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## Schools borrow \$4.9 million to make loan payment

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Collecting seven mills on \$1.8 billion in property value, Clarkston Community Schools has \$12.8 million for this year's long-term debt payment.

It's not enough.

The district owes \$17.7 million this year, out of about \$157 million total in long-term bond debt.

The \$4.9 million difference will be borrowed from the state.

"Tax revenue is too low to make the bond payment," said Bruce Beamer, business director for the district. "Property taxes aren't generating enough."

The district has been borrowing from the state School Bond Qualification and Loan Program for several years, accumulating a total of \$27.9 million. The total includes \$1.2

million in estimated accrued interest.

"The fund was established to help school districts having trouble making their bond payments," said Interim Superintendent Dave Reschke. "Clarkston was in that situation in the late 1980s and early 1990s."

"As long as that loan mechanism is available to us, we shouldn't have any issues," said said board Treasurer Rosalie Lieblang. "We will need to continue to collect the taxes

to pay off the bond debt and then the revolving loan. It has no impact on the general fund dollars which is what we use for raises, new programs etc.

Property values grew in the late 1990s into the new millennium, flattened out, then went into decline, Reschke said.

"In 2003, property values were going up 8-10 percent every year," Beamer said. "Please see Debt on page 11A"

## Too close for comfort

Residents call for new,  
clearer vote on police

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After 30 residents made their views known, city officials are considering a new vote for police funding in November, with new ballot language.

"I think there was a little bit of confusion and I think what was promised to us as a city was that it was going to be a police millage," said Becky Summerlee at the Aug. 9 City Council meeting.

"That's not what the wording was, so a lot of people voted against it."

Summerlee's husband Terry Summerlee requested a recount last week because absentee ballots jammed the machine, and to buy more time for City Police.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jan Gillespie said the recount won't take place until the election is

finalized by the Oakland County Board of Canvassers, which will be Aug. 18 at the latest.

Gillespie, who went to county offices on Friday, said one absentee ballot did not go through their machine properly. A county canvasser was able to "rub the ballot." It went through the machine and was counted, making the total vote 410 ballots, instead of 409.

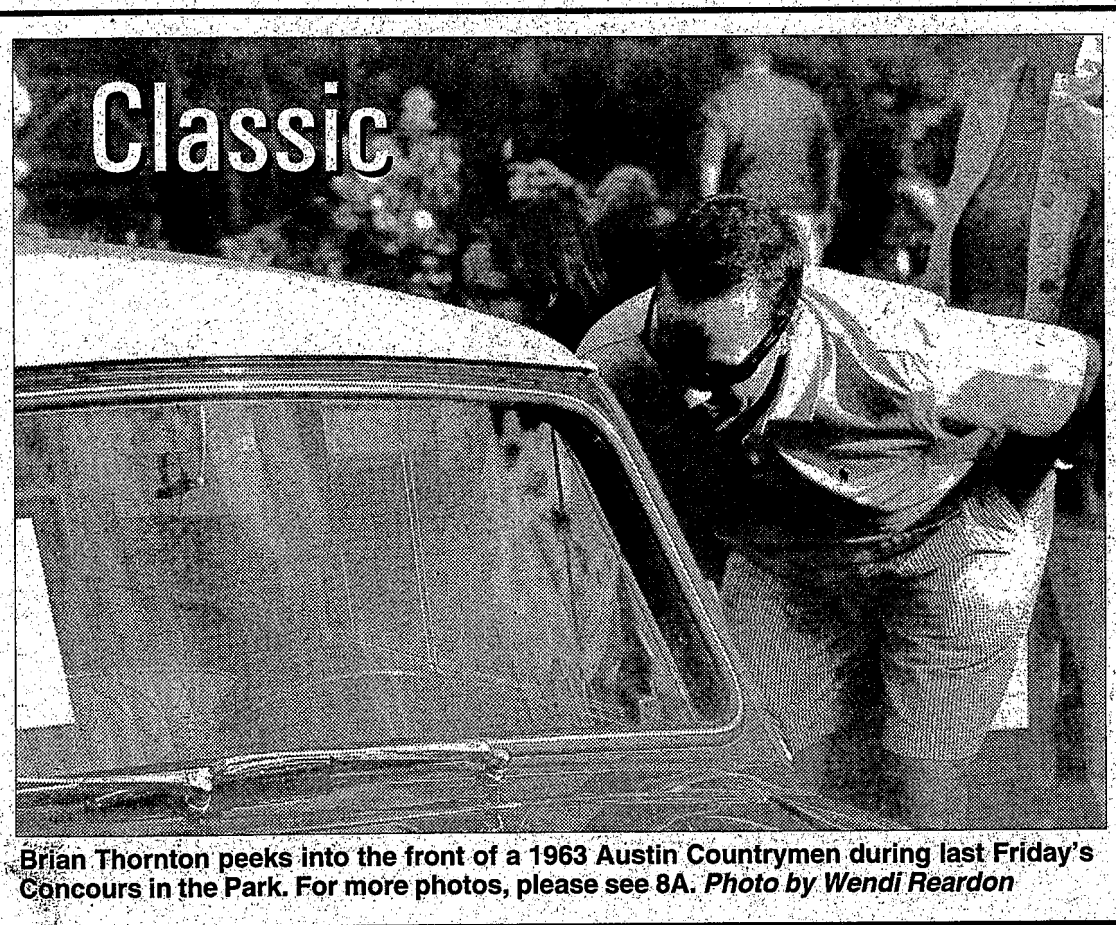
The additional vote, a "yes," narrowed the eight-vote margin to seven. The adjusted total was 195 "yes" votes and 203 "no" votes.

"This vote was so close that had the language been drawn up as promised to us as citizen this millage would have passed, but it had nothing in it," Terry said. "It didn't provide for any kind of services for the police, it didn't guarantee that any of the five mills would be used for the police."

Michael Sabol agreed.

"You shouldn't be voting

Please see Ballot on page 5A



Brian Thornton peeks into the front of a 1963 Austin Countrymen during last Friday's Concours in the Park. For more photos, please see 8A. Photo by Wendi Reardon

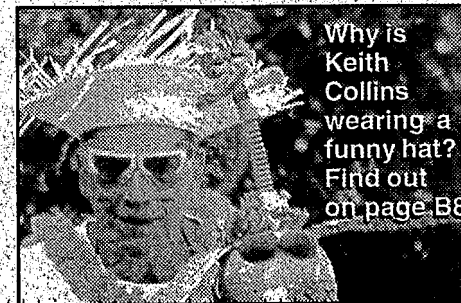
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## Happy birthday!

Former *Clarkston News* Editor Jean Saile (center) celebrated her 80th birthday last week by having a drink at the Orion American Legion with her old boss and former *Clarkston News* publisher Jim Sherman, Sr. (right) and the man who still prints all the papers today, Larry "Whitey" Hauxwell. Saile edited the *Clarkston News* from 1971-76. Happy birthday, Jean, and many more! *Photo by C.J. Carnacchio.*

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## Briefly

### Superintendent search

Clarkston Community Schools discuss applicants for the district superintendent Aug. 16.

Deadline for applications was Aug. 11. During the meeting they will narrow it down to six for first-round interviews.

"We should be prepared at that point to see who we want to interview," said Stephen Hyer, board president.

The board will hold interviews Aug. 23-25. All meetings begin at 5 p.m. and are open to the public.

They are held at Clarkston Community Schools Administration Office, 6389 Clarkston Road.

### Park paint project

Kids can "Paint a Garden Pal." 10-11 a.m., Aug. 14, at Clarkston Community Garden.

The garden provides rocks, paint, and brushes to young artists 12 and under. When finished, they can take them home or use them to decorate their families' plots at the garden.

Wear old T-shirts or other clothes for painting, and bring your own rock if you would like.

The garden is on the northeast corner of Stickney and Pine Knob roads.

Its annual Open House is Monday, Aug. 16, 6-8 p.m.

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

### Bowling benefit

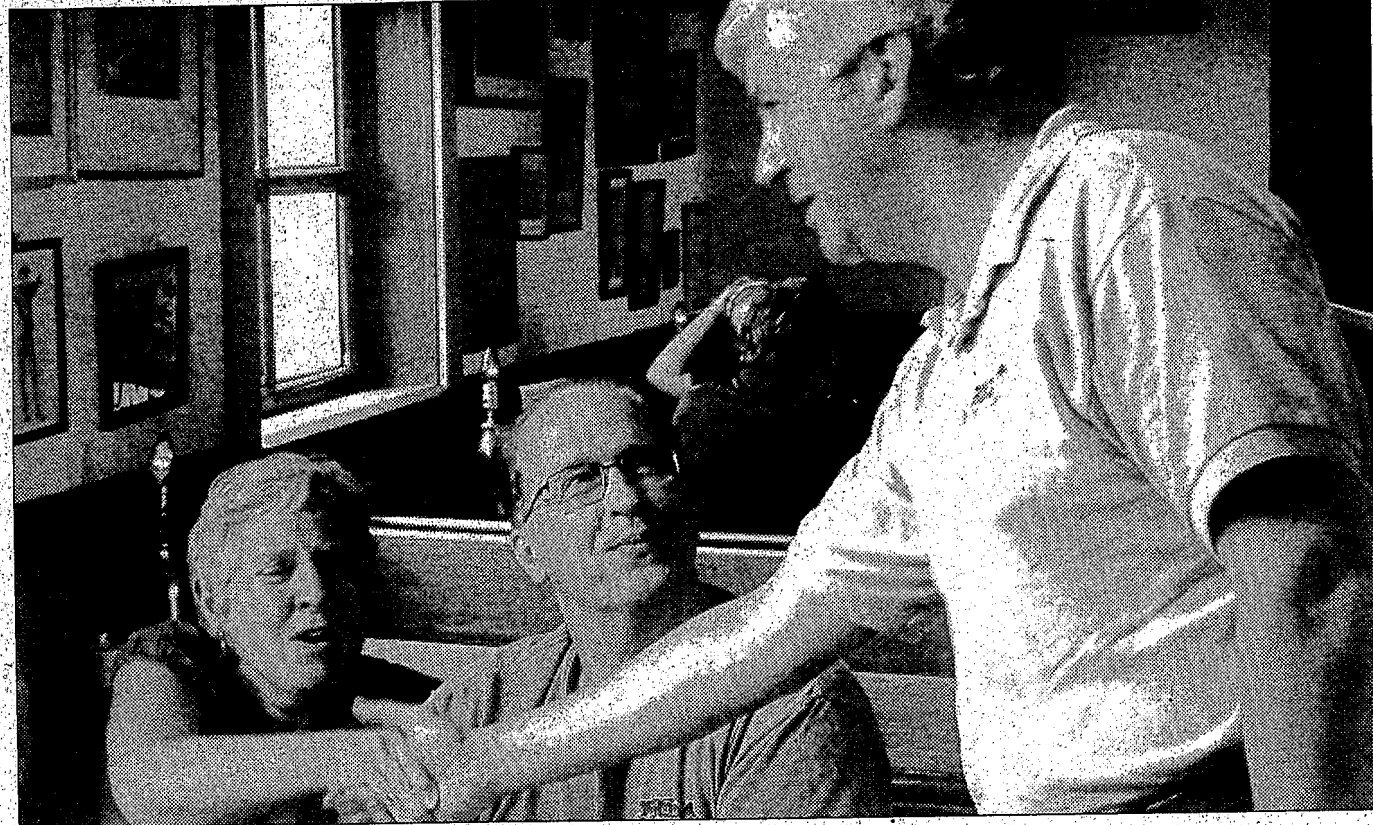
The Clarkston Equestrian team is hosting its 4th Annual Bowling Benefit at Cherry Hills Lanes on August 16th from 7-9 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per bowler and includes two hours of bowling, pizza and pop. Lane sponsorships are available for \$50-\$100. All proceeds benefit the Clarkston Equestrian Team.

For more information, contact a member of the Equestrian team or call 248-241-6512.

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## Meeting the future governor?

Rick Snyder, candidate for governor, made a last minute campaign stop at the Clarkston Union, Aug. 2, here meeting with locals Connie and Tom Howard, the day before winning the Republican nomination. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

## Watch for pitfalls when making website

**BY PHIL CUSTODIO**  
*Clarkston News Editor*

Opening a business is exciting, but establishing a presence on the World Wide Web can be sticky.

For a new Clarkston business owner, who asked to remain anonymous, a sour deal with a website designer cost money, time, and almost her name.

"It was a nightmare," she said. "Nothing was getting done. We were getting close to opening, and no website."

The designer also registered the web site under its own name, complicating a switch to someone new.

"I was out several thousands of dollars, which I took as a loss," she said. "I knew nothing about web sites. I didn't know what I didn't know."

Allowing a website designer to own the URL, the site's address on the Internet, is like handing over keys to your building, said Norm Pardo, local Internet expert.

"People are paying 2-3 grand for a web site and not getting the user name and passwords — they don't own their URL," said Pardo, designer of Clarkston411.com. "Always keep control of your content. If you

buy it, you should own it."

Business owners should own their website name, have it registered to them, and know the passwords to it, he said.

If not, they are vulnerable if they want to change web master, as in the Clarkston business owner's case, or even if the web master dies.



**Pardo**

"Then you have to go through probate," he said. He offers one-week classes for 1-2 students at a time on website basics.

"How to get your domain name, purchase a dot-com, build a web site by yourself, and know how to manage it," said Pardo, who offered the classes in Florida before moving to Independence Township in 2006.

Website templates can be purchased for less than \$100, while designers charge thousands to build a site from the ground up.

"Most of them use templates anyway," he said.

Website management skills help owners keep content current, since they can update it themselves, without having to phone a



**Establishing a website can be dangerous if you're not careful.**

webmaster and wait for them to do it.

