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Fired up Standing room only at open-burn forum

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After dozens of leaf-burning comments, Aug. 31, Dave Barran picked up on a common theme.



Dave Barran

"I think a lot of what we heard tonight was about people not following the ordinance, doing things wrongly and inconsiderately," he said,

Barran is in favor of current open-burn rules.

"If we enforced what we had, I think that would be good," he said

Fire Chief Steve Ronk said the fire department enforces the ordinance, but needs residents' help.

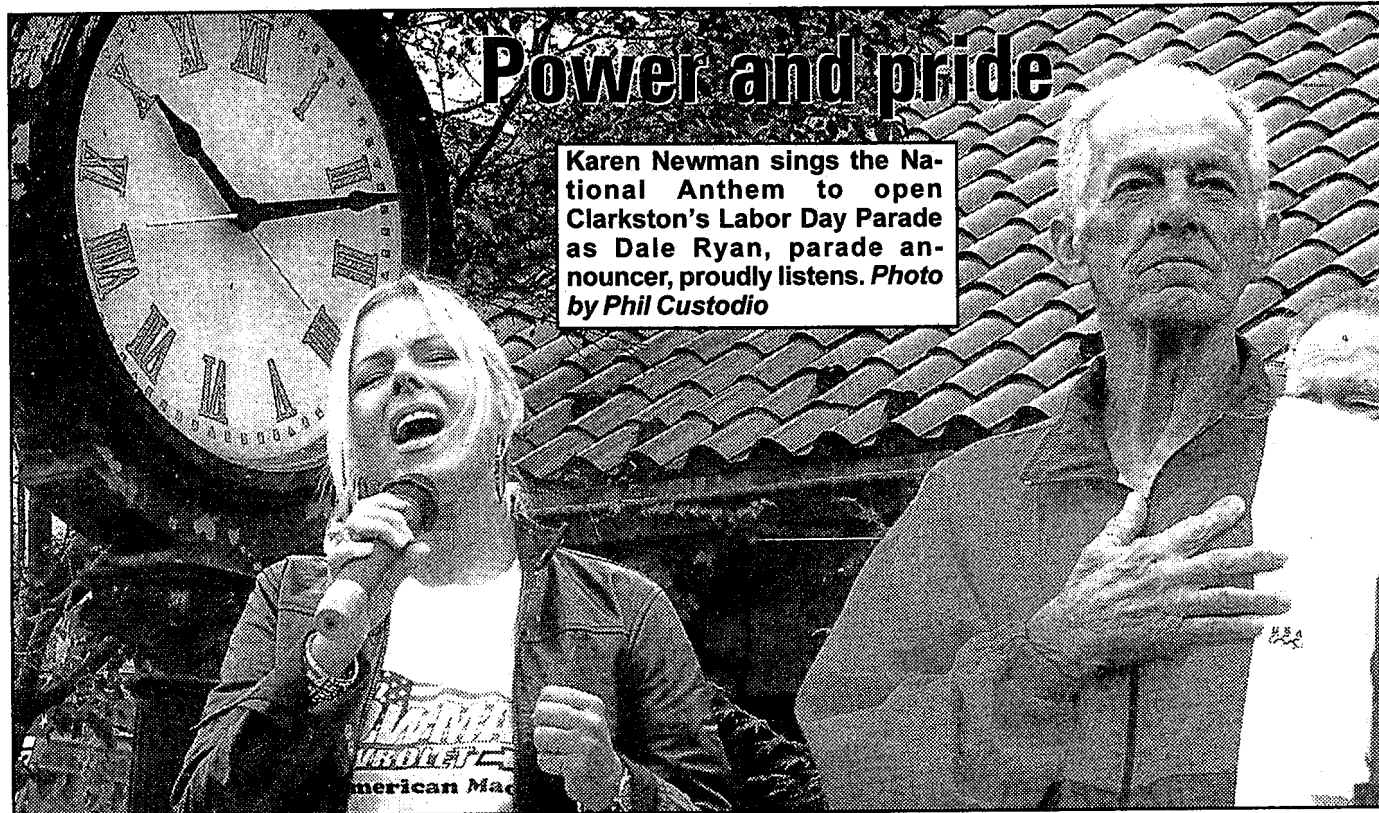
"Don't call us to complain the day after it happened," he said. "Call us while it's going on so we can address it while it's happening."

More than 100 people packed Independence Township Hall to standing give their thoughts and opinions on leaf burning.

"It's good to hear folks out," said Trustee Larry Rosso "We were thinking we were going to have at least 100 folks and we did."

Study group members Delynn Anderson, Sandra Boggemes, Stanley Bojanczyk, Mark Geno, Andrea Hirsch, James Reed, and Dave Stoke listened to presentations by Ronk, Fire

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Power and pride

Karen Newman sings the National Anthem to open Clarkston's Labor Day Parade as Dale Ryan, parade announcer, proudly listens. Photo by Phil Custodio

Crime-fighting info at seminar

Planners hope a Neighborhood Security Seminar tomorrow spurs residents into action against crime.

"The goal is to increase neighborhood watch programs," said Henry Woloson, helping to organize the event, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, at Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. "We're encouraging at least one person from each neighborhood association to attend, then spread the message."

Rick Gutowski of Citizens Cable Committee hosts the free event, with guest speakers from Oakland County Sheriff's Office, se-

curity companies and insurance agencies.

The seminar is part of an ongoing effort to increase awareness on car break ins, burglaries at businesses, and home invasions, education to increase security, and how to take action to reduce crime, Woloson said.

"I'm hearing about more and more of these cases," he said. "I think an important part of the process is to get accustomed to reading the Public Safety page in the paper."

Additional seminars are being planned for the public and for broadcast on local cable channels, he said.

— Phil Custodio

Killer was a stalker

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Matt Adair, 26, of Brandon wanted to know why a 19-year-old Independence Township woman wouldn't talk to him when he hid in her bedroom Saturday night, attacked her, then shot her parents.

Kristen Hinze told deputies she met Adair at the Salvation Army store in Oxford, where she works. He was there doing community service for a marijuana conviction.

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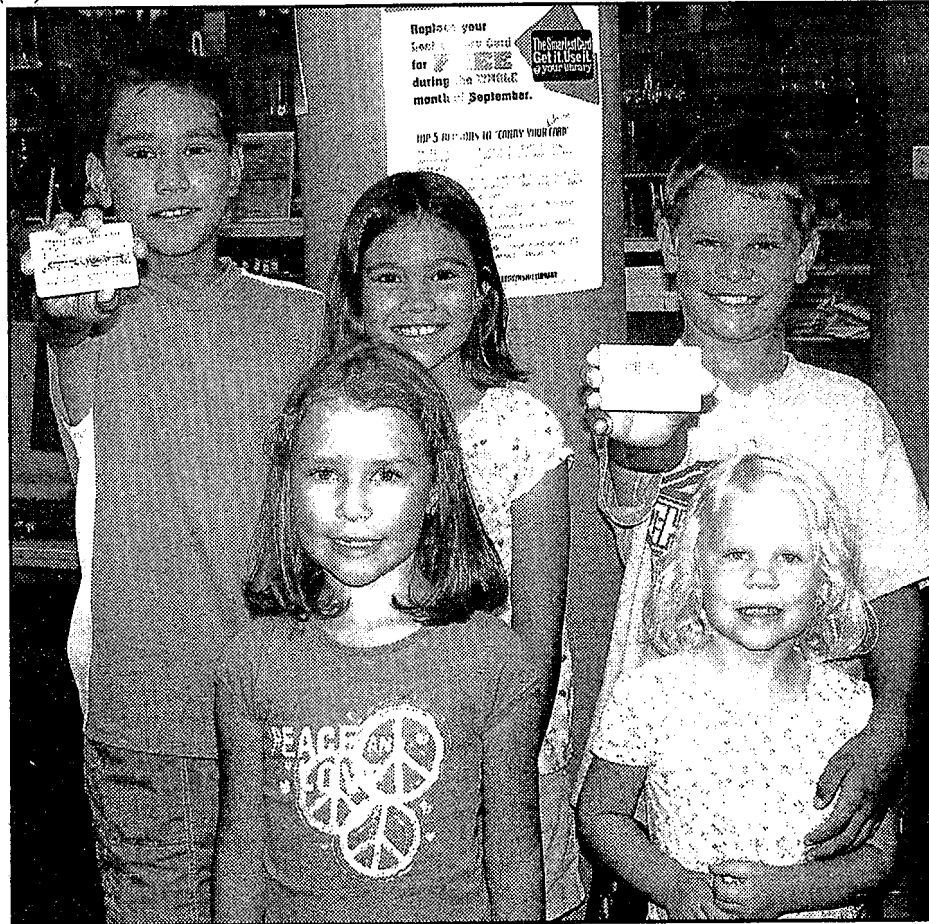
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In back from left, Josh Eaton, Grace Eaton, and Joshua Luther, and, front from left, Andrea Luther and Erica Luther enjoy the library with their library cards. Photo by Phil Custodio

Card holders

September is library card sign-up, a time to sign up for a new card or get a new one.

"Generally, if you lose your card it is \$1 to replace it," said Keegan Sulecki, head of Teen Services, Independence Township Library. "For the month of September, we will replace these cards for free."

The library offers books, audiobooks, CDs, movies, puppets, ebooks and eaudiobooks, and loan items from across the state through Michigan eLibrary Catalog.

"Since September is also back to school month, this is a great time to sign-up," Sulecki said.

Services for card holders also include online renewal, holds, and interloans, and unlimited time on library internet computers.

Reference librarians at the library can direct student to encyclopedias, reference books, and databases to help them with their assignments.

"The library is also a great resource to all ages during these uncertain economic times," Sulecki said.

The library also offers free story-times for children, crafts, movie showings, video games, knitting programs, book clubs, computer classes, investor education, author visits, and other programs.

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— Phil Custodio

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Briefly

Fall festival

Oakland Woods Baptist Church, 5628 Maybee Road, hosts its 11th annual Fall Festival, 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10.

The free event includes hot dogs, chips, pop, sno cones, cotton candy, pony rides, bounce house, giant slide, inflatable obstacle course, dessert walk, face painting, entertainment, and prizes.

Cedar Masonic Lodge 60 also sponsors a free child identification program.

Parents and guardians fill out permission slips for their children to receive dental impression kit, and CD containing photo, video, digital fingerprints, and vital information.

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Punt, Pass, Kick

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts Punt, Pass and Kick competition, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at Clintonwood Park Softball Fields.

Check in is 9 a.m. Boys and girls ages 6-15 as of Dec. 31, 2011, can test their skills at this free event. No football shoes or cleats permitted – gym shoes only.

Pre-register by calling 248-625-8223 or at Parks and Recreation, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

Golf outing

Clarkston Wrestling Golf Outing fundraiser is Sunday, Oct. 9, at Fountains Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes a light lunch and dinner.

They will also have awards, a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes.

For more information, call organizers Derek Moscovic, 248-866-3706, or Rita Heady, 248-884-2723.



The Forward with Faith Planning Team, from left, Richard Huttenlocher, George White, Pastor Amy Mayo-Moyle, Mary Beth Huttenlocher, Beverly Morsemertz, Collen Godfrey, and Marilyn Weber. Photo by Phil Custodio

Week of events for church anniversary

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston United Methodist Church kicks off a week-long 50th-anniversary celebration, Sunday, Sept. 11, with a historic walk.

"Fifty years ago, Sept. 17, the congregation walked down Buffalo from Church Street to Waldon to their new sanctuary," said Pastor Amy Mayo-Moyle, leading the Forward with Faith Planning Team.

"I was a 10th grader – the whole family was involved," said George White, team member.

Planners Richard and Mary Beth Huttenlocher also helped.

"I remember watching the new church go up," Richard said. "Dad was the building chairman. He'd stop by every morning and talk to contractors."

"It was just the sanctuary with one wing," Mary Beth said. "The rest of the buildings went up in steps."

The 1960s were an exciting time for

Clarkston and the church, White said.

"We had the men's group, lots of women society things," he said. "The community was growing rapidly."

"The church was center of town, the community center," Mary Beth said. "We had a lot of outreach then, too."

Anniversary events Sept. 11 start with a pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The walk starts at 10 a.m. at Church and Buffalo streets, with worship service at 11 a.m. at the new church, 3600 Waldon Road.

"Sharron (Catallo, owner) will let Rick and George ring the bell – it's very nice of her," Mary Beth said.

They used to do that growing up, signaling start of services.

"We'd swing on the bell rope," Richard said.

"The bell ringer would be in the steeple," said Marilyn Weber, church historian. "Sometimes they would see people hurrying to church, and they'd hold off a bit on ringing

the bell."

