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And the results are...

Preliminary numbers for primary election

Clarkston voters narrowly rejected a five-mill charter amendment, which officials said was to save the city police department.

Half of the city's registered voters cast ballots, Aug. 3, a heavy turnout for a primary election.

"We've been busy, busy," said Marcy Rotondo, Clarkston City Hall administrative assistant, Tuesday morning.

Out of 818 registered voters, 409 cast ballots. Of those, 203 voted "no" and 195, "yes," a difference of eight votes. Eleven ballots did not register votes on the millage. The proposal was to amend the city's charter to increase maximum millage from 15 to 20.

Independence Township's police millage renewal and increase, and library millage renewal all passed comfortably.

Police renewal, 2.0547 mills for four years, was approved with 4,321 "yes" votes, 3,903 "no." The increase, 1.8953 mills for four years, was approved, 5,419-2,662. The four-year 0.691-mill library renewal passed, 6,009-2,119.

Sandy Miller of Independence Township's election department said voter turnout was about the same as past primaries, but still considered on the "light" side.

Out of 25,442 registered voters, 8,515 cast ballots, for a 33.5 percent turnout.

Springfield Township's four-year, .75 mill Parks and Recreation proposal passed, 1,694-1,466. Out of 10,403 registered voters, 3,247 cast ballots, or 31.2 percent.

— Phil Custodio



Hitting the beach

Brian Francis of Brighton, left, and John Ransford of Clarkston waded out of Deer Lake, finishing the swim part of the Craig Greenfield Memorial Triathlon, Aug. 1. Behind them, another wave of swimmers head out into the lake. Francis went on to win the triathlon, with a time of 1:20:58. Please see page 8A for more pictures. Photo by Phil Custodio

Talk of the town

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

How are the frog legs at Bull Frogs Bar and Grill?

What kind of dentistry can Regiani Dental do without a drill?

What does Haywood Nelson, Dwayne on TV's "Good Times," think of current television shows?

Jill Mitchell of Independence Township found out the answers to these and many other questions, and put them all on the Internet.

"I have no training, I'm just very inquisitive," said Mitchell, host of Jill's Show web program at Clarkston411.com. "I ask a lot of questions — I have a big mouth."

So far, she and her husband Norm Pardo have posted 30 of the one-on-one interviews with Clarkston area entrepreneurs, business people, entertainers, and community activists.

"I love them all. Everyone has a story to tell," she said.

Many sign up for interviews at the Clarkston News' weekly Coffee Club meetings, 7:30 a.m., Thursdays at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"We started with three people, and now we have 40-50," she said. "It's free. Come in for a cup of coffee, some cookies, and networking with a lot of local people."

The interviews are a new way for local communities to use technology for marketing.

"It's a little infomercial for them," Mitchell said. "Every businesses has something not everybody knows about."

"This is so cool — the more interviews there are, the more people are watching," Pardo said. "It builds traffic. It's really working."

Appointments are about 45 minutes. Mitchell talks to the interview subject before camera rolls to take notes and go over possible topics. The interview takes about 15 minutes. Then Pardo plays back the interview so everyone can see it.

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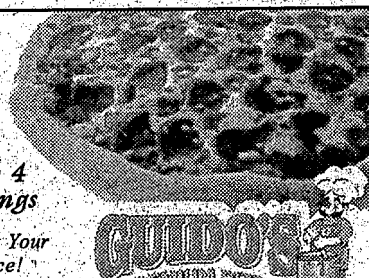
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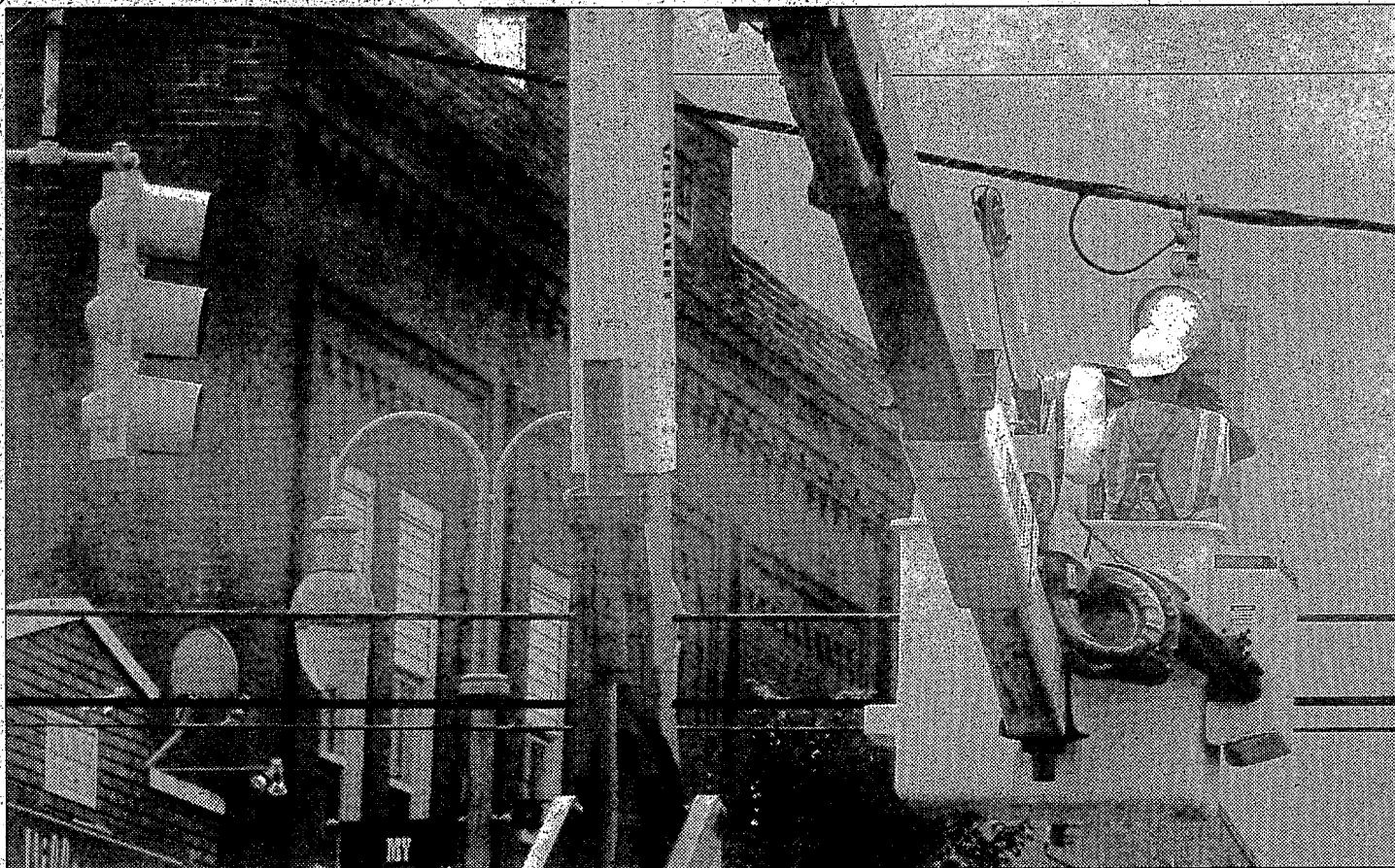
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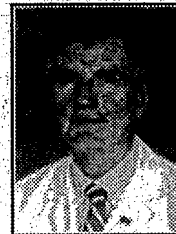
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Briefly

City reject bike paths

Clarkston City Council voted, July 26, to reject a proposal by Complete Streets sub-committee to paint bike-path lines on both sides of Main Street.

Council members said the proposal could be dangerous because of more bikes in the road.

The committee is considering other road-narrowing alternatives to slow down traffic.

White Lake reopened

White Lake Road from Dixie Highway to Clement Road is open again, but with construction work continuing until the beginning of September.

The \$1.1 million Road Commission for Oakland County project started May 17. The road was closed to through traffic for about four weeks.

Labor Day car show

First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road, hosts its Annual Labor Day Fair and Car Show, Monday, Sept. 6.

Car owners show off about 100 classics to about 2,500 spectators every year, also enjoying a fair with food, bake sale, silent and dime auctions, raffles, entertainment with DJ Mark Farnsworth, antiques and collectibles, and a giant garage sale.

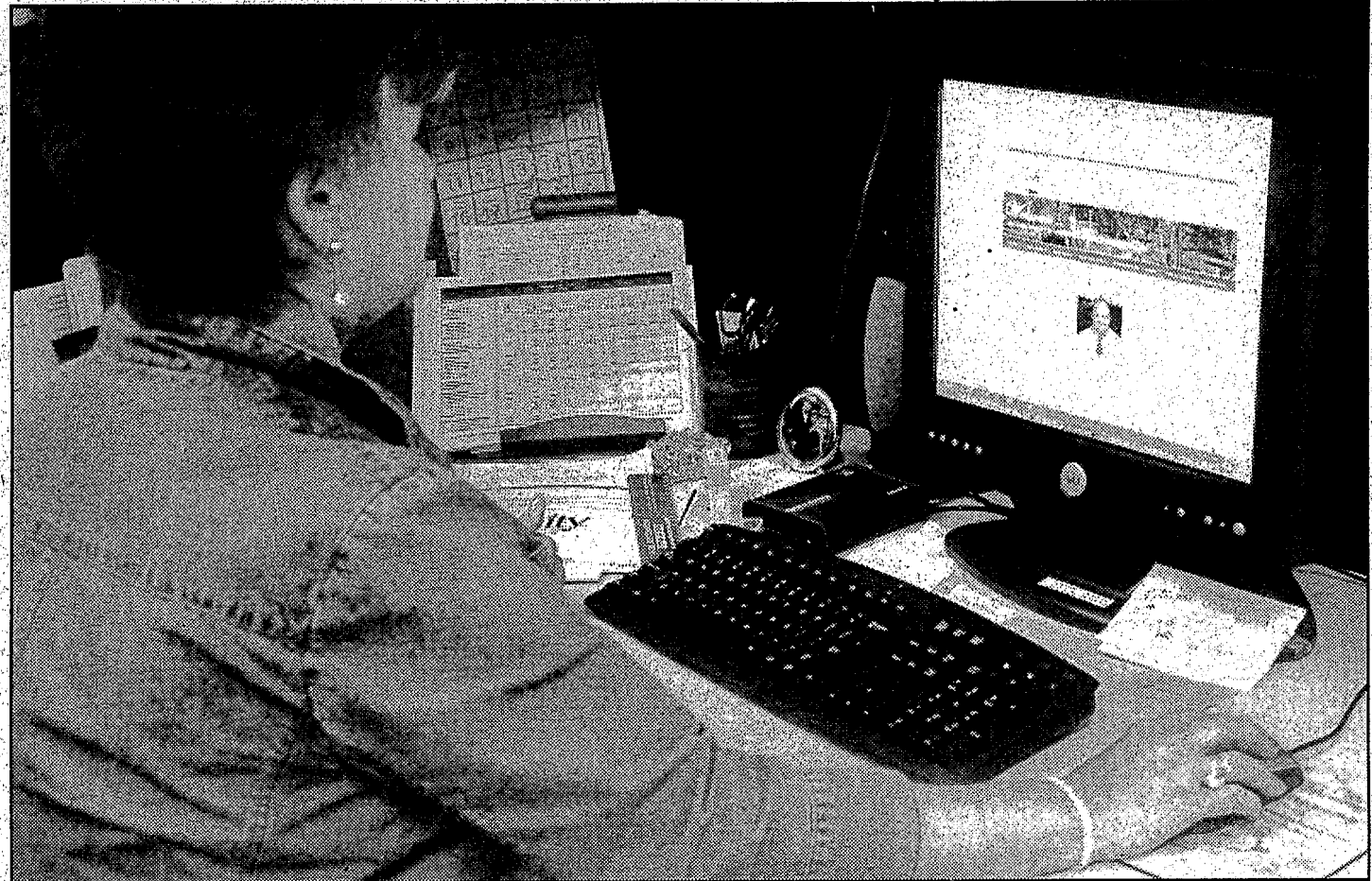
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Correction

Last week's Letter to the Editor "Township Millages," should have included Independence Township Trustee Mark Petterson amongst the signers. The entire Township Board signed the letter in support of township millages.

Attention businesses

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



City Clerk/Treasurer Jan Gillespie using the websites. Photo by Trevor Keiser

New website for Clarkston

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After working with various interim website pages through volunteers for the past few years, the City of the Village of Clarkston finally has a website it's proud of.

"The project had shifted and there was some work going on with some other volunteers," said City Councilman Stephen Hargis. "I worked with that for awhile, but then decided to get what we needed for the city website, I needed to actually get some commercial bids."

Hargis was handed the project after taking the vacant seat of former Councilman Cory Johnston.

"The space I took was the person who had been working on this area before, so it would seem logical I would continue on working on some of those same projects," he said. "I had some discussion with the mayor as far as what different committees I might be involved with. This made the most sense and had the most interest to me too. I like the technological aspect of the whole thing."

After doing some research looking at various municipal websites from other communities, as well as getting opinions as to what people liked and disliked, Hargis said he came up with a bid package. They sent out seven bids, mostly to local companies, but a

few were out of state.

"The only reason we went to those was because some of these other web designers focus on municipal websites. Other cities and communities around have used some of these outside, further away companies," he said. "There was one as far away as Kansas that does a lot of municipal websites."

After receiving the bids and comparing pros and cons, as well as cost, they decided on local company "Complete Web and Software Solutions" located in Washington Mills Mall. Cost was \$3,970, with \$325 per year hosting charge.

"Once we awarded the contract then the work picked up rather quickly," Hargis said. "We got together the framework of the website and started filling forms, maps, and city documents like code of ordinances, master plan and things like that, so if people wanted to read into those documents further, they are there now to look at."

The website also lists board, commission, and council members along with their e-mail addresses, as well as links to other websites locally and statewide. Hargis said the web designers also put in a system to track how many hits the website receives. One of the things he was most happy about was agendas and minutes would be posted on the site too.

"People can access that information, see

what all is going on at City Hall if they're interested," Hargis said. "They can come to the City Hall meetings and they'll be armed with the information as it's being developed."

As far as the name villageofclarkston.org, Hargis said it was chosen by City Council, to "emphasize the brand of the village."

"We're a village and we're also a city, we wanted to emphasize the village aspect of it," he said. "Having the city of the village of Clarkston seemed a bit long so we settled on village of clarkston."

Hargis said he looks forward to interacting with the site more and watching it go from the "walking to running."

"It's been a good experience, quite a bit of work involved, but I feel like it's paying off," he said. "I think it's going to be a good thing for the community."

City Manager Dennis Ritter agreed.

"Steve's done an outstanding job putting this website together. He's accomplished more in the last four to five months than the effort that had been put forth five years prior to this," Ritter said.

"I am very thankful this is going to be a very important means of communicating the identity that Clarkston wants to portray and does portray in its day to day activities."

For more information check out www.villageofclarkston.org

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40 Buffalo Band and Friends performs at BullFrogs last year. File photo

Fund raiser for bus service

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Bucks for Buses" is back for its fourth annual fund raiser on Aug. 12 at BullFrogs Bar and Grill.

"It's a fund raiser for the transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities," said Lois Sedden, president of the Friends of Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center.

The evening will include Dr. Michael Baker's band, "40 Buffalo Band and Friends," as well as 50/50 drawing and prizes. The menu special will be the "Baker Burger," a healthy turkey burger on a whole wheat bun.

Last year, Independence Township Senior Center vehicles drove a total of 76,366 miles making 7,190 trips for community seniors and persons with disabilities to doctor appointments, dialysis treatments, grocery stores, pharmacies and more.

BullFrogs Bar and Grill is located at 2225 S. Ortonville Road. The event will be between 5-9 p.m. For more information call the Independence Township Senior Center 248-625-8231 or Kelly Hyer at Independence Township Parks and Recreation 248-625-8223.

"I feel really positive about this event," Sedden said. "Last year we made quite a bit of money, raising \$8,900."

Tour Michigan-ranked Davisburg fen

Nancy Strole and Trish Hennig host a tour of the Davis Lake Fen in Davisburg, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7.

The tour group meets in the parking lot off Eaton Road behind the former Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway in

downtown Davisburg.

The fen has been ranked as the Number One Finest Fen in Michigan.

For more information or to sign up, call 248-627-8525 or email Hennig at Americanrootsnat@aol.com.

Classic Corvettes at Friday's Concours

BY RACHEL HYDE

Special to the Clarkston News

Those in Depot Park on Friday, Aug. 6 can anticipate seeing at least two Corvettes at Concours in the Park, an annual Clarkston SCAMP fundraiser. In its 24th year, the event will feature a car show, silent auction and food from 6 to 9 p.m.

"This is an eclectic show featuring sports cars, race cars, motorcycles and hand-built one-offs," said Event Chairperson Laura Respecki.

Respecki and her husband, Doug, have been chairpersons for 14 years. Waterford Hills Road Racing Inc. organizes Concours in the Park each year to benefit Clarkston SCAMP, a summer camp for children and young adults with special needs.

The show is designed to be family-friendly. Local food favorites such as Cooks Farm Dairy ice cream and Clarkston Union macaroni and cheese will be available for purchase at the food tent. Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Academy will also be present with their "mobile activity circuit," a transportable gymnastics course for kids.

The event is free to the public, but there is a \$25 minimum donation fee for participants who want to show their car in Depot Park. All entrants should arrive between 5-5:45 p.m.

Participating vehicles have the opportunity to be named Best in Show, People's Choice, Judges' Choice and SCAMPers' Choice.

Before the show, there will also be an escorted cruise traveling to the event. This year, the route was extended to be 17 miles long.

To participate in the free cruise, car owners must arrive at Southern Motors on Dixie Highway by 4:45 p.m. The cruise ends at Depot Park, where Concours entrants can then place their cars. Participants can choose to be involved in just one of these activities or both.

It's not too late for interested car owners to show off their vehicles. Registering in advance is preferred, but entrants can also register at the park. A link to the form and more

information can be found at www.clarkstonscamp.com.

"It's a good cause and an appealing venue," said Don Hall, who will be participating with his 1968 Corvette for the fourth time this year. The Clarkston resident said he retired in 2005 after 42 years with GM.

"The fact that it benefits SCAMP is key in its importance to me."

Hall said his favorite part of Concours is being able to talk to other car fans in the park. When it comes to his Corvette, the memories it evokes are most important to him.

"My wife and I have had five Corvettes over the years. We bought our first '68 in 1968 and continued to drive it for two years until our first child was born.

"Five years ago, when we started looking for a collector car, we found a 1968 427 in good shape for sale. Our choice was easy."

Hall said he likes to pick a few car shows to participate in each year.

"All of these shows and activities have their own character. We get to meet a lot of people with similar interests."

Park visitors can also expect to see modern vehicles at Concours, including a 2010 Corvette Grand Sport owned by Gary Claudio.

"If you cut me, I bleed Corvette," said Claudio, a Clarkston police officer and GM retiree. "Corvettes are America's sports car."

Claudio spent 28 years in the automotive industry, including several years as Corvette marketing manager.

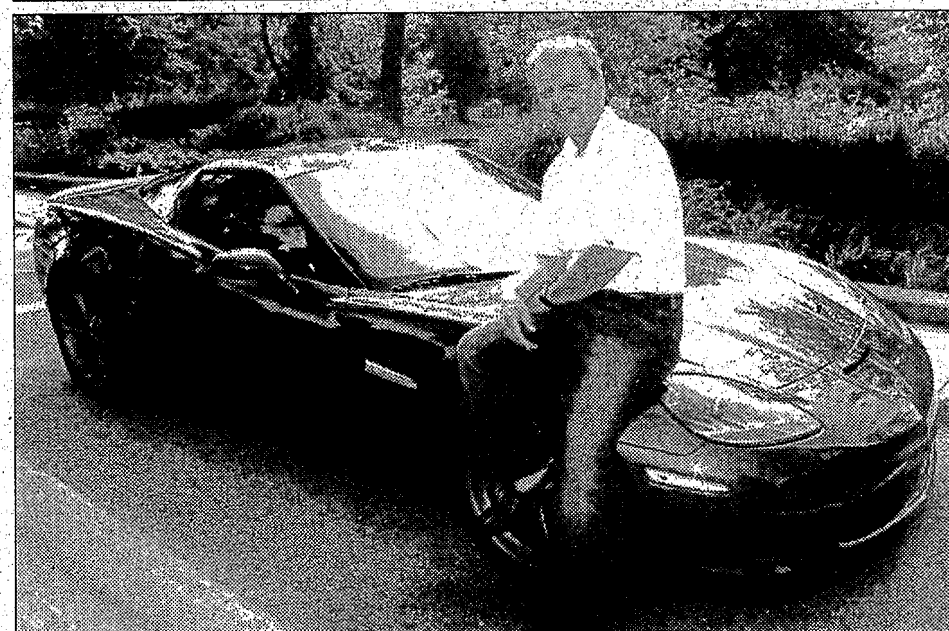
"I always loved cars," he said. "It's nice to say that you enjoyed your job."

