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## In memory of Art Pappas

Kip Pappas shares a few fond memories of his father at the dedication ceremony to honor Art by naming City Hall after him, please see page 2A. Photo by Trevor Kelsner

## Roberts hired out of state

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

As Clarkston begins its search for a new superintendent, a suburban Chicago school district finished their own – they hired retiring Clarkston Superintendent Al Roberts.

Consultants Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) assisted in Oak Park Elementary School District 97's search, just outside Chicago, with Roberts among its top five recommendations.

Roberts contracted with HYA this past September for \$18,500 to assist with Clarkston's search for a new deputy superintendent and human resources director.

Roberts said this is not a case of trading favors – such action would jeopardize the consultants' image and business.

"HYA is a national search firm that is widely respected and known for its integrity – such a firm does not do favors for any su-

perintendent," Roberts said in an email, June 27.

Different individuals working with HYA conducted Clarkston and Oak Park's searches, he said.

"This firm has a large number of consultants," he said.

As with Clarkston's search, the firm shared information about all candidates with the school board, which decided who to interview and then hire, Roberts said.



Roberts

"At the time we were looking for a deputy superintendent and HR director, I had planned to remain in the district for three or four more years, as indicated in my contract," he said.

"I made the decision to take advantage of

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## Independence Township recall group surrenders to time clock

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After nine months since they began efforts and with the clock ticking down, recall activists have decided to "reluctantly suspend the recall."

"Despite having collected over 3,600 signatures by the end of April to recall Independence Township Supervisor David Wagner (1,200 more signatures than the number of votes he received in the August, 2008 primary election), the Recall Committee now believes that we will not meet our deadline of July 30 to place the issue on the November, 2010 ballot," said Henry Woloson, a member of Citizens Against Independence Township Waste (CAITW).

With signatures only being valid for a 90

day period, Woloson said they couldn't replace signatures from three months ago fast enough.

The group needed enough signatures equal to 25 percent of the number of voters in the last governor election. According to the Oakland County Clerk's office the recall group needed at least 3,869 signatures in order to place the vote on the ballot.

"Our goal has always been to avoid having the Township taxpayers incur an additional \$42,000 bill for a special recall election by piggybacking on either the August, 2010 primary or the November, 2010 general election," Woloson said. "We are extremely encouraged not only by the support of 3,600 Township voters but also by the recent decision in Oakland County Circuit Court that the recall petition was valid and that the state

recall law is constitutional, contrary to Mr. Wagner's claims in his lawsuit against Oakland County."

He noted, many voters told the group they preferred to address many claims of township mismanagement during an election rather than a recall. Woloson said it's not too soon for concerned citizens interested in running for township office "to begin the process to engage voters and learn about the serious issues facing our community."

He is also grateful to all those who signed the petitions and volunteered their time, giving special thanks to Joel DeLong and his wife Mindy who collected the most signatures for the cause.

Wagner said he's "real glad it's over with" and that he has "no hard feelings or

disappointment."

"I'm relieved. I think it's going to be a plus for the township," he said. "We can get back to work because this is a very difficult time in the township right now and that's the most important thing is to make sure we keep moving forward in these poor economic times."

Though the current petition drive is suspended, the group's interest "in better local government" is not.

"We sincerely hope concerned citizens will remain engaged and vigilant so that our government officials act in our collective best interests," he said. "Good government results not only from people going to the polls to vote but also remaining active and holding our elected officials accountable for their decisions after elections take place."

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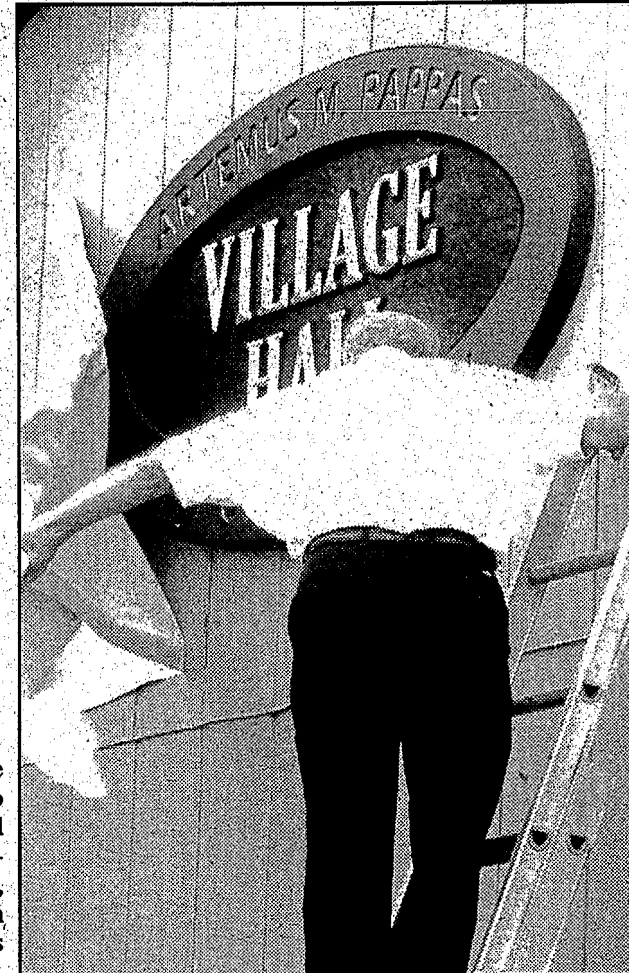
Former Mayor Sharron Catallo hands Maryann Pappas a copy of the City Council Resolution. Photos by Trevor Keiser

## Pappas Hall unveiled

A crowd was gathered in front of the "new" Village Hall Sunday afternoon to remember and celebrate the life of longtime resident and former treasurer, and clerk Art Pappas. Pappas passed away earlier this year after battling with cancer.

Shortly after Pappas died, city offi-

cial voted to form a subcommittee honor him for his 46 years of service to the community. The dedication included a reading of the City Council Resolution, unveiling of the New City Hall Sign, comments from a friend, and dedication of Art's plaque, comments from Pappas's son, Kit.



Doug Roeser unveils the new sign.

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### News office closed, Monday for Fourth

Clarkston News offices are closed Monday, July 5, in honor of Independence Day. Classifieds are due on Friday, July 2 by noon.

We reopen on Tuesday, July 6 at 8 a.m.

Enjoy the holiday weekend!

### Fireworks on Lake Oakland

Celebrate Independence Day with the American Legion Post 377 and watch fireworks on the beach on July 3.

Enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and snow cones available for purchase at the pavillion starting at 4 p.m. Entertainment includes music from 5-9 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per vehicle and \$2 each walker. No fireworks viewing from the docks. Adult supervision is a must for sparklers and must be collected. The American Legion is located at 4819 Mary Sue Street off Maybee Road.

Fireworks are set to begin at dusk.

For more information please call 248-673-9301. This event is open to the public.

### Fourth of July

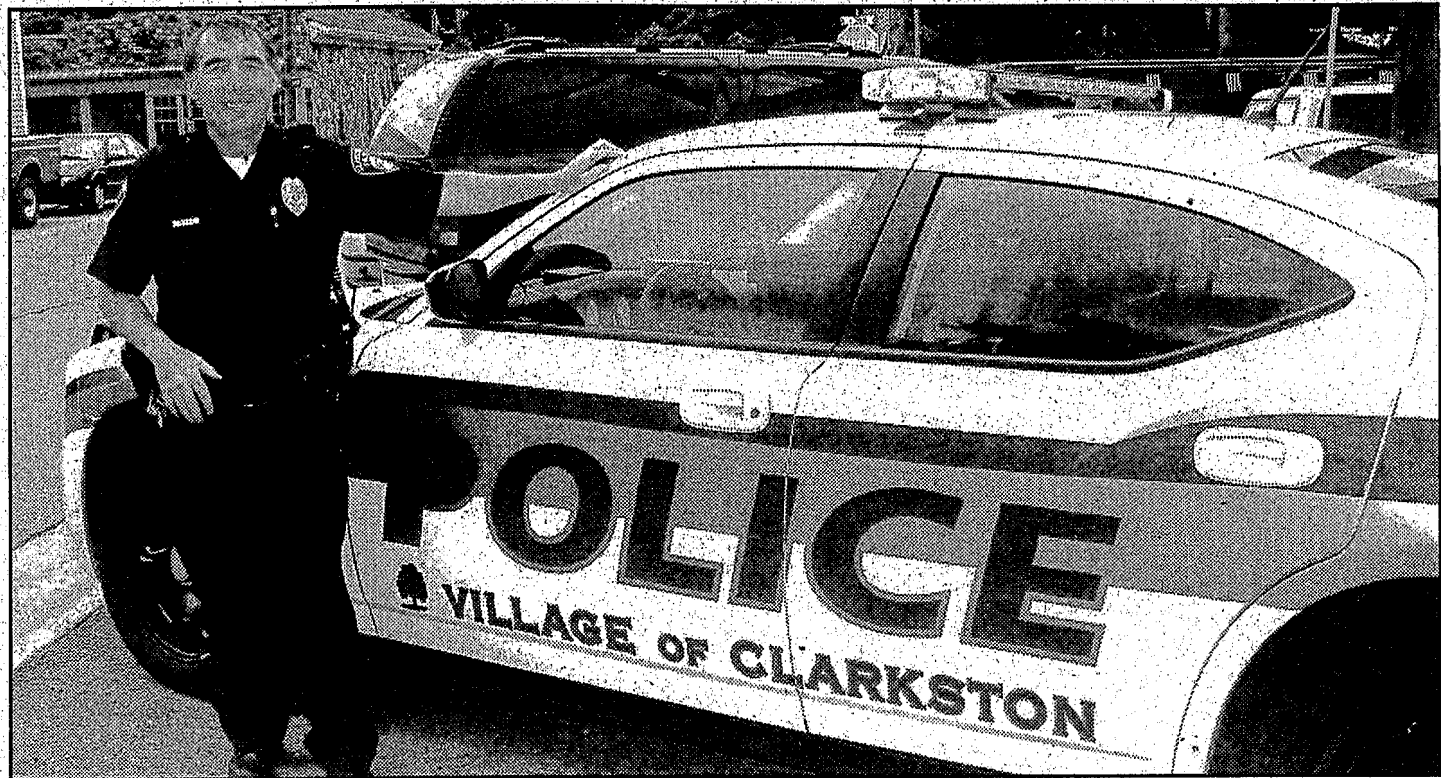
The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 3. It starts at St. Daniel Catholic Church, goes through downtown Clarkston and ends at Clarkston United Methodist Church. This year's theme is "Be a Patriot."

The activities continue at 11 a.m. at Clintonwood Park, including children's games, arts and craft show, food vendors, live music, canine toss and fetch competition, and fireworks at dusk.

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

## Attention businesses

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Clarkston Police Chief Dale LaCroix with the department's Dodge Charger, a six-cylinder factory demo. Photo by Phil Custodio

## City Police millage important, chief says

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston is a quiet town, and that's how the local police officers like it.

But just in case, the department has about a hundred years worth of experience to handle it, said Chief Dale LaCroix.

"We have investigators from Pontiac, New York City, with a ton of experience," LaCroix said. "It's nice to have if something happens. It benefits the city."

That would be lost if the city dissolved its police department, he said.

"We're more than a bunch of pretty faces and a six-cylinder Dodge," said Officer Gary Claudio. "We hustle. We take our jobs very seriously. We're very professional. And we're concerned over the vote on Aug. 3."

For example, investigators solved a church break-in case in 2007 by following tips, tracking down stolen property to pawn shops.

"We caught the person," LaCroix said. "It took some committed work by Det. Jim Johnson, who has 22 years of investigative

experience with Pontiac."

"It was some good, old-fashioned police work," Claudio said.

Also in 2007, an officer staked out a break-in location on Robinson Court. When the suspect returned to the area, he was caught.

"He was sent to prison," LaCroix said.

In 2009, they solved a vandalism case on the 5 S. Main Street mural in a week.

"We found a spray paint can, traced it to where it was bought, got a search warrant for debit card information from the bank and a picture from the store, and tracked down the suspects," LaCroix said. "They were juveniles, sentenced to community service and fines."

In a pending case, officers tracked down a purse thief when he tried to cash a check. They used his phone to close in on him, and found him hiding in Springfield Township, the chief said.

Voters will decide a millage proposal to increase property taxes by five mills, Aug. 3.

The current millage, set at 13.1979, generates revenues of about \$584,000. The extra

five mills would add \$220,000. The additional revenue would go to city's general budget - the proposal is for a dedicated police millage.

LaCroix said he trusts the city to use the money correctly if approved.

