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9 awards for News

Celebrating Michigan Newspaper Week, Michigan Press Association's 2011 Better Newspaper Contest netted the *Clarkston News* nine awards.

Sports writer Wendi Reardon earned four awards, including third place for Sports Writing for her story, "Five grapplers finish All-State at state finals."

Her article "Back in play" earned a second place for Sports Column.

In Sports Feature, Reardon earned first- and second-place awards. Her story "Coach Whitehead inspires one last time" took first.

"Legendary coaches always have a place in players' hearts and in the heart of the community," judges said. "We appreciated understanding Coach Whitehead's physical challenges with MS, which helps to make the story that much more inspiring."

In second was the story "Six-year-old finds his footing on water."

"We love the unusual nature of this sports story – a six-year-old and a water sport that is rarely reported. It's interesting and fresh," judges said.

Editor Phil Custodio earned a third-place award for his Picture Story, "Path to paszkis."

"This was very visually interesting," judges said. "Each photo shows a different step, and I think it gives readers a peek into someplace not many have gone. I think the rise in popularity of shows such as 'Cupcake Wars' and 'Cake Boss' prove that people like going behind the scenes to see how this stuff works. And the photographer gets great candid shots of the woman working."

Editorial Writing and Editorial Pages netted the *News* two first place awards, while the Millstream section earned second-place for Lifestyle Pages.

"The section includes a lot of faces and photo, which is terrific for a community newspaper. There's a good mix of content as well. Its design could use improvement," judges said.

This year's Progress edition, "Trends," earned third place in Special Section.

Colorado Newspaper Association volunteers reviewed 2,542 entries submitted by 102 Michigan newspapers in the contest. Complete results are posted at www.michiganpress.org.

– Phil Custodio

Wagner won't go

Absentee supervisor nixes resignation idea

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After six months of sick leave, Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner hopes to get back to work the first of the year.

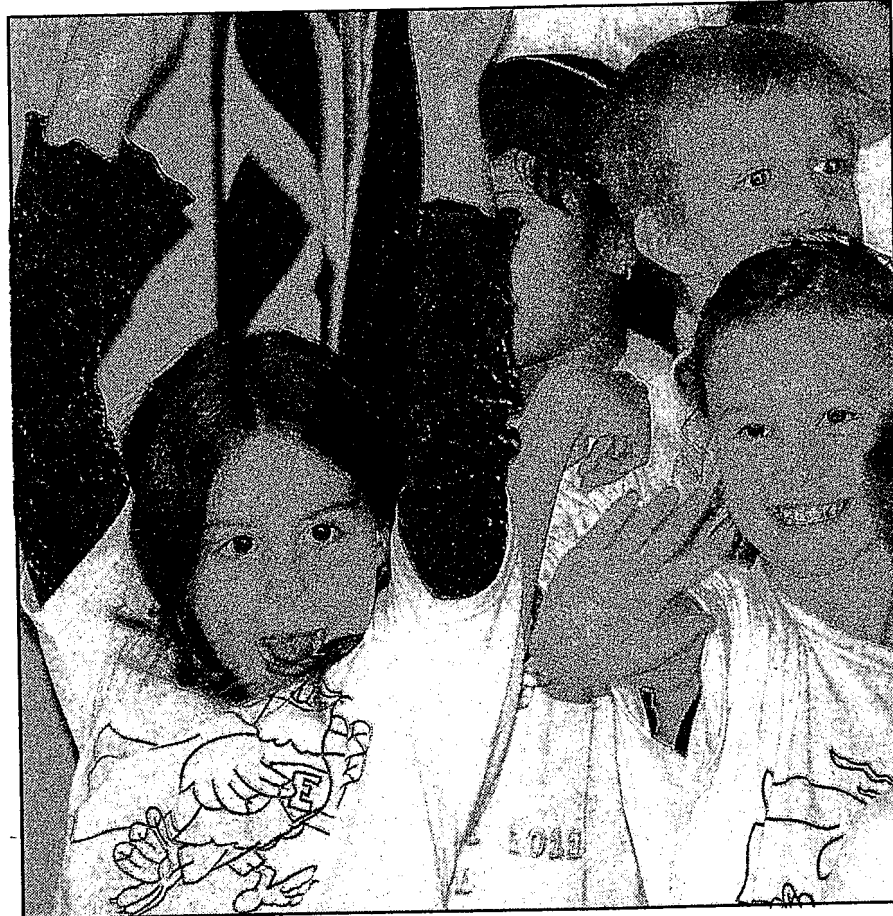
"I have no intention of resigning," Wagner said. "If they (doctors) tell me I'm going to be ill and I'll never recover, then at that time I'll have to make that determination."

After multiple neck surgeries and prescribed over 30 medications, he doesn't know what exactly his ailment is.

He hopes to find out at his next appointment on Oct. 12.

"It's something as far as I know that has to do with the immune system and the blood," he said. "That's what they're looking at."

When doctors at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac determined they could
Please see Wagner on page 35A



Ready to run

From left, Natalie Benton and Makenna Zantello raise their hands, ready to start the Fun Run at Andersonville Elementary, Sept. 28. Please see page 16A for more pictures. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

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Charter-school email churns up opinions

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Charles Kennedy of Clarkston signed up with Clarkstoncalendar.org to receive email notices about school closings and other announcements.

When he found an opinion piece penned by Superintendent Rod Rock about charter schools, he was upset.

