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3 votes to win Even split for write-in votes

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a 55 percent turnout, Clarkston's election for city council was a close one.

Incumbent winners Charles Inabnit received 184 votes, and Peggy Roth 162. Meanwhile for the write-in candidates, Richard Bisio took the win by three votes, with 161 votes. Challengers Michael Sabol received 158 votes and Frank Schoebel, 156 votes. Running unopposed, Joe Luginski received 268 votes for mayor.

"I was really starting to think the people of this community just didn't care and I think this election proved they do and I'm really happy about that," said Inabnit. "I thought it was a great campaign too, everybody was talking about the facts, no negativity. Our state and federal people could learn from that."

Inabnit said he felt this election was the best one, and it meant more to him than his appointment and first election.

"When you're the only name on the ballot, it's kind of a hollow victory. I'm thankful the people of this community put their trust in me and to the *Clarkston News* for their trust and support," he said. "I'll do my best not to let

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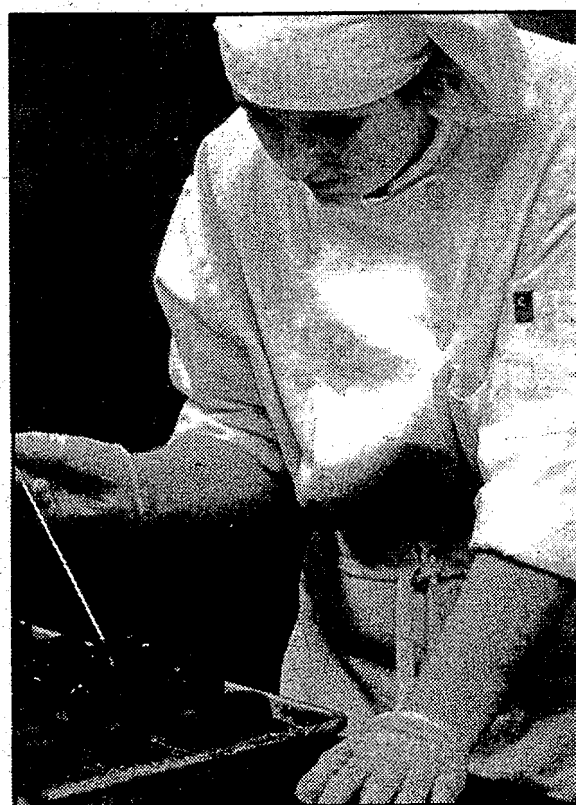
New township insurance rule

Treasurer Curt Carson and Trustee Mark Petterson voted against changing requirements for lifetime healthcare for township officials, but for opposite reasons.

Carson believes eight years are enough to qualify for healthcare, while Petterson doesn't think officials should get lifetime healthcare at all.

"I've worked for 25 years and when I'm done, everything's done," he said.

Independence Township Board voted 5-2, Nov. 3, to increase service requirement for lifetime healthcare for fulltime township officials, supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, from eight to 16 years. Voting yes were Supervisor Dave Wagner, Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, and trustees Neil Wallace, Dave Lohmeier, and Larry Rosso. The new requirement does not apply to Wagner.



Tessa Short adds a chocolate coating to a dessert. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Treats for the Expo

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The aroma of baking and cooking escaped from the kitchen as culinary students at Oakland Schools Technical Campus prepared food on Friday.

The students at the northwest campus in Springfield Township were preparing food for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Best of the Best Expo this Thursday.

"It's a good experience," said Janice Drew, Culinary

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Trustees blindsided by supervisor hire

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rumor had it Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner hired a deputy supervisor.

Turns out, rumor was right.

When questioned at the Nov. 3 Township Board meeting, Wagner said he hired a part-time administrative assistant, but two days later, Wagner swore in Rick Yaeger as deputy supervisor.

"I hired him as a part-time worker to come in and assist me. Since there was so much discussed at the board, I thought it was a good opportunity," Wagner said. "As I noted in the newspaper, it talked about me not being around - who was in charge?"

After I thought about it, I thought might as well deputize him."

Trustee David Lohmeier saw a copy of Yaeger's application, which indicated he applied for deputy supervisor.

"I'm disappointed he (Wagner) didn't tell the truth," Lohmeier said. "You can't expect someone to behave differently than they always have."

Yaeger will work part-time at \$30 an hour for 20-23 hours a week. His pay will come out of the money that was used for Wagner's former administrative assistant Kathy Pool who retired this past week. According to state statute, township boards set salary, but Wagner said that's only for full-time positions.

"We hire part-time people all the time," Wagner said. "If there is money available in your budget, it doesn't go before the board."

Lohmeier disagreed.

"I'm tired of hearing 'it's in my budget and I can spend it however I want,'" Lohmeier said. "It's not his money to use, that money was dedicated to an administrative assistant."

Trustee Larry Rosso said he was told by Wagner before the meeting that he had hired Yaeger as deputy supervisor.

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Octoberfest spirit for Halloween

Employees at Clarkston State Bank on Main Street got into the Halloween spirit with German Day, Oct. 29, dressing in traditional Bavarian, Oktoberfest garb. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Historic commission chair resigns

Charlotte Cooper resigned her post as chair of Clarkston Historic District Commission.

Cooper, commission chair, spends more than 11 months of the year in her Clarkston home, but is registered to vote as a resident in Florida, said Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter.

According to Clarkston ordinances, commission members must be city residents. The city learned of Cooper's residency in September. City attorney notified her of the finding, and she was given time to consider changing her residency to Michigan, Ritter said.

"She decided not to change residency, at which time she was told her resignation would be proper," he said.

She provided her resignation to the city, Oct. 8, and planned to present it to the historic commission at its Oct. 9 meeting.

Cooper was appointed to the commission last December. Normal procedure has not been to check residency of those appointed to commissions, Ritter said.

Cooper did not return a call for comment.

- Phil Custodio



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Briefly

Ruling stands

Clarkston will not challenge a ruling against the city's Historic District Commission (re: "Homeowners fight historic commission in restoration project," Oct. 6). Meeting in closed session, Nov. 8, City Council decided not to appeal to circuit court the case regarding 164 North Main.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings and State Historic Preservation Review Board decided last month to overrule the commission's decision to reject a garage renovation on the Cousen family's Historic District house.

Davisburg baking contests, buck pole

The best homemade chile and pies win awards and bragging rights at Springfield Township Parks and Recreation's Chile Cookoff and Pie Baking Contest, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, at Hart Community Center in Davisburg.

Chile will be judged on Aroma, Consistency, Appearance and Taste. No store bought chili or wild game. Pies are judged on Presentation, Appearance, Consistency and Taste. They must be fruit pies, no refrigeration, store-bought pies, crusts, or fillings - all ingredients must be homemade.

Winners receive awards, first place winners named Springfield Township's 2010 Chili Master and Pie Baking Master. Cook chile and pies before contest. All recipes required. Contest entry fee is \$15, 16 years old and up.

Parks and rec also hosts a Buck Pole contest, 5-8 p.m., Nov. 15, at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg. All ages welcome.

Deer must be tagged and licensed. Scores based on weight, rack spread and number of points, with awards for over all largest buck, largest buck by a female and largest buck by a youth, under 16 years. All participants must be present to win. Admission is free.

Car-deer contest

Autumn means more car-deer collisions. In Clarkston, it's also a chance to win prizes.

Clarkston Auto Body and Towing hosts the Deer Hit Drawing, with prizes including weekend for four at Zehnder's Splash Village Water Park and \$500 gift certificate to Garland Resort.

To enter, bring vehicle in for quality deer-hit repair, occurring Oct. 1-Dec. 31, to Clarkston Auto Body, 6470 Sashabaw Road. Drawing is Jan. 3.

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Students' skills take flight at Tech Day

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School students rushed to get the materials for their challenge.

Ideas were forming in their minds quickly and they only had 15 minutes to complete their assignment with the few materials they had on hand.

They participated in CSMTech's Technology Day and they participated in four challenges. To get to the end result they had to go through a technical process.

Their tasks - build a tower out of straws and make it sturdy to hold a tennis or golf ball; build the tallest tower out of balloons and not have it fall over; play a card game called 24 - or go fish 24; score the most points using a catapult and tennis balls; and build a device to hold an egg and have it survive a drop.

Dan Agnew already knew some of the techniques he used during the day but found the challenges useful anyway.

"It has helped a lot with the ability to build and use technology," he admitted.

His team came up with an idea to use a head of a lacrosse stick for their catapult to cradle the ball before they fired it for points.

Andrew Jorgensen, Brenton Villeneuve, and Reagan Thole used bungee cords and a sling shot to win the catapult challenge with 650 points.

They also created a parachute for their egg so it would drop down slowly to the ground and it wouldn't break.

"We go for points in style," Thole joked as they showed off their catapult.



Andrew Jorgensen, Reagan Thole and Brenton Villeneuve made a catapult.

Hunt for bargains at Ladies Night Out

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Elementary provides a night of fun, food and shopping in time for holiday shopping.

The second annual Ladies Night Out event is set for Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m., with over 40 vendors from the Clarkston area.

"We have a little bit of everything," said Jennifer Herrman, Clarkston Elementary PTO President. "It's inexpensive. I am a huge supporter of community businesses and this is another way to get people buying local. It's Clarkston businesses and homemade products."

The event was created as a fundraiser for the school and November seemed like the perfect time - for holiday shopping and in time for Hunter's Widow's Week.

It has grown from its initial idea to a fun event of shopping and pampering.

"It has become more of a community event," said Herrman. "It became much better than we thought."



Nickie Wyckoff and Madeline Spillum at last year's Ladies Night.

The event includes over 40 vendors - including the hottest trends in clothing, jewelry and home decor. Not sure what to get for the holidays Front Door Designs, Great Turtle Toys, Encore Pilates KH Home and

Good Dog Co. are just a few of the vendors providing ideas to find the perfect presents for friends, family and even the family pet.

"We have returning vendors, plus we have a lot of new vendors," said Herrman. "It's exciting."

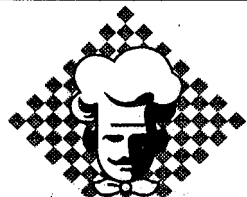
Union Wood Shop is providing food and three different bakeries are bringing desserts. Lisa's Confection Connection, in downtown Clarkston, will have cookies and cake samples.

The entry fee is \$2 and it includes one raffle ticket. More tickets are available for purchase.

"All the vendors have donated one item for the raffle," said Herrman, adding they had over 20 raffles last year and will have more this year.

During the event, the PTO will also be presaling their cookbooks, "Alphabet Soup: Fabulous Family Favorites from Clarkston Elementary."

The cookbook includes 350 recipes from staff members and families and features artwork created by the students.