Forward with Faith 50th Anniversary Week continues:

Monday, Sept. 12, 12:30 p.m., 50-year luncheon;

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., UMW Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Tea, \$5;

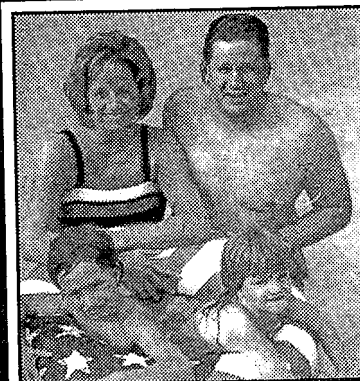
Friday, Sept. 16, Family Hayride and Bonfire at Diehl's Orchard in Holly;

Saturday, Sept. 17, Mission In Action Day at Cass Community Social Services, meet at CUMC at 8:15 a.m.; and

Sunday, Sept. 18, United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., with guest speaker Frank Tanana, former Detroit Tiger pitcher, and worship services, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., with the Rev. Doug Trebilcock. Pot Lock Picnic follows 11 a.m. service, with a concert by Ivybrooke Trio, 3 p.m.

Former clergy and church members are invited to share memories of the past 50 years.

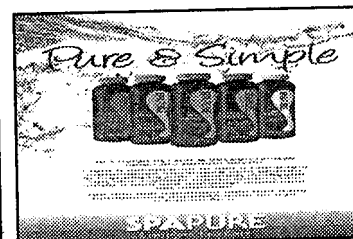
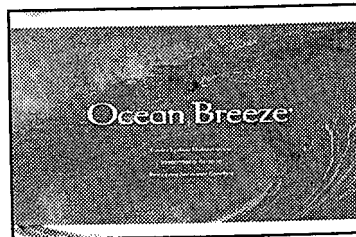
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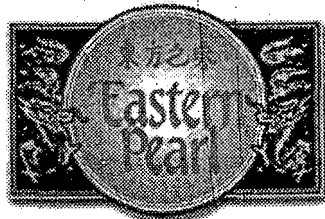
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Local ties to worldwide Rotary projects

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

John Hewko got his new job, general secretary and CEO of Rotary International, with some networking help from his father, Lu Hewko of Clarkston.

Lu, active with Clarkston Rotary Club for 33 years, saw the job posting and passed it along to his son.

"I knew he was probably a good match," Lu said. "I'm very proud of him. He always serves in a good way."

John takes over at a key turning point for Rotary. It's top goal of eradicating polio is within reach.

"We're very very close – it's our number one priority," John said.

Rotary has worked since the mid 1980s with national and world agencies in its Global Polio Eradication Initiative, including World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, and United Nations. The Gates Foundation recently joined in.

John is set to meet with Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to discuss his involvement, John said.

"He's very generous – a great partner of Rotary," he said.

Gates Foundation is contributing \$355 million for the final drive, along with \$200 million from Rotary International.

"The Gates Foundation provides money and prestige, and Rotary provides volunteers and advocacy," John said.

The disease was wiped out in the United States and Europe years ago, and is now found in only four countries, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India, which has been polio free for six months.

The campaign against polio has cost about \$8 billion, \$1 billion of which from Rotary. The cost if the disease returns, however, would be \$40-50 billion.

"With all the suffering you would avoid, it's a good return on investment," John said.

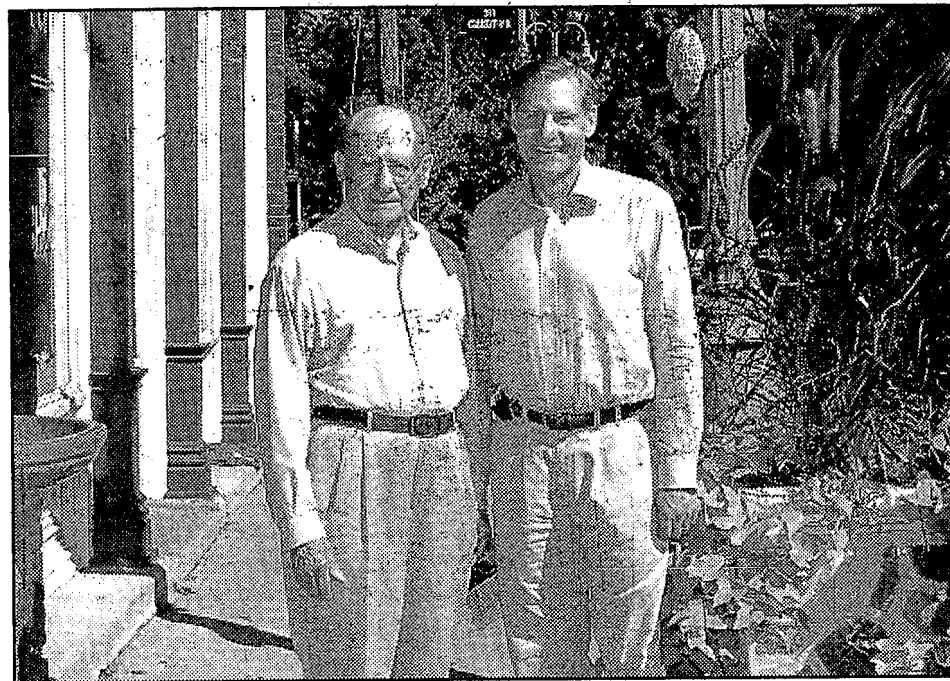
Now's not the time to get complacent, though, he said.

"It's only one airplane ride away," he said. Once eliminated, it would be only the second time a disease was eliminated, after small pox, he said.

After polio is defeated, John will lead Rotary International in new local and international efforts in maternal and child health, water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, economic, and community development, and peace studies and conflict prevention/resolution.

Ongoing efforts to built membership will include online E-clubs and flexible scheduling, John said.

"We're trying innovative mechanisms and options to attract younger members," he said. All service clubs are adjusting to the com-



At right, John Hewko, with his father Lu Hewko in downtown Clarkston, is CEO of Rotary International. Photo by Phil Custodio

puter age, Lu said.

"Now young people spend all their free time with computers," he said.

Membership growth is strong in India, Asia, and the former Soviet Union.

"Rotary is very strong, with 1.2 million members and 34,000 clubs worldwide," John said. "It's very international, with 70 percent of members outside North America, and it all started in Chicago 106 years ago."

John led Rotary efforts to establish a branch in Kiev, Ukraine, part of the former Soviet Union.

"That took a tremendous amount of work – there was no concept of civic organization," Lu said. "John has been very instrumental, with his contacts there. It's a very successful project."

Clarkston Rotary was one of five sponsoring clubs in the Ukraine. Now more than 1,000 Rotarians are set up in 40 clubs in Eastern Europe.

"Rotary members are all leaders in their community – no other organization has that platform," John said. "Long term, how do we take that enormous platform and use it to do even more good?"

John is a 1985 graduate of Harvard Law School, and holds a master's degree from Oxford University, where he studied as a Marshall Scholar, and a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. He speaks six languages.

He worked for Brazilian and Argentine law firms and later with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington and New York, handling Latin American and project finance transactions.

He then joined Baker & McKenzie, specializing in international corporate transactions in emerging markets, including Mos-

cow, Kiev, and Prague.

While in Ukraine in the early 1990s, he helped prepare the initial draft of the new Ukrainian post-Soviet constitution and was a charter member of the first Rotary club in Kiev.

He worked in the Bush administration, 2004-2009, setting up the Millennium Challenge Corp, a new foreign assistance agency.

As vice president for operations and compact development, he developed agreements with 26 countries in Africa, Asia, South America, Middle East and former Soviet Union. He oversaw the development, negotiation and approval of foreign assistance agreements with 18 countries totaling \$6.3 billion for projects in infrastructure, agriculture, water, sanitation, health and education.

As CEO of Rotary International, John manages more than 600 employees of Rotary International and its charitable arm, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Headquartered in Evanston, Ill., with regional offices in seven countries, Rotary's Secretariat supports the activities of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, with a combined membership of 1.2 million men and women. The Rotary Foundation annually distributes over \$180 million to fund a variety of educational programs and humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Lu and Natalie Hewko are long-time residents of Clarkston. Natalie was a Clarkston Elementary teacher for many years and Lu is a past president of the Clarkston Rotary Club, and former member of the Independence Township planning commission and zoning board of appeals.

For more information, see www.rotary.org.



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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Do more to stay safe

This is a good week for the Neighborhood Security Seminar, planned for tomorrow by Citizens Cable Committee.

Murders are rare in the Clarkston area, but we had one just last Saturday.

It's a particularly tragic and pointless one, too, involving a guy stalking a co-worker, hiding in her bedroom, grabbing her, and then shooting her parents when they run to help, killing her mother. Then he shot and killed himself.

The man was reportedly serving a community-service sentence for marijuana. Perhaps more care is needed when dealing with these people, both by the court system and those who come in contact with them in the community.

Domestic-violence-type cases like this might be a bit outside the scope of the security seminar, but some principles still apply. Stronger locks may have helped keep the stalker out. An alarm might have alerted the residents sooner.

Going through the stack of police reports every week for the Public Safety column, too many residents are still leaving computers, purses, and other valuable out in the cars and trucks, which are sometimes left unlocked, too.

As those reports as well as Saturday's murder shows, bad people are out and about in our community. Don't make it easier for them.

Domestic abuse cases are also common, though only show up in the paper when arrests are made. In one of the cases, the victim didn't even want to press charges but the police made the arrest anyway. Those in that situation might want to reconsider that, considering the lengths to which some are demonstrably willing to go.

It's also the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Not that door locks and alarms can stop a terrorist bomb or suicide attack, but the goal of neighborhood watch applies.

Watch out for each other. Get to know your neighbors. That might come in handy in coming years if the economy continues to deteriorate.

The seminar starts at 7 p.m., Sept. 8, at Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.



Clarkston through walks with Nina

Dear Editor,

We walk a lot, partly for my own septuagenarian need for exercise and partly for hers. We take a series of prescribed paths in Clarkston.

When I walk with her, she's the kind of dog that elicits villager comments such as: "What kind of dog is that?" or, "She looks like the dog in that movie 'Winn Dixie.'" Truth is we don't know what her breeding is — part Irish Wolf Hound and part Border Collie, we think.

She has not been on the silver screen as far as we know. In fact, we know little of her prior five-year life before my wife found her picture on a Lansing, Michigan rescue league website and contacted the league about adopting her. Two years into her life with us has us asking ourselves how did we get so lucky?

She was within one day of being euthanized, we were told. She rarely barks. I only have occasion to hear her vocalize if another dog, either on our walks or in the local dog park, gets aggressive with her or threatens me.

She would eat all day, given the chance. Two schools of thought on that — all dogs would or rescue dogs in particular, fearing that they will never eat again, are that way.

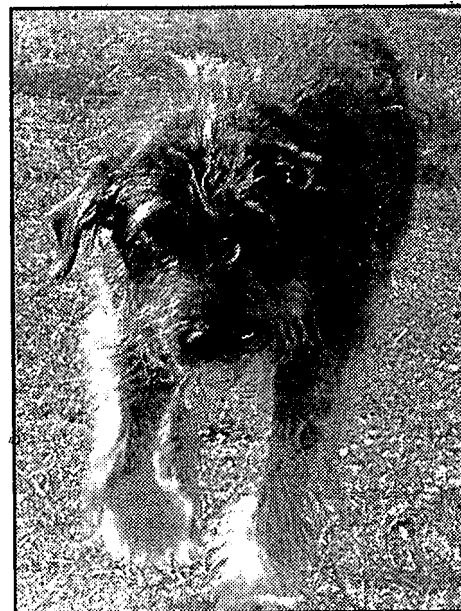
The Lansing league referred to her as a "Velcro" dog, for her need to be with people. On our walks, it's not unusual to see a jogger interrupt his or her routine and stop to pet her. Nina always obliges.

While most dogs will eagerly chase a ball or Frisbee, Nina will have none of it. She is a "sight hound" though and will lunge on the leash in an effort to pursue an unwary squirrel, rabbit, or ground hog she might spy. My wife and I believe that play was denied her because she may have been tied up and left alone a good deal of her early life. In fact, one of the stipulations on the rescue league was that we not do that. She will play briefly with her few plush toys, but soon abandons them. In a vain effort to get her to fetch my walking shoes, she hears "toys" when I ask her to get my "shoes," and she will attack her duck or alligator before we head out the door.

When Nina was introduced to our short-haired black cat, she accepted Wane right away. What we knew we had to do was feed Wane in a place high enough to keep his food away from Nina. Our kitchen counters are a little over three feet high and proved to be no challenge for Nina. We devised another cat food plan.

Nina is the most sociable of dogs. On our walks she will insist on greeting all, dogs in tow or not. She will even pause at some of the homes where some of her distant relatives live. That trait has allowed us to get to know a DogBook group of owners and their best friends.

We vary our route every day and the beauty of the small village/city of Clarkston



Bill Byrne's dog Nina looks like the pooch from "Winn Dixie."

is that we can do that. Across from my home lives a retired entrepreneur, who built up his tool and die company and then sold it for a price that allowed him to walk away. He has two labs, yellow and brown, Micky and Mocha.

A family of three Border Collie show dogs live a short distance up the street from me. When Nina and I are within sight of any one of them, they begin a chorus of loud barking and keep it up until we disappear up the road. I have dubbed them "The Barker" family.