"It appears Dr. Rock is utilizing taxpayer funded equipment and time to advance his personal agenda relative to Charter schools," Kennedy said in a letter to the editor, page 6.

"Its intent is not for public officials to utilize resources like this," Kennedy said. "I'd want him to show a balanced approach."

David Yarnall, who also wrote a letter to the editor, said he was surprised to receive a politically oriented E-blast email.

"It feels like a desperate measure to get the word out in any way possible," Yarnall said. "It's unethical - he doesn't own that email address."

Rock sent the article through several venues, including as a viewpoint column to the *Clarkston News* ("Superintendent views as school year gets underway," Sept. 21) and his blog, rodrockon.blogspot.com, which is linked to from Clarkston Community Schools' website.

"As the superintendent of schools, I feel it

is my obligation to notify our community of this legislation, its potential effect on our schools, and to share with them my opinion on it," he said. "I also feel that I must stand up for teachers as they serve our children, which I've done frequently in my writings."

Readers are welcome to share opinions with him, he said.

According to Clarkstoncalendar.org, the website is a partnership between Independence Township, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and Clarkston Community Schools.

It was created in 2003 to "provide a user friendly, up-to-date calendar of all community events" to help "keep our community informed about local events, government meetings and area activities."

"The calendar is a good idea, but use it for what it was intended for," Yarnall said. "He feels he has to get the word out against charter schools - that irritates me. For or against doesn't matter. This is like using company email to sell a bicycle. You'd get reprimanded for using it for a personal email."

Rock should have stuck with his own email address, Yarnall said.

"He has his own email," Yarnall said. "With this kind of issue, he should use his school address."

Rock said more charter schools threaten

Michigan school districts.

"The most alarming part is that the legislation includes an option for school districts to privatize teaching," he said. "I believe this is another attempt to deprofessionalize the teaching profession and to defund public schools."

Kennedy disagrees.

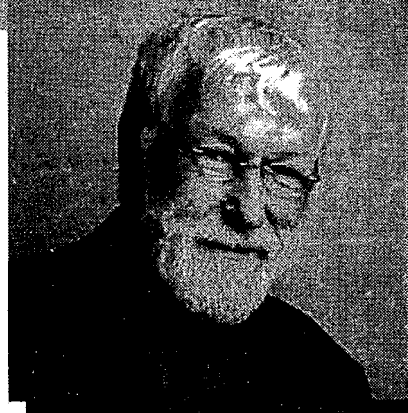
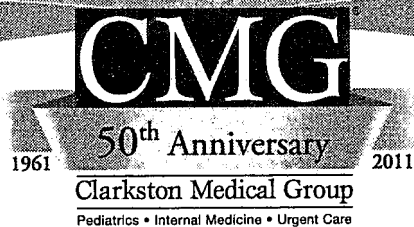
"Competition is critical," Kennedy said. "We're raising children to go into a competitive environment."

The state Senate is considering the Parent Empowerment Education Reform package, which would lift the 150-school cap on charter schools, expand cyber charter schools, allow parents and teachers to petition to convert the school to a charter, expand dual enrollment, college-credit opportunities for high-achieving students, and require districts to participate in schools of choice.

"Parents across Michigan are clamoring for more choices," said state Sen. Phil Pavlov, R-St. Clair Township, one of seven sponsors of the bills, in a press release. "This package is a major step toward meeting those goals and breaking down the barriers standing between our kids and their future."

If passed, it probably would not have an immediate impact on Clarkston.

"I don't believe there is a charter planned or operating in Clarkston," Rock said.



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We will be accepting donations for the POH Riley Foundation.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Briefly

Howl-o-ween

Clarkston Retailer's Group hosts the second annual Howl-o-ween Event, 12-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, in Depot Park.

Registration will be at the Clarkston Flower Shoppe, 7150 N. Main Street. Owners and pooches are encouraged to come dressed in their halloween best for trick or treating, shopping, and costume contest at the gazebo in the park.

Call Peg Roth at 248-462-3008.

Friendly Forest

Tickets are on sale for the 2011 Friendly Forest.

Hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation in partnership with Clarkston Area Optimist Club, the Halloween-themed event is 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.

Purchase tickets in advance at the Parks and Recreation office, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. Call 248-625-8223.

Season ends for market

Clarkston Farmers' Market wraps up the 2011 season, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8.

Late season produce includes fall flowers, heirloom pumpkins and squash, honey, pies, granolas, coffee, cider and donuts, organic cookies and chips.

The new Ediblewow issue is also available. Roosroast coffee from Ann Arbor, brewed by Cafe Brioni, is for sale under the yellow Welcome umbrellas.

"I invite the public to stay tuned to the paper for news regarding the Clarkston Farmers' Market 2012 season," said Anissa Howard, market director.



Casey Reed, at left, and Jennifer Tucker are ready for the Davisburg Heritage Festival this weekend. Photos by Phil Custodio

History and heritage

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Davisburg Heritage Festival includes two days of activities this year.

"It gets bigger every year," said Casey Reed, recreation coordinator, Springfield Township Parks and Rec. "It's a great way for the community to get together and celebrate where we came from."

The festival kicks off, Saturday, Oct. 8, with a pancake breakfast at the Hart community Center, 8 a.m., \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3-6, free for children 2 and under.

The festival parade of fire engines, tractors, and other vehicles starts at 12 p.m., Shultz Park to Shiawassee Nature Preserve.