Last year, Claudio took his 1966 Corvette to Concours in the Park, where it won the judges' choice award. He sold it in February, opting for a special-ordered 2010 model.

"I wanted to experience the modern convenience," he explained.

With time constraints, he said he couldn't devote enough time to the upkeep of an older car. Concours is more relaxed than other shows and has "home town feeling."

"It's a nice family evening in a great com-



Don Hall, top, and Gary Claudio will show their classic cars at Concours in the Park. Photo by Rachel Hyde

munity like Clarkston."

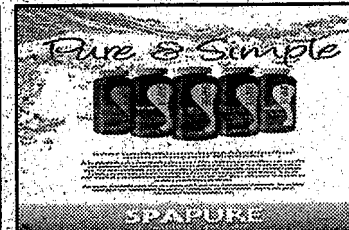
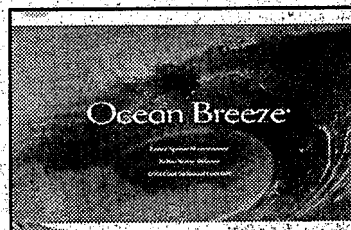
Claudio said he has been participating since 1995 and has been asked to be one of the judges this year.

As for the event's cause, Claudio said he is dedicated to charity. "Any time that you can help children — that's what it's all about."



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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Open search

With the new school year approaching, Clarkston's search for a new superintendent is heating up.

For an example of how not to do it, how about Oak Park Elementary District 97, outside Chicago? They recently wrapped up their superintendent search, ending up with Clarkston Schools' ex, Al Roberts.

According to local news reports, they hosted public meetings to gather input from residents in April, but when it came down to interviewing candidates in mid June, the flow of information ceased. The local press knew the school board narrowed candidates down to five on June 7, then three on June 10, and finally one, Roberts, on June 18.

But they were denied names at every step, where specifically candidates were from, anything they might have used to do any sort of independent check on them.

"He's a he, white, from out of state and already a superintendent," reported the *Wednesday Journal*, June 18. On June 22, he was still being called "D97's mystery superintendent."

The *Journal* quoted their school board president, June 8, "people will not put their name in to just express interest if that's going to be made public because it may undermine them at their current district. We don't want to discourage a perfectly good candidate with an existing contract from applying."

Aside from the complete lack of respect for the public's right to know their public schools' business, Roberts submitted his retirement to Clarkston School Board on May 24.

He had no existing contract, and nothing left to undermine in his current district. Why couldn't they release at least his name?

How about not doing it that way here in Clarkston's search? Doing it their way — the "Chicago way"? — denied local press the chance to do their job and check into candidates themselves.

Those who want to come to Clarkston to take over school administration should be willing and eager to engage the entire community, not just the school board, in their application.

They shouldn't have to be treated like such delicate, little flowers.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Thanks for help with...

...golf outing

...fund raiser

Dear Editor,

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Clarkston Area Youth Assistance

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the "Team 4 Mum" I would like to thank The Hamlin Pub of Clarkston, Karen Kubicki and her staff for putting on the Ladies Night for the Cure.

Their great enthusiasm and that of the patrons that night enabled us to raise enough money for one of our walkers in the 3 Day, 60 mile Susan G Komen event in August.

Also providing support was Melanie Dolan of Silpada Design, Physic readers from the Boston Tea Room, La Bella Salon, Waterfall Jewelers, Oakhurst Golf Club, Forest Lake Golf Club, Doug Brody of Warwick Hills, Pine Knob Golf Course, Fountains Golf Course, Candy Ferguson, Sam Zamecki and the Clarkston Union.

Without the help of these wonderful people we would not be able to participate in our seventh year of walking to fight breast cancer.

Donations may also be made at www.the3day.org under our team name.

Thank you.

Fiona Brown
Independence Township

...church facilities

Dear Editor,

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Township hires outside investment management" Independence Township Board hired Munder Capital Management of Birmingham to manage its investment portfolio. They planned to improve the township's financial status by selling some of its riskiest investments. Township Clerk Joan McCrary objected, saying it took power away from the elected treasurer position.

"Yum or yuck?" On the last day of FLAG summer language camp, Jessica Baum, Kristina Badgley, Katy Manojilovich, and other Clarkston students enjoyed a Japanese lunch, using wooden chopsticks. The soup course was a challenge.

25 years ago - 1985

"New finds at old digs" The Shelton mastodon dig on Seymour Lake Road east of Sashabaw was in its third year. Wayne State University students Michael Roberts and Doug Buuck, teacher Dennis Sawinska, and Marie-Louise O'Connell were still digging up bones of a mastodon and giant moose.

"Criminal acts increase in summer" Judge Gerald McNally and sheriff's Lt. Glenn Watson warned of upsurges in vandalism, assaults, traffic accidents, and thieves taking anything not nailed down. Both attributed it to people having more spare time, more daylight, warm weather, and more drinking.

"Festival finds new home for '86" Michigan Renaissance Festival planned its last year at Colombiere Center in Springfield Township. They looked to purchase 180 acres off Dixie Highway in Holly for the 1986 festival.

50 years ago - 1960

"Rotary governor visits Clarkston" With his third meeting as president of the Clarkston Rotary Club, Frank (Tink) Ronk had a very busy meeting. Not only was a new member, Fred F. Yeager, introduced, he had to entertain District Governor John R. MacPherson.

"Large crowd at ground breaking" Nearly 800 members of the First Methodist Church congregation gathered for groundbreaking of their new church, next to Clarkston High School on Waldon Road.

"Boys hook large turtle" Freddie Yeager and Johnny Skarritt were fishing from the shore at Parke Lake when they thought they caught a big fish. Actually, they pulled out a 12-inch-wide turtle.

From the suckee to the sucker: SCRAM!

We media types love (with a capitol LOVE) it when a "new" disease is discovered somewhere in the world. It has probably been that way since the beginning of the modern era of journalism. When I first tried my hand at writing "Don't Rush Me" (about a quarter-century ago) the "newest" disease was AIDS.

**Don't
Rush Me**



A column by
Don Rush

There was no 24-hour news cycle as there is now. There were no instant news blogging internet sites like there are now. Information dissemination moved snail-like compared to how fast we get news today. I remember folks were actually concerned they could contract (do you contract it?) AIDS by the bite of an infected mosquito. I even penned a column on it.

That AIDS is transmitted from mosquito to human was proven false, but a few facts were true.

1. Mosquitoes suck the blood of people.
2. Mosquitoes sometimes can pass on diseases to people. Heck, we've known that forever.

Not too many years ago, the West Nile

Virus was the all the rage -- and some folks got sick and even died because of a mosquito "bite."

All had been quite on the mosquito front for a few years. Some years the suckers were out in force; other years there was nary a nibble. So, I was rather bummed out to learn of another "new" mosquito warning issued. Yep, not only is there a bumper crop of mosquitoes this year, but state officials are telling us suckees living in Southeastern Michigan, to be on the lookout for symptoms of Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV).

I love Michigan in the summer.

So, for civic duty's sake, here's what to expect of EEEV, as reported by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC).

"... transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a rare illness in humans, and only a few cases are reported in the United States each year. Most cases occur in the Atlantic and Gulf Coast states. Most persons infected with EEEV have no apparent illness. Severe cases of EEE (involving encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain) begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting. The illness may then progress into disorientation, seizures, or coma.

"EEE is one of the most severe mosquito-transmitted diseases in the United States with approximately 33% mortality and significant brain damage in most survivors.

"There is no specific treatment for EEE; care is based on symptoms. You can reduce your risk of being infected with EEEV by using insect repellent, wearing protective clothing, and staying indoors while mosquitoes are most active. If you think you or a family member may have EEE, it is important to consult your healthcare provider for proper diagnosis."

Here are some other things mosquitoes are good for: Chikungunya, Dengue Fever, La Crosse Encephalitis, Japanese Encephalitis, Malaria, St. Louis Encephalitis, Western Equine Encephalitis and Yellow Fever (not to mention annoying, itchy bumps and buzzing around my ears whilst I'm trying to sleep).

Do you know what was the first effective treatment for malaria? Quinine. Do you know where you can find Quinine? Tonic water. While I am not a doctor, I recommend, at least for peace of mind, drinking lots of tonic water (gin is optional).

Here are some facts you may (or may not) want to know about skeeters.

■ Mosquitos have successfully adapted

to climates from the Arctic to the Equator.

■ Some mosquitoes prefer frogs, others mammals, still others birds.

■ No product, including mosquito traps, foggers, pesticides, Citronella candle, smoking coils or DEET, works equally well on every species of mosquito. (GREAT!)

■ They also transmit heartworms to cats and dogs.

■ Mosquitoes do not feed on blood. The female mosquito requires a blood meal for development of her eggs.

■ Mosquito adults feed on flower nectar, juices, and decaying matter for flight energy.

■ Mosquitoes don't see very well -- they zoom in like a heat-seeking missile. In the spherical arrangement of their compound eyes, blind spots separate each eye from the next one. As a result, they can't see you until they are 30 feet away. Even then, they have trouble distinguishing you from any object of similar size and shape like a tree stump or 55-gallon drum. When they are close they use extremely sensitive thermal receptors on the tip of their antennae to locate blood near the surface of the skin. The range of these receptors increases threefold when the humidity is high.

■ There are over 170 species of mosquitoes in North America.

Here to provide you more interest than a bank

I'm among the dullest knives in the drawer, but I didn't need our electrical supplier to tell me how hot the last 30 days were. I got even hotter when I saw their most recent bill was \$90 more than the same period in 2009.

Edison explained: "Average temperatures for this billing were nine degrees warmer than last billing. As a result your appliances may be working harder to make you comfortable."

Thanks for that, DTE. Now get me a towel.

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• I love baseball and I love the Detroit Tigers, but not when they're on an 11-game losing streak. During that streak their "hero hitter" Miguel Cabrera hit a long fly ball to right field. The cameras held on him standing at the plate watching the ball. Then the cameras switched to the ball landing inside the park. Cabrera barely made it to first base, when he should have been playing for the team, not himself, and been on second base. So I switched my allegiance to "The Closer" tv show.

• Do we learn from our dogs, or they from us? Ma'dog Shayna rides with me in the car often. When I see a person walking on the bike bath coming toward me with a dog on a leash, I'll remind Shayna, "Hey, here comes a

dog!" Her head stays forward-looking until that dog gets car-side. Then her head does a 180, and stays focused way too long on that dog's rear end. She didn't get that habit from me, but I do know a lot of guys who make the same commitment when females pass.

• For the past several months I've had trouble falling asleep at night. I waited far too long to tell my older (only) sister my failing. She knows everything. She told me I need carbohydrates and to eat some crackers and cheese or ginger snaps and milk. That seemed to work, along with my Ambien sleeping pills.

• I shared some of my Chinese Sweet and Sour Pork with Shayna. She loved it. I swear she said, "Ming Ho!"

• Ever notice how often many announcers drop the right side of their mouth when talking?

• Daughter, Susan, and her husband allowed their 10-year-old twins and 14-year-old daughter to have sleepovers the same night. The eldest had two with her. How could anybody sleep?

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Glenn Beck, Fox news person says: "Churches should teach you liberty."

No. I believe churches should teach you the Bible. I've seldom heard Glenn Beck do much more than promote his next show, his most recent book and "Be sure and tune in Friday for something you don't want to miss."

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On another recent hot summer eve I was sitting in my living room on a sofa, and heard the back door open, then close. I guessed it was grandson Trevor. His dad was in the pool when Trevor came out and announced: "I got good news and bad news. The good news is grandpa says the water is warm. The bad news is I saw him in his underwear."

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I was passed along a clipping from the Ladies' Home Journal by Ron Rolando, owner of Oxford's Great Lakes Merchandise store. In it "The Doctor" said - Eat bacon and plenty of it. "A fine food for delicate children who need fat and up-building. Easily digested, great for diabetics, produces vigor, energy, vitality.

The doctor also says bacon can injure: It's in the manner of curing. A lean hog means a poorly nourished hog - poor quality meat.

The Doctor writes for Armour's Star Hams and Bacon. And, "No other bacon is so carefully selected, and so skillfully developed as the Star grade of Armour Bacon."

I knew there had to be a commercial in Rolando's offering.

Reading a little further, I see the date of this Ladies' Home Journal is August 1906.

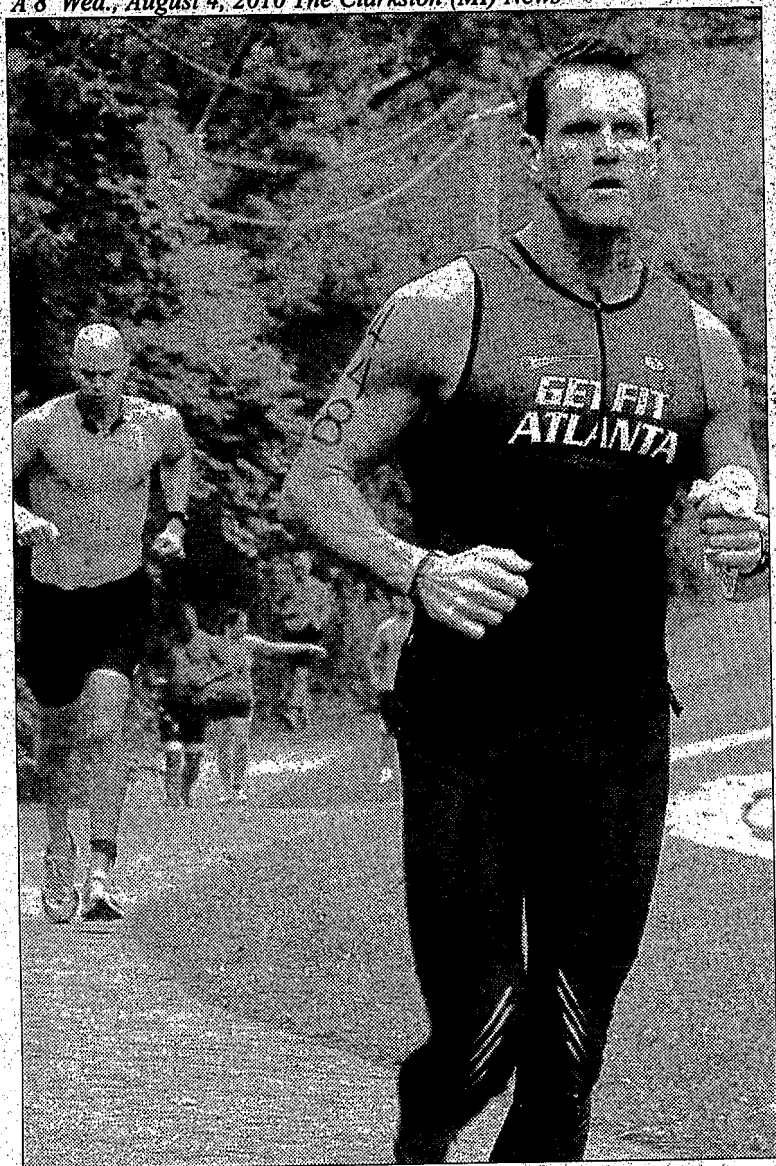
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Gracious, Rolando, how old are you?

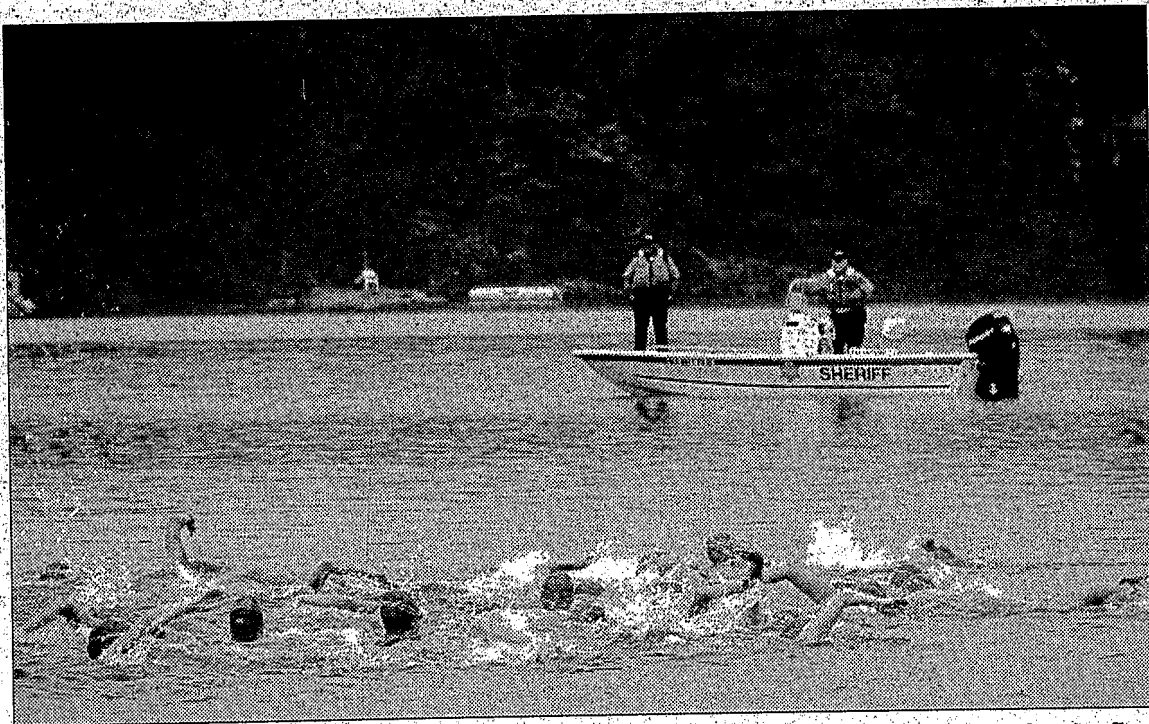
**Jim's
Jottings**



A column by
Jim Sherman



Ryan McReady of Oxford and other athletes approaches the bike transition in Depot Park.



Sheriff's deputies keep a close eye on swimmers as they head out into Deer Lake for the first part of the triathlon. Photos by Phil Custodio

Making good time

Almost 300 athletes took on this year's Craig Greenfield Memorial Triathlon and Duathlon.

Triathletes at the Aug. 1 event swam an 800 meter course in Deer Lake, biked 16 miles through Clarkston, then ran 4.4 miles through downtown Clarkston and Depot Park. Duathletes ran 1.9 miles, biked 16 miles, then finished with a 4.4 mile run.

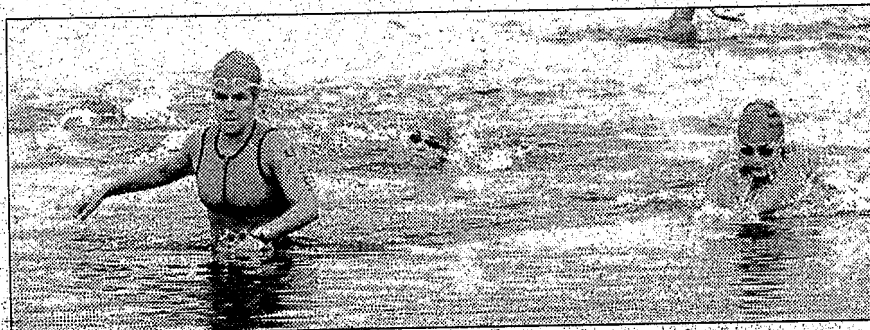
The event raised more than \$100,000 so far for Leukemia Lymphoma Society on behalf of the Craig Greenfield memorial and Greenfield family.



Racers transition to their bikes.



Brian Francis of Brighton finishes first in the duathlon with a time of 1:20:58.



Dena Liles of Clarkston, at left, and swimmers emerge Deer Lake.



From left, Pat Fritzinger, Jordyn Stevens, and Diana Bullen hand out water to runners.



Friends and family cheer on their favorite athletes.

Public Safety

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

Everything but kitchen sink

A deputy watched a vehicle pull into a restaurant drive-through at Dixie and Maybee and stop, blocking it, 10:06 p.m., July 20. A computer check showed the vehicle was reported stolen. The driver, a 38-year-old Southfield man, refused permission to search the vehicle, but an impound search revealed more than \$1,000 in gift cards, cell phones, iPods, DVDs, Wii games, CD, alcoholic beverages, hand tools, clothing, a faucet, and other items. A passenger, a 19-year-old Independence Township woman, said she bought the gift cards from a friend at half face value. The driver was arrested for the stolen vehicle, and investigation continues into theft charges.

Purse recovered

A stolen purse was recovered by a citizen walking in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway, July 22. Missing driver's license and cash, it was returned to its owner.

An Enclave Drive resident found a bicycle and about 10 water and pop plastic bottles modified for drug use, at 12:01 a.m., July 22.

Thefts

A football championship ring and 8-10 leather footballs were taken from the trunk of a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Green Haven Drive, July 22. There was no damage to the vehicle.

Someone broke into a home in the 6000 block of Hubbard Road, July 22, locked the dog in the garage, and took money and medicine. There were no signs of forced entry.

Six vehicles with broken passenger-side windows were reported, July 22, on Ortonville Road and Dixie Highway, with purses and book bags taken.