Julie, a single mom, is a cancer survivor who is studying to be a RN. Her license plate reads: "LIVE4NW." She owns two purebreds, a Bernese Sheepdog, Enzo, and an American Bulldog with a menacing underbite, Gibson.

We frequently encounter a big-time trial attorney, who before setting off to his Detroit office, walks his brown lab, in season and out, in the Clarkston morning. When Mollie spots us, she makes a bee line for us and greets us both with a slobbery nuzzling.

The most energetic dog we meet is a female Spuds McKenzie. She is a bundle of kinetic activity, a beautiful example of the breed. Her owner, Russ, a retired General Motors engineer, constantly apologizes to me for her behavior as he struggles to control her, but I tell him not to worry. Luna will quiet down as she matures, and in any case, Nina lets her know when she has frolicked too far.

Sometimes, our route takes us past the home of a middle-aged man recovering from his bout with bladder cancer. Jim doesn't have a dog, but he keeps a box of dog biscuits in his garage on the chance that we will pass by. I think he uses contact with Nina as a form of therapy and a reminder of how much a good dog contributes to one's life. That makes two of us.

Bill Byrne is a resident of Clarkston.

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Substitute mom will drive the kids"
Clarkston mom, Bev Irwin, began a service which would offer transportation to children around Clarkston. Irwin said she got the idea after trying to find such a service for her 4 year-old daughter, Samantha. The closest one was in West Bloomfield which was too far and too expensive.

"Clarkston teen makes medical history"
12-year-old Clarkston resident, Russell Dorn, was one of only six patients treated with a drug called heparin when he was diagnosed as having only one ventricle on his heart, rather than two. Russell was being treated at U of M. The experimental drug is an anti-coagulant that is often prescribed for clotting conditions and seemed to work wonders.

"McBride-Jasso wed in Clarkston"
John Lonnie and Sian Jeannine (McBride) Jasso were married Aug. 24, 1996. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Larry Anderson at the groom's parents' home.

25 years ago - 1986

"Tetreault, Burger exchange vows"
Dianne Lynn Tetreault and Mark C. Burger were wed at the Academy of Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills on July 19. The Rev. Thomas Meagher performed the traditional Catholic mass. The bride is the daughter of former Clarkston residents, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Tetreault. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burger.

"Johnson 'the best' bartender"
Dawn Johnson was recognized for her friendly, smiling service as a daytime bartender at the Clarkston Cafe. She had been a bartender for nine years.

"New Arrivals"
Matthew Grant was born at Pontiac General Hospital, Pontiac. He weighed 5 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.

50 years ago - 1961

"Births announced"
A boy named Matthew was born to the Harold Stuart family of 144 N. Holcomb. Matthew weighed 10 lb. 11 oz. at birth. He came home to meet his four brothers and one sister.

"Waterford ladies celebrate birthday"
Mrs. Aurthur Davis and her long-time friend and neighbor, Mrs. Lou Whitman of Clarkston were honored when 17 friends gathered at the Davis home for a double celebration. Mrs. Davis was 90 years old on August 11 and Mrs. Whitman had her 81st birthday on August 13. Flowers were presented to both ladies, along with gifts of pocket-books, hankerchiefs, and perfume.

Dick & Jane, Tom & Di, and whatever

This is a true story, and that is not to say all my other writings have not been true.

This is about a married couple, old enough to be grandparents, but not yet on social security. Names used may not necessarily be theirs. This is called "protecting my butt."

The male, Tom, has been suffering from a tooth ache for three days. He tried booze and aspirin, but had to give in to seeing his dentist.

The diagnosis was a root canal job, a procedure we are told to fear since birth.

Tom took some medicine before retiring. Now sound asleep he is aroused by a screaming wife, "Tom! Get up! There's a bat in here!"

Grousing Tom gets up, heads toward the 2-tennis racket storage area, where his unused golf clubs, horse shoes and baseball gloves are stowed.

Enroute back to the bedroom he passes the bathroom, which prompted the usual midnight reaction.

Later he justified his delay by saying he didn't know how long it would take to dispatch the bat.

Di shouted, "Tom, where the heck are you?" from under her blanket-covered head. The rest of her demand was drowned out by the flushing.

Now, having been sufficiently warned and threat-

ened by the bride, Tom enters the arena with both rackets.

With one swing he nailed the most-certainly disease infested, life-threatening, flying killer.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

The now unconscious bat landed on the covers atop Di's head.

She started screaming harder and shaking uncontrollably.

"Tom! Get this off of me NOW!" There was some profanity.

Tom used one racket to push the bat onto the other racket, squeezed them together and took the bat outside.

When he got back to bed, Di was sitting up, raving about his slowness, ineffectiveness, ancestry, lack of consideration and etc.

It was now Tom's turn to pull the covers over his head. He fell asleep chuckling, having forgotten his root canal hurting.

We've had bats get into our condo in Engadine. Our batman, Lowell, doesn't want to seal the bats inside by closing holes, though he chases them out somehow.

He says all the bats will be gone as winter weather

approaches. The bats fly back to copper or coal mines in the western Upper to hibernate.

Then Lowell will seal the holes, or he may hire Di to scare the bats to death with her screaming.

Time to insert a little Will Rogers here. In the early 1930s he said, "You know the more you read and observe about the Politics thing, you got to admit that each party is worse then the other. The one that's out always looks the best. My only solution would be to keep 'em both out one term and hire my good friend Henry Ford to run the whole thing, and give him a commission on what he saves us."

Remember when the *Playboy* magazine was sold from behind counters? Didn't want our youths exposed to such nakedness.

Nowadays gals appear overdressed in band-aid size strips of cloth on open display racks.

The Detroit News/Free Press did two-pages on the vagina, apparently trying to make it an educationally appropriate word for the media to use.

And the bathroom tissue maker, Northern, makes even me wonder if there are any too-extreme wordings for the use of their product.

The Little Grandma who thought she was Irish

Like most families, sooner or later the older generation gives way, moves on . . . kicks the bucket. So it was with ours the other week.

The Rush clan lost our grandmother, Mildred. At 97, she out-lived her three children, my Aunt Pat Kessler, Uncle Terry and my father, Donald W. Rush. She out paced (by 44 years) her husband, my Grandpa, John Joseph Jeremiah Rush, her parents (Jim and Ethel Fletcher), two of her three siblings, one grandson (Mark Kessler) and a slew of friends.

Of the middle generation only my mother, Shirley Rush keeps on ticking – and she's Grandma's daughter-in-law.

But, there were few tears for Granny Great as my boys Shamus and Sean called her.

She lived a good, long life and she was surrounded by loved ones when she died and only a few hours before we were able to make her smile and she got out a few last, "I love you's."

On Thursday, August 25, 2011 she left behind a goodly spread of her genetic code, 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and a slew of great-great grandkids – kids whom I don't even

know their names, gender or who their parents even are.

At last count there were 12 great-greats. She is also survived by her younger sister, Lorena Soop.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

She was a tough old broad, and I told her that as often as I could. I think she kind of relished the idea of being the resilient one.

Some, behind her back, would call her hard, cold. All would say it was her way, every-day.

What can I say, she was a tough old broad.

When she was a young girl in Sedalia, Missouri (even though she pronounced it Miz-zur-a), she survived Scarlet Fever.

The illness left her with a heart mummer. I told the folks during her funeral mass they missed the opportunity to feel the dent in her head, because the casket was already closed and blessed by Father Ray.

She got that dent when her mother yelled, "Mildred!" She was looking at a

book, next to a screened window on the second floor of her grandparent's home. She fell out, hit the ground and wasn't 'spected to live.

When she was nearly a teen, she was out with her uncle hunting pars-nips (whatever they are) in the Ozarks.

She got bit by a rattler. Her uncle cut the wound, spit out the poison and carried her back to the family farm. (In my mind, I see a one-eyed fat man doing that, which means I have watched the movie True Grit, way too many times.)

She had her first heart attack in the late 1950s, when the Rush family home in Detroit caught fire – after one of her sons fell asleep smoking. She had her second heart attack in 1967, during the Riots of Detroit. Not because the races were not getting along, rather because her husband had just died and her two sons got in a fight.

She survived. She was tough. Grandma loved to travel, but was fondest of her exploits to Ireland. She loved the Irish, their music, demeanor – the whole kit and caboodle. Why not, she was Irish, right? Yet . . .

She met my grandpa at a dance in

Detroit in the late 1920s.

She was about 5-foot tall. Grandpa was over six. He thought she was a cute little "Jewish" girl. She wasn't – she was something far more sinister (back then), a Baptist, gulp, of mostly English ancestry!

Grandma took to grandpa's religion fully as she took to his heritage (Irish Catholic).

The couple worked hard, and worked extra to send their children to St. Dominic Catholic School, and then St. Visitation for high school. They marched in the St. Patrick's Day parades and went to mass every week.

I guess being Irish isn't so much about the blood in the veins, rather than the idea in the mind. So, I guess she was more than the little grandma who thought she was Irish.

For about the last eight years she was under the care of the Dominican Sisters run, Lourdes Nursing facility in Waterford.

The care, compassion and love they show Grandma was nothing short of wonderful. I can never truly thank the Lourdes staff enough.

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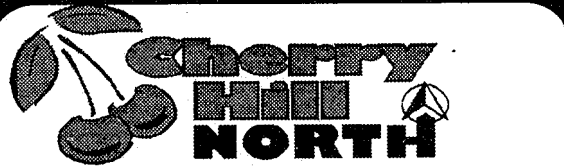


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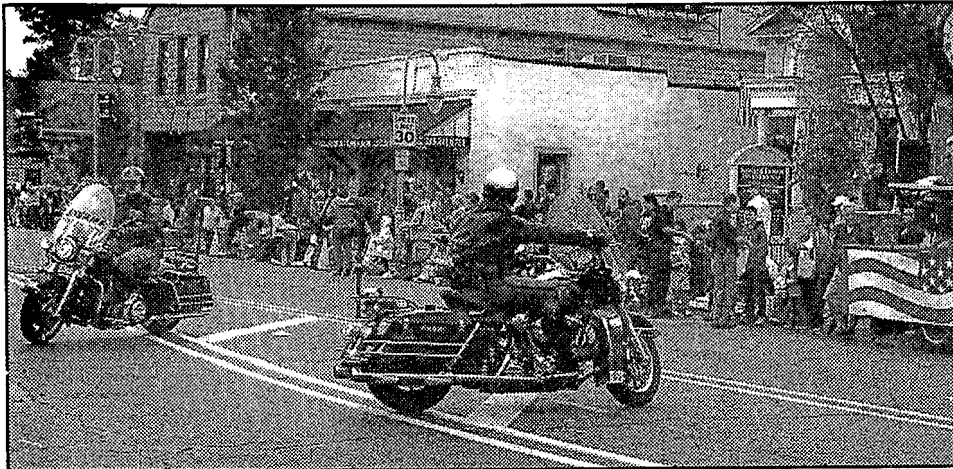
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Oakland County Sheriff's deputies demonstrate their cycling skills at the Clarkston Labor Day Parade. Photo by Phil Custodio

Public Safety

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

Paint vandals

Someone threw paint on the office door, pool, and vehicles in the parking lot in the 4000 block of Fox Creek, Aug. 20.

Vehicle break ins

Someone broke into a pickup truck through its rear-sliding window, Aug. 22, in the 5000 block of Willowpark. The stereo was taken.

Someone smashed into the driver's window of a car parked in the 5000 block of Water Tower Place and took a purse, 2:55-3:30 p.m., Aug. 29.

Suspect jumps in lake

Independence Township deputies sprang into action to help in a pursuit from Genesee County, 12:56 a.m., Aug. 22, on Ortonville Road. Deputies caught up to the suspect, a 47-year-old Flint man, near E. Glass Road, where he stopped, ran to Bald Eagle Lake, jumped in, and started swimming. Deputies asked to borrow a lakefront resident's pontoon boat, and motored off in pursuit. They caught up with him in the middle of the lake. Exhausted from his swim, the suspect gave up, and was taken aboard and handed off to Burton Police.

Marijuana arrest

Deputies responded to a report of four men sitting around and smoking marijuana, 3:39 p.m., Aug. 23, in the 5000 block of N. Marshbank. Deputies found two 15-year-old Independence Township boys, a 14-year-old Hazel Park boy, and 21-year-old Independence Township man, all with marijuana. The marijuana was confiscated and the man was arrested for drug possession and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The boys were released to their parents.

Domestic violence arrests

A 38-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic violence after choking his wife hard enough to leave bruises, 10:10 a.m., Aug. 23, in the 5000 block of S. Marshbank.

A 35-year-old Goodrich man was charged with one count of domestic assault and another for simple assault for hitting his wife, a 35-year-old Goodrich woman, and a 29-year-old Waterford Township man, 11:30 p.m., Aug. 27, in the 5000 block of Maybee Road. At a friend's wedding, the woman and Waterford man were reportedly out back kissing when the husband found them, punched the man, then struck his wife.

Deputy injured

A deputy broke his right hand in struggle with a drunk 20-year-old Lincoln Park man, 11 p.m., Aug. 26, at DTE. The deputy was leading the suspect from the concert due to disorderly conduct. The deputy was treated at Clarkston POH and suspect was arrested and jailed.