"It would be political suicide to not use it for police," he said.

The city police deficit is expected to be \$77,205 in 2011, growing to \$145,796 in 2012, and \$160,596 in 2013.

The department's budget is about \$287,000 this year, out of \$816,381 in total revenue. Contracting with Oakland County Sheriff Office through Independence Township would cost \$93,000-\$98,000. The consolidation plan would save almost \$190,000.

But residents would lose its hometown police service, LaCroix said.

"Our response time is about a minute - we know the streets and the people," he said. "We run the department very economically."

"He runs a tight ship," Claudio said. "We invite anyone to come in, look at our equipment and ask questions."

## Clarkston Community Church Hosts Free Liberty Festival

Once again Clarkston Community Church is hosting a free July 4th weekend event for the community from 7-10 p.m. on July 3.

This year's Liberty Festival will feature another great lead-up to the Independence Township fireworks at Clintonwood Park.

"Being a part of the community and not just in the community is a very big priority for our church family," said Clarkston Com-

munity Church Senior Pastor Greg Henneman.

"We have held this annual event specifically to reach out and offer something fun and free for the Clarkston area where families can attend and just have a good time in celebrating our nation's birthday."

Clarkston Community, located at 6300 Clarkston Road will offer free pizza, ice cream,

and popcorn. Also, enjoy free air games, face painting, and balloons for children.

The band, Solid Rockers, featuring family friendly rock, country, and Christian music will be on stage for a free concert starting at 8 p.m. until the fireworks begin.

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

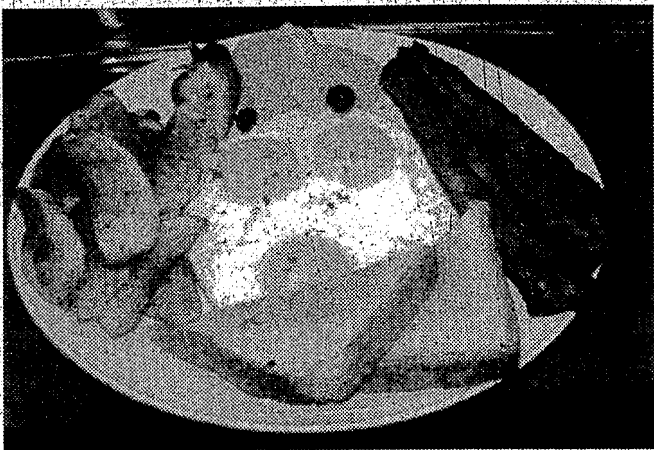
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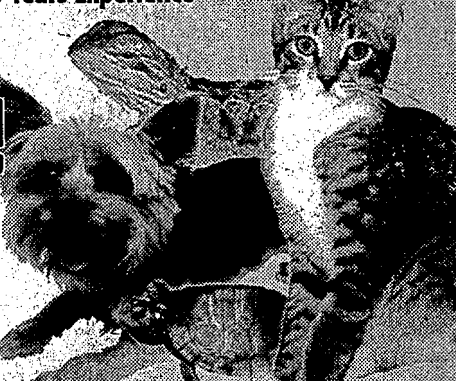
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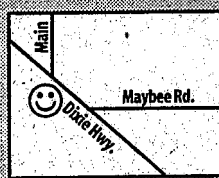
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## Community included in process

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Full transparency, honesty, putting the children first are just a few characteristics residents Craig Frasa and Suzi Ford are looking for in their next school superintendent.

Frasa and Ford, along with the rest of the community will have their chance to be part of the search for Clarkston Community Schools next superintendent.

The Board of Education had their first meeting with Richard Dunham, Director of Superintendent Services at Michigan Association of School Boards on June 28.

During which they set up a timeline for the process, starting last week with the board members receiving a superintendent profile.

"It's very important," said Dunham. "It is what all the board members want in their superintendent."

After he receives the filled profiles he will compile what all seven members want and bring it back. "It will be the initial composite we put in our profile search," he said.

Next on the timeline is meeting with the community and posting an online survey to gather additional information - this time looking at what the community wants. The survey is series of questions based on the district - the only person who sees and receives the responses is Dunham.

"It is very secure," he assured the public. "Who sent it is not important. It is what they said."

He will meet with several groups including PTOs and PTAs, as well as certified, non-certified and administrative staff. He will then put together a community profile for the board.

"The difference between what the community is seeking and what the board is seeking isn't far off," Dunham added. "They are looking for the same thing. It is a very positive collaboration and very open."

Dunham will put together another composite from the board and groups. After the board makes changes the job profile is adjusted and Dunham will rerun the search.

Applications will be available in August for board review. By August 16, the board will go through the candidates during a public meeting and narrow it to six top choices.

"We take very seriously the Public Meetings Act," said Dunham. "We will number the candidates and will talk about them by number."

Through this process the community can hear about the candidates, the board's discussion and the vote as chose the candidates to interview for the position.

From August 24-26, they will hold interviews with experience based questions and narrow down the candidates and hire by September 8.

Check [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com) website for the official dates for the community focus groups.

## Board members unaware Roberts was looking for work elsewhere

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the state retirement incentive when I visited the Office of Retirement Services on the Friday before Memorial Day, May 28. So, the thought that I would be moving was not a consideration during the time the Clarkston search was being conducted."

HYA, based in Glenview, Ill., also a suburb of Chicago, interviewed candidates for the Clarkston positions this past January, and the positions were filled in April.

They screened and interviewed 46 candidates from 15 states in the Oak Park search, June 4-6, and recommended five semifinalists. The school board interviewed the top five, June 9-11, resulting in two finalists. A 12-member stakeholder group including educators and community members interviewed the two of them, June 12, according to school board reports.

Roberts did not inform Clarkston Board of Education of his job-search progress, said board Vice President Susan Boatman.

"A reporter that covers Oak Park school

districts called me - he informed me that Dr. Roberts was being hired," Boatman said in a June 25 email. "The reporter told me that Dr. Roberts was recruited for the job, but I was not aware that HYA was doing the recruiting - I cannot explain what relationship Dr. Roberts has with HYA."

Board President Steve Hyer said the two job searches seem completely different.

"The consultants that worked on the Clarkston placements had nothing to do with the Oak Park placements - two different consultant groups," Hyer said in an email, June 28. "There are many search firms out there and it just happens that HYA is based in Illinois and was selected by the Oak Park board."

Roberts' contract with District 97 is for three years with a base salary of \$195,000, according to an Oak Park press release. He starts on July 1.

Clarkston Board of Education considered HYA to help with its superintendent search, but voted, June 14, to hire Michigan Association of School Boards.

# Family safe after tree comes crashing down

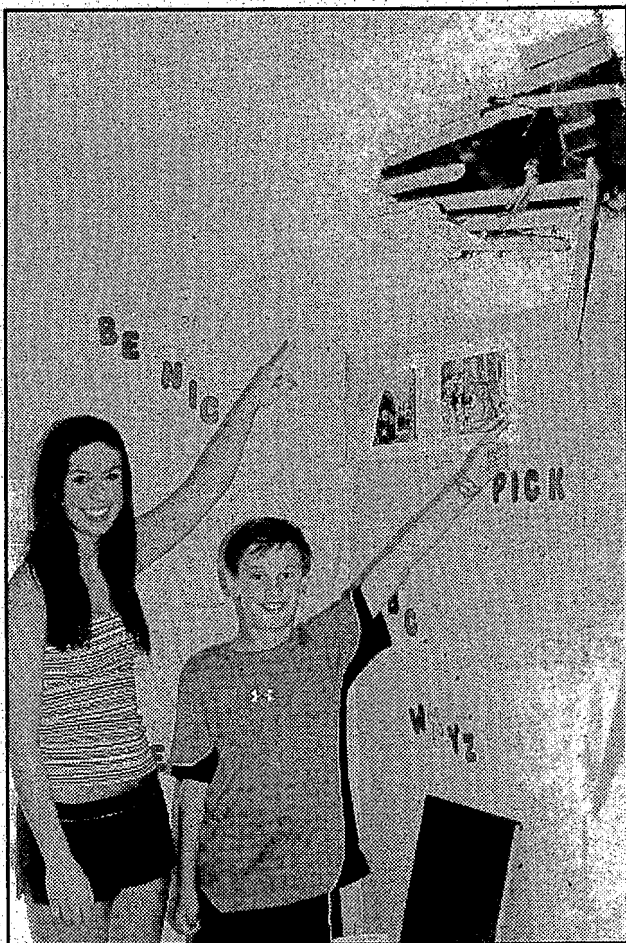
**BY PHIL CUSTODIO**  
Clarkston News Editor

When the Wilson family posted a sign "This house believes" every Christmas, it used to refer to Santa Claus.

It means more now.

"It means miracles – we believe in miracles," said Amy Wilson, who was home with her husband Greg and their children Hailey, Abby, and Brady during a storm, June 18.

At about 9:30 p.m. that evening, storm sirens went off, and Greg and Amy sent their children down to the basement at their Holcomb Road home. By 10 p.m., sirens were off.



Hailey and Brady Wilson point to where a tree had punched through into their house. Photos by Phil Custodio

"It felt safe," Amy said. "The kids came up from the basement and got ready for bed. I thought the coast was clear. Then all hell broke loose."

"I thought a train came through the roof," said Brady, 10, who was in his upstairs bedroom. "Then I thought it was an earthquake."

A fully mature front-yard tree had fallen on the house during a full downpour, driving its branches through the front porch and upstairs bedrooms.

"I thought we were going to fall through the floor," said Hailey, 16, who was in her room with a couple friends and her sister, Abby, 12. "I could feel the floor bowing in, giving a huge shake, glass plates flying through the air. We grabbed each other – it felt like we were about to fall into the kitchen."

Abby's room took a direct hit.

"She was being a slowpoke about getting ready for bed, but it was good she was," Amy said. "A branch went through her bed. She crumpled to her knees when she saw it."

Another part of the tree hit the den. Water started rushing in, and the family grabbed as much as they could and threw it into another room.

"It felt like a plane hit the house," Amy said. "Thankfully no one was hurt."

The house quickly filled with emergency responders, who worked through the night to save it. Police shut down power, and workers set up floodlights outside.

"It looked like a movie set, with all the lights," Amy said. "Steve Ronk (Independence Township Fire Department chief) was amazing. He kept us calm. Dennis Ritter (Clarkston city manager) was there, and it was after midnight. Clarkston Tree Service was phenomenal. They worked for two hours to get the tree off the roof. Montgomery and Sons (repair service) was great."

They are looking at 3-6 months of repair work. With the home's historic status, they are hoping for a full restoration.

Their home is almost 100 years old. Midwife Mary "Grandma" Green, lived there, and it was a place mothers would go when it was time to give birth.

"This will be one of the many stories this birthing house has," Amy said.

The family recently completed restoration work on its front porch, much of which was destroyed by the tree.

"All that hard work, but it's just things – they can be replaced," Amy said.

"Friends are pouring out of the woodwork to help. We're living in a rented house, but we'll check on it every day and move back when it's restored."



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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### Banned

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She was looking at a text message.

She put her phone away and said the Texting Ban doesn't begin until July 1.

I agreed but said we, meaning her, could practice early.

As for me, I have practiced in the last month. I am not a bad text-at-the-wheel. Checking the phone, yes. Checking email, yes. Texting, no.

Honestly, I am not a big fan of texting. I know OMG! The abbreviations could be why - I like to type out words as well as be very detailed.

So why others will go through the painful process of their thumbs on the wheel then on the keypad, I will just put my phone in my purse.

They took away texting because it is a distraction - taking eyes and focus off the road and hands off the wheel and it happens all at the same time.

Yes, we can fight it by pointing out how many other things happen when a person is behind the wheel to distract them. But the deed is done.

Either way - just keep focus on the road.

If you want to text while driving, thinking you won't be caught remember the price you pay. For the first offense, \$100 and \$200 for the following.

While in Detroit - only hands free use of the cell phone is allowed. Just a warning.

Since 24 states, including Michigan, have banned texting maybe some creative ideas could come out of this.

When driving you could press your OnStar button and ask the operator make you a reservation at a restaurant and get directions. Since you are already talking to the operator, have him or her text everyone in your party to let them know you are running late.

Or maybe someone can give the GPS another function. This one I haven't thought out completely so I will let someone else think of the million dollar idea and patent it.

As for any other ideas I don't have anymore right now. Try me in a few days. Once a thought is planted, it grows.



# Viewpoints

## Writer cautions readers

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Sam Moraco's letter regarding the director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation ("Frustrations with township leaders," June 2).

