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Main St. double feature

Rock invites Fieri to sample Union, Woodshop cuisine

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

News crews, film crews, bodyguards, and screaming fans lined up outside the Clarkston Union, Thursday, as Kid Rock and Guy Fieri, Food Network star, came to town.

Fieri was featuring Main Street restaurants The Union and Woodshop on his show "Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives."

"We were really thrilled to be picked," said Ann Stevenson, co-owner of the Union and the Woodshop with her husband Curt Catalo and partner Erich Lines. "To be part of the program is just really stunning and we're really humbled by the whole thing to be included in that."

Stevenson said they are the first to have two places with the same owners featured on the show.

"Truly we would have been jazzed by having one of the restaurants picked," she said. "The fact that both places are going to be included, were just super thrilled about it."

Stevenson said Fieri's outgoing persona on TV was similar to real life.

"The cool thing was he came back in on Saturday night and hung out and had high

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Guy Fieri, Food Network star, signs one of his books with Clarkston rocker Kid Rock for a fan on the balcony of the Clarkston Union, Aug. 18. Photo by Trevor Keiser

To burn or not to burn

Open forum set on open burn ordinance

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

Those for and against open burning in Independence Township will soon get their say.

The Open Burning Ad Hoc Study Group hosts a public forum, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

"There's been a lot of concern about health issues, a lot of complaints at the township," said Trustee Larry Rosso, study group chair. "But not everyone is in agreement. There are also lots of comments in favor of allowing open burning. It's a passionate issue for a lot of folks."

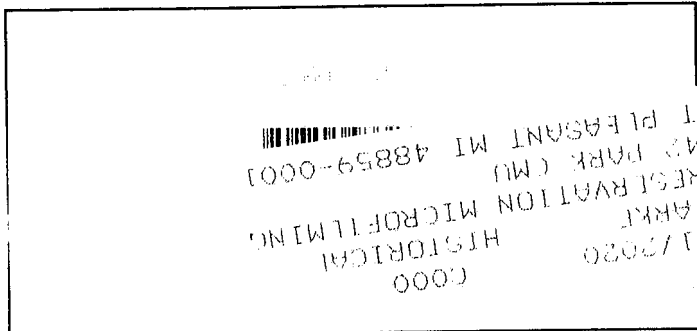
The meeting includes presentations by experts including Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk, history of the open burn ordinance, regulations, and enforcement; Director of DPW, Linda Richardson, issues and history surrounding composting and brush collection; township attorney Steven Joppich, ordinance creation, revision, and case law; Archie Munson, general manager of Smith's Disposal, compost pick up service and disposal, mulching, leaf vacuum equipment; and Dr. Daniel Maxwell, health and medical implications.

Residents can question the experts and study group members Delynn Anderson, Sandra Boggemes Stanley Bojanczyk, Mark Geno, Andrea Hirsch, James Reed, and Dave Stoke.

"The forum will provide an opportunity to hear from the public as we look at the ordinance," Rosso said. "The committee will then meet and make a recommendation to the township board."

The recommendation should be ready for consideration by Independence Township Board by late September, he said.

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Independence Township resident Connie Hoffman, with her dogs Riley and Judge, won the Oakland County Walk Michigan contest.

Walking away with Mac trip

Connie Hoffman of Independence Township walked the Orion Oaks Dog Park trails almost every morning for the past nine years. This year, her morning ritual paid off.

Hoffman, 59, is the grand prize winner of Oakland County Parks and Recreation's 2011 Oakland County Walk Michigan. She won a four-day trip for two to Mackinac Island. They'll stay at Mission Point Resort and participate in the Labor Day Bridge Walk with Gov. Rick Snyder.

"I couldn't believe it when I got the email saying I won," Hoffman said. "My husband Harold and I haven't been to Mackinac in quite a few years, so it's nice to go back up there. I'm looking forward to walking over the bridge."

Walk Michigan is a statewide non-competitive program established by Michigan Recreation and Parks Association and administered in throughout the state to promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity.

It lasted two months and ended Aug. 9. Participants could submit an entry after walking at least a mile. Walkers submitted 444 entries totalling over 1,284.15 miles. Hoffman submitted more than 20 entries.

"I'm there for at least an hour each morning, and I never stop walking," Hoffman said.

She walks her dogs Riley and Judge at the dog park, starting when Riley, who is 9 now, was a puppy.

"I've been going there ever since," Hoffman said.

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State review OK'd

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After paying \$1,000 to hire an outside inspector to audit the building director, Independence Township is now bringing in the state.

Township Clerk Barbra Pallotta said Gary Shripka, who did the audit on Belcher, recommended state review.

"He suggested we bring in the state of Michigan to do a performance evaluation," she said. "There is no cost at all to the township for that."

The board vote 3-2 to approve state review. Treasurer Curt Carson and Trustee Mark Petterson voted "no." Supervisor Dave Wagner and Trustee David Lohmeier were absent.

State review involves a team of three in a one-day visit. One person reviews files and the other two accompany the inspector to building sites. The state will then provide a written recommendation, and the board can have the state come and review implementation of the recommendations.

"My feeling is there is always room for improvement," Pallotta said. "Especially because now we're working under minimum staffing and we want to improve it."

Shripka's biggest observation in his report was "lack of documentation."

Trustee Neil Wallace felt Shripka's report was "very level, very objective."

"Although I've never met him, I felt a sense of trust coming out of that. In particular because he's the one who recommended that we look to the state," Wallace said. "It was clear he wasn't trying to glom onto the situation and make more of it for himself than what it was."

Pallotta also noted she and Carson met with Building Director Dave Belcher and he agreed with the state coming in. While Carson supports both the efforts of Pallotta and Belcher to strengthen the department, he could not support the state coming in.

"I believe things are moving in a very positive direction as they are," Carson said. "It does take up state taxpayer resources even though it doesn't cost our township anything specifically."

Petterson voted against the motion because the state reviewed the township in 2008.

"I was told the nearest one was done in 2000, I was lied to in a report I paid for," Petterson said. "Once you lie to me you're on my ... list."

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Briefly

Security seminar

After a spate of business break-ins along Dixie Highway, Citizen Cable Committee is organizing a Neighborhood Security Seminar, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, at Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

The evening begins with introduction by Rick Gutowski on behalf of the Citizens Cable Committee. Guest speaker on neighborhood security will be Deputy Stewart, Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Experts will present information on security systems and discounts on insurance available to homeowners and business owners who install security devices.

The event is free and open to the public.

The committee will air the seminar on Clarkston Public Access Channel.

Trustees decline sidewalks on Dixie

Independence Township Trustees declined sidewalks to be installed by the Michigan Department of Transportation during their 2013 Dixie Highway improvements.

"I don't think we should be going forward with it," Trustee Neil Wallace said. "It did look very enticing at first because it was on sale, but I don't think it's where our needs are and it was going to cost us a lot of money to buy this thing at sale."

Treasurer Curt Carson agreed. "I feel that would be not a good use of our funds at this time," Carson said.

Fund raiser for Backpacks program

ID's Key Club hosts a fund raiser, 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27 for Blessings in a Backpack at Andersonville Elementary.

Admission is a \$10 donation at the door. Tickets for a drawing for a Tigers luxury suite are \$10 for one, \$20 for four.

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New school leaders ready to start

Mahoney promoted at Springfield Plains

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The excitement of school starting in a few days is felt through the district, but especially at Springfield Plains Elementary.

"I can not wait until the first day of school," said Nancy Mahoney, who joined the elementary in July as the new principal after four years as assistant principal at Clarkston High School.

"In elementary there is a high level of energy and excitement on the first day of school," she added. "I want to be a part of that."

The transition into her new school and role has been smooth especially with Karen Postal, school secretary, and the rest of the staff.

"There are very friendly people here," Mahoney smiled. "Teachers have been popping in. It is nice to put a face with a name."

Mahoney started in the district as a math teacher at the high school, now the Clarkston Junior High School.

"I can't believe how fast it has gone," she said, remembering the school, her classroom

in a portable and moving to the current high school.

She transitioned into the assistant principal role. When the position opened at Springfield Plains after KC Leh announced her retirement, Mahoney knew she wanted to apply.

"As a principal you truly become a leader of the school," she said. "It is nice to lead in terms of teaching, curriculum and be a leader for kids. It is a great opportunity to grow."

Mahoney brings to Springfield Plains dedication and strong ethics. Plus, she cares about the students.

"I want them to enjoy school and have fun," she said. "As principal I want to give them the best opportunities for learning."

Being assistant principal allowed her to understand secondary curriculum, so she has their future at the high school and for after graduation in her mind.

"I also get excited at the fact we are given



Mahoney

kids for six years," she smiled. "We are building the strongest foundation possible."

Mahoney knows everyone working in the district plays a role in how each child turns out.

"We all have the same mission in mind for the kids and like kids," she said. "I like the commitment. I have always felt them to be very warm, loving and supportive. It is easy to establish that team because it is a team effort to education the children in Clarkston."

She understands the importance of family for the parents at Springfield Plains and throughout the district.

"My family is important to me," she said.

Mahoney has three children going to school in the district - one in the junior high and two at the high school. Her oldest is a senior.

"I never really saw her while I was at the high school," she said, explaining her daughter never got in trouble. "It was nice to be a part of everything. I will miss it a little bit but I will still attend the activities."

Besides spending time with her kids she enjoys outdoor recreation and reading.

"I want kids to know this is the best place they can come to," she said. "For them to know it is a safe place, a secure place and we are going to take care of them. They will have great experiences here."

Walker joins high school administration as assistant principal

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Elizabeth Walker headed to the Clarkston High School stadium and joined the array of pink and baby blue for Football for a Cure.

After a few weeks in her new role as assistant principal for the high school, she thought it would be an opportunity to meet parents and students.

What she found was warmth and a sense of community.

"It was a cool thing to do," she said about the varsity football's annual prescimmage to help raise money for McLaren Breast Center in Clarkston and the Great Lakes Cancer Institute.

"I heard the students talk about it. They were so well spoken and doing something they believed in," she added. "Every student I have talked to is involved in that culture - they are interested in improving themselves, their school and their community. It has been really amazing."

Walker knew Clarkston was an amazing district before she was hired for the position. Living in Grand Blanc, the schools competed against each other in athletics and academics. Plus, she knew the reputation of Clarkston and the community.

"There is a lot of good things happening here," she said. "The reputation precedes it-

self."

Walker has spent 11 years in education and was a teacher leader at Lake Fenton Community Schools before becoming one of the newest Wolves at Clarkston.

"She comes to us with a lot of experience," said Gary Kaul, principal at Clarkston High School, introducing her at the Clarkston Community Schools board of education meeting on Aug. 22.

"I talked to a Lake Fenton administrator," he continued, "who said Lake Fenton just got worse and Clarkston High School just got better."

Walker brings to the high school and district a vast knowledge about school improvement and about different policies from the state.

"I am excited," said Walker. "I am bringing a lot of enthusiasm. I am really excited to work with everyone in the building and meet students and the staff as they start to trickle in."



Walker

She always had a desire to work in administration even when she was a teacher.

"It was an inspiration of mine," she added. "I knew I was going to do it."

Following the desire, she went to University of Michigan and received her masters in Public Administration. Then, she became involved with a lot of leadership councils.

One of the first things she noticed about Clarkston Community Schools was the district was bigger than Lake Fenton. But no matter what the size she felt the sense of community.

"Even though Clarkston is big, it is like a family," she smiled.

The sense made her feel at home since she is family orientated - spending time with her sisters and parents as well as traveling with her husband and three-year-old son to visit her husband's family.

"I have been nothing but welcomed with open arms," Walker added. "People have been so kind and wonderful. They have been lending tips."

When she is not spending time with family, she can be found reading.

"Any student I have seen I have stopped and introduced myself," Walker said. "I am glad to be here and glad to be part of the community. I am also looking forward to



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Walkers present a shoe salute to cancer survivors at the end of the 60-mile walk. Photos provided

Long road for cancer-fighting team

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Heather Roberts walked away from the 2011 Michigan Susan G. Komen 3-Day in Detroit with four blisters and a toenail ready to fall off.

It was a piece of cake compared to last year, said Roberts, member of the Clarkston-area team Jeeping for Jugs along with her husband Derek Roberts, and Cher-Ray and Ryan Kimler.

"Then the count was 14 blisters and a toenail on the same toe," Heather said. "There was tremendous support from people of all ages, lots of dogs with pink accessories and even two ponies and a tortoise."

The team raised \$9,830, with more still coming in.

"Thanks to Dr. Edward Lis of Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery, the Macias family and Miner family for taking care of my children, and Glori Macias for her support both in fund raising and my broken ankle (which was healing the last 10 weeks)," Heather said.

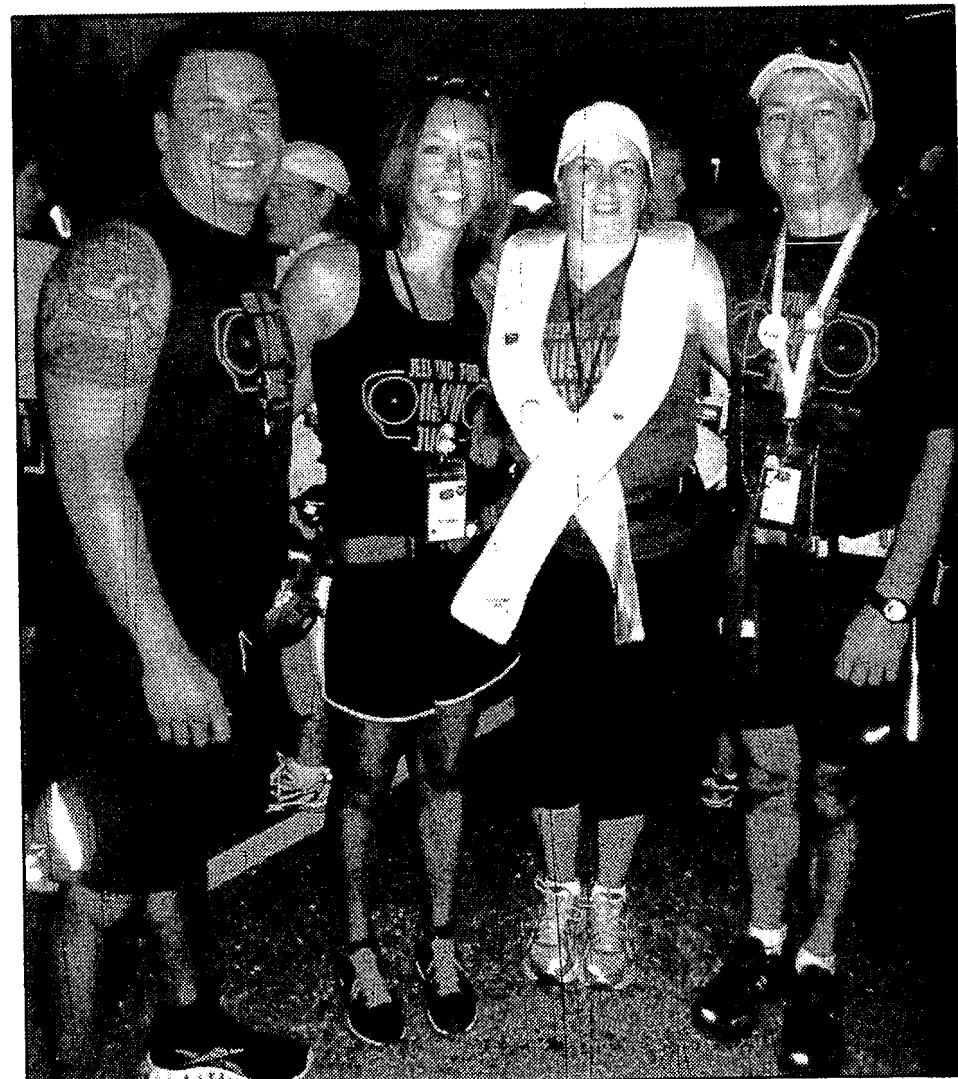
About 1,500 walkers raised over \$4.1 million for cancer research and education programs.

