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Lady Val Schendel of Clarkston helps Isabella Hemler, with her mom Shauna, make a magic wand at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. For story and more pictures, please see page 3A. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Art in the Village this weekend in Depot Park

Paintings, photography, jewelry, fabric and wood works and other pieces of art fill Depot Park at Clarkston's 37th annual Art in the Village, Sept. 17-18.

The juried show is hosted by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

Proceeds fund exhibits at the Clarkston Heritage Museum, purchase and restoration of Clarkston artifacts, and educational activities throughout the year.

The event also features live music, children's activities, and fresh cider, doughnuts, and other food, sold by local nonprofit organizations.

"Art in the Village is a Clarkston tradition and our single largest fund-raiser," said society President Jennifer Arkwright. "Our artists and vendors love coming to the show year after year."

Silent Auction Tent features items donated to the Historical Society by artists participating in the show.

The Antique Tent will be filled with antiques and collectibles for sale, donated by local residents. The society also will sell shirts, bags, hats, afghans, note cards and other Clarkston merchandise.

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club will return with fresh-cut flower arrange-



Donna and Payton Landry of Clarkston check out some copper art at last year's Art in the Village. *File photo*

ments and mums.

The society is still accepting donations of antiques and collectibles for the Antique Tent. Donors will receive a tax receipt listing the fair market value of donated items. To donate, bring items to the Clarkston DPW

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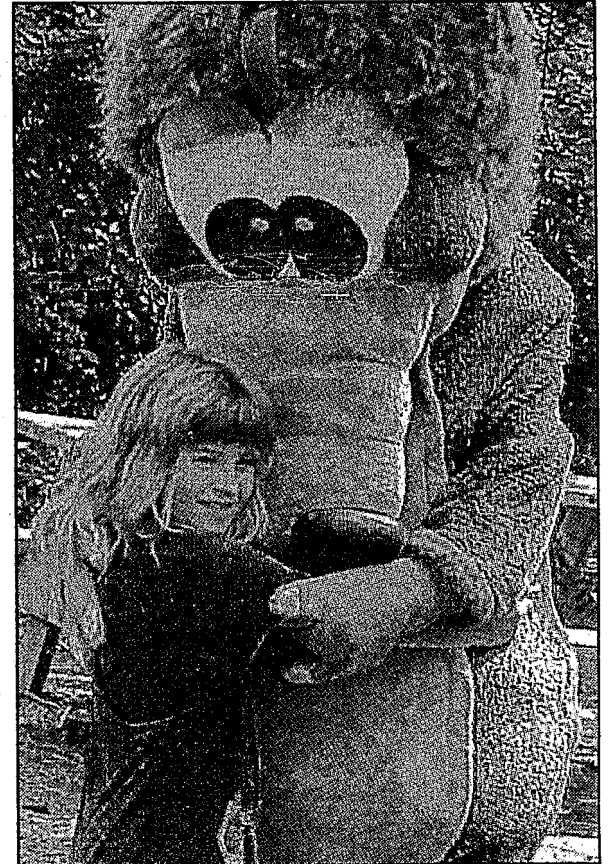
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Lady Val offers wishes for, from left, Caydence Curtis, Emma Titus, Madison Bryant, and Dakota Titus.



Hollie Lisee greets Fizzle with a hug.

Fantasy, fun at Festival

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Sporting a set of wings and pointed ears, Val Schendel of Clarkston runs the Children's Realm of the Michigan Renaissance Festival with a mother's touch.

"My daughter wanted to audition in 1995," Schendel said. "She was shy and she talked me into auditioning with her and I did."

They were both hired, Schendel as a supervisor.

"I started immediately with a pack of teenagers – everyone called me the mom," said Schendel, who recently turned 60. "I've been the mom ever since."

Known as Lady Val, Queen of Fairies, she and her crew offer fairy teas, wands decorated with feathers and sparkles, and other games and activities.

"Everyone gets a magic diamond – the girls' eyes get as big as saucers," Schendel said. "I love my job."

Children make their magic wands, play tic-tac-toe, build things with magic Legos, play in the fairy houses, and compete in pie-eating, costume, and other contests.

"As soon as the cannon goes off at 10, kids come here," Schendel said. "It's very busy."

On weekends during festival season, August-October, her day starts at about 5:30 a.m. Many fairy crewmembers are from out of town and stay at her house.

"They camp out on the floor," she said.

"It's a lot of fun," said Amelia Dutkiewicz, working at the festival for about three years as Keyfob the Browning and Fizzle the Baby

Dragon. "It's interesting to see kids' reactions. They don't know what I am. I play off their reaction – some are excited to see you, others run away screaming."

"We get dressed up and do all of these things," said Maryna Horsch. "It's neat to dress up in all these clothes."

"This has always been magic, especially with kids," Schendel said. "My bit is to offer fairy wishes – I've done 300-400 wishes."

One year, she offered a wish to a little girl. The next year, she came back with her mother, who came up to Schendel, crying.

"She said her little girl told her she wanted to come back for her birthday party, which was the first time she spoke in seven years," Schendel said. "It's magic here."

She and her husband, the late

Robert Schendel, raised five children, Kris, Kathy, Eric, and Brian, all now adults, and Marina Schendel, 17, who is from Kazakhstan.

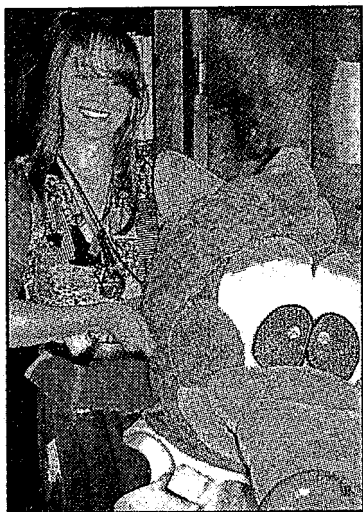
"This is my third year here, helping to play with kids and make wands," Marina said. "It's awesome."

They all helped at the festival, including Robert, who passed away in 2006.

"He loved it – he supported me big time," Val said.

"The kids would bring their friends – it's a tradition now. My first grandkids are coming this fall. One of the first kids here now is married with kids."

The festival continues, Sept. 17-17 and 23-25, and concludes with Sweet Endings Chocolate and Wine Festival, Oct. 1-2. Call 248-634-5552.



Amelia Dutkiewicz, also known as Fizzle the baby dragon.



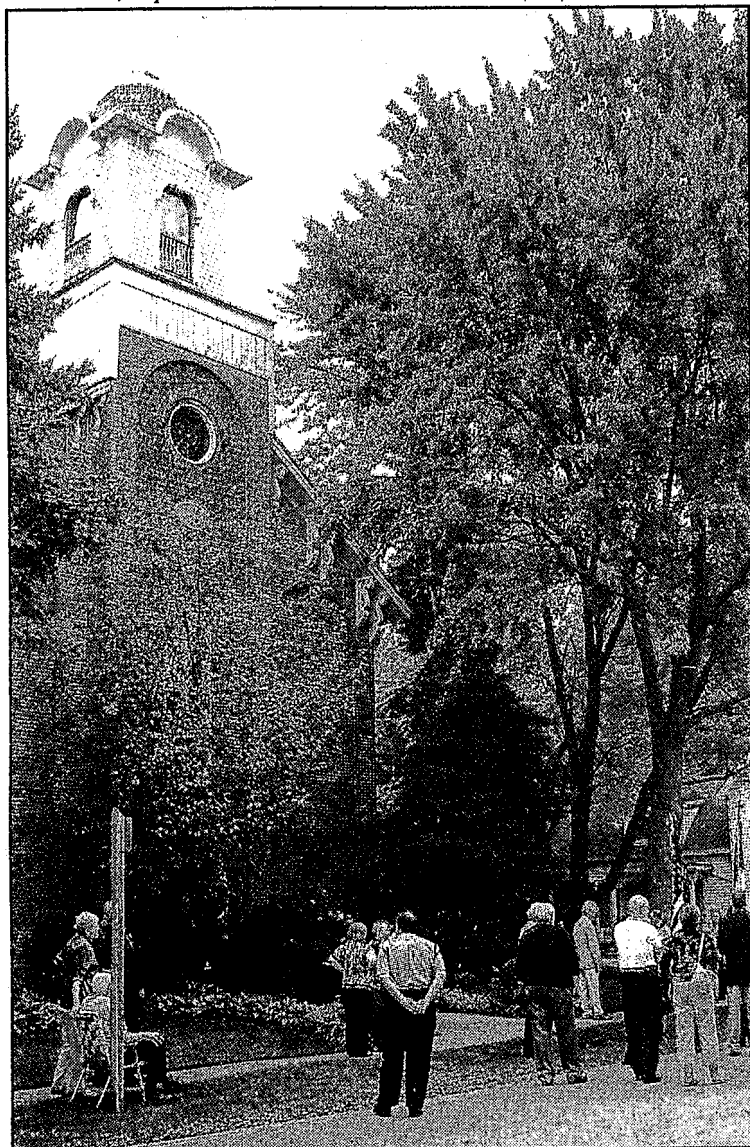
Erica Elizondo makes a wish.



From left are Lady Val Schendel, Marina Schendel, Madison Horsch, Anastasiya Horsch, Maryna Horsch and Alana Horsch.



Dajr White tests his new wand with the help of Alana Horsch.



Members of the congregation gather in front of the old Clarkston United Methodist Church, now a residence.



Tom and Sherry Snudden lead the Clarkston United Methodist Church congregation, recreating the march up Waldon Road to their new church.

Church on the march

The congregation of Clarkston United Methodist Church gathered one last time at their former Church Street church, Sunday.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of their church at 6600 Waldon Road, the group recreated the 1961 march from the old to new church.

Activities in the week-long celebration also include:

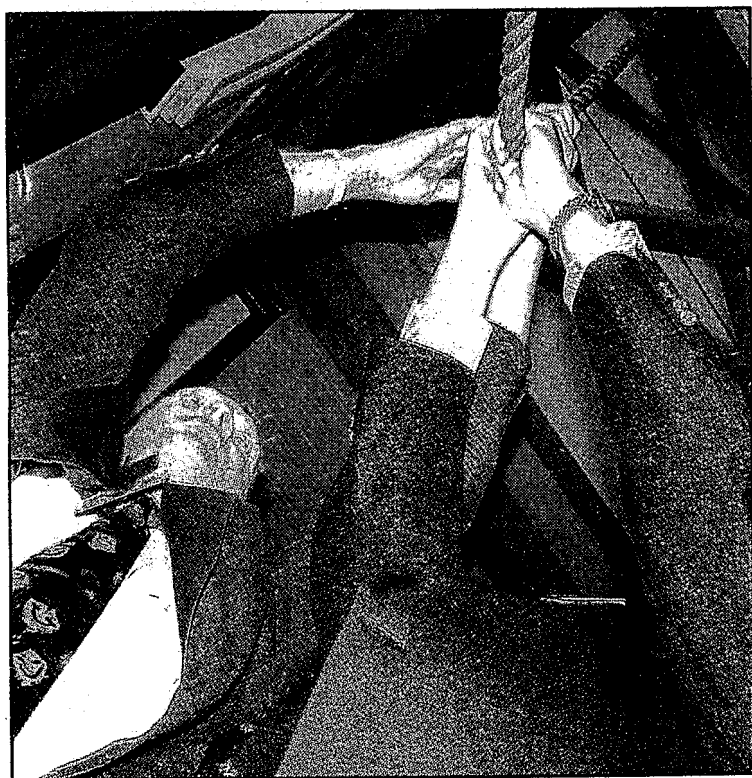
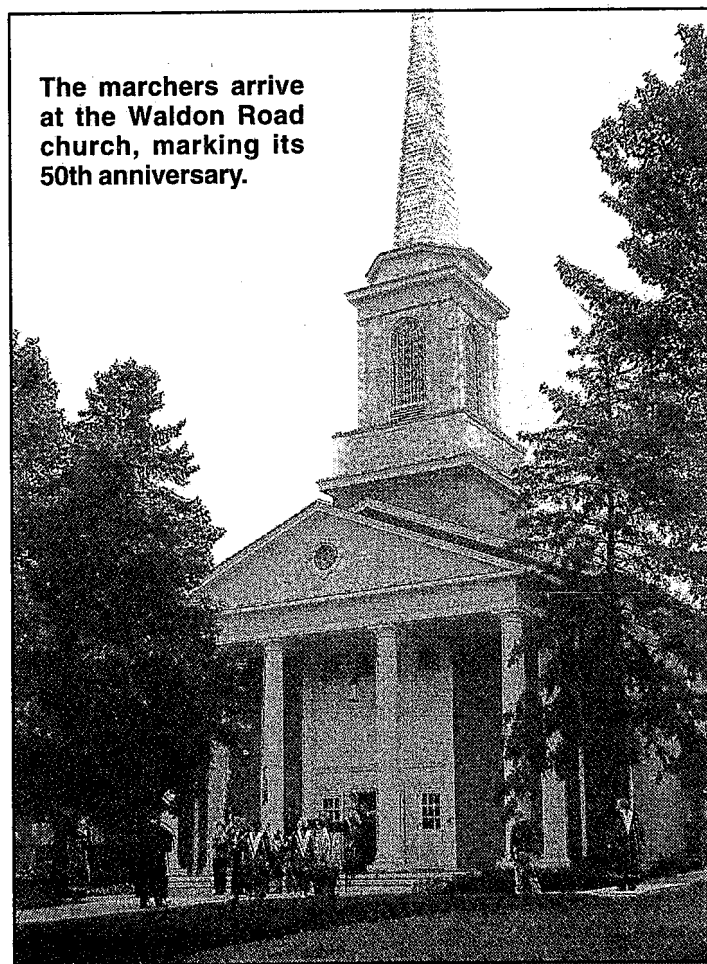
Friday, Sept. 16, Family Hayride and Bonfire at Diehl's Orchard in Holly;

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.

For more information, call 248-625-1611 or check Clarkstonumc.org.

The marchers arrive at the Waldon Road church, marking its 50th anniversary.



Church members George White, left, and Richard Huttenlocher reprise their bell-ringing duties from 50 years ago one more time, kicking off the march.



Jessica and Patric

Clarkston man weds

Patric Michael Alexander and Jessica Lynn Jongsma were married on August 6, 2011, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple returned to Clarksville, Tenn., where they will reside. Patric, son of Gary and Terri Alexander of Clarkston, is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Campbell.

Wedding bells



Ilze and Steve

Couple settles in hometown

Steve Zerba of Clarkston and Ilze Lucero were married on July 30, 2011, at Goodrich United Methodist Church.

Ilze, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., with family in Latvia, will reside in Clarkston with Steve and her children Matthew and Kristen.