He is correct in his statement that present township officials are very frustrating to work with.

But, I believe there was a very valid reason why the director decided to go on a medical leave as opposed to just retiring after 30 years of excellent service to the township.

As for he and his family living on taxpayers' money, they pay the township rent for the home they live in. They also pay their own utilities. Yes, he was given a township vehicle to use while doing business for the township. They drive their own vehicle for their personal use.

Before writing negative things about someone who has done an exceptional job, I think you should get your facts straight.

Kay Jones

Independence Township

### Letter to the editor

## Yes to produce market

Dear Editor,

In regards to the story "Whole Foods top survey pick for Dixie redevelopment," June 9 edition, we are in favor of a grocery store going in where the Farmer Jack was on Dixie and White Lake.

A large-scale produce market would be our top choice. There are none in the area!

We have lived in our home here for over nine years and still have to travel to the Eastside or Rochester for a quality selection of fruits and vegetables.

We need good fruit and veggies here in north Oakland County!

Walt and Joanne Plajstek  
Independence Township

## Looking at big picture

Dear Editor,

The last Clarkston City Council meeting was filled to capacity and in my opinion was a hotbed of issues, only one of which was addressed by Gerald McNally in his letter ("Keep police to avoid merger," June 23).

I cannot believe no one at that meeting had a comment to make to the public.

So what can we do to make the public more vocal? I think I have given them adequate things to complain about, including my letters.

Mr. McNally makes some good points but I would expand on that to say that the only things Clarkston residents will be paying for is government, lawn mowing and snow removal.

Those who live on Main Street, Clarkston Road, Waldon, parts of Washington and parts of Holcomb get snow removal done by the state and county, so their 13-20 mills in taxes is only for a government to mow the lawn.

The city is proposing a \$35,127 increase in DPW related funding and \$12,971 for the police department, which they want to get rid of,

as well as:

- 150 percent increase in funds for Building Maintenance Labor, a 31 percent increase in utility costs even as we spend a grant from the government to make the building more efficient;

- 75 percent increase in DPW costs for Taste of Clarkston;

- 204 percent increase in DTE costs for what will become the DPW building on 3 E. Church;

- 100 percent increase in maintenance costs for DPW vehicles;

- 368 percent increase in tree trimming that DPW has never been able to get done no matter how much money is provided; and

- 63 percent increase in fuel costs for DPW vehicles.

All of this while they state we have an imminent deficit facing us that may not be eliminated even if we eliminate the police department.

Cory Johnston  
Clarkston

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1995

**"State court reverses B&B decision"** After two years in the Michigan Court of Appeals, an Oakland County Circuit Court case ruling against operation of a Clarkston bed and breakfast was reversed and remanded.

**"They came, they saw, they left..."** Deadheads, fans of the band The Grateful Dead, were in town, following the band's concert tour. The fans included doctors, lawyers, and other professionals, dressed in their hippie best.

**"School budget (\$39.8 million) quietly approved"** Though several trustees said they had no input and received it two days before, the Board of Education approved the school budget. The budget included \$3.2 million increase based on expected enrollment increases.

### 25 years ago - 1985

**"Courthouse could be moved"** The location of the 52nd District Court on Dixie Highway in Independence Township was considered for a move. The county considered locations on Maybee Road, M-15 north of Dixie, and Dixie north of M-15.

**"A place to dwell"** Members of Buncaneers and Books summer reading club put up a teepee at Independence Township Library, in an activity kicking off weekly summer activities.

**"Safety belt pioneer proud as Michigan adopts new law"** Roy Haeusler of Independence Township, helped pave the way for seat belts, head restraints, and other safety features during 30 years at Chrysler and National Safety Council. Michigan's seat belt law went into effect that year. He was also an advocate for air bags in cars.

### 50 years ago - 1960

**"Church ready for ground breaking"** Preparations were underway at First Methodist Church for breaking ground on their new seven-acre site near the high school.

**"Clarkston girl tops shooters"** Christine Moore of Clarkston was finished in second place at the 14th annual Williams Shooting School in Davison. She scored 149 out of 150 points with six "x" shots. She was beat by Bill Wilbanks of Flint, who scored 149 and got 12 x's.

# Volunteers efforts not lost in recall

Dear Editor,

The recall of Independence Township Supervisor David Wagner did not fail because of Joel DeLong.

He worked long and hard in the service of right over wrong.

Township voters voted down senior centers and township halls four times. David Wagner defied those elections. Playing fast and loose with township moneys and closed door meetings kept voters in the dark.

Because the recall law demands a standard of signatures higher than any election Wagner ever won, the recall made a demand on the electorate equal to a November election.

The *Clarkston News'* call for Wagners' resignation came too late in the process to help momentum. Primary elections are important. One primary election gave you Dave Wagner. That is why they call them primary, because of their importance.

Our government, all governments are process over productivity endeavors. Joel DeLong did not fail, a system rigged for complacency and mediocrity won.

We citizens lost.

Rob Namowicz  
Independence Township

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# Bicyclists and frogs, get out the way!

So, I finally started reading the book, *A Walk In The Woods*, by Bill Bryson. Folks have been after me to read it for years... well, since 1998 when it was first published.

The book is about Bryson's (a travel writer) trek along the 2,000-some-odd miles of the Appalachian Trail. I like Bryson's deadpan sense of humor. But that is not the reason for this column. Nope. Neither is walking, really, except to say, I was inspired to start walking again. And, it is easy for me to walk as there are miles of paved walking paths just 30 feet out my front door.

I like walking in the morning and almost at dark. One, it's cooler. Two, there are less people on the path which makes me happy. I don't like people watching me walk. Why? I don't know. I reckon it is some sort of deep seated insecurity. But, those aren't the points of this column either. Be patient. I am getting there.

When I started walking in the early morn, I noticed a lot of squashed and dried up dead little frogs. "Hmm?" I thought. "It's funny there are so many dead and dried frogs on this path. If they get run over by cars on the road to the north -- not more than six feet way -- how do their dead and flat bodies make it to the path?"

I thought on this. I think a lot of things whilst walking, alone, and how dead frogs travel was one topic. I thought first, maybe when run over, the pressure of the tire rolling over said amphibian projects it to the path. Sort of like when a tire rolls over a packet of ketchup. I quickly ruled that out for a number of logical reasons -- the logicallest being that scenario would mean the skin would remain on the road and just the innards would squirt. (FYI: "logicallest" is in Don's "special" dictionary of non-words, so don't try looking it up cuz you won't find it anywhere else.)

I then thought maybe scavengers, like

birds, probably picked up the dead frogs, and hopped them over to the side of the road. There, they could pick out the eyes and stuff, relatively secure in the fact they would not end up smushed. Birds are obviously smarter than frogs.

This line of thinking only piqued my interest for about 37 seconds, and was soon replaced altogether -- by what I don't recall. But, that is not the point of why I write today, either.

Don't  
Rush Me



A column by  
Don Rush

One twilight, I donned my white sneakers and headed out for a quick two-mile lumber (and if lumbering is ever associated with the word quick, then one day I can be President of the United States). Here's what I discovered (we're getting close to the point): Only one of about 30 little frogs hopped out of my way. I almost twisted an ankle when one of my sneakered-feet came down atop a little frog. It didn't move. Had I not gone into evasive maneuvers, that frog would be dead. That started me thinking, too. None of the frogs leapt away when I rumbled loudly by them. They just sat there. Then I passed another croaker and it jumped back into a tangle of growth, representing safety from my heavy foot falls. That frog will survive to pass on its genetics to a bunch of other frogs.

Maybe, I thought, this was Darwin's Theory of only the smartest and strongest surviving. Maybe this was nature's way of weeding out the weak frogs.

Which leads me to this... when there are perfectly good paths to ride/

walk on, why do bicyclists have to ride on the side of the road?

I know, I know... Michigan law allows people-powered peddled-vehicles the right to the roads, but jeeze many bicyclist think *they* own the roads. And, I guess in effect, since the Spandex Revolution over took the country, they do.

Still, when I see two cyclists together abreast on the side of the road (so they can bike and talk at the same time), I just think it is unwise and unhealthy. I know it is perfectly within their rights as granted by the brainiacs at the state capitol, but that doesn't make it correct.

On the water ways, the smaller, quicker boats need to get out of the way of the bigger, slower boats. On the highways, the smaller, quicker vehicles need to be watchful and get out of the way of the slower, larger trucks.

On the roads, smaller vehicles (bikes) need not worry about their safety, nor any other motorist. They just peddle -- sometimes on the line, sometimes to the right and often times to the left (in traffic) with the arrogance of the entitled. Don't even get me started when there's 3,700 bikers riding in a line, slowing traffic from here to Tecumseh.

Don't get me wrong. I don't beep, yell, curse, wave or anything when I come across bikes on the roads. I am very patient, I know it is their right to be there. It just doesn't seem safe, smart or prudent to put your spandexed self in front of traffic. Then again, maybe it is just nature's way.

You can look up the law for yourself at this website, [www.m-bike.org](http://www.m-bike.org), law, and see that, yep, bikers do have rights. Or you can just take my word on it. So, what was the point of this column? Send comments to: [don@dontrushmedon.com](mailto:don@dontrushmedon.com)

# Shopping with a list doesn't stop duplicating

I can't count the number of times I've been lured into buying stuff without thought. Especially, in grocery sections.

I most always shop with a list. Too often I don't look at it until I've got my basket half full. I can ignore the hand-painted sign just inside the door, the frozen food aisle and the dog food department.

But, I like Cornish game hens. They come in 2-per package. I put this last one in the freezer right next to one already there. Same thing happens with bacon, sweet rolls, sausage, cottage cheese, paper plates, syrup and weiners.

Jim's  
Jottings



A column by  
Jim Sherman

These things I like, or think I need, but can't always remember if some are already in the fridge.

The most recent disaster was the lure of what is meant to be, but only looks like, fresh picked sweet corn.

Worst, I fell for this packaging two weeks ago. Now, unable to resist and drooling, I went to the corn display again, and this time I bought the plastic wrapped ears and a few ears still in their husks. That way I knew one would be tasteful.

Wrong, wrong, wrong. Both were tough and both had tastes I was unfamiliar with. I've just got to wait until my corn grower near the office puts out his wheelbarrow and plastic jar. That same trip I spotted an enticing raspberry pie. At home I started cutting a slice. I noticed the crust was especially thick. I resorted to checking the label. It was a tart. Shayna loved it.

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Our 14-year-old granddaughter and her like-aged friend came over to swim in my what-has-become-a-very-expensive-pool.

As they were sunning, I went into our house, got out a red bandana, unfolded it and decided it had more cloth than either of the swimsuits at the pool.

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Out on the highway I'm realizing more and more that drivers want to be ahead of me. Seems like they also want to be ahead of whoever is in front of them. I've never considered myself a fast driver. Hazel was a fast driver. She was addicted to quick starts and faster, close stops. My brake foot dented the passenger floorboard.

Nowadays I find myself observing the speed limits, and having lost-in-space feelings as cars, pickup trucks, buses, semis and motorcycles careen past.

It started me thinking (Yes, I can do that!) when did I decide I didn't need to be first at and away from a stop-light, first in line at a ticket office, checkout counter or on the first tee? Why didn't I start smelling the roses quicker?

I have gotten over the need to have the first anything, except maybe the Rush Limbaugh necktie collection, and a disc by Ray Stevens. Of course, the slowing down decision wasn't made entirely by me alone. Old Man Time, the dirty dog, had much to do with it. He slowed the thinking, leg movements and the urge to get there. The only really quick reactions I have now are from encountering some bees, reaching for the clicker when any politician starts talking, and when someone tries to convince me the health care bill, automobile company bailouts and war costs are not our grand-children's problem.



Maximus Meehan getting his face painted.



Sarah Bailey and Taylor Heaton enjoy a little dessert.



Above: the crowd listens, while below: couples enjoy dancing to some familiar classics.

## Swinging good time

Generations of all ages enjoyed the Stardusters Band as they performed classic music from Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Ted Heath, Ray Anthony, Frank Sinatra, Blues Brothers, and Michael Buble. Some even grabbed a partner and let loose on the "dancewalk," while others sat with their ice cream reminiscing the early years.

Photo story by Trevor Keiser



Mike Bohne belts out a tune.



## Here today, then gone

Someone took a bronze-colored stature from a home in the 4000 block of Spring Meadow Drive, June 20.

A Mann Road resident parked his car, unlocked, on the side of the road, June 22. The next morning, his iPod and wallet were gone.

The Fountains reported three flags and four ball washers from the golf course were taken over night, June 21.