A boat's gas tank was cut away and taken, July 24, in the 4000 block of Sashabaw Road.

A purse was stolen from an unlocked van, July 24, in the 7000 block of N. Village Drive. Credit cards were then used to buy more than \$1,000 in merchandise.

A GPS and iPod were taken from an unlocked vehicle, July 26, in the 6000 block of Crestwood Court.

Found with marijuana

A deputy stopped a vehicle for driving through road-closure barricades, 9:23 p.m. July 23, at White Lake and Dixie Highway. The passenger, a 20-year-old White Lake man, was found with a bag of marijuana. The driver, a 20-year-old Kalamazoo man, was cited for driving through a construction zone and no insurance. The passenger was cited for drug possession.

Dog alert

A Dartmouth Road resident was awoken by her dog, 10:10 p.m., July 23. She heard noise like raindrops hitting a window, which seemed very bright. She looked outside, saw her garage on fire, and called 911. The unattached garage burned to the ground.

More drugs

Found walking on Cranberry Lake Road near Ortonville Road while checking on a report of juvenile mischief, an 18-year-old Independence Township man was found with two bags of marijuana in his pocket, 2:34 a.m., July 24. He was cited for drug possession.

BB shooting

Heading home, 2:45 a.m., July 24, a car window was shattered by a BB gun, fired from the south side of Greenview Drive.

Dogs on the loose

Four dogs were taken to animal control for running loose, lunging, and growling at people, 10:58 a.m., July 26, in the 4000 block of Oakvista Avenue. The dogs were alone at the home, and they broke out of the house through a window.

Confrontation

A 35-year-old Independence Township followed a 19-year-old neighbor to his Adderstone Drive house to confront him about speeding down his street, 9:30 p.m., July 26. The 19-year-old's father said the man yelled and threatened to beat them, which the 35-year-old denied. He was cited for disorderly conduct, and advised to call police before confronting anyone.

Fight

Two men fought while others watched, 5:45 p.m., July 27, in a parking lot in the 5000 block of S. Main Street. When deputies arrived, one of the fighters, a 27-year-old Pontiac man, ran towards M-15, but was caught. He was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and misdemeanor warrants out of Auburn Hills and Oakland County. The other fighter, a 19-year-old Waterford Township man, was cited for disorderly.

Another drug stop

Stopped for a cracked windshield and busted tail light, an 18-year-old Springfield Township man was caught with a bag of marijuana, 8:55 p.m., July 27, on Pine Ridge Drive and Dixie Highway. He was cited for the windshield, light, and drug possession.

— Reports collected by Phil Custodio

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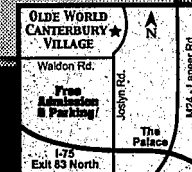
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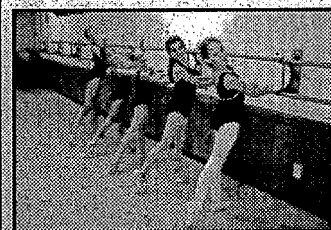
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New Hope Bible Church, 8643 Sashabaw Road, hosts its Second Annual Music Under the Moonlight, 5-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21.

The concert venue showcases local musical talent, with a time of free food and fellowship with others, and fund raiser and platform to raise awareness of human trafficking.

"We'll be in the pavilion by the lake, under the stars, with a roaring bonfire," said Dan Tennant, planning committee member.

Activities also include a drum circle by the fire pit.

"It's a great way to enjoy a summer evening, a great way to enjoy some amazing local talent and musicians, and a great way to support an important cause," Tennant said.

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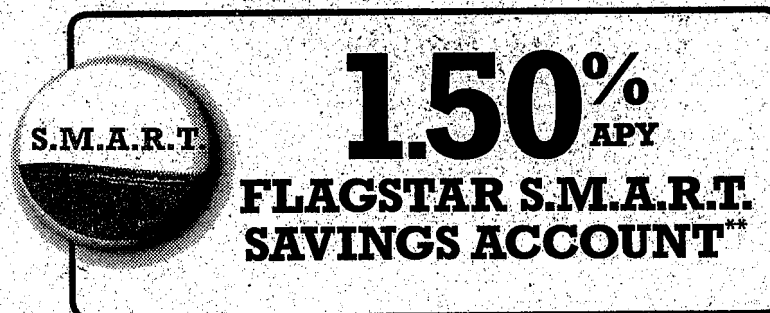
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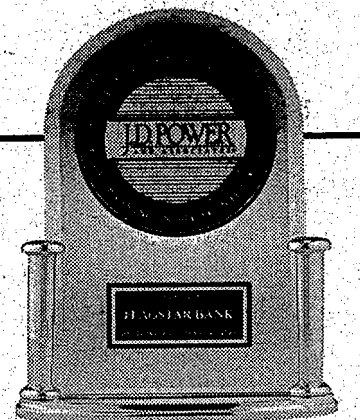
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Reason One Riders raise \$5,000 for Fisher House

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Reason One Riders, Oakland Woods Baptist Church Motorcycle Ministry gathered at the church on July 31 for their first ever "Riding for a Reason Rally."

According to OWBC Senior Pastor Bob Gale, the charity they chose to bless was Fisher House.

"Fisher House basically set up apartment complexes and large homes with multiple family housing next to major military hospitals. If a wounded or injured or any member of a military family has to be in a hospital for an extended period of time for rehabilitation or for treatment, the family can come and stay right next to the hospital for free," he said. "Their belief is having the family near you is good for healing."

The event included special guest Dave Barr who gave his testimony of being a war veteran and his 83,000 mile journey across six continents on a 1972 Harley-Davidson motorcycle with two prosthetic legs.

Dave Barr is just amazing, absolutely amazing," Gale said. "I've never met anybody like him."

Attorney General and Gubernatorial Candidate Mike Cox also showed up for the event.

"We didn't ask Mike to come, but Mike



Riding for a Reason Rally was held this past weekend at Oakland Woods Baptist Church. Photo by Trevor Keiser

came because he was a former Marine, and he knew of Fisher House and when he found out we were doing it, he said 'You mind if I come and just say a word?' I thought his comments were very appropriate and very un-political," Gale said. "He just wanted to champion the cause."

Cox said it was a "great event."

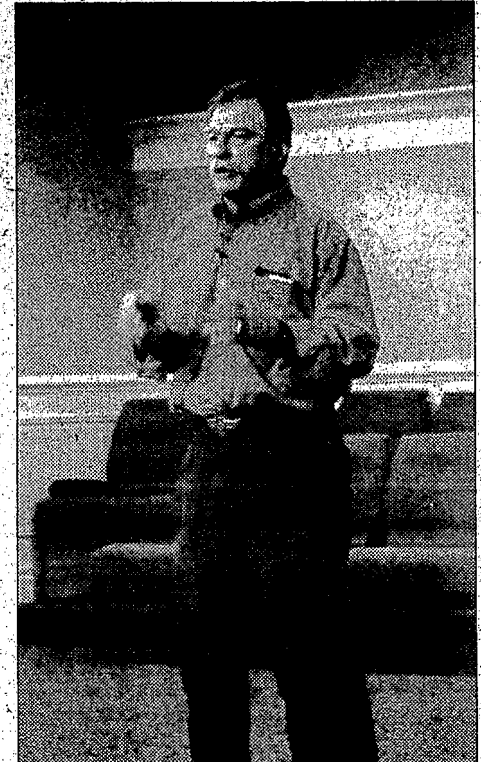
"As a Marine veteran and my daughter is a Marine veteran, this Fisher House is just a great thing to help families heal and veterans heal," he said. "It's an awesome idea."

The ride included an escort to out to the freeway led by Oakland County Sheriffs, where they rode to Great Lakes Cemetery in Holly

and Pontiac Veterans of Foreign War played taps and gave a 21 gun salute in honor of the soldiers.

Gale said the weather kept a lot of people away because some Motorcycle guys won't ride if they think they'll get rained on, but at the end of the day they were able to write a \$5,000 check to Fisher House.

"Reason One Riders is the one who did all of this and I was really proud of them and church members, I hope we have a reputation in Clarkston as church that's always doing things for somebody else," said Gale. "It's been a long time since we've done something I think to directly help our veterans and their families."



Dave Barr shares his testimony as a war veteran and his motorcycle journeys. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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Mending mortgages: an attorney's perspective

BY MEGAN COLLIER

Special to The Clarkston News

At any given time, James Porritt, a Lake Orion grad and local attorney for nearly four decades, says his office has about a dozen or so clients going through short sales or foreclosures. He says demand for one office supply in particular increases dramatically with these clients — tissues.

Troubled mortgages can be troubling on the mind, and many folks going through financial difficulty are too embarrassed to seek

help in saving their homes and their sanity, said Porritt. And, though many end up with forgiven mortgage debt, they've ruined the chance for a new start because they've depleted or totally drained money stashed away in savings.

"Many folks wait to do anything," he said, "but it's happening to so many people. The biggest obstacle right now is to meet with



Porritt

folks to get them to understand their options."

And there are options, whether property owners want to stay in their homes or leave it.

The desire to stay or leave really dictates the first step in a sometimes complicated and winding path to mortgage relief, says Porritt, who notes there's no obvious path for one group of people. Mortgage-relief programs should be chosen by an individual's set of circumstances.

Just don't expect to walk away from a house, Porritt said.

"Michigan is different than other states in that the lender does have the freedom to chase them for the remaining balance. California, for instance, is a non-recourse state, so the articles people read about being able to 'walk away' may be applicable in other states but it's not true here in Michigan. We do have to figure out a way of dealing with a deficiency," he said.

Forbearances and modifications

Getting a forbearance from a lender means reduced mortgage payments for several months at a time. The principal loan isn't reduced. Rather, money saved during the grace period gets tacked onto the end of the loan in a lump sum. Payments are just made easier for a short time. This option allows property owners to stay in their homes.

A modification either extends the loan repayment date, which lowers payments or the interest rate, or reduces the principal balance. This option also allows property owners to stay in their home. Porritt strongly advises anyone taking this path to talk to a certified mortgage counselor "who will act as an advocate for (property owners) and try to negotiate the modification, free of charge."

Again, it's free of charge. Counselors are provided by three agencies in Oakland County: Lighthouse Oakland, Oakland-Livingston Human Services and Green Path. Don't ever pay for a mortgage counselor — it's a scam, said Porritt.

Counselors provide a variety of services and can tell you exactly what lenders are looking for in say, a hardship letter, to help borrowers get what they need.

Deed in lieu of foreclosure and short sales

In a deed in lieu of foreclosure, the property owner gives the deed back to the lender in exchange for discharge of the debt.

"Sometimes it will be a complete discharge, other times it will be a partial discharge. One of the frequent complications we run into is people having more than one mortgage on the property (from different lenders)," said Porritt, like borrowing 80 percent from one lender and 20 percent from another through a mortgage broker. In this option, property owners leave the home and the lender is responsible in finding a buyer.

Porritt says banks are not approving this option for many people these days.

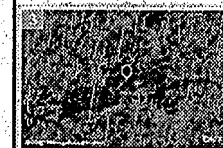
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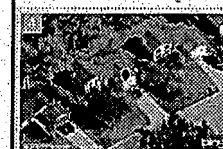
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A quick search of the Web produces a whole list of Clarkston homes in foreclosure.

don't want to take your situation over. While you're still there and trying to sell the property, you're still there paying utilities, paying taxes, paying the insurance and maintaining it. If they take the property back, now they have to do it," he said.

For short sales, property owners also leave the home, but they are also responsible for finding a buyer, not the bank. Those seeking a short sale may be required to go through a modification process only to be turned down.

"In my mind, that doesn't make sense," said Porritt. "People who are looking for a loan modification are people who want to stay. People who are looking to move out of state to find employment are nonetheless going to go through the loan modification program in order to qualify for a short sale. We're constantly finding well-intentioned legislative programs that screw things up."

Any of these programs — modifications, forbearances, short sales, deed in lieu of foreclosure — depend on the lender deciding "you're worth it," said Porritt. In applying for the programs, expect lots of paperwork, changing financial systems and the potential for delays. And keep a close watch on the application.

"It's a very frustrating experience," for many clients, he said.

Foreclosures

The foreclosure process in Michigan is Please see Foreclosure on page 13A



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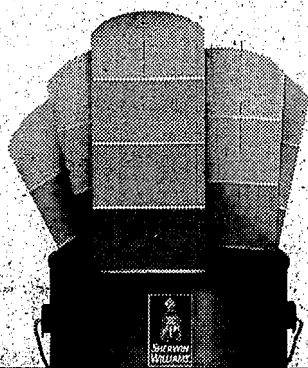
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Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium
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WHAT THE BUDGET IS

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Foreclosure sometimes best option, expert says

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done by advertisement (lender publishes a notice for sheriff sale in the newspaper) or by judicial action (lender brings a lawsuit to enforce the promissory note).

Up until a few years ago, if a homeowner was being foreclosed on by advertisement, "typically I could have assured them, 'Well, they're not coming after you for the deficiency, the difference,' because if they did, they would have chosen to go through foreclosure by judicial action so that they'd have a judgment against you for the balance," said Porritt.

Now, in the last two or so years, he says banks are bidding at the sheriff's sale themselves for an amount less than what is owed.

"There's all kinds of speculation as to why they're doing that. There is some logic to it," said Porritt.

When the bank resells the property at the reduced amount, their books still show an obligation — or that they're owed money — something they can show auditors or investors.

Porritt said a lot of folks still believe that no one will chase them for that deficiency and "I have to warn them that that deficiency is an obligation that hangs over your head for six years."

What Porritt sees is, three years after foreclosure, people are getting sued for the remaining amount.

"It may be that the (bank's) plan is to take these obligations and sell them to the vulture-type collection agencies that buy them up at pennies for the dollar and then chase after people for them. Or, they're going to wait and see if people are going to improve in their financial condition and then sue," he said.

Also, if a lender had a mortgage insured by an insurance company — ensuring borrowers were going to make their payments — and a borrower fails, the insurance company also has the right to come after him/her, too.

"There's a good chance that, down the road, if at the sheriff sale, they didn't bid in the whole amount," said Porritt.

But, from a strictly economic standpoint, sometimes foreclosures are better in the long run.

Porritt says lenders generally don't start the foreclosure process until a borrower is four months behind on payments.

Plus, state dictates that borrowers get time to try and modify the loan (three months). Plus, the foreclosure must be published (one month). Plus, there's a redemption period before the sheriff's sale (either six months or a year).

All said and done, a borrower could live in their house for 14 months without making any payments.

"From an economic standpoint, sometimes the best way for the borrower to get any compensation out of the money they've invested in the property is simply to go through fore-

"I don't think what will happen to a credit score should be the basis of a choice between these different programs."

- James Porritt, attorney

closure," said Porritt, noting that the monetary value of those mortgage payments a borrower didn't make while still living in the house is a big chunk of change.

But, be sure to respond to any notices left on your door by the bank during foreclosure, says Porritt. A borrower can lose out on the redemption period if he/she abandons the house. If the house is up for sale and the utilities are on, technically it's not abandoned, but if the bank puts a notice on the door, requiring the borrower to respond in a certain time frame, he/she better do it.

What to do?

Don't wait to check out mortgage relief options and weigh them against bankruptcy, says Porritt.

"There are some instances where the forgiveness of debt will create a tax liability," he said.

Say a borrower sells a house for \$100,000, but he/she owes the bank \$150,000. If the bank forgives the \$50,000 remaining debt, that amount can be construed as income, subject to an income tax.

"You might have a \$16,000 or \$20,000 liability that you didn't count on for monies that you didn't receive," said Porritt.

There are some ins and outs to avoid that scenario, like if the forgiven debt or "income" is used to improve the property, says Porritt, and those nuances should be thoroughly investigated.

Do you have other assets? Do you just want the process over? Consider these and other angles before moving forward into short sale or foreclosure. For many, it's an emotional issue and many just want what can be a long, drawn-out process over, says Porritt.

"I sometimes find people going through a short sale, despite the fact that they may not end up with the (debt forgiveness) they should get, just to get it over with. I can't say the relief of having it done is worth the financial concerns."

But, there's one item that shouldn't affect the decision to move forward, says Porritt — a borrower's credit score.

He says it's virtually impossible to predict how any of the processes will affect a credit score. The impact could be anywhere from a 50 to 300 point reduction.

"I can't give a prediction and I don't think what will happen to a credit score should be the basis of a choice between these different programs," said Porritt.

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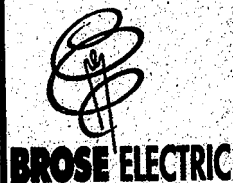
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Local triathletes place in Craig Greenfield race

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Sunday was a good day for Clarkston Multisport Team.

Several of the local athletes placed and/or beat personal best times at the Craig Greenfield Memorial Triathlon and Duathlon.

"We did great – a fantastic turn out by CMT," said team member Bob Light.

Results include:

- Jan Henson, first in age, 50-54, with a time of 1:55:26, more than a minute better than last year's Craig Greenfield result;

- Steve McLean, Masters Champion, 1:31:45;

- Mitch McLouth, 1:56:07, second in age group, 1-15;

- Tim Martin, 1:37:51, second in age, 30-34, with a three and a half minute improvement over last year's triathlon.

- John Hensler, 1:35:38, second in age, 40-44, with a three minute improvement over last year;

- Chris Jacobs, 1:32:24, first in age, 50-54, with a Craig Greenfield personal record by seven seconds, and beating last year's time by 1 min 50 seconds.

- Howard Andres, 1:41:45, third in age, 50-54, with a three second improvement over last year.

Jacobs set out this summer to train some local teens.

"My son Austin and his friend Chris



The team includes, from left, John Hensler, Ken Krausman, Chris Jacobs, Bob Light, Jan Henson, Howard Andres, Mitch McLouth, Steve McLean, Shawn McLouth, and, not pictured, Carrie Leuenhagen.

Calvano where the two who ended up following through and racing," Jacobs said. "My intent was to teach them the results that can come from disciplining yourself and training regularly and setting a goal."

They didn't train for the all three events, but Calvano ended up first in age 1-15, and Austin, third in 1-15 age group.

"They did get the revelation afterwards with 'boy, just think what we could have done if we trained,'" Chris Jacobs said. "They tell me they will be doing it again next year, this time they will train."

Team member Mitch McLouth crossed the finish line side by side with his son, Shawn McLouth, at 1:56:07.

"What a great father and son experience," Jacobs said.

"I would have to attribute the success of the CMT to one thing – the jerseys," Jacobs said.

The group got together to design the new, red team jerseys featuring a Clarkston Multisport logo illustrating the three disciplines.

Clarkston Multisport Club helps and motivates people throughout the community with marathons and triathlons.

The group started six years ago when a couple athletes got together to swim, run and bike in the area.

"We are just a great bunch of guys and gals that love to swim, bike and run," Light said.

Members ask each other questions about training, post when they train, and keep in contact.

Training continues, with several members set to race in the Tawas Triathlon Festival, Sept. 10-11.

The group meets every Saturday, spring until autumn, to swim to the end of Deer Lake and back and run up to five miles.

"It was warm this year, so we got out there in late April," Light said.

Several members also meet Wednesdays to train.

Anyone can join the Clarkston Multisport Club. Check Facebook and Yahoo for Clarkston Multisport.

Athletes of the Week

Sea Wolves take over league

The Sea Wolves swim team jumped into the pool at Oakhurst County Club, celebrating their win.

This team won the Rochester Area Swim League Championship.

The Sea Wolves won the championship with an impressive showing during the finals on July 24 and 25.

They won six of the eight relay events and set six new RASL records.

After their celebration they made sure the coaches, Kenwyn Chock, Kelly Haynes, Tim Hickey, and Maria Henige, were in on the action and dunked them.

The RASL consists of eight teams representing communities, neighborhoods, and health and fitness organizations.

The league included the Sea Wolves, Oakhurst Country Club, two teams from Lifetime Fitness, Fox Hills Pool, Wyndgate Country Club, Twin Lakes Golf and Swim

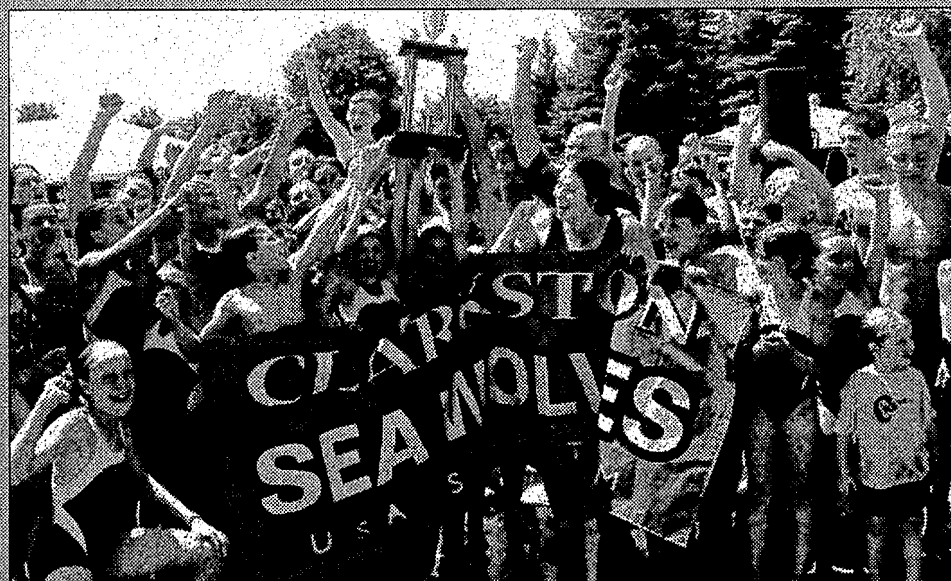
Club, and Great Lakes Athletic Club.