The walk was Aug. 12-14, starting in Novi, and ending 60 miles later in Dearborn.

"We walked through Novi, Northville, Livonia, Plymouth, and Dearborn," Heather said. "The weather was good Friday and Saturday. The storm hit camp Saturday night and many left camp – the rest of us waited to see if we would be evacuated to a local school. The buses were all on stand by at camp. Fortunately, the storm blew over."

Heather lost friends to cancer and several others are affected by it, including Cher-Ray, a two-time cancer survivor.

"It comes closer to home every day – whatever we can do, we'll do," Heather said. "It's something very important to my family. It's an ongoing thing now, to stay healthy



From left, Jeeping for Jugs team members Ryan Kimler, Cher-Ray Kimler, Heather Roberts, and Derek Roberts take a break during the 3 Day walk.

and take care of your self. We walk every- where."

Heather, 44, walked in 2010, and Cher-Ray, 28, and Ryan, 33, walked in 2009. This was the first 3-Day for Derek, 41. The entire team

all completed the 60 miles.

"Men and women, young and old, this disease has no boundaries," Heather said.

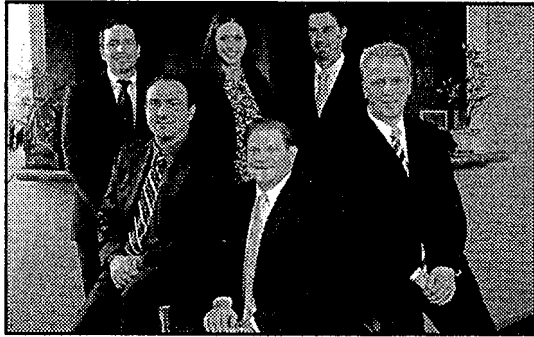
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- Avulsed (knocked out) teeth
- Fractured facial bones (cheek, nose or eye socket)
- Fractured jaws (upper and lower jaw)

The Nature of Facial Trauma

There are a number of possible causes of facial trauma. Motor vehicle accidents, accidental falls, sports injuries, interpersonal violence and work related injuries. Types of facial injuries can range from injuries of teeth to extremely severe injuries of the skin and bones of the face. Typically, facial injuries are classified as either soft tissue injuries (skin and gums), bone injuries (fractures), or injuries to special regions (such as the eyes, facial nerves or the salivary glands).

Soft Tissue Injuries of the Facial Region

Soft tissue injuries, such as lacerations on the face, are repaired by suturing. In addition to the obvious concern of providing a repair that yields the best cosmetic result possible, care is taken to inspect and treat injuries to underlying structures such as facial nerves, salivary glands and salivary ducts. The doctors at Summit Oral Surgery are highly-trained and proficient at diagnosing and treating all types of facial lacerations.

Bone Injuries of the Facial Region

Fractures of the bones of the face are treated in a manner similar to the fractures in other parts of the body. The specific form of treatment is determined by various factors which include the location of the fracture, the severity of the fracture and the age and general health of the patient. When an arm or a leg is fractured, a cast is often applied to stabilize the bone to allow for proper healing. Since a cast cannot be placed on the face, other means have been developed to stabilize facial fractures.

One method of treatment involves wiring the jaws together for certain fractures of the upper and/or lower jaw. Another method of stabilizing a fractured jaw involves the surgical placement of small plates and screws at the involved site. This technique of treatment often allows for healing and obviates the necessity of having the jaws wired together. This technique is called "rigid fixation" of a fracture. The relatively recent development and use of rigid fixation has profoundly improved the recovery period for many patients, allowing them to return to normal function more quickly.

The treatment of facial fractures should be accomplished in a thorough and predictable manner. More importantly, the patient's facial appearance should be minimally affected. An attempt at accessing the facial bones through the fewest incisions necessary is always made. At the same time, the incisions that become necessary are designed to be small and, whenever possible, are placed so that the resultant scar is hidden.

Injuries to the Teeth and Surrounding Dental Structures

Isolated injuries to teeth are quite common and may require the expertise of various dental specialists. Oral surgeons usually are involved in treating fractures in the supporting bone or in replanting teeth that have been displaced or knocked out. These types of injuries are treated by one of a number of forms of splinting (stabilizing by wiring or bonding teeth together). If a tooth is knocked out, it should be placed in milk. The sooner the tooth is re-inserted into the dental socket, the better chance it will survive. Therefore, the patient should see a dentist or oral surgeon as soon as possible. Never attempt to wipe the tooth off, since remnants of the ligament that hold the tooth in the jaw are attached and are vital to the success of replanting the tooth. Other dental specialists may be called upon such as endodontists, who may be asked to perform root canal therapy, and/or restorative dentists who may need to repair or rebuild fractured teeth. In the event that injured teeth cannot be saved or repaired, dental implants are often now utilized as replacements for missing teeth.



Elise's Entries

A column by Elise Shire

All good things come to an end

When I first started my internship at *The Clarkston News*, I had no idea what to expect.

I had heard the phrase "carrying coffee" so many times when internships were mentioned that I assumed it to be a truthful description of them.

However, I've come to find out how wrong that stereotype can be.

This internship has taught me more than I ever imagined about news writing and my community.

It has also shown me how much goes on in my hometown on a daily basis and how much time goes into each and every event.

I have been incredibly lucky to have this experience.

There hasn't been a single event that I've written about that didn't fascinate me. Every single person that I've interviewed for my articles has been friendly, intelligent, and open about their experiences, which made it easy for me to learn from them.

The staff here has been very willing to help and give me assignments to give me hands-on experience with journalism. I hope to be as dedicated and knowledgeable as they are in my future career.

As sad as I am to be leaving *The Clarkston News*, I will be returning to University of Michigan-Flint in a couple of weeks with a very real sense of what goes into reporting.

I have also gained a better appreciation for my community.

The things that I've learned through this internship will certainly follow me through my classes.

I'm sure these things will give me real-life experience with what I am taught in school.

Having one year left in school, I am feeling more ready than ever to graduate and make journalism my full-time job.

I would like to thank everyone that has worked with me, both the staff at the news and those that I've interviewed.

You have all honestly been too helpful for words and I appreciate the opportunities you have all given me.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Tractor column missed the mark

Dear Editor,

Everyone who is paying attention knows that the tractor gifted to Independence Township disappeared at the hand of the supervisor. This cannot and must not be overlooked.

Unfortunately, the obvious theft of the tractor by the township supervisor is not a sci-fi movie as *The Clarkston News* editor suggested (re: "Obsession," Aug. 20's Phil in the Blank column).

It is all too real.

The article is accurate to the point that it is not just about the tractor. It is about public officials being honest and worthy of the public's trust, something the supervisor has violated.

The column relies on the newspaper's inaccurate reporting that township employees went onto a resident's property.

That is untrue and was printed by *The Clarkston News* without any confirmation of a mere allegation ("Tractor digs up trouble

for resident," Aug. 3). It is poor journalism that serves to mislead the public

There is no "shooting" at Supervisor Wagner. Only the obligation of the Township Board to get at the facts, as is their duty to their constituents.

Letters to the editor

They should not turn a blind eye to wrongdoing just because it may be uncomfortable. Trust in government is earned even at the local level.

Phil Custodio is not showing civic responsibility in calling for a stop to the investigation before the facts are all known. Calling for a stop assumes there has been no wrongdoing.

Yet what the entire community has witnessed is a course of wrongdoing by the supervisor over the last several years. That's what has to stop.

What "force" is exerting such control on our community and why?

*Craig Strickland
Independence Township*

Thank you to community for...

3-Day support

Dear Editor,

Team "Finish or Bust" would like to thank everyone who participated in the Susan G. Komen Golf for the Cure golf outing on June 25th, 2011 at Oxford Hills Golf Club benefiting the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure. Tim Kalohn and the entire staff at Oxford Hills were tremendous to work with and the following hole sponsors and prize donors, also, helped to make this fundraiser a huge success.

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Thank you, again, for your very kind and generous support.

*Dawn Boisvert and Barb Wloch
Team 'Finish or Bust'*

Scoops for Heart help

Dear Editor,

One of the many wonderful things about our Clarkston Community is that so many residents, organizations and businesses are willing to partner—even in times of economic hardship—for the greater good.

The Children's Heart Foundation was grateful to receive the support of Culver's of Clarkston and Oakland County Parks & Recreation as sponsors of the second annual Scoop for Hearts, a fund raiser benefiting children born with congenital heart defects.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, hundreds gathered at Culver's where Oakland County Parks & Recreation provided giant inflatable to entertain families free of charge.

Through donations and Culver's charitable gift of 10 percent of food sales, \$1,000 was raised for the non-profit.

A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, partnering organizations, and to the many families who joined us in the spirit of giving.

Sincerely,
*Sally Powers, president,
Children's Heart Foundation -
Michigan Chapter in development*

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

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Deputy retires to spend time with family" After 25 years in uniform, Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Keith Brodorb retired to spend time with his wife Jeanne and his three adopted children. "My life is devoted to my family and I want to devote some time to them before it's too late," he said.

"Fundraiser is congregation's labor of love" Clarkston Free Methodist Church held a fundraiser for Waterford resident Judy McLaughlin, who had been on dialysis for half of her 36 years. As a Clarkston High School senior, McLaughlin learned just weeks before graduation she had kidney disease. Clarkston Free Methodist Church held a garage sale, bake sale, craft booth, and other activities to raise money for her kidney transplant.

25 years ago - 1986

"Artist's works fly back home" Gary Mills brought his life-like woodcarved song birds back home to Clarkston. Mills' interest in woodworking and architectural drawing began during his years at Clarkston High School. After teaching industrial arts four years in Polo, Ill., Mills and his wife, Laura, returned to Michigan with their three children.

"Seminar experience shapes teen's goals" After attending a world affairs seminar in Whitewater, Wisc., Clarkston High School senior, Jon Midtgard, decided to study political science and then international law. He was chosen by the Clarkston Rotary Club to go to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at the recommendation of CHS social studies teachers. During his week there, he attended lectures and discussed world affairs with students and political leaders from all over the world.

50 years ago - 1961

"Carolyn Ruggles chosen queen" 17 year-old Carolyn Ruggles was chosen queen of the 4-H fair in Pontiac. About a dozen girls were competing for the honor, leaving three finalists. The three finalists had to make a speech on 4-H work. Carolyn's speech on "What 4-H Members can Gain from Club Work." She was crowned with a rhinestone tiara, and presented with a trophy and a dozen red roses.

"Births announced" Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacLennan of Overlook Drive became the parents of a 6 lb. daughter named Karen Elaine. She was born August 2, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

The first liar doesn't have a chance

Had lunch recently with longtime friend and fellow senior. As often happens with we generationals, the topic quickly went to the economy.

Pete started it with, "These people today don't know what a recession is. I stood on a stool washing dishes in my dad's diner in Pontiac at age six and left that stool only to go to school and sleep."

Nobody works like that today, he inhaled. So, I told of having to wear my sister's hand-me-down clothes made of logo flour sacks, using the three-holer a half mile from the house, down a dirt lane, in snow storms and pushing a big sow aside so I could get some of her slop to eat. She didn't like it either.

Pete: "These people think a drop in stocks and bonds will ruin this country. All we could do is read about stocks and bonds having something to do with penalties for criminal behavior."

"Right, Pete. All the girls wore dresses made from flour sacks with logos, and I even had to wear them as I grew up in the Depression."

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If there was something good about the Depression of the 1929-1941 years it might be the lesson taught about saving.

Our basement, garage, sheds, porches and other so-called empty spaces are full of "savings." Over a couple

walls downstairs are 61 baby food jars of nails, screws, washers and other small, "necessary" items.

Not long ago, I started ridding myself of over 400 neckties.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

My downstairs work bench has coffee cans of bolts and nuts and drill bits.

A couple shelves hold small and not-so-small paint cans.

When I was 10, carpenters were working on a house across the road. To get rid of me, the boss-man handed me a claw hammer and "let" me pull nails from boards they had removed.

That was my first "job" and I was proud of it. I've been pulling used nails from boards ever since.

Saving!

Depression!

Get it?

And please keep this in mind . . . It took a World War to get our economy rolling.

That experience must have been absorbed deeply in Washington, D.C.

I wish our politicians would get on with Plan B.

The generations coming along need other economy growers.

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I quit using e-mail shortly after getting it. Took too much time deleting. Now I get stuff that's screened.

A friend sends it to a friend, who relays what he thinks I'd like.

The originator is a guy named Dale, who puts this quote on everything he sends: "A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take away everything you have." -Thomas Jefferson.

- The problems we face today exist because the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living.

- What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is she homeless, or naked?

- If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

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The lot our house is on just under three acres. When a neighbor put the adjacent, same size lot on the market, we bought it to "control" our neighbors.

I did the same thing in 1973 when Hazel and I didn't even want to think about such a purchase, bought four adjoining cemetery lots.

I was still concerned about our neighbors.

