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**Classifieds and more!**

## Kicking off the season

Alex Barta, playing in honor of Dorothy Junga, kicks a field goal for the Blue Team at Football for a Cure last Sunday. Please see page 8A for more pictures from the Clarkston Varsity Football scrimmage. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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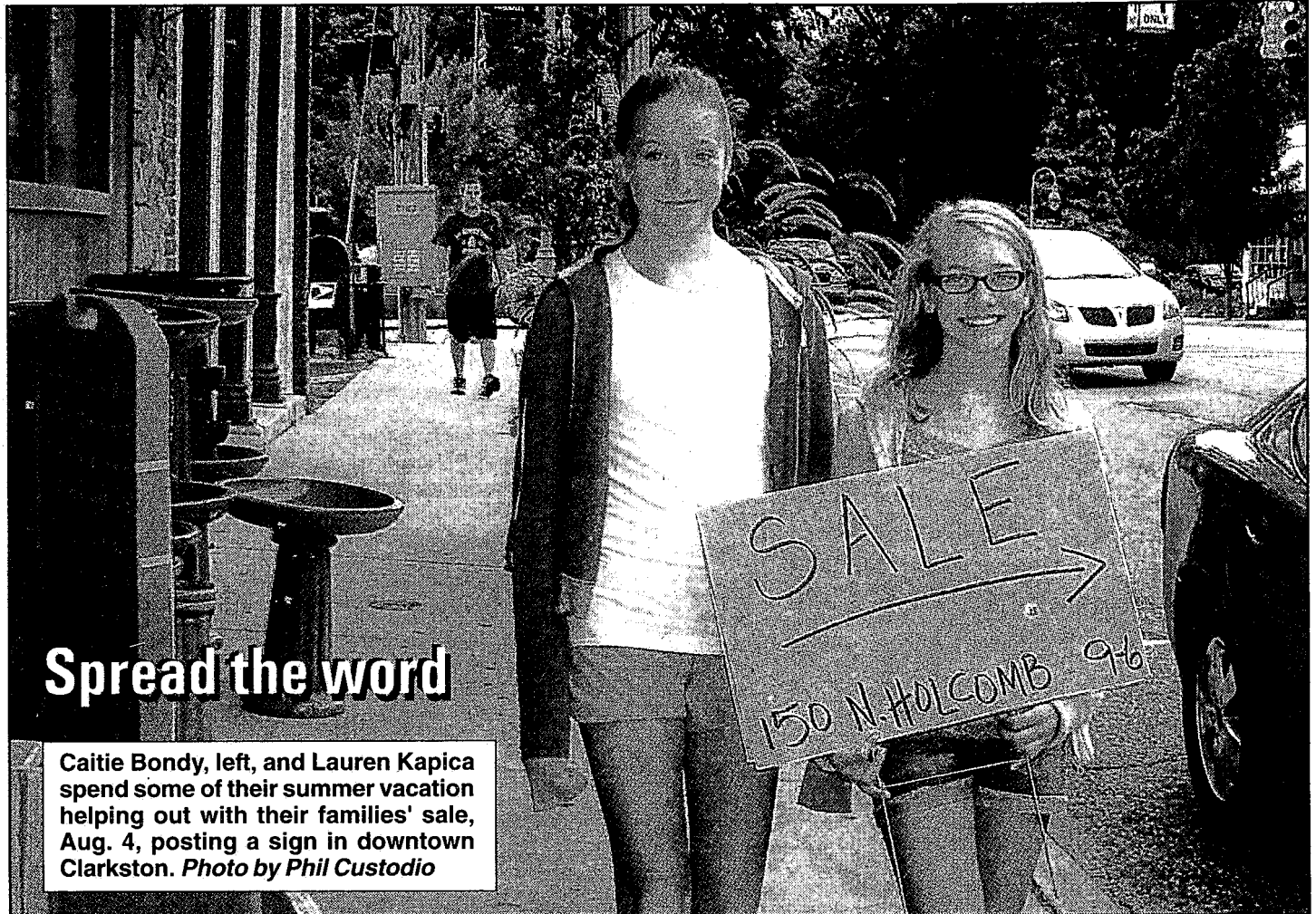
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Caitie Bondy, left, and Lauren Kapica spend some of their summer vacation helping out with their families' sale, Aug. 4, posting a sign in downtown Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Sweet corn												
Tomatoes												
Watermelon												
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Clarkston Farmers' Market offers a full-color harvest calendar, designed by local artist Zachary Meyer. The market is Saturdays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., next to Depot Park. Call 248-821-4769.

## Springfield harvest at market

The Springfield Farmers' Market is open for business, Sundays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Shiawassee Nature Preserve, 12000 Davisburg Road.

is Here Festival, with free workshops and information as well as activities and bouncehouse for the kids.

For more information, call Laura Haselhuhn, market manager, at 248-249-1592.



From right, Mary Louise and Chet Susalla buy some produce from Kim Ruggles of Locust Breeze Farms. Photos by Phil Custodio

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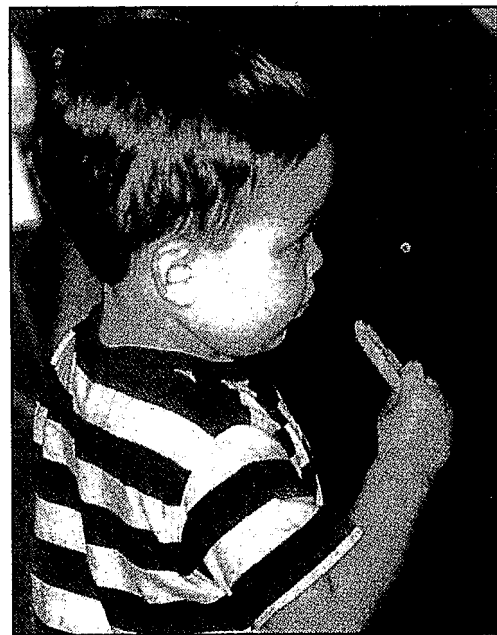
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The Depot Park crowd listens to Third Rock.



Reed Belmonte holds up a lighter in true rock concert fashion.



Weston Balczak enjoys a cookie during the concert.

## Third Rock in the park

Both new and old rock and roll hits could be heard from Depot Park Friday night as Third Rock, youth band from Clarkston Junior High, played a charity concert for Lend a Helping Hand.

The event also included a 50/50 raffle. All money raised went to help Susan Memhard, who has breast cancer for the third time, and Mark Roby, with a rare form of liver cancer.

For more information, check out [lendahelpinghand.org](http://lendahelpinghand.org).

*Photo story by Trevor Keiser*



Drew Biggs, at right, looks on as his brother Mitch gets down on the bass.



Third Rock band members Mitch Biggs on bass, singer Drew Biggs, Sam Mead and Aaron Roberts on guitar, Keith Auchterlonie, keyboard, and Tommy Hickey playing the drums perform at Depot Park.

## Showcase house for SCAMP

Transformation of the 12-room Addis-Walter House, 44 East Washington in downtown Clarkston, will be unveiled Sept. 23. The 2011 Designer Showcase House Opening Night Benefit, 7-11 p.m., includes a strolling gourmet dinner, silent auction, and a chance to meet each designer.

The home will then be open to tour from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on weekends through Oct. 2. The designer showcase benefits Clarkston SCAMP, a five-week summer camp for special needs children and adults. The entire home, including decks and porches, will be re-decorated for the project.

Participating design companies include Bytner Design, d'Avignon Interiors, Front Door Designs, The Parsonage, Plum Hollow Design Studio, Clarkston Flower Shoppe, Sue Thompson Interiors & Antiques, Lauren Brasile Interiors, KH Home, Donna Miles Interiors, Clever Closets and student teams from Wayne State University and Baker College.

Each designer will incorporate an ecologically friendly element into their design.

Tickets for Opening Night are \$85. General admission tour tickets are \$10, valid Sept. 24-Oct. 2. All tickets are available to purchase at many Clarkston businesses and through Clarkston SCAMP.

Since January, plans had been in the works to remodel a late Victorian Clarkston home and open it to the public as a benefit for SCAMP. Then in mid-July, the owner of the home to be renovated had to pull out of the project for personal reasons. Finding another home wasn't easy since owners had to move out immediately so designers could get to work, said Anne Mancour, Designer Showcase House Benefit chair.

For more information call 248-623-8089 or visit [www.clarkstonscamp.com](http://www.clarkstonscamp.com).



Designers and volunteers take a lemonade break on the steps of the 2011 Designer Showcase House to benefit Clarkston SCAMP, in front, Kevin Harrison of KH Home and design project chair, Donna Clancy, executive director of Clarkston SCAMP, Anne Mancour, benefit chair; second row, Sandy White of KH Home, Suzie Bennett of Plum Hollow Design Studio, Mary Smith from Wayne State University; third row, Janet Carlin of Plum Hollow Design Studio, Karyn Anderson of Clarkston SCAMP; fourth row, Greg Parsons of Clever Closets Inc., Gail Winship of Winship Studios, Jan Lawrance of Design by Jan, volunteers Diane and Henry Woloson of Security Financial Management, and Kathleen Ameel. Photo provided by Winship Studios

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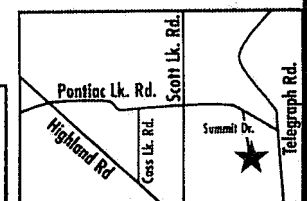
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From left, Nick Lee, Matt Pasco, and Ryan Hopper try to stay afloat.



Team 7, the "Salty Barnacles," includes from left, Camron Razdar, John Havel, Mitchell St. Amour, behind John, and Regan Havens.



Jessica Vedrody of Team 3 starts to bail as the vessel started taking on water, as Keaton Mantz pauses in disbelief.

## RUSH race

Team Rush put their engineering skills to the test with their handbuilt cardboard boats, at RUSH Regatta last Saturday at Deer Lake.

Sink or swim, they learned lessons for next time and raised money for the upcoming robotics season.

*Photos by Wendi Reardon*



Team 1, "Army of Noah," hits the water, with team members Amanda McKean, Eric Schults, RUSH alum Mike McKean, and Rachael Havens.



Rachael Havens, left, and Amanda McKean, right, look up at Amanda's brother, Dan, as he helps carry the boat through the parade.



Team 4, the "Wicked Fast Watercraft Winner," from left, Michael Ray, Brett Opel, Jennifer Ray and Mitchell Petrimoulx, had outriggers on their boat.

## Summer splash for robotics team

The final two boat teams of the RUSH Regatta waded into the water waiting for the start of the race – Team 4, fastest so far, and Salty Barnacles, which won each on its races.

Paddlers dug into Deer Lake and the race was on. Salty Barnacles moved into the lead as Team 4 got caught in one of the flags at the starting line.

But Team 4 quickly moved ahead and caught up to Salty Barnacles and passed them. They kept the lead and finished as the

winner of the race in 2:30.

Team 4 also took the prize for Wicked Fast Watercraft, while Salty Barnacles walked away with the Seaworthy Sailors award for engineering.

Prizes also included Cash Crusaders Award, going to Team 2 for raising over \$9,000, and Enterprising Mariner Entrepreneur award to the Army of Noah.

Team 2 won the RUSH Regatta for scoring a total of 38 points during the event.



Team 5, "Speed Racer," from left, Josh Kuruvilla, Harry Richards, and Alex Richards, paddle for the finish. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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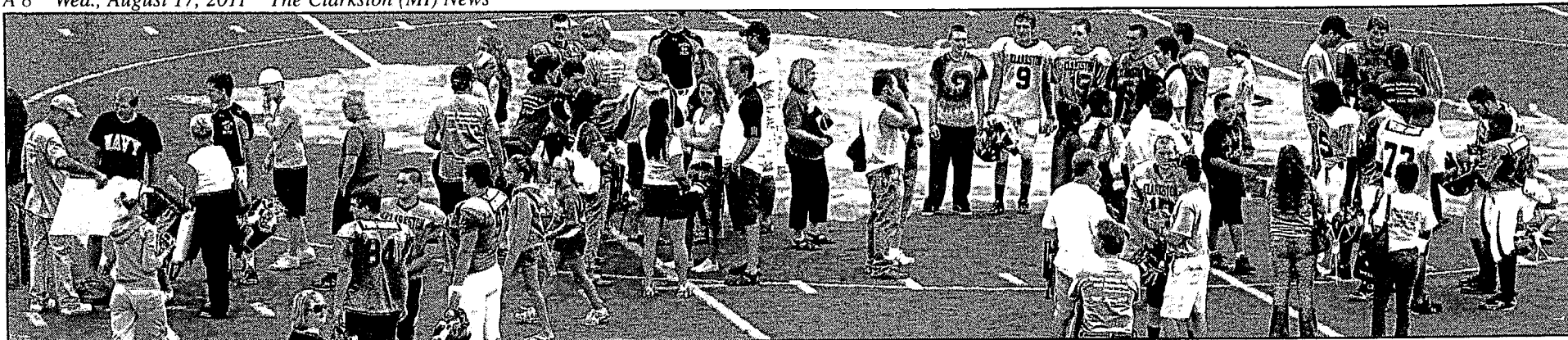
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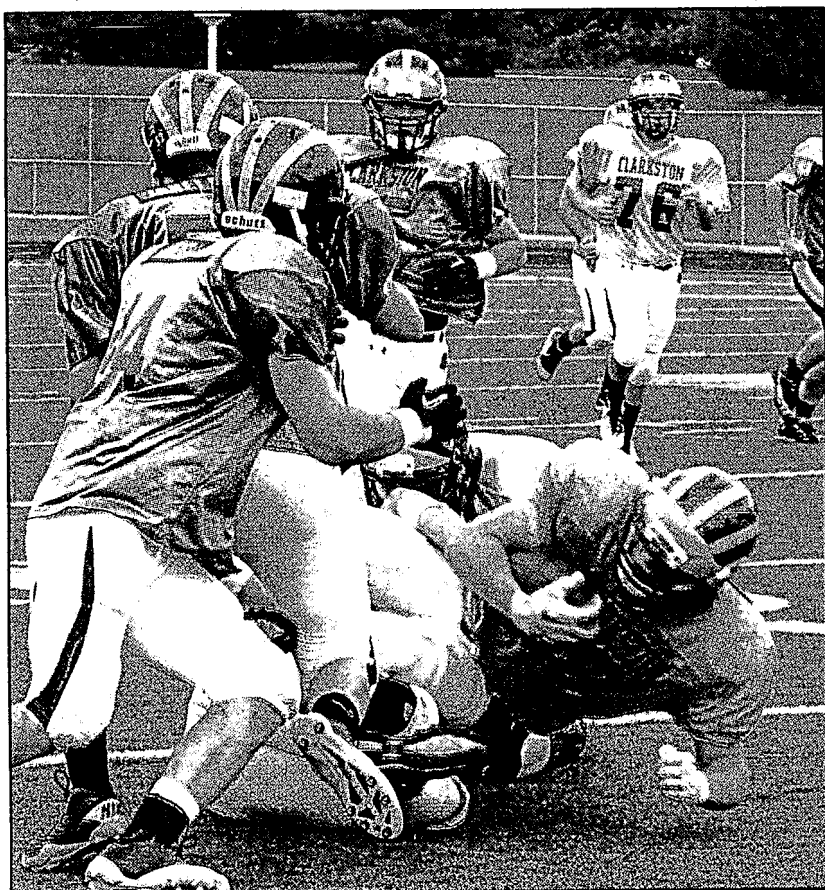