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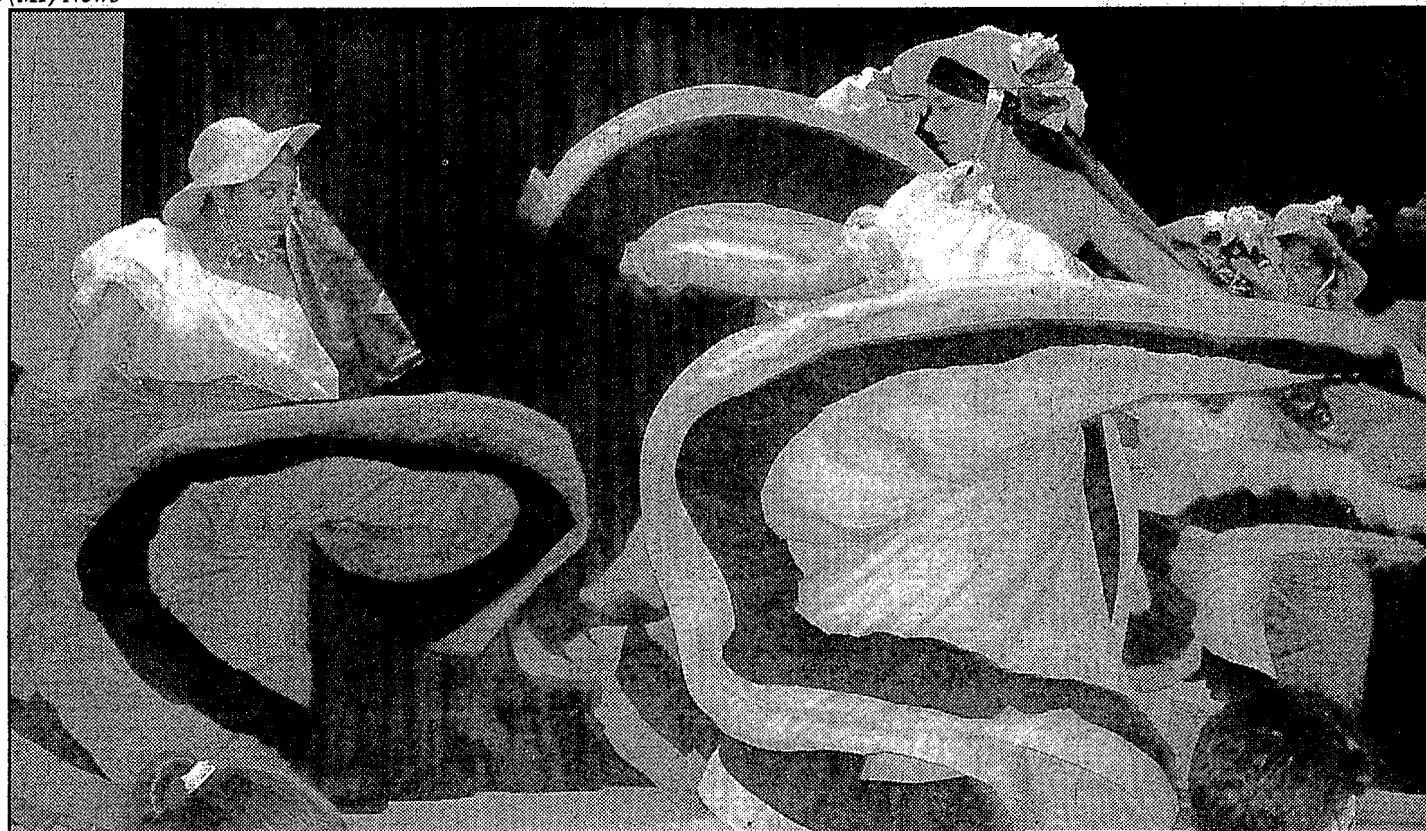


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The dance group Joyas De Mexico entertains at the festival.

Festival of culture

Families enjoyed a variety of traditional foods and desserts at North Sashabaw Elementary School's Latino Cultural Festival, Nov. 4.

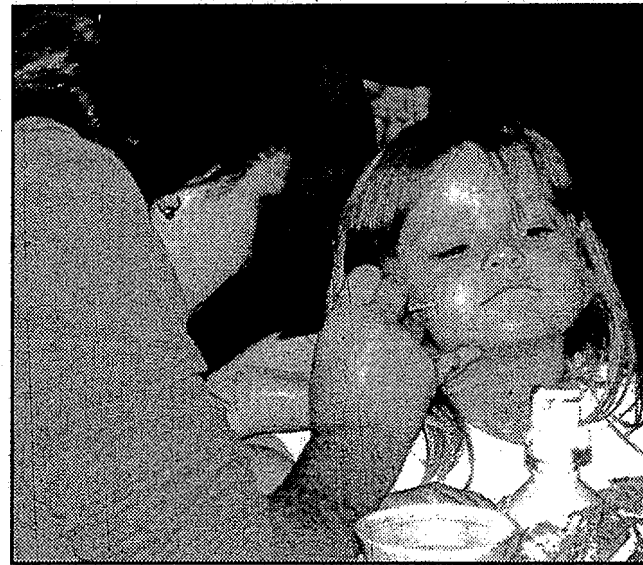
Clarkston High School Spanish Club members and parent volunteers also ran games and activity stations for the children, and dance and music groups provided entertainment.



Ricardo Garcia Gonzalez tests his throwing skills at the Sombrero Toss.



Catherine and Michelle Cachon learn about latino culture at the Cultural Festival. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



Clarkston High School volunteer Brenda Herrera paints some artwork on Paige Baumgras' face.



Chuck Fortinberry's Clarkston Auto off Dixie Highway now converts and sells wheelchair-accessible minivans. Photos by Phil Custodio

Clarkston Auto back with latest tech

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Motors is back in business. The former Chrysler dealership now converts and sells minivans modified for wheelchair access.

"I'm really excited about the potential," said Chuck Fortinberry, CEO. "We looked at long-term sustainability, future market growth potential in a variety of customer service focused industries, and this is a great fit."

The dealership closed last year as part of Chrysler's restructuring agreement with the federal government. Fortinberry participated in arbitration with Chrysler and

reached a settlement with them this past June, details sealed in a confidentiality agreement.

He acquired Autovan company of Battle Creek in August, opening it as Automobility last September at his 8105 Big Lake Road facility.

"The plan is to take an industry with a good history and give it a great future," he said. "Clarkston Motors always has focused on offering excellent customer service while providing high quality products at the most competitive prices possible."

With nine employees so far, including former Automobility technicians, former Clarkston Motors employees, and sons Lane and

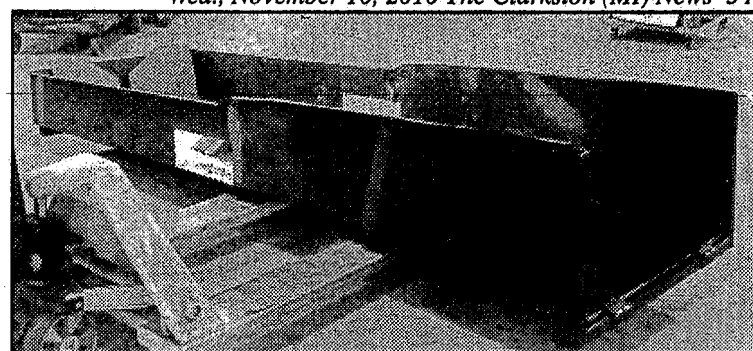
Cameron Fortinberry, they convert Chrysler, Dodge, Toyota, and Volkswagen minivans.

"We're improving every day," Chuck Fortinberry said. "We'll eventually add another 10 employees."

The process includes cutting a 35-inch-wide opening in vehicles' frame and installing a 34-inch-wide ramp for wheelchairs and scooters, the widest in the market.

Conversion is in the facility's state of the art, 30,000-square-foot body shop. The ramp allows wheelchair users easy access to the vehicle, and a built in restraint system secures them safely.

The quality-focused conver-



A new ramp awaits installation in a converted minivan.



The conversion includes cutting the floor and rear frame of the minivan.

sion process was planned and installed by Ray Waechter, industrial engineer with over 35 years of production planning experience at General Motors, Fortinberry said.

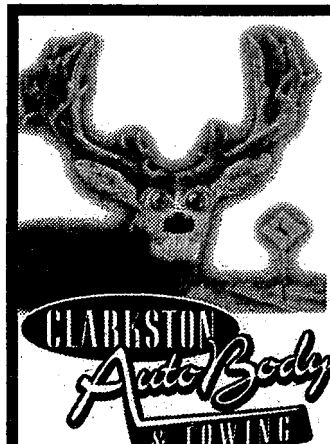
They'll sell completed vehicles in the showroom.

They're also working on new ideas in vehicle accessibility, including side access for wheelchairs, as well as front access, which would allow those in wheelchairs to drive, with modified controls.

Converted minivans, installed with the steel-frame, metal-alloy-shell ramps, passed 50 mph rear-end crash tests. They are the first of its kind on the market to meet ADA standards.

Clarkston Motors also offers auto body and collision repair, as well as pre-owned vehicle sales. Over the past 25 years, the business generated over \$500 million in revenue.

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Civic duty

Some of you might have seen the last Independence Township Board meeting. They had a conversation regarding lifetime healthcare for the three elected officials, the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer.

The discussion was rather interesting.

Trustees voted 5-2 to extend the requirement to qualify for lifetime healthcare for the three full-time elected positions from eight years to 16 years, or four terms of office.

Now I heard everything from "we don't get paid that much and benefits are OK" (\$70,000-\$80,000 a year including benefits sounds good to me) to comparing local politicians to state and federal government politicians.

As the discussion was going on one phrase came to my head "civic duty." I believe politicians have gotten away from what this really means. Your time in office is meant to be a public service, not a career.

As many were for the option of extending the years even beyond 16, I have to agree with Trustee Mark Petterson, I don't think elected officials should get any perk beyond their time in office.

Is this too be cold-hearted and mean? No, it's more like "welcome to the real world."

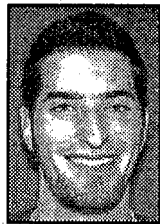
Politicians constantly want to compare running government to running a business.

Well, guess what, the business world has changed. The days of pensions and perks are disappearing fast, just ask my dad who retired from General Motors.

Not too mention our forefather Thomas Jefferson set a great example. When he finished his presidency at the White House, he went back home to the farm and picked up where he left off.

I look at serving in office as I do serving in the military, it's a sacrifice. Once your time is done, the government healthcare is no more, unless you served 20 years. Otherwise you might get a hand shake with "thanks for serving your country," and perhaps walk away with a few battle scars and couple medals.

In the words of President John Kennedy, "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."



Viewpoints

Maryann Carr led life of prayer

Dear Editor,

Last week we said farewell to a living treasure in our midst. Maryann Carr passed from this life on Oct. 19, 2010, following a heroic battle with cancer. Her tireless and ever cheerful life of witness will be missed by the community.

In describing the ministry of the great St. Paul, it was said everything Paul said and did equaled a life of continuous prayer. His prayer, his life, was sparked by a hunger satisfied only by communion with Christ.

Maryann's life was also one continuous prayer. She was all about serving, and being served by Christ, and always in community.

Her membership with St. Daniel's Catholic Community was a true reflection of the faith that inspired Maryann's life.

It couldn't have been more fitting that her Mass of Celebration began at the new flowing Baptismal Font and for the choir to be singing songs she so much enjoyed singing with them. Maryann herself chose "The Servant Song" by David Haas as the parting song.

I will always think of Maryann holding my Christ light for me.

We wept, we laughed, walking the mile and bearing the load.

*Marianne Bernard
Independence Township*

Letters to the editor

No regrets in school board campaign

Dear Editor,

Thank you to everyone who stepped forward to offer their support and words of encouragement in my campaign to become a Clarkston School Board Member.

In addition, I want to congratulate Elizabeth Egan on her victory. While I did not win, I believe the children won something in this election - accountability of our board, administration and staff.

In business, customers have always held me accountable and expected if not demanded a return on their investment. Why do we not hold those in education to that same level of accountability?

I was prepared to be held accountable by everyone with a stake in our children's education. I ask not just those of you that supported me, but every resident of Clarkston to hold those that represent us and our children accountable. If we don't, we cannot complain about the results we get.

We must expect independent thought, innovation and improvement - but it has to be done under the goal of being fiscally responsible. Communication and planning must be improved. Transparency and trust have to be more than just words used in conversation. We must engage our local leaders and

our community in making better decisions based on financial resources available. We must not wait around for challenges, but rather aggressively prepare for them so that we are ready.

My biggest disappointment is that this was a tangible opportunity to break from the previous administration and bring a new mindset and independent voice to the conversation. As an optimist, I am hopeful for that momentum to continue.

This campaign was a humbling experience. I met wonderful and caring individuals with a passion about the educational direction for our children. People who felt what I felt and shared a vision that our schools should be run for the benefit of our children in the system and not the adults.

I urge those involved to stay involved, and those putting it off to please get involved. I know we are all very busy, but frankly, what is more important than our children?

Speaking of children, my children told me they were proud of me even though I lost. I hugged them and said, "I may have lost, but I just won something even better than the election."

*John Schrei
Independence Township*

Represent other sports at ceremonies

Dear Editor,

I don't know if anyone else noticed, but I was a bit disappointed that at the celebration of the retirement of Dave Reschke, in front of the crowd at Homecoming, Oct. 8, our Athletic Director presented him a gift of a signed

football and basketball. Why weren't any other sports represented? Just an observation.

Respectfully submitted by a parent of an athlete in a different CHS sport,

*Mary Beth VanBuskirk
Independence Township*

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Financing set for new fire station"
Work was set to begin on Independence Township's \$2.2 million fire station, sheriff substation complex on Citation Drive, near district court. The township set up a 10-year payment plan, with interest to add up to \$714,000.

"Foreign student enrollment doubles" Eighteen English as a Second Language students were enrolled in Clarkston schools. Students came from many countries and circumstances.

"Site plan for new CHS goes before community" Specifications for architects included being friendly to the land and neighbors while meeting educational needs. Some residents expressed concern about increased traffic.