The teams swam against each other in meets during the summer, with events for swimmers ranging from under the age of six to over 15- years-old.

The teams came together at Oakhurst Country Club for the finals, July 24 and 25.

The Sea Wolves is open to any family in the Clarkston area. Practices and home meets use the Clarkston High School pool.

There are five individual programs for children, based on their swimming ability and time they can dedicate to practices. There is also a masters program designed for adults looking for additional exercise or to improve their swimming skills. The next session starts September 7. More information can be found through Clarkston Community Education or at www.clarkstonseawolves.com.



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The team includes, in back from left, Jacob Brokenshaw, Assistant Coach Amy Wilks, Head Coach Juan Reyes II, Juan Reyes III, Assistant Coach Brian Benway, and Dominic Spadoni. Middle row from left, Adam Schumacher, Jeff Hamilton, Nick Traver, Spencer Gold, and Brent Van Itallie. Front from left, Nathan Shamoun, Jacob Chapman, Brian Benway, and John Wilks, and, not pictured, Kyle McCafferty

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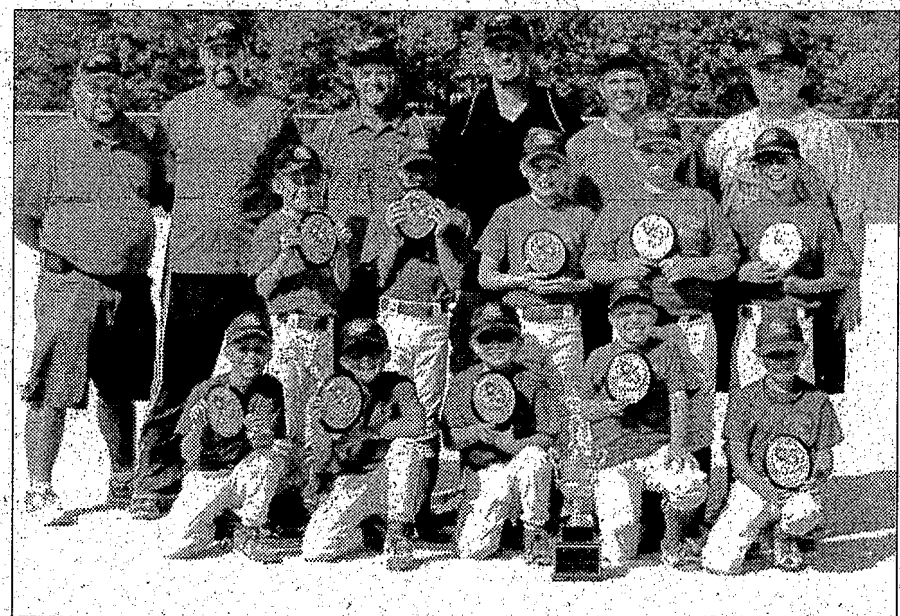
Team Creator's Image Photography won the Championship in Independence Township Parks and Recreation's 15-18 year old division.

They played Team Rumble V Band of Lake Orion, July 31, winning 7-5.

Coach Juan Reyes thanked Independence Parks and Rec, especially Director Jeff Mor-

ris, for extending the 15-18 division's season.

"Most of these high schoolers will not experience what its like to play in a playoff game, plus it gives this group of young men something to do and it keeps them out of trouble during the summer months," Reyes said.



The Clarkston Riverdaws 9U team, in front row, left to right, Brock Henley, Jack Anderson, Drew Waite, Matthew McClellan, Connor McClennen; middle row, Ryan Barber, Seth Bacon, Garrett Lanker, Patrick Deardorff, Wade Bonicci; back row, left to right, Team Manager Jeff Waite, Assistant Coach Scott Deardorff, Assistant Coach Tim Henley, Assistant Coach Brad Bacon, Assistant Coach Mike Anderson, and Head Coach Rob McClellan. Photo submitted.

Dawgs out to play and win

Hitters fought through five consecutive games to win the Michigan Baseball Players Association Tri-State Showdown.

The Clarkston Riverdaws 9U team road to victory began on July 16 as they defeated Decatur, 15-1, and Gull Lake Storm, 18-2, in Kalamazoo.

They kept the pace the next day, this time beating Portage Muskies, 11-4.

The championship games on Sunday were hot with the temperature rising into 90 degrees, but the Dawgs were hotter.

"These 8- and 9-year-old kids played unbelievable baseball to pull out two wins on Sunday that would make any travel baseball highlight reel," said Tim Henley, assistant coach.

The boys took on Elite Rapids from

Grand Rapids in the semi-final game. The game was close and ended after extra innings were added. The Dawgs took the win, 10-9.

They headed against the Downriver Hawks from Trenton for the championship round.

The Dawgs were down 12-8 in the last inning but with a determined spirit they scored five times to get the win.

"It was a heartstopper," said Henley. "These little guys played fantastic."

The tournament featured 10 teams from Michigan and Illinois in the nine-year-old and under brackets at the Wenke Baseball Complex.

The boys finished their season with a 32-7 record.

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'It's the most grueling thing I've ever done'

BY DAVID FLEET

Special to the Clarkston News

After more than 16 consecutive hours of paddling covering 120 miles on AuSable River from Grayling to Lake Huron—Jeff Caryl was ready to hang it up.

Almost.

"The last two-and-a-half hours (of the race) I was feeling it," he said. "I could not raise my arms, I had blisters on my hands. I said I was going to retire—no question."

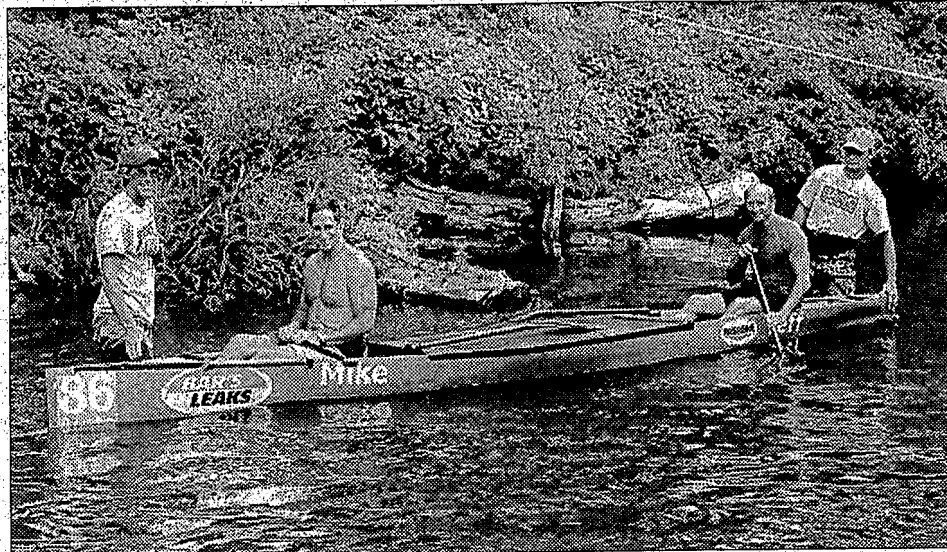
With more than 300 hours of training, 57-years-old, Caryl teamed up with Fenton resident Mike Taylor, 55, and paddled against more than 90 teams from all over the United States and Canada to participate in the 63rd annual AuSable Canoe Marathon.

The Le Mans style run to the river started at 9 p.m., Saturday, July 24, in downtown Grayling with many teams getting to Lake Huron on Sunday afternoon.

Caryl and Taylor completed the race in 16:32:54 finishing in 47th position of 86 canoeists in the race.

"We had to have realistic goals," said Caryl. "We'd strived to finish in the top 30, but many of the racers are really fast."

Both men have participated in a host of canoe races, and Adams has paddled the AuSable Marathon twice.



Mike Taylor and Jeff Caryl just before the start of the AuSable Canoe Marathon. Photo provided.

"After the run through Grayling to the canoe you get in and start at 60 strokes per minute for 16 hours straight. There was no let-up in the paddling. I just pushed as hard as I could."

"I was overwhelmed with the popularity," he said. "Over the course of the race there

are spectators on the banks, with signs to encourage racers. It really helped that fans were yelling your name and canoe number along the river."

After nightfall, racers switched on boat lights to help illuminate the river. Along the shore, feeders or bank runners follow the team

providing water, food and medication, yell out the canoe number when they pass a designated area.

"The feeders create a pit stop for us," he said. "Everything went very smooth at night. We spent some time drafting—riding about three feet behind another canoe. It's hard to do, but it is about 20 percent less work. We also rode the wake alongside other canoes—that's also difficult. The water pushes your canoe away."

The pair traveled in an 18-foot, 6-inch Kevlar canoe that weighs about 34 pounds, with paddles weighing less than 10 ounces each.

"It's nice to have visuals, like other canoes ahead of you. It's not as competitive as you might think. You're not trying to knock the others' paddles out of their hands."

"It's the most grueling thing I've ever done," he said. "The finish was great—I could hear the loud speakers when we were near Oscoda. I guess I'm ready to get back in there," he said.

Caryl plans on two more races—Mio's "First Dam Canoe Race" on Aug. 28 and the Paradise Tahquamenon Wilderness Canoe Race.

"I figured I paddled about 600,000 times during that race—it's hard to imagine."

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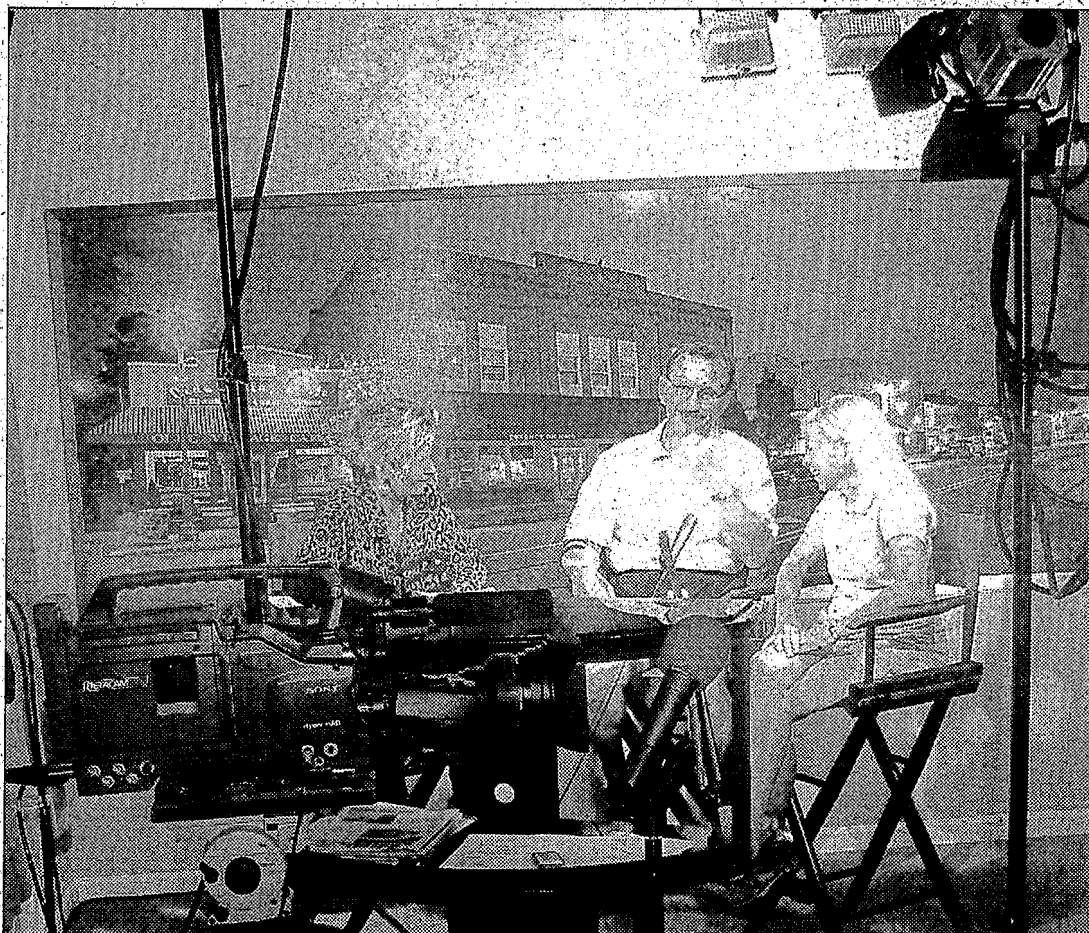
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Jill Mitchell interviews Dr. David and Sherry Regiani at the Clarkston411.com studio. Photos by Phil Custodio

Talk show growing on web

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After that, editing takes 2-3 hours, and Pardo posts it when he's finished.

"It's usually online in three hours," he said. "It's a lot of work - we make them look good."

The website evolves as people come up with new ideas. Laura Jasurda of Rodan and Fields Dermatologists filled the interview desk with skin-care products, and discussed items one by one, like on the Home Shopping Network.

So Pardo designed a home shopping channel on the website.

"Jewelry, make up, anything that can be put into a set," he said. "It's a way to share what you have with the community, especially with Christmas coming."

Other ideas include local experts hosting their own shows. With a studio green screen, shows can have just about any background.

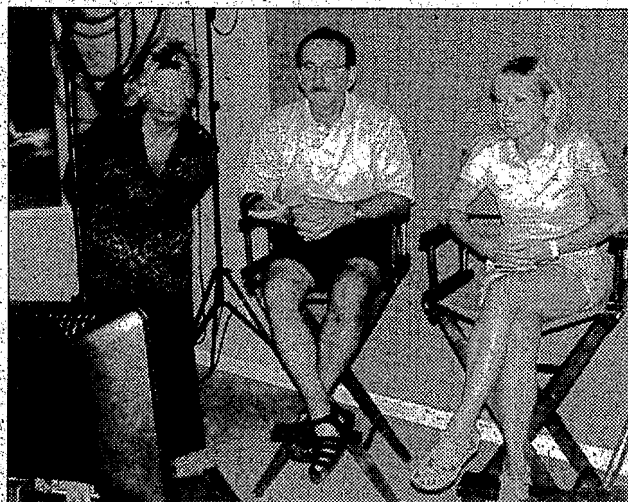
"It connects people, a real powerhouse for selling things, with TV shows, shopping channel, movies, radio, game room, directory, local

content, web cams," he said.

Norm spent years in the entertainment business in Florida as a filmmaker and promoter. His most famous client is OJ Simpson.

Jill was born and raised in Bloomfield Hills. They "retired" from Florida and moved to Michigan in 2006. When she was growing up, Jill and her family had a cottage in Clarkston on Walters Lake.

"That's what drew me to come back to Clarkston," she said.



They review the completed interview before it is uploaded.

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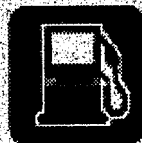


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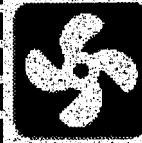


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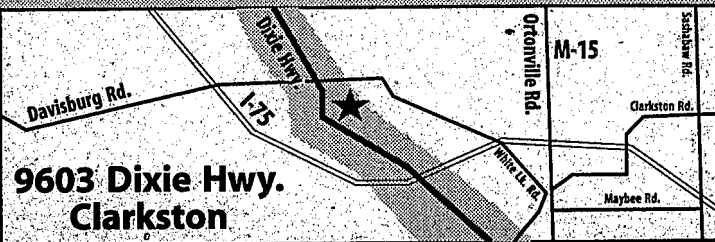
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ROTC medic training for Clarkston Grad

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you would have asked Lindsay Stone a year ago if she thought she would be part of Michigan State University's ROTC program? She probably would have told you "no."

"I'd never thought I'd be where I am right now," said the 2008 Clarkston High School graduate who just returned from a U.S. Army ROTC (Reserve Officer

Training Corp) Leadership Training Course in Fort Knox, Ky. The five-week program is part of the Michigan State University Army ROTC program.

"It feels good to have done so much already," she said.

Just prior to leaving for ROTC, Stone also pursued her Emergency Medical Technician certification (EMT) by taking supplemental courses through Lansing Community College while

attending MSU.

With this certification, she is qualified in multiple life saving techniques, enabling her to work with emergency medical response teams and in emergency hospital care situations.

"Since I was a kid I've always known I wanted to be a doctor, so becoming an EMT, I've just been itching to get some actual medical experience. Being able to work in a hospital with actual patients and everything has been really awesome for me," she said. "ROTC gives me more leadership experience."

In association with the 46th Armored Infantry Regiment at Fort Knox, her battalion was put through intensive leadership and military training including water survival, physical training, tactical skills, and night navigation.

During her time, she was also selected to serve as company commander and platoon sergeant.

"I was nervous about it at first," Stone said. "I've never really been in that leadership position."

As platoon sergeant, she was in charge of 50 people. As company commander, she led 200

people, which she said was "nerve racking" at first, but she really got into it by the end of the day.

"I thought it was awesome," she said. "I really liked developing my skills as far as confidence."

Upon graduation from MSU Army ROTC, she will earn the gold bar of a second lieutenant and eagerly plans to become part of the active Army Medical Corp., specializing in Emergency Medicine upon completion of medical school.

Prior to college, Stone considered the Naval Academy, but then set her sights on MSU.

While researching ROTC and finding it had a great program for people going for

med school, she decided to pursue it. She also had a family tradition — her grandfather and father are both army veterans, and her older brother served in the U.S. Navy. Lindsay is the daughter of Marlene and Keith Stone.

As far as her future is concerned, Lindsay is looking forward to continuing to get good experiences by being an EMT, going to med school, and becoming an emergency doctor, so she can "go overseas and help wounded soldiers."

Former Clarkston student Lindsay Stone recently graduated from ROTC Leadership Training. Photos by Trevor Keiser



Lindsay Stone, at right, and another soldier train for combat using paint ball guns.



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Bucks for Buses fund raiser for seniors and persons with disabilities through Independence Township Senior Center, 5-9 p.m., Aug. 12, Bullfrogs Bar and Grill, 2225 South Ortonville Road. Featured entertainment, 40 Buffalo Band and friends with Dr. Michael Baker. No cover, donations appreciated. For more information, call 248-625-8231.

Fund raiser, 5-8 p.m., Aug. 12, Tropical Smoothies, 6459 Dixie Highway, 15 percent of items sold go to Clarkston High School Girls Lacrosse.

Music Under the Moonlight, showcasing local musical talent, 5-11 p.m., Aug. 21, \$5 donation. New Hope Bible Church, 8643 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-6695.

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.

Community Shred Day, 1-4 p.m., Sept. 11, Oxford Bank, 7199 N. Main Street. Shred credit cards, pre-approved credit offers, insurance forms, charge card receipts, paycheck stubs, credit applications, personal documents with

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

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40th reunion, Clarkston High School, Class of 1970, 6 p.m.-12 a.m., Oct. 9, Fountains, 6060 Maybee Road. \$75. RSVP by Sept. 1. Call Jane, 248-625-3069.

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

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

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

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

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, In-

dependence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

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

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

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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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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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.

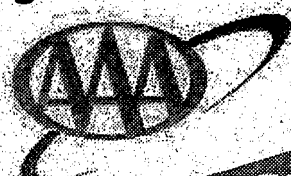
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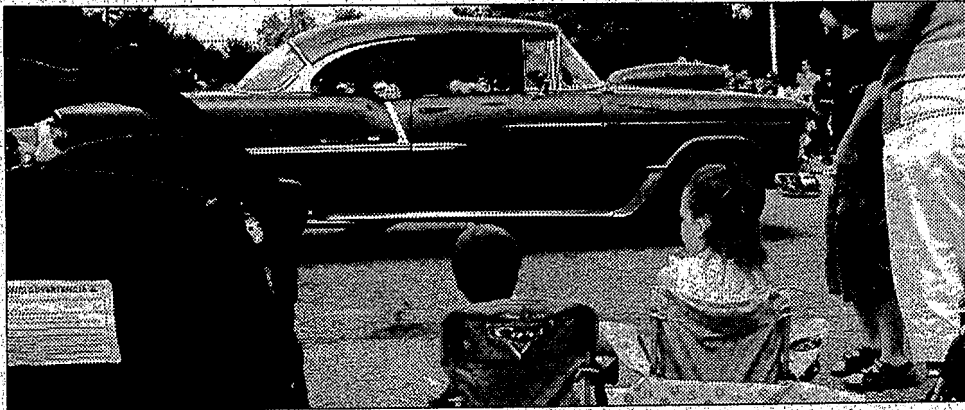
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Clarkston's annual Labor Day Parade includes lots of classic cars and community groups. *File photo*

Labor Day Parade planning

Preparations are underway for Clarkston's Labor Day Parade sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club, 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 6. This year's parade theme is "Celebrate Clarkston Rotary's 70 Years of Community Service."