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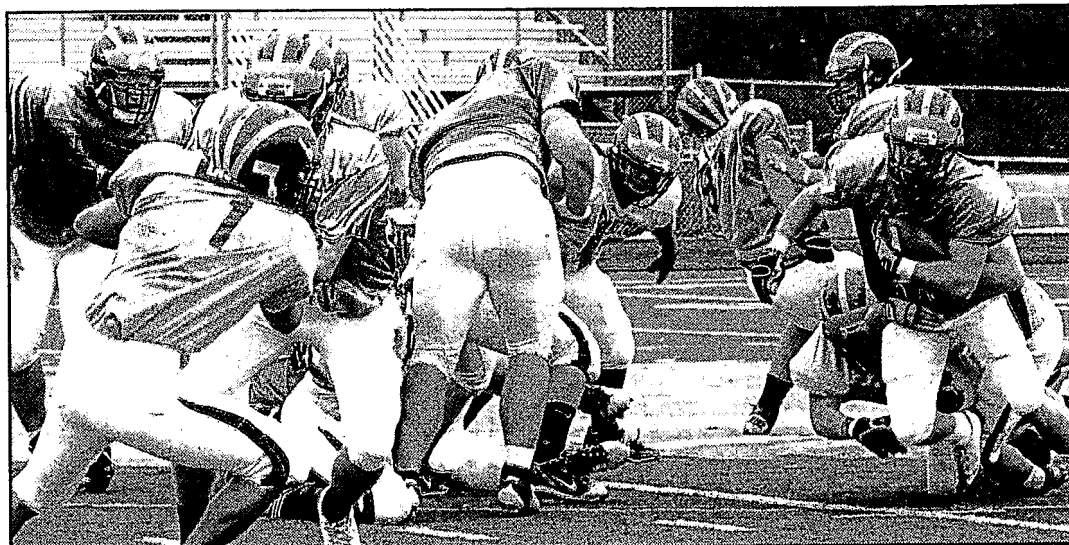
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Family and friends gather on the field to greet players and remember those they played for.



Pink player Adam Johns, playing for his aunt Lisa Sheehan, struggles for another yard.



The Blue Team breaks a tackle.

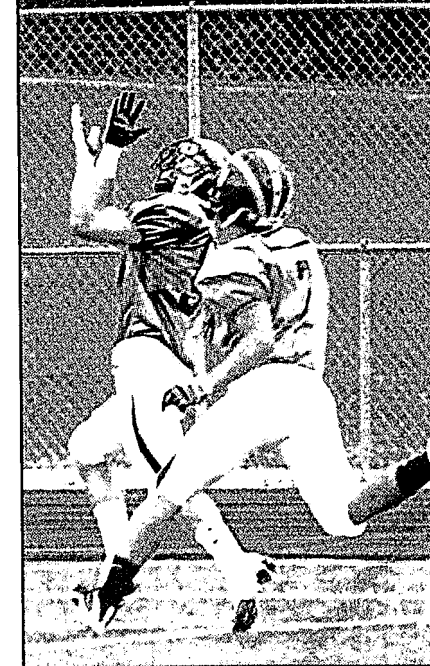
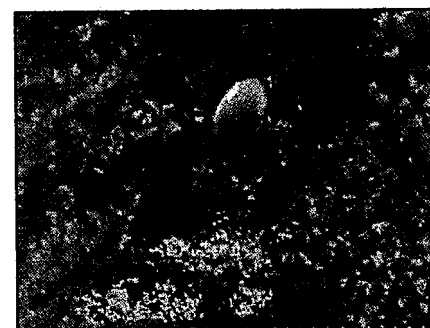
## Gaining ground on cancer

Clarkston varsity hit the gridiron in uniform – pink and blue – at the third annual Football for a Cure.

After a Saturday rain out, the football scrimmage went forward Sunday afternoon. The blue team won, 14-7.

All proceeds from the game go to McLaren Breast Cancer and the Great Lakes Cancer Institute, both in Independence Township.

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



Pink player Alex Dicea runs to block a pass.



Head coach Kurt Richardson gives some pointers to Jordan Stover, playing for Colleen Hart.



The Pink defensive line takes down Blue.



# More Clarkston News

## Life of music, ministry for teacher

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

When Barbara Nolin moved to Clarkston, she had one goal in mind.

"My daughter lives here, Nan, and I wanted my grandchildren to know me," said Nolin, 86. "I've lived here 15 years – mission accomplished."

Along the way, the lifelong teacher taught many Clarkston youth as a substitute teacher throughout the district.

"I taught everything and anything," she said. "Clarkston students are wonderful, amazing. I like people, and children are little people. I like to learn from what they say."

Twelve years ago as a substitute teacher assigned to an in-school suspension class, she recited for the students some of the inspirational poems she wrote.

"They called it a rap – they would say, 'Mrs. Nolin, do the rap,'" she said.

They have been a hit ever since, and she was invited to Clarkston High School teacher Ryan Eisele's Slam Poetry last May.

"They said, 'Mrs. Nolin, do the rap.' I did four of them," she said. "They burst into applause and they all got on their feet. It was very dramatic, a good way to end my teaching here."

She is moving back to Indiana, where she is from. There, she'll be near two sons, three grandsons, and two great granddaughters.

Reflecting on her life, she is amazed at the turns it took.

She studied at Ohio State University, Wheaton College, and New York Theological Seminary, earning her Masters of Religious Education degree in 1948, and was ordained a United Methodist Church minister.

"Women didn't do that in those years," Nolin said. "My mother worked to put me through school."

She ministered in Indiana, then got married and moved with her husband to New Jersey in 1954.

She spent 10 years at home raising their two boys, Mark and Tim, and two girls, Beth and Nan.

"Those are the foundation years when you can make a difference in a person's life," she said.

She was a teacher, first as a pastor's wife then continuing after their divorce in 1972.

Moving back to Indiana, she taught music, taking school choirs to first place in district and state competitions, and was also choir director for a Baptist church for 12 years.



Barbara Nolin, wearing a sweater printed with covered bridges of Mansfield, Ind., where the longtime Clarkston teacher is moving. Photo by Phil Custodio

In the 1980s, she decided to reclaim her ministry in the United Methodist Church, taking classes at a seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

She worked as a school counselor in Richmond, Ind., serving as an advocate for pregnant teens.

When she moved to Clarkston in 1996, she heard the district needed substitute teachers and signed up.

"There's a fine line between church and state – I never preached to kids as a substitute," she said.

She used her experience with music, though, to teach a whole generation of Clarkston students.

"You can teach anything when you teach music," she said. "At Clarkston Junior High School, I would see kids I taught in grade school. Then at Clarkston High School, I'd see them again."

She also volunteered with Michigan Peace Team as a writer.

"We've had too many wars – it bothers me that we've not learned a thing," she said.

She also has a new writing project – Biblical genealogy, tracking family trees back to Adam.

"There are stories in those names," she said. "I expect to publish it. I'm not finished yet."

## Lawyers offer free help on city budget

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's getting professional help to put together a three-year budget, and it's free.

"It's not totally unusual for us to do one or two pro bonos a year," said Michael Boudreau of O'Keef & Associates Consulting, based in Bloomfield Hills. "The other reason is we recently formed our public services group and quite frankly we're looking to get it on our own internal resume."

The public service group provides O'Keef & Associates corporate finance services to municipalities and school districts. With the 2012 budget already set for a vote by city council, OAC will help budget for 2013 and 2014, as well as find financing solutions for capital equipment. Boudreau said the city would receive about \$30,000-\$40,000 worth of work.

"I have no doubt you'll be happy with our service," he said. "That's what we do seven days a week."

Councilman Richard Bisio said at the Aug. 8 meeting he respects OAC, having worked with them as an attorney. Bisio asked if OAC could look at the current 2012 budget because he has concerns.

"What we have done in the past is carry everything forward to the next year with a few additions and changes here and there," he said.

Boudreau said they can.

"If we see a better way of improving the process, we're certainly going to recommend that," he said. "We want to add value, we want to help."

Councilman James Brueck, on the city finance committee for four years, said he also wants a better way of budgeting.

Boudreau is a "big believer the numbers themselves should be quick and easy to read."

"That doesn't mean detail behind it shouldn't be a little more complex, but readers should be able to understand A plus B equals C pretty quickly and understand what components are going into it," he said.

City Manager Dennis Ritter said OAC will be "very helpful."

"We're looking forward to their assistance and having a new fresh set of eyes on how we are running this operation," Ritter said. "In today's economy their review and recommendations are going to be very welcome."

Faded Ink



From left, Laura Hartley, Katherine Grant, and Heather Kovarik set up at 5 S. Main Street in Clarkston to offer samples of their Easy Peasy BBQ, made in Michigan, Photos by Phil Custodio



Leslie Cirinesi explains her Advanced Energy Therapy business at the Made in Michigan event in downtown Clarkston.

## Michigan-made sale

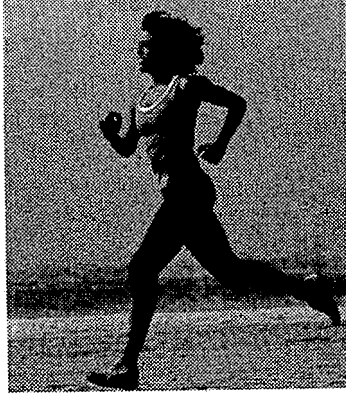
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### Grant for Springfield

Faced with the loss of a \$2,000 state grant for trees, Springfield Township Board came up with a new plan.

The Department of Natural Resources grant was originally intended for Dixie Highway and I-75. However, getting state and county permits would have pushed the project to next year. The township would have had to reapply for the grant.

Instead, the township will plant the trees along the driveway to its Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road.

"I'd hate to see us lose out on a grant," said Supervisor Collin Walls. "Planting trees on the Shiawassee Basin property is a good option."

The township board voted 7-0, Aug. 4, to change the project location. The township will match the grant up to \$2,000, which includes volunteer labor and other in-kind contributions.

### Main Street safety

Clarkston Mayor Joe Luginiski is setting up a subcommittee to look at ways to slow traffic on Main Street, such as cross-walk stripes, solid white lines to narrow main street, and posting electronic "your speed is" signs in downtown.

But after talking with Steve Stramsak of Michigan Department of Transportation, City Council decided against a speed study.

According to Stramsak, if the average speed was higher than the posted 30 miles per hour, according to MDOT's 85 percentile rule, the state could increase the speed limit.

"Just because a driver feels comfortable going 40 miles per hour doesn't mean it's right," Luginiski said. "That (the 85 percent rule) makes no sense other than it's written on a piece of paper. We're talking about a residential area."

### Founders family picnic

The 125th Davis-Losee-Erwin Cousins Annual Picnic is Sunday, Aug. 21, at Springfield Oaks County Park.

Descendants of Davisburg founders Cornelius Davis and Isaac Losee, and early settlers, the Erwins, have organized a picnic in Davisburg every year in August since 1886. Events include opening a time capsule buried at the 100th annual picnic on the James Harvey Davis Historic House property, tours of the J. H. Davis Historic House on Andersonville Road and Schultz Harness Shop museum on Broadway in downtown Davisburg.

Contact Judson S. Davis, president, at 810-653-4982 or judmarge@charter.net.



## Dog days in the park

Dan Sherman and his dog Hailey take a break in their walk to enjoy last Friday's concert in Depot Park. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Backpack food program at Andersonville

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Many children don't get enough nutritious food, even in Clarkston. For students at Andersonville Elementary this fall, Blessings in a Backpack is there to help.

The national program is for students receiving free or reduced lunches during the week at school. They get backpack filled with food on Friday, enough for six meals that weekend. The program costs \$100 per child.

"When I found out 20 percent of Clarkston Community Schools students were on free or reduced lunch, it touched me and I wanted to do something," said Rose Moshier, Blessings in a Backpack Committee chairman.

She read about the program in a magazine while sitting in a doctor's office waiting room. She learned 60 percent of children in the United States live below the poverty line, even a percentage in Clarkston.