For more information, call Pardo at the *Clarkston News*, 248-625-3370, or attend a Clarkston Coffee Clubs meeting, 7:30 a.m., Thursdays, at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

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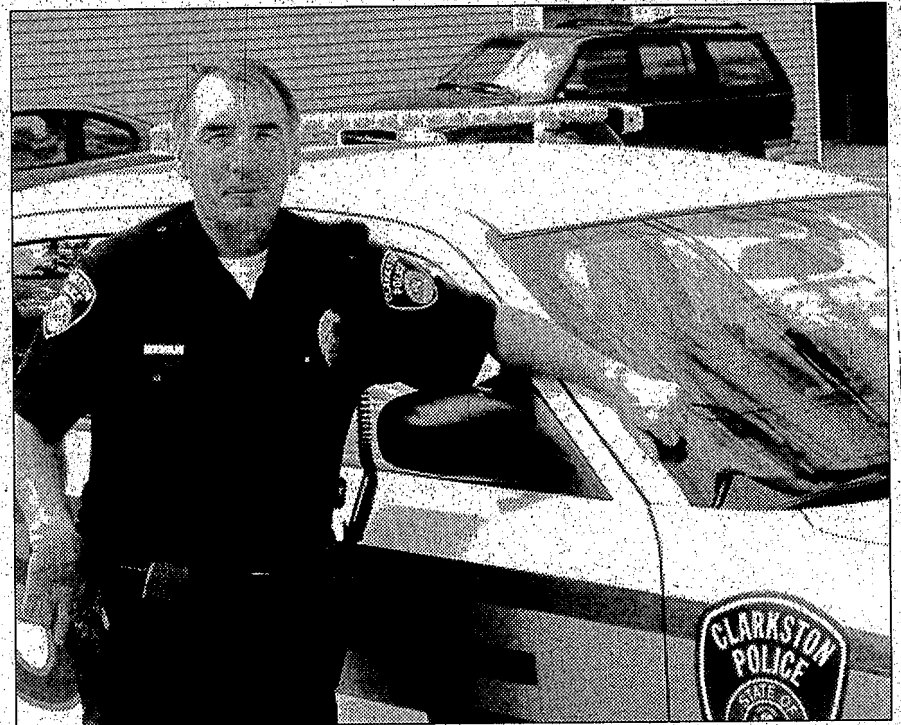


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## Police preservation

With the public support at Monday's Clarkston City Council meeting, Police Chief Dale LaCroix and his officers remain hopeful the city will find a way to keep the department. A charter amendment to increase city taxes by up to five mills was defeated, Aug. 3. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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## Deadline error causes confusion

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

For Becky Summerlee of Clarkston, the way the city put its recent charter amendment on the ballot inspired her to run for office.

"Losing the police department? I'm frustrated we're in this position," Summerlee said. "I believe taxes foremost should go to protect us."

She saw the deadline to register as a candidate and gather at least 20 petition signatures was Aug. 10, giving her a week.

But later that day, Aug. 3, a city council member told her the paperwork had to be in that day.

"Just more misinformation," Summerlee said.

Posting the wrong deadline date for city office was an honest mistake, said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

"Certainly nothing intentional," Ritter said. "It was unfortunate. It won't happen next time."

City Clerk Janet Gillespie posted the deadline for nominating petitions for mayor and city council as Aug. 10.

Actually, according to city charter, deadline was Aug. 3.

The error stemmed from a misreading of state election deadlines, Ritter said.

According to state law, village candidates must file their candidacy for office by Aug. 10.

"What happened is she saw 'village' in the 'Important Dates and Filing Deadlines' list from the Secretary of State's office," Ritter said.

On Aug. 2, they received a verification form from Oakland County clerk's office, seeking a list of candidates because of the Aug. 3 deadline. Realizing the mistake, they called and emailed all candidates who had taken out a petition, he said.

City charter sets candidacy registration deadline for council seats, first Tuesday after first Monday in August - Aug. 3 this year.

Registered candidates are Joe Luginski, running for a two-year term as mayor, and incumbents Charles Inabnit and Peggy Roth, running for two-year terms on Clarkston City Council. Incumbent Mayor Steve Arkwright is not running for re-election.

Candidates can file as a write-in candidate until Oct. 22. Summerlee said she hasn't decided yet if she will file as a write-in.

For more information on the city election, call 248-625-1559.



Summerlee



Michael Sabol gives his viewpoint on the millage proposal at Monday's Clarkston City Council meeting. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Ballot language criticized as unclear, confusing

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tonight, you don't have approval to vote," he said. "There is not a vote that's been passed yet, so you shouldn't be voting on a contract tonight, but if you feel it's right to vote for that contract then go ahead and vote for it."

Main Street resident Stuart Mahler, commended the council.

"You don't know how hard these people worked and agonized," he told the crowd. "Believe me, they are not experts in any particular field other than caring about this community. There isn't anybody I spoke to going to the many meetings where these people haven't done their best."

Former Mayor Sharron Catalo said she believed the millage language was "formula for failure."

"The way that proposition was written didn't give it an opportunity to pass," she said. "I do think you need to go back and see what your other options are, that's the only fair thing to do for this community."

The council voted 6-1 to hold on the police contract because the majority did not feel comfortable approving the contract until getting official results from the county. Councilman Steve Hargis was the dissenting vote.

"I like the police department, I like having

it here, but I think there's been a lot of discussion about this, a lot of thinking, there's been voting," Hargis said. "I think the public spoke on the vote."

While Councilman Jim Brueck agreed to hold on the contract, but said he was concerned about the budget.

"We need to do two things," he said. "One, develop a ballot proposal for November we think will give us the clear cut answer. It's 'speak then or forever hold your peace.' Then between now and then figure out how we cut back our spending. Maybe that's reducing some services. Maybe even some police services to stay within a certain budget area."

Wording must be finalized by Aug. 24, for it to be put on the ballot in November.

The council set a special council meeting for Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. to discuss police funding ideas.

City Manager Dennis Ritter said it's important for all residents who voted both yes or no, "particularly those opposed to it are made aware there is another vote."

"They should have the same opportunity to come to the council and express their concerns about having 'no' vote," he said. "We've heard from this side and I think it's important for the council and community the other side is heard as well. It's simple fairness."

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## Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

### Election surprises

Our office phones rang of thielection hook after our last editorial hit news stands.

Even Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace came into our office Wednesday morning looking for a paper. Unfortunately, they had not been delivered yet.

When I heard Mr. Wallace had stopped by, I was rather surprised, since he has taken a vow of silence towards the News since 2008, when we editorialized against the professional-manager slate, of which Wallace was a part. Now, he can't even answer a simple e-mail.

The reactions we get are interesting. We've already written the pros and cons on each of the millage proposals and now, it was our turn. Whether we are right, wrong, or indifferent, we're entitled to our opinion just as much as the next person.

As I have said in the past - one cannot just be persuaded by political ads, news media, friends or even family, but you must vote according to your own heart.

As far as the millages are concerned, I, personally, am glad both police and library millages passed in Independence Township. It would have been a hard hit to lose eight to 12 more officers.

It's funny to me looking back how many meetings the board debated the language for the millages. They were worried the small amount from the millages that goes to the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority would cause voters to vote them down. The voters proved the board member's doubts wrong by passing the millages with flying colors.

Springfield Township voters also found it as important to keep their park land intact with the park and recreation millage.

As far as the City of Clarkston's general five mill increase, a seven vote difference certainly told strong feelings were both for and against. Considering 11 voters did not vote on the millage proposal at all it makes me wonder what way they would have voted had they done so.

I think the city would have had a great success had they had a designated "police millage," as opposed to a general millage to "save the police."



# The Clarkston News Viewpoints

## Support appreciated

Dear Editor,

To the residents of the City of the Village of Clarkston who supported us on Aug. 3 and again at the City Council meeting on

Monday night, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and say thank you!

To the residents who, for whatever reason, are not in favor of retaining the Clarkston Police Department, we ask you please keep an open mind on this topic. As always,

we are at your service to answer and invite any questions or comments you may have concerning your department.

We are sworn to protect and service this community and are very pleased to continue to do so, hopefully for many years to come.

Thanks again to all our loyal friends and supporters.

*The Officers of the  
Clarkston Police Department.*

### Letters to the editor

## Show care to servicemen

Dear Editor,

This past June, a Congressional Committee heard the following:

Committee Chairman Carl Levin (D-MI) voiced concern. "The increase in suicides by military personnel in the last few years is alarming," he read from his opening statement.

"The numbers of suicides have increased in every service, but significantly more so in the Army and Marine Corps, the two services most heavily engaged in ground combat in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Ranking member John McCain (R-AZ) fleshed this out.

"The Department of Defense has documented nearly 2,000 suicides from 2001 to 2009, and today the services report more than 140 during 2010."

According to McCain, rates for the Army

and Marine Corps "are at historic high levels."

Expressing this trend epidemiologically, Committee member Joe Lieberman (I-CT) added: "The suicide rate among active duty U.S. military personnel has increased over the last decade from 9.1 per 100,000 in 2001 to 15.6 per 100,000 in 2009."

That's a jump of 71 percent.

Our community continues to care about those who have served, or are serving, and their families.

A website has been created in an effort to guide members of military families who are in need to sources of assistance:

[www.clarkstoncares.org/](http://www.clarkstoncares.org/)

Be sure to use it if you, or someone you know, needs it!

*Dr. Thomas K. Stone  
Clarkston*

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1995

"A labor of love..." Dr. James Shaya, and nurses Trisha Lynch, Carol Karlstrom, Nick Ochoa, and Linda Ramsey, all Clarkston residents, planned a volunteer trip to the Dominican Republic with Midwest Medical Missions.

"I'll be back," Arkwright says" It was a tough decision, but Steve Arkwright pulled a petition to run again for Clarkston City Council. "I decided I needed a break," he said. "I'm still very involved. At some point, I'll run again."

"Science is fun" Nick Roger, Shayla Blower, Elizabeth Hoekstra, and other science campers at North Sashabaw Elementary built their own rockets, designed new planets, and visited with exotic animals.

### 25 years ago - 1985

"Ahoy! A pirate party" Homer Biondi dressed as Long John Silver at the Independence Township Library's Books and Buccaneers summer reading program. Dan Ely, Tim Colburn, Jayna Johnson, and other children, dressed in eye patches, boots, and headscarves, joined in the fun.

"Athena must go within 120 days" Oakland County Circuit Court ruled a 300-pound tiger named Athena and a bobcat had to be moved from her home in Independence Township. The decision upheld the township zoning board of appeal's decision that ordinances did not allow the big cat.

"Youths work to better community" Mike Insenverg, Mike Braun, Mike Lotan, and other local youth worked on landscaping through the Clarkston area, as part of the federal Summer Youth Employment Training Program.

### 50 years ago - 1960

"Township election results" With few voting, about 470 ballots were cast for Republicans, and 384 for Democrats in Independence Township. A proposition to raise the tax limitation was defeated 369-305. The one to create a sinking fund for the Court House was defeated, 371-302.

"Village Art Exhibit announced" Ivan F. Rouse of The Conservatory of Music planned a Village Art Exhibit in Clarkston. He planned to showcase art from local and statewide artists.

"Clarkston local" Saturday evening was the scene of a delicious barbecue at the home of Linda Hallman on Overlook Drive. Guests were Bobette Buehrig, Cricket Embrey, Connie Buzzell, Marty Madison, Bev Galligan, Cheryl Cinader, Mike Turek, Tom Weber, Randy Armstrong, Don Stageman, Skip Walker, Gary Pearson, Dan Craven, Bob Kriss, and Bob Mathewson.

# ARRRRRG! I hate politics, governments, et al

I can tell this is gonna be a rough period in my life. I can see into the future and behold a time of turmoil, grief and - oh yes, election time politics.

I hate politics.

I don't trust, admire or really like politicians and their bureaucratic brethren who run government. I also feel very sad for our citizenry who only want nice, pat answers; who accept every line cast by their "guy" in office, because it concurs with their individual sense of party loyalty.

I hate party loyalty, too.

And, I hate hating, too. It sucks knowing that I have no power over the powerful.

So, the first message I get when I get into this office this week is this (I'll paraphrase in my own style): The City of the Village of Clarkston (by the way I hate that name, too) publicly posted the deadline to be on the ballot for city council was 4 p.m., August 10 (yesterday).

It's that way in minutes, it's that way in published notices. Only problem is/was . . . the deadline was August 3.

Oops. An "unfortunate" mistake.

All those who already had their petitions in, or were known to be running, were notified. For those who were waiting for the published deadline, tough. Run as a write-in.

That mistake was made in July. And corrected . . . never. Why? Why didn't the folks at the City of the Village of Clarkston call the newspaper and say, "please tell our residents there was a mistake"? Why not educate the citizenry? All we heard were the crickets.

Don't  
Rush Me



A column by  
Don Rush

This could very well be an honest-to-goodness mistake. Regrettably, it still has, or should have repercussions. When folks in the private sector or regular life make honest-to-goodness mistakes they pay for it. They lose their jobs, they go to jail, lose their families, whatever. When folks in government make mistakes all you get is shoulder shrugs, gee-whizzes and "By golly, that was an honest mistake. It won't happen again."

Why is that always good enough?

If this were the City of the Village of Clarkston, England, maybe there could be a "no confidence" vote to change things up. But it ain't.

I'll go out on a limb here: In the city council race there will be unopposed running. There will be just enough candidates on the ballot to fill council seats. There will be no opposition, no difference of opinion.

While I am not a conspiratorial type (that you know of), I can see why some who are say, "Democracy has been thwarted in the City of the Village of Clarkston -- because only the select few knew the *real* deadline."

No confidence.

This is the same council who made a motion to spend some taxpayer money, passed it and then when our newspaper reported word-for-word the motion, was told by councilmembers our reporting was inaccurate. When we let them hear the recording of the motion, and that our reporting of the words spoken was indeed correct, we were told the motion voted on and the intent were different.

And, that is 'sposed to be okay?

This is the same governmental body who wanted to raise taxes 25 percent (or there about) for police protection, but wouldn't designate it as such. If approved, said new money

would have gone into the General Fund to be spent for anything. They wonder why folks voted the millage down?

Is it because the City of the Village of Clarkston is not trusted, or thought to be trustworthy?

How many other motions were voted on only to appear different in the "official" minutes? Nobody knows, because even after what our newspaper showed the City of the Village of Clarkston, they refuse to actually "record" their meetings.

Folks have to take their word on it -- just like they would have to take their word they would have spent the five extra mills on police; and just like they would have to take their word that the deadline to file a petition to participate in local democracy was, indeed, the correct deadline.

You know, it's kinda funny. We own property in downtown Clarkston and have gotten a number of letters from the city concerning our landscaping and how it lacks that certain Clarkston charm. That our new shrubs planted, in a word, sucked. What's funny about it was at the same time we got these letters, the city-owned parking lots were full of weeds and unmaintained.

See, it is okay for the government types to not maintain, and when they get caught, laugh and say, "oops" but when somebody else does something the government frowns upon . . . look out.

I think this is an official call for all the good folk of Clarkston to secede to the township; dissolve the City of the Village of Clarkston. Do something. Revolt. This should also be a notice to township residents -- just because you have a hired, professional manager to run things, doesn't mean stuff doesn't still happen.

And, did I mention, I hate government?

## Another time the judge got it right, marriage a la carte and more

Last March, the Waco, Texas Environmental Quality office received a complaint. It was alleged that David Cousins leased out a hunting cabin and allowed hunters to defecate in the woods.

It was also alleged there is no restroom, and Mr. Cousins is planning to extend plumbing into a creek next to the cabin. The complaint was referred to Judge Daniel Burkeen for further investigation.

The judge responded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:

"We have had some delay in our investigation of the incidents alleged in the complaint. The problem is, we have recently had a rash of reports of cows, horses, sheep and goats defecating at will in pastures throughout the

county.

