

Find out who's the **Best of the Best** of Clarkston, in today's edition



Meeting a monster

Brian Delpup and his son Anthony checks out the chassis of the Monster Truck Southern Storm at Tons of Trucks in Clintonwood Park, Aug. 6. Please see page A19 for more pictures. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Harvest time is here

Michigan grown bounty arrives at Farmers' Market

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Last Saturday's official count tallied 1,249 shoppers at Clarkston Farmers' Market – more are expected as the season's main harvest arrives.

"The harvest is about two weeks late this year – it's just now getting in," said Anissa Howard, Clarkston Farmers' Market founder and director.

A wide variety of local produce, fruit and vegetable growers participate in the market, Howard said.

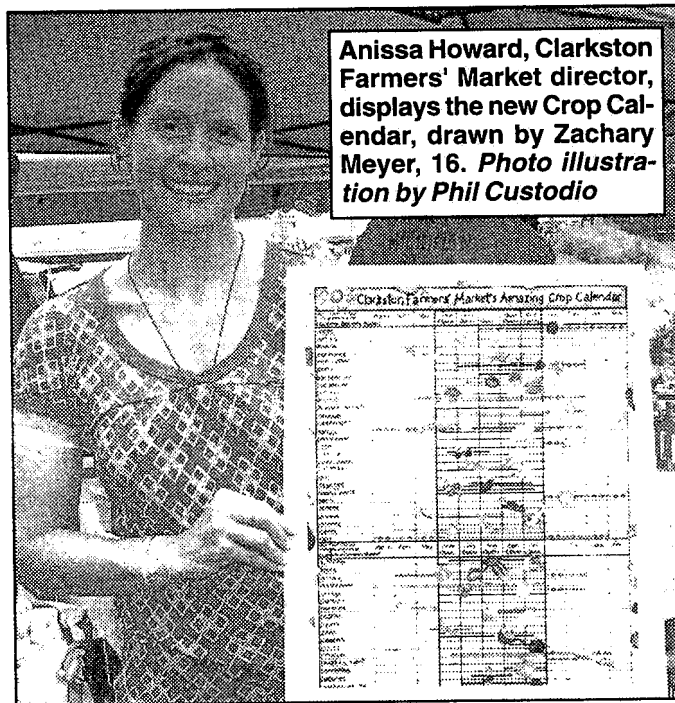
"Growers and food artists at this market are excited to provide their freshest, most highly prized fruits and vegetables," she said. "We have many organic growers at our market as well as some conventional growers from the area and an abundance of fresh foods coming in now."

The market includes organic grass-fed beef, fresh organic eggs, raw cheeses, granolas, salad dressings, salsas, oils and vinegars, baked goods, mushroom kits,

llama and alpaca fibers, fresh cut flowers, perennial plants, breads, spreads, open-pollinated corn chips, dried fruits, gnocchi and other pastas, coloring books, handmade jewelry, honey jarred and comb, maple syrup, turkeys and herbs, soaps and knife-sharpening, polish foods, locally made hot dogs, frozen cider slushies and donuts, fresh fair trade/organic coffee, and balloon art.

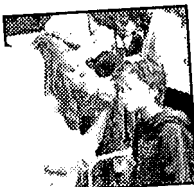
"People want organic food – who's growing their food is more important to them," Howard said. "We provide a glossary free to the public that explains some of the growing methods farmers use. I am also happy to help people find what they are looking for when they come down to the farmers' market on Saturday mornings."

Local artist Zachary Meyer, 16, drew a full-
Please see Farmers' Market on page 4A



Anissa Howard, Clarkston Farmers' Market director, displays the new Crop Calendar, drawn by Zachary Meyer, 16. *Photo illustration by Phil Custodio*

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Scoop for Hearts fund raiser is 4-8 p.m., Aug. 16, at Culver's of Clarkston, 6910 Sashabaw Road. *File photo*

Scoop for Hearts at Culvers

Culver's of Clarkston, 6910 Sashabaw Road, hosts Scoop for Hearts fund raiser, 4-8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16.

The free, community event includes inflatables and slides from Oakland County Parks, pony rides by Blueberry Hill, Planet Kids crafts and bounce house, face painting, balloons, music, games, and entertainment.

Ten percent of all food sales go to The Children's Heart Foundation.

The event is Culver's kick-off for the Con-

genital Heart Walk, 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, starting at Clarkston's Depot Park. The 1.3-mile walk through Clarkston is non-competitive and for all ages.

It is one of more than 20 walks around the country funding medical research and helping long-term survivors of congenital heart disease.

For more information, email sallypowers@hotmail.com or call Kevin Powers of Culver's at 248-922-9224.

New ad rep for News

Clarkston News welcomes Jennifer Langley, joining the staff as ad representative.

Langley is a Saginaw native, and lives in Clarkston with her husband Richard and their son Ricky, moving here seven years ago.

"I love the environment and the people I work with," she said. "This is a hometown paper that's been around for a long time."

She graduated from Central Michigan University, majoring in marketing, logistics, and retail management.

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Briefly

Labor Day Parade

Karen Newman, acclaimed singer and "the voice of the Detroit Red Wings," sings the National Anthem at this year's Labor Day Parade in downtown Clarkston.

Clarkston Rotary Club sponsors the parade, 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 5. Newman is sponsored by Bowman Chevrolet.

Rotary invites groups, organizations, businesses, musical groups, marching bands, floats, equestrian groups, and children and families on decorated bikes to march. Political candidates interested in marching in the parade will be asked to make a \$50 charitable donation to Clarkston Rotary Club.

Parade route is Church Street to Main Street, north through downtown Clarkston to Miller Road.

For a parade entry application or to volunteer, visit clarkstonrotary.org, or contact Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741 or joeldejong@aol.com, or Al Avery, averyalf@aol.com.

Rush for Food

Clarkston's gridiron heroes are collecting food on Friday, Aug. 19, for their 14th Annual Rush for Food.

Freshman, JV and Varsity football players collect non-perishable food in local neighborhoods, 6-7 p.m., and at Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township, 6-7:30 p.m.

Neighborhoods include Almond Lane/Pinevalley, Autumn Shores, Birdland, Boyne Highlands, Bridge Lake Bluffs, Bridge Valley, Chestnut Hills, Deerwood, Glenwoods, Harbor Towne, Hills of Kingston, Lake Waldon Village, Manors, Middlelake, Oakhurst, Old Pond, Peaceful Valley, Pebblecreek/King, Sashabaw Creek Meadows, Sashabaw Ridge, Sheringham, Softwater Woods/Ingomar farms, Spring Lake and Wyngate.

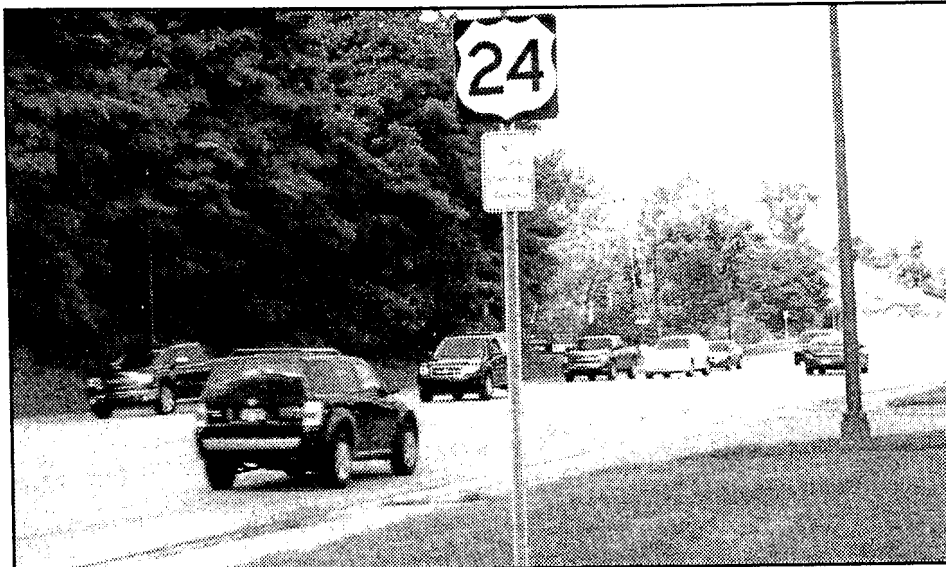
Leave donations in a bag labeled "Rush for Food/Clarkston Football" on the front porch or bring them to Lighthouse, 6330 Sashabaw Road, during business hours.

Last year, they collected 4,600 pounds of food. The event is organized by a parent volunteer committee, with support of the CHS football staff.

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Road work on Dixie between Telegraph and I-75 interchange in Springfield Township starting in April 2013. Photo by Trevor Keiser

State seeks sidewalk help

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Michigan Department of Transportation plans \$20 million in Dixie Highway improvements, and is looking for local help with sidewalks.

"The way we would save the township money is we would pay for the design and construction oversight," said Lori Swanson, MDOT cost and scheduling engineer, at the July 19 meeting of the Independence Township Board. "It would be part of our job and you would get better bid prices than you would if you were to do this on your own."

"I think it's great when you have an opportunity like this," said Trustee David Lohmeier. "We're big on partnerships."

The project, which would cost the township around \$700,000, is probably too expensive, said Trustee Larry Rosso.

"It sounds like a great opportunity – but the reality is our budget. We have so many commitments that we must follow through on that are an even greater priority, that sometimes something has to give," Rosso said. "It doesn't look in my way of thinking within the realm of possibility at this time."

Trustee Neil Wallace said it could be possible if the township puts its financial house in order.

"The particular thing we need to get a better handle on in the budgeting process is these annual expenses. For us to be able to do this, we need to have a better handle on that."

The township board will decide at their Aug. 16 meeting whether or not they want to participate in the project.

The state plans to get to work on road improvements to Dixie Highway between I-75 south to Telegraph Road, April-November 2013.

The project includes mill and resurface, curb and gutter repair, signal upgrades, pedestrian ramp improvements, sewer repair, traffic signals, and sidewalk improvements, Swanson said.

Speaking to the board with Mark Loch of Orchard, Hilz, and McCliment Engineering, Swanson said the partnership would save the township 25-30 percent on sidewalks.

"We as a state will be repairing sidewalks that we impact with construction. We're going to look at minor opportunities to make connections where there is a goat path or nothing there today," Swanson said.

The state offered a three-part sidewalk project. The first would be the north side of Dixie from White Lake Road to Pine Ridge Drive, at a cost of \$273,000. The south side of Dixie from White Lake to Pine Ridge would cost about \$345,000.

A third section would be the north side of Dixie, Pine Ridge Drive to Big Lake Road, at a cost of \$73,000. All sidewalks would be six-foot wide.

The goal is to stay within MDOT right of way, but if they go beyond that, they'll need permission from private property owners, she said.

Township Engineer Randy Ford of Hubble, Roth, and Clark recommended the township focus on the north side of Dixie Highway.

"In terms of intensity of development, the north side makes more sense," Ford said. "For the two sections (White Lake to Pine Ridge and Pine Ridge to Big Lake) it would cost \$346,000."

The township board will decide at their Aug. 16 meeting whether or not they want to participate in the project.



Swanson

No liquor ban for township gas stations

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

While other areas banned liquor sales at gas stations, Independence Township won't – at least not yet.

A township resident and business owner asked the board to consider eliminating alcohol sales at gas stations.

At the Aug. 2 board meeting, Trustee Dave Lohmeier said he didn't see any reason to pursue the matter.

"The proposition was if you sell them out of a gas station, you're going to have bigger problems," Lohmeier said. "The assumption is it won't be as controlled, people won't be as educated and they'll sell to minors more – I don't know the data to back it up."

Township Attorney Steve Joppich said Oakland County municipalities Southfield and Farmington Hills adopted ordinances to do so.

"There is a method of addressing this which has been somewhat tested in the courts," Joppich said. "There is a challenge that occurred in one of the communities that did adopt an ordinance like this and it was successfully defended in the circuit court and it's presently pending on appeal."

Trustee Larry Rosso said they should wait until the case is resolved.

"My concern is the safety factor," Rosso said. "Gas stations are overly convenient – when people stop to get gas, especially people who shouldn't be drinking and driving, it makes a tool assessable to get liquor or something."

Trustee Neil Wallace said it would be "picking and choosing winners and losers between different local businesses."

"We're saying it's OK for a business that sells food to also sell alcohol, businesses that sell medications including prescriptions to also sell alcohol or a business that provides entertainment to also sell alcohol, but if you sell gas you can't," he said. "I don't buy the premise that the availability has strong potential to encourage or facilitate alcoholic driving offenses."

Wallace also pointed out the person who brought the complaint has a competing business.

"I think this is a solution in search of a problem," Wallace said. "I don't think we should go down that road, particularly not when we could possibly avoid litigation."

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Noelle Frerichs, with her children Jacob and Kayleen, buys some produce from Rachel Miller of Uhlianuk's Heirloom Tomatoes. Photo by Phil Custodio

Volunteers key to market

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color "Clarkston Farmers' Market Amazing Crop Calendar," with help from Howard and another grower. The calendar shows when each fruit and vegetable comes into season.

"This will allow everyone to see when each fruit and vegetable comes in and goes out of season each Michigan year," Howard said. "Fridge copies will be available soon."

Copies will be available by the market's yellow "welcome" umbrellas.

The market receives no funding from Clarkston and Independence Township, and depends on volunteers and fund raisers, including handwoven baskets and coffee.

"This Saturday we will also have Clarkston Farmers' Market t-shirts for sale as well as

extra large rain umbrellas to make the market more colorful, and more dry, when people are shopping the market on rainy days," Howard said. "This market is run by a bunch of good-hearted volunteers and the property is loaned to us to use for the market on Saturday mornings."

Volunteers include Dave, Derenda, Rachel and Maria LeFevre, Mary and Gary Windram, Kelly and David Minnick and the three Minnick Maidens, Les Roggenbuck, Gary Campbell, Louise Kasl, Amy Martocci, Leah and Matt Davis, Jame Howard, the Angelini brothers Mark and Paul, Sharon Matzelle, and Joe Wauldron.

For more information, check www.clarkstonfarmersmarket.org.

Camp Caterpillar at Bay Court

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts Camp Caterpillar for preschoolers, Aug. 15-19 at Bay Court Park.

The Caterpillar Olympics session begins with an opening ceremony, in which campers will be introduced to one another and the camp.

Campers will learn a new Olympic-type sport every day, as well as enjoy arts and crafts, snacks, sing-a-longs, and stories.

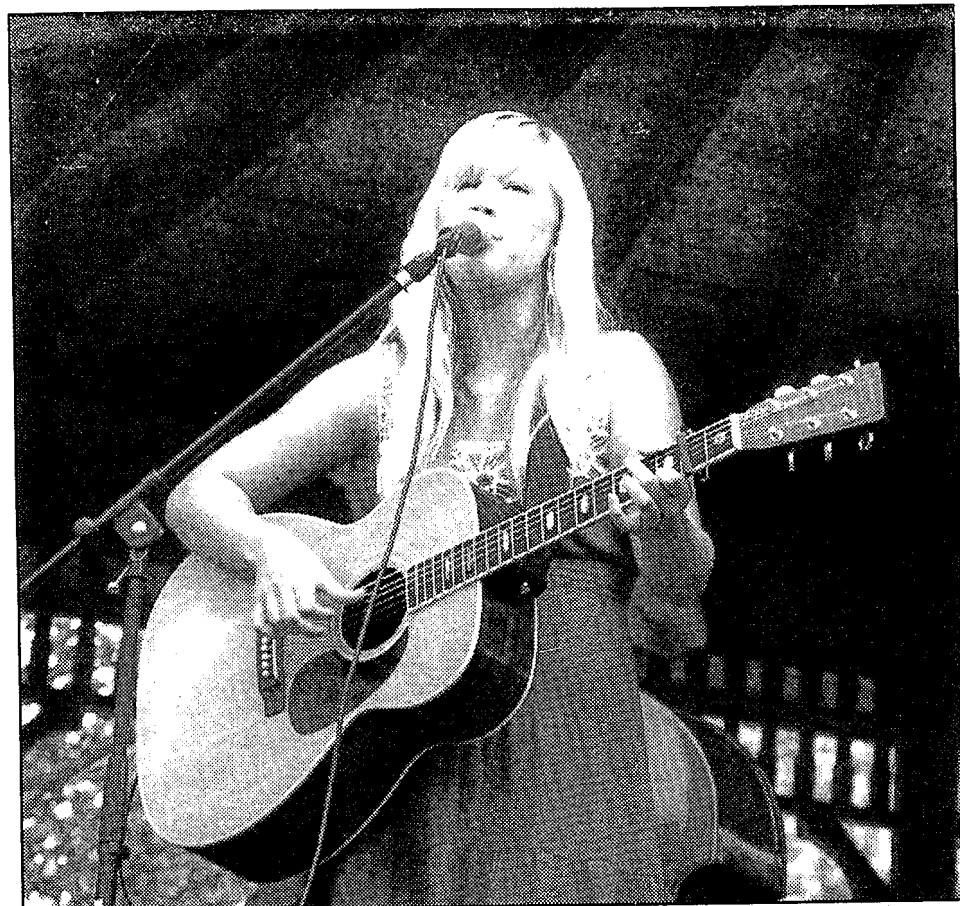
On Wednesday, Aug. 17, campers will go to Deer Lake Beach for aquatic sports and

fun in the sun. The session will conclude on Friday, Aug. 19, with a closing ceremony in which campers will all receive medals.

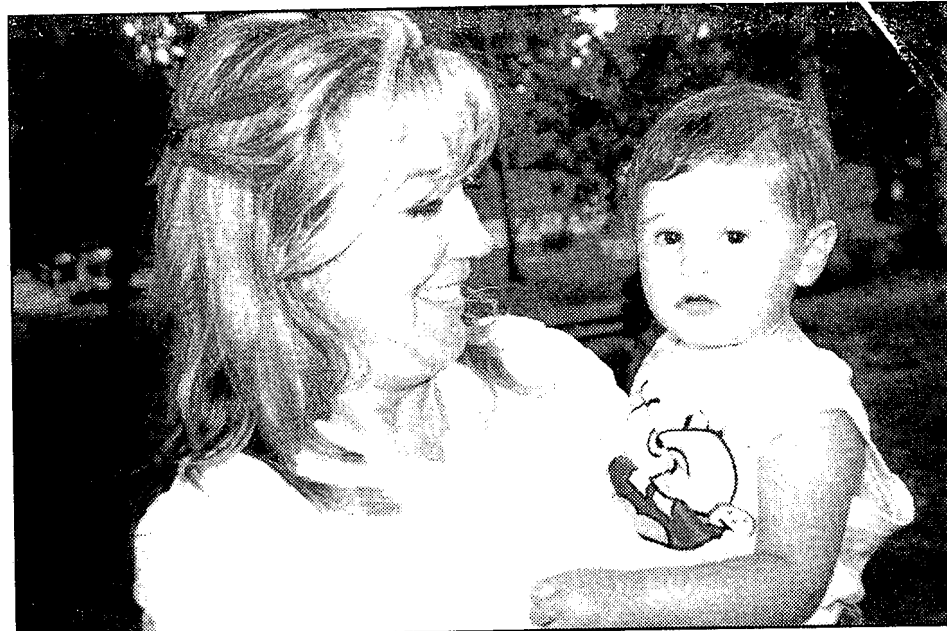
Camp Caterpillar includes many sports in a non-competitive setting.

"We focus on learning and making new friends," says Recreation Coordinator Lisa Christensen.

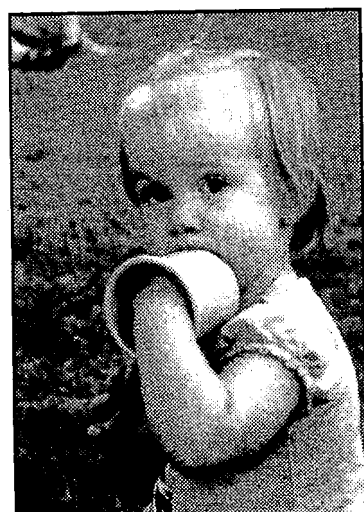
Camp Caterpillar is at Bay Court Park from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Pre-registration is required for all campers at Parks and Recreation, 6483 Waldon Center Drive



Jessica Carmichael plays an original song.



Lend a Helping Hand founder Michelle Phaup holds Justice Ashley.



Calista Moore likes the music.



Chris Moore and Lianne Graf enjoy a date night in the park.



John Ridgeway shows steady hands with camera. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Carmichael in the park

Jessica Carmichael enjoyed performing for the crowd in Depot Park Friday night as she played for a good cause.

She was helping Lend A Helping Hand

raise money for two people with cancer.

Next week's concert in the park, Aug. 12, will feature Third Rock, youth band from Clarkston Junior High School.

