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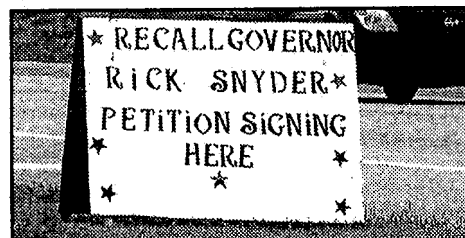
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Recall in wrong place

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Activists seeking to recall Gov. Rick Snyder count schools among their allies. But using school property in Clarkston crosses a line, officials say.

"I called the Oakland County Sheriff's Department this weekend," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "They came over and asked



A governor recall petition drive at Pine Knob Elementary drew the ire of some concerned residents.

the group to leave."

Petitioners set up signs and a table at the Sashabaw Road school last Friday and Sunday, which is when Rock took action.

As of Tuesday morning, Pine Knob Elementary continues to be listed on www.FireRickSnyder.org as one of the sites where Michigan voters can go on June 25-26 to sign a petition to recall the governor.

According to district Bylaw 7510, "a facility reservation must be completed and approved for each event scheduled after the normal school day, weekends, days when school is not in session, holidays and during the summer months."

The group made no action to reserve the spot. When asked on Friday about the petition signing, Rock said the district did not know about it.

"We have no knowledge of this event,"

Please see Recall on page 3A

Interim supervisor sought

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Those interested in serving as interim Springfield Township supervisor have until July 1 to apply.

In a special meeting, June 16, Township Board accepted the resignation of Supervisor Mike Trout, and set up a process to find his replacement.

"While the resignation was unexpected, I understand Mike's decision to pursue this opportunity," said Trustee Denny Vallad. "I wish him all the best."

The township has 45 days to appoint an interim supervisor or the issue goes to voters in a special election.

"We as a Township Board would prefer to fill the vacancy to avoid setting a special elec-

tion," said Trustee Dave Hopper.

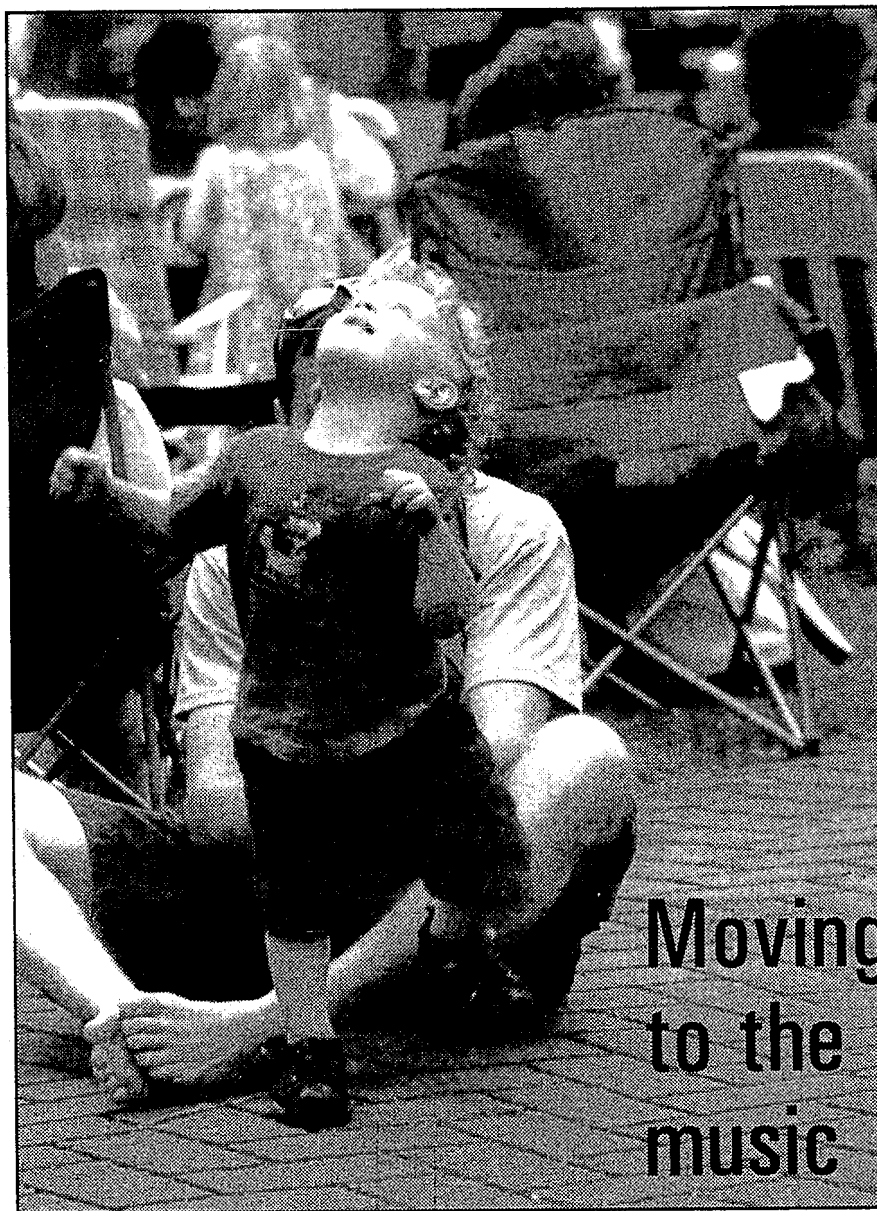
A special election could cost the township more than \$10,000, Hopper said.

"At this time the board is looking ahead and I have every confidence that we'll work together to appoint a replacement prior to the Aug. 11 deadline," said Clerk Laura Moreau.

"Holding a special election would delay filling the vacancy significantly and be costly to the residents," Vallad said. "I am confident the board will complete the task at hand."

The interim supervisor will serve out Trout's term as supervisor, which expires Nov. 20, 2012. Primary election for supervisor, as well as the rest of the township board, is set

Please see page 31A for story, as well as a viewpoint by Supervisor Mike Trout



Moving
to the
music

Connor Umscheid dance to the Irish music from Blackthorn during the first Friday of Concerts in the Park. For more photos, please see 8A. Photo by Wendi Reardon

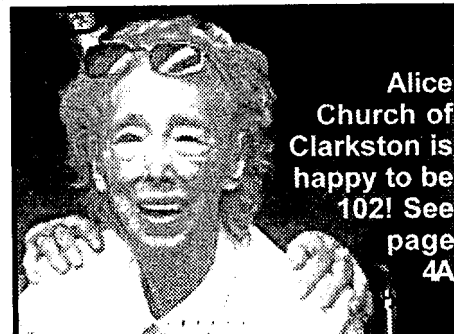
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Supervisor hands duties over to deputy

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dave Wagner is effectively out as Independence Township supervisor.

Wagner sent a letter to Township Board, June 13, officially transferring operational duties to Deputy Supervisor Rick Yeager.

"As you know, Mr. Yeager was sworn in with all responsibilities and authorities the statute allows for a supervisor's deputy. He and I have met and discussed my situation," Wagner wrote. "Mr. Yeager is comfortable in handling the duties required of me if I am unreachable or unavailable."

Trustee David Lohmeier said it "wasn't a big announcement."

"The budget is the big thing the supervisor has and he (Yeager) already had that," Lohmeier said.

Also, Director Carol Gabris handles human resources, he said.

"There isn't much else to give him other than for him to sign papers in Wagner's place," Lohmeier said.

With 15 months left in all seven board members' terms, he would like board members to be "as effective as they can," he said.

"We've done some good things despite

the drama," Lohmeier said.

However, the board would have a greater chance of success if Wagner resigns from office, he said.

"I hope he gets better and the surgery was helpful. I really wish him the best, but he really should resign.

He's not effective and he doesn't have anybody's trust or confidence, I don't think," Lohmeier said. "We have to work in the best interest of the township and I don't think he's going to continue to do that in his role."



Yeager

Treasurer Curt Carson said he didn't think Wagner had to send a letter because statute states the deputy automatically takes over in the supervisor's absence, just like the deputy treasurer and deputy clerk do for treasurer and clerk.

"If the two of them got together and feel comfortable, hopefully it will take pressure off the clerk and treasurer," Carson said.

Trustee Larry Rosso said he had no problem with it as long as Yeager can handle it all.

"I just have to talk with Rick to see if he's up to handling it within his time frame,"

Rosso said. "Until I have that conversation with him, I'm going to leave it with him as to what he thinks he can handle."

Clerk Barbara Pallotta said she also wanted to talk to Yeager first and see if he was "capable of doing it in terms of time."

Trustee Mark Petterson said he is willing to give Yeager a try as long as it's not an extra expense to taxpayers.

"I don't want to do this as an extra expense. I've been on and on about how much things cost and apparently everything is falling on deaf ears," he said. "If we can keep Rick on here for the next year and half or whatever, I'm OK with that, all for the reasons we're not incurring this huge extra cost."

Looking at how much Wagner wasn't in the office over the past year, Petterson believes they will be OK with what they have right now. Yeager currently works three days a week. He was hired at \$30 an hour for 20-23 hours a week.

"Right now we have more than what we had before," he said.

As far as any resignation from Wagner, Petterson said if Wagner doesn't believe he is coming back, then "it's not really going to matter."

"We're moving along with or without him," he said.

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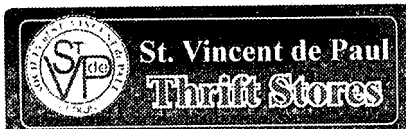
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Briefly

School budget

Clarkston Community Schools is getting ready for the start of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The Board of Education will discuss and vote on its budget on June 27 at the Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road. A public hearing is set for 6 p.m., regular meeting to begin at 7 p.m. Bring questions, concerns and comments.

For meeting location updates, please visit www.ClarkstonNews.com or find us on Facebook - *Clarkston News*.

Fourth of July

A full day of patriotic partying is planned this Independence Day in Independence Township.

The Fourth of July parade through downtown Clarkston starts at 10 a.m., followed by the Independence Township Festival of Fun and Fireworks in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

Activities include an Arts and Crafts Show, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., featuring more than 100 Michigan-based crafters.

A Veterans' Celebration will be from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., with ceremony honoring our veterans, meet-and-greet with local World War II vets, displays and vendors in and around Carriage House.

Live entertainment includes Trippen Dixie at 3 p.m.; Rockstock Summer Camp, 5:30 p.m.; Pat Saunders Band, 6:30 p.m., and AM 910 Radio Disney D-Tour, 8 p.m.

K-9 Toss and Fetch is 1 p.m.; Children's Activities and Inflatables, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Fireworks, by Zambelli Internationale, at dusk. No personal fireworks permitted in park.

For more info, call 248-625-8223.

City gives tax break

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to reduce its debt service millage.

The city reduced the millage from 5.4173 mills to 4.7034, a difference of 7139 mills. For a home or other property with a taxable value of \$100,000, savings will be \$71.39 for the 2011 tax year.

City Manager Dennis Ritter opposed the idea.

"This is a very imprudent action by the council without proper research as to the long term impact," Ritter said.

The action was worth it, said Councilman Richard Bisio.

"For most homeowners it would not be great, but \$100 is \$100 and I'd rather have that in my pocket than in someone else's," Bisio said.



