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## Court champs

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis players celebrate their state championship, June 4, the first in Clarkston history. Please see 13A for the story. Photo provided

## Grant could relight Main St.

BY TREVOR KEISER  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township and Clarkston are hoping to save up to \$12,000 a year combined by switching street lights to Light Emitting Diodes (LED), using a grant.

"If we're awarded the grant, we will save a minimum of 50 percent and probably closer to 60 percent of our electricity cost for the lights on Main Street," said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

The city has 41 Main Street lights between Clarkston and Waldon roads, costing about \$12,000 annually. A switch to LED would cut it to \$6,000-\$7,200.

The city is seeking a \$26,000 grant. The new lights should save the city that much in 4-6 years, Ritter said.

"We're really excited about it financially," he said.

Linda Richardson, director of Independence Township Department of Public Works, said the township owns and maintains 107 street lights on Sashabaw Road between Maybee and Clarkston roads.

Energy cost in 2010 was \$11,817 - LEDs would save around \$6,000. If they get the grant, Richardson said they would like to take out an additional loan and replace all township

Please see LED on page 11A

## Independence Day parade looking for entries

Community groups, businesses, youth groups, political representatives, car clubs, and bands are encouraged to march in the Clarkston 2011 Fourth of July parade.

Entries for the parade, with the theme American Classics, are due by June 17. Parade registration forms are available at Clarkston State Bank, 15 S. Main Street, or online at [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org).

No entry fees to march in the parade, but donations are welcome.

This year's parade is organized by a coalition of community organizations including Clarkston Optimists, Clarkston Knights of Columbus, Mount Zion Church, and Clarkston Lions Club.

The Independence Township Fire Department organized parade previously, but had to give it up to concentrate on fire protection.

Fire Chief Steve Ronk and firefighters are working with community groups on transition to a parade committee made up of local volunteers.

The parade starts at St. Daniel's Catholic Church on Holcomb Road, 10 a.m., Monday, July 4. Route is through downtown on Main Street to Clarkston Community Education building on Waldon Road.

Festival of Fun and Fireworks follows at Clintonwood Park in Independence Township.

Clarkston's parade is over 75 years old and attracts approximately 10,000 parade viewers. For more information on parade registration, call Rob Whitcomb at 248-239-0000 or email [robwhitfc@gmail.com](mailto:robwhitfc@gmail.com).

Bob Hahn, general manager of Lumecon LLC, explains LED lighting to the Independence Township Board.



Bob Hahn, general manager of Lumecon LLC, explains LED lighting to the Independence Township Board. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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# Music for parkgoers

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the 32nd season of Concerts in the Park, 7-9 p.m., Fridays, June 17-July 22, in Depot Park. Local talent performs at 6:30 p.m.

Kicking off the season is **Blackthorn**, playing traditional Celtic music, June 17. The four-member band sings a variety of tunes in harmony using wooden flute, accordion, tin whistle, five string banjo, cittern, bones, and other instruments.

On June 24, **Toppermost** plays the best of the Beatles, from their early days of the live performances in 1963 up until the Beatles' last tour in 1966.

**Cats and the Fiddler** performs bluegrass music, July 1. The musical trio, Carmen Gibes, James Richardson, and Shaun Richardson, are all 14 years old.

The 17-piece **Stardusters Band**, playing swing/big band music, takes the gazebo stage, July 8. The band began in 2005 and rehearses at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

On July 15, **Funkee Station** plays Motown, Classic Soul, and Classic Rock hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s.

**The Rick Lieder Band** wraps up the season, July 22. Rick and Dayna Lieder lead a seven-piece band, playing a variety of



**Toppermost, Beatles tribute band, will perform at Concert in the Park on June 24. File photo music.**

Parking is free in municipal lots. For more information on Concerts in the Park, visit [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org).

## Pastor Bob returns

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration throughout the year, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes former pastor, the Rev. Robert Walters, to speak at Calvary on June 12.

Walters was Calvary's pastor for 29 years, 1971-2000.

During that time, the church purchased two portable buildings, built a new sanctuary and new fellowship room, and developed a strong lay leadership, he said.

"A new generation of leaders was coming up in 2000," he said. "The seeds planted over years are bearing fruit."

In his retirement, he spends time on his bike-riding hobby, sings with the Carolyn Mawby Corale in Flint, and visits his grandchildren in Arizona with his wife, Beverly.

He and his wife still live in the former parsonage in Independence Township.

"Our sons, Bob and Mike, were raised here," Robert said.

Robert, who is also celebrating 50 years in ministry since he was ordained, will speak at all three worship services, 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m.

Calvary Lutheran, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, is inviting all of its past pastors to speak on different Sundays. For more information, call 248-625-3288.



Walters

— Phil Custodio

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*Admittedly the writer of this story has an inside track (his son; Dean, is our partner) but Mr. Moscovic's story illustrates perfectly my father's selfless commitment to his patients over the years. His mentor, Dr. Craven, was a true town doctor in the 30's and 40's. My father would follow him along on house calls to various ranches around Williston at all hours of the night. The impression this left on him was indelible. He still puts his patient's needs above his own, day or night, he's always there. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Moscovic for sharing a great story!*

~ Dr. Timothy O'Neill

In the fall of 1968 we moved from the Pittsburgh area to Clarkston. (Go Steelers!) In 1970 we had our first son, Dean, and needed to find a pediatrician; Dr. James O'Neill was recommended to us. In 1973 we had our second son, Derek, and at nine months of age he developed a serious heart condition. He was placed in the intensive care unit and we were told that for someone so tiny he might not survive through the night if his heart rate did not convert to a normal rate.

As young parents living away from both our families, we sat next to our seriously ill baby feeling terrified and helpless. On a Friday night around 9:00pm, Dr. O'Neill came to the hospital and sat with us for a few hours explaining what needed to happen in order for our infant son to survive. Such a caring man; he gave up a Friday night with his family.

Derek did survive and for many months after we would stay in close contact with Dr. O'Neill. He encouraged us to call him day or night if needed. Many, many times during the first year of our son's health crisis we had to call Dr. O'Neill during the middle of the night. He would tell us how much heart medicine to administer and then ask us to call him back to let him know how Derek was doing. Never once during this time did we feel that we were bothering him or that we were overprotective parents.

On numerous occasions, in his office, we have seen Dr. O'Neill pick babies up, kiss them and then examine them. Another memory (before Urgent Care); we had out-of-town friends visiting and their son was bitten by a dog. It was on a Sunday and we called Dr. O'Neill at home. He met us at his office immediately.

Years later our third son, Drew, was born with

cerebral palsy which affected him both physically and mentally. Dr. O'Neill (along with his staff) have been there repeatedly for him. Drew is 31 years old now and if he happens to see Dr. O'Neill he is still greeted with a kiss on the forehead.

We will always be grateful that we've had the pleasure of meeting and knowing Dr. James O'Neill. We are pleased to see our son, Dr. Dean Moscovic, working side by side with his former pediatrician.

The dedication, service, and kindness that Dr. O'Neill has provided our family and many families in the Clarkston and surrounding areas has truly been a blessing for our community. God bless you Dr. O'Neill and a huge thank you to your devoted family.

Dick and Toni Moscovic

### COMMUNITY HEALTH WATCH

Right now we are seeing lots of cases of spring allergies. It is a good idea to start your allergy medication now so you can be prepared for the peak allergy season. If you need help controlling your symptoms, please see your physician as soon as possible. We are also seeing some strep throat and a few cases of hand, foot and mouth disease. Strep throat will go away in 3-7 days and antibiotics can be used to help treat symptoms and speed healing time. Hand, foot and mouth is a viral infection that will usually resolve in 7-10 days. Symptoms can be managed with over the counter medications until the virus runs its course.

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## Briefly

### School's Out Party

Independence Township Parks and Recreation celebrates summer with a School's Out Party, Thursday, June 9 at Deer Lake Beach.

The beach will be open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., with DJ and inflatable bounce house activities from 1-3 p.m., weather permitting. Admission is free. Grilled lunches are \$3. Students of all ages are welcome, but children under age 12 must be supervised.

For more information, check [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org) or call 248-625-8223.

### Learn to swim, break record

Deer Lake Beach lifeguards lead local swimmers in the World's Largest Swimming Lesson, 11 a.m., June 14.

Swimmers around the world will participate in the effort to break a Guinness World Record, and spread the word that Swim Lessons Save Lives.

The 45-minute basic, beginner lesson will be offered along with an intermediate and advanced lesson. Registration is free, all ages welcome. To register, email [ekuhta@twp.independence.mi.us](mailto:ekuhta@twp.independence.mi.us).

### New county park

Anglers have a new spot to fish at Independence Oaks County Park-North.

New boardwalks and fishing docks constructed by Oakland County Parks and Recreation provide access to the 31-acre Upper Bushman Lake, and the Large-mouth Bass, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed Sunfish, Rock Bass, Bullhead Catfish, Northern Pike and Croppie living there. Michigan Department of Natural Resources rules apply.

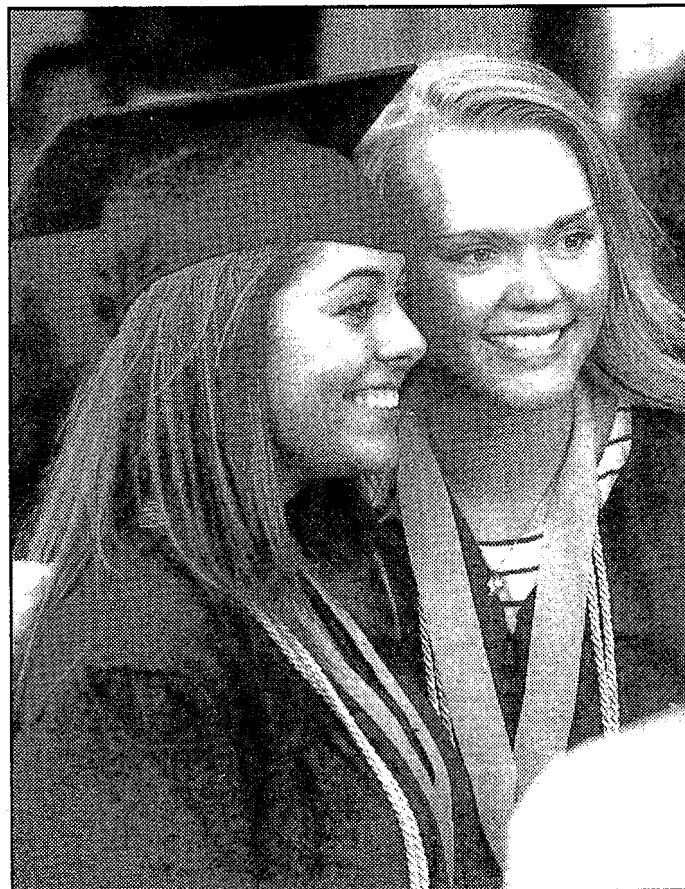
Visitors can park in a 30-space gravel lot south of Sashabaw and Oak Hill roads.

Boaters can portage and launch canoes, kayaks and other registered portable non-motorized watercraft. All boats must be hand carried along a 1,200-foot-long gravel trail from the parking lot to the lake. No vehicular boat launch is provided.

Future plans include trails connecting the 188-acre park with the main Independence Oaks system to the south. The property will also be open for archery deer hunting in fall 2011.

For more information, visit [DestinationOakland.com](http://DestinationOakland.com).

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Lauren Bice and Sarah Hamilton stop to pose in the side high school entrance so friends and family can take photos.