"The parade continues to grow - it's taken on a life of its own," said Jennifer Tucker, Parks and Rec director.

The event map includes the new Heritage Passport activity, with stops in Davisburg Cemetery, Mill Pond Park, downtown Davisburg, Shiawassee Basin Preserve, and Springfield Oaks County Park.

"Children and families visit each stop and get a sticker, then they take them to the last stop for treats," Reed said.

Free events include antique tractor display, park tours, historical demonstrations,

and games, Hay Maze, and demonstrations in Shiawassee Nature Preserve. Buses will help people get around.

A history time line, featuring pictures and artifacts from Davisburg's past, will also be on display.

"It's really neat," Reed said

The public can vote for their favorite scarecrow in the Decorate Davisburg Scarecrow Contest through Monday, Oct. 12 - ballots are entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate. Ballot boxes are placed in businesses throughout downtown Davisburg.

Winner earns the title "Davisburg's Finest Scarecrow" and a \$30 prize.

Events on Sunday, Oct. 9, include Craft Show and Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fall Colors wagon ride in Shiawassee Nature Preserve, 1 p.m.; Davisburg Cemetery walking tours with interpreters, 1-3 p.m.; and Dodworth Saxhorn Band concert, 3:30-5 p.m., featuring the music of the Civil War.

"This is a community event to showcase Davisburg heritage, what this place is about," Tucker said.

This event is in conjunction with the Oakland County Parks Ellis Barn Festival in Springfield Oaks County Park, 1-5 p.m., Oct. 8. Parking is \$5.



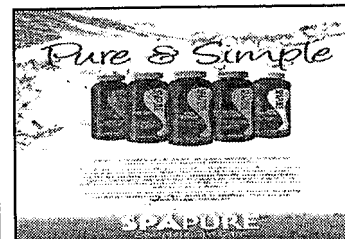
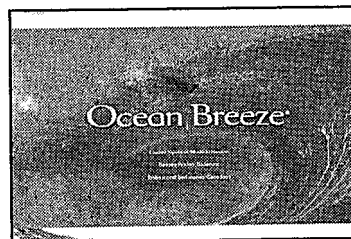
The festival includes a scarecrow contest in downtown Davisburg.



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In the past, he explained, that a crown, onlay or inlay would require two visits to the dentist—not to mention the hassle of wearing a temporary crown in the interim.

"They fall out all the time," said Dr. Greenfield. "But, of course, they don't fall out at the dentist. They fall out at dinner, they fall out during the family vacation. They're hard to deal with."

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"It's a very conservative restoration, but it can make



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the tooth almost as strong as it used to be," said Dr. Greenfield, noting the tooth-colored ceramic used in CEREC has properties similar to human enamel.

In addition to the time-savings aspect of a one-visit restoration, CEREC offers other advantages over the conventional process, as well, Dr. Greenfield explained.

For example, more conservation of tooth structure. Often, a partial-coverage restoration can be completed rather than a full conventional crown.

"We prepare only the damaged portion of the tooth,"

Dr. Greenfield said. "Others prepare the whole tooth, cutting it down to a nub, even though a significant portion is still good. It can be quite uncomfortable."

CEREC restorations tend to be less sensitive to hot and cold than a standard filling, and high-fear patients are glad to come in, get the work done and go home without the anxiety of a return trip.

"It's also great if you don't like goo, or have a gag reflex," Dr. Greenfield said. "With CEREC, you don't have to sit there with that goo in your mouth like when you get a regular crown."

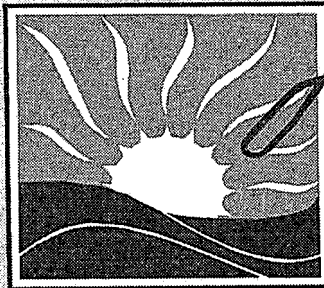
Dr. Greenfield also has the expertise and technology to safely remove old mercury fillings.

"This is where CEREC really shines," he said, noting a staunch advocacy against the use of mercury. "The metal-free restoration is very beautiful and feels good in your mouth."

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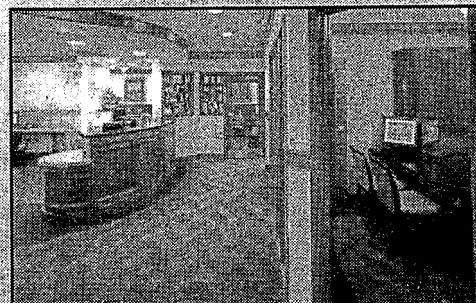
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Instead of gutting a foreclosed home in downtown Clarkston, Lisa Gusman, left, and Cheryl Waring renovated it and hope to sell it. Photos by Phil Custodio

Homeowners bet on improved market

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

While hundreds of Clarkston-area homes are still in foreclosure, Cheryl Waring and Lisa Gusman of Clarkston see a turnaround coming.

They're acting on it, too. They took a foreclosed property in the City of the Village of Clarkston and renovated it for sale.

"The market is starting to turn around a little bit," said Waring, associate broker with ReMax Encore. "Prices are going up. Construction money is available. There's investment in Michigan again. Houses are selling."

They're set to list the 3,000-square-foot house at 62 Buffalo for \$325,000. When in foreclosure, it was \$140,000.

"We were originally looking at it as a rental, but taxes are high and we'd have to charge a lot in rent," Waring said. "It was in rough shape, but the potential to be beautiful was there. I think we did that."