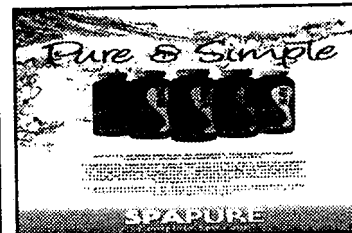
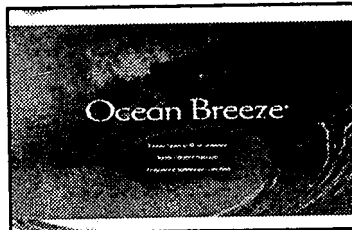


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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Obsession

The tractor situation in Independence Township reminds me of "Star Trek II, The Wrath of Khan."

In the movie, Khan stole a machine called the Genesis Device and in the process stranded Admiral Kirk and crew in the middle of an asteroid. In response, Kirk tries to goad his mortal enemy (Khan) into beaming down so they could have a fistfight, or something.

"You've managed to kill everyone else, but like a poor marksman, you keep ... missing ... the target," Kirk says, with typical William Shatner overacting.

The Genesis Device wasn't what Khan was all worked up about. What he wanted was to get Kirk, his nemesis.

Likewise, in Independence Township, it's not about the tractor. It's about some trustees versus Supervisor Dave Wagner, to expose corruption they see in his administration. Back in April, the township board launched an investigation into the location of the parks and rec vehicle. The supervisor reportedly took it without permission and gave it back to the to the person who originally donated it.

The investigation continues. Last week's story "Tractor digs up trouble for resident" describes how employees at least checked out a resident's tractor on his property without permission, at most moved it off the property for investigation, then moved it back (it wasn't the right tractor).

They're figuratively shooting at Wagner, and hitting other people. It's not disintegrating phaser fire, but it still needs to stop.

Gov. Rick Snyder's administration found 30,000 college students getting food stamps, and cut them off, saving about \$75 million.

These students are young, no disabilities, no children, some had plenty of assets - just going to school full time so money's tight.

Lots of dire predictions about the cut. There are no jobs! They can't study while they're hungry! But most will probably take the change in stride, in a well-it-was-good-while-it lasted sort of way.

Others might learn how to solve their own problems, and wean themselves from government dependency while they're still young and able. That might do them some good. We can't do us any harm either.



Reader supports burn permits

Dear editor,

I felt it important to express my support for the existing burn regulations.

I live on a half acre that contains over 50 trees. My neighbors also have many trees.

The thought of bagging all those leaves, sticks etc. simply to go into the landfill does not make sense to me.

I don't see that as an environmental solution. The limited burning regulations that we have in place have worked for decades.

While I feel badly for the person with the smoke allergy, I have to question why she chose Independence Township given the existing burn regulations.

I really do feel that many of today's governmental bodies focus on accommodating the needs of a small minority while forgetting the best interests of the majority. Put to a vote, I feel confident the existing regulations would stay in place.

*Dave Barran
Independence Township*

Letters to the editor

Burn ban call for health, safety

Dear editor,

Over the years my neighborhood has witnessed several major incidents regarding burning leaves and other brush in Independence Township. We feel this is necessary to share this information to assist the township board in their decision making.

Some residents near us burn responsibly, observing the law and they do not burn when a heavy wind is coming towards the homes.

However there are the few that never observe the law and burn anything at anytime. Our neighborhood consists of mostly 1-2 acres near a heavy wooded area.

We have inhaled the burning of treated lumber and other toxic substances. We have witnessed burning leaves under a tree, unattended, when the wind was blowing and to top it off, this person was burning late at night.

One individual was burning and thought he extinguished the fire only to receive a call at midnight from the neighbors that the flame was still going. Several ongoing instances when people burn whenever they feel like it, probably without a permit.

Most of my neighbors are very conservative about "big brother" taking over our privileges, sometimes. However, we are not in favor of someone else's smoke overwhelming our entire properties during most of the fall.

Even when you are confined in your home, the smoke can still penetrate through and yes, it has made us ill, especially small children.

Several of us have moved here from other states unaware of any burn issues so it is not fair to say people should not move here if they do not like the smell of burning leaves. This issue rides on more serious matters. Have we forgot about Grayling, Mich., that lost thousands of acres of forest and several homes due to someone burning?

Some of us suggest those with large acreage be allowed to burn (i.e. farmers). For most residents, leaves can be chopped up with the right kind of lawn mower blade. There are areas to drop off brush in Lake Orion and other communities.

We are tired of getting ill from the smoke on our properties and not being able to go outside when someone is burning nearby. Are we to assume that those who are burning will be responsible so that we have a neighborhood the next day?

We thank the *Clarkston News* and the new committee for their assistance in bringing this issue up for discussion and hopefully the health and safety issues can be resolved.

*Barbara Hill
Independence Township*

Thanks to Tons of Trucks sponsors

Dear editor,

Independence Township Parks and Recreation would like to thank the following organizations for donating to our 2011 Tons of Trucks Event. Without their support, this event would not be possible.

These 17 organizations and individuals were gracious enough to donate their time to bring out their cool trucks and unique vehicles.

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Union; Carnwath Excavating; EPC Events; Independence Township's Fire Department, Parks and Recreation, Safety Path and Senior Center; Midwest Monster Trucks; North Oakland Transportation Authority; Oakland County Parks and Rec; Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Planet Kids; Szott Auto; Szott Ford; and Van Horn Concrete.

Last but not least, a special thank you is extended to the Yesteryear Tractor Club for bringing out their antique tractors for a display and providing a wagon for hay rides!

*Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor
Independence Township*

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"A love affair with cars" Clarkston resident, Blaine Jenkins, showed his most prized automobile in the Concours d'Elegance events that took place at Meadow Brook Hall. Jenkins showed his favorite convertible, a 1961 Lincoln, which was a long, sleek, black four-door.

"Get it in there" It was a hole-in-one for Bernie Becker, her first one ever at the age of 71. Windmill Lakes Par 3 Golf Club in Davisburg. Becker used an 8-iron on the 9th hole to sink the shot.

25 years ago - 1986

"Davis Clan Celebrates 100th reunion" Over 150 descendants of Cornelius Davis celebrated the 100th family reunion. Some of the descendants came from as far away as Canada and Alaska to celebrate. The reunion was held in the home of James Harvey Davis, which was being restored by the Springfield Township Historical Society.

"Born minutes apart" Within three minutes, Jerry and Jean Messing of Clarkston became grandparents twice on July 26. Their granddaughters were born at different hospitals in Pontiac. The eldest of their new granddaughters was Nicole Jean born to Joseph and Pam Messing of Holly. The younger was Andrea Marie born to Roger and Debbie Messing of Pontiac.

"Courtney twirls to contest success" Courtney Grimes, third-grader at Pine Knob Elementary, was crowned "Regional Miss TU Majorette," for ages 7-8. The competition, held in Port Huron at the Blue Water Festival involved twirling and show routines and modeling in a party dress. Courtney, 8, had been twirling for one and half years.

50 years ago - 1961

"Freshman visits WMU Campus" Suzanne Larkin of N. Holcomb St., Clarkston was one of more than 2,200 freshmen who expected to enter Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo for the first time that fall. She spent two days in the summer visiting the campus.

"Graduates from instructor course" Joseph Gardiner of Clarkston graduated from the instructor training course at the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Va.

"Clarkston Locals" Richard Lord spent the summer as a counselor at the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp near Marquette. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Buehrig and their children, Cappy, Heidi, Bobbette and Chipper, spent a week vacationing at Niagra Falls.

Comments on comments by commentators

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. . . Well, not just audio commentators, some are print types.

First, Susan Tompor's advice for those with debt anxiety. She's a *Detroit Free Press* business writer.

- Own stock in companies that do business overseas. (That tells us what she thinks of our in-country business climate.)

- Consider that stocks could go up. (Yes, and vice versa.)

(All the (&)'s are mine.)

- Learn to live with uncertainty. (And, learn to love one another.)

- Expect taxes to go up. (Now that's a certain certainty.)

- Interest rates will get higher. (And so will I on Friday nights with friends, and that's another certainty.)

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Now for the "fair and balanced" I turn to Nolan Finley, *Detroit News* editorial page editor, and personality on both Detroit PBS and Channel 4.

Between now and four years from now, Detroit Edison will have to shutter 10 coal-burning units, reducing capacity by 20 percent. This move is directed

by an Obama czar-run Environmental Protection Agency regulating coal plants.

This regulatory fiat came without a vote by our elected representatives.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

To keep capacity up -- for even the hottest days -- Detroit Edison will have to switch to natural gas plants, which are more expensive. Edison's chief operating officer Steve Kurmas says DTE has no intention of allowing reserve capacity to drop too low.

This means higher electric bills from 25 to 35 percent, leaving less money for other services and goods.

The result of all this is President Obama's czars and his stated policies for job creation have again proven to be economy killers.

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This is being written on another 90-plus degree day. And, the weather readers are making me fearful of my family's future. They continue unceasingly to emphasize "heat indexes."

I wish they'd just read us the darn thermometer.

Along the same line is a report on baby carrots. The article says they are made from deformed, full-size carrots that have been soaked in chlorine. And, chlorine is a well-known carcinogen which causes cancer.

- I wish my reader, Helen, would have looked into this chlorine-cancer-carrot thing a little further. She may have been able to tell me if chlorine also causes obesity. We have to keep our pool at a certain chlorine level, and I've been in it a lot. And, I've grown heavier since using the pool. Scientists, get a government grant and study that.

- 3-wheel motorcycles are gaining in popularity. I think former 2-wheel motorcycle drivers are the buyers, because the 3-wheelers appear uncomfortable leaning as they round curves.

- The best things in life are free -- plus taxes, of course.

- Any kid will run any errand for you if you ask at bedtime. - Red Skelton.

- Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.

- If you look like your passport picture you probably need the trip.

Neanderthal Don, 'you're a jerk, parts 1 and 2'

While Don was off we run this column from the archives, from August 2008. We think he will approve.

Some folks just have a way with words.

As proof of my contention, I give you the People's Evidence, Exhibit 1-A. It's an e-mail from a reader, who really didn't like when I opined on "The Women of The Chamber."

The writer, a "she," was in disagreement with just about everything I wrote regarding local chambers of commerce expending hard-to-come-by resources based solely on gender. Luckily, my sharply-honed "spidy-sense" was tingling so I donned my handy-dandy, thick-skinned Neanderthal suit, which enabled me to withstand the slings and arrows that were pitched in my general direction. (Try saying that in one breath, three times. Can you say run-on sentence?) I knew I was in for some verbal abuse as soon as I read the e-mail's subject line.

Ah, hem, and I quote, "**You're a Jerk!**"

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Dear Bone Head,

I can see you are very lonely man.

It's an obvious deduction by the subject matter of this week's column; the majority of your column's followers (or rather responders) are women. As my deductions go, we women are not waiting with baited breath by the mail box for your divine thoughts, observations and rantings. Life is beautiful, birds are singing, flowers need tending, lemonade is to be made, fireflies to catch, sprinklers to be danced in and hammocks that need to be swung.



A column by Don Rush

I can only imagine you sitting at your desk, refreshing your "Check E-mail" button over and over 'til it hurts. Donny Boy needs some attention.

"Ding" (your overhead light bulb illuminating), I'll irritate the masses, undermine the progress women have fought tooth and nail for, criticize the present/future of women's issues all the while hiding in the past in the safe distance of millions of years ago. Maybe then someone will give me some attention.

You're a Bone Head and I have

wasted too much writing this e-mail. I'm going back out to the pool. With all the love and affection a dim witted man like yourself deserves.

-- Lynn

P.S. Yes, I have to admit by my own deductions you won, you got some attention. BUT, that doesn't mean you are anywhere close to the vicinity of being right.

P.P.S. Could you see a Men's Health Expo??? Oh yeah, three guys show up, only because each man's wife forced him to. One has gangrene from toe to knee, one has oozing hives covering half his body and the last has a nail protruding out of his forehead. All three grouse to one another what nags women are for even SUGGESTING they have any health issues.

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I was gonna' ask the Lynninator what she really thought, but being lonely, I wanted to check my e-mail one more time. When I clicked my "check e-mail" button for the gagillionth time that morning, I received another e-mail from Lynn.

In People's Evidence, Exhibit 1-B. the subject line was changed, though only a little. It read, and I quote, "**You're a Jerk**

part deux"

I took it to mean she hadn't e-mailed me back to apologize for overreacting, maybe offering to buy me lunch.

And, the mail reads:

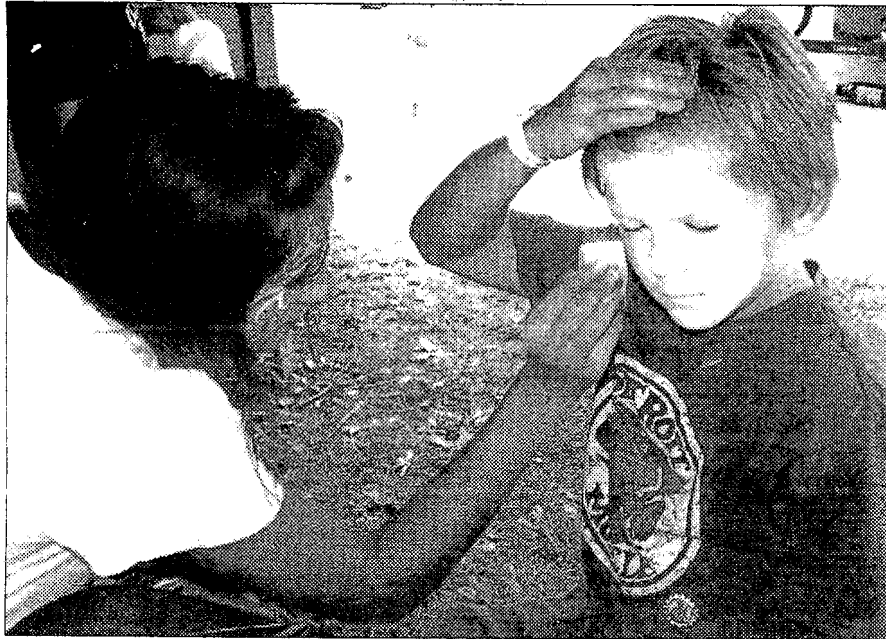
P.P.P.S. - I've been informed by the men in my life that the three guys in my P.P.S. would never have gone to a doctor let alone an Expo with their ailments, they would have gone to the bar.

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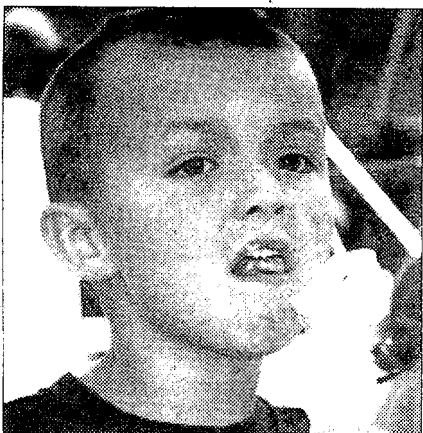
So now I ask, "Lynn, what's your point?" The bar seems like a perfectly logical place to hold a men's expo -- wait a cotton-pickin' minute! Lynn, you're a genius! We could sell tickets and fill the joint and make a buck in the process. I can recruit a couple of other Neanderthals to set up the details, and some chicks to be the beer-babes! Thanks, Lynn. Without you I never would have come up with this idea.

Does anybody else have a thought on this subject?

E-mail that Neanderthal Rush, Don@ShermanPublications.org



Jewel Wilson gives Sam Sonefeld a face painting.



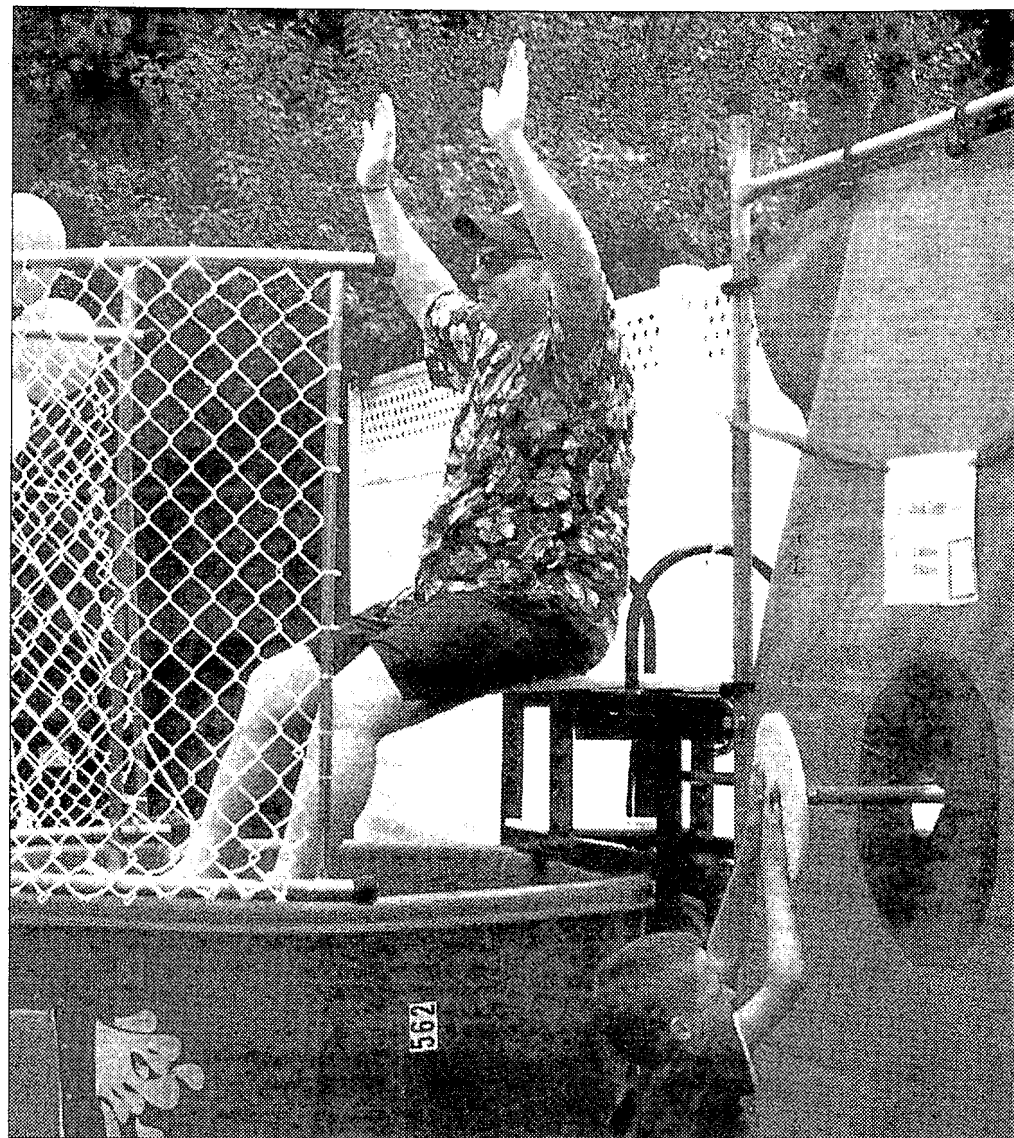
Luke Evans enjoys an ice cream cone.

Backyard Jam

Whether it was the delicious Mac 'n Cheese from the Woodshop, ice cream from Cooks Dairy, music by The Locals, or local celebs plunging into cold water in the dunk tank, Backyard Jam proved to be a big success.

The event was at Bonnie and Clyde, 7150 North Main Street, Aug. 6. All proceeds went to Homes For Our Troops, which builds specially adapted houses for seriously injured veterans.

*Photo story by
Trevor Keiser*



Clarkston News Assistant Publisher Don Rush prepares to be dunked by Kody Ladd.



The Locals were one of the bands to rock out during the Backyard Jam.



Greg Zink hands his daughter Luca some Woodshop/Union Mac 'n Cheese.

Stolen car?

An Indianwood Drive resident called police to report his car stolen from his driveway, July 29. He said he kept it unlocked, with keys and title in the glove box. He had storage-type insurance on it, since his driver's license was suspended for drunk driving and possession of marijuana, and owed more than \$4,000 on it. At 8:39 a.m. that morning, CN police located and impounded the vehicle in their Orion yard.

Domestic violence

A 41-year-old West Bloomfield Township woman was arrested for home invasion and malicious destruction of property after breaking into her ex-husband's Cheshire Park Drive home, then ramming her car into his parked automobile, driving it into the garage, 2:58 a.m., Aug. 2. The ex-husband, who was home with his girlfriend, called 911 after his ex-wife rang the doorbell, pounded on the door with a baseball bat, and forced it open. She was pushed out, then got in her car and rammed her ex-husband's vehicle. Deputies found the bat and a large knife in her car. She denied using the bat, saying it was her son's, and the knife was from her mother's house where they were cutting food. She also had a file filled with photos and directions to the house of her ex-husband's girlfriend.

