.

The Jeep's passenger, also a 49-year-old Independence Township man, exited the vehicle and traded curses with the SUV passenger, who wanted to get out for a confrontation but was driven away by his wife.

When they got home, they got out of the SUV, but her husband jumped back in and left to find the Jeep, and she called 911. Responding deputies found the Jeep parked on Dark Lake Drive, and spoke to that vehicle's passenger. He said he was riding with his 16-year-old son, who was learning to drive and stalled the stick-shift vehicle at the stop sign.

They watched the other 49-year-old drive slowly by in his SUV. On his second pass, the deputy flagged him down, and asked if he came to get into a fight. He said he did, and started to approach the other man.

He was told to settle down and go home or face additional charges of stalking.

Caught redhanded

A Ricki Court homeowner said their garage overhead door was accidentally left open overnight, Oct. 4, and someone stole a music player from the unlocked car inside.

The driver's side window of a car was smashed out, Oct. 4 in the 5700 block of Bellshire Lane, and wallet stolen.

A car's front passenger window was broken and an old purse taken, Oct. 4, in the 5700 block of Berwick Court.

A resident of the 4900 block of Fox Creek reported a GPS and flashlight stolen from an unlocked vehicle, Oct. 5.

Someone took a GPS from an unlocked truck, Oct. 5 in the 6300 block of Mockingbird Lane.

A Fox Creek resident reported wallet, music device, and sunglasses stolen from an unlocked car, Oct. 5. The music player was found among the items recovered from the two suspects.

A deputy on patrol, 3:22 a.m., Oct. 6, stopped to talk to two women loitering in a Fox Creek parking lot. The women, a 24-year-old Clarkston resident and 20-year-old resident of Independence Township, gave permission to search their vehicle, in which was found three GPS units, cell phone, mittens, coins, CD players, and CDs. The women were

arrested on suspicion of theft.

Live on tape

A 24-year-old Independence Township man reported to deputies he was punched in the eye, 8:21 p.m., Oct. 6, showing them his swollen, bruised face.

He said a 48-year-old White Lake Township man came to his home on Snow Apple Court to pick up his daughter, asked if he could see him outside, then presented him with a personal protection order and demanded he sign it. When he wouldn't, he said the 48-year-old, who was there with his son, a 22-year-old Waterford Township man, got angry and punched him in the face.

The White Lake man denied the charges, and had a tape recording to prove it - he brought along a digital voice recorder to record the incident in case of trouble. Listening to the tape, deputies heard no punching sounds or even raised voices, so are requesting a warrant for filing a false police report.

The Independence Township man refused treatment for his injuries.

Not yet Halloween

An Independence Township woman told deputies she felt threatened when a man wielding a chainsaw gestured and cursed at her, 11:40 a.m., Oct. 6, on Allen Road. A deputy had already spoken to the 49-year-old Independence Township man, who was cutting down a tree trunk and was afraid it would hit the woman's car. He was trying to warn her away. The woman accepted his apology, relayed by the deputy, and the tree chopper was provided with safety provisions when chainsawing near a road.

Breaking news

Deputies arrested suspects, 7:10 a.m., Oct. 11, in a traffic stop in connection with multiple larcenies from coin operated newspaper boxes. Deputies interviewed the suspects, who admitted stealing from boxes in Springfield Township, Independence Township, and Pontiac. They are also suspects in larcenies in Waterford, Auburn Hills, White Lake, Burton, Fenton, Goodrich, Grand Blanc, and Flushing. Investigation continues.

- Phil Custodio

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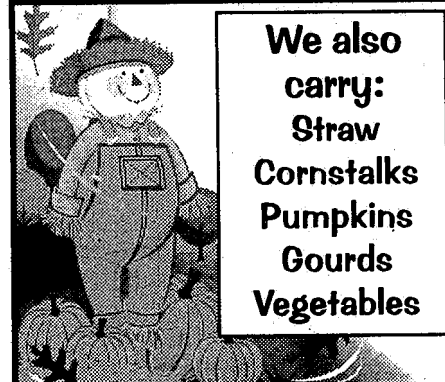
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Pine Knob Elementary students enjoy a chilly walk. Photo by Phil Custodio



North Sashabaw students walk to beats provided by Clarkston High School's marching band. Photo submitted

Taking a walk

Clarkston students hit the sidewalks for International Walk to School Day, Oct. 7.

Schools included the walk through local neighborhoods in their health and

safety activities.

International Walk to School Day began in 1997 to bring community leaders and children together to learn about healthy habits and exercise.



Clarkston Elementary students finish the last part of the walk. Photo provided by John Meyland

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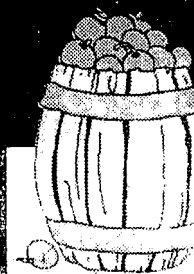
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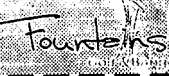
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Wolves bid Oak Park a Knighty-night



P.J. Lannon gets the Wolves closer to the end zone. Photo by Kay Pearson

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Dakota Bender led the gridiron gang to victory during Friday's Homecoming game against Oak Park.

Bender scored five touchdowns in the first half as the boys finished, 35-6.

"He was running up inside hard tonight," said Wolves Head Coach Kurt Richardson. "Dakota ran very well tonight. He ran through the tackles. He was the Dakota of old."

The boys started putting points on the scoreboard less than five minutes into the game.

After taking possession of the ball, the boys moved it forward 30 yards in the Knights' territory.

The Wolves took position in the line of scrimmage at the 13 yard line. The snap went back to Quarterback Tyler Scarlett and he handed the ball to Bender.

He ran forward as the offense line cleared a path. Bender landed in the end zone for the first touchdown.

Less than six minutes later Bender returned to the endzone after a 26-yard run.

Oak Park lost possession a few times in the quarter and Clarkston's Jeff Dean and Ryan Catalano recovered the ball.

After Catalano's recovery the boys took possession with only 19 yards between them and the endzone.

Referees made a call against Oak Park for unsportsmanlike behavior and the ball was moved to the 3-yard line.

The Knights stopped Clarkston on their next play but the Wolves were ready. Scarlett handed the ball to Bender.

Oak Park's defense moved forward to block and trip Bender, but he prevailed and made it past them.

Before the Knights savour a chance to play as the quarter

closed Chris Canada got the ball for Clarkston.

Scarlett made a 18-yard run from the 40 yard line concluding the quarter, 20-0.

Coming back from a short break, Scarlett handed the ball to Bender, who drove forward eight yards. The next play sealed Oak Park's fate for the night as Bender delivered his fourth touchdown and scored a 2-point conversion.

Oak Park's Sean Coston scored their lone touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"We jumped on them right at the start and kicked them in the teeth and they couldn't recover," said Richardson. "Field position was huge for us. We played well and everybody got to play again and that's fun."

Kicker Brian Benway was 3-for-4 on PATs.

The boys take the momentum from their seventh win into this Friday's game at Farmington Hills - Harrison (5-2).

"Harrison is a very good football team," said Richardson. "They have been putting a lot of points on the board. Going down there, it's going to be a tough one."

Richardson is positive for the next game.

"I think the kids are pretty confident," he added. "We should be pretty healthy. Those are two good things."

The kick-off is at 6:55 p.m.

The JV and freshman team also posted victories against Oak Park. JV shut down the Knights, 34-0, and the freshman team, 34-6.

The boys play their last home game on Thursday against Farmington Hills - Harrison.

Freshman play at 4:30 p.m. at the Clarkston Junior High and JV plays at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Athlete of the Week

Vela swims for the recordbook

BY JEFF TURNER
Special to The Clarkston News

For Clarkston senior swimmer Julia Vela, years of hard work and punishing workouts in the pool are finally paying off.

Vela holds three school records, in 100 meter butterfly, 200 meter medley relay, and 200 meter free relay, and hopes to accomplish more this year.

It hasn't been an easy road. She says even in an individual sport such as swimming, support and encouragement of others are imperative to success. While being a good teammate doesn't get put into the record book, it has certainly helped her achieve what she has.

"Spending time with my teammates is the best part of swimming," Vela said. "The girls on the team help me to get through even the toughest practices and workouts."

During her junior year, Vela qualified for the State finals in the 100 meter butterfly, her self-described best event, and finished 14th overall in the state. She hopes to use the experience to propel her to even better

results in her senior year.

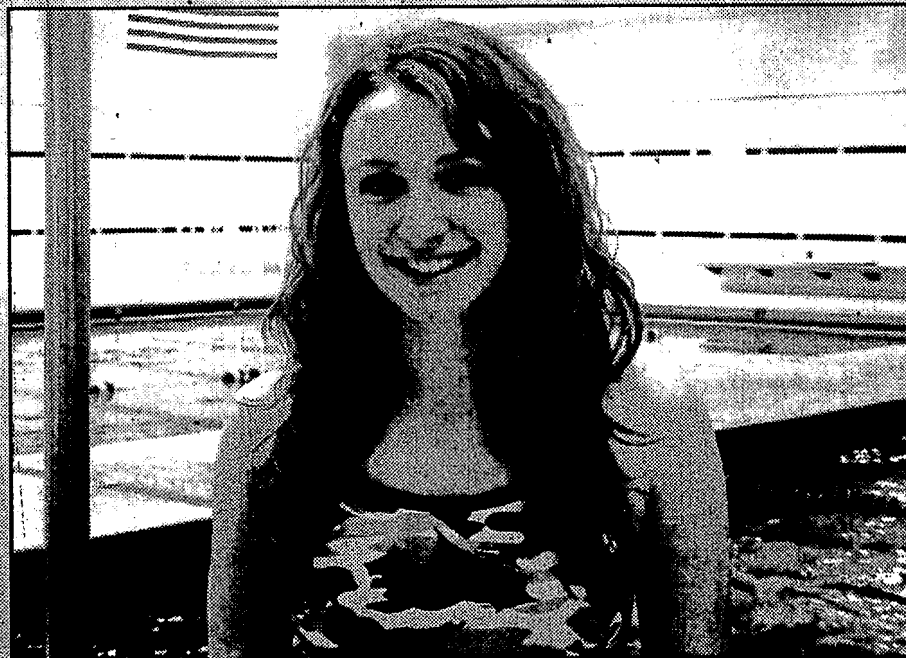
She already qualified for the state finals in two events, 100 fly with a time of 1:00.06, and 200 individual medley with a time of 2:16.23. However, Vela doesn't plan to rest on those successes.

"Right now I am hoping to break one minute in the 100 fly," she said. "I have been aiming at getting that time for a while."

In the classroom, she holds a 3.5 grade point average, and is involved in numerous extracurricular activities both in the school and in the community. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and is on the Clarkston High School Mock Trial team and Youth in Government.

Vela, who has been swimming for 10 years, hopes to carry on the family tradition by swimming in college. Her older sister, Alyssa, is on the swim team at Oakland University.

Julia is considering attending Oakland as well, but is also looking at Michigan State University, Grand Valley State, and Hillsdale College.



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Parks and recreation also hosts a Halloween Celebration, Thursday, Oct. 22, with lunch and performance by the

Davisburg Mountain Jubileers Band. Fee is \$5 per person.

Springfield Township's Trick Or Treat Trail is 5:30-8:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31, at Hart Community Center.

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Senior Night brings first league loss for spikers

BY JEFF TURNER

Special to The Clarkston News

Senior Jenna Coates did her part for the Wolves varsity volleyball team, finishing with 50 digs, but it was not enough to overcome numerous mistakes by Clarkston.

"The bottom line is we gave them too many easy opportunities tonight," said Clarkston coach Kelly Avenall. "Some of our better players didn't play well, and our big hitters didn't place the ball."