"Clarkston Rotary is proud of its 70 years of sponsoring the Labor Day parade," said Rotarian Joel DeLong. "Rotarians enjoy being a part of the community, and being involved in many community service projects and events."

Parade participants include community organizations, businesses, musical groups,

marching bands, floats, equestrian groups, and children and families on decorated bikes.

Political candidates interested in marching in the Labor Day parade will be asked to make a \$50 charitable donation to Clarkston Rotary.

The Labor Day parade route will be Church Street to Main Street, north through downtown Clarkston to Miller Road.

For a parade entry application, visit clarkstonrotary.org, or email Al Avery at averyalf@aol.com or Joel DeLong at joeldelong@aol.com, or call 248-625-9741.

Donations for troops

Campbell Richmond American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63 is collecting donations for overseas troops.

Auxiliary members will go door to door to hand out grocery bags with a list of items needed by soldiers, 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, 12-4 p.m., auxiliary members will return to pick up donations placed outside homes and businesses.

Requested items include protein bars, twin sheets, socks, foot powder, chapstick, roll-on deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo.

The donations will be assembled into care packages at a Troops Packing Party, Dec. 1, at the auxiliary, 8047 Ortonville Road.

For more information, call auxiliary members Annie Germic at 248-802-3605 or Rachel Vanderbilt at 248 390 8387.

Youth baseball tryouts

Tryouts for Clarkston Riverdew Travel Baseball are this and next weekends.

Saturdays, Aug. 7 and 14, tryouts for teams, 9-, 10-, 11-, and 12-year-olds, are 9-11 a.m. Tryouts for teams, 13-, 14-, and 15-16 year-old, are 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., all at Clintonwood Park.

Rain dates are Aug. 8 and 15. Age determined as of April 30, 2011. Cost to tryout is \$10, to be paid before trying out. For more information, check www.riverdawgs.org.

The 2011 14/U BC Hawks travel baseball team, primarily comprised of players from northern Oakland County, is looking for experienced Federation baseball players to round out the 2011 season roster.

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Local team defends title

Dr. Rom Szymanowski's foursome won the Companions For Life Golf Tournament recently at Boulder Pointe in Oxford for the second year in a row.

The non-profit charity, founded in 2002, sponsors free clinics in Pontiac, participates

in overseas medical missions, and donates to humanitarian causes including well drilling in the Philippines, Susan B. Komen cancer cure, and women's shelter in Rochester.

"They do good work," Szymanowski said.



Returning to hometown for family

Karen White and Moe Jorgensen of the Villages, Fla., visited Michigan to celebrate high school graduation of three grandsons, Jack Waddell of Clarkston, Daniel Herron of Waterford, and Mitchell Swan of Goodrich. White raised six children in Clarkston, and retired to Florida. She returns to Michigan for family events. *Photo submitted*

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Religion

Trust in God even in today's political atmosphere

This week's primaries have opened up the fall election campaigns. As the country now approaches the midterm elections, we will receive a barrage of information about the candidates.

As is typical these days, we can be sure that there will be plenty of negative campaigning. For me, it is not negative to point out another person's record, but I am leery of all the personal lambasting and character assaults.

I am always skeptical when I hear people question another person's motivations. The Bible tells us that we cannot even judge our own hearts, so we certainly should not think that we can judge someone else's.

I consider it a bad sign that so much animosity has been created today within the political realm and our society as a whole. Unfortunately, even Christians are guilty of this.

As Christians, we should be very careful to understand that our Christian principles should motivate every action and persuasion that we have in life. Jesus taught a different way than most.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

He said, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say unto you, love your enemies...and pray for them which despitefully use you."

Jesus taught us that our actions should be motivated by a desire to emulate our heavenly Father. Therefore, we surely should not emulate the contemporary society that has become so hostile to one another.

The book of Hebrews says, "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God." We fail to enter into that rest because of our lack of faith.

Faith says that God is in control of our destiny. We are not the victims of time or people, but as the children of God, we are under the care of our heavenly Father. He not only cares for us, but He works diligently in our lives.

This is why the Bible says, "The steps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord."

When you have that confidence, you do not have to constantly be on guard trying to protect yourself or the world. You know—looking over your shoulder wondering if an enemy is lurking behind you.

Why? Because the Bible says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" When God is on your side, you do not have to worry—you just have to believe. This faith will give us the rest

that we need. This rest not only alleviates our souls, but also gives us the ability to act rationally and properly think through our choices.

For this reason, the secular media has promoted emotional responses to life situations. The marketers have used this method to persuade us to be irrational consumers.

Today, they are using these same tactics to promote political figures. If they can entice you to be emotionally charged, you will buy into something that you may regret later. This has proven true with the financial crash that we have undoubtedly witnessed.

People have come to realize that we bought into a lifestyle we cannot sustain. If we are not careful, we may buy into a political persuasion that we cannot sustain over the long run either. We are living in a world that seems to be veering out of control.

It will take a people of faith and rest to get it back on track. If you have been caught up in the frenzy of the times, I would admonish you with the Word of God. If we are going to strive for anything, let us strive to enter into the rest of God—and let the peace of God rule our hearts and our minds!

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

In our churches...

Vacation Bible School, ages 2-11, Aug. 16-20, 6:30-8:30 pm, at Williams Lake Church, 2840 Airport Road, Waterford. For information, please contact Pastor Eric at 248-673-5911 or pastoreric@wlnazarene.org.

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.

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.

Wednesday Evening FEAST,
In Our Churches, page 10B

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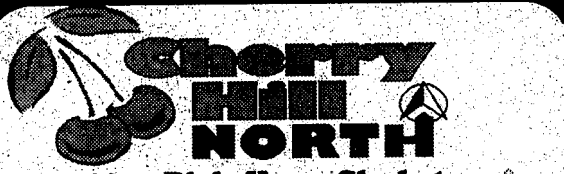
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Hillside Bible Church's Living the Dream, with Scott Lane and Angie Schrau on vocals, Will Ogle playing keyboard, Pastor Kevin Shorky on rhythm guitar, Tim Kleindl on guitar, Paul Tokie playing bass, and Philippe Vasquez on drums, opens the show.

Concerts end with Cash

Clarkston's Concerts in the Park ended its successful 31st season in Depot Park, with a performance by Tribute to an American Legend, July 23.

With Elstan Gunn on lead vocals and guitar, Terrie Lea on vocals and duets, Janel deVries on vocals and fiddle, Al Carmichael

playing guitar and vocals, Bruce Bedford on drums, and Chris Brown playing bass, the band brought the music and performance of Johnny Cash to Clarkston.

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the concert series, with community groups running concessions.



Elstan Gunn leads the Tribute to an American Legend band, performing the songs of Johnny Cash. Photos by Phil Custodio

Local talent at Coffee concert

Musician Joel Palmer and a host of local talent performs at Peace Unity Church of Clarkston's Coffee House on Friday, Aug. 20.

This family-friendly evening begins with Open Mic time at 7 p.m., followed by accomplished fingerstyle guitarist and studied vocalist Palmer.

Palmer has mastered the art of interweaving vocal melody with guitar, creating a second voice as if he's his own duet. His original songs are moving, inspiring, and clever.

Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road just north of I-75, presents the evening's entertainment and refreshments free of charge but gratefully accepts donations.

Aspiring musicians, poets, dancers and others can contact Rev. Matthew Long to get on the schedule for the August Coffee House or for another of the regularly scheduled events.

Peace Unity Church provides this venue for local artists and their fans the third Friday of each month.

For more information about Peace Unity Church, call 248-625-5192 or visit www.peaceunitychurch.org, or

www.myspace.com/joelpalmermusic.

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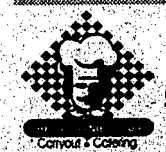
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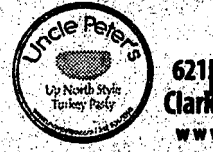
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Andra Movius and her daughter Arabella get their photo taken with Barbara Payton.



Natasha Curtis enjoys the concert with her two sons Gabrielle and Raine Corral.

Concert for a cause

It was a pleasant evening Friday night, as a good size crowd showed up to Depot Park to listen to the voices of Barbara Payton and Jessica Carmichael.

The concert was a benefit put on by non-profit group Lend a Helping Hand to assist local individuals struggling with cancer, including Addison Tong, a 3-year old

with leukemia, and Caleb Cale, 9-months-old with Stage 3 neuroblastoma cancer.

"This was our first time and we raised \$2,000," said Michelle Phaup, LAHH founder and executive director. "We plan on booking a few concerts again next year."

Check www.lendahelpinghand.org.

Photo Story by Trevor Keiser

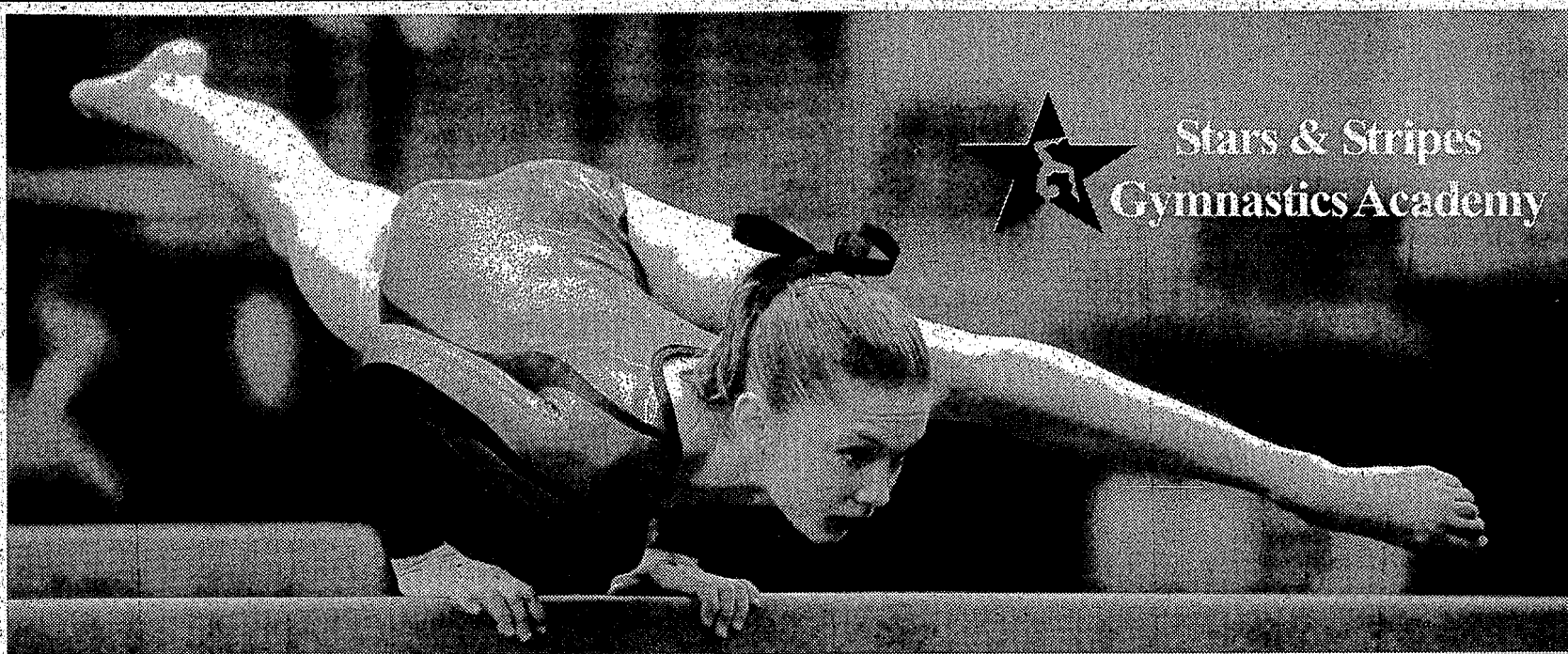


Jessica Carmichael, right, talks with cancer survivor Mark Roby and his wife Kathleen.



Joan Lawson and Julie Lamphier check out the baked goods while talking with Pam Ruth.

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Obituary

Delphine B. Czajka, 86

Delphine B. Czajka of Livonia passed away, July 31, 2010, at age 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley A. She was the mother of Susan McMillan, James (Terry) Czajka, Mark (Elena) Czajka, David (Julie) Czajka, and Patricia (David) Starin; also survived by 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mrs. Czajka loved playing bingo and traveling to casinos. Though our beautiful flower has wilted, she will forever bloom in the hearts of all who deeply loved her.

Memorial Service is 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8, at Bethel Baptist Temple of Livonia 29475 Six Mile, with a reception following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jack N. Reedy, 90

Jack N. Reedy of Waterford passed away, July 28, 2010, at age 90.

He was the husband of Norine Rose Reedy for 69 years; father of Joanne (Alan) Hafeli, Jacqueline (Dan) Fromm, and James Reedy; grandfather of Rochelle McLetchie, Kristine (Michael) Mills, Brandon (Michele) Hafeli, Darrin (Amy) Hafeli, Jack Alan (Cassie) Reedy, and Deana Reedy; great grandfather of Larissa, Patrick, Gabriel, Zachary, Ashley, Adam, Megan, Morgan, and Ian.

Mr. Reedy retired as an electrician from the Detroit Board of Education. Jack was a lifetime musician.

Visitation was July 30 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was July 31 at the funeral home. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries updated
at Clarkstonnews.com

David T. Donaldson, 83

David T. Donaldson of Traverse City, formerly of Waterford, passed as Aug. 1, 2010, at age 83.

He was born on March 26, 1927, in Detroit, the son of the late Andrew and Mary (Bell) Donaldson. Mr. Donaldson was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army in Germany.

He married Marilyn Richardson on Sept. 18, 1954, in Roscommon. Dave retired from Dearborn Fabrication and Engineering Company after 39 years of service. He was a great outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and camping. Mr. Donaldson was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Traverse City where he served faithfully and the VFW Post in Roscommon.

David is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Marilyn; his children, David A. (Laurie) Donaldson of Pontiac, Brian T. (Jeanne) Donaldson of Bay City, James Donaldson of West Bloomfield and Amy L. (William) Rogers of Clarkston; foster son, Dr. Michael T. (Cindy) Wells of Merideian, Idaho; several grandchildren; and his brother, Charles S. Donaldson of Belleville.

Visitation, Thursday, 6-8 p.m., and Friday 2-4 and 6-9 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service, Saturday, Aug. 7, 11 a.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church, Clarkston Ward. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Walter Wilberg, 94

Walter Wilberg, 94, of 100 Village Blvd., Alpena, passed away at home on Monday, July 26, 2010.

Mr. Wilberg was born June 15, 1916 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Percy and Anna (Anderson) Wilberg and married the former Virginia Kalb on May 17, 1941. He had been employed in the construction industry and enjoyed spending time fishing and boating.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia; 2 sons, Dr. Carl and Mary Margaret of Manistee, John and Rita of Ossineke; five grandsons; and one great-grandson. Cremation arrangements were handled by the Bannan Funeral Home. Memorials: ARMC Cancer Center.

Around Town

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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.

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

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.

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

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Harvestland Ministries, 5848 Clintonville Road. 248-505-5091.

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

In our churches

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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.

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

Travel program, second Thursday, 6-7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Aug. 12, Japan, China; Sept. 9, Thailand. 248-625-2212.

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.

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute-Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Care-givers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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.

Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

P.A.T.H. - Pray And Things Happen: Spiritual Tools for Enhancing Life and Living. Thursdays, 7 p.m., Peace Unity, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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JULY 14, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Arkwright, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Inabnit, Gawronski, Roth

Absent -

Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Tom Ryan

Moved by Gawronski supported by Roth to "Approve the agenda as presented." Motion carried.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Hunter to, "Approve Consent Agenda as presented: with a correction on page one of the June 28 Council minutes regarding who moved and who supported the approval of the Agenda. This will be corrected and resubmitted next meeting." Motion carried.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Hunter to "Approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of 5/10/2010." Motion carried.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth to "To send out the letter that was in the Council packet to all city residents by July 14." Motion carried.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth to "Withdraw the motion on the floor." Motion carried.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth to, "Authorize the City Manager to pen a letter to the residents that is neutral in tone and informational covering the August 3 ballot issue. The actual ballot language will be included in the letter and requesting people to vote. After legal review, this letter is to be sent out by July 15. This letter will be from the Council." Motion carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit, "That the meeting be adjourned". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie
Clerk/Treasurer

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a special meeting on July 27, 2010, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a Second Reading and Adoption of a Second Amendment to Ordinance Granting the Liberty Planned Unit Development, as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCE NO. 83A-10-02 SECOND AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE GRANTING THE LIBERTY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 83, as amended, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, being Chapter 50 of the Independence Charter Township Code, for the purposes of providing amended regulations and criteria applicable to certain portions of the Liberty Planned Unit Development.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

On October 16, 2001, the Ordinance Granting Liberty Planned Unit Development, (the "Original Ordinance Granting Liberty PUD"), was adopted as a map and text amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance. On March 14, 2004, the Original Ordinance Granting Liberty PUD was amended by the Amended Ordinance Granting Liberty Planned Unit Development. The Township has been requested and has determined to amend certain regulations and criteria applicable to the residential portion of the Liberty PUD adjacent to the golf course. Accordingly, in order to incorporate and combine both the present and past amendments into the Original Ordinance Granting Liberty PUD, Section 2 of the Original Ordinance Granting Liberty PUD is hereby amended to read as follows:

This amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is granted subject to, and all improvement and use of the property described on the attached Property Description Exhibit shall be subject to and in conformity with the following:

- Chapter 50, Article II, Division 22 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances, as amended.
- The PUD Plans for the Liberty Planned Unit Development, inclusive of Elevation Drawings, Phas-

ing Plans, and Plan Sheet Nos. 1 through 22, L-1 through L-5, and Liberty Center Alternative A & B, only as approved by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees on October 16, 2001 and amended by the following: (i) the plans listed in Paragraph 3(a) of the Amendment to Development Agreement for Liberty Planned Unit Development, dated March 16, 2004; and (ii) the Links of Independence plans, inclusive of elevation drawings, architectural details and plans by Alexander V. Bogarts & Associates, plans 1318 sheets 1-7 and plan 1551 sheets 1-7 both dated 6/2/10 and Kieft Engineering Plans Job number 2010.011, sheet S-1 dated 6/30/10, sheet S-2 dated 6/30/10, sheet S-3 dated 6/30/10, and sheet S-4 dated 6/30/10, only as approved by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees on July 20, 2010.

(C) The Permit Conditions for the Liberty Planned Unit Development, dated October 16, 2001, as amended on March 16, 2004, and as amended on the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

(E) The Development Agreement for the Liberty Planned Unit Development, dated October 16, 2001, as amended on March 16, 2004, and as amended on the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

(F) The Agreement for Liberty Planned Unit Development to Participate in the Sashabaw Corridor Public Drainage System, dated October 16, 2001.

(G) Any and all conditions of the approval of the Independence Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission pertaining to the Development as reflected in the official minutes of such meetings.

(H) Recordation with the Oakland County Register of Deeds office of an affidavit by the owner of the Property prior to commencement of construction and prior to the sale or lease of any portion of the Property, containing the legal description of the entire project, specifying the date of approval of the Liberty Planned Unit Development and amendment thereto, and declaring that all future development of the Property has been authorized, restricted and required to be carried out only in accordance with the Ordinance Granting Liberty Planned Unit Development and the PUD Documents referenced therein. Such an affidavit shall be recorded with the original approval of the planned unit development and any subsequent amendments to such approval.

(I) All applicable Township ordinances and all Township design standards for the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District, of which this Planned Unit Development is a part.

Section 3 of Ordinance

Severability. If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

Section 4 of Ordinance

Savings. Except as expressly set forth above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired, or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 5 of Ordinance

Effective. This ordinance shall be effective on the date provided by applicable law following publication.