For the past two years she worked to bring the program to Clarkston, working with Bruce Martin, Andersonville Elementary principal, and Dr. Rod Rock, superintendent.

"Hunger is a huge issue that affects learning," said Rock. "Although schools provide

nutritious meals during the day, too many of our students do not have access to nutritious meals on weekends and evenings. Blessings in a Backpack will bridge this gap for some students."

The committee plans fund raisers in the next few months, with a goal of \$24,000 to cover the first two years.

The first is Aug. 27 at JD's Key Club in Pontiac. Tickets are \$10 each, four for \$20. Doors open at 8 p.m. and dueling pianos begin at 9 p.m.

Activities include silent auction and raffle for a Comerica Park luxury suite. Received from an anonymous donor, the suite is reserved for the Detroit Tigers versus White Sox game, Sept. 3. It includes two parking passes and direct access to the suite, valued at \$2,200.

The next event is 12-5 p.m., Sept. 24, at Boomers Roadhouse, 6650 Highland Road in Waterford. Tickets are \$20, which includes lunch for adults.

"Kids are welcome," said Moshier. "We will have food for the kids."

Along with silent auction, a plasma TV will be raffled off during the event.

"We need to raise enough money to start

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for more information.

Clarkston cable says school board broadcasts are moving to the Internet. However, cable broadcasts will continue, according to Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

## School board meetings now posted on website

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education meetings are now available to watch online.

The link to the board's last meeting, on July 11, is found on the bottom of the district's home page at [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us).

"The meetings are and will continue to be broadcasted on cable," said Dr. Rock, superintendent. "We are also planning to stream them on our website. We plan to have this as a secondary method for all to view the meetings."

He explained only Independence Township residents have the option to watch it on Comcast cable right now. Expanding it to the internet allows more interested community members to watch.

Rock also said they plan to add finance committee meetings, as well.

this program," said Moshier. "There are currently 120 children enrolled in the free lunch program at Andersonville Elementary alone. Next year the hope is for other Clarkston schools to start this program."

Benefits of the program include better attendance, attention span, and classroom atmosphere, and fewer behavior issues, she said.

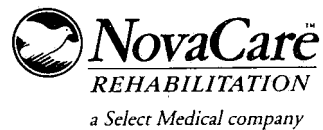
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Donations are also accepted at NWCF, 1120 E. Long Lake, Ste 205, Troy, Mich. 48085, payable to NWCF Blessings-Clarkston.

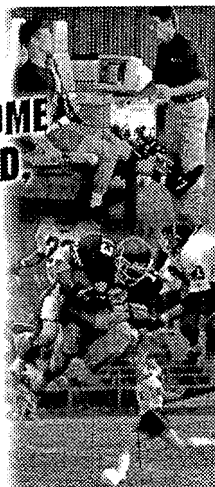
Volunteers are also needed to help pick up food and pack backpacks. Contact Moshier at [rose\\_marie1975@yahoo.com](mailto:rose_marie1975@yahoo.com).

"Clarkston is an extremely generous and thoughtful community," said Rock. "This is one of the many things that makes Clarkston a special place. I know there are many worthy causes and excellent charities in the community. I hope people will give as much they can to Blessings in a Backpack. When we all pitch in, we make a big difference."

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A Space to Dream decorated Kayla Goeringer's room in high fashion.

## Group helps dreams come true

**BY ELISE SHIRE**  
*Special to the Clarkston News*

When 11-year old Kayla Goeringer, a student at Everest Academy, began having swelling in her ankle two years ago, she thought it was nothing more than a bump.

Soon after, she was diagnosed with a rare bone cancer, Ewing's Sarcoma. Goeringer spent the next eight months going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She also spent two months in Florida for recovery and physical therapy.

Local non-profit organization, A Space 2 Dream, heard of the struggles the Goeringer family was going through and set out to help. The team decorated her room with a Paris and high-fashion theme to match Kayla's dream of becoming a fashion designer. Kayla and her parents, David and Karen Goeringer, were surprised with over 400 balloons on their front lawn.

"When I saw it, it was a dream come true. It made it all worth the fighting to have a cool room like that. It was a lot of fun to see that," said Kayla.

Kayla's room was painted her favorite shade of pink with the Eiffel Tower painted on the wall. The words "ooh la la" and "bonjour" highlight the room's Paris theme.

AS2D also put custom bedding on Kayla's bed with hand-made picture frames on the walls to hold her memories. A chandelier and mannequin were also added.

Although the cancer is now gone, Kayla has gone through physical therapy for the last two years and continues follow-up treatments, such as CT scans every three months. Through two years of treatment, the Goeringer family is staying positive.

"You have to laugh everyday. You can't get depressed. You just have to just keep laughing," said Kayla.

Through everything that has happened over the past two years the Goeringer family would like to thank AS2D, the supportive families at Everest Academy, the doctors at Beaumont Hospital, and all of the doctors and surgeons that made Kayla's recovery possible.

Kayla is working hard towards becoming a fashion designer. She has been invited to attend fashion design classes at International Academy of Design in Troy every Friday this summer. She will also take part in a kid's fashion show at The Mills on Aug. 24 where she will showcase her very own design. For information on tickets, email Tricia Delude at [info@ospace2dream.org](mailto:info@ospace2dream.org).

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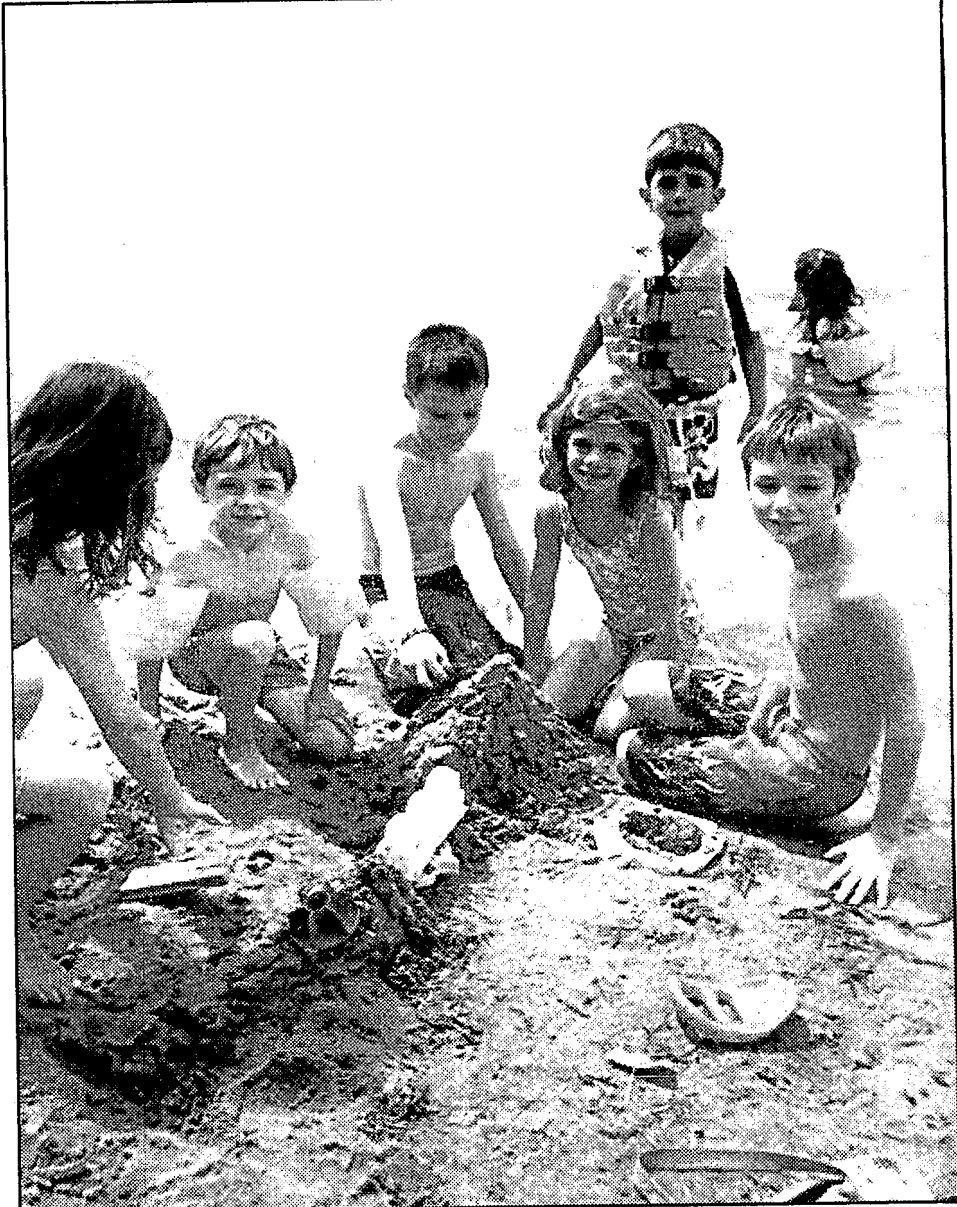
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Michelle Coyle, right, and Grace Ebbert sit at a picnic table, enjoying the view of the lake.



Angel and Ivy Hall build a sandcastle. Photos by Elise Shire



From left, Sean Coyle, Aiden Coyle, Maddie Ebbert, and Caleb Everett celebrate Aiden's birthday at the beach.

## Castles on Deer Lake Beach

With three weeks of summer vacation left, time at the beach is more valuable than ever – sand castles were popular at Deer Lake Beach, Aug. 12.

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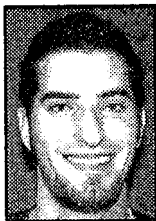
## Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

### Chicken run

Do any of you remember the Dreamworks animated movie "Chicken Run" that came out 11 years ago?

If you didn't see it. It's a story about a chicken farm set in Yorkshire New England during the 1950's and when the farmer decides to go from selling eggs to selling chicken pie, the chickens decide they have to find a way to escape the farm before facing their sinister death. To help in the escape the flock seeks out the smooth talking American chicken from Rhode Island named Rocky who by accident landed on the farm by "flying."



So are you wondering what all this chick file talk is about? I'll explain.

Last Friday Aug 12, at 12 p.m., I signed the dotted line(s) and am now an official homeowner. I found a good deal on a home for me and my beautiful wife to be in 17 days.

It's a nice quad level (tri-level with a basement) for \$50,000 in Lapeer. It's a brown/tan house with green shutters, 1,200 square feet with decent size yard for Noell, my fiancée's, dog to run in.

However the dog is going to need a fence because otherwise Noell and I will be starting our own chain of Kentucky Fried Chicken. As we discovered Thursday night, our neighbors behind us through the bushes have chickens and the flock likes to find their way into our yard as well as the next door neighbors.

As my dad and I were fixing the window in the master bedroom on Saturday, I found the clucking flock very amusing and took many photos of them on my phone.

Yes, growing up in Lapeer I am quite used to seeing plenty of deer, corn fields, cows, horses, and yes even chickens. However, my house is in a neighborhood with a paved road. There aren't any farms or barns directly around my house, so free roaming chickens comes as a great entertainment to me.

In fact I am thinking of starting my own chicken farm, but I don't think Noell is up for raising chickens. She does however want us to get a kitten once she moves in after the wedding and eventually bring her dog Tippy. As I stated earlier, we'll need a fence because otherwise we'll be eating lots of chicken, but until a fence goes up or my neighbor discovers his chickens are on the run, I'll enjoy cluckers roaming in my back yard.

## Doc O'Neill's turn to share story

This is my favorite Jim O'Neill story and as one famous commentator said, the rest of the story.

After a few weeks in med school at St. Louis University in 1954, a sister school, Fontbonne University, had a reception for us. At this reception, three of us met our future wives to be. Of course, I met my beautiful wife, Mikel Werner. To me it was love at first sight, but to her it took some convincing.

We graduated in 1958 and also had our first child Mike. Life was hurried and hectic as we left St. Louis for studies at Henry Ford Hospital. After internship, a pediatric residency and some post graduate ER work at Henry Ford Hospital we looked for a place to set up practice.

Again it was love at first site with Clarkston. We looked at other places, but Clarkston was the "gold standard" and in a short time we chose our beautiful village and, of course, we never regretted it.

It was ironic that the first and only house we ever looked at was the old Henry Ford place on Holcomb Road. It was perfect and close to the village. We could have cattle, horses, and farm, and grew trees and vegetables.

The practice grew by leaps and bounds and we outgrew four different buildings. The planning, devotion, and many times, financial sacrifices were always Mikel's as our practice was 24-7 with a large number of patients seen at our house.

There were almost 4,200 lacerations and injuries treated on our kitchen table which eventually had to be replaced. We didn't have cell phones. Mikel answered the phone and greeted patients 24-7 when I was between the hospital, office, and home.

We were blessed with six wonderful children, Mike, Kari, Megan, Devin, Danny and Timmy. All of the coordination of finances of the home, office and farm were under Mikel's expert and watchful eye. After several years of 24-7, she said we need a 24 hour "care and caring center." She predicted we would see 601 people after hours and weekends; it was 602 the first month.

All of our children were involved in the practice. Mike built, coordinated and became the go-to guy - every task and need became a "Mike job."

Kari returned from Chicago with a wonderful husband, Lennie, and children Joe and Elizabeth. She took over a fast growing practice and put it on a solid service-based 24 hour center. Megan and Devin were always there to fill in as they pursued their education.

Timmy came along 11 years later and contributed much love and comfort. He had four dads and three moms and eventually took over the practice.

It became difficult to raise cattle near, and sometimes on, I-75 so we moved the farm to Clare, Mich., with the Amish. There we developed a new paradigm in recycling animal waste and the reduction of artificial petroleum based

fertilizers and chemical weed control. Kari, Mikel, Mike, Danny and his wife Karyn completed the ground work while Megan was involved in politics, trying to bring some fiscal sanity to our state and federal government.