"On top of this, we suspect that wild hogs, deer and all sorts of other animals are defecating without even trying to find a proper facility. In addition, I have personal proof on my windshield of a mischievous bird defecating in flight.

"The culprit flew away, but I did get a description. It was red. The gift it left was white.

"In order to complete our investigation, I must ask, should we inquire into urination, or only defecation? I strongly believe both are taking place, since hunters have long been suspected of taking a good amount of liquid refreshment with them into the woods.

"Also, we are collecting samples of the activities of these diabolical, defecating reprobates. Should we send these to you, or directly to Austin?

"Lastly, please allow us to handle this at the local level, and do not involve the federal government. When it comes to

matters of excessive defecation, Washington bureaucrats would only add to our misery.

"Don't mess with Texas."

*Yours truly, Daniel Burkeen,  
County Judge.*

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Going through some old *Lake Orion Weekly Review* newspapers I found this poem by Helen Rowland. She wrote it in 1913.

*Marriage A La Carte*

*Six days he knew her -- that was all  
Six minutes, down at City Hall;*

*Six weeks of gladsome honeymoon,  
Six more of scrapping -- out of tune;*

*Six months in Reno -- a divorce!  
Here, waiter! Bring the second*

*course!*  
Kinda brings tears to your eyes, don't it?

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• The older we get the more often we drop things on the floor. I think it's God's way of getting us to exercise.

• I think it was in the 1970s that my former Navy buddy opened a convenience store in Whitewater, Wis. He told me about a man coming in one day asking for Baraboo Brew. My friend replied, "Yes, sir, Barboo Brew, direct from horse to you!" The man was a Baraboo Brew representative and he took my friends inventory of that brand.

• Hey judges, you who we depend on for enforcing the law, why are so many criminals with multiple convictions of crimes, continually let free, often to kill? Justify that!

I know, it's the lawyer's fault. Oh, yeah, and lawyers sometimes contribute a little extra to judicial campaigns.

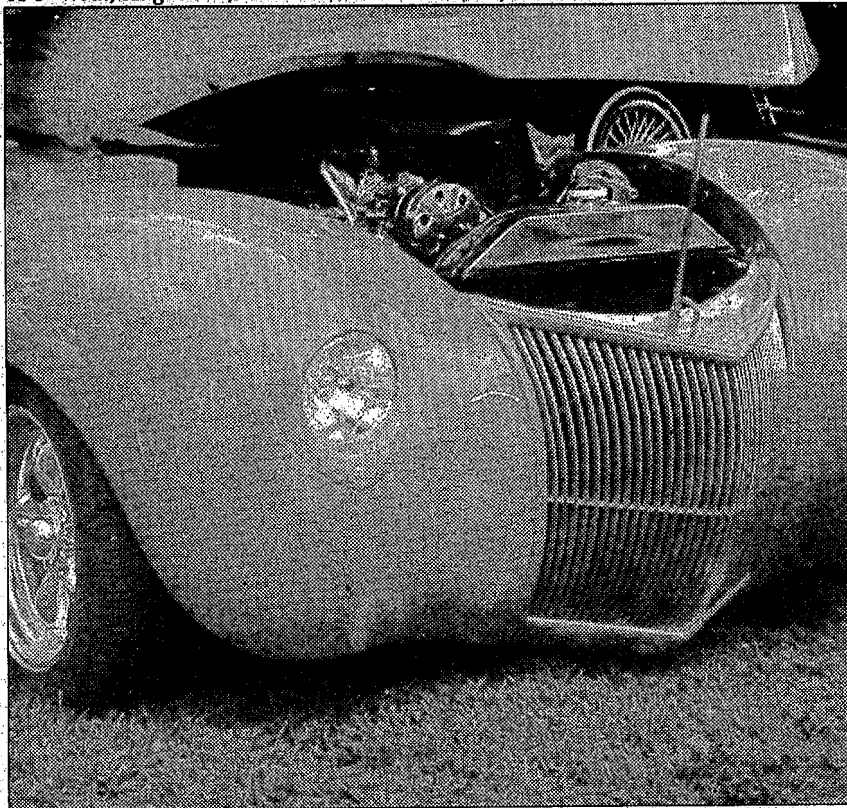
• Seen on a tv commercial: Some powdery dish washing stuff "knows" when it's time to release something that cleans better. Anything that smart is eligible for Congress.

• I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

Jim's  
Jottings



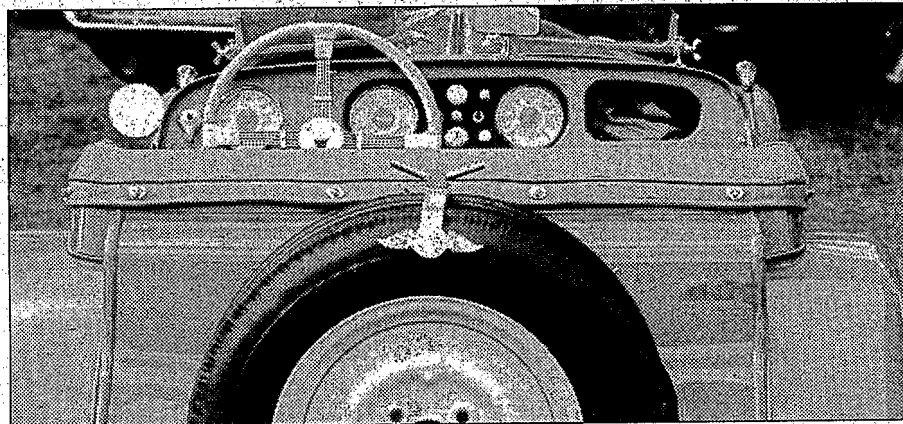
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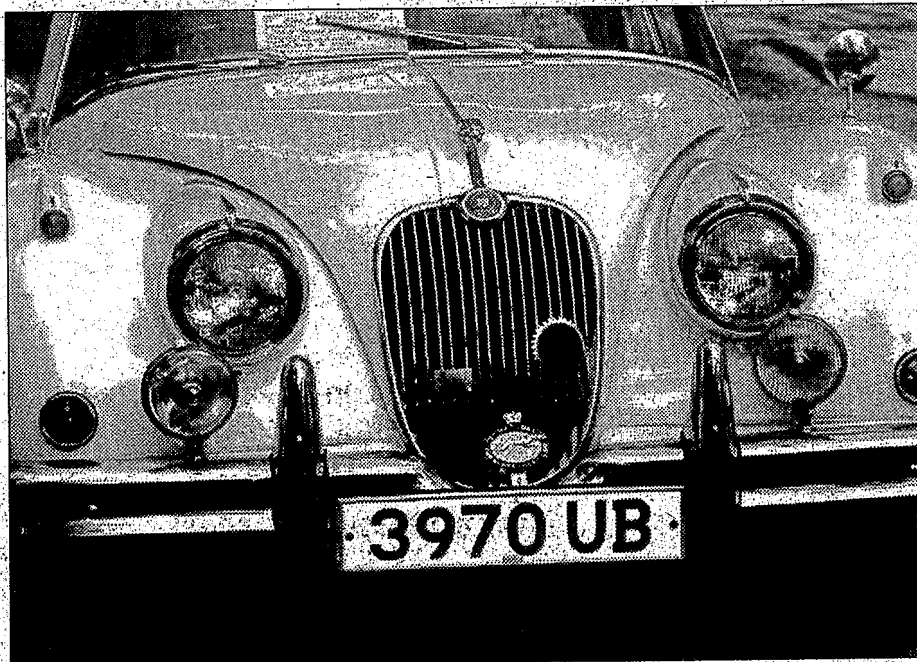
Bud Gaines red 1940 Ford Hardtop shows off its smooth lines.



Depot Park was filled with classic vehicles - each with a tale.



The 1954 Morgan Plus 4 beckons to hit the road.



Gary Hershoren's 1960 Jaguar XK-150 is protected by the shady trees.

## Get your engines going

Rachel Thornton peeked into the back of the 1963 Austin Countryman.

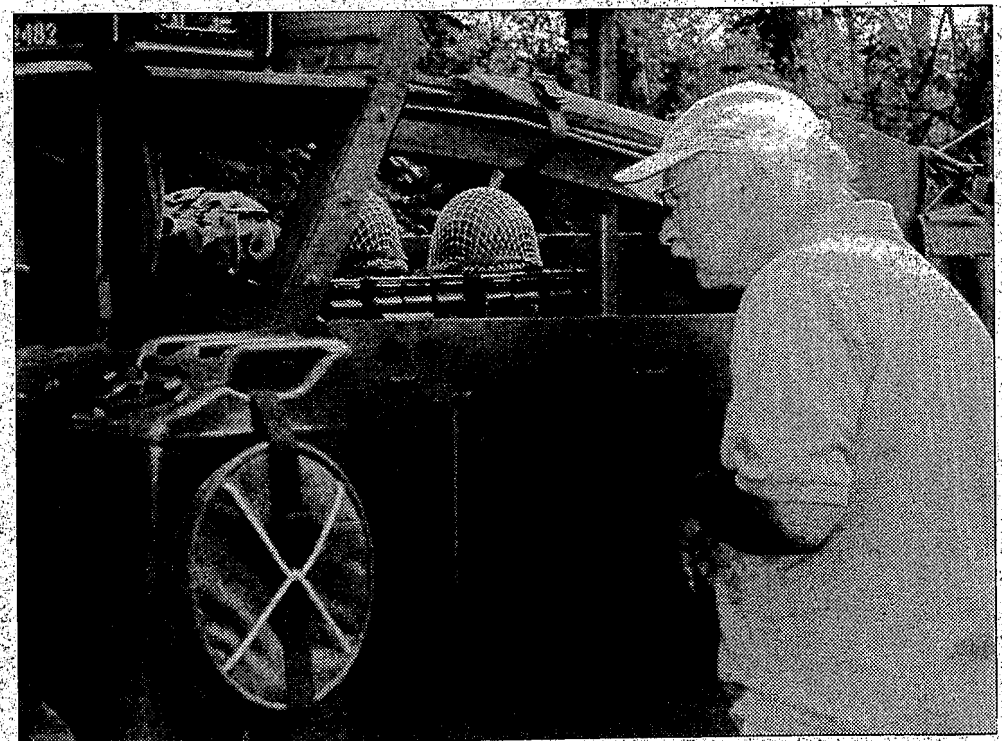
Though too young to drive it didn't stop her from dreaming about owning one in the future.

Thornton joined her parents and other car enthusiasts as they walked around Depot Park while gazing at the vehicles covering the grass on Friday evening.

Concours in the Park, the annual benefit for SCAMP, brought the restorations out of the garages and into the spotlight.

Enthusiasts also participated in a silent auction, enjoyed Cooks Dairy Ice Cream and enjoyed the cars from the past and present. Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc. threw the 24th annual event.

*Photos by Wendi Reardon*



Stan Fowler takes a peek into Keith Nattrass's World War II M-3A1 Scout Car. Nattrass won the SCAMPers' Choice award.



# Public Safety

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

## Cloned credit card

An Independence Township man reported his credit card information cloned and used in Florida to purchase \$1,174 in merchandise, July 12.

## Here illegally

A deputy noticed an air freshener and rope hanging from a car's rearview mirror, 4:05 p.m., July 20, and checked on it. Finding it's registered owner's license expired, he stopped it on Mann Road at Clintonville. The driver, a 38-year-old Independence Township woman, said she was a citizen of Mexico in the U.S. illegally. She said she came to America about 12 years ago through Arizona with friends, paying a "coyote" \$1,000 to get her through. She was cited for no proof of insurance and obstructed view, and deputies contacted immigration for pick up.

## Prescription fraud

Deputies arrested a 19-year-old Springfield Township man for prescription fraud in an Ortonville Road drug store, 9:05 p.m., July 20. He was waiting to pick up a prescription using forged paperwork for pain killers.

## Boat batteries boosted

Four marine batteries were taken from a pontoon boat, docked behind a Clement Road home, July 30.

## Stolen identity

An Independence Township man went to a Social Security hearing for benefits, July 23, and learned someone had been using his Social Security number for employment in Marietta, Ga., since 2007.

## Cleaned out

A Boyne Highland Trail resident reported three rings taken from her home, July 29. Checking into her cleaning company, deputies found the company had recently fired an employee for trying to sell three rings at a pawn shop, in uniform.

## Break-ins, thefts

Someone entered through an unlocked rear door of a St. Andrew Circle home, July 31, taking a flat screen TV and video games.

Someone took the right rear tire and wheel off a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 6000 block of Mary Sue Street, Aug. 1, leaving the vehicle up on cement landscaping blocks.

A burglar cut a window screen to enter a Fay Street home, Aug. 2, taking watches and

about a \$100 in change.

Someone entered a vehicle through an unlocked door and rummaged through the glove box, July 28 in the 5000 block of Old Cove Road. Nothing was taken, but powder was thrown throughout the interior of the vehicle.

More than \$1,000 in-cash was reported taken from a Sashabaw Road house, July 27. The screen was cut in a back window in the house.

GPS units were taken from two unlocked vehicles, July 28, in the 6000 block of Lake Waldon Drive.

The driver's side window was smashed out on a car parked at the Sashabaw Road, I-75 Park and Ride, July 28.

A car's driver's side rear window was smashed by a rock, 12:25 a.m., July 30, in the 6000 block of Pine Valley Road.

## Gun gone

After returning home from a trip, Aug. 3, a W. Harvard Avenue resident looked for his 9mm pistol he left under several pairs of pants in a closet and found it was missing.

## Gun brought to dog fight

A 17-year-old Independence Township boy was walking his pit bull puppy on Maybee Road, 11:15 a.m., Aug. 1, when he was approached by a neighbor walking two of his own dogs.

The 35-year-old Independence Township man, who was carrying a revolver in a holster, said he felt threatened and put his hand on the gun. The boy said he pulled it part-way out of its holster.

The gun owner told the responding deputy he had the right to open carry, to which the deputy agreed. He added, though, his action was "dangerously close to felonious assault," and advised him to keep his hand away from his gun unless his life was in imminent danger.

## More guns gone

Standing by as an Independence Township woman picked up her items from her Sashabaw Road home, Aug. 3, a deputy spoke to the homeowner, a 37-year-old Independence Township man.

Free on bond on a domestic assault charge, one condition of release was not to possess any guns. The deputy asked if he had any guns, and he said he did, nine of them, in his safe.

He was arrested for violating his bond and the guns were taken as evidence.

- Reports collected by Phil Custodio

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# Township looks to hire budget consultant

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As a way to speed the budget process up and get things rolling, Independence Township Board of Trustees is considering hiring a budget coordinator.

"It's someone who's supposed to vary mechanical and analytical spins on the budget to bring to life various alternatives and compare them against each other," said Trustee David Lohmeier. "So we can make a final decision on the 2011 budget."