Clarkston fell to Rochester Falcons on Thursday in four sets, 25-11, 24-26, 25-27, 24-26, handing the Wolves their first league loss.

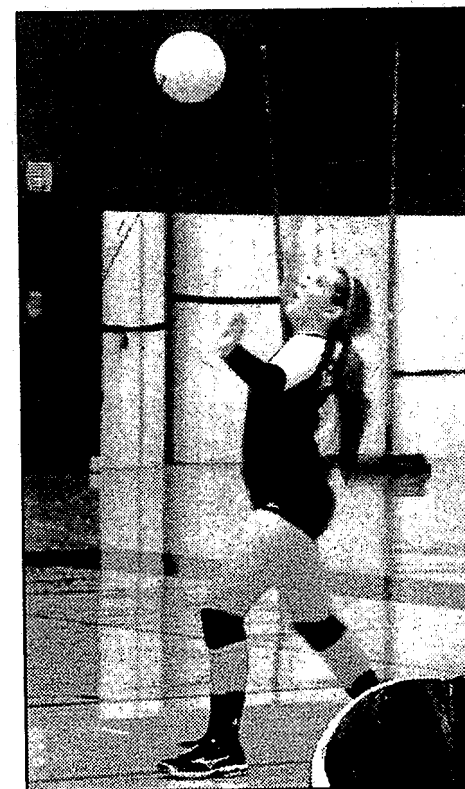
"It's tough for the seniors to go out like this, losing the last home match of their careers," said Avenall following the match.

The Wolves came out strong in the first game, jumping to a 9-2 lead. Clarkston remained in control throughout, winning 25-11.

The second set was a different story, as Rochester quickly went up 5-2. Clarkston countered with a 7-1 run to take an 11-7 lead. The Wolves couldn't hold the lead, however, and Rochester took the game by a 26-24 score.

A back-and-forth third set, featuring nine ties and four lead changes, put Clarkston one point from victory at 24-21. But a 6-1 Rochester run to end the set put the Falcons up two games to one with a 27-25 victory. The fourth set saw more up and down action, but Rochester weathered a late Clarkston run to hold on for a 26-24 win.

Rochester (15-4-3) was led by Sara



Lauren Rodewald takes aim to score against Rochester in the Lady Wolves last home game. Photo by Jeff Turner

Sikorski, who had 43 digs, and Raylynn Coghlan, who had 30 digs.

Despite the loss, Clarkston remains in contention for the Oakland Activities Association title with a 23-6-2 record.

"There's still a lot of the season left," said Avenall. "We definitely can still win the league, but we have to play well going out."

The Wolves took on Lake Orion, Tuesday. Check the Wolfpack Update on www.clarkstonnews.com for results and next week's print edition for story on the game.

Mardi Gras themed dinner

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, hosts a Mardi Gras-themed dinner to benefit Adam Wheatcroft Memorial Scholarship Fund, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17.

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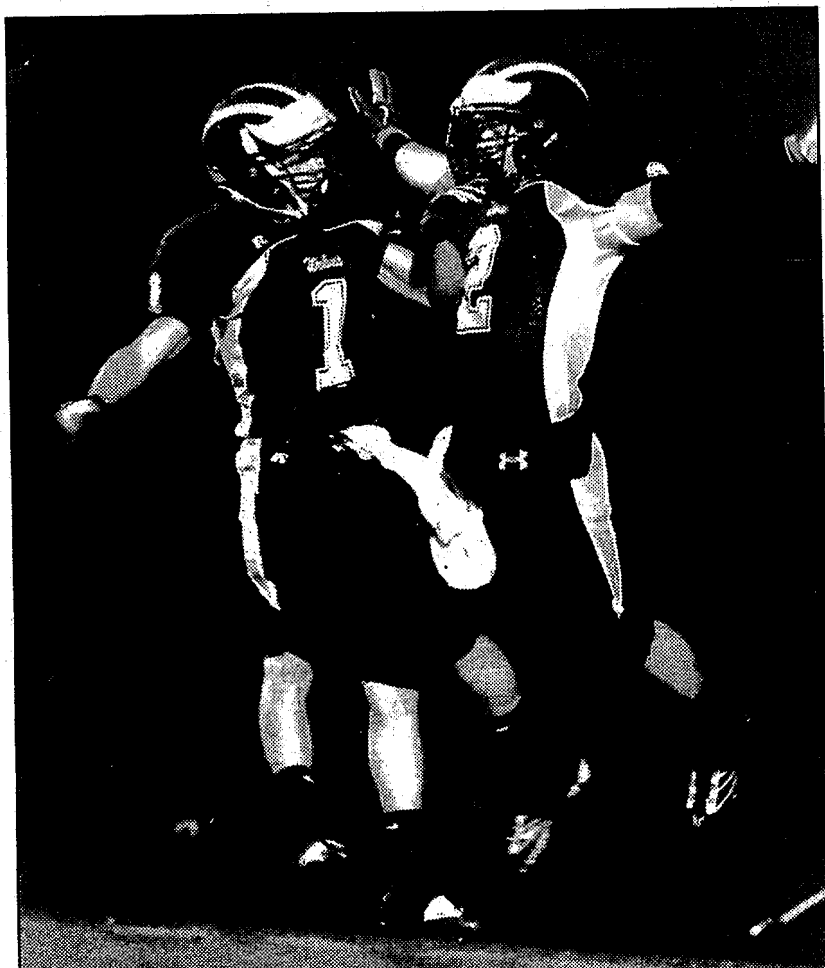
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Seniors Dustin Gamble and Dakota Bender jump in celebration after scoring against Oak Park in last Friday's Homecoming game. Photo by Kay Pearson

Positive end for boys

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Before concluding the season, the boys on the varsity tennis team had something to prove.

They headed into the regional playoffs last week with a team record, 2-7, and facing teams they previously lost to in dual matches.

At the end of the day they placed fifth out of 11 teams, edging out Lake Orion and Rochester.

"One of the ways we measure success is how we do against the teams we see throughout the season," said Chas Claus, head coach.

"We lost to Lake Orion but managed to tie Rochester in the league tournament. Beating both in the regional tournament is the kind of progress I like to see."

J.P. Budzinski (#4 singles), Jordan Kincaid and Kevin Wiersyszko (#2 doubles) and Troy Hughes and Jake Zuzelski (#4 doubles) made it

into the semifinals of their flights.

Brother Rice won the regional match. Troy also won a spot to play in the state playoffs.

The boys began the season after losing nine of their top 11 from last year's team.

"We were a very young team," said Claus. "But we managed and progressed as the season went on. We had a lot of inexperienced players in new roles."

Budzinski led the team in wins with an individual record 16-9 and Andrew Heuerman (#1 singles) used the skills he learned on the JV team last year and brought it to the court.

"The overall season went really well and I'm proud of the progress we made," said Claus.

The team loses four of their top 16 players during the off-season.

"I expect we'll be a much stronger and more confident team in dual matches next year," Claus added.

Wolves head into districts

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers head into their last week of the regular season after a win over Andover.

Zech Moore scored first in the October 6 game. Erik McEntee finished off the competition with a goal of his own ending the game, 2-0.

"We played well," said Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Adam Bican.

The boys fought through sideways rain and the fall wind to get the win.

"The conditions were crazy," said Bican. "It's Michigan weather so it's alright."

Connor Hall stood out during the game adding a great performance.

"He played fantastic," added Bican.

The game helped the boys assess where they need to be as they head into districts and plan to continue getting better with every game.

"We need this week coming up to make some adjustments and get ready for Rochester Adams in the first round of districts," said Bican.

The Wolves have the advantage this week

hosting Brandon on Wednesday and Troy on Friday.

"Troy is a good team," Bican said. "They have already clinched the league. It will be interesting to see what happens. Troy is one of the top teams in the state."

After the Wolves from the weekend, they head off against Adams in the first round of districts.

"We are very confident," said Bican. "We match up well and it will be an extremely hard-fought game. They are a better team when we faced them last time."

The boys tied the game, 2-2.

Since then Adams has made adjustment and equally knows what to expect from Clarkston.

"I have a smart group of boys they are focused on Rochester Adams, and Adams alone," said Bican. "It should be fun."

The game against Troy begins at 5 p.m. on Friday.

The boys head to Adams on Monday and play at 7 p.m.