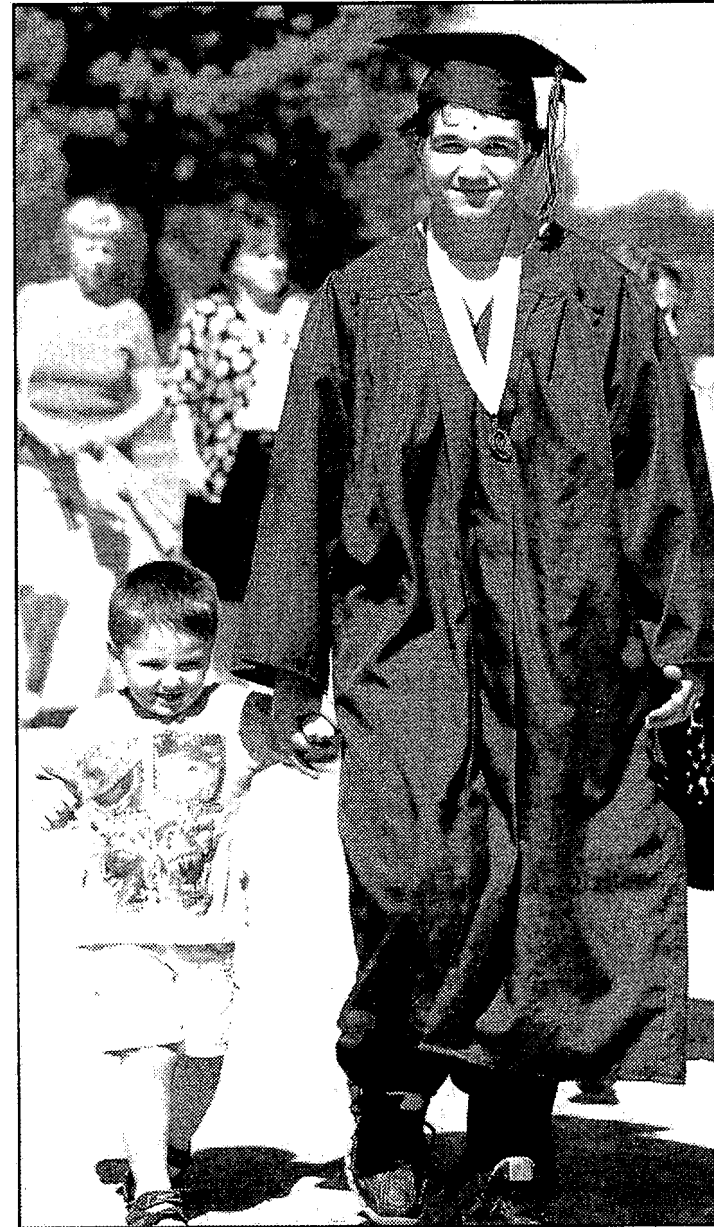
## Senior celebrations

Clarkston High School seniors took their last exam on June 1 before heading to the gym to pick up their caps and gowns and start their final walk through the high school.

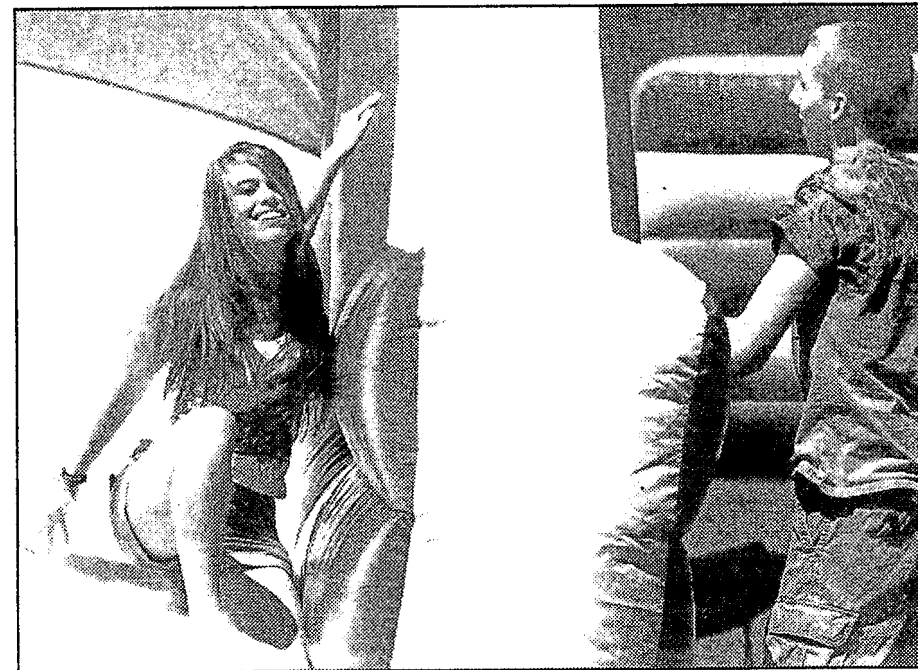
After sharing hugs with fam-

ily and friends and posing for photos they headed to Clintonwood Park for their senior picnic for fun and food.

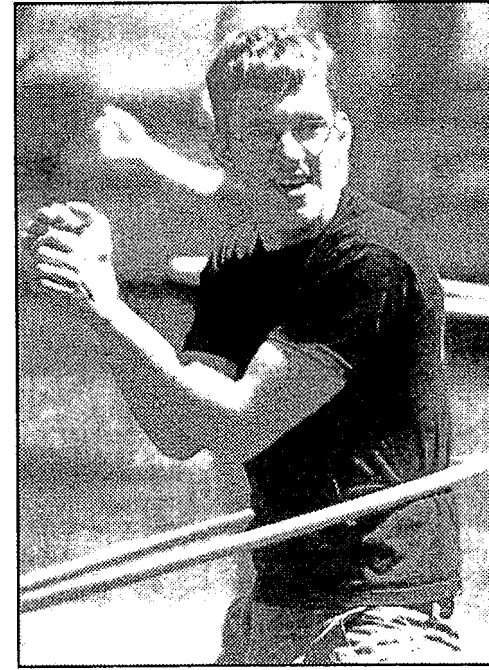
Look for more photos in the Graduation 2011 special section in next week's edition.



Dylan Pridemore takes his last walk in front of the high school with his nephew Alan Lacroix.



Taylor Davis smiles as she finishes her slide on the bounce house while Collin Wilson gets ready for the next venture. Photos by Wendi Reardon



James Hopkinson competes in the hula hooping contest.

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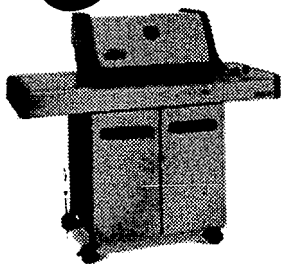
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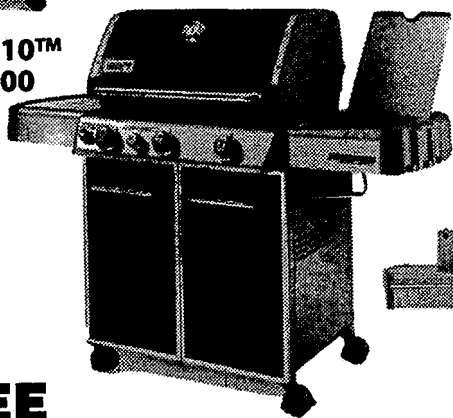


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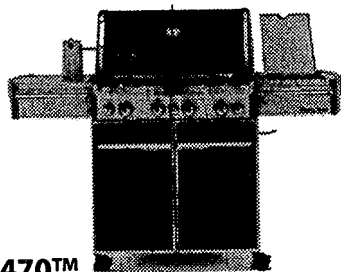


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Junior Girl Scout Troop 13372, sitting from left, Cassie Marcola, Katya Dominguez, Hannah McLaughlin, and Heather Burrum, and, standing from left, Mackenzie Hinds, Corinne Graunstadt, Cleo Scott, Janet Sidaway, and Kelly Cousino. Not pictured are Chandler Deering, Autumn Whitley, Marianna Angelosanto, and Claire Morawski. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Scouts give aid and comfort

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

For their Bronze Award project, Junior Girl Scout Troop 13372 had to come up with a new way to help people in need.

Their idea: pillows.

"Pillows are comforting," said scout Corinne Graunstadt. "If you're in trouble, you want something comfortable, something nice."

Graunstadt and fellow scouts Marianna Angelosanto, Heather Burrum, Kelly Cousino, Chandler Deering, Katya Dominguez, Mackenzie Hinds, Cassie Marcola, Hannah McLaughlin, Claire Morawski, Cleo Scott, Janet Sidaway, and Autumn Whitley, with Troop Leader Nancy Sidaway, raised \$515 to buy 55 pillows and 110 pillowcases.

The girls decided on two pillowcases per pillow. The extra is for laundry day or for use as an extra suitcase in an emergency.

"We wanted to help people in need," Janet said. "We sold soaps and barrettes at a craft sale, and we held a bake sale. People gave us donations."

"One person gave us \$5," McLaughlin said.

"I'm glad we got a good deal on all the pillows," said Burrum.

Graunstadt and her mother make homemade pillows, but knew they could provide more if they just bought them.

"Making our own would cost a lot," she said.

They raised \$110 in a bottle drive as part of the pillow project. The pillows and pillowcases were all donated to Lighthouse North.

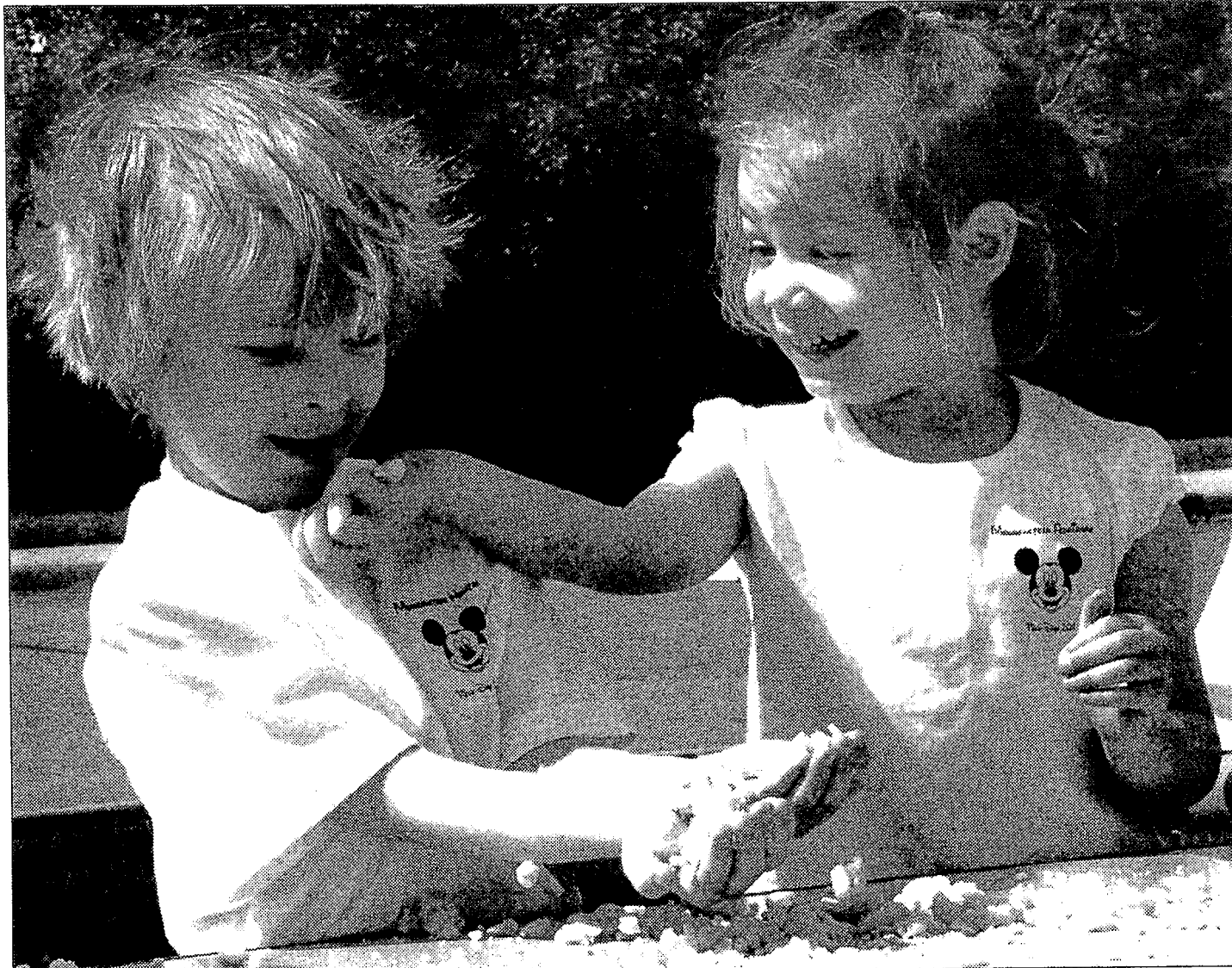
The project took 15 hours of planning and fund-raising work.