Marianne and Jeffrey

Schwartz-Braziunas

Michael and Judy Schwartz of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Marianne Mauro Schwartz, to Jeffrey Joseph Braziunas, son of Raymond and Diane Braziunas of Novi, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Albion College and the University of Michigan. The future groom is a graduate of University of Michigan and is currently working on his PhD at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

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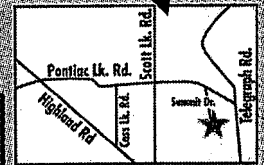
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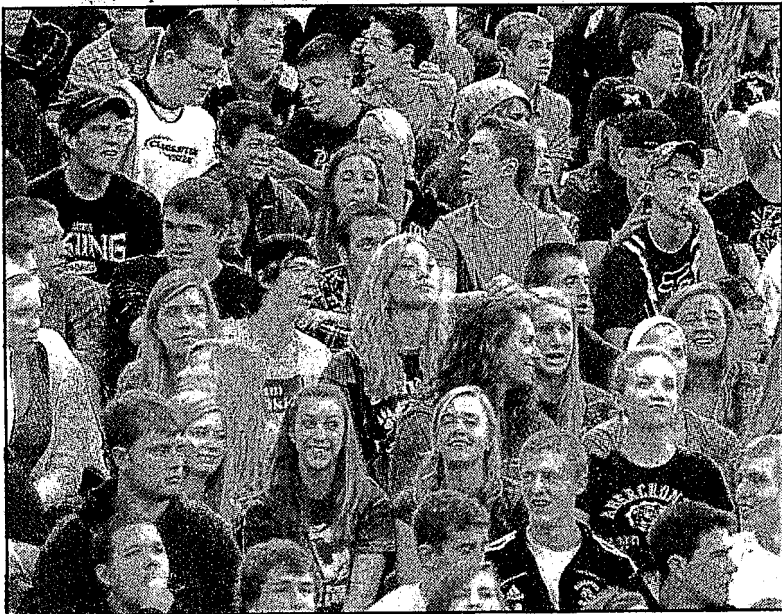


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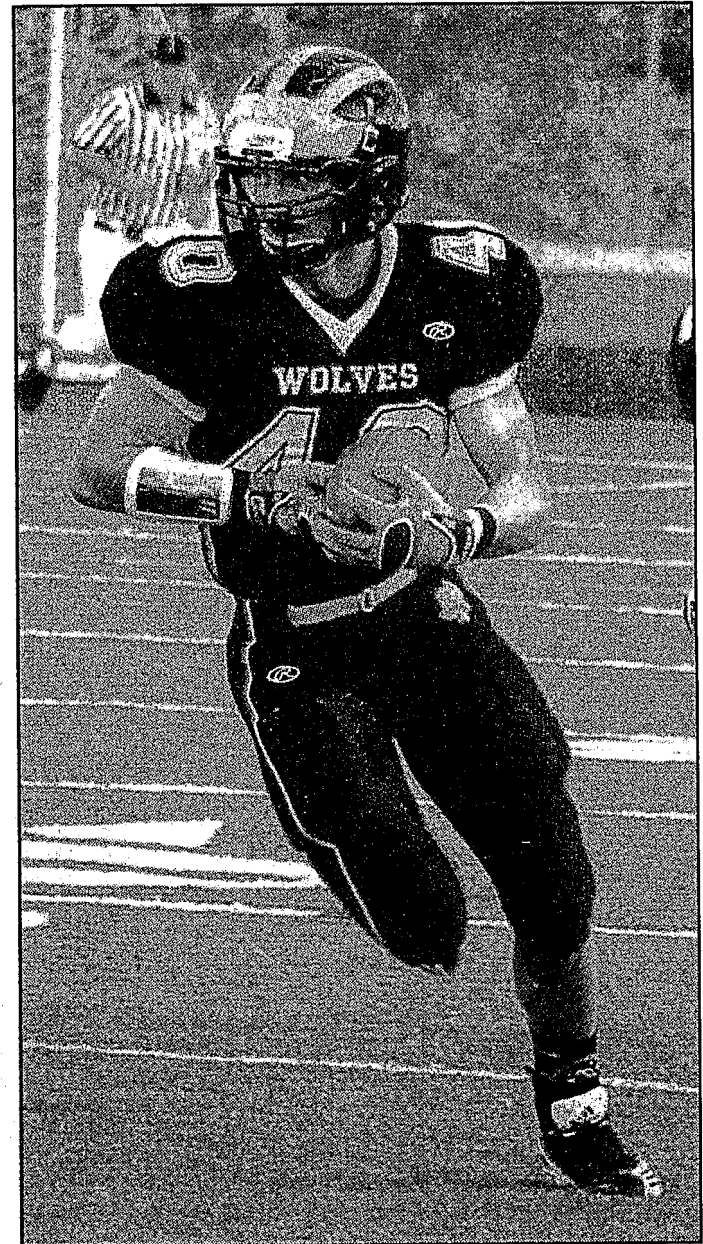




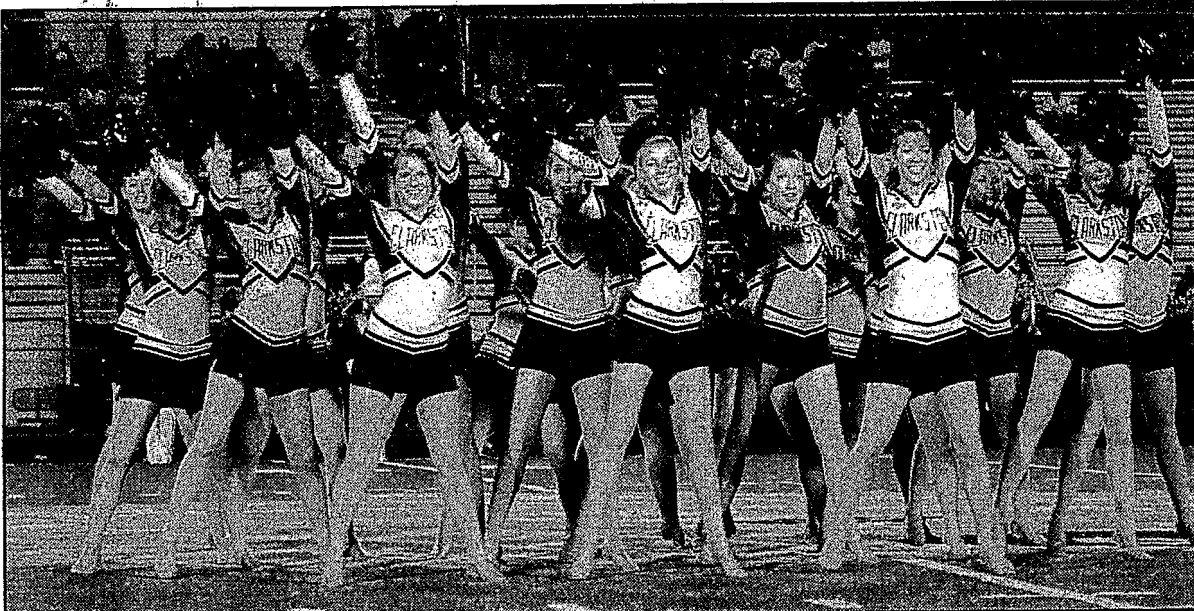
Fans fill the student section.



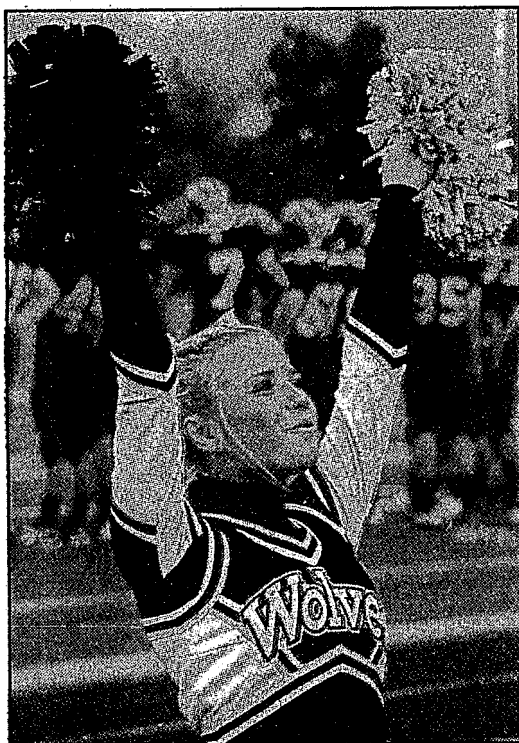
Ethan Frick takes a break with the defensive line.



Chris Calvano makes a run for the first touchdown in the game. Photos by Wendi Reardon



The Varsity Pom Pom team performs during half time.



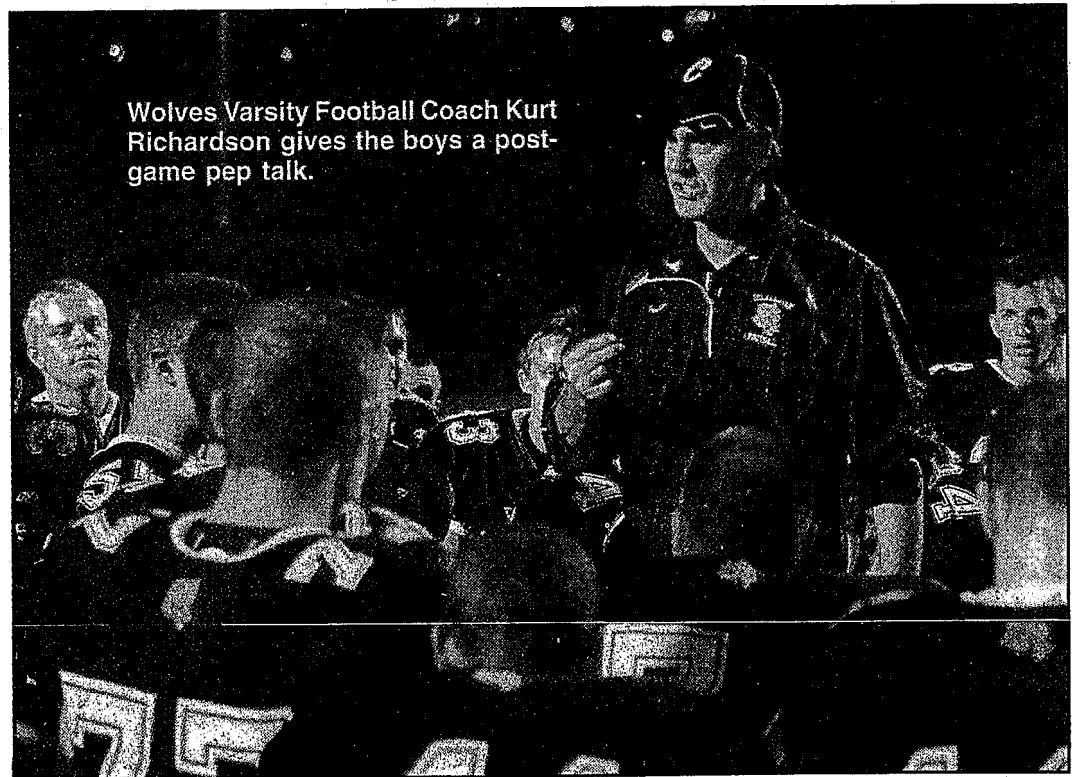
Baylee Suddon cheers for the team.

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The Clarkston High School stadium was filled with cheering, excited fans as the Wolves hosted their home opener against Troy-Athens, Sept. 9.

The gridiron gang won, 40-20, for their third consecutive win in their third game of the season.

The boys next game is at Troy High School on Friday, 7 p.m.



Wolves Varsity Football Coach Kurt Richardson gives the boys a post-game pep talk.

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More Clarkston News

Four years in the making

First Everest High School senior class hits hallways

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The 17 students in Everest Collegiate High School's first senior class will spend this year establishing traditions for students who follow.

But that's nothing new. They were also the school's first junior, sophomore and freshman class.

"We were the oldest class for five years in a row," said Sam Bellestri, one of four boys and 13 girls in the senior class.

"This is a special class," said Greg Reichert, Everest Collegiate High School assistant principal. "I watched them facing their struggles as the first class, meet all challenges, build traditions, help new classes – it was special to watch this great group of young men and women. They'll move on to great things."

In 2008, 21 14-year-olds comprised the entire high school student body, divided into boys and girls schools. They advanced a grade each year with new students following behind until this year, when the school has all four grades for the first time.

"It helped me grow as a person, spiritually and academically," said senior Annie Toohey. "Everything I learned in these four years, I'll bring to college."

Everest Academy, 5935 Clarkston Road, was founded in 1991 with programs for preschool through eighth grade. Everest planned to expand with a high school for several years, and announced its opening in 2007.

Eighth graders at the time had a choice to make.

"They said that before, but this time they did it," said Bellestri, who has been an Everest student since preschool, 1997. "I made the right decision. I've grown more academically and it helped me come out of my shell."

Mikayla Thibodeau's parents encouraged her to enroll.

"I was nervous," said Thibodeau, an Everest student from second grade. "I didn't know what to expect. There was nothing to see, no grades ahead of us. But we adjusted to it."

"It was a difficult decision to make as an eighth grader," said Patrick Nalepa, who



From left are Everest Girls High School seniors Annie Toohey and Mikayla Thibodeau, and Assistant Principal Greg Reichert.



Everest seniors Sam Bellestri, left, and Patrick Nalepa. Photos by Phil Custodio

joined Everest Academy in the second grade. "A big appeal was being the first class, like a potter with a lump of clay – we could do what we wanted with it. It was a great experience."

In 2008, Nalepa told *The Clarkston News* he was excited with the opportunity to be the first high school class.

"We'll set traditions – student council, elections, drama programs, set up a game room, when dances will be," he said at the time.

"Yes, we did all that," he said, Aug. 31. "Administration provided lots of opportunities for input, always asking what we would like to do, what our ideas were."

Assigned to their own building, their fresh-

man year was a bit lonely.

"It was weird – there was no one else around," Nalepa said. "It was nice. We had our own building, a little more freedom than in eighth grade, and the opportunity to grow academically and spiritually."

"Freshman year was difficult, getting used to just 11 girls," Toohey said. "There were no girls to look up to."

"We had to start fresh – it was a lot of fun figuring things out," Thibodeau said.

With sophomore year, 2009, they got some company in the new incoming freshman class.

"It was cool as sophomores," Nalepa said. "We had a new building behind the old

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Gone with the wins

Games forfeit due to ineligible player

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

What was an undefeated season so far on the gridiron is no more – Clarkston forfeit its first two wins due to an ineligible player on the field.

"It is a very unfortunate incident," said Gary Kaul, Clarkston High School principal. "We want to make sure we are on top of it and it does not happen again."

The Clarkston High School boys varsity football team heads to Troy High School, Friday, with a 1-2 record, down from a 3-0 record before the incident.

School officials discovered a player was academically ineligible to play after their first two games, against Rochester Adams and West Bloomfield. The player participated in both.

Dan Fife, athletic director, contacted the Michigan High School Athletic Association and explained what happened.

The player had enrolled in a class during the summer to make up credit.

Football coaches and the school confirmed the player was enrolled in the class but did not turn in needed work by Aug. 26, when the team played Adams.

"The coaching staff was under the impression the work was submitted and that made the student eligible," said Kaul. "Unfortunately the work was not submitted."

The course was conducted through the mail, and was not a Clarkston program, he said.

"You do the work at your own pace and send it in," said Kaul. "The breakdown was the information provided to the school was the young man submitted the work and had met the requirements."

This is the first time this has happened that he knows about, he said.

"It's difficult with the schedule we have now," he added. "We are participating in games for many sports prior to the start of school. Depending on the sports you could have more athletic contests before teachers and counselors are back in school."

Kick off at Troy (2-1) is 7 p.m., Friday night.

Faded Ink



Music to win by

Clarkston High School Marching Band plays the music of victory at Friday night's home opener win against Troy Athens, 40-20. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Public hearing on tax increase

Independence Township is considering a tax increase for safety paths.