A kinder, gentler Don? Whadup wit' dat?

As the days get shorter, the mornings cooler (I actually saw my breath at about six Monday morn) and as fall approaches, I ask myself: "Self, are you a kinder, gentler Don?"

I asked myself that question because over the weekend I found myself taking the time to notice things in the back yard and garden. I saw and heard a lot of things, earlier in the morning before the sounds of lawn mowers, neighbors and other motorized vehicles woke up.

As I picked tomatoes, habanero, jalapena, poblano and banana peppers from my wee-little garden, an odd movement from the corner of my eye caught my attention.

I stopped, turned my head over to the patch of Lemon Balm mint growing (almost wildly, I might add). After a nanosecond, a stalk of balm shook. A single stalk in a patch that is about four-feet by eight. Then, another stalk moved, then another.

I inched closer and when I was above the area of the moving balm, I saw the reason. A mole was moving in its tunnel, under my plants, in my garden! First instinct was to take my spade and bring

down Don's wrath in a terribly wicked strike that would eliminate said mole problem.

But I didn't.

I watched it, or I watched the path it was taking by the shaking lemon balm.

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Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

cicada.

Now, I've heard the cicadas in my yard every year. Each year I find their ektoskelton clinging to some weed or up against a tree -- which is how I was able to identify the living thing crawling in my grass.

But, I have never seen a live cicada before. As it had most likely just dug its way out of the earth, being young it

must have mistaken me as a tree (I cast a mighty big shadow), because then it (he, she?) started to crawl in my direction.

Ick!

I got a stick and then got him (her?) to the safety of the honey locust tree in the middle of my back yard so she (or he?) could shed its skin, get some wings and fly up to the tree tops and start making noise.

* * *

Later in the day, but still early in the afternoon, I was up near my yellow garage. I have the bottom "pan" of a doggie cage leaning up against said garage. I noticed, an ektoskelton of another cicada. Cool.

Upon closer inspection (but, again, not too closer), I noticed up in the corner of the doggie-cage-pan was the actual winged-cicada that had emerged from the ektoskelton a few inches lower. Sweet! It must have been drying its (his, hers?) wings because it didn't move when I was near it.

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Still later in the day, but still afternoon and not evening yet, the big week-

end storm was starting to kickup. News reports said there was a severe thunderstorm warning in the area, with winds possibly gusting to 70 m.p.h. Upon hearing the news, I went outside took the doggie-cage-pan and cicada and put them in a more protected area, near a maple tree. I didn't think a thing about it, I just did it.

* * *

So, as I was driving into work this Monday, the weekend's events bounced inside my noggin. Then I thought, "Am I a kinder, gentler Don?"

My thought process was interrupted, cause I needed to fuel up The Racing Sonoma (205,000 miles and still ticking). I pulled into the gas station and . . .

. . . I answered myself when, from Don's List of Pet Peeves, Number 927 occurred. I hate it when people go to a gas station and instead of pulling up to the furthest available pump, they only go to the first available pump. That action slows the whole process up for folks behind in the line. ARRRRG.

It ticked me off, royally. So, am I kinder and gentler. I think not. Cranky white guy, reporting for duty.



Pete the superhero arrives after the campers call him with their song.



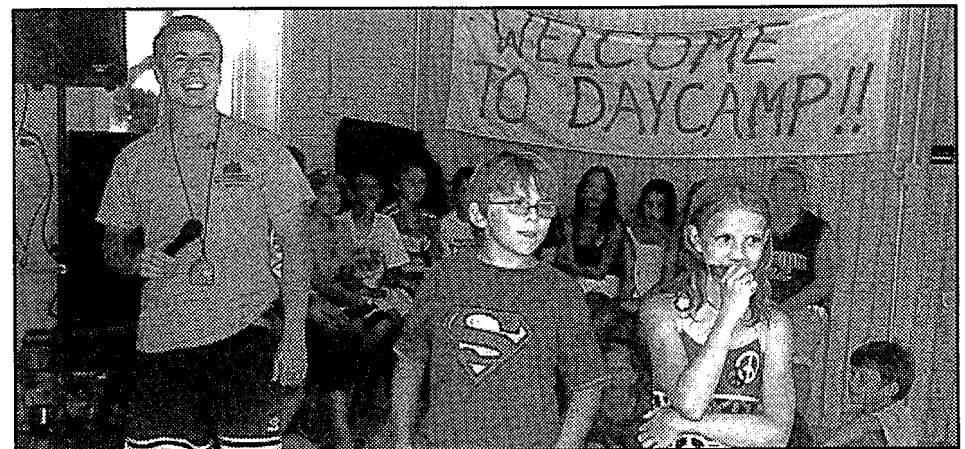
From left, Clintonwood Park Day Camp Director Sarah Davenport, and campers Trevor Dadies and Matthew Altman enjoy the last day of camp before a trip to Cedar Point. Photos by Elise Shire

Day campers have super time

Independence Township day campers enjoyed one last day at Clintonwood Park, Aug. 18, before wrapping up the summer session with a trip to Cedar Point.

Parks and rec hosts day camps and other programs every summer for kids in grades 1-9, with activities and field trips throughout the community.

Several staff members will return next year — many are or will be former campers.



Campers and counselors sing loudly for the "Beat Pete Challenge."

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Public Safety

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

House fire

Smoke was visible as deputies approached a home in the 5000 block of Sashabaw on Aug. 12 at 11:36 p.m. The homeowner saw flames and smoke coming from a vent outside the house as he was removing animals from the inside of the house. He threw water into the vent to stop it. He told his family to get out of the house and called 9-1-1. He said AT&T installed a new satellite dish and after they left he heard a noise that sounded like firecrackers going off in the attic. The Independence Township Fire Department said the origin was electrical.

Sniffing out drugs

A 25-year-old Rochester man quickly put something under his leg when he spotted two security officers patrolling at the Identity concert at DTE Energy Theatre, Aug. 12. The deputies saw him try to hide pills and took him to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department trailer. He admitted it was ecstasy and he did not intend to sell it, but he did take one of the pills. Another security officer noticed a 26-year-old Alto resident snorting a white powdery substance. He admitted the baggie he had was his and he believed it was ecstasy.

Stolen bike

A 12-year-old Auburn Hills boy rode his bike to visit his grandmother at her home on Mann Road. He put his bike underneath the deck unlocked and stayed the night, Aug. 14. The next morning his bike was missing.

Driver killed in crash

The driver of a 2004 Nissan was killed, 11:21 p.m., Aug. 16, when she was hit by another vehicle on Sashabaw at Clarkston Road. According to investigation, she turned in front of the other vehicle and was struck. She was not wearing a seat belt. Both drivers were taken to POH by Independence Township Fire Department. Investigation continues.

Theft from business

A business in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway opened on Aug. 16 and the petty cash and bank deposit was missing from the cash box. Also, the computers weren't working. Someone had pried open the door.

Car break in

A resident in the 100 block of North Main Street reported someone broke into his Ford van on Aug. 17. The thief gained access by breaking out the driver's side middle window and unlocking the driver's door. Then, they took \$200 from the center console where the money was inside a belt pack.

Double check

While reconciling cancelled checks on Aug. 17 a business owner in the 8000 block on Ortonville Road noticed the same check cashed twice. Once as a payroll check signed to a former temporary employee for \$77.83. It was cashed again at a party store in Roseville for \$877.83.

Money gone

A 20-year-old went into the kitchen where his parents had left him money on Aug. 17 at noon at their home on the 8000 block of Morningstar Dr. When he went to grab it, the five \$20 bills were gone. The only other person in the home was a Direct TV repair man.

Departed plate

A 40-year-old Independence Township woman realized something important was missing from her Bonneville - her registration plate. She knew it happened between 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 16 and 10 p.m. on Aug. 17. She knew it was either taken when her car was parked at Lancaster Lakes Apartments or at Bridgewater Apartments.

Teens with marijuana

A deputy ran a Michigan license plate of a 1992 Jeep while he was on patrol on Aug. 17. After the information came up the license was expired, he pulled the vehicle over to find four teenagers smelling of marijuana. The 18-year-old driver gave permission for the deputy to search the vehicle. Found in the driver's purse was a small bag of marijuana and a pipe wedged in the rear passenger seat behind the driver.

Fight over chair

A fight broke out between two concert goers on Aug. 17 at the DTE Energy Theatre during the Def Leppard concert. A 49-year-old Lincoln Park woman moved the chair of a 40-year-old Dryden woman, stating her neighbor had problems with the hill seating area.

Car chase

Deputies on patrol located a vehicle reported stolen in Waterford Township and gave chase, 8:20 p.m., Aug. 19, at Sashabaw and Maybee roads. The chase, with lights and sirens, continued into Waterford Township where the suspect hit a rock near Lansdown and Williams Lake roads. The driver, a 41-year-old Waterford Township man, put up a struggle and was tasered. He was taken to Doctors Hospital for treatment. Deputies found suspected cocaine in his car. He was jailed pending warrants.

-Reports compiled by Wendy Reardon.
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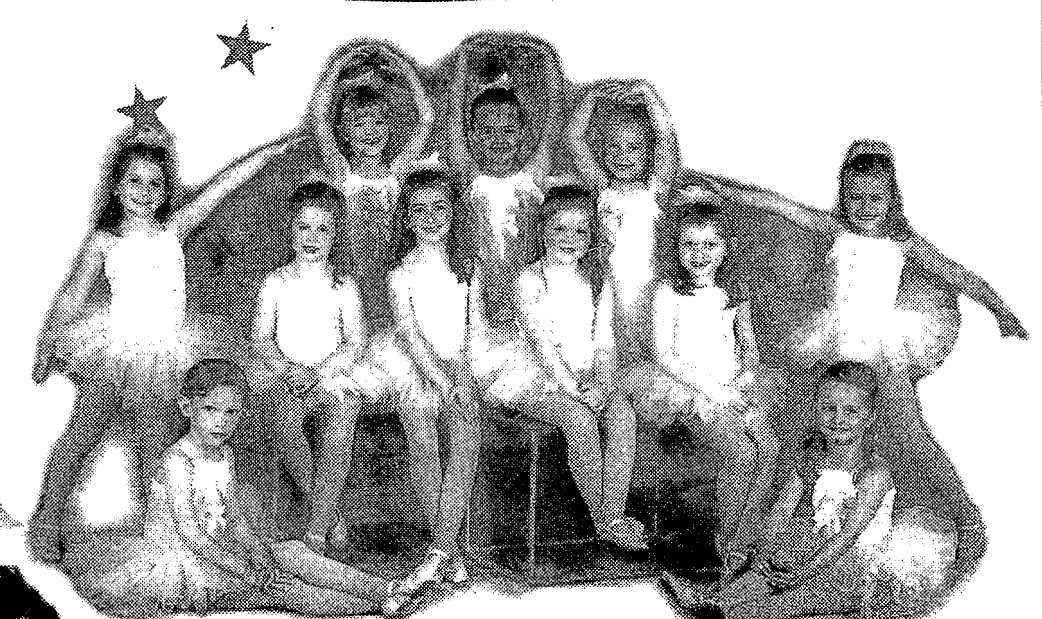
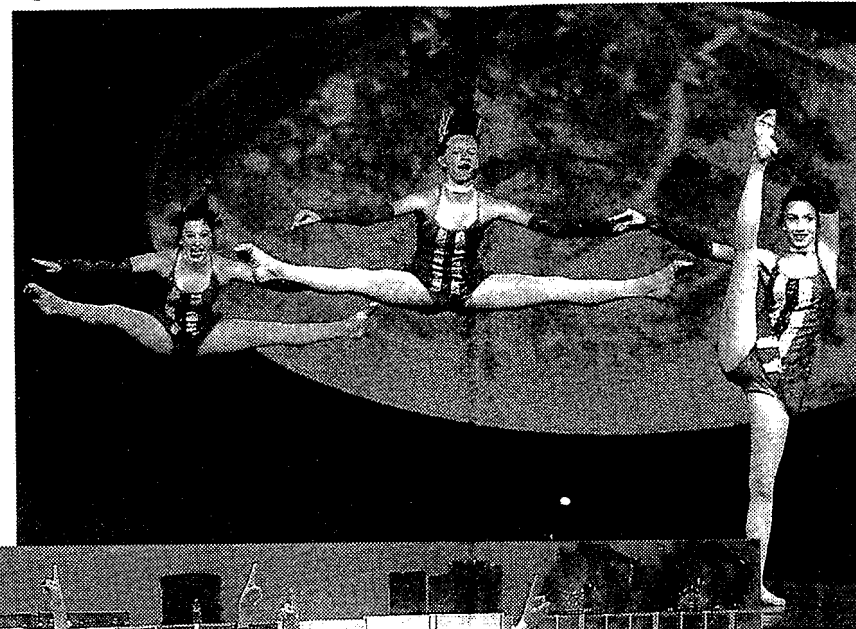
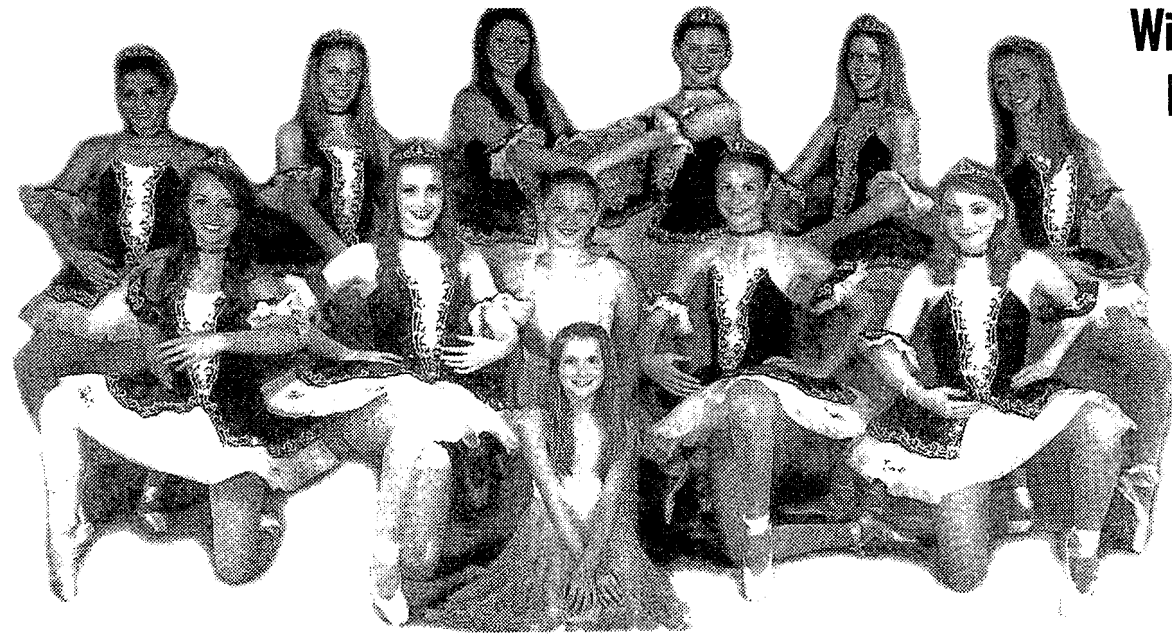
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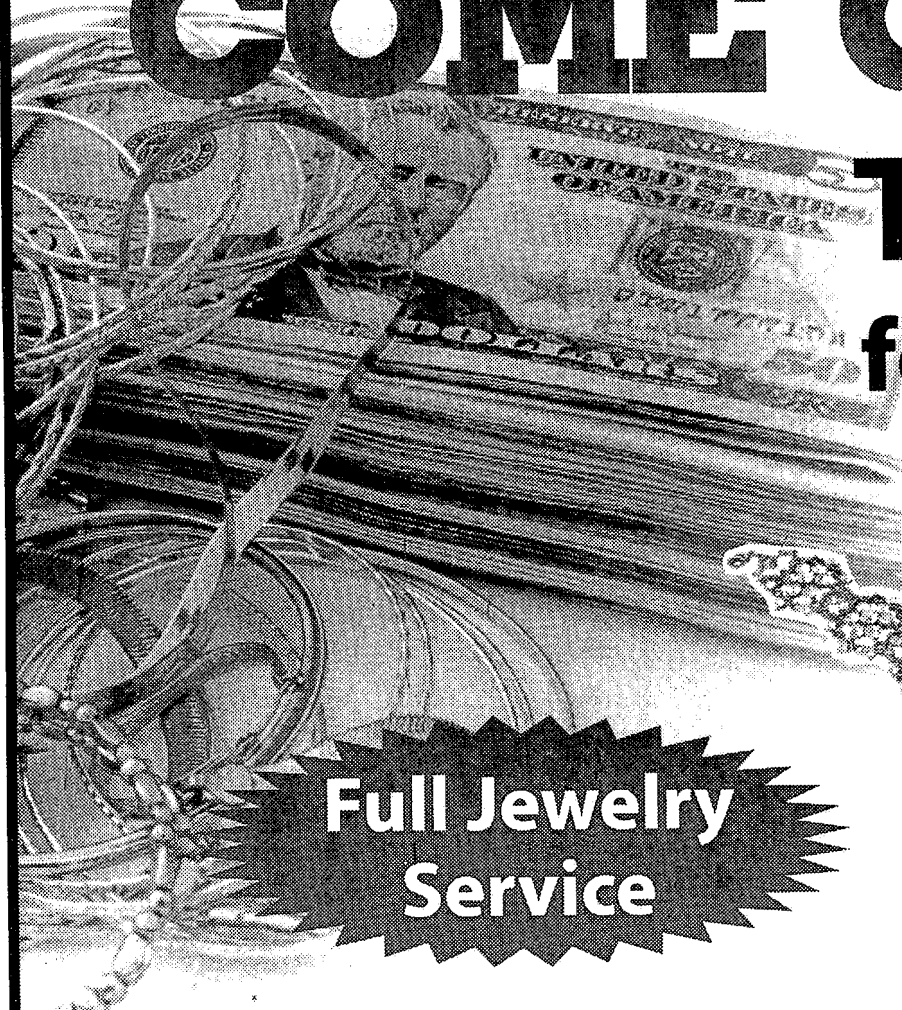
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Returners rally for win over the Highlanders