25 years ago - 1985

"That's a wrap" Clarkston High School media students Bill Phipps, Amy LaValley, and Jennifer Sabo presented the news in the school's "Independence Update" weekly program for local cable access.

"Seat belts denounced for buses" Clarkston School Board turned thumbs down on seat belts for school buses. According to research, they learned head injuries were worse for passengers wearing lap belts in a bus crash, than if they weren't.

"Curtain up" Sally Basinger played Cinderella in the Clarkston Junior Theatre production. With golden hair and magic wand, Wendy McFalda fit the role of the Fairy Godmother. Anthony Thompson played the Prince, and Heather Flor, the Queen.

50 years ago - 1960

"Clarkston Education Association to receive charter" Almost all of the district's 150 teachers were members of their professional organization, Michigan Education Association, so were eligible to form a district charter. Their mission was to improve the teaching profession for the students and teachers.

"Overwhelming response by voters" A record-smashing total of 3,954 votes were cast in Independence Township in the national election of 1960, most going to Richard Nixon for president, and Paul Bagwell for governor.

"Clarkston local" Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose were among the many Clarkston people to invite friends into their homes to watch the election returns.

A pat on the back, and a question to the car czar

The subject of this column is a rarity: It's to praise the work of a government agency, the United States Postal Service. I know, I know, we love our local carriers, but criticize the USPS overall for whatever reason.

A few weeks ago, I dropped several letters in a depository outside the Lake Orion Post Office. Two days later I got a call from Jim Fitzgerald asking, "Why are you sending me an empty envelope. It wasn't even sealed?"

I had mailed three pictures of himself and a couple other newspaper types I'd taken at a convention in the 1960s.

The Lake Orion office referred me to the Postal Claims Service in Pontiac. He gave me four phone numbers. My first three calls were to recordings: "I'm not

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

able to answer the phone right now . . ."

The fourth call brought a good ol' hometown flavor: "How may I help you?"

She asked me to describe the photos. I said they are 4x6 prints of a couple men. She asked if they were colored prints, and when I said no, they are black and white, she became even more friendly.

Her voice gave me hope they could be found. I can only imagine how many thousands of pieces of mail go through that Claims Center each day.

But, two days later a Debbie called and we reviewed what I had told the first lady I talked to. Two more days and they were in my mail.

I don't know if the first person I talked to there was also Debbie, but her voice was just as welcoming, just as friendly.

By now a few weeks have passed since that first call and I'm still warm from the experience. It's good to be reminded there are fine, friendly people do-

ing their jobs in our government on a daily basis.

Now, if I can get Fitz to tell me who those other guys are in the pictures with him, it'll be really good.

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Everybody who has driven anywhere has seen the work of an Obama car czar. Through federal mandate flashing yellow lights have been added to the red, yellow and green.

Tom Greenwood, commuting writer for *The Detroit News* explained them this week.

He said red means stop, do not turn; green means proceed, oncoming traffic has stopped; yellow means prepare to stop and flashing yellow means turn once traffic is clear.

So, this is what the car czar and his minions have come up with to make the highways safer?

Well, baby, it ain't working. There's one of these flashing yellow lights a mile from my house. My son and a good

friend have both been struck by drivers who, I believe, are confused by the signals.

I suppose the blinking yellow was added to increase traffic flow. I also suppose we'll get used to it. People are telling me they are going out of their way to avoid this confusing array of flashing illumination.

Was the old red, yellow and green lights slowing our overanxious drivers, making them late to cook, to take out the garbage, get to a bar, etc.?

To me it's another attempt by government to fix something that ain't broke.

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Quickies!

- Vows made in storms are forgotten in calm.

- To keep your secret is wisdom, but to expect others to keep it is folly.

- Election day is like Christmas: You wind up with fruitcakes that last a year.

- Fleas can be taught nearly anything that a Congressman can. -- Mark Twain.

Sunday a.m. TV commercials ain't what they used to be.

So, it's a recent Sunday morning at Casa D'Rush. Two of the Rush lads are up, hair askew, pj's ruffled, the sleep barely out of our eyes. It's sometime between 7 a.m. and 7:25, which means the 4,721-day-old Shamus is still sound asleep, the way almost-teenagers are before eight bells ring from the morning clock.

(As always, these columns are created to educate and challenge you. If you want to find out how old Shamus is, divide 4,721 by 365.)

Sean, still about three years from terminal teenhood, is stretched out on the living room couch, under a warm blanket. (This leaves me exactly enough room to plant my buttocks at the other end of the couch.) Sean and I get up early on weekends and watch the news. He'll eat a bowl of cereal and I'll down an egg and some coffee, whilst the Sunday morning shows blather-on.

He asks lots of questions about the world, the nation and whatever they happen to be discussing. We usually make fun of commercials, always talk-back (or is it backtalk?) to the TV newscasters and whomever they may be interviewing. (Okay, I am raising a skeptic, sue me.) It's a little one-on-one father-son bonding time where we can talk about things we normally wouldn't talk about. He also has to randomly open a page of the dictionary and pick a word, read it and its definition. (Okay, and I am the meanest dad in town, too -- again sue me).

So, back to the that recent Sunday morning. At 7:25 a.m., the ABC news breaks and commercials start and -- Bumpdeedeedum! -- a Platex commercial starts rolling

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

before my own and my own son's eyes.

Oogles of ample bosomed women sporting eye-catching colored brassieres flashed before us . . . which is nothing to be ashamed of or to get worked up over . . . but THEN, the fetching women started working their hands over their ample bosoms saying things like:

"My eyes are up here."

"No torpedoes here."

"When the girls are happy, I'm happy."

Now before you think I am a prude, I am all for ample bosoms. Just like I am all for not-so-ample bosoms. I guess you can say, "Hooray! Don's all for bosoms." But, those aren't the points of this column. The point is, I wasn't ready for it. I was caught off-guard.

I hadn't planned on explaining to my 10-year-old son (Who, for some odd reason, paid more attention to this commercial than the news of the day. Go figure.) what these women were talking about.

"Dad what do torpedoes have to do with bras?"

"Dad, what does she mean 'when the girls are happy, she is happy?'"

Them who know me, know I tend to change subjects when topics like the above take place around me. I don't know, I just get uncomfortable openly talking about such things. And, yes, as a dad, I have had "The" talk with the boys, on a number of occasions and from a number of different angles. But, I usually mentally prepare for it. I can go through my play-book before hand, I can lead the conversation, for optimum impact.

At 7:30 in the morning, on a Sunday, the Lord's day, I wasn't ready.

"Sean, what a stupid commercial, right?" (I tried to deflect his questions, unsuccessfully.) "What about the

midterm elections?"

"Dad, why did the one woman say, 'My eyes are up here?'"

My palms are sweating now, just reliving and thinking about that awkward couple of minutes.

"Son," said I.

"Son," I repeated, thinking on my feet. "Some men show women no respect. When they look at them, they look at them chest level, instead of looking at them in the eyes."

"Then why do some women wear bikinis?"

"Some women want to be noticed."

"How do you know when women want to be noticed and when they want you to look at them in the eyes?"

The conversation wasn't going where I wanted it to so I bailed. "You'll know when you get older."

"What about torpedoes?"

"Some men have nicknames for different body parts, uhm, just like the toilet is sometime called a crapper."

"So what are torpedoes and who are the girls she was talking about when she was pointing at her bra?"

I had to do something! This stupid conversation needed to end. I thought and resorted to a very old parenting trick. I changed the subject.

"Sean. Wanna go get some donuts before Shamus gets up."

"Sure dad."

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Epilogue: I have not seen the commercial since, nor has Sean brought it up. I have changed our schedule and our routine. Sunday morning are for breakfast, coffee and newspapers. Yep, you would be correct in calling me a coward.



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Electees ready to serve city

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anybody down."

Roth said being on the council has helped her meet many new people and she's enjoyed it. She also thinks it's good to have somebody on there that represents the retailers.

"I've learned a lot so I'm glad, Roth said. "I would like to sincerely thank the Clarkston News for not just supporting me in my run for City Council, but also for all the support they give to the other groups and events that I am involved, getting the word out there and promoting our city."

Bisio said he was excited about his new position and looks forward to serving on the Council.

"Mike and Frank worked hard and, especially through Mike's efforts, a lot of residents took a greater interest in this election. That is a good thing and I hope it continues," he said. "I can only imagine their disappointment at such a close loss and hope to see them continue to be involved in our city government."

Sabol said campaigning was not only a great experience for him, but also his family. "I do plan to stay involved and expect to be at as many meetings as possible," he said.

Lugincki said he was thankful for former Mayor Stephen Arkwright and Councilman Mike Gawronski for their service to the city. Overall Lugincki found the election to be very interesting and was surprised the write-in candidates got as many votes as they did.

"Between Peggy and the three write in candidates it was a total of six votes different for four people," he said. "I think that's just a testament to the people of the city with more people getting involved and getting out there and voting, as well as, the candidates themselves doing a great job out there and telling their stories."

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Hit-and-runner caught

Witnesses followed a vehicle after watching it hit another and keep going at Citation and M-15, 5:05 p.m., Oct. 18. They reported the hit-and-run driver's license plate and followed it to Paramus, when deputies arrived.

Park house sacked

A cast iron bathtub, toilet, and mirror were found to be missing from a former caretaker house in Bay Court Park, Oct. 21. There was no forced entry to the house, which has been scheduled for demolition.

Bar fight

A 35-year-old South Carolina man slapped a bouncer trying to escort him out of a Sashabaw Road bar, 12:30 p.m., Oct. 24. When police responded, two 30-year-old Waterford Township men intervened and struggled with deputies. They were cited for disorderly conduct. The South Carolina man was arrested for assault and battery and cited for disturbing the peace, as well as littering when he threw the citation to the ground.

Smashed windows

The passenger side window of a car parked on Trillium Circle was smashed, with rock left inside, Oct. 24.

A driver reported someone passing him at Waldon and Pine Knob roads, 1 a.m., Oct. 24, threw something at his pickup and damaged his front fender.

Public Safety

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

On the road again

A deputy stopped Henry Lee Reed of Burton, 44, at 2:17 a.m., Oct. 26, on Holcomb Road near I-75. The car he was driving didn't have the right license plate, and he was weaving in the middle lane. His license is suspended, with 17 driving-with-license-suspended convictions out of Clarkston, Flint, Grand Blanc, Royal Oak, Corunna, St. Johns, and Allen Park, as well as warrants out of Southfield, Auburn Hills, Grand Blanc, and Flint. They all said to advise and release on the warrants. The car was impounded, and another arrest warrant is being sought.

Stolen phone traced

A Sashabaw Road cell phone store found three late-model phones worth \$1,218 missing, but still on its inventory, Oct. 29. The phones were traced and one was located. They had been posted on Craig's List. A buyer responded, and after being assured it was legal, agreed to meet sellers at the food court in Oakland Mall, and bought the phone for \$300. A store employee is under investigation in the theft.

Hiding from the law

Cecelia Ann Avenue residents called police to report someone driving through their yard, 11:50 p.m., Oct. 28. Deputies followed tracks through the yard to a wooded area, where they found a car containing two brothers, a 21-year-old Independence Township man and 23-year-old Independence Township man. The older brother was rolling a marijuana cigar. He was cited for possession of marijuana.

Stalking the night

A Chickadee Lane resident noticed the dome light of his work truck on, 3:35 p.m., Oct. 29. Looking more closely, he saw a man dressed in black with a hoodie walk from the truck, check the mailbox, and leave.

Barn fire

Springfield Township firefighters put out a barn fire in the 11000 block of Andersonville Road, 4:41 p.m., Nov. 1. No injuries were reported. Investigation revealed the fire was accidental.

Alert driver helps catch thief

A witness watched a man walk behind Clarkston's Post Office and look inside a vehicle, 6:13 p.m., Oct. 29. The witness pulled around to get another look - the man was in the car with his head down - thought it looked suspicious, and called police. The man noticed he was under observation and left, but deputies tracked him down to Parview Apartments. The 20-year-old Independence Township man was on probation for car theft in Waterford. When asked why he stole the car, he reportedly said, "I didn't steal the car. Oh, last time...." With a blood-alcohol test of .016, he was arrested for car theft and minor in possession of alcohol.

Trick-or-treat, or threat

A Wyngate Drive resident out of candy turned away a trick-or-treater, a boy about 6 years old, 8:30 p.m., Oct. 31. The next morning, he found in his mailbox a typed letter warning about "payback," "what goes around comes around," and to be careful about ice on the grass this winter.