"It was a huge project," Nancy said.

The Bronze Award is the highest honor for Junior Girl Scouts. As Cadette Girl Scouts, they can earn the Silver Award, then the Gold Award, the highest in Girl Scouts.



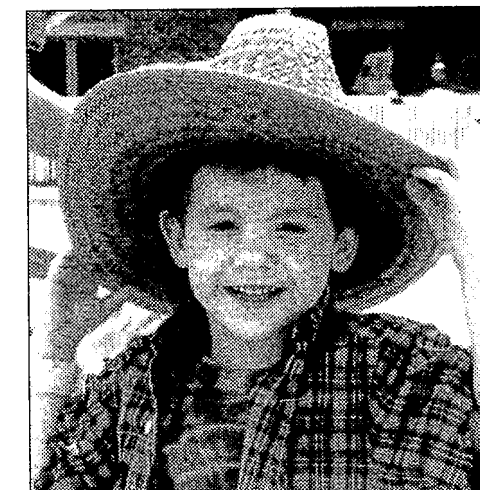
Claire Morawski and Hannah McLaughlin pack up some pillows. Photo provided



Ella Blaesser is ready to drop her ball in the bucket.



Ellie Delude has fun on her scooter.



Jaxson Mchugh gets ready for the cowboy/cowgirl race.

Adrianna Ayre, right, offers Hunter Mackson some tasty play dough. Photos by Trevor Keiser

## Field day fun in the sun at Lil People's Place

At Lil People's Place daycare's field day, June 3, kids enjoyed a variety of games and ice cream sundaes.

"It was 13 years ago we decided to open up a business and kind of give back to our community," said co-owner Sharlene Dasuqi.

Dasuqi, who has almost 20 years of business administration and management,

said she works with a great team, including Erin Gray, educational director for 11 years, Becky Miller, business manager for 11 years, and Nancy Morgan, assistant director with 13 years with the business.

Gray said they recently added sign language and Spanish to art, science, literacy, and math instruction.

The center is equipped with webcams in

each classroom, food at no extra charge, and summer camp for about 280 children.

"We recently hired a girl who used to attend here as a child," Dasuqi said. "We feel we're part of raising the community and we love that."

For more information visit 248-620-8600 or visit [www.lilpeoplesplace.com](http://www.lilpeoplesplace.com).

—Trevor Keiser

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### Dream big

If you hadn't heard the news here is the awesome, fabulous bit of information – the Clarkston High School Girls Varsity tennis team has made Clarkston history.

They took Midland by storm to claim the MHSAA Division 1 State Championship and three players won individual championships – freshman Lexi Baylis, junior Katie Brozovich, and senior Kristina Lucas.

Every team begins the season with the same dream no matter what the sport, the payoff for all their hard work and training – the state championship trophy.



The Lady Wolves had the same dream and put their drive towards it. They put their mind to it, knocking down competition in tournaments and league matches, taking it step by step to their main goal.

Another cause for celebration – graduation was Monday night.

But before the Clarkston High School seniors walked across the stage at DTE they had another special ritual – the senior walk.

I think it is special. I have tried to recall doing the same thing at my high school but all I can remember about my last day is picking up my cap and gown. Nothing like this.

The seniors made their last walk through the high school on June 1, their last day of school. They picked up their caps and gowns and, starting from the gym, walked throughout the hallways.

To make it an even more special day, lower classmen, parents, grandparents, family and friends line the hallways as they say goodbye to the last days in Clarkston Community Schools.

The first day of school in preschool or Kindergarten, they were probably clutching onto their moms, resisting being dropped off and beginning the next step in life. Fast forward to high school and they are ready to for the next step.

Congratulations to the Class of 2011. You made it!

Tips as you move on to college – dream big! It starts as a dream, turns into a goal and before you know it, you did it. Look at the Lady Wolves tennis team.

Another tip, especially for those heading off to college, be wary of the vending machines and late night snacking. Both may sound good at the time, but they aren't. Remember, Freshman 15 it is not an urban myth.

The Clarkston News

# Viewpoints

## A call to reinstate director

Dear Editor,

Once again the trustees of Independence Township Board are destroying the trust of the people they are supposed to represent. My understanding of a trustee is to gain the trust of the constituents they represent.

I would like to know one positive thing this board has accomplished since in office. At least the previous board had enough courage to poke their heads out their shells and build an amazing township building that positively represents our community.

If anyone on this board has a spine, a motion should be made to dedicate this building to David Belcher. It was because of his hard and tenacious work, cost control, and dedication, that we are able to have such a facility.

To accuse him of lying is thoughtless, cowardly, and plain back stabbing for political gain. My hope for him is that his position

is immediately reinstated, back wages reimbursed, and forgiven of the \$3,000 that this board has wasted many times over debating about. Please tell us how you are handling the building director's responsibilities during his absence and at what cost are we taxpayers incurring?

As reported, the attorney general and county prosecutor investigated this, with no wrong doing found. You have opened the door for one heck of a lawsuit and the potential of losing one of your most dedicated employees. I personally know David Belcher. He is one of the few men amongst you with a hard-work ethic and integrity.

I was taught to be concerned about the welfare of family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, employees, and property. What is the primary concern of this board?

*Kenneth P. Rittenhouse, Jr.  
Independence Township*

### Letters to the editor

## Thanks for Keegan Race support

Dear Editor,

The third annual Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids was May 7. This event was co-sponsored by the Clarkston Foundation and staff of Clarkston Junior High. Chuck taught for Clarkston Community Schools for over 30 years. He was also the track coach for much of that time. Throughout his career, he touched the lives of countless students, teachers, and parents. This was evident in the outpouring of support from the community. Over 100 people participated in the event, and over \$4,000 was raised, an increase in both participation and contributions over last year. These funds will be used to establish scholarships for Clarkston students.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their support: A+ Teachers' Store, Accounting Temporary Services, Inc., Capre Grill, Clarkston Autobody, Core Financial Graphmark Services, The Learning Experience, Leo's Coney Island, Planned Financial Services, Running' Gear, Salon Williams, Sky's the Limit, Sports Creations, and Waterford Jewelers. Other sponsors include the Powers' family and Springfield Plains Elementary.

Thanks also to Susan Powers for her efforts in obtaining our sponsors.

In addition, we are grateful to Clarkston Community Schools for their support of this worthwhile event.

Thanks also to Amy Ankrom, Jim Berman, Ray Cooper, Denise Hill, Claudia Keglovitz, April Kosin, Michele Przybylski, Debbie Sabo, Alex Sennabaum, and all the other former and current Clarkston Community Schools employees who donated their time and talent.

Lastly, we are blessed to have the support of the Keegan family. Their participation in this event provides us all with a wonderful opportunity to share our memories of a truly remarkable individual. Their generous donations to the Clarkston Foundation are much appreciated. We can think of no better way to honor an outstanding Clarkston teacher who treasured his students, his school and his community. Chuck's first priority was always his "kids." We are honored to continue his legacy.

*Mike Greve, chairman  
Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids*

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1996

"One good cook" Jeanette Justus of Clarkston was a finalist at the Bavarian Inn Lodge 10th annual Cook Off in Frankenmuth. Justus prepared her recipe for potato and cheese pierogies before a live audience and was awarded two tickets for Sunday brunch at the lodge. Winners were chosen on the basis of originality, flavor, texture, and appearance.

"A whole day of art? Awesome!" Students at North Sashabaw Elementary participated in a festival of Fine Arts marathon when they traded in their regular classes for a day of creativity. Children were asked to pick six creative activities from a list of 21 choices to participate in.

"Downtown house has that at-the-lake appeal" Clarkston Real Estate broker, Pam Ford Morgan modernized her 1890 cottage in the village of Clarkston. The home, on Parke Lake was to be featured in the Clarkston Home Tour 14.

### 25 years ago - 1986

"Quilt pays tribute to 'Ma' Gibson" Betsy Travis, parent and fibers artist, presented Clarkston High School drama department director, Barb Gibson, with a quilt. Travis had worked on the quilt every day for eight months. The quilt had 25 squares representing 23 musicals and two plays that had appeared on the Clarkston High School Little Theatre stage.

"Rev. celebrates 25th" The Rev. Robert Walters marked his 25th year as an ordained minister at Calvar Lutheran Church. The receptions were planned as a surprise by parishioners at the church, where Walters had served as a pastor for 15 years.

"Meet the school board candidates" Candidates running to be members of the 1986 school board were Mary Jane Chaustowich, Bruce Harlton, and John Needham.

### 50 years ago - 1961

"Boy Scout Troop wins first place award at Show-O-Ree" Boy Scout Troop 126 participated in the 1961 District Show-O-Ree and recieved the first place award in the Boy Scout division. The troop displayed the various outdoor cooking techniques by frying doughnuts and pancakes, and by baking pies in reflector ovens.

"4-H Club holds first meeting" The 4-H Club group for Maybee Road and around had their first meeting. The group elected officers and chose a name. Members included president Susan Crawford, vice president Lynda Loomis, and secretary Cheryl Cullen.

# Kevorkian, cicadas and skunks, oh my!

Around 2:30 in the morning, in a hospital bed at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, private citizen Jack Kevorkian died – quietly, peacefully and in his sleep. He was 83-years-old.

According to reports, the retired pathologist who gained notoriety as “Dr. Death” for helping (by his count) 130 people commit suicide, died when a blood clot in his leg broke free, lodged in his heart causing pulmonary thrombosis.

Whoopee . . . I only bring it up here, because two of the folks he helped, he did so locally.

On October 23, 1991, in a primitive cabin located in a serene section of Orion Township’s Bald Mountain State Park, Sherry Miller, 43 and Marjorie Wantz, 58, ended their lives. The story made it into our publication, *The Lake Orion Review*, on Oct. 30.

For the record, Miller died from breathing carbon monoxide – ending her life with multiple sclerosis; Wantz died from lethal injection, ending her “painful pelvic disease.”

Kevorkian snubbed the local law, judges and the like by helping folks end their lives despite being told by the law, not to.

He was convicted of the 2nd degree murder of 52-year-old Thomas Youk (who suffered from Lou Gehrig’s disease) in 1999. He spent eight years in the hoosegow, and

upon his release traveled the country talking about assisted suicide.

Something I read last week kinda rubbed me wrong. The comment was by David Gorcyca, the Oakland County prosecutor who sent Kevorkian to the big house.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by  
Don Rush

When asked about Kevorkian’s death, Gorcyca called the dead guy a hypocrite for not committing suicide, even though he suffered from liver cancer.

I don’t know why, but my senses were irked.

First, a blood clot ending his life is not a planned thing; secondly, maybe Kevorkian didn’t want to commit suicide himself.

Maybe he thought he could do more good by being alive as long as he could? Maybe he had hope? Maybe he had something the others did not. I don’t know. Gorcyca doesn’t know.

Nobody knows, the guy is dead. So, I reckon I just thought it was crass of Gorcyca to call a dead guy something without asking him first.

What are my thoughts on this? My own.

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Last week, I mentioned the shortage of skunks in these parts. This is the first year

I can remember not seeing nor smelling the black and white critters. I wondered, “why?”

A number of you wrote me saying it might be a new strain of the canine parvo virus. I did some research and found this interesting paragraph on parvo virus:

*Parvo virus is a highly contagious and all too often fatal disease that attacks the gastrointestinal system causing severe diarrhea and vomiting. This virus can live in the soil and surrounding environment for years and years and still be very contagious.*

Interesting and if there is any doubt you need to make sure your pets are up-to-date on their vaccinations, this should help make up your mind.

And, this from longtime reader Dan Stanko, of Leonard:

*Dear Don . . . just a thought . . . maybe the May 21, 2011 “Rapture” (end of the world) was meant for them (skunks) only?”*

Point taken, Dan. Thanks for reading.

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I heard recently the 13-year cicadas were coming out this year. Which got me thinking: I always thought it was “17-year” cicadas.