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves hit the field hard in practice as the countdown continued to wind down to the season opener at Rochester Adams, this Friday.

"Adams is always a great challenge and they are always a great opener," said Kurt Richardson, Clarkston Boys Varsity Football head coach going into his 25th season.

He added the Highlanders are well-coached and don't have a lot of players this year.

"The kids they do have are really good football players," said Richardson. "It will be a challenge for us."

The Wolves finished last season with a 7-3 record and finished in the Division 1 District Semifinal with a loss to Grand Blanc. From the loss, the team has a lot of returners remembering the losses and wins from 2010.

While the Wolves have most of their starters coming back from last year, Adams has a handful. But Clarkston won't let it stop them from giving their best game on Friday.

"We have to play up to our potential," added Tony Miller, defensive coordinator. "We can be a very good team. We have the right ingredients to go a long way but we have to get Rochester Adams under our belts."

The ingredients include the Wolves' key returners - beginning with linebackers Zach Collins and Matt Dellinger. Then, moving to



Joey Goss carries the ball during the boys' scrimmage on Aug. 18.

skilled players in running back Joey Goss, running back and safety Evan Montgomery, wide receiver Mike Schwartz and quarterback Mitch Baenziger.

Another ingredient to the Wolves' success is kicker Alex Barta.

"I don't know if anyone has a better punter and place kicker than Alex," Richardson said. "He is good."

The key players Clarkston will have to watch out for are Highlanders quarterback Tony Annese, along with linebacker Mike

Fisher, full back Dave Jagow, wide receiver Kyle Pelayo, running back and linebacker Ben Hart and linebacker Kyle Niswonger.

"They look good and they can execute," Miller added about Rochester Adams. "They aren't as big as they have been in the past but again they execute very well."

Against the Highlanders' offense, Clarkston will find out where the Wolves' defense line skills lie.

"One of the questions that is going to be answered Friday night is going to be how good our defense really is," said Richardson. "At times we looked okay against Orchard Lake St. Mary's in our scrimmage (on Aug. 18) and at other times we didn't."

Miller added expectations on the team are high, especially for this fall season.

"We have to work very hard to achieve those results," he said. "With the expectations high we look forward to achieving the success."

Kick-off is at 7 p.m. on Friday at Rochester Adams High School, 3200 West Tienken Road, Rochester Hills.

"It is going to be a fundamentally strong football game," said Miller. "We are going to have to control the ball and turnovers and again play up to our potential."

Freshman Boys Football and JV Boys Football hold their season opener on Thursday. The freshman team starts at 4:30 p.m., Clarkston Junior High School; JV is at 6:30 p.m. at the Clarkston High School Stadium.



Clarkston Riverdaws 10U team; front row, from left, Jack Anderson, Connor McClennan, Drew Waite, Brock Henley, Matt McClellan, Ryan Barber; middle row, Seth Bacon, Alex Giroux, Garrett Lanker, Patrick Deardorff, Wade Bonnici, Carson Butterfield; back row, Tim Henley, assistant coach, Mike Anderson, Rob McClellan head coach, Brad Bacon, assistant coach, Scott Deardorff, assistant coach, Jeff Waite, team manager. Photo provided

Athletes of the Week

Powerful finish at meet

Hitters from the Clarkston Riverdaws 10U team finished another great summer season.

One of their feats included winning the North Oakland Baseball Federation league championship. They took the title by defeating the Oakland Diamondbacks, 9-3, in their final game of the season on July 28.

The win put them at a league record of 19-3 and overall record 39-12.

Their second feat was their performances at their tournaments.

They finished as runner-ups at the BPA World Series in Warsaw, Indiana. The boys

made it to the championship game after beating teams from Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan.

The boys played in five other tournaments. They finished in second place at three of them - the Clarkston Classic, South Farmington and the BPA State Tournament.

The Clarkston Riverdaws 10U team is Jack Anderson, Seth Bacon, Ryan Barber, Wade Bonnici, Carson Butterfield, Patrick Deardorff, Alex Giroux, Brock Henley, Garrett Lanker, Matt McClellan, Connor McClennan and Drew Waite.

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Wolves ready to take on fresh fall soccer season

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers opened their first week of games with two wins in the Traverse City Invite, Aug. 20.

The boys beat Traverse City Central, 3-2, and Petoskey, 2-0.

"We improved in both wins," said Chuck Lawhorn, Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach. "We still have a long way to go before we are a team that can compete at the highest level. I saw improvement in the two games but there is some work left to do."

The boys lost one game during the tournament to Traverse City West, 3-1.

The boys were up 1-0 at half time but after they came back the tides turned for the Wolves.

"We had a few injuries and some cramping," Lawhorn explained. "It was a long day."

Junior Conor Bright scored five goals during the tournament.

"It was fantastic," said Lawhorn. "He played outstanding."

Lawhorn added going into the rest of the season the boys look good after time training in the pre-season and after playing their first round of games.

The roster includes a mix of upperclassmen and lowerclassmen, both returners and new faces.

"We are definitely positive about the season," he said. "There is room for improvement and we will get to a point where we are going to be competing at a real high level. We are trying to mix in some younger guys with older guys. It will take some time for us to get on the same page and gel. It is definitely coming together."

A strength of this year's team is their goal

scoring.

"Last year we struggled a little bit in that department," Lawhorn admitted. "This year I don't think we will have that problem. We have a few guys who are definitely natural goal scorers and they will cause problems for some other teams."

Another strength is having Bright, Ryne Jones and Spenser Pawlik back this year.

"Ryne is returning in center and midfield. He is a fantastic player when he is at the top of his game," Lawhorn added. "It is a big strength for us."

Pawlik started every game last year and Lawhorn said he will continue to start in this season as well.

The boys hosted their home opener on Tuesday against Waterford Mott.

"They always play hard," said Lawhorn, adding it will be a good game for the new

players since they have only played on the road. "It gives them a chance to work their nerves out and play against a competitive Mott team."

The team heads to Lake Orion on Thursday, after closing last year's season to the Dragons last year on the Wolves' turf. The last time the boys saw them was for the first round of MHSAA Districts. Clarkston lost in double overtime, 2-1.

"We will definitely be ready for Lake Orion," said Lawhorn. "It's not a hard game to get the guys pumped up for. It is a big rivalry for us. They came here last year and beat us. It was a real tough game. I don't think the returning guys forgot about that at all."

The boys head to Lake Orion on Thursday and host Waterford Kettering on Friday. Both games begin at 5:30 p.m. with the JV team, varsity follows.



Clarkston High School tennis players, coaches and parents gather for the new pavilion groundbreaking. Photo provided

Tennis pavilion breaks ground

The Clarkston tennis teams came one step closer to their new sports pavilion on Aug. 17.

Players, coaches and parents gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new pavilion at the Clarkston High School Tennis Complex.

The new tennis pavilion will include a shaded pavilion, bathrooms, drinking fountain, locker/changing room and a warming kitchen.

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education approved the plan for the pavilion in the spring.

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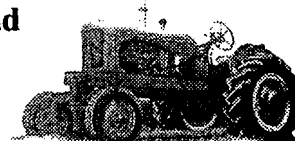
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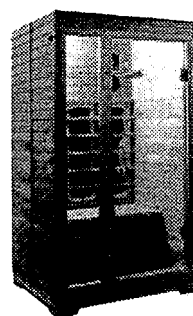
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GM Orion plant expects to produce 160,000 vehicles a year

BY JOE ST. HENRY

Special to the Clarkston News

It wasn't too long ago the massive GM Orion Assembly plant on Brown Road sat idle, awaiting its fate as the automaker made crucial decisions about its future.

Today, much to the delight of Orion Township, the future of GM includes the fuel-sipping Chevrolet Sonic and Buick Verano small cars built at the 4.3 million square-foot production facility, which opened in 1983.

According to Plant Manager Alicia Boler Davis, GM invested \$545 million to gut, upgrade and retool the facility to produce the new models, including construction of a new paint shop.

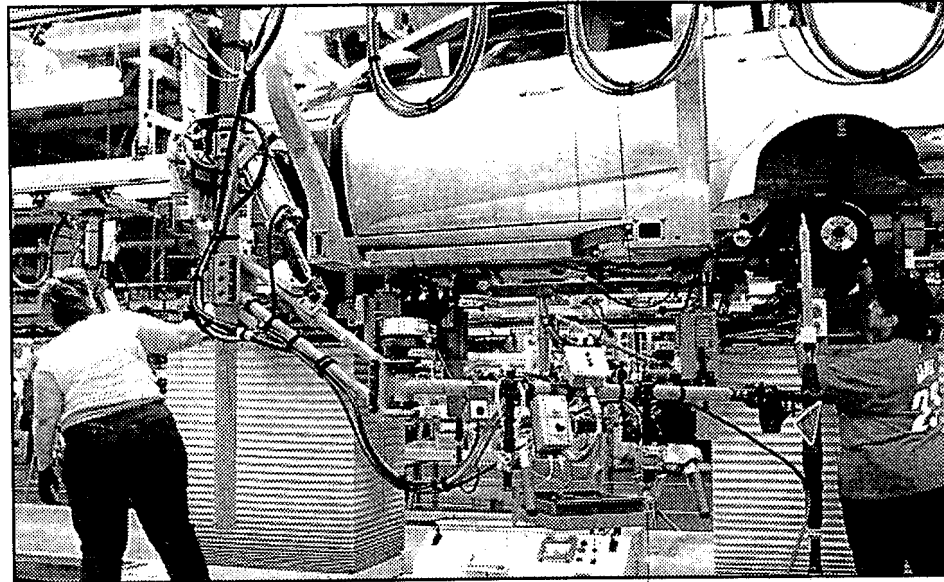
"At one point during the update, this building was almost completely empty," said Boler Davis, who lives in the area and has overseen operations at Orion Assembly for 20 months. "You could stand on one end and see clear to the other side. It really is amazing what we accomplished in a short timeframe to prepare for the new models."

Initial production of the Sonic began earlier this month, with Verano production scheduled to start by the end of the year. When the plant reaches full operating capacity, it will produce 160,000 cars annually. It operates two shifts daily, employing 1,500 hourly and salaried employees, the majority of whom returned to GM Orion Assembly after it was given new life.

"Orion features an experienced and dedicated workforce," Boler Davis said. "They're excited to have a second chance and are doing whatever it takes to succeed and build high-quality cars."

The hourly workers at the plant are represented by UAW 5960. President Pat Sweeney said the members recognize how important the assembly plant is to the Lake Orion community, both in terms of the tax base and jobs. He said the union also recognizes what a successful launch of the Sonic and Verano means to the future of the company.

"We want this launch to be the best ever for GM and are committed to building high-quality small cars at Orion," Sweeney said.