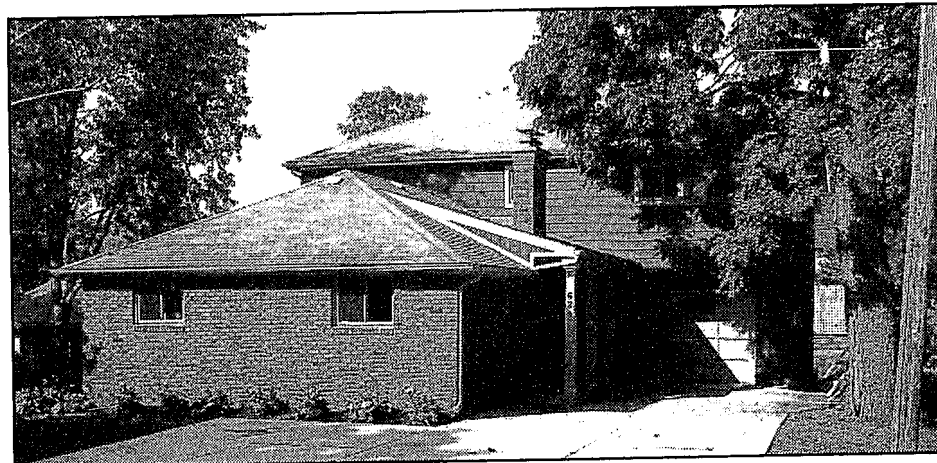
"I've always wanted to try this," Gusman said. "I wanted to start off big. It's been a great experience. All the contractors have been wonderful, and the neighbors are happy."

The house and its additions were completed in 1977. Waring and Gusman purchased it from the bank in January and recently completed renovations.

In accordance with Clarkston Historical Preservation Society permit, they preserved the exterior but were free to renovate the inside.

"Everything is new," Waring said. "It's in a great location. It's right behind the Union. We expect it to sell."

The rate of increase in the number of foreclosures countywide has been falling in recent years, according to Oakland County Equalization Department.



The Buffalo Street home sports a new look.

Number of recorded sheriff deeds

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Ratio
INDEPENDENCE	5	15	40	36	40	52	106	158	195	195	303	43.3
SPRINGFIELD	0	12	17	10	14	16	43	60	110	87	103	56.7
CLARKSTON	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	2	6	9	8	53.6
COUNTY	106	1,125	1,750	1,963	2,117	2,670	4,904	6,861	9,078	8,434	9,349	51.2
% Change			55.6	12.2	7.8	26.1	83.7	39.9	32.3	-7.1	10.8	

- Oakland County Equalization Department

Foreclosures increased by 83.7 percent in 2006, to 4,904 foreclosures; 39.9 percent in 2007; 32.3 in 2008; fell by 7.1 percent in 2009, and increased by 10.8 percent last year. The county estimates foreclosures to fall by 16-17 percent this year.

So far this year, 8,846 properties are in foreclosure countywide.

The number of foreclosures in Independence Township hit 106 in 2006, increasing to 303 last year. So far this year, 251 properties are in the foreclosure process.

Springfield Township foreclosures topped 100, hitting 110, in 2008, with 103 last year. Forty properties are in foreclosure so

far in 2011.

Foreclosures in the City of the Village of Clarkston hit nine in 2009, with eight last year.

More property owners are shortselling instead of going into foreclosure, selling at reduced prices. In the Clarkston area, more properties are being sold privately, Waring said.

"People are able to sell their houses again without giving it to the bank or short selling," she said.

The future is still uncertain, but this is a good sign, Waring noted.

"Anything can happen," she said.



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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Michigan rocks

It was a good weekend to be from Michigan.

The Detroit Tigers tied their series with the New York Yankees, both with one win. Then added another win on Monday night. The Detroit Lions grabbed a four point lead with only minutes to go against the Dallas Cowboys. I only caught the last five minutes of the game, but it was the best five minutes.

Not to mention the Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Football team closed the gap to qualify for playoffs by one more game. They need six wins to qualify for playoffs. Four down, two wins to go with three games left of the regular season.

It is hard to believe it was only three weeks ago the Wolves forfeited their first two games of the season. But they were resilient the next game, giving Troy a 28-13 loss and a whooping on Pontiac, 42-18.

They didn't falter mentally or physically during the games just like the community's support didn't falter for their Wolves.

The boys head to Royal Oak this week, who has only won one game this season and it was by one point to St. Clair Shores. It could be anyone's game - but as long as the Wolves keep doing what they are doing and continuing to improve on the offensive and defensive lines, Clarkston has it. Next week's opponent still hangs in the air for the OAA Crossover game.

The *Clarkston News* has also had our own victory - nine awards in the Michigan Press Association 2011 Better Newspapers Contest. For all the details, please see page 1A.

The results come out the same week as my birthday so for the last two years it has been a sweet treat. Also, as I like to see it a beginning of a new year to not only better myself but to challenge myself.

After achieving three awards last year I knew I could win National Novel Writing Month in November. It took a lot of focus, caffeine, write-ins and tangents to get those 50,000 words.

Now with four awards, one each in Sports News and Sports Column and two in Sports Features maybe I can hit 60,000 words this November and finish editing last year's story by Oct. 31.

Thank you to the Clarkston Athletic community and you, our readers. You are wonderful with all you do plus you support a journalist and buy a newspaper.