Caught with cocaine

A deputy stopped a 35-year-old Independence Township man for driving slow, riding the brake, and weaving from side to side, 2:26 a.m., Aug. 30, at Sashabaw and Sally roads. Inside the car were an open bottle of beer and a bag of crack cocaine. He was arrested for possession of cocaine and three warrants, and also cited for driving with a suspended license, no registration or proof of insurance, open intoxicants, and possession of crack torch and other paraphernalia.

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Patient finds peace of mind at Lake Orion Family Dentistry

When Lake Orion resident Judith Truscott told her former dentist that local anesthesia didn't numb her mouth like it should, he said he understood. He said he'd dealt with patients with similar problems, and everything would be fine.

Judith wasn't so sure. In fact, she has a major fear of the dentist, and her next appointment would involve a root canal. She put her fears aside, though, and went to her appointment.

After the procedure, her dentist pushed up his surgical mask, looked at her, and said it had been a long time since he'd had to administer that much anesthetic. Judith wasn't surprised.

"I told you so," she said as the dentist flagged her chart for future reference.

Judith wasn't satisfied. Afterward, she avoided dental work for years. She had her teeth cleaned and attended regular checkups, but would not undergo the dental work she needed. Judith knew her oral health was deteriorating, yet did not know how to overcome her fears.

"I had a major fear of the dentist," she said.

But as a registered nurse, Judith also knew that avoiding dental work could put her overall health at risk. She understood the link between poor oral health and heart attack, stroke, and other serious systemic problems.



Dr. Brad Greenfield and the team at Lake Orion Family Dentistry offer quality, innovative care in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

"To be so afraid that it keeps you from taking care of your health is horrible," she recalls. "If you do not have a fear, you can't understand it. I was so apprehensive before I found Dr. Greenfield that I would cancel an appointment three times and just never get the work done."

When Judith found Dr. Greenfield at Lake Orion Family Dentistry, her fears were put to rest. "He listened to me and explained my treatment options, what he wanted to do, and why," Judith said, noting she felt in control of her treatment plan with no pressure. "Then I met with Karla, the nurse anesthetist at Dr. Greenfield's office, and she was excellent. Wonderful!"

In addition to an inability to numb with local anesthesia and an intense fear of dental procedures, Judith also suffers from acute asthma. She asked questions most people don't know to ask, and Karla provided the answers and explanation Judith needed.

After much discussion, Judith, Karla, and Dr. Greenfield determined that two sessions of dental procedures would be required. Judith requested that the milder phase of treatment be completed first, and Dr. Greenfield was pleased to comply. Karla would administer IV sedation to relieve Judith's anxiety during treatment.

"I felt nothing, and I remember nothing," said Judith. "There was no pain, no fear."

Dr. Greenfield used CEREC, a new technology that incorporates CAD/CAM technology for one-visit, permanent, ceramic dental crowns. Judith had two CEREC crowns placed, along with a dental filling, during her first visit.

The procedure took just a short period of time. Afterward, Judith had no anxiety about the second phase of her treatment plan, which was scheduled just a few weeks later.

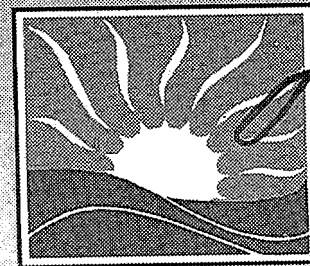
During the second appointment, Karla administered IV sedation, and this time, Dr. Greenfield placed three crowns and performed laser periodontal treatment.

"There was no bruising, no pain, not even at the injection sites," Judith said. "In fact, I left the next day for a six-week Florida vacation."

Judith ranks her experience a 12 on a scale of 1 to 10.

"I was a basket case when I came in," she said. "They really made me feel good; they are very attentive. I never feel like a number at Dr. Greenfield's office, and my hygienist, Ronda, is wonderful."

Judith has referred her son and daughter-in-law to Dr. Greenfield, and she hopes he can help others who are in her situation, filled with fear and in desperate need of dental work to restore and protect their health.



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Joey Goss gains yards before a collision with West Bloomfield defense. Photo by Larry Wright

Dominate Lakers, 34-7

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The crowd cheered and screamed as senior running back Joey Goss made the first touchdown of the game against West Bloomfield last Thursday night.

It spiraled into success for the team as the Wolves' won their first OAA Red match-up, 34-7.

"The game had its high moments and low moments," admitted Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Football team. "We played really well at times. But we had too many penalties and too many take aways."

The Wolves scored two touchdowns off Goss - one off his 5-yard run and the second off a 61-yard run. He finished with 92 rushing yards.

"He was outstanding," said Richardson.

Senior wide receiver Mike Schwartz also scored twice on passes of 32 and 58 yards, from senior quarterback Mitch Baenziger.

Baenziger also scored with a 12-yard run. He was nine for 12 in passing for 215 yards.

"Mitch was very good again," added Richardson.

Senior Alex Barta completed four of his five point after touchdown attempts.

Richardson noted he would like to more consistency from both the offensive and defensive lines.

"We aren't consistent enough," he said.

He noticed it when the defense line broke down early in the game and West Bloomfield scored.

"I think it woke the defense up," he said after the Lakers got on the board.

Senior Travis Smith had three tackles, three assists and one interception to lead the pack.

"He had a good game," said Richardson. "He shut down their leading receiver and turned them down cold."

Giving the defense a boost, senior Joe Genoa had four tackles and one assist; junior Nathan Yeloushan, three tackles, an assist and an interception; senior Matt Dellinger, seven tackles, two assists and an interception and junior Jared Yaroch had an interception.

The Wolves' home opener is against Troy-Athens on Friday. The Red Hawks are coming off a 27-14 victory over Pontiac, their second win in the season.

"They have good running backs and a big offensive line," said Richardson, getting ready for Athens' visit. "Their running game is the heart of their offense. We will have to stop their running game."

He said it will be a combined effort from the team to bring in the third win for the Wolves.

"Their defense is sound," he added. "But I think we can put some points on the board."

Get your blue, gold, and jungle gear ready. The Wolves' home opener at Clarkston High School Stadium is Friday night, with kickoff promptly at 7. Clarkston is 2-0 for the season.

Athlete of the Week

Bright light on field

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Conor Bright lend a boost to his team scoring five goals in the first three soccer games of the fall season.

During the Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Soccer game against Traverse City Central in the Traverse City Invite, Aug. 20, Bright scored two goals. The team finished with a 3-2 win in the first game of the tournament.

He kept going in the next game against Petoskey scoring both goals in the 2-0 shut out.

"He played outstanding," said Chuck Lawhorn, Wolves' soccer coach.

Bright scored one goal in the boys 3-1 loss against Traverse City West, keeping them from a scoreless game.

"He is an excellent player," said Lawhorn. "Whatever job we need him to

do, he can perform that job. He controls the ball really well. He retains possession of the ball really well. He distributes really well."

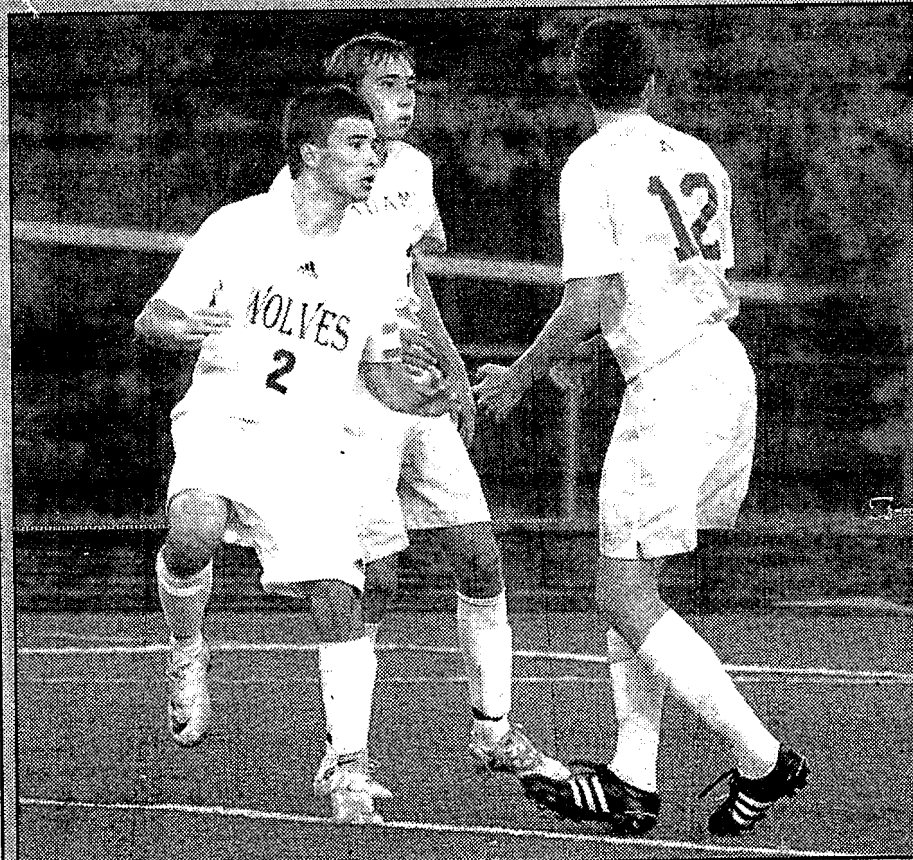
Bright is in his third year on the varsity team and is in the role of captain. Also, his soccer experience has helped not only him but his teammates.

"He definitely creates a lot of opportunities, not just for himself but for the other guys on the team," said Lawhorn. "He brings the experience and passion to the game with him. It definitely rubs off on the other guys."

Bright also scored a goal against Waterford Kettering, Aug. 28, putting his total at six.

"I expect him to score more goals by the end of the season," said Lawhorn.

The boys' next home game is Thursday, Sept 22.



Conor Bright anticipates Rochester Adams next move. Photo by WAR

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Kieft, Jones lead kickers in OAA Red victory

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The fight the Wolves had during their first half against Rochester Adams on Thursday led them to a win against the OAA Red foes.

After a scoreless first half and the opponents up by one point, Clarkston came back for a 2-1 win.

"They played really well," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chuck Lawhorn. "We were down and they kept pushing and kept attacking."

Jordan Kieft took his shot on the goal in the second half. The Highlander's goalie missed stopping the shot, allowing the Wolves to tie the score. Ryne Jones put the boys into the lead with his goal.

"A lot of kids I have on the team now haven't beaten Adams on the varsity or JV level," Lawhorn added about the boys' motivation. "Adams always has a fantastic program and their kids always have standout players. Our kids wanted it more and they worked harder. The end result showed that."

The seniors were another factor in the victory, said Lawhorn.

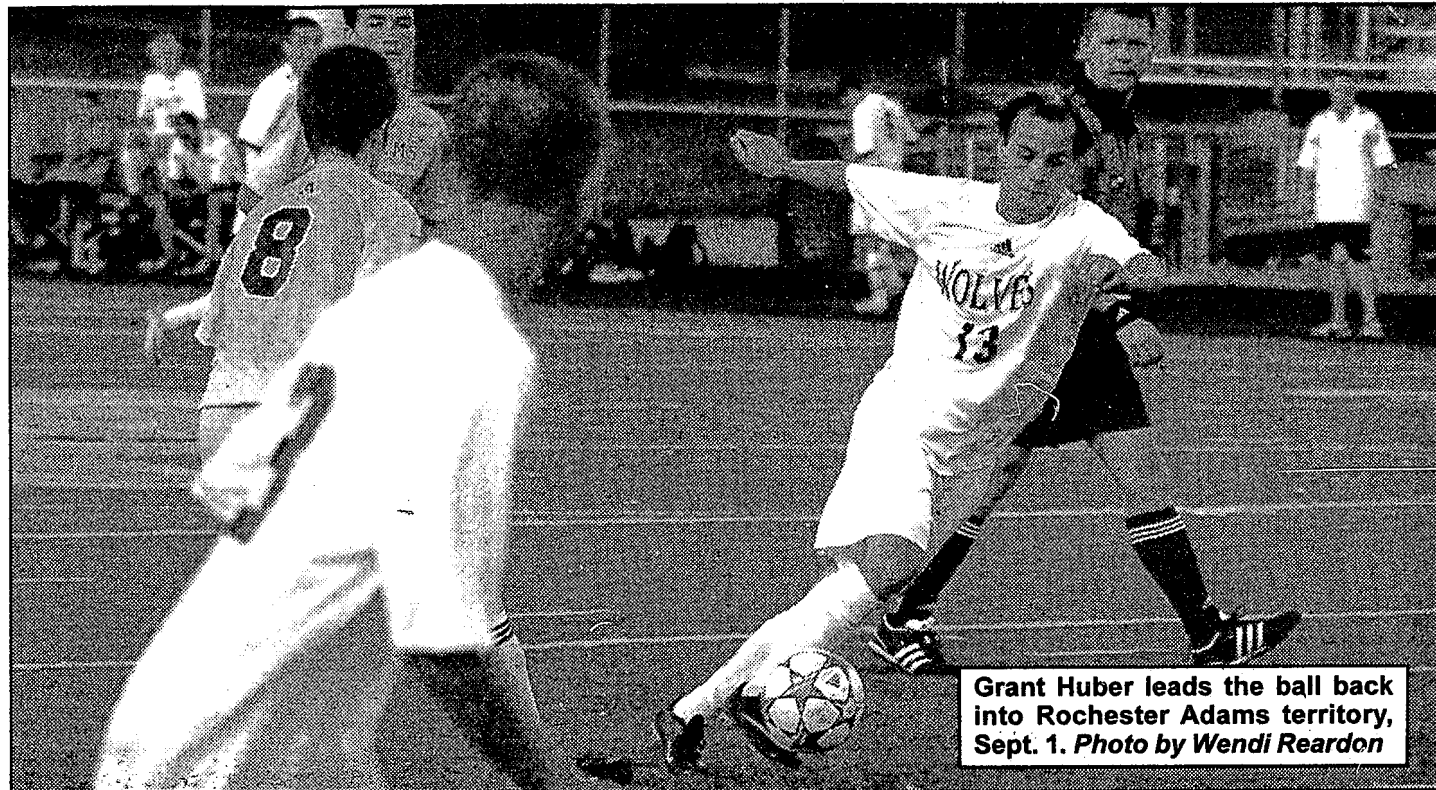
"We really have a motivated group of seniors," added Lawhorn. "They want to make up for the past. Maybe they will avenge some losses here and there like they did with the Lake Orion and Adams wins."