A public hearing on the proposed .2471-mill increase is 7:30 p.m., Sept. 20, Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

"We're just getting public input on it," said Clerk Barbara Pallotta.

The safety-path millage was reduced in 2009 to balance increases in other millages, said Finance Director Susan Hendricks.

At current rates, .2023 mills, the township collects about \$272,000 a year — \$1,700 of which goes to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority.

The increase would raise the safety-path millage to .4494 mill, increasing operating revenues by 122 percent from about \$282,000 to \$626,000.

The money would help finish safety path projects on Clintonville and Sashabaw roads and M-15.

— Trevor Keiser

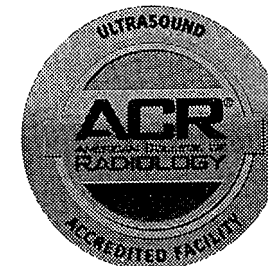
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Briefly

Tickets on sale for Friendly Forest

Tickets go on sale for the 2011 Friendly Forest on Sept. 21.

Hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation in partnership with Clarkston Area Optimist Club, Friendly Forest is set for 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, at Clintonwood Park.

Kids ages 2-9 walk the enchanted trail in costume with their parents and collect goodies from their favorite cartoon and fairy tale characters.

Tickets must be purchased in advance for a specific time at the Parks and Recreation office, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

Call 248-625-8223 for more information.

Treasures and Treats

Neighbor for Neighbor hosts the Treasures and Treats fall fund raiser, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sept. 23-24 at Hart Community Center in Springfield Township.

Proceeds from the semi-annual rummage and bake sale will be used by the all-volunteer, non-profit group to provide assistance to local families in need.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation hosts its Halloween Costume Consignment Sale at the same time and place.

For more information, call 248-634-0900.

Old Newsboys to honor Kid Rock

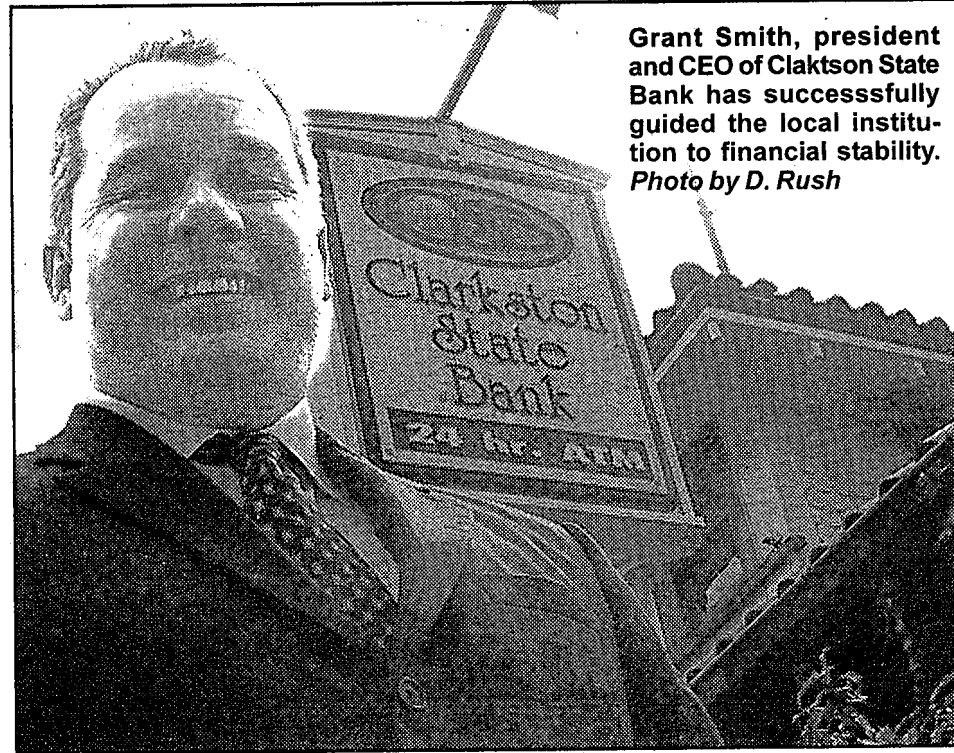
Old Newsboys' Goodfellows honors Clarkston rocker Kid Rock with the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award, 8 a.m., Friday, Sept. 30, at Cobo Center in Detroit.

The award recognizes Rock's philanthropic initiatives throughout the Detroit area.

Tickets are \$150. Proceeds go to Detroit Goodfellows' fund-raising goal of \$1.3 million to provide Christmas gifts to 35,000 children in need.

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Grant Smith, president and CEO of Clarkston State Bank has successfully guided the local institution to financial stability.
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Things looking up for Clarkston State Bank

BY DON RUSH

Clarkston News Assistant Publisher

It wasn't too long ago rumors were running rampant on Main Street: Clarkston State Bank was going out business.

While those rumors were not true, there was a time when federal and state regulators had slapped a consent order on Clarkston State Bank and 11 other community banks across Michigan.

"We were the first to be released from the consent orders," bank president and CEO Grant Smith said. "And, while we were never in any immediate danger of closing, it wasn't good."

Smith said in June of 2008 the FDIC put the dozen community banks on notice that they were on the troubled list. He said CSB had to satisfy 21 points of concern.

In short, the community banks suffered from bad loans during the economic tsunami that swept in, just like the rest of the country. Smith, who started with the bank in 2001 and became president/CEO in January 2008, said the bank board recognized the financial storm that was brewing during the later part of 2005.

"To our credit, we started the procedures then and were able to turn the corner sooner than other banks," he said. "To the board's credit, they didn't do a lot of finger pointing. Everybody was committed to following the plan. Our motivation was simple. Failure was not an option. Failure was never discussed at board meetings. And, each quarter we were always able to make a little progress."

Some of the banks that were put on notice back in 2008 are now out of business

Under his direction, Clarkston State Bank has downsized assets, investors, reorganized staff and raised more capital. In the middle of August, the bank received word it was no longer on the list.

"We still have work to do," Smith said, "And we will aggressively work towards our goals."

Smith believes in community banking. He says community banks are "the lifeblood of many communities" because they offer loans to small businesses. "We want to reinvest into the local economy," he said.

As the bank moves forward, they are looking for other "good" locations for the bank to operate. "We are looking to grow the bank and rebuild our portfolio and reposition ourselves for 2012."

He also expressed his gratitude to the community, investors and 30-plus employees. "They hung in there with us. Our staff heard the rumors. It wasn't easy for them, so I am very appreciative."

Clarkston State Bank was started on Jan. 3, 1999, when local investors decided the community needed a bank. They took over the building that National Bank of Detroit had moth-balled location on S. Main Street in 1997. Ironically, the bank's current downtown home is the location of the first Clarkston State Bank which opened in 1911.

The bank currently has \$113 million in assets. At its high-point, Smith said the bank's assets total roughly \$192 million.

Commentary moved to end

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A rule change moves public comment from the beginning of Independence Township Board meetings to the end.

"The sole reason for township board meetings is to conduct the business of the township," said Independence Township Clerk Barbara Pallotta. "The open meetings act is basically a tool for the public - it simply means our meeting is open to the public."

Public comment is required, but where it goes on the agenda is up to the township, Pallotta said.

The change is due to a few people who have "set a negative tone" at the beginning of meetings.

"It's been my goal since I've been here to kind of play with the agenda so that we can have a more orderly meeting," she said.

In January 2009, Trustee Neil Wallace wrote a new set of board rules and policies for the same purpose. One limited speakers to one agenda item per meeting.

These rules were too restrictive, said Pallotta.

Trustee Larry Rosso said it's not uncommon to have public comment at the end; such is the case in Novi and Farmington Hills, as well as Clarkston School Board meetings.

Trustee David Lohmeier was in favor to public comment at the end.

"It certainly will let us get into the meeting quicker," Lohmeier said.

Treasurer Curt Carson wants to hear what the public has to say.

"I have a concern we'll be discouraging people who would come to make comments who are not willing to sit four, five, six hours before they have an opportunity to speak," Carson said.

Wallace said most attacks over the past three years have been towards him and Lohmeier.

"Don't do this on my account and I think Mr. Lohmeier would say the same thing," Wallace said. "I'm not concerned we're discouraging people."

Rosso said most people are civil and he found it unfortunate they have to "change the rule because of certain abusers."

Pallotta said if someone has to speak during public comment it's a sign the supervisor, clerk and treasurer are not doing their job.

"The public is invited to come here (to township hall) and we want to sort things out," she said.



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Vandals cause problems in downtown Depot Park

By Don Rush

As far Ralph Naigle is concerned, 2011 has been a banner year. A banner year for vandalism.

A seven-year employee for the City of the Village of Clarkston, Naigle said he has never seen a year with as much shenanigans as he saw this year.

"It's the worse I've seen. These kids won't be respectful. We try to keep the (Depot) park looking good, but we come back in the morning and they've done something else."

Daigle has repaired wooden swing sets time and again. And, each time he does, somebody jumps, kicks, pulls -- breaks what he and other city employees have done.

Playground equipment has been turned over and broken and the Depot Park Gazebo has the scars of war from folks riding their skateboards and scooters down the steps.

Most of the vandalism occurs in

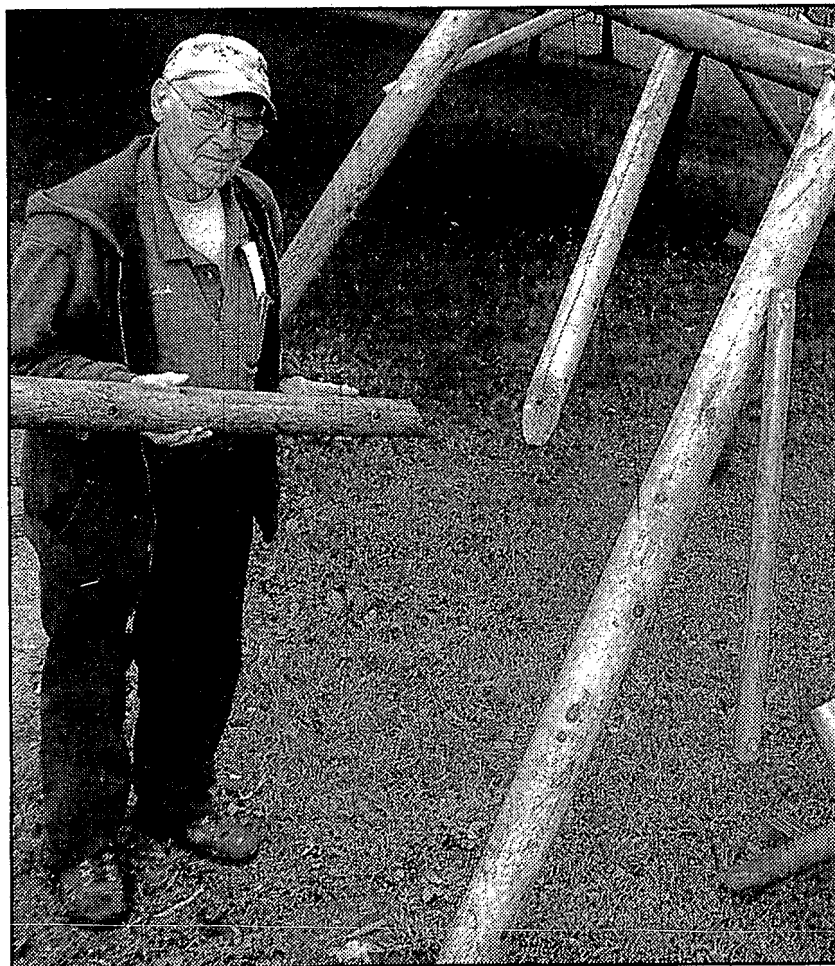
the dark of the night, after the park closes at 10. But, Naigle said a "core group" of kids has been approached and talked to during the day.

"They all stand around and block the path so people have to walk around. They don't care. They don't respect anything," he said.

According to city manager Dennis Ritter, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department has been helpful. A deputy has even talked to a number of the high-schoolers, many of them skateboarders and "scooter kids."

The kids, Ritter added, also ride their skate boards on the stone and cement gates and accents in the park and parking lot adjacent to the Mill Pond.

"Those caps are chipped and scraped. The only way to fix them is to replace them. Ultimately, the parents will be held responsible," he said.



Ralph Naigle with broken pieces of a swing set that again needs repairing. Photo by D. Rush

Treasurer troubles

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston has a new treasurer.

City Council voted 5-1, Sept. 12, to hire Sandra Barlos as treasurer. Councilmen Richard Bisio voted "no" and Councilman Jim Brueck was absent.

Next time, Bisio and Councilman Chuck Inabnit want more involvement.

"For the money we have to put out, which is very limited, we have to be picky," Inabnit said. "The council as a whole needs to take a little more charge, I think."

The council should drive the direction of the city, he said.

"I think we should at least know what the direction we're pushing, and hiring the people who can get us there."

Bisio agreed.

"I am concerned about what happens in the future. We've bought ourselves a little bit of time by replacing the (city) police department with the sheriff's department," he said. "That's saved some money but the trends are still there of property values going down and expenses going up."

Bisio also pointed out the treasurer position is more than just an accountant.

"Equally or perhaps more important are the budget preparation and administration, and state law compliance functions," he said. "Thus, I believe the treasurer needs to be experienced with municipal budgeting and finances."

Mayor Joe Luginski agreed the council approves the hire, but the role of the city manager is to "vet out possible candidates" through resumes, calls, and interviews.

Luginski said this is how things "have always been done," but has no problem with more involvement by council members.

"The council as a whole, our job is to approve recommendations unless we find something wrong with that person or the process that's being put in," Luginski said.

Inabnit also offered an apology for his comments he made concerning the former treasurer at the Aug. 22 meeting ("New Treasurer for Clarkston," Aug. 31).

"What started out as a conversation about people being qualified took a very bad turn and most of my comments were not directed towards Kim. Unfortunately they came out that way. Kim never gave anything but 110 percent when she worked here and she gave her best," Inabnit said. "I apologize to her and her family and talked to her last week and she's gracious as she always has been."

Timeline

- Art Pappas, city manager, clerk, and treasurer, retired after over 40 years in June 2008;
- Jan Gillespie was hired, April 2008, retired Dec. 2010;
- Kim Howe, hired clerk/treasurer, Dec. 2010, posted resignation, March 2011;
- Howe named treasurer, May 2011, but resigned at end of May;
- City approved search for new treasurer, June 2011, and announced candidate in August.



At the security seminar, Henry Woloson, left, displays a door lock reinforcer, which can increase security without costing too much, while Dep. Dave Stewart watches. Photo by Phil Custodio

Stay alert to stay safe, police say

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Use common sense. Watch out for each other. Trust your gut.

That was the advice for about 40 local residents at the Neighborhood Security Seminar, Sept. 8 at Independence Township Hall.

Oakland County Sheriff's Dep. Dave Stewart and Dep. Luke Decker, directed patrol officers assigned to Independence Township, advised residents to keep their property secured.

"The main thing is to always lock your doors – don't give them the opportunity," Stewart said. "This isn't Little House on the Prairie anymore."

"This is unfortunately a sign of the times," Decker said. "Don't leave anything out you don't want to get stolen."

Theft from vehicles, businesses, and homes is a serious problem in Independence Township.