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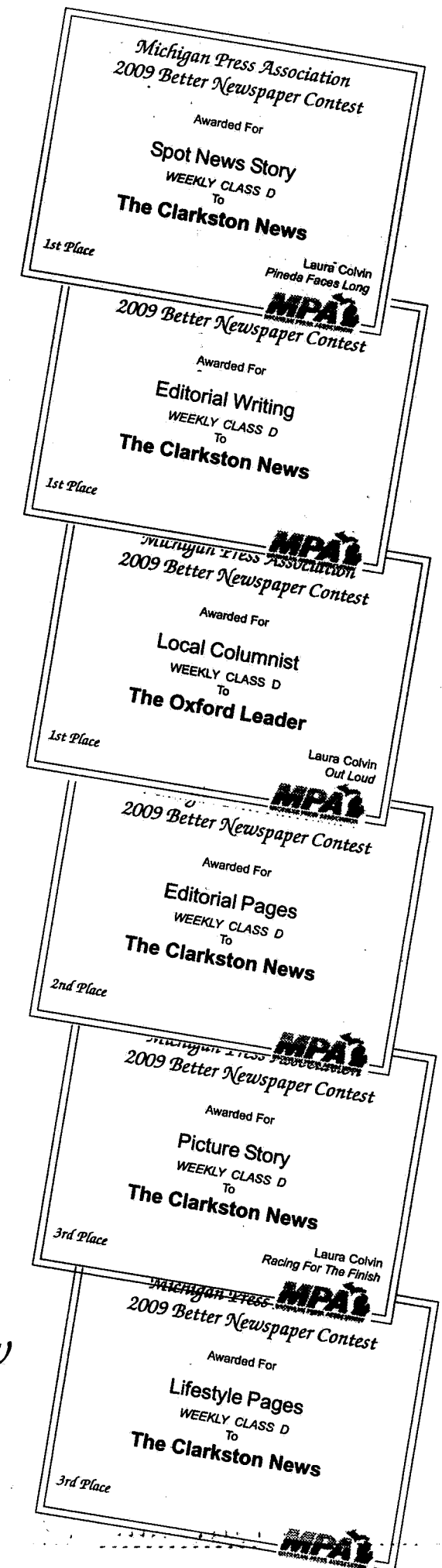
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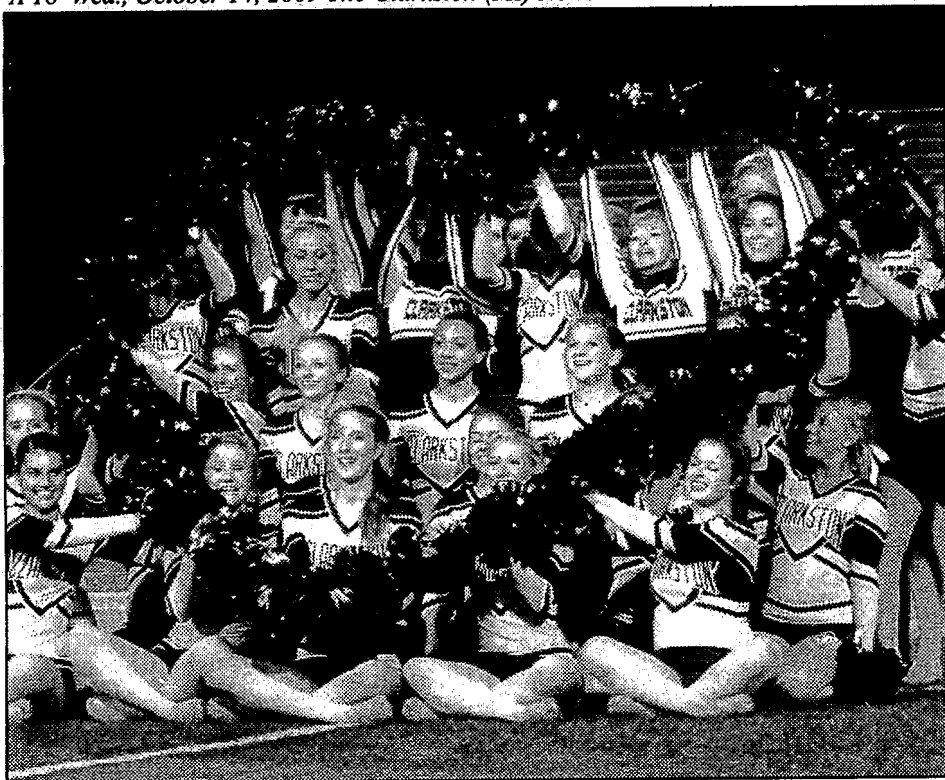
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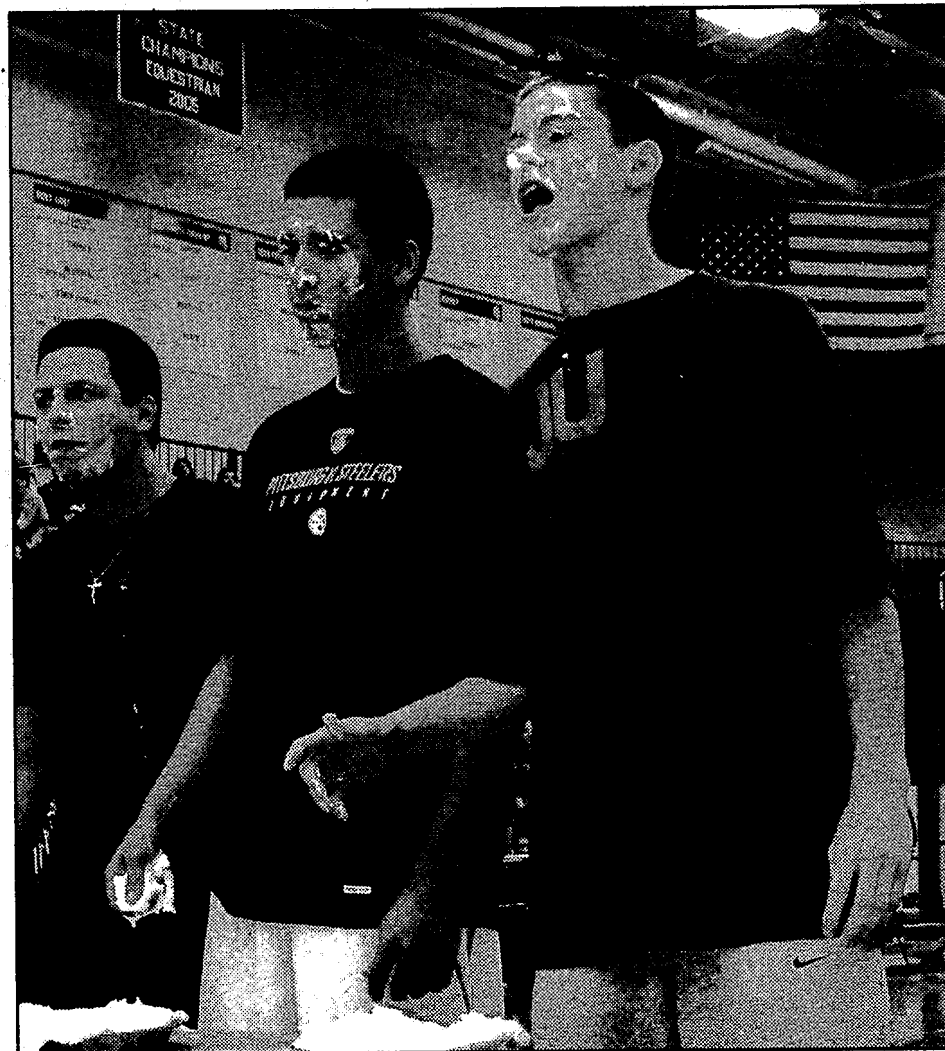


Spirit of Wolves

After a week of Homecoming events and showing off their school spirit, a Queen and King were crowned and Seniors won the Spirit Cup during Friday's Pep Rally. Students and teachers competed against

each other in a relay race and pie contest where they dug through whip cream to find a piece of gum, chew it and blow a bubble. The Wolves gridiron gang beat Oak Park Friday night, 35-6.

Photo story by Wendi Reardon



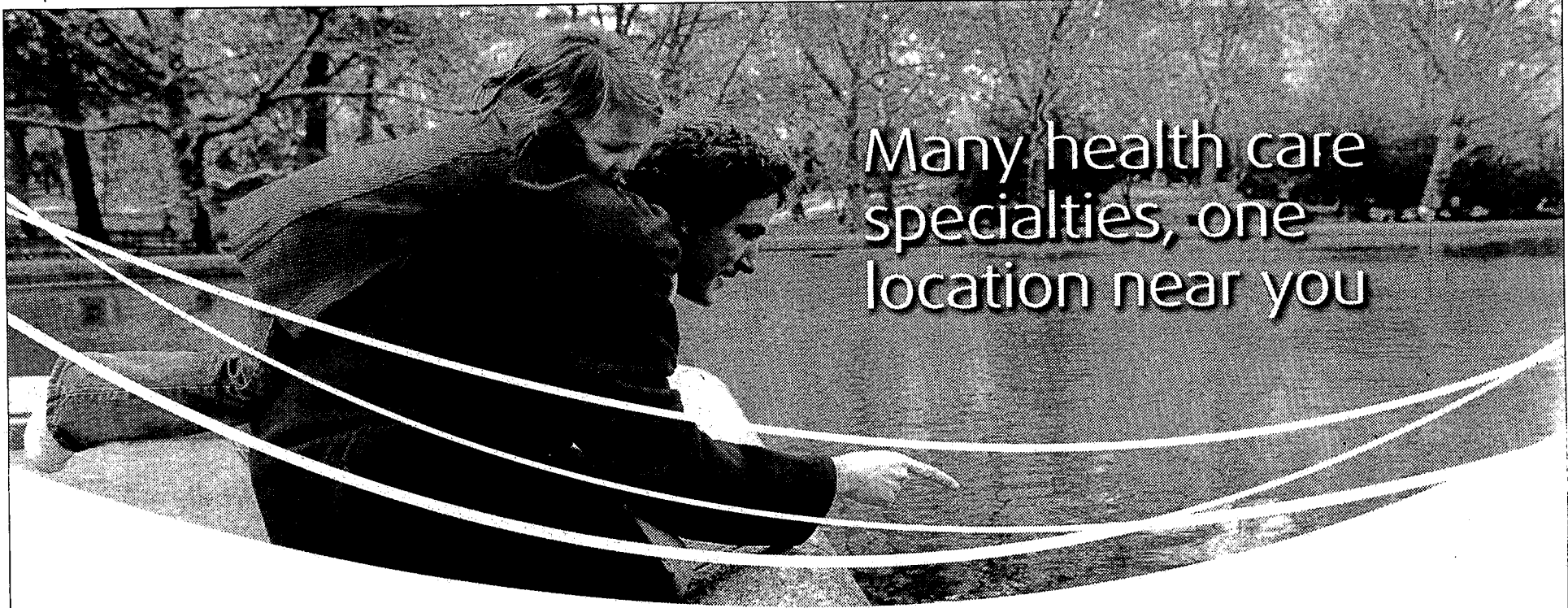
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Tuesday, Oct. 20

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Presentations, 5:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Q & A session, 6:45 p.m.

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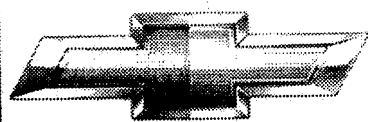
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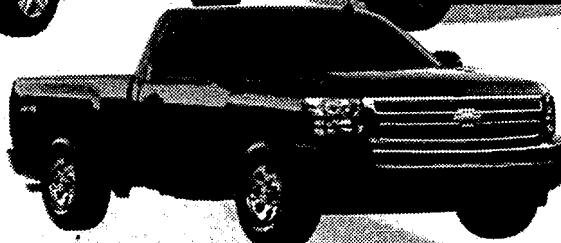
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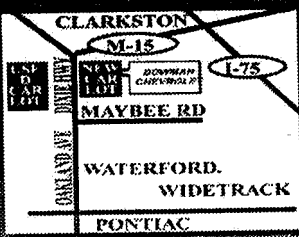


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People Poll

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Peace Prize for President Obama?

"I don't think he deserves the peace prize as much as some others. He got it because of what he says he's going to do."

— Tammy Sporer



"It's laughable. There are people who are more deserving, and the economy has gotten worse."

— Kristine Jacques



"It's ridiculous. He was nominated in February — 11 days in office and he's already picked."

— Don Brown



"I like to see an American win, but I don't think he's been in office long enough to be deserving of it. I wish him all the best, though."

— Larry Dean



By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

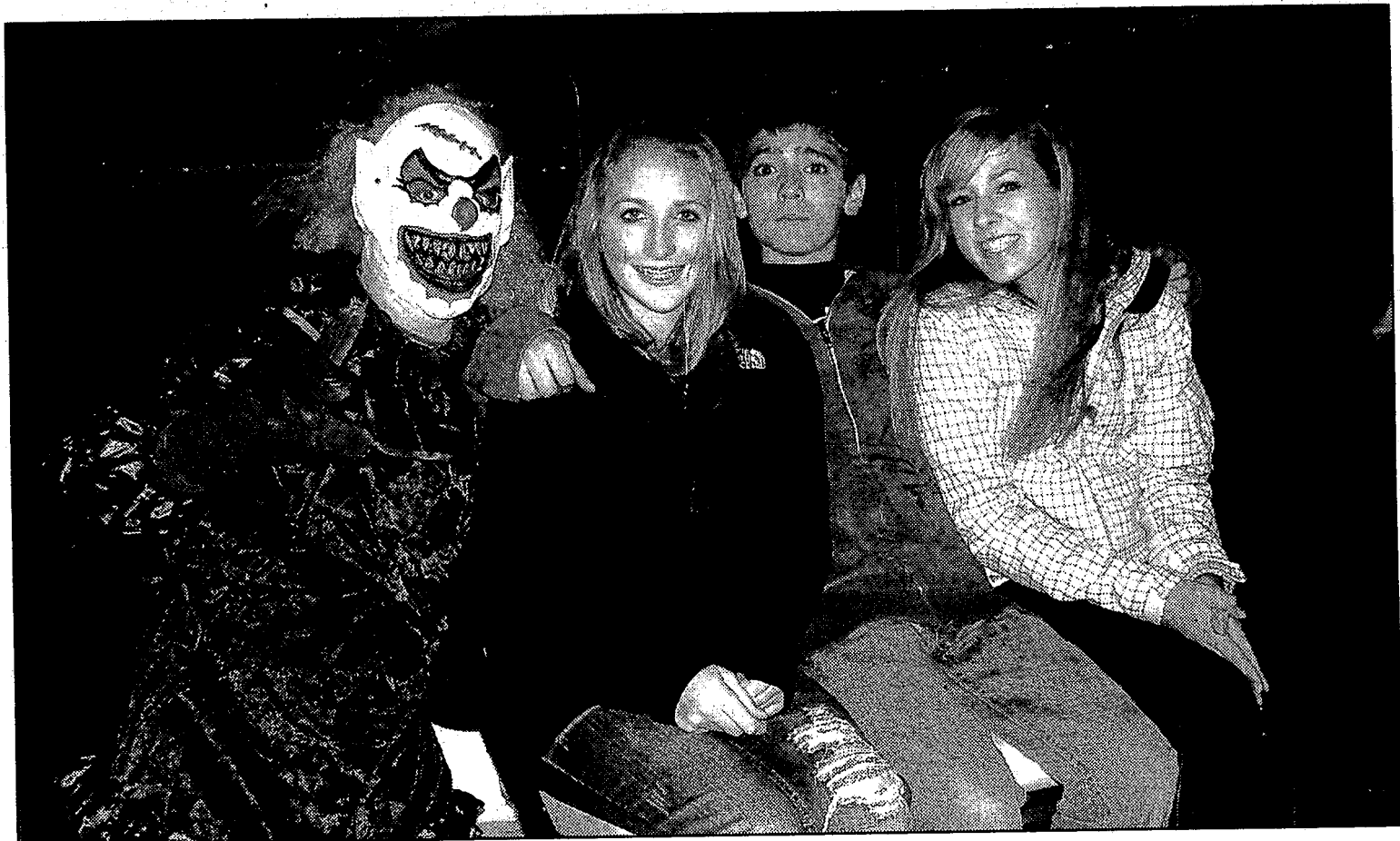
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Katie Kelly, David Lemerand, and Rachel Quinn of Clarkston go for a ride with Dinky the Clown at Haunted Fountains.