A key to the match against Rochester Adams was the Wolves' defense with their control of the ball and building an attack from the back line.

"They did really well," said Lawhorn.

The boys lost to Detroit Catholic Central on Aug. 29, 2-0.

"The first half we came out a little bit flat," Lawhorn admitted. "We had a bit of a little



Grant Huber leads the ball back into Rochester Adams territory, Sept. 1. Photo by Wendi Reardon

disorganization in the back. We let a couple get through. The second half, we played a lot better and controlled the game."

The boys had more opportunities in the second half as well, but they didn't fall in favor for the Wolves. They made five shots on the net and saved four of DCC's shots.

"Jimmy Todd and Trevor Smith played really well," Lawhorn noted. "Jimmy was playing on the outside mid and was doing a great job controlling the ball, making a lot of great passes, joining the attack and helping main-

taining possession."

Clarkston opened this week against Troy on Tuesday, both went in with 2-0 record in the OAA Red.

"Troy lost one of their best players last year," said Lawhorn. "They have a lot of good guys returning including everyone on their back line. It will be tough to break through their defense."

The Wolves head to Oxford on Saturday for the Wildcats' soccer invitational. They face Oxford and Goodrich.

"We played Oxford last year," Lawhorn said. "They had a couple guys that were good players. You could tell they were rebuilding the program. Goodrich was state championship in Division 2 a couple of years ago. I know the coach there and he usually has them ready to go. Plus, their kids work hard."

The boys have an opportunity to play Lake Orion again if they make it to the final round. They could also play Brandon or Midland Dow. They open at Oxford High School at 10:30 a.m., 745 N. Oxford Road.



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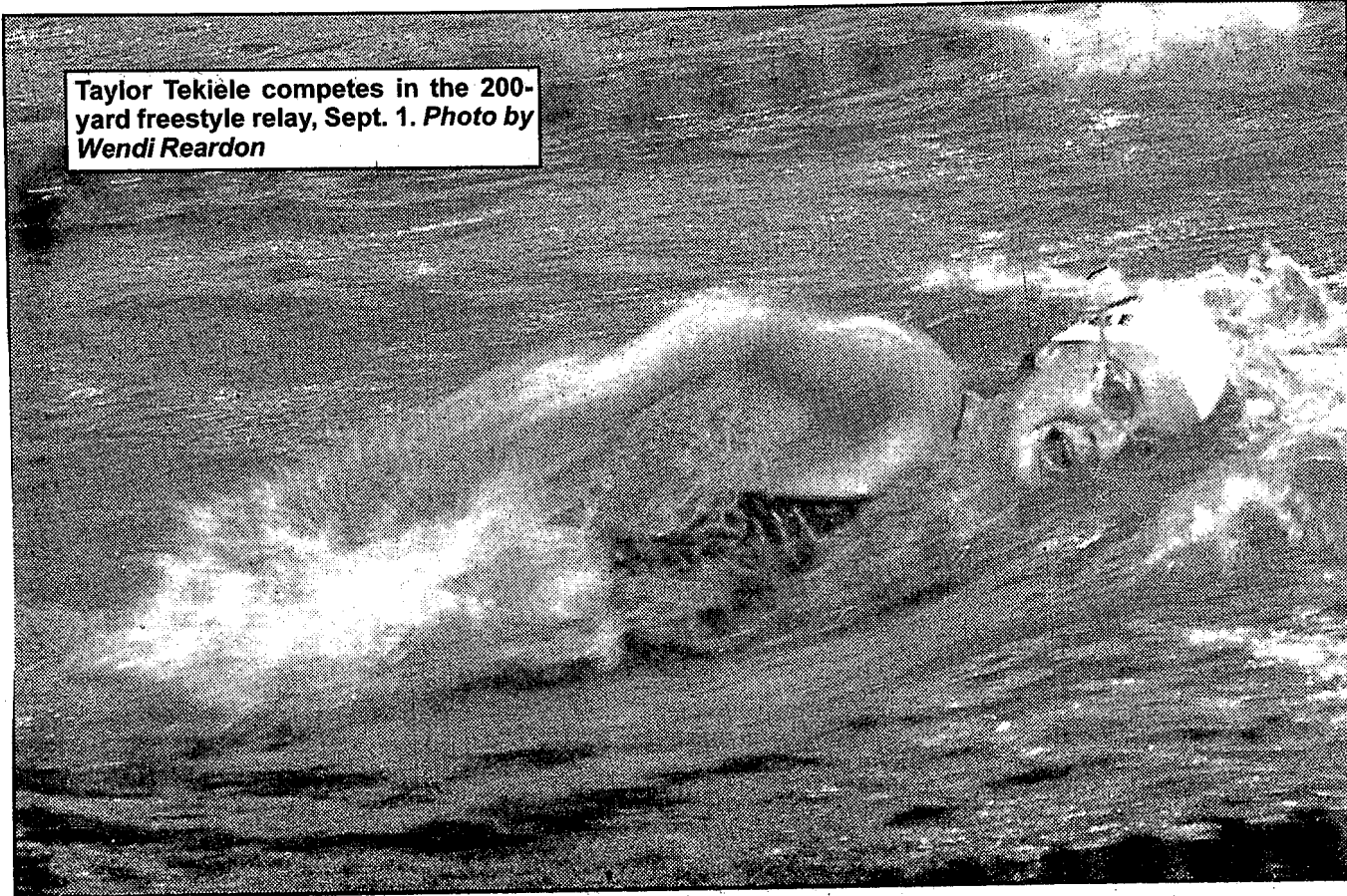
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Taylor Tekiele competes in the 200-yard freestyle relay, Sept. 1. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Bounce back for win

Spikers left the Flushing Quad with three wins.

They opened beating North Branch, 25-10 and 25-19.

"It was a big win," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall. "We haven't beaten North Branch before in this quad. It was a good thing."

They lost to Flushing in the first set, 25-16. They bounced back and won the next two sets 25-8, 15-9.

"It was a meaningful match because it was the first we lost," said Avenall. "It was good firm to know what it is to lose and come back from a loss. They weren't frustrated or down. They chugged away at each point. It is kind of unusual for a young team to act that way but they are competitors."

They also beat Oxford, 25-17 and 25-15.

Rachel Dickerson had 27 kills and four blocks. Brooke Chadwell had six aces, 11 kills and six blocks, Maddie Lightfoot had four digs, and Brianna Frakes had 74 assists.

The girls head to Rochester Adams on Thursday for their first league match. The Lady Highlanders move back up into the OAA Red this year.

"The girls are excited to start league play," said Avenall. "I think Adams is going to be a tough opponent because they are going to prove they want to be in the league. It will be a good match."

The girls head to the Grand Blanc tournament on Saturday - where they have won for the last three years. They prepare to go in and make it to the playoffs.

The game at Adams begins at 6 p.m. with the JV team. The tournament at Grand Blanc begins at 8:30 a.m. ~WAR

Clarkston leaves Highlanders in wake

The Lady Wolves won their meet against Rochester Adams last Thursday, 94-92.

The Clarkston High School Girls Varsity team finished in first place in eight of the 12 events.

Megan Stelpflug and Sami Stelpflug helped two relay teams with their finishes.

With Kathryn Culver and Natalie Vela, the Stelpflug sisters, the 200-yard medley relay team finished in 1:51.71. Culver, the Stelpflug sisters and Monica Gorgas finished within 3:42.22 in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Sami also took first in the 200-yard IM, 2:10.08 and the 100-yard butterfly, 1:00.91.

Megan finished first in the 200-yard freestyle, 1:55.38, and the 500-yard freestyle, 5:07.70; and Culver finished led the way in the 50-yard freestyle, 24:80, and 100-yard freestyle, 54:32.

The win put the Lady Wolves record at 2-1. The next meet is against Lahser on Thursday, 6 p.m.

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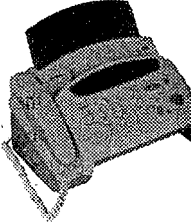
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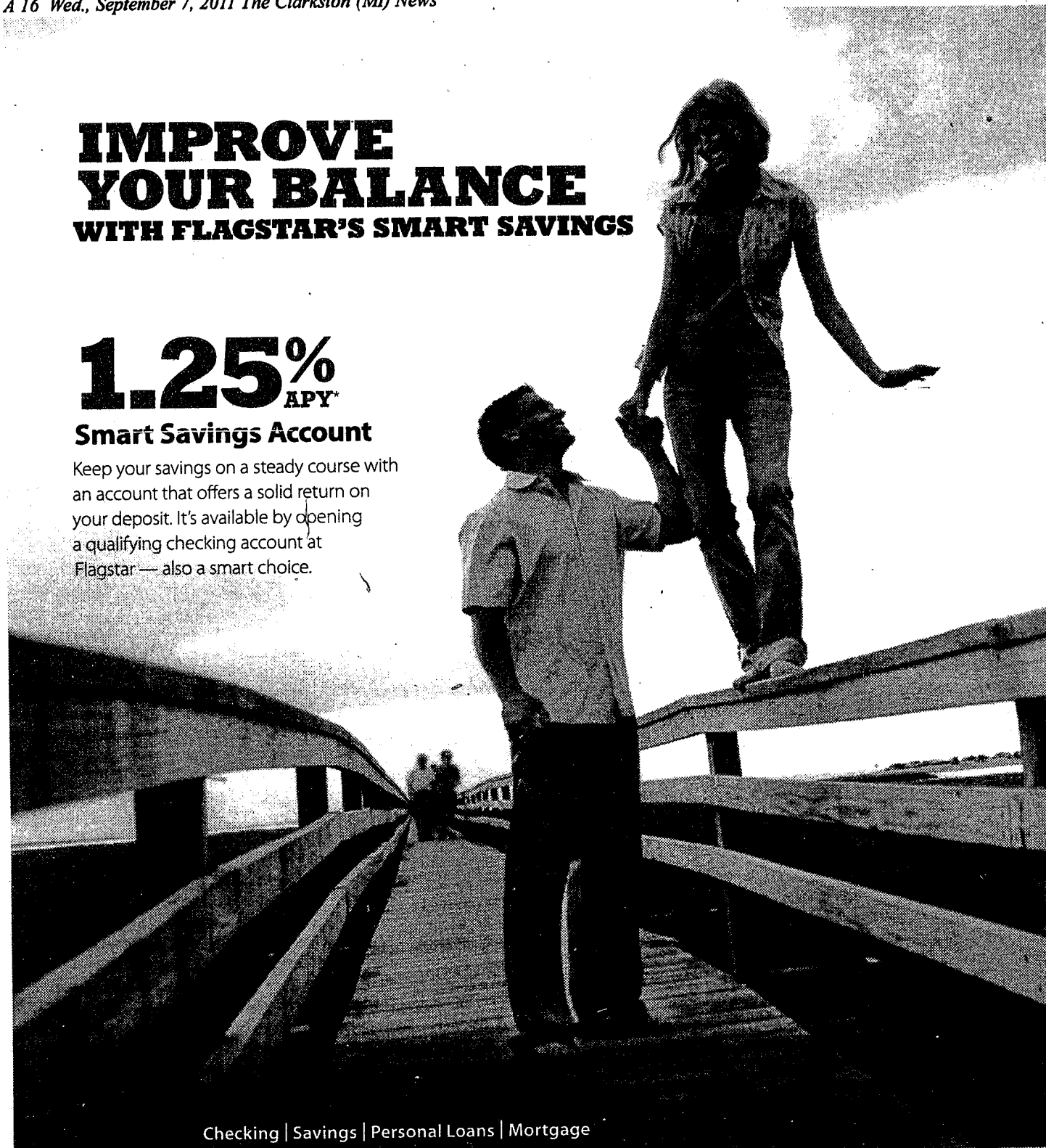
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Stalker shot parents with stolen handgun

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He was interested in her, and sent her a couple texts that night, Sept. 3, to which she didn't respond, she said.