## Slicing rubber

Someone cut a pickup truck's driver's side front and back tires, parked in the 5000 block of Winell Street, June 12.

## Drunken fights

A 21-year-old Clarkston man and 21-year-old Independence Township man were cited for disorderly conduct for getting into a fight, 8:30 p.m., June 11, in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road. Both had been drinking.

## Not on the menu

A 23-year-old Southfield man collapsed in a Dixie Highway restaurant restroom, 11 a.m., June 13. Independence Township firefighters and county deputies responded. The man was revived with a dose of naloxone, indicating he had overdosed on opiates. His girlfriend said they had been out drinking the night before, and his car had minor damage all over it. He had recently been jailed on narcotics charges, released on May 24.

# Public Safety

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

He was ticketed for disorderly conduct.

## Phone and car rolling

A 22-year-old Goodrich woman reached for her cell phone while exiting southbound I-75 at Ortonville Road, 7:08 p.m., June 15. When she looked up, cars were around her and she hit one, causing it to spin and roll over. The car's driver and passenger were treated by Independence Township first responders. The Goodrich woman, who had two shots of alcohol and had a blood alcohol level of .091, was arrested for drunk driving.

## Identical twin?

An Oakstone Drive resident was driving home, June 17, when he noticed a man riding a bicycle that looked a lot like his own. He thought nothing of it until got home and noticed his bike was no longer in his garage.

## Quick thieves

A 25-year-old Ortonville pulled off I-75 to the Park and Ride on M-15, 4:37 p.m., June 22, because his Jeep was acting funny. He walked to the nearby gas station. When he

returned, his red ruby Rosary given to him by his grandmother was missing, along with CDs. Someone also broke into a locked glove box and took a bottle of medication.

## Linking the two

When he heard the car license plate of a suspected shoplifter, 12:13 a.m., June 18, a deputy recognized it. He drove to the apartment of an 19-year-old Orion Township man and found him there with an 18-year-old Independence Township man and two cases of beer. The two men admitted taking the beer from a Sashabaw Road store, saying they took it for the thrill and because they were having friends over later. The store manager said he wouldn't press charges if he were reimbursed, which he was, but the two suspects were cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

## It wasn't me

A deputy on patrol at Pine Knob and Waldon roads, 6:10 p.m., June 19, stopped a 22-year-old man for running the stop sign. He was asked twice for his name, both times

failing to check out. The third time, the deputy asked him to step outside the car and searched him. Asking about a wallet in his pants pocket, the Pontiac man said it was his roommate's. The picture on the ID inside looked just like the driver, though. Asked why he was lying, he said he was scared because his driver's license was suspended. He also had a felony warrant for probation violation. He was cited for suspended license, lying to police, running stop sign, and broken brake light, and jailed on the probation violation.

## Couple saves life

An Independence Township couple revived a nearly drowned 5-year-old girl, 4:21 p.m., June 21, at a Dixie Highway apartment pool. The girl's father said she was playing by the pool with a football, and when he checked on her, she was floating in the pool. The couple, both 31 years old and apartment residents, started CPR, and she coughed up water and started breathing. She was taken to St. Joseph Hospital for treatment.

## Hooked on you

A homeowner was cleaning his garage in the 4000 block of Fowler Drive, 12:45 p.m., June 22, when he reached for a shelf. A grappling hook fell, impaling his left hand. He was taken to POH for treatment.

- Reports collected by Phil Custodio

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## 33 teachers off the pink slip list

Clarkston Community Schools employees on the prior layoff list were brought back.

With over 60 employees retiring from district, the Board of Education voted to bring 50 back from the pink slip list from May.

The vote on Monday night brought back 33 teachers, five bus drivers, six custodians, three media paraprofessionals, five special education para educators, two clerks, a secretary and a central office support employee.

Human Resource Director Anita Banach informed the board no one is left on the layoff list for the custodial staff or bus drivers. She also noted the transportation department will need to hire more drivers because they won't have enough.

The board also approved a ten cent increase in the amount charged for lunches. Elementary schools, from \$2.25 to \$2.35, Sashabaw Middle School, \$2.30 to \$2.40, Clarkston Junior High and Clarkston High School, \$2.50 to \$2.60.

### Hit the green

Time to hit the clubs and the green for the 10th Annual Clarkston Football Family and Friends Golf Outing, set for August 6.

Registration begins at noon at Pine Knob Golf Course. The shotgun start is set for 1 p.m. It is \$100 per golfer and covers dinner, door prizes, golf contests and awards.

All proceeds go to the Clarkston Football Program. A 50/50 is also held to benefit the program. The deadline to sign up is July 26. For forms, please visit Rogers Chiropractic, 5659 Dixie Highway in Waterford or call 248-623-6200.

### Football for a Cure

The boys trade their blue and gold jerseys for pink and light blue jerseys for their Second Annual Football for a Cure, their pre-season scrimmage on August 14.

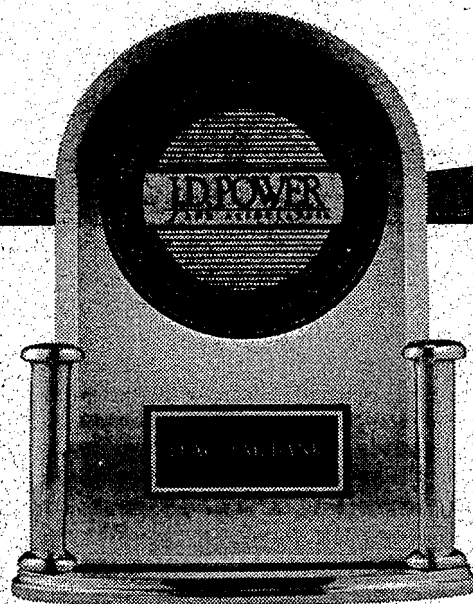
The boys will have names of family and friends touched by cancer on their jerseys as they play for a cure.

The cost to purchase a jersey is \$100, for the name plate is \$50, and for \$50 become an honorary "Coach of the Day."

Forms are available at McLaren Breast Cancer at Clarkston and Great Lakes Clarkston Institute, both at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive. T-shirts are now available for \$10 at Great Lakes Cancer Institute.

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# Community support blankets family in need

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

With their friend Dana Pennanen in the hospital with a sick child, Clarkston teachers Kerri Gualtieri, Kelly Martz, Jessica Sorensen, and Gwen Stewart wanted to help.

"We talked to each other on our cell phones all night," Gualtieri said. "Everybody wanted to do something, but no one knew what they could do. The Pennanens are great people, wonderful people."

Their idea: make fleece blankets for children's hospitals.

"Making blankets is so therapeutic," Martz said. "We're proud to be able to help someone."

"It's a great family activity," Stewart said.

Three-year-old Will Pennanen had trouble walking and his back hurt, May 15, and his parents Dana and Paul Pennanen, of Oxford, took him to Children's Hospital of Michigan.

He was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a cancer of the white blood cells.

The brightly-colored fleece blankets feature a variety of cartoon and fairy tale characters. Young patients choose one to snuggle with.

"It's the best idea," Dana said.

"Patients in chemotherapy get cold—the blankets are super warm," Stewart said. "Everyone loves the blankets."

"They're needed more in summer, when the air conditioning is turned up," Gualtieri said.

Will picked one right away, Dana said.

"When his eyes fell on a Toy Story blanket, he lit up," she said. "He loves Buzz Lightyear."

Will's brother Jack, 5, picked a



From left, Kerri Gualtieri, Gwen Stewart, Dana Pennanen with her son Will Pennanen, and Kelly Martz, along with Jessica Sorensen, not pictured, organized a blanket project in Will's honor. Photo by Phil Custodio

Spiderman blanket.

During the project, local churches donated fabric, and students, teachers, and volunteers throughout the district made blankets before and after school, many including cards and notes for Will.

"We pulled this off in the last few weeks of school," Gualtieri said.

"I thank everybody, teachers, parents, people in the community," Dana said. "It shows they care about Will."

The project was inspired by Independence Elementary's annual Servicing Our Community Kid Style

project, which includes making fleece blankets.

"All of us started at Independence Elementary as teachers," Gualtieri said.

Each taking 30-45 minutes to make, they made more than 200 blankets.

"It was overwhelming. We expected about 20 blankets," Dana said. "It's very cool."

So far, they donated 161 blankets to Children's Hospital and 18 to Just for Kids of Ann Arbor. Another donation is set for McLaren and Swan for Life in Independence

Township.

Staff members at Children's Hospital were grateful for the donation.

"We had wagons filled with blankets. Our arms were filled with blankets," Gualtieri said.

"They were overwhelmed, they had never seen a donation that big," Dana said.

"A volunteer was blown away—he took our picture using his cell phone," Stewart said.

The blankets filled a conference room, Dana said.

"They were in awe," she said.

Will told his mother, "other kids get to cuddle with a blanket like I did, and that's good."

Blanket donations were still coming in on the last day of school.

"It was a great end to the school year," Dana said.

Students at Clarkston Elementary, where Dana is principal, made a banner and Livestrong T-shirts for Will.

"This went further than anyone expected—it spread like wildfire," Gualtieri said. "This is what Clarkston is, why we feel so blessed to be part of this community."

"We got so much done—everyone went out of their way to help," Dana said. "Kerri is an amazing woman. She has one of the biggest hearts in all of Clarkston."

"I'm honored to be a part of all of this," Martz said. "It's amazing, how many helped out. We're like a close knit family."

He is about a month into three years of chemotherapy. In the first phase of treatment, the cancer is in remission.

"It's still intense—he will have chemo over the next 2 1/2-3 years," Dana said. "We're so blessed to get through the first phase. We're lucky to have the support we have here. It gives us motivation, that we can do this."

They plan to continue helping all cancer patients. At Independence Township's Festival of Fun, July 3 at Clintonwood Park, they'll have a bake sale and dunk tank, with teachers, administrators, and others volunteering as targets. Proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

They will also walk with the Will Power team at this year's Light the Night Walk, Sept. 24 in Detroit.

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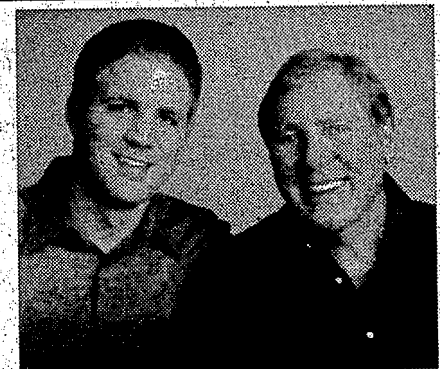
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# ICE puts a freeze on the competition

Clarkston hitters may have a chilly team name but they know how to heat up the field.

The ICE-Silver 12U team won the Romeo Renegades tournament on June 27.

They took down five teams on their way to the championship, finally knocking down one more for an undefeated day.

It wasn't the first tournament they won. The previous weekend they faced off with ICE 12U from Akron, Ohio in the championship game on June 20 at the Compuware Classic Girls Fastpitch Tournament.

ICE-Silver 12U won the championship game 4-2, adding to their current 30-9 record.

The four day tournament is one of the most prestigious fastpitch tournaments in the country, ranked by Sports Illustrated Magazine.

Hundred teams came from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Canada for a chance to play the best and be the best.

ICE-Silver played seven games and went

6-1 for the weekend.

Mark Pingston, head coach, said the players' intensity grew with each game, every player contributed to the win.

"I am proud of them, our two assistant coaches and the parents for all of their dedication to our ICE program," he added.

ICE-Silver has one more tournament before they head to Nebraska in July.

They will take part in the week long Cat Osterman Experience when they are in Nebraska. The experience includes an Olympic type tournament with 36 other 12U teams coming from around the nation participating.

Tryouts for all age groups for ICE fastpitch travel teams are August 14 and 15th at Clarkston High School.

ICE is hosting the 1st Annual ICE Breaker Fall tournament on September 25 and 26th at Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc.

For more info on tryouts or the tournament, please go to [www.eteamz.com/ICEFastpitch](http://www.eteamz.com/ICEFastpitch).



Kendra Ruddy, Abby Skvarce, Mikayla Blaska, Candace Kitchen, Ashley Irwin, Lauren Vance, Mariah Hood, Madeline Maday, Sierra Gonzales, Madison Lester Not pictured, Head Coach Mark Pingston, Assistant Coaches Stan Lester and Marc Hood. Photo submitted



Franziska Loetzner competes in 200-meter hurdles. Photo by David Yarnall

## Athlete of the Week

### Hurdler meets her goals

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Franziska Loetzner flew over each hurdle inching closer to her goal.