Public Safety

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

Car fire

Independence Township firefighters put out a car fire, 3:54 a.m., July 29, in the 8000 block of Deerwood Road. The fire had spread to two other vehicles, but was extinguished before it could spread to the house.

Sleeping suspect

Searching the woods for a burglary suspect on a bike at Clarkston and Sashabaw roads, 2 a.m., Aug. 1, deputies found the bike, along with the suspect, a 44-year-old Flint man, sleeping in a tent. He had a felony warrant for aggravated assault in Fenton, and was jailed for pickup by Fenton police.

Better late than never

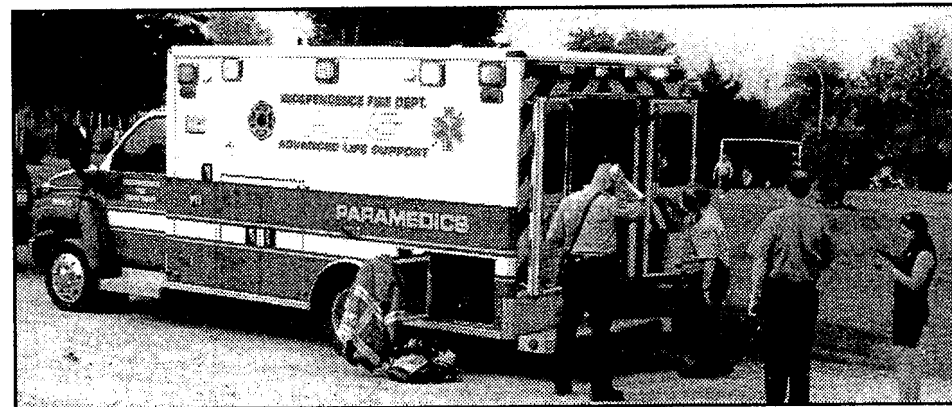
A 50-year-old Brandon Township woman drove off without paying for gasoline, 10:50 a.m., Aug. 1, in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway. Using her license plate number, deputies went to the driver's home. She said she paid but didn't have a receipt, and station records showed no payment. She went back to the station and paid.

Didn't yield

Deputies stopped a 20-year-old Waterford Township woman after she drove by a traffic stop on I-75 near Sashabaw Road in the right lane without slowing down, 9:07 p.m., Aug. 3. She said she didn't know she was supposed to slow down. She was cited with driving with a suspended license and failure to yield.

Theft suspects jailed

A deputy on patrol checked out a pickup parked on Bordeaux near Clintonville Road, 12:56 a.m., Aug. 3, finding a 19-year-old Waterford Township man in the passenger seat, 19-year-old Pontiac woman sleeping in the cargo bed, and an 18-year-old Waterford Township man walking on the road shoulder. The 18-year-old, who said they were looking for a friend's house, had a felony warrant for home invasion, and was arrested. With permission to search, the deputy found GPS units, laptops, Ipods, and other electronics. The items were reported taken from a vehicle in Clarkston the day before. All three were jailed. Investigation continues.



Independence Township Fire Department paramedics display their ambulance at Tons of Trucks. Photo by Phil Custodio

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One recurrent theme that keeps coming up from peoples' memory of Dr. O'Neill is his nickname of "Dr. O'Needle", referring to his propensity for giving shots. I can't dispute this one as it was pretty standard if you couldn't go to school then you got a shot. This always made the decision a little tougher for me as we had those painful Bicillin shots right in our kitchen refrigerator. Thankfully, I had an allergic reaction when I was only eight or nine and was therefore immune from this torture. Unfortunately, this didn't extend to farm chores; if I stayed home chances were that I got stuck shoveling manure or cleaning the hayloft. For those of you that remember those shots, I can ease your worries that we rarely give antibiotics by injection anymore. This winning story recounts a number of famous Dr. O'Neill traits from A-Z. His constant presence in our community, hard work ethic, being there during a health crisis and even recognizing that in between helping so many others he also had a family to raise. I thank Wendy for her recognition of not only my father but also my mother who held down the fort while my father worked so hard. As the saying goes, "behind every good man is a great woman".

~ Dr. Timothy O'Neill

I am writing in response to an article I read in the Clarkston News regarding the 50 year celebration of Dr. James O'Neill and his legacy. I read the touching story of his life and the story of how Clarkston Medical came to be. I actually chuckled when the ad gave two lines for readers to share their stories.

I am a 45 year old Clarkston Resident who has had the privilege of knowing this man and his family. When I was a kid we were able to go to his house and my parents even called him in the middle of the night for help. My father, a retired Oakland County Deputy, told us countless heroic stories of the lives he saved in the field. There were too many to give mention and how time and time again Dr. O'Neill would instruct the deputies to give him no credit and that he was doing his job. As a kid, I remember Dr. O'Neill mentoring troubled kids and always being there

not to judge, but to help. If you were in trouble you could always talk to him and no matter how busy he was he made you feel like you mattered.

When my husband was a young man, he was in a life altering car accident and brought in as a John Doe, pronounced dead. Dr. O'Neill identified him and followed through his care. It was a miracle that my husband lived and that Dr. O'Neill remembers every detail 27 years later. My father's life was also saved because Dr. O'Neill recognized he was having a heart attack and got him the help he needed. When my kids were sick I would see other physicians who were not able to get them well. Dr. O'Neill was always able to get them the correct diagnosis.

Years have gone by but I still see that man on Holcomb Road in the morning driving his tractor picking up garbage. He is often seen at our local

school picking up his grandchildren when they are not well.

The community needs to thank Mrs. O'Neill and his children. It must have been hard raising this man with an entire community.

I now tell my kids that the description of true wealth is Dr. James O'Neill. A man that has had an unbelievable career, a beautiful family and chooses to drive an old Chevy pickup. I tell them that is wealth!

In closing, I am only one person in the community. He has touched so many people. How could anyone share their story in a couple of lines? I thank the entire O'Neill family for their generosity of time and spirit. This man is a gift and truly one of a kind.

Wendy Townson

COMMUNITY HEALTH WATCH

With the hot, sunny weather it is important to take extra precautions to stay cool and to avoid summer heat-related illness and injuries. The following tips will help keep you safe: Drink plenty of non-caffeinated, non-alcoholic fluids during the day, even if you are not thirsty. Replenish water lost through sweat by drinking at least every 20 minutes during exercise. Stay in cool, shaded or air-conditioned areas. Avoid being outside during the hottest hours of the day (10am-4pm). Wear cool, non-restrictive, light colored clothing.

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Cardboard boaters ready to race at RUSH Regatta

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Flaming Wakas and the Watery Wakas are just two of the teams featured at the annual RUSH Regatta at Deer Lake this Saturday, Aug. 13, starting at noon.

Students on Team RUSH 27 have been planning and building their cardboard and duct tape boats since their summer break began.

"It's very rewarding," said Clarkston High School senior Nick Lee, going into his fourth and final race. "It's a lot of fun and hard work."

Junior Gabby David explained it is more than just building a boat but also an engineering experience.

"They work together and come up with an answer they wouldn't have been able to come up with if they were being led by the mentors," senior Troy Hughes added. "During the season the mentors come up with what we're going to do and adapt our ideas to revolve around them. It doesn't eliminate any ideas but it is more of what does work and doesn't work."

Hughes pointed out at the regatta the audience can see the ideas in action and what ideas worked and didn't work as some boats float and some boats sink.

Especially when team members find out the hard way there isn't just one way to do something or one right way.

"I learned new engineering skill to work around the boat if something doesn't go as planned," said sophomore Matt Pasco.

"You can never start thinking that there is only one answer or a right way because you will always be proved wrong," added Hughes.



Andy McLatcher, on left, and Keaton Mantz build their boat. Photo provided

While working on ideas for boats each student learned lessons along the way.

"We have four components to the regatta," said junior Michael Ray, explaining they get sponsors for the team, build the boat, get teams from FIRST robotics to participate and work with mentors and new participants.

"I learned how to talk to the companies,"

said sophomore Brett Opel in his first year on Team RUSH. "I have never been great at talking to people especially to walk up ask how it is going and ask for money."

Ray pointed out planning is a large component and his team spent most of the summer planning not only thinking about the design but what needed to be done.

"Thank goodness we had a plan," he smiled. "We wouldn't have been able to do it on the spot."

Within planning, teams thought of different ideas for their boat including using a canoe as a basis, pontoons and looking at boats from years past to see what worked and what didn't.

"It is an interesting experience," said Opel.

They began building their boat a few weeks ago and finished last Friday - setting a deadline for painting to be done by Wednesday.

While the design and themes are still secretive between the teams they still work as one unit if a problem arises.

"If we work with the people we are competing with then the overall level of competition rises," said Hughes. "It makes it that much more fun because everyone is better."

"It's a lot of fun not just for us but everyone watching as well," Ray added.

The RUSH Regatta begins at 12 p.m. at Deer Lake with the boat parade. The races begin right after the parade.

"How often do you get to see someone in a cardboard and duct tape boat," Hughes asked. "How often do you get to see a bunch of high schoolers in a cardboard and duct tape boat racing against each other?"

"The regatta itself is not a cardboard and duct tape boat race it is a fundraising challenge," he said adding over 100 local businesses supported the different teams. "They sponsor our boats. People should come out watch a bunch of high-schoolers sink themselves in a lake while supporting their community. When we are out there in our boats we are supporting everyone that supported us."



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Major bone grafts are typically performed to repair large bony defects of the jaws. These defects may arise as a result of traumatic injuries, tumor surgery, or congenital defects. Large defects are repaired using the patient's own bone. This bone is harvested from a number of different sites depending on the size of the defect. The hip is a common donor site. These procedures are routinely performed in our in-office operating rooms and they typically do not require hospitalization.

Sinus Lift Procedure

The maxillary sinuses are behind your cheeks and on top of the upper teeth. Sinuses are like empty rooms that have nothing in them. Some of the roots of the natural upper teeth extend up into the maxillary sinuses. When these upper teeth are removed, there is often just a thin wall of bone separating the maxillary sinus and the mouth. Dental implants need bone to hold them in place. When the bone beneath the sinus is very thin, it is impossible to place dental implants here.

There is a solution to the large sinus, it is a sinus lift. The surgeon enters the sinus from where the upper teeth used to be. The sinus membrane is then lifted upward and donor bone is inserted into the bottom of the sinus. Keep in mind that the bottom of the sinus is the top of the upper jaw. After several months of healing, the bone becomes integrated and dental implants can be inserted and stabilized in this new sinus bone.

The sinus graft makes it possible for many patients to have dental implants when years ago there was no other option other than wearing loose dentures.

If enough bone between the upper jaw and the bottom of the sinus is available to adequately stabilize the implant, sinus augmentation and implant placement can sometimes be performed as a single procedure. If not enough bone is available, sinus augmentation will have to be performed first. Once the graft has matured, the implants can be placed.

Ridge Expansion

In severe cases where the bony ridge has resorbed, a bone graft is placed to increase ridge height and/or width. This is a technique used to restore the lost bone dimension when the jaw ridge gets too thin to place conventional implants. In this procedure, the bony ridge of the jaw is literally expanded by mechanical means. Bone graft material can then be placed and allowed to mature for a few months before placing the implant.

Nerve-repositioning

The inferior alveolar nerve, which gives feeling to the lower lip and chin, may need to be moved in order to make room for placement of dental implants in the lower jaw. This procedure is limited to the lower jaw and is indicated when teeth are missing in the back portion of the lower jaw. Since this procedure is considered a very aggressive approach (there is almost always some postoperative numbness of the lower lip and jaw area, which dissipates very slowly, if ever), usually other, less aggressive options are considered first.

To accomplish this procedure, an outer section of the lower jawbone is removed in order to expose the nerve. We then isolate the nerve and vessel bundle in that area and move it gently to the side. At this same time we place the implants. The nerve is then released and placed back over the implants. The surgical access is filled with bone graft material of the surgeon's choice and the area is closed.

Additional Information

These above procedures may be performed separately or together, depending upon the individual's condition. As stated earlier, there are several areas of the body that are suitable for obtaining bone grafts. In the facial region, bone grafts can be taken from inside the mouth, including the area of the chin, the third molar region or in the upper jaw behind the last tooth. In more extensive situations, a greater quantity of bone can be obtained from the hip. When we use the patient's own bone, we generally achieve better results.

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From left, Travis Smith, his sister, Katie, and grandmother Marcia Leavy play a game of Sequence. Photos provided

Game for grandma

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

When Travis Smith suits up this Saturday for the third annual Football for a Cure, he will be thinking of his grandmother, Marcia Leavy, who died of colon cancer in January 2002.

"It is really emotional," said the senior defensive back and wide receiver for the Clarkston Varsity football team. "She never got to see me play. So to be able to play for her and play for the memory of her is the next best thing."

One of the memories is playing board games with his grandmother.

"Even though she was my grandmother she never let me win," said Smith. "We would play Sequence and she would bet me a dollar she could beat me all the time. I lost and she ended up taking that dollar and putting it up as a memento to remind me I could never beat her."

Kathy Smith, his mom, remembered the determination Travis had to beat her mom in Sequence.

"One time Travis did beat my mom and he still has the dollar she had given him for winning," she added. "It was always their special game they played."

The memory has come alive since Travis was a sophomore and began wearing his grandmother's name on the back of his jersey.

"He had such a special relationship with her," said Kathy. "It is a way to have her with him for the day while he is playing. When he was a sophomore we heard about Football for a Cure he said he wanted to play for his grandmother."

The first time he went onto the field for

Football for a Cure in 2009 he admitted it was nerve-racking.

"It is a lot of pressure because you want to make the people you are playing for proud of you," he said. "Then again, knowing you are playing for the memory of them is the greatest experience you can have."

He added the feeling hasn't changed through the years.

"It is still nerve-racking to go out there and say you are playing for your grandmother who passed away," he said. "Standing in front of all those people trying not to tear up."

Kathy and his family have a different feeling when they see Travis out on the football field - they are proud of him.

"It will be more special this year," Kathy added. "He is a senior and the last time he will wear her nameplate on his back and the last time he will play in Football for a Cure. It is a special day and a nice way to honor everyone who has battled cancer

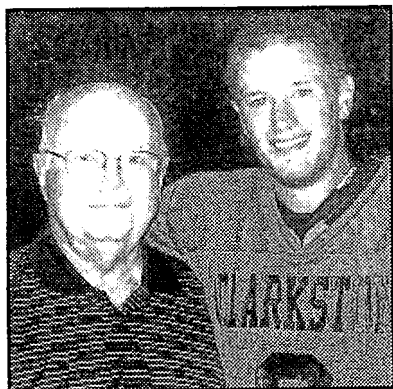
and the ones we have lost."

All proceeds from Football for a Cure go to McLaren Breast Cancer and the Great Lakes Cancer Institute, both in Independence Township.

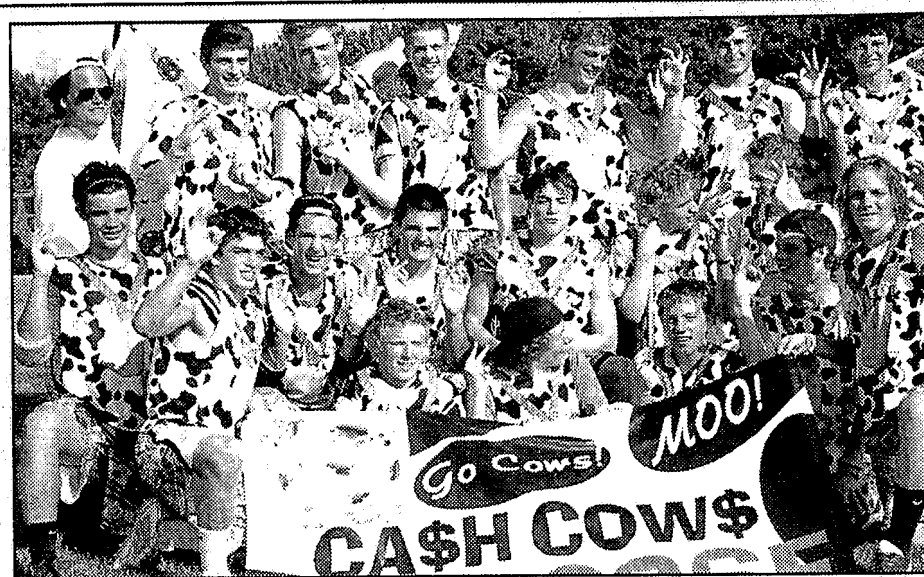
The varsity players proudly wear pink and blue jerseys for Football for a Cure, with kick off at 7 p.m. this Saturday at the Clarkston High School stadium.

"It's not just a football game," said Travis. "It's a way to relive people's lives through a game and make sure they are never forgotten."

For more information, call the McLaren Breast Center at 248-922-6810.



Travis Smith, right, with grandpa, Joe Leavy.



Cash Cows Lacrosse team is Scott Allen, Brad Bogus, Travis Craft, Ian Eriksen, Ethan Frick, Adam Gohl, Dominic Hamper, Jake Hendricks, Jordan Henney, Kevin Horton, Reid Kaminski, Jordan Kincaid, Evan Kneisel, A.J. Kowal, Kyle Lamberti, Sam Moore, Kevin O'Grady, Kyle O'Grady, Nick Racine, Mike VanderWeel and coaches Justin Tuma and Steve Johns. Photo provided

Athletes of the Week

Cash Cows are the bomb

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Moo-ove on over lacrosse teams the Cash Cows are dominating the field.

They became champions at the Cherry Bomb tournament in Traverse City for the high school "A" division, held July 29-31. They beat eight teams during the weekend to take the title.

"We had great performances," said Coach Justin Tuma. "We went undefeated. It was great for the guys to make a run during the playoffs. Everyone played well which was nice."

Over 100 teams from all over the Midwest traveled to the weekend tournament and competed in eight different divisions.

The boys opened the first day taking down TI Rising Stars Gold, 7-3. They went for three more wins in the second day against West Side Lacrosse, 11-4, Milwaukee Select, 18-1, and the Mud Dogs, 8-6.

The Cash Cows headed into the playoff round on Sunday where they kept up the momentum beating Mount Carmel, 13-0, CA Domers, 8-4, and Eastside, 8-2, putting them in the championship round against the Heat.

"We started off with a solid lead of five

goals," said Tuma. "They battled their way back and got within one goal."

With a minute left in the game the Heat scored a goal to tie but they stepped into the crease and the point didn't count.

The Cows kept up the pressure and held onto the lead to win 8-7.

"We pulled it off at the last second," said Tuma. "It was close."

Tuma explained experience helped the boys during the game - the team has players from Clarkston, Lake Orion, Notre Dame Prep and Flint Powers varsity teams.

"They have been in those situations before and they knew how to handle it," Tuma added. "They handled it well."

Most of the players have been on the team since it was started a few years ago and some joined this summer for their first season.

"The guys played well," said Tuma. "They bought into the system I was trying to run and that was a college system. Most of the guys are sophomores, juniors and seniors so for them to play a college system will help them for the next level. Plus, it was good to end on a high note at the Cherry Bomb tournament for the end of the summer season."



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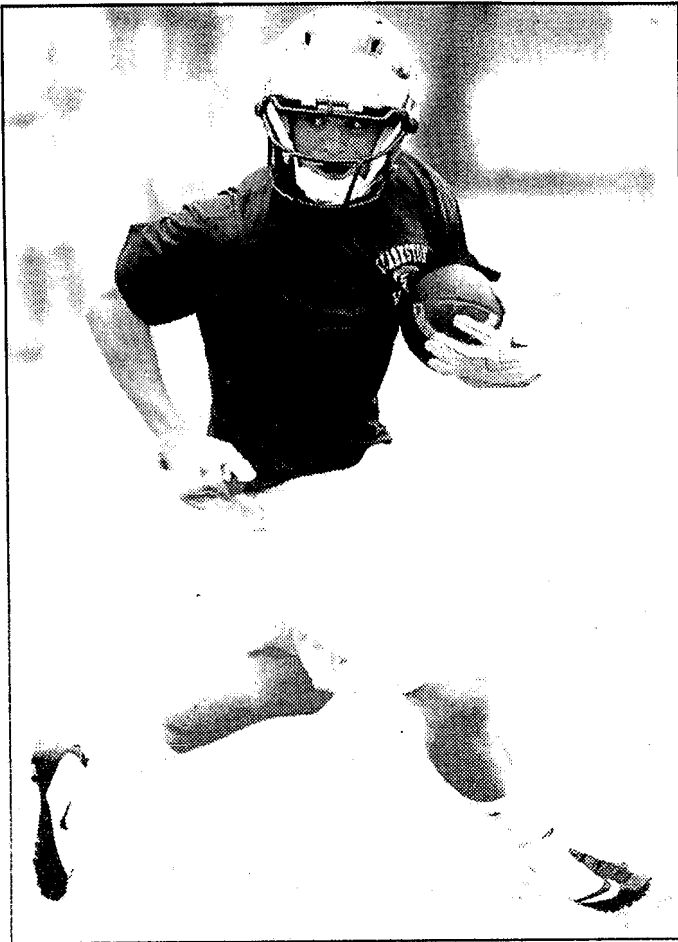
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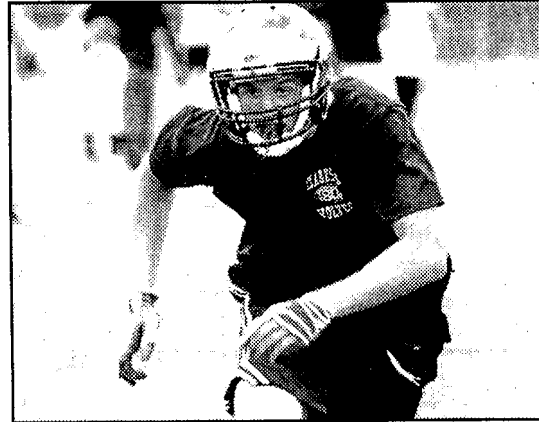
Clarkston's gridiron heroes hit the football field on Monday for their first practice for the 2011 fall season.