Fix Wagner loophole

Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner's illness presents a new problem for the township, calling for a new solution.

As reported on Page 1, "Wagner won't go," he refuses to step down despite being out of the office since April. He doesn't expect to return to work until next year.

Township residents pay for and deserve a fully-functional supervisor. State law lists several conditions for a vacated office,

none of which apply specifically to this situation. The closest is "refusal or neglect to take and subscribe to the oath" of office.

Independence Township should create another, so this doesn't happen again. If a public official can't perform his or her duties for any reason for such a long period, he or she should step down or be removed.

Put it in writing.

-PMC

Editorial

Reader irked by E-blasted opinion

Dear Editor,

I recently received an email blast written by Dr. Rock, superintendent of schools, from Clarkstoncalendar.org.

It appears Dr. Rock is utilizing taxpayer funded equipment and time to advance his personal agenda relative to Charter schools. To utilize this taxpayer funded informational email tool to promote a one-sided agenda is not an open-minded approach to fixing our ailing school system.

Where is the voice for taxpayers that believe in school choice via a voucher system or charter school?

In my response to Dr. Rock I explained my

position that choice promotes competition and that competition promotes excellence. Dr. Rock's response: 'I don't believe that the competition model fits with schools.'

We have serious educational testing shortfalls relative to other countries; we have to compete.

Dr. Rock's position to continue to protect a public school only option is no longer realistic. I would encourage Dr. Rock and all citizens to keep an open mind to other forms of education. After all, our goal is to enable our children to compete.

Charles Kennedy
Clarkston

A call for more views in E-blasts

Dear Editor,

I was thoroughly disappointed when I recently received an email from Clarkston Schools Superintendent Rod Rock. The email, which decried Charter Schools in Michigan, was completely biased and intended for nothing more than dispensing Dr. Rock's personal political views and to persuade recipients to the same.

What really irritated me, however, was the fact that the sender email address was clarkstoncalendar.org. This is the email address that is associated with what is supposed to be a non-profit, non-political organization that simply posts Clarkston-area calendar events online.

There is actually a link to clarkstoncalendar.org on Clarkston School's home page. The link is labelled "Online Community Calendar." I am on this distribution list because it was "sold" as the fan-out email list for Clarkston Schools. I, like many others, added my email address to the list in order to receive school cancellation notices during the winter months, NOT to receive emails containing one-sided political rhetoric.

The issue of Charter Schools has been, and will continue to be, debated in public forums across Michigan. Dr. Rock, however,

seems to feel that he has the right to use his access to a non-political organization to present his opinion only. Is Dr. Rock going to offer the info@clarkstoncalendar.org email address to opposing viewpoints? Shouldn't people with other viewpoints be able to respond to his email or present their side of the debate? In his email, Dr. Rock states that he respects "your opinions on this and all issues", yet there is no way for one to reply with one's opinion.

This is a complete abuse of influence and power by the Superintendent. Unless Dr. Rock wants to offer equal time to his detractors, he should use his clarkston.k12.mi.us email address to voice his personal political opinions.

I intended to copy Dr. Rock on this email. Unfortunately, after a relatively thorough search of Clarkston School's website, it appears that his Clarkston Schools email address is conspicuously absent. All I was able to find was a link to sign up for Dr. Rock's personal Twitters and a link to his personal blog, which, coincidentally, featured a link to an article about Charter Schools. I wonder how he receives all of those valuable opinions from Clarkston residents.

David Yarnall
Independence Township

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Enrollment continues to grow" Enrollment district-wide was up 184 students, most at Clarkston High School. Clarkston High was the third largest in Oakland County, behind Rochester and Troy.

"Break-in nets thieves guns, cash" An Independence Township family suspected a gang of cross-dressing high school students broke into their safe and stole thousands of dollars in cash and property. School officials didn't know of any such gang.

"Up, up... and away!" Springfield Plains students made hot-air balloons out of tissue paper and used a heat gun to provide the hot air. The teachers used lessons from Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., in the lesson.

25 years ago - 1986

"Parade march for Springfield" H.B. Childress, Joan Clements, and Gerald McNally serves as judges in the Davisburg parade. Best Float award went to Davisburg Elementary, portraying a 19th century classroom with Steve Gaynor as schoolmaster.

"Campaign pushes drug-free homes" About 2,400 families signed the Safe Homes Pledge sponsored by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance and its subcommittee Clarkston Area Chemical People. They promised to halt parties without parents, underage drinking, and illegal drug use in Clarkston homes.

"Improvements for M-15 in works" The state had a plan to widen M-15 between Paramus Road and Dixie Highway from two to five lanes, which village officials opposed. They wanted a three-lane expansion to prevent a bottleneck at the south end of downtown, and were also concerned expansion would impact historic homes north of the business district.

50 years ago - 1961

"Know your fire department" Independence Fire Department was well equipped with two 500-gallon pumper trucks, a 400-gallon pumper, 1,500-gallon tanker/pumper, and 200-gallon booster truck. Altogether, the trucks could deliver 2,150 gallons of water per minute on a fire.

"National champions to skate here" Gene and Jean Anderson hosted the National Champions exhibition at the Clarkston Rollercoade. They hoped to acquaint the people of Clarkston with roller skating and to show what an enjoyable sport it can be.

"Clarkston locals" Mr. and Mrs. David Dumas of Clarkston arrived home after a seven-week vacation at Lake Leelanau. Mrs. Dumas said, "the fishing was wonderful."