The man for consideration is the City of Troy's John Lamerato, assistant manager/finance and administration. Lamerato currently has a contract with Township as "Fact Finder" for the Teamsters Union.

The board held off making a decision at the Aug. 3 meeting in order for the Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, Treasurer Curt Carson, and Supervisor Dave Wagner to sit down together and discuss it. The board scheduled to discuss it further at their Aug. 10 budget meeting.

"If these three administrative officers are not on the same page it's going to make it more difficult to get a resolution on which direction we ought to go," Trustee Larry Rosso said.

Wagner said the three full-time met with Lamerato last Friday and had a "long conversation with him."

"I don't know if he's interested in assisting us at all, he went on vacation this week and I'm going to meet with him a week from today," Wagner said, on Monday. "He's going to think about it he's not quite sure what he can do or not do to give any assistance to

us."

After sitting down with Lamerato, Carson said he had a "much better understanding" for wanting to bring him on board than he did when it was explained at the prior board meeting.

"At this point it's not any major deal. The supervisor has a budget, which will have been worked on with the finance director," he said. "We want to have someone from the outside take a look at it."

According to Lohmeier, part of the problem has been because they haven't had a budget from the supervisor yet to work on.

"We've had a lot of work and understanding where we've got opportunities within departments, but we haven't had the first draft cut that Dave's recommended," he said. "The requirement is he has to propose his draft budget, and we start iterating on it."

Wagner said he and Hendricks "just about" have the budget done, which he hopes to present in the next couple of weeks. He too would have liked to had a budget a month or two ago, but he said the "shortage



Lamerator

of help" put a damper on things.

"We have one finance director and her assistant has been out on leave, she's out for three months, so it's sort of put a real crunch on things," he said. "When you only have one person it's hard when they're being pulled a dozen different ways."

Trustee Mark Petterson agreed with Lohmeier, a few of the departments have given "their best laid plans," but the rest he said were "fantasy numbers."

"Basically all our budget meetings have been nothing but creating sound bytes," he said. "It's just something for show for TV and we've gotten nowhere."

As far as cost, Wagner imagines they would pay him his current hourly rate of \$75 per hour that they pay him for his work with the Teamsters. He said he presumes it would take 10 to 15 hours of Lamerato's time.

"If we were talking about bringing someone on and paying \$20,000 to \$40,000, I would be completely opposed to it," he said. "We can't afford to spend any money right now and we have the quality of people here that are able to do it."

Petterson said he was opposed to it and said the board already has spent enough money when Human Resource Director Carol

Gabris was hired full-time position, \$64,150 salary with benefits at department head level.

"How many more people are we going to hire to do people's jobs," Petterson asked. "There should be no reason why we don't come up with our budget on our own and stop our fighting and our own political posturing for our own favorite departments."

Wagner hopes if they hire Lamerato, it will help the process go "smoother" and they won't have what they did last year where "there is a huge debate over every line item." If they don't hire, then it falls back to the board.

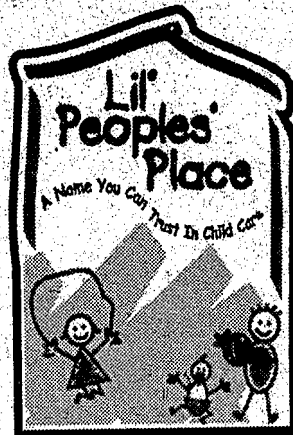
"As seven people who were elected to do this job will have to step up to the plate and do what's right for the citizens and the community," he said.

Lohmeier said he "doesn't care" if it makes him look bad by hiring an third party to come in and help.

"I would feel much worse as how I would look if I didn't have a budget and I'm firing people in December, my job is to get the budget done and approve a balanced budget," he said. "Right now with our internal resources it isn't working, so I'm supporting going to the next level and doing something else to get it done."

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# Schools to face worst-case simulation

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools is preparing for a chemical spill in the fall, a worst-case simulation also involving Lake Orion and Oxford school districts.

Last year the three districts were awarded a \$249,074 Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant to fund their expanded emergency management plans.

Interim Superintendent David Reschke updated the school board Monday night on the joint effort.

"It has been a real plus and asset to the district," said Reschke. "It gives us the opportunity to double check and triple check our safety procedures and protocols."

The districts put themselves to the test when Lake Orion hosted a simulation on food borne illness during the spring.

The districts as well as police, fire and medical departments practiced their protocols - especially evaluating the situation and tending to the students' safety.

A concern from Trustee Cheryl McGinnis was what would happen if something happened during a football game, basketball game or another event with a mass amount of people.

Reschke said they have protocol for it and will have a simulation in Oxford about school invaders. As for exact details if the intruder would be armed or unarmed or if it would

happen in the classroom, school assembly or during an event they are also unknown to get a better "real" response from everyone.

Another concern addressed is how would the district evacuate and control the situation. Classrooms have a flip-chart to help them if something does happen. The grant allowed for the charts to be updated.

"We wouldn't have been able to do it without the grant," Reschke added.

Clarkston applied for the grant to continue to build readiness for any emergency situation that might occur.

"We are prepared," said Reschke.

Throughout the past year the grant has provided training to emergency response teams in each district on the National Incident Management System, used nation-wide by communit responders. The training also included threat assessment, diversity, legal issues, critical incident management and community response training.

Clarkston is the fiscal agent overseeing the use of the grant funds. Reschke serves as the project manager for the grant and will pass the role to Wes Goodman to oversee from October to January, when the grant is finished. Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan will be in chard of overall school safety response systems.

# Debt \$234.8 million, principal and interest

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erty values over the past three years have been going down."

Property values fell 15 percent this past year, about \$185 million in taxable value, said Curt Carson, Independence Township treasurer.

"I expect it to continue to drop," Carson said. "I anticipate the property-value drop to slow and hit rock bottom in 2012, 2013."

Clarkston Board of Education voted unanimously, Aug. 9, to continue borrowing from the state program.

"This is an annual action we must take to allow our district to participate in the state School Bond Loan Fund program, which helps us to pay back our prior bond debt," said board President Steve Hyer. "Ultimately the debt millage ends up paying back the bonds and the state program. This is something we will continue to do annually until the debt millage covers our interest and principal payments."

"Long term debt is only considered when a school district is interested in issuing new bonds for capital improvements," said board Vice President Sue Boatman. "Other spending, like programs and raises, comes from the general fund which gets its revenue mainly from the state in the form of per pupil foundation grants."

The district is paying off six bonds, issued Aug. 8, 2003; Aug. 12, 2004; April 12, 2005; March 22, 2006; and Feb. 14, 2008.

Clarkston's payment schedule, principal plus interest, each year is: \$18.6 million in 2011; \$18.1 million, 2012; \$18.1 million, 2013; \$17.7 million, 2014; \$69.1 million, 2015-2019; \$47.8 million, 2020-2024; and \$27.2 million, 2025-2029.

With \$157 million principal and \$77.5 million in interest, the total is \$234.8 million. The debt is separate from the district's general fund and per-pupil state funding.

Seven mills is the maximum allowed for long-term debt payment. When the amount collected is not enough to pay the scheduled amount, the district borrows from the state loan program. When it collects more than scheduled, the extra goes to repay the state.

Beamer estimates another 15 years before this happens.

"We've been doing this for a long period of time - it looks like we do it for 15 more years instead of 10," he said.

# A vision change lays over the horizon

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The future doesn't just include a new superintendent for Clarkston Community Schools, but also a new vision.

"For a year and a half we wanted to look at it," said School Board President Steve Hyer. "We want to look at what the vision is and where we are headed."

Members of the Teaching and Learning Council worked on a draft for a new vision statement after reviewing past visions and taking into account all stakeholders - students, teachers, parents, staff members and tax payers.

"We have a vision statement in our school improvement program for a long time," said Interim Superintendent David Reschke. "We have put a lot of emphasis on the mission statements and have received more requests to link student programming with our vision."

The board members took a look at it and noticed immediately they wanted to shortend the draft from a few paragraphs into a few sentences while getting enough information in.

"I have seen longer," said Reschke. He added within the vision skills and attitudes should be addressed for the students and more information will be included in the mission

statement, learner profile and goals.

Trustee Cheryl McGinnis felt a key piece was missing from the statement.

"We hear from the stakeholders but I want to hear from the students," she said. "We are here for the sole purpose of educating."

Trustee Barry Bomier and Vice President Susan Boatman noticed places the language could be strengthened - helping to cut down on words.

"We need to look at vocabulary and use active verbs," said Bomier. "This isn't time to us passive voice."

"I agree with all the statements and sharpening the language, be more aggressive," said Hyer.

Treasurer Rosalie Lieblang added the idea to keep in mind a few key points and what does it look like as it forms the district.

Another concern was mentioning the financial vision but Reschke brought forth the idea to have it in policies or goals. Reschke added they will try a shorter version and have a newer version for the board to review on Aug. 16.

"We are not in a hurry," said Hyer. "We are spending time on this while we are in transition."

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# Wolves 'Rush' to help the hungry

Time to hit the grocery stores and pack the pantries for the 13th Annual Rush for Food, scheduled for Friday, August 20.

The annual event brings together the entire Clarkston Football Program as the Freshman, JV and Varsity team members go to local neighborhoods and collect non-perishable food for Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston.

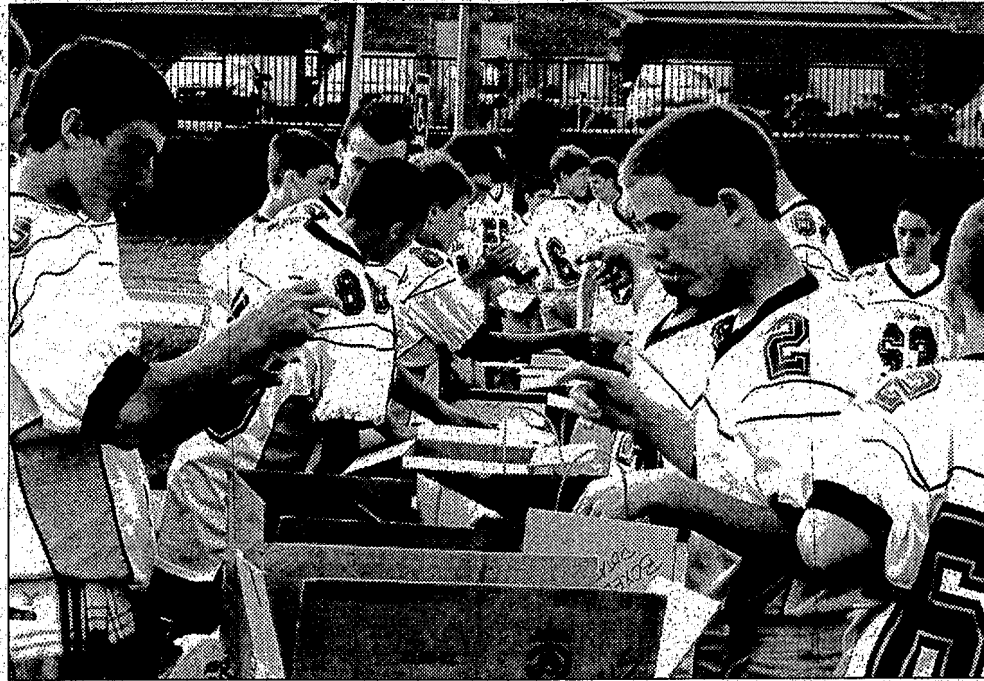
Last year the event collected 4,431 pounds of food and aim for over 4,500 pounds this year.

Football players are collecting food from neighborhoods from 6-7 p.m. and at Lighthouse, 6-7:30 p.m.

Neighborhoods football players are driving through for donations are:

Lake Waldon Woods, HarborTowne, Bridge Lake Bluffs, BirdLand, Chestnut Hills, Sheringham, Boyne Highlands, Glenwoods, Spring Lake, Wyngate, Oakhurst, Middlelake, Softwaterwoods, Old Pond, Sashabaw Creek Meadows, Sashabaw Ridge, Peacefulvalley, Autumn Shores, and BridgeValley.

Donations can be dropped off to Lighthouse, 6330 Sashabaw Road, south of I-75, during business hours, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. on August 20. Please mark bags Rush for Food/Clarkston Football.



Clarkston football players sort food donations at last year's Rush for Food. *File photo.*

The event is organized by a parent volunteer committee, with support of the CHS football staff. WrightActionPix and Sports Creations are funding the pre-event dinner for

the players. Other support includes Clarkston Athletic Boosters, Clarkston Chiefs and Springfield Township Kroger for donating supplies.

## RUSH races this weekend

Team RUSH of Clarkston High School will put their handmade boats to the test, Saturday morning, Aug. 14, at Deer Lake.

The robotics students spent weeks designing and building the cardboard boats, as well as developing a business plan for sponsorships.

Their goal is to float on Deer Lake with three people in each boat, competing for trophies, small cash prizes, and bragging rights.

Students and mentors set up and check in starting at 8:30 a.m. Judging starts at 10 a.m., and races start at 12 p.m. Awards ceremony is set for 1 p.m.