When she reached the end of the 200-meter event at the Oakland County Meet she finished at 30.25, tying for the eighth grade record at Clarkston Junior High School.

Loetzner started in hurdles last year during seventh grade and began running in first grade.

"I wanted to focus on hurdling this year because I know I have a good future in the event," she said. "I know because when I run hurdles I feel good. I know this is what I want to do."

Loetzner set her sight on setting a new school record. She admitted it made the season hard. But not even falling in her first meet slowed her down.

"My motivation was to get up and I just wanted to win," she admitted.

"She won the race. She was very determined to win and improve," said mom, Lisa. "She was so focused on the race she took step by step and looked at the next hurdle."

Throughout the season she had help from teammates and coaches as she focused on cutting down her time second by second.

"I took my time and really worked on it," she said going into the last meet.

She also helped her 4x400 meter relay team - Kelly Fitzpatrick, Kacey Robinson and Amanda Wakefield - to take fifth place. They were two seconds off from setting a new school record.

Franziska will continue running and training during the summer. She is also getting ready for the volleyball season and is focused on making the freshman or JV team. She currently plays for Oakland Elite Volleyball.

Her plans for the summer also include visiting friends and family in Germany and going camping.

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The Clarkston Riverdaws 9U team celebrate with their trophy. From left to right, standing Matthew McClellan Garrett Lanker, Jack Anderson, Wade Bonicci, Seth Bacon, Brock Henley; kneeling, Connor McClennan, Drew Waite, Patrick Deardorff, Ryan Barber. Not pictured is 'Daws Head Coach Rob McClellan and assistant coaches Brad Bacon, Scott Deardorff and Tim Henley.

Photo provided

## Champions at tourney

The Clarkston Riverdaws 9U team stormed the baseball fields in Farmington and brought home a trophy.

They won the South Farmington Blues USSSA Baseball tournament, June 12-13.

The boys defeated four teams along the way and had no losses.

"The kids played great baseball in a very competitive tournament," said Tim Henley, assistant coach.

The boys held the Lincoln Railsplitters, from Ypsilanti, down to three runs as they scored 11. They had a closer game against Motor City Bulldogs, from Metro Detroit, and won it by two points, 10-8.

They defeated the Birmingham Bulldogs, 17-7.

They faced off against the Oxford Wildcats in the championship round.

"It was a hard-fought game," said Henley. "It was a pitchers' dual until we broke it open in the last couple innings."

The 'Daws put the Cats back in their cage with 8-3 win.

The boys have kept the momentum going posting three wins in the last week.

They beat the Orion Chargers, 11-3 and the Stoney Creek Cutters twice on June 20, 18-3 and 10-0.

Their overall record is currently 26-6-1.

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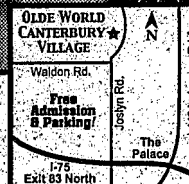
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# Fifth-grader selected to venture 'down under'

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kalei McLennon's summer adventure began when she boarded the plane last week. Her destination - Australia.

The 10-year-old Pine Knob Elementary student was chosen as a People to People Student Ambassador, one of 38 Michigan students.

"I felt excited but nervous at the same time," she said when she learned she was one of the contenders.

"I was nervous because I had to answer some questions they gave me like 'have you traveled to another country' and 'have you gone scuba driving.'"

She answered the questions and received a phone call to let her know she was one of the ambassadors.

"It was just - wow," she smiled.

Since October she learned about the country's history, culture, art and geography.

"It was quite interesting to find out who found Australia and how the Aborigines were there for thousands of years," she shared. "It's interesting to find out new things about the people before I visit."

She was interested in some of the dishes they ate - including Vegemite, a vegetable paste made from yeast.

"It is something like peanut butter they

put on their toast," McLennon said. "But it's not - it doesn't look like it. It looks like dark brown pudding."

Another delicacy she will be introduced to is eating alligator and kangaroo.

"I don't want to try kangaroo," she said. "I like kangaroos. There are a lot of kangaroos there so it would make sense they eat them a little. They don't eat them a lot because it is their main animal."

"Kangaroo is like deer here," said her mom, Dawn. "It's the culture. We eat deer. They eat kangaroo."

Kalei didn't mind the thought of eating alligator as much.

"As long as I don't see the head - I am good," she said. "I want to know what it is but I don't want to see what it is."

Kalei and her fellow ambassadors were anxiously anticipating their busy schedule before they left.

They will visit the Olympic Park grounds, the Sydney Opera House, Brisbane, the Australian Zoo, and Olsen's Capricorn Caves.

She will also learn how to throw a boomerang, play the didgeridoo with the Aboriginal people, and dairy manufacturing with a farm family in Bileoia.

Kalei took a waterproof camera for one of her other ventures, snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef. If time allows - learn how to surf.

Another treat for Kalei is visiting a marine biologist.

"Hanging out with the marine biologist is going to be the most fun for me," Kalei said. "That's what I want to be some day."

Before she left she had some of her vocabulary words down - ones she was told she would hear a lot.

"I learned when they say barbie they are not referring to the doll but barbeque," she said.

As for other words, she knew mate meant friend, good day is hello and joey is a baby kangaroo.

"I think that is my favorite of all the words," she smiled.

It is also Kalei's first trip abroad without Dawn and Tim, her dad.

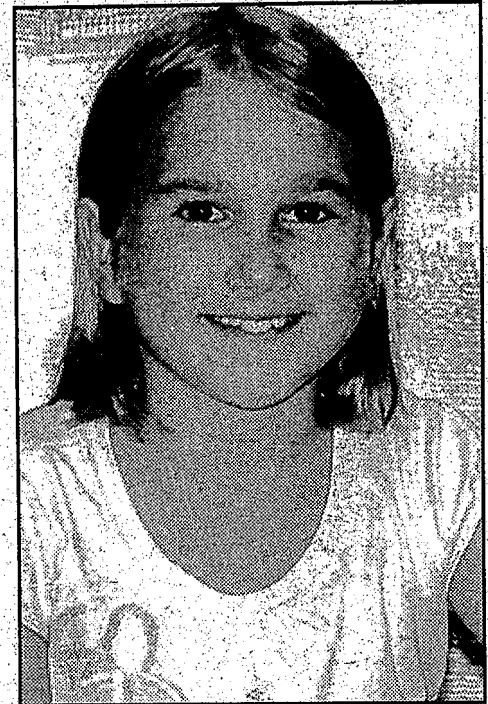
"She knows she can communicate with us whenever she needs to via email or phone or texting," said Tim. "It's a chance for her to gain some real independence and responsibility."

She won't be alone - she will be with friends she met through People to People.

"I am excited because I have made new friends and I am excited to try new things with them," said Kalei.

Kalei returns July 7.

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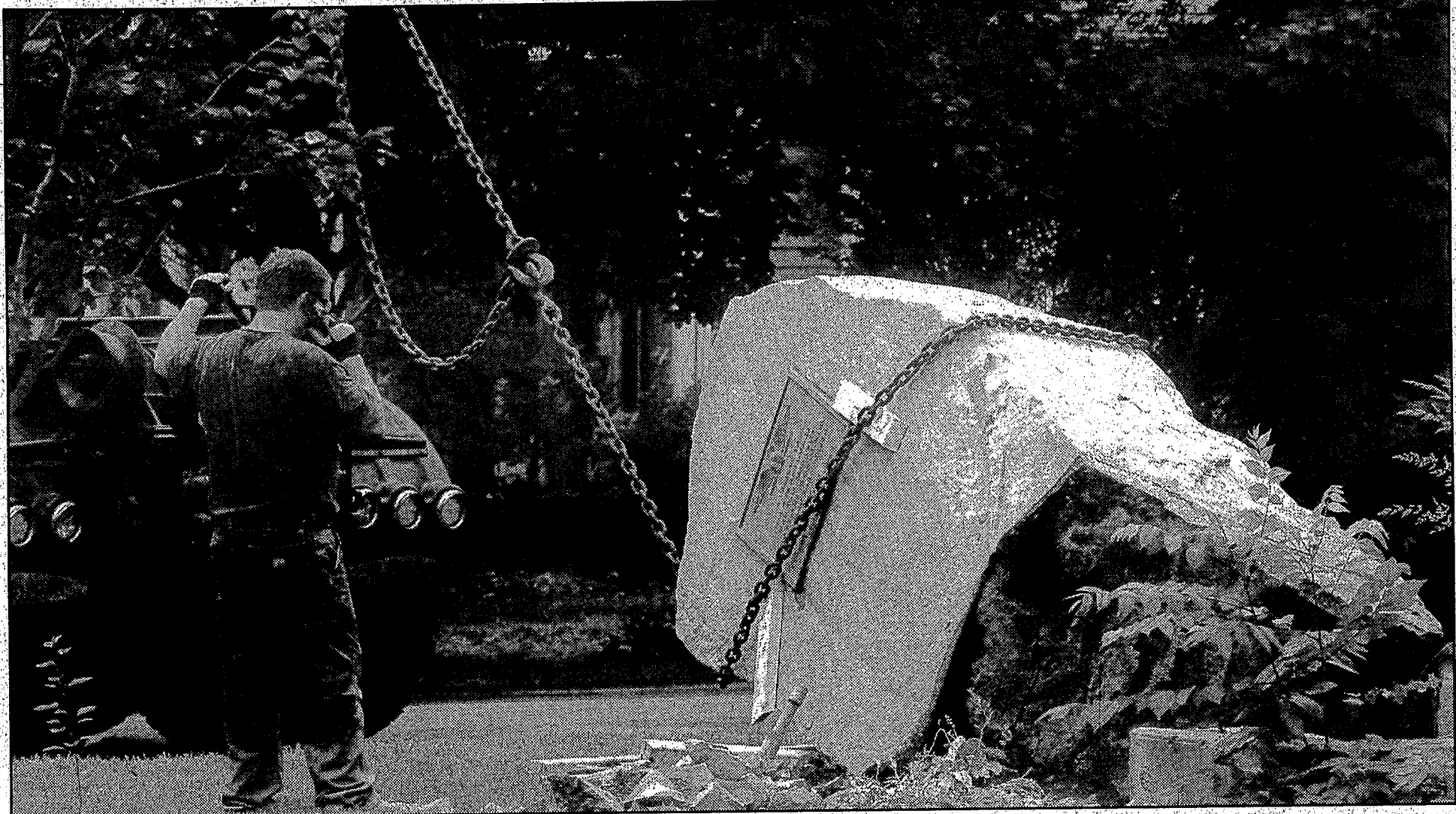
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Clarkston Auto Body helps tow the rock. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Collaborative effort to move rock to new town hall

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In 1951 Clarkston Service Mother's Club donated a three and half ton memorial rock to Independence Township, in honor of Clarkston service men and woman who had given their lives for their country.

The rock is a piece of history," said Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner. "I think it's very important that we continue to honor that history."

With the help of Al Dorn and other members of Independence Township Fire Department, the assistance of Clarkston Auto Body with a wrecker, City DPW and equipment, along with Kevin Daniels and Tony Hool from Independence Township's Facilities and Maintenance, the rock was relocated from the former township hall at 90 N. Main Street to the new township hall off Walden Center Drive on June 23.

"We did take our time to make sure

exactly where we wanted to place it. As you notice it is kind of a garden atmosphere, which will be a perfect location for that type of memorial," Wagner said.

"If someone was willing to donate two or three park benches in memories of a loved one they lost in one of our wars, I think that would be something that would be very nice in that area."

The other rock memorial, which was

donated by the Clarkston Rotary club will be donated to the City of Clarkston and possibly placed in Depot Park.

"I do believe is the appropriate spot for that particular monument," Wagner said. I appreciate once again the working relationship with the village. It is excellent we've been very good partners. We know we can continue this in the future because it is very necessary in these poor economic times."

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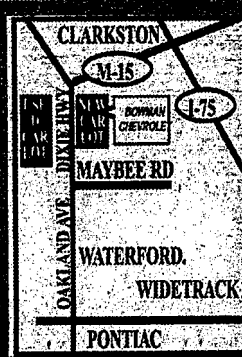
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## People Poll

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Doug Roeser

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By Trevor Keiser

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## Local baker 'takes the cake'

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

According to Jane Freed the main ingredient to any recipe is love.

"You never cook or bake for someone you don't like, she said. "If you're doing something out of love you take time with it, you have patience with it."

The Independence Township resident recently won the national Springtime Cake contest on [www.justapinch.com](http://www.justapinch.com) for her Rhubarb Coffee Cake. As the winners as well as received four blue ribbons for other submitted recipes.