Becky Cople, left, and Jamie Brock sit in front of Pine Knob Elementary last Friday for more residents to sign the petition to recall Gov. Rick Snyder. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Same standards for all recalls, sup't says

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he said. "We have not been contacted by the event organizers. We did not give them permission to use our facilities. We do not endorse the event. We will not take a position on this recall."

But some residents thought differently. "The recall announcement on the district's own website proves they are aware of the event, chose not to stop it, and didn't make the same demands that were required of us to set up on school property to collect recall signatures (of Independence Township Supervisor David Wagner)," said Michael Powell of Independence Township.

The recall-Snyder event was posted on

Clarkston school district's home page as a disclaimer - "Clarkston Community Schools is NOT endorsing nor has scheduled an event at Pine Knob Elementary School where the 'Oakland County Recall Rick Snyder' group is asking residents to sign their petition."

During the petition drive to recall Wagner last year, activists collecting signatures at Clarkston Junior High School were turned away, and police were called.

That decision was based on Bylaw 9700, which prohibits use of school property for "promoting the interests of any nonschool agency or organization, public or private" without school board permission.

At the time, district officials said they

would not allow any soliciting for signatures for a recall or any other political action on school property.

Concerned residents called *The Clarkston News* about what they felt was a double standard in the recall-Snyder case.

Rock, who was not yet superintendent at the time of the Wagner recall, said it was not.

"We applied the same standard to both situations," he said, and explained he directed his team to put the disclaimer on the website.

Board of Education Secretary Joan Patterson agreed.

"We need to be consistent with the rules," Patterson said. "If you can't do it for one, you can't do it for the other."

Lead the Way approved despite funding questions

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Board of Education voted 4-3, June 13, to approve Project Lead the Way as a permanent program at Clarkston High.

Vice-president Sue Boatman asked the motion be amended to require the engineering program to remain self-funding, especially salaries and benefits.

Steve Hyer, board president, opposed that idea, saying it is unrealistic.

"We should allow administration to do their job," Hyer said. "We shouldn't ham-

string them. We don't do that with any other programs."

"We are in a budget reducing mode," Boatman responded. "This came at a bad time for us and we will be doing more cuts next year. We need to leave the door open to figure out which does the most."

Trustee Elizabeth Egan pointed out they had a three-year projection of costs.

"I don't want to tie hands of the kids in it and the teachers," Egan said. "We don't know what is coming in year four. We are throwing away an opportunity."

Treasurer Rosalie Lieblang agreed they didn't know what future funding would be and added that is why they should add the funding-requirement amendment.

The amendment failed, 4-3.

Secretary Joan Patterson added she would like to see what colleges would accept the program as college credit.

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Alice Church of Clarkston celebrates her 102nd birthday with Joan Caba and other friends. Photo by Elise Shire

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"Oh my, they're so beautiful," exclaimed Church as she caught sight of the purple lilies and the cake.

"Good health must run in her family because her aunt just turned 105," said Joan Caba, a friend of Church's.

Idol competition at county fair

Oakland County Fair returns to Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road in Davisburg, 9 a.m.-11 p.m., July 12-16; and 9 a.m.-9 p.m., July 17.

New this year is Oakland County Fair Idol Contest, open to all ages, solos, duets, trios, and choirs.

Auditions are 6-9 p.m., July 12, 14, and 15 - no profanity or immoral themes. Finalists compete on Sunday, July 17, 1-2:30 p.m. First place prize is \$500. Second place gets \$250, and third place, \$100.

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Free activities at the fair include exotic petting zoo, racing pigs, miracle of birth barn and a circus.

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Main Arena Events include the Super Kicker Rodeo, Demolition Derby and Monster Trucks.

Parking is \$10/vehicle. Walk-in entry is \$4/person.

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Resident wants leaf burning ordinance extinguished

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While smoke of any kind is bad, leaf burning is the worst, according to Sandra Boggemes who has an allergic reaction to it that sends her into "anaphylactic shock."

"It causes your throat to start swelling shut, your tongue to swell, and it stops the airflow between your chest cavity and your mouth," Boggemes said. "It lowers your blood pressure to a level that can cause heart failure."

The only way to counter the reaction is by using an "EpiPen" that injects adrenaline into the body, and then takes antihistamines the week following.

"I just take an outrageous amount of antihistamines just to try and keep my body stabilized," Boggemes said.

Because of the seriousness of the condition, she stood before the Independence Township board in January 2008, asking them to change the township's leaf burning ordinance. She also wrote a letter to the editor, published in the *Clarkston News* in March 2008. Still hoping to get a change, she stood before the board once again on June 7 to make her request.

"I've received emergency care 10 times in the last four years for these life threatening

reactions," she told the board. "When I smell the smoke from burning I must immediately leave the area and go somewhere else. I've had to leave my home numerous times, sometimes for a few days and stay at hotels or with friends because of the burning."

Boggemes, who is a Kindergarten aide at Clarkston Elementary, said she also missed several days of work because of people who burn leaves around the school and it gets into the ventilation system.

"Every teacher in that school will look for me and say 'there's smoke, is Sandy gone?' It is so intense to me from the first time it starts I'm gone before anybody else can realize it," she said. "The fire department has given me masks so I can put it on and at least get out of the situation before it gets too bad."

Boggemes said Independence is one of three townships in Oakland County that allows leaf burning.

"The State of Michigan, Environmental Protection Agency, and the township agree that the burning of yard waste is health hazard, causes pollution, and is a public nuisance. Township municipal code also states burning has serious and significant affects on property values and yet there is an ordinance in this township that allows



Sandra Boggemes hopes to overturn leaf burning ordinance due to health issues. Photo by Trevor Keiser

this practice to continue," she said. "Leaf burning produces particular matter in hydrocarbons which contain a number of toxins and irritants and carcinogenic cancer causing compounds."

She also noted that out of 36,000 residents, 35,000 dispose of their leaves through other means.

"We mulch them or we bag them, it seems easy," Boggemes said. "It just needs to be looked at a different way, trying to be green."

While the solution seems easy to

Boggemes, Independence Fire Chief Steve Ronk said it's not.

"We're not opposed to changing it. We're not an advocate for burning in the township, we're not going to be opposing her, but we've moderated and refereed this situation for so many years we know it inside and out," Ronk said. "I can tell you stopping burning in this township completely is going to be a very difficult thing to do. I know that is her end game and what she wants done. We are not going to endorse that."

The township allows open burning eight days a month from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. depending on the season.

"I don't have a problem stopping it if they have an alternative," Ronk said. "I don't know if they got an alternative for the amount of leaves and yard waste the people have in this community."

Boggemes said the fire department has been very helpful to her by responding to her calls as well as sending out letters to neighbors.

"I thank all the people who are very supportive of my cause and have helped me through the past four years get to the point where I am now. I would appreciate the rest of the community jumping in to help support anaphylaxis," she said.

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2:00 pm - Irish Step Dancers by Tir Na N'og (Sun. 3rd)

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3:40 pm - Raggle Taggle Band (3:00pm Sun. 3rd)

4:30 pm - Michigan Scottish walks through park & ends up on stage, joined by Alma Pipe Band and Franklin for Amazing Grace, followed by final walk off (both days)

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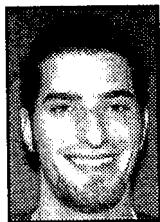
Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Memories of Grandpa

It's interesting how death of a loved one can instantly bring upon reflection of days passed. For me those "days passed" were brought forward on June 7 when I received a phone call that my grandfather Henry S. Watson had passed away.

Many of my memories of Grandpa surrounded "Clarkston." Grandpa and Grandma lived in their house on Allen Road in Independence Township for nearly 40 years until they moved to Linden. I remember when Grandpa would bring me to Clarkston parades and me thinking that it took forever to get to town from their house.



It was on their five acres that Grandpa attempted to teach me how to swing a golf club, that was until my hands were rubbed raw from gripping the clubs so tight. I used to love when we would take a trip up to A&W in Ortonville for a root beer float or over to Cook's Dairy Farm for ice cream. Grandpa always got Black Cherry, Grandma, Butter Pecan, my sister Blue Moon, and me Superman.

Grandpa also loved taking us grandkids on vacations. Whether it was jamming to oldies on the way to Arkansas and stopping in St. Louis Mo. to go up in the arch or going up north to enjoy the fall colors, it was always filled with fun.

Grandpa was also a veteran. He served as a cook in the United States Navy between 1951-1956 during the Korean War.

Grandpa was a very straight to the point kind of guy, which is why he liked the book of Proverbs in the bible. It didn't matter the subject matter or the issue, Grandpa had an opinion and he was going to let you know exactly what his opinion was.

He loved to talk news and politics. I even came across a letter to the editor he had written in the *Clarkston News* archives. Growing up I remember him flipping between Fox and CNN and explaining to me the different view points between the two stations. At that age I didn't really care much for politics.

Funny how I got thrust into the political sphere when I became a newspaper reporter and finally began to understand why Grandpa had told me it was important to be pay attention to your governmental leaders and get involved.

As the squeaky little boy voice in me used to say "Hello Pappa" with a smile. Today I say "Good-bye Pappa" Thanks for the memories of days passed.

Keep school information flow open

We urge Clarkston Board of Education to reconsider their new Board Operating Procedures ("School board OKs rules for communication," June 15).

Procedures include naming the board president as official spokesperson for the entire board to the media, requiring board members who receive calls from the media to direct them to the board president.

To see what that looks like, how about the story "Berkley school trustee resigns," in the June 17 online edition of the *Observer and Eccentric*.

The story includes one set of quotes: "Mr. O'Gorman was elected to a six-year term in November 2009 and was a conscientious and committed advocate for the district," said board President Marc Katz. "We will miss his curiosity and openness to new ideas, but we have a responsibility to fill this Board position within the next 30 days."

Why did Mr. O'Gorman resign? What

does Mr. O'Gorman have to say about the matter?

He doesn't say. He's not allowed to. Clarkston's new Board Operating Procedures are directly based on Berkley's.

The new rules make the school board a single entity, with one collective viewpoint, a united front.

But as we know in the newspaper business, information is power. Funneling information through the president gives him or her all its power, too. The rest of the board becomes more like a cabinet to their president, a set of advisors.

Is that why board members went through the trouble to run? Is that why voters cast their ballots for them?

Clarkston School Board President Steve Hyer said the board procedures, approved June 13, is just a draft that can be amended at later meetings.

We urge trustees to do so.

—PMC

Editorial

A call to keep teachers' resources in place

Dear Editor,

Thank you North Sashabaw Elementary (NSE) Teachers and Staff.

My first child has completed a milestone, saying goodbye to elementary school and preparing for middle school. I can remember being a nervous Kindergarten parent, new to the school environment and concerned about the quality of education my child would receive.

Now, here we are six years later and I never imagined how each teacher at North Sashabaw would touch my child's life forever. He entered as a very shy, reserved student and is emerging as a confident, thoughtful, intelligent, caring young man.

How do you thank his teachers for loving him? How do you thank them for caring about not only his educational development, but his development as a person, his ability to solve "life" problems and his understanding of the world and his position in it? Each teacher at NSE was a champion for my child. Each staff member encouraged him and provided him with positive feedback.