"Laptops, GPS, anything they can pawn, they take," Decker said.

"Even my small neighborhood experienced a number of car break-ins in the past year," said Rick Gutowski of Citizens Cable Committee, which hosted the event.

While investigating break-ins, deputies have found everything from organized rings based out of Flint, Lapeer, and Detroit to local residents looking to fund a drug habit.

"It's a mix of everything," Decker said. "Be aware of who's who in the neighborhood."

One case involved a carload of young people dropped off in neighborhoods with walkie talkies, walking down the street looking into cars and taking items, then getting picked up and taken to other neighborhoods.

When found, the car was filled with elec-

Tips for more security

- Lock all doors with deadbolts, keep them locked;
- Keep vehicles locked, don't leave valuables in them;
- Keep garage door and curtains closed;
- Outdoor lights with motion detectors;
- Make sure address is posted clearly at driveway to make it easier for police and fire fighters in an emergency;
- Keep key fob handy at night, and set off if you hear something near your car;
- Dogs are a great deterrents;
- If you have a safe, bolt it down;
- Dresser is the first place thieves look – think of something else;
- Don't post vacation plans on social media;
- If you see something odd, like a neighbor's door standing open, report it right away;
- On vacation, call the substation – deputies will check your home;
- Emergency, call 911;
- Non-emergency, call 248-858-4950 or 248-858-4952.

tronics and other stolen property.

In another case, in Springfield Township, the arrest of one couple cleared about 40 breaking-and-enterings.

"It goes in waves," Decker said. "I don't think there's a huge spike in it."

A problem related to thefts is solicitation without a permit, Stewart said.

"They come in from out of states, and they have arrest warrants," he said. "If something about them scares you, call us – listen to your gut feelings."

Solicitation is a way thieves use to case houses for future break-ins, he said.

"Just because they're clean cut or in a suit, they're not necessarily legit," Decker said. "Expect the unexpected."

To secure the home, use deadbolt locks and as many outdoor lights as possible, Stewart said.

"If it's completely dark, it's hard to see people creeping around," he said.

Break-ins are also common during the day when everyone's at work.

Cameras and security systems help, he said.

"Don't put cameras up high, where you only see the top of the head – that doesn't help," he said. "Put them at eye level, so we can see what they look like."

Get together with neighbors to watch out for each other. When on vacation, neighbors can help keep each other's houses looking occupied by picking up flyers left on front doors and leaving tracks in the driveway in winter, he said.

Call 911 to report break-ins in progress and other emergencies. To report something suspicious, like a strange noise at the neighbor's, call the sheriff's non-emergency line, 248-858-4950 or 248-858-4952.

"Don't get into the middle of something – it's not worth it," Stewart said. "Get a description, plate number of the car. The more information, the better."

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Wolves will overcome

You have to give a big kudos to Clarkston Athletics and the coaches - when they know a rule was broken they immediately call Michigan High School Athletic Association and the athletic offices of the teams involved.

The Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Football went from a 3-0 to a 1-2 record this week.

One of the players they thought was eligible to play was not and played in both games. After they found out he was ineligible they immediately took action even if it meant taking the losses.



I feel bad for the team - they worked hard during those games.

Also I feel like I have been listening to the coaches to much because I am going to say lessons have been learned, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger and all any other pep talk you can think of.

Wolves, it doesn't change you - you rocked those first three games on talent and teamwork. Six more games in the regular season - let's go. Especially the last game scheduled against Lake Orion - but I will keep the thoughts of fighting Dragons, which are imaginary at a later time.

But after two football games on the road, there is nothing like the Clarkston gridiron gang being on their turf for the home opener.

Clarkston has great fans - filling the stands not just at home games but at away games, in the visitor and home bleachers.

Being at away games just isn't the same - maybe it is just the Wolf pride and everyone coming out. Come on, where else can you spend time with friends or family for such a great price. (A ticket at the movies would cost double the price of one ticket for the football game, plus food.) Not to mention the sounds from the Clarkston High School Marching Band and the cheerleaders opening the night with the fight song.

The boys are back home next week for their homecoming game against Pontiac. The week kicks off next Monday with the annual Powder Puff game where the senior girls take on the juniors for bragging right.

It was also a good weekend for University of Michigan, Michigan State and the Detroit Lions.

School board no show on cable

Dear Editor,

I am disappointed in the Clarkston School District's decision to remove the school board meetings on Channel 22 on Comcast cable. It is now only on the districts' website.

Unfortunately, when the *Clarkston News* contacted Dr. Rock to see what was happening when the board meetings were stopped

on Comcast, the *Clarkston News* printed on Aug. 17 that Dr. Rock said, "The meetings are and will continue to be broadcast on cable," said Dr. Rock, superintendent. "We are also planning to stream them on our website. We plan to have this as a secondary method for all to view the meetings."

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

Rock also said they "plan to add finance

committee meetings, as well."

But none of the board meetings have yet been returned to Comcast's Channel 22. On top of that, I have heard from multiple people who were not only unable to download board meetings on their computers because the broadcast uses so much memory, but the attempt to view the board meetings also locked up their computers.

At the end of the school board meeting, Sept. 12, Dr. Rock announced he was going to put meetings back on Comcast.

I hope he does. I believe that if the district is serious about being "transparent" and allowing more residents to view the meetings, then they need to go back to broadcasting the board meetings on Comcast AND on the district website because not everyone has access to the internet or Comcast cable.

Dawn Schaller
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Neighbors come through with home help

Dear Editor,

When it comes to finding folks to help with a project, helping hands scatter. It's difficult when you are a single woman with little to no budget working two jobs seven days a week to get much accomplished, let alone when assistance is needed.

I am fortunate to be friends with another single woman, Marti Waltz, who "gets" the challenges of being single and not having the luxury of hiring help.

Marti had a deck on an empty lot out of town she was no longer using and asked if I wanted it. I was beyond thrilled! This was my chance at making my yard my own, having inherited my father's house after taking care of him prior to his death. Fixing it up has been rather piecemeal to say the least. And making it "my own" has been slow in coming. So this was a really big deal to me.

But then karma woke up from her nap.

I live in a neighborhood where not only do I now own the house I grew up in, but several of my neighbors do also! We've known each other our entire lives, dirt under the nails and all.

So when I was in my yard heartbroken and crying because I was so disappointed this had fallen through for the third time simply because I couldn't find enough people to help, Blair Whittenton from next door and his sons Zack and Daniel, along with Blair's buddy Jeff Roland stepped up to the plate to offer help.

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Girls are space-y over NASA" Clarkston High School freshmen, Rebecca Lynch and KC Kirby, returned to school from NASA's Space Camp at Huntsville, Alabama. The experience confirmed their desire to fly some day. During their week at camp, the girls studied, visited a space museum and the Marshall Space Center and participated in a number of group activities.

"First high school proficiency test results released" In the new state test, Clarkston students finished ahead of the state average in all categories, and county averages in science, reading, and writing. Clarkston school officials were pleased, but wanted more feedback from the state.

City puts new parking ordinance in drive Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston was set to enforce parking restrictions in city parking lots.

25 years ago - 1986

"Golden Anniversary" Chester and Lois Provost celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party hosted by their children at the Goodrich Country Club. Their wedding anniversary recieved official recognition with a card of congratulations from President Ronald and Nancy Reagan and a letter from Gov. James Blanchard.

"Ron Howard hopes for Mr. Michigan title" Clarkston body builder, Ron Howard, 28, was a semi-finalist in the Mr. USA Michigan Men's pageant where he was required to model and dance in an opening number. He was one of 70 out of 180 applicants chosen from an interview to participate in the pageant. The winner was to receive \$25,000 in prizes and scholarships, and possibly some other benefits.

"Village opts out of cop tax quest" The Village of Clarkston opted not to join Independence Township in requesting an additional police millage. Village officials were concerned about loss of local control.

50 years ago - 1961

"Births announced" A son, Benjamin Charles Pearson, was born August 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pearson of Pontiac.

"Riffe - Carter vows spoken" Shirley Ann Carter and William J. Riffe were married at a candlelight service in the First Methodist Church, Clarkston.

"Bon vilage party honors Mrs. Migan" A farewell party honored Mrs. Cornelius Migan, leaving with her family to join her husband in Japan. She was presented with matched luggage and well wishes.

Times, thoughts - they are a'changing

One of the first things I've noticed during this aging thing, are the commercials I'm paying attention to on the tube.

I'm no longer interested in removing the gray from my hair, nor wrinkle removers. Cialis and Viagra ads aren't even consciously observed.

Clothes styles, my lowering belt line, receding hair line, stretch socks, Rolex watches, fast cars and flying are very unimportant.

It's our "think ahead" time. I was reminded of that this week with a cold-call asking me to call for funeral arrangements.

I'm not that old, but I am old enough to wonder about a "home" hiring more outside work done and contine-
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That's right. Or, incontinence.

There aren't that many ads out there for those sufferers, but they make an aging person think.

One of my thoughts at an after-golf session was: How much liquid do these adult diapers hold? Daughter Luan wanted the subject to change quickly, so she got out her ipad (iphone), whatever.

(They should think about changing the name of that thing. Pads have different meanings, you know?)

She reported a Contour Tranquil Top Liner Super Plus Pad holds 27.5 ounces.

If, as Hazel would remind me, "a pint's a pound the year around" then this pad holds a pint and a half of liquid. That's a lot of liquid to have hanging from your waist.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

that: continence management product.

So, if you have lost your self restraint, which I haven't yet, and want more answers, call 1-800-558-6433 or depend.com.

I just know daughter Luan is going to be happy seeing her name involved in this research.

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Besides saluting labor on Labor Day, we also proclaim this to be the beginning of another political season, not that there is more than one season a year.

Are you ready for more phrases like:

"I can honestly tell you,"

"We must put politics aside."

"We've got to quit playing politics."

And this one from Obama spokesman Carney, "Trust me!"

Meaningless stuff to fill a time frame and totally ineffective.

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- There are currently 80,000 pages in the Obamacare package and it's still being written.

- It was reported that 50 percent of the police time in Detroit is on paperwork.

- May I direct your attention to something interesting. "Happyfeet," the penguin, brought on shore in New Zealand three weeks ago, was released last week and is now expected to swim 1,000 miles home. She has a chip in her to keep us informed of her progress.

- Expect Congress to pass legislation approving such chips for newborn children.

- Ever feel like you're being led by the wrong leash?

Little darlin's aren't bad, just misunderstood

So there I was, sweating in my long-sleeved shirt (that seemed to be a good idea at 6 a.m., last Friday morning). It was now 3-something in the afternoon and I got a call.

"Have you seen what they did to the swings in Depot Park?!"

A few octaves higher than normal, the voice was a little shrill. I understand.

As we all know, bad things never happen in the hamlet of all that is good and just; nary a negative brings down the whole from atop the apex of civilization.

All is 'sposed to be wonderful in the City of the Village of Clarkston and its surrounding ghetto (Independence Township, where I was reared and for a relatively brief amount of time, owned a home).

With camera in tow, I walked from my downtown digs in my long-sleeved shirt, sweating some more, to the park located on the south side of Depot Street was met by city councilwoman Peg Roth, city employee Ralph Daigle and city manager Dennis Ritter.

And, there before my eyes I beheld a jumble of treated, hand-hewn poles.

"This used to be a swing set."

It seems big trouble has rolled into the little city -- on the itty-bitty wheels of skateboards and scooters.

And those who ride have a tendency to, uhm, destroy stuff. I know, I know.

... say it ain't so, no ... not skate boarders and scooterers in downtown Clarkston.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

"It's the worse I have seen it in seven years."

Swing sets busted.

Gazebo busted.

Kids playground equipment busted.

Those darned kids!

I remember the days when I was a youthful lad, prowling the mean streets of Clarkston -- back when Rudy Schwartz (The Rudy, of Rudy's Market fame) used to walk from his store to the parking next to the *Clarkston News* building in his apron and paper Kowalski cap, handing out candy to the kids.

Back, when I was able to ride my bike on Sashabaw Road and swerve from lane to lane to gain speed, without fear of being struck by a car (we didn't

need helmets those days).

Yep, I used to ride in from my ghetto home on Clarkston Road, between Clintonville and Walters Lake to Clarkston -- not the city of, just village.

Back in the day during my lily-white youth, the young ones were as pure as the driven snow. "Yes, sirs," and "No, ma'ams," were all we ever said to our elders.

Oh, and we never had hair over our ears, in our eyes and what hair we did have was always neat, trim and combed and all the girls were chaste and sweet as the candy Rudy gave us. Hey, it was the 1970s and everything was orderly then.

"They don't have any respect."

These rouge kids these days also like to bunch up on the sidewalk, cuss and swear (probably laugh and scratch, too) and block the way for decent folk to get through.

I know I am making fun of an infuriating situation, it's just my way of coping.

The little darlings aren't bad kids, they're just misunderstood by society.

All those things broken in the park this year costs money to repair, rebuild

or replace. Money that could be better spent or saved.

It takes time to repair, rebuild or replace equipment and time means money and that means the same as it did in the previous sentence.

Seriously, why is it that some kids feel the need to trash public things, or things that ain't theirs? What is it?

I know kids today don't have it as good as we had it 10, 20, 30 (or more) years ago.

They have no opportunities to play organized sports. They have no money to buy the brand new, or newer model cars they drive around.

They cannot afford the scooters and skate boards they ride. They don't have the technology to communicate 24-hours a day with their BFFs, nor can they play electronic games with anybody around the globe.

It is so hard for them, but I just don't understand the need to destroy, disrupt and disrespect.

Hmm? Maybe their parents could chime in with the answer, or maybe, just maybe they could look in the mirror to see apples never fall too far from the tree.

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Adair was with family, friends before assault, investigation shows

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Matthew Adair was with friends and relatives in Ortonville about half an hour before attacking an Independence Township family, 2 a.m., Sept. 3.

Adair, 26, attacked a 19-year-old resident in her bedroom, then shot her parents when they ran in to help, killing her mother before shooting and killing himself.

Investigators spoke to Adair's cousin, who said Adair was at his house off Ortonville Road from about 12:30 p.m., Sept. 2, until about 1:30 a.m.

He seemed a little down about a girl he wanted to date, apparently referring to the 19-year-old, but said nothing about murder or suicide, according to police reports.

A friend also told police Adair had a few beers and seemed upset.

When he was leaving, Adair told his cousin he was going home to sleep. Living with friends in Brandon Township off Baldwin Road, he kept his .22 rifle in the family's gun safe, which also held a .410 gauge, two-shot pistol.

Adair took the pistol and used it in the murder and suicide. After the incident, his friend filed a stolen gun report, saying he didn't give permission to Adair to take it.

The 19-year-old, who knew Adair from



Adair

work at the Salvation Army store in Oxford, was out with friends and returned home about 2 a.m. Her parents had left the door unlocked for her.

Adair attacked her immediately when she got to her bedroom, throwing her on her bed and choking her. She yelled for her parents, who came running.

Adair shot her mother, hitting her in the chest and throat. The teenager ran into the hallway past her father, who ducked as Adair fired his second round but was hit in the shoulder.

As Adair reloaded, the father got up and ran for the basement where he kept his gun locker. His daughter ran into her parents' bedroom, hid behind a dresser, and called 911.

As she spoke to the 911 dispatcher, Adair could be heard yelling for her, and the dispatcher told her to get out of the house. As she ran to the front door, she passed her father who was returning with his shotgun. Adair turned his gun on himself and shot himself in the chest, crying out an expletive as he died.