Time for frights at night

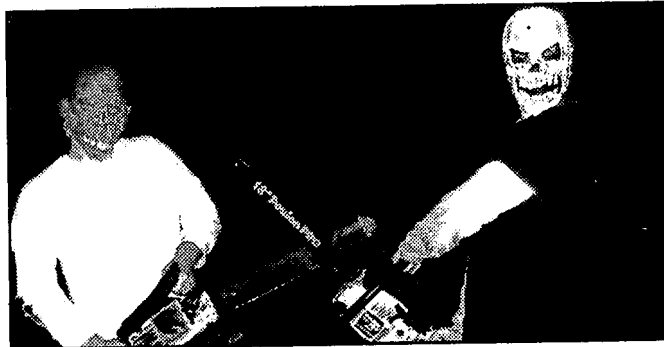
October is when otherwise respectable members of the community think up creative ways to scare their friends and neighbors, devising the creepiest costumes and innovatively sadistic sets they can possible come up with.

In the Clarkston area, that includes Haunted Fountains at Fountains Golf

and Banquet Center on Maybee Road, and Terror of Townsend Forest, at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Waterford Road.

Both run Friday and Saturday evenings through October. Please see page 8B for more pictures.

— Phil Custodio



Brandon Parks and Ryan Cantley show off their chainsaws. Photos by Phil Custodio



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Around Town

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Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-8 p.m., Oct. 14, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-4644.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Oct. 15, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Speaker: state Rep. Eileen Kowall. 248-623-9462.

Springfield Garden Club garage sale, proceeds to benefit 4H, Oct. 15-17. Clarkston Road, first curve north of Clintonville Rd.

Travel Show, 1 p.m., Oct. 16, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Presentations by three travel companies for day, overnight and extended trips for adults 50+, with refreshments and prizes. 248-625-8231.

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Oct. 16, Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. All you can eat spaghetti, tossed salad, Italian garlic bread. \$6, dine in or carry out. Desserts \$1. No reservations needed. 248-625-8231.

Coffee House, featuring musician Dan Hazlett and local talent. 7 p.m., Oct. 16, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Open Mic at 7 p.m., followed by Hazlett's voice and acoustic guitar music, blending folk and jazz styles. 248-625-5192.

Brew up a Cure for Breast Cancer, Oct. 16, Caribou Coffee, Sashabaw Road, benefits Susan G. Komen Foundation. Fundraiser sale of Amy's Blend Coffee, named in honor of Amy

Ericson.

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.

Parking lot sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 17, Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene, 2840 Airport Road. \$15 to rent a table. 248-673-5911 ext. 18.

Support Our Troops fundraiser, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 17-18, American Legion Auxiliary Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. 248-672-3252.

Carrick House Concerts host The Dick Siegel Trio, with special guest John Natiw and Rochelle Clark, 4 p.m., Oct. 18. Pizza, deserts, coffee, water bottles served. \$10 donation goes to performers. 248-394-0113.

Fundraiser dinner, benefiting Clarkston Lions Club vision and hearing-impaired programs, 4-8 p.m., Oct. 20, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 248-922-6913.

Take Charge of Your Career Transition, sponsored by Clarkston Schools and Steeple, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Oct. 20: Utilizing Recruiters in Your Job Search; Oct. 27: Your Finances in Transition; Nov. 3: Basics of Résumé Writing and Marketing Material. Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611, ext. 226.

Boxers for Heroes, Miracle Box Packing Party, 4-7 p.m., Oct. 22, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. Care package items, with new men's boxer shorts, new or clean sweat pants and T-shirts. 248-623-0444.

Family Harvest Celebration, with games, food, fun, fellowship, for preschool-fifth grade, 1-3 p.m., Oct. 24, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Outside by the Pumpkin Patch, weather permitting. No charge. No costumes please. 248-625-1323.

Beginning Genealogy Workshop, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Oct. 31, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Topics: census records, website searches, family charts, led by Joette Kunse, local researcher, and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Sponsored by Clarkston Historical Society and library. Free and open to the public. 248-625-2212.

Veterans Lunch, 11 a.m., Nov. 4, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Special lunch honoring those who served our country during war or peace, with American Legion Post 377 and Veterans' Services Division representative. Call the activity center reservation, 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence
Please see Around Town on page 13B

SMILE OF THE MONTH



Emma Pirone
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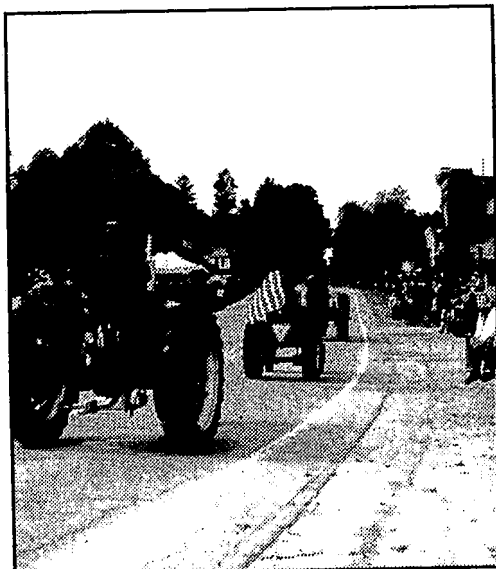




Samantha Rogers of Holly practices her archery skills at outdoor activities set up at Springfield Township hall, with the help of volunteer Melissa Smiles.



Historical tractors parade through downtown Davisburg.



The tractor parade heads into town.

History on parade

Visitors enjoyed a bright sunny day for Davisburg's first Heritage Festival, Saturday.

Springfield Township worked with Oakland County on the combined Davisburg and Ellis Barn festivals, offering a full day of activities throughout the village and surrounding township.

Marking high noon was a parade featuring vintage tractors through downtown Davisburg from Mill Park to Springfield Oaks.

— Phil Custodio



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Milestones

Clarkston woman marries

Amy Nicole Licatovich and Sean Michael Hawks were married, June 18, on Magens Bay Beach in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Upon their return home, a reception was held in their honor, June 27 at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, Independence Township.

Mother of the bride is Nancy Licatovich of Clarkston. The groom is the son of Mark and Kathy Hawks of Stevensville, Mich.

Jennifer Dasuqi and Anna Hunt were Matrons of Honor. Bridesmaids were Pam Marzolf, Jessica Minott, Kayla Baker, Heather Robinson, Lindsay Battle, Jocelyn Valentine and Laura Woloson.

Brent Hawks, Scott Hawks, and T.J. Merrill were Best Men. Groomsmen were Kyle Easley, Tim Kern, Paul Weber and Mark Weber.

The couple resides in Muskegon, Mich. The bride teaches at Muskegon High School and the groom is ASC Director for Basic Communications in nearby Fremont, Mich.



Amy and Sean

Serving our country...

Barak Thomas of Clarkston recently completed basic and advanced individual training at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

Thomas is a member of the Maneuver Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard, and serves as a finance clerk.

He is a 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School and attends Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Mich. He is the son of Dan and Cindy Thomas of Clarkston.

Milestone to share?

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Jason and Shannon

Sadowski -Fabbri

Al and Jody La Londe proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Sadowski of Clarkston, to Jason Fabbri of Plymouth.

They will reside in their new home in Rochester Hills. Both are graduates of Grand Valley State University.

Wedding plans to be announced.

Religion

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There are a number of themes in Proverbs that relate to everyday life. God and man, wisdom, the fool, the sluggard, friendship, words, the family, and life and death, are all themes that you'll find through this book.

Dominant among these themes, of course, is wisdom itself.

But what is wisdom? One good definition is, "the right use of knowledge." But if you take a closer look, you'll find that wisdom has different shades that make it full and rich.

Wisdom, for example, involves instruction and training. It doesn't just come with the passing of time. It's hard won, because it involves character as much as the mind.

Wisdom also involves understanding or insight. When Solomon became king he prayed that God would give him the ability to discern between good and evil (1 Kings 3:9). What is it that gives such discernment? Wisdom.

Wisdom also contains an element of what we would call shrewdness, prudence, or wise dealing. Each of these abilities can be used to scheme and bring harm. But with the right heart they can bring good out of tight circumstances because such wisdom gives the ability to handle tough situations.

Finally, wisdom also has to do with knowledge and learning. Not merely head knowledge, but the knowledge of God. And this helps us to see how wisdom is actually attained.

Where does wisdom come from? It comes from the Lord. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Pr.9:10). This means that if you want wisdom, you must turn to the Lord and devote yourself to Him.

As one commentator on Proverbs put it, wisdom is not for the man who is wise in his own eyes, but the one who watches daily at the gates.

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

Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

In our churches...

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

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

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

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

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

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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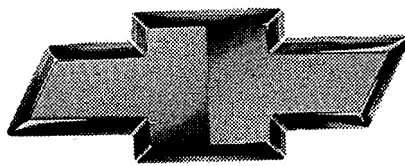


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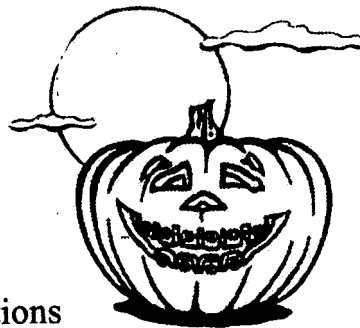
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Clarkston's Homecoming Queen Catherine Marks plays the flute while King Chris Benedict keeps her dry in the rain. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Allison Stawara plays the timpani at half-time during Clarkston's Homecoming game.

Sweet music

Clarkston High School Marching Band entertained the football fans during the Wolves' Homecoming Game last Friday.

The marching band is performing in the Tenth Annual Lamphere Band Invitational this Saturday.

The opening ceremony starts at 4:45 p.m. and Clarkston is set to perform at 6:05 p.m.

Awards are at 7:30 p.m. Lamphere High School is located at 610 W 13 Mile Road in Madison Heights.

Clarkston hosts their invitational on Oct. 24.