Handwriting dying? Don't tell our Daddies

Headlines are supposed to attract our attention. This one in *The Detroit News*, September 23 sure got mine: "Individuality is lost as art of handwriting dies."

The reporter is Marney Rich Keenan. She writes of her 92-year-old father comparing the speed of today's communications with the way it was in his youth.

Keenan writes, "Nobody handwrites anymore, save the occasional thank-you note or invitation. No wonder the U. S. Postal service is slated to close offices and cut back on services."

"It's not that we are communicating less -- supposedly we send something like 300 billion emails a day worldwide. It's just that we are not putting pen to paper."

Then Keenan gets to the stuff I've heard about cursive writing not being taught in Oxford schools any more.

STOP right now.

It's not true.

Oxford Schools James Schwartz said, via email, "Cursive writing is still covered, however, not to the extent as it once had been."

Okay, back to Marney's dad and my daddy. Her's

is 92 (Mine would be 121. He was graduated from Parsons Business School in Chicago and retired hand writing stuff for Grand Trunk Railroad in Durand. I have the two daily diaries he kept while serving in the Army in France in World War I. Every word, on every page is perfectly, legibly written.)

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Back to Keenan's article. She said by the time school started this year, 45 states (including Michigan) had adopted the Common Core State Academic Standard in their public schools, a curriculum, which, in part, phases out cursive writing in the classroom.

Common Core's mission statement seeks to teach skills that are "robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills our young people need for success in college and careers."

Thus, we can conclude from Common Core, handwriting skills are now deemed irrelevant to the real world.

Someone blogged Keenan (obviously they aren't cursively coordinated), "Pretty handwriting, if it has

any place in modern elementary schools, belongs in the art classroom."

Another thing the computer, etc. has replaced is the individuality handwriting brings.

When a teacher or professor gets an email, blog, text or whatever electronically, do they proof read it?

I'm asking, does anyone critique it? Are grades given based on extremely shortened text messages?

Ah, I wish my daddy was around to write, in his perfect, individual handwriting what he thinks of all this in his perfect railroader's language.

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- Our political leaders often cite their "oversight committees". Overseers like have allowed millions to be paid pensions, etc. to dead people, as announced this week. Webster says they can be "inadvertent omissions." I don't think so!

- Mark Twain: "Go to heaven for the climate. Go to Hell for the company."

- A fat girl served me lunch. She said, "Sorry about the wait." I said, "Don't worry, you'll find a way to lose it eventually."

- Mosquitos are twice as attracted to pregnant women as they are to nonpregnant women.

Yawning tortoises and more Ignobels

For about ten years now I have followed the exploits of one Marc Abrahams, editor and co-founder of the humor magazine *Annals of Improbable Research*. I know it sounds funny, but he makes me happy.

Some time ago and for some reason I signed up for the *Improbable Research* newsletter/e-mail.

And, every once in a while I get an e-mail at just the right time to make me smile. The one I really anticipate announces the IgNobel Awards. The ceremony is co-sponsored by the magazine, the Harvard-Radcliffe Science Fiction Association, the Harvard-Radcliffe Society of Physics Students, and the Harvard Computer Society.

The whole deal is to, and I quote, "first make people LAUGH, and then make them THINK."

Actual Nobel prize types dole out the awards and each winner gets only 60 seconds to make their acceptance speeches.

I love it! And, I wish actors would only talk a minute when they win awards -- but that of course is a discussion for another day.

So, how did Marc make me smile last week? By putting in my e-mail box the announcement of this year's award-win-

ning research projects.

- **Physiology Prize:** 'No Evidence of Contagious Yawning in the Red-Footed Tortoise.'

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

- **Chemistry Prize:** for determining the ideal density of airborne wasabi (pungent horseradish) to awaken sleeping people in case of a fire or other emergency, and for applying this knowledge to invent the wasabi alarm.

- **Medicine Prize:** for demonstrating that people make better decisions about some kinds of things -- but worse decisions about other kinds of things, when they have a strong urge to urinate.

- **Psychology Prize:** for trying to understand why, in everyday life, people sigh.

- **Literature Prize:** for someone's "Theory of Structured Procrastination" which says: To be a high achiever, always work on something important, using it as a way to avoid doing something that's even more important.

What's fun about this is going back and reading scientists' research, why it

was done, what they are trying to achieve and their conclusions. Here is something from the abstract on the phenomenon of contagious yawning by IgNobel prize winners Anna Wilkinson, Natalie Sebanz, Isabella Mandl, Ludwig Hubera. Their study focused on the famed red-footed tortoises . . .

"It has been hypothesized that it is a fixed action pattern for which the releasing stimulus is the observation of another yawn, that it is the result of non-conscious mimicry emerging through close links between perception and action or that it is the result of empathy, involving the ability to engage in mental state attribution.

"This set of experiments sought to distinguish between these hypotheses by examining contagious yawning in a species that is unlikely to show nonconscious mimicry and empathy but does respond to social stimuli: the red-footed tortoise . . ."

They taught a tortoise to yawn on command, put it with others of its species and watched and waited. And, what did they learn?

"The observer tortoises were presented with three conditions: real yawn, conditioned yawns and empty background. Again there was no significant difference

between conditions.

"We therefore conclude that the red-footed tortoise does not yawn in response to observing a conspecific yawn. This suggests that contagious yawning is not the result of a fixed action pattern but may involve more complex social processes."