I have tears in my eyes as I compose this letter, because the tools that enabled the teachers to go beyond their "duties" of a teacher are being taken away. Media Center Specialist, Media Center Aid, Kindergarten Aids, First Grade Aids, Second Grade Aids,

Support Staff...all the people who make up the "village" of public education are being taken away or reduced. Class sizes are increasing as teachers are being reduced.

You might say that this is happening everywhere due to our poor economy. People are losing their jobs and taking on more responsibilities. It is time for education to take on the same cuts..."suck it up." I say that children CAN'T be compared to "widgets." Children are our future. The quality of their education must matter! Teachers need the tools that enable them to go above and beyond their "duties" because our children need it! We are not producing robots - teachers are producing individual thinkers with many different needs.

My child is an average student who was encouraged to succeed beyond his expectations in elementary school. He entered as a shy, reserved child; developed a quiet confidence, and is emerging as leader. Thank you to each teacher, aid, custodian, social worker, speech therapist, administrator, art teacher, music instructor, physical education instructor, cafeteria worker, office staffer, parent volunteer and student at NSE for creating a "village" of love and support for my child and all the children of NSE.

Mindy Silvey
Independence Township

What do you think about Clarkston schools?

Send your views to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 or Clarkstonnews@gmail.com. Sign your letter and include daytime phone for verification. Deadline is noon, Monday. Please see page 22A for a viewpoint by Clarkston Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Burklow 'outstanding' with three medals at finals" Senior Stefanie Burklow medaled in three events at the Class A girls track finals. Burklow set a school record in the 1600 run with 15th-place finish in 5:10, took 6th in the 800 run in 2:19.7 and led the 3200 relay team to a 6th place finish with a season-best time of 9:37.6.

"Roberts is new superintendent" Al Roberts was chosen for superintendent of Clarkston schools. Roberts was chosen to replace retiring superintendent, Gary Haner, and was the first of 59 people to submit an application.

"A big birthday in black and white" The staff of North Sashabaw Elementary surprised principal, George White, with 1,100 black balloons in his office for his 50th birthday.

25 years ago - 1986

"Dorene Melvin a bad momma in karate" In the 11th annual Tri-State Tae Kwon Do Karate Championships, Dorene Melvin of Waterford placed second in white belt fighting and third in white belt forms for women. Melvin hobbyed in karate while mothering her two elementary school-age sons.

"Pen Pals meet at Toledo Zoo" After writing to their pen pals for nearly the whole year, Rosemary Lewis' second grade met their Ohio pen pals at the Toledo Zoo. The elementary pupils were accompanied by their teacher, eight volunteer mothers and their principal, William Potvin. The pen pals were students from Liverpool Elementary School in Ohio.

"Norman's work lands job with Browns" Kurt Norman, 1982 CHS graduate and student of Hillsdale College, signed a two-year free agent football contract with the Cleveland Browns.

50 years ago - 1961

"Jack Craven opens TV & radio business" Jack Craven, who had lived in Clarkston all his life, started a television and radio repair service in Clarkston.

"Earl Pearson gets scholarship" Earl Pearson, 17, was awarded the tuition scholarship which Michigan State University Oakland gave each year to an outstanding student from Clarkston High School. The scholarship could be worth as much as \$1,120 over the recipient's college career.

"Clarkston Locals" Mrs. Richard Roy, former Carolyn Kath, was guest of honor at a surprise post-nuptial shower given by her aunt, Mrs. Maynard Kath at the Vernon Kath home. Mr. and Mrs. Roy were married on May 26 in Pontiac.

Bicyclists and frogs, get out of the way!

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

The book is about Bryson's (a travel writer) trek along the 2,000-some-odd miles of the Appalachian Trail. I like Bryson's deadpan since of humor. But that is not the reason for this column. Nope.

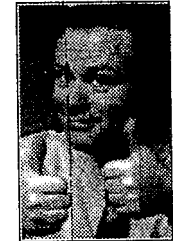
Neither is walking, really, except to say, I was inspired to start walking again. And, it is easy for me to walk as there are miles of paved walking paths just 30 feet out my front door.

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

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

I thought on this. I think a lot of things whilst walking, alone, and how dead

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



A column by Don Rush

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

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

One twilight, I donned my white sneakers and headed out for a quick two-mile lumber (and if lumbering is ever as-

sociated with the word quick, then one day I can be President of the United States).

Here's what I discovered (we're getting close to the point): Only one of about 30 little frogs hopped out of my way. I almost twisted an ankle when one of my sneakered-feet came down atop a little frog. It didn't move. Had I not gone into evasive maneuvers, that frog would be dead.

That started me thinking, too. None of the frogs leapt away when I rumbled loudly by them. They just sat there. Then I passed another croaker and it jumped back into a tangle of growth, representing safety from my heavy foot falls. That frog will survive to pass on its genetics to a bunch of other frogs.

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

Which leads me to this . . . when there are perfectly good paths to ride/walk on, why do bicyclists have to ride on the side of the road?

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

Still, when I see two cyclists together abreast on the side of the road (so they

can bike and talk at the same time), I just think it is unwise and unhealthy. I know it is perfectly within their rights as granted by the brainiacs at the state capitol, but that doesn't make it correct.

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

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

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

You can look up the law for yourself at this website, www.m-bike.org/law, and see that, yep, bikers do have rights. Or you can just take my word on it.

So, what was the point of this column? Send comments to: don@dontrushmedon.com

Life's full of questions; What was I about to ask?

I've always hated (disliked) articles filled with questions to the point I quit reading them. I figure I got questions, what I need are answers.

However, sometimes questions really need to be asked. Like, how come I can remember the Gettysburg Address, Lord's Prayer, some funny stories, etc., but can't find my glasses, can't remember grocery lists and golf strokes?

Then there's this current question: Do charities sell their donor lists?

A caller today from the breast cancer charity said, "I see you usually give \$25."

How did they come up with that figure (which is right) unless it was supplied by someone I had previously donated to?

Are these donor lists sold to make more money? Is that really honest? Does it make it less likely I'll listen to the next spiel?

Yes. No. Yes.

I was prescribed Paxil for depression. I've found that by cutting my evening news cast viewing in half, I achieve the same relaxed results.

If we had our life to live over, we'd make some mistakes

sooner. -- S. Cook

• When you don't succeed after you have tried again, you might read the instructions--if you can still find them.

• A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

We really don't need 47 replays of a football fumble or a golf swing. Silence can be good, too.

• Considering the speed with which car makers are creating add-ons for cars, the self-driving sedan, mini-van and

pickup could be here by 2015. They already have self-parkers.

• Which president stopped the Cape Canaveral space launchings?

• Nancy Pelosi is asking for an investigation into ethics in Congress. Let's start with a mirror.

• President Obama's current spokesman is Jay Carney. It's nice he's giving college kids a job. He really looks young.

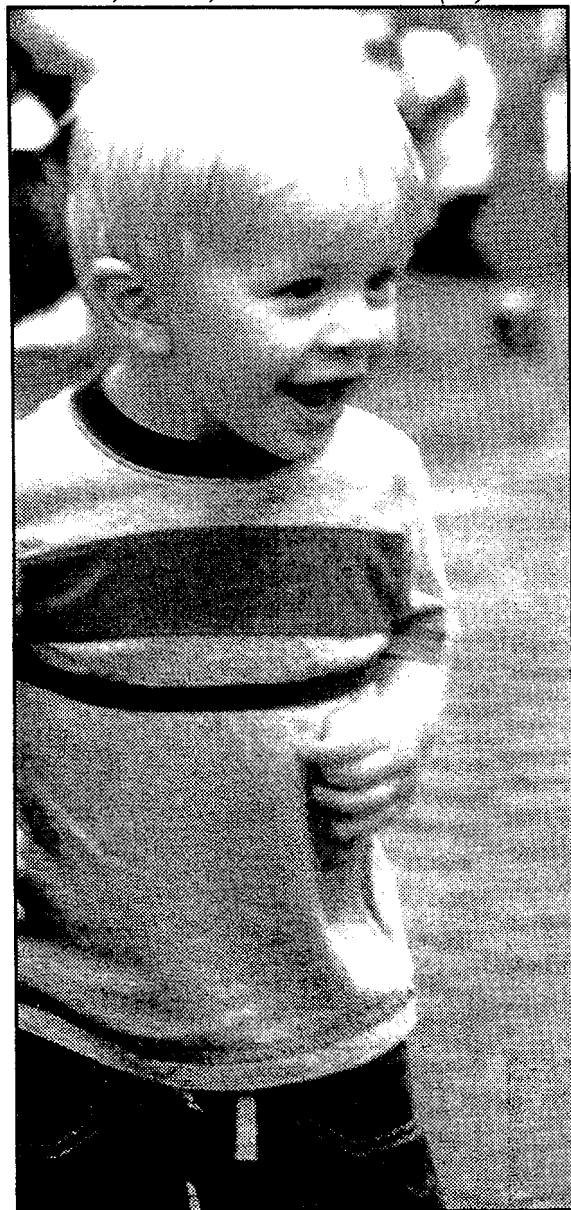
• I'm no longer buying multi-packs of toilet paper. My way of shortening the inheritance list.

• Cooking advice for single men: Don't fry bacon wearing just your pajama bottoms.

• The downside of a lift chair: To get the most out of the chair you need the chair device, tv clicker, telephone and memory. Press the lift button and you can get a different channel or a dial tone, or any other combination thereof.

An elementary school teacher in Florida took it upon herself to eliminate cursive writing for her students. Her bosses, the board of education, did the right thing in directing the teacher to stay with traditional writing, at least for now.

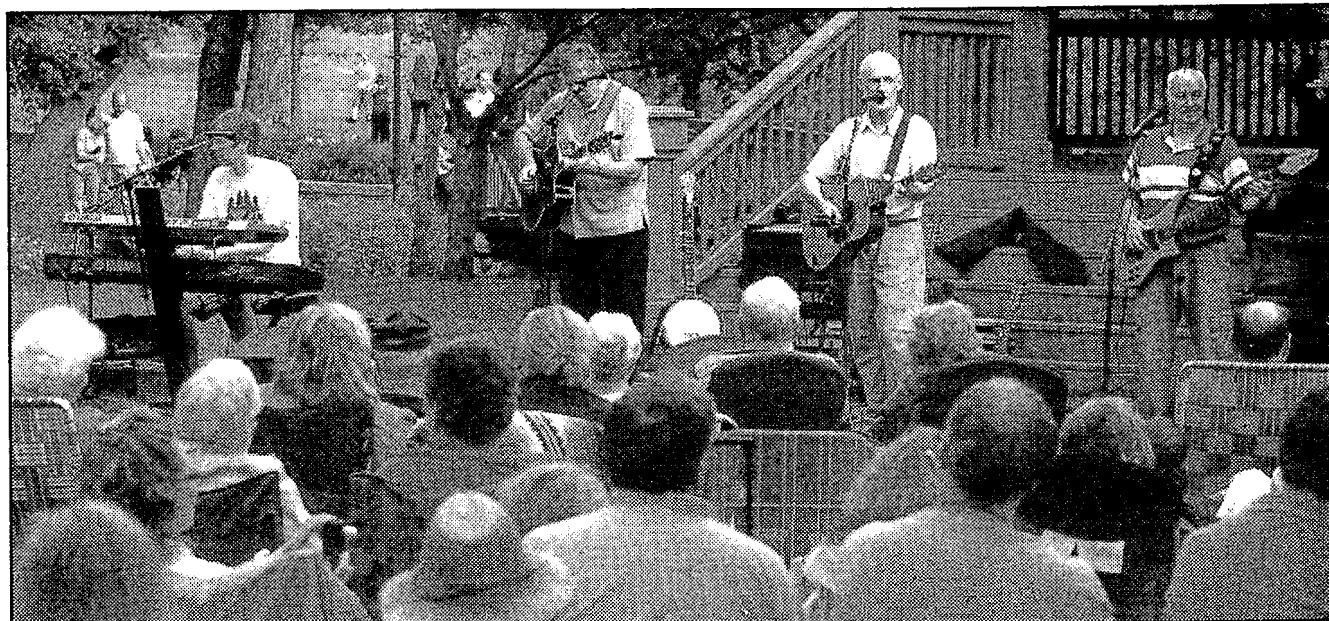
But, with the every-day introductions of electronic communicating devices, personal signatures may be on the endangered species list.