Devin worked for BCBS trying to understand and learn more of the paradigm of patient care, cost and finances or lack thereof in healthcare.

We lost Devin in a tragic car accident. Mikel was up north at our cabin when I finally got through to her to tell her that Devin had died. Her first words were, did he suffer badly and then she said, "we were so fortunate that God loaned him to us for 23 years." It was not how come us, why not someone else, but it was her great faith in God and His infinite love and wisdom that He only "loans our children to us" and to appreciate every one of them and cherish, nourish, and love them every day of their lives.

We moved to our new medical center with Kari's expertise and long hours of planning and negotiation during a near national and state wide economic collapse. We persevered with the concept of 24-7 presence and excellent care.

The years have moved on. We have 14 beautiful grandchildren, two wonderful sons-in-law, Lennie Gorz and Rick Nini, and three beautiful daughters-in-law, Kathy, Karyn, and Gretchen.

Gretchen has been working at our office since high school. Danny and Karyn worked at the office for many years.

Kari's children, Joe and Elizabeth, contributed to the office and performed many tasks. Mike's boys, Mike, Jeffrey, and Jeremy, have added their assistance too, and his lovely daughter, Katie. Kari's daughter, Rebecca, and Megan's daughter, Adelen, have answered the phone and performed many unforeseen tasks for Grandma and Grandpa. Danny's children Emilie and Riley have also answered the phone and helped Grandpa. Megan and Rick's children Marla and Chad have also helped Grandma and Grandpa.

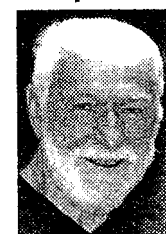
Gretchen is Timmy's wife. Timmy was our special surprise 35 years ago and he and Gretchen with their two beautiful daughters, Branigan and Brecken, have picked up the mantle and carried the torch, but "Grandma" Mikel is still the "rock" of the family.

When I chose her I never dreamed of the love, care, wisdom and sacrifice she would bring to healthcare and "caring" in this community.

God bless you Mikel and with much love and affection, on behalf of Clarkston and thank you.

*In honor of Dr. James O'Neill's 50 years in practice, the Clarkston News is publishing patients' and friends' memories and tributes.*

### Guest viewpoint



Dr. James O'Neill

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1996

#### "Radiothon tugs at the heart strings"

Clarkston parents Mike and Nancy Weightman hosted their sixth annual radiothon on WCSX-FM, a music rock station. The radiothon raised money for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. The Weightmans were working to give back some of the support they received from the CLF when their son Bryan was born with genital acute lymphocytic leukemia.

"Algur stays hot" Clarkston senior-to-be Mike Algur continued his winning streak after being the first CHS boys tennis player to qualify for the state tournament in almost 30 years. Algur won two summer tournaments in a month, including Northville Junior Open and Century Cellunet Junior Open in St. Joseph.

"Milestones: Marking 50 years" Eugene P. and Jacklyn E. Foote of Clarkston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They had several children and 12 grandchildren.

### 25 years ago - 1986

"Trainer keeps athletes going" Michael Therriault of the Clarkston Sports Medicine Clinic spent two weeks as a volunteer athletic trainer at the Olympic complex in Marquette. The experience gave Therriault the chance to work with top-level athletes and stay current on the trends in medicine.

#### "Penpal friendship endures 29 years"

Bunny Newmarch of Springfield Township and Jill Parker of England had been penpals for 29 years, managing three visits to each other over the years, when their children began writing to each other as well. Amy Newmarch and Martin Parker began writing to each other at age 14.

#### "4-H program brings 3 to Clarkston"

The Conlens, Shneiders, and Treses entertained a child from Japan this month as part of a 4-H exchange program. Tomoyuki Saito was the guest of Shane Trese, Nobuko Onuki stayed with Kate Conlen and Noriko Shiomi visited Jennifer Shneider. They found that kids the same age aren't very different no matter where they're from.

### 50 years ago - 1961

"Births announced" A baby girl, Janice Marie, who weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Logan of Cramlane Street.

"Farrell - Urick vows spoken" Janice M. Farrell and Gerald Urick exchanged marriage vows at Christ Lutheran Church in Waterford. Performing the double ring ceremony was the Reverend Paul Johns of Calvary Lutheran Church.

# America: The Story of Us and other things

In the eyes of my sons I am sure they view me as The Meanest Dad in town.

To bolster that image, over the past three weekends I had on TV the History Channel's, *America: The Story of Us*. As The Meanest Dad in town, I even said before starting the show, "And, now for your viewing pleasure . . ." then pressed play.

To reinforce the notion that I am also The Cheapest Dad in town, I borrowed the three-disc series from the library. There is no cable or satellite TV at Casa d'Rush. Nor is the home wired for internet access. If they complain they get conversation-killing Mean Dad retort, "Guess it sucks to be you."

I am not trying to be mean or cheap, I just think it's important that -- even passively -- those who will one-day be our leaders, understand a little about their country. (And, I say "passively" because even if they were not paying attention, sound waves from the narration still had to make an impression on their subconscious, through the auditory canal, past the ear drum and to the brain via nerve endings. It's science, so it must be so.)

I liked the series. Son Sean, 11, at least

humored me and asked to watch a few episodes. Shamus, 13, put up with about three of the 12 episodes before removing himself from the vicinity all together.

The series (nine hours) is narrated by actor Liev Schreiber and covers America's history from "the starving time" of the Jamestown colony up to 2010. (I believe the series originally aired two springs ago.)

It was visually stirring with use of filmed re-creations, still photos, paintings, actual footage and computer generated special effects.

Well-written, it covered American triumphs, its not-so-noble chapters like slavery and racism and tragic times and moments like the Depression, Vietnam-Watergate era, the Spaceshuttle Challenger's explosion and terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The underlying theme throughout all the episodes (with titles like Rebels, Westward, Division, Boom, Bust and Millennium) was an intangible tagged "the"

American spirit. That spirit of *if you can dream it, you can build it* propelled this country of ours to be the world's leader by way of technological innovations.

Americans were not constrained to do things the way they were always done. Optimistically they moved forward, for better and sometimes worse -- from the famed Kentucky Rifle that helped defeat the British, to the Cotton Gin, Carnegie's steel mills, barbed wire, the light bulb, assembly line production, Jeeps, the A-bomb, interstate highways, going to the moon, personal computers to Wikipedia.

The series also offered insightful commentary by Colin Powell, Tom Brokaw, Buzz Aldrin, Al Sharpton, US Marine First Sergeant William Bodette and Rudy Giuliani. I could have done without the "expert" commentary from entertainers like Michael Douglas, Maraget Cho, Tony Bennet, Sheryl Crow, Melissa Etheridge, Martha Stewart and Meryl Streep. But, what the heck, you can't hit a homerun all the time, right?

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While watching the series, a number of thoughts came to mind.

1. Industrialist/entrepreneur/philan-

thropist Andrew Carnegie reminds me of the character Hank Rearden in Ayn Rand's 1,368-page novel, *Atlas Shrugged*, written in 1957. This leads me to ask, "Who is John Galt?"

2. I need to re-read Joe Ellis' 2007 book, *American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic*. This book covers the period from before the war for independence to roughly the Louisiana Purchase. The premiss, if I remember correctly, is that the Founding Fathers were neither demigods, nor just rich, racist white guys. They were merely the right men at the right time in the right neighborhood.

And, 3. A while back I asked a mentor of mine why he thought he was successful. His comment has stuck with me and has caused me much pondering.

"I was afraid to fail."

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I went to the internet, and to the History Channel's website, you can still watch the series online, or you can buy it from Amazon.com, or (if you're cheap like me) go to the library and borrow it.

Comments? *E-mail*  
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## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

# Every poll has a purpose, and nobody asked me

I took a poll, an unscientific poll, with predictable results because I made up the questions.

Questions asked in polls, I believe, are made up to direct the answerer to respond in ways assuring the questioner's sponsors get the percentages they are paying for or expect.

My poll has no sponsors. It was taken in the presence of hunters, fisherman, golfers and other fellow males of unquestionable honesty and integrity while drinking soda pop at Oxford's 24th St. Tavern.

Questions covered local, county, state and national governments. Fifty two percent answered with a yes or nod, 38 said no (I think) and ten percent didn't know.

Are you in favor of reducing the national debt limit? Since this column is being written after the exhausted, overworked and underpaid legislators took their very deserved vacation after raising the debt limit, the question is moot.

Should there have been a national debt in the first place? See percentages above.

Are you in favor of motherhood? Same percentages. Fatherhood? Likewise.

Some questions were more rhetorical, like: Do you favor hearing heat index numbers rather than thermometer readings? What about the chill factor?

Basically, the audience felt the weather has been

screwed up ever since some Indian shot that first arrow in the air, and has gotten worse with each rocket launch.

As the evening went on the percentages changed. Do you have confidence in our government? Never did, 85 percent, 15 percent undecided.

Do you believe in the here after? That's what I'm here after, 95 percent. Five percent. Huh?

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During one of the talking-heads panels, Charles Krauthammer told his audience how Congressmen make budget cuts:

First they put in a request for money, like to invade Normandy again.

Then at crunch time they withdraw that request, thus making them appear fiscally responsible.

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Will Rogers' name was mentioned often during the recent federal budget harangue.

A bronze statue of him is in the chambers of the United States House of Representatives and the hall shown in most of the television coverage is named Will Rogers Hallway.

Yet, Will Rogers seems to have spent most of his waking hours finding words to condemn the actions of Congress.

Like: "If you ever injected truth into politics you have no politics."

"America has the best politicians money can buy."

"We all joke about Congress, but we can't improve on them. Have you noticed that no matter who we elect, he is just as bad as the one he replaces?"

"Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously, and the politicians as a joke, when it used to be vice versa"

By the way, Rogers was an admitted Democrat, and most popular in the 1930 depression years. By trade he worked in rodeos doing rope tricks and appeared on Broadway.

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While I'm in this mind-set, how about something from Mark Twain: "Fleas can be taught nearly everything that a Congressman can."

• I have a chronology of Michigan history since 1622 when Etienne Brule and his companion Grenoble, French explorers, searching for a water route to the Pacific Ocean, discovered Lake Superior, yet nothing is chronologized for 1926, the year I was born. I do know that 1926 still has the record as the hottest year.



A column by Jim Sherman

# 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.

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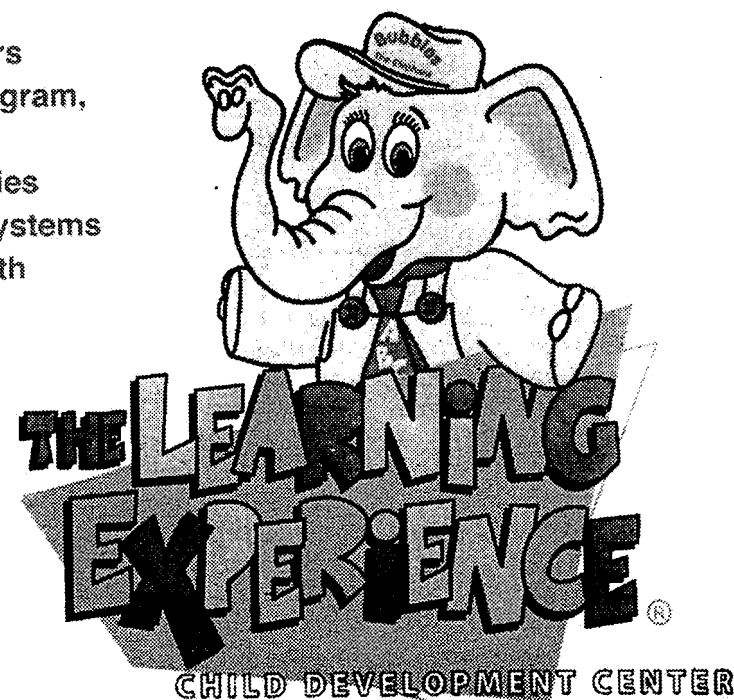
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# Public Safety

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

## Drunk drive-by

A 51-year-old Vassar man was pulled over after he drove by a traffic stop in the right lane without slowing down on I-75 near Clintonville Road, 8:53 p.m., Aug. 3. He smelled of alcohol, and said he had a couple beers. With a preliminary breath test of .123, he was arrested and jailed for drunk driving.

## Lost her way

A deputy pulled over a 29-year-old Midland woman for swerving in her lane, Dixie and White Lake Road, 3:54 a.m., Aug. 5. The driver said she was holding a GPS in her hand because she didn't know the area, but also smelled of booze. With a .139 preliminary breath test, she was jailed for drunk driving, second offence, and driving with a suspended license.

## Smoke but no seatbelt

A deputy on patrol saw a driver not wearing a seat belt and pulled him over, 6:20 p.m., Aug. 5, at Ortonville and Oak Hill roads. The driver, a 19-year-old Holly man, smelled strongly of marijuana. Giving consent to search, police found a large baggie of marijuana in the glove box and three marijuana blunts in the ashtray. He was cited for possession of marijuana and seat belt violation.

## Wouldn't let her out

Deputies responded to an abduction report on I-75, 6:43 a.m., Aug. 6. A 20-year-old Flint woman had an argument with her boyfriend, a 38-year-old Flint man, and wanted out of the car. He wouldn't pull over even as he drove into Oakland County, and she called 911. He pulled off at Sashabaw Road and she ran to a nearby gas station. He told officers he just wanted to clear his head and didn't think she would actually call 911. The case was forwarded to the prosecutor for review.

## Lost GPS

A GPS was taken from an SUV in the 6000 block of Paramus, Aug. 8. There was no sign of forced entry.