Enactment. This ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting called and held on the 27th day of July, 2010, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

By: Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

Introduced: 6/15/2010

Adopted: 7/27/2010

Published: 6/23/2010 & 8/4/2010

Effective: 8/11/2010

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT

Part of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, and part of the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 28, T-4-N, R-9-E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, beginning at the West ¼ corner of Section 27, thence N 89°39'33" E 1336.68 feet (recorded N 89°34'50" E 1337.47 feet) along the South line of "Lake Waldon Village II" Condominium, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 852, to the Southwest corner of "Sashabaw Orchard Acres", a subdivision of part of the East ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 27, T-4-N, R-9-E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, recorded in Liber 61 of Plats, Page 43, Oakland County Records; thence N 89°24'45" E 1257.00 feet (recorded N 89°46' E along the South line of said "Sashabaw Orchard

Acres" to a point on the West right of way line of Sashabaw Road, thence along said line S 00°03'33" E 1127.52 feet, thence S 89°36'02" W 300.00 feet, thence N 16°59'32" E 112.28 feet, thence along a curve to the left, 152.62 feet, said curve having a radius of 640.00 feet, a central angle of 13°39'48" and a long chord bearing of N 83°40'02" W 152.26 feet; thence S 89°36'02" W 85.66 feet, thence S 02°29'25" E 125.08 feet, thence S 89°36'02" W 788.71 feet; thence S 89°38'30" W 1327.45 feet to a point on the West line of Section 27, thence N 89°17'00" W 1310.07 feet to a point on the East line of "Spring Lake North" Liber 230, Pages 18-24, Oakland County Records, thence along said line N 00°10'21" W 1104.50 feet to a point on East-West ¼ line; thence along said line N 89°52'19" E 1313.30 feet to the Point of Beginning. Excepting a parcel of land conveyed to Independence Township located in the North ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 27, being described as follows: Beginning at a point located N 89°39'33" E 1011.64 feet, along the South line of "Lake Waldon Village II" Condominium, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 852, and S 00°20'27" E 33.00 feet, from the West ¼ corner of Section 27, T-4-N, R-9-E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, thence N 89°39'33" 325.10 feet, thence N 89°24'45" E 666.78 feet, thence S 00°03'50" E 432.37 feet, thence S 44°14'18" E 272.62 feet, thence S 53°01'41" E 150.04 feet, thence S 00°03'50" E 201.34 feet (recorded as 201.21 feet); thence along a curve to the left 139.41 feet, said curve having a radius of 700.00 feet, a central angle of 11°24'38" and a long chord bearing of N 84°41'39" W 139.18 feet, thence S 89°36'02" W 59.93 feet, thence N 00°04'13" W 99.48 feet, thence N 18°43'22" W 85.00 feet, thence N 53°10'33" W 40.00 feet, thence N 82°21'28" W 65.00 feet, thence 44°11'44" W 90.00 feet, thence N 60°26'01" W 120.00 feet, thence N 53°33' 40" W 283.32 feet, thence N 65°45'48" W 235.84 feet, thence N 33°23'56" W 100.00 feet, thence N 53°55'35" W 105.97 feet, thence S 83°57'23" W 65.97 feet, thence N 79°28'30" W 49.62 feet, thence N 26°55'30" W 40.07 feet, thence N 58°31'26" W 101.08 feet, thence N 10°07'16" W 61.06 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 89.99 acres and subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Part of the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 28 and part of the West ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, T-4-N, R-9-E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 28, thence along the South Section line S 89°45'13" W 1305.32 feet, thence N 00°10'21" W 1348.20 feet along the East subdivision line of "Spring Lake South", Liber 214, Pages 24-27, Oakland County Records, thence S 89°17'00" E 1309.47 feet, thence N 89°38'30" E 669.77 feet, thence S 00°15'42" W 1326.40 feet to a point on the South line of Section 27, thence along said line S 89°39'15" W 663.71 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 75.37 acres and subject to the rights of the public and any governmental unit in any part of the land taken, used or deeded for road purposes and subject to easements and restrictions of record.

All of Lots 1, 2, 3 and part of Lots 4 & 5, "Sashabaw Orchard Acres". A subdivision of part of the E ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan. Recorded in Liber 61 of Plats, Page 43, Oakland County Records and part of the SW ¼ of Section 27, T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan being described as beginning at a point on the westerly 60 ft right of way line of Sashabaw Road located S 89°24'45" W 60.00 ft from the center of Section 27, T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan. TH S 89°24'45" W 1257.00 ft to the southeast corner of said "Lake Waldon Village II" and the southwest corner of said "Sashabaw Orchard Acres". TH N 00°40'33" W 1025.96 ft (recorded as S 00°50'56" E 1026.20 ft) along "Lake Waldon Village II" condominium and said "Sashabaw Orchard Acres" Subdivision to the southwesterly corner of "Waldon Pond Townhomes" Condominium, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 1126; TH N 89°40'07" E (recorded as S 89°34'12" W) 682.12 ft along the south line of "Waldon Pond Townhomes" Condominium; TH S 00°20'47" E 363.05 ft to a point on the north line of Lot 3 of said "Sashabaw Orchard Acres"; TH N 89°24'13" E 586.22 ft along the north line of said Lot 3 to the Northeast corner thereof also being the westerly 60.00 ft right of way line of Sashabaw Road; TH S 00°07'32" W (recorded south) 660.00 ft along said westerly right of way line to the point of beginning. Containing 24.81 acres and subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Tax ID Numbers 08-27-100-017, 08-27-100-024, 08-27-100-025, 08-27-100-026 and 08-27-100-027

And

Part of the SW ¼ of Section 27, T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, being described as beginning at a point on the westerly 60 ft right of way line of Sashabaw Road located N 00°03'50" W 1664.37 ft along the north-south line of Section 27 and S 89°56'10" W 60.00 ft from the south ¼ corner of Section 27, T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan; TH the following three courses along the north right of way line of Baypointe Blvd also being the northerly line of "Links of Independence" Condominium, Oak-

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land County Condominium Plan No. 1424; 1) S 89°38'02" W 113.75 ft; 2) Along a curve to the right 92.41 ft, said curve having a radius of 490.00 ft, a central angle of 10°48'20" and a long chord bearing N 84°58'48" W 92.27 ft; 3) N 79°35'39" W 75.83 ft; TH N 00°03'50" W 212.60 ft; TH N 53°01'41" W 150.04 ft; TH N 44°14'18" W 272.62 ft; TH N 00°03'50" W 432.37 ft; TH S 89°24'45" W 666.78 ft; TH S 89°39'33" W 325.10 ft; TH N 00°20'27" W 33.00 ft to the south line of "Lake Waldon Village II" Condominium, Oakland County Condominium Plan No. 852; TH N 89°39'33" E 325.03 ft to the southeast corner of said "Lake Waldon Village II" and the southwest corner of Lot 1, "Sashabaw Orchard Acres", a subdivision of part of the E ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan; Recorded in Liber 61 of Plats, Page 43, Oakland County Records; TH N 89°24'45" E 1257.00 ft (recorded as N 89°46'00" W 1256.08 ft) along the south line of said Lot 1 to the southeast corner thereof also being the westerly 60 ft right of way line of Sashabaw Road; TH S 00°03'50" E 990.52 ft along said westerly 60 ft right of way line to the point of beginning. Containing 11.49 acres and subject to easements and restrictions of record.

Tax ID Number 08-27-300-027

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO:

2010-330, 884-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of JOHN V. KALINSKI, deceased individual. Date of birth: 12/04/1958.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOHN V. KALINSKI, who lived at 2295 Keyton Drive, west Bloomfield, Michigan died 04/22/2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathleen C. Kalinski, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

Kathleen C. Kalinski
2295 Keyton Drive
West Bloomfield, MI 48324
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND REVIEW OF CLARKSTON MILL PONDS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

TAKE NOTICE that the Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a three-year improvement project for Clarkston Mill Ponds consisting of nuisance aquatic plant control, goose control, permits, legal/other, mill pond dam operation and maintenance, sediment control, administration and contingencies. The project would begin in 2011 and continue through 2013, with an annual cost of \$9,750. The hearing will be held at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 7 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan and at the City of the Village of Clarkston Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI for public examination during normal business hours. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board will hold a hearing immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board c/o Ms. Jacy Garrison, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, No. 1, Public Works Drive, Building 95 West, Waterford, MI 48328-1907. Notice is also given that the owner of any real property within the Clarkston Mill Ponds Special Assessment District who, having made an objection to said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board
Oakland County, Michigan

Publish: August 4th and August 18th

Faded Ink

Local soldier Major Knox never backed down

First in a series on Major John Knox
BY AL HESTER

Special to the Clarkston News

He never weighed more than a hundred pounds. His Union Army medical records also say he was only 5-feet-4. The average Civil War enlistee was 5-feet-8 and weighed 144 pounds.

But he fought like a tiger in the Michigan 5th Volunteer Regiment and nearly died, wounded in the neck at the Civil War Battle of Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862, just a few miles out of Richmond, VA. He called Independence Township home.

His name was John J. Knox, a son of Walter Knox, one of the most respected farmers in the county—known for making his rocky acres one of the best wheat-growing farms in Independence Township.

His son, John, took on tasks tremendously more difficult and deadly than clearing stony fields—fighting Rebels and working for African-American civil rights in the South.

We might have called John Knox “Pee Wee” or “Squirt” because he was small-sized, but there was nothing small about his patriotism, his military ability, or his desire to help ex-slaves get an education and to vote in Athens, GA, and before that in Meridian, MS, immediately after the Civil War.

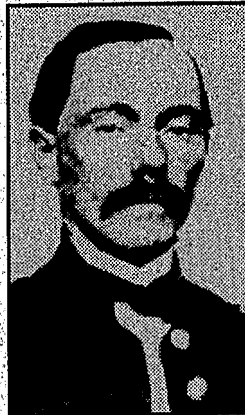
Promoted in the Civil War to Brevet Major for gallantry and bravery, Knox’s life still could have been snuffed out at any time as a leading official in the federal government’s Freedmen’s Bureau. The bureau was set up to bring some semblance of order and protection to the freed slaves in the conquered South early in Reconstruction. Frequently the Bureau’s offices throughout the South were led by Union military officers or former officers.

I became fascinated with it as I researched the Reconstruction period in Athens. In May, 2010, I did a presentation to the Athens Historical Society to commemorate the founding of the Knox School, named for Major Knox, which educated many hundreds of African Americans, continuing its mission from 1867 to 1928.

To set the war scene, John Knox was one of the first of Oakland County’s young men to volunteer for the war.

According to Constance Letzian, writing for *The Clarkston News* on June 13, 1965, John Knox had been teaching school after his graduation from Clarkston Academy, at Austin Corners north of Clarkston. He then went to teach in Mississippi.

“He was teaching in Meridian, Mississippi, when the first rumblings of the Civil War were heard. Never one to back down



Major John J. Knox.
Courtesy Clarkston
Community Historical
Society.

on his convictions, John Knox had made it clear that his sympathies were not with the secessionists. As a known Yankee sympathizer, he was asked to leave Meridian,” she wrote.

He returned to Michigan, and soon the war broke out and he volunteered.

He enlisted on June 19, 1861, about 25 years old.

He apparently gained experience at Fort Wayne in Detroit where he had entered service.

When the Fifth Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment was officially organized in August, 1861, Knox was promoted quickly to Second Lieutenant, and then made First Lieutenant in Company D on Nov. 1, 1861, his military records show.

That fall, John Knox returned to Michigan to marry Emily. But she was to be with him intermittently because of the war. His

19-year-old brother, Walter, also volunteered for the Fifth Michigan and had an outstanding career, too, also being wounded.

Both John and Walter Knox, his youngest brother, served with the Fifth Michigan, being involved in some of the heaviest fighting of the war. John Knox was gravely wounded in the Battle of Fair Oaks (Seven Pines), near Richmond.

A bullet passed through his neck and throat from one side to the other. The Fifth Michigan lost 30 killed, 120 wounded and 5 missing. Knox’s wound was to haunt him the rest of his life, and medical records show it shortened his life. He would die in 1877 in Washington, D. C.

John Knox did recover enough to continue duty in the Regiment, serving in such battles as Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

Next week, Al Hester tells the story of Knox’s work with the Freedmen’s Bureau. Hester, Ph.D., is professor emeritus of the Journalism Dept. of the Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, the University of Georgia. He was Journalism Dept. chair and director of the Cox International Center for Mass Communication Training and Research. He was a reporter and editor for the Dallas (Texas) *Times Herald* for 13 years.

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In the matter of: Unit #681, Justin Allen Richman; has a 12x10, full. Lots of tubs, boxes, tables, furniture & miscellaneous items. In the matter of: Unit #211, Suzanne Tatman; has a 10x15, full. Lawn mower, motor cycle, pallet of shingles, lots of miscellaneous items.

In the matter of: Unit #223, Suzanne Tatman; has a 10x10 full. Bags of clothing, furniture, household items.

In the matter of: Unit #123, Suzanne Tatman & Grady McCoy; outdoor area, 1987 VW Golf with contents inside sold as is, no title or registration, running condition unknown.

In the matter of: Unit #124, Suzanne Tatman & Grady McCoy; outdoor area, 14' fiberglass boat with motor & trailer, as is, no registration or title, all contents included, running condition unknown.

In the matter of: Unit #74, Diane Waller-Griffin, outdoor area, pop-up camper Palomino Colt, as is, no registration or title. L332c

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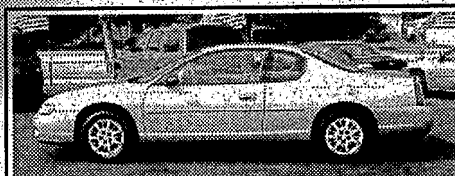
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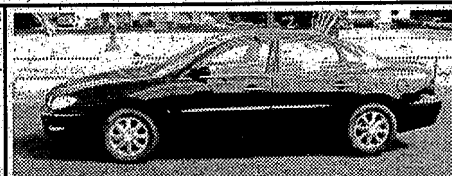
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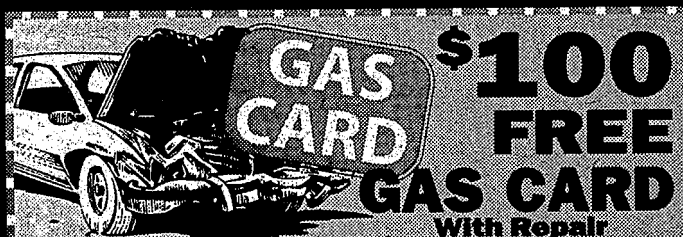
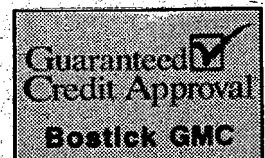
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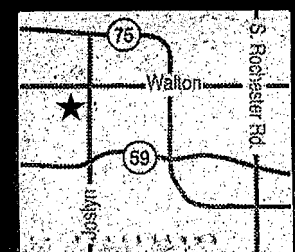
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Best Restaurant: Mesquite Creek

For the third consecutive year, Mesquite Creek has been voted Best Restaurant in the Clarkston community.

"Thank you for voting us Best of the Best," said Tony Vitale, owner. "Just know we are going to strive to continue to be better."

"The number one asset to achieve the honor again is the service staff we have here. They are, in my opinion, hands down the best service staff I have ever worked with."

And what sets the staff apart from any other team is how much they care.

"I have always said you can teach someone the techniques, what to say at a table, what you want them to sell," said Vitale. "But you can't teach them to genuinely care about what somebody does - that's what sets us apart from the other choices out there."

A number of the servers have been at the Clarkston location for 10 years, even before Mesquite Creek was owned by Andiamo.

"A lot of the reputation from the past that was very good is directly related to those people," Vitale said.

The quality staff includes bussers, hostesses, bartenders, servers, cooks, chef and



Tony Vitale and staff of Mesquite Creek.

managers - each having an effect on each dish or drink that goes to every guest.

"I give a lot of the credit to the servers because they are the ones out there," said Vitale. "Everyone in the whole house needs to share in the accolades because they all care."

Winning "Best of the Best" for the third year shows the team they keep doing the right thing each time they walk in the door and put on their smile.

"For us it means we are heading in the right direction," said Vitale. "As a team we continue to get better. We talk a lot about how we would love to pursue perfection but

nobody is perfect. We are going to make mistakes, we are human. But it is how we recover from those mistakes that make a big difference. It comes around full circle to the people who are going to recover in the most genuine way are the people who care."

With the award, Mesquite Creek continues to look at what it is they do best as they look towards the future.

"After three years of being a new restaurant we have finally identified the direction we need to go in," said Vitale. "We have experimented a lot. We have spent some time learning - finding out what people like and what they don't like. I feel everyone is going

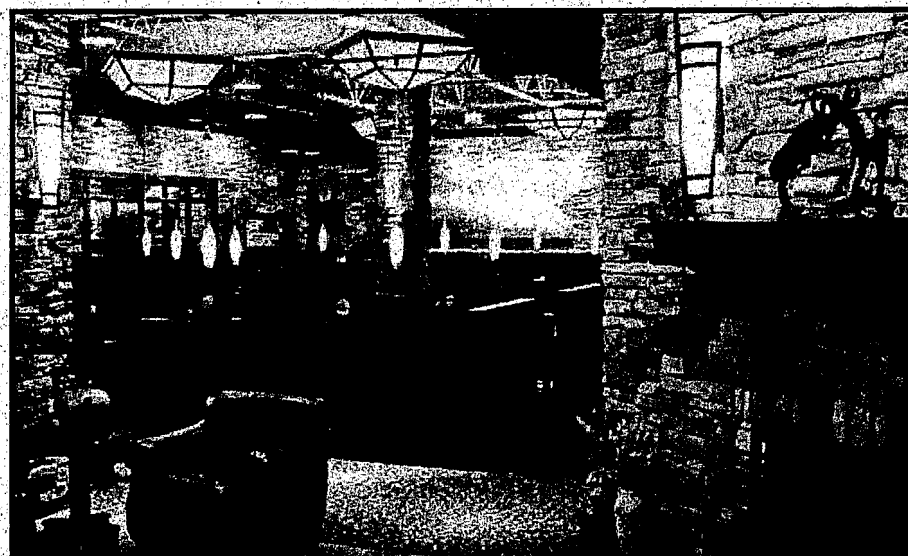
to be excited about the direction we are moving in."

Mesquite Creek is located at 7228 N. Main St. They are open 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 12 p.m.-9 p.m., Sunday.

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Hamilton established his clinic in 1985. Celebrating his 25th year, he is still striving to provide the highest quality of Chiropractic care available by using a holistic approach to combine nutritional and exercise therapy with

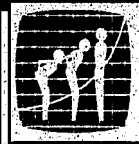
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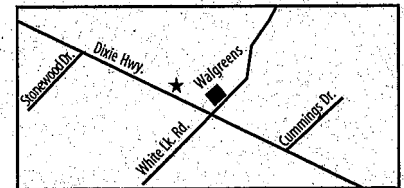
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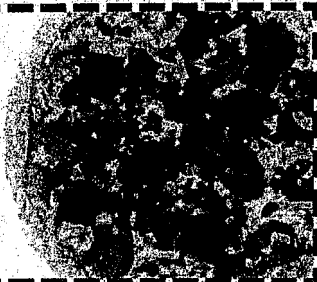
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Clarkston Flower Shoppe is located at 7150 N. Main Street and has been for the back 14 years. While some are still discovering the shop many just needed one visit to vote them Best Florist.

"It's not your typical roses and baby's breath," said Stephanie Harmon, manager. "We don't do things like most florists. Everything we use is something you would see in downtown Chicago - we stay updated and everyone is trained."

For their floral pieces they put a personal touch in each one reflecting the customer's taste and the occasion.

"I don't think there isn't anything we wouldn't do for a customer," said Schulz. "Whatever is going to make a customer happy is important to us. We want to treat someone like we expect to be treated when we step into a retail store."

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Carolyn Reznick, Stephanie Harmon, Shari Schulz, and Ashley Schulz of Clarkston Flower Shoppe.

said Schulz. "We pride ourselves on our premium selection and our premium labels and still shop for price."

They are located at 7150 N. Main St. They are open, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, closed. For more information, call 248-625-9711 or 800-662-2067.

"When you get to play with flowers, clothes and shop - it's the best job in the world," said Harmon. "We really enjoy it."

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Best Attorney: Robert Kostin

"My parents taught me to always try to do the right thing," said third-year-in-a-row Best of the Best Attorney Robert Kostin.

Doing the right thing is how Kostin tries to live out every aspect of his life, both in his law practice and his personal life.

"To stay the best, I'm going to use technology to better communicate in business and continue to be the best dad, husband, and attorney I can be," he said.

Not only does Kostin take pride in his work and family, he is also proud to be active in the community, serving on various boards.

This year, he is serving as a commissioner on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Board. He worked on the county Parks and Rec millage effort to ensure Oakland County residents continue to have one of the best park systems in the world.

"Parks and Rec is one of the best things I've ever been involved in," he said. "It's easy to like. There are just a few places in the world like Oakland County. I can't imagine living anywhere else."

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Thank you to all of the readers and subscribers of the Clarkston News who voted me the "Best of the Best Attorney" for three years in a row. I am humbled by your vote of confidence and thank you on behalf of my family, the Honorable Kelley Kostin and our son, Shay. My legal team of Susan Welker, Julie Packard and myself will continue to provide the same quality and personalized services for all your legal needs including family law, divorce, child custody, adoption, criminal law including drunk driving and drug cases and personal injury, including auto, motorcycle & snowmobile accident representation for just compensation for injuries which you have suffered as a result of someone else's negligence. My policy for more than 30 years has been to not charge for the initial consultation on any legal matter whether or not I am retained. I congratulate the Clarkston News and its staff for outstanding reporting and coverage of news and events of interest to our community. One of my favorite articles will always be the reporting of the academic achievements of our students who make their parents and our community proud.

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What sets Morgan and Milzow apart from other real-estate companies, Morgan said, is their "intention that each client have a 'boutique' experience."