Sean Lenhardt feels the rhythm and begins to dance.



Allyson Houser watches as she gets an airbrush tattoo between songs.



Blackthorn keeps the crowd happy and tapping their feet with Irish tunes.

Music outdoors

Lawn chairs filled Depot Park in downtown Clarkston on Friday night for the opening of Concerts in the Park.

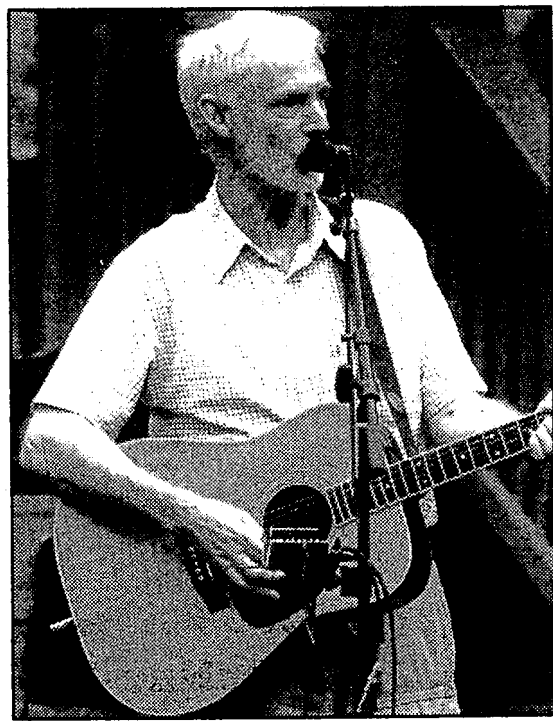
Blackthorn entertained the audience with songs that would tickle any Irish and non-Irish soul.

The audience also enjoyed ice cream, air brush tattoos and relaxing with good music, good conversation and good company.

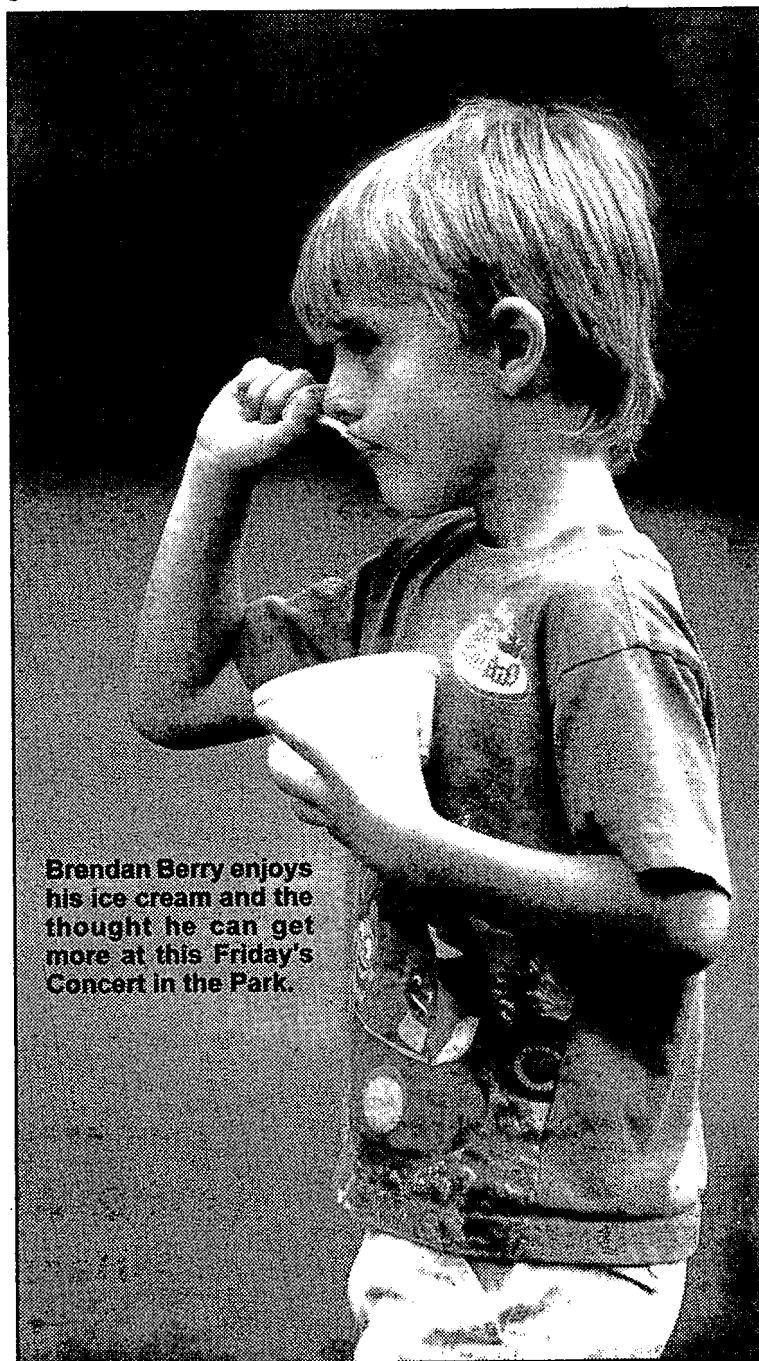
The kids headed to the playground, showed their dancing moves or played in the bouncy house provided by Planet Kids.

Get to Depot Park this Friday for Toppermost, a Beatles Tribute Band. They will play at 7 p.m. Local bands begin at 5 p.m.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Richard McMullan teaches the audience the chorus so they can sing along.



Brendan Berry enjoys his ice cream and the thought he can get more at this Friday's Concert in the Park.

Rocking the house

An Independence Township homeowner reported an unknown person threw a large boulder against his front door several times. The incident occurred between June 10-13, while the residents were gone during the weekend. The boulder was left on the deck and several marks were left on the front wood door. The Oakhill Road resident told officers the person was unable to gain access to the home. Oakland County Sheriff officer was unable to lift any prints from the scene and the resident was advised to invest in an alarm system.

Stealing gas

A Ortonville Shell gas station attendant observed a male who seemed to be intoxicated make a fuel transaction on June 14 at 2:29 a.m. The attendant made the call to Oakland County Sheriff Office after the male got into the driver's side of a white Jeep and headed southbound on M-15.

Bad check

A fraudulent check for \$1,000.29 was reported to a store in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road on May 22. The store owner brought it to officers' attention on June 13 after attempts to cash it were unsuccessful. He remembered it was two black males - one was 27-years-old, 5'9", 170 pounds with glasses. The second one was 33-years-old, 5'10", 170 pounds with short hair.

Public Safety

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

Driving with drugs

An officer heading northbound spotted the Jeep traveling 38 mph in a 55 mph zone. He turned around and observed the vehicle weaving within the lane and unable to maintain a constant speed. After pulling the vehicle over, the 22-year-old Ortonville resident appeared lethargic and slightly slurring his words. His eyes were glossy and pupils moderately dilated and he was swaying back and forth in the driver's seat. He claimed he had one beer and took medication for ADHD. He was placed under arrest for operating under the influence of drugs. After being mirandized he admitted he had taken one vicodin and two clonopin - both not prescribed to him. He lodged at Oakland County Jail.

GPS taken

A 42-year-old Brandon Township woman returned to her Blazer at park and ride off Sashabaw Road on 4:15 p.m., June 16, to find her driver's side door pried open and the steering column damaged. The Garmin GPS unit and charger was missing and left behind was a screwdriver on the passenger seat.

Failure to yield

A gold Buick driven by a 45-year-old Chelsea resident was heading southbound on M-15 on June 9 around five o'clock. The driver made a quick left turn onto Waldon Road right in front of a vehicle heading northbound. An officer saw the failure to yield and the driver using his cell phone. He followed the Buick as it continued on Waldon going 45 mph in a 35 mph speed zone with a broken tail light. The officer pulled him over for failure to yield when turning left, speeding and defective equipment. The driver's proof of insurance was expired and he had two warrants out for his arrest and his license was suspended. His car was impounded and he was released on warrants. The officer requested an issue of a warrant for driving with license suspended second offense.

Falling tree

Residents in the 5000 block on Chestnut Hill Drive awoke to a shaking house, 3:55 a.m., June 9. The 61-year-old resident checked outside and saw a tree from his neighbor's yard had blown over and landed on his house, damaging the roof and house.

Switched locks

When a renter left his storage unit on White Lake Road, it was locked and secured on June 6. When he returned on June 14 his lock was missing and replaced with another lock. He reported it to the manager and they cut the strange lock to find the unit had been gone through and several items missing - including a gas 5,000 watt generator, gas hedge trimmer, gas blower and a new tool box full of tools. No other storage units had issues. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office requested management retain video tape of gate activity during the time span the theft occurred. The case is still open.

Fraud attempt

An Independence Township man reported he received a phone call on June 16 from a person stating they were from "Glass Mountain Legal Group" regarding a \$16,000 balance he owed City Bank. He told the caller he did not have an account with City Bank. The caller said a commercial loan was opened in 2003 for a business and gave him the account number. Since the caller had his full social security number he filed a report with the sheriff's office. He checked his credit report and showed no debt owed City Bank. He was advised not to give the caller any information for future fraudulent use if they call back.

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New tree by new Junior Girl Scouts

Clarkston Elementary Girl Scout Troop 70910 celebrated their bridging from Brownies to Juniors by planting a tree on Depot Road, May 24. The hydrangea tree from Wojo's replaces ash trees lost to the emerald ash borer in recent years. Photo provided by Katie Meehan

Dulan R. Foster, 66

Dulan R. Foster of Waterford passed away June 16, 2011, at age 66.

He was the husband of Betty for 46 years; father of Dulan Lee (Christie), Donna and Robert (Iva); grandpa of Andrew and Kadey; great grandpa of Emmilise; brother of Rev. Becky (Rev. Calvin) Day; preceded in death by his parents Dulan and Vellabe.



Mr. Foster retired from General Motors and was a member at Bridgewood Church, Clarkston.