Eager fans won't have to wait until Aug. 26 to see the Wolves' Boys Varsity football

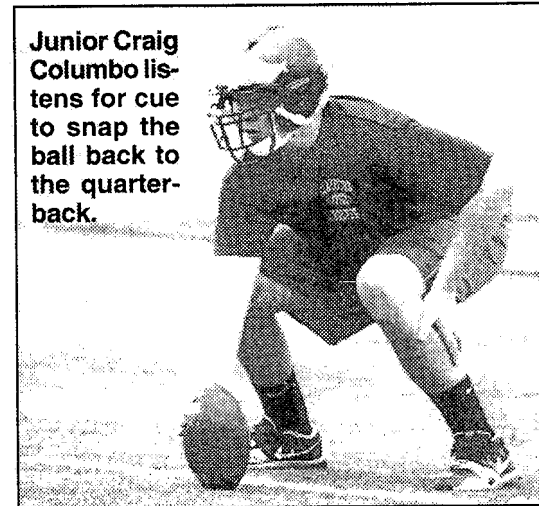
team play at Rochester Adams in their season opener. The boys will play in their pink/blue scrimmage this Saturday for the third annual Football for a Cure. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.



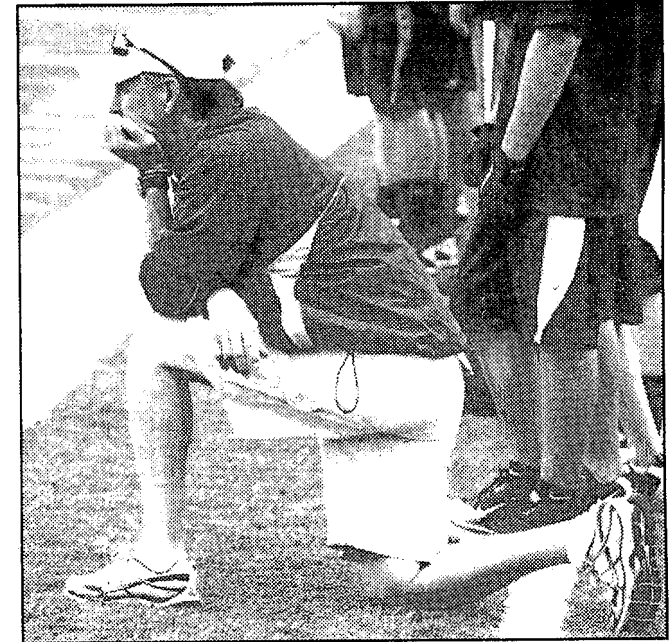
Watching for defense, senior runningback Joey Goss gains yardage. Photos by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix



Senior wide receiver CJ Gozдор gets into position during a scrimmage.



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Obituaries

Judith Lynne Lessard, 60

Judith Lynne Lessard of Mason, Mich., age 60, passed away Friday, July 15, 2011, after a courageous two-year battle with a brain tumor.

Judy received compassionate and loving care during recent weeks at the Stoneleigh Residence of the Hospice of Lansing.

She was born in Pontiac, Mich., on Feb. 10, 1951, the daughter of Marian (Kaul) and Louis W. Lessard.

Judy is survived by her mother Marian Lessard of East Lansing; sister Catherine Lessard Virskus (Vyttau) of Mason; brother Dr. Louis W. Lessard (Alicia) of East Lansing; brother Dr. Joseph G. Lessard of Traverse City; numerous beloved nieces and nephews; and her devoted dog Chewy and horse McKenzie.

Judy graduated from Clarkston High School in 1969 and earned a degree in Resource Development from Michigan State University; following which she moved to Wyoming where she worked for several years in water resource development projects for the Missouri River Basin Commission.

She eventually returned to Michigan and was employed at Michigan State University, first in the African Studies Center and later as an Editorial Assistant in Publications and Media Relations in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Judy showed a passionate love of all animals and during her lifetime cared for numerous dogs, cats, horses, goats and sheep. She developed extensive knowledge of animal care and gladly shared her knowledge with hundreds of people throughout the years through her work at Vet-Med and with her many friends who also owned and loved animals.

Judy was also a supporter of the MSU



Block and Bridle Club and the MSU Rodeo Club.

Although she was constantly busy with her work and her animals, Judy found time to pursue her interest in genealogy and writing and eventually published several books on her family's history including *The Childhood Memories of Earl Kaul*, a book about the lives of her maternal grand-parents Elsie and Earl Kaul; and most recently *The Lessard Chronicles: Louis W. Lessard's Recollections of WWII*, the story of her father's life and service during World War II.

Judy found time to serve as an officer for both the Kaul and Larson Family reunions and was also a published photographer. She was especially proud of a remarkable photograph of an eagle in flight which was published on the cover of the Michigan Natural Resources Magazine.

After owning Angora goats and several sheep, Judy became an accomplished "fiber artist" she was an enthusiastic member of the Spinner's Flock. She enjoyed learning, discussing and sharing her knowledge of fiber with friends and acquaintances she encouraged to pursue this craft. Her work was exhibited in many craft shows throughout Michigan. Judy always had a steady stream of requests for pieces of her art.

Throughout her life, Judy selflessly cared for any animal which crossed her path, and she will be missed by hundreds of people whose lives she touched through her work and her art.

Memorial Mass was Aug. 6 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, East Lansing. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave. Lansing, MI 48906 or Hospice of Lansing, 4052 Legacy Pkwy., Ste 200, Lansing, MI 48911 in Judy's memory.

The family is being served by **Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes**, East Lansing. On line condolences may be made at www.gorslineruncimaneastlansing.com.

Maxine Elaine Strempe, 88

Maxine Elaine Stempel of Clarkston, formerly of the Flint area and Mancelona, Mich., died Aug. 4, 2011, at 88 years of age.

She was born Feb. 10, 1923, in Flint to the late Weldon and Eula Mae Goodell. She was the beloved wife of the late Jack W. Stempel. She is survived by two daughters, Barbara (Ron) Brosseau and Karen (Greg) MacKay; three grandchildren,



Randy (Katie) Brosseau, Christopher (Ruth Fulton) Brosseau and Laurel (Mark) Taylor; five great grandchildren, Raegan, Jack, Amelia, Max and Zoe. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Goodell and Duane "Curly" Goodell.

Mrs. Stempel loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, tending to her flower gardens and traveling.

Memorial service will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at **Coats Village Funeral Home**, 135 South St., Ortonville. Family will receive friends on Thursday from noon until the time of the service.

Final resting place will be Fairview Cemetery, Mancelona, Mich., where graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send a private condolence to the family, select guestbook at www.coatsfuneralhome.com.

Brenda Vesprini, 49

Brenda Vesprini (Ogorek) of Waterford, formerly of Warren, passed away Aug. 5, 2011, at age 71.

She was the wife of Norman L. for 49 years; mother of Stacy (Wayne) Oliver of Chelsea, Norman R. (Tara) of Chelsea and Brad (Tana) of Illinois; "Grammie" of Samantha, Luke, Lauren, Emily, Leo, Dominic, Maria, Max and Nate; great grandmother of Evelyn; sister of Robert Ogorek and Mary (Chuck) Wolfe all of Washington.



Mrs. Vesprini was Director of Work Force Development at Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday 4-9 p.m. Rosary service Wednesday, 7 p.m. Funeral Mass Thursday, 10 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, where friends may visit directly at the church after 9:30 a.m. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery.

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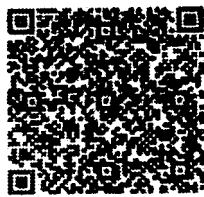
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Downtown businesses offering refreshments and specials on Michigan products include Advanced Energy Therapy, Artichoke Interiors, Clarkston Flower Shoppe, Bonnie and Clyde, The Birdfeeder, Creekside Salon, Essence on Main, Frank & Me, Lisa's Confection Connection, KH Home, The Parsonage and Church Street Studio, Rudy's Market and Catering, Union General, and Village Fashion Boutique.

The event is free, but donation jars will be at each retailer. Also, The Locals band will rock out in the Clarkston News parking lot, 5 S. Main Street.

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Giggles with Grandparents, 6-8 p.m., Aug. 11, Clintonwood Park Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Games crafts, snacks for children ages 2-6 and their grandparents. \$15/residents, \$20/non-residents. Additional \$5 for each additional child or grandparent. Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

Charity Concerts in Depot Park, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Aug. 12, classic rock with Clarkston Junior High School's Third Rock. Free, donations appreciated. Silent auction, baked goods sold to raise money for people with cancer. Organized by Lend A Helping Hand, non-profit group. 248-394-1415.

Clarkston Wolves Football for a Cure, 7 p.m., Aug. 13. T-shirts, jerseys, polo shirt orders through July 29. Forms available at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6810.

Scoop for Hearts, 4-8 p.m., Aug. 16, Culver's of Clarkston, 6910 Sashabaw Road. Free activities for kids, entertainment, custard cart. Event kicks off fund raising for Congenital Heart Walk, 9 a.m., Sept. 11, starting at Depot Park. Both ben-

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Bike or Walk for Kids Kicking Cancer, Aug. 21, Waterford Hills Raceway, 4770 Waterford Road. 9-10 a.m., competitive bikers; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., bike/walk family activities. \$36/family, \$20/adult, \$10/child. 313-557-0021.

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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.

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 Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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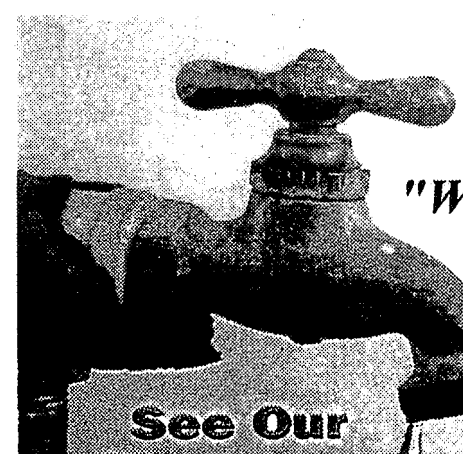
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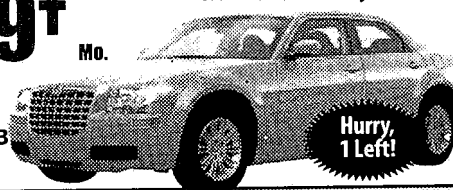
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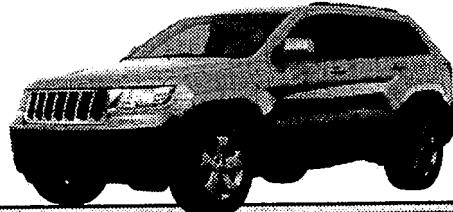
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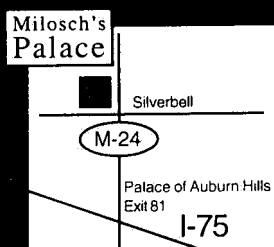
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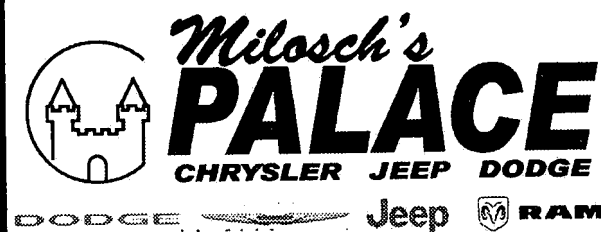


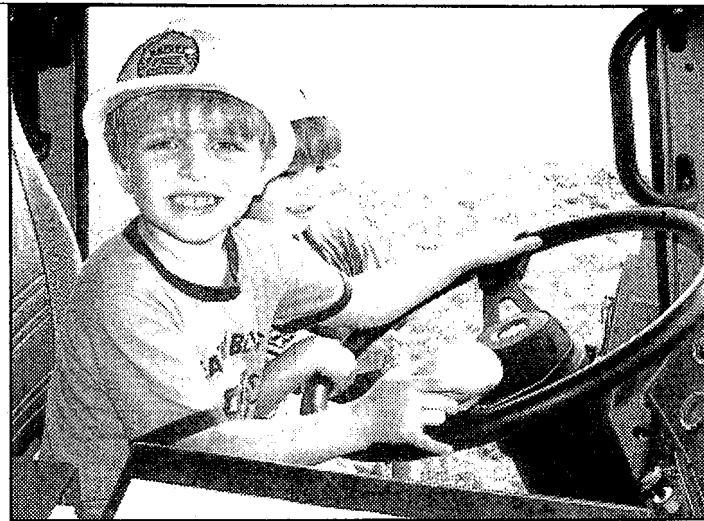
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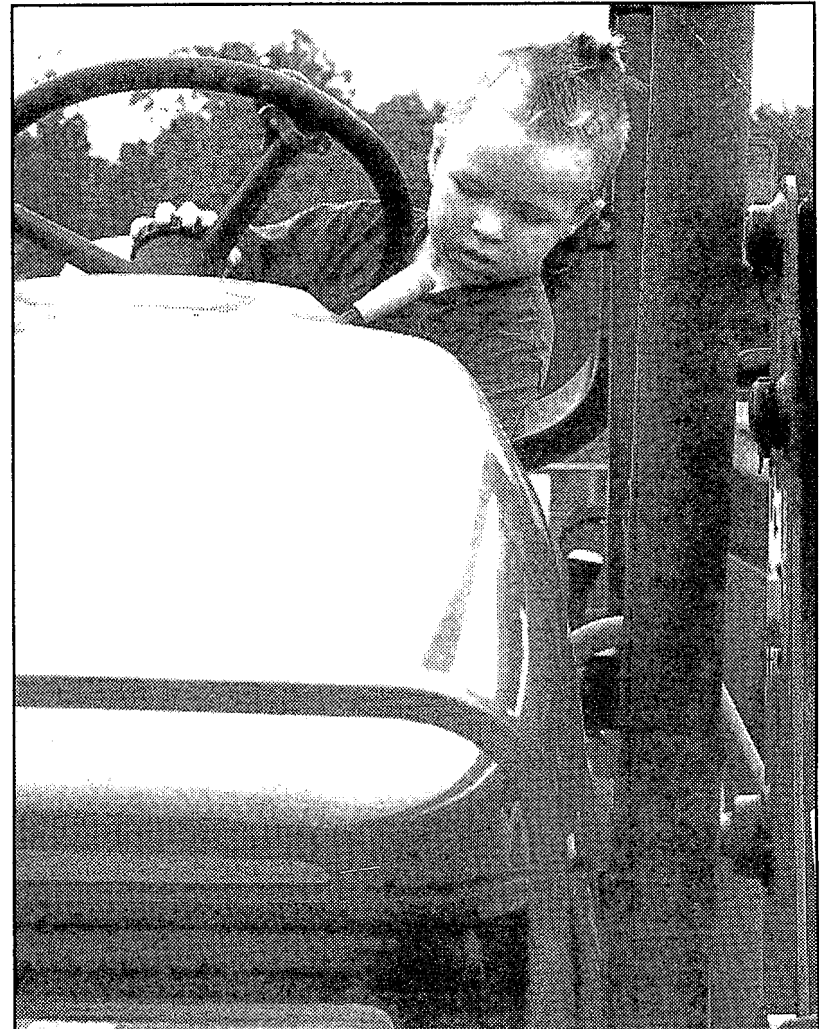




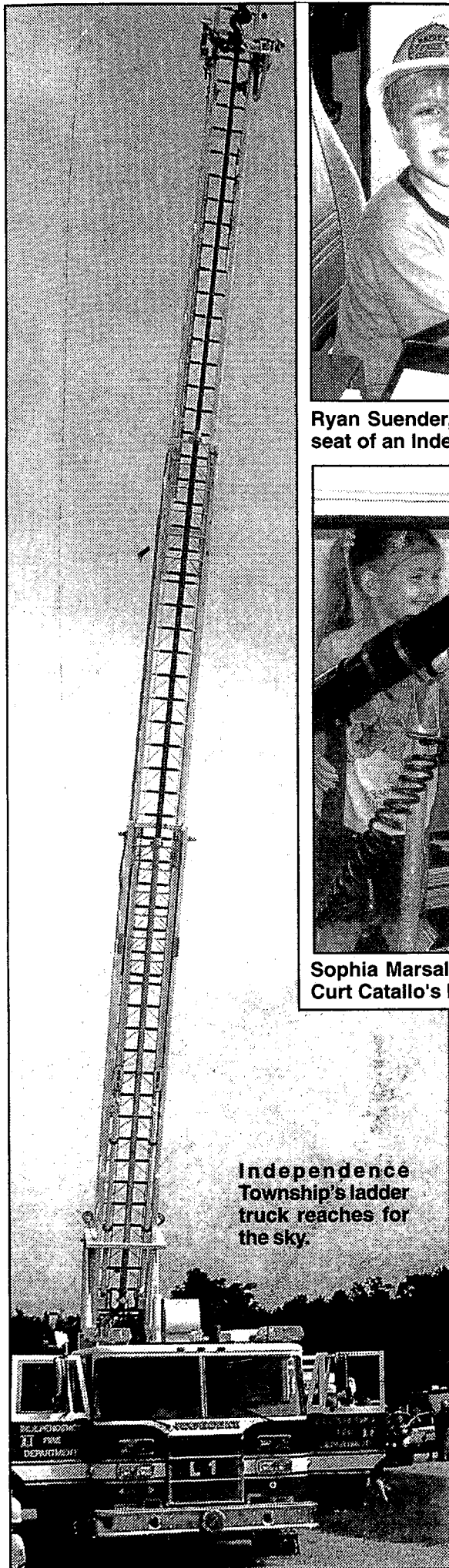
Ryan Suender, at left, and Koen Suender in the driver's seat of an Independence Township fire truck.



Sophia Marsala launches a tennis ball, with the help of Curt Catallo's Mac Mobile.



Jonah Tennant examines a tractor.



Independence Township's ladder truck reaches for the sky.



James and Charlotte Truesdell, with their mother Ann Truesdell, looks around The Learning Experience's Captain Bubbles fire truck. Photos by Phil Custodio

Wheels in the park

More than 500 people filled Clintonwood Park to enjoy Tons of Trucks, Aug. 6 in Clintonwood Park.

Highlights included Matchbox Garbage Trucks handed out by Smith's Disposal, getting in the ladder bucket of Doran's restored fire truck, and aiming for prizes with the Macmobile's tennis ball launcher.

Bob the Builder, sponsored by Two Men and a Truck, greeted young fans, who also enjoyed gazing up at the Monster Truck Southern Storm, sponsored by Smith's Disposal and The Learning Experience.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosted the annual event.



Linah Walchak is dwarfed by one of Monster Truck Southern Storm's wheels.

People Poll August 10, 2011

Summer's already starting to wind down

Thoughts about kids going back to school?



"I have mixed emotions."

- Pam Corona



"I can't wait. It's about that time in the summer. I need my days back."

- Tracy Lewis



"I can't wait. I'm tired of the bickering."

- Amber Thomas



"It's been a beautiful warm summer. It's going to be hard to go back to the school, but they'll adjust as they always do."

- Ed Walker

By Trevor Keiser

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Charlotte Leblanc, left, and Claire Hao discuss some of their writing.

Writers in town

Writing students going into grades 5-7 toured downtown Clarkston last Friday, seeking inspiration for their Oakland Summer Writer's Camp.

"We bring together kids from all over Oakland County for two weeks to develop writing skills," said instructor Phyllis Ness. "It's an enrichment program for kids who enjoy writing."