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our clients with the personalized service similar to what you might expect from a storefront on yesteryear's Main Street," she said.

Morgan & Milzow has been in business for over 18 years. Pam Ford Morgan and Forrest Milzow are the principals. Pam has been a full-time Realtor for over 25 years and Forrest is Morgan & Milzow's broker as well as the owner of the Deer Lake Athletic Club.

Morgan and Milzow is located at 25 S. Main Street. Call 248-625-1010.

Best Fish Fry: Oakland County Sportsmen's Club

Fresh fish fried or baked to perfection earned Oakland County Sportsmen's Club its second Best of the Best Fish Fry award.

"We're very honored to get this the second year in a row," said Manager Dan Stiff. "We appreciate the opportunity and thank everyone for their support of the club."

"I like the baked fish and coleslaw, its buttery flavor," said Terry Ondusky, Club President. "I also like the interaction with the crowd, with first timers and guys that have been here as long as I have."

It's the fried fish for Stiff.

"It's crunchy on the outside, moist and tender on the inside," he said.

The club has served its all-you-wish-to-eat fish fry, with Icelandic cod caught wild and delivered each week, every Friday since the mid '60's, year round with the exception of the month of December and holiday weekends.

"There's a big difference between farm raised and wild caught - it's more natural," Stiff said. "The fish fry is going strong, we have the best fried chicken in the business, and the corn bread is awesome."

"When work is finished, the last thing I



Terry Ondusky, club president, prepares for a fish fry at the club.

want to do is go home and cook a meal," said Salli Petherbridge, Office Manager. "Why cook? Come here and eat in our air-conditioned building."

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Ron Kulenkamp, Matt Kulenkamp and Tom Heist

Best place to exercise: Snap Fitness

Clarkston community exercised their fingers as they wrote in the "Best Place to Exercise," Snap Fitness.

"It's great," said Matt Kulenkamp. "It's our third year in a row and third year open. The fact readers of *The Clarkston News* voted on it makes it extra special to us."

Snap Fitness offers members a clean, comfortable environment at an affordable price.

"One of the things we really stress here is member satisfaction," said Kulenkamp. "We put everything up front so everyone knows what we are all about. Members are really satisfied with it."

Snap Fitness is open to members 24 hours a day, seven days a week with keycard ac-

cess - so they can workout around their schedule - not the gym's schedule.

Staff members are available six days a week and can handle anything onsite - memberships, dues, and personal trainers.

Snap Fitness offers flexible memberships including long-term, short-term or monthly.

"Whatever someone's situation is, we try to accommodate," said Kulenkamp.

Staff members are in the building, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 12 p.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. To make an appointment outside staffed hours, please call 248-625-2100. Snap Fitness is located at 5900 Sashabaw Road, in the Kroger Plaza at Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road.



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• Uplighting. Do you have specific architectural features such as an archway or arbor? Do you have favorite trees to highlight? Set the flashlight at the base of several features. Uplighting is great for tall ornamental grasses as well.

• Downlighting. Try shining the flashlight down on features you want to highlight. Downlighting is commonly used for paths and walkways.

• Backlighting. Are there any features you'd like to silhouette? Place the flashlight behind them to see the effect.

• Crosslighting. Find another flashlight, light a feature from two different directions for added dimension.

• Submersible lighting is great for ponds. Have a waterfall? Consider spotlighting it.

Walkways and stairs should also be well lit for pedestrians but don't overdo it. Consider lighting one side of the path only or staggering fixtures on alternate sides. Consider photocells that automatically turn on at dusk.

Who are the lights for? Do you simply want your house to look pretty for others passing by or do you actually do things outside at night? For example, strong beams on a driveway basketball court can add extra hours of post-dark fun.

The goal is to see the landscape features, not the light source that is shining on them. Be sure to purchase lights that can handle

hard Michigan winters. LED lights require less electricity; however, they do not get hot enough to melt spring snow around them.

Also, now through the end of October is the perfect time in Southeast Michigan to refresh your lawn and landscaping.

Plant mums, sedum and ornamental grasses. They add color and interest now and will be well established come spring time. Plant spring flowering bulbs now and enjoy them in next year.

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Best Gift Shop: Great Turtle Toys



Jamie Nye-Mengyan, owner, with some of the toys at Great Turtle Toys.

Offering the latest and most creative toys, Great Turtle Toys earned Best of the Best Gift Shop Store.

"We focus on new and exciting toys, the ones that are different," said Jamie Nye-Mengyan, owner. "We offer the absolute best selection of Silly Bandz. We have the rare ones."

The rubber band bracelets in the shape of elephants, ice cream cones, peace signs, and other symbols, are the hot trend right now, she said.

Great Turtle Toys, named after their shop on Mackinac Island, also offers personalized birthday parties. Offered since this past January, they've been a big hit.

"We're jam-packed, doing about four a month," Jamie said.

Each party has a craft, sundae bar, songs, and scavenger hunt, and is geared to the birthday boy or girl. They choose the theme, such as princesses, fairies, cats, and science.

"Boom, splat, and kablooie – lots of geyser tubes, Diet Coke, and Mentos," she said.

The shop is also active in the community.

"We do a lot of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce activities, like Taste of Clarkston, and also Kids Camp at Deer Lake, kite festivals, and parades," she said.

Call Great Turtle Toys, 6160 Dixie Highway, Suite 120, at 248-623-3200.



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Best Caterer: Gregg's Gourmet Cafe

No order is too small or too big for Gregg's Gourmet Cafe.

"We take our time and help people decide on what they want and need," said Donna Butora, manager. "We ask what they want and customize to fit their needs. We enjoy helping people."

Along with delicious food and reasonable prices, the staff is celebrating being named Best Caterer for the third year in a row and in business for more than 30 years.

"We are proud to be part of the best in Clarkston," said Butora. "We are extremely proud to be best caterer. We work very hard to make sure everyone's order is the best we can make it."

The menu includes homemade family recipes. Ribs, spaghetti, breadsticks and pizza are just a few of the items they make.

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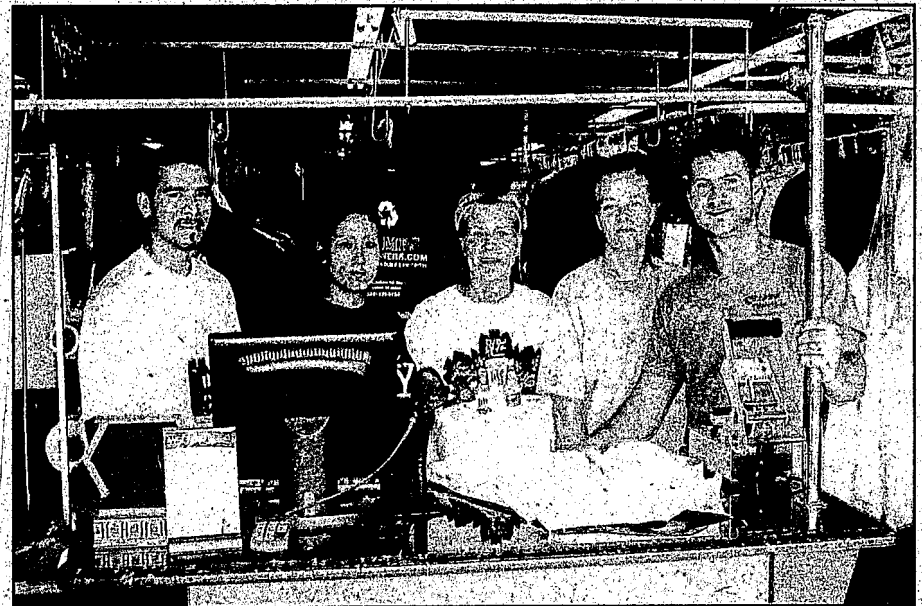
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Best Dealership: John Bowman Chevrolet

John Bowman Chevrolet is proud to be named Best Auto Dealership by the Clarkston community.

"We really appreciate it," said Al Hall, Vice President of Sales. "We go the extra mile to take care of our customers. Our slogan is 'Experience the Bowman Difference' and it is different here. The community voting for us shows they have noticed we are different."

The difference starts with the treatment of the employees and outreaches to the customers.

"Mr. Bowman takes great care of his employees, and they take great care of his customers," said Hall. "We have created great friendships."

Another difference is how each customer is treated when they visit Bowman Chevrolet, including with respect and always with a fair price.

"One of the philosophies Mr. Bowman has taught us is if you always tell the truth, you don't have to remember what you said," said Hall. "Also, if we say we are going to do something - we do it."

From advertising prices, quoting prices, to when your car is ready for pick up - Bowman Chevrolet will make it happen and not change what they said.

"We don't play any games," said Hall.



President John Bowman, Vice President of Service Ronda Jensen and Vice President of Sales Al Hall

"We are up front and honest and we treat people the way we would like to be treated."

Hall is aware of the stigma that comes with car dealerships - too much money for service. But he said it is not like that anymore.

"The new GM is very competitive," he added. "We can match any price on tires with

any manufacturer in the United States. If you tell us what size tire, the price we give you is the lowest you will find. We also use all General Motors parts."

Bowman Chevrolet's main goal is to be there throughout their customers' lives - not just for their first car, first service or because

they were the lowest price to buy or lease a vehicle.

"We want a customer for life," said Hall. "We are proud to have 80 percent repeat customers in sales and service."

Bowman Chevrolet appreciates the support of the community, and they support their community through customer appreciation days and giving back.

They held a car show during the July 24-25 weekend with all proceeds going to SCAMP, and hold a Corvette raffle twice a year supporting Easter Seals.

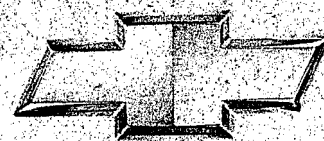
They also sponsor local baseball and hockey teams along with the Clarkston Community School district, Brandon School District and Waterford School District.

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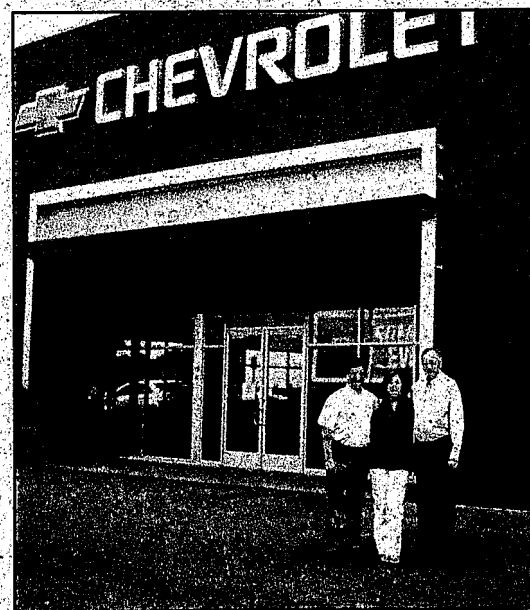


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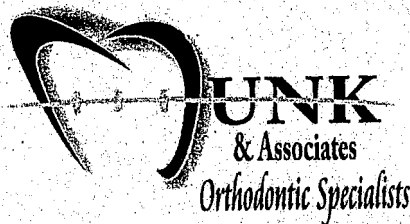
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"We're now also starting a new location in Rochester," she said. "We're very excited about it."

The number one thing setting them apart from other maid services is their "team cleaning" of three people.

"What clients really love is team cleaning and that we do a quality assurance after each clean to make sure everything is clean and up to standard," Dawn said. "We also leave our clients a little bag of tasty chocolates from Chocolate Moose after each clean as well."

Clarkston Cleaning Services offers free estimates and a satisfaction guarantee, and Dawn prides herself on exceeding the services offered by her competitors.

"We still offer free cleaning to cancer patients too," she said. "Something we started doing a couple years ago."

Clarkston Cleaning Services is also involved in the community, such as Relay for Life and sponsoring a baseball team at Independence Township.

As far as being voted best of the best,



Dawn Raffler

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James Wilhelm on the phone with a client.

Best financial advisor: James Wilhelm

"It's nice to be recognized," said James E. Wilhelm, working with Edward Jones since 2001.

"I think we really strive with our clients to let them know what's going on with their investments and I think they really appreciate that."

Wilhelm said though they don't control what's going on with the market, they try to help their client the best they can. The philosophy of Edward Jones hasn't changed, but has always been about "buying good quality investments and

diversifying."

"We don't pretend to have a crystal ball," he said. "We don't know any better than the next person what's going to happen in the future, but we try to make sure our clients have the most appropriate investments, so they can reach their goal and by diversifying we try to mitigate that risk from the unknown."

Wilhelm lives in Clarkston with his wife and three kids.

Call James, 7183 N. Main Street, Suite C at 248-625-1232.



Ryan Hoffman, AJ Kauthen, Andrew Kauthen, and Stefanie Macintyre.

Best Pizza: Guido's Pizza

Being named Best of the Best for pizza is an honor, said Andrew Kauthen of Guido's Pizza.

"Our appreciation to the customer is to give them the best product that we can," he said.

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pizzas, like their BLT, BBQ Chicken, or their Chicago Style "Da Boss," he said.

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Best Insurance: Dave Smith, State Farm

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"We are committed to the well-being and security of our clients," he said.

Smith has been a State Farm associate since 1990 and lives in Waterford with his wife DeAndrea and three children: Kendall,

Rachel, and Denton.

"Our best source of new business is referrals from clients who are happy with our service," he said, noting clients are thanked for referrals with a token of appreciation.

"Our jobs are fun, and we work well as a team."

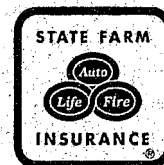
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Best Community Organization: Clarkston Lions

Thank you very much for selecting us the "Best of the Best" Community Organization in 2010! To even be considered among the other Clarkston service organizations is an honor in itself.

The Clarkston Area Lions support a variety of sight and hearing related organizations that provide services to our community. Some of the better known examples are Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp in Lapeer, Beaumont Silent Children, Michigan Eyebank and Transplant Center, Welcome Homes Residential Services for the Visually Impaired, and Detroit Radio Information Service.

We also support Lighthouse of Clarkston, SCAMP, Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles (O.A.T.S.), and Clarkston Christmas in Action. In addition, the Lions provide annual donations to both the Independence and Springfield Township Libraries to provide resources for the sight and hearing impaired. Past donations have helped to purchase large print and talking books, a desktop magnifier,



Lion Angela Tenbusch prepares to take another photo at one of the free eye screening events.

and software to help the sight impaired use personal computers. Please visit our website at clarkstonlions.org to see a detailed list of all the organizations and activities we support.

Multiple times per year, the Clarkston Area Lions provide free eye screening to preschool children using photo technology in cooperation with Children's Hospital. This non-invasive photo screening can detect most problems that cause poor vision in young children. It is a great tool, as

in most cases the child doesn't know that he or she has a vision problem. We were able to screen 69 children during two photo screening events conducted in the past 12 months. We plan to conduct four screening sessions in the upcoming year.

The Clarkston Area Lions are also a resource for those who live in our community and need eyeglasses or hearing aids, but cannot afford them. Since our club was chartered in 2005, we have provided eyeglasses to more than 54 area resi-

dents, and have assisted two residents to obtain hearing aids at reduced or no cost. In the past year, we also were able to sponsor two local children to the Lions Hearing Impaired Youth Camp, and provide a magnification reading device to a Clarkston resident.

The club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids that are recycled throughout the world. Thanks to many volunteers, it only costs about 10 cents to pay the expenses to fit a pair of used eyeglasses to someone in a third world country. For many it means the difference between learning in school or not. All optical facilities in the Clarkston area accept used eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Clarkston Area Lions. Our club has recycled 14,840 eyeglasses and 125 hearing aids since 2005.

Funding for the above activities comes from a variety of fundraising events such as White Cane Week, Lions mint sales, and refreshment sales at a Concert in Depot Park. White Cane Week is the one time a year when local Lions ask the community for donations to help fund

the eye care and other services discussed above.

We would like to invite any man, woman or couple interested in helping others to be our guest at a meeting and consider membership!

The Clarkston Lions meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. We hope to see you there!

~Lion Dan Wung, President,
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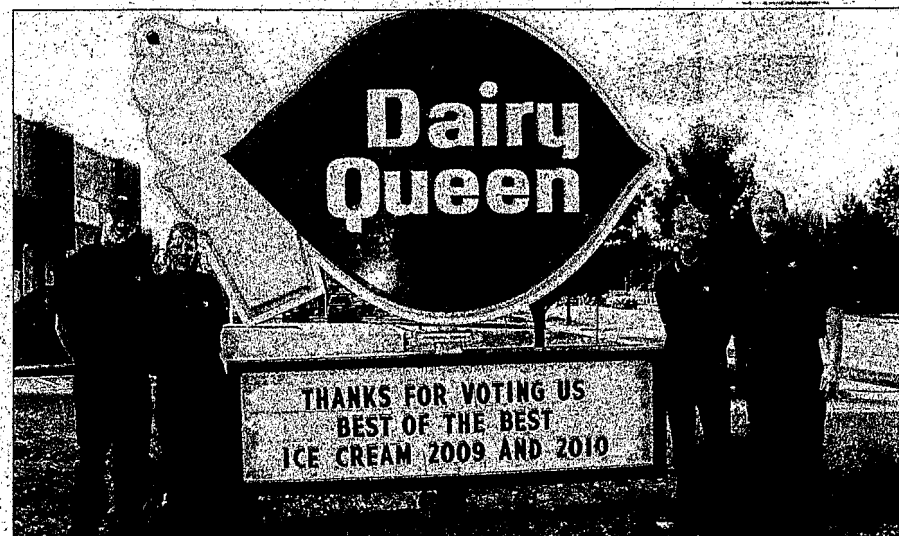
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From left are John Wilson, Darla Sherman, Tonyea VanPatten-Kalanquin, and Bob Kalanquin of Clarkston's Dairy Queen.

Best Ice Cream: Dairy Queen

Best of the Best Ice Cream for the second year in a row is Clarkston's Dairy Queen.

"It's exciting, really nice to see this happen the second year," said Bob Kalanquin, manager. "Things are going well, I'm enjoying it."

Also accepting the award were managers Darla Sherman and John Wilson, and Tonyea VanPatten-Kalanquin, cake decorator.

"I think it's an honor, really awesome,"

Sherman said.

"I love it – the customers, owners, the kids, the food. I've enjoyed ice cream here ever since I was little."

"I'm thrilled – these folks do a fantastic job," said Chris Pawloski, franchise business consultant for Dairy Queen. "I always hear good things about them."

Call Dairy Queen, 5890 Ortonville Road, at 248-625-0099.

Best Eye Care: Allison Eye Care

For Allison Eye Care, voted Best of the Best Eye Care for the second year in a row, customer service is a priority.

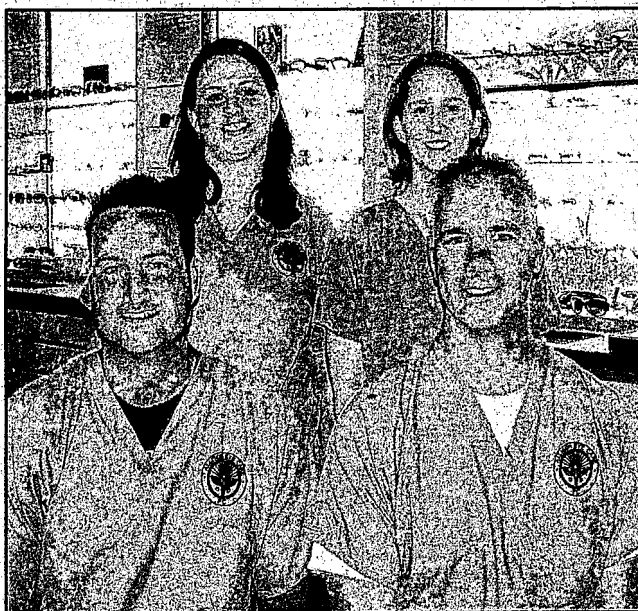
"In a society where customer service is practically nonexistent, it is nice to know that there are still those who care enough to put in the extra time and effort to make sure their patients receive quality care," said Melissa, a patient, in a personal note to the office. "I wanted to take a moment to thank you and your staff for giving me such remarkable care and attention at my appointments."

Dr. Allison M.B.

Schulte, owner of Allison Eye Care, spends lots of time with all her patients, answering questions and addressing all their needs.

"We live by the Golden Rule, do our best and treat others as we would like to be treated," said Dr. Schulte, certified doctor of optometry.

"We see our patients in the community," said Eric Schulte, administrator and Dr.





From left, Ryan Monahan, Maggie Atkinson, Mechelle VanNorman and Eric Schulte of Allison Eye Care.

Schulte's husband. "We have a relationship with them, a long-term relationship."

Dr. Schulte graduated in 1992 from Illinois College of Optometry, and opened her practice in 1998. She specializes in comprehensive visual examinations and a full range of vision care services.

Call Allison Eye Care, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 203, at 248-922-1111.