Visitation was June 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Tuesday at Bridgewood Church Assembly of God, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bridgewood Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ted Glenn Gray, 86

Ted Glenn Gray, 86, born in Detroit, Mich., was a United States Navy veteran and former pitcher for The Detroit Tigers.



He is survived by children Jorja Hetherington, Tracy Kasperek, Tim Gray, Tom Gray; grandchildren Randy, Mark, Holly, Tricia, and Ryan; and great grandchildren Alex, Austin, Adam, Jeselle, Journi, and Samuel.

A private ceremony to be held in Florida.



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Edward Gnatek, 62

Edward "Gary" Gnatek of Detroit passed away June 14, 2011, at age 62.

He was survived by Beverly; father of David (Raquel) Gnatek and Elizabeth (Kevin) Reynolds; grandfather of Sophia, Quinlan, Rebecca and Daniel; brother of Terry Gnatek and the late Douglas.

Mr. Gnatek was a member of the Milford Art Society and had a love for painting, the arts, music and computers.

Memorial Mass was June 18 at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston.

Any memorials to the family will be used for the future education of his grandchildren. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Leta B. Sheffield, 102

Leta B. Sheffield of Burton, formerly of Pontiac, passed away June 12, 2011, at age 102.

She was preceded in death by her husband Willis, son Willis Jr. "Bill" and daughter Ruth Evans. She was the mother of John (Nancy), Thomas (Dana) and Theodore (Bonnie); mother in law of Celia Sheffield; also survived by 11 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and many great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Sheffield retired in 1978 as a nurse at Pontiac General Hospital. She was a member at Grace Lutheran Church.

Funeral service was June 18 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorials may be made to Bethesda Children's Home. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Beverly J. Slieff, 77

Beverly J. Slieff (Kelley) of Burton, formerly of Clarkston, passed away June 18, 2011, at age 77.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry and grandson Jason Rothbarth. She was the mother of Robin (Bernard) Satkowiak and Mark Wells; grandma of Eric (Janice) Rothbarth; great grandma of Drake; sister of Winona Hillman and the late Devona Lane.

Mrs. Slieff enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, playing cards (euchre) and puzzling. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She ran the concessions at Cherry Hills Bowling Lanes for many years.

Funeral service Friday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., and Thursday, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Interment Seymour Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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 direc-



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tor 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.

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Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Geneva Misener, 89

Geneva M. Misener, "Ginny," of New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Waterford, passed away June 13, 2011, at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Maurice and brother Clarence "Red." She was the mother of Charles (Teresa), Nancy (Don) Hefner and James (Beth); also survived by nine grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren; sister of Juanita LePere, Pat Hampton and Mary Leone (Jerry) Wallace.

Ginny retired from General Motors and enjoyed retirement to the fullest. She enjoyed wildlife and spending time with family.

Funeral service was June 16 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Salvation Army. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Butterfly count at Independence Oaks-North

Oakland County Parks and Recreation hosts its annual North American Butterfly Count, 12:30-3:30 p.m., June 25, at Independence Oaks-North off Sashabaw Road near Upper Bushman Lake.

"Some species are declining because plants containing larval food, which is where butterflies lay their eggs and their caterpillars develop, are disappearing," said Kathleen Dougherty, educational recourse specialist.

Last year, counters recorded 152 butterflies of 20 species. The count should be

higher this year because of a prescribed burn earlier this year, Dougherty said.

The count will be entered and stored in the North American Butterfly Association's database.

Also, Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy hosts a count from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Golden Preserve for Biological Diversity, 11406 Clark Road in Davisburg.

To participate, email doughertyk@oakgov.com. For maps and more information, check DestinationOakland.com.

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The reunion will include a portable bar, so alumni don't have to stay in the bar area to enjoy a drink and talk.

Cost is \$45 per person, which includes dinner, free beer and wine.

Also planned is a picnic at Independence Oaks the next day, 1-8:30 p.m., for

Clarkston alumni, 1977-1985.

For more information, email itsdarrylberry@hotmail.com or call 517-404-8748.

Also, a reunion dinner for Clarkston graduates, especially 1974-1978, is planned for 4-10 p.m., July 30, at Jerry and Diane (Sargent) Inman's house, 4793 Whipple Lake Road.

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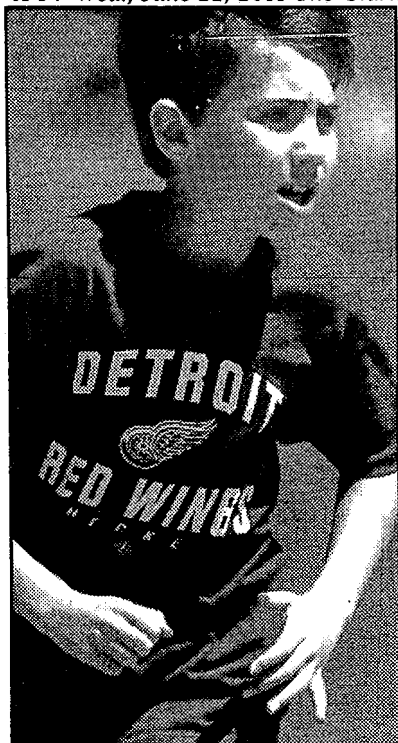
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Mark Sprague runs around third base during kickball.



Jennifer Holscher squeezes water into a bucket.



Emily Jeung concentrates on having her team win.

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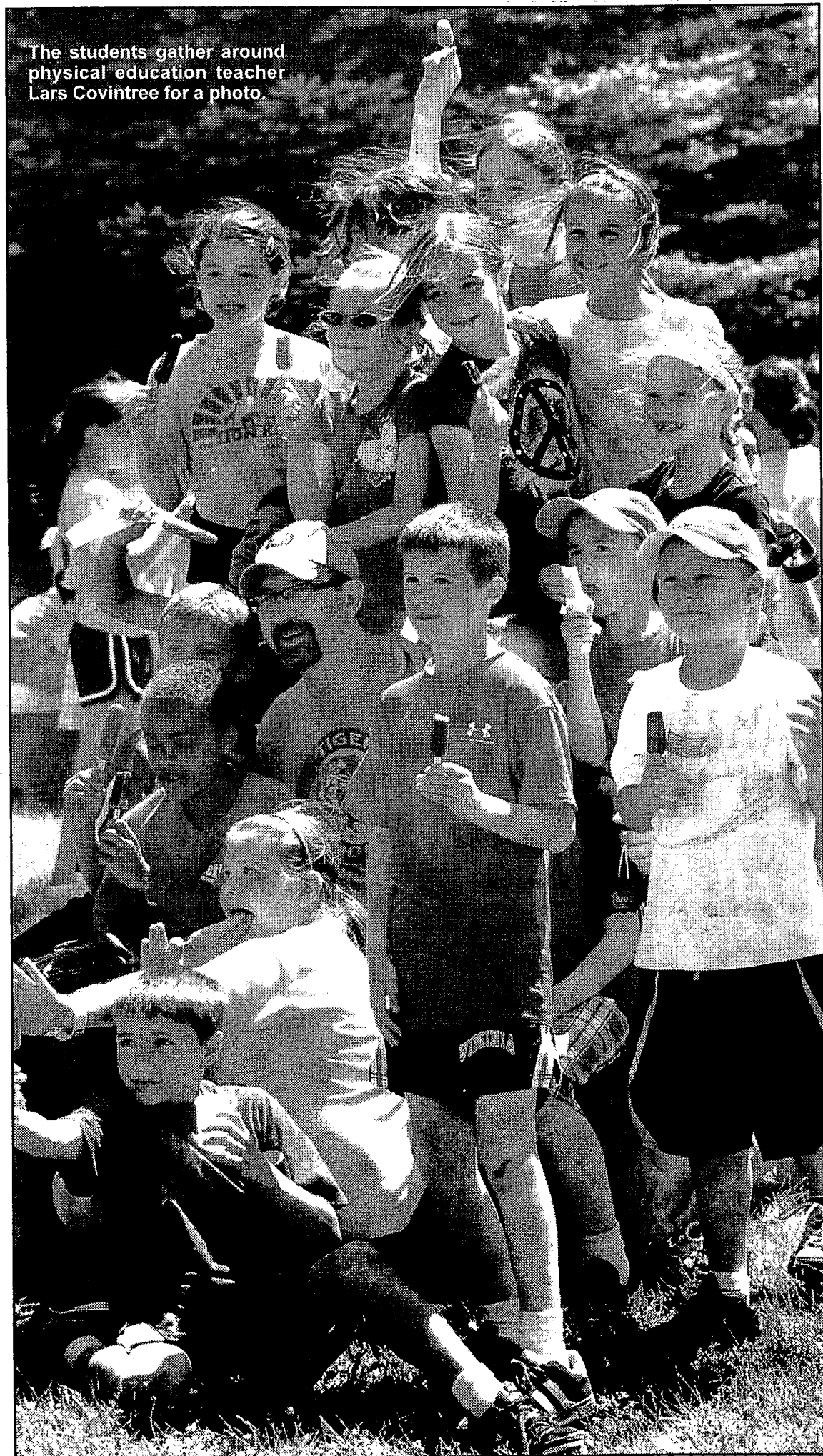
Springfield Plains Elementary students relaxed and ate their popsicles after a fun-filled Field Day, June 1.

Some of the activities included golf, kickball, soccer, an obstacle course and filling a bucket of water with just a sponge.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Enya Spaulding prepares to send the ball far.



The students gather around physical education teacher Lars Covintree for a photo.

People Poll

June 22, 2011

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Summer started June 21

What are some of your summer plans?



"Traveling to Virginia Beach with the family, and swimming, baseball, and hopefully a trip to Michigan Adventure, too -- we enjoy Michigan."

— From left, Carson, Debbie, Ethan, and Aidan Brock



"Enjoy the park, the quiet, the beauty of nature."

— Heather Noonan and Scott Engler



"Go to Cedar Point, play outdoors a lot and enjoy the nice weather."

— Larry Thuria, left, and Cole Sanders



"Work. Get ready to go back to school. Picnics."

— Emily Chaney

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Debbie Latozas and North Sashabaw Elementary students at the ice cream social, May 18. Photo provided

Latozas leaves legacy at North Sashabaw

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Debbie Latozas was touched when Clarkston High School seniors and students from her 13 years at North Sashabaw Elementary showed up at an ice cream social, May 18.

"The Kindergartners I started with graduated this year. Some of the kids came back to read letters they had written," the principal smiled. "Kids in the middle school and junior high came back -- with speeches. I have kids that come back all the time."

Next year when North Sashabaw alumni comes back, Latozas will be gone -- she begins her retirement July 1.

Her favorite memory from the years of being a Wildcat is when the school received their Michigan Blue Ribbon of Excellence in 2005.

The former owner of Burger King on Dixie

Highway, Myron Grosz, was a sponsor for school fairs and would read to the students. He offered to host a luncheon since Michigan Department of Education officials, guests from around the district and community, and legislators would be at the school.

The lunch was a memorable occasion. Tables were covered in linen clothes with china dishware and silverware.

"The kids from the middle school came back and played music," Latozas added. "He taught the fifth-graders how to be servers. Everyone of them got a chef's hat and dressed up."

Latozas began at Clarkston Community Schools as a teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary in 1977.