Which then led me to think: Wait a cotton-pickin’ minute, I hear cicadas almost every year.

How many darned types of these shrill

noise making bugs are there?

Well, depending on where you go to do your research, there are anywhere from 1,500 to 3,000 different types worldwide; up to 150 variations in the United States; and ten types of cicadas in Michigan. We got both 13 and 17 year types and them that sound-off every year.

Here is some more: “Nearly all cicadas spend multiple years growing underground as juveniles, before emerging above ground for a short adult stage of several weeks to a few months.

“The seven periodical cicada species are so named because, in any one location, all of the members of the population are developmentally synchronized—they emerge as adults all at once in the same year.

“This periodicity is especially amazing because their life cycles are so extremely long—13 or 17 years.

“Cicadas of all other species (perhaps 3,000 worldwide) are not synchronized, so some adults mature each summer and emerge while the rest of the population continues to develop underground.

“Many people refer to these non-periodical species as annual cicadas since some are seen every summer.

“The life cycles of most annual species range from two to ten years, although some could be longer.”

Just thought you’d like to know.

## A collection of bits and pieces I call humor

Following are bits collected from anywhere but the internet. I not only do not understand why that word is supposed to be capitalized, I stubbornly refuse to enter it. Mostly this stuff comes from the *UP Monthly Magazine*, formerly the *Porcupine Press*.

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• My mother taught me everything about genetics, “You’re just like your father!”

• A little old lady was sitting on a park bench at Trailer Estates, a Florida Mobile Home park.

A man walked over and sat on the other end of the bench. After a few minutes the lady asks, “Are you a stranger here?”

He replies, “I lived here years ago.”

“So, where were you all these years?”

“In prison,” he replies.

“Why did they put you in prison?”

He looked at her and very quietly said, “I killed my wife.”

“Oh,” said the woman, “So you’re single.”

• If ignorance is bliss, why aren’t more people happy?

• Diet quips: Amazing, you just hang something in your closet for a little while and it shrinks two sizes.

I try to lose weight, but it keeps finding me.

I get enough exercise jumping to conclusions and pushing my luck.

I am in shape. Round is a shape.

I’m on a 30 day diet. So far I’ve lost 15 days.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they are sticking to their diet.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

• A man is awakened in the middle of the night by a crash in his back yard.

He looks outside -- only to see a man breaking into his storage shed.

He dials 911 and proceeds to tell them there is someone breaking into his shed.

The dispatcher asks if the suspect is armed, and the man answers, “No.”

The dispatcher then informs the citizen that there are no officers available right then, and as soon as one is available -- they will be dispatched.

The man is shocked, and asks how long this might take. The dispatcher tells him it

could be 10-15 minutes.

The man says the thief will be gone by then -- but proceeds to hang up.

A couple minutes later, the dispatcher gets another call from the same address. The man sounds out of breath, and states, “Well, I just went outside and shot the guy breaking into my shed.”

Within seconds, the sirens could be heard as cars came flying to the location.

Overhead, the police chopper was circling, shining lights on the back yard.

As the officers pulled up, the man in the shed tried to run, but was caught immediately and taken into custody. He was checked for injuries, but none were found.

The commander on the scene walks up to the homeowner, and states, “I thought you told us you shot this guy.”

The homeowner calmly replies, “I thought you didn’t have any officers available!”

• Officer: “You didn’t think we gave pretty women tickets? We don’t. Sign here.”

• Truth about car ads: All Original, means nothing fixed, adjusted or replaced.

• Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.

• Polar bears are left handed.

• Erma Bombeck: “I am not a glutton. I am an explorer of food.”

• Church bulletin bloop: Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

• Being politically correct: He doesn’t have a beer gut, he has developed a liquid grain storage facility.



Dawn Horner of Clarkston State Bank, left, talks with Jim White of Al Deeby Dodge Chrysler Jeep.



From right, Heather Roeser presents homeowners John and Shaine Schindler and Curt and Erin Lawson with gifts.



Mary Rogowski shows off the bar in the basement of the Schindler home.

## Touring homes

SCAMP held its 29th home tour this past Saturday and Sunday. The tour included five homes, Bihl Home, the 2011 Designer Showcase Home, Lawson Home, Schindler home, and Stonewood farms.

The Western-themed Patrons' Night, Saturday, included music, food, dancing and auctions. For more information about SCAMP, visit [www.clarkstonscamp.com](http://www.clarkstonscamp.com) or call 248-623-8089

Photos by Trevor Keiser



Judy Ettinger, left, buys a hat from Ashleigh Draving.



A group waits to be picked up outside the Schindler home.



Scamp Executive Director Donna Clancy gives a special thanks to all the supporters.



# Public Safety

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

## Gas thieves stopped short

Deputies went south on Dixie Highway, looking for a car that left a gas station without paying, 3:07 a.m., May 30. They found it partially submerged in a culvert at Crescent Lake and Elizabeth Lake roads in Waterford, already attended to by Waterford Police. The driver, a 31-year-old Waterford Township man, was arrested for drunk driving.

## Illegal resident

A deputy ran the license plate of a car at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, 7:23 p.m., May 31, and found the owner had a suspended driver's license. The driver, a 38-year-old Independence Township resident, was a citizen of Mexico in the United States illegally, with two minor children in the U.S. The vehicle was impounded.

## Super drunk

Residents watched as a car hit a garbage can, swerve back onto the road and hit a parked vehicle, 7:16 p.m., May 30, in the 4000 block of Meyers Road. The car paused but drove to a nearby house. Deputies spoke to the driver, a 56-year-old Independence Township man, and had him identified by witnesses. Smelling of booze with a .220 preliminary breath test, he said he had drunk a fifth of rum. He was arrested under Michigan's "Super Drunk" law, which increases penalties for drivers with .17 and above blood-alcohol level.

## Copper theft

Someone broke through a glass sliding door and stole copper pipes from a house up for sale in the 5000 block of Old Cove Road, May 31.

## Thieves smash, grab from vehicles

Thieves have been busy in the Clarkston area lately, stealing anything not bolted down from vehicles locked and unlocked.

"Anything they see, they try to get," said Detective Sgt. Matt Baldes, Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township Substation. "It's not specific to Independence Township — every community has this issue."

Thieves look for items in plain sight, such as laptops, purses, cell phones, GPS units and/or their holders, tools, backpacks, and briefcases. Also, with summer here, people are doing yard work and forgetting to close their garage doors, Baldes said.

"The biggest thing people can do is to lock their doors and keep valuables in the home — don't leave anything in your car you don't want to get stolen," he said. "Be diligent, talk to your neighbors, look out for each other."

Incidents include an SUV's rear window broken in the 7000 block of Andersonville Road, May 26.

On May 29, a radio was reported taken from a car through a broken-out front window in the 7000 block of Scenic Ridge Drive, and someone broke the front windshield of a car parked in the 5000 block of N. Marshbank.

Incidents reported on May 30 include a bicycle taken from a garage in the 8000 block of Center Circle Drive, two toolboxes taken from the open bed of a pickup truck in the 4000 block of Clearview Drive, and

someone cutting a steel cable and taking a bike from a carport in the 4000 block of Fox Creek.

Cases on May 31 include a front passenger window broken in the 5000 block of Woodcreek Trail; truck's driver's side window broken, 5000 block of Fox Chase Lane; front passenger window broken on a car parked in a driveway in the 5000 block of Pheasant Run Road, backpack stolen; backpack taken from a car parked in the 5000 block of Fox Creek Lane, driver's door window broken out; front passenger window broken out of an SUV in the 5000 block of Pheasant Run Road; bag taken from an SUV, front passenger window broken, 5000 block of Woodcreek Trail; purse from an unlocked vehicle in the 5000 block of Woodcreek Trail; passenger window broken in 5000 block of Wood Creek Trail and purse taken; and a truck's front passenger window broken, 5000 block of Old Cove Road.

Someone broke out the driver's side window of a car parked in the 5000 block of Winell Street, June 1.

In some of these cases, residents heard noises and called police. Deputies searched the area but found no suspects. Call 911 if you see a crime in progress. To report something suspicious, call Oakland County Sheriff's dispatch at 248-858-4911.

"Call anytime," Baldes said. "If you see a group of kids or something, give us a yell. Deputies are on patrol — it's no problem to drive over and check it out."

— Phil Custodio

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# City search for new treasurer

**BY TREVOR KEISER**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With Kimberly Howe resigning from City of the Village of Clarkston at the end of May, this town needs a new treasurer.

"We're very disappointed that she had to leave, but we fully understand the reason. She found a well paying full-time job that had benefits, which were very crucial to her family," said City Manager Dennis Ritter. "In that regard we're very happy for her and her family."

Howe took over as city clerk and treasurer in January after former Clerk/Treasurer Jan Gillespie retired. Howe submitted a resignation letter in March in response to postings on Councilman Richard Bisio's Facebook page, which she felt were "personal attacks" on her work. Howe agreed to stay on as treasurer if the city found a replacement for clerk. The city hired Kelly Richter to take over as clerk in April.

Ritter is confident they will receive a "fair

number" of applicants.

"We've looked over the applicants that applied for the clerk's position and there are a few in there we want to talk to because their strength was in accounting," he said. "(Also) municipal experience is obviously very important."

Ritter said they received about 75 applications when they advertised for clerk, but a third of them were late.

"We had a good 50 we were able to go through," he said.

Ritter said he talked with Gillespie and she agreed to be the treasurer temporarily until the position is filled.

"Jan's pay will be the same as Kim was receiving (salary, \$14,500 a year)," he said. "She'll be paid as an independent contractor."

Mayor Joe Luginiski said Gillespie is a good temporary solution because she is familiar with the job.

# LED lights for city, township

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streetlights, including on M-15, Dixie Highway, and White Lake Road.

In order to receive the grant, a 10 percent match is required. Both the city and the township will do their own installation to satisfy state requirements. Richardson said the only cost to the general fund would be labor. She anticipates 120 hours at a cost of around \$3,000.

Both municipalities should know within 30 days if they receive the grant. If the city doesn't get the grant, it probably won't participate, but Independence will probably still relight Sashabaw Road, Richardson said.

Bob Hahn, Clarkston resident and general manager of Lumecon LLC, said using LEDs produce the same amount of light using less than half the wattage. Replacing Sashabaw lights would reduce energy use from about 200 watts to 60 watts.

"LEDs are the most efficient at converting energy into light," he said.

Almost 95 percent of the energy is converted into visible light, he said.

"LED's don't waste any energy into the UV or infrared ranges. That's why at 60 watts they can mimic 175, because there is no waste," he said.

The grant requires lights to be made in Michigan.

"Being in the business, obviously it's something I do for a living, but I also want to practice what I preach and have it in our own town. DTE is raising rates and January 1 they're going up and they're going to keep going up," he said. "If we don't do this now, the budget crisis that's in the township and in the village is just going to get worse."

Hahn also said it's a way to reduce legacy costs.

"As opposed to taking the money and paying payroll this week with stimulus cash," he said. "Here's a way to leave your town in a better shape for your kids than when you were there."

Richardson agreed.

"I wouldn't be doing this if it wasn't worth it," she said

# Focus on future despite cuts

I've spent a good deal of time in the last few weeks writing to you about the State of Michigan's proposed budgetary changes.

Last week, these changes came to fruition, meaning that our district will receive for the school year 2011-2012 a reduction in per pupil funding of at least \$1.5 million.

In order to offset this reduction by \$100 per student (reducing our cut from the state to \$800,000), the state's budget requires us to meet four out of five financial "best practices."

I'm confident, due to the collaborative nature of our relationships with our collective bargaining groups, along with the strategic moves our district and employee groups have made over several years, that we'll meet these requirements.

The Clarkston Community Schools is now the holder of our own health insurance and we share services with Lake Orion. We anticipate making a few other changes in order to meet the state's financial best practices mandates. More information will follow.

In addition to the cuts required from the state, the Clarkston Community Schools has taken several steps to balance our budget over the next two years, amounting to \$3.4 million worth of reductions and savings.

This means that next year we will freeze salaries for all employees, we will have fewer media specialists, less aide time in the early grades, less money in the International Baccalaureate budget, and we will increase the distance between bus stops and reduce some money for non-instructional field trips.