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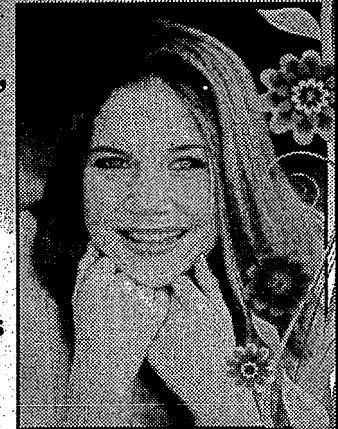
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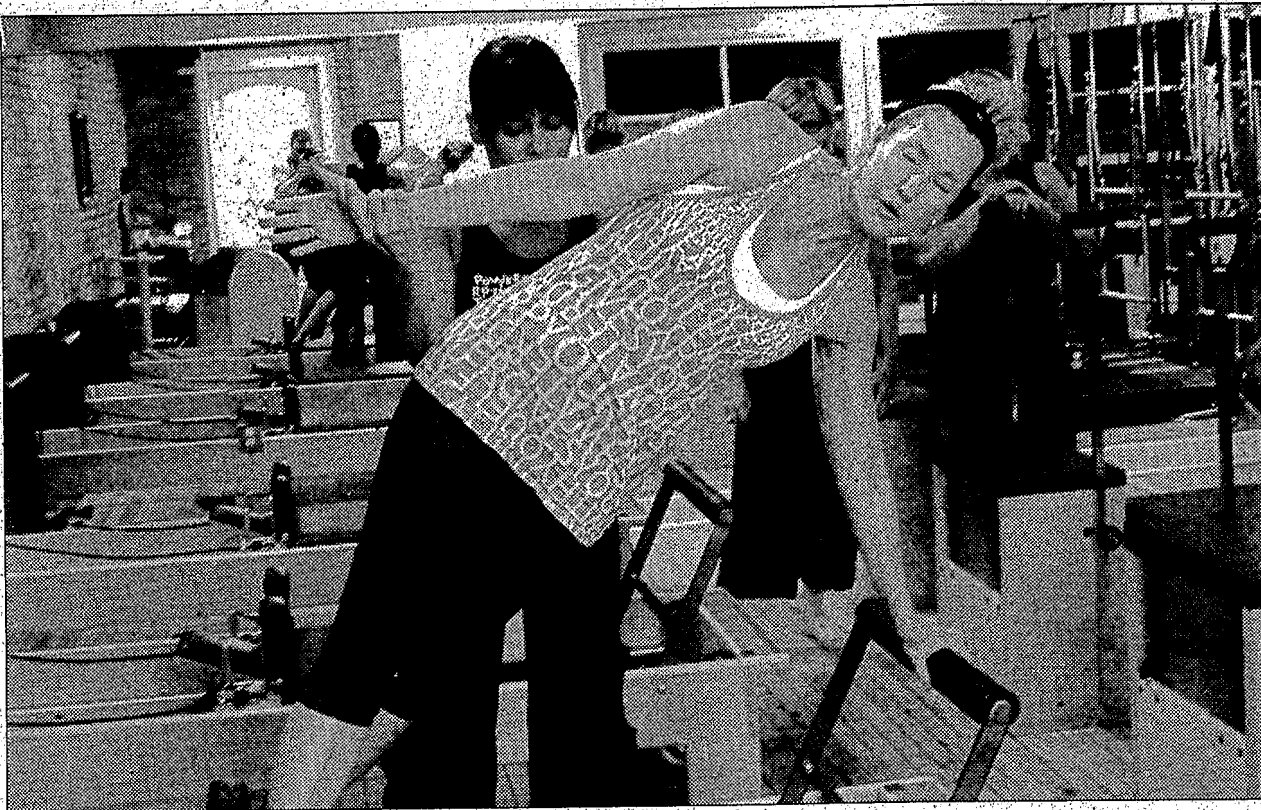
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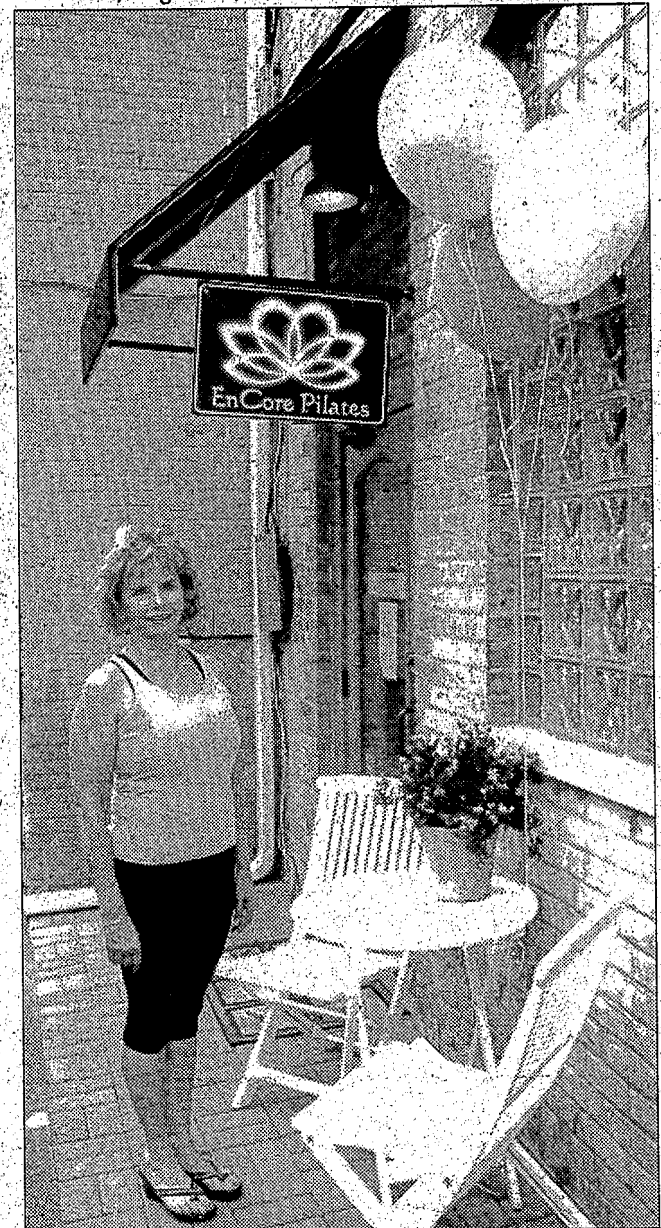
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Shar Saffold outside her studio at 8 S. Main Street.

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Justin Baetz and mom, Patty, during last year's Football for a Cure.

## Playing for mom

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Every gridiron gang member and coach knows how important Saturday's Football for a Cure is for everyone touched by cancer.

Especially Justin Baetz - senior inside line-backer.

Last August he put on the light blue jersey for the game and played for his mom - Patty, who at the time was battling her own fight with cancer.

"It was an inspiration," Justin remembered from last year's event. "It helped my mom out and did something for her because she had something real bad. It was a way to give back to her."

Patty was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2009 and as it changed her life - it changed the life for her husband, Randy and two sons, Justin and Jeremy.

"It was tough," she said. "It is very difficult to go through but it does make you closer with your family. You start realizing how short life is. In a sense there are always positives and that's one of them."

Justin couldn't shake the image from his head as he watched his mom go through the tests and treatments.

"It was really painful," he said. "It hurt to see the pain in my mom's eyes. It was hard to see her like that every day - going through what she had to go through."

Another positive was the support Patty and the Baetz family had from not only friends but the community. When she heard the football program was starting Football for a Cure she was excited they were going to raise money and awareness.

"A tremendous amount of people are touched by cancer every year and not everyone has access to great medical care and a great support system like I do," said Patty. "It is very admirable the Clarkston Football Program is reaching out, raising money and supporting our community to help find a cure for all types of cancer."

Justin is still thankful he had his teammates

with him during the Football for a Cure pre-season scrimmage and during the season.

"It was so helpful with everyone having your back," he said. "Most families have yet to go through what I have."

Since Patty's diagnosis she has undergone three surgeries and had 33 weeks of radiation.

"My doctors believe they have all the cancer," she said. "It was a tough ordeal and hopefully it doesn't come back."

The next four years she is going to be closely monitored.

Justin isn't going to forget what his mom went through as he suits up on Saturday.

"I am going to keep that same mind set as last year. Other people have to go through it as well," he added.

"This has been an extremely difficult time in my life but I have a wonderful husband, along with my two loving sons, who have helped me stay positive and fight this terrible disease," said Patty. "I also have a wonderful group of friends that have supported me through this life changing experience."

This year all Football for a Cure proceeds go to McLaren Breast Cancer and the Great Lakes Cancer Institute, both in Independence Township, including concessions and helmet passing through the stands.

Forms are available at McLaren Breast Cancer at Clarkston and Great Lakes Clarkston Institute, both at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive. T-shirts are available for \$10 and pink and blue bracelets for \$1.

McClaren Breast Center and Great Lakes Cancer Institute will also have a booth with information and a free raffle for an iPod.

"It's a great event," said Patty. "We had a great time last year with it."

The varsity players proudly wear pink and blue jerseys during Football for a Cure, beginning at 7 p.m. this Saturday at the Clarkston High School stadium.

"It's a really good benefit," said Justin. "We are raising money for a good cause. Come out, see us play and make a donation."

## Athletes of the Week

### Climbing to the top

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rachel Vieira and Alex Favazza, of Clarkston, knew it would be a tough fight for their team Finesse Fastpitch 12U at the PONY National Tournament in Cary, North Carolina in July.

One loss had put the team into the loser's bracket and another loss would finish the season.

"We knew we could come back because we had before," said Favazza, remembering the 4-2 loss to CJ Lighting from New Jersey.

Vieira kept her eyes on the ball catching pop ups in centerfield and not holding back when it came to throwing the opponent out of the game. Favazza worked her talents in the outfield and as pitcher.

"We had to step up, have no mistakes and work harder than we had before," Vieira said.

One by one they took other teams in the tournament out and landed in the top eight for a chance at the championship.

As the tournament neared the close on July 22, Finesse Fastpitch had taken the title from the undefeated Delaware Express in four innings in 100 degree weather, 10-0.

"It was a great accomplishment for my team and me," said Favazza. "We have worked so hard throughout the season.

Our conditioning from the winter and the season helped us get to the last game. We weren't as tired as most teams. They only played five teams and we played 15 teams."

Throughout the five day tournament Finesse scored 85 runs for the team and had only 29 runs against them.

They finished the season with an overall record, 56-7.

The team won eight of their ten tourna-



Alex Favazza and Rachel Vieira with their National Championship trophies. Photo provided

ments including the USSSA State Championship. They beat MI Athletics in Canton on July 11, 8-5.

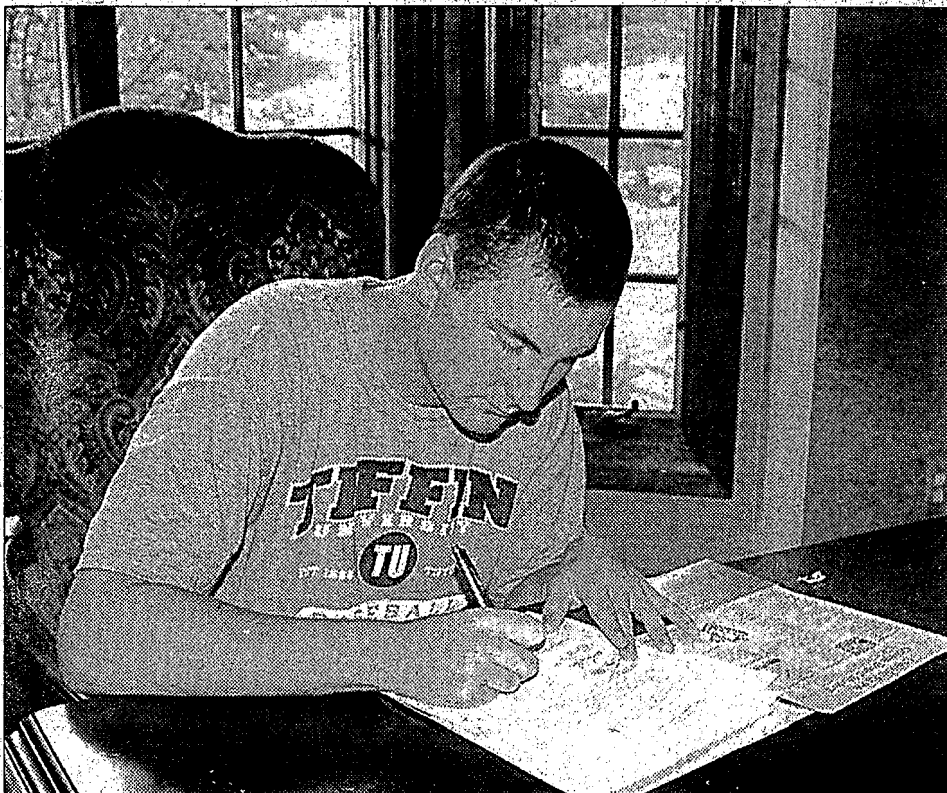
"It was exciting to win states, too," said Vieira. "All the hard work from practice paid off."

Finesse Fastpitch 12U team is coached by Paul Nieto, of South Lyon, and John Sobczak, of Bloomfield, as assistant and Dave Payne, of Plymouth, for pitching.

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# Hitter overcomes injuries, signs up for college ball



Corey Ploss signs his letter of intent to play baseball at Tiffin University. Photo provided

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Corey Ploss is packing his baseball equipment and heading south at the end of August.

He recently signed his national letter of intent to play for Tiffin University in Ohio.

Playing collegiate ball was a goal for the Clarkston High School 2010 grad but an injury during his junior football season slowed him down. He couldn't work out or condition prior to the baseball season.

"I just had to lay low," he said. "I was really out of shape.

By the time he could work out again, it was too late and the spring season was beginning.

To add to the pain, he was cut from the team.

"I was pretty disappointed," Ploss admitted. "But I figured I had to work harder to get back on track and I did."

Ploss worked to get back in shape and described the time spent as getting bigger, stronger and faster.

During his rehabilitation he headed to Athletic Republic in Auburn Hills and worked with former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman on his hitting.

"I became more confident in my swing

and I could hit the ball better," said Ploss.

His reward for all the work was resuming his position as catcher for the Wolves for his senior season.

He aimed to make the season successful and kept his focus on hitting the ball hard, keep working hard and focus on the game.

Ploss helped his teammates grab second place in the OAA Red league along with the District Championship. The Wolves season ended in the Regional Championship against Rochester Adams, 7-5.

He chose Tiffin University for their good job placement program and he would compete in Division 2.

"I will get a good job after finishing my education," he said. "Plus they offered me a place on the team."

He plans to focus his studies on business management.

Tiffin University competes in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with 13 other Midwest colleges including Wayne State University, Grand Valley State University, Ferris State University and Saginaw Valley.

"It felt pretty good," he said after signing. "The hard work really pays off. When you set your mind to something you can do it."

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**Chillin' on the green**

Seth Cummings takes a break as he awaits his turn at the Clarkston Football Family and Friends Golf Outing. Photo by Larry Wright



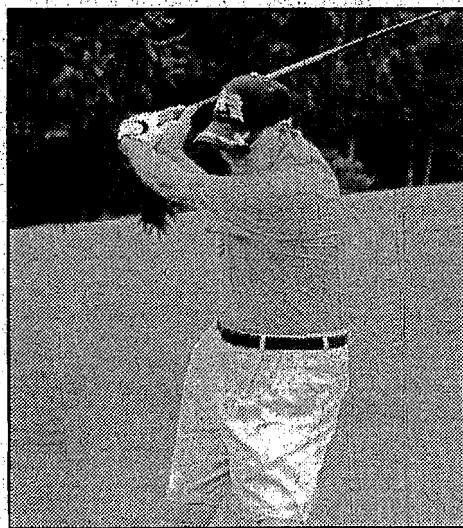


Clarkston High School Varsity Football players Adam Johns, Travis Smith, Rawley Hallman, Chris Canada, Zach Collins, Brian Burger, Nick McNally, Alex Barta, Steve Carpenter, Luke Sanders, Matt Goebel and Aaron Wright. Photos by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix.

# Fooooore!

Golfers grabbed their clubs and hit the green at Pine Knob Golf Course for the 10th Annual Clarkston Football Family and Friends Golf Outing, Aug. 6.

They enjoyed door prizes, golf contests, awards and dinner. All proceeds from the event went to their favorite team in blue - the Clarkston Wolves Football Program.