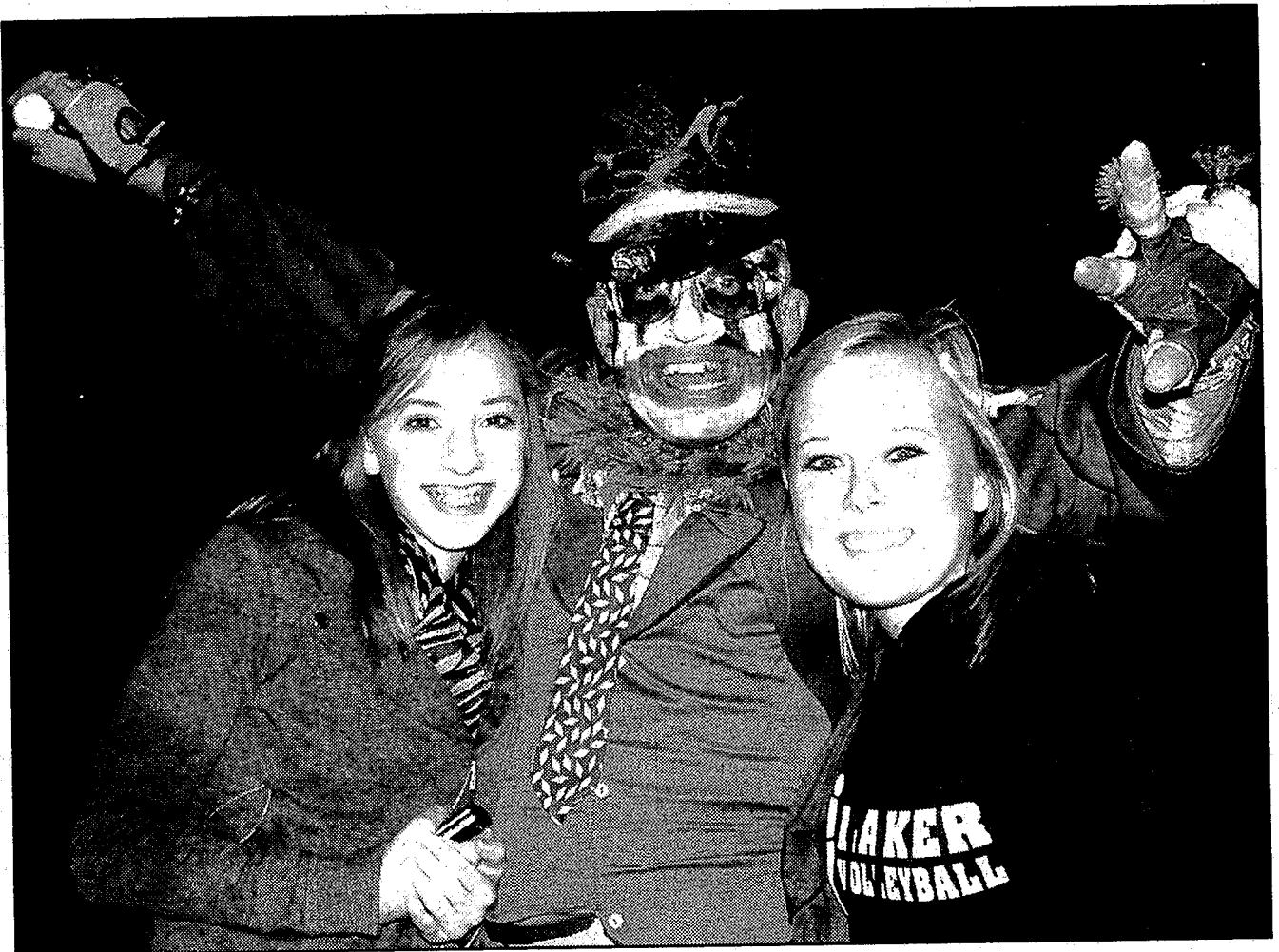
Kerry Bush's dinosaur stomps through Terror in Townsend Forest.



Taylor Sherwin makes a creepy clown at Haunted Fountains.



Vincenzo Savino's clown carries a chainsaw at Townsend Forest.



Allison Samulon of Waterford, left, and Denise Balent of White Lake with Joker Stone at Haunted Fountains.

Local haunts

Visitors get a wild ride at Independence Township Halloween events Haunted Fountains and Terror of Townsend Forest.

"He said we all had to get out, and we're all sort of uh, no," said Tracey Kudla of Clarkston, who toured Haunted Fountains in an extended golf cart, with Robyn Chopp of White Lake and Aimee Smith of Clarkston. "It was quite real, I didn't know where we were going. It was fun - they got us quite a few times."

Townsend Forest visitors walk along a quarter-mile trail through the woods behind Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.

Admission is \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 and under at Townsend Forest. Call 248-62300444.

Haunted Fountains admission is \$15. Call 248-625-3731.

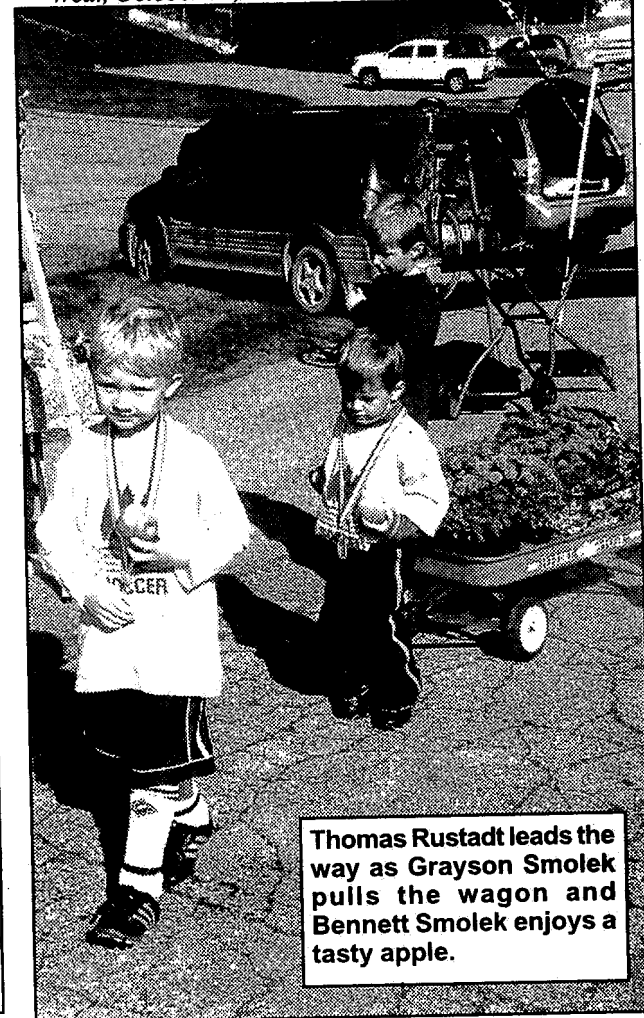
Photo story by Phil Custodio



Townsend Forest's Mary Gaedt and Dot Dowlan stir their witches brew, filled with unusual ingredients.



Sharon Cicciarelli and Madeleine Macy from Clarkston Community Garden discuss vegetables.



Thomas Rustadt leads the way as Grayson Smolek pulls the wagon and Bennett Smolek enjoys a tasty apple.

Last sign of summer

The sun appeared for the final weekend of the Farmer's Market.

Patrons rejoiced and spent the morning checking out vegetables and fruits from local growers and sampling Michigan made food such as bread and cheese.

The market opened June 20, a month

earlier this year. During the weeks it hasn't been just about food but having the seeing what local artists are selling and listen to music.

The market also collected old bicycles, in partnership with Bicycles for Humanity. The bikes will go to Ghana.





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Obituary

Christopher Ollie Ray, 7

Doris M. Zimmer, 93

Doris M. Zimmer of Attica, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Oct. 9, 2009, at age 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roscoe in 1981. She was the mother of Delbert of Alaska and Charles (Dolores) of Clarkston; grandma of Delbert (Tammy), Paula (John) Ward, Charles (Sandy) Zimmer, Shelley (Steven) Imason, and Todd Stone; great grandma of Megan, Alec, Halle, Amy, Scott, Delbert, Nikki, Candy, and Chrissy; and sister of Dorothea Stone and Dean (Bonnie) Smith.

Mrs. Zimmer was a member of the Lutheran Church for many years, formerly of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

Funeral service was Oct. 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Glen Eden Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Arthritis Foundation.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries updated at Clarkstonnews.com

Christopher Ollie Ray of Brandon Township passed away unexpectedly due to complications from cerebral palsy, Oct. 11, 2009, at age 7.

He was the beloved son of David and Willie; grandson of Evelyn and Donald Ollie and Willie Jr. (and the late Marie) Ray; special nephew of "Tia" Judy, Glenda, Ileta, Annie and Larry; and brother of Paris, DeJhone, Samiyyah, Ishmeil, Billy, and Africa. Christopher was a student at Kingsley Montgomery Elementary, Waterford.

Funeral service, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, 9:30 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to Waterford Kingsley Montgomery Elementary School for the new playground.

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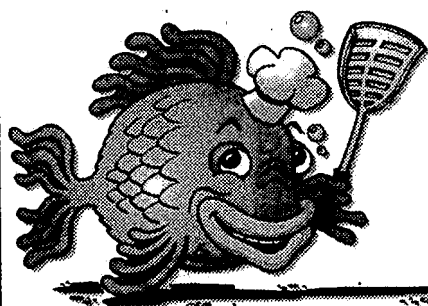


Wall of Faces on display

Local artist Donella Reese Vogel exhibits "A Wall of Faces," an array of 32 paintings assembled in a 5x8 foot presentation, through Oct. 24 at Arnold Klein Gallery, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. "At first I envisioned a chronological row of portraits, but eventually I began to see the individual portraits as compositional elements, the faces and colors part of an assembled presentation - a portrait of the people I know, the people of my time," Vogel said. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 248-647-7709 or check arnoldkleingallery.com or donellareesevogel.com.

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From left, Dr. Ahmet Ezz, 21st Oncology radiation oncologist, Dr. Mike Doyle, cancer patient and emergency medicine physician at POH Regional Medical Center, Dr. Jeffrey Forman, medical director, 21st Century Oncology, state Rep. Eileen Kowall, L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, Shelagh Vanderveen, Independence Township clerk, Dr. Kay Miller, 21st Century Radiation oncologist, and Dr. Linsey Gold, breast surgeon, at Saturday's grand opening event at 6770 Dixie, Suite 106. *Photo provided*

Dr. Forman celebrates with ribbon cutting

Dr. Jeffrey Forman, staff, and guests celebrated the grand opening of his new office at 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106, with a ribbon cutting, Oct. 10.

Forman, radiation oncologist and Michigan medical director of 21st Century Oncology, explained to guests new technology available at the office, including TomoTherapy.

"The way radiation is dispensed using

TomoTherapy causes less damage to the surrounding healthy tissue," he said. "It's very effective in most types of cancer."

Dr. Forman presents a prostate cancer detection, prevention and TomoTherapy treatment seminar at Independence Township Adult Activities Center, Clintonwood Park, on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 248-625-0300.



Offering a welcome break

Willson Churchill gets a break from searching for a job, with a massage at LaVida Massage of Independence Township, Oct. 5. Gregg Ryeson and Andrea Ryeson of LaVida Massage,



Melanie Horvath poses as she gets her face painted at last year's Family Fun Day.

Fall fun day at church

Clarkston Free Methodist Church hosts Fall Family Fun Day, 3-7 p.m., Oct. 17.

Activities include hayrides, "30 acre" scavenger hunt, pumpkin carving and decorating, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, cotton candy, cider, fresh home-

made donuts, face painting and a large inflatable slide.