## Fights at concert

A 57-year-old Jackson man was arrested and cited for assault and battery after punching a guest-service employee at DTE Music, 7:17 p.m., Aug. 6. He had been seen drinking a pint of vodka and cans of beer and was being escorted from the venue when he got combative.

A 44-year-old Romulus man was arrested for assault and battery of a police officer, 11:45 p.m., Aug. 6, at DTE. Intoxicated, he was being led to the sheriff's trailer when he grabbed a deputy and punched him.

## Expired license and visa

Noticing an expired license plate, a deputy pulled over a 40-year-old Clarkston woman at Newberry and Clintonville roads, 5:17 p.m., Aug. 6. The driver and passenger, a 56-year-old Clarkston resident, are citizens of Mexico in the country illegally. Their information was forwarded to U.S. Customs. With no insurance and expired registration, the vehicle was impounded.

## Rowdy party

Responding to a report of a fight, 2:42 a.m., Aug. 6, Waterford Hill Terrace, deputies found lots of empty beer cans and young people running away. They stopped a 20-year-old Independence Township man, 18-year-old Independence Township man, 17-year-old Waterford Township boy, and 17-year-old Commerce Township girl. They were cited for minors in possession and consumption of alcohol.

## Litter but no drugs

Dispatched to check on a report of drug sales, a deputy found two vehicles parked on Ennismore Drive near Jerome Road, 9:45 p.m., Aug. 9. As they drove away, one of the drivers tossed away a plastic bag. The 17-year-old Holly boy was cited for littering. The bag contained trash and a pack of pure hemp rolling papers, which was confiscated and destroyed.

## Evaluation for axe suspect

A Southampton Drive resident was awakened to the sound of pounding, 2:10 a.m., Aug. 9. Seeing a man pounding on his garage door with an axe, he called police. Responding to several reports of a man banging on their garage doors, deputy K-9 tracked the suspect to the 6000 block of Woodcrest Ridge. They located the suspect, a 16-year-old Waterford Township boy. The teen didn't drop the axe immediately when ordered, but eventually did and was arrested without further incident. He mother said he has alcohol and drug problems, and he was taken to St. Joseph Mercy for evaluation.

## Roof fire

A Sashabaw Road resident called 911 after seeing flames from the roof of his neighbor's home, 9:30 p.m., Aug. 12. Independence Township firefighters and sheriff's deputies got the homeowner out safely and extinguished the fire. No one was injured. According to preliminary investigation, the fire started in the attic and was electrical. The homeowner reports having satellite television installed earlier in the day.

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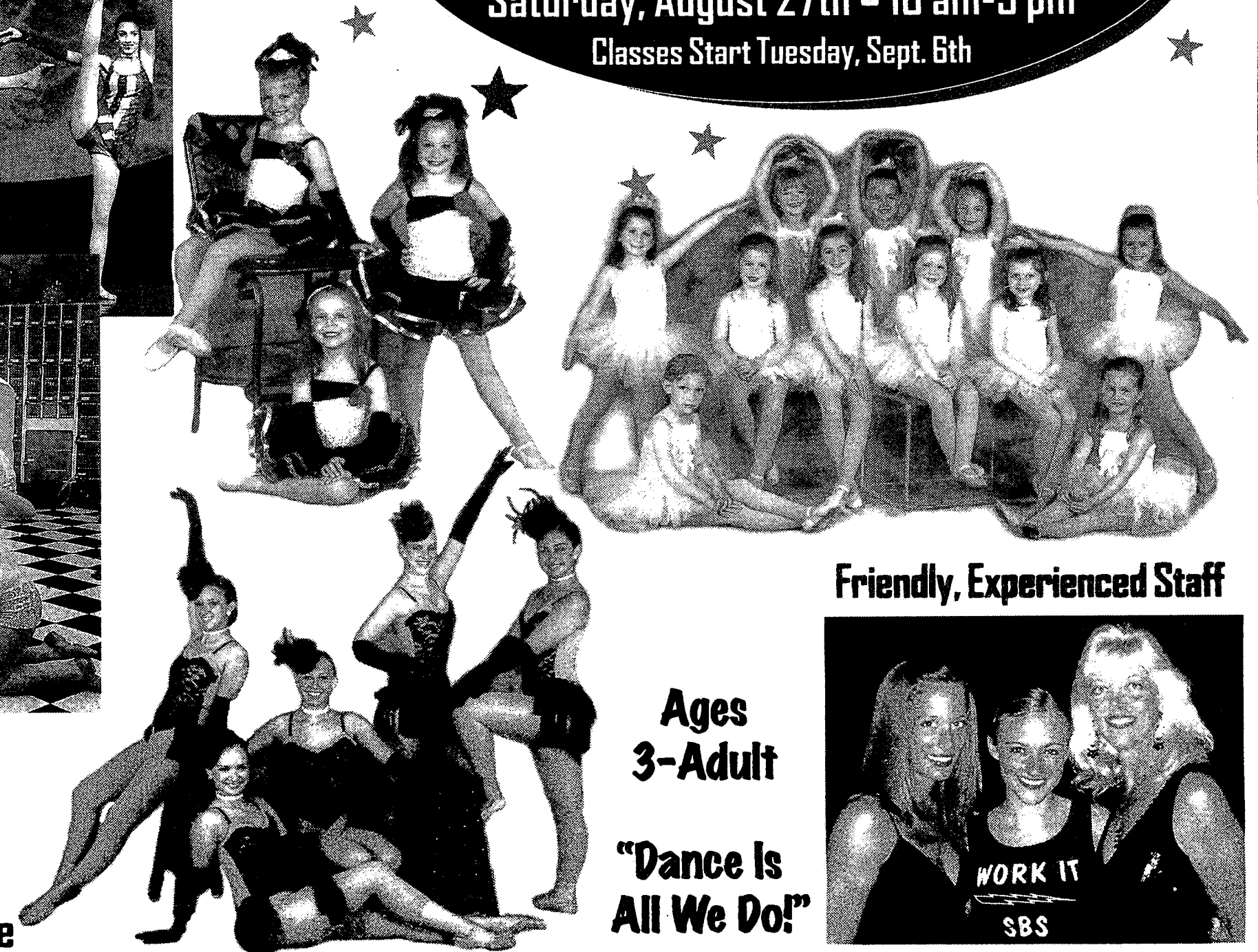
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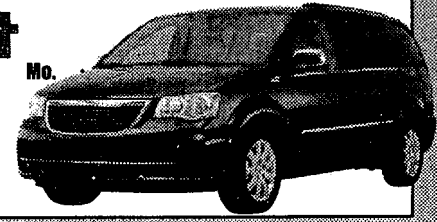
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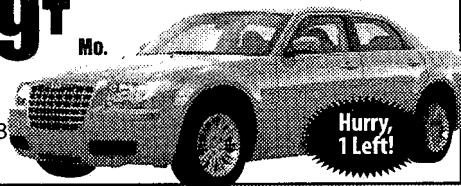
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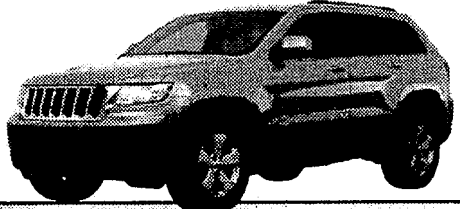
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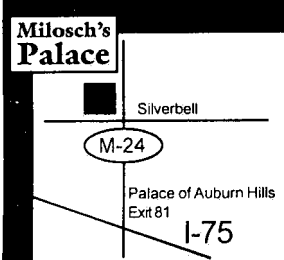
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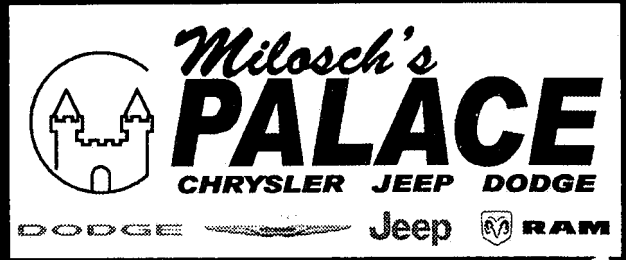
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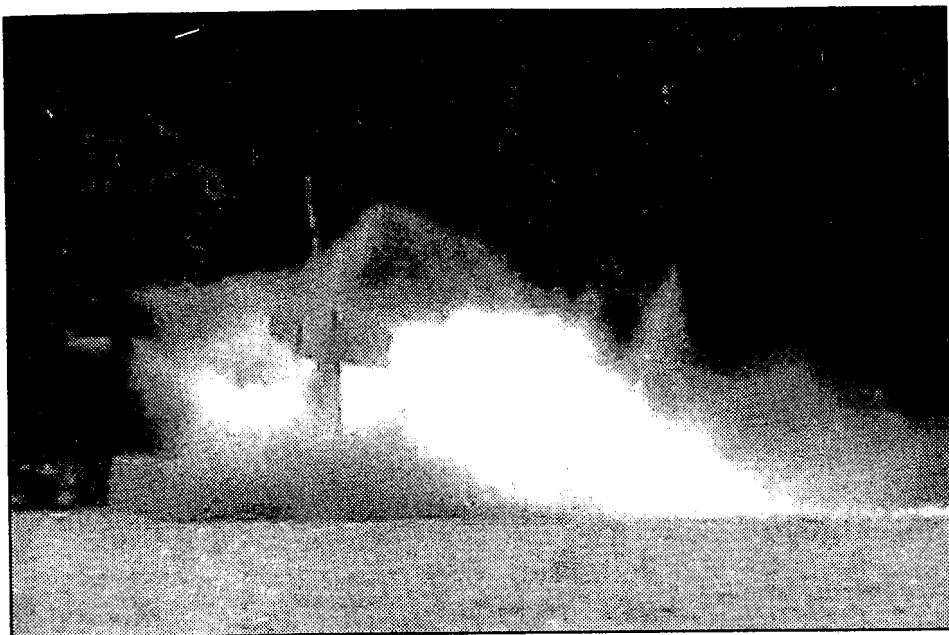


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The plane flips tail up while landing in Foote Pond on the Au Sable River. Photos provided by Sharon Tackabury

## Clarkston camper gets plane pic

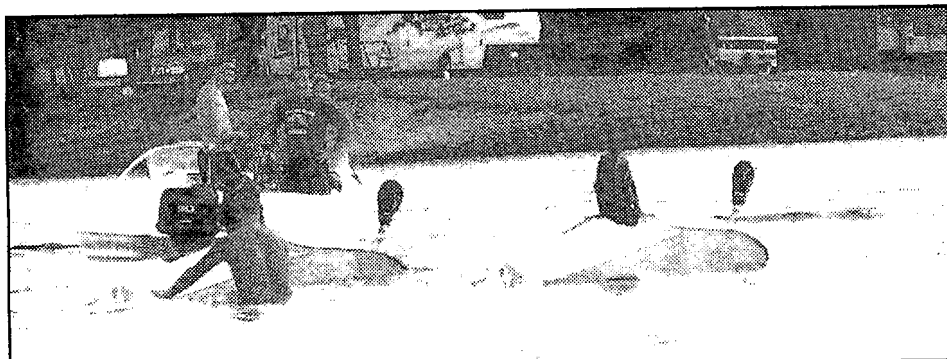
The Tackabury family of Clarkston had a little excitement during a trip up north on the Au Sable River, July 24.

"My family and I were on a camping trip, fishing on the river about 200-300 yards away from the plane when it crashed," said Sharon Tackabury, who snapped photos as the plane splashed down. "The pilot walked

away without a scratch."

The float plane's pilot, who lives on the lake, told the *Iosco County News Herald* he forgot to retract the landing gear when he took off.

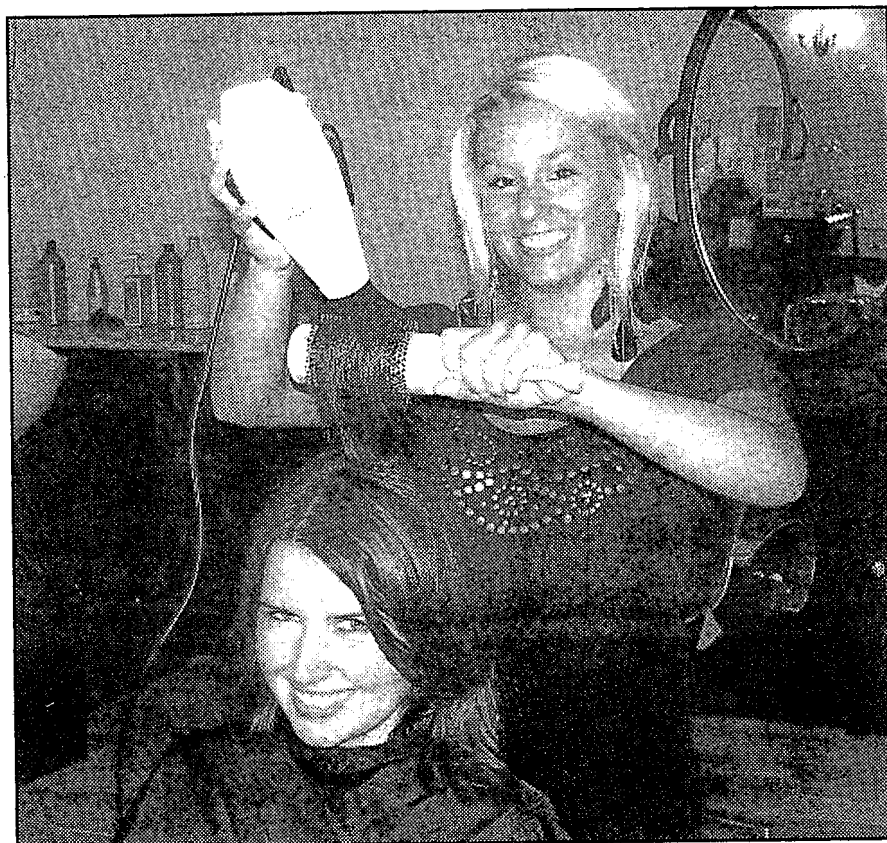
The plane flipped upside down in the water, but the pilot was able to unbelt himself and open the door window to get out.