Flaming car

A 17-year-old Independence Township girl was driving to school, 7:39 a.m., Nov. 1, when the engine started running rough. She pulled into a parking lot at Waldon and Sashabaw roads, the engine started smoking, and she got out and called 911. Independence Township firefighters put it out.

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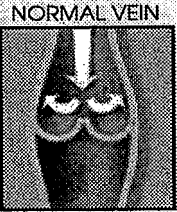
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Formerly in the outdoor-recreation industry, Dave Hrejsa is back in business with Verizon. Photo provided

Entrepreneur goes wireless

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Despite the economy claiming his business, Dave Hrejsa decided to stick with Michigan.

"I really like Michigan – I love the water, the outdoors," said Hrejsa, 43, a Chicago native who lives in Independence Township with his wife, Carolyn.

He grew up in Chicago and moved to Clarkston 14 years ago because of his work in the watercraft industry.

"Fourteen years ago, it was booming," he said.

Outdoor recreation was vulnerable to Michigan's soft economy, leading to cut-backs and closings, including his own motorcycle business.

"A few years ago, I started to look at franchises," he said. "I looked at everything, fitness, health, hair salon, pizza, fast food, sandwiches, home restoration – everything under the sun."

After lots of research, he chose the wire-

less industry.

"I wanted something stable, and I'm comfortable in retail," he said.

He visited Verizon's company headquarters last spring and met with the owner.

"It looked like a good opportunity, a solid company," he said.

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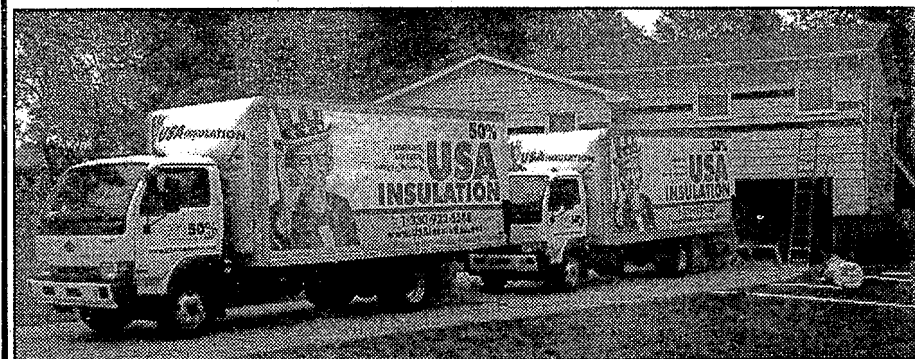
"It's going great," said Hrejsa, who employs three. "I hope to expand, and add three more locations."

Verizon offered a list of possible locations across the country, but Hrejsa decided to stay local.

"Motorcycles, fishing, boating, all the things Michigan is great at, Chicago isn't," he said. "And Clarkston is a quaint, small town. It reminds me of where I grew up in suburban Chicago."

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Lady Wolves capture fourth consecutive district title

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Megan McCarty tapped the volleyball over the net, out of reach for Grand Blanc spikers and onto the floor.

The point was added to the board and Clarkston gained the lead in the second game, 16-15.

They continued to gain momentum going for ten consecutive points before the Lady Bobcats scored again. They ended the set, 25-19 and went 3-0 for the night, winning their fourth consecutive district championship.

"It's always exciting to win districts," said Coach Kelly Avenall. "This is the first time since I have been here coaching we have played at home. It's a great feeling to be at home and have all the fans behind you. It was nice to see everyone in the stands and feeling the energy in the gym."

Following Clarkston's win in the first set, 25-22, Grand Blanc grabbed the lead with six points in the next game. The Lady Wolves put in a fight to climb out.

"Our team always tries to keep each other up," said Alexis Egler on what helped the team. "We are always positive and we don't get down on each other. We are going to push through it."

Avenall had watched past games where

even six points behind could determine the ending of the game.

"I felt it more than they did," she said. "They never looked like that out on the floor. They looked confident. They didn't look bothered by it at all. It's their confidence and leadership that helps them in situations like that."

The Lady Wolves finished the last game, 25-13.

"Everyone wanted it so bad," said Egler. "We played our hearts out. We have been looking at this moment since the very beginning of the season."

Seniors Jessica Frakes had 11 kills, Allison Reis had 26 digs and McCarty had five kills and four blocks.

"Our seniors were in the momentum tonight, especially those three. They were really in the zone," said Avenall.

She added the seniors have helped throughout the season for their 46-3-1 record.

"They don't want to lose," she said. "They are going to do everything in their power to make it a good match."

The girls beat Fenton in the first round of district playoffs on Nov. 1, 3-1 (25-23, 19-25, 25-12, 25-18.)

"I told them wipe away the amazing season you just had. We had a great season,

but it is a blank slate," said Avenall. "Everyone is going to play tough. Any team with seniors on it you don't know how they are going to react because it could be their last game of the year. We saw that with Fenton. They did not want to give up."

Frakes had six kills, Rachel Dickerson had seven kills, Maddie Lightfoot had 33 digs and Stephanie Marani had nine blocks.

"She broke a over 20-year-old record," said Avenall. The record was 132 and she is now over 140 with the season still going.

The girls took on Swartz Creek in the second round. They defeated them within 15 minutes in the first game, 25-7 and continued to win 25-16 and 25-9.

They head into regional playoffs this week.

"We want to go to states all the way and that's our goal," said Egler. "We will play our hearts out."

Clarkston played Davison on Tuesday in the first round of Regionals. The winner goes on and plays the final set against the Bay City Central/Flushing winner on Thursday at Brandon High School, 7 p.m.

Check how the girls did on www.ClarkstonNews.com or visit Clarkston News on Facebook.



Megan McCarty hits the ball over the net.
Photo by Larry Wright

Athlete of the Week

Carpenter motivates teammates

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Steve Carpenter finished his senior football season named All-League for his performance at defense linebacker.

He has seen his Clarkston Varsity Football team go through their highs and lows during his three years with the team.

What he has learned will stay with him for the rest of his life.

"You have to keep working hard," he said. "During sophomore year we didn't have a great season, then everyone worked hard and we became a great team. We had a great year (going to semi-finals). Never give up on yourself and try your best."

Carpenter began playing football in the seventh grade. During his freshman year he was boosted up to the JV team and joined the varsity team his sophomore year and was part of the starting lineup since.

"Steve is a true competitor," said Tony Miller, the Wolves' defense coordinator. "He has played hurt all three years. He has had some shoulder issues but he has persevered.

He is a tough kid."

He had a surgery on his shoulder after his junior season and missed out on off season training.

"He still showed up though," said Miller. "He could not start until August. He came to everything and encouraged the kids to keep working hard."

He offered advice to the younger classmen to work as hard as they can.

"Put in the time now it will be worth it in the end," he added. "Try to be the best you can because everything happens so fast."

He finished the season with 26 total tackles, 13 assists and one fumble recovery. He was the sixth leading tackle on the team.

"Steve is going to be missed greatly," said Miller. "He is a great leader. He is what Clarkston football is all about."

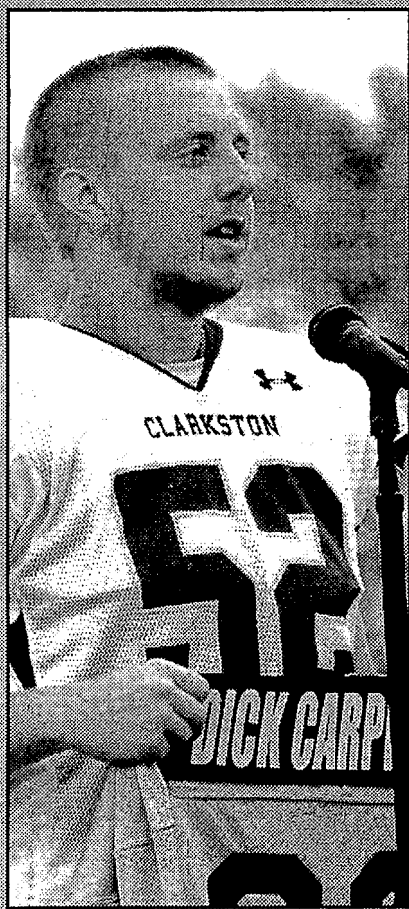
Carpenter currently has a 3.2 grade point average and has a mix of classes including marketing, statistics, ASD Link and media.

When he is not studying he likes to venture outside where he enjoys dirt biking, camping, hunting, skiing and snowmobiling.

He plans to continue his education at Central Michigan University where he will study medical sales.

"My mom always wanted to do it and I know some people that do it," he said.

His parents are Jim and Valerie. He has two siblings, David and Kellyn.



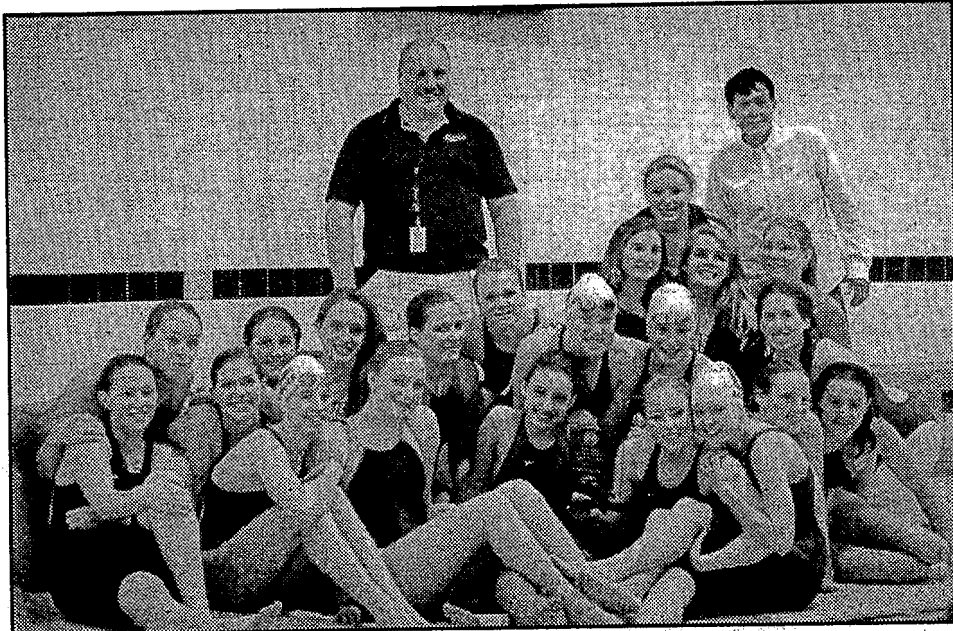
Steve Carpenter at Football for a Cure in August 2010.



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Clarkston Girls Swim team celebrates their win. Photos provided

Making waves

Jenny Godlew jumped into the air and flipped in a somersault before splashing into Clarkston's pool on Thursday night.

She had a few more rounds to go in the diving event in the OAA Blue league meet but by the end she took second behind Oxford's Jade Casadei.

Lady Wolves used the three day league meet to take the OAA Blue Swim and Dive Championship.

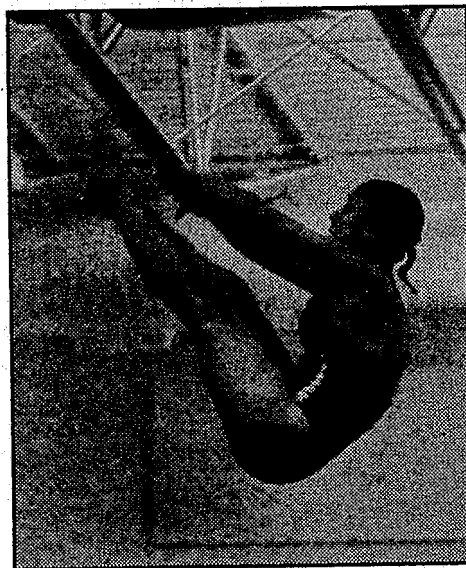
They hosted Ferndale, Hazel Park, Oxford, Southfield-Lathrup and Troy Athens, Nov. 3-5.

The girls took first in seven events, including the relays.

Kendall Oldman, Monica Gorgas, Natalie Vela and Sami Stelpflug finished first in the 200 medley relay.

The team of Kathryn Culver, Taylor Tekiele, Andrea Misteravich and Stelpflug led in the 200 freestyle relay. Mistervich, Tekiele, Gorgas and Culver left the competition in their wake in the 400 freestyle relay.

Culver led in the 200 freestyle event, Monica Gorgas in 200 Individual Medley, Stelpflug in 100 butterfly, Vela in 500 freestyle.