"In the late 70s not a lot were hiring," she said. "It was tough to get a job. Everyone was applying everywhere."

After four years she was laid off and was called back after two years to teach at Clarkston Junior High School. She was laid off again and when she came back in 1985, she was placed at North Sashabaw Elementary.

Throughout the years, she has added to the district as math support program coordinator, beginning early intervention with the reading support program at North Sashabaw Elementary.

"All kids in grades Kindergarten through third grade have a blue book bag and they get to check out a book every day at their reading level," she said. "It is a big program because half of the school checks books out every day."

Three years ago they started the English as a Second Language magnet school program.

"Anyone in the district speaking little or no

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Imagine That Visual Art Show featuring teens, 6-8 p.m., June 22, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-620-2984.

Oakland County Clerk's Mobile Office, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., June 23, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-858-0560.

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.

Spaghetti dinner, silent auction fund raiser for Denise Lotz, to help defray hospital and medical care, 5-8 p.m., June 24, Community Presbyterian Church 4301 Monroe off Sashabaw. \$5. 248-681-7052.

Concert in the Park, 7-9 p.m., June 24. Depot Park gazebo, downtown Clarkston. www.clarkston.org.

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Around Town

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



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Oakland County Fair, 9 a.m.-11 p.m., July 12-16; 9 a.m.-9 p.m., July 17, Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road in Davisburg. Exotic petting zoo, racing pigs, miracle of birth barn, circus, carnival, arena events. \$10/vehicle, \$4/walk in. 248-634-8830.

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Sunday

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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.

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.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay

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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.

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

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.

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.

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

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

Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Equipment provided. \$4 drop in. 248-625-8231.

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.

Zumba, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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.

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

Saturday

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Students achieve success

This year's Notre Dame Prep Valedictory court includes Clarkston students Hayden Smith and Robin Weaver.



Smith

Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith of Clarkston, with a GPA of 4.355. Hayden has been a member of Student Council, the National Honor Society and Environmental club. He is a diploma candidate for the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Hayden is a gifted artist. He will be attending Carnegie Mellon University to major in industrial design.



Weaver

Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael

Weaver of Clarkston, graduated with a GPA of 4.355. Robin is a leader in NDP's instrumental music program as the Drum Major. She has also been active in drama as a student director. Robin will attend John Carroll University to major in communications.

The University of Evansville welcomed Clarkston students Mike Zukhoff and Ashley Smokoska for the 2011 American Society of Civil Engineers National Concrete Canoe Competition, June 16-18.

Zukhoff and Smokoska are students at Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

Nicole Rombach of Davisburg was named a recipient of a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University. She is a recent graduate of Holly High School and the daughter of Sandy and Matt Rombach.

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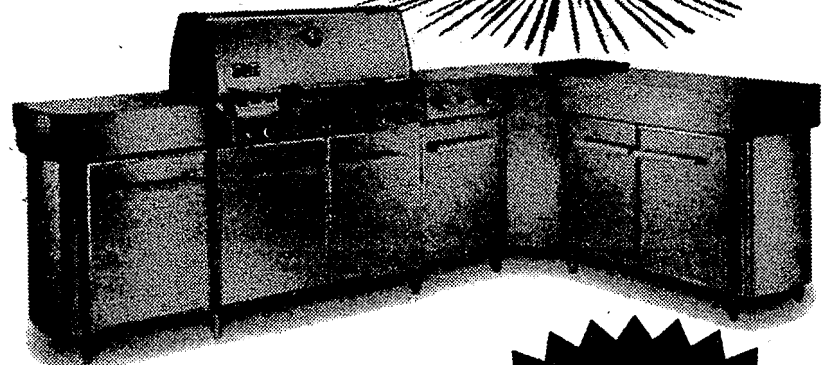
aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included basic combat skills, battlefield operations and tactics, and various infantry weapons and defenses.

He is the son of Thomas and Kimberly Moore of Clarkston. Moore graduated in 2008 from Clarkston High School.

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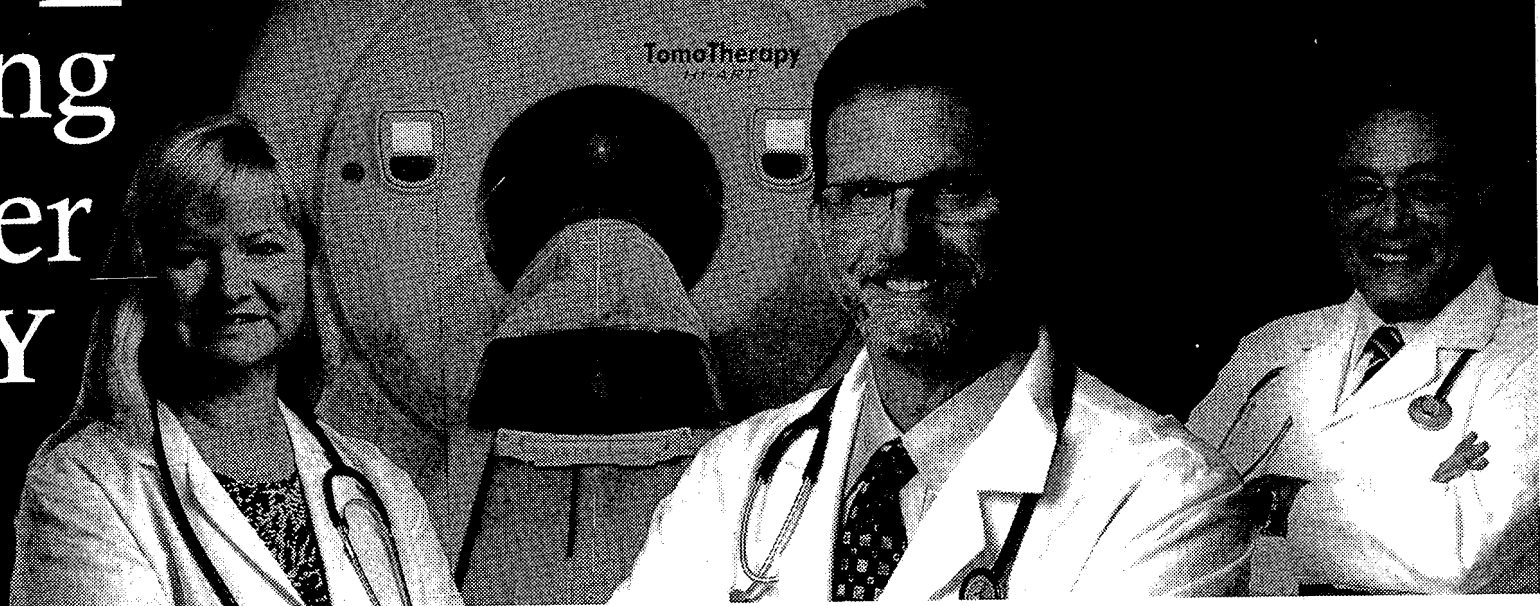
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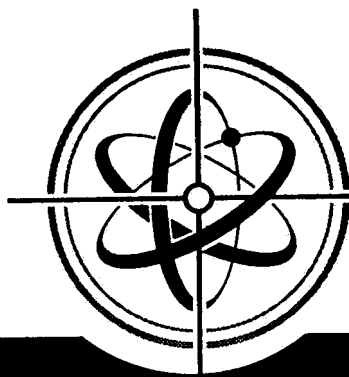


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Religion

God bless our dads and grads

We have just celebrated an important milestone in the church, Holy Trinity Sunday, where we boldly and firmly declare that our God is one God manifested to us in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In light of the false teachings that have taken place in the world this is an important declaration of faith.

We are told to honor our fathers and our mothers. In May we celebrated the blessing God gives us in our mothers and this month we remember the blessing of our fathers. It is difficult, if not impossible, to raise children without the presence of both a mother and a father there to give a balanced outlook on life.

At the same time we are reminded of the importance of the example of the father in raising a child in the faith. The absence of a father's guidance often leads to ambiguity of faith.

At the same time we remember the many young adults who are preparing to step out on their own, maybe for the first time.

I remember the joy (along with the fear and trepidation) of beginning college and then transferring to a school that led me to leave the shelter of the nest.

Even more frightening can be the step out of college and into the work force. It seems the safety net has been withdrawn under that circumstance! What if we fail?

No matter who we are or what we do there are a couple things to remember. First, we all have responsibilities. God gives each of us gifts and He calls us to use those gifts in

servicing Him.

Even those who might not believe in God have that responsibility because He has given them their gifts.

The second thing to remember is that God is with us at all times. He has promised never to leave us or forsake us. We are reminded in the words of the Psalmist (139) that God knows everything about us and is with us always. He knows us better than we know ourselves because He knit us together.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Kendall Schaeffer

As we continue on the journey together, bound by the faith we have in Jesus as our Savior, whether we be a dad or a grad, I offer to you the words I have used to guide my life and my ministry.

Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, wrote Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

(Proverbs 16:3) What wonderful advice

that is! Put it in the Lord's hands.

Take it to Him in prayer, ask for His guidance on where you should go, let Him guide you to what He would have you do, then listen for His answer and follow where He leads. When He is in control you will not and cannot fail.

God's blessings as you serve Him as His child.

The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

In our churches...

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

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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

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Like to join in Spiritual Matters?
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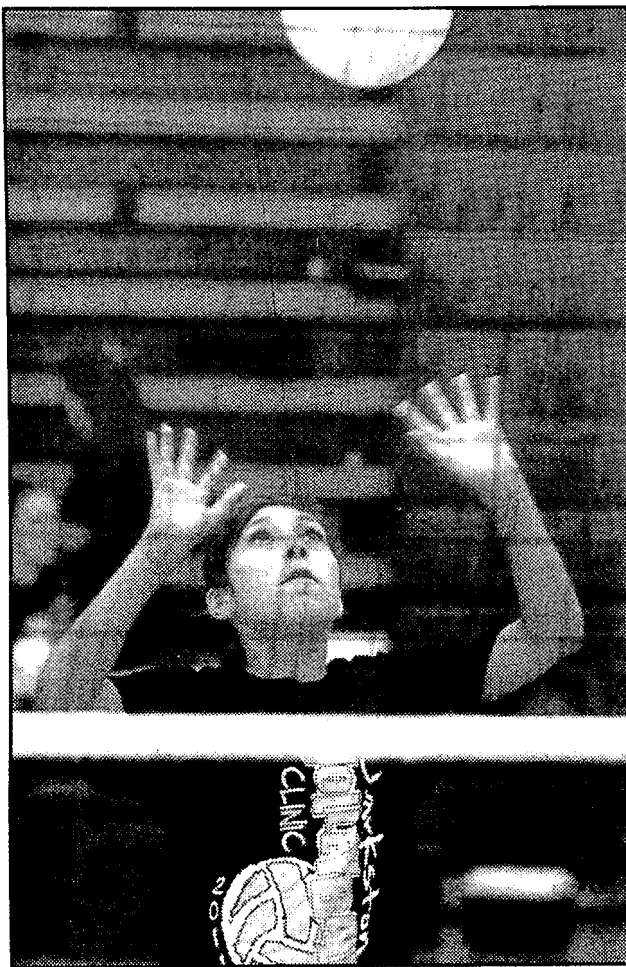
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Stephanie Tenerelli sets the ball for her teammate.