The pilot emerges safely, with the help of nearby campers.



A crane flipped the plane back onto its pontoons.



Megan Best grew up in Clarkston and now works here as a stylist.

## Stylist picks hometown to start career

Megan Best, Clarkston resident for 19 years, recently joined Pink the Salon in Clarkston, 7151 N. Main Street.

"My parents live here, my brother lives here - this is where I grew up," Best said. "I want to keep everyone close so we can do stuff together and not have to travel far."

She started styling hair her junior year of high school.

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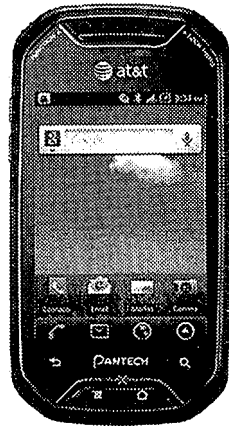


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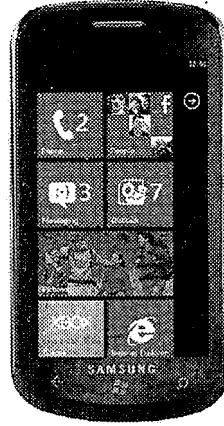


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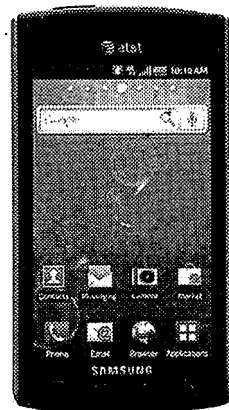


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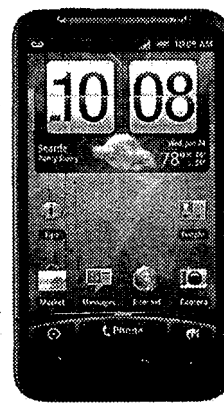


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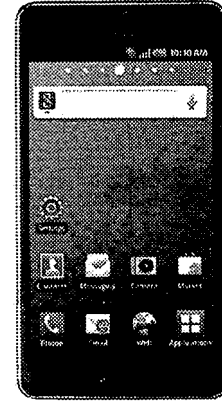


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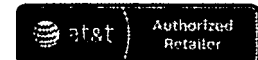
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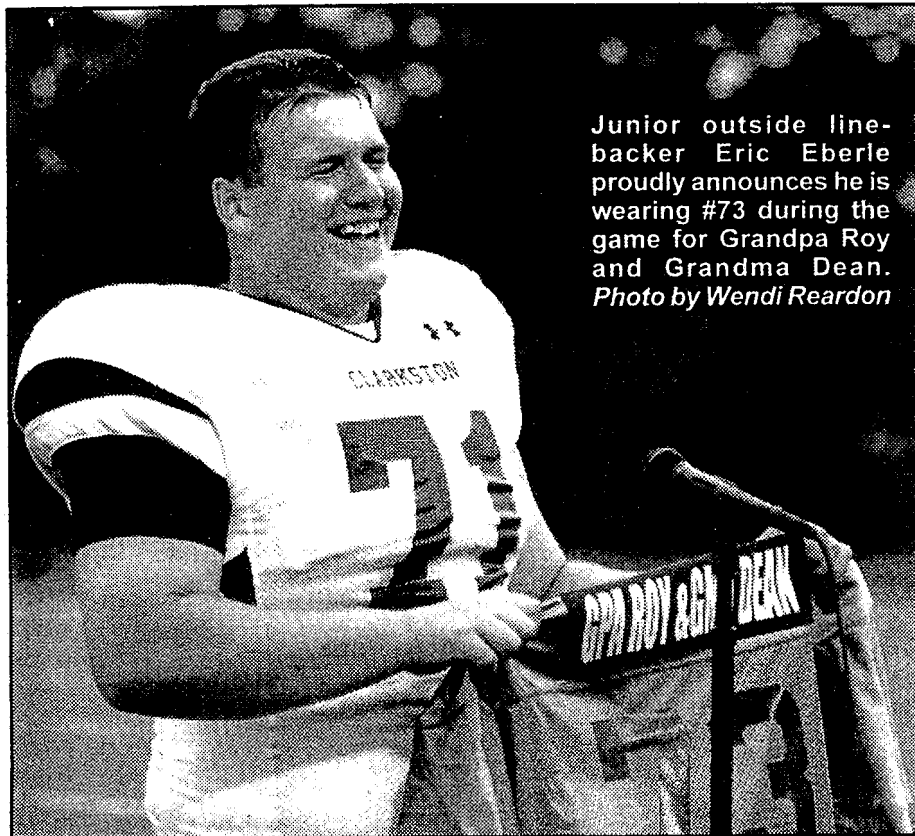
One by one the Clarkston High School football players put on their pink and blue jerseys on Saturday evening at the third annual Football for a Cure.

But as they prepared for their scrimmage, mother nature had different plans at dark clouds gathered. Two minutes into the game, lightning was

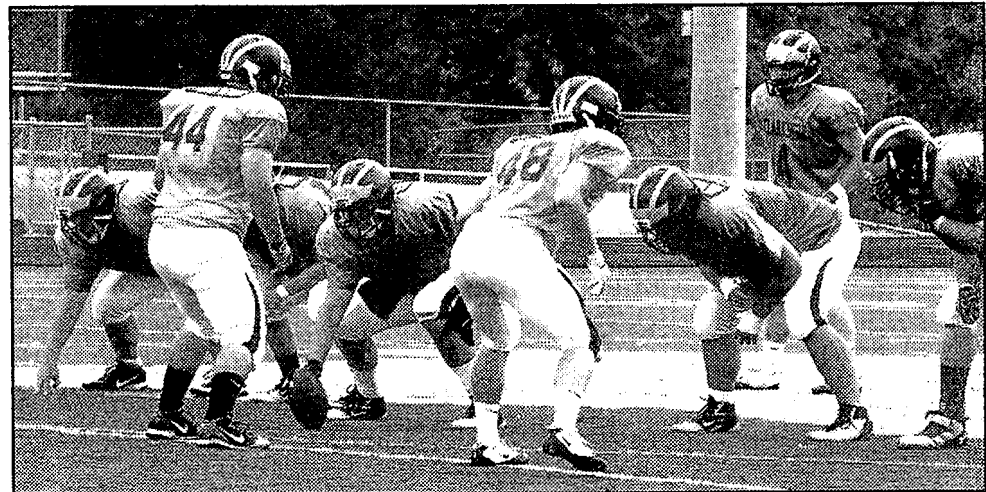
sighted a few times and the game was postponed to Sunday afternoon.

The Blue team was ready and won the game 14-7 over the Pink team.

Due to the rescheduling, Football for a Cure guest speakers will be at this Thursday's scrimmage at 4 p.m.



Junior outside line-backer Eric Eberle proudly announces he is wearing #73 during the game for Grandpa Roy and Grandma Dean. Photo by Wendi Reardon



The Wolves position themselves at the line of scrimmage. Photo by Phil Custodio



From left, Autumn and Nathan Steinman. Photo provided

## Athletes of the Week

### Siblings conquer triathlon

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Autumn and Nathan Steinman swam, biked and ran their way to their finish at the first Michigan Lifetime Fitness Kids Triathlon in Rochester Hills, Aug. 6.

"I was so proud of them trying it and doing the best they could," said mom, Heidi, after both participated in their first triathlon.

Autumn, a 10-year-old going into sixth grade at Sashabaw Middle School, finished overall in 19th place out of 35 participants in the 9-10 girls division. She finished in 17th in the 50-meter swim, 16th in the 2.5 mile bike ride and 22 in the half mile run.

"She crossed the finish line in all smiles and so excited," said Heidi. "I thought 'oh, good she will do it again next year.'"

When Heidi asked Autumn if she wanted to do it again, she said no and explained she was smiling because of the audience's applauding as she finished.

Her 7-year-old brother, Nathan, a second-

grader at Bailey Lake Elementary, finished 10th place overall in the 7-8 boys division.

"He is a natural athlete," said Heidi. "All he does is live, breath and think sports."

For the run and the swim, he finished in first place. During the run he finished in three minutes and 50 seconds, 40 seconds ahead of the next runner. He finished 11th place in the bike ride after having problems with his bike chain.

Autumn and Nathan both swim when they are up north and go for bike rides, a family activity with Heidi and their dad, Jay.

"Nathan did a five mile bike ride with no problem when he was five years old," said Heidi. "He is like the Energizer Bunny. He will take bike rides up to Clarkston and back."

Both also play sports. Autumn plays softball and Nathan plays soccer, basketball and softball.

Nathan plays for WAZA soccer with 9-year-olds and helped the team place first in the Shamrock tournament last year.

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# New special-needs classes at School for the Mind and Body

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A School for the Mind and Body (SFMB) is expanding and adding Special Needs Enhanced Learning (SNEL), beginning in September at 3604 Clarkston Road.

"Our special needs program is quite unique," said Nanci Canine, owner and president of A School for the Mind and Body.

Services offered in the new SNEL program include speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, a special needs preschool classroom as well as speech, sensory and social skills groups.

Each child in the SNEL program is evaluated by the screening director and paired with a specialist based on their need and disability.

Canine added there is nothing like it in the north Oakland County area and families in Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford, Grand Blanc and Lapeer don't have a far drive to get the best services for their children.

"Parents are getting in their car and driving for an hour or so," Canine explained. "One mom is in the car from 8:30 in the morning to one in the afternoon. She is driving her child everywhere to get what he needs. She is excited we are here."

The SNEL program helps children with ADD/ADHD, Apraxia, Articulation Disorders, Asperger's Syndrome, Auditory Processing Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Coordination Disorders, Developmental Delays, Dyfluency/Stuttering, Expressive Language Displays, Visual Skills, Feeding/Oral Motor Disorders, Fine Motor Delays, Receptive Language Delays, Regulatory Disorders and Sensory Processing/Integration Disorders

Jennifer Antonelli, a Speech Pathologist, and Joan Kimber, a Occupational Therapist, join the staff to add to the uniqueness of the program.

Stacey Taplin is also part of the team as the Behavioral Health Therapist.

Antonelli has 16 years experience as a speech pathologist and has experience with children who have language delay disorders,



From left, Nanci Canine, Vandee Strohschein, Joan Kimber, Stacey Taplin and Jennifer Antonelli. Photo by Wendi Reardon

expressive and receptive language delays, verbal apraxia, fluency disorders and Autism Spectrum Disorders.

She also has experience with a variety of treatment methods including Applied Behavioral Analysis and Verbal Behavior techniques.

"It is extremely exciting for me that this is here," she said. "Through my experience in the past 10 years I have learned there is a high need in this area. Nanci's experience with the preschool age and her reputation with her school is really going to help build the special needs program."

Kimber has worked as an occupational therapist for nine years. Four of the years were at Lincoln Park Public Schools. She started providing outreach services in the

Downriver area to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"With the disorder comes a lot of needs for kids like sensory dysfunction, hand-writing, feeding disorders and a large range of disabilities," she said, adding they can help with sensory and motor coordination.

A School for the Mind and Body also offers free screening for speech and language for those children enrolled in their traditional preschool program at SFMB.

"The early intervention is another part of our program," said Canine. "In the school systems you don't get tested as early as 2-years-old. It's unique and exciting for parents."

Antonelli added it is a key for future success and the earlier children are screened, the

better. In addition children from all of SFMB's programs can also benefit from speech and occupational therapy in the SNEL program.

Canine knows cost is another important aspect for parents and added School for the Mind and Body prices are reasonable.

"Now you can get the care you need and you are not driving far," she said. "SFMB is all about meeting the needs of families – especially those with special needs children with our SNEL program."