Jenny Godlew dives in the OAA Blue Championship.

Spytman took third place in the diving event.

Southfield-Lathrup's Jessica Bryant took first in the 50 freestyle. The 100 freestyle event was won by Addison Sarris from Ferndale. Haley Kornburger from Oxford led in the 100 backstroke and Nina Lu from Troy Athens led in the 100 breaststroke event.



Sam Tanielian, Lindsay Fantin and Adam Bruderick. Photo provided

Runners finish season at states

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Lindsay Fantin finished her high school cross country career setting a new personal record.

During her race at the MHSAA State Finals on Saturday she finished with a time of 19:16.

"She did fantastic," said Kevin Breen, Clarkston Girls Cross Country coach. "She has dropped a minute and 30 seconds between the last two races. It is a real improvement."

She finished in 80th place overall. For the boys team, sophomore Sam Tanielian finished at 16:13, 68th overall, and junior Adam Bruderick at 16:23, 95th place overall at Michigan International Speedway.

All three had qualified for the state finals after finishing in the top 15 at the re-

gional meet.

"Lindsay had an outstanding performance," said Breen about the regional race. "She pulled it out when she saw our number one runner had fallen. She knew the team was out of the running for states. She sucked it up, she didn't get scared, and she was confident. She knew she would have to work harder to get it."

Breen added she did in the last two miles of the course, pushing harder than she had.

She beat Lake Orion runner by one second to take the final spot for states.

"It's a great finale to a strong comeback," said Breen. "Last year she was injured all year. She came back at the end and ran a good regional. This year she went beyond what we expected from her."

Bruderick and Tanielian will be back for next year's team.

Congrats All-League football players!

Wolves named to the OAA Red All-league team are: running backs Joey Goss and Max Collins, wide receiver Chris Canada, defensive linebackers Nick McNally and Steve Carpenter, line backers Zac Collins and Justin Baetz and defensive back Ty Foltz.

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Designer duds for half the price at Top Shelf Clothing

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tired of the corporate world, Bill Fowler and his wife Alana decided to go into business for themselves and opened Top Shelf Clothing of Clarkston.

"I worked for a pharmaceutical company for 13 years," Bill said. "I just wanted to be my own boss and wanted to get away from the corporate red tape. This was an opportunity that opened up."

Alana said she was all for it.

"I'm all about change and people. I was up for it just because, why not? Life is short," she said. "Like he said the opportunity came up and we both thought let's do it. This is our chance. Do it now before 20 years from now when we wish we would have taken that chance. Also, we have a 12-year-old daughter. We threw out the idea to her and she was all for it."

Offering brands like American Eagle, Hollister, Ed Hardy, Bebe, Lucky, Affliction, and Victoria's Secret Pink, Top Shelf is a high end resale shop geared toward teenagers, young adults and "cool hip moms."

"There are a lot of trendy moms in the area," said Bill.

Alana agreed.

"If moms come in, most of them find something for them, too," she said. "They're wearing the same type of brands."

Bill said they are always putting new items

out on the floor.

"The idea is to keep things current, within 12-18 months," he said. "A lot of people wear their items one or two times and then for whatever reason never wear them again."

He also said clothes that are brought in for resale are all looked over "very meticulously" for stains and holes.

"We're pretty selective because I want customers to know they're getting good quality when they come in," Alana said.

Bill agreed.

"We may be a resale shop, but we don't want to give that image," he said. "We want it to be like the image we're a mall, but for resale prices."

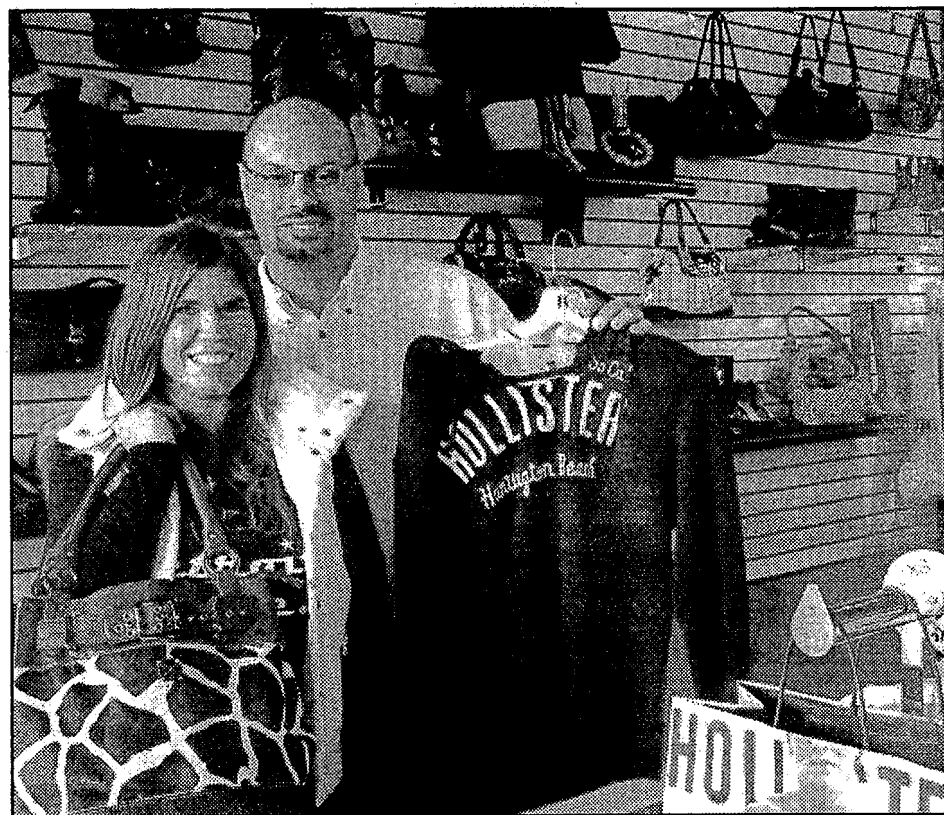
Alana said they've had great reviews from customers who enjoy coming in just because "it's a cool place to hang out."

Bill created a spot for the males to relax while their wife or girlfriend shops.

"I have what I call my 'Cave Corner' with a TV setup, for the boyfriends or husbands who come in and get bored. They can go sit in the corner and watch TV," he said. "I always appreciate going to the mall where stores have couches where you can sit down."

Top Shelf is located at 6325 Sashabaw Road by Leo's Coney Island.

"It's our heart and soul now, this is what we do," said Alana. "It's a lot of fun and it's great."



Alana and Bill Fowler show off clothing items new clothing items at Top Shelf Clothing. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Deputy could fill in, Wagner says

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"Why in the heck he would state in the meeting this was a part-time administrative assistant was ridiculous because if he hires the person as the deputy, that's an at-will employee," Rosso said. "If he'd just said that, there wouldn't be any real issue at least as far as I was concerned."

However, Wagner said Yaeger will fulfill the administration assistant role as well, until he determines if he will hire another person or not for that position.

"What I want to do there, if I decide to do it, is make sure this person has the abilities to be cross-trained in all the departments, so if there is a need when someone is off, this person will be able to assist," said Wagner.

"As an executive assistant to the supervisor they should be knowledgeable in all departments."

Lohmeier said if Wagner "leaves both positions hanging out there," he probably won't vote for it.

"If we eliminate the administrative assistant and replace it with a part-time deputy supervisor and move that (extra) amount (of money for a full-time

administrative assistant) into the board budget as opposed to the supervisor's budget, that's probably the only way I would go for it."

Wagner believes Yaeger, who also works part-time in Northville handling their general ledger and finances, will be a great asset to the township.

"As many years as I can remember, they have always had a deputy supervisor. The reason they have is just in case the supervisor goes on vacation, gets hurt, or has an illness there is someone to take care of business and over the last two years, we've been without," Wagner said.

"I, myself, have been out several times with health problems and even though I'm close by and generally I would get out of the hospital after a few days, employees are going over township business and it's not the same. You need someone right here and this is how we're accomplishing it."

Yaeger lives in Highland Township for 19 years with his wife 29 years.

"I'm actually very excited about the position," he said. "I think this is going to be a great opportunity for both the township and myself."

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Abbey Hall, Mel Bedell and Jeseaca Shier make salad dressing. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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Expo features Clarkston businesses

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Arts and Hospitality Instructor. "It's very rewarding for the students. They have a chance to work with the public and exhibitors love to see what they have been working on."

The students are making six different types of appetizers and are baking over eight different desserts and over 1,000 of the treats. All the food is made from scratch.

They also designed the table settings.

The program has over 100 students between its morning and afternoon classes and 24 students will serve the exhibitors before the public arrives at 6 p.m.

The students created samples of the food and a menu for the chamber committee to chose from.

They chose a hot and cold menu - delicious and filling since it would be the exhibitors dinner.

The expo features over 90 businesses in the Clarkston area.

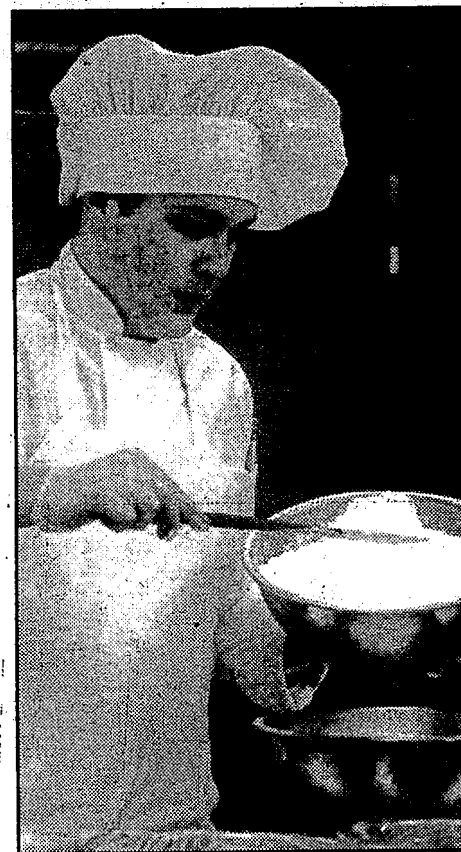
"Exciting exhibits by area businesses and service clubs are just part of the fun as you get to know our local businesses," said Penny Shanks, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce executive director.

"If you're browsing for goods and services, if you want to support for local businesses or if you just want to have a fun evening out in Clarkston, come on by."

Many businesses offer a free giveaway, door prize drawing or raffle.

The expo is Thursday at Clarkston High School, 6-8 p.m. Admission is free.

A list of the exhibitors is available online at www.clarkston.org.

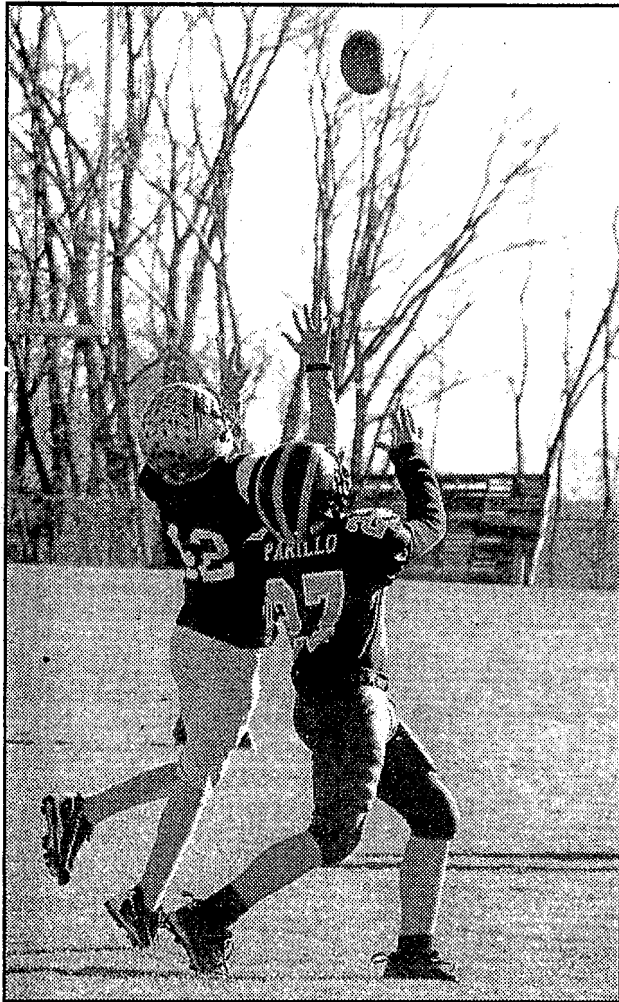


Jimmy Duncanson adds more flour to the recipe.