Ness and instructor Jim Haugh taught writing techniques and skills through first-hand experience during the two-week camp, Aug. 1-12, at

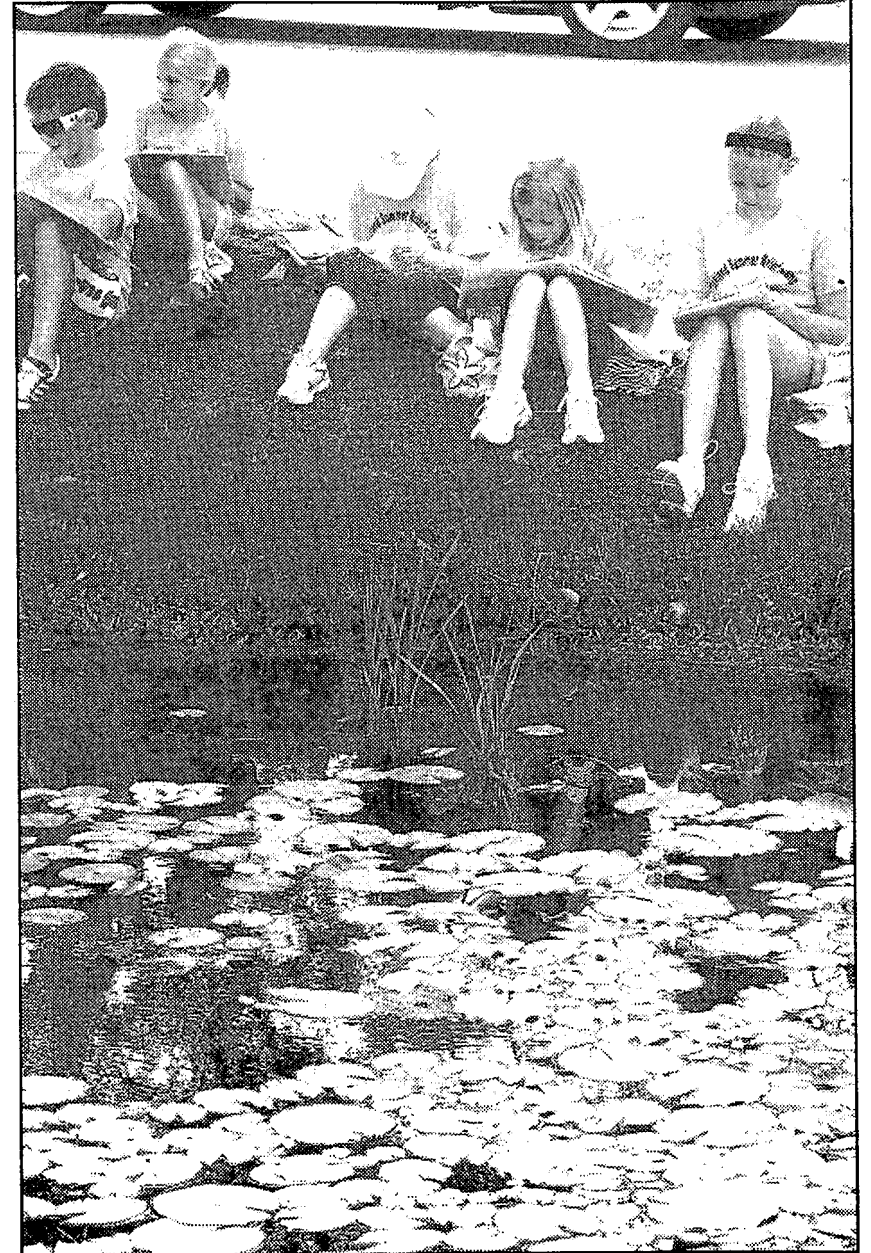
Clarkston's Community Education Building. The camp is part of the National Writing Project.

"Campers learn to lead writer's lives, and look at the world through the eyes of a writer," Ness said.

The field trip is one of the highlights of the camp, she said.

"We stopped at the Clarkston Union and learned about its history, Rudy's gave the kids pizza and cookies - they were very gracious," she said.

- Phil Custodio



From left, Charlie Bowser, Emily Rumstadt, Zoe Nygaard, Megan Mayernik and Ana Rumstadt gain inspiration from the Mill Pond in downtown Clarkston. Photos by Phil Custodio

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North Oakland County Families Invited To Host Exchange Students This Fall



16 yr old Laura comes from Finland. She lives with her Mom, Dad and 12yr old sister. Her Mom is a Communication Consultant and her Dad is a Surgeon. She is close to her family and they spend a lot of time together eating, watching movies or chatting. Laura is a very energetic, positive and outgoing girl. Her two main hobbies are golfing and dancing. She has lessons in both each week. She considers herself very sporty and also enjoys soccer and basketball. Laura also loves photography. Her teachers say that she will be a great Ambassador for her country and that she always has a smile on her face.

Greta is 15 and comes from a small town near Frankfurt, Germany. She lives with her parents and 18 yr old brother. Greta's Mom is a Librarian and her Dad is a teacher. Greta loves Ballet, Dancing, Singing and playing the Piano. Her whole family is very musically orientated and they each play some instrument. Her school specializes in music. They perform musicals in which she acts and sings. Greta also enjoys meeting her friends or going shopping with her Mother. Photography is another passion. She is looking forward to meeting you.

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Celebrating 50 years

Dr. Ralph E. and Betty-Jean Barthel of Independence Township celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 15, 2011.

The couple commemorated the milestone with a family reunion in Malibu, Calif., with their two children and families including seven grandchildren.

Dr. and Mrs. Barthel were married in Peace Lutheran Church in Detroit.



Ralph and Betty-Jean

Students achieve success

John Vanderveen of Clarkston, a sophomore and tennis player at Hope College, was named to the 2011 Academic Honor Roll of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Sarah Rankin, a 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School, was awarded a Presidential Fellowship from The University of Virginia where she will pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Sociology. In May, 2010, Rankin received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from James Madison College at MSU in Social Relations and Policy and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Michigan State University. Since graduation, she has been a student at IBZ e.v. an der Universität Duisburg-Essen studying German.

Lauren Moore of Clarkston was named to the Spring 2011 Dean's List at Taylor University.

Matthew Fuller of Clarkston, an accounting major, was named to The University of Toledo's Spring 2011 Dean's List.

Clarkston students receiving degrees at Spring Arbor University's commencement, May 21, include Patricia Jackson, degree in Family Life Education, Summa Cum Laude; Patrick McIlrath, degree in Business Administration,

Cum Laude, son of Jerry and Melanie McIlrath; and Patrick McIlrath, degree in Business Administration, Cum Laude, son of Jerry and Melanie McIlrath.

Grand Valley State University placed on the dean's list for the Winter 2011 semester include Clarkston students Ryan M. Addis, Heather A. Baron, Jodie L. Bedor, Melissa M. Bemis, Christopher D. Benedict, Ashley M. Braun, Laura K. Broadwater, Melissa R. Corazza, Christopher S. Davenport, Alexandra M. DeNio, Chelsea J. DeNio, Aaron D. Ducharme, Kelsey L. Ferrand, Shannon M. Goebel, Briana H. Gohlke, Jessica L. Goyke, Jill M. Hoekstra, Lyndsey R. Jackson, Kathleen A. Johnstone, Sarah C. Jones, Elizabeth L. Kurko, Katherine G. Kurko, Amy E. Lewis, Kasey M. McKay, Christina M. McKee, Nicole A. Merte, Max A. Morell, Collette M. Noble, Robert P. O'Malley, Kevin P. O'Neill, Marilynn M. Porritt, Ellen V. Rhein, Kara M. Siekirk, Ryan T. Smith, Kristin J. Stone, Nicole M. Summers, Jordan S. Waller, Anna C. Wheeler, Nicole M. Whiteford, Miriam G. Wisniewski, and Megan M. Zelinsky; and Davisburg students Angela J. Herberg; Garrett J. McClain; and Kelly A. Torp.y.

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Turn to God in times of uncertainty

We are living in a very interesting time. For the United States, this is probably one of the more serious times in our history.

Although we are not in a "great depression," as we were in the 1930's, we are certainly in the same pressure cooker of distress. From the economic crisis, to the world order being threatened by the lack of certainty in the future—we certainly should see the danger of the time.

Looking back, we must remember how people respond to crisis when the fear of uncertainty begins to motivate behavior. Political upheaval is a very real possibility.

One of the most important things that we must be careful of is a victim mentality. This is what led to the rise of hate that motivated the Holocaust and World War II. In order to manipulate the Germans, Hitler convinced them that they were victims of Jewish "conspiracies" and that their economic problems were the result of the mistreatment at the end of World War I.

Hatred and the sense of getting even made them become blinded to the evil of Nazism and Hitler. The Germans were not the exceptions. Violent responses due to anger turned the world upside down. There were many dictators sitting on the sidelines waiting for their opportunity to seize power. Many nations had entered into economic wars through

trade protections and other forms of barriers, as people saw their problems from a victim mentality rather than from a perspective of personal responsibility.

Animosity and anger are on the rise in our country and we must be very careful not to allow these emotions to gain a foothold in our minds.

If we allow this, we will respond from our feelings rather than the rational thought, which will only create more problems in the end. If we see ourselves as victims, we will go on the defense, or even still, we may go off the offense.

The struggles resulting could implode our world, much like what happened at the onset of World War II. The conflicts over retirement age and benefits could pit the young against the old. Unemployment could pit the hard up against immigrants, legal or undocumented, as so often has been the case in history.

The have-nots could turn on those who have resources, or are not suffering, because we are drawn into comparisons with other people. These are just a few of the causes of

both the rise of Nazism and the ensuing conflict with communism that lasted for 60 years. Have we learned any lessons from the past?

We need to be mindful of the past and set our eyes on the goals for our future, with proper planning and personal accountability. In fact, the greatest contributor to our present dilemma is the lack of long-term planning.

Whether government, industry, or individuals; people have forsaken long-term planning for immediate satisfaction or results. Now, we are reaping the harvest of short-term planning and the worst thing we can do is try to come up with a short-term solution. Emotional thinking promotes immediate reactions, motivated by a need for immediate satisfaction.

The Bible says it like this in Hebrews 12:15, "looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears."

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

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

In our churches...

Holistic Sampler, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sept. 10, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Free samples and services, speakers, demonstrations, and fellowship. 248-625-5192.

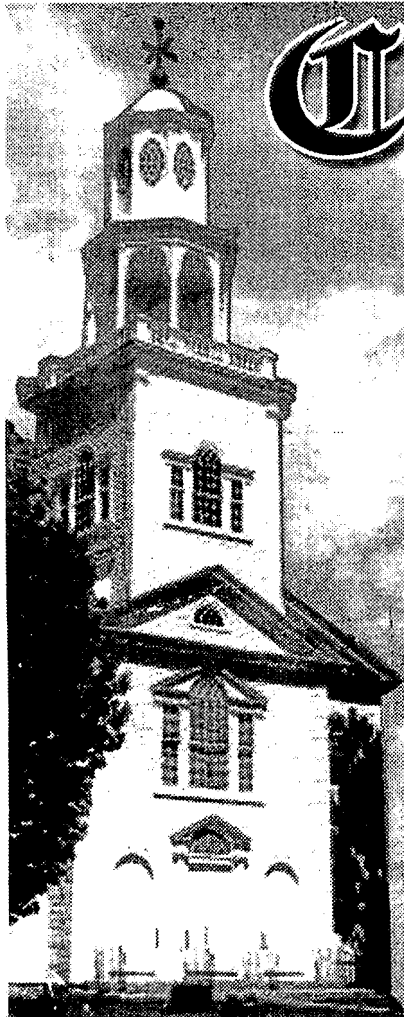
Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

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.

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

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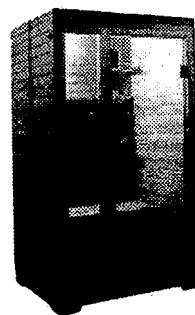
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SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
AUGUST 2, 2011

1. The Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:31 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by members of Boy Scout Troop #185.
 3. Roll Call: Present: Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Carson, Petterson, Wagner
There was a quorum present.
 4. Approval to appoint Acting Chair.
 5. The Agenda was approved as presented.
 6. Approval to move into Closed Session at 7:34 PM. Treasurer Carson ARRIVED at 7:35 PM. The Regular Meeting RECONVENED at 8:05 PM. PUBLIC FORUM: 8:07-8:16 PM; Rudy Lozano
 7. Approval of the Consent Agenda.
 8. PRESENTATION: Dick Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. - CodeABILITY Proposal
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
8. Approval of Township/Clarkston Schools Partnership-Tri-Party Safety Project.
 9. NEW BUSINESS:
9. Approval of Second Quarter Investment Report.
 10. Approval to extend meeting.
The Regular Meeting RECESSED at 9:59 PM.
The Regular Meeting RECONVENED at 10:05 PM.
 11. Approval of Wellhead Protection Professional Services.
 12. Postponement of Update on Facilities Maintenance, Safety Path and Custodial Departments.
 13. Approval of Supervisor's Appointments to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA).
 14. Approval of Directive to Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) to proceed with the most recent landscape design and solicit bids prior to Fall planting season.
 15. Approval to direct Clerk to forward a letter authorizing Oakland County to assess the historic Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church structure at no charge.
 16. Approval to schedule a Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing Capital Improvement projects and finalize a plan in conjunction with the budget process.
- The Regular meeting ADJOURNED at 12:03 AM on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
AUGUST 10, 2011
ORDINANCE NO. 129-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF THE VILALGE CLARKSTON ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 129 TO CREATE A LIMITED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT WITHIN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ORDINANCES

- Section 1-01 Article II. be amended to add Definitions.
Section 2-01 Article V. R-1 and R-2. One-Family Residential Districts. Section 5 02. Special Land Uses be amended to add the following as Paragraph I:
Limited Use Overlay, Subject To The Standards Set Forth In Section 25.10.B.35
Section 3-01 Article XXV. Special Land Uses. Section 25.10.A. be amended to add the following: 35. Limited Use Overlay (R-1)
Section 4-01 Article XXV. Specific Land Uses. Section 25.10.B. List of Specific Requirements. as amended.
Section 7-01 Severability Clause.
Section 8-01 This Ordinance will become effective 20 days after publication after publication notice of ordinance adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of the Village of Clarkston.

The Ordinance was adopted at the regular meeting of the City of Village of Clarkston City Council on Monday, May 23 2011. A complete copy of the Ordinance Amendment is available for purchasing or copying at the Artemus Pappas City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Kelly M. Richter, City Clerk

Around Town

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day, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

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

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

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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

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Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 14, 2011
SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:31 p.m. by Clerk Moreau
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Added New Business #7, Dixie/Davisburg Traffic Signal
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: June 16, 2011 Special Meeting, June 9, 2011 Special Meeting and June 9, 2011 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$252,156.91
- b) Accepted June 2011 Treasurer's Report
- c) Received June 2011 Monthly Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Police, Fire, CDBG, Assessing, IT and Comp Time Report
- d) Authorized payment of bills as amended, totaling \$147,614.65
- e) Adopted Resolution designating July as Park & Recreation month
- f) Adopted resolution to approve appointment of Katy Hughes to Holly Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lumberyard property improvement - Authorized to contract for one additional day of tree work and award bid to Arbor View Tree Service at a one day rate of \$1600
2. Medical Marijuana Moratorium extension - Authorized attorney to prepare a Resolution to extend Moratorium for a 6 month period from date of meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Medical Reimbursement for Michael G. Trout, June 2011 - Authorized payment in the amount of \$589.85
2. Purchase of Automated External Defibrillator - Authorized Fire Chief to purchase three AED's based on unit cost of \$6735 and additional \$100 for shipping
3. First Reading. Solicitation Ordinance - Authorized Clerk to publish for 2nd reading
4. First Reading: Amendment to Ordinance 29, Omnibus Criminal Ordinance, Section 5.07 - Authorized Clerk to publish for 2nd reading
5. CDBG allocation reduction - Tabled to August meeting for additional information
6. Supervisor Vacancy: Interview Questions - Set interview format and presentation topics
7. Dixie/Davisburg Traffic Signal - Authorized Treasurer to confirm project with Road Commission with a revised cost of \$234,151

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 pm

TB Laura Moreau, Clerk
Publish 8/10/11

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

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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Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

Creative Writing Workshop, Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m., through Aug. 16. Focuses on creativity in a no-pressure environment. Bring 8 1/2x11 notebook and pen. \$12. Senior Adult Activity Center. 248-625-8231.

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

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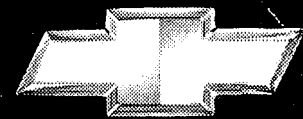
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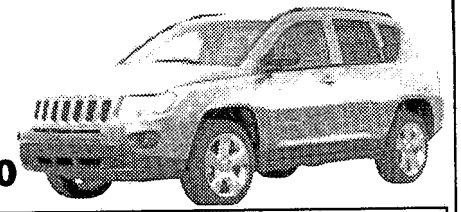
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- Best Dry Cleaners - Champs Dry Cleaners
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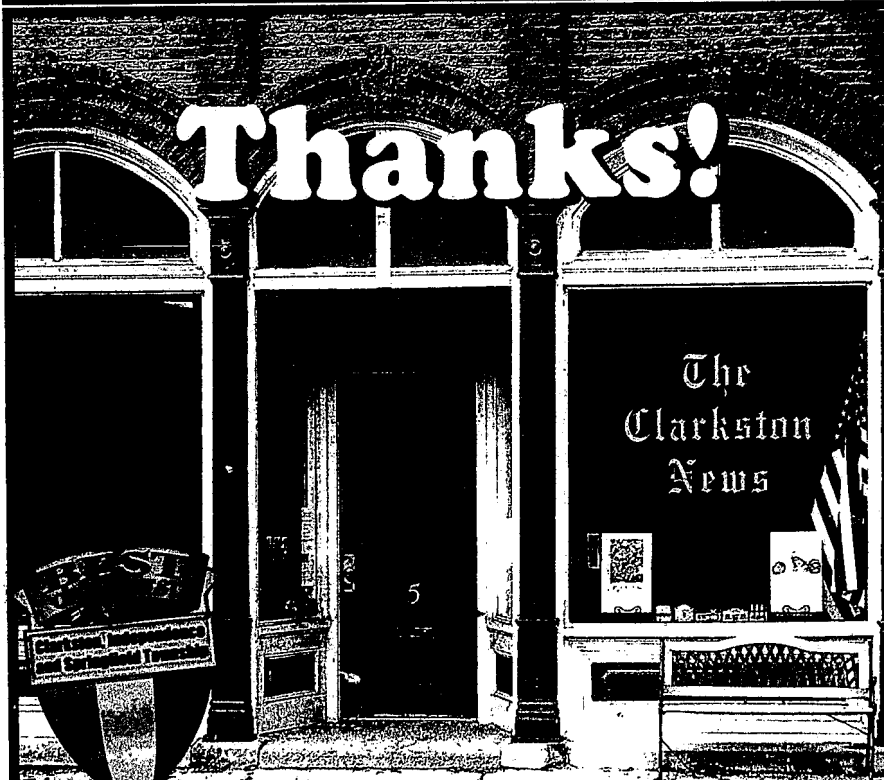
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Best Coney Island: Leo's Coney Island

For Leo's Coney Island, Best of the Best means great food for not too much money.

"We work hard to serve the best quality food and service at a decent price," said Nash Quray, manager.

For low prices, customers get large portions and a huge variety of dishes to order from.

Customers can go with the classic Coney Island Dog with french fries, a hamburger or

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"Our best source of new business is referrals from clients who are happy with our service," he said, noting clients are thanked for referrals with a token of appreciation. "Our jobs are fun, and we work well as a team."

Call State Farm Insurance, Dave Smith, 7217 Sashabaw, at 248-625-2414.

Best Restaurant: Mesquite Creek

A welcoming smile at the doors of Mesquite Creek is one indicator of the Best Restaurant in the Clarkston community.

Other indicators include quality of service and quality of the food for being voted the best of the best for the fourth consecutive year.

"What makes us the best of the best last year is what makes us the best of the best this year," explained Tony Vitale, manager.

"We concentrate on service and consistency. It is the focus of everyone here. I can't tell you we have had 100 percent because we are human. But we strive to make no mistakes. Then, we strive to fix the mistakes that do happen."

He added being voted the Best Restaurant is an indicator of how hard everyone on the staff works.

"Over the last few years the economy has been a factor," said Vitale. "Because of the resilience and tenacity of everyone - from management to service to food preparation - and their ability to work as a team, we have accomplished our goals and look forward to reaching new heights with help of our loyal following."