"The thing is they sent me an e-mail telling me I was a finalist for the cake contest. My husband was here and I was just running through the house saying 'I'm a finalist' and I was so happy," she said. "They asked if I could send my phone number in case they had a few questions about recipe. I immediately gave them my phone number, but less than 20 minutes they called me and said 'we must apologize to you. You weren't to receive that e-mail that you are a finalist.' My heart just sank and then she said 'No, you're the winner.' I was ecstatic."

Freed said she came across a link to the website for Just a Pinch, while home sick with pneumonia she was searching for recipes online. Freed said it was basically a networking site with e-mail, and chat rooms for anyone interested



Jane Freed holds up a Rhubarb plant. Photo by Trevor Keiser

in cooking from beginner cooks to professional chefs.

"Those 10 days I was sick I was online everyday and submitted 50 recipes. When they (justapinch.com) get a recipe they put it on a page and then the next one goes on a new page, she said. "I actually stopped because I was embarrassed, there were pages of just all me, and nobody was on as much as me."

Freed is a collector of vintage cookbooks from the 1930's and 1940's, including an original copy of a recipe First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt published in a

newspaper. Freed said she likes a lot of vintage recipes because they remind her of her grandmother who was a great cooks and baker.

"My grandmother unfortunately died when I was 11 years old, so she didn't have time to teach me how to cook, but she was the cook in the family," she said. "My mother couldn't give me any help because she just didn't get into cooking. She was more into sewing, which I couldn't do."

Freed said her mother's idea of dessert was going to the local bakery in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, where she grew up. She said she

actually learned to cook from woman at her church.

"Church women are excellent cooks," she said. "I would buy a church recipe cookbook from women for a fundraiser before I would buy these top gourmet books."

She noted Amish woman are also very good cooks. Freed said when her husband Bud and her got married she loved to entertain and have people over to cook for them, but always asked someone else to bring the dessert.

"Cooking was just a pinch of this and a pinch of that," she said. "Baking required precise measurements and everything, it was a science and I didn't like science."

Freed also said in her early years she was busy in her career and didn't have the patience for baking, but around age 45 when life slowed down she decided to have a go at it and fell in love with it and enjoys making her own recipes.

"Using exact measurements and why things work as they do, she said. "Knowing those things you can make up a recipe yourself."

She said Bud is a wonderful gardener all of her fruits, raspberries, blackberries, peaches and rhubarb are grown in the backyard.

"That helps a lot," she said. "The fresher the fruit, the better it taste."

Freed also has a lot of sugar free  
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**Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp**, for boys entering grades 4-6, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., July 12-15. \$140. 248-623-4003. **Fife Basketball Camp**, for boys entering grades 7-9, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., July 19-23. \$250. 248-623-4003.

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**Garden Walk**, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 12-7 p.m., July 14. Features seven gardens, vendors. \$15 until July 13; \$18, day of. Benefits library gardens; village planters, school projects. www.clarkstongardenclub.org.

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**Car wash**, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., July 18, Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 5929 South Main Street. Donations for programs, care packages to troops overseas.

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**20-year reunion**, Clarkston High School Class of 1990, 6 p.m.-12 a.m., July 24, Ameriprise Financial Club, Palace of Auburn Hills. Strolling dinner, dancing \$70. www.chsreunion1990.com.

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**Great Blue Heron Open** benefit scramble golf tournament for North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, 1 p.m., July 26, Davison Country Club. \$95. 18 holes with cart, grilled steak dinner, prizes, contests. 248-846-6547.

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**25th reunion**, Clarkston High School Class of 1985, 6 p.m.-12 a.m., Aug. 28, Fountains, 6060 Maybee Road. \$30. RSVP buy Aug 10. Call Kelly, 810-636-3240.

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**Adult Basketball League**, 18 and over, 12-5

# Around Town



A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



## Magic Bus in Depot Park, Friday

Local performers Mark Harrington, Rick Lieder, Dave Mielke, Steve Carey, Eric Harrington and Steve Richards promise a ride on the Magic Bus at this week's Concert in the Park. This band's authentic costumes and hippie style approach to all aspects of their show bring their music to life. They perform at many community and charity events, raising money for the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. They perform, 7 p.m., July 2, at Depot Park. Check www.magicbusband.com. Photo provided

**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.

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

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

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

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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-4244.

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

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**Basic Yoga** with Noreen Daly, beginning and intermediate techniques, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., \$7 per session. Bring mat. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878

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session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.

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**Co-Creating Healthy Families**, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., "Bradshaw on: The Family," PBS series presentation, support group, 7:30 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**Breast Cancer Support Group**, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

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

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

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

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**Widowers and Widows On With Life Group**, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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**Widowed Friends**, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

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

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

## Rhubarb cake's a winner

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and low carb recipes on Justapinch.com for those looking for healthier foods. Wanting to be healthier as well as look and feel better about herself, Freed set out on a diet to lose 150 pounds four years ago by using everyday food.

"I didn't want to give Jenny Craig anymore \$20, I didn't want to join Weight Watchers again, I didn't want to drink Slim Fast," Freed said. "I wanted to know what I could live and do on a normal daily basis for the rest of my life that would help me lose weight and keep it off."

After doing some research, she found weight-loss programs all call for "no refined sugar and no white flour."

By eliminating those two things from her diet, she lost 150 pounds in a year and has kept it off now for four years.

"There is absolute no nutritional value in white flour," she said. "The body doesn't know what to do with it so it's just stored. If a woman is heavy in the hips or

a heavy in the stomach, sugar and white flour has something to do with it."

She and Bud have lived in Independence Township for five years, where Bud has been the head pastor at First Missionary Church of Clarkston off Clintonville Road.

They have three sons: John, 29 who is a pastor in Indianapolis, James, 25 who is the city manager in Lakeview and youngest city manager in the history of the United States, and Joseph, 25 is the top salesman for Comcast also in Indianapolis.

Jane currently works at the Wingate Hotel in Auburn Hills as their breakfast cook and baker.

She and Bud will enjoy a limo ride from Clarkston to Nashville Tennessee in July where Jane will show how to make her cake on a TV show.

"I've been a teacher, in corporate banking and my 15 minutes of fame is for my rhubarb coffee cake," she said. "That's amazing to me."

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Here are a few ideas to consider:

• **Boost your 401(k) contributions.** To build the resources you'll need to become financially independent during your retirement years, you should take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan. Whenever your salary goes up, try to contribute more to your 401(k). Generally, your contributions are made with pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. And your contributions grow on a tax-deferred basis. In 2010, you can put up to \$16,500 into your 401(k), or \$22,000 if you're 50 or older.

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• **Build an emergency fund.** Try to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, placed in a liquid account. Without such a fund, you may be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for needs such as a new furnace or a big doctor's bill — and the more you tap into your investments, the longer it will be until you can attain financial freedom.

• **Cut down on your debt.** It's easier said than done, but by reducing your debt load, you'll have

more money to invest for the future. You might want to start by eliminating the smallest debts first, then moving on to whittle away at the bigger ones.

• **Don't "over-focus" on your investment statements.** Obviously, you want to know how your investments are performing. But you may be better off not checking on your investments every day, or even every week. When you pay extremely close attention to the movements of your investments, your emotions may lead you to make decisions based on short-term events rather than long-term goals. Invest with your head, not your heart.

• **Avoid "time traps."** Many people know they need a certain amount of money at a certain time for a specific goal, such as a down payment on a home, the first college tuition payment or even the first year's living expenses during retirement. Yet they get into trouble because they set aside the money in an inappropriate investment — that is, one whose price can fluctuate greatly. If you know when you're going to need the money, put it in a lower-risk investment and avoid the time trap.

Taking these steps won't instantly enrich you. But eventually, they can lead you down the path to your personal Financial Independence Day — and that may be reason enough to celebrate.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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## Students achieve success

Kasey McKay of Clarkston received a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University.

McKay, a recent graduate of Clarkston High School, is the daughter of Jerry and Lori McKay.



McKay

Lyndsey Kitson of Clarkston made the Dean's List and Honor Roll at Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Steven A. Puroll of Clarkston qualified with a grade point average of 4.0 for the Northern Michigan University Dean's List for the Winter 2010 semester.

Qualifying with a 3.25-3.99 GPA are Clarkston students Colette M. Armes, Derek R. Bush, Nicholas J. DeVault, Elizabeth J. Ernst, Weston G. Gleiss, Sara J. Hartley, Stephen M. Hunter, Timothy M. Rogers, and Keith W. Voorheis, and Davisburg students Jeremy R. Halka and Alex D. Knudson.

Megan Ann Montgomery of Clarkston, freshman, was named to the President's List at Oklahoma Christian University.

## MacLennans celebrate 55th anniversary

The children of Dan and Elaine MacLennan wish them a happy 55th anniversary. Dan and Elaine both grew up and met in Alpena, Mich.

They married on June 25, 1955. Shortly after getting married, they moved to Clarkston and lived in an apartment on Buffalo

Street until their home in Clarkston was completed in 1959, where they still reside.

They have three grown children, Karen (Matthew) Jameson, David (Teresa) MacLennan, and Nancy (Joseph) Loe, as well as five grandchildren, Jennifer, Trevor, Hanna, Joseph, and Colin.



## Religion

# Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness

This weekend we celebrate the 234th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America documented in the signing of the Declaration of Independence beginning July 4th, 1776.

Among other things, the Declaration of Independence states that "... all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Life is a given. We are alive and there are consequences for anyone who decides to take that right away from us. Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness are another story.

Liberty is the freedom or right of the individual to act according to his or her own will. Despite the Declaration's statement to the contrary this right is necessarily restricted by the will of the people through their government.

Often an individual's pursuit of happiness involves the use of substances or activities the majority have found unacceptable. For example, the use of narcotics and the ability to take another's life or property are governed by the rule of law.

"We must all hang together, or most assuredly we will all hang separately." These words of Benjamin Franklin were reportedly spoken at the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Literally each of the signers of the Declaration would have been hanged for treason had the revolution not succeeded.

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor  
Matthew Long

It is in our unity, standing together as one, that our greatest strength lies.

"Divide and conquer" is a common tactic in war, business and social interaction. People in power know their power comes from the consent of those who support them. To insure this support they often resort to a dividing tactic creating fear of the "others" who intend their supporters harm in some way.

They often resort to misleading or erroneous statements that generate an emotional response so that the faculty of logic is not engaged. If they repeat it often enough, people begin to believe it is true without investigation.

Unfortunately, our political debates tend to focus on these emotional topics that di-

vide us rather than the substantive issues that could unite us.

In Christian terms, this is the way of the world: war, conflict, winning/losing, deception, trickery, where no one truly 'wins'. But there is a higher way that leads to true peace, freedom, liberty and happiness where we all win. "Peace I leave with you... not as the world gives do I give to you." (John 14:27)

The higher way is acknowledging and realizing our interdependent unity. "No man is an island, entire of itself," states noted clergyman John Donne, "every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main."

I invite you to begin to think in terms of our interdependent unity. Find ways to transcend the inherent conflict of personal interests and expand your conscious expression to support the greater good for all of God's creation.

Recovery is a 'we' process. Together we can do all things. Separately, we only partially fulfill our potential. One way to increase your awareness of 'we' is to join the We Campaign. See [www.we.net](http://www.we.net) for more information.

Matthew E. Long is senior minister at Peace Unity Church & Holistic Center.