Lake Orion workers assemble a new automobile. Photo by G. Ouzounian

Boler Davis said GM is the only domestic automobile manufacturer to now build a small car in the United States.

"GM is fully committed to the Orion plant and its employees," Boler Davis said. "These new cars are a key component of our product portfolio."

GM combined the best practices of its own global assembly operations and those of other automakers to build the state-of-the-art facility. The assembly line is about half the size of what it was in the past, reducing the number of workers needed to build the cars and lowering energy costs. The plant derives a significant portion of its power from landfill gas generated by two nearby recycling and disposal facilities.

The company also reached an agreement with UAW 5960 to institute a two-tier wage system at the Orion Assembly plant that pays newer workers "entry level" wages of about half the seasoned UAW worker. Sweeney said 40 percent of Orion Assembly's workers are classified as tier-two employees, earning the lower wage. He added most GM plants that also use the two-tier system feature a 75/25 split.

(The Detroit Free Press reported last week that the two-tier wage system will be an important issue during all of the Detroit-based automakers' contract negotiations with the UAW this fall. How this may impact GM Orion Assembly is unknown.)

The use of employees from 3rd party automotive suppliers working side-by-side regular workers also helps GM reduce costs, added the UAW 5960 president.

"GM has figured out many ways to become more profitable at building small cars," Sweeney said.

Boler Davis added that it is not easy to build a small car competitively and, working closely with the UAW, they are doing a lot of things differently than in the past. She said all of the employees are very engaged in the relaunch and have a lot of ideas of how the plant should be run, which she appreciates.

"There is a lot of optimism right now," the plant manager said.

Mike Jackson of IHS Automotive, a consultancy in Northville, said GM also was able to reduce the cost of building these small cars by utilizing a global automobile platform. This enabled the company to significantly

upgrade the content of the Sonic and Verano compared to entry-level vehicles of the past, something today's buyers demand.

"With the rising cost of gas, people's perceptions of small cars are changing and this should position these models well," Jackson said. The Sonic hits Chevrolet showrooms in October. It is reported that the Sonic will start at \$14,495 and travel up to 40 miles per gallon of fuel; details on the Verano were not available at this time.

GM's decision to build its small cars in Orion Township also was heavily influenced by the generosity of the State of Michigan, Oakland County and Orion Township.

To keep Orion Assembly open and encourage further GM investment in manufacturing operations in the state, the government entities offered a combined incentive package worth nearly \$1 billion in tax abatements and federal job training funds over 20 years to the automaker, according to Deputy County Executive Matt Gibb, who at the time was Orion Township Supervisor.

The incentive package included a 100 percent personal property tax abatement for 25 years from Orion Township, covering equipment in the plant with an initial taxable value estimated up to \$80 million.

As this equipment depreciates, the annual abatement is adjusted accordingly, Gibb explained. The township also agreed to construct a water storage facility on site, helping GM save an estimated \$250,000 per year in water costs.

"There's no question we had to do it (offer such an incentive package)," Gibb said. "If this plant would have gone down permanently, the job outlook for this area would have destabilized. We're talking about 5,000-6,000 jobs, including GM employees, supplier positions at the plant, warehousing jobs and all the local businesses that rely on spending from workers."

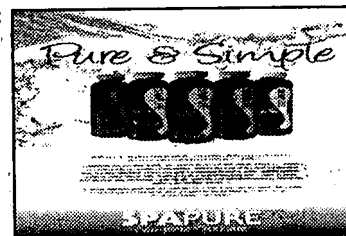
According to GM economic impact data updated in May, the Orion Assembly plant accounts for \$42 million in wages, \$8.5 million in payroll taxes and \$1.8 million in property taxes each year.



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New reviews for township

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the first time, Independence Township will have a performance review process for non-union employees.

Independence Township Board voted 5-0 to approve the plan drawn up by Human Resource Director Carol Gabris. Supervisor Dave Wagner and Trustee David Lohmeier were absent.

Evaluation will be once a year with ratings for exceptional, exceeds expectations, meets expectations, and needs improvement.

Trustee Neil Wallace had "a small quibble on the balance between ratings."

"It seems to be heavily weighted to 'everything is fine,'" he said. "I don't want to be in a situation under 'needs improvement' where we consistently fall short of performance standards and/or only meets them on occasion."

Wallace suggested a fifth rating between "meet expectations" and "needs improvement."

Clerk Barbra Pallotta wanted it to be weighted numerically.

Gabris said she was concerned because

most non-union department heads report to Wagner, who currently is out on disability. The supervisor is supposed to establish goals jointly with employees.

"This is an extremely important part of the process as it requires consensus between employee and their supervisor as to what the employee will be accountable and evaluated on in the coming fiscal year," Gabris said.

Wallace suggested a way to start the review process would be "from the bottom up" with department heads who have non-union employees working for them. He said it would "also work out the kinks that there might be as part of the process."

Treasurer Curt Carson said he and Pallotta could do a pilot-type program with department heads with whom they work most closely.

"I certainly like the idea of the ones we can do and we can get the tweaks out," Carson said.

The board also voted 5-0 to establish goals and objectives for the HR director as a first step in her employee performance review.

Rep. Kowall's lake-board bill signed

Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed state Rep. Eileen Kowall's legislation to end taxation without representation on lake improvement boards.

The new law gives all lake property owners who contribute to special assessments the ability to dissolve lake improvement boards.

"Moving forward property owners will not have to continue to pay fees if lake improvements have been completed," said Kowall, R-District 44, which includes Clarkston. "I'm pleased we were able to fix this loophole and end this taxation without representation situation. I greatly appreciate Gov. Snyder's support on this issue."

Photo contest for new arts center

Clarkston Center for the Performing Arts consortium sponsors a photo contest, winners to be featured in its 2012 fund-raising calendar.

Prizes include gift cards from local businesses. First place people's choice award is a \$100 savings bond from Clarkston State Bank.

Entries will be judged by area artists based on creativity, photographic quality, and portrayal of calendar themes, including performing arts and events, people, places, wildlife,

nature scenes, and pets.

Top 24 semi-finalists will be on display behind Clarkston Conservatory, 49 South Main Street, during Clarkston Art in the Park, Sept. 17-18.

Entry fee is \$10 per image. No limit.

The non-profit consortium of Clarkston Conservatory and Clarkston Village Players working to build a new performing arts venue in downtown Clarkston.

For more information, check www.clarkstonperformingarts.org.

Last call for summer beach season

Deer Lake Beach is wrapping up the season, with 12-5 p.m. hours through Sept. 2, then 11 a.m.-7 p.m. during Labor Day weekend. Sept. 5 is the beach's last day.

Beach staff includes eight supervisors and 14 lifeguards, all trained in First Aid, CPR with rescue breathing, Automated External

Defibrillator (AED), spinal injury management and water rescue.

"The lifeguards train on a regular basis and maintain a very high level of responsiveness," says Beach Director Bobby Nelson. "The lifeguards make it a point to be friendly with patrons and to get to know them."

Burn law revisions considered

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Independence Township allows open burning of leaves, papers, brush, and wood scraps by permit only. Permits are issued by Independence Township Fire Department, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., April 1 through Nov. 31, and 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 1 through March 31.

Current regulations include no burning within 50 feet of any structure with provisions to prevent the fire from spreading, no burning along roadways, no gasoline, kerosene, starter fluid, or other flammable liquids, and burn pile must be no larger than six feet in diameter.

Penalties include \$75 first offence, \$150 for second offence. Campfire permits are also issued by the fire department.

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Rock, Fieri hit the town

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praise for the town in general," she said. "I figured a guy like that who's been literally all over – the fact he came back in for dinner and hungout for a bit was cool. He seemed to like the joints we have, we were pretty pleased."

Heather Roeser, who was one of the restaurant customers filmed for the show, said a variety of food offered by the restaurant was placed at different tables. Fieri went from table to table, tasting dishes and interviewing patrons on how they like the restaurant.

"He interviewed Kim (Huttenlocher) and I and asked us what we were eating, had a little taste off our plate," said Roeser, who had the Plowshare dinner. "It was exciting having the whole film crew there and I think it's going to be exciting for Ann and Curt. They're going to have many new patrons coming in the restaurant from being on the show."

Stevenson said they are "gearing up" for what they know will be hitting the town, but are taking it in stride.

"We already have noticed a huge increase in lots of calls and interest," she said.

They are also opening a third restaurant in Berkley at the Vinsetta Garage off Woodward Avenue.

The show featuring the Union and the Woodshop is expected to be aired on the Food Network in six months.

"I think this will be great for the town. I've already seen how much retail has really flourished and there is a great connection between the retailers," Stevenson said. "I just think this will be another thing that adds to people, to see what the village is all about."



Guy Fieri of the Food Network, at right, and Kid Rock are ready for some Union cuisine. Photo by Trevor Keiser



News vans line up on Main Street to record the event.



Guy Fieri gets touched up for the camera.

People Poll

August 24, 2011

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Guy Fieri visited Clarkston for his Food Network show

What's your favorite dish to eat?



"Hot dogs and ketchup to go with them" -Andrew. "A thin crust BLT pizza" - Ruth."

- Ruth DeLong with Andrew

"T-bone steak with red potatoes, onions, asparagus with a little bit of parmesan cheese, carrots with butter and a piece of bread."



- Jerry Mowery

"Love Italian food. When I go out to eat I think Italian."



- Donna Genre

"Going to the Union Woodshop and getting their quilt made."



with Lauren Lieran

By Wendi Reardon

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Players from the Clarkston Boys Freshman Football team empty bags and organize donations. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Feeding the community with 4,972 pounds of food

A line of vehicles driven by Clarkston High School Boys Varsity football players filled the parking lot at Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston, Aug. 19

Along with players from the JV football team

they visited neighborhoods around the area and collected donations for their 14th Annual Rush for Food.

After the freshman team boxed up the last of the food, they placed it on the scale to add to

the final tally - 4,973 pounds - a new record.

The annual event brings the players together to give back to their community that supports them during the season.

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Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-8 p.m., Sept. 6, Independence Fire Department, 6500 Citation Drive. Register at 800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or www.redcrossblood.org, code, ifdlions. ***

Gone Bocce, fund raiser for Bucks for Buses in Independence, Springfield townships, 6-9 p.m., Sept. 22, Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 Lapeer Road in Orion. Buffet dinner, music by Dr. Baker, prize drawing, Bocce. \$50. 248-625-8231. ***

Weekly meetings

Monday

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

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

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

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

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, ***

Around Town



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

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Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish Salsa, Rock and Roll, Cha Cha rhythms. Rosemary Hall, Instructor. \$3. ***

Tuesday

Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Bring practice mat or towel. Free-will offerings. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road, 248-891-4365. ***

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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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 Edu-

cation Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313. ***

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

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

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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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Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610. ***

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Saturday

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270. ***

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101. ***

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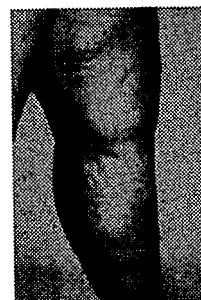
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Milestones

Bills-Freeland

Tom and Pam Bills of Clarkston, Michigan, and Clive and Veronica Freeland of Hextable, England, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Elizabeth Bills and Adam Freeland.

Beth is a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. She is a scientist for Pfizer in Sandwich, England. Adam is a 1998 graduate of Canterbury Christ Church University and also works for Pfizer as the manager of the Sports and Social Club.

They are planning a wedding in Canterbury, England.



Elizabeth and Adam

Serving our community...

Clarkston High School graduate **Marie Timm** was promoted to second lieutenant and graduated with Honors from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., on May 21, 2011.

She was awarded the Superintendent's Award for graduating in the top five percent of her class. On May 14, 2006, she led the Army Women's Rugby Team to the National Title, beating Penn State 33-29 in Palo Alto, Calif.

She will complete her Officer's Course in Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and will then be stationed in Germany.

She is the daughter of Mike and Barb Timm of Clarkston.

Navy Seaman **Nick Z. Cascaddan**, son of Ruth Schlesinger of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Richard Cascaddan, of Clarkston, recently graduated from Operations Specialist School

with honors.

During the course at the Center for Surface Combat System Unit, Great Lakes, Ill., Cascaddan learned to operate surveillance and search radars, recognize and identify electronic signals, control aircraft approach devices and operate electronic navigation systems.

Cascaddan is a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School and joined the Navy in February 2011.



Marie Timm, at her West Point graduation.

Got a Milestone to share?

Births, weddings, engagements, military, business, school achievements - drop them off at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail Clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Life is good with awareness of God

Life is good! I actually took a full week off for vacation this summer. Yeah God! With all the activities, teams, committees, work, etc. that I am involved with it wasn't an easy job to schedule the time. And, we went to my favorite beach. The beach is one that I have been going to since high school, many moons ago.

We have a family cabin there. We hadn't been there for a couple of years and my eyes tended to focus on the things that were different.

New or remodeled buildings, trees that had grown and needed trimming, the grass that was increasingly encroaching upon the gravel parking area all captured my attention.

Before long I was able to shift my attention away from the changes, some I considered negative while some I viewed as positive, and focus on the essence of what I long for at the beach: sun, sand and the sound of waves rolling onto the shore. These were there in abundance. Life is good!

Life is good when we focus on what is real, eternal, unlimited. And, the world can be a scary place, when we believe in it.

Unemployment is still high, housing prices are low. The stock markets, commodities, etc., are unstable and unsure investments at best. Wars and revolutions are raging. Severe weather seems to be the new normal.

Cancer, AIDS, H1N1 or whatever the newest designer disease is; nuclear fallout from Japan, etc., etc., etc.; no wonder the use of mood altering prescriptions, sleeping pills, stimulants and anti-depressants are on the rise.

"But take courage; I have conquered the world!" John 16:33.

The Master Teacher gave us the tools for living the good life; to be in the world but not of it (John 8:23, 14:27, 17:16, etc.)

The world is an expression of our belief in the reality of things external; a belief that we could be separate from our good, separate from God.

Conquering the world, we shall know the Truth of our unity as we have a conscious awareness of the Holy Spirit: the whole Spirit of God active within us.

"In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you" John 14:20, we are one!

The Apostle Paul was genuinely inspired when he wrote, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" Romans 12:2.

Jesus said it this way, "Repent, for the

Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17. Repent, from the Latin, literally means to think again.

From the ancient Greek its 'Metanoia' were we experience the transcendent creative power of the word (John 1:1.)

Restated, this quote could be, "Think again with a new level of understanding for the ultimate reality of God's great good is within your reach here and now."