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JV Blue's Ben Parillo reaches for an interception.



JV Tyler Nowacki closes in on a Patriot.

Mighty Chiefs

Two Clarkston Chief teams ended their season at the Northern Youth Football League Superbowl VI in Oxford on Saturday.

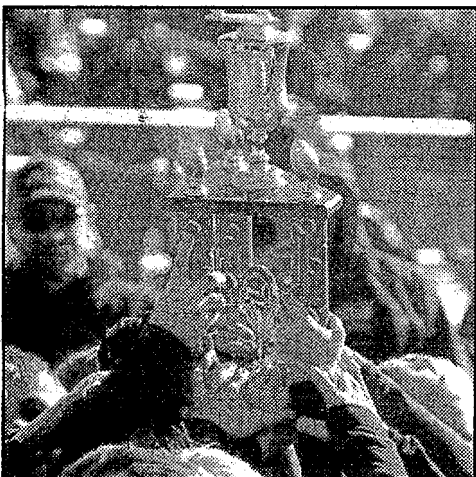
The Freshman Blue lost to the Oxford Wildcats, 20-

7. Joshua Cantu scored a touchdown with 5:38 left in the third quarter. Zack Talovich scored the PAT.

Max Lightfoot scored in the JV Blue's loss against the Birmingham Patriots, 7-6.



Max Nicklin gains yards for Freshman Blue.



Juliana Gekiere cheers for Blue!



Freshman Blue Josh Cantu breaks from Oxford defense. Photos by WR

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SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2010

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

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

Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Ryan
Moved by Gawronski supported by Hunter to "Approve the Agenda as presented after adding under New Business 9 (b) Halloween Trick or Treat schedule." Motion approved.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth to "Approve the Consent Agenda Items after removing 6 (d) DPW Report and 6 (e) Police Report - Lt LaBair for further discussion from the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of 9/13/2010 - Final

Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of 9/27/2010 - Draft

Treasurer's Report:

Cash disbursements (by fund) - General Fund - 9/11-10/7/2010 - \$147,834.71

SAD #1 Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$34,137.50

Tax Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$1,403,379.81

Sewer Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$45,204.84

MIII Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$2,182.65

2000-2007 Bond Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$40,353.75

2002A Bond Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$55,270.00

2002B Bond Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$53,855.00

2002C Bond Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$13,851.25

AREA 1,2,4 Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$7,230.00

AREA 3 Fund - 7/1-10/7/10 - \$7,512.50

Payroll (by Department)

Monthly Wire Transfers

Motion approved.

Resolved by Arkwright, supported by Brueck, "That Council amend the FY2011 General Fund Budget as follows on October 12, 2010: Revenues \$728,185; Disbursements: \$705,140; with fund balance of \$23,045 per the attached report.

ROLL: Yeas - Hargis, Hunter, Roth, Gawronski, Brueck, Arkwright, Brueck

Nays - None

Absent - None

Resolution Adopted

Resolved by Gawronski, supported by Inabnit to "Resolve that Ordinance Numbers 8,13,18,29,31,32,43,44,72,75 and 93 and 93-1 be deleted from the Clarkston Code as all have been specifically repealed by subsequent ordinances, and therefore have no validity or viability relative to the City's business. Copies of these ordinances are to be retained separately for historical purposes only."

ROLL: Yeas - Hunter, Roth, Gawronski, Brueck, Arkwright, Brueck, Hargis

Nays - None

Absent - None

Resolution Adopted

Motion by Brueck, supported by Inabnit to "Table the crack sealing bids until the next Council meeting."

ROLL: Yeas - Brueck, Roth, Inabnit

Nays - Arkwright, Hargis, Hunter, Gawronski

Absent - None

Motion failed.

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Hunter, "That Council accept the Pave Tech Systems, Inc. 20810 Robinson Street, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 crack sealing bid using overband method with D-3405 Hot - applied Sealant 13,000 feet x \$.45/ft = \$5,850 and subject to further review by DPW Director and City Manager to confirm they are meeting specs and also reviewing samples of their work. City Manager will report back to Council at the next meeting stating what specific budget lines the money is coming from to pay the \$5,850."

ROLL: Yeas - Gawronski, Hargis, Hunter, Arkwright

Nays - Brueck, Inabnit, Roth

Absent - None

Resolution Adopted

Moved by Arkwright, supported by Roth, "That the City of the Village of Clarkston's City Council set October 31, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. TRICK or TREATING HOUR in the City of the Village of Clarkston." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie
Clerk/Treasurer

Obituaries

Karen Werner, 68

Karen Werner knew how to take care of people so well that she taught others how to do it.

Whether as a constant, devoted companion to her husband Steve or helping a stranger who took a spill skiing or snowboarding at Pine Knob where she taught and administered first aid, you could count on Karen.

Mrs. Werner passed away quietly at her home in Springfield Township Nov. 7, 2010, after a brief struggle against an aggressive brain tumor.

Born May 6, 1942, in Greenville, Ohio, Karen Mae Campbell was the second of three children born to Mabel and Raymond Campbell of New Madison, Ohio. After high school, Karen moved to Elkhart, Ind., for medical technician training.

Friends introduced Karen to Stephen Werner on a blind date and a year and a half later the two married May 29, 1967, in the little log chapel at the University of Notre Dame, Steve's alma mater. With the exception of Steve's tour as doctor on a submarine in the Navy, the two were largely inseparable for their 43 years of marriage.

The Werners lived in Gales Ferry, Ct., Detroit and Pontiac before settling with their four sons in the Clarkston area in 1972.

Karen loved nature. She took great pride in toiling and tilling in her gardens and spending time at the Werner family cabin Up North, where she delighted in the many birds, searched for morel mushrooms, and canoed, kayaked and fly-fished the Au Sable River.

Karen was a proud member of the National Ski Patrol for 21 years. During that time she

taught Outdoor Emergency Care - first aid - and along with her husband Steve was in charge of the OEC training program for ten years.

Karen worked to start the Pine Knob Ski Patrol Education Fund when she saw a need to help patrollers cover costs of educational resources. Earlier this year the National Ski Patrol awarded Karen the Distinguished Service Award for her many years of service.

It was the pinnacle of countless awards Karen received from her tireless NSP work, which included receiving her EMT license to increase her skills as a patroller and as an OEC instructor. She enjoyed her work with the patrol and considered her friends there to be a second family.

"We are going to miss Karen, as a friend and as a patroller," says Ty Damon, member of the National Ski Patrol. "She was responsible for many initiatives that helped to raise the quality of first aid training for Ski Patrollers not just at Pine Knob, but at the seven other resorts across Southeast Michigan. Karen was one of those people that made a difference in the world."

She also excelled at skiing and for years worked as a PSIA-certified ski instructor at Pine Knob. She showed exceptional patience working with children.

Karen forsook all else to spend time with her husband and family. When her children were young the family spent many days boating the Great Lakes, often cruising to small marinas. When she could on these travels and others, Karen liked to go antiquing. She also loved Native American art and jewelry, and spoiling her beloved cairn terrier, Sassy, and relished spending time with her grandchildren.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her sister, Ruth Falknor, of New Madison, Ohio, and her brother, Ron Campbell, of northeast Indiana. She is survived by her husband Stephen, sons Matthew, Derek (Cara), Jason (Nancy Kane), and Edward (Julie), and four grandchildren. Her many nieces and nephews also loved her dearly.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Thursday and 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday at **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, 5929 S. Main St., Clarkston. A scripture service will be at 7 p.m. Friday. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Daniel's Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston. Memorial donations can be made to the Pine Knob Ski Patrol Education Fund, c/o Sharon Hazen, 4029 Broadmoor Ct., Howell, MI 48843.

- Cara Catallo

James A. Bird, 84

James A. Bird, "Red," of Clarkston went to be with the Lord, Nov. 7, 2010, at age 84.

He was the loving husband of Flossie for 62 years; beloved father of Becky (Bill) Vaudt; preceded in death by his son Joel, his brothers John, Roscoe (Goldie), Harvey (the late Marie), Tom (Sue), Nolan (Peggy), his sisters Frances (the late Emerson) Sutton, Delphia (the late Herb) Burnett, Edna (the late Ernest) Newman and Blanche (Mack) Lawson; proud grandpa of Jacob and Megan Vaudt; brother of E.S. (Debbie) Bird.

Red had a passion for hunting, gardening and gospel music.

Friends may visit Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service 11 a.m., Thursday, at Faith Church, 3411 Airport Road, Waterford. Private Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Missions at Faith Church. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Robert Price Sr., 73

Robert Douglas Price Sr. (Doug) passed away at home after a courageous fight with heart disease.

He was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on Jan. 16, 1937. He was preceded in death by his father, Marion Price and mother Neena, and stepfather, Cecil Ludeman, and his son Rob. He is survived by his wife Dorothy of 55 years, daughter, Susan (Pat) Ross, grandsons Robbie (Brandy), Colin and Dillon and great grandson, Robert D. IV.

Funeral service was Nov. 3 from **Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors Bossardet Chapel**, Oxford. Interment at Christian Memorial Gardens West Cemetery in Rochester Hills.



Obituaries posted daily
at Clarkstonnews.com

Genealogy workshop at township library

Clarkston Historical Society, Independence Township Library and the Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsor a genealogy workshop, Bonds, Bands and Military Records, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Independence Township Library, 6495

Clarkston Road.

The workshop teaches how to find ancestors through family marriage licenses and military records.

There is no charge for the workshop but all participants need to preregister by calling the library at 248-625-2212.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING DIXIE HIGHWAY CORRIDOR STUDY

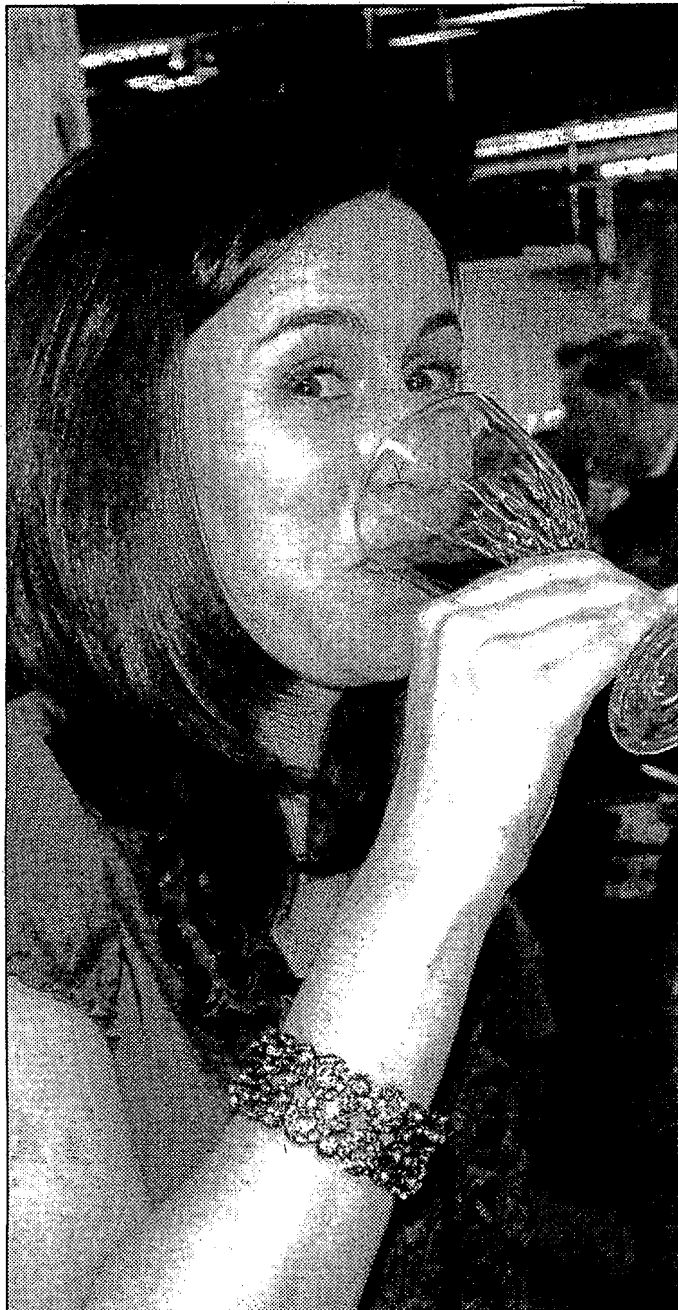
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will present the updated Dixie Highway Corridor Study at its regular meeting on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Springfield Township Civic Center meeting room located at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan.