## In our churches...

**Metaphysical Bible Study**, Sundays, 8:30 a.m.; discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

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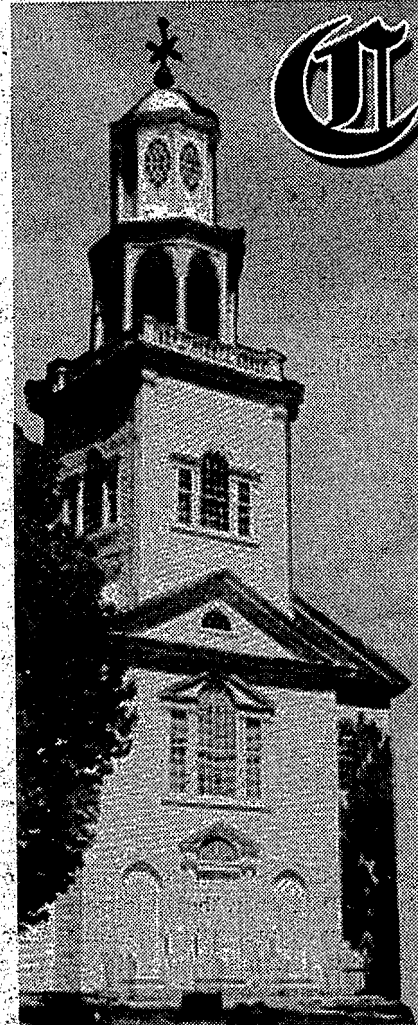
**Wednesday Evening FEAST**, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15- 8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Please see In Our Churches on 10B

## Like to join in Spiritual Matters?

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# Church Directory



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Wednesday 7:00 pm  
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Wednesday 6:30 pm  
[www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org](http://www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org)

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
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Broadcast Worship - Waterford  
CATV-10 Tues 2:30 pm  
Worship:  
Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
Sat: 6:00 pm  
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Preschool: 620-6154

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611  
Website: [clarkstonumc.org](http://clarkstonumc.org)  
Sunday Worship: 9 am & 11:15 am  
& 6:11 pm  
Nursery available for all services

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

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website: [www.dixiebaptist.org](http://www.dixiebaptist.org)  
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& Adult Bible Fellowship  
11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
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& Adult Bible Study  
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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

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(E. of M-15)  
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& Adult Bible Fellowship  
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Ozone - Children's Life Ministry  
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Dan Whiting, Geoff Black  
Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am  
Nursery Care at all services  
Wednesday: Children's Ministries  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Sunday: Youth Ministries  
5:00-7:00 pm  
[www.clarkstoncommunity.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunity.com)

# Summertime temperatures call for increased caution



Laura D'Hondt applies SPF 50 sunscreen to her daughter, Chiara Vanoplinus, 20 months, at Deer Lake Beach. She gets some more sunscreen each time she comes out of the water. Photo by Phil Custodio

Skin cancer is a risk year round, but increases during summer, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Reduce your chances of skin cancer by using sunscreen, wearing sunglasses and wearing appropriate clothing that covers the body.

Also, stay completely hydrated by drinking water frequently, even when not thirsty, to prevent heat stress. Hot days, with temperatures in the upper 80's and above, can cause body temperature to rise, resulting in muscle cramps, dizziness and eventually making you dangerously ill.

Try to stay clear of alcoholic and caffeinated drinks as they cause dehydration.

The sun's rays can be very dangerous especially from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., so plan daily activities accordingly. If working outdoors, take frequent breaks in shaded, cool areas. Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing to help stay cool. Fabrics like cotton allow air to circulate through clothing and to your body.

It is important to know the different signs of heat-related illnesses.

Heat-related illness target young children and the elderly, so check them frequently.

The first stage of heat-related illness is dehydration, which occurs when body fluids are lost by sweating and not replaced. Dry mouth, thirst, headache, dizziness, cramps, excessive fatigue and irritability are all symptoms of dehydration. When experiencing dehydration, move to a shaded or air-conditioned area and drink water. Consult a physician if symptoms persist or if there is an existing condition that could be complicated by increased fluid intake.

Heat cramps are another indication of a potential heat-related emergency. Heat cramps are muscular pains and spasms caused by heavy exertion and high body temperatures. To treat heat cramps, seek shade; drink a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes; and gently stretch cramped muscles and hold for about 20 seconds. If symptoms persist or worsen, seek emergency medical treatment.

The more serious stage of heat-related illness is heat exhaustion, which typically occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a warm, humid place that causes sweating. This fluid loss can cause reduced blood flow to vital organs resulting in shock. Signs of exhaustion include headache, moist and pale skin, nausea, dizziness, weakness and exhaustion.

To treat, seek shade, drink a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes; remove or loosen any tight clothing; and apply a cool, wet towel or compress. If symptoms persist or worsen, seek emergency medical treatment.

Finally, heat stroke is the most severe stage of heat-related illness.

A heat stroke, or also called sunstroke, is life threatening and immediate emergency medical attention is vital. During a heat stroke, the body's temperature control stops working and temperature can rise very quickly. Symptoms include vomiting; decreased alertness level or complete loss of consciousness; high body temperature, sometimes as high as 105 degrees Fahrenheit; red, hot and dry skin; rapid, weak pulse; and rapid, shallow breathing.

For more information and tips on sun safety and the effects of sun exposure, talk to your doctor or visit [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch).



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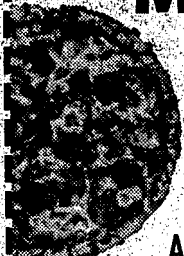
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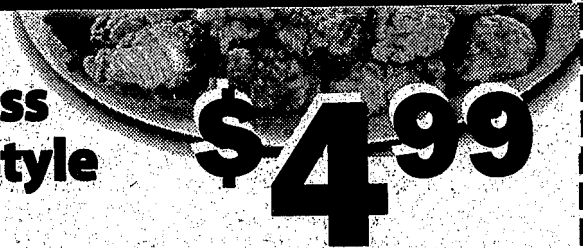
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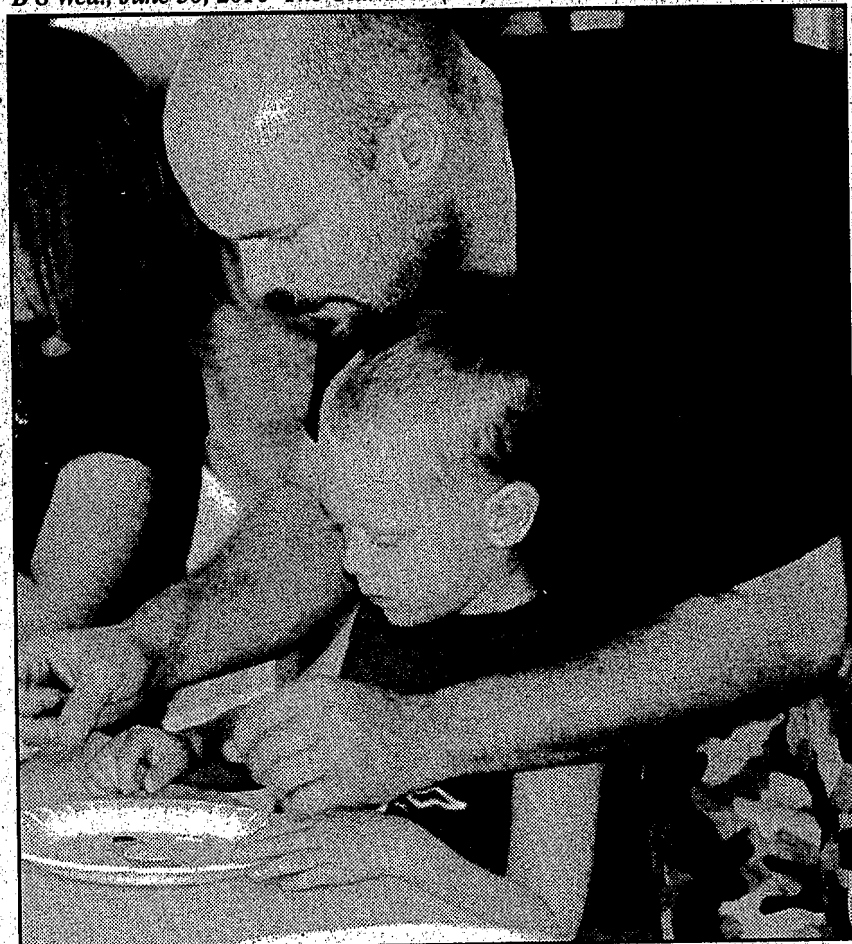
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Thomas Fox, Jr. and his dad, Thomas, Sr. make a pencil topper.



Colton Farwell ventures inside during the hot day and finds a new friend. Together they put on a puppet show



Sarah Here aims for the top as she rock climbs.

## Woodsy fun at Independence Oaks

Families ventured to Wint Nature Center on June 26 for its 25th anniversary celebration.

The fun included the Oakland County Parks and Recreation puppet mobiles, inflatables, climbing tower and entertainment.

When visitors needed a break from the hot sun they ventured inside for face painting and more hands-on learning.

Oakie the squirrel, the Oakland County Parks and Recreation mascot, also stopped by Independence Oaks.

Photo by Wendi Reardan

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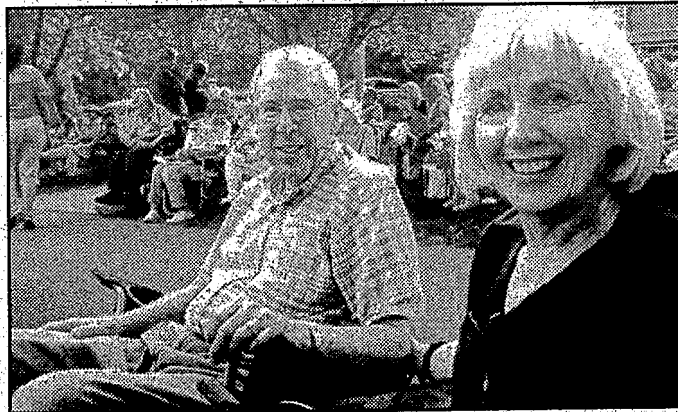
Above: Art Asplund swings with Wanda Lee Berg. Below: Carroll Ely and Judy Tully enjoy the concert with a smile

## Swingin' to the music

The music was swinging and set the audience's toes tapping at Concerts at the Park last Friday. The Stardusters Band performed swing and big band music

and set the scene for dancing and reminiscing. The next Concerts in the Park is this Friday. The Magic Bus performs 60s and 70s music.

Photos by Trevor Keiser



## Calendar of events

**Pickleball for Adults 50+**, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., two hours, \$3; Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., three hours, \$4. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. All skill levels welcome. 248-625-8231.

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**Evening Country Line Dancing 50+**, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., Community Room, Clarkston Specialty Healthcare, 4800 Clintonville Road. \$40 per person for eight weeks. 248-625-8231.

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**50+ Golf**, Tuesday mornings, through Aug. 24. Heather Highland, 11450 E. Holly Road. Non-league play. \$12 one-time registration at Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231. \$8 greens fee.

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**Evening Country Line Dancing for 50+**, Tuesdays, June 8-July 27, 7-8 p.m. Community Room, Clarkston Specialty Healthcare. \$40. 248-625-8231.

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**Morning Line Dancing**, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish salsa, rock and roll, cha cha, with Rosemary Hall. \$3 drop in.

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**Lunches for 50+**, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$5 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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**Woodcarving 50+**, Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 4, 11, 18, 25, Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Instructor Dave Shaw. Project will be a donkey. \$40 plus small fee for wood. 248-625-8231.

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## Obituaries

### Dora E. James, 86

Dora E. James of Pontiac passed away, June 26, 2010, at age 86.

She was loving wife of the late Ira James. Dear mother of Doyle (Marie) James, Florence Beck, Cynthia Centers, and Mona Shoap. Cherished grandmother of seven and great grandmother of 10; sister of Narvel (Phyllis) Talley, Viola (Clayborn) Bradford, and Mary Foore.

Funeral service is Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 12 p.m. **Coats Funeral Home, Clarkston.** Interment follows at Christian Memorial Cultural Center in Rochester.

To leave a private condolence for the family go to [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com) and select Guestbook.

### Geraldine Howe, 81

Howe, Geraldine R., of Clarkston, passed away, June 27, 2010, at age 81.

She was the much loved wife of James F. Howe, Jr. for 58 years. She was loving mother of James F. Howe, III who died in 2006, Nancy Garner (James) and Peter Howe (Kim); grandmother of Brian, Michael and Brandon Garner and Alex, Madison and Hailey Howe; daughter of Leone and Charles Falcome of Dearborn, MI, and the sister of Dolores Gibson of Livonia, MI, all of whom pre-deceased her.

Geri graduated from Wayne State University and taught primary education at Lindbergh School in Dearborn, MI until the birth of James III. She later substitute taught in the Birmingham School district.

The role that defined her, however, was that of the consummate homemaker. There was no better wife or mother. She and her family lived for a time in Livonia, MI and also in Beverly Hills, MI. They moved to Independence Township, MI when James retired from Ford Motor Company. The family also lived in Geelong, Australia and in Lima, Peru.

Her remains will be cremated and interred at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, MI.

A memorial service is held at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 10 a.m., a luncheon following. The family requests that memorial donations be sent to The Huntington Disease Society of America, Michigan Chapter at 1174 James Savage Road, Midland, MI 48640-5651. online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Eleanor B. Moore, 97

Eleanor B. Moore of Waterford went to be with the Lord, June 21, 2010, at age 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence. She was the loving mother of Donald (Beverly), Patricia (the late Robert) Dubes, Judith (Ben) Tartoni, Diana (Donald) Semak and Timothy (Margaret); grandmother of 18; great grandmother of 27; and great great grandmother of five.