Another key is the menu. Either enjoying a favorite, trying a dish from Chef Heinz speciality menu or getting a meal through Mes-



Mesquite Creek servers and staff earned Best of the Best Restaurant!

quite Creek Carry Out, food enthusiasts know they can always find a tasty dish.

For hungry patrons coming home from a soccer game, meeting, or with a craving, they can stop by carry out and order from the regular menu as well as pick up a delicious pizza and the infamous Super Nacho.

They offer eight speciality pizzas, or guests can make their own from a selection of 12 toppings. Mesquite Creek makes their dough and unique sauce from scratch. The

pizza is baked in a stone oven to add a delicious flavor.

Going with the pizza, patrons can purchase an order of cheesy bread or add the favorite - Super Nacho.

"We take a pizza box and fill it with chips, beans, beef, pico de gallo, lettuce and top it with our famous queso," said Vitale. "It is phenomenal and huge. It is great for people going to tailgates, parties or just gatherings. They can pick up a couple of pizzas and a

Super Nacho. Plus we have lots of options for catering, too."

Mesquite Creek also has catering for any gathering - office meetings, get togethers and family events.

"We are coming up to the five-year mark since we changed to the new Mesquite Creek," said Vitale. "I think what people can expect for the next five years is the quality they have come to expect along with exciting changes both in menu and the promotions we are going to be running to show our guests how much we appreciate them."

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

"If you come in all the time, thank you. We really appreciate all of your support," said Vitale. "If you haven't been in awhile, it's time to come back in and see what everyone is talking about. Feel free to ask for Tony. I would love to catch up and find out how you have been."

They have entertainment on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, beginning 7 p.m.

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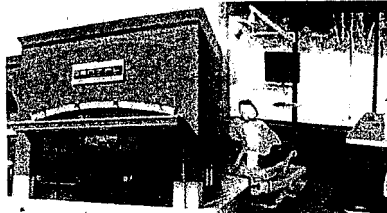
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Professional Dental staff, from left, Kim Blackett, Lori Callender, Linsey Moore, Dr. Brian Davidson, Dr. Amy Davidson, Laura Roche, Maggie Crabtree, Jessica Prote, and Nichole Moskwa.

Dr. Brian Davidson and Dr. Amy Davidson of Professional Dental of Clarkston earned Best of the Best Dentist award for the second year in a row.

"We are truly honored that our patients and colleagues have taken the time to vote for us," said Dr. Amy Davidson, who opened the practice with her husband, Dr. Brian Davidson, in 2008. "We would also like to take the time to thank our wonderful staff. Without them, this would not be possible."

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They remain committed to continuing dental education and further developing their knowledge and clinical techniques, going over and above what is required.

For more information, call Professional Dental, 5720 Clarkston Road, at 248-620-6200.



Clarkston Village Bake Shop staff, from left, Katie Shapiro, Stephanie Tran, owner, and Alex Vo, Stephanie's son.

Best of the Best Bakery: Clarkston Village Bake Shop

Clarkston Village Bake Shop's fresh donuts and pastries earned it Best of the Best honors.

"We would like to thank everyone who voted for the bake shop for Best of the Best," said Stephanie Tran, owner. "We strive to serve the best and freshest products to our customers."

Donuts are baked fresh everyday, along with cookies and bars.

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Coffee is brewed every 20 minutes for freshness, as well as espresso and cappuccinos that can also be flavored.

The bakery also offers gift baskets and trays of baked good for any occasion.

"We specialize in wedding and birthday cakes," she said. "Again, I would like to thank everyone who voted for the bake shop and we will continue to serve the best quality to our customers."

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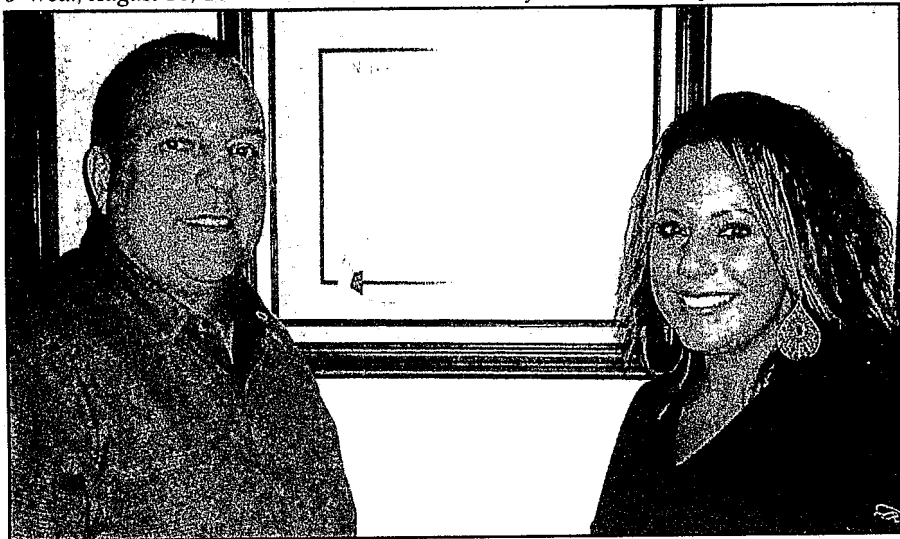
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Best Chiropractor: Dr. Hamilton

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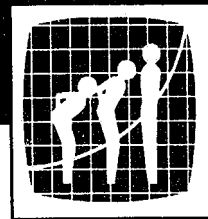
"I think the main reason that we won is our attention to patients," he said. "Patients come first and foremost in a practice and that shows by our success."

Hamilton established his clinic in 1985. Celebrating his 26th year, he is still striving to provide the highest quality of Chiropractic care available by using a holistic approach to combine nutritional and exercise

therapy with spinal adjustments as an alternative to drugs and surgery, as well as adding more technology like state-of-the-art computerized diagnostics and computerized foot scans.

"It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township for the past 26 years," Hamilton said. "I sincerely thank everyone for voting us best of the best."

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Sandy Mabery, owner, Angela Sesock, lead care giver, Sue Tierney, home manager, and Mary Ison, resident.

Best Senior Living: Pine Tree Place

Pine Tree Place was ranked number one in senior living by voters.

"We are not an assisted living facility; we are an assisted living home. Rather than call it 'home-like,' we refer to it as a home," said Owner Sandy Mabery. "When words like 'home-like' become overused they sometimes lose their meaning. Pine Tree Place has redefined what home-like should truly represent."

Pine Tree Place has been serving Clarkston since 1999. Their first priority is the customer, but Mabery is quick to point out they also strive to make Pine Tree Place an enjoyable work environment for the employees. That's why 40 percent of their employees have worked there for five years

or more, and three employees have worked more than 10 years.

"We realize that happy employees are critical to the success of a business. They are the front line that keeps the customers satisfied," she said. "We don't necessarily look for employees with previous long term care experience, but more importantly we look for caring, compassionate individuals who like working with the elderly, and train them on-site."

Pine Tree Place is located at 5480 Parview Drive. For more information on living or working at Pine Tree Place, visit www.pinetreeplacellc.com or contact Mr. Sandy Mabery at 248-535-6203 or 248-620-2420.

Best of the Best Bank: Clarkston State Bank

Clarkston State Bank earned Best of the Best Bank through its strong commitment to service to the community.

"We're honored to be recognized for what we do," said J. Grant Smith, President and CEO. "We work hard to provide services as Clarkston's local bank."

With headquarters located in downtown Clarkston, they are part of the community, Smith said.

"People like personal service, which we can do more than larger institutions," he said. "Customers see the same faces in the bank. They see us in church, at the grocery store. We're heavily involved in the local community."

The bank supports small businesses with loans, cash management service, internet banking, courier delivery, and other services. They have also been awarded SBA lender of the year for their commitment to lend to local businesses.

"We are open for business - we're definitely lending," Smith said. "Things are picking up. We're cautiously optimistic. It's challenging but long-term prospects for the bank are bright."

Courier service, which is set up geographically throughout Clarkston, as well as some surrounding communities, is popu-

lar, he said.

"It's something unique - we are proud of it," he said. "We have three full time vans available as a service to customers. They can handle deposits so businesses don't have to keep sending someone to the bank."

The bank also supports the community with donations and volunteers, working with Clarkston's Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Coalition for Youth, Optimists, Rotary, SCAMP, and Lighthouse, as well as downtown concerts, parades, and other events. Each election day, they also provide lunch to the poll workers.

"We donate a lot of time in the community," Smith said. "All of our officers volunteer their time and most sit on local organization boards. It's key to our core mission as a community bank."

Founded in 1911, Clarkston State Bank's history of local community banking dates back to the days of Henry Ford.

"Clarkston is a great bedroom community," Smith said. "People raise their children here, and their kids come back to raise their families here. We are proud to be an integral part of such a great community."

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They have top-notch live entertainment Wednesday-Saturday, a full menu of buffalo

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They also offer catering and banquets for private parties and corporate events.

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Best Tanning: Onyx Salon & Spa

When it comes to finding a place to relax and appreciate the best of the best in tanning, Onyx Salon & Spa is where to go.

"We are definitely honored to be voted best of the best," said Tracy Kanelopoulos, owner. "We are thankful to be a part of such a wonderful community that they would consider us best of the best."

Their staff and their passion makes Onyx Salon & Spa stand out in the community.

"We have a wonderful staff," said Kanelopoulos. "We put our hearts and our souls into what we do. We are committed to helping our clients look and feel beautiful."

The commitment includes a passion for what they do on a daily basis, a passion for their clients and a passion for the industry.

"We stay educated and on top of our game so we can stay competitive and stay on top," said Kanelopoulos.

Since Onyx opened in 2008, they have grown to a full service salon offering not only tanning but manicures, pedicures, all hair services, massages and more.

"A lot of people like us because we are the one-stop shop," said Kanelopoulos. "We have a little bit of everything, including a boutique. Plus we cater to everyone - men, women and children."

They keep up on the latest trends and offer hair extensions, and have more services

coming including spray tanning, makeup and facials.

Onyx Salon & Spa can be found online on Facebook and on Twitter, where customers can receive updates, keep up on specials and see photos with more coming.

"We will be running specials through September, especially with homecoming approaching," said Kanelopoulos.

For more information, please call 248-620-2626. Onyx Salon & Spa is located at 7030 Gateway Park Drive and is open Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



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Best Deli: Rudy's Quality Market

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The variety and service have stood in the community and they were voted Best Deli.

"It's an honor," said Christopher Thomas co-owner. He added it has always been owner Robert Esshaki's dream to be voted Best Deli.

Everything in Rudy's Market is homemade by the employees.

"We pride ourselves and put our heart into what we do," said Mary. "We make a sandwich as though we are making it for ourselves. Plus we are family – they are always there."

Rudy's Market is located at 9 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston. They are open 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday.

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Best of the Best Jewelry: Clarkston Jewelry Outlet

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"We're a family owned business, so we give you the most money for your gold, silver, and platinum," Tracy said.

In business since 1987 and at its current location since 2007, Clarkston Jewelry Outlet is a full-service shop, offering thousands of pieces of fine jewelry below wholesale prices.

"We've expanded," Tracy said. "We offer a nice selection of estate jewelry, coins, gold and silver."

They also repair jewelry and watches, and do custom work on jewelry.

All transactions are private and confidential with no credit check required and lay-away service available. They also offer loan service at their second location in Waterford.

Dan is a licensed and certified precious metal dealer, including gold.

"This is an unbelievable time for people to make money on gold," Tracy said. "If you've ever wanted to invest in it, now is the time to do it."

Dan has been a gold smith since 1987.

"I've always been interested in it," he said.

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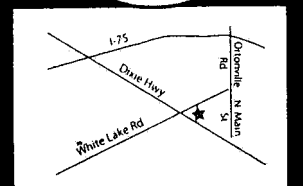


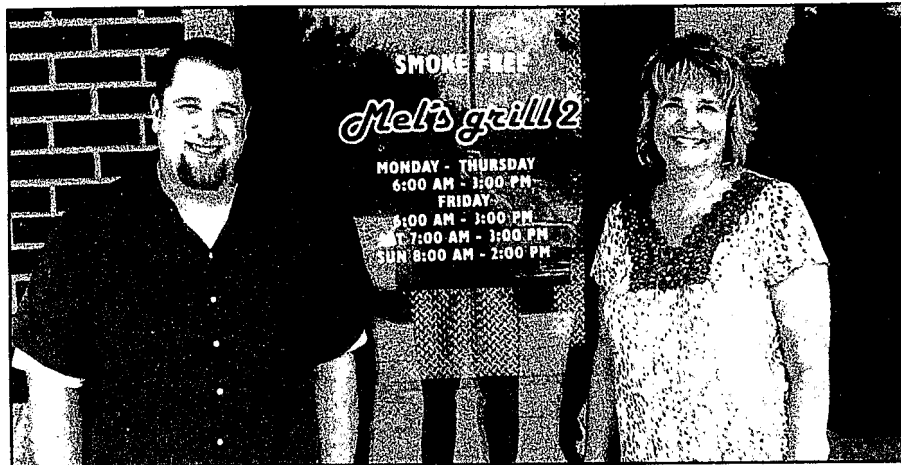
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"This is proof to us that we are providing what people are looking for. For us, this award speaks to all the hard work and dedication put in by our staff and ourselves," said Joe, who owns the two businesses with his Mom, Cindy. "Our ties to the community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

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

"This has been quite a journey for us. We are so lucky to have the unselfish support of our families, a staff that is dependable and dedicated, and of course the best customers in the world," Cindy said. "We are thrilled to be recognized by our customers like this."

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



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From left are Snap Fitness owner Matt Kulenkamp, Peggy Staycoff, certified personal trainer, and Tom Heist, manager.

Best place to exercise: Snap Fitness

Snap Fitness earned Best of the Best Place to Exercise with its flexibility.

"It's great to earn Best of the Best for the fourth year in a row," said Matt Kulenkamp, owner. "We offer great value for our membership. We're open 24 hours every day of the year, with really flexible membership options. Whatever you need, we can do."

The gym is equipped with modern, easy-to-use equipment, said Peggy Staycoff, exclusive certified personal trainer at Clarkston and Oxford Snap gyms.

"We have a little of everything, for everyone at every level," said Staycoff.

Each new member gets a free session with

a personal trainer.

"I show them the correct form for free weights," she said. "I'm passionate about improving lifestyles."

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

"This is a great location, a very busy plaza in a busy part of town," Staycoff said.



From left, Bob Gott, Kevin Gott, Michelle Thomas and Robert Gott, Sr.

Best Mechanic: Gott's Auto Service

When it comes to your vehicle, you want the best. For the Clarkston community, the best mechanic is Gott's Auto Service.

"We take care of our customers," said Robert Gott, Sr., owner. "We make sure they are very knowledgeable of what is going on with their vehicle and why things have to be replaced.

"We appreciate your patronage and your loyalty," he added. "We will continue taking care of you and giving you top quality parts as well as service. We warranty all of our parts and service for a year."

Gott's Auto Service has provided quality car care to the community since 1980.

They are ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified technicians and are equipped to handle all major and minor repairs on domestic and foreign vehicles.

"We have a good rapport with our customers," said Gott. "The shop service manager oversees all jobs as they go out the door. It is important to make sure all things meant to be done, were done."

Gott's Auto Service is located at 5709 Maybee Road, east of Sashabaw Road, open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. They are closed Saturday and Sunday.

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Best Burger: Sportsmens Great Northern Grill

What makes Sportsmens Great Northern Grill the best burger place in town? Owner Tom Kurko will tell you it's the product itself.

"We start off with quality ingredients," Kurko said. "We use Certified Angus Beef that is 80 percent angus beef."

He also said their product is never frozen, and they also stuff the ingredients inside the burger, so customers can get "The Firehouse," "Black & Blue," "Swiss & Mushroom," or the "Southwestern" burger plus fries, all for \$6.95.

"We have a high end product we're selling at a reasonable price," Kurko said.

The grill has been a family business for 50 years. The building itself, which was originally a stagecoach stop, has been in continual operation for 120 years.

"My grandfather was here, my mother and father were here, I'm here and I have two daughters," he said. "Hopefully that will be the next generation."

Another key to successful business is "having long term employees who are dedicated."

"We have double-digit employees that have been here for years and years and years as well as generations, children of the employees that are working here too," he said.

Kurko's never worked in another industry but the food business.

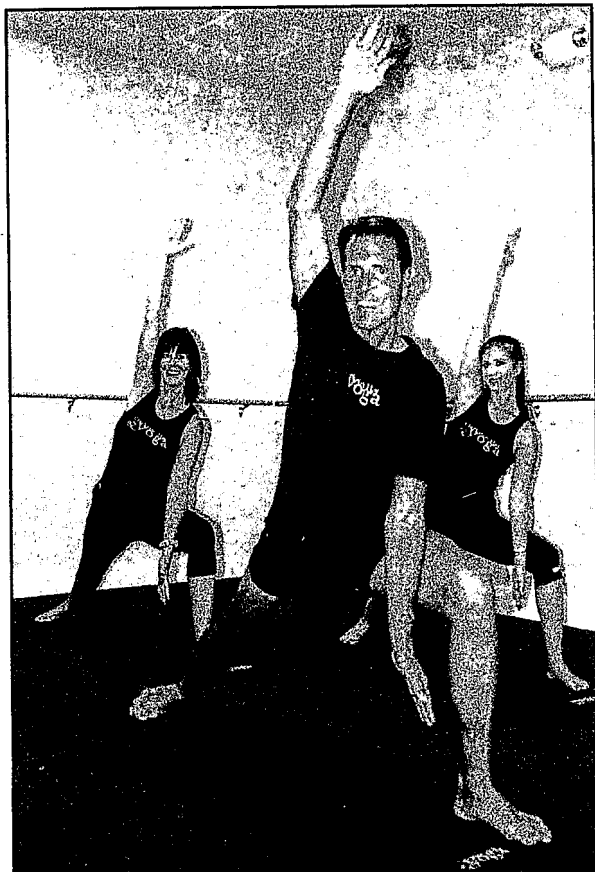


Rosie Muscat serves a tasty Swiss and Mushroom burger with fries.

"What I love about the food business is it's a people's business, whether it's entertainment, food, relaxation, whatever their needs are," he said. "They come in with needs and hopefully I can fulfill them."

Sportsmens Great Northern Grill is located at 5864 Dixie Highway. Call 248-623-1122.

Best Yoga: Clarkston Hot Yoga



It's been almost a year since Clarkston Hot Yoga opened their doors and the community has shown their appreciation by voting them Best of the Best Yoga.

"Thank you to my loyal customers for voting for us," said Susan Stencil, owner of Clarkston Hot Yoga.

"It's been a fun year," said Dan Stencil. "We are so honored to have won the Best of the Best award. Our members have become our extended family, seeing some of our members attending 3-4 times a week. There is always a smile on their face as they enter our doors."

What makes Clarkston Hot Yoga stand out is the charm of the employees and having "hot yoga."

Yoga classes take place in a therapeutically heated and humidity controlled room. The hot yoga allows patrons to receive the benefits of stretching muscles longer, safer, and tone them faster.

"It's amazing how much further you can stretch when your muscles are warm," said Susan. "You also sweat out your toxins and clean/heal your body from the inside out."

All of the teachers are certified and offer modifications based on individual needs.

"We want everyone to feel welcomed here," said Susan. "We are definitely not competitive and our members feel at home with the teachers, classes and even the hot rooms."

The 4,850 sq. ft. facility has two studios, locker rooms with showers and lockers. Clarkston Hot Yoga is open seven days a week with a variety of classes.

Clarkston Hot Yoga opened Aug. 9, which Susan remembers as "memorable, exhausting and exhilarating."

As they move into their second year, Susan looks for-

ward to meeting new members and continuing to grow with their yoga and pilates family.

"We would not be here successfully if it were not for the incredible support we have received from *The Clarkston News*, the Clarkston Coffee Club, and the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce," said Susan. "They taught me how to network and become part of this growing community we have in Clarkston."

As the studio continues to grow, members from surrounding communities such as Lake Orion, Oxford, Waterford, Auburn Hills, Ortonville, White Lake and Grand Blanc are seeking the benefits of hot yoga and pilates.

The studio has partnered with several local companies who provide their employees with hot yoga as an employee health program, aiming to reduce health costs and increase overall health.

"We have received so many wonderful testimonials. Men tell us that their golf games are improved. High school athletes say they have better flexibility, stamina and focus," said Susan. "Our studio has been visited by a rock group recently who performed at DTE Energy Music Theatre, which was a real surprise."

They offer four types of hot yoga and hot pilates featuring barre and mat classes. Kids can join of the yoga family by attending Camp Yoga, for ages 7-13. Zumba classes are offered twice per week. Clarkston Hot Yoga is located at 5678 Sashabaw Road, at the corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads in the Kroger shopping center. For more information, check www.clarkstonhotyoga.com, call 248-620-7101 or email susan@clarkstonhotyoga.com.