Seth Cummings swings for a long drive.

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Culver of Clarkston hosts its first annual Scoop for Hearts fund raiser, Saturday, Aug. 28.

From 12-5 p.m., the restaurant at 6910 Sashabaw Road will offer outdoor activities including kids' pony rides and inflatables, entertainers, vendor booths, raffle drawing; and frozen custard cart staffed with "guest scoopers" from the local heart community, such as doctors, nurses and heart defect survivors.

From 10 a.m.-midnight, Culver's will also donate 10 percent of sales to The Children's Heart Foundation, a national not-for-profit benefiting children born with congenital heart defects.

The event's inspiration is 2-year-old Samuel Powers, nephew of owner and operator Katie Schmitt, and son of her operating partner and brother, Kevin. For more information, call 248-922-9224.

# Open house at Flashes of Life

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Flashes of Life Photography hosts a ribbon cutting for its new studio, Friday, Aug. 13, at 4:30 p.m.

"Our studio isn't big, but it's very classy – boutique style photography," said photographer Rachel Goldsworthy.

She offers wedding, high school senior, babies, and maternity photography, in the studio and on location in Independence Oaks, Baycourt Park, and Depot Park, as well as spots in Royal Oak and Pontiac.

"We do a lot of outdoor photography," said Rachel, who owns the studio with her husband, Randy Goldsworthy. "We go on location all over the place.

"I love Clarkston," she added. "My husband taught in Clarkston, so he knows the kids. I grew up in Clarkston, it's my hometown. We live in Clarkston. It's my favorite area."

She earned degrees in photographic tech and liberal arts at Oakland Community College

"In school, people would ask me if I could do their photos. It evolved from that," she said. "I love photography. It's my passion."

Randy runs the business end of Flashes of Life, founded in 2007, and she concentrates on the artistic part.

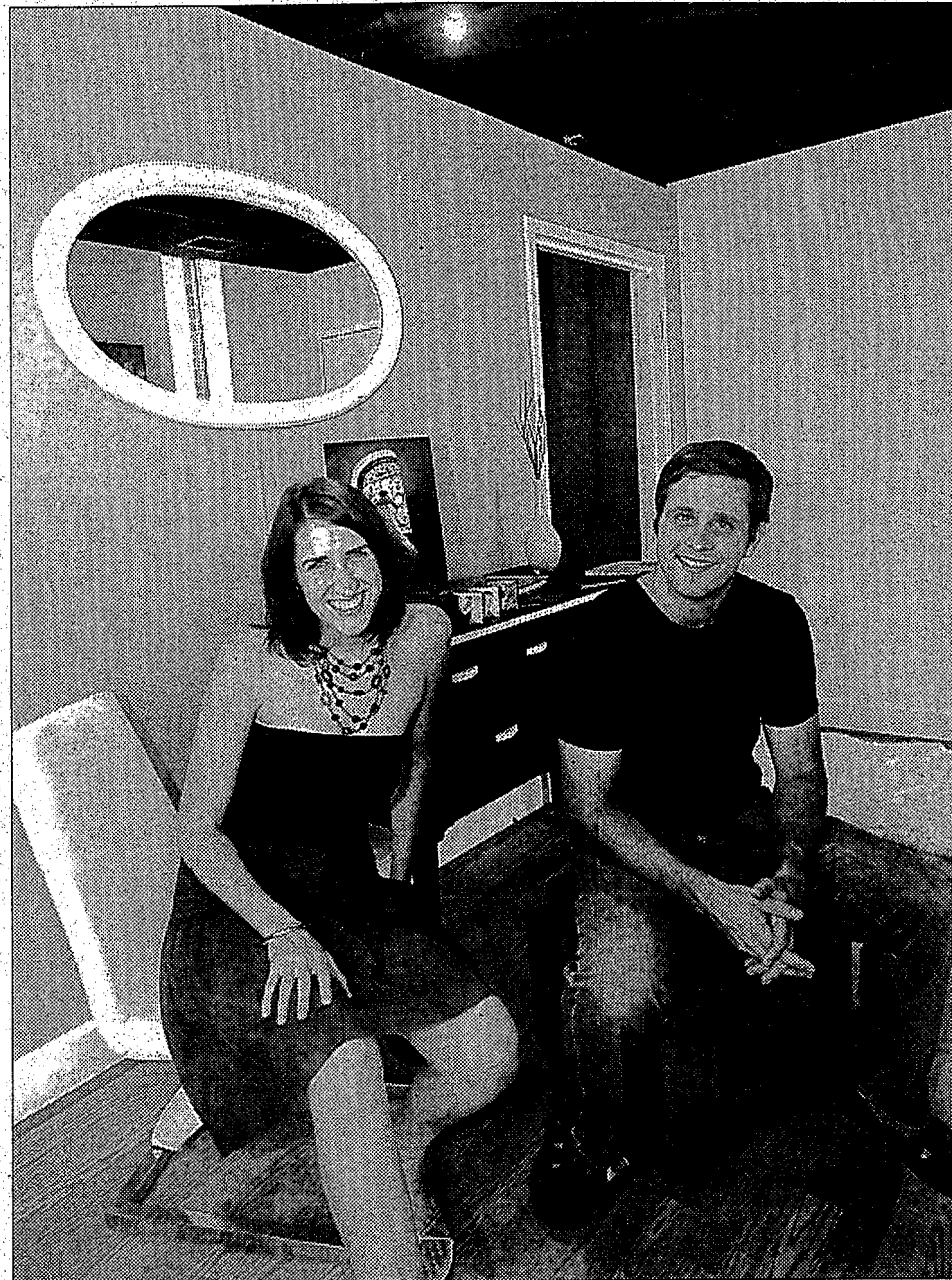
Each session starts with a consultation, where she learns about the subject's personality.

"Get their style, capture who the person is," she said. "Their hobbies, culture, what makes them laugh – pull out the beautiful person inside."

They will offer \$25 off sitting fee for those attending the ribbon cutting.

The ribbon cutting is at 4:30 pm, and the party and open house continue until 10:30 p.m. at the studio, 5867 Dixie Highway, right before L.A. Cafe.

Thru the month of August, office hours are 12-4 p.m., Tuesdays-Friday. For more information or to make an appointment, check [flphotography.com](http://flphotography.com) or call 248-535-6156.



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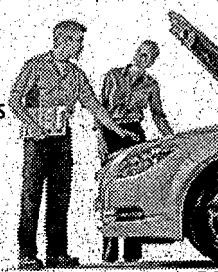


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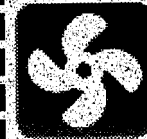


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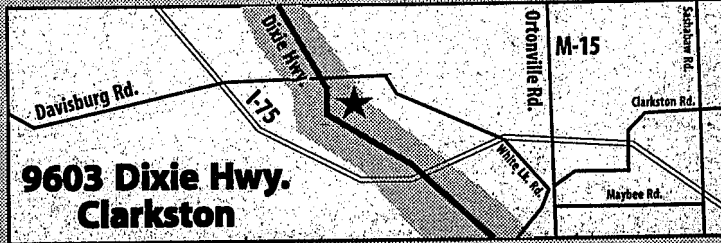
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# People Poll

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## Thoughts on Clarkston's millage failing, police service?

"It's terrible. The police officers are underpaid. I hate to see any officers being taken off the streets."

- Michele Dubs, with Sawyer and Will



"It's a shame and terrible."

-Hillary Szato, with Gavin



"It's disconcerting because we need their protection. They have done a good job. Clarkston is a sleepy little village and needs their protection."

-Sandy Reso



"It's too bad but I understand the economy. People that didn't support it will wish later they had."

-Gary Pike



By Wendi Reardon

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

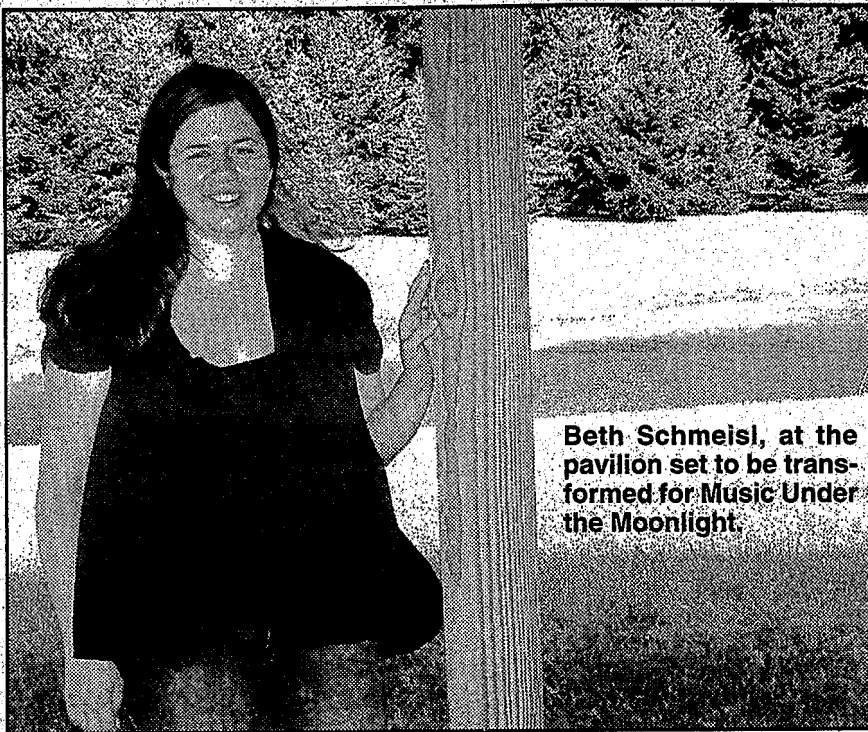
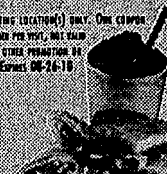
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Beth Schmeisl, at the pavilion set to be transformed for Music Under the Moonlight



Dan and Shaye Tennant practice for the event. Photo by Heather Dragun

## Food, music and fighting slavery

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

New Hope Bible Church's Music Under the Moonlight started last year as a way to enjoy some tunes under the stars by the lake.

This year, it's also about fighting slavery around the world.

"It started out with people who wanted to play under the stars by the lake and it's turned into a community thing," said organizer Malinda Worth, a therapist involved with World Outreach Center of North Carolina. "We want to let people know about this - it happens everywhere in the world."

The concert venue, 5-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, at the church, 8643 Sashabaw Road, showcases local musical talent. It includes free food

and fellowship with others, drum circle, 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. "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."

Proceeds benefit the center's mission, including Worth's trip next month to Germany for a global conference against the sex trade.

"I've known Malinda for a long time - I think what she does is great," said organizer Beth Schmeisl. "Many turn a blind eye towards slavery in the world. She's going into the heart of

it. That takes a lot."

Dawn Jacobs of Artichoke Interiors will help transform the pavilion behind the church into a music stage, with lights and sound system, along with tiki torches, bonfire, and food tent

"Last year was at a smaller scale," Schmeisl said. "We had about 100 last year. We're planning for 200 or more this year."

Participating musicians and bands include Alisa DiRienzo; Dan and Shaye Tennant; Matt Slavin, Adam Anzures, and Dan Tennant; The Bends, Kevin Briski, Danny Scheibe, and Aaron Kub; Nate Marialke; Breath and Dirt; and Daniel Rossi, unless his band, The Victorious Secrets, is selected for the finals in the freecreditscore.com contest.

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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.

**Open auditions**, Clarkston Village Players "A Nice Family Gathering," 7 p.m., Aug. 18, 20, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-840-9141.

**One Day to Feed the World** fund raiser, outdoor movie, "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs," 7:30 p.m., Aug. 27. Inflatables and concessions. 5K Run For Hunger, 8 a.m., Aug. 29. 1 Mile Family Fun Walk with fun activities along the route for children. Closing rally, 10 a.m. Free. Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. 248-625-1344.

**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

# Around Town

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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 Noréen 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

**Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp**, gentle movements for healing, stress reduction, balance, increased flexibility, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. \$8 per session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.

**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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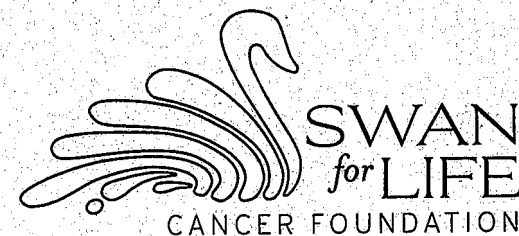
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Matt Slavin and Adam Anzures rehearse a few songs. Photo by Heather Dragun

## Local businesses help with 'Moonlight'

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"We tried to get a big variety, folk, blues, rock - something for everyone to enjoy," Schmeisl said.

Food and prize contributors include Caribou Coffee, Subway, Rio Wraps, American Pride Tattoo, LaVida Massage, Matrix Hair Products, Snap Fitness, Randolph's Salon, and Kroger.

"We have great prizes," Schmeisl said.

Suggested donation is \$5. New Hope Bible Church started in Clarkston in 1946, in its current location since 2001.

For more information, call Malinda at 248-978-2868, or Beth at 586-803-3286.



Alisa DiRienzo. Courtesy of Alisa DiRienzo

## Corvette Weekend, starting Aug. 13

Pine Knob Golf Course in Independence Township hosts Corvettes America car show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14.

The show, celebrating its 10th anniversary, is an all volunteer effort staged by members of America's Corvette Club of West Bloomfield under the direction of President Richard Heldenbrand and Show Chairperson Tom Psillas.

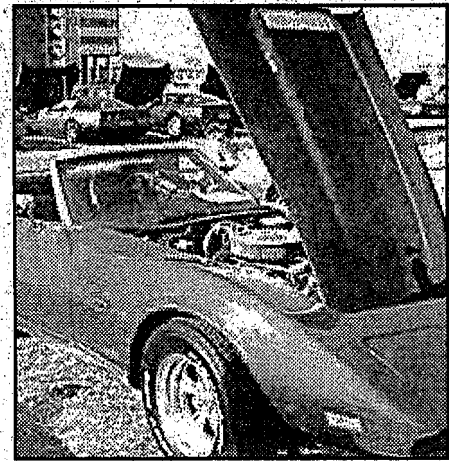
The show draws automotive enthusiasts from across Michigan, as well as surrounding states and Canada. It also has national ranking regularly drawing participants from California, Florida, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New York.

Special recognition is paid to all registered 1960 vintage Corvettes on the 50th anniversary of their manufacture.

Admission is \$10 per vehicle. Proceeds are donated to local and national charitable organizations.

In addition, Corvettes America hosts a Corvette Track Day at Waterford Hills Raceway and an evening Michigan-style barbecue at the Pine Knob Golf Course's outdoor Carriage House Pavilion, both Friday, Aug. 13. Paid admission to both is open to all with limited numbers admitted.