They used "conclude" in the previous paragraph, but I bet you don't know what their real conclusion was, do you? Think . . .

"The findings of this study suggest that contagious yawning may be controlled by higher level social processes as it is believed that tortoises do not possess nonconscious mimicry or empathy. However, the current data do not allow us to determine whether contagious yawning is a result of nonconscious mimicry or empathy . . . The empathy hypothesis predicts that we would expect to see little evidence of contagious yawning outside the higher primates and (possibly) domesticated dogs, species believed to be capable of empathy . . . Further research is needed to determine which of these social processes may be involved in controlling yawning."

Don's translation of science gobblygook: "We need more funding to study this some more."



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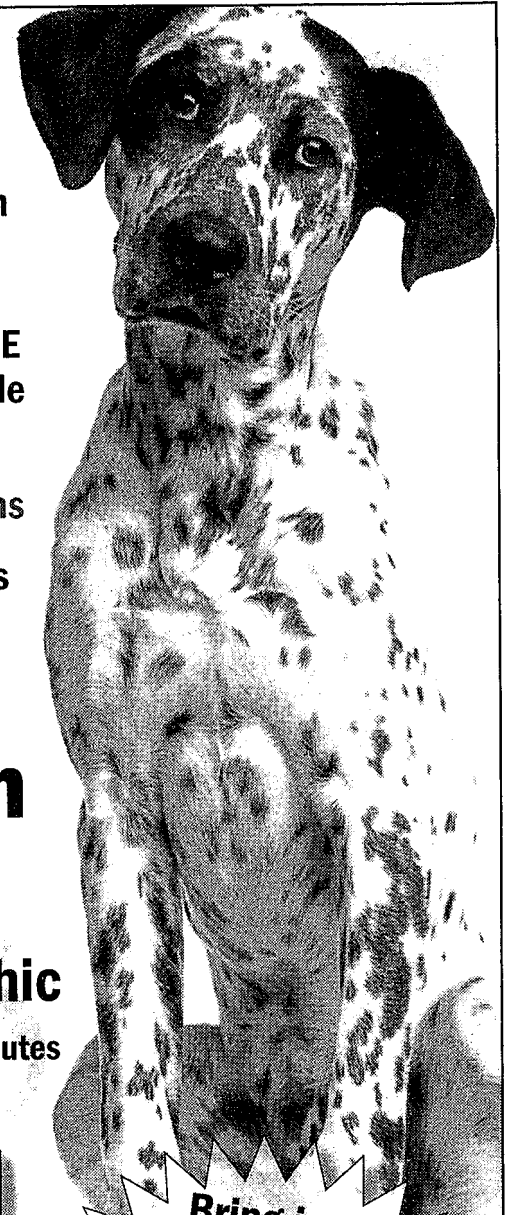
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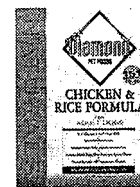
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Stolen plate

A license plate was taken from a boat trailer parked in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, Sept. 16.

Business break-ins

Several lock boxes and desk drawers were pried open in offices in the 5000 block of Bow Pointe Drive, Sept. 23. Several hundred dollars in cash and checks were taken.

Passenger problem

A 64-year-old Independence Township man picked up a woman he didn't know on Dixie Highway, 11:20 p.m., Sept. 23. She said she needed a ride to Pontiac. They stopped by his home so he could pick something up, leaving her alone in the dining room. Later, he found two checks missing from his checkbook, which he kept in a drawer near the dining room. One of the checks was cashed for \$250, which he reported as a larceny. He told deputies he didn't know the woman's name nor remember where he dropped her off.

Cigarettes stolen

A white man, about six-foot tall, 140-170 pounds, 23-27 years old, with facial hair, grabbed about 20 packs of cigarettes from a gas station in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 12:28 a.m., Sept. 24. The suspect wore a blue coat, white and pink shirt underneath, black hat with a "P" on it, tennis shoes, and jeans.

Scrap hauled

An old dishwasher, phone wire, and some metal framing were taken from a yard in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road, Sept. 24.

Unlocked vehicle

Someone took two iPods and a bottle of prescription medicine from a vehicle parked unlocked in the driveway in the 10000 block of Perry Lake Road, Sept. 24.

Broken windows

Someone smashed the back window and sunroof of a car parked in the street in the 5000 block of Spring Meadow Drive, Sept. 24.

Air conditioners taken

A central air conditioner unit and two window AC units were taken from the front yard of a home in the 5000 block of Drayton Road, Sept. 25, where they were waiting to be installed.

Key left in van, taken

A Walters Road resident left her key in an unlocked van parked in the driveway, Sept. 25. Someone took the key and a wallet, as well as money from another unlocked car in the driveway.

Domestic abuse arrest

A 39-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed for hitting her ex-husband, who was at her Mann Road home to pick up their son, 7:37 p.m., Sept. 26.

More cigarettes stolen

A suspect described as a thin white man, brown hair with a goatee, took three cartons of cigarettes from a gas station in the 7000 block of N. Ortonville Road, Sept. 27.

Purse snatcher

An Independence Township woman was returning a shopping cart to its stall when someone took her purse from the front seat of her car, in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, 11:30 a.m., Sept. 28. The suspect is a white man, about 5-feet, 10-inches tall, thin, brown hair with facial hair, gray sweatshirt, blue jeans, and brown work boots. After grabbing the purse, the suspect got into a blue SUV and drove away on Maybee Road.