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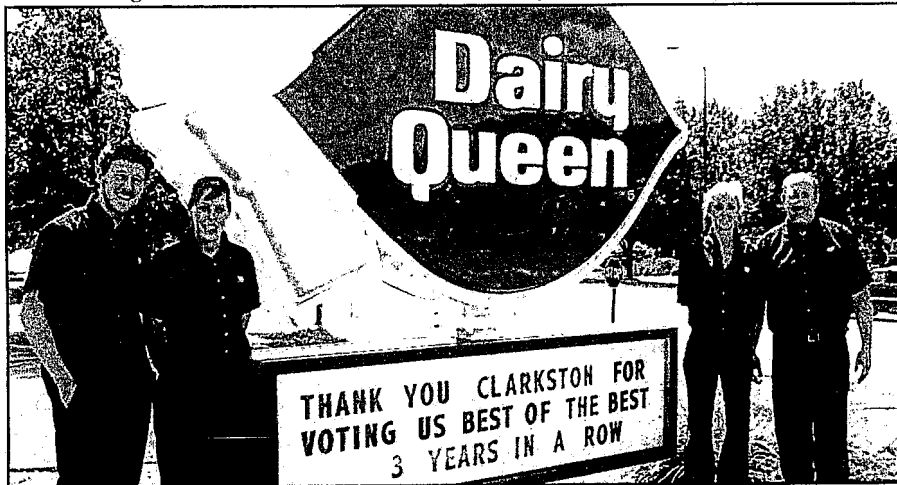


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From left, John Wilson, Darla Sherman, Tonyea VanPatten-Kalanquin and Don Kalanquin.

Best Ice Cream: Dairy Queen

When it comes to sweet, cold treats, Dairy Queen is the place to go—the Clarkston community voted them Best of the Best for the third year in a row.

"It's an honor," said Darla Sherman, manager. "It is excellent our customers think that of us."

They also stand out, using the best of ingredients.

"We use fresh produce and the top of the line dairy for ice cream," said Don Kalanquin, general manager. "We don't cut back."

Another ingredient for being best of the best is they enjoy what they do, and it shows.

"What we do best is make our customers smile," said Sherman. "My favorite is the kids' faces when you give them a cone with a face on it - they light up."

The smiles continue into November as they will stay open later this year—the perfect opportunity for customers to get their Pumpkin Pie Blizzard and cakes. Get a treat today by visiting the location at 5890 Ortonville Road or call them at 248-625-0099.

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Best Fish Fry: Oakland County Sportsmen's Club

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

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

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

It's the fried fish for Stiff.

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

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

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

"When work is finished, the last thing I



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

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

The club now has carry-out available, fish dinner, \$8; and bucket of chicken, \$9.

For more information, call Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, at 248-623-0444.



Robert Kostin, Best of the Best attorney.

Best Attorney: Robert Kostin

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

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

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

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

boards.

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

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

Call Kostin, 11 N. Main St., at 248-620-1030.



Robert E. Kostin, P.C.

Thank you to all of the readers and subscribers of the Clarkston News who voted me the "Best of the Best Attorney" for three years in a row. I am humbled by your vote of confidence and thank you on behalf of my family, the Honorable Kelley Kostin and our son, Shay. My legal team of Susan Welker, Julie Packard and myself will continue to provide the same quality and personalized services for all your legal needs

including family law, divorce, child custody, adoption, criminal law, including drunk driving and drug cases and personal injury, including auto, motorcycle & snowmobile accident representation for just compensation for injuries which you have suffered as a result of someone else's negligence. My policy for more than 30 years has been to not charge for the initial consultation on any legal matter whether or not I am retained.

I congratulate the Clarkston News and its staff for outstanding reporting and coverage of news and events of interest to our community. One of my favorite articles will always be the reporting of the academic achievements of our students who make their parents and our community proud.

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Front from left, Nikki Christensen, Michael Lajoice, Donna Bullard, Crystal Minton, Jonathan Daniels, Kara Evans, Shelly Kidd, Kathy Kelly, Jody Hurren, Jennifer Adcock and Valerie Peterson of CBCCU-Clarkston.

Best Credit Union: The Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union

"The Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union recognizes that our members are the most important asset," said Donna Bullard, president and CEO.

"We are dedicated to making service our primary focus, coupled with having employees who always make a difference. In the future we will continue to offer the best ser-

vice to each member on an individual basis."

Thank you for voting Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union Best of the Best for the second year.

The Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union is at 8055 Ortonville Road, Clarkston. Call 248-625-2923.

Best Gift Shop: KH Home

Kevin Harrison, owner of KH Home, said they are "thrilled to be voted best gift shop in Clarkston."

"That's a huge honor for us," he said. "We certainly thank all of our customers."

However, Harrison wants customers to know they are more than just gifts. Fifty percent of their business is interior design. When he opened the store four years ago, selling gifts was an "afterthought."

"I wanted to do more home accessories and such, but one of the smartest things I did was right from the start ask customers what else they would like to see us carry," Harrison said. "That's how we became also a location for gifts and that seemed to fit with our philosophy well."

KH Home offers furniture and home accessories, items for entertaining, jewelry, baby items and what Harrison calls "more irreverent greeting cards."

"Hallmark is great, but sometimes you want a different type of card to send to someone that's a little more humorous or slightly off color," he said.

Along the same lines, Harrison said books also do well for them. As Borders goes out of business, KH Home will get more books to sell.

"We're never going to have novels and the current best sellers, but coffee table books, theme books, all of that, we're going to ramp up what we're offering," he said.

They also have a designated area downstairs for carpets and area rugs and have brought in a couple new rug lines.

"We've been pleasantly surprised at how well rugs have done for us," he said. "We've also partnered with a small upholstery company and we're going to bring in private label upholstery. It's a small company, made in the United States. They offer great quality and they primarily go to market as private label."



Harrison

Harrison said "it combines everything" he wants in terms of quality for the customer.

"There are 940 fabrics to choose from, a variety of frames, and it's at a very good price," he said. "We're thrilled to have that private label option."

As the store prepares to head into their second Christmas in the new building, Harrison said they have ordered a lot more Christmas items.

"Last year I don't think we really had any concept of just how much space we had to fill in this building," he said. "This year we're going to do a much better job with Christmas, we have tons of Christmas stuff arriving."

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From left, Gregg's Gourmet staff Evan Lessenthien, Charlie Ogans, Mark Jackson, Ashley Butora, Donna Butora, Aaron Butora, and Alex Gohlke.

Best Caterer: Gregg's Gourmet Cafe

Gregg's Gourmet earned Best of the Best Caterer with a menu of homemade family recipes for ribs, breadsticks, pizza, and many other items.

"We're proud and glad people appreciate us," said Donna Butora of Gregg's Gourmet.

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

"We take our time and help people decide on what they want and need," Butora said. "We ask what they want and customize to fit

their needs. We enjoy helping people."

They earned Best Caterer for the fourth year in a row.

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

Gregg's Gourmet Cafe is located on 5914 Ortonville Road. For more information, call 248-625-6613.

Best Pharmacy: Pine Knob Pharmacy

Owner of Pine Knob Pharmacy Ray Ballard says winning Best of the Best is "a nice honor."

"I had no idea. I was on vacation and when I came back I was told we're voted Best of the Best," he said. "We're very proud of it."

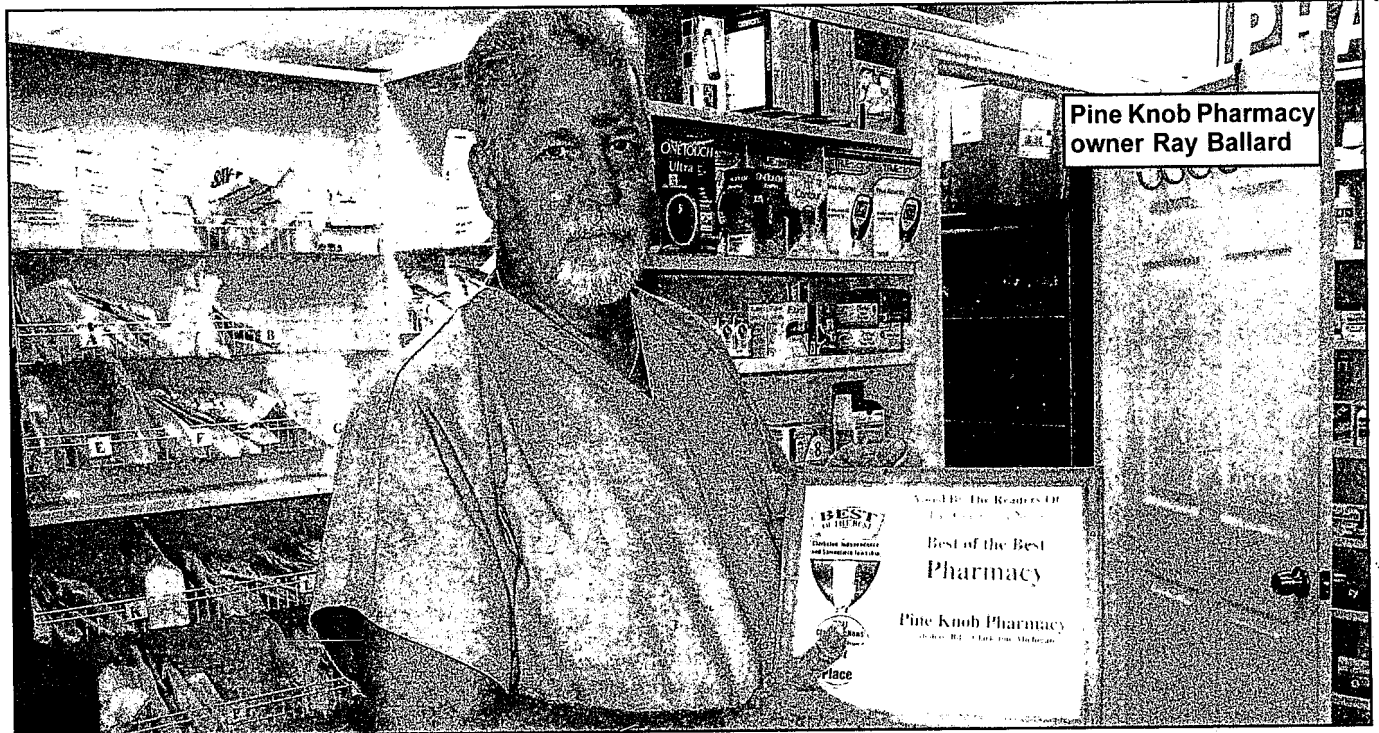
Ballard has been filling prescriptions in Clarkston for over 30 years and in business for 20 years. At one time, he had three locations in Clarkston.

"We have two now in Clarkston, one in Davisburg and one in Pontiac," Ballard said. "We've been an independent pharmacy, filling prescriptions for people that want a choice of an independent for a long time and have a nice following."

He noted they have a nice segment in the community, being located at the Clarkston Medical Group's building off Bowpoint Drive where they have personal contact with both doctor and patient.

"We know a little bit more about them than just filling their prescriptions," he said. "People who aren't forced to mail away have a pharmacy they can come to with the same crew that's been here for many years and know their needs, their problems, and we're going to take care of it for them."

Ballard's daughter Courtney Plas said



they also offer little extras for the customer.

"We try to offer special things," she said. "For people who can't get out, we do deliveries to those people."

They also offer drive-up windows for those who are handicap or have children in the car.

"We open earlier and close later than most

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Best Dance Studio: Spotlight Dance Center

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

"We thank the community and the students for their support," said Wendy Harris, owner and instructor.

Harris said their instructors "have spent many years in the dance field and love dance in all its forms."

"We are passionate about dance and it gives us great joy to pass that along to our students," she said.

Spotlight offers a wide range of classes and days and times as well as programs, both recreational and competitive.

"Dance teaches a variety of things, discipline, focus, coordination, artistry, strength, stamina," Harris said. "What they learn from discipline and focus tends to carry over into their school work and we find the majority of our kids are on honor roll, which we're so proud of."

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

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Best of the Best Eye Care: Allison Eye Care

Allison Eye Care earned Best of the Best Eye Care, its third in three years.

"We're just really grateful to all the patients who voted for us," said Dr. Allison M.B. Schulte, owner of Allison Eye Care.

"Without our staff, we wouldn't have earned it three years in a row – they play a big part," said Eric Schulte, administrator and Dr. Schulte's husband.

Another key is customer service.

"In a society where customer service is practically nonexistent, it is nice to know that there are still those who care enough to put in the extra time and effort to make sure their patients receive quality care," said Melissa, a patient, in a personal note to the office.

Dr. Schulte, certified doctor of optometry, spends lots of time with all her patients, answering questions and addressing all their needs.

"We live by the Golden Rule, do our best and treat others as we would like to be

Allison Eye Care staff, in back from left, Tina Parenti, Ryan Monahan, Maggie Atkinson, and Dr. Allison Schulte, and, seated from left, Amber Cooper and Eric Schulte.

treated," said Dr. Schulte.

"We see our patients in the community," said Eric Schulte, administrator and Dr. Schulte's husband. "We have a relationship with them, a long-term relationship."

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

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

Best of the Best Child Care Center: The Learning Experience

Music, science, fitness, math, reading, technology, art appreciation – sounds like a pretty busy day for an elementary school student. However, this is the schedule of a preschooler at The Learning Experience, Best of the Best child day care center that prides itself on its award-winning, cutting edge curriculum and professional, certified staff members.

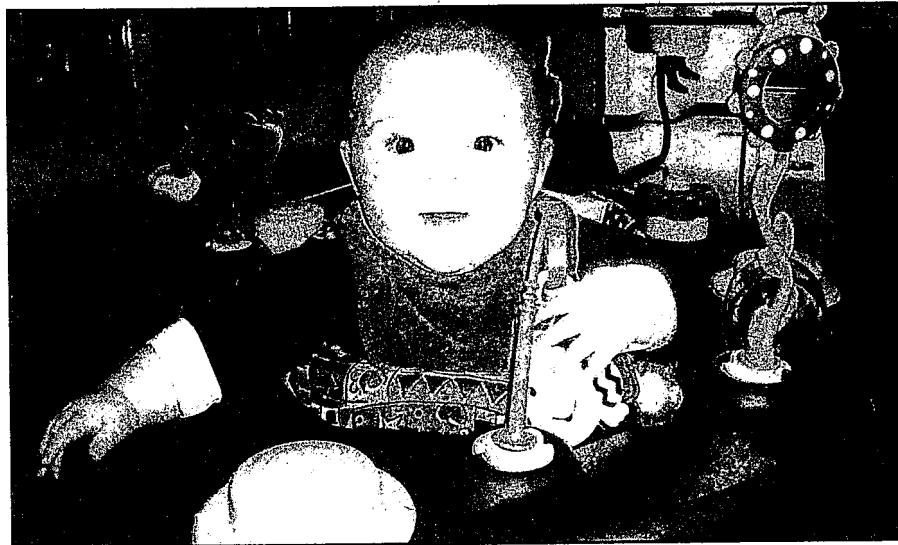
Children at The Learning Experience in Clarkston are exposed to a solid core curriculum. The day is structured to include many educational components as well as free time and fun activities. Older children have a curriculum workbook they use everyday and keep a journal. Most 4-year-olds at the center are reading, said owner Pam Rush.

“Our preschool is a very strong preschool,” she said.

In addition, children participate in enrichment programs such as Fun with Phonics, dance, art, sign language and more. A bonus that many parents appreciate is there are no fees for enrichment programs as the tuition is all-inclusive.

Families are invited to visit The Learning Experience from 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 10 and Aug. 18 during summer registration open houses. Tours of the facility and refreshments will be offered.

The Learning Experience serves children



ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Parents can learn about the programs available for children in all stages, including infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

“There are very limited openings for fall registration so don’t wait too long,” said Ms Pam.

Facilities at The Learning Experience are state-of-the-art. From the moment children and parents enter the building, they are greeted by a warm and caring atmosphere that is clean and conducive to learning.

Ms. Pam loves working with children and their families and makes sure her staff does too. Staff members have to have more than a degree and spotless qualifications – they must genuinely enjoy being around children and interacting with them.

“We are here to love other people’s children and keep them happy, safe and educated,” she said.

An indoor mini-village called Make Believe Boulevard encourages children to explore socio-dramatic play. Ms. Pam said it’s

one of the favorite rooms in the building. She said children absolutely adore dressing up and playing in the mock house, store, diner and fire department. The carpeted upper level allows for some free play and also has a slide that flows into a ball pit.

“At any given time, we’ll see kings, queens and princesses playing,” she said. “We have a lot of fun here.”

A team of professionals work together to coordinate the day’s activities for children. Everyone – from program and state certified teachers to paraprofessionals and on-site cook – have one goal: To build a strong foundation so each child can develop emotionally, socially and cognitively at his or her own pace.

Parents concerned about safety and security can rest easy knowing they’ve left their children in good hands. A security system requires that the doors remain locked all day with parents given a key to enter. Classrooms contain video monitoring systems so both center administrators and parents can check on classes regularly. In addition, all staff members undergo an extensive background check.

The Learning Experience is located at 7210 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. Visit www.thelearningexperience.com or call 248-625-5285.

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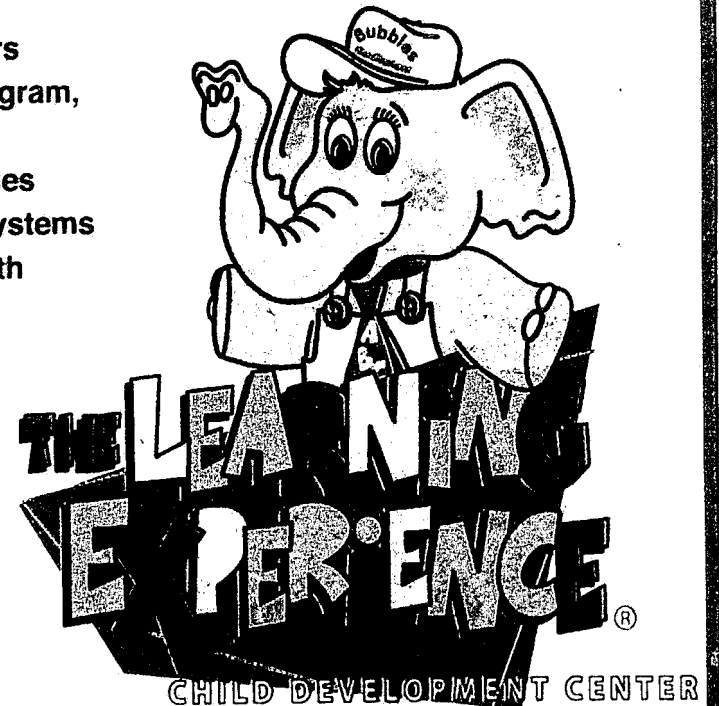
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Best dry cleaner: Champs Cleaners

When it comes to Best of the Best for dry cleaner, Champs Cleaners jumps to mind and has for the Clarkston community for four consecutive years.

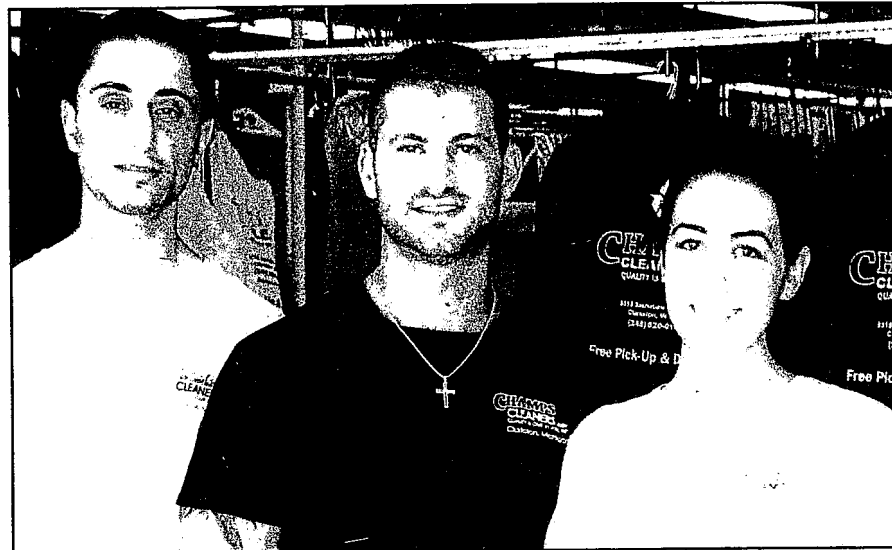
"As the owner and operator and with the team of Champs Cleaners, we would like to thank the community of Clarkston and surrounding areas for their support and commitment," said Jimmy Frejat.

"Without your loyalty and dedication we would never have been able to win this award for four consecutive years. We take every suggestion and recommendation made by the community to heart and will continue to improve our methods and services."