America's Corvette Club, which is



A C3 Roadster, on display at a previous Corvettes America show. Photo provided

sponsored by Cauley Chevrolet of West Bloomfield, is the largest Corvette club in Michigan. It is also ranked fourth in size nationally. Proceeds from the show are donated to local and national charitable organizations.

For more information, visit [www.corvettesamerica.org](http://www.corvettesamerica.org), e-mail [info@corvettesamerica.org](mailto:info@corvettesamerica.org) or call 248-684-8488.

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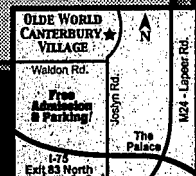
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# Milestones

## Students achieve success

Chloe Y. Coppersmith, daughter of Ross and Susan Coppersmith of Clarkston, enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio Northern University for the 2010-2011 school year.



Coppersmith

She will be a freshman majoring in athletic training.

A graduate of Clarkston High School, Coppersmith was active in basketball, and soccer.

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Clarkston students Danielle M.

Calangelo, Emily E. McIntosh, and Marissa A. Ortiz were named to Denison University's spring semester dean's list.

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Clarkston students graduating from Grand Valley State University this past May included Paris R. Conwell, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude; Nicole M. Johns, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude; Melissa A. McCarty, Bachelor of Science; Niadeana N. Morris, Master of Education; Michael L. Navarre, Bachelor of Arts; Alexis M. Stanczuk, Bachelor of Arts; and Brandon G. Warzybok, Bachelor of Arts.

Amanda M. Nagy of Davisburg graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

## Business achievements

Alexandra Keller of Clarkston recently joined Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel as a new real estate agent.

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Jared Rose was recently named director of corporate marketing for Palace Sports & Entertainment, owner of DTE Energy Music Theatre in Independence Township.

Previously, Rose was vice president of marketing and sponsorship for Spokane Shock of the Arena Football League in Spokane, Wash. He was also director of sponsorship for the Spokane Indians Baseball Club, a minor league affiliate of the Texas Rangers.

Rose graduated from Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash., with a Bachelor's degree in Business Marketing before obtaining his Master's degree in Athletic Administration from Marshall University in Huntington, W.V.

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Kim Whittaker, owner of Bliss Honeymoons of Clarkston, was selected as the ex-

clusive honeymoon and destination wedding provider for the "One Stop Shop Bridal Network" at Canterbury Village, Lake Orion.

"We could not have been more honored to be chosen," Whittaker said.

The shop opened this past May.

"We are very excited to become part of the Clarkston community," she said.

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Jan M. Lowe, owner of Long Distance Consolidated Billing Co. of Clarkston, recently completed training for a Mobile Virtual Network Operator contract with Sprint Nextel, in order to resell wireless and data services.

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Clarkston Animal Medical Center recently received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association. The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management.



Keller



Rose



Whittaker



Lowe

## Got a Milestone to share?

We'd love to see them - births, weddings, engagements, military, business and school achievements!  
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# Religion

## We are not despicable in God's eyes

The other day my family and I went to see the new movie, "Despicable Me."

This is an enjoyable tale about a villain named Gru who attempts to pull off the biggest heist in history using three orphan girls but finds his heart changed by their innocence. And, it was in 3D.

My favorite part was the antics of Gru's minions during the credits which were greatly enhanced by the 3D effects.

What this movie brings to mind for me is the many people who in some way believe that they are despicable.

At some level they feel shame and guilt for who they are.

They may have never done anything as bad as getting a parking ticket, but still they have that sense of unworthiness, shame and guilt.

Most people have some remnants of low self esteem. Many cover it up by overachieving.

Whether we got it from our parents or teachers or friends or the church or whomever; we bought into the message that we are bad, not worthy of the good that happen for us and the

negative is earned punishment.

Some point to biblical quotes such as Psalm 51:5 "I was brought forth in iniquity" as evidence of our inherent sin.

When read in the context within which it was written, David's remorse over his part in the death of Uriah and stealing his wife Bathsheba, we can relate to the nature of the feelings being shared.

They were not meant to be taken as a definitive statement.

Earlier David wrote of our true nature, "What is man that thou art mindful of him... thou hast made him little less than God" Psalm 8:4-5. We are not the totality of God, but all that God is "I am" Exodus 3:14.

We are created "In the image and after the likeness" of God and all that is created is "very good" Genesis 1:26 & 31.

God don't make no junk! This may not be good English, but it is right thinking.

Everyone is born with the capacity to be loved and loving, for "God is love" 1 John 4:16. The thought atmosphere that we grow up in helps to shape and form who we become.

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### Spiritual Matters



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## 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](mailto:pastoreric@wlnazarene.org).

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**Coffee House concert**, 7 p.m., Aug. 20, featuring Joel Palmer and local talent, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Free. Donations accepted. 248-625-5192.

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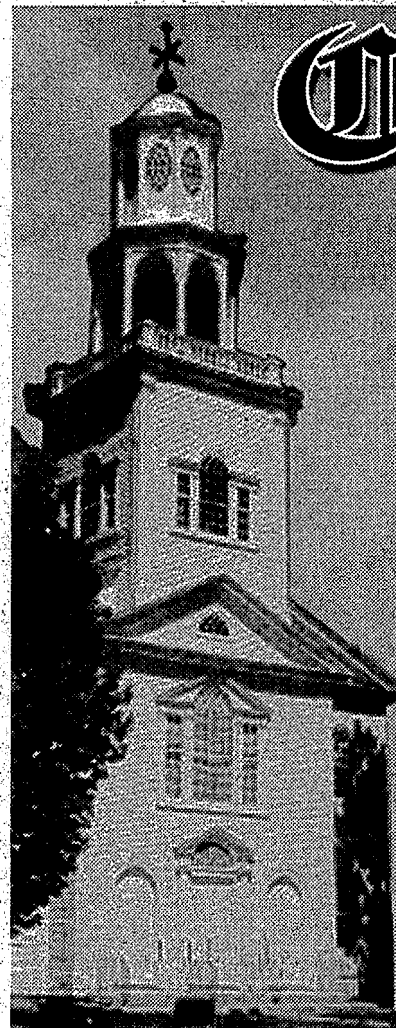
**Metaphysical Bible Study**, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm  
Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm  
[www.clarkstoncommunity.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunity.com)

# County news

Oakland County Parks and Recreation received three national awards for outstanding park programs and facilities.

The parks system's "Tuning Your Tot" program at the Wint Nature Center in Independence Township was recognized as a model program by the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials.

Tuning Your Tot is a seasonal program that was initiated when the Wint Nature Center opened 25 years ago, offering adults and preschool-age children an opportunity to discover nature together.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation also received a Historic and Cultural Facility Award from NACPRO for its preservation and development of the historic Buhl Estate, now Addison Oaks County Park, and the National Association of Counties honored the parks system with an Achievement Award for its Recreation Assistance Partnership program.

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Oakland County Board of Commissioners meets to review county departments and operational expenses, 10:30 a.m., Aug. 26, at Oakland County Board of Commissioners Committee Room A, 1200 North Telegraph Road.

For more information, call Oakland County Board Chairman Bill Bullard at 248-858-0102 or Finance Chairman Commissioner Thomas F. Middleton at 248-620-6551.

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The county Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to volunteer on the Oakland Department of Human Services Agency Board.

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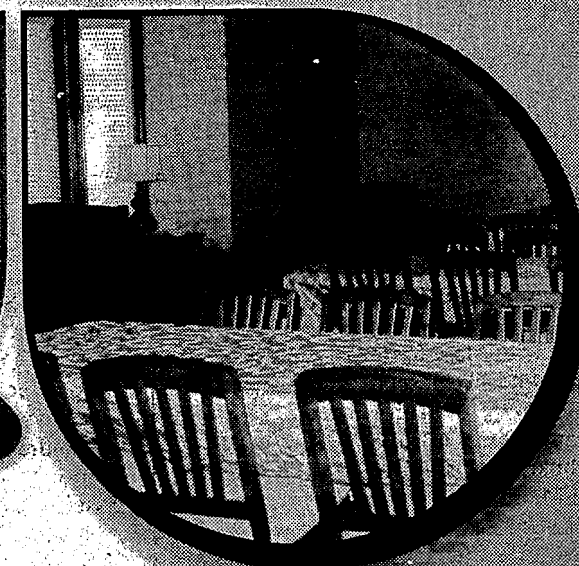
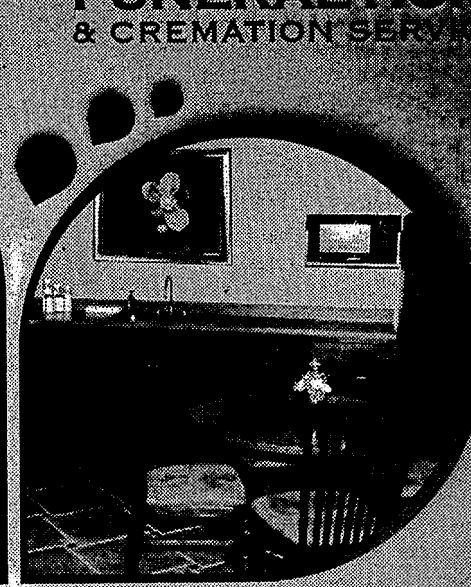
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## Obituary

### Rosalie Grzywinski, 65

Rosalie Emily Grzywinski (Dybowski), age 65, of Clarkston, a brave champion of breast Cancer and C.I.D.P., passed away Aug. 2, 2010, surrounded by her family.



She was the most loving wife of Gerald (Jerry) for 44 years; devoted mother of Todd and Jeffrey; dear sister of Freda "Stephanie" Bakula and Cindy (Ron) L'Heureux; loved by many nieces and nephews and her beloved shitzu "Abbey." She was preceded in death by her parents Mike and Emily Dybowski.

Mrs. Grzywinski retired from Kmart Corp. after 25 years. After retirement, she worked at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Rosalie was a member of "Ruby Chicks Red Hats." She loved to travel, cruise, gardening, and reading.

A memorial service was Aug. 7 at the Modetz Funeral Home, Orion. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Suggested memorials to Mercy Hospice, 281 Enterprise Ct., Suite 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Online guestbook [www.modetzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.modetzfuneralhomes.com).

### Joseph D. Ruhala, 82

Joseph D. Ruhala of Clarkston passed away, Aug. 5, 2010, at age 82.

He was the loving husband of Mary for 56 years; father of Joseph, Kathleen (John) Hanyok, Ann (Bruce) Hubbard, Tony (Kris) and Maria; grandfather of Nathan, John, Lucas, Anna, Matthew, Andrea, Kristin, Garrett and Kallan; brother of Eliza-



beth Malenich and Agnes Carroll; preceded in death by his sister Eleanor; survived by his Aunt Helen Wolf and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mr. Ruhala was a Korean War Army veteran. He was a Chevrolet Engineer at the Warren Tech Center retiring after 39 years of service.

Rosary service was Aug. 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Aug. 9 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment Great Lake National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### James Shea, 46

James Shea, "Court," of Texas, formerly of Holly, passed away, Aug. 2, 2010, at age 46.

He was the son of Kathy (the late John) Vaden; preceded in death by his father Jim Shea; brother of Kevin Shea; step-brother of Luciano Vaden, Kristen Lahti, Kathy (Mike) Sias and John (Jasmine) Vaden.

Court was a physicians assistant; he enjoyed skiing and hockey.

Funeral Service was Aug. 9 at Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Roy Spencer, 67

Roy Spencer of Clarkston went to be with the Lord on Aug. 7, 2010, at age 67.

He was the husband of Sandra for 44 years; father of Daniel (Nicky) of Waterford and Sheila (Nathan) Kopek of Burton; grandpa of Tanner, "the apple of his eye" and Kylee, "his pride and joy"; brother of



the late Kenneth (Rita), Loftus (Brenda), the late Izola Creech, the late Willard, Russell (Carol) and Danna (Myrtle) Cundiff, all of Kentucky; brother in law of Constance Lovett; and also survived by several special nieces and nephews and many church friends.

Mr. Spencer worked in construction for 32 years and served in the U.S. Army.

Visitation was Aug. 10 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service, Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Auburn Hills Christian Center, where friends may visit directly at the church 10 am until time of service. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Auburn Hills Christian Center for missions. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Jesus Flores, 91

Jesus Flores of Clarkston passed away, Aug. 6, 2010, at age 91.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara and sons Jesus Jr. and Ricardo. He was the father of Hope (Michael) Alesi of Clarkston, Mario Flores of Gladwin, Sara (Ken) Crusan of Lake City; also survived by 13 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; brother of Teresa Robles and Conrado (Bertha) Flores; brother in law of Erlinda (the late Isauro) Flores.

Mr. Flores retired from Pontiac Motors. Visitation was Aug. 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Family graveside services will be held at a later date at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Pontiac. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. There is an onnline guestbook at [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



### Robert Luter, 75

Robert J. Luter of Lake City died Thursday August 5, 2010 with his wife and four children by his side. He and his family were former Clarkston residents and lived on Ellis Road.

Mr. Luter was an avid outdoorsman and was fortunate to spend his last hours outside overlooking the woods at the Munson Hospice House in Traverse City.

The oldest of six, he was born in Detroit on March 27, 1935 to Hollie and Louise (Roberts) Luter. After graduating from Grayling High School in 1953, he married Sondra E. Strong on June 12, 1954. They were married until her death in 2005.

As a graduate of Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan, he distinguished himself as an officer in the Army and National Guard as well as a leader in business and community service. During the time he lived in Clarkston, he was active in 4-H, The Dixie Saddle Club, The United Methodist Church, and many other community activities.

Surviving are his wife, Judy; his children: Robert (Barbara), Kathryn (John) Stock, Hollie (John) Giannaula, and Andrew (Elise); 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Siblings Frank (Ruth), Philip (Cathy), Suzanne (David) McGregor, and Rebecca (Darrell) Bartlett also survive him. A brother, Melvin (Shirley) preceded him in death.

Services are at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake City on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 1 pm. As Mr. Luter was a life-long reader, memorial contributions may be made to the Missaukee District Library in Lake City, Michigan.



## In our churches

continued from 5B

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.