Clinic sets players for success

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Molly McCaghy jumped up to the top of the net with her arms lifted up and her hands ready to block a hit.

She joined 100 girls at the Clarkston Volleyball Clinic at Clarkston High School last week.

"It's good," raved Stephanie Tenerelli as she waited for her turn at the net on Friday, the last day of the clinic. "I have improved since I have been here."

Other players echoed their appreciation for the clinic including Cat Schlaff.

"It's really fun," she smiled. "I like the competitions."

The clinic was hosted by Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Head Coach Kelly Avenall and her staff, with help from varsity volleyball players to help the girls.

Avenall said the clinic went well as she oversaw all the courts as the players kept fine-tuning their skills.

She added they had over 100 girls, grades 5-12, sign up for the clinic and they had to turn some down.

"Volleyball is becoming more of a

popular sport," Avenall said. "Not just in Clarkston but state-wide. More girls are trying out and we have a bigger pool to pull from for teams."

Coaches noticed the younger players coming in with more skills than they had seen before.

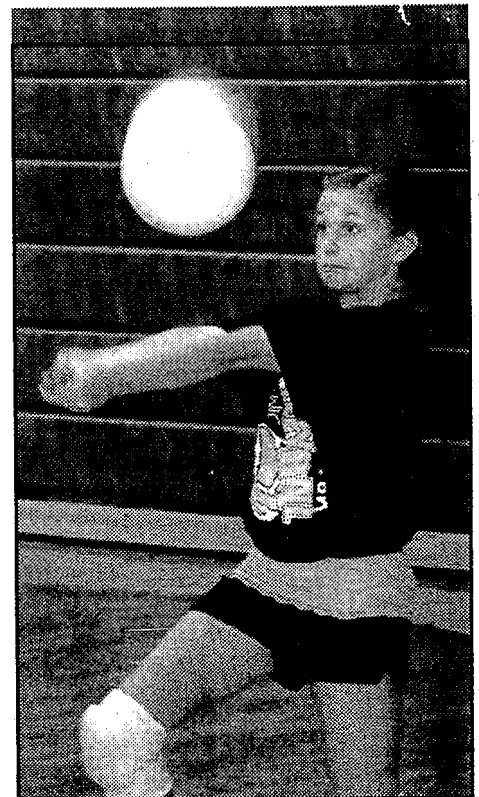
"Even before we see them, which is cool," said Avenall.

The clinic helped the players work on fundamentals of the game and perfected their setting, passing, and hitting skills while they worked individually, in teams and competed in games.

Awards for 5-8th graders went to Erin McNeil, Most Improved Camper; Mary Shutty, Most Spirited Camper and Elise Lowell, Best Camper.

For grades 9-12th, Morgan Halligan, Most Improved Camper; Maddie Lightfoot, Most Spirited Camper and Rachel Dickerson, Best Camper.

Tryouts for high school volleyball teams will begin in August. Tryouts for the seventh- and eighth-grade teams will be in January.



Payton Greenlee practices bumping the ball during camp. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Adam Bruderick runs for a lead in the 3,200 meter relay at the GAA Track Meet. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Athlete of the Week

Bruderick solid as a rock on track and field

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Adam Bruderick reflected back to the track in Rockford as the Wolves finished their spring season for track and field.

The 3,200-meter and 1,600-meter relay teams qualified for the last round at the MHSAA State Finals on June 4, but didn't finish in the top eight.

"We didn't do our best but we did pretty good for the weather and the day we had," he said.

Bruderick added one of the highlights was beating Troy 72-56 early in the season.

"It was our first meet of the year," he explained, adding it was also the first time since he was on the team they beat the Colts.

"Getting more people out there and we had a lot of new people and new blood on the team. I think that really helped the team," he said.

Bruderick has his goals set for his senior season and wants to finish All-State in the 800-meter run and take more athletes to the state finals.

"He is our best athlete," said John Benmink, head coach for the Clarkston High

School Boys Varsity Track and Field team.

"He is the anchor and the legs for the 4x800 relay league championship team and for the 4x400 relay team. He was two time league champion and second in the 800-meter run."

Bruderick began track in seventh grade when his mom told him it was a good sport to try.

Following his mom's advice he did try it, not only did he like it but discovered he was good at it - especially distance running. He joined cross country in the fall to continue running and also plans to help get the team to state finals and finish all-state.

He spends the winter season on the ice with the Clarkston Varsity Hockey team and all three work compliment each other, he added.

"Cross country really helps because it builds my endurance," Bruderick said. "It builds a base for the beginning of the year then that helps with hockey. Hockey strengthens my muscles and quickens my speed and that really helps with track."

Until school starts in September he will spend time getting ready for his senior year and playing in a summer hockey league.

He finished the school year with a 3.2 GPA and adding to his class requirements was involved in CSM Tech.

Bruderick has not decided if he will continue running or playing hockey in college but knows he wants to study medicine.

"I am definitely looking at a medical career," he explained. "I like to help people and science is my favorite subject."

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The Game for a Cure 2011 check presentation, from left to right: in front row, Erin Reese-Burks, Cathy Schlaff, Dr. Judie Goodman, Mary Jo Fisher-Malloy, Vicki O'Grady; in back row, Kim Kneisel, Susan Stempke, Mary McElgunn, Kathy Courtney and Cathy Campbell. Photo submitted

Clarkston raises \$9,000

Ohana truly describes the Clarkston Lacrosse family. The word, from the Hawaiian culture, means family either blood-related, adoptive or intentional and emphasize family bound together.

Together the Clarkston Lacrosse program and the community have made a difference. It was evident when a check for \$9,000 from the Game for a Cure event was given to the Cancer Research Program at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland (SJMO).

During a reception on June 14 at SJMO, hospital administrators, doctors, program directors and research nurses were speechless and in awe of the significant donation

Clarkston Lacrosse provided.

The donation will be used to support patients enrolled in clinical research trials to overcome financial barriers and improve their quality of life. For example, the funds will allow a patient who does not have the resources to pay for a follow-up mammogram to receive the test. Gift cards and certificates will also be given to patients to enjoy while undergoing treatment.

"Thank you to everyone who made the 2011 Game for a Cure event such a success," said Clarkston Lacrosse players and family. "We're looking forward to next year! OHANA!"

Jorgensen feeds golf bug

Independence Township resident Richard Jorgensen, 80, has been playing golf since he was 11 years old and has spent 60 of those years playing at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

Jorgensen said he played his first game of golf after becoming the youngest caddy on the course. His friend was a caddy, and he wanted to become one too. The age requirement was 12, but an exception was made for Jorgensen, who was only one year younger.

"Then I caught the golfing bug," said Jorgensen.

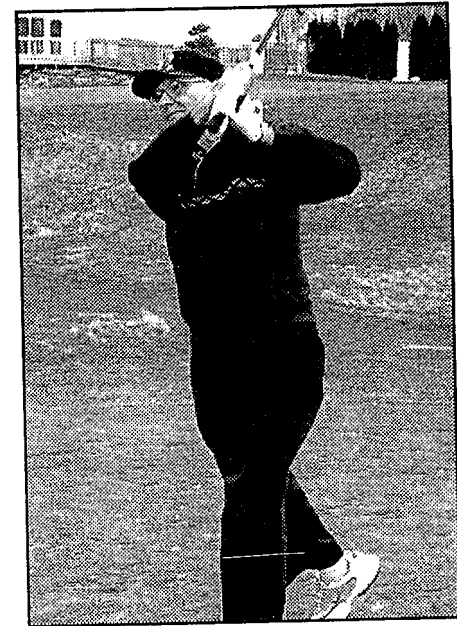
Jorgensen started playing at Glen Oaks when he was 20 years old. He said he played at other golf courses, but he and his friends would always return to Glen Oaks. Since then, all of Jorgensen's friends who golfed with him either moved away or passed away.

"Nobody has been around as long as I have," said Jorgensen.

When Jorgensen was 45, he joined a golf league at Glen Oaks, a league he still plays in today. He said his favorite memory was in 1989 when he made his first hole-in-one on the course.

Farmington Hills resident Andy Finn, who has played golf with Jorgensen for three years, said Jorgensen has been playing golf longer than anyone else on the league.

"He's a genuinely nice, nice guy," said Finn. "I don't feel as bad when he beats



Richard Jorgensen takes a swing.

me."

"Everybody in this league has a lot of humor, and we laugh with each other and not at each other," said Gary Junik of Farmington Hills, who has played in the league with Jorgensen for two years. "We all stay afterwards and have a social. That's what's nice about the league. I don't think there's a bad person on it," said Junik.

For more information, call 248-851-8356 or visit DestinationOakland.com.



Students finish school year with huge donation for Ty'd with Love

Independence Elementary and Springfield Plains Elementary first-graders and their teachers worked together for Ty'd with Love and raised close to \$7,000. They used the money raised to buy for Detroit Children's Hospital two iPad2s with accessories, 11 individual DVD players, over 300 children's DVD movies, five Nintendo DS, 25 DS games, an Xbox remote with 20 games, toys, blankets, goodie bags, and other items. The project also included reading, writing, graphing, public speaking, performing, counting and sorting. Photo provided

Good education's like a successful fishing trip

Picture in your mind a summer afternoon in your youth, fishing on a lake with your grandfather.

You're in a small boat, with no engine. You are using bamboo poles. Grandpa is wearing a large, strawbrimmed hat, with fishing lures pinned to it, and a collared shirt. You're fishing with earth worms—the big, dirty, slimy variety. In the stillness of the day, you hear in the distance a screen door slamming, but you can't see it.

The water is warm, as is the air. The sun is dimming to the West, over the woods on the other side of the lake. You and grandpa aren't talking. The fish are biting. A hefty one bites your line—the one you've waited all day to catch. Your line breaks. As grandpa ties a new line onto your pole, the hook lies precariously in the water, and a fish bites it.

Simultaneously, you and grandpa gasp. You catch a glimpse into his eyes and you

can clearly sense the significance of the moment—that something extra special is happening there on the lake. There are no words to describe the feeling, only a sense of the essence. No one else can tell you how it feels, no matter the eloquence of the words. A picture or written account of the experience is somehow insufficient. Even long after grandpa is gone, the feeling persists—you want to live it again.

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

An education, lived in small moments, embedded in genuine relationships, and personally significant, is what we hope our children will experience. We wish for our children challenges, meaningful friendships, limitless opportunities, and utter hopefulness. We build gymnasiums, stadiums, band rooms, science labs, auditoriums, and classrooms because we believe in the educational process.

We install computers, wireless networks, and outlets because we have faith in educational systems.

We set policies, goals, proficiency targets, and standards because we believe that these elements, taken collectively, represent the best possibilities for a better life, for all children. Once we've constructed the schools, the paint and asphalt dry, and the students move in. They sit behind desks, poised for learning.

What happens next isn't up to them, it's dependent upon us—teachers, principals, superintendents, school boards, schools of education, parents, community members—

working together to ensure a meaningful educational experience. Each student possesses his or her dreams, and our hopes. Each is completely individual, yet wholly dependent.

Picture in your mind a fall afternoon in the current life of a young girl. Can you see the student, sitting in a classroom with her classmates and teacher?