**Words from the Sup't**



**Dr. Rod Rock**

Through all of this, I've made a commitment to focusing on the future. We will accomplish this through our revised vision, mission, learner profile, and strategic plan; by building upon the excellence that exists in our district; through great teaching; and through the continued support of parents and the community. I will provide more information on this in the coming weeks.

As you're aware, I've written two installments of the Superintendent's Call to Action. You've had a chance to read and comment on my ideas.

My third installment is entitled the Superintendent's Manifesto III, which you will see in the coming days.

Here, I offer some suggestions as to revisions of the state's Constitution, a Children's Bill of Rights, the establishment of the WE Party, and a focus on Education-kNow!

As an advocate of locally controlled schools; excellent teachers; engaged, globally connected students; and collaborative communities & parents, I believe that the need for us to stand together is just beginning, especially since the legislature and governor will next tackle their school reform agenda. I will continue to do all I can to advance our cause.

This week, our seniors complete their final days at CHS and RHS. I'm thankful for all of the support offered to our graduates from parents, teachers, family members, school personnel, the board of education, and the community.

I'm grateful to these seniors for the contributions they've made to Clarkston and I wish them the very best in the future. I pray for their safety as they complete busy schedules.

It's an honor for me to serve the Clarkston community and the Clarkston Community Schools.

*Rod Rock, Ed.D., is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools*

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# Missions just starting for Smiley

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Helping others is second nature for Chloe Smiley and for it she was recognized.

The Clarkston High School senior was a finalist for the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and received the President's Volunteer Service Award.

"It was a really cool honor," she said. "It was nice to be recognized for it. It's almost kind of awkward because I don't volunteer to get an award."

Both were for her work on the 30-hour famine project with her youth group at North Oaks Community Church, where she served as coordinator.

"I planned the 30 hours," Smiley explained. "I planned what we were doing - we prayed, we worshipped, we performed skits and music."

The famine project included up to 30 people participating. They had to raise funds ahead of time and go without food for 30 hours.

Smiley volunteers at her church on a regular basis in the children's care center, music coordinator, and other events in which the church participates such as Christmas in Action.

"Volunteering with my church allows me a lot of opportunities," she smiled. "I like to serve with my friends and with



Smiley

God at the same time."

She was also vice-president for the National Honor Society at the high school and spent time volunteering for their events such as school fairs.

Part of her free time was spent on the high school's cycling club and she was a nanny to three kids.

Her plans for the summer include working and going on a mission trip to New York City.

"I am really excited about it," she said. "It's inner city New York so we will be cleaning up, and doing street evangelism. We usually find out more once we get there so it is always a surprise."

Last summer she went to Washington, D.C. on a mission trip and also went to Mississippi to help with clean up from destruction left by Hurricane Katrina.

"It was a really good experience and a lot of hard work," she said. "It was a few years after Hurricane Katrina. I didn't realize how much destruction was done. You forget about it once it is not on the news all the time. The beaches were still completely covered with trash. We cleaned up, worked with the local communities and helped in the soup kitchens."

Smiley is going to Grove City College in the fall where she will study entrepreneurship.

"Ideally I would like to start my own business," she said. "I don't have specific plans but I plan to figure it out more once I get there."

She plans to continue volunteering and will see what opportunities there are.

"My college has a lot of mission trips we can do as well," she added.



## Clarkston track stars

From left, Clarkston freshmen girls track team members Mackenzie Proper, Coach Kevin Breen, Kelley Fitzpatrick, Kacy Robinson, Coach John Yorke, Franzi Loetzner, Kylie Knavish, Coach Matt Klaver, and Hannah Hawkins took first, May 28 at the 34th Oakland County Freshmen Track and Field Championship meet in Milford. They each had to qualify for the county meet at the Pontiac freshmen meet. Victories included a first in the 4x800 relay, 10:08; and a first in the 4x200 relay, 1:53. They team also took third place in the high jump and second in the 300 meter hurdles. Photo provided

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# Queens of the court turn goal into reality

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves made history during the weekend by winning the MHSAA Division 1 Tennis State Championship for the first time.

"There were a lot of tears, lots of happy tears," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis Coach Becky Freeman.

It was a team effort from all the members of the team as they rallied 27 points, beating Ann Arbor Pioneer by two. Midland Dow finished in third place with 21 points and Grosse Pointe South took fourth with 17 points.

"We set this goal at the beginning of the year," said Freeman. "I am so proud. The girls never lost a match, stuck to their guns and followed through. They did what they set out to do by winning the state championship."

The girls finished Friday with seven semi-finalists going into Saturday's final rounds.

"Having seven courts of semi-finalists is a huge feat that made the difference," said Freeman. "Ann Arbor also had seven courts, that is why in the end it got so close. We were able to complete more wins and they got knocked out by other teams."

Three players brought home individual championships after finishing in first - freshman Lexi Baylis, junior Katie Brozovich and senior Kristina Lucas, her second.



Katie Brozovich, Kristina Lucas and Lexi Baylis celebrate winning their individual state championships. Photo provided

All three beat Midland Dow players to aid the team in victory. Baylis beat Christina Auyueng, 6-2, 6-1 in Singles #2 court; Brozovich beat Kelli Close, 6-2, 6-3, in Singles #3 and Lucas beat Katie Close in Singles #4, 6-4, 6-4.

"They were stellar," said Freeman. "They went down there with their minds made up they were each going to win their matches and they did. They work all year, in the off

season and play in tournaments all year round. They didn't let any of the pressure get to them. They have experienced all the pressure before. They were incredible."

Gabriella Spindler finished in third place. She had a bye her first round in singles #1. She beat Grand Blanc 6-1, 6-0 and Livonia Franklin 6-4, 6-4 before losing to Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 6-3, 6-2.

Also, giving the girls a huge boost were

the double teams adding nine points to the score.

"My doubles came through," added Freeman. "We wouldn't have been able to do it without them."

For doubles #1, Dana and Paige Olsen defeated Port Huron Northern, 6-2, 7-5; beat Saline 6-1, 5-7, 7-5; and lost to Midland Dow, 6-4, 6-2.

For doubles #2, Abbey Hubregsen and Amy Wozniak had a bye the first round and lost to Port Huron Northern 6-2, 6-4.

For doubles #3, Olivia Dunn and Allie Wilson had a bye the first round; beat Port Huron Northern, 6-2, 6-4, in the second round; beat Novi, 6-3, 6-3; and lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2-6, 6-0, 2-6.

In doubles #4 Annie Gencay and Monique Zentner also had a bye their first round; beat Troy-Athens 5-7, 7-6(6), 6-4, in the second round; beat Hudsonville, 7-6(4), 6-4 and lost to Novi 6-0, 6-3.

The team loses three seniors, Lucas, Gencay and Courtney Parkhill, the rest will be back for another journey to the state finals as they go into their offseason training and competing in tournaments on their own during the summer and winter.

"It is bitter sweet for the seniors to finally win a state championship," said Freeman. "It paves a way for a lot of great Clarkston tennis in the future. It's so exciting."

## Athlete of the Week Klemme finds a home on the green

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Paul Klemme is looking forward to sunny days this week as he heads to the MHSAA Division 4 Boys Golf Regionals at Westwind Golf Course.

The Clarkston resident's team, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, took first place at the district tournament last week and Klemme had the third best score with a par of 78.

But the sophomore's best score so far this season was during the Oakland County Tournament where he shot a 76, tying for 14th place with ten other golfers.

"I did really well," he said. "The tournaments were pretty much three in roll and I was having a good stretch. I was feeling good about my swing."

Oakland Christian finished first with a score of 296, three ahead of North Farmington.

"They all had a good day, but they are

all talented," added parents, Mary and Paul.

For his other two tournaments he shot a 79 at a showcase in Gaylord and 78 at a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference tournament.

His team finished in first in Division 4 in the regular season despite the wet season and Paul's scores have been consistent.

"Sometimes the rain made it easier," he admitted. "The greens become more moist and everything sticks better so you can aim and shoot. Sometimes it doesn't help because it can get too wet."

Paul joined the varsity team at Oakland Christian during his freshman year.

"Last year I really got into it and took some lessons," he added. "It was my first year to play and get competitive. I played once in a great while before that it was a fun thing to do. I really like it, it's my favorite sport and favorite thing to do."

He added playing travel hockey and soccer helped to build him up to golf and helped

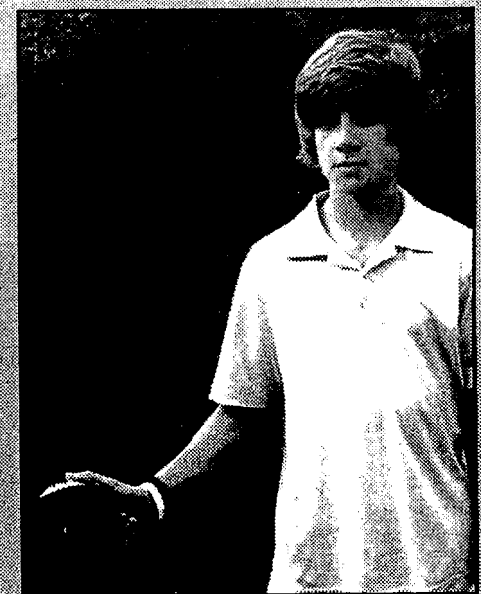
him with being athletic and with competition.

"He has always been good at athletics," added Mary.

As Paul heads into playoffs he is planning to stay focused.

"I know no matter how good your team is or how bad the opposing team is, you always play like they are good," he said. "If you go in thinking it will be a easy win - you will lose."

Besides playing golf in his spare time, Paul also enjoys playing guitar, singing and writing songs.



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# Wolves take sting out of Avondale Yellow Jackets

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Wolves' fans watching the softball game at the top of the hill turned their heads just in time to see junior Matt Rodgers hit Avondale's pitch in the bottom of the first inning.

After the connection, the ball soared through the air to the left side of the field. As Avondale defenders in the outfield watched for a possibility of a catch - the ball went over the fence to the north side of Flemings Lake Road.

The home run brought in two runs for the Wolves, tying the score 2-2 in the MHSAA District Finals.

The boys ended the game with a win, 12-9 over the Yellow Jackets and won their second consecutive district title.

"The bottom line is our kids competed," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball Head Coach Phil Price. "Matt was a helluva player today. He started the game. Avondale hit a two-run homer and Matt answered and went 'we are here to play, we aren't going to roll over.' It really set the tone of the game."

Rodgers hit built the momentum for the game as the boys headed into the bottom of the second inning one point behind, 3-2.

Jacob Forsten hit a double during the inning to bring in the first of the runs. The next run came from Jake Sims as the senior was walked with the bases loaded for 4-3.

Avondale took a brief time out to switch their pitchers but the trade went against them as Jassiel Gonzalez hit a single and brought in a run.

Dylan Peck was the next to score and hit a two run double to bring the score 7-3. One more single, this time from Jared Sperry, put

the boys 8-3 to close the second inning.

The Wolves went for three more points in the bottom of the third winning with a run off Chase Toth's single and runs from Rodger's and Peck's walk.

Avondale caught up in the next winning and kept the Wolves to 11 points through the next two innings.

Both teams switched up pitchers quite a few times, Andrew Fairse began the game for Clarkston and Vince Siwicki, Forsten and Rodgers came in later in the game.

"You have to give credit to Andrew," said Price. "He closed out the first game and then came back, opened the second game and pitched his heart out. Vince did a great job. He came in and gives us a few quality innings then Jake came in and shut them down and Matt closed the game."

Gonzalez brought in the last run in the bottom of the sixth inning to put the score, 12-9.

The Yellow Jackets were sent back to the dugout to pack up their belonging after Rodgers was brought in for the seventh inning and threw the last three outs.