Mind renewal or regeneration (Matthew 19:28) is the key. The regeneration begins when we stop looking to the outer world as our source.

When I realize God as the Source and my consciousness of God as my supply, all I need and desire is readily provided. The job, the investments, the economy is not the source of my good, God is!

The doctors, the medicines, the environment is not the source of my good, God is! My spouse, family and friends are not the source of my good, God is!

Through conscious contact with God in prayer and meditation I link my mind with God Mind and draw forth Divine Ideas for expressing health and wholeness, peace and harmony, prosperity and abundance. Life is good!

Matthew E. Long is senior minister at Peace Unity Church & Holistic Center.

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Obituaries

Richard Domitrz, 57

Richard A. Domitrz of Clarkston passed away Aug. 17, 2011, at age 57.

He was the husband of Gail; father of Laura (Trent Bohacz), Zach and Tracy; son of Regina; grandpa of Reagan; brother of Dennis; preceded in death by his father Francis; son-in-law of the late Orvel and Marion Beckley.

Mr. Domitrz retired from PPG Industries. He loved spending time with his family and friends, was an avid runner, tennis player, and devout Catholic.

Visitation was Aug. 19 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Aug. 20 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Ave Maria Radio.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com/guestbook

Dorothy Fancher, 84

Dorothy M. Fancher of Clarkston passed away Aug. 15, 2011, at age 84.

She was the beloved wife of Lewis for 65 years; dear mother of Steve (Mary) Fancher, Jim (Jerri) Fancher, the late Linda Frizzle and the late Rodney Fancher; devoted grandmother of seven and great grandmother of eight; dear sister of Marjorie Tronge, Shirley Welch, the late John Dyer and the late Robert Dyer.

Mrs. Fancher had retired in 1989 after 30 years of dedicated nursing care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. In retirement she excelled in hand quilting, beautiful flower gardens and spending time with her grandchildren.

Funeral service was Aug. 20 at **Coats Funeral Home-Waterford**. Interment at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. To send a private condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com and select guestbook.

Glen G. Gidcumb, 78 Barbara Miller, 76

Glen G. Gidcumb of Pontiac passed away Aug. 18, 2011, at age 78.

He was the loving father of Michael (Elena) Gidcumb, Patricia (Terry) Stanley and Christopher (Jessica) Gidcumb; grandfather of David Gidcumb, Natalie Gidcumb, Savannah Gidcumb, Jonathan Stanley and Katherine Stanley; brother of David (Nancy) Gidcumb and the late Richard (Rose) Gidcumb; also survived by Darlene Bessey and family, Karrie Hanley, Richard Justin, Paul (Valerie) Hanley Jr., Jayna Hanley, Kevin Hanley, Kelly Justin, Erin Justin, Shannon Justin, Jordyn Christianson, David Major, Tyler "Lil Red" Downs, Paul Hanley III, and Caden Hanley.

Funeral Service was Aug. 20 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Sandra L. Miller, 61

Sandra L. Miller of Clarkston passed away Aug. 14, 2011, at 61 years of age.

She was the loving wife of Tom for 42 years; beloved mother of Tom Miller and Tony (Michelle) Miller; dearest daughter of Marilyn and the late Ralph Darnall; grandmother of Tommy, Tori, Zach and Jackson; sister of the late Dale Darnall; sister-in-law of Kathy and Homayoun Eghbalian; and best friend of Rainell Wcislo; also survived and loved by many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Mrs. Miller retired from Clarkston Community Schools as a bus driver after 28 years of service. She was a member of Waterford Church of Christ and the "Queen of Stitches." She loved to play bingo and go to the casinos. Because of Sandy "the world was a much better place."

Funeral service was Aug. 18 at **Coats Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment followed at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. To send a private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Barbara Miller, of Clarkston, died August 15, 2011 at 76 years of age. Beloved wife of Gary Miller for 58 years; loving mother of Michael (Diane) Miller and Pam Miller; dearest grandmother of six and great grandmother of six. Also survived by sister Carmen (Dick) Hamm and sister-in-law Diane (late Louis) Warrington.

Barbara was a retired assistant manager at Community National Bank. She enjoyed shopping, making crafts, the Detroit Tigers, and spending time with her grandchildren. Funeral service was held August 17, 2011 at **Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston**, 8909 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston. To send a private condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.



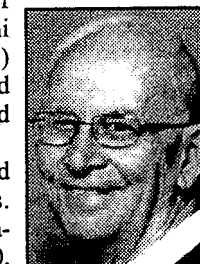
Harry A. Squiers, 81

Harry A. Squiers of Clarkston passed away Aug. 15, 2011, at age 81.

He was the loving husband of Ilene for 58 years; beloved father of Debra (Robert) Cicinelli and Denise (Jerry) O'Rourke; proud grandpa of Bryan and Cali.

Mr. Squiers retired from Pontiac Motors. He was a member of Masonic Cedar Lodge #60, American Legion Post 63 and was a Shriner.

Military Honors were Aug. 22 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Masonic Cedar Lodge #60 or Odyssey Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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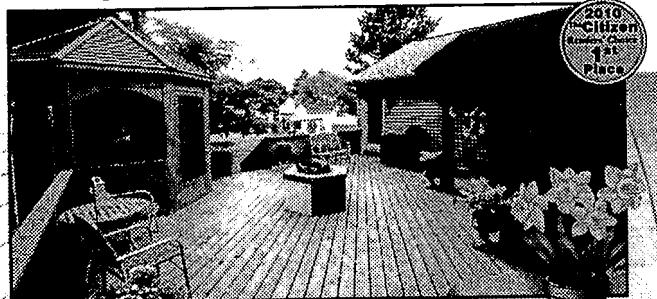
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Leo E. Kisell, 84

Leo E. Kisell of Ortonville passed away Aug. 18, 2011, at age 84.

He was the loving husband of Kay for 20 years; father of Matt (Michelle) Kisell, Linda (Larry) Novak, Mark (Dana) Lutzo, Sue (Tom) Hill, Paula (Darryl) Boivin and Vic (Jessie) Ramirez; grandfather of 10; brother of Robert (Eve), Ed (Grace) and Regina; preceded in death by his first wife Jacqueline; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Mr. Kisell retired from Brandon Schools as a special ed teacher for 35 years. He was a member of B.E.A.R.S. and Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Leo was a Fourth Degree Knight at Knights of Columbus, Clarkston, and an advanced Master Gardener.

Knight of Columbus Rosary service was Aug. 22 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Aug. 23, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal Ortonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church or Oakland County Library for the Blind.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook



Lion Don Wung takes a picture of Emily Inch's eyes with the Clarkston Lions' PediaVision eye screening camera at the library. Photo provided

Lions check preschoolers' eyes

Clarkston Area Lions Club hosts its Kidsight Vision Screening Program for preschool children, second Saturday of the month through December, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

In the free vision screening for children ages 6 months to 5 years, volunteers take

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments

ARTICLE II - Definitions is hereby amended as follows:
FAMILY:

A. A family shall be defined as meeting one of the following:

1. One (1) or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship living together as a single housekeeping unit.
2. Not more than four (4) persons plus their offspring living as a single housekeeping unit.
3. A group of not more than twelve (12) unrelated disabled persons, each of whom is handicapped within the meaning of the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 3602(h), living together as a single housekeeping unit in an adult foster care home licensed by the State of Michigan, with such nonresident staff as may be needed to assist the residents with their daily life activities, but not receiving funding through a contract with any State of community health or social service agency.

B. For purposes of subsections A.1. and A.2.:

1. To be considered a "single housekeeping unit", the relationship must be of a permanent and distinct character with a demonstrable and recognizable bond characteristic of a cohesive unit, and
2. "Single housekeeping unit" does not include any society, club, fraternity, sorority, association, lodge, organization or group of students or group of individuals where the common living arrangement or basis for the establishment of the housekeeping unit is on a temporary basis.

SECTION 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

SECTION 3. Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. - Savings Clause

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

Laura Moreau, Clerk
Published: 8-24-11 Charter Township of Springfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 29 OMNIBUS CRIMINAL ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on August 11, 2011 the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 29, which is set forth herein and shall take effect upon publication of the Notice of Adoption:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 29

Ordinance No. 29, Omnibus Criminal Ordinance, is amended as follows:

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT

Article V, Section 5.07 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5.07: Failure to Maintain Control of Animal

Any person within the Township who shall keep or harbor any dog and allows or permits, whether by act or omission to act, the following conduct shall be guilty of a misdemeanor: (1) loud, frequent or habitual barking, yelping, howling or other noise that materially disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or public, or causes annoyance to persons in the neighborhood who are of reasonable and ordinary sensibilities; or (2) any dog to stray unless held properly in leash, except working dogs such as leader dogs, guard dogs, farm dogs, hunting dogs, and other such dogs, when accompanied by their owner or his authorized agent, while actively engaged in activities for which such dogs are trained.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of Notice of Adoption, in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 29, Omnibus Criminal Ordinance, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 11th day of August, 2011. A true copy of the entire Ordinance No. 29 may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

Laura Moreau, Clerk

Published: August 24, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAK-

LAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:
Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments

ARTICLE XI-O-S OFFICE-SERVICE DISTRICT, SECTION 11.02 Principle Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions is hereby amended as follows:

ADD: 7. Churches

SECTION 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

SECTION 3. Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. - Savings Clause

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

Laura Moreau, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: 8-24-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 83 SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on August 11, 2011 the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted Springfield Township Ordinance No. 83, which is set forth herein and shall take effect upon publication of the Notice of Adoption:

The Charter Township of Springfield, Oakland County, Michigan ordains:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 83
SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

SECTION 1 - TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the Springfield Township Solicitation Ordinance.

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to improve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by protecting the privacy of citizens, protecting the quiet enjoyment of citizens' homes and protecting citizens from unwanted solicitation. It prevents fraud and deceptive practices, prevents crime, and protects citizens and solicitors from personal injury. It protects citizens from excessive noise, regulates conduct in and around streets for the appropriate use of streets without interference, prevents danger to person and property, prevents delays, and avoids interference with traffic flow. It is intended to avoid distractions for drivers and to protect the public from abusive conduct of persons engaged in solicitation by imposing reasonable restrictions on solicitation while respecting the constitutional rights of free speech for all citizens. It protects citizens from aggressive conduct which causes fear, intimidation, disorder, and impairs citizens' use of public areas. It will inform the public and citizens of the nature, purpose, and background of charitable, service, religious, and other organizations that seek to solicit donations from occupants of vehicles on streets and roadways.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS

As used in this Ordinance:

(1) "Charitable purpose" means philanthropic, religious, political, or other non-profit objectives, including the benefit of poor, needy, sick, refugees, or handicapped persons; the benefit of any church or religious soci-

ety, section, group, or order; the benefit of a patriotic or veterans' association or organization; the benefit of any fraternal, social service, or civic organization, or the benefit of any education institution. "Charitable purpose" does not include: a) the direct benefit of the individual making the solicitation; and b) the benefit of any political group or political organization that is subject to financial disclosures under state or federal law.

(2) "Charitable solicitation" means using spoken, written, or printed words, gestures, pictures, or other means with the goal of obtaining the donation of money, property, or anything of value, or the selling or offering for sale of any property whether of any value or not, upon the express or implied representation that the proceeds will be used for a charitable purpose.

(3) "Commercial solicitation" means using spoken, written, or printed words, gestures, pictures, or other means with the goal of selling or offering for sale a thing of value or soliciting the sale of goods or services. Commercial solicitation includes the conduct of a "hawker" or "peddler." "Commercial solicitation" does not apply to any person engaged in the wholesale sale or distribution of goods, wares, or merchandise to a merchant or dealer in those goods, or to any person selling the products of his or her own farm, orchard, or garden.

(4) "Drummer" means any person who solicits or takes orders for a merchant employer whether or not that person exhibits samples for the purpose of effecting such sales.

(5) "Person" means any individual person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association.

(6) "Public place" means a place to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access, and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways, sidewalks, parking lots, schools, parks, playgrounds and any publicly accessible portions of business premises.

(7) "Solicit" or "solicitation" means using spoken, written, or printed words, gestures, pictures, or other means with the goal of obtaining a donation of money or other thing of value or soliciting the sale of goods or services. "Solicit" or "solicitation" includes commercial or charitable solicitation as defined in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4 - SOLICITATION IN GENERAL

Any person engaged in solicitation is subject to the following provisions:

(1) A person shall not call upon, go upon the property of, or in any way disturb the occupant of a building to solicit, whether residential or commercial, if that building has prominently displayed on or near the front door or front window of the building a sign with letters at least one and one-half inches high stating: "No Solicitors," "No Soliciting," or substantially equivalent language.

(2) A person shall not solicit in an aggressive manner in any public place. "Aggressive manner" means any of the following:

(A) Approaching or speaking to a person, or following a person before, during or after soliciting, if that conduct is intended or is likely to cause a reasonable person to:

- (i) Fear bodily harm to oneself or to another, damage to or loss of property, or
- (ii) Otherwise be intimidated into giving money, or any other thing of value, or purchasing anything whether it has value or not;

(B) Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person or an occupied vehicle without that person's consent in the course of soliciting;

(C) Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact;

(D) Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person solicited either before, during, or after soliciting;

(E) Persisting in closely following or approaching a person, after the person solicited has been solicited and informed the solicitor by words or conduct that such person does not want to be solicited or does not want to give money or any other thing of value to the solicitor; or,

(F) Using profane, offensive, or abusive language which is inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction, either before, during, or after solicitation.

(3) A person shall not solicit between the hours of 9:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

(4) A person shall not solicit within 15 feet of any entrance or exit of any financial institution, automated teller machine or check cashing business during business or operating hours. This paragraph does not prohibit the lawful vending of goods and services

within these areas.

(5) A person shall not solicit in any outdoor or indoor dining area of a restaurant or other establishment serving food for immediate consumption. A person is guilty of a municipal civil infraction under this paragraph if he or she continues to solicit after being asked to leave by the owner, manager, or owner's agent.

(6) A person shall not solicit within the limits of Springfield Township using either audible sound in excess of 55 decibels in residential areas, 65 decibels in commercial areas, and 70 decibels in industrial or other areas, or by a visible signal which is unreasonably distracting to operators of vehicles, pedestrians, or bicyclists, or which poses a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

SECTION 5 - COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION

(1) A person shall not engage in commercial solicitation within the limits of Springfield Township without obtaining a license in accordance with this Ordinance.

(2) A person shall not act as an agent, helper, or assistant to a person engaging in commercial solicitation without obtaining a commercial solicitation license.