All activities will be on the church's new property on Sashabaw Road, 3/4 mile north of Clarkston Road. The Fall Family Fun Day is a free, "no-scare" come-and-go event for the entire community.



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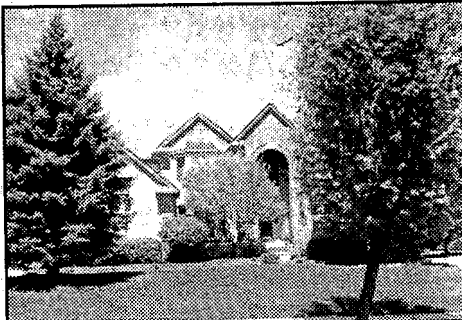
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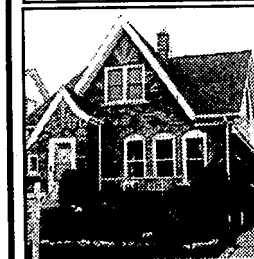
Oakland Twp - Pond View. Nature at its finest! Huge ranch with full finished walkout basement, pool, hot tub, appliances. Overlooks a gorgeous pond! **\$365,000** (35ORI)

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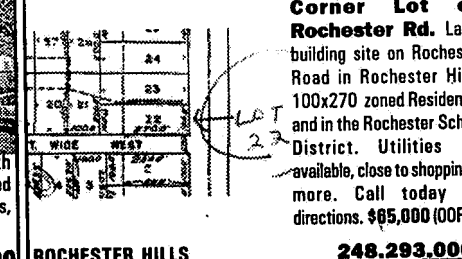
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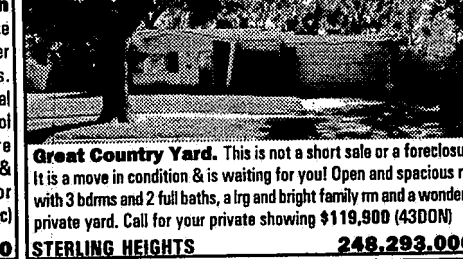
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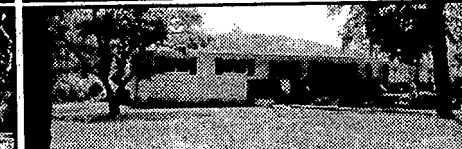
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Information and consent forms for parents and guardians about the group, presented by Coats Funeral Home, will be at the Oct. 18 meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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

Around Town

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Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Pickleball 50+, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Drop in, \$3. 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

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

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, third Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 877-627-6248.

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

Line Dancing, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Drop in, \$3. 248-625-8231.

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

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

Estate of Thomas John Wojciechowski. Date of birth: 11/2/46
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thomas John Wojciechowski, who lived at 55 Peggy Ave., Pontiac, Michigan died Oct. 7, 2009.

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

10-12-09
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PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
OCTOBER 6, 2009

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call: Present: Wagner, VanderVeen, Carson, Lohmeier, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson
Absent: None
- There was a quorum.
- The Agenda was approved with revisions: Halloween Hours and Cheshire Update were added.
 - Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the agenda.
 - Consent Agenda items were moved to the end of the meeting.
 - Public Hearing on reprogramming of CDBG Funds opened at 7:40 p.m. and closed at 7:41 p.m.
 - Approved release of settlement for sewer back up
 - Approved motion to cease work on Cheshire immediately until status report is given to the Board
 - Minutes of Special Meeting of August 25, 2009 were approved with corrections, minutes of Regular Meeting of August 18, 2009 were approved and minutes of Regular Meeting of September 1, 2009, were pulled until the next meeting.
 - Accounts Payable Check run was approved
 - Approved 2009 Annual MDOT permit
 - Motion failed to award bid to Italia for Clintonville Road Safety Path
 - Approved motion to request extension from Italia and seek condemnation of three properties
 - Approved continuing the Spring Clean Up for 2009 and discontinue in 2010
 - Approved reprogramming CDBG funds of \$25,000.00 to minor home repairs
 - Approved participation in 2009 Municipal Credit Program with SMART
 - Postponed approval of new liquor license for James Mellema at Gateway Square Park
 - Approved appointment of Jim Wauldron and Deborah Frolich to Planning Commission
 - Invalidated increase in car allowances to employees
 - Approved the return of money for car allowances from elected officials
 - Approved adjustment of 2009 to remove car allowance increase from budget and remove increase from 2010
 - Approved motion to remove car allowances from elected officials in 2012
 - Announced the Safety Path Millage at .1763
 - Set Halloween Hours at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 10/14/09

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following case:

Case #09-0019 Bridgewater Builders, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890. FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 10', REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 31' PLUS 16'8" VARIANCE FROM BODY OF WATER TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD 8665 Lakeview Blvd., Lots 41 and 42, R-1A Sunny Beach Country Club Sub 08-12-376-041

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

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

Absent - Brueck
Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Ryan
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Johnston, to "Approve the Agenda as presented after removing 6a Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of 8/10/09 & 8/24/09 and 6b Treasurer's Report Cash Disbursements for discussion and add 6.5 Oktoberfest." Motion carried.

Moved by Hunter, supported by Roth, "To approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the Payroll by Department, Monthly wire transfers, Police Report and DPW Report thru 8/31/09 and approval of the 8/10/09 council minutes with the following correction - Councilman Johnston stated that the 90 North Main building is a zoning issue that the ZBA must address. Council is out of the picture. - Also, the approval of the 8/24/09 Council Minutes as presented and the Cash Disbursements for all funds for 8/11/09 thru 9/16/09." Motion carried.

Resolved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Gawronski, "That the DPW purchase a portable diesel tank for \$500.00 coming out of account 446.970000 and the scrap metal revenue put into this same account.
Roll: Yeas - Roth, Inabnit, Johnston, Hunter, Arkwright, Gawronski

Nays - None
Absent - Brueck

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Motion by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Roth, "To approve Charlotte Cooper to the Historical District Commission with her term ending July 1, 2012." Motion carried.

Resolved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, "To approve the sidewalk replacement bid of Smooth Finish Concrete, 11181 Green Road, Goodrich, MI 48438 for 58 slabs for up to \$3,000, excluding the dumpster pad for an additional \$300 costs, after a satisfactory review of references, Expense coming out of account number 444.933000 sidewalk replacement."
Roll - Yeas: Arkwright, Johnston, Roth, Inabnit, Hunter, Gawronski

Nays: None
Absent: Brueck

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Motion by Roth, supported by Inabnit, "That the meeting be adjourned". Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN CASE NO: 52-2 DISTRICT COURT 09-C02956 GC ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

5850 Lorac, Clarkston, Michigan 48346 (248) 625-4994
Charles E. and Gloria Y. Clear
6641 Clear Court
Davisburg, MI 48350

Eric J. Cox
6643 Clear Court
Davisburg, MI 48350

Paul S. Miller (P48025)
Schmidt, Isgrigg, Anderson & Miller
2745 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, Michigan 48328
(248) 682-8800

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant Defendant Eric J. Cox cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

- Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):
 - First class mail to
 - Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 6643 Clear Court, Davisburg, Michigan 48350
 - Delivering at
 - to a member of defendant's household who is of suitable age and discretion to receive process, with instructions to deliver it promptly to defendant.
 - Other: Publish notification for three (3) consecutive weeks in any Oakland County newspaper
- For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

SEP 10, 1009 Judge Bar. no

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

Estate of Janet Long. Date of birth: 1-22-53
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Janet Long, who lived at 52 Edna, Pontiac, Michigan died 8-23-09.

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

10-6-09
Linda Long
60 Illinois
248-335-4446 Pontiac, MI 48341

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: October 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Place: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI, 48346

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- 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.
- Consent Agenda:
 - Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2009, and September 15, 2009, and Special Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2009, and September 22, 2009
 - Accounts Payable Check Run
 - Sale of Old Medic #2

Public Hearing - Reprogramming of CDBG Funds

Unfinished Business:

- EECBG Update
- Plante & Moran Audit presentation
- Establishment of Water and Sewer Rates
- Approval of liquor license for James Mellema at Gateway Park
- Report on Cheshire Park
- Trash Consortium Termination

New Business:

- Reprogramming of CDBG Funds
- 2010 Recreation Guide
- Telecommunications Services Review

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.

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Penny Stretcher,
The Citizen

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- ☺ = Picture

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www.lakeorionreview.com
www.clarkstonnews.com

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O20 GREETINGS

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MONDAY NOON
&
CANCELLATION DEADLINE
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HYPNOSIS WORKS: Weight control, Stop smoking, Stress management. Call Scott 248-933-3368 !!C124

CHOO CHOO'S CHOCOLATE

ChooChoo'sChocolate.com
Sweetest Day
PERFECT
Saturday, October 17
Th, Fri, Sat 11-6
150 S. Washington, Oxford
L442c

O30 WANTED

WANTED: CHOIR RISERS, reasonable and portable, preferably foldable and removable. 248-805-5282 or erinwaugh@aol.com !!H452

ALL CARS & TRUCKS

Scrap or Repairable
\$150 & UP FOR
COMPLETE VEHICLES ONLY
248-625-5050
C2114

WANTED: OLD motorcycles, minibikes, ATVs and mopeds. Running or not. 810-338-8440. !!XZ92

LOOKING FOR REPAIRABLE cars/trucks. Up to \$5,000 cash! paid. Quick pick up. 810-724-7647, 810-338-7770. !!L2434

WANTED: GOOD USED canning jars. Free or cheap. Clarkston area. 248-421-5438 !!C132

WANTED: Guns: Winchesters, Colts, Savage. Top dollar paid. 248-628-7086. !!L452

CASH

For Junk & Unwanted
Cars, Trucks & Trailers
We buy some repairables

248-670-7417

UNWANTED CARS,

TRUCKS, Gas powered toys, and trailers. Any condition. Cash paid. 248-891-6306. !!L454
TIGER SCOUT UNIFORM, size 8, good condition. Please call 248-240-4837. !!ZX92

O40 PRODUCE

HAY FOR SALE. 4x4 round bales. Stored inside, no rain. \$35. Can deliver large loads. 989-795-2560. 810-240-7988. !!C114

O50 FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD FOR SALE. Seasoned Hardwood. \$85/face cord, delivered. 248-892-6642. !!L454

FAMILY TRADITION

Firewood

Seasoned Hardwood only
Delivery & Stacking available
248-391-0859
L454

CHEAP HEAT! Mixed split hardwood, \$80/face cord, delivered, 248-628-8388. !!L452

FIREWOOD DIMENSIONS: a full cord is 4'x4'x8' and 4'x2'x8' is half cord. A face cord is 4x8x16 and is 1/3 of a full cord. !!L341fdh

QUALITY SEASONED OAK Firewood. \$80./face cord, plus delivery. 810-724-0283. !!L444

SEASONED QUALITY hardwood, cut and split, delivery available. 248-627-6316. !!ZX94

FIREWOOD- \$55.00 cord, free delivery. 248-989-1491 !!L451

FIREWOOD: SEASONED mixed hardwood, delivery available. 248-680-5113. !!C142

SEASONED HARDWOOD, MIXED hardwood \$88. Straight oak \$75. 10% senior discount. 12 mile radius of Oxford. Stacked & delivered. John, 248-830-1837. !!L4312

MARK'S FAMOUS WOOD. \$100/truckload, hardwood. Estimated 2 face cords. Free delivery. 248-330-9811LZ435

O60 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

AEOLIAN BABY GRAND Piano, good condition. \$500. 248-628-8918; 248-701-7963. !!L442