She got home at about 2:40 a.m. after being out with friends and found him in her bedroom. He grabbed her by the throat, demanding to know why she wouldn't respond to him.

According to police reports, when her parents Charles and Lou Ann Hinze rushed in to help, Adair shot them both with a stolen handgun.

After the shooting, he remained in the Whipple Lake house while Kristen hid behind a dresser and called 911.

"It's an unfortunate tragedy, a permanent solution to a temporary problem," said Sgt. John Jacobson, Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township Substation who responded to the scene. "Deputies did a fantastic job responding to a potential active shooter situation, made the scene safe and brought in medical responders."

Charles, 50, and Lou Ann, 56, were transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. Charles was in stable condition with a gunshot wound to his shoulder. Lou Ann died at POH at 4:18 a.m.

Adair was found in the teen's bedroom with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his chest.

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Smoky topic heats up at town hall meeting

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Marshall Greg Olrich, DPW Director Linda Richardson, township attorney Steve Joppich, and Smith's Disposal General Manager Archie Munson, as well as questions from the public.

According to ordinance, open burning is allowed by permit only, issued by the fire department, and is allowed eight days each month, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., April 1-Nov. 31; and 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 1-March 31.

Penalties include \$75 for first offense and \$150 for second. Further penalties include \$300 ticket, court appearance, and reimbursement of fire department costs.

Brandon and Groveland townships allow burning of leaves and brush. However, the City of the Village of Clarkston and Springfield Township don't allow leaves to be burned, but brush can be. Orion, Oxford, and Waterford also do not allow leaf burning, but they do allow bonfires.

Resident Keith Clement said Independence Township always allowed burning.

"If you moved here you knew they burned. It's like moving next to a freeway and then you want a fence built because it's too noisy," Clement said. "I don't think Mr. Rosso and the committee should decide this. I think it should go before the general public at the next election and let the general public decide."

However, Joppich said the township board adopts ordinances in the township.

"Putting it on the ballot to my knowledge isn't something that is permitted," he said.

Resident Dan Wheeler said he didn't like leaf burning, but it shouldn't be banned without an alternative.

"Without it, people are going to end up getting rid of their leaves," Wheeler said. "They're going to end up being dumped around the township on any vacant piece of property they can."

One alternative is composting, but the township does not have the facility or land for it, Richardson said.



Study group member Sandra Boggemes shares her views on Independence Township's burn ordinance. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Alma, a city of 8,000, spends about \$40,000 a year on composting, she said.

"It would be very costly for the township to take something on of this magnitude," she said.

Munson said Smith's Disposal said lawn vacuuming equipment, in use in other communities, is too expensive.

"It would probably be about \$1.5 million on equipment we can only use two months out of every year," he said. "There is absolutely no way as a private company we could spend that kind of money to provide a lawn vacuuming service."

Munson noted that compost in general "is a losing battle for waste haulers."

"We make no money on it, we have to hire extra people to work eight months out of the year to pick it up," he said. "Our company doesn't charge any extra for it, if you compost. If you put it out we take it and haul it away, but we have to pay tipping fees

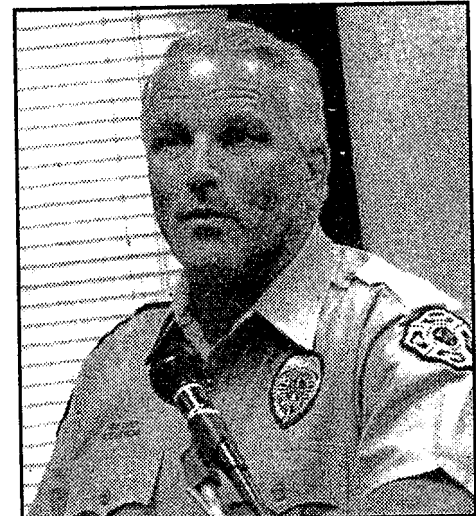
to get rid of it."

If the township were to ban burning all together, Munson said they would have to get stricter with their limits, as well as increase prices.

Dr. Daniel Maxwell of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Consultants, P.C., sent a letter in support of banning leaf burning. Maxwell said leaf burning affects everyone, not just people with asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and other lung diseases.

"Smoke from burning leaves can be compared to tobacco smoke (another burning leaf) and contains carbon monoxide and hundreds, if not thousands, of other compounds, many of which are associated with cancer," Maxwell said. "Studies have shown that air pollution from leaf fires may exceed the pollution from all other sources of pollution from all other sources of pollution combined."

Resident Kathy Mosakoski has a lung



Fire Chief Steve Ronk explains current leaf-burning rules.

condition but doesn't agree with people wanting to ban leaf burning due to their health.

"I think that is very unfair to everybody," she said.

Resident Carol Thomas agreed.

"I'm like the ladies that have problems with breathing and I have asthma," she said. "We're not in a sterile world where everything is going to be perfect for everybody and we have to remember that."

Boggemes, whose complaint kicked off the poicy review, said she's been a resident for 33 years.

"I deserve to be on this committee just as much as the people who burn because both voices need to be heard on this committee," she said.

The committee will meet again in mid September, and may present a recommendation to the Township Board shortly after.

"We knew we were going to have a lot of different sentiments, a lot of thought, but a lot of emotions were blended in with the thought," Rosso said. "It gives the committee plenty to think about much to consider and we'll go from there."

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"I was taking care of my new baby and picked my little brother up from school who was scared and worried. I'm not worried about it happening again."



— Shawnal Kivimaki

"I was in school. No one really knew what was going on. We watched the news all day and we went into the gym and prayed. It was a public school, so that was cool."



— Chelsea Van Houzen

"I was in a hotel, turned the TV on and was shocked."



— Marie Davis

"I was in Milwaukee, WI. I remember I stood with a customer watching a TV with 50 people around silent. I went back to my hotel and sat on the edge of the bed for five hours just watching the replay. I couldn't go home because gas was \$5 a gallon if it was open. Many gas stations closed. I'll never forget it."



— Don Swanson

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Clarkston grad fights to bring state jobs

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Derek Bush, a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School, was always a helpful neighbor for Mel and Jo Vaara.

With an economics degree from Mel's alma mater Northern Michigan University, he hopes to be just as helpful for the state of Michigan.

"We're very proud of him," Mel said. "He really blossomed at NMU."

"I would always see the NMU flag in Mel's yard, and I didn't know what it meant," Bush said. "It was an amazing opportunity. They know the value of asking questions. I'm happy to join the NMU alumni crowd."

NMU was an easy choice, he said.

"When I met with faculty and looked at the facilities, I knew that was the place I wanted to be," he said.

He earned the 2011 Celebration of Student Research, Creative Works and Academic Service Learning award for his project "A Snapshot of 21st Century Economic Development in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (2005-2010)."

"That was a nice surprise," he said.

He worked as an assistant to Dr. Tawni Ferrarini for two years while earning a degree in economics with a minor in Spanish.

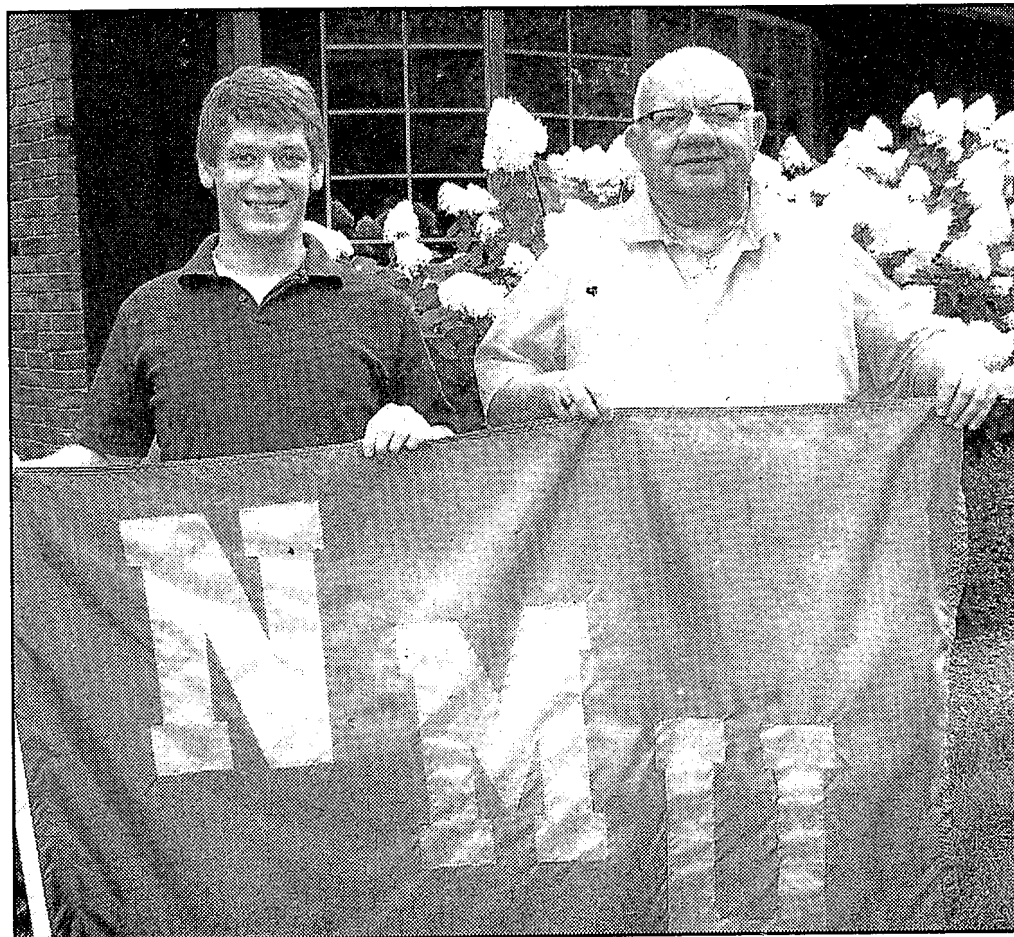
"She provided many opportunities and helped get the ball rolling," he said.

"Economic development is an interesting field."

He interned with Gov. Rick Snyder's Executive Office in Marquette this past summer. He helped host a Japanese delegation of investors and manufacturers on mining in the Upper Peninsula.

"It was a unique opportunity to work on development projects," he said. "It's all about jobs — how to attract businesses and people to live here and spend money."

He took Gov. Snyder on a tour of half a dozen UP communities.



Derek Bush, with fellow Northern Michigan University and Clarkston neighbor alumni Mel Vaara. Photo by Phil Custodio

"It was a 30-40 minute car ride, talking about policies and projects," Bush said. "He's a very intelligent man — he has a tough job."

He is set to get to work as Regional Economic Development liaison at Lake Superior Community Partnership.

"It's my dream job," he said. "I'm excited about it — I'm ready to hit the ground running on

Monday."

Economic conditions in the UP includes less manufacturing, more services, and aging population. His job is to help put it back on track.

"It's a big job," he said. "I've seen Michigan tank economically. That inspired me to get involved with economic development — if I can

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High-speed wireless coming downtown

BY DON RUSH

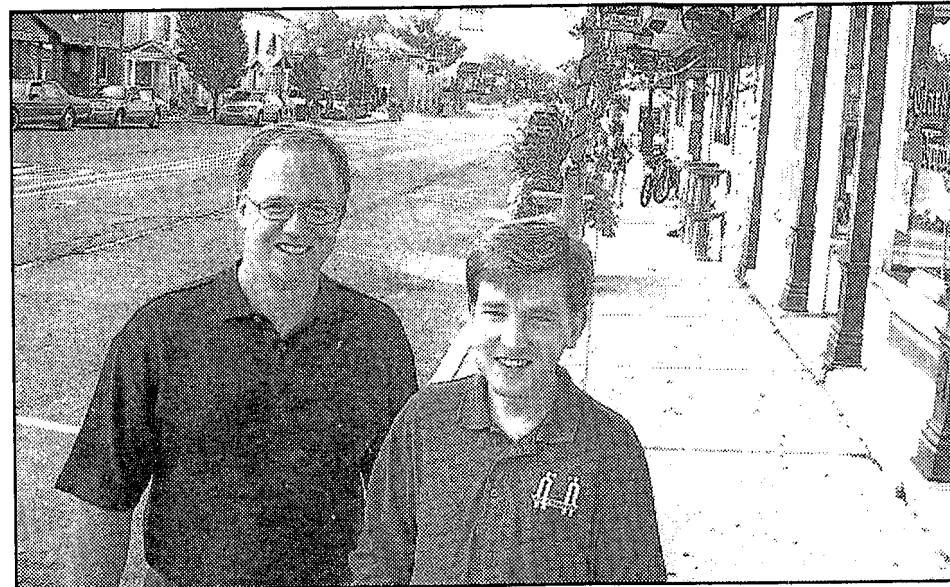
Clarkston News Assistant Publisher

For those who love to walk, sit, eat, talk and do everything connected to the world wide web, last Thursday marked a day that is good for you. On that morning, representatives from Oakland County, the City of the Village of Clarkston and a high-speed wireless company met downtown. Why? To figure out where to place equipment so downtown can offer free-wireless internet, "before the snow flies" this year.