Obituaries updated at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)

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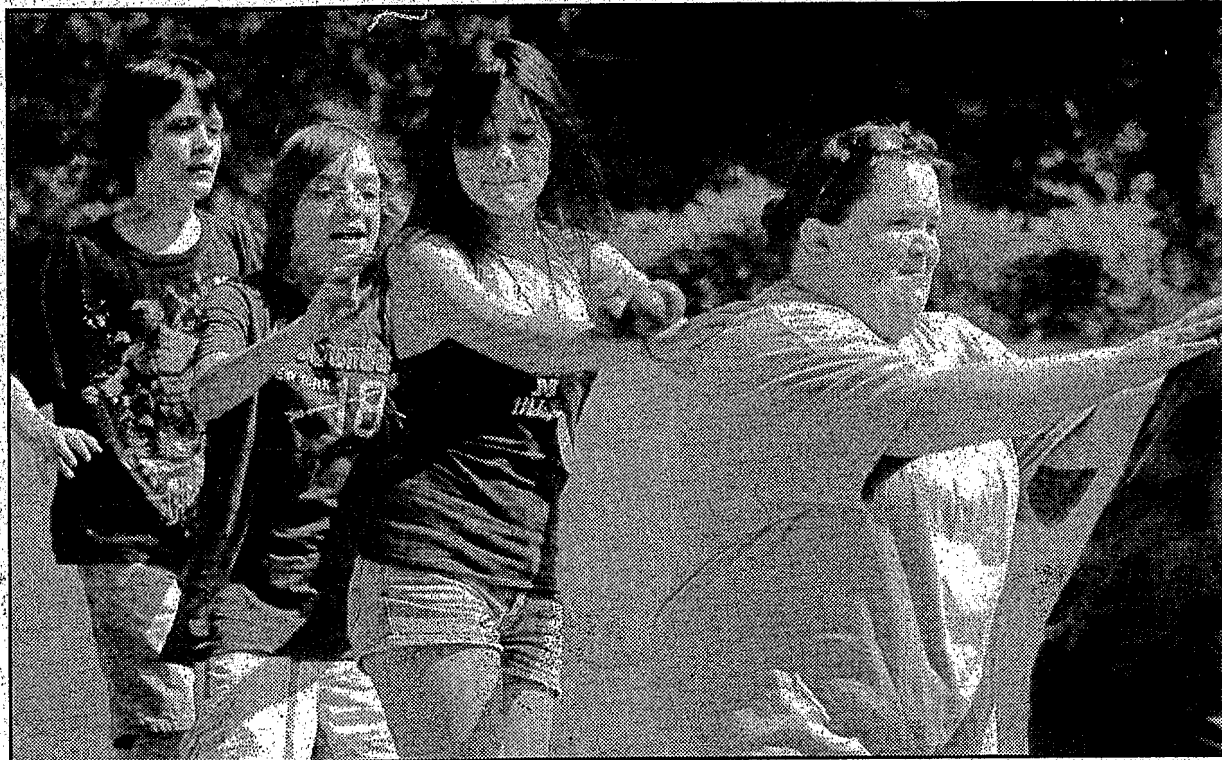
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Keith Collins, of Commerce Township, decorates his wheelchair 12 times a year. "It keeps everyone smiling," he said, driving around in the tropical theme.



Aubrey, Justice and Amber Moulten, of Davisburg, join their aunt Jennifer Peters, of Pontiac, in creating a train.

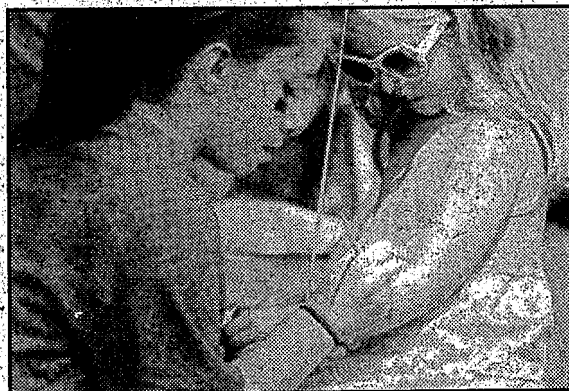
## Rolling in a good time

Independence Oaks was the site for smiles on Saturday during the 30th Annual Wright & Filippis Wheelchair Daze Picnic.

The free event was for people of all ages, with any form of disability and their families.

The fun included carnival games, boat rides, music, dancing, face painting, a delicious lunch, and a try at the dunk tank.

More than 2,400 people attended the event - making it the largest free event for people with disabilities in Michigan.

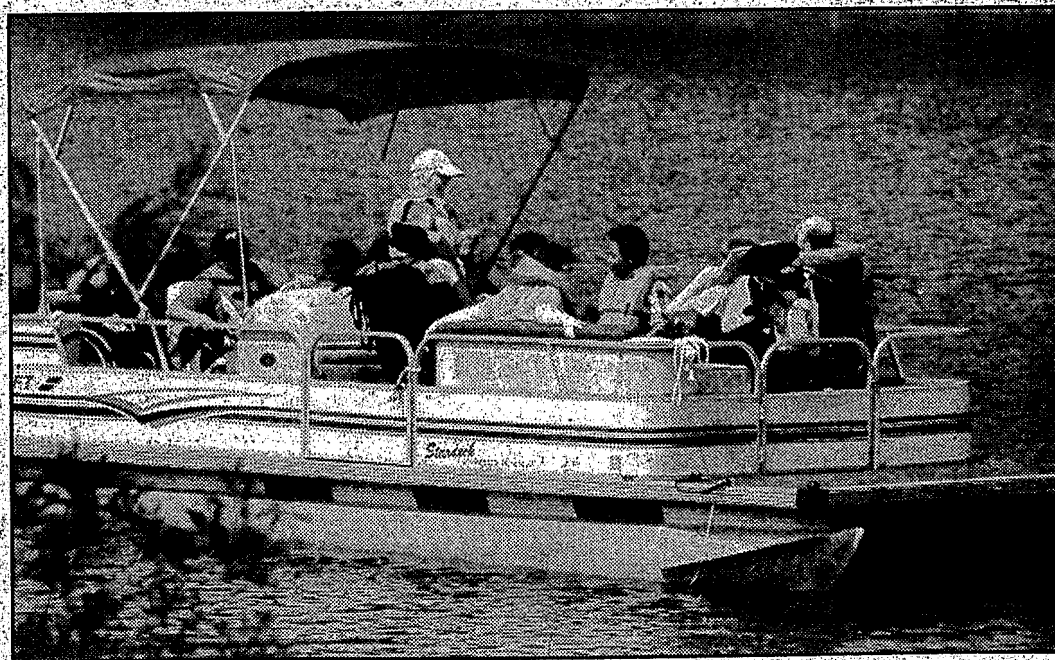


Katherine Myke, of Madison Heights gets her arm painted by Samantha DeBow, of Rochester.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Abbey and Curt Motsinger, of Clarkston, dance to "Locomotion" as Abbey's cousin Sarah Lester, from New Zealand leads.



Everyone enjoyed at least one relaxing boat ride around the lake...Maybe even two or three.

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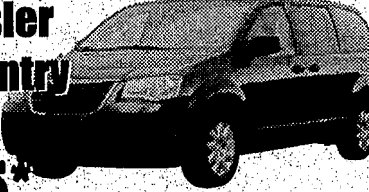
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# Major Knox's untold story with Freedmen's Bureau

Second in a series on Major John Knox  
BY AL HESTER

Special to the Clarkston News

Civil War history lovers in Clarkston may be familiar with his military exploits, but Johnnie Knox's work with the Freedmen's Bureau is mostly an untold story.

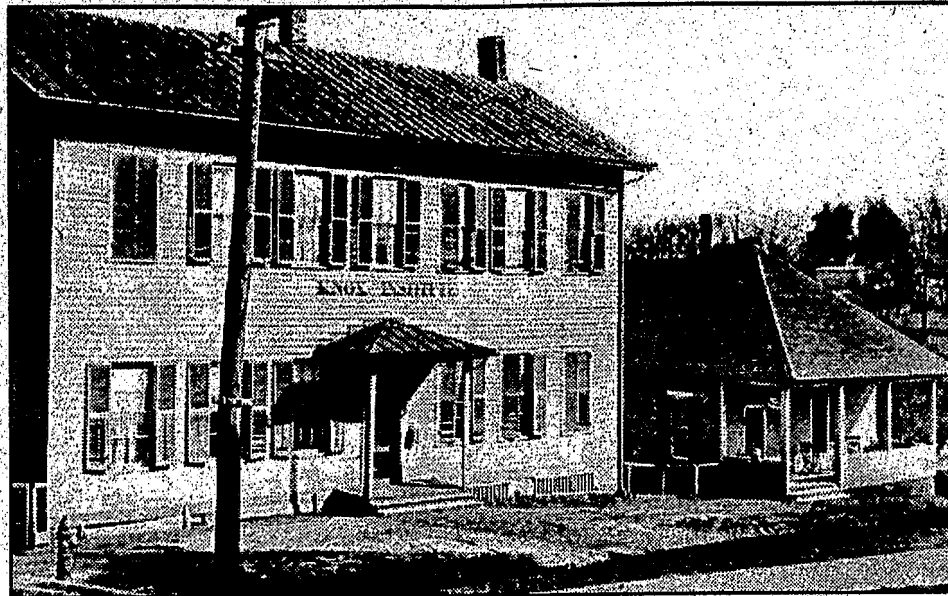
Several times Knox received death threats from the Ku Klux Klan. He traded shots with assailants at Meridian, MS, where he served the Bureau before coming to Athens in 1867. A renegade wanted for murder of an ex-slave near Athens vowed he would kill Knox when the Major tried to get civil authorities to take him into custody.

They never did, and the man left the county. In 1868, a detachment of Union troops from Atlanta answered his pleas for support in the face of Rebel opposition in Athens.

But Knox survived it all—although finally at the pleas of his brother in Oakland County and his own sense of assassination coming, he did head for more peaceful work.

Too, he was a loving father of twin sons, John and Charles, whose mother, Emily Davis Knox, died only three months after they were born during the war, in Plattsburg, New York, where Captain Knox was serving.

A nursemaid took the twins back to Oakland County, and his brother, William, and a



Knox School, built in 1867. Courtesy of Amistad Research Center American Missionary Assn. Archives, Tulane Univ., New Orleans, LA.

sister, Mary, took care of the boys.

We have no clue concerning why Knox went to Mississippi to teach. But he returned to Meridian, Miss., Jan. 1, 1866, to head the Freedmen's Bureau Sub-District office about a year before coming to Athens.

Meridian made it hot for him a second time, as a group of men tried to shoot him while he

was Meridian Sub-District Commissioner for the Freedmen's Bureau.

He wrote later that they fired on him, and he returned their fire. He said that regretfully he didn't hit any of them. They also did not wound him.

His records show he contracted chronic dysentery. He was forced by his disabilities

to end his service, receiving his \$8.50 monthly for partial disability. Army surgeons argued whether his disability should be partial or complete. He ended this part of his military life on June 23, 1863, as a captain in Company D, Fifth Michigan.

Knox was discharged but put into the Army's Invalid Corps Dec. 2, 1864. He would see various assignments including being a provost officer.

He next served in the U. S. Army's Volunteer Reserve Corps. His military service ended on Jan. 18, 1868, with a permanent rank of Captain and Brevet Major for his gallant and meritorious service.

He had been head of the Freedmen's Bureau in Athens nearly a year when his military service ended. He would continue to be a Freedmen's Bureau official until the end of 1868.

Next week, John Knox fights for freedom in Athens. Al 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.



## Almost ready for England

Mike Lewis, Clarkston High School marching band director, travelled to London, England, recently to finalize arrangements to participate in their New Year's Day Parade. He met with Robert Davis, former lord mayor of Westminster, deputy lieutenant and parade goodwill ambassador. More than 8,000 performers from several nations will gather to celebrate the 25th anniversary parade. The route passes the Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, and other historic sites. Photo provided

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## Happy future voter

Eight-year-old Rylee Stanfield of Independence Township is happy Oakland County Parks and Recreation's millage renewal passed, Aug. 3. She has another 10 years before she can vote, but went with her mother, Desiree Stanfield, to the polling place anyway. *Photo provided*

## 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.

**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.

**Coffee House**, third Friday, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Featured musicians, poets, dancers, other performers, open mic. Free. 248-625-5192.

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS  
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
AUGUST 4, 2010

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Wallace, Carson, Lohmeier, Wagner, Rosso, Petterson  
Absent: None
- The Agenda was approved as amended.
- Public Forum opened and citizens were given an opportunity to address the Board.
- The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda:
  - Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2010 and July 13, 2010
  - Accounts Payable Check Run
- Discussion was held regarding staff support for the Operations Review Task Force
- Approved Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Clarkston Ranch, Estates Street Lighting Improvement and Special Assessment on August 17, 2010
- Approved motion to set an annual review of contracts with the City of the Village of Clarkston.
- Approved Contract with the City of the Village of Clarkston for Law Enforcement Services, Fire and Emergency Services and Library Contract
- Approved awarding bid to Tesco for purchase of Senior Center Van for \$26,005.00
- Fire Department Computer Replacement was postponed to the August 17, 2010 meeting to allow for bids.
- Dance Permit for Buck Shots, LLC was postponed to the August 17, 2010 meeting for further information from petitioner.
- Approved motion for administration to begin discussions
- Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

Published: 8/11/2010

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND REVIEW OF DIXIE LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

TAKE NOTICE that the Dixie Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a three-year management plan for Dixie Lake consisting of nuisance aquatic plant control, plant control inspections and oversight, information dissemination and education, administration, contingencies, and dam spillway improvements. The project would begin in 2011 and continue through 2013, with an annual cost of \$68,530. The hearing will be held in the Civic Center Meeting Room, 12000 Davisburg Road in Davisburg, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and will be on file beginning August 23, 2010, at the office of Springfield Township located in the Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 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 Dixie 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 Dixie Lake Improvement Board care of Judy Hensler, 10520 King Road, Davisburg, MI 48350. Notice is also given that the owner of any real property within the Dixie Lake 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.

Dixie Lake Improvement Board  
Oakland County, Michigan

Published: August 11 & 18

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #10-0017 Mayberry, Eric, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS 4' SIDE YARD VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT LANDING AND STAIRCASE FOR DECK  
9480 Sashabaw Rd., R-1A  
Supervisor's Plat No. 11, Part of Lot 5 08-10-202-016

Case #10-0018 Orr, Laurie, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS 4' SIDE YARD VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT RESIDENTIAL ADDITION  
9790 Sashabaw Rd., R-1A  
Supervisor's Plat No. 11, Part of Lot 15 08-03-451-021

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk  
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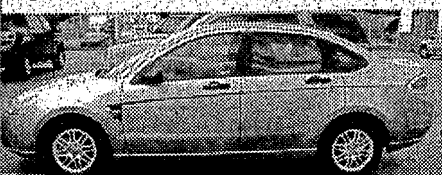


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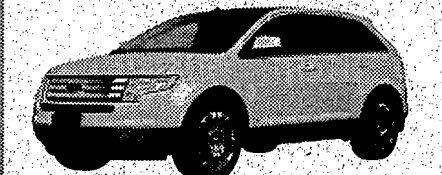
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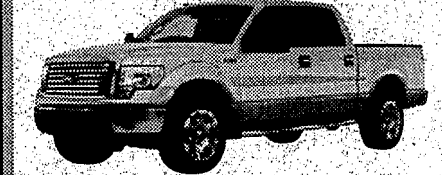
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