Dr. Schulte would like to thank all of the Clarkston News readers that have voted her as the Best of the Best. This award serves as recognition that Dr. Schulte always puts the patient first. It is these patients that have kept Allison Eye Care open for the last 12 years. Dr. Schulte is your Primary Care Physician for your Eye health. She can Diagnose, treat and manage diabetes, macular degeneration, glaucoma along with many other eye diseases. Foreign Body removal and Eye Emergencies are handled every day by Dr. Schulte.

As a life long Clarkston resident, Dr. Schulte has found the support of the community and her patients to be uplifting. Ryan Monahan and Mechelle Van Norman live in Clarkston and enjoy seeing our patients in the community.

Patients that are hard to fit or medically necessary contact lens wearers will find all of their concerns addressed by the Doctor.

If you are in need of spectacles then the staff at Allison Eye Care can help you with all your vision needs. Our Opticians have the knowledge of the latest lens technologies that will help you in your everyday life. We are currently scheduling new patients and can work with your vision insurance. Your Insurance questions can be easily answered by our Billing department. Call 248-922-1111 to answer these questions and see if we can make an appointment for you and your family.






Allison M. B. Schulte, O.D.

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Owner Andera Ryeson.

Best Massage: LaVida Massage

Andrea Ryeson, owner of LaVida Massage, says they are "honored" and very happy to be voted best of the best.

With 13 qualified therapists, along with a gender-neutral calm and serene atmosphere, Ryeson said they offer customers easy access by being open seven days a week.

"We also keep our prices at a very reasonable rate, so people can afford to do this on a regular basis, instead of just a treat

for themselves," she said. "There are a lot of different modalities including: pre-natal, sports, deep tissue, therapeutic, relaxation, hot stone, aroma therapy, reflexology, cranial sacral, and reiki. We also do facial and waxing services."

LaVida Massage is located at 5880 Sashabaw Road. For more information or to set up an appointment, call 248-625-7300 or visit www.clarkston.mi.lavidamassage.com.

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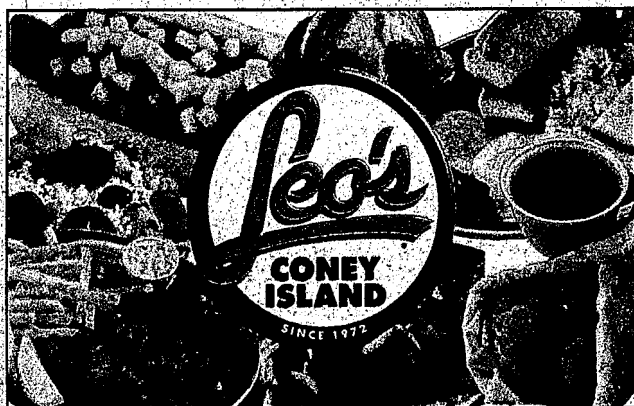
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Jimmy Saleh and staff of Leo's Coney Island.

Best Coney Island: Leo's Coney Island

Leo's Coney Island stands out in the community for "Best of the Best" for a variety of reasons.

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"With our menu, you can afford to come out and eat three or four times a week," said Jimmy Saleh, owner. "Especially with this economy. We and other Coney Islands have picked up a lot in business. People can't afford to spend \$30 on a plate anymore, instead they spend \$6 with us."

For the low prices, customers get large portions and a huge variety of dishes to or-

der. Customers can go with the classic Coney Island Dog with french fries, a hamburger or a Greek Salad. Or treat themselves to breakfast, fish and chips, or keep it light with their healthy alternatives menu.

"Plus the staff is friendly," said Saleh. "We have fast, great food and good service."

Leo's Coney Island is located at 6325 Sashabaw Road. They are open Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

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Best Physician: Clarkston Medical Group

When it comes to healthcare, Dr. Tim O'Neill said it's an honor for Clarkston Medical Group to be voted the best.

"We feel blessed to do what we do," said O'Neill, CEO of CMG. "It's great to be recognized for it."

One of the things that sets them apart from other physicians is their accessibility.

"We're here 24 hours a day, weekends, and off hours," he said. "Healthcare doesn't have a schedule and by being accessible, I think that has always been one of the strong points of our practice."

Along with the 24-hour care, O'Neill said his partners, Drs. Mohammad Amin, Renny Abraham, Dean Moscovic, and his father, Dr. James O'Neill, have worked hard to build a strong primary care practice.

"We've reinvented our primary care practice to make sure we're taking care of people of all ages," he said. "By doing pediatric, adolescent and internal medicine, we can care for the whole family, which makes it convenient so you're not all going to different doctors' offices."

He also pointed out the hard work they've put in to bring their practice from their old location off Dixie Highway over to their new facility off Sashabaw Road.

"We've spent the past five years really

trying to bring this place together and improve on the practice. It was a concept of taking all these different components of healthcare and saying 'We can do this in one building, we'll provide the things we can, and we'll bring in the best people to provide the things we can't,'" O'Neill said. "It makes it more of a seamless way to get your healthcare."

O'Neill noted by having specialists in their building and being able to perform tests right on location, they are able to get results in a timely manner, as opposed to a couple of weeks. Also with a downturn in the economy and people losing insurance and having to pay more out of pocket costs, O'Neill said they've "come up with a number of different ways to get the care people need so they can afford it."

These include working with people on their bills and getting them into specialists in an outpatient setting instead of admitting them to a hospital.

"If you go to the hospital, the bill is going to go up very quickly," he said. "If you keep these things in the outpatient setting for people with high deductibles and people that only have catastrophic coverage, you're able to do it a lot more cheaply. We also work with a lot of the local pharmacies.



Some of the members of the Clarkston Medical Group

We have people with major illnesses that we're treating for \$30 to \$40 a month for all their prescriptions."

O'Neill said none of what they do could be accomplished without their committed staff.

"There is only so much I can do for patients without the collaboration and team efforts of our staff. We are, to the best of

my knowledge, the largest private employer in Independence Township. That's a lot of people working together doing really good work. They take care of people, genuinely care, and they do things you can't teach or tell someone to do. They do it because they want to and because they truly care about the patients and families that we consider part of our extended family here at CMG."

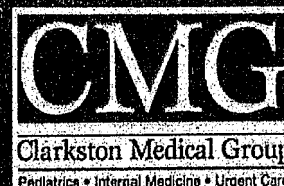


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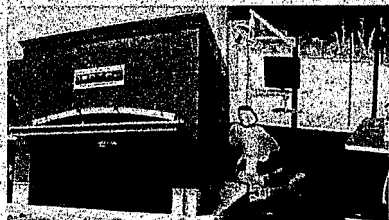
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Dr. Amy Davidson and Dr. Brian Davidson.

take great pride in our treatment. It's nice to be recognized for that."

The practice at 5720 Clarkston Road at Sashabaw, continues to expand, recently adding a new treatment room and several new staff members.

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"We're very excited — we've worked very hard to create a very warm, loving, and educational environment," said Pam Rush, owner with her husband, Alan Rush.

Teachers and staff deserve much of the credit, said Ms. Pam.

"They have dedication, commitment to training, and passion for kids," she said.

TLE, which opened a year-and-a-half ago, is exceeding enrollment goals, said Director Ashley Ostrowski.

"We're almost full," Ostrowski said. "A year and a half ago, we opened with five children. We couldn't have worked harder or tried harder. We truly love what we're doing. Every day is an educational adventure. It's all about the kids."

The Learning Experience is a national leader in childcare and preschool.

"With the economy being the way it is, we know how important it is to get the best for your money," said Ms. Rush. "Here at the Learning Experience, we are confident our programs are just that, the best."

The Learning Experience's mission is to give peace of mind to each parent by providing the highest standards of childcare and the most comprehensive age appropriate education.

"Our infants are cared for in a fresh, sanitary environment designed for maximum comfort, safety and learning," she said. "When our babies are awake, they engage in age appropriate activities to stimulate learning and physical development as well as receive lots of loving care from our trained caregivers."

TLE's toddler curriculum allows children time for music, language acquisition, fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and playground activities for physical development.

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The Learning Experience Director Ashley Ostrowski, right, and owner Pam Rush, with, from left, Cole Waxler, 7 months, Zachary McGee, 1 ½ years, and Avery McGee, 3 months.

fun, in classrooms, outdoor playground, and indoor, two-story mini village.

Preschoolers engage in the L.E.A.P. curriculum, which introduces them to writing, along with Fun with Phonics reading program,

social studies, math, computers, and technology. They are given L.E.A.P. workbooks on a monthly basis. Classrooms are equipped with a Science Discovery Center and sensory table.

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ready for kindergarten after graduation from TLE," she said.

Safety is of utmost importance.

The center uses the Child Safe and Secure state-of-the-art security system. The comprehensive electronics system allows only enrolled parents and staff to enter the building through an individually programmed key tag.

Additionally, with just the click of a button, staff can make sure that teacher-to-student ratios are maintained at all times, verify location of any student, track critical medical information, and verify which authorized person dropped off or picked up each child.

The Rush family are long-time residents of Clarkston, and Alan grew up here.

"Clarkston is a great place to live and work," Pam said.

The Learning Experience, 7210 Sashabaw Road at I-75, exit 89, is open daily from 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

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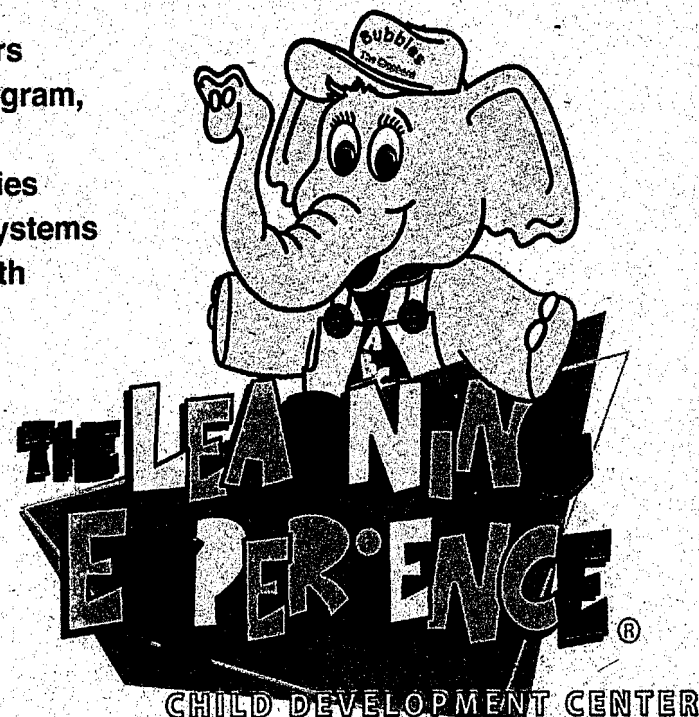
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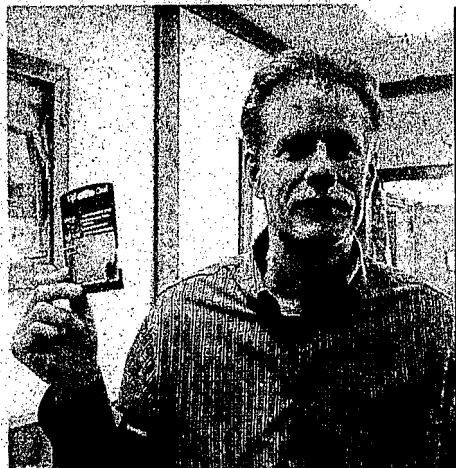


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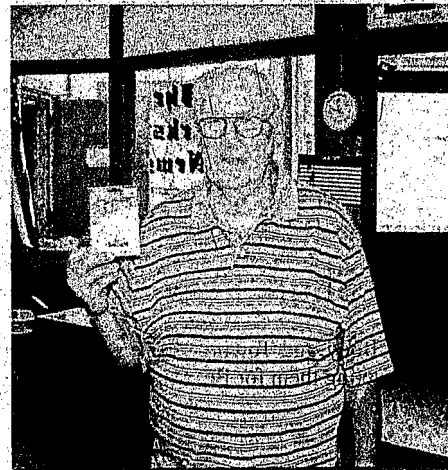
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Dale Verhey and his son, Nick, of Clarkston Auto Body and Towing.

Best Body Shop, Towing: Clarkston Auto Body

Clarkston Auto Body and Towing thank the community for voting them for Best Auto Body and Best Towing for another year.

"We treat our customers as people – not as a number," said Dale Verhey, owner.

They have done so since they opened the family-owned and operated business in 1976.

"Our customer service is the biggest and most personal reason we stand out," he added. "Personal service is gone now-a-days."

The service also includes involving the customer in their vehicle repair.

"One of the biggest things right now is a lot of insurance companies want to do inferior repairs with cheap parts, generic parts,"

said Verhey. "The person who owns the car is the customer – not the insurance company."

Clarkston Auto Body and Towing does complete collision repair and had 24/7 towing services available.

They use the latest in training and equipment. Towing services include a 50-ton Low Boy trailer for long-distance transport of heavy equipment all over the country and Canada. They have three locations throughout the area.

The Clarkston location, 6470 Sashabaw Road, is open Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They answer the phone no matter the time for their 24-hour towing service, 248-625-0800.

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Owners Joe and Cindy O'Hearn.

Best Breakfast: Mel's Grill

Joe O'Hearn, owner of Mel's Grill and Mel's Grill 2, will tell you no business strives to be average and everyone wants to be the best at what they do, but sometimes in this economy it's hard to tell if what you're doing is what people want.


"This is proof to us that we are providing what people are looking for. For us this award speaks to all the hard work and dedication put in by our staff and ourselves," said Joe, who owns the two businesses with his Mom, Cindy. "Our ties to the community have always been important to us, so to be recognized by the

community as one of the best is a good feeling."

Joe said their best selling breakfast item is their southern omelet, because the love the sausage gravy that is smothered on top.

"In my opinion you can't do better than a breakfast special known as 'The Sportster' at Mel's 2. It's two eggs, three pieces of meat, hash browns, and toast. It fills up anybody and it's only \$3.75," he said. "It's definitely the best value I'd say."

Mel's Grill is located at 4545 Pelton Road, and Mel's Grill 2 is located at 7080 Gateway Park Drive in the Gateway Plaza off White Lake Road.





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Best Dance Studio: Spotlight Dance Center

Classes in ballet, tap, hip hop, lyrical, contemporary and jazz and a family atmosphere put Spotlight Dance Center at the top – Best of the Best for their third year in a row.

“We are excited,” said Wendy Harris, owner and instructor. “It’s an honor. We are very passionate about working with children and passionate about dance. We work hard to be the best we can be.”

The studio recently added their fourth

classroom and hired more instructors to give the community more options for days and times for classes. They offer classes from 3-years-old to adult.

“We are sensitive to the individual child and we are family oriented as well,” said Harris.

Spotlight Dance Center is located at 7183 N. Main Street, Suite B. Call 248-625-9030 or visit www.spotlightdance.com for more information.



Genisys Credit Union voted Best of the Best

Genisys Credit Union was voted the "2010 Best of the Best Credit Union" by the readers of The Clarkston News this year.

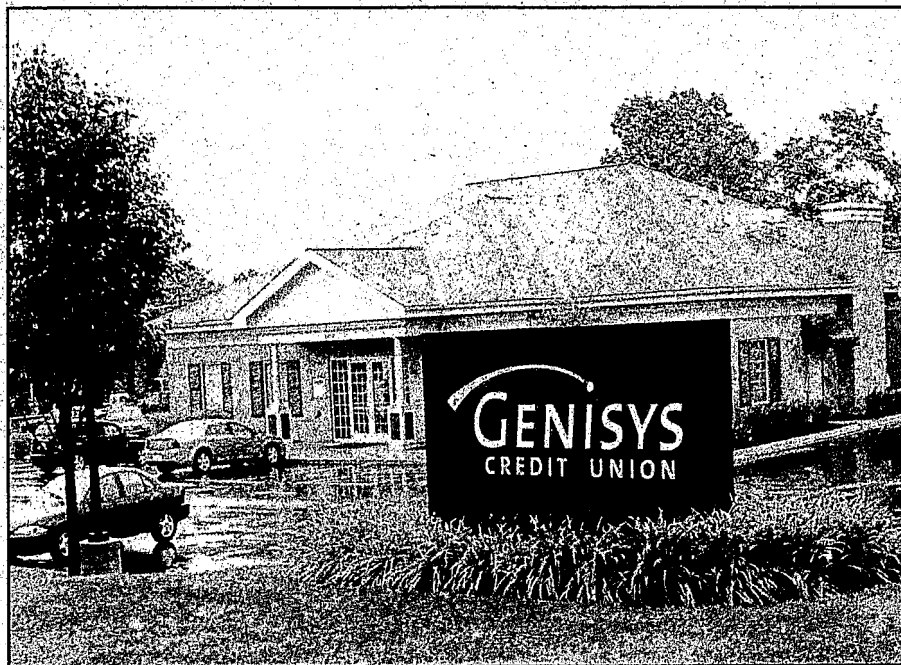
"It's an honor to be recognized by our members and the Clarkston community," said Jackie Buchanan, CEO. "Thank you to our members and everyone who voted for making this award possible. We'll continue to do our best to provide excellent service to all of our members."

Based out of Auburn Hills, Genisys is in the top five largest credit unions in Michigan with over \$1.3 billion in assets and had 11,000 new members join in 2009.

We are focused on providing our 125,000 members with convenience and quality service through 25 branch locations as well as giving back to the communities in which we are located. Genisys has continued to be an award-winning organization for financial safety and soundness and has also achieved a 97% member satisfaction rating for our outstanding service.

While many businesses cut back on their community support, Genisys Credit Union increased our involvement by sponsoring over 200 events and volunteering over 5,000 hours in the communities where we are located.

Genisys is sponsoring several community



events in Clarkston this year including the Clarkston Expo, Concerts in the Park, Independence Township Park and Recreation's Little Dribblers League, Taste of Clarkston, Team RUSH, and 3D Racing's Craig Greenfield Memorial Tri and Genisys Candy Cane 5K Run.

While most U.S. financial institutions continued to cut back on lending, Genisys increased its vehicle loan balances by close to 26% last year and has millions to lend.

To help improve our local economy, we have partnered with GM and Chrysler in the "Invest In America" program, which offers

great rates and loans to fit your needs.

When you purchase a new vehicle through the "Invest In America" program and finance it through Genisys, you are investing in your country as well as helping to revive the local Michigan economy.

Genisys not only has great loan rates, but also makes it easy for members on the go to do business. We have free Bill Pay with free Online Statements as well as free Online Banking.

Members can also receive Genisys Rewards redeemable for travel, merchandise, gift cards and more when they use their Debit MasterCard for signature transactions. We also recently added eDeposit and a 2 Year ARM Mortgage Special to our extensive list of products offerings and look forward to our upcoming launch of Mobile Banking.

"Meeting Financial Needs, Your Way" is our mission, and we strive to accomplish this through our values of being trustworthy, people focused and providing quality service.

We are glad to be part of your community, and truly believe that Genisys is "where you come first."

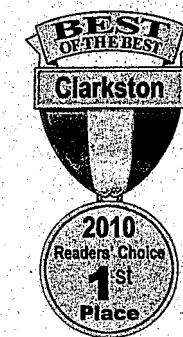
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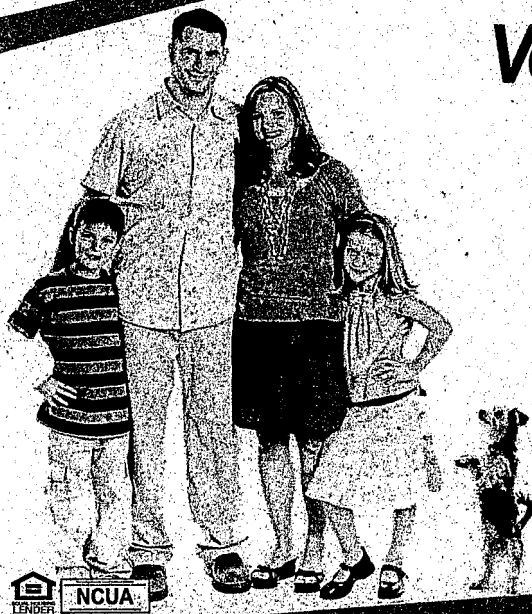
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Best Car Wash: Town Center Auto Wash

Town Center Auto Wash on Sashabaw Road just south of Waldon was voted number one in and around the Clarkston area four years in a row.

Owners Steve Pearson and Gary Miller credit the success of the wash to their 24 employees.

"Our employees spend a great deal of time prepping every vehicle before it is sent through the wash. I believe our customers recognize that we are striving for perfection," Miller said.

"We are extremely excited to announce we will be opening Town Center Oil Change onto the wash in late summer," he said. "We are scheduled to close Aug. 1 for two weeks while phase one of the construction is completed. We sincerely apologize to our customers for the inconvenience."

Upon re-opening the wash, they will offer a Customer Appreciation Day, which includes a free wash for everyone along with free hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, and drinks. Check *The Clarkston News* for details later this summer.

"We would like to thank everyone for their patronage since we opened five years ago and look forward very soon to serving you in two ways," he said.



Steve Pearson and Gary Miller, owners of Town Center Auto Wash on Sashabaw Road.

Town Center Oil Change coming late summer



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