The Planning Commission is primarily interested in hearing comments from Springfield Township businesses and property owners located on Dixie Highway regarding signage issues as they relate to the study, however all residents are encouraged to attend and comment.

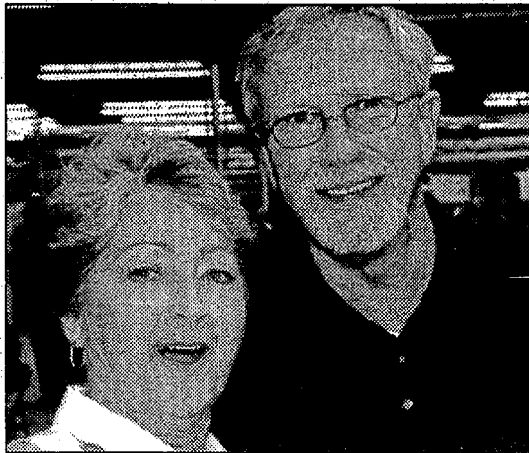
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any questions or written comments may be referred to Mike Trout, Supervisor (248-846-6502) Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. (Phone number: 248-846-6510)

Laura Moreau, Clerk

Published: November 10, 2010



Danielle Jerome enjoys a taste of wine.



Beverly and husband Tom Shaver enjoy a night out in the town.

Wine tasting

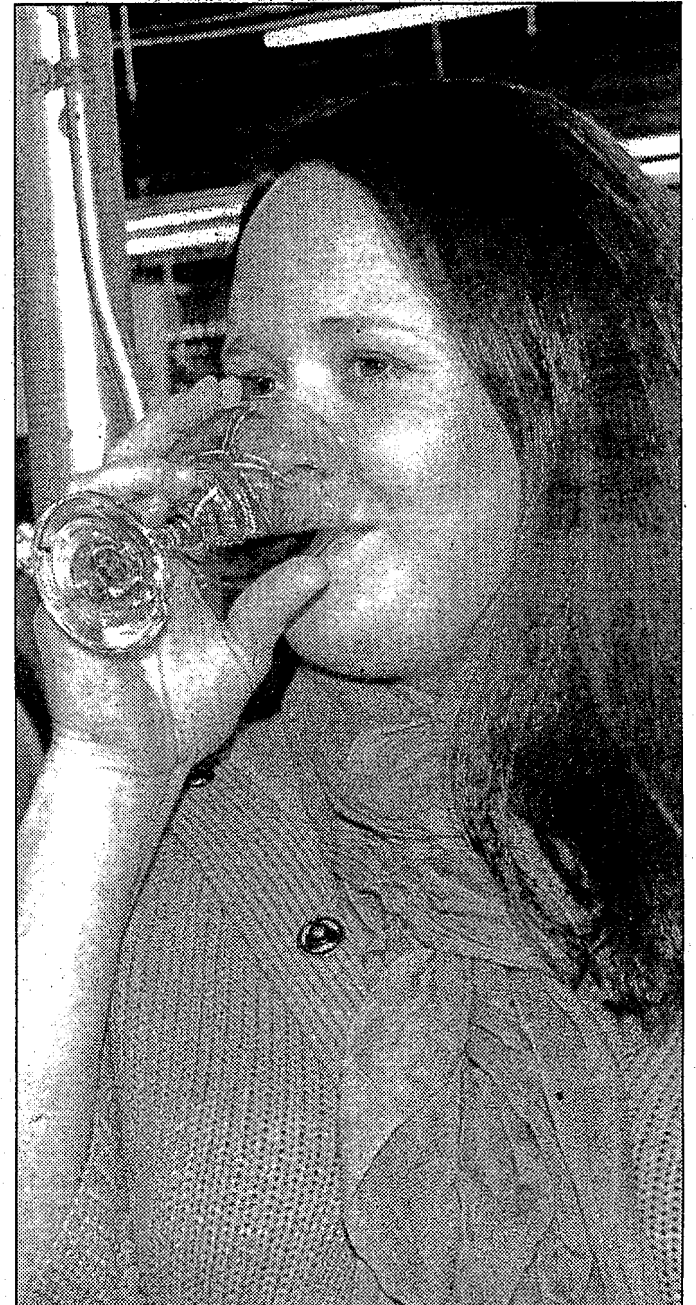
With over 500 people in attendance, Clarkston Rotary Club raised money for local and international projects.

"I felt it was an excellent evening. All feedback we've had has been extremely positive," said Rotary President Brad Evans. "The local restaurants really helped make it a true local success story. It's something most people look forward to every year and we will continue the tradition next year."

For more information visit www.Rotary.org.



Diane Woloson hands out 50/50 tickets to Gary Yang and Paul Chewins.



Megan Taylor takes a sip. *Photos by Trevor Keiser*



Natalie Ayers and Kristi Craig are ready to serve some tasty pasta and sausage from Via Bologna.



Janel Sadowski enjoys a night out with girlfriends Pam Stava, Kim Avery, and Stacey Chewins.

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People Poll

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Thoughts on veterans this Veterans Day



"It's a day to honor all veterans and thank them for their service."

- Colleen Tyler, with Brayden Cooper, left, and her grandson Jacob Stoner



"Veterans fought for our freedom. It's one of the most important things we can celebrate."

- Betsy Cooper



"We're a pretty good group."

- Mike Tyler, veteran of the Vietnam War



"I owe my life to them."

- Mike Cackowski

By Phil Custodio

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Clarkston Wild Ones earned state honors for their work on Clarkston Rain Garden.

Wild Ones awarded for Rain Garden

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Wild Ones, formally known as Clarkston Watershed Group, recently earned the Distinguished Service Award by the Keep Michigan Beautiful Foundation, a non-profit organization, for their Clarkston Rain Garden in Depot Park.

"It's kind of nice to be

recognized statewide for an activity here in Clarkston," said Wild Ones President James Brueck.

Brueck said the award recognizes the group for the value of the project and the action of bringing people together.

"The value of the project, that's mitigating the storm water runoff the parking lot, preventive from getting into the mill race, as well as

drawing together a coalition of other groups like River of Life, Boy Scout Troop 189, Natural Plant Initiative, American Roots, and local volunteers to come together for a common cause and good purpose," he said.

Cory and Robyn Johnston and Colleen Schmidt made the trip to Kalamazoo to receive the award on behalf of the group.

"I think it was great to be honored at statewide competition like that," Cory said. "I was absolutely amazed our little rain garden would be recognized by a statewide agency."

Schmidt agreed.

"I'm very proud of it and very proud of the efforts of all our volunteers working together," she said.



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Around Town

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

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Tell Us About Your Travels, second Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Dec. 9, Bariloche and Bolson, Argentina, if time, Scotland, Ireland. 248-625-2212.

A Nice Family Gathering, Clarkston Village Players, comedy, Nov. 11-13. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-625-8811.

How To Play Piano in Three Hours workshop, with instructor Marc Doiron, 6-9:30 p.m., Nov. 11. \$30. Clarkston Community Education, 6558 Waldon Road. 248-623-4326.

Clarkston A Cappella Festival, 8 p.m., Nov. 12, Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Features Firedrill of Boston, Mass., Great Lakes Champions Clarkston High School CODAS and Women's A Cappella, and local high school a cappella groups. \$10.

Veterans Day Lunch, sponsored by Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 12, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$5, free for veterans. 248-625-8231.

Christmas Craft Show, 2-7 p.m., Nov. 12; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 13, Springfield Christian Academy, 8585 Dixie Highway. Fund raiser for senior class trip. Christmas gifts in all price ranges, hot food, Santa pictures. 248-625-9760.

Murder's in the Heir, mystery play by Mt. Zion Theatre Company, 8 p.m., Nov. 12-13 and 19-20; 2 p.m., Nov. 13, \$10/advance, \$12/at the door, 4900 Maybee Road. 248-409-1120.

Bonds, Bands and Military Records, Genealogy Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 13, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. How to find ancestors' marriage licenses, military records. Sponsored by Clarkston Historical Society, library, Sashabaw Plains Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Free, register at 248-625-2212.

Smart Ways to Live Well, Menopause And Nutrition And Skin Aging, with Cindy Crandell R.N., C.N., and Laura Jasurda, dermatologist, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 15, Clarkston United Meth-

odist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. RSVP, laura.jasurda@comcast.net.

Holiday Auction, benefiting Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Nov. 18, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Also selling Poinsettias, wreaths, grave blankets, delivery Dec. 2. www.clarkstonwomensclub.org.

Depression Conversation, 7 p.m., Nov. 30, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Stephens Ministry sponsors Kathy Gleason, licensed Therapist. 248-625-1611.

Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Dec. 4. Visit with Santa, children's craft, photos, pancake breakfast. Adults \$5; Children \$3. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

Holiday book sale, Dec. 4-5, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Holiday Green's Market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 4 Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Fresh wreaths, roping, holiday fresh arrangements, fresh greens, sponsored by Clarkston Garden Club. 248 459-9026 or 248 604 5524.

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.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-6736.

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

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Murder mystery at Mt. Zion Theatre

Mt. Zion Theatre Company's mystery "Murder's In The Heir" opens, 8 p.m., Nov. 12, at Mt. Zion Theater, 4900 Maybee Road. Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc., the audience plays a part in the ending, helping to un-

ravel the murder mystery using secret ballots. Performances are 8 p.m., Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m., Nov. 13. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 day of performance. Call 248-409-1120, or check www.mtzion.org.

Around Town

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

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

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.

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

Shake it Like Shakira, belly dancing workout, Thursdays, Nov. 11-Dec. 9, 7-8 p.m., Pine Knob Elementary cafeteria, 6020 Sashabaw Road. \$59. Clarkston Community Education, 248-623-4326.

Clarkston Community Womens Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Guests always welcome. 248-620-3255.

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Lindy L. Chaffins,
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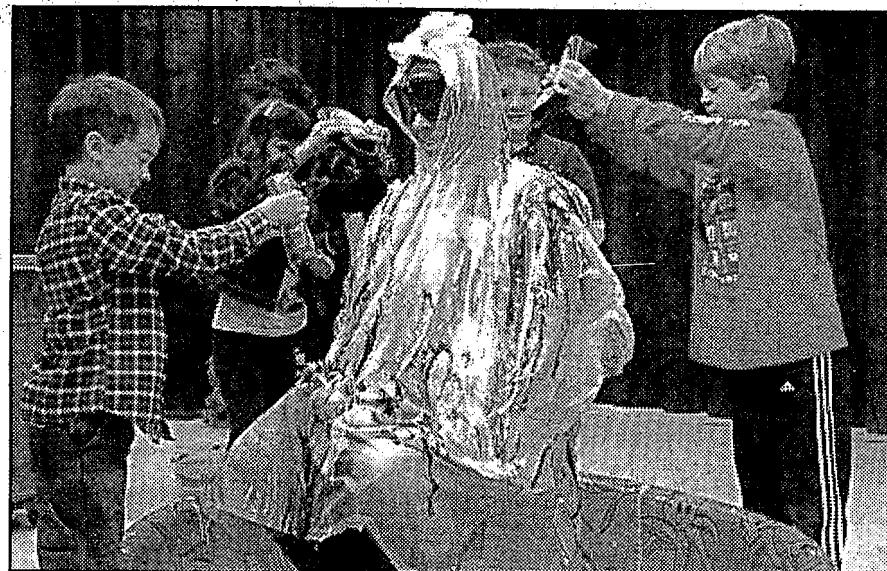
Answer: Yes, you were experiencing the "occlusion" effect, which is the plugged up feeling of talking in a barrel. The new open fit hearing aids take away this occlusion effects so that when you speak it is very normal and natural. You may demonstrate them in my office and even take them home for a week to determine how you hear and understand in your own environment. For one week only I have the small open fit hearing aids made by Siemens for sale for \$999.00!

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Andersonville Elementary third graders, from left to right, Jason McNally, Julia Ruggirello, Zane Shields and Chandler Fleming pour chocolate and caramel syrup all over Principal Bruce Martin.

Students top off Fun Run success

Andersonville Elementary students grabbed sprinkles and whip cream and went into decorating mode on Oct. 27.

They were creating a ice cream sundae, not just any kind but a human ice cream sundae.

Principal Bruce Martin agreed to let the

students dress him up as a sundae if they reached their fundraising goal for their fun run on Sept. 29.