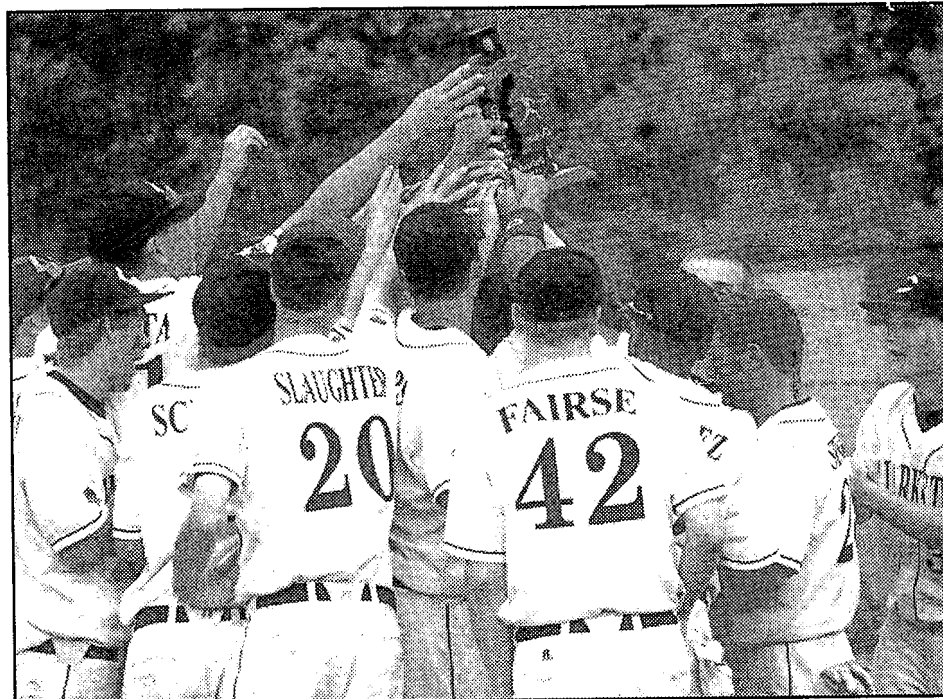
The boys began the district playoffs against Waterford Mott, beating them in 10 innings, 7-6.

"The first game we didn't compete the first couple of innings," said Price. "They battled, they scraped and got back in there."

The boys were behind 5-2 in the bottom of the fifth inning when Rodgers hit a single to bring in a run.

Peck tied the game hitting the ball to the right field for a two run double as the boys celebrated tying the score in the dugout with dancing.

"It really gave us a huge lift," said Price



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball team gathers around their second consecutive MHSAA District trophy. Photo by Wendi Reardon

about the hit.

Mott responded with a run at the top of the seventh inning and the boys tied the score again with a run off a single from Nicholas Mazzone.

The game went into three extra innings until Peck's single hit went to left field. As the ball kept going Toth ran home to end the game, 7-6.

"We have a great bunch of kids on this team and it is a pleasure to keep on playing," said Price. "The seniors, I think they ended last season not quite satisfied. They want a

chance to go out with their best game - win or loss. They want to play to their ability."

The boys head to Oxford High School on Saturday for MHSAA Regional playoffs. Clarkston plays Utica Eisenhower at 11 a.m. Romeo and Hartland head against each other at 12:30 p.m.

"It is going to be a nice week because will be able to practice," said Price. "We haven't had time to practice this year, do some quality things and work on some things. I really look forward to that."

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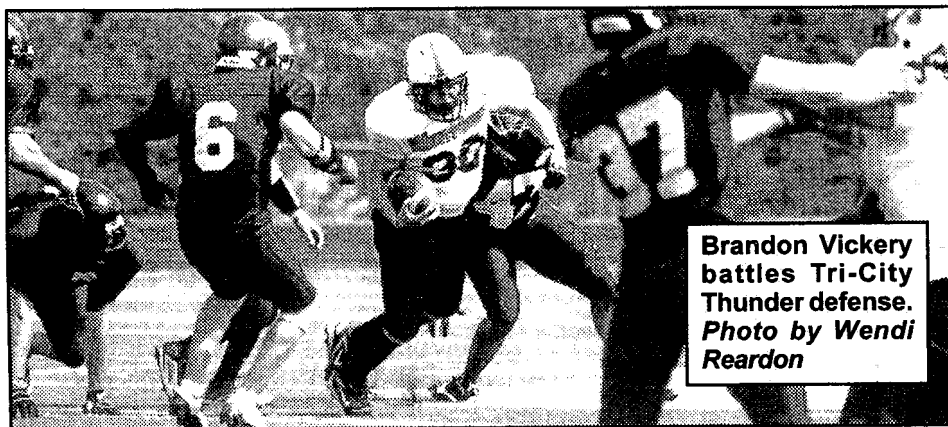
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Brandon Vickery battles Tri-City Thunder defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Warthogs tackle first win

The Waterford Warthogs fought through the heat for a win in their season opener in their new Clarkston High School home.

The Warthogs beat the Tri-City Thunder, 17-7.

Quarterback Mike McKnight threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Matt Townsend who scored. Chris Giles scored the second touchdown. He recovered a fumble and had a touchdown return for 70 yards.

Kicker Kyle Galbraith put extra points on the board with two PATs and a 45-yard field goal.

"We looked great in the first half," said Mike Zak, head coach. "But with the heat

and humidity both teams started to be a little stale in the second half. We need a lot more work on conditioning."

The Warthogs will work on it as they prepare for Saturday's game against the Michigan Wolverines in Mount Clemens.

"They are the toughest divisional opponent," said Zak. "They are one of the favorite teams to win the conference. The guys mindset is realizing they have a lot more work to do and they are facing a tough opponent. My mindset is limit the mistakes and make sure we execute well for a full 60 minutes."

For interested players there is still time to be a member of the Warthogs check out the team online.

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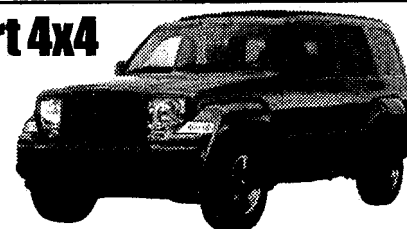


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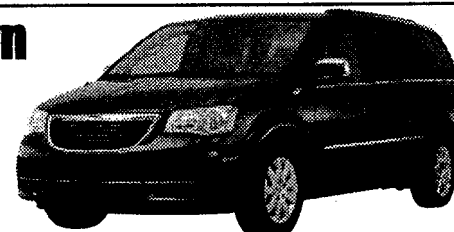
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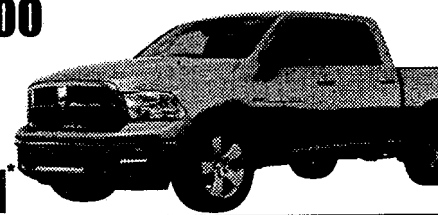
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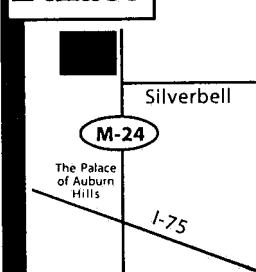
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# Season ends after regional battle

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Lacrossers pushed during the second half of the MHSAA Regional Semifinals on May 31.

But it wasn't enough and they lost 17-10 to Brighton.

"I told them at the end of the game they have to lead off how they played the second half," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach Stephanie Dellinger. "Playing aggressive and really fighting for it. Carry it over to next year. Right off the bat getting your nose in everything and play hard."

She added she was proud of the way the team fought hard though they were tired and the Lady Bulldogs were able to bring in more substitutes into the game because they had 24 players compared to Clarkston's 13 players that were uninjured and could play.

Freshman Sage Beauregard opened the scoring for Clarkston with their first goal 10 minutes into the game to bring the score 5-1.

Brighton furthered the space on the board scoring three goals in the next four minutes.

Beauregard struck again and put another one into the net for Clarkston at 10:10 with an assist from Danielle Dunn.

"Sage has been quiet a lot of the year," said Dellinger. "But she came off with two goals right off the bat for us."

The first half closed with Brighton still holding onto the lead with the score at 10-4.

"Our team during the first half came out a little flat," said Dellinger. "Not as aggressive as they should have. The second half they played like Clarkston plays but it was too little, too late."

Sophomore Brittney Jaynes scored first for Clarkston in the second half. Brighton scored two more goals before they took a time out with 15:28 left in the game.

When they came back, junior Stephanie Dellinger took control for the faceoff and headed into Lady Bulldogs territory. She took a shot one the net and scored.

From the faceoff Dellinger grabbed possession of the ball again and headed to the net. A call against Brighton stopped the game



Sage Beauregard runs around Brighton defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon

but Dellinger held onto the ball in the netting of her stick. When the referee's whistle restarted the game she shot to the low left of the net, putting the girls, 13-7.

"She get the draw, she is the field leader, she sets things up offensively," said Dellinger.

Dellinger scored two more goals and Lauren Sharkey added one before the half closed.

Another boost came from sophomore Lauren Sharkey and defense players - Whitney Kelley, Paige Miller and Payton Kaminski

"Lauren had some huge goals this game," said Dellinger. "Whitney plays hard and Paige played phenomenal. Payton was the sub for us all year and the last couple of games we had an injured girl. She stepped up and played the whole game. She filled Rachel Manssur's shoes real well."

The girls lose seven seniors Julia Caroline Champion, Quinn Dabrowski, Erin Gray, Payton Kaminski, Kelsey Luibrand, Lindsey Mark and Madison Schaffer.

"Four of them never played before," said Dellinger. "We are losing three seasoned players."

She added she is excited about next year - the rest of the team will be back and there are a few contenders from the incoming freshman class looking good to play on the varsity level.

"They have a few that have played for three years," Dellinger said. "Regardless of how old you are if you have played for three years - experience is huge."

Another reason to look forward to next year is the girls move up to Division 1 and will be opening against tough teams.

"As we play these tough teams they will dig deep down to find a way to be aggressive," Dellinger said. "We will have our work cut out for us. This year was a transition year. We had a lot of coaching to do. Luckily everything they learned this year they will be able to pick up and go with it next year."

The girls will also be able to hone more on their skills since they know offense and defense better after this season.

## Coach needed

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Chiefs' Varsity football team needs a head coach. If they don't find one, the team's season may be canceled.

"We're struggling to find a volunteer to step up," said Scott Bailey, Clarkston Chiefs Football Board president.

Clarkston Chiefs includes seven teams: three freshmen, three junior varsity, and one varsity. All seven head coaches had been selected through a selection process at the beginning of the year, with interviews by a selection panel.

"We did all that - all seven coaches were lined up," Bailey said. "But the varsity head coach notified us would not be able to fulfill duties - that put us in a very bad situation."

The varsity team has 30 players signed up, most playing for the past 4-5 years.

"We're working to make sure the kids play another exciting year," he said.

Many coaches played football at high school and college level. Candidates need to know the game and be able to manage a group of kids, he said.

"It's not flag football - it's an intense football program," Bailey said. "The head coach is the manager of the team, the guy in charge."

Assistant coaches are in place to help the new coach, he said.

"Most important, the kids come first," he said. "Winning is important, but we put teaching fundamentals of football and sportsmanship above that."

The season starts Aug. 1.

"I figure we need a coach by the end of June - beyond that, we'd have to cancel the varsity program," he said.

Clarkston Chiefs, part of the Northern Youth Football League, has been around for 42 years and is entirely volunteer.

For more information, call Bailey at 248-431-3387 or email [info@clarkstonchiefs.org](mailto:info@clarkstonchiefs.org).

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## People Poll

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### Advice for Clarkston High School graduates?



"Work hard and don't give up."

-Janice Ortiz



"Enjoy the adventure ahead."

-Jean Smiley



"Make sure you take time to enjoy life."

-Amy Mayo-Moyle



"Keep chugging away trying to find those jobs. It's tough out there. Be prepared to have to move out of state."

-Gordon Bokuniewicz

By Elise Shire

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



From left, a stormtrooper and Boba Fett face the lightsabers of Jack Riley and Cody Riley, along with Cody's mother Aryn Riley.



The Locals band entertains at the celebration.



Andrew VanHese gets Chewbacca's autograph. Photos by Phil Custodio

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Lauren Wagner shares her story about surviving cancer.

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Sponsored by Swan for Life Cancer Foundation, the event included inspiration, food, music, and a visit by Star Wars characters from Great Lakes Garrison of the 501st Legion volunteer group.