"We looking for vertical real estate," said Dave Simmet, vice president of operations for Air Advantage. Air Advantage has partnered with the county to provide free internet for the downtown Clarkston.

According to Simmet, Air Advantage will mount equipment from the water tower at I-75 and Sashabaw Road that will transmit internet signals to downtown Clarkston. The signal will be dispersed by the equipment to be placed downtown before the fall. Air Advantage, of Frankenmuth, provides high speed, wireless internet service to Michigan's thumb area and plans to provide competitively-priced broadband services to the northern and western areas of Oakland County. As part of the Wireless Oakland initiative, Air Advantage will have access to the county's strategically placed radio towers in order to expand its customer base.

Wireless Oakland was an initiative County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced in 2005. Wireless Oakland was to provide free-



From left are Dave Simmet and Leroy Koglin of Air Advantage.

wireless internet (WiFi) in a public-sector/private-sector partnership, where the county would let an internet provider use the county's strategically-placed radio towers to provide subscriber-based premium internet service in exchange for providing free basic service. In May of 2007, seven communities, Birmingham, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pontiac, Wixom, Royal Oak and Troy, were chosen to get the free service.

In 2008, the economy started to tank in Michigan and soon it was reported that the private-sector partner, MichTel Communica-

tions was "unable to secure funding" for the project. The project's plug was pulled. Flash forward to the past February. In his State-of-The-County Address, Patterson announced a new, pared-down WiFi initiative, with three communities being the first wired-up, Clarkston, Oxford and Holly.

According to Simmet, as soon as the site in downtown Clarkston is secured, the next step is the hard part, going through county and local permit process. If all goes as planned the system should be up and running by this fall.

Special Events

Clarkston Famers' Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 10, Depot Park. 248-821-4769. **Springfield Farmers' Market**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 11, Shiawassee Basin Preserve. 248-846-6558. ***

Clarkston Village Players musical "Tom Foolery" by Tom Leher, Sept. 8-11, 15-17; 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 2 p.m. Sunday. 248-575-4104. ***

A Walk with Heart, Congenital Heart Walk, 10 a.m., Sept. 11, starts at Depot Park. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Food, music, entertainment, www.congenitalheartwalk.org ***

Veterans Benefits Seminar, 10 a.m., 6 p.m., Sept. 14, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Hosted by Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home on benefits for honorably discharged veterans, with speakers from Great Lakes National Cemetery and Oakland County Veterans. Light refreshments served. RSVP to 248-625-5231. ***

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Sept. 15, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Topic: Rotary's Shoes for Kids program. Bunch with refresh-

Around Town

ments. All welcome. 248-625-1326. ***

Art in the Village, Clarkston Community Historical Society, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 17; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 18, Depot Park, www.clarkstonhistorical.org. ***

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. ***

Youth Soccer Night, Sept. 22, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. JV, 5:30 p.m.; Varsity, 7 p.m. Free admission for kids wearing soccer jerseys. Halftime contests on field at half time. ***

Singles Dance, Bethany North Oakland, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Sept. 24, St. Dan's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park. DJ Al Pickett. \$12. 248-891-8938. ***

Weekly meetings

Sunday

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Monday

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839. ***

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

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels

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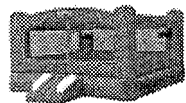
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Milestones

Vermont wedding for Clarkston man

Elizabeth Siteman and Brad Bailey were married June 18, 2011, in Stowe, Vermont, a beautiful mountain setting next to the reception area of the Trapp Family Lodge

Brad and Elizabeth met in Boston where Elizabeth was working at Harvard Medical Research and Brad was attending MIT.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Siteman of Virginia Beach.

Brad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bailey of Clarkston.

They now reside in Midland, Mich.



Elizabeth and Brad

Students achieve success

Clarkston students named to the Central Michigan University spring semester honors list include **Matthew Alexander, Ryan Alexander, Keera Allen, Jonathan Arcobello, Scott Barker, Angela Bollini, Johann Britting, Elliott Brown, Andrew Cabaj, Krista Cassisi, Meredith Clark, Katelyn Coates, Elizabeth Crawford, David Creech, Lauren Culver, Rebecca Culver, Anne Drolet, Allison Facciola, Mckenzie Gauthier, Timothy Ginn, Hannah Grimaldi, Kaitlin Grost, Christy Grusnick, Jenna Guilds, Hillary Hacker, Anne Hart, Robert Hearnese, Rebekah Horowitz, Lauren Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Jaclyn Johnston, Adam Koelb, Jordan LaPorte, Jessica Lazoan, Stephen McIsaac, Rebecca Meisner, Stephen Nancy, Christine Neal, Brittany Noble, Elizabeth Oakley, Justin Orminski, Kaci Poland, Lauren Ring, Christine Rozwadowski, Emma Scagnoli, Nathan Schultz, Michelle Sun, William Thompson, Jeffrey Thomson, Stephen Trawick, Laycee Tubbs, Chelsea Warner, Maxx Whaley, Lucas White, Lindsey Willyard, and Kristina Work; and Davisburg students Aaron Sharp and Adam Sharp.**

Cheryl Finney of Clarkston has been awarded a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Kaplan University, a leader in higher education innovation. Finney's accomplishment was celebrated

during a graduation ceremony on Aug. 6 at the Arie Crown Theater in Chicago.

Jenna Leach, a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science.

Columbia College Chicago graduates include Clarkston students **Brandon Newman**, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography; and **Robert Cornell**, Bachelor of Arts in Television.

Aaron Lee of Clarkston graduated from Kettering University last June. He received an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Clarkston middle and high school students participating in youth programs this summer at Michigan Technological University include **Morgan Todd**, Women in Engineering; **Brooke Huisman**, Women in Engineering; **Tyler Becker**, Wilderness Backpacking/Isle Royale; **Eric Dumas**, Mobile Robotics; and **Steven Abramczyk**, Engineering Scholars Program.

They joined students from across the nation to explore business, computing, engineering, humanities and social sciences, outdoor and environmental studies, and science and technology.

Send your milestones to our downtown office at
5 S. Main St. or e-mail Clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Religion

Living with no regrets

Ever walk through a cemetery and really study the headstones?

I have on several occasions. Once in a cemetery in Pennsylvania, my dad showed me the graves of my great-great grandparents and extended family. Wow.

Ever notice the dash? On most headstones there's a birth date, a death date, and a dash between them.

That dash represents their lives.

For some of them, that dash represents 90 years. For others, it represents two months.

I wonder...how did they live their dash?

For most of them, a bundle of hopes and dreams, struggles and joys are con-

centrated in that dash.

I wonder...how are you living your dash?

The older I get, the more I realize how precious life is. Time is literally running out. I suspect you are a lot like me. You want your life to count.

You don't want to live with regrets.

You don't want to look back and say, "I wish I had done it differently."

I wish. I regret. If only.

This September I'm starting a teaching series called One Month to Live: Thirty Days to a No-Regrets Life.

Our entire church—adults, teens, and kids—will be studying in their small groups what I teach in the services each week.

Our goal? To live life more passionately. To love more completely.

Hey, feel free to join us.

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

In our churches...

Celebration Sunday/Rally Day, 12:30-3 p.m., Sept. 11, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Free family fun, music, games, crafts, moonwalks, sports. 248-625-4644. * * *

Holistic Sampler, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sept. 17, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Free samples and services, speakers, demonstrations, fellowship. 248-807-8511. * * *

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

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary

Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. * * *

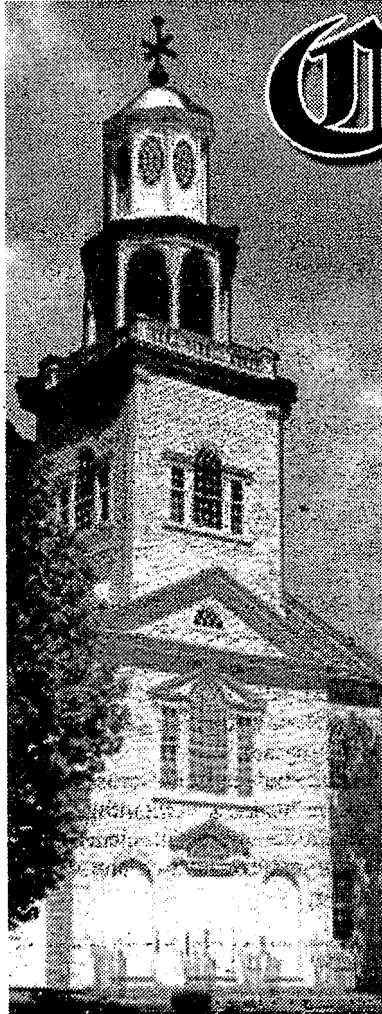
Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15- 8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. * * *

Divorce Care, Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Sept. 22-Jan. 5; Jan. 12-April 5; April 26-July 19. Weekly video presentation with small group discussion. \$15. Join any time. Childcare provided. at 248-620-8420. * * *

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

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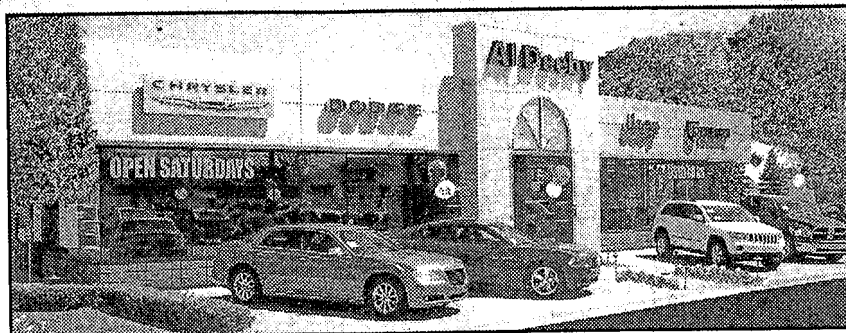
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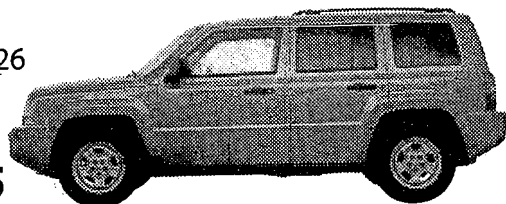


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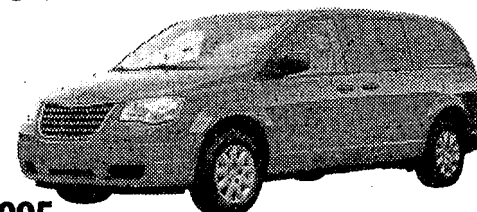
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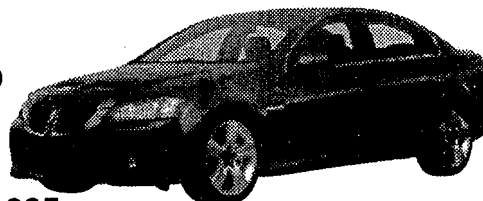
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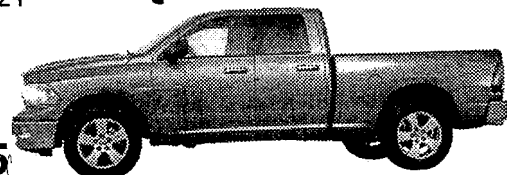


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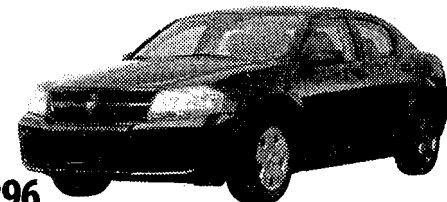


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Obituaries

Matthew V. Greene

Matthew V. Greene of Clarkston passed away suddenly Sept. 2, 2011. *

He was the husband of Nicole; father of Emma, Nikolas John, and Katie Jayne; son of Victoria Fife Greene; son in law of Jay and Lisa Murray; brother of Nikole (Ryan) Moore; grandson of Victor and Julia Fife; special nephew of Dan and Jan Fife and Bill Dudda; brother in law of Lindsay Murray.



Funeral service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston where friends may visit Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used for his children's future education.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook

Dorothy Thiese, 93

Dorothy M. Thiese of Clarkston passed away Aug. 28, 2011, at age 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard "Pete." She was the mother of Judy (Bill) Flanigan and Linda (Ron) Broughman; grandma of Shannon (Monty) Thompson, Brian (Jenn Prusak) Broughman and Mike Broughman; great grandma of Fremont and Allison; sister of Lorraine Horst.



Funeral service was Sept. 2 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook

Virginia M. Dean

Virginia M. Dean, born 1921 in Moline, Ill., to the late Hjalmar and Melva Allen, passed away Sept. 4, 2011.