The students did and Martin was transformed when he was covered with ice cream, syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and fruit.

Students' success

Stephanie Brundage of Clarkston was elected vice president of the Class of 2013 at Clearwater Christian College for the 2010-2011 school year.

Brundage is a 2009 graduate of Lake Orion Baptist School and is pursuing the Mathematics Education major at the Florida college. She is the daughter of John and Sheri Brundage of Clarkston.

Clarkston students Alec Sanger and Michael Kasly were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for Spring Semester at Lawrence Technological University.

In service to our country

Army Reserve Pvt. Kaylie N. Ochoa has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier learned the Army mission, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and basic combat skills.

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Religion

Would your faith get you convicted?

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

There are many recent studies that show that there is not a whole lot of difference between people who claim to follow Jesus and those who don't.

Their lifestyles, their checkbooks, their personal behavior, and their attitudes are a lot alike.

It got me thinking (that's a good thing!). What does a real Christian look like?

Should there be some obvious differences between believers and non-believers?

As I wrestle with these questions I'm reminded of an old story.

The light turned yellow, just in front of him.

He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police

officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal belongings.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him."

"I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally... I assumed you had stolen the car!"

The Bible says in Ephesians 5:1 "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."

Hmm... "Live a life of love... imitate God."

Does that include how we drive? Does that include how we speak to our spouse and to our kids? Does that include our checkbook? I think it does.

If you were accused of being a Christian, is there enough evidence to convict you?

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

In our churches...

Alternative Gift and Craft Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 13, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw Road. 248-252-5771.

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

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

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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

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

Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

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Perils, joys of working at home

When we first started our business, my husband and I had a perfect working relationship. I did all the accounting and billing and he handled the client relationships and the actual work that we would get paid for.

Our children were still young, three children, with the oldest being five years old. We set three rules for our kids: 1.) Never come downstairs talking, especially yelling or screaming since they wouldn't know if we were on the phone with a client. (It would be terrible if a client could hear a child crying or worse yet, a dog barking); 2.) Always be respectful and say hello using Mr. or Mrs. when you greet visitors, especially clients; 3.) Then of course, no shenanigans or 'rough housing' above, where the sound could be heard below.

One afternoon while I was out shopping, my husband made arrangements to have a client meet at our home office to go over some last minute copy changes on his brochure. I must say this particular client was a very refined, well-to-do gentleman that never had any children. No problem, since our oldest was in school and it was naptime, so the other two were asleep.

The meeting went very well, and after it ended, my husband began to escort his client to the front door in front of the stairs that lead to the kid's bedrooms above. The two of them were just finishing their conversation when our son called out from upstairs, "Daaaad?" Apparently he wasn't taking a nap. My husband desperately tried to ignore our son, and even pretended that the client really didn't hear him. As they continued talking, they again heard, "Daaaad?" even louder this time.

The client was ready to step outside when my husband was forced to ask, "What is it son?"

"Can you wipe my butt?" he yelled out. (At 3-years-old, I guess this was his afternoon ritual.) The client initially looked mortified... but then after a few seconds, he started to laugh! All my husband could do was laugh along with him. As the client walked to his car and as the door shut, all my husband could do was stand there and think, "Why?" "What timing!" As he walked upstairs to take care of business, he muttered under his breath "I have to get a regular office."

On another occasion, while we were both working downstairs, our son was busy in his room just being 'inquisitive' again. Our daughter, only 5-years-old, came flying down the stairs, unannounced and of course, breaking rule number one. She yelled: "Come quickly!" because her brother electrocuted himself. No, it wasn't as bad as you might think, but it was bad. You see, he found a small luggage key, and boys, liking to see how things work, decided to put it in the electrical outlet. Sparks flew. We rushed upstairs and found him on his knees crying, still holding the key. His fingers had turned black and so did the wallpaper above the outlet. He was definitely startled, but thank goodness he was all right. After that we bought those 'child proof' covers for the outlets.

All in all it was still great being able to work at home and balance

child rearing with work. Otherwise we would have missed so many events in their life. We also had more opportunities with their education, too.

For instance, our baby girl, almost 2-years-old, loved animals. She was playing outside with her brother and sister while their father was raking the leaves. I was doing the monthly billing and was deep in thought at my desk when she came down the stairs holding something in each hand and said in her sweet baby voice, "Look what I got." As I came closer, I immediately started screaming at the top of my voice, "Ahhhh! Ahhhh!" in a frightful tone.

I scared her so much; she dropped what she was holding. She had two dead birds, one in each hand. I don't know where she got them or how they died. All I could think was that she was bringing some disease into the house.

I know I overreacted. My husband thought I was getting stabbed and my daughter will never, ever pick up a bird again. Therefore, her education on birds 'flew out the window.'

Eventually, we moved our business to an official office about five miles away. The conclusion on the matter is the office at home worked, but not without its perils. Looking back, we never lost an account in those years because of working from home. But what we gained with the many "laugh out loud" memories will last for years to come.

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Hometown stories



Heidi McElfish

Spring bulbs for outdoors, indoors

Some gardeners are tired of working in the garden and don't plant many, if any, bulbs. By spring, the gardens look a bit drab. Others order early-, mid-, and late-blooming bulbs in the right colors to fit beautifully into our landscape. And a third group picks the budget-friendly mixes and plants them throughout their garden beds.

Regardless, here are a few tips to ensure beautiful spring blooms.

• Bulbs don't like growing in wet places, so choose a well-drained area to plant bulbs. Otherwise, the bulbs will rot.

• Bulbs are not picky about soil fertility. I simply add compost to the holes as I plant.

• To plant bulbs, you can use a bulb planter and dig individual holes for each bulb. Be sure to plant bulbs in groups of three or more.

I dig a large hole and plant bulbs willy-nilly. Be sure to add soil a little at a time so you keep the pointy side of the bulb pointing up. The hole should be about three times the height of the bulb. Again, bulbs are not very picky. I spend my time obsessing about my roses and leave my bulbs to their own devices.

Naturalizing spring bulbs is my favorite way to plant bulbs. I choose sites throughout the yard and simply toss handful of bulbs where I want them to go. I do keep tulips where the deer won't get them since tulip bulbs are a favorite deer treat. Deer do not like daffodils so go crazy.

Forcing bulbs is simply giving the bulbs a compressed life cycle: dormant bulb; long, cold

period, then light and warmth. When I purchase my spring bulbs, I keep the biggest and fattest for indoor use. I fill plastic pots with potting soil and I crowd the bulbs in the pots. The top of the bulb should be poking out of the soil to encourage fast growth.

Spring bulbs need about 12 weeks of cold temperatures, between 35 and 50 degrees so I put the pots with the spring bulbs in the refrigerator.

Home grown



Mary Pellerito

You can also put the pots in the garage, shed, or cold-frame.

Keep the bulbs moist during their time in the cold.

When you bring the bulbs indoors, wake the bulbs slowly in a cool, bright place, no more than 55 degrees.

In January, this is in my basement. Once there are flower buds, I place the plastic pot in ceramic pots and set the pots around the house where I can enjoy them.

When the flowers are finished, I give the bulbs a dose of bulb fertilizer and plant them outside when the ground thaws. I have not had luck with tulip bulbs blooming two years in a row, so I treat tulip bulbs as annuals.

Hopefully, with these tips, you can enjoy spring bulbs February through May.

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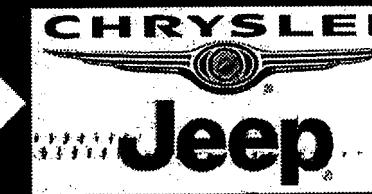
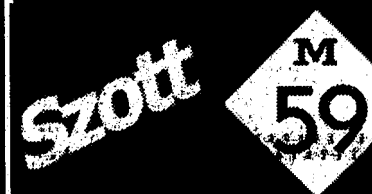
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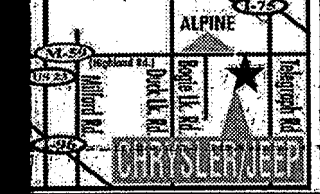
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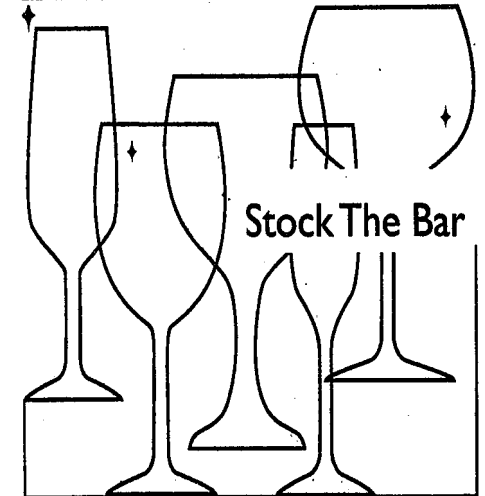
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- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Wallace, Rosso, Lohmeier, Petterson, Carson, Wagner Absent:None
- The agenda was amended to add 8. Hiring of Deputy Supervisor.
- The Public Forum opened and closed with no one speaking.
- Under Consent Agenda the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2010, were approved and the Check Run was removed to the end of the meeting.
- The Public Hearing on Clarkston Ranch Estates Lighting Improvement and Special Assessment opened at 7:34 p.m. and closed at 7:50 p.m.
- Approved Resolution to Proceed with the Clarkston Ranch Estates Lighting Improvement Special Assessment District
- Discussion with DPW Director on CAMS - Water and Sewer Storm Data Conversion
- Discussion and suggestions on the Information Systems Usage Policy
- Approved Bid award for new roof on Lakeview Room at Baycourt Park for \$13,175 and approved fund transfer from equipment line item
- Presentation of Third Quarter Investment Report
- Approved motion to post Investment Report on Township Website
- Approved motion to accept Investment Report
- Approved motion to extend meeting past 10 p.m.
- Approved modification of health care benefits for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer after 16 years of service
- Amend Treasurers Budget an additional \$6,100.00 for new Deputy Treasurer
- Approved Check Run
- Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

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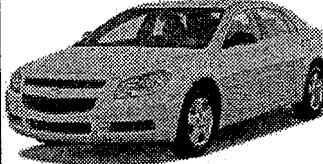
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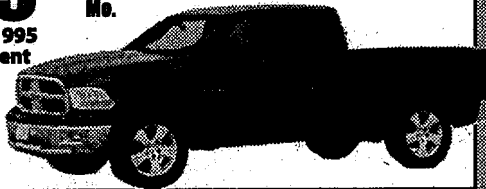
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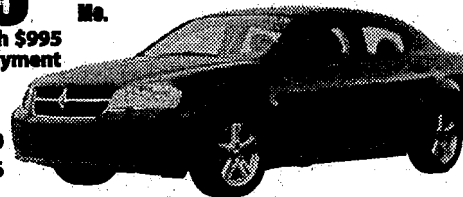


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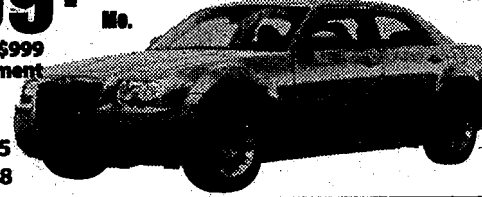


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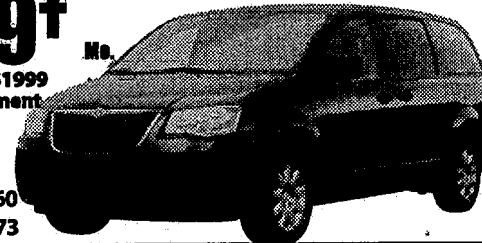


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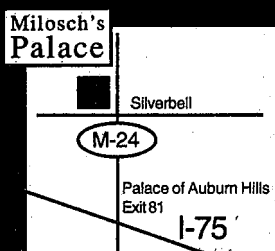
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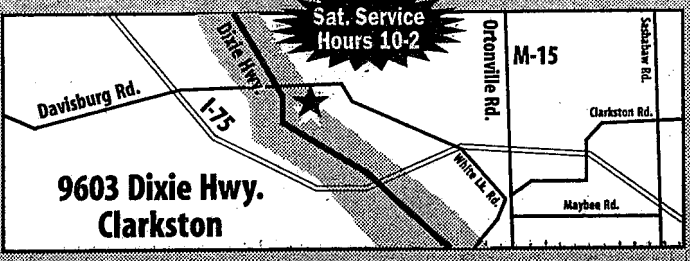
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