More than 20 deputies and medical personnel responded to the scene. The wounded father came out of the house and was ordered on his stomach as his daughter screamed out who he was.

He told medical personnel to tend to his wife first. They were both taken to POH, where she was pronounced dead at 4:18 a.m.

Adair was pronounced dead at the scene. He was working at the store as part of a community service sentence on a marijuana conviction.

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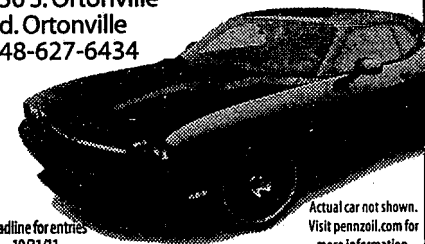


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Public Safety

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

Walkaway

Police were called on a man stumbling around the neighborhood in the 6000 block of Eastlawn Avenue, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 26. The 37-year-old man, a resident of a nearby group home, told deputies he walked away from the home, stole liquor from stores, and got drunk. He had a .121 blood alcohol level, and was cited for resisting a police officer when being returned to the home.

Barn theft

Someone broke into a storage barn and took two quadrunners, Aug. 26 in the 8000 block of Pine Knob Road.

Drunk driver

A deputy stopped to check on a vehicle leaving the parking lot of a closed business near Ortonville and Clarkston roads, 1:15 a.m., Aug. 26. The driver, a 30-year-old Auburn Hills woman, had a .217 preliminary breath test and was jailed for drunk driving.

Followed the clue

Employees checking out minor damage to a Maybee Road golf course, Aug. 27, found a mail flyer left on the green. Deputies used the information to track down a 25-year-old East Lansing man, who admitted to taking some golf practice at 12:30 a.m. after having a few beers. He was cited for trespassing.

Mailboxes hit

Two mailboxes were hit by a vehicle, Aug. 28, in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road.

Stolen credit

An Independence Township woman was alerted by a store that her identity had been stolen, Aug. 28. Someone opened four credit cards in her name, charging almost \$11,000 at four stores in Michigan and Ohio.

Break in

Someone broke through the front door of a business in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, Aug. 31, and took money from a cash register.

Burglary

A back door was forced open and about \$3,000 taken from a business in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, Aug. 31.

Theft from boat

Boat cover, fishing poles and tackle box were taken from a truck parked at a business in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, Sept. 1.

Falling down

Responding to reports of a man staggering down Waldon Road, deputies found a 37-year-old Clarkston man with scratches on his face and knees, Sept. 2. He was cited with disorderly conduct.

Vandals

Vandals inflicted thousands in damages to several Golf Pointe Drive homes with eggs and spray paint, Aug. 31.

Scam averted

A Clarkston man selling his viola online got an offer for \$400. He got a check for \$2,400 in the mail, Aug. 31, with instructions to wire the remainder to another person. He didn't cash the check or send the viola.

Unlocked SUV

The stereo and a backpack were taken from an unlocked SUV in the 5000 block of Greenview Drive, Aug. 31.

Marijuana bust

Checking the Park and Ride at M-15 and I-75, 7:14 p.m., Sept. 7, a deputy noticed two cars parked, driver to driver. One of the drivers pulled away, tossing a cigarette on the ground, and the deputy stopped him for littering. The driver, a 17-year-old Independence Township, had a bag of marijuana and was cited with drug possession. The other driver, an 18-year-old Clarkston man, had a glass pipe and grinder. He was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Storage stolen

Several storage units were found with locks cut away and replaced with other locks in the 4000 block of White Lake Road. Several items were missing.

Bottle bombs

Someone exploded pop bottle bombs in the 5000 block of Meadows Drive, Aug. 31, and the 6000 block of Campfire Circle, Sept. 2.

Scooter taken

An Indianwood Drive resident left a power scooter on the rear porch unlocked overnight, Sept. 4. The next morning, it was gone.

Fire pit pilfered

Someone took a stainless steel fire pit from the backyard of a Miller Road home, Sept. 5. Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN OR 1-888-887-6146.

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Bocce to fund senior bus services

BY JOETTE KUNSE

Special to the Clarkston News

Friends of the Independence Township Senior Center invite the community to Bucks for Buses has Gone Bocce at Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 Lapeer Road in Orion, Thursday, Sept. 22, 6-9 p.m.

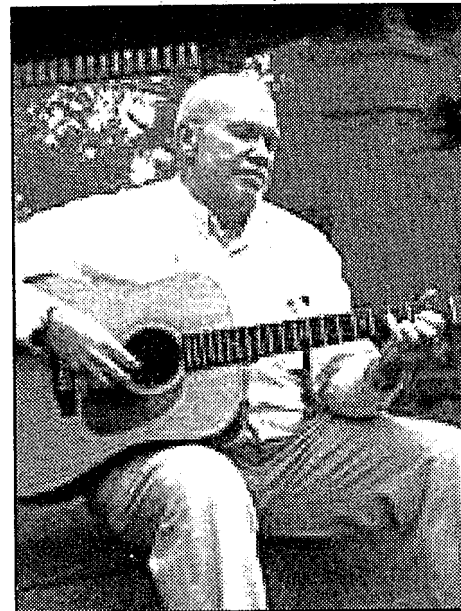
The evening includes a buffet dinner, auction and Bocce play. Tickets are \$50 and a portion of the ticket is tax deductible.

Dr. Michael Baker, internist with Clarkston Medical Group and musician, will provide the music for the evening in a coffeehouse style. Baker is an accomplished guitarist with diverse music interests, but favors the Allman Brother band and Crosby, Stills, and Nash. Baker has shared his talents for Bucks for Buses event for the past three years

A penthouse suite with 12 tickets and parking passes to a Pistons game at the Palace was donated by Palace Entertainment and will be one of the auction items.

"Bucks for Buses is designed to raise funds for the Senior Center, which transports seniors and those with disabilities to doctor appointments, grocery stores, jobs, pharmacies and kidney dialysis," said Lois Seddon, president of the Friends' group.

For more information on the Bucks for Buses has Gone Bocce, call the Senior Center at 248-625-8231. Tickets are available at



Dr. Michael Baker will provide entertainment at the Bucks for Buses Has Gone Bocce event on Sept. 22.

the center at 6000 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Funds raised will supplement transportation costs for seniors in Independence and Springfield townships and Clarkston.

"Senior transportation is a crucial service

to this community," said Ken Elwert, director of Parks and Recreation who oversees the Senior Center. "Times are tough and people are using the service more. We need funds to cover the increasing use and operating costs."

Last year, the center provided over 4,000 rides, with senior vans and buses logging 4,500 miles each month transporting seniors and individuals with disabilities to appointments and grocery shopping in the community, said Senior Coordinator Barbara Rollin.

Senior center buses which are funded through federal grants, riders' fees, and township funds. They operate Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Seniors and residents with disabilities qualify to use the bus service. Buses goes anywhere in Clarkston, Independence and Springfield townships, as well as Meijers and Great Lakes Crossing mall on Tuesdays for a \$3 donation each way.

Trips to Doctors' Hospital, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and Pontiac St. Joseph's Hospital are available for \$5 each way. Residents who use a wheel chair can be transported but they need to notify the center when making reservations.

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This is a classic Dr. O'Neill injury story that reminds me of coming down to help my father sew people up (often in my PJs). It seems someone was always coming to our home to have stitches, get a bump or a bruise checked or have a splinter or nail pulled out. I literally watched my father jump off his tractor to check a young mother's newborn in our cornfield one spring. She had delivered her child out of state unexpectedly and had just come back into town, she pulled into our drive and asked where she could find him. When I explained he was plowing over the hill she said that's ok and drove her little car right through the pasture just so he could see her newborn. Predictably he broke into a big smile when he saw her baby, hopped off the tractor, covered in dirt and all to check her baby over and congratulate her. Some of these stories I don't think anyone would believe if there weren't so many of us around who witnessed it all. It was truly an amazing way to grow up and a different way to practice medicine; one that we sadly won't see again. Thank you Barbara for this great story.

~ Dr. Timothy O'Neill

On a Saturday evening in the spring, my children were outside playing with the neighborhood children. We have a two story shed in our backyard and the boys were jumping out of the second story door. When my son jumped, he fell face first on a stick that was on the ground. This stick ran up the side of his nose and

hit the corner of his eye socket. When he came in the house bleeding and I saw the extent of the injury, I immediately called Dr. O'Neill at his house. He had us bring Kevin to his home and he checked him over in his kitchen. Tim was a little boy at the time and he came into the kitchen and later announced that he was

going to be a doctor like his dad. I took Kevin three days in a row to the office so Dr. O'Neill could check on his eye. Thankfully his eye is OK, even though he came very close to losing it per Dr. O'Neill.

Barbara Bellows

COMMUNITY HEALTH WATCH

We are seeing some strep throat and a few cases of hand, foot and mouth disease. Strep throat will go away in 3-7 days and antibiotics can be used to help treat symptoms and speed healing time. Hand, foot and mouth is a viral infection that will usually resolve in 7-10 days. Symptoms can be managed with over the counter medications until the virus runs its course.

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Wolves back on track with win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

It's official. Though Clarkston has yet to lose a game on the field in three matchups, the Wolves have their first win, a 40-20 rout over Troy Athens.

Junior linebacker Chris Calvano scooped up the loose football after the Wolves blocked Troy-Athens field goal attempt on their first possession.

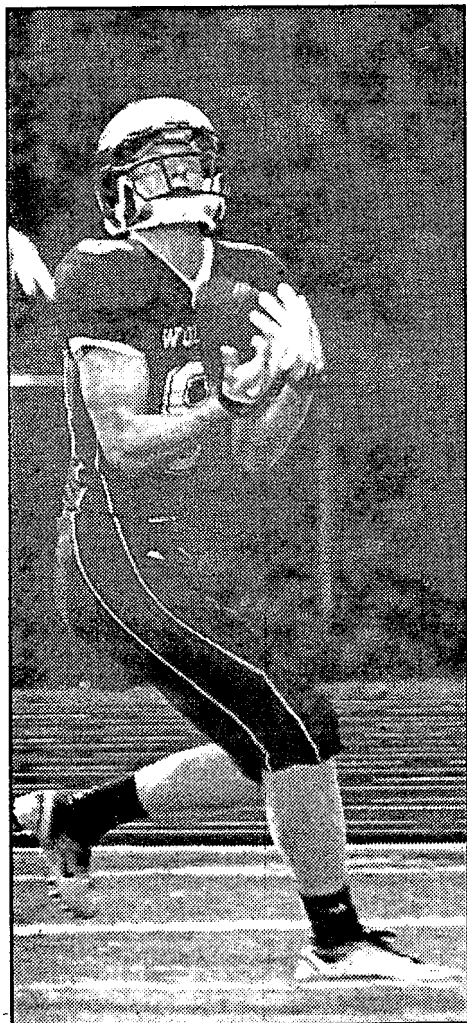
He took off running and scored the first touchdown for the Wolves 1:17 into the game.

"He was outstanding," smiled Kurt Richardson, head coach for the Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Football team. "He had a great first half. He was playing some football. He is a tough kid."

Clarkston would continue to control the scoreboard in their home opener to win, 40-20.

"It was a nice win," said Richardson, referring to the boys drive to keep the Red Hawks to zero in the first three quarters. "We played good defense. They had the ball deep in our field. In the first quarter they must have been 4-to-1 for every play we ran."

The next score came from senior quarter-



Mike Schwartz catches a touchdown pass from Mitch Baenziger. Photo by Larry Wright

back Mitch Baenziger. He broke through a two man defense block from Athens and ran 14-yard into the endfield with 9:40 left in the first half.

Baenziger struck again with six minutes left, this time connecting a 32-yard pass to senior wide receiver Mike Schwartz. He caught it in the end zone.

Baenziger ran the ball into the endzone for a two-point conversion and it secured the boys win as they went into halftime with the score, 20-0.

Two more touchdowns were made before the Wolves changed their game plan. The first made in the third quarter, this time off a 4-yard pass from Baenziger to Schwartz.

The second touchdown was made by senior wide receiver Travis Smith on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Baenziger, finishing a 70-yard drive with 9:33 left in the game.

The coaching staff sent out fresh faces onto the field, putting out players on the second string, as the boys held a 33-0 lead.

"They played really well," said Richardson. "They are starting to step it up. We had a lot of kids out there. We let everybody play. They are at practice everyday, too."

He added it gives them opportunities to not only gain experience against tough teams - which will help the boys this week when they head to Troy. It also gives them a chance to learn lessons.

The lessons came quick as Troy Athens made two touchdowns within a span of four minutes from Jake Spinek and a 77-yard run from Sam Haskell, with 1:53 to go.

The Wolves answered and the offensive line held onto position for the next minute.

Senior runningback Shavanta Brown added one more to the board for Clarkston, running the ball 7-yards to the endzone with 26.4 seconds to go.

With control of the ball, the Red Hawks went for one more play as the clock counted down and made it count. Joe Shields ran 55-yards as the time left went to zero and finished with a touchdown, putting the score 40-20.

Senior Alex Barta scored on two of his three point after touchdown attempts.

The boys head to Troy, 2-1, an OAA Red match up. The Colts are coming off a 31-10 victory, their second consecutive win.

"They will play us tough," said Richardson. "They are a good football team. Coach Gary Griffith is a good friend so it is always fun playing them."

The Wolves will have more intensity and more motivation going into the game after learning they had to forfeit the first two games of the season due to an academically ineligible player participating in those games. It put their 3-0 record down to 1-2 and 1-1 in the OAA Red.

Kick off is at 7 p.m. Troy High School is located at 4777 Northfield Parkway.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Time to ride high



The Clarkston Equestrian Team, from left, Becka Leek, Sarah Pobuda, Emma Johnson, Riana Leek, Coach Birch, Denise Garbe, Coach Pobuda, Emily Pobuda, Lili Pyscher, Rachel Vieira, Coach Molina. Photo provided

The Clarkston Equestrian Team is ready to launch their 2011 season after finishing as district and regional champions last year.

With their sights on the state championship this season, they open with their first meet, Saturday in Imlay City.

The riders then compete in a back-to-back meet at the Oakland County Fairgrounds in Davisburg, Sept. 24-25.

Eight members make up this year's team: Denise Garbe, Becka Leek, Riana Leek, Emma Johnson, Emily Pobuda, Sarah Pobuda, Lili Pyscher and Rachel Vieira.

"We are small in number, but we are mighty," added Darci Molina, assistant coach and alumni member.

Emily Pobuda and Riana Leek are returning as senior captains and will lead the team in Showmanship, Saddleseat, Western, Hunt Seat and Bareback.

Senior Denise Garbe, a second year team member who brought her horse from Germany, will lead in Jumping and also ride in

Saddleseat and Hunt Seat.

"While the team is smaller in number of riders this year, its strength is versatility," said Coach Tim Pobuda.

Sophomore Emma Johnson and three freshman riders, Becka Leek, Rachel Vieira and Sarah Pobuda finished strong in summer show season and are excited to contribute with performances in Showmanship, Saddleseat, Huntseat, Jumping, Western and Speed.

Tim added the three freshman showed their strong riding skills throughout the summer and during practices, with Becka in showmanship and riding in Western classes, Vieira in jumping and showing in Hunt Seat and Sarah in speed classes.