BACKSTAGE MUSIC Now Open. Buy, sell trade. Deals in guitars, amps, drums, pro sound. 1116 S. Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion. 248-693-9383. !!L451tc

EXPERT

PIANO TUNING

Call Matt

248-766-3122

PX2527

O70 TUTORING/ LESSONS

TUTOR- ELEMENTARY Level. 40 years experience in language arts & motivation. 248-628-8918, 248-379-3521. !!L443

WHY PLAY GUITAR HERO when you can play the real thing? In-home lessons. \$20/ hour. Call Ian: 248-760-5204. !!L442

AIRLINES ARE HIRING- Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career, FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified-housing available. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance 888-349-5387 !!CPM1

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O80 LAWN & GARDEN

1994 SIMPLICITY GARDEN tractor with attachments: mower, rototiller, snow blade, vacuum. 248-693-2948 or 248-693-7679. !!R442

ROBERTS TREE FARM

OAKLAND COUNTY'S LARGEST GROWER OF TREES
Colorado Spruce, Assortment of Maple trees & other ornamentals
2745 Sashabaw Rd, Ortonville
248-394-0390
L434

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Screened - 5 yds \$129
Hardwood Mulch - 10 yds \$259
20' x 21'AA Gravel - \$329
7 Ton 1-2ft. Boulders - \$499
Smaller & Larger Loads Available (Delivered Up to 10 Miles)
RICK PHILLIPS
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY
248-628-9777
L442

FALL SALE

BEAUTIFUL
Colorado Spruce
8'-10' You tag 'em: \$175.
Professionally Transplanted
248-255-3395
L434

★ JUST IN TIME For Fall Clean

Up-Craftsman 8-1/2HP Chipper/Shredder. Handles up to 3in. logs. Includes leaf 16:1 shredder. Excellent condition. \$200. firm. 248-628-6218. !!L434

O90 AUCTIONS

SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS
Friday, October 23, 2009
10am Lake Orion Self Storage Center, Inc. 180 W. Church St. Lake Orion, MI 48362
248-814-8140

Unit #40030- Norman Regan: Boxes, Clothes, Assorted tools, DVD's, Fishing equipment.
Unit #50022- Norman Regan: Lawn Equipment, Riding mower, Bags, Totes, Furniture, Boxes, Kids toys.
L452

AUCTION SAT. OCT 24TH, 2009, 4:00p.m.

Stow-Away Storage
3060 Adventure Ln., Oxford
Unit #17 Candy Bishop- Household; Unit #139 Renea Bronckowski- Household; Unit #14 Tom Hanson- Household; Unit #63 Amber Mercer- Household; Unit #236 Kevin Ozanic- Household; Unit #255 George Reynolds- Household; Unit #246 Scott Spiker- Household.
"CASH SALE"
\$100 cash deposit. Refundable when unit is cleaned out.
L442

100 FREE

FREE- LOGS for firewood. You pick up. 248-649-0689. !!R451f

FREE ADORABLE KITTENS. 8wks. old. Litter trained. 248-420-1521. !!L451f

110 GARAGE SALE

1530 SEYMOUR LAKE RD., Oxford. October 15-16, 8am-4pm. Video games, beanie babies, household. Lots more! !!L451

MOVING/ DOWNSIZING SALE
Household items, furniture, holiday items. Plants, vases, cookbooks, stampin up stamps, baby clothes, stroller, carseat, plus size ladies clothing. No junk! 9ft. prelit Christmas tree, craft items. Thurs, Fri, Sat, 9am-5pm. 1040 Woodside Ct., Waterstone Sub. Watch for pink signs.
Rain or shine!
L451

CALLING ALL MOMS. Got stuff? Need cash? Sell your gently used childrens items at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Oxford MOPS Mom2Mom sale. To participate, email Marie, riekabell@sbcglobal.net. \$20./table. Sale date Saturday, November 14th, 9am-1pm. !!L442

GARAGE SALE- New Beginnings Baptist Church, 985 N. Lapeer, Lake Orion. October 15-18th. 9:30am-5pm. Also, free food and clothing for needy families. !!R442

OCTOBER 15-17, 9AM-5PM.
685 Leyland Ct., off Joslyn north of Clarkston Road. Too much to list! Lots of new household items. !!L451

HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE Inside.
October 15th 9am-7pm, 16th 9am-5pm. Waterford Baptist Cathedral, 2640 Airport Rd., north of Hatchery. !!C141

LARGE ANTIQUE ESTATE Sale:
Furniture, glassware, primitives, etc. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9am-5pm. Holly- 5 miles north of I-75 on Dixie Hwy to 8174 Buckell Lake Rd. Follow signs. !!C1411

MOVING SALE- EVERYTHING must go! October 15-17, 9am-4pm. 370 Golf Villa Dr., Oxford. Waterstone Sub. !!L451

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248-628-4801
Clarkston News & Penny Stretcher
248-825-3370
Lk. Orion Review
248-693-8331
(Holiday deadlines may apply)
L28-dh

ESTATE SALE- ONE day, October 17th, 10am-4pm. 5307 Williamson, Clarkston, between Sashabaw & Dixie off Maybee Rd. Sleeper couch & love seat, womens clothes- large to XXL. 1950's dressers, some antiques, lots more. !!L451

REALLY BIG SALE- Patio furniture, grill, hammock, household, XL mens clothing. 1758 Eagle Trail, Oxford. Friday, Saturday, October 15-16. !!L451

★ KINGSBURY SCHOOL

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
Corner of
Oakwood & Hosner Roads
Oxford
Saturday October 17th
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
www.GoKingsbury.org
L451

TOOL SALE- FINAL WEEKEND!
October 14-17. Hours: Wednesday- 12-4pm; Th,Fr- 10am-7pm; Saturday- 10am-2pm. 768 Hemingway, Lake Orion. !!L451

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,

October 15, 16, 17
Huge Garage & Moving Sale
Over 10,000 items from pianos to juke boxes, 50" TV for \$100, toys for the kids.
409 Shady Oaks Dr., Lake Orion off Heights Rd.
Look for the lime green signs
L451dh

DO YOU SEE A ☺ OR A ★
NEXT TO AN AD? Check our classifieds on-line for a photo or a Google map. Oxfordleader.com

4 FAMILY SALE! Office furniture, children and baby items and more!
1340 W. Clarkston Rd., Lake Orion. Th- Sat., 9am-5pm !!L451

RUMMAGE/ BAKE SALE. Hope Senior Apartments, 210 W. Drahner, Oxford. October. 15 & 16, 9am-6pm. !!L451c

MOVING SALE AT 6078 Campfire Circle, Clarkston, to include beautiful dining rooms, living rooms, bedrooms, and much more!
Inquire at 248-425-0315. !!L2451

120 CRAFT SHOWS

MARTHA CIRCLE CRAFT Show
October 17th. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 138 S. Washington (M-24), Oxford. 9am-4pm. Wide variety of crafters, and door prizes. Admission: \$2. !!L442

CRAFTERS WANTED: ANNUAL Holiday Craft Show, November 21, 10am-4pm. Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 1950 South Baldwin, Lake Orion. Contact Bath Gammon, 248-391-8277 or email: bgammon66@aol.com. L452

FLEA MARKET

5855 Oakwood Rd
1/2 Block W of Baldwin Rd.
Every Saturday 9am-4pm
VENDORS WANTED
Robert Reese
248-682-6963
Charles Kniffen
248-628-3899
L444

FALL MARKET DAY & VENDOR SHOW

Lake Orion Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre
585 E. Flint St., Lake Orion
October 21, 2009, 11am-4pm
Calling all Vendors, Crafters, Retailers, or Anyone who wants to sell ANYTHING! Show is being held inside the nursing facility in Flea Market type setting. Reserve a table for \$15 each. All rental fees will benefit our "Van/Bus Fund". Public invited to attend! Reserve your table today, space is limited. Call for details 248-693-0505
L433

CRAFTERS WANTED- DAVISON H.S. October 17-18, 10am-4pm. Over 100 booths. Presented by Smetanka Shows & Davison Wrestling Boosters. 810-658-8080. !!ZX82

130 HOUSEHOLD

REDUCE ENERGY BILLS and save money. Call for energy audit: 248-393-1685. !!L443

AMISH LOG Headboard and queen pillow top mattress set, new/ never used. Sell all for \$275. 989-772-1517 !!CPM1

☺ QUEEN SIZE SOFA bed, beige

with flower print, \$100. 1930's oval antique table \$100. 248-681-9127, 5-9pm. !!L442
SOFA, TAN MICRO fiber. 1 year old. Non-smoker. \$200. 248-375-2441. !!C142

A BEAUTIFUL Tempurpedic style memory foam mattress set, queen, all new, never used, with warranty. Cost \$1,800, Sell \$695. Can deliver 989-832-2401!!CPM1

ANTIQUE DROP LEAF table, \$150; antique flour box, (I used it as a coffee table) \$50.; Old railroad cart with glass top great coffee table \$50.; Call 248-628-5824 after 5:30 p.m. !!L222fdh

☺ LITTLE FOLKS CHANGING

table/ dresser for sale with boys bunk bed set. Both blond wood. Would be great for cabin or boys room. Dresser sells for \$240 new. Both for \$125. Pictures at www.oxfordleader.com. Call 810-638-3798. 4pm-9pm. !!L238dhtf

130 HOUSEHOLD

VINTAGE FUTON COUCH, restored, reupholstered. Solid! From the 1940's (?). Check out picture at oxfordleader.com. Make offer. Call 810-636-3798, 4pm-9pm. **11LZ38dhtf**



CHERRY ENTERTAINMENT ARMOIRE

Made by Riverside Furniture Company. Outside measurements are 41" wide x 23.13" deep x 54" high. Strong, secure and good looking. Made in USA; handcrafted of cabinetmaker hardwood solids, select veneers and engraved wood elements. Storage area: 36.5" wide x 20.75" deep x 33.5" high. Open storage beneath the TV compartment has two removable shelves. Wiring access holes located in the back panel. Base levelers. \$200 obo. Call 810-636-3798, 4-9pm. See pictures at oxfordleader.com. **LZ37dhtf**

ANTIQUE DROP LEAF table, \$150; Antique round oak table, 48", \$150. 248-628-5824 after 5:30pm. **11LZ39tfdh**

OAK DINING TABLE with 6 chairs, \$550 obo. Wood entertainment center unit, \$550. Used electric dryer \$40. 248-904-6485. **11C142**

140 COMPUTERS

LAPTOPS & COMPUTERS
Rebuilt.....\$75 and up

Flat Panel Monitors
Starting at \$45.
Call Bernie

248-814-8633

R434

COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

Remove unwanted software, spyware, viruses. Is your computer as fast & stable as mine? Onsite at your convenience. Refurbished computers for sale. Free follow-up tech support. Scotty 248-245-9411. **11LZ444**

COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

Microsoft Certified Technician. Free diagnostic. John: 248-892-5687 (Clarkston). **11LZ444**

150 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

3 CANED SEAT & 2 rush seat chairs. \$35 each. Very old. 248-674-4204. **11C142**

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YE OLDE STUFF & ANTIQUES

Have seat in our "home" or walk through 7 rooms of Historic Treasures. Coffee Is On Us! Wed - Sat 12-6pm Downtown Lake Orion 20-1/2 Front St.