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**School's Out Party**, with DJ and bounce house, 1-3 p.m., June 9, Deer Lake Beach. Weather permitting. Free. Lunch, \$3. Students under age 12 must be supervised. 248-625-8223.  
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**A whole new look hair drive**, 2-6 p.m., June 10. Free haircut and style for donating hair for Wigs for Kids. Avanti Salon & Spa, 7505 M.E Cad Boulevard. 248-625-6299.  
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**For The Health of It Open House**, 5-8 p.m., June 9, Attuned Mind, Nuview Nutrition, 3 E. Washington Street. Free healthy snacks, health enhancing tips, demonstrations, specials. 248-394-1415.  
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**Hope 4 Hooters Charity Golf Scamble**, 7 a.m., June 11, Fountains Golf, 6060 Maybee Road. \$90 per golfer, benefits Komen 3 Day for a Cure. 248-821-2852.  
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**Parking Lot Sale**, Friends of the Library, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., June 12, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 120 vendors, concession tent, used-book sale. Rain or shine. 248-625-2212.  
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**Look Good Feel Better**, American Cancer Society, free cosmetic advice to women battling cancer, cosmetics and wigs provided. 1-3 p.m., June 13. Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6606.  
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**Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group** for all ages, 7 p.m., June 14, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Bring photograph or me-

mento of loved one and join in a Celebration of Life Balloon Release. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.  
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**Gershwin and Gourmet**, presentation on composer George Gershwin followed by lunch, 10 a.m., June 22, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$10. Reservations at 248-625-8231.  
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**Wild Wild West Teddy Bear Picnic**, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., June 24, Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Western-themed program for children 2-5 and their Teddy Bears. Activities include story, Teddy Bear craft, hot dog lunch, pony rides, and Teddy Bear Parade. Wear cowboy hats, boots and other Western wear. \$8/resident, \$10/non-resident. 248-625-8223.  
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## Weekly meetings

### Monday

**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. 248-507-4839.  
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**Grief Support Group**, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.  
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**Therapeutic Yoga** classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.  
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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.  
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**Basic Yoga** with Noreen Daly, 5:45 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays. Beginning, intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.  
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**Afternoon Line Dancing**, Mondays, 1:30-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish salsa, rock and roll, cha cha, with Rosemary Hall. \$3 drop in.  
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**Job Ministry** presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.  
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**Outdoor Pickleball**, summer, 50+, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Clintonwood Park Tennis Courts, 6000 Clarkston Road. Equipment provided. \$2 drop in. 248-625-8231.  
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### Tuesday

**Gentle Yoga** with Rev. Matthew, Tuesdays,

10 a.m. Bring practice mat or towel. Free-will offerings. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road, 248-891-4365.  
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**Needlework Night**, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Belly Dancing**, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.  
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**Indoor Pickleball**, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Equipment provided. \$4 drop in. 248-625-8231.  
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**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.  
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**Got Beads**, share love of beads and beading, second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.  
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**Town Hall Quilt Guild**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.  
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**Zumba**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.  
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### Wednesday

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

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



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# Milestones



From left, Clarkston Area Optimist Club Scholarship Chairman Curt Carson with scholarship winners Jocelyn Moore, Erin Gray, Amanda Ejups, Jacquelyn Gipe and Katerina Gawronski. Not pictured is Quinn Dabrowski. "Congratulations to our scholarship winners," Carson said. *Photo provided*

## Students achieve success

Shelby Schulte, daughter of Sheri and Ken Schulte, Brook Lake in Clarkston, finished her junior year at Michigan State University, last May. She finished with a 4.0 GPA and has been on the dean's list every semester so far.

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Ricardo Meza III of Clarkston is set to graduate from the 100th Basic Police Training Class at Oakland Police Academy, June 17. The academy is located at Oakland Community College.

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Marissa Ortiz of Clarkston was named to Denison University's spring 2011 semester dean's list.

Ortiz majors in English with a concentration in writing and is a member of the Denison class of 2012.

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Carly Joseph of Clarkston is one of eight students in the state to serve on Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council.

The Notre Dame Prep student will represent student-athletes during a two-year term

beginning next year. She will also participate in a focus group with Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports.

Joseph is currently on Notre Dame Prep's varsity softball squad.

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Clarkston High School students Aaron Barber and Dan Byrne received recognition at the National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America in Washington, D.C., May 4-8.

Barber placed ninth in the National Level Competition in Visual Basic Programming.

To qualify, he placed in the top five of two qualifying rounds at local regional and state levels.

Byrne attended the Leadership Academy that was held during the leadership conference.

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Tammy M. Layton, 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School and Clarkston bus driver, is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Baker College in Auburn Hills with a Bachelor's Degree in Business, June 11.

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## Religion

# Find your future in faith in God's plan

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These are the kind of statements given to graduates each year. These comments sound like the cheer leading we think 17 and 18 year olds need as they set off into adulthood.

There is nothing wrong with encouraging youth. I just wonder how many young adults have clearly defined passions or ideals.

My personal experience is that my deepest held passions and ideals were not clear at high school graduation.

Most of what I hold dear today came out of the context of living my life.

I did not wait for clarity and focus before I launched (or was thrust) into my future.

Clarity and focus were gifts given to me as I kept my heart and mind open and my life unfolded.

As I worked and went to school, I gained greater understanding of myself and others. My faith grew as I faced trouble and challenges in my path.

My understanding of grace and real joy grew as God's blessing became a shared companion on the journey.

Whether we are graduates or retirees, newly married

or divorced, gainfully employed or yearning for work, we have decisions as to what is next in life.

We are wise to seek counsel and look within ourselves to find clues to discover our next chapter of life.

We will also discover clarity and direction in our life when we get busy living.

Jesus went to the sea side and gave to his disciples a new future. He did not tell them to follow their passion or attempt to fulfill their potential. He called them to follow in faith.

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Go into tomorrow and take this with you. You are a loved child of God. You are blessed with gifts and abilities beyond your understanding.

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*The Rev. Rick Dake is pastor of Clarkston United Methodist Church.*

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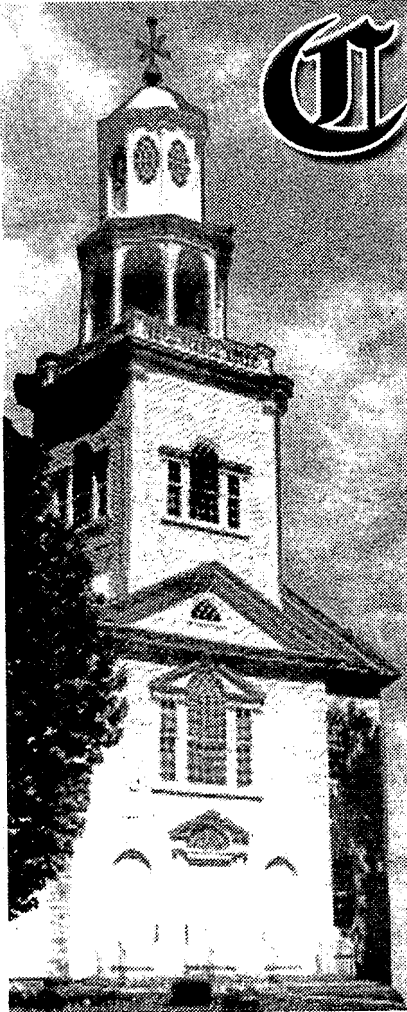
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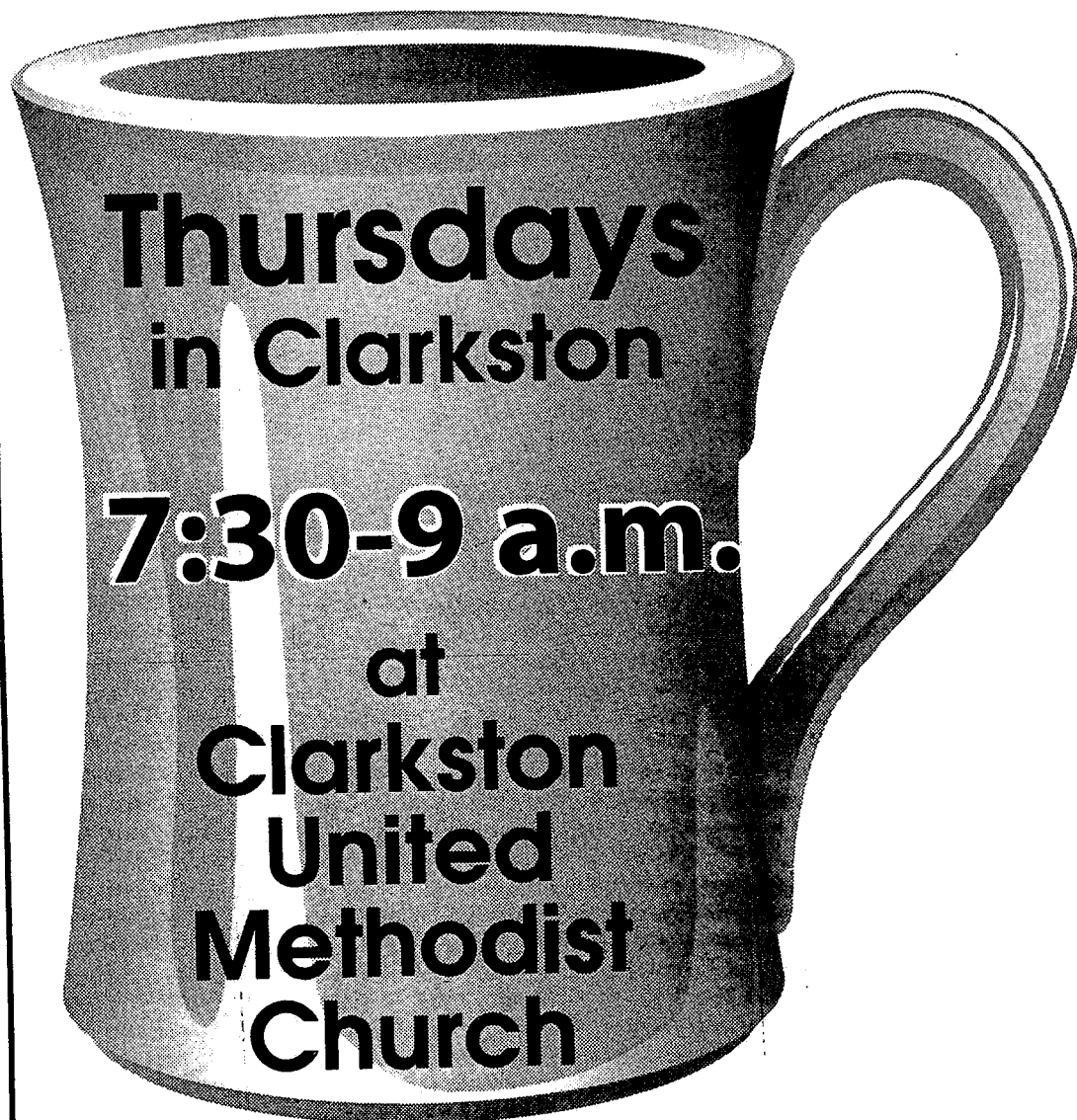
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## Honored scholar

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After taking the PSATs in his junior year and scoring in the 99th percentile, Michael Wang knew he was a semi-finalist for a National Merit Scholarship.

He applied during his senior year at Clarkston High School, and two months later learned he was a finalist.

Wang is attending University of Michigan in the fall. He also applied to Notre Dame and Cordell in Chicago, but admitted Michigan was his top school.



**Wang**

"I was going to go there unless I got some crazy amount of scholarships for someplace else in the United States," he said.

He will major in computer science and perhaps business as well.

"I want to do something with computer programming linked with finance," Wang said.

During his senior year, he maintained a 3.5 GPA, was a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in cross country.

"I like running," he said. "It's a good stress reliever. I feel good when I go out there and go a few miles."

Wang came to Clarkston during his sophomore year. His previous school was a patriotic school in Shanghai, China.

"It is a lot bigger here," he said about the differences. "My old school had 100 students in my grade and here, 600. Clarkston has bigger enthusiasm on sports. When I joined the cross country team, it was more intense and harder to stand out."

He added being in Clarkston was less stressful, something he didn't notice until he visited Shanghai.

"Being in Shanghai never caused me direct stress but being surrounded by the hustle and bustle, the car noise, I came to Clarkston and somehow it made me calm. Just the silence was really gratifying," he said.