They are helped by non-riding team member Lili Pyscher.

"All of the girls are willing to push their boundaries and do whatever it takes to achieve their goals," said Tim.

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Powerful comeback

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers felt pressure from Rochester Adams after their first set in the first OAA Red league match of the season.

But the Lady Wolves grabbed the lead and won the first set 25-22. The girls won two more sets to win the game, 3-0.

"Rochester Adams played us tough," said Kelly Avenall, Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball coach. "They were a good defensive team. They had the girls a little nervous the first game. They were frustrated a bit because it was hard to get a ball down on them and they played with a little more energy than us."

With a break between the sets, the girls gathered for their next plan of action. Avenall also gave them a pep talk before they headed back out to the court.

"I told them everyone is gunning for them and they have to play with as much energy as everybody else," she said. "They needed to pick up the intensity."

They did - capturing the lead in the second set and holding on to it as they kept adding points to the board and ending the score, 25-12.

The next step went just as quickly, ending 25-16.

"I am happy with the win," said Avenall. "It is still early in the season so there is still a lot to work on. I don't want to take anything

away from Adams. They came out ready to play us."

Kaley Konjarevich had nine kills during the game and Stephanie Marani had seven kills.

Maddie Lightfoot had 15 digs. "She is a great floor leader," Avenall said, adding Lightfoot helped during the first set.

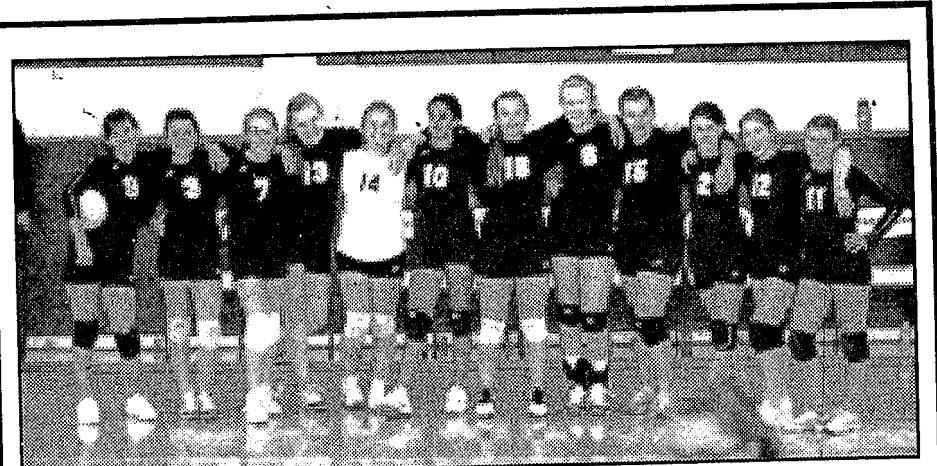
"She knew watching the first game. Some of them with their youth, they don't understand a game like that can go either way. Maddie understands that and she tries to get them to buckle down a little more. She is the one who is going to all year keep the kids up and keep them fighting. I definitely saw that with her."

The girls won the Grand Blanc tournament on Saturday, going undefeated in all five of their games. They beat Brighton in the final round, 25-19 and 25-16.

Konjarevich led the team with 37 kills and Rachel Dickerson added 35 kills. Lightfoot had 63 digs.

The Lady Wolves look to add a third tournament win when they head to the Flushing Invitational on Saturday. First, they head to Seaholm for a OAA Red game to continue their league play and add another win to their current 19-0 overall record.

Clarkston hosts their home opener next Tuesday against Farmington. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



The Everest Collegiate High School Girls Varsity Volleyball team

Victorious Mountaineers

Everest Academy Girls Volleyball team made an impression on Sept. 6.

In their first volleyball match, they defeated Macomb Christian in three sets (25-6, 25-12, 25-19)

Claire Kitz had 13 kills and three blocks, Shannon McDunnough had 11 assists and five aces, and Megan Luttinen had six aces, 17 service receptions and five digs.

The Lady Mountaineers added another win after their game against Jewish Academy last Thursday.

During the girls home game they beat the visitors 3-0 (25-11, 25-13, 25-15). Kitz have five kills and Claire Lasceski had four kills.

The last three years the players have been part of a volleyball co-op team with Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

The next home game for the volleyball teams is Thursday against Cabrini High School. Freshman plays at 5 p.m.,

JV at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity team at 9 p.m.

As part of the Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes co-op varsity football team, the Mountaineers aided in the win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Our Lady of Lakes scored a touchdown each quarter for the 28-7 win.

Jake Doetsch scored on two 5-yard runs in the first half and also added two points after touchdown.

Sean Thomas opened the second half with a 10-yard run and Doetsch scored on the PAT.

Vinny Puma scored on the last touchdown and the last PAT was made by Christian Heiss.

The win put the team 1-0 in the Catholic League Intersection and put them 2-1 overall.

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Clarkston Varsity Girls Volleyball celebrates their second tournament win.

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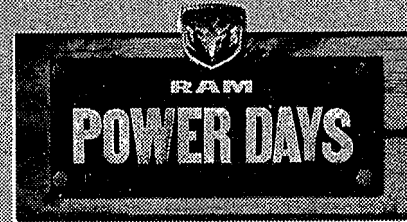
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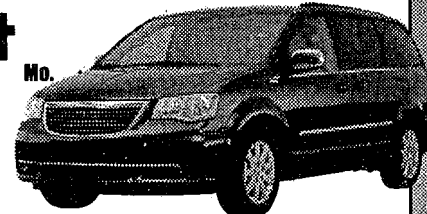
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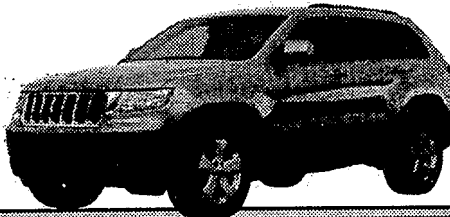
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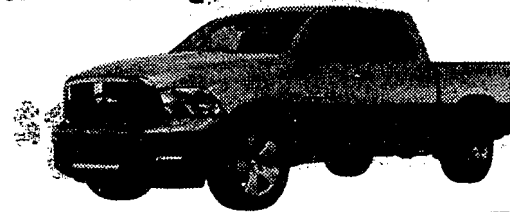


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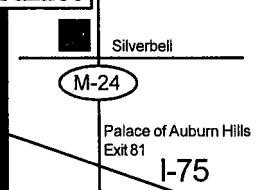
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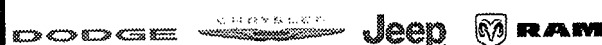
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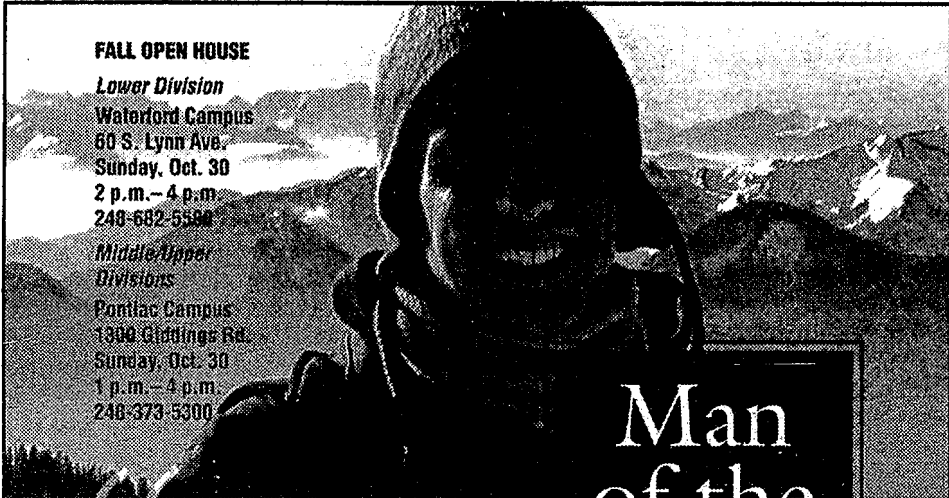
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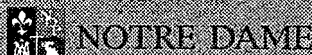
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Everest seniors excel

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middle school building. We weren't by ourselves anymore."

As eighth graders in middle school, they were close to the seventh grade students, he said.

"They weren't just random freshmen - they were our buddies," he said.

"It started to turn into a high school," Bellestri said. "Basketball started that year."

They also worked with the new freshmen to set up a drama club, Thibodeau said.

"We made them feel welcome," she said.

They also organized Snowcoming and other dances, new sports, cheerleading, and other organizations.

"We'd bring the new freshmen in and show them the ropes," Toohey said. "It was an adjustment. I was used to one class."

Last year, they became upper classmen.

"As juniors, we had more options for classes and opportunities to nudge freshmen along," Nalepa said.

By then, the school had enough students for junior varsity as well as varsity teams in basketball, soccer, golf, and other sports.

They could also field complete teams - previously, they would combine with students from Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School in Waterford. They continue to field a combined team in football.

"It brought me out as a person," Thibodeau said. "I joined clubs I never would have considered before - drama, cheerleading. I've never been on stage before."

Classroom opportunities include lots of electives, Advanced Placement, and online classes, Nalepa said.

"There's a huge number of options now," he said.

This year, the school has 90 students in all four grades.

"We're finally a full high school, and it feels like a high school," Bellestri said.

"There used to be 10 of us taking up a quarter of a hallway," Nalepa said. "Then the full hallway, then two hallways this year. You see people around, not empty spaces."

As juniors, the students took the Michigan Merit Examination. Scoring as "Proficient," at Level 1 or Level 2, in Math, 94 percent; Reading, 100 percent; Social Studies, 100 percent; Writing, 94 percent; and Science, 100 percent.

"We are very proud of our students and the teachers that have prepared them," said Chelsea Gheesling, Everest marketing and communications director. "We are very excited to see what's in store during their senior year."

Their academic success is due to Everest's faculty, strength of curriculum, and personal attention to students, said Reichert, who joined Everest High School administration last year and was a teacher there for 14 years prior.

The school's low student-teacher ratio helped, Toohey said.

"There was more one-on-one instruction, making it easier to understand," she said. "When there's 10 students in class, there's more personal attention."

It also instills confidence in the classroom, Thibodeau said.

"I'm not afraid to ask for help," she said.

The small class also helped bond students - many have been together for the past 10 years, Nalepa said. "We get to know each other more than your own siblings," he said. "It's really neat to have a smaller class. It has a family atmosphere with great support to help reach academic goals."

With daily Communion and Mass, it also focuses on spiritual development, Bellestri said.

The 90-acre Everest campus also includes Everest Academy Girls' School and Boys' School, grades 3-8, and co-educational Elementary School, kindergarten-second grade, and Preschool, ages 3-4.

Everest Collegiate High School and Academy recently earned accreditation from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

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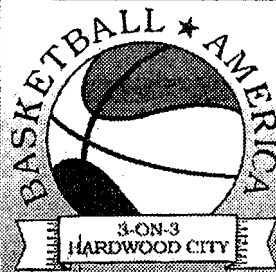
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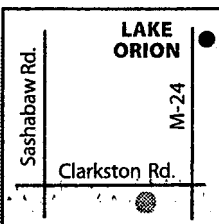


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New principal welcomed at North Sashabaw

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Tara Ouellette pictured her ideal job and dream community, she envisioned Clarkston Community Schools.

"I always knew Clarkston was a wonderful community," she said, explaining both she and her husband grew up in Rochester and have friends and family in Clarkston.

Then, she saw the posting for a principal for North Sashabaw Elementary and couldn't believe it. She applied, was hired, and started in the spring.

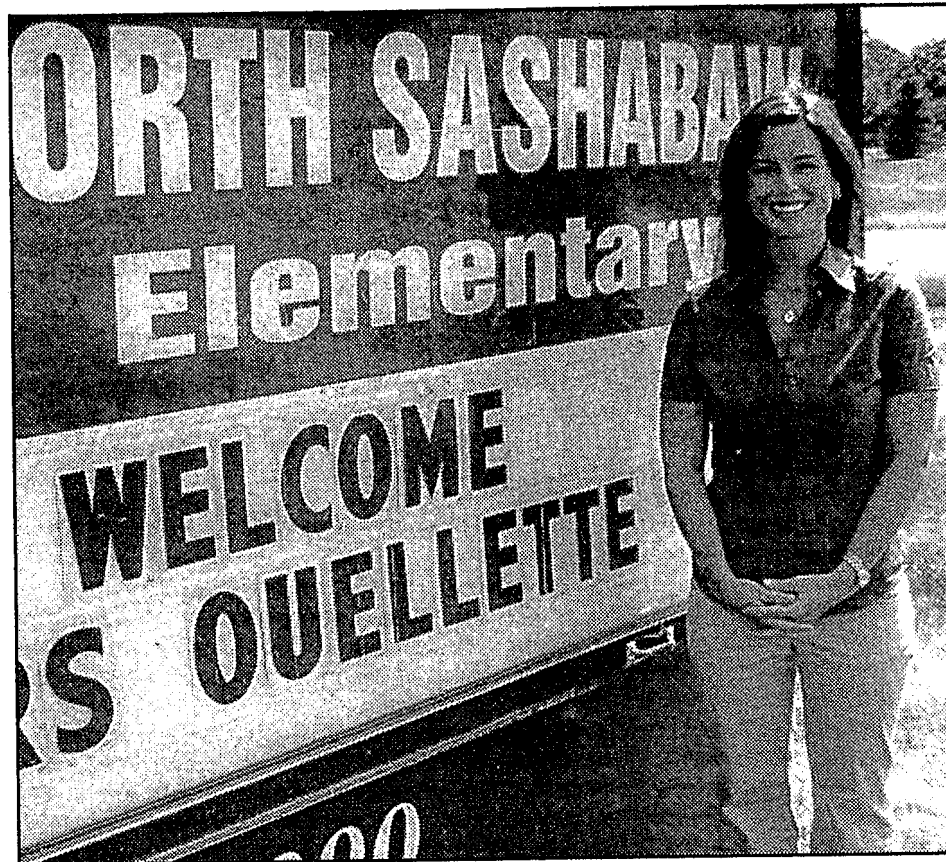
Ouellette brings to North Sashabaw not only excitement but also her collaborative nature.

"The quality I bring is openness," she said. "I want to hear from the parents. Not only do I want to build relationships with the staff and the students but also the parents. I want them to feel open enough to share their thoughts and concerns. Families are as much a part of our North Sashabaw community as the students."

As she gets to know families, she already has gotten to know the staff. She reached out to the staff during the summer, calling them and asking them what they wanted for the future.

"They gave me a shirt with a North Sashabaw Elementary emblem on it," she smiled. "They welcomed me with open arms and said 'we are here to do whatever it takes for you to be successful.' It is a pretty awesome statement. They are a very professional, very smart and talented staff."

Ouellette started as a teacher 13 years ago in West Bloomfield, teaching at both the upper elementary and lower elementary levels. Last year she added literacy coach to her



Tara Ouellette, North Sashabaw Elementary principal.

resume while she was working in Huron Valley Schools. She has also been on different committees, adding to her vast experience.

She never thought about leaving the classroom because she always wanted to teach. It was encouragement from other teachers and administrators seeing the leader within her when she took another look.

"I realized a broader perspective of what

it takes to make a broader difference," she said. "I knew I could make a greater impact on student learning if I led a building rather than stay in the classroom."