How many times have you or someone you know gone into a dry cleaner with a few shirts, and when you come to pick up your clothes, you receive less than what you dropped off?

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Our bar code system is the most accurate technology available. The bar code system allows us to tag each article you bring to Champs Cleaners so no matter what you drop off, it is what you will leave with - no more, no less. You will also be notified each time



Owner and operator Jimmy Frejat, center, with the Champs Cleaners staff.

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When we opened our doors in August 2005 we had a vision - to be the leading provider of dry cleaning services in the area.

We knew the only way to do that was by providing superior quality dry cleaning and top notch customer service.

Every day we strive to improve our opera-

tions, services, and most importantly, customer service. We make an effort to know each of our customers on a first name basis. We have staff that will carry your order to your car if needed. We pick-up and deliver to residential locations. We do not outsource any of your dry cleaning, and we do whatever it takes to accommodate our customers'

needs.

We have come a long way from a simple dry cleaner with minimal equipment to operating some of the most advanced and eco-friendly dry cleaning equipment available. Most of our staff has been with us for several years and their commitment and work ethic is unmatched.

Champs Cleaners has launched a Go Green initiative with all our customers. We are a small business but we are committed to doing our part.

Not only have we invested in equipment that is more eco-efficient but we have been making an effort to transition from our plastic bag covers.

We have made an investment in thousands of Green Bags we are using with several individual customers and local companies. The Green Bag acts as dry cleaning cover and laundry bag. Each time you come in, you swap your dirty laundry bag for a fresh dry cleaning cover that has all your cleaned and pressed clothes ready to go.

"We look forward to serving the community for many years to come," said Frejat.

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Fred Maitrott is the owner of Repair Plumbing Co.

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Key to his success is availability – he

provides emergency service evenings, weekends, and even on holidays.

"I always answer my phone – that's most important in the emergency service business," he said. "We know plumbing problems can happen at any time."

He moved to the Clarkston area to raise a family, with his wife, Debra, and their two children, Michael and Kiley.

"This is a great area to bring kids up in," Fred said.

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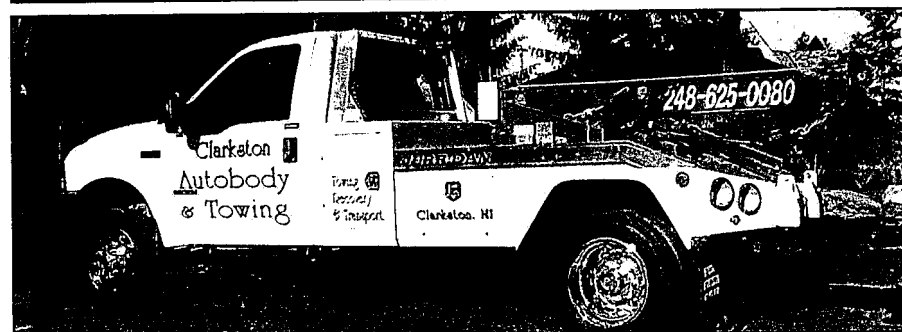


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Best Body Shop: Clarkston Auto Body and Towing

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

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

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

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

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

"One of the biggest things right now is a lot of insurance companies want to do inferior repairs with cheap parts, generic parts," said Verhey. "If there is a problem we stop and call the customer and tell them 'we're calling your insurance company we can't fix your car properly because the insurance company has written this with generic parts.'"

Verhey said they have also expanded their business to an over-the-road transport company called Assured Carries that uses full size flatbed semis.

"We have trucks running nonstop around the country doing mostly specialty hauling," he said. "That's a big thing."

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

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

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

Best Orthodontist: Munk & Associates

Munk & Associates Orthodontics PLLC is extremely honored and proud to have once again been voted "Best Orthodontist." This is our fifth year in a row of winning this award!

To continue to obtain that vote of confidence from the community is truly rewarding to our entire team. A huge "Thank You" to everyone that has supported our practice through the years!

We will continue to make it our mission to improve and enhance people's lives through orthodontics. Always providing exceptional, caring service in a fun, family-friendly environment is our goal.

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Dr. Charles W. Munk and Dr. Charles F. Munk of Munk & Associates.

nity is also very important to our team.

We enjoy participating in programs like SCAMP, Parks & Recreation activities and Lighthouse. We are also proud to be part of the Clarkston Health Care Professionals college scholarship program.

We encourage everyone to visit our website at www.munkorthodontics.com for additional information about our office and all the services we provide.

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Best Cleaning Company: Clarkston Cleaners

What is the secret to a clean and healthy home? Dawn Raffler will tell you it's Clarkston Cleaning Services.

After being in business for 10 years and with over 200 clients throughout Clarkston, Waterford, Davisburg, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, Oxford and Lake Orion, business is going well, despite the economy.

"We are excited to announce our newest areas of service West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Commerce Township," she said.

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

"With three people cleaning we're able to get in and out of your house quicker without having to stay all day," she said. "We also have two employees that go to your home to make sure we are performing a high quality clean."

Clarkston Cleaning Services offers free estimates and a satisfaction guarantee, and Dawn prides herself on exceeding the



The staff that keeps your house clean.

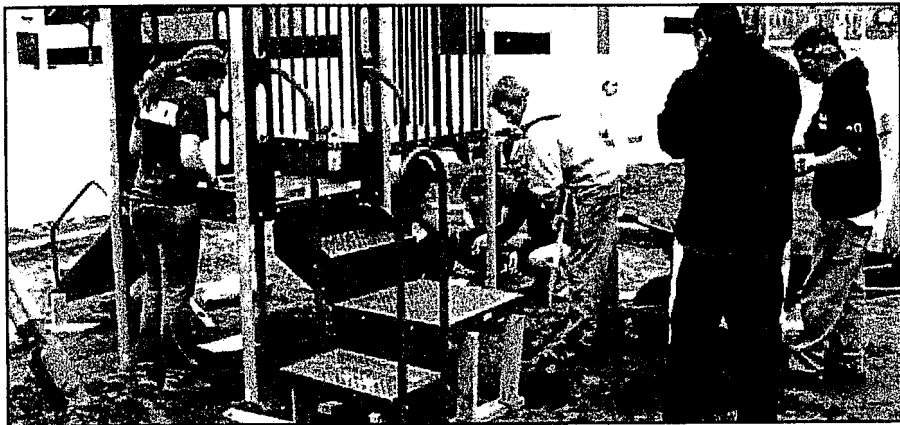
services offered by her competitors.

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

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

As far as being voted best of the best, Dawn said "I'm very proud of my team and they are excited to win, thank you for voting us the best of the best."

For more information, email Dawn at ClarkCleanServ@comcast.net or checkout clarkstoncleaning.com, or call 248-620-9410.



Clarkston United Methodist Church mission volunteers construct a playground.

Best Place to Worship: Clarkston United Methodist Church

Clarkston United Methodist Church earned Best of the Best Place to Worship with its commitment to community.

"The best place to worship is subjective, but we're very grateful – we welcome everyone to come worship with us," said the Rev. Rick Dake, senior pastor.

"It's an honor to be thought of that way by the community," said the Rev. Amy Mayo-Moyle, pastor.

For Clarkston United Methodist, Sunday worship is just the beginning.

"We integrate worship into daily life," Dake said. "We're proud of what we do here."

Their mission is to connect people to people, as well as people to God. Their mis-

sion work takes church members out into the community locally as well as all over the world.

"In our mission trip to Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac this summer, we had 250 people helping 25,000," said the Rev. Christine Wyatt, deacon.

Clarkston United Methodist Church celebrates its 50th anniversary at 6600 Waldon Road with special guests and activities throughout the year.

The church was founded in 1841, originally located at the corner of Buffalo and Church streets. For more information on church worship and missions, check www.clarkstonumc.org call 248-625-1611.

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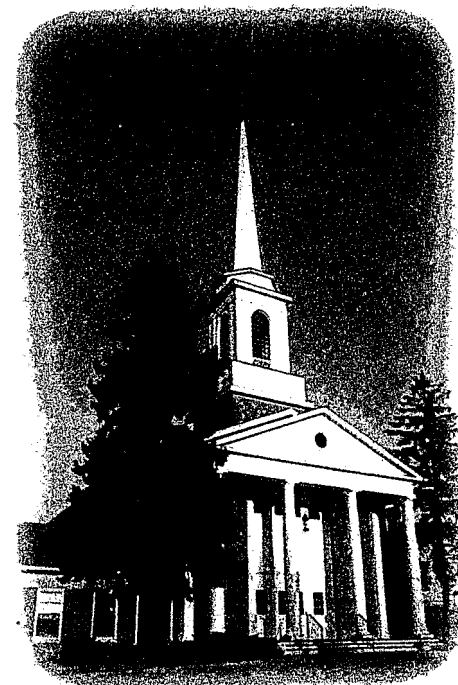
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The staff of Guido's Pizza on Sashabaw Road.

Best Pizza: Guido's Pizza

Being voted Best of the Best is something workers at Guido's pizza have strived for and will continue to strive for, according to Del Yeoman, owner of Guido's Pizza off Sashabaw.

"Our customer base is expanding every year," Yeoman said. "We appreciate everyone that voted us number one."

Whether it is pizza, breadsticks, salads or

pasta, Guido's has plenty to choose from on their menu.

"With the addition of boneless wings and thin crust pizzas, we've expanded our menu and we want to continue to strive to keep it exciting," Yeoman said. "Customer service will always be number one."

Guido's is located at 5960 Sashabaw Road. Call 248-620-9999.

Best Photographer: Winship Studios

Winship Studio would like to express our most sincere thanks to you, our customers, friends, neighbors, and fellow local businesses, all whom we consider "our family."

We are honored to be voted #1 again this year. Your unsurpassed support through the years is greatly appreciated. Together, we have shared four decades of changes. We have gone from small town Clarkston of yesteryear (with one traffic light), to watching it blossom into the city it is today. All the while holding on to the everlasting small hometown "feel."

Winship Studio is a family-owned business that has stood the test of time. Our business has been rooted in Clarkston since 1969.

We appreciate all the memories you have chosen to share with us, from your child's first Santa visit, first day of school, first communion, prom, senior pictures, to their wedding day. We have watched so many of you grow from small children to parents with small children. We do not take that for

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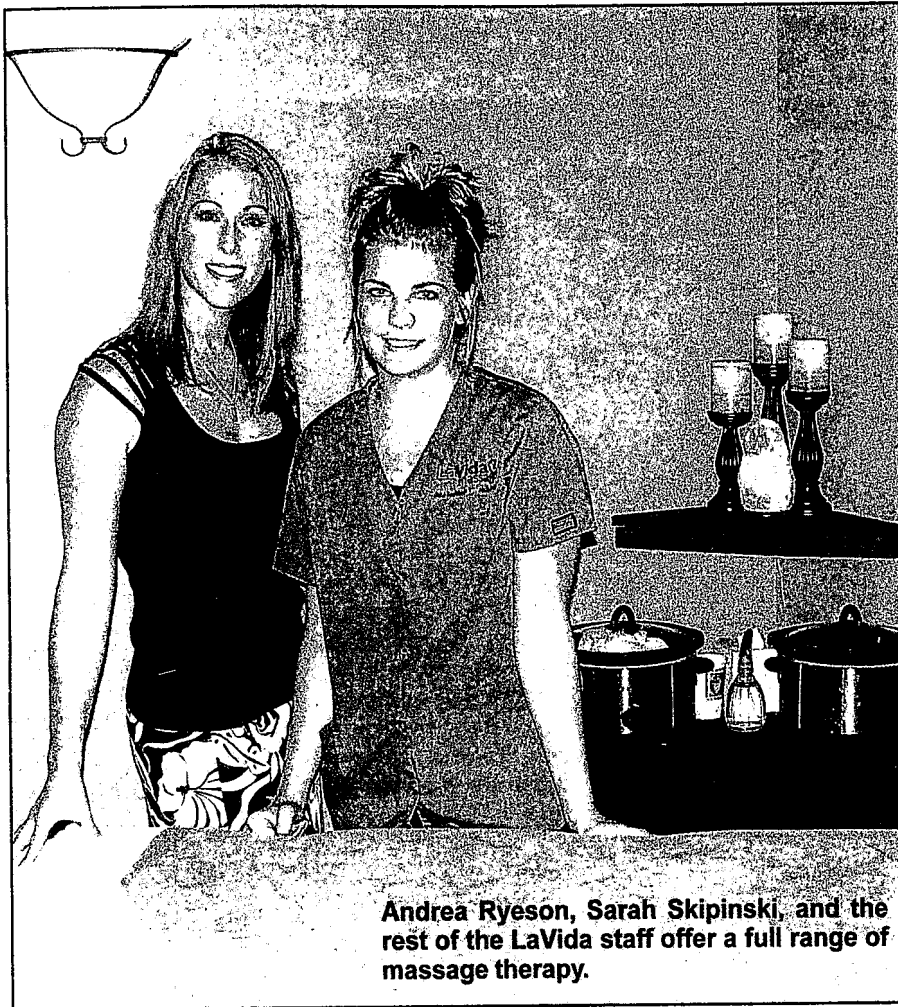
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Andrea Ryeson, Sarah Skipinski, and the rest of the LaVida staff offer a full range of massage therapy.



Andrea Ryeson is the owner of Clarkston's LaVida Massage.

Best Massage: LaVida Massage

LaVida Massage in Clarkston has been open for two years, and earned Best of the Best Massage honors for both of them.

"We're very flattered to be well thought of by our clients," said Andrea Ryeson, owner.

With a staff of highly qualified therapists and gender neutral, warm, and serene atmosphere, Ryeson said they offer customers just what they need to manage stress and pain, or just relax.

"We really care about our clients," she

said. "It's not just about business here."

They offer many different modalities including Galvatic Spa, pre-natal, sports, deep tissue, therapeutic, relaxation, hot stone, aroma therapy, reflexology, cranial sacral, Reiki, and facial and waxing services, all at reasonable rates. They are open seven days a week.

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Congratulations to the following businesses who were voted 2nd place in our "Best of the Best" contest!



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Best of the Best Physician Practice: Clarkston Medical Group

Once again, everyone here at the Clarkston Medical Group is humbled and honored to be chosen as the Best Physician Practice for the fifth year in a row.

As we celebrate our 50th year serving this community, we are reminded every day of the relationships that we have developed with our patients.

In many cases, we have served several generations of the same family. It is gratifying to know that our team's effort and care are appreciated by the community.

When we moved to our new facility two years ago, we wanted to make sure that we provided primary care, state of the art imaging and urgent care all in one place so that we could continue to provide the best care to our patients.

Over the last 50 years our practice has evolved and grown as we have met the challenges of technology advancement, insurance transformation and economic uncertainty.

It would not have been possible without our talented team of physicians and staff as well as the trust of the public.

You have our sincere thanks and appreciation.

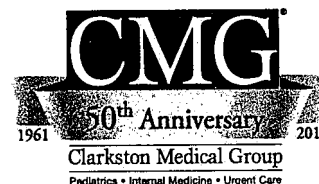


Dr. Timothy O'Neill The doctors and staff of Clarkston Medical Group.

From all of us to all of you

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Christina Calka is proud to be Best of Best.

Best Boutique: Village Fashion Boutique

Christina Calka said she was honored and surprised when she found out her store Village Fashion Boutique won Best of the Best, considering she hasn't even been open a year yet.

"As a new business person you always wonder if your customers like what you're doing or not," Calka said. "It's a great feeling that everybody appreciates what I am doing and is supporting me to make sure the small boutiques and specialty stores stay in

downtown Clarkston and other ones can come in."

She said they are currently in the middle of switching from summer to fall clothing.

"We're having a sale for customer appreciation because of the Best of the Best award, as well as purses and jewelry, excluding Brighton," she said.

Village Fashion Boutique is located at 6 N. Main Street. For more information, call 248-241-6901

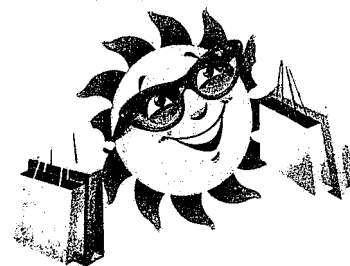


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2nd Place



Connie Hoffman
\$50 to Guido's

3rd Place



Amy Costello
\$25 to Clarkston
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Best Dealership: Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

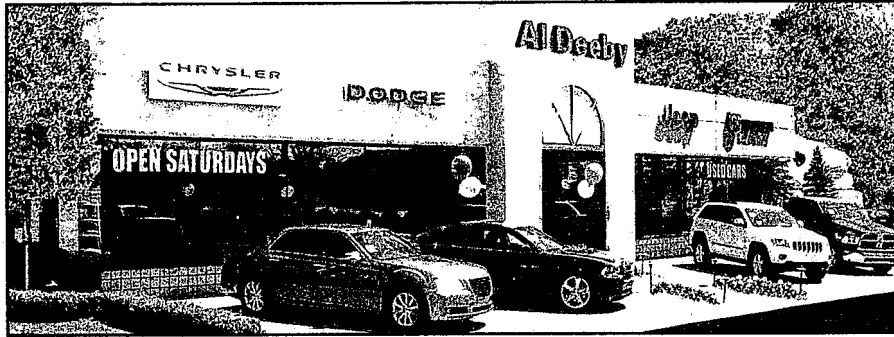
Family-friendly customer service and dedication to Clarkston is why the community named Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram "Best of the Best - Auto Dealer."

When owner Al Deeby asked how it felt to be chosen "Best of the Best" in the *Clarkston News* voting, he humbly answered, "myself and the entire team are extremely honored to be selected as the Best Dealer. We greatly value and treasure the community's trust, their business, and their friendship. We pledge to always take care of our valued community."

What Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram provides area residents is more than simple oil changes and great car deals. The community oriented dealership made Clarkston its home.

"We're your hometown dealer" General Manager Jim White said. "Because of that, our loyalty and hard work have earned this dealership the trust and respect of the community. We will continue to do so during these hard economic times. We strive to provide our customers with the same high quality in both sales and service with affordable prices, they have come to know."

A true leader in the community, Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram supports several area organizations, Clarkston SCAMP (a five week summer camp for children and young



Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram won Best of the Best Dealership.

adults with special needs), Taste of Clarkston, Angels' Place Race, The Holiday Lights parade, Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Golf outing, as well as many other events in the area.

"We're here to support our community, we're here for the long haul," Deeby said.

Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram's dedication shines through every inch of the 27,000-square-foot family friendly showroom and service center.

After dropping off a vehicle for the highest quality care, customers can relax in the service center's spacious lounge, featuring a plasma television, wireless internet access, complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar. Customers can even borrow a laptop or iPad

to use during their visit.

For the little ones, Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram's family-oriented waiting area offers a play zone just for them. The youngest visitors can enjoy their own plasma television, plenty of toys and complimentary snacks and beverages.

"Our mission is to meet or exceed everyone's expectations," said Deeby. "That's just the way we do business. It's not magic. We just treat people the way we would want to be treated ourselves."

This philosophy goes all the way back to December 2000 when Alphonse J Deeby III purchased then Garrity Dodge in Hamtramck and renamed it in honor of his father who had worked there for over 40 years.

"It all really goes back to my dad, Al Deeby

Sr.," said Deeby. "You couldn't help but learn the right way to do things and how to take care of people and were real passionate about it. That Hometown Dealer slogan, it means everything to us. We want to be the store where people just stop by to have a cup of coffee and say hello. When they're ready to make a buying decision or need service, they know we're here for them."

The dealership is also increasing its selection of pre-owned vehicles.

"Not everyone wants a new vehicle, some people prefer a pre-owned vehicle and there are some tremendous deals out there," White said.

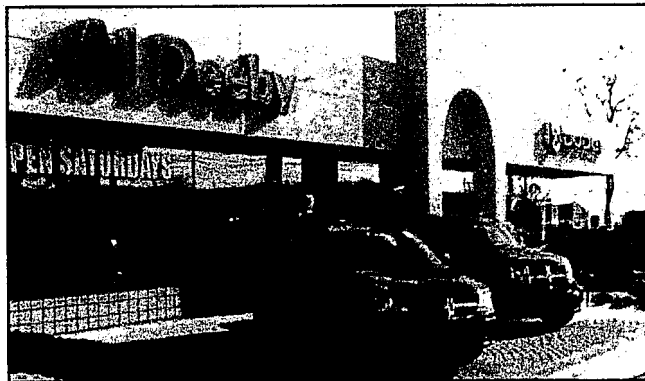
Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram passes all of its pre-owned inventory through a 125 point inspection. Customers can even purchase their new or pre-owned SUV, car, truck or mini-van online at www.aldeeby.com.

Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram is located at 8700 Dixie Hwy in Springfield Township. Showroom hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Service Center Hours are 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Monday; 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

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