His advice to high schoolers, especially incoming freshman, is to focus early on their future.

"I say it is never too early to think about college and how to prepare yourself, create a profile and get into the college you want to," he said. "I didn't join extracurriculars, know how to schedule my classes or just focus in general for when applying to colleges. I didn't really consider colleges or what I was going to do until I applied. By that time,

it was too late to get into extracurriculars to say I joined this club and was really com-

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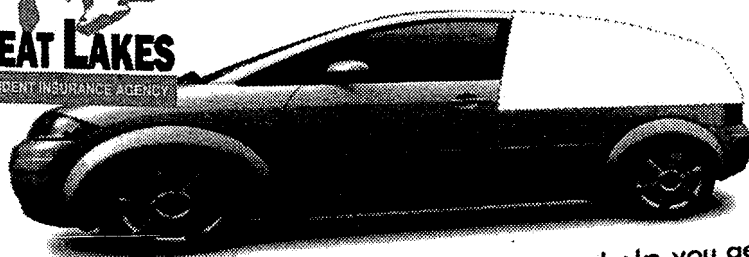
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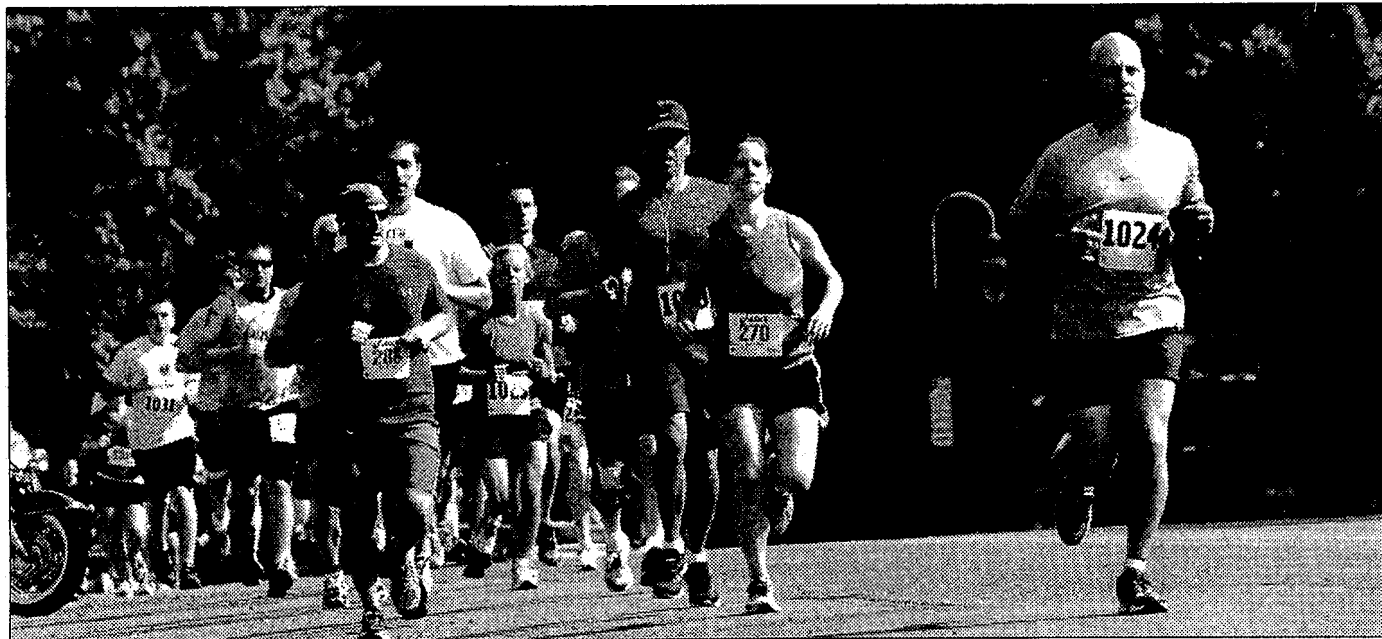


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# GOOD LUCK!



Runners pick up the pace at the Angels' Place Race. Photo provided

## Race raises awareness in Angels' Place

Angels' Place Race's newest event, the 10K run, was a big hit.

"We had 77 runners in this 10K event," said Paul Maxwell.

The 10K event was named in honor of the late Bruce Clifton, who was an integral part of the event the past three years.

More than 360 runners, walkers, and race volunteers participated in the May 21 event, hosted by St. Daniel Catholic Community.

"What a perfect day for a race," Maxwell said.

"The past three years, we have had rain for this event but this year everything came

together, even the weather."

Angel's Place is a non-profit organization in Southeast Michigan, supporting group homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

The main purpose of the race is to bring people out and raise awareness of individuals with developmental disabilities.

"The proceeds from the race go to support Angels' Place group homes," he said. "My ultimate goal is to build or refurbish a home in the Clarkston Community for Angels' Place. My hope is the Clarkston Community would embrace this endeavor. The

St. Daniel Catholic Community has been so supportive of our efforts."

Each year they provide the facility, many volunteers, and advertise it through church communications.

Maxwell also thanks the entire Clarkston community, especially Oakland County Sheriff Independence Sub Station, City of the Village of Clarkston, Clarkston DPW, and Independence Township and Fire Department.

For more information on the race, including results, photos, and sponsors, can be found at [www.angelsplacrace.org](http://www.angelsplacrace.org).



Springfield Plains Elementary students check out a police vehicle with help from Pontiac Police Sgt. Josephine Fagan, also an SPE parent. Photo submitted

## Students learn importance of service

Springfield Plains Elementary students spent the entire day on May 17 thinking about why they should help others and how they could.

The students participated in 23 workshops and three assemblies, each showing the students the importance of service. All were also hands-on projects and activities to inspire.

Some of the activities including video taping messages for troops, exploring emergency response vehicles, taking care of rescued animals, and thinking of ways to solve global issues like hunger and clean water.

As a thank you for participating in the Festival Day, the third and fourth graders in Mrs. Laing's class hand-painted picture frames for the presenters. Each frame included a photo from the special day.

The students also searched couch cushions, pockets and ransacked their

piggy banks looking for spare change.

From May 2-17, they donated the spare change to help local organizations. It was a lesson to show them how just a little change could make a big difference.

They donated \$824.24. Kindergarten, first grade and second grade classes raised \$488.64. The upper grades, \$335.60.

The money was divided among 12 of the nonprofit organizations who participated in Festival Day including: Clarkston SCAMP, Clarkston Historical Society, Clarkston Coalition for Youth, Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, Independence Township Senior Center, Bittersweet Farm, Gleaners Community Food Bank, Neighbor for Neighbor, Huron Clinton Metroparks, Faithful Friends Animal Rescue, Pontiac Police Department and Clinton River Watershed Council.

## Arthur Hartwell, 77

Arthur A. Hartwell of Ortonville passed away June 4, 2011, at age 77.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth.

He was the father of John (Terri) Hartwell of Grand Blanc, Sarah (Craig) Maki of Southfield, Arthur Hartwell, Jr. of Waterford, and Carol (Dale) Verhey of Ortonville; grandpa of Lucas, Sarah, Genevieve, and Nicholas; brother of Vern Hartwell, Jack Hartwell, Janet (Danny) St. James, and Judy (Wendell) Hartwell.



Funeral service with military honors is Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston, where friend may visit 9:30 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Around Town

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### Thursday

**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

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**Lunches for 50+**, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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# Obituaries

## Terence Thomas, 85

Terence W. Thomas, "Big T," of Linden, formerly of Clarkston, passed away May 29, 2011, at age 85.

He was the husband of Patricia; father of Tara (Nick) O'Dea of Goodrich and David (Beth) of Colorado; grandpa of Sean, Katherine, Elizabeth, and David.



Mr. Thomas worked for the Clarkston School District as a teacher and counselor and retired from Oakland Schools as a director of student services. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

Memorial Mass Thursday, June 30, at 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church 9 a.m. until time of mass. Inurnment with military honors at Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Thomas C. Lowry, 47

Thomas C. Lowry, "Tom," of Waterford passed away unexpectedly June 2, 2011, at age 47. He was the loving husband of Diane for 20 years; beloved father of Angela and James; son of Patience Lowry and James (Nancy) Lowry; brother of John (Jill) Lowry and the late Stephen (Michelle) Lowry; step-brother of Trevor Brown; uncle of Jessica, Jack, Tony, Alyssa, Breanna, Joey, Jared and Marlena; son-in-law of Helen and Joe Marcucci; brother-in-law of Tom (Cindy) Marucci, Ted (Barb) Marcucci and Donna (David) Pinelli.



Mr. Lowry graduated in 1982 from Waterford Kettering High School and was a graduate of Western Michigan University. He worked many years with Chrysler and Chrysler Financial.

Tom enjoyed music and photography so much he owned and operated his own wedding service company. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends on the lake, hunting and fishing.

Rosary service was June 5 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was June 6 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Rite of Committal Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes for Masses or American Cancer Society. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Catherine Allen, 56

Catherine M. Allen, "Cathy," of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly June 6, 2011, at age 56.

She was the loving wife of Thomas for 37 years; daughter of Evelyn and the late Peter A. Betzing Jr.; sister of Peter (Cheryl) Betzing, Kenneth (Becky) Betzing, and Stephen Betzing. Mrs. Allen enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially with her animals.

Funeral service Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 5-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Muriel E. Smith, 90

Muriel E. Smith (Ballard) of Waterford passed away June 4, 2011, at age 90.

She was preceded in death by husband/soul mate Howard and siblings: Theresa Shampine, Felix, Wilson, Clayton, Frank and Dave Ballard. She was the loving sister/friend of Shirley (John) Bozek of Waterford and Wayne (Shirley) Ballard of Midland; special aunt of Kaylyn, Lesa, and Kriss.

Funeral Service was June 7 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private interment White Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Dorothy Barron, 69

Dorothy M. Barron of Rose Township passed away June 4, 2011, at age 69.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jim and daughter Chris (Jerry) Ross. She was the loving mother of Debbie Thompson and Denise Dean; proud grandmother of Steven, Andrew, Brittney, Alan, Meghan, Michael, and Ridge; great grandmother of Collin; sister of Michael (Kathy) Ploch, the late Victor (Carol) Ploch, and Gregory (late Patti) Ploch.

Funeral Service 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

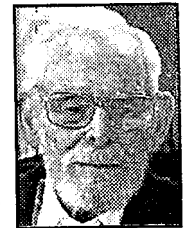


## Willard F. Smith, 99

Willard F. Smith of Clarkston passed away June 2, 2011, at age 99.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Ann, and son Greg. He was the father of Mary Jane (John) Scharfenkamp, Harvey (Terri), Don (Cristina), Donna Smith, Cheryl Wierzbicki, Martin, Jo Smith, Thomas (Sandra), Lisabeth (Paul) Geisert, and Mark (Sara) Smith; grandfather of 19 and great grandfather of 13; brother of Ida Bailey, Dorene Oster, Gena Oster, and Callista Madalene Fortier.

Visitation was June 5 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was June 7 at Community of Christ Church, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Community of Christ Church or American Macular Degeneration Foundation. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Kandice Stanton, 60

Kandice M. Stanton, "Kandy," of Clarkston passed away May 30, 2011, at age 60.

She was the wife of Gerald for 40 years; mother of Michael (Jannell) and Kristen (Brian) Stuart, all of Grand Blanc; grandma "Magga" of Ian, Alex, and Lucas; sister of John "Jack" (Susan) McLarty, Karen (Paul Bocnig) Webster, and William (Ann) McLarty; and daughter in law of Floyd Stanton.

Rosary service was June 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was June 3 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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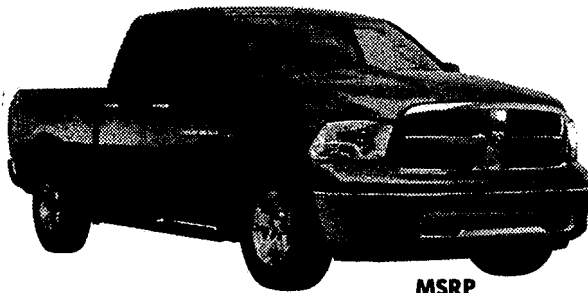
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