(3) A person may apply for a commercial solicitation license by applying to the Township Clerk, on an application form to be furnished by the Clerk. An application must be signed by the applicant and state the manner in which the applicant intends to travel, trade, and conduct business. An application must include the applicant's address, physical description, name, and type of solicitation license desired two current photographs of the applicant, and a completed fingerprint card.

(4) Applicants seeking to engage in commercial solicitation shall pay a non-refundable fee as established by resolution of the Township Board, except:

(A) There is no fee required for a license to pursue the business of drummer within the limits of Springfield Township; and,

(B) Persons who are veterans and who have procured a State Peddler's License under MCL 35.441 et seq., are exempt from paying a fee for or procuring a license under this Ordinance while engaged in activity allowed under a State Peddler's License.

(5) The Clerk shall issue a license upon determining that an applicant has properly and accurately completed the application and that:

(A) The goods or services to be sold, or for which orders are to be solicited, do not constitute a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of Springfield Township;

(B) The manner in which the goods or services are to be sold or for which orders are to be solicited does not constitute a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of Springfield Township;

(C) All applicable Federal, State, and local laws have been complied with;

(D) Any previous license issued under this Ordinance has not been revoked or not renewed because of a violation of an ordinance or law within the previous year;

(E) A citation or complaint has not been issued by law enforcement or the Township of Springfield against the applicant or his or her employer or employees; and,

(F) There is no other cause or reason to deny the applicant's request for a license.

(6) If the Clerk determines, after a review of an application and all other relevant factors, that a license cannot be issued under this Section of the Ordinance, the applicant may request that the Township Board consider the application in the same manner prescribed for bringing all matters before the Board.

(7) Each license granted under this Section shall contain a current photograph of the licensee, the address, physical description and the type of license granted.

(8) Licensees shall carry licenses with them at all times while engaging in the licensed activity.

(9) A licensee shall not alter, remove, or obliterate any information on a license.

(10) All licenses issued under this Section shall expire on December 31st following the date of issue, unless a different date of expiration has been determined by the Clerk.

(11) The Clerk may suspend any license issued under this Section if the licensee violates a Springfield Township Ordinance or any condition or regulation under which the license was granted. The Clerk shall report all suspensions to the Township Board, which may, for cause shown, revoke or reinstate the license after giving the licensee reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard. A person whose license has been revoked shall not be granted another license for a period of one year after a revocation. In the event of revocation, the license fee shall not be

refunded.

(12) All commercial solicitation is prohibited in the following specified locations:

(A) A person shall not approach an operator or occupant of a motor vehicle for the purpose of commercial solicitation while the vehicle is located in any public place.

(B) A person shall not stand, sit, or remain next to the traveled part of any street in Springfield Township for the purpose of commercial solicitation of the operators or occupants of vehicles using the street.

SECTION 6 - CHARITABLE SOLICITATION

(1) A person shall not engage in charitable solicitation on the streets or roadways within the limits of Springfield Township without first obtaining a charitable solicitation license from the Township Clerk in accordance with this Section.

(2) A person shall only engage in charitable solicitation within time periods and locations granted in and shown on the license that authorizes his or her charitable solicitation.

(3) An individual person engaged in charitable solicitation shall carry his or her license at all times during the licensed activity and must display a copy of the license to police or Township officials upon request, and provide positive identification upon request.

(4) A person engaged in charitable solicitation on behalf of a licensed partnership, corporation, or association shall carry a copy of the partnership, corporation, or association's license, and must display a copy of the license to police or Township officials upon request, and provide positive identification upon request.

(5) A person may apply for a charitable solicitation license by applying to the Township Clerk, upon an application form to be furnished by the Clerk. An application must be signed by the applicant and state the following:

(A) The name of the individual or organization applying for a license to solicit funds for charitable purposes.

(B) A brief description of the charitable purpose for which the funds are to be solicited and an explanation of the intended use of the funds towards that purpose.

(C) Whether the person registering is an individual, partnership, corporation, or association;

(1) If an individual, the business and residence addresses and telephone numbers of the individual must be given;

(2) If a partnership, the names of all partners, the principal business address, the telephone numbers of all partners;

(3) If a corporation, the jurisdiction in which the corporation is organized, the name, address, and telephone number of the corporation's Michigan Registered Agent, the mailing address, business location, telephone, name of the individual in charge of the Michigan office; and,

(4) If an association, the principal business address and telephone number, a list of all association members and their telephone numbers if there are less than 10 or a list of the officers and directors and telephone numbers of the officers and directors if the members are more than 10. If the association is a multi-state entity, the name, address, and telephone number of its central office.

(D) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the person or persons in direct charge of the charitable solicitation of funds, if more than one individual will be soliciting; and,

(E) A daily schedule of the manner of solicitation, the location or locations, dates, times, and names of persons who will be soliciting funds.

(6) The manner in which the applicant and any agents intend to travel and conduct the charitable solicitation.

(7) The charitable solicitation license fee, if any, shall be provided as established by resolution of the Township Board. Applicants seeking to engage in charitable solicitation in the streets and roadways will not be charged a license fee.

(8) The Clerk shall issue a license within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a properly and accurately completed application and endorse upon it the location(s), days, and times Charitable solicitation is authorized upon determining that an applicant has properly and accurately completed the application and that:

(A) The manner in which the Charitable solicitation is to be conducted does not constitute a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of Springfield Township;

(B) All applicable Federal, State and local laws have been complied with;

(C) Any previous license issued under the provisions of this or a previous ordinance has not been revoked or not renewed by reason of viola-

tion of ordinance or law in the previous year;

(D) A complaint has not been filed by anyone against the applicant or his employer or employees; and,

(E) There is no other cause or reason to deny the applicant's request for a license.

(9) If the Clerk determines, after a review of an application and all other relevant factors, that a license cannot be issued under this Section of the Ordinance, the applicant may request that the Township Board consider the application in the same manner prescribed for bringing all matters before the Board.

(10) A licensee, agent, or helper shall not alter, remove or obliterate any information on a license.

(11) All licenses issued under this Section shall authorize Charitable solicitation by a given individual, partnership, corporation, or association for no more than 3 days within the calendar year during which the solicitation on the roadway may occur. For purposes of this paragraph, a "day" means the period of daylight beginning one hour after sunrise and ending one hour before sunset. Any solicitation conducted on a particular calendar date shall be deemed to be a "day."

(12) The Clerk may suspend any license issued under this Section if the licensee violates a Springfield Township Ordinance or any condition or regulation under which the license was granted. The Clerk shall report all suspensions to the Township Board, which may, for cause shown, revoke or reinstate the license after giving the licensee reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard. A person whose license has been revoked shall not be granted another license for a period of one year after a revocation. In the event of revocation, the license fee shall not be refunded.

SECTION 7 - PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

All license applications filed with the Clerk, whether or not a license has been granted, shall be a public record available for inspection in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours and copies may be obtained at a cost as established by resolution of the Township Board.

SECTION 8 - PENALTIES

A violation of the Township of Springfield Solicitation Ordinance shall be deemed to be a municipal civil infraction.

8.1 Violations and Penalties.

A. Civil Fines. In the event of a determination of responsibility for a municipal civil infraction, the civil fine shall be assessed as follows:

a) The First Offense. The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in an amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

b) First Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

c) Second (or any subsequent) Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a second or subsequent repeat offense shall be in an amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

B. Other Remedies. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violations of this Ordinance.

C. Continuing Offense. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur, shall constitute a separate offense.

D. Remedies Not Exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for in this Ordinance, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.

E. Costs, Damages, and Expenses. The Court shall also be authorized to impose costs, damages, and expenses as provided by law.

F. Default on Payment of Fines and Costs. A default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, or damages or expenses ordered under Subsection A or B or an installment of the fine, costs, or damages or expenses as allowed by the court, may be collected by the Township of Springfield by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under Chapters 40 or 60 of the Revised Judicature Act, MCL 600.101, et seq., MSA 27A.101, et seq., as amended.

G. Failure to Comply With Judgment or Order. If a defendant fails to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to this section within the time prescribed by the court, the court may proceed under Section 1.

H. Failure to Appear in Court. A defendant who fails to answer a citation or notice to appear in court for a violation of this Ordinance is guilty of a

misdeemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and/or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days.

I. Civil Contempt.

(1) If a defendant defaults in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, expenses, or installment as ordered by the district court, upon motion of the Township of Springfield or upon its own motion, the court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant should not be held in civil contempt and may issue a summons, order to show cause, or bench warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.

(2) If a corporation or an association is ordered to pay a civil fine, costs, or damages or expenses, the individuals authorized to make disbursements shall pay the fine, costs, or damages or expenses, and their failure to do so shall be civil contempt unless they make the showing required in this subsection.

(3) Unless the defendant shows that the default was not attributable to an intentional refusal to obey the order of the court or to a failure on his or her part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes a civil contempt and may order the defendant committed until all or a specified part of the amount due is paid.

(4) If it appears that the default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, or damages or expenses does not constitute civil contempt, the court may enter an order allowing the defendant additional time for payment, reducing the amount of payment or of each installment or revoking the fine, costs, or damages or expenses.

(5) The term of imprisonment on civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall be specified in the order of commitment and shall not exceed one day for each Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) due. A person committed for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall be given credit toward payment for each day of imprisonment and each day of detention in default of recognizance before judgment at the rate of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day.

(6) A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, or damages or expenses shall not be discharged from custody until one of the following occurs:

(a) Defendant is credited with an amount due pursuant to Subsection 1(5).

(b) The amount due is collected through execution of process or otherwise.

(c) The amount due is satisfied pursuant to a combination of Subsections 1(6)(a) and (b).

(7) The civil contempt shall be purged upon discharge of the defendant pursuant to Subsection 1(6).

SECTION 9 - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10 - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 11 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 10 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION 12 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication of Notice of Adoption, in the manner prescribed by law. This ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 83 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 11th day of August, 2011. Documents pertaining to the adopted Ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

Laura Moreau, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: August 24, 2011

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2011-338, 284-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of ALEXANDER STIEBEL, DECEASED. Date of birth: 2/18/1948

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ALEXANDER STIEBEL, DECEASED, who lived at 116 Marlborough, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan died May 24, 2011

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Keren Klein, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
OPEN BURNING OOOOO OPEN
BURNING AD HOC STUDY GROUP
PUBLIC FORUM MEETING**

AGENDA

Date and Time: August 31, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.
Place: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive,
Clarkston, MI, 48346

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Introductions of Study Group, township staff, and special guests
2. Overview, objectives, and outcomes of this meeting
3. Presentation of staff, consultants, and expert guests. Each of the following will give brief remarks as it pertains to their role with the township and/or their expertise in dealing with organic disposal:

Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk (history of the open burn ordinance, regulations, and enforcement issues)

Independence Township Director of DPW, Linda Richardson (issues and history surrounding composting and brush collection)

Independence Township Attorney, Steven Joppich, Secrest-Wardle Municipal Law (ordinance creation, revision, and case law implications)

Archie Munson, General Manager of Smith's Disposal (compost pick up service and disposal, mulching, leave vacuum equipment, etc.)

Dr. Daniel Maxwell or Associate: Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Consultants (health and medical implications)

4. Chief Ronk will present an approximate 15 minute PowerPoint review of the Independence Township current open burning ordinance provision.
5. Questions from the audience. Questions must be directed to the Chair but may be redirected to another committee member or one of the panel members.

The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

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SYNOPSIS

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
AUGUST 16, 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.
3. Roll Call: Present: Carson, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace

Absent: Lohmeier, Wagner

There was a quorum present.

Also Present:

Carol Gabris - Human Resources Director
David Belcher - Building Director

Ken Elwert - Parks & Recreation Director

Susan Hendricks - Finance Director

Linda Richardson - DPW Director

Rick Yaeger - Deputy Supervisor

Dick Carlisle - Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.

Brian Oppmann - Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc.

Inc.

4. Approval to appoint Acting Chair.
5. Approval of Agenda as amended.
6. Approval to enter Closed Session at 7:34 PM. The Regular Meeting RECONVENED at 8:07 PM.
7. Approval of Consent Agenda: a) Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5, July 12, and July 19, 2011; b) Sponsorship Funding - Clarkston Area Youth Assistance

PUBLIC FORUM: Mike Clark

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. Update on Roads Ad Hoc Study Group
9. Denial of Partnership Participation with MDOT's Dixie Highway Project for Safety Paths.
10. Approval of Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Clarkston Community Schools for Traffic Signals.
11. Approval to Contact the State of Michigan to Conduct a Performance Evaluation for the Building Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Review of 2012 Department Budgets for Clerk's Office, Elections, Building Department, and Drainage.
13. Approval of Non-Union Employee Performance Review
14. Approval of Conducting Employee Performance Review for Human Resources Director.
15. Approval of Parks and Recreation Budget Adjustment.
16. Update on Facilities Maintenance, Safety Path and Custodial Departments.
17. Denial of Outsourcing Printing and Mailing of Utility Bills.
18. Approval to Extend Regular Meeting.
19. Approval of Check Run in the Amount of \$926,840.83.
20. Approval of Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 to Review Fire Fund.

The Regular Meeting ADJOURNED at 10:18 PM.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: August 24, 2011

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**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 27, 2011**

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

Roll: Present - Brueck, Bisio, Inabnit, Roth, Hargis, Hunter and Luginiski
Others Present - City Manager Ritter
Moved by Hargis, supported by Bisio to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried.
Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried with Mr. Bisio voting no.
Moved by Brueck, supported by Hargis to adopt Ordinance 122-2, Fire Prevention Code 2009 IFC amendment.
Motion Carried

Resolved by Hargis, Supported by Brueck that the FY 2011 Final General Fund Budget be amended by Activity/Department as follows on June 27, 2011: Revenues: \$784,355; Disbursements: \$755,999.

Roll Call: Yeas: Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginiski, Inabnit, Roth
Nays: Bisio

Resolution Adopted.
Resolved by Hargis, supported by Hunter that the FY Final Major Roads budget be amended by Activity/Department as follows on June 27, 2011: Revenues: \$66,000; Disbursements: \$66,000.

Roll Call: Yeas: Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginiski, Inabnit, And Roth
Nays: Bisio

Resolution Adopted.
Resolved by Roth, supported by Brueck that the FY Final Local Roads budget be amended by Activity/Department as follows on June 27, 2011: Revenues: \$28,000; Disbursements: \$26,350.