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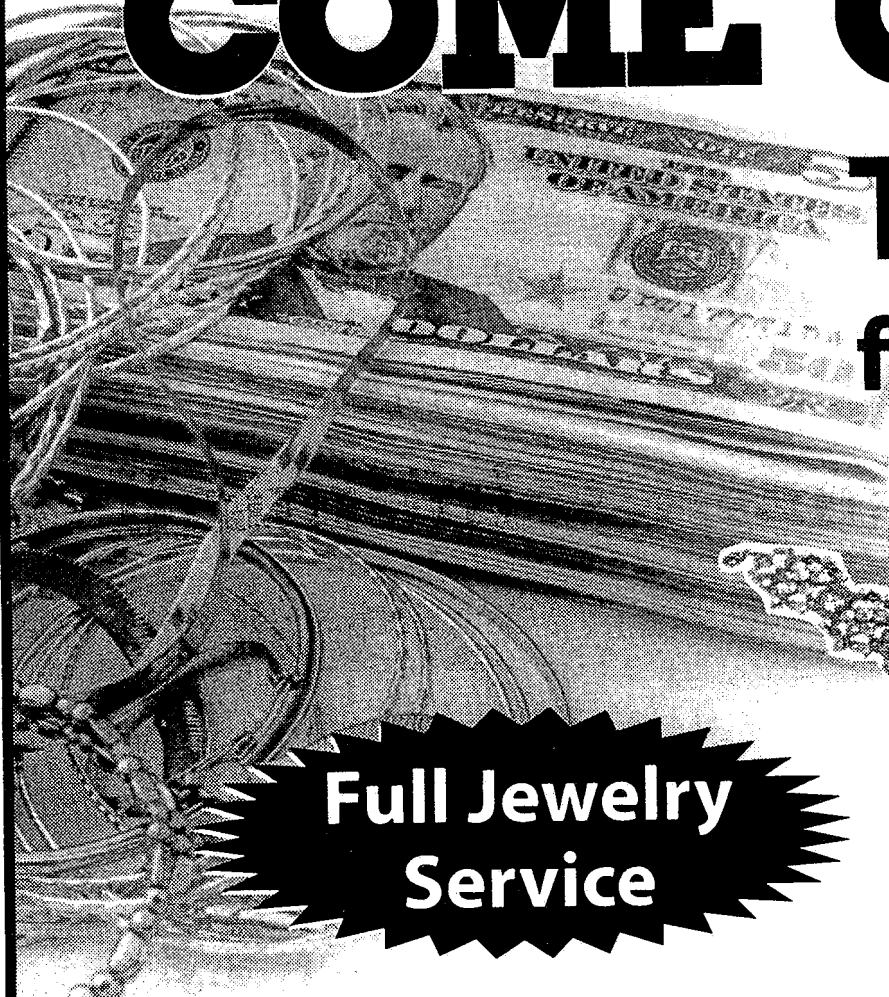
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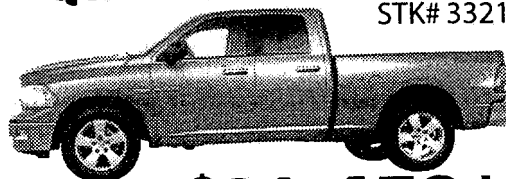
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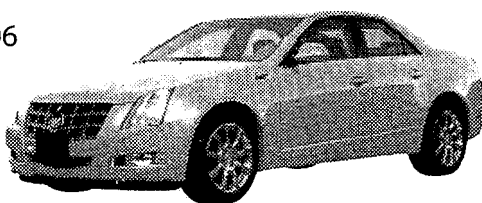
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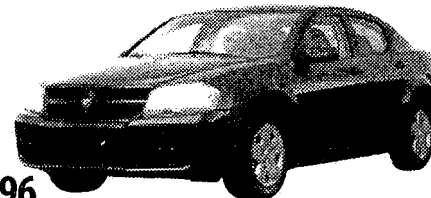
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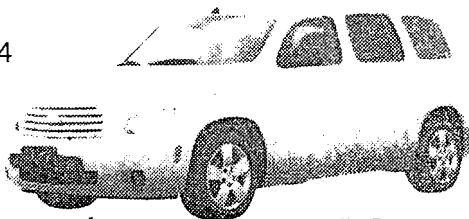
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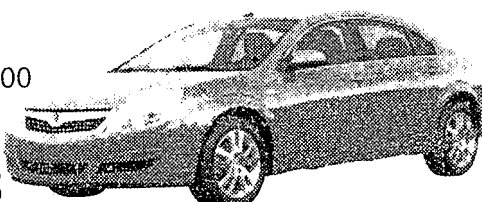
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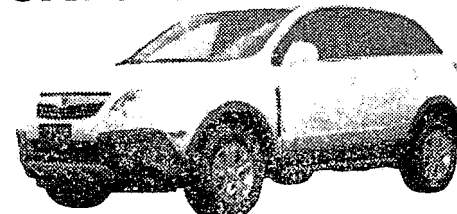
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- Ted Hughes



"State champs! They look great - the team's on fire."

- Katie Hamann



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- Joe Steger, with his son Joey



"I think they'll do great. Our grandson's on the team (Brad Barker). He's been playing since he was little. He's a good player - very dedicated."

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By Phil Custodio

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## Third Rock mixes classic, current rock hits

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Sam Mead was in the fourth grade he and another buddy decided it would be cool to start a band.

"It was just me (on guitar) and him on drums," Mead said. "Then we added the singer (Drew Biggs), bassist (Mitch Biggs) and keyboard (Keith Auchterlonie). That was the band."

After writing a list of possible band names and taking a vote, the name Third Rock was determined to be the official name.

"Third Rock had a classic rock feel to it," said Drew. "It basically means Earth, third planet from the sun."

A year after the band formed, Mead said the drummer was getting uneasy, so they pushed him out and asked Tommy Hickey to take over as drummer.

"I started out subbing for the old drummer when the drummer was out of town," Hickey said. "He was doing some sort of band camp for school, so I was subbing for a couple of gigs they were playing because I already knew Sam through boy scouts. Then they said 'he's out, do you want to be in?' I said 'yeah.'"

Drew said when the other drummer left they had to make a decision to quit the band and not do anything or keep the band going.

"I would have regretted if I had to sell the band because this is so awesome," he said. "We wouldn't be anywhere we were if we didn't have Tommy and we would have quit the band."

Shortly after bringing Hickey on board, the band asked Aaron Roberts to join as a second guitarist.

"I played with the bassist Mitch at church for the church band," Roberts said. "He knew me, so they invited me into the band to play for a gig and I was happy."

The band, who's core group has been together for two and half years, plays a mix of



Third Rock's Tommy Hickey on the drums. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

classic and contemporary rock as well as some originals.

Drew said he grew up listening to ELO and Jimmy Buffet as his big music influences.

"My dad had an iPod that was full of the old classic bands," he said. "I used to search everything and I just got into this mood of listening to old music."

He said it freaks him out when people don't know who Steve Miller is.

"So many people don't know classic rock bands," Drew said. "To be in a classic rock band

and play that kind of music, you have to really know who they are to appreciate them."

Hickey agreed.

"It's the time you're at school and you meet up with the kid who's all into the new bands like Lady Gaga, Ke\$ha and 50 Cent. Then you ask if they've heard of the Beatles and they say, 'aren't they that one weird band from like the 60's,'" he said. "It saddens me."

Mitch said he had one of those "awe moments" when he mentioned it was the 30th. Please see Band on page 3C



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#### Monday

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# Around Town

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

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**Grief Support Group**, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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**Therapeutic Yoga** classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

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

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**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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**Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly**, 5:45 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays. Beginning, intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**Breast Cancer Support Group**, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770

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

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# Band to play at Taste of Clarkston in September



Drew Biggs, lead vocalist, sings another classic hit.

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year anniversary of John Lennon's death and the person didn't know who John Lennon was.

He also noted he likes where the band is going.

"I like playing the old stuff because it reaches to the people that listen to that kind of music and then when you play the new stuff it gets to other people," Mitch said. "I hope we keep it up with the classic/modern kind of thing."

Roberts' favorite song to play is "The Middle" by Jimmy Eat World. Mead likes "The Pretender" by Foo Fighters and "Taking Care of Business" by Bachman Turner Overdrive.

Drew, Mitch, Auchterlonie, and Hickey all enjoy "All These Things that I've Done" by The Killers, "Everlong" by Foo Fighters, and "Fake Plastic Trees" by Radiohead.

All of the members of the band can play more than one instrument, including string instruments like violin and cello, traditional band instruments like trombone and percussion, plus the required rock-n-roll guitars, keys, bass, and drums.

The band is hoping to record a CD in the fall, but they have a busy schedule.



Keith Auchterlonie on the keyboard. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Their next gig is at Septemberfest in Brandon Township on Sept. 24 and Taste of Clarkston on Sept. 25. Some band members also participate in fall sports.

"It's just cool to think 'what else would

we be doing if we weren't in a band?' When we get so many opportunities that we really never would have before," Drew said. "Just meeting other bands is really cool because we can relate to what they do."

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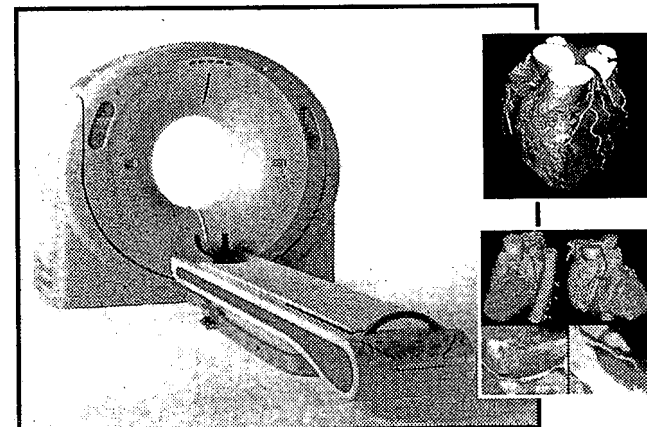
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# Milestones

## Bailey- Braun

Pat and Doug Bailey of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Daniel Bailey, to Marcy Braun, daughter of Gail Braun and the late Dennis Braun, from Macomb.

Marcy is a 1993 graduate of Sterling Heights High School and continued her education at University of Michigan-Dearborn. She currently works at Levine, Benjamin, P.C.

Dan is a 1986 Clarkston High School graduate. He currently works at Palmar Promotional Products.

An October 2011 wedding is planned.



Daniel and Marcy

## Students achieve success

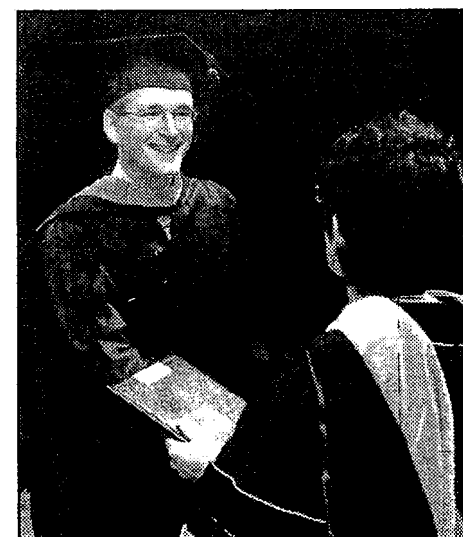
**Andrew Szykula** earned a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering, May 2011, from Purdue University, Indiana. He is a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan.

While living in Indiana, Szykula worked for General Motors and Allison Transmission in Indianapolis. He was a design and test engineer for the 2007 hybrid Chevy Tahoe, a vehicle named 2007 Green Car of the Year by Green Car Journal. He was the youngest Allison engineer to earn Six Sigma Green Belt certification in engineering design.

In June 2011, he accepted a position with the Ford Motor Company and lives in Dearborn, Mich.

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Students who graduated from Grand Valley State University, Winter 2011 semester, include Clarkston students **Justin T. Blouin**, Bachelor of Business Administration; **Christine M. Carson**, Bachelor of Science; **Christina M. McKee**, Bachelor of Science; **Ryan J. McLatcher**, Bachelor of Business Administration; **Marilynn M. Porritt**, Bachelor of Arts, cum laude; **Elissa C. Smith**, Bachelor of Science; **Ryan T. Smith**, Bachelor of Science; **Alyssa T. Tierney**, Bachelor of Science; **Darylann Trout**, Bachelor of Science; and **Jordan S. Waller**, Bachelor of Arts; and Davisburg students **John P. Allen**, Bachelor of Business Administration; **Zachary E. Christian-Rotramel**, Bachelor of Science; and **Angela J. Herberg**, Bachelor of Science.



Purdue University President France A. Cordova confers Andrew Szykula's degree during commencement.

**Lia Tocco** of Clarkston was one of 20 students who received the doctor of chiropractic degree from Sherman College of Chiropractic, S.C., last June. She is the daughter of Sam and Mary Tocco.

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**Allison Reis** of Clarkston High School was invited to play in the All-Star Classic, July 29, at Kellogg Arena. The tournament showcases top senior volleyball players from across the state.

## Religion

# God takes care of our spiritual needs

We read from Matthew 13:15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

In Matthew 13 we read about Jesus feeding the 5,000. Some would tell us that based on this passage that Jesus will give us all that we need in this life.

In fact, we often hear that Jesus promises to take care of all of our needs. That thought is based on this passage among others.

So if God promises to take care of all of our needs, why do you get sick? Why do you or a family member have cancer or die from cancer?

Christ did not come to this earth as an earthly king, but rather as a spiritual king.

So what does that mean? It means that Christ will take care of us. He will provide for us according to His will.

But we must realize that it is not always His will that we don't get sick, or that we are cured of our illness. And because of sin, He also promises that we will all one day die. But He also promises that all whom the Father gives Him, He will also never abandon.

That means that for all who believe on Jesus Christ, as their Lord and Savior, that He will keep them in His care forever and ever.

### Spiritual Matters



Father Kelly Todd

For those who believe on Jesus Christ, He will keep them eternally in the one true faith. Christ did not come to this earth to take care of your physical needs, but rather to take care of your spiritual needs.

This miracle had nothing to do with Jesus taking care of all of our physical needs, but that we are to have faith in Him.

Having faith in Jesus Christ, He will spiritually care for us all our days, because He has promised that He will protect all those whom His Father has given Him to take care of.

Believing on Jesus Christ as our only Savior, Jesus promises to keep us in the one true faith.

We will always be the children of God, never to be lost from His fold, never to be taken from Him. We will be His eternally!

This is all because Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins, and rose from the dead on the third day, and His Holy Spirit opens our hearts and minds to believe this.

By Christ's death and resurrection through faith in Him, we are assured of our eternal life. No guessing, no worrying, instead, we are His eternally.

This is His promise to us. And what a promise it is, that by believing on Jesus Christ, we will be His forever and ever, living eternally in Heaven with Him! Amen.