Her primary goal is to make sure all the students leaving elementary school are reading at high levels. Another goal is to build relationships and spend time with the parents and the community.

"It isn't just about academics," Ouellette added. "I am offering being connected with the community."

She has only been in the district for a few months and is enjoying being a part of the Wolfpack.

"I believe I am coming in at a really wonderful time," she said, adding Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock, Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan, and the administrative team have been supportive and open her ideas.

"They are creating a way for me to be the best I can be," she said.

Ouellette understands the importance of family. She and her husband have three sons, two started at Pine Knob Elementary and the youngest is attending Funshine.

"My family is a huge part of what allows me to be successful," she added.

She also has a love for playing sports and has played soccer and softball. Right now her outlet to relax is yoga.

For the last 10 years she has participated in the annual Wish A Mile, the 300-mile bike ride for the Make A Wish foundation.

"I use a lot of energy training for it," she said. "I love any fundraising event that is helping kids."

Along with spending time with family and friends she takes time to for gardening, reading and learning what else she can do to be a great leader.

"I am excited to be part of the Clarkston community," Ouellette said. "Now it is not just participating in the community events, which I already had done but I can help to make Clarkston more of an amazing place than it already is. Great things are happening with Clarkston and I am really blessed to be a part of the mission and vision."

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- Carl Bidinger

"It makes me appreciate home, our national parks, and all the special things this country has that other countries don't."



- Jennifer Thompson

"I hope it never happens again. They've done a good job with the memorial in New York."



- Gans Lee

"There have been lots of changes. It's something we have to take in stride and deal with it."



- Michael Kain

"Bin Laden is finally dead, but we haven't brought the troops home yet. They've served above and beyond the call of duty. They need to come home and enjoy life without worrying about bombs and IEDs."

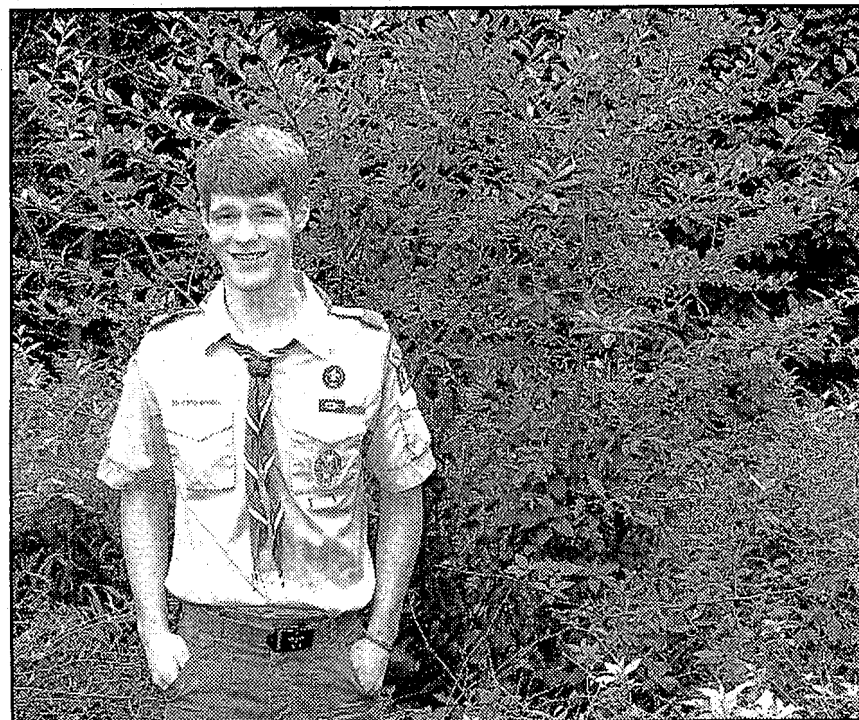


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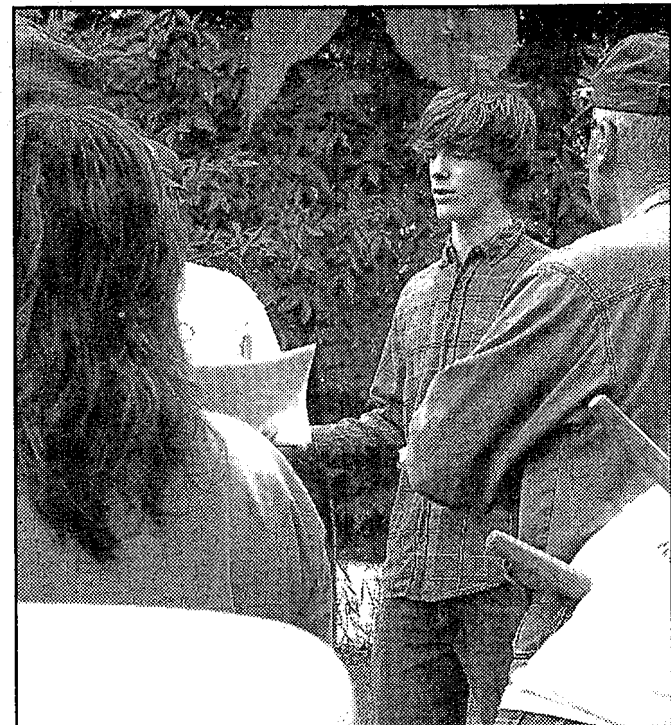
By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Sam Ekstrom with his invasive-species nemesis, an Autumn Olive bush. Photo by Phil Custodio



Ekstrom leads volunteers and scouts in the project last year. Photo provided

Eagle leads fight against plant invasion

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Boy Scout Sam Ekstrom took on an invasive species for his Eagle Project, removing more than 200 Autumn Olive bushes from Shiawassee Nature Preserve.

"I like the outdoors - I hate seeing wild life areas taken over by invasive species," said Ekstrom, 16, scout with Davisburg Troop 192. "It looks good - they haven't grown back."

It will take an ongoing effort to keep out the plant, which was imported to the United States from Asia in the 1800s and grows up to 40 feet high and 50 feet wide.

Collin Walls, Springfield Township supervisor and Davisburg Rotarian, suggested the

project. Completed last June, the project took a lot of organizing and coordination of scouts, adults volunteers, and business donations, he said.

"It took my communications skills to a whole new level, talking to youths and adults too," Ekstrom said.

They made their own herbicide applicators out of PVC pipe, and spent two days tagging then removing the plants.

Sam Ekstrom, who lives in Springfield Township with his parents Lee and Heather Ekstrom, also received the Hornaday Conservation Award for distinguished service in natural resource conservation.

"We're proud of him," Heather said. "His dad

is an Eagle - that helped motivate him. Boy Scouts are truly fabulous. They give him a lot of skills he'll be able to use his whole life."

Sam plans to stay in scouting, working for his Eagle Palm award.

His 10 years in scouting include serving as instructor, senior patrol leader, patrol leader, chaplain aide, troop guide, den chief for Pack 133 of Andersonville Elementary School, flag coordinator, and summer camp counselor at Camp Tapico in Kalkaska.

He also earned the Baden Powell Award, the first for Troop 192, for exhibiting the highest ideals of Scouting during Summer Camp. He earned 33 Merit Badges and the WEBELOS Arrow of Light.

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

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

Fall Used Book and Homemade Bake Sale, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sept. 22; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sept. 23; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 24. Springfield

Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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.

Jazz Concert, 6 p.m., Sept. 25, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Benefits Kids Against Hunger. Free will offering. 248-625-3288.

Weekly meetings

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 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 Cen-

ter, 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.

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

Got Beads, share love of beads and bead-

ing. second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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

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

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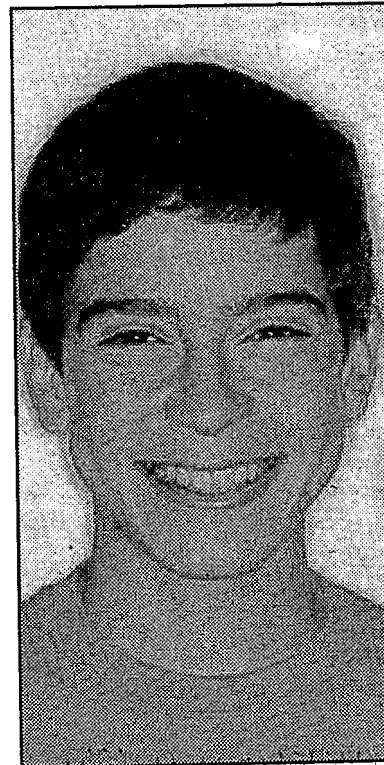
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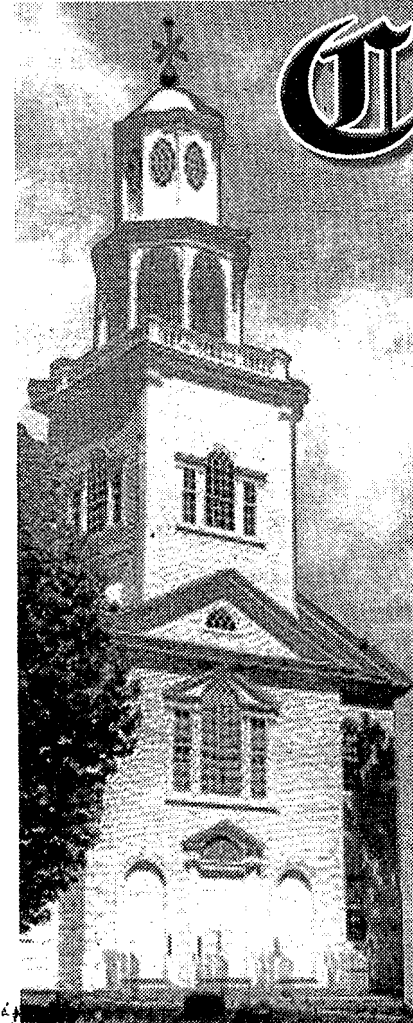
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Marianne Anderson, 74 Fred Beaudoen, 78

Marianne F. Anderson of Brandon Township passed away Sept. 9, 2011, at age 74.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Paull Anderson. She was the mother of Richard Anderson Jr., Lance (Janette) Paull, Julie (Paul) Lichtenberg, T. Bruce Anderson, Heidi Anderson (Tom Leptinsky), Aimee (Justin) Salt and Tina (Kevin) Yancey; also survived by 21 grandchildren and four great grandchildren; sister of Walter Fischer of Germany.



Friends may visit Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., and Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service, Friday, 11 a.m., at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clarkston, where friends may visit at 10 a.m. until time of service. Interment Salt Lake City Cemetery, Utah. Memorials may be made to Heifer International at www.heimer.org. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Hilka A. Lynady, 89

Hilka A. Lynady of Clarkston passed away Sept. 6, 2011, at age 89.

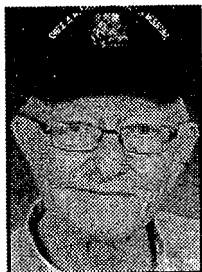
She was preceded in death by her husband Robert E. and son Robert G. She was the loving mother of Adele Powell; mother in law of Kathy Lynady; grandmother of Kyle (John) Powell-Bokor, Robert R. (Leah) Lynady and Rebecca Lynady; great grandmother of Blake, Abby and Kaitlyn; sister of Marvin (Mary) Malstrom.

Funeral Service was Sept. 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Harold F. Wyke, 72

Harold F. Wyke of Clarkston passed away Sept. 8, 2011, at age 72.

He was the husband of Marilyn for 51 years; father of Shellie (Terry) Beiser and Lisa (Mark) Keel; preceded in death by his son Darrell; grandpa of Christie (Tim) Weston, Brandon Wyke, Dillon, Dustin and Abigail Keel.



Mr. Wyke was a proud Marine and retired from Ameritech as a mechanic. He enjoyed woodworking and especially spending time with his family.

Funeral service was Sept. 12 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Fred Beaudoen of Clarkston, a lifetime Michigan resident, died on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011, at home with family.

Mr. Beaudoen was born on Nov. 24, 1932 in Bay City, Michigan. After working at Werner's Pharmacy in Bay City, he taught history for 32 years for Bloomfield Hills Schools where he was head football and track coach at Andover High School.

He was a proud U.S. Army Veteran. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, sports and the wildlife around his home. He loved his family and his dogs.

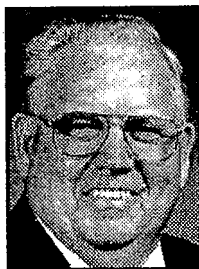
Fred is survived by his children: Russ (Valerie) Beaudoen, Jeff (Stacey) Beaudoen, Lee Beaudoen and Marlise (David) Trèves; his grandchildren: Mannion Beaudoen and Aria Trèves; his sisters: Ettalea (Jury) Carpenter and Betsy (Al) Hoffman; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents: Vernon and Lovila (Champaine) Beaudoen; his aunts: Flossie Champaine, Bernice Champaine, Margaret Beaudoen and Eugenie Beaudoen; and his uncles: Ralph Champaine, Claude Champagne, Charles Beaudoen, Jack Beaudoen and Frank Beaudoen.

A private service was held by **Coats Funeral Home**, Waterford, on Sept. 1 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan where Fred is interred.

Robert Richmond, 87

Robert F. Richmond, "Bob," of Clarkston passed away Sept. 5, 2011, at age 87.

He was the husband of Mary; preceded in death by his first wife Ginny; father of Julia Hadas and Sharyn (Bill) Hill; stepfather of Diane Hughlett and James (Anne) Hughlett; grandfather of Kevin (Kirsten) Hadas, Staci (Mark) McKeon M.D., Brian Hadas and Scott J. (Renee) Hill Esq.; step-grandfather of David Hughlett, Aaron Hughlett and Sam Hughlett; also survived by 11 great grandchildren; brother of James R. (Betty) Richmond.



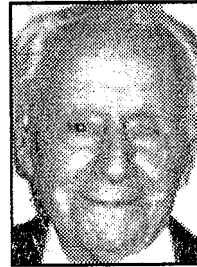
Mr. Richmond retired from General Motors in 1980. He served in the U.S. Army and was wounded in action during World War II. Bob was an avid woodworker and loved fishing, travel and spending time on his boat. He was a member of Kirk of the Hills Church.

Funeral service was Sept. 9 at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Interment with military honors Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Kirk in the Hills or Volunteer Services at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ferdinand Prucher, 102

Ferdinand J. Prucher, "Ferd," of Bloomfield Hills passed away Sept. 8, 2011, at age 102.

He was preceded in death by his wife Olive; father of David (Sandra) and Bryan (Nancy); adored and cherished grandfather of Matthew (Patty), Michael (Megan), Catherine Feltz (Tucker) and Stephen (Blakely); dearly loved great grandfather of Garrett, Grace, Harrison, Alexis,



Page, Aidan and Liam.

During his life he was a source of inspiration to his family, step family, and countless friends.

His accomplishments, resilience, dignity, and encouragement held him in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

A private memorial luncheon will be held in accordance with his final wishes. Inurnment at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Tributes in his name may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester, or Smile Train. With much appreciation, the Prucher family.

Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:32 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson (Arrived 7:35 PM), Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Wagner

There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Rick Yaeger – Deputy Supervisor
Steve Ronk – Fire Chief
Linda Richardson – DPW Director
Susan Hendricks – Finance Director
Steven Joppich – Secrest Wardle

Approval to appoint Acting Chair.

- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approval of Agenda as amended.

- E. **CLOSED SESSION:** Approval to move into Closed Session: Attorney-Client Privileged Legal Opinion, as permitted by MCL 15.268(h).

- F. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion Failed to Approve Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 9, and 16, 2011; Special Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011.

Approval to Table Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 9, and 16, 2011; Special Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011.

- G. **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

- 1. Approval to direct Township Attorney to proceed with litigation against the developers of Ridge at Morgan Lake regarding the completion of the paving project.

- 2. Approval to postpone action on Avington Park until the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2011

- H. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 1. Approval to approve Credit/Debit Card and IT Security Policies that make up the PCI compliance policy and engage Plante/Moran to perform external vulnerability security scans.
- 2. Approval to authorize an operating transfer from the Eastview/Westview and Rohr Road SAD's in the amount of \$5,689.00 to eliminate the deficit in Bowpoint Debt Service Fund.
- 3. Approval to postpone action on 2011 Millage Rates for 2012 Budget and schedule a Truth in Taxation hearing for the Safety Path Millage for the September 20, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Approval to extend meeting beyond 10:00 PM.
Trustee Petterson left at 10:10 PM.

- 4. Approve Budget Amendments to the 2011 Budget as amended.

Approval to direct the Finance Director to provide more information in regard to the DTE matching grant proposal at the next available Regular Board meeting.

- 5. Approval to authorize the Fire Department to Contract with Service Glass Company, Inc. for the replacement of seven entry doors at Fire Station 1.
- 6. Review of Department Budgets for 2012 – No discussion or action; to be rescheduled as a Carryover item on a future agenda.
- 7. Award of a three year service and maintenance contract for well and pump maintenance to Peerless-Midwest.
- 8. Safety Path Budget Increase - No discussion or action; to be rescheduled as a Carryover item on a future agenda.
- 9. Approval to purchase a 2011 Kubota Utility Vehicle in the amount of \$15,750 and a M-5000 Directional Bore Machine with Transmitter in the amount of \$11,395; authorization of budget adjustment in the amount of \$12,000.
- 10. CodeABILITY – Independence Township's Zoning Ordinance - No discussion or action; to be rescheduled as a Carryover item on a future agenda.
- 11. Ratification of action taken at the Special Meeting of August 30, 2011 in regard to M-15 Sewer Lift Station Improvements.
- 12. Approval of establishing E-Bay and PayPal accounts for the purpose of disposing of Township assets and approval of Disposal of Asset form.
- 13. Approval of 2011 Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours; 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- 14. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the Amount of \$1,059,311.39

- F. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Removed from table; Approval of Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 9, and 16, 2011; Special Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011.

L. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
J. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Board members commented on various topics
K. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
The Regular Meeting ADJOURNED at 11:53 PM.
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: September 14, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Add Old Business #3 CDBG Agreement, Remove New Business #4 Zoning Ordinance Sign Provision, Remove CDBG Report from Consent Agenda
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: July 28, 2011 Special Meeting and August 11, 2011 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$323,450.47
- b) Accepted August 2011 Treasurer's Report
- c) Received August 2011 Monthly Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Police, Fire, Assessing, IT and Comp Time Report
- d) Authorized payment of bills as amended, totaling \$43,167.84
- e) Approved 2011 millage rates of .9950 General Fund, 1.000 Fire Fund, .7163 Police Fund expiring 12-31-15, 1.5000 Police Fund expiring 12-31-17, .7500 Parks & Rec. Fund, and .6400 Bond
- f) Approved Planning Commission and Township Board attendance at the Michigan Association of Planning Conference, October 19-21st, Grand Rapids, cost not to exceed \$725 per person
- g) Approved 2012 SMART Municipal Credit Contract and transfer funds to Independence Township to be used for Van Service
- h) Approve General Fund Budget Amendment to reflect Grant received and expenditures for 2 Tornado Sirens by Increasing Other Units of Government revenue from \$90,000 to \$134,500, Increasing total revenue from \$1,851,300 to \$1,895,800 and Increasing Public Works expense from \$247,000 to \$291,500, Increase Total Expense from \$1,849,550 to \$1,894,050
- i) Authorized Fire Chief to purchase two (2) Motorola Quantar Base Stations from Used Radio.com at a cost of \$7,500
- j) Approved Lake Improvement Fund Budget Amendment: Reduce Revenue \$10,000 from \$299,000 to \$289,000 (Contract Services – Waumegah Bern)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. AED Purchase – Fire and Police: Authorized Fire Chief to purchase 3 AED's from Physio Control cost not to exceed \$7,500. Authorized Fire Chief to transfer 2 of 3 retiring AED's to Oakland County Sheriff, Springfield Substation
- 2. Ordinance Enforcement Update: Received update from Supervisor Walls
- 3. CDBG Agreement: Approved addendum as presented for contract between Springfield Township and Independence Township Senior Center

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 2011 Heritage Festival – Township contribution and involvement: Authorized contribution up to \$1,500
- 2. Software and Equipment upgrades – Clerk and Treasurer Offices: Accept proposal from BS&A for Financial Management Systems at a cost of \$24,715 and spread cost over two budget years. Further authorized Supervisor to purchase and install computer equipment as outlined
- 3. Job Descriptions – Property Manager, Clerical Support, Ordinance Officer and Supervisor Administration Assistant: Approved job descriptions
- 4. 2012 and 2013 Budget Priorities – Discussed budget priorities
- 5. Gravel Program – Allocated Metro Act funds and \$56,160 from General Fund Public Works budget for 2011
- 6. Convened to closed session to consider Attorney-Client Privilege Communication: Authorized Attorney to work with Supervisor on items discussed in closed session

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 pm
Publish: 9/14/11

Laura Moreau, Clerk

More Obits . . .

Timothy Hayden, 78

Timothy M. Hayden of Clarkston Qpassed away Sept. 6, 2011, at age 78.

He was the loving husband of Harriet for 50 years; devoted father of Maggie Stephenson, Nancy (Neil) Edwards and the late Timothy G.



STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2011-338, 513-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Cordell C. Avery, Date of birth: 11/29/1940
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cordell C. Avery, who lived at 8300 Eagle Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 died 06/16/2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patricia A. Avery, 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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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 25, 2011

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

Roll. Present – Luginski, Inabnit, Brueck, Bisio, Roth, Hargis and Hunter

Others Present – City Manager Ritter
Moved by Bisio, supported by Brueck to add the following items to the agenda: Under City Managers Report b. Discussion on publication deadlines for nominating petitions, under New Business e. Discussion on updating the City Website d. Discussion on Planning Commission general responsibilities, duties, meeting times and agenda.
Motion carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Brueck to remove the July 11, 2011 minutes and the entire Treasurer's Report from agenda.
Motion Carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to accept the consent agenda to include the June 27, 2011 final minutes.
Motion Carried. – Bisio voting no.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit to approve the correction to the July 11, 2011 draft minutes changing the word "committee" to "Council"
Motion Carried. – Bisio voting no.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to table Financial Advisory Services, O'Keefe & Associates.
Motion carried

Moved by Hargis, supported by Inabnit to table the New Building, Planning and Zoning fee schedule until the next Council Meeting.
Motion Carried.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Inabnit to authorize the City to enter into this Interlocal Agreement contingent on the City Attorney's review and approval of the form of the agreement.
Motion Carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Richter
City Clerk

Hayden; loving grandpa of Conner and Shane Stephenson; dear brother of Jerry (Marge) Hayden; brother in law of L. Brooks Patterson and the late Stephen Patterson.

Mr. Hayden spent many years as a sales representative for Pella Windows and later for Oxbow Windows.

He was an avid Detroit Tiger and Lions fan.

Memorial service was Sept. 12 at Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston. Fr. James Hayden, officiant. Memorials may be made to Rainbow Connection or the Hayden Grandchildren College Fund, c/o Coats Funeral Home.

To send a private condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Heather Heming, 35

Heather M. Heming of Clarkston passed suddenly on Sept. 6, 2011, at 35 years of age after battling a lengthy illness.

She was the beloved wife of Andrew Heming; loving daughter of George (Pam) McAulay of Alaska and Sarah Valentine of Florida; dearest sister of Mike (Missy) McAulay, Erin McAulay and step-brother Jay Valentine; also survived by grandparents Pat (Charles) Dehn and Marian McAulay; father and mother-in-law Tim (Peggy) Heming.

Funeral service was Sept. 10, 2011 at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford.

Memorials may be made to Huron Personal Care Home Hospice. To send a private condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

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CLARKSTON
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Hunter followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll. Present – Brueck, Bisio, Roth, Hargis and Hunter.
Absent – Inabnit and Luginski

Others Present – City Manager Ritter
Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

Moved by Hargis, supported by Brueck to approve Consent Agenda items a. and b. and to exclude item c. (June 27, 2011 minutes) from the consent agenda.
Bisio voted no on items a. and b.
Motion Carried.

Moved by Hargis, supported by Roth to approve the June 27, 2011 minutes with corrections.
Motion Carried.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Hargis to approve authorizing the City Manager to cast the City's vote for the recommended MML Worker's Compensation Fund Trustees.
Motion carried

Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to approve the Lend a Helping Hand's request to use Depot Park, at no charge, August 5th and August 12th for a charity concert.
Motion Carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Richter, City Clerk

Faded Ink

'It's a guy thing' golf

Psst... fellas... come here.

Are you all stressed out? Are you in desperate need of some fun and relaxation? Are you looking for just one day to call your own?

Then get ready to head on over to Devil's Ridge Golf Club (3700 Metamora Rd.) in Oxford Township on Saturday, Oct. 29. That's when the first annual "It's a Guy Thing" event is slated to take place.

"It's a Guy Thing" is being organized by five guys - Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Director Ron Davis, Oxford Township Supervisor Bill Dunn, Jeweller Mark A. Young, *Oxford Leader* Publisher Jim Sherman, Jr. and *Oxford Leader* Editor C.J. Carnacchio.

With all the women's events in Oxford throughout the year, these guys decided it was high time the men had something, too.

The event will kickoff with a two-man, 18-hole golf scramble from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A buffet-style dinner will be served 4-5:30 p.m. followed by a beer and wine tasting event put on by the Oxford Wine & Beverage Co. from 5-7 p.m.

Once you've had your fill of fantastic golf, terrific food and fine adult beverages, settle in for the big euchre tournament from 7 p.m. until midnight.

College football games will be aired all day long on a big screen TV inside the Devil's Ridge clubhouse.

The cost to participate depends on what you want to do. Guys love choices, so this event offers a variety of packages.

Guys who want to enjoy everything the day has to offer can purchase the \$100

package and enjoy golf, buffet dinner, beer/wine tasting and the euchre tournament.

Men who just want to stay indoors are welcome to enjoy the buffet dinner, beer/wine tasting and euchre for \$50.

Guys who only want to golf are invited to do so for \$50.

If you just want to play in the euchre tournament or only attend the beer/wine tasting, it's \$20 per person for either of those portions of the event.

In addition to the package prices, all "It's a Guy Thing" attendees are asked to please bring at least one nonperishable food item for the Oxford/Orion FISH food pantry.

Profits from "It's a Guy Thing" will be split 50/50 between two charities - Wheelin' Team 457 and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Founded in 2003 and based at American Legion Post 457 in North Branch, Wheelin' Team 457 helps people, including veterans, confined to wheelchairs participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor sports and activities.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital seeks ways to cure and prevent pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. To RSVP, e-mail your name, address and telephone number to itsaguythingoxford@hotmail.com.

Checks for the various packages can be mailed to Oxford Township Parks and Recreation, c/o It's A Guy Thing/Ron Davis, 20 W. Burdick St., P.O. Box 170, Oxford, MI 48371.

Please make checks payable to Oxford Township Parks and Recreation.

Stella J. Stevens, 95

Stella J. Stevens of Waterford, formerly of Lake Orion, passed away Sept. 11, 2011, at age 95.

She was the loving mother of Arlene (Thomas) Stone and Michele (Rich) Krumrine; proud grandmother of Todd (Susan) Stone, Sara (Steven) Ray, Abby Krumrine and Sam Krumrine; great grandmother of Will Ray and



Katherine Ray; sister of Cecelia Nowak; preceded in death by her twin sister Hele Wrosch and sisters Mary Marshall, Fa Kornasky and Charlotte Idzikowski.

Prayers and Remembrance Sharing Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Thursday, 3-7 p.m. Funeral Mass Friday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church Clarkston. In State at church after 9 a.m. Rit of Committal All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Lourdes Nursing Home, 2300 Watkins Lake Rd., Waterford 48328. Online www.guestbook.com www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Board of the Charter Township of Independence will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .2471 mills in operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2011.

Safety Path 0.2471

0.2471

The hearing will be held on September 20, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

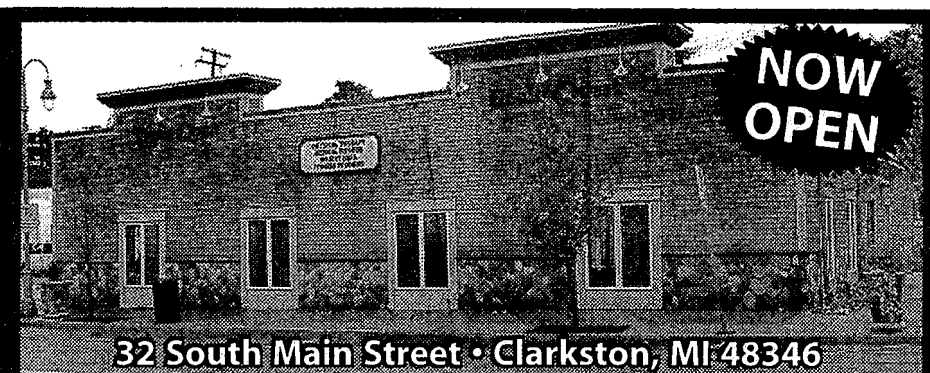
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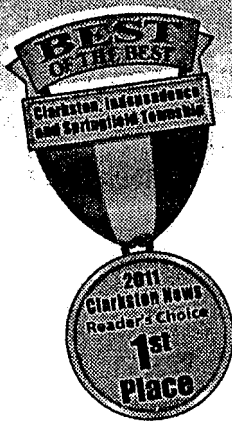
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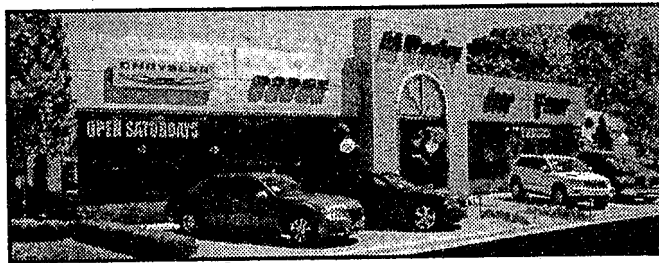
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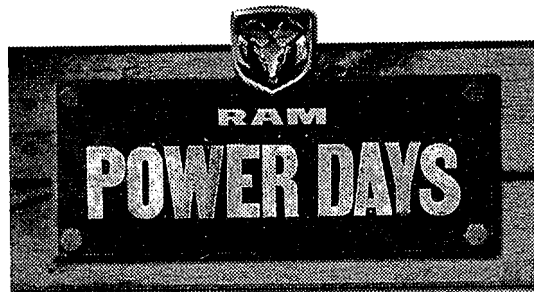
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