Roll Call: Yeas: Brueck, Hunter, Luginiski, Inabnit, Hargis and Roth
Nays: Bisio

Resolution Adopted.
Resolved by Hargis, supported by Hunter to approve the FY 2012 General Fund Budget by Activity/Department with Revenues of \$693,825 including 13,1979 mills operating levy and Expenditures of \$651,466.

Roll Call: Yeas: Brueck, Hunter, Luginiski, Roth, Hargis
Nays: Bisio, Inabnit

Resolution adopted.
Resolved by Brueck, support by Roth to adopt the Major Roads Budget for FY 2012 by Activity/Department as follows: Revenues \$63,750; Expenditures: \$63,130

Roll Call: Yeas: Roth, Luginiski, Hunter, Hargis, Brueck
Nays: Bisio, Inabnit

Resolution adopted.
Resolved by Roth, supported by Hargis to adopt the Local Roads Budget for FY 2012 by Activity/Department as follows: Revenues: \$32,750; Expenditures: \$32,750

Roll Call: Yeas: Brueck, Hunter, Luginiski, Roth, Hargis
Nays: Bisio, Inabnit

Resolution adopted.
Resolved by Hargis, supported by Brueck "That the Council adopt the FY 2012 Council salaries in the amount of \$8,000".

Roll Call: Yeas: Brueck, Hunter, Luginiski, Roth, Hargis, Inabnit
Nays: Bisio

Resolution adopted.
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Inabnit "That Council adopt the FY 2012 Planning Commission salaries in the amount of \$1,500".

Roll Call: Yeas: Brueck, Hunter, Luginiski, Roth, Hargis, Inabnit
Nays: Bisio

Resolution adopted.
Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to adjourn meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Kely Richter
City Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #11-0019 Butora, Craig, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 23' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT POLE BARN

10345 Ortonville Rd., Lot 26, 4.87 Acres, R-1R
Supervisor's Plat No 10
08-05-101-020

Case #11-0020 Mitcham, Thomas, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 50' SETBACK VARIANCE FROM BODY OF WATER FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM
5377 Chanto Dr., Lot 24, R-1A
Spring Lake Estates No. 1
08-33-204-002

Case #11-0021 Golub, Noland and Angela, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD PLACEMENT VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT POLE BARN
5409 Whipple Lake Rd., Lot 21, 2.99 Acres, R-1R
Supervisor's Plat No 7
08-11-100-024

Case #11-0022 Aver Sign Company, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838 TO ALLOW SIGN WITH LED ILLUMINATION (FOR DISPLAY OF GAS PRICES)
7650 Ortonville Rd., MS
Becker Dean Holdings, LLC - Sunoco
08-17-451-025

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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

Heart walk

A Walk with Heart is coming to Clarkston on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with an inspirational rally to follow including food, music, entertainment, giveaways and more. The walk kicks off at 10 a.m. and winds through the historic village streets of Clarkston.

"We're fortunate southeast Michigan has some of the best pediatric cardiology hospitals in the country, as well as a very strong community of 'heart families' who offer each other support," said Sally Powers, chair and mother of a 3-year-old Coronary Heart Disease survivor.

"The Walk is an opportunity to rally together to raise awareness about the country's number one birth defect and to raise much needed money for research."

Walk with Heart is made possible through the generous support of its many sponsors, including this year's site sponsors: The City of the Village of Clarkston; Macy's; Restore Sports Medicine-Orthovisc; Culver's of Clarkston; Pepsi; and RGMay Photography LLC.

To register for the walk or make a donation, check their website at www.congenitalheartwalk.org and click on the "Metro Detroit" fall walk.

For more information email sallypowers@hotmail.com or visit www.congenitalheartwalk.org

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TRUST**

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B. This publication is written by authorized representative with address found thru Legal Deed and Presentment Sanilac County.

This lawful notification of Harbestlix Trust is to secure the: "Harbestlix Trust including all present and future Directors, Exchangers, Settlers, Trustees, Beneficiaries, Secretaries, Treasurers, Grantors, Caretakers, Fiduciaries, Creditors, Grantees, Principals, Representatives, Consultants and all Other Entities Trustees Deems Proper." Please feel free to write line B entities by certified mail if any departments, agencies, courts or internal revenue service vendors require additional verification or possess any evident of error in these instruments within ninety-one days of publishers' affidavit. When no additional verification or possess any evidence of error in these instruments within ninety-one days of publishers' affidavit. When no additional verification or evidence of error is found then all aforementioned parties; currently known and unknown; including all attorneys of any nature stipulate to all terms and conditions herein. Any agencies attempting to impede or obstruct these instruments after ninety-one days are subject to the secured party terms in Legal Deed and Presentment paragraphs R-S pursuant to the next one hundred years as registered.

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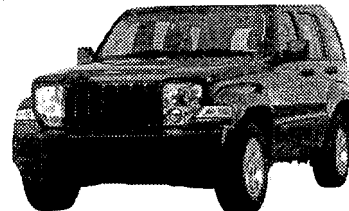


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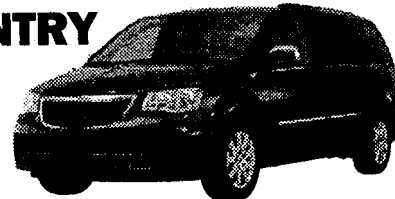
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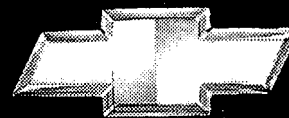
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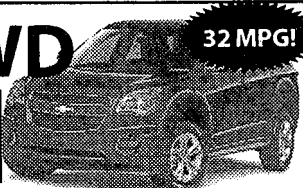
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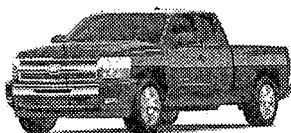
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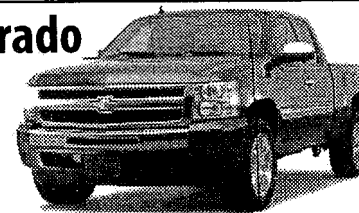
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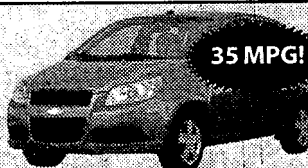
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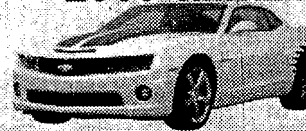
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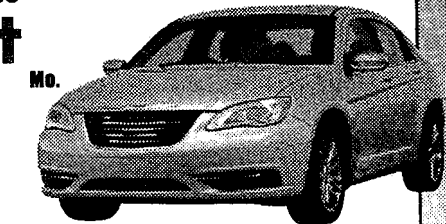
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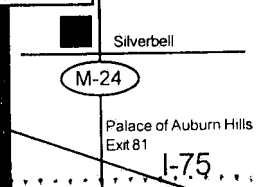
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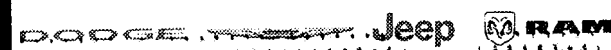
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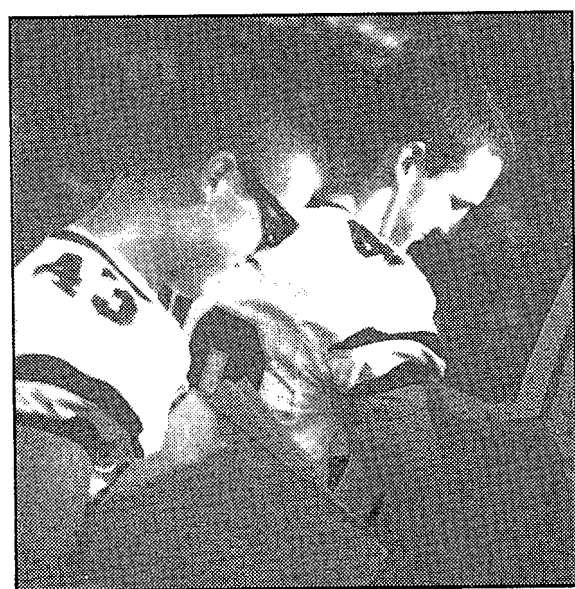


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Travis Smith takes donation bags out of one of the vehicles.



From left, Adam Johns and Chris Scott fill grocery bags from Kroger with food and pop cans.

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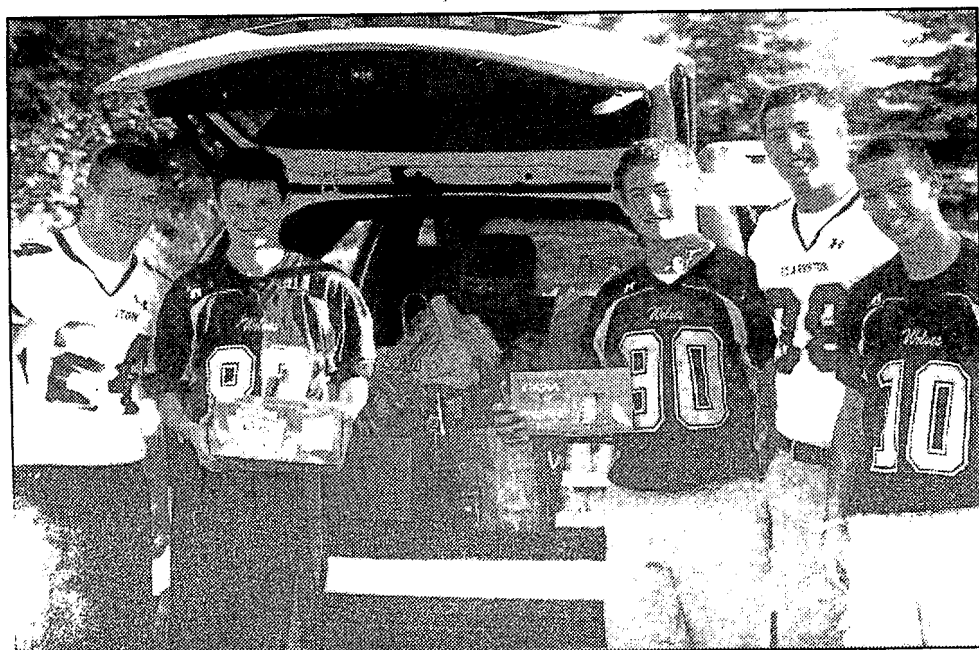
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The food, along with personal and paper products collected by the Clarkston Chiefs, will go back to the community.

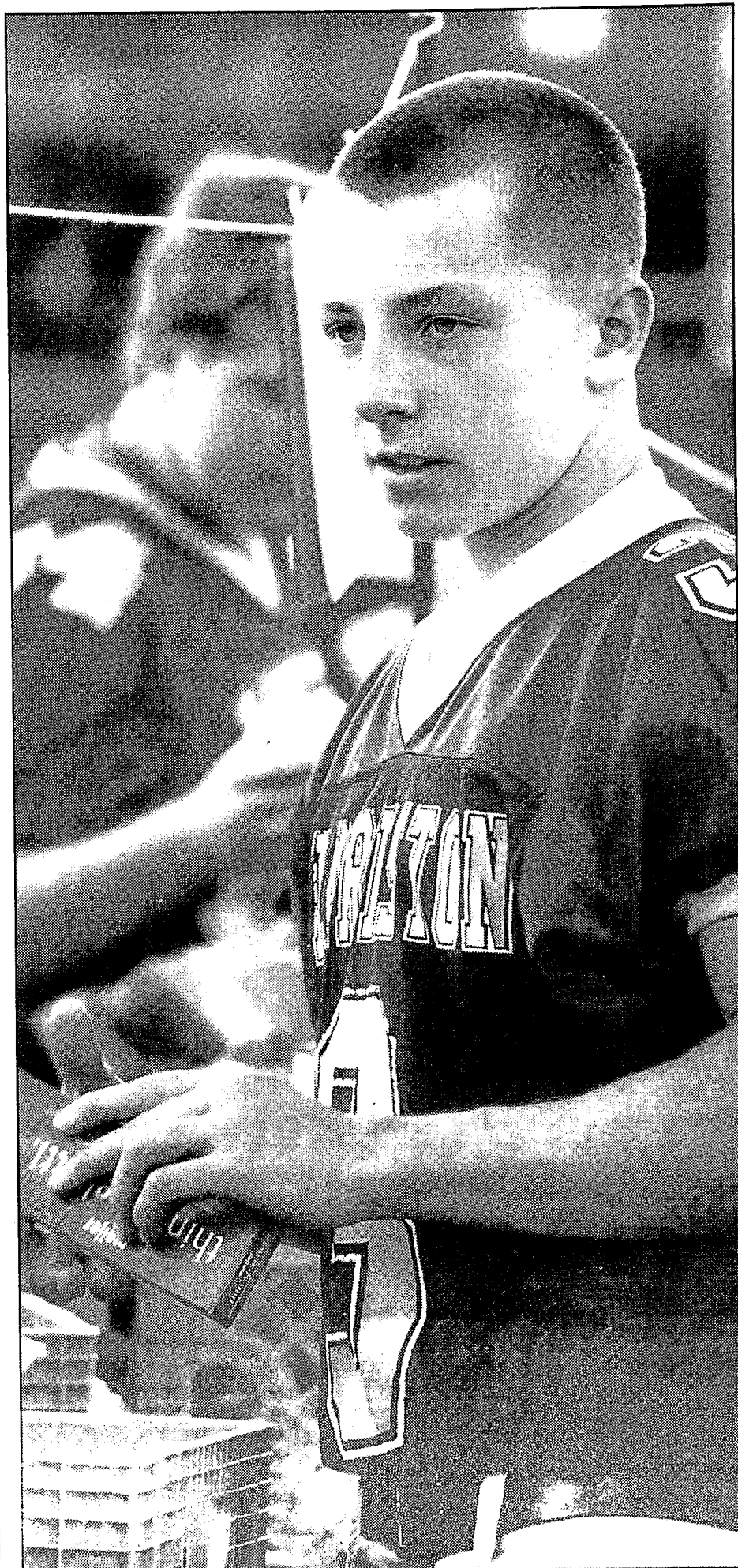
Donations are always welcome at Lighthouse Emergency Services, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are located at 6330 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. For more information, call 248-620-6116.

Watch the gridiron gang take to the field this week in their season opener. The freshman and JV teams host Rochester Adams on Thursday. The varsity team heads to Rochester Adams on Friday, 7 p.m.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



From left, Joey Kirkwood, Alex Deherder, Griffin Barta, Alex Barta and Alex Johnson stop on Crestwood Court in Independence Township for donations.



Will Scarlett sorts food into boxes.