Rosary Service was June 24 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.** Funeral Mass was June 25 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Catherine J. Pierce, 85

Catherine J. Pierce of Clarkston, formerly of Redford and Detroit, passed away, June 24, 2010, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Henry and son Michael; loving mother of William J. and Mark; and grandmother of David (Courtney). Visitation was June 27 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.** Private Inurnment Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Michael J. Prescott, 45

Michael J. Prescott, of White Lake formerly of Ortonville, passed away, June 25, 2010, at age 45.

He was preceded in death by his father Jim Prescott; loving father of Ashley and Brianna both of Ortonville; son of Doris (Alan) Myhal of Florida.; brother of Sue (Mike) Kowalski of Rochester and Amy (Travis) Robson of Washington; uncle of Derek, Danielle, Mady, Becky, Garrett and Lily.

Mike was employed as a project manager at JCIM., Plymouth.

Visitation was Sunday at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.** Funeral Mass was Monday at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville.

Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Any donations to the family will be used for Mike's daughters' future education. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



## In our churches, continued

**A Course In Miracles**, self-study course removing blocks to awareness of love's presence. Study groups, Wednesday, 12 p.m.; Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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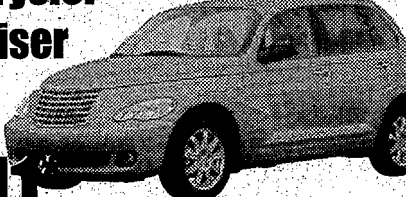
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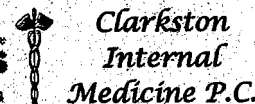
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# What's the BIZ



A ribbon cutting for Smith's Disposal was held on June 16. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Smith's celebrates new home

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston and Waterford Chambers of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on June 16 to welcome Smith's Disposal into their new home in Independence Township on White Lake Road.

"It's kind of nice to be back in Independence Township again," said President Carol Evans, whose parents started the business out of their home on Northview Drive in the Township 27 years ago.

Evans said the main reason from moving from their previous facility in Springfield Township to their current one was due to parking. They upgraded from roughly 12,000 square-feet to around 17,500 square-foot building.

"We were running out of parking space for the trucks and dumpsters. This was offered to us at a very good price, so it was something that was very hard to pass up," she said. "If we outgrow this place, I guess it's a good thing."

General Manager Archie Munson

agreed.

"From a business sense it gives us the room, the capacity we need to be able to expand. It seems like since we moved in this building we're even more engrained in the community because people see us everyday driving through on White Lake Road. "It puts a public face to the company that we've never had before, other buildings we were hidden in that back corner."

Evans said she will never forget the customers who packed out Clarkston Junior High last year to speak in favor of Smith's and against a one-hauler system, which township officials from both Independence and Springfield were considering with multiple townships.

"If it wasn't for our customers and the Chambers of Commerce we'd probably be gone, that's something I'll never forget," she said. "It's nice to feel that kind of support for just a garbage company."

Munson agreed.

"Last year is last year and we're ready to put that behind us and grow and be an

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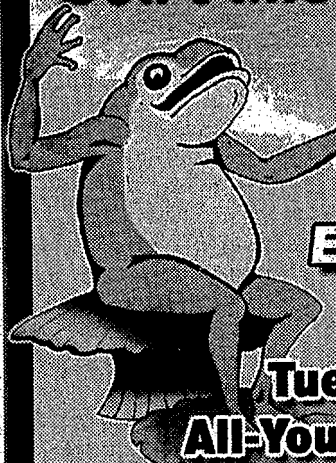
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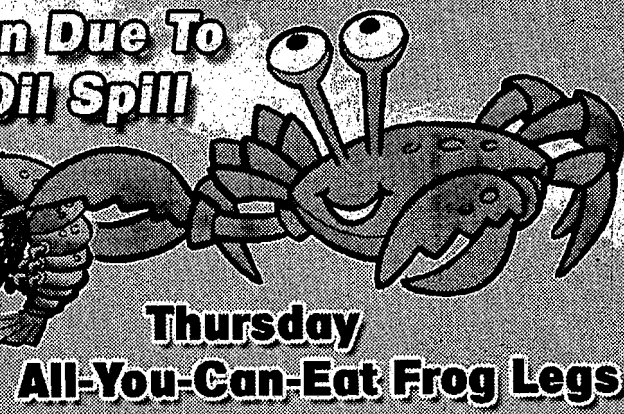
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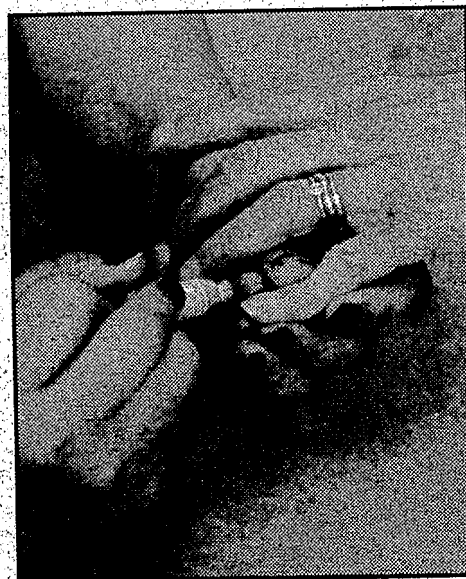
"We tell them what is best for them and not best for that client," Trang added. "Every client is different."

The entire family, not just the women, can enjoy a day of pampering with manicures and pedicures.

Trang used to work in Detroit and would travel through the area when visiting friends and family in Ortonville and Davison.

"This spot was never open," she said. "One day it just opened up. We didn't ask any questions and took the opportunity.

Prices range from \$15-45 for women and men in manicures and pedicures. The Mini



Joy menu for clients ages 13 and under include a manicure for \$10, a pedicure for \$20, or nails polished for \$3 (nails) and \$7 (toes.)

Nails on Main is located at 5797 S. Main Street, next to Rite Aid. They are open Mon.-Sat. from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, closed.

For more information, call 248-922-7590.

## Sponsoring community is Smith's tradition

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even bigger part of the community, see what else we can get accomplished," he said.

Smith's also play a very active role in the community by sponsoring multiple events throughout the year. Evans says it's the company's way of giving back.

"I've always done it, my dad's always did it, and it's always been the way we are," she said. "It's about the only way

we can give back."

Munson said the biggest message they always want to convey is "Thank You."

"We're customer service driven industry so everything we do has got to begin and end with 'thank you for being our customer,'" he said. "Thank you for allowing us to pick up your garbage and handle your recycling, keeping us around and giving us the opportunity."

## Business News

Bliss Honeymoons opened their new main office in Clarkston on May 26. just south of M-15 and Maybee roads.

Previously located in Davison, Bliss moved to be more accessible to its growing Southeast Michigan client-base.

"We are very excited to become part of the Clarkston community, and look forward to accommodating our clients' honeymoon and destination wedding needs" said Kim Whittaker, owner of Bliss Honeymoons, S.E. Michigan.

They are now located at 6475 Dixie Hwy,

Clarkston Animal Medical Center of Clarkston has again received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association.

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**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 24, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed by the pledge of allegiance.  
Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Inabnit, Gawronski, Roth  
Moved by Hargis, supported by Hunter to, "Approve the Agenda as presented for May 24. Motion carried.  
Moved by Hunter, supported by Gawronski to, "Approve the Consent Agenda as presented:  
Final minutes of 4/26/2010 Council meeting  
Draft minutes of 5/10/2010 Council meeting  
Treasurer's Report - Trial Balance thru 4/30/2010 (all Funds)  
Income Statement - General Fund thru 4/30/2010  
Motion carried.  
Moved by Gawronski, supported by Brueck to "Respectfully decline the movement of the Rotary Club monument to Depot Park. Motion carried.  
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Brueck to "Table the Website decision until the next meeting when there will be more information available". Motion carried.  
Resolved by Hargis, supported by Gawronski to "Accept the Draft #4 of the Conflict of Interest/Ethics Ordinance as presented to Council."  
ROLL CALL: Yeas: Hargis, Brueck, Roth, Inabnit, Arkwright, Gawronski, Hunter  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth to "Appoint Cara Catallo to the Historic District Commission term ending in 2012. Motion carried.

**AMENDED BUDGET**  
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Roth to, "Adopt the FY2010 May 24 amended budget for Major Road Fund as follows:  
Revenues - \$56,506 — Disbursements - \$56,506 per the attached report.  
ROLL CALL: Yeas: Brueck, Hunter, Roth, Gawronski, Arkwright, Inabnit, Hargis  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Inabnit, supported by Gawronski to, "Adopt the FY2010 May 24 amended budget for Local Road Fund as follows:  
Revenues - \$30,006 — Disbursements - \$26,376 per the attached report.  
ROLL CALL: Yeas: Gawronski, Brueck, Roth, Arkwright, Hunter, Hargis, Inabnit  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Roth, supported by Gawronski to, "Adopt the FY2010 May 24 amended General Fund budget as follows:  
Revenues - \$825,250 — Disbursements - \$813,617 per the attached report.  
ROLL CALL: Yeas: Brueck, Roth, Hunter, Arkwright, Inabnit, Hargis, Gawronski  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Hargis to "Allow the City Manager to sell the old button lawn mower for the best price".  
ROLL CALL: Yeas: Arkwright, Inabnit, Hunter, Brueck, Hargis, Roth, Gawronski  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Brueck, supported by Hunter to, "Adopt the Tri-Party Cost Participation Agreement, with the location of the street corrected, for Washington to Holcomb Road Improvements Board Project #50461. Total Cost of the project is \$1,500. Once completed the Community shall submit an invoice to the Road Commission Board for 1/3 or \$500 and send an invoice to the County of Oakland for 1/3 or \$500. The Board and the County shall pay to the Community the full amount (\$500 each) within 30 days of receipt."  
ROLL CALL: Yeas: Arkwright, Inabnit, Brueck, Hunter, Roth, Gawronski, Hargis  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Brueck to, "Adopt a three year contract with Janz & Knight for auditing services: June 30, 2010 (not to exceed) \$10,600  
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June 30, 2011 (not to exceed) \$10,600  
June 30, 2012 (not to exceed) \$10,900  
ROLL CALL: Yeas: Arkwright, Hunter, Hargis, Brueck, Gawronski, Inabnit, Roth  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**  
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to "Extend the meeting time past 9:00 p.m.  
Motion carried.  
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, "That the meeting be adjourned". Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet C. Gillespie  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Charter Township of Independence

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Charter Township of Springfield

**NOTICE REQUEST FOR VARIANCE(S) ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan for the following purpose:

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Request from Nicolette Heister, 1210 Washington Blvd., Birmingham, MI. 48009 for a one year extension of the variance granted on August 19, 2009 to:

- Allow a deck resulting in a setback from Waumegah Lake of Thirty-eight (38) feet rather than the fifty (50) feet required per Section 18.11.6(d) of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.
- Allow a porch resulting in a front yard setback of forty-two (42) feet rather than the fifty (50) feet required per section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

The property that is the subject of this request is located at 8695 Ellis Road in Springfield Township and is zoned R-1 Single Family Residential. P.I. #07-12-427-022. The original variance will expire on August 19, 2010. Pursuant to the provisions of Zoning Ordinance #26 the applicant is asking for a one year extension which will expire on August 19, 2011.


**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request by Dr. Scott VanDerveen, 7558 ME Cad Boulevard, Clarkston, MI 48348 to relocate an existing ground sign at the above address to another location on same property resulting in a zero (0) foot setback from the road right-of-way, rather than the required fifteen (15) feet per Section 16.07.3.a(5) of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located at 7558 ME Cad Boulevard in Springfield Township and is zoned OS-Office Service. P.I. #U.07-14-478-032.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk's Office until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510

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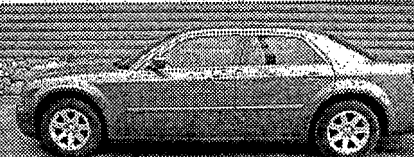


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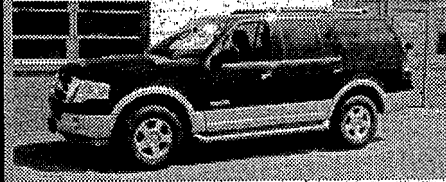
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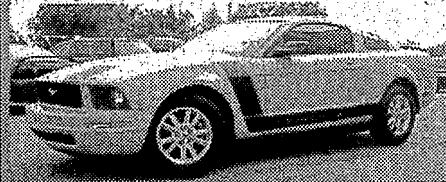
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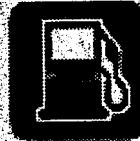
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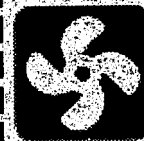


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