She was the loving wife of the late Ralph M. Sr. for 62 years; beloved mother of Shari (Donald) McLellan of Waterford, Cindy (Gary) Guiles of Florida, Linda (Jim) Stechow of Davison, Ralph M. Jr (Peggy) of Ortonville and Thomas A.



(the late Helene) of North Carolina; also survived by eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; sister in law and aunt to the loving family of Ralph.

Mrs. Dean was a talented artist who made the world a more beautiful place. She enjoyed painting, arts and crafts, and gardening. Her family is truly grateful to the wonderful caregivers at Clausen Manor who provided dignified and heartwarming care to Virginia.

Funeral Service Thursday, 10 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 4-8 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks the memorials be made to Clausen Manor, provider of Alzheimer's care at the Lourdes Senior Community. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ronald A. Curtis, 64

Ronald A. Curtis of Clarkston passed away Aug. 31, 2011, at 64 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of Sandy for 44 years; dear father of Katherine (John Miller) Curtis and Dave (Colette) Curtis; "Papa" of Sloan and Seth Curtis and brother of Mary (Jim) Majorana.

Ron and Sandy were members of St. Benedict Catholic Parish.

Visitation was Sept. 2 at **Coats Funeral Home**, Waterford. Funeral Mass was Sept. 3 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Waterford. Celebrants, Fr. Thomas Kuehnemund and Fr. Lawrence Siroskey. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's research www.stjude.org. For private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

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Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

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

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

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

Tuesday

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.

Breast Cancer Support Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp, Thursdays, 10 a.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, Photo Presentations, second Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.


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

Divorce Care, Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Sept. 22-Jan. 5; Jan. 12-April 5; April 26-July 19. Weekly video presentation with small group discussion. \$15. Join any time. Childcare provided. at 248-620-8420.


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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Karen Newman is happy to be in the parade.



Jaxon Pierson, 1 1/2, with his nana Kim Simmons, responds to the siren call of fire engines.

Parade marks summer's end

Summer came to a definitive end as crowds gathered under umbrellas and blankets for Clarkston's Labor Day Parade, Sept. 5.

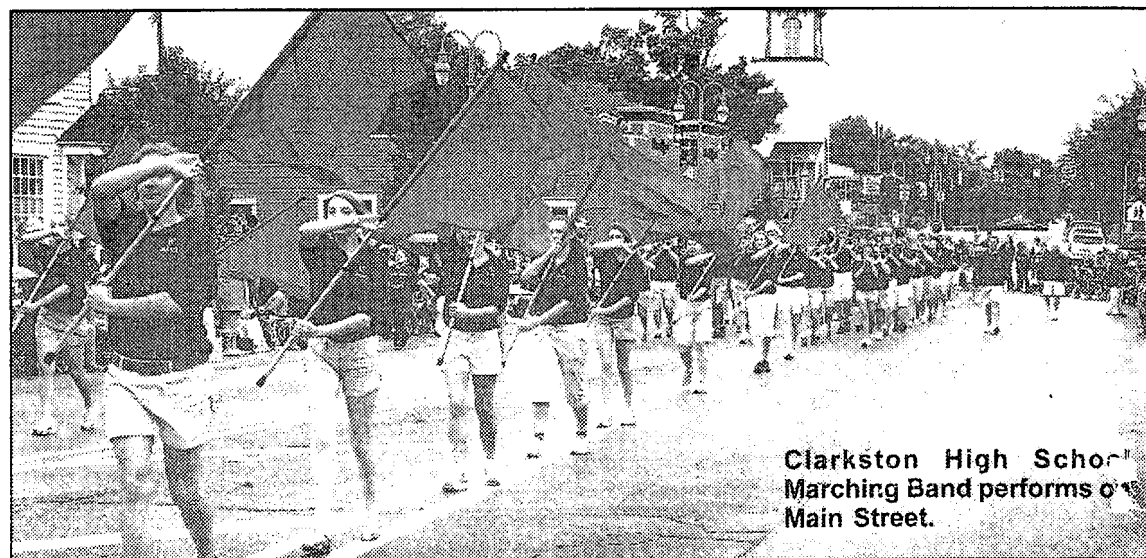
Sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club, the parade featured Karen Newman, voice of the Detroit Red Wings, singing the National Anthem.

Community organizations, businesses, musical groups, bands, dancers, fire engines, and other groups marched down Main Street under a dark but mostly rain-free sky.

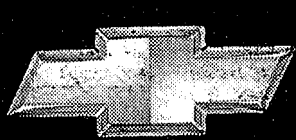
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Carter Schoeder, with his sister Ava and parents Ryan and Melissa Schroeder, beckons for some candy from a passing Shriners.

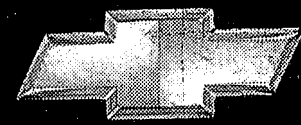


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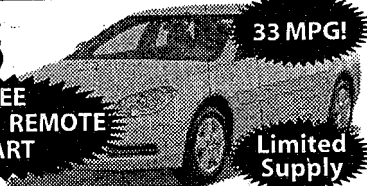
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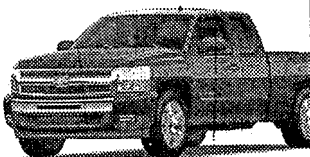
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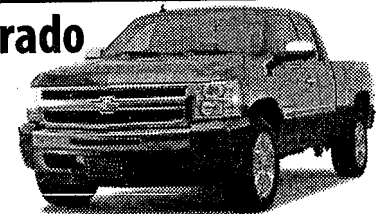


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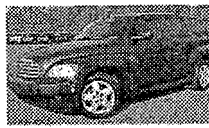
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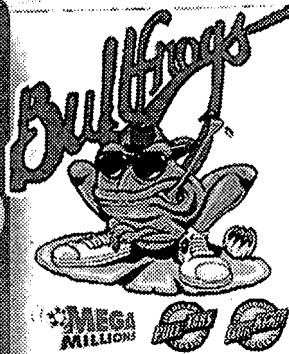
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE
REQUEST FOR VARIANCE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan for the following purpose:
PUBLIC COMMENT:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from James Miller, 9916 King Road, Davisburg, MI, 48350 to construct a deck resulting in a side setback of ten (10) feet rather than the fifteen (15) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26. The property that is the subject of the request is located at 9916 King Road in Springfield Township and is zoned PUD Planned Unit Development. P.I. #07-11-351-017.
- Request from Nicolette Heister, 1210 Washington Blvd., Birmingham, MI 48009 for the following variances to construct a home:
 - Allow a porch resulting in a front yard setback of forty-two (42) feet rather than the fifty (50) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.
 - Allow a deck resulting in a setback from Waumegah Lake of thirty-eight (38) feet rather than the fifty (50) feet required per Section 18.11.6(d) of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

The property that is the subject of the request is located at 8695 Ellis Road in Springfield Township and is zoned R-1 One Family Residential. P.I. #07-12-427-022
- Request from Paul Raymer, 10829 Bigelow Road, Davisburg, 48350 to allow the construction of a pole barn resulting in a total accessory area of 490 square feet greater than the total allowable amount of 1444 square feet per section 16.14 of the Zoning Ordinance No. 26.
The property that is the subject of this request is located at 10829 Bigelow Road, Davisburg in Springfield Township and is zoned R2, one family residential. P.I.#07-10-351-013.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk's Office until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510
LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
Publish: 8/31/11 Charter Township of Springfield

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2011-338, 405-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

In the matter of Berniece Lorene Jones, Deceased.
TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:
whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Sept. 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge DANIEL A. O'BRIEN for the following purpose(s)
Petition for Probate and/or Appointment of Personal Representative, Testimony Interested Persons, Acceptance of Appointment, Notice of Appointment and Duties of Personal Representative, Notice Regarding Atty Fee
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Berniece Lorene Jones, who lived at 1915 Baldwin Ave, Apt. 311., Pontiac, Michigan 48340 died 8/8/11
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gary K. Jones, 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
ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Gary K. Jones
2745 Pontiac Lake Road 3450 VanZandt
Waterford, Michigan 48328 Waterford, Michigan 48329
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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2011-338, 475-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of IAN CHRISTOPHER YOUNG, DECEASED. Date of birth: 07/20/1984
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, IAN CHRISTOPHER YOUNG, who lived at 80 CHIPPEWA TRAIL, LAKE ORION, Michigan died 6/21/2011.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jeffrey C. Young, 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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TO ALL CREDITORS:
RE: George W. Hevel, Settlor
June L. Hevel, Settlor
Hevel Family Trust Agreement
Dated July 29, 1997
The Settlers, George W. Hevel and June L. Hevel, who lives at 741 Otter, Waterford, MI 48328, died February 8, 2010 and May 31, 2011 respectively. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.
Creditors of the decedents are notified that all claims against the Hevel Family Trust Agreement dated July 29, 2007, as amended, or the settlors, will be forever barred unless presented to David J. Hevel, or Nancy L. Thorndycraft, Trustees, within four months after the date of publication.
Notice is further given that he Trust will therefore be assigned and distributed to the person entitled to it.
Date: Aug 12, 2011
David J. Hevel 3060
Bald Eagle Lake Road
Ortonville, MI 48362
Nancy L. Thorndycraft
10184 Heather Ridge Court
Goodrich, MI 48438

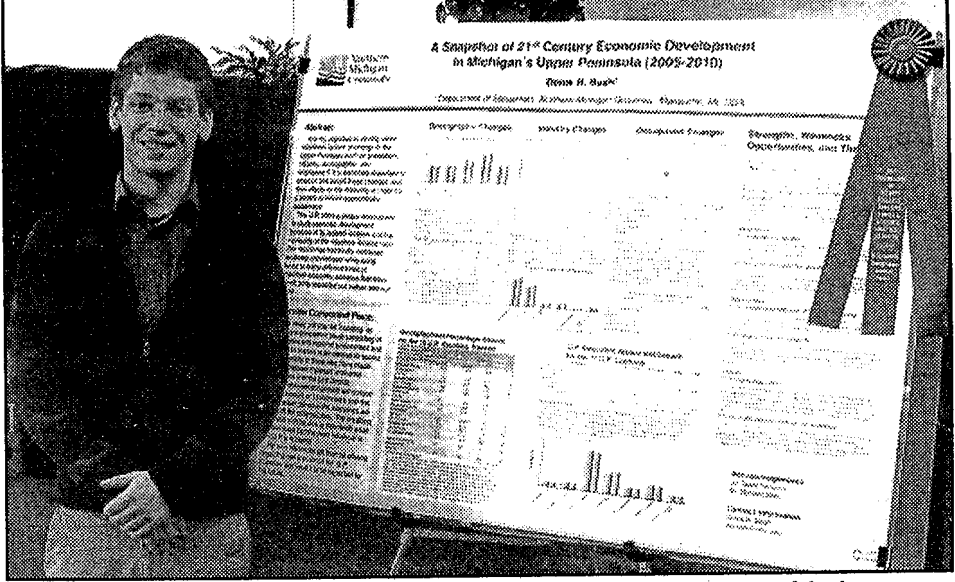
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Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.
SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
AUGUST 30, 2011
1. The Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
2. Roll Call: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Petterson, Wagner
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Rick Yaeger - Deputy Supervisor
Steve Ronk - Fire Chief
Linda Richardson - DPW Director
4. Approval to appoint Acting Chair.
5. Approval of Agenda as amended
PUBLIC FORUM: None
NEW BUSINESS:
6. Approval of M-15 Sewer Lift Station Improvements
7. Discussion - Fire Fund Budget
The Special Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 10:00 PM.
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk
Published: Sept. 7, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
CLARKSTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE
REQUEST AND SITE PLAN REVIEW
AT 90 NORTH MAIN
7:00 PM, Monday, October 3, 2011
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL
375 DEPOT, CLARKSTON, MI 48346
A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to review and consider an application for a Special Land Use Request within the HISTORIC LIMITED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT and Site Plan, for 90 North Main Street in accordance with Zoning Ordinance 129-2. The proposed use for this site is an ad agency office.
Kelly Richter
City Clerk



Derek Bush won an award with his research poster. Photo provided

Clarkston High, NMU key to grad's success

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bring 1-2 companies, I would consider it a success."
At Clarkston High, he ran varsity cross country and track, and participated in the OSM Tech program.
"They helped prepare me for college," Bush said. "I learned a lot of valuable study habits, skills, and other things."
He plans to pursue higher education

within five years, he said.
Bush, 22, grew up in Clarkston with his parents, Kerry and Carolyn Bush, his sister Darien, now a junior at Aquinas College, and brother Davis, Clarkston High School senior.
He is considering settling in Clarkston, but has a lot of work to do first.
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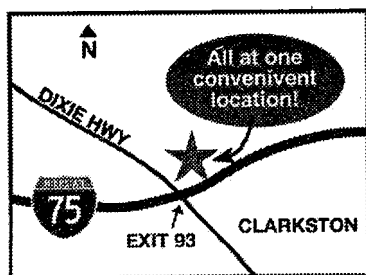
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