It's a well lit room, with a Smartboard. The teacher is comfortably dressed, with a dry erase marker behind her ear. She invites the child to share her thoughts, to explore her ideas, to make connections, to wonder. She then gives the students time to think; to develop their thoughts.

Despite the equal eagerness of those around, the student's concentration does not waiver or wane. She's leaning forward in her seat, anxious, yet willing to hold her response until her thoughts become clear. The teacher displays on the Smartboard colorful pictures and diagrams, asking students to take a position, to expand their perspectives. As the students reason with evidence, the teacher asks them to go deeper, to contemplate an alternative point of view. In their hands are cell phones with

Internet access, which they skillfully use to explore the complexity of the topic at hand. Near the end of the class period, the teacher asks the students to gather into small groups with classmates to summarize their learning for the period. In ten words or less, the young girl's group reflects on the learning objective displayed for the entire class period, on the Smartboard. When it is almost time to depart for lunch, the teacher selects this group to share their summary.

Simultaneously, the girl, her classmates, and the teacher gasp. The girl catches a glimpse into her teacher's eyes, and she can clearly sense the significance of the moment; that something extra special is happening there in her classroom—the group's collec-

tive thinking is going much deeper than expected. There are no words to describe the feeling, only a sense of the essence. No one else can tell her how it feels, no matter the eloquence of the words. A picture or written account of the experience is somehow insufficient. Even long after she's completed her formal education, the feeling persists—she wants to live it again.

As we attempt to reform education with policies, charter schools, teacher evaluation and student achievement, and merit pay—the impersonal parts, we risk missing the essence—the personal whole.

We believe that improvement is simple, direct, clean, and obvious. Our educational systems have taught us that academic growth is always measurable, quantifiable, and comparable. Herein, we miss the complexity, the nuance, the essence.

To fundamentally improve schools for all children, we must alter the way it feels—for students, teachers, parents. In its entirety, we must make learning *personally* meaningful.

We must do all that we can, every day, in every school, to take students more deeply into their own minds and the minds of their classmates. We must teach them to make sense, to figure things out, to inquire and expand. We must make learning a more personal, organic, intuitive, qualifiable endeavor.

When we talk about education, long after we've left the schoolhouse, we must remember how it feels—longing to live it again. Tangibly, we have to recall where the learning took us, what it taught us about ourselves and learning in general. It has to affect us deeply, personally, longitudinally. Any policy or reform that does not affect how students and educators feel, what they sense and notice, is in fact, no reform at all.

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO: 2011-337, 058-DE
Estate of Nicholas Sassie, Deceased. Date of birth 7/20/1924
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Nicholas Sassie, who lived at 9148 Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, Michigan died 4/11/2011.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tamara Lee Spurgeon and Thomas Lewis Sassi, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
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PUBLIC NOTICE Charter Township of Springfield

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE SUPERVISOR VACANCY DEADLINE 4:00 PM ON JULY 1, 2011 FOR APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Due to a vacancy in the office of Township Supervisor, the Springfield Township Board will accept applications for an appointment to the office for the remainder of the four-year term ending November 20, 2012.

Under State Law, candidates for the office of Supervisor must be a qualified elector of the Township and be registered to vote. To be a qualified elector, a person must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and have lived in the Township at least 30 days prior to the appointment.

The Township Supervisor is charged with directing and coordinating the administration of the township government according to both State Law and policies set forth by the Township Board. Essential responsibilities include chairing/moderating Township Board meetings to ensure compliance with Board rules of procedure, preparing and administering the township's annual budget and keeping the Board advised of the financial condition of the township, and overseeing and administering the enforcement of township ordinances and laws.

For a complete job description, contact the Clerk's Office at 248-846-6510 or visit the Springfield Township website at springfield-twp.us.

To be considered, interested candidates shall submit a letter of interest and resume no later than 4:00 pm on July 1, 2011 to the following address:

Laura Moreau, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield
12000 Davisburg Road
Davisburg, MI 48350

Published: June 22, 2011 TB

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following case:

Case #11-0014 Hartfield, Jeff and Linda, Petitioners
APPLICANTS REQUEST 20' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION PLUS 25' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT INGROUND POOL
10280 Perry Lake Rd., R-1R
Equestrian Lake Village, Lot 25
08-03-102-011

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111

Continuing programs in plans

Continued from page 15A

English we give them and their families an opportunity of having the kids come here," she said. "The kids receive support in the English language with reading and writing five days a week."

The elementary also partners with the high school's Spanish Club. The members come for their last hour of classes and help the students.

Latozas plans to continue working and will still be working with Clarkston Community Schools and will continue working with the ESL program and coordinating it. She will also work with Destination Imagination and write some curriculum for them and help spread the program nationwide. She also

plans to work with leadership development.

She will also take time to travel with her family with camping and a trip to Greece next year.

"The best part of working in Clarkston are the people, the relationships you make with the staff and the parents and especially the kids," she smiled. "That is what keeps you coming back to work every day."

North Sashabaw Elementary students will be greeted by Tara Oullette when they come back to school.

Also in new positions, Nancy Mahoney is principal at Springfield Plains Elementary and Brian Adams is principal for Clarkston Elementary as Dana Pennanen goes back to a teaching position.

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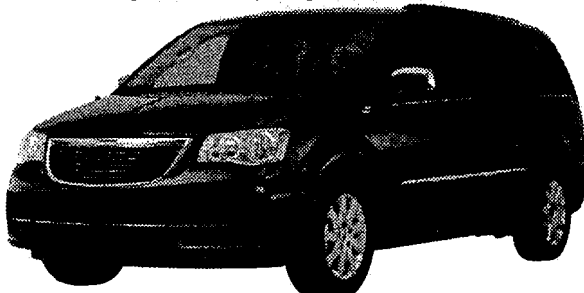
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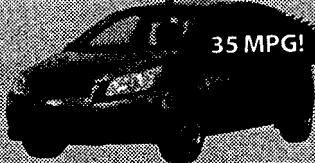
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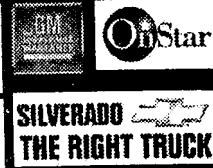
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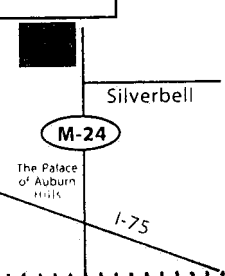
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July selection for interim supervisor

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 for August 2012.

Trout said he accepted an offer to serve on the State of Michigan Department of Transportation's Aeronautics office.

"Our biggest role is in administering the state block grant which is a federal grant given to the state for development projects at airports in the state," Trout said. "We also inspect all the general aviation airports, licence pilots and aircraft and advocate for aviation issues statewide."

The board will hold a special meeting on July 7 to review supervisor applicants,

Moreau said.

"At that point we will begin a process to shorten the list and will at some point hold interviews to fill the position," Hopper said.

Application deadline is 4 p.m., July 1.

Candidates must be a qualified and registered township voter, at least 18 years old, U.S. citizen, and have lived in the township at least 30 days prior to the appointment.

For job description, call the clerk's office at 248-846-6510 or check springfield-twp.us.

Trout offers parting ideas for township

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the residents of Springfield for the privilege of serving as your supervisor for the last two-and-a-half years.

While leaving is always bittersweet, I am excited about both my new responsibilities and the prospects for the future of the township.

Having served during the worst economic times in modern history it has been a challenge to continue delivering quality services at a high level and still remain fiscally sound in the process.

This is being done by a committed and dedicated workforce in the departments I have been responsible for, all of whom I owe my deepest thanks and gratitude.

From the standpoint of accomplishments, the continued balanced budget is a credit to all of us, given that property values have declined over 30 percent and our state shared revenue has also been reduced.

I am proud of the fact that we have been able to make improvements in technology with new equipment making us more efficient. Upgrade of the Dixie/Davisburg intersection planned for later this year and being funded two thirds by the county and one third by the township, will add left turn signaling and state of the art controls including crosswalks which will enhance safety for pedestrians and drivers.

This intersection can be the focal point of Springfield and with our vision and plan for a sidewalk linking downtown Davisburg with downtown Clarkston (the Davisburg Trail) traversing this intersection, the residents will benefit from having a walkable/bikeable community.

I believe the purchase of the "old lumberyard" property in downtown Davisburg was a significant action that will allow the eventual relocation of fire station #1 and other improvements to enhance the entire downtown area.

I am disappointed the Davisburg business owners declined to participate in a proposed sewer project that would have allowed for a restaurant and improved the value of their property, even more so given the fact that over two-thirds of the project would have been paid for by various grants.

Our building services recently moved back into the township hall, which now fully utilizes the space in this building and improves the level of service offered in one location.

I still believe the Sheriff sub-station should be relocated to fire station #2 on Dixie at Rattalee Lake Road from its location at Columbiere, which was the intention when the station was remodeled.

Guest viewpoint



Mike Trout

This visible presence and co-location with the fire department would be a significant improvement for the men and women who serve us.

My hope is that the township board will still consider this a priority in the future. I am grateful to the people who sit on our various boards and commissions (planning, zoning, board of review) whose dedication, professionalism and competence working on our behalf is making a positive impact on the future of our township.

While there is always work to be done, I am confident the future is bright and am grateful to have had the opportunity to try and make a difference.

The challenge will always be resources. We will continue to be faced with having to make choices for competing needs. Things like police and fire are essential and should (and I believe will) be fully supported.

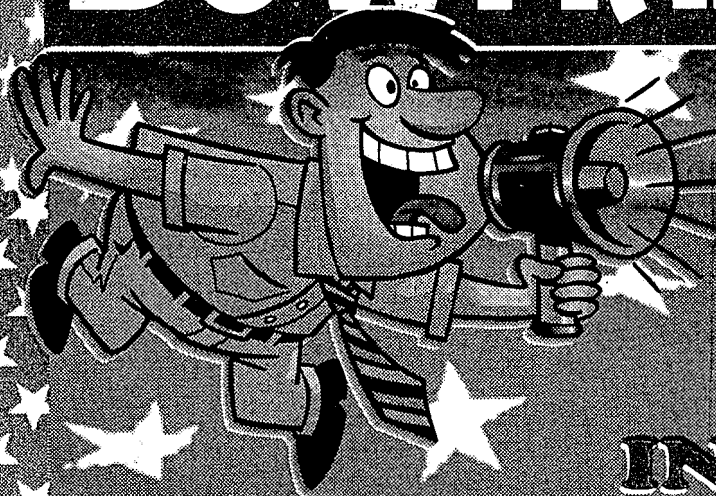
The officers and firefighters are highly trained and we can all rest assured that they are there for us when we need them. Our philosophy to support businesses and uphold high standards for preserving the environment add significant value to our quality of life.

This takes cooperation and a commitment by our residents to be involved and engaged in the issues. This is our collective responsibility.

It has been an incredible experience and I am honored to have been given the chance to serve the community in this capacity. The people I have met in the process have given me the greatest source of enjoyment. To those who have supported my efforts, thank you.

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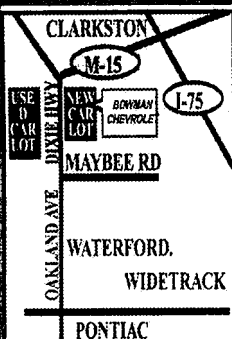
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