*The Rev. Kelly Todd is pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.*

## 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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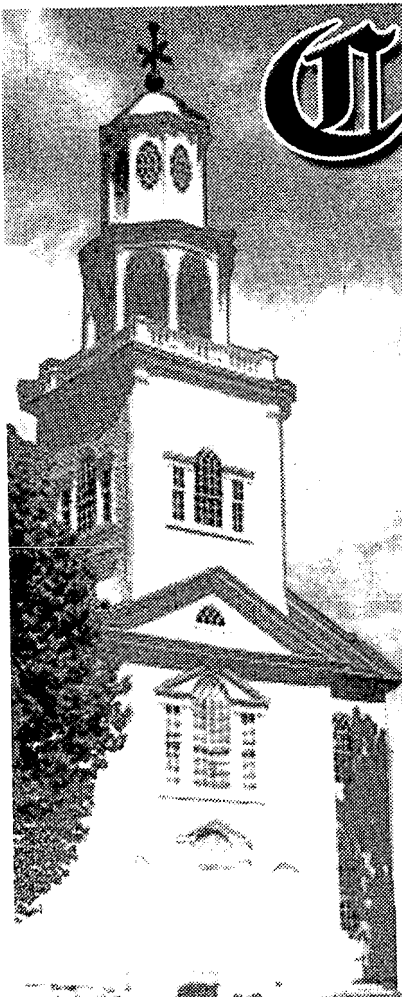
**Wednesday Evening FEAST**, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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**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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# Synthetic cannabis dangerous to youth

As a caseworker for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Elissa Fogel has observed an increase in referrals for youths abusing synthetic cannabis.

Though it has been around for awhile and has received national media attention for its harmful effects on users, it appears that there is room for improvement when it comes to local parental awareness.

Produced mainly in China, synthetic cannabis is an unregulated blend of herbs and spices marketed as incense or potpourri, which are laced with one or more synthetic compounds that are chemically similar to THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.

Trade names have included K2, Spice, Genie, Zohai and Darkness, among others.

Despite labels with the disclaimer "not for human consumption" the blends are ingested or smoked.

These synthetic cannabinoids all have varying degrees of toxicity, so users never know exactly what they are getting.

According to one spokesperson for the Drug Enforcement Administration, some of the products could have a chemical potency of up to 100% more than THC.

The DEA has stated that "emergency

room physicians report that individuals using these types of products experience serious side effects which include: convulsions, anxiety attacks, dangerously elevated heart rates, increased blood pressure, vomiting and disorientation."

## CAYA's corner



By Karen Dickey

Self-reported experiences with these products described effects ranging from an intense "cannabis-like" high to severe anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations and nausea.

On March 1, 2011, the DEA imposed an emergency ban on five of the most common chemicals used to produce synthetic cannabis. Michigan is one of several states that have outlawed it.

However, chemists have several options to easily and quickly change the formula to circumvent federal bans and market new products with different names and different chemical compounds, thereby keeping the drugs accessible.

They are readily available on the internet and continue to be sold in some

head shops and convenience stores.

A local mom who shared her son's experience with synthetic cannabis stated that kids are not afraid because they perceive it as "all natural" – young people equate retail availability with being safe as well.

Until recently, it was also undetectable in urine drug tests. She first became aware of her son's use in January after receiving a call from school saying that he was acting oddly in class.

"His eyes were real red and he was walking funny."

In May he got caught with the product in his pocket at school. She added that most of his friends have tried it at least once, but probably 20% of the parents know nothing about it.

What should parents watch for? Warning signs include agitation, pale appearance, anxiety or confusion due to hallucinations.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is here to help.

For more information on substance abuse and prevention, as well as short-term counseling or referrals to local agencies for long-term intervention, phone 248-623-4313.

## Women's sports leagues at Clintonwood Park

Independence Township Parks and Recreation has openings for Fall Women's and Co-Rec Volleyball leagues, and Women's 30 and Over Soccer League.

The Women's Soccer League is still accepting teams for the fall season, Aug. 24-Oct. 23.

Games are Sundays at the Clintonwood Park soccer fields, 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Players must turn 30 years old in 2011 to be eligible to participate.

Team fee for resident team is \$350, \$450 for non-resident teams. No playoffs for the league, but first and second place teams will each receive awards.

The Adult Sand Volleyball League also starts soon. Spaces are available on the Co-Rec Quads and Women's Doubles leagues.

Women's Doubles will play on Mondays and Co-Rec Quads will play on Wednesdays. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. for the fall leagues. Games are played on the Clintonwood Park volleyball courts.

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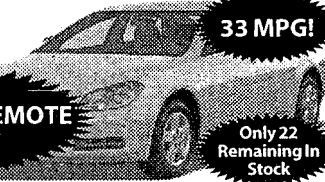
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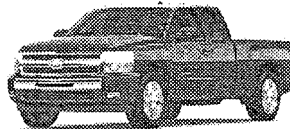
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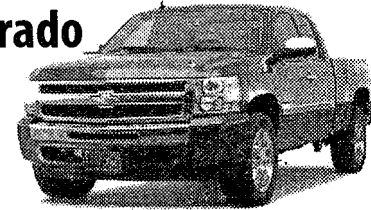
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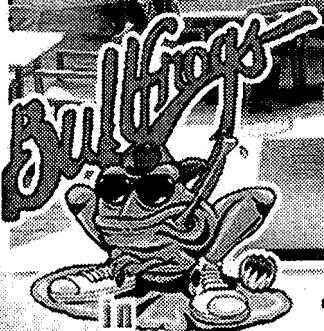
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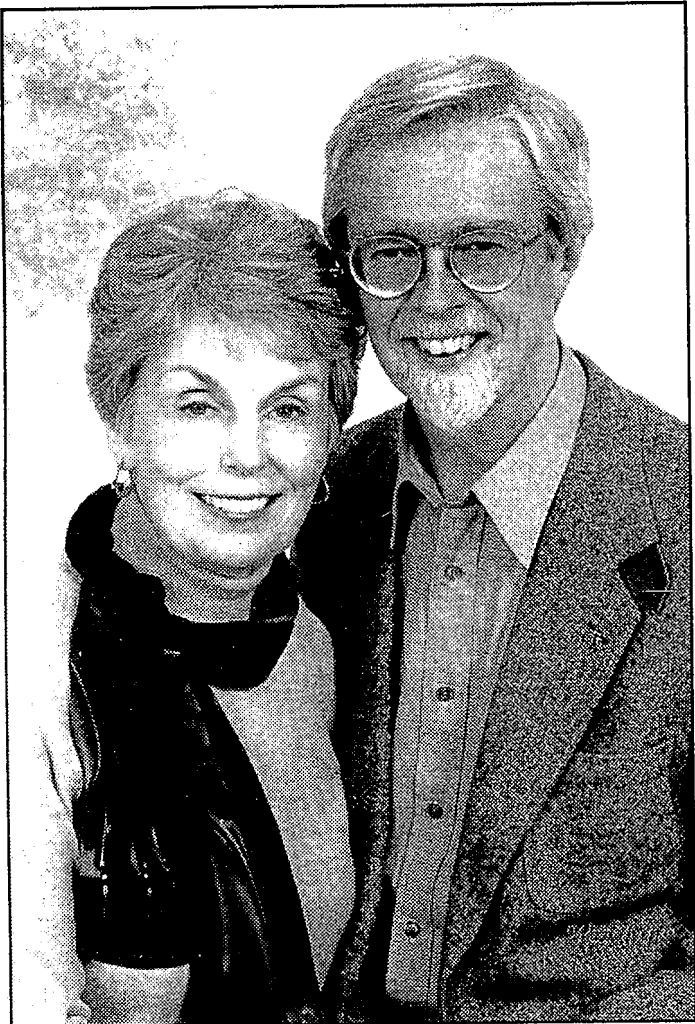
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# Clarkston couples celebrate milestones

## 55 years of marriage for Rizzos



Beverly and Pastor Bob

### Walters' Golden Anniversary

Pastor Bob and Beverly Walters of Clarkston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Aug. 12.

They were married at Hope Lutheran Church in Detroit, Aug. 12, 1961.

Their family includes son Bob, Detroit, and son Mike and his wife Jodi and their daughters Olivia and Ashlyn, of Marana,

Ariz.

For 29 years, Pastor Bob served Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston until retiring in 2000.

Beverly long worked for Clarkston Medical Group and presently works part-time with Oakland Physicians Network Services.

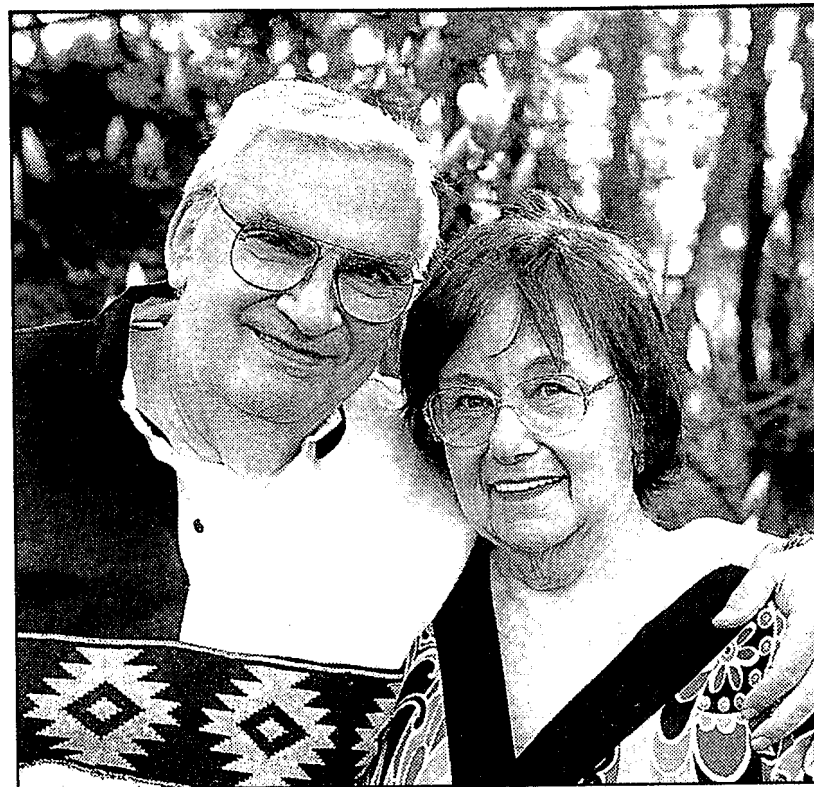
They live on West Church Street in Clarkston.

Vincent and Georgina Rizzo of Clarkston are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on Aug. 18, 2011. They were married in 1956 at Sacred Heart Church in Roseville, Mich., and raised their family in Roseville before moving to Clarkston 32 years ago.

The couple has three children, Regina (Michael) Soroka of Howell, Mich.; Mark (Sandra) Rizzo of Clinton Township, Mich.; and Teresa (Darin) Farough of Clarkston, as well as nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

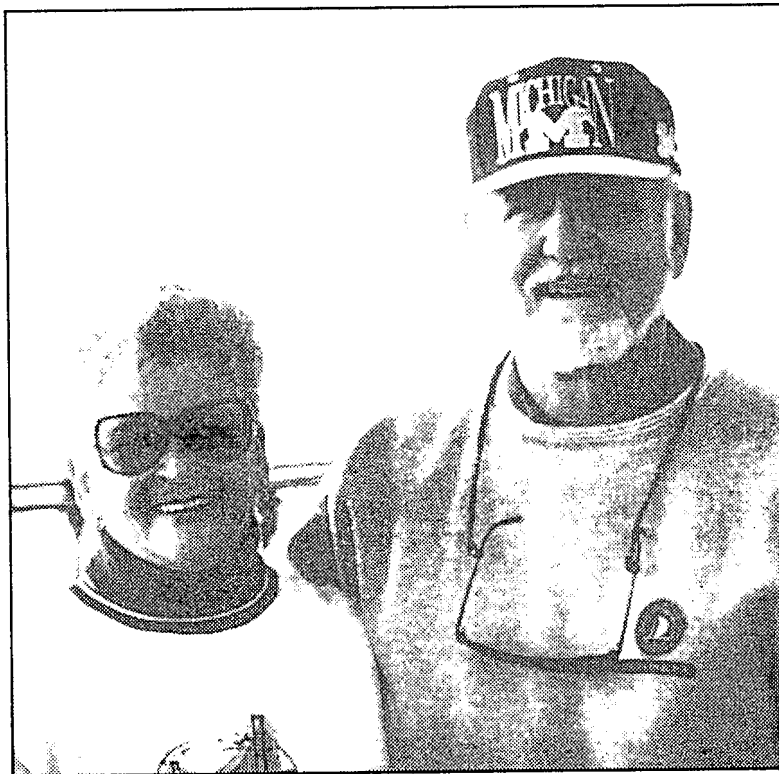
Mr. Rizzo owns an engineering company in Sterling Heights and Mrs. Rizzo has retired from an office management position.

The Rizzos enjoy visits with family and friends, gardening, travel and casino trips. They plan to celebrate their special day with family.



Vincent and Georgina

## Ulasiches celebrate 50th anniversary



Sandra and Richard

The children of Richard (Dick) and Sandra (Sandy) Ulasich would like to wish them a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary! Dick and Sandy, former Clarkston residents, married on Aug. 18, 1961 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lake Orion.

The couple resided in West Bloomfield and Clarkston, where they raised five children, Michael of Clarkston; Michelle of Philadelphia, Pa.; Annette of Cheboygan, Mich.; Lorette of San Diego, Calif.; and Alesha of Grand Blanc, Mich.

Dick and Sandy now have five grandchildren with a sixth grandson on his way.

The couple enjoyed their golden years traveling the United States in their RV with their dog, Muffin.

They typically spend the winters in the warm state of Texas and the summers in Michigan. Congratulations Mom and Dad!

### Got a Milestone to share?

Golden, Emerald, any milestone anniversary, we'd love to see them, along with births, weddings, engagements, military, business awards, school honors, and other achievements!

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