R444

170 GENERAL

POLE BARN'S Built Best Barns Michigan's largest builder. Fantastic savings, anywhere in Michigan. 30'x40'x10' barns starting at \$8,995, 40 colors, license/insured. For quote 1-877-802-0857 **11CPM1**

7x7 WOLMANIZED WOOD DECK, \$50. 248-672-2101. **11L452**

NEW FULL MATTRESS with frame, \$225. Carved Plantation four poster queen bed with step, \$350. Several antique chests, various prices. Phono records. Hospital bed, \$88. 248-693-8292. **11L442**

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For additional cost add THE CITIZEN

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LZ8tf

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HANDMADE COSTUMES for rent. Children and adults \$10-\$25. Some made to order. Call 248-628-0270. **11LZ434**

ROLLED TICKETS

DOUBLE & SINGLE ROLLS
Assorted Colors
Lake Orion Review

Oxford Leader Clarkston News

LX28-tf

5500 BTU B&S generator, excellent condition. 10hp, 16 hours. \$450. 248-627-6709. **11L442**

4 ROLLS NEW wire horse fencing: saddles- western, English; miscellaneous tack; bike rack for 3; table saw. 248-770-6714. **11L442**

PORK DINNER. Wednesday October 28, 4:30pm-7:00pm. Howarth Church, 550 E. Silverbell Rd., Lake Orion. 248-373-2360. Public Invited. **11R452**

EXECUTIVE CHAIR, \$35. Bistro Table with 2 chairs, \$45. 7qt. Pressure canner, \$45. 2- black/chrome bgr. stools, \$40. Canning jars, \$4. 248-693-2954. **11L442**

LANDSCAPE BOULDERS, Reasonable, For retaining walls and terracing. Call 989-872-1164 **11C88**

INVESTORS-LOOKING TO hold a \$50,000. Land Contract at 7% for 5yr. with 10% down. 248-628-6294. **11L452**

GLACIER BAY WOOD Burning Fireplace Insert with surround and blower, \$425. 248-625-4778; 231-920-5442. **11ZX82**

SMALL ENGINE REPAIR/Service: Snowblowers, Generators, Lawn Equipment, Great rates! 248-505-5451 **11L452**

AIR DRIED HARDWOOD LUMBER

Oak, Walnut, Cherry, etc. Sawmill available.

Custom Wood Products,

Bridges, Wheels,

Rustic furniture, & Mantles.

Jewelry Boxes, X-Mas Gifts!

Anything made of wood!

Firewood- mixed, \$60

GIANT PUMPKINS!

Call Mike at 248-421-1785

L442

6000 WATT GENERATOR, new in box, True Life. Electric start. \$475. 248-634-9639. **11L452**

TRAILER FOR SALE: 2005 Econoline 23ft., 16 ton flatbed. Dual axles, electric brakes. Great condition. \$4,700 firm. Call 248-628-1019. **11LZ44dhtf**

VINTAGE FUTON COUCH

restored, reupholstered. Solid! From the 1940's (?). Check out picture at www.oxfordleader.com. Make offer. Call 810-636-3798, 4pm-9pm. **11LZ38dhtf**

HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS for sale. Wide variety, indoor/ outdoor. 248-628-2199. **11L442**

PIONEER POLE Buildings 30x40x10 basic building \$8,590.00, 14 colors, Galvalume steel, 2x6 trusses, ACQ treated lumber, Licensed and Insured. Options available. Call for quotes 1-800-292-0679 **11CPM1**

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SUNROOM BUILDING Materials. Must sell. End of season. 248-752-4048. **11C132**

LAST CHANCE MOVING SALE! 60in. Zero turn mower. Reduced. 248-420-0714. **11L442**

2008 EMERALD SPA Hot Tub. Seats 8-10. \$2,950. obo. New '06-'07 Yamaha 50 Dirt Bike. \$600. obo. 248-238-9849. **11L4**

BURIAL PLOT, RIDGELAWN Cemetery. 2 plots, Christian Memorial, Rochester. 231-838-8514. **11L452**

TWIN SOLID OAK Headboard, \$85. Entertainment Center, solid oak, 74x72x17, \$400. Sears Air Compressor, 1/2HP, \$85. 1975 Pinball machine, Space Mission, \$900. 248-252-3611.

SMALL PART SANDBLASTING. Auto, Home, Manufacturing parts. Reasonable rates. 248-628-6294. **11L451**

180 REC. EQUIPMENT

100s OF GOLF Balls with experience. Pick a brand, Pick a price. \$1.00 to \$6.00/doz. Call 248-693-4105. **11LZ8dhtf**

PICKUP CAMPER, 8' bed. Good condition. \$500 obo. 1947 Chrysler 2 door sedan, offer. 248-836-8880. **11C142**

200 PETS

AKC YELLOW and Chocolate, Labs, first shots, dewormed, dew-clawed, family raised, ready for loving home. 248-431-7363 **11L**

AKC SHIH-TZU 8 wks, 8mos., 2yrs. \$200. 1-810-688-2693.

YORKIES: \$300. Call 248-909-8904; or after 3pm 248-909-8901 **11L452**

SHIH TZU PUPPIES, 13wks. all shots, \$250 and up. 248-238-0269. **11C132**

AKC MALE YORKIE puppies, 8 weeks old. Ready to go. \$650. Price includes: goodie bag, vet check, first shots. Call Dee, 989-672-2085. **11C132**

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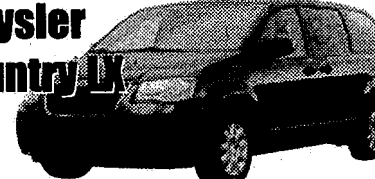
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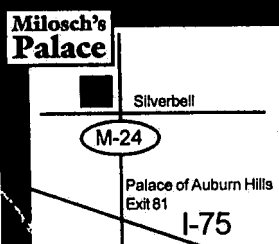
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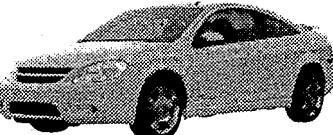
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She runs the salon with her daughters, Ana and Sara Moor, hair-extension specialist Cheryl Fox, and nail tech Sherree Edmunds.

Clarkston Hair Studio earned second-place Best of the Best honors in both the Clarkston News and Oakland Press.

“Thank you to all our loyal, fashion-forward friends,” she said. “The key is our qualified stylists, providing clients with what they want. We offer the ultimate salon experience. From the minute you walk in until the second you leave, it’s all about you.”

The studio, 8880B Ortonville Road at Cranberry Lake Road, is open Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Monday, nails only, as well as by appointment.

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“That’s important in this economy,” she said.

Zulinski has worked in Clarkston as a stylist for the past 18 years, remaining in the area when she opened her own studio this past year.

“This is where our clients are,” she said. “We invite everyone to take a look, try something new. And we always say thank you.” For more information call 248-942-3900.



From left are Sherree Edmunds, Sara Moor, Ana Moor, JoAnn Zulinski, and Cheryl Fox of Clarkston Hair Studio.



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“We look forward to meeting any future clients and answering any questions they have,” Tracy said. “We also look forward to seeing current clients because we wouldn’t be here without them.”

They will serve food and refreshments and will hold a raffle - anyone who visits will be entered into a drawing for a big prize.

Onyx is also expanding their services to include tanning and massages.

“Life is about opportunities,” she said. “It had given me the opportunity to take the chance and I am taking it.”

Tanning will be \$20 a month for a regular bed and \$30 for a stand-up, both are unlimited visits. They are also offering a special on massages - \$45 for one hour for new clients.

Onyx changes their specials monthly and offers unemployed residents half off their entire service, except hair extensions - with proof of unemployment.

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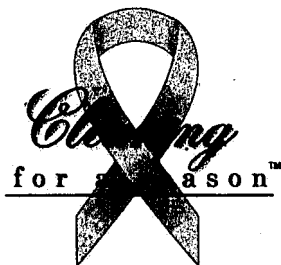
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The Downing Clinic is pleased to announce that clinic staff are now certified in a research-based health risk reduction and disease management program called FirstLine Therapy. Ann Heusted, RN, Lifestyle Educator, will coordinate the program and provide direct patient care under the supervision of Laura Kovalcik, DO, Board Certified Internal Medicine, clinic owner.

This new program, FirstLine Therapy, created by Metagenics Corporation is only offered through physicians who have attended the certification program. The program offers patients a plan for therapeutic lifestyle changes that will positively impact their health.

The program has been recommended by leading health organizations for treating and reducing the risk of common conditions such as:

- High cholesterol
- High blood pressure
- Metabolic Syndrome
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Osteoporosis
- Osteoarthritis
- Conditions related to aging

Lifestyle choices are also the key to addressing other health concerns and symptoms, such as:

- Fatigue
- Hormone imbalance



Ann Heusted, RN, and Laura Kovalcik, DO, of The Downing Clinic.

- Low sex drive
- Stress-related symptoms
- Poor memory or lack of mental clarity
- And many others

The personalized FirstLine Therapy program includes:

- Initial and follow-up testing
- Regular consultations on how to make daily choices that will enhance your health and prevent and reverse disease processes
- A series of classes with an accompanying guidebook
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Dawn Raffler, right, owns Clarkston Cleaning Services; her daughter, Amber Raffler, serves as office manager.

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Reba Johnson, M.D.

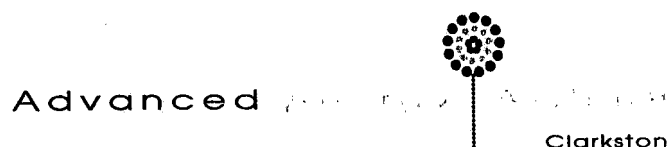
Dr. Johnson believes that her post graduate training from Henry Ford Hospital has made her a well-rounded doctor. Evidence-based clinical care and a wonderful bedside manner sets her apart from others.

Years of extensive training has allowed her to be an expert in her field. "It is my passion to care for both children as well as adults. Improving their quality of life is something I strive for."

Living in the community where she works, Dr. Johnson, along with her family, enjoys the Clarkston area and what it has to offer. Community involvement is important to her.

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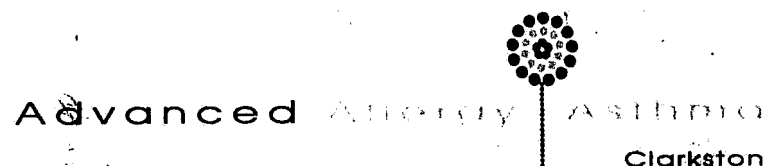
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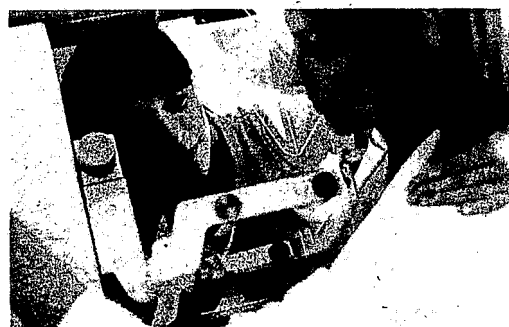
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so both Slabinski and Gorz are encouraging woman to come in and get their checkups.

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"Mary is a woman who's done it all," Gorz said. "She's raised two children, she is running a top notch radiology center and she's making it easy for other women to manage their career, their household, and raise a family."

Gorz noted, she liked the fact AROC has made it convenient for women, not only with evening and weekend appointments, but having state of the art equipment to have all the different tests done at one place.

"It's like a one stop shopping center," she said. "You can get your mammogram, bone density test, all done at once."

Slabinski and Gorz said they are encouraged by the efforts of Chris Strong, owner of Waterfall Jewelers and successful business woman who donated "Pandora Bracelets" and store gift cards to be part of a drawing once a week at AROC as an incentive for women to get their mammograms during the month of October.

In addition to mammograms and bone density, AROC offers ultrasounds, CT scans, coronary calcium scoring, cardiac CTA, virtual colonoscopies, and stress echo testing.

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