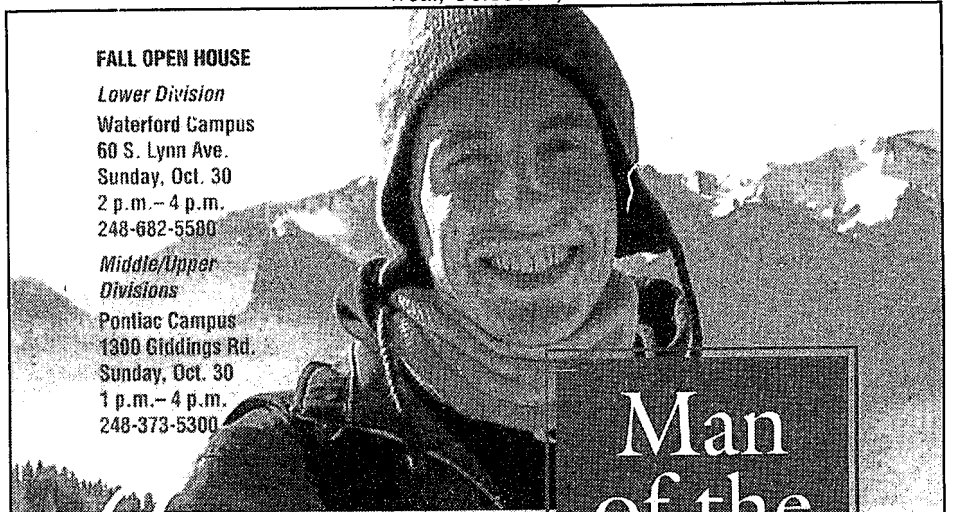
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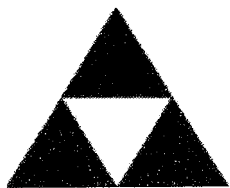
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Studies have also shown that the death rate from oral cancer is about four times higher for cigarette smokers than nonsmokers. It is also widely believed in the medical field that the heat generated by smoking pipes and cigars irritates the mouth and can lead to lip cancer.

While those considered high risk for developing oral cancer are heavy drinkers and smokers, younger patients who use smokeless tobacco and snuff are also being diagnosed in significantly growing numbers. In addition, HPV infection has been noted in tongue cancers in young patients, some of whom are not smokers.

Early Detection and Treatment Provide a Better Chance for Cure

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons recommends that everyone perform an oral cancer self-exam each month. If you are at high risk for oral cancer — smoker, consumer of alcohol, user of smokeless tobacco, or snuff — you should see your general dentist or oral and maxillofacial surgeon for an annual exam.

If the surgeon agrees that something looks suspicious, a biopsy may be recommended. During a biopsy, your oral and maxillofacial surgeon will remove a piece of the suspicious tissue

and send it to a pathology laboratory for a microscopic examination that will accurately diagnose the problem. The biopsy report not only helps establish a diagnosis; it also enables the doctor to develop a specific plan of treatment. In many cases, treatment is preceded by obtaining special imaging studies such as a positron emission tomography / computed tomography (PET/CT) scan.

Perform a Self-Exam Monthly

Using a bright light and a mirror:

- Remove any dentures
- Look and feel inside the lips and the front of gums
- Tilt head back to inspect and feel the roof of your mouth
- Pull the cheek out to see its inside surface as well as the back of gums
- Pull out your tongue and look at all of its surfaces
- Feel for lumps or enlarged lymph nodes (glands) in both sides of the neck including under the lower jaw

Look for:

- White patches, called leukoplakia
- Red patches (erythroplakia)
- Red and white patches (erythroleukoplakia)
- Sore(s) that fail to heal and bleeds easily
- Abnormal lumps or thickening of the tissues
- Chronic sore throat or hoarseness
- Difficulty in chewing or swallowing
- A mass or lump in the neck

See your oral and maxillofacial surgeon right away if you have any of these signs.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Angela Niezgoda poises for a serve against Rochester Adams, Sept. 8. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Acing the court

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Angela Niezgoda is counting on her experience and leadership to help her teammates make it to Battle Creek for the MHSAA Volleyball State Finals.

"I think confidence is really key for us," she said, reflecting back to the Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Volleyball team's trip to quarterfinals last year. "We need to know we are good and we can back it up with the talent we have. Hopefully we go really far in the playoffs and I know we can as long as we play together."

Niezgoda aided the team in their two wins against Farmington and North Farmington. She had seven aces against Farmington and two aces and 21 digs against North Farmington.

"She has been playing great for us," said Coach Kelly Avenall. "It is her second year on varsity and she didn't play much last year."

Niezgoda began playing volleyball seven years ago when she participated in a clinic.

"I ended up really liking it," she said. "I ended up going into travel volleyball then school volleyball."

A part of volleyball she enjoys is how it is a team sport but can still add her personal touch, especially in her position as

defensive specialist.

"I am shorter so I can jump," she added. "But I am better at digging and bringing the balls up."

Besides playing volleyball, Niezgoda snowboards in the winter and volunteers at a hospital.

"During the summer I job shadowed," she said. "I experienced different parts of the medical field because I really want to be an anesthesiologist."

Niezgoda has always had an interest to work in to medical field but admitted the interest heightened after she was able to experience it.

"I also have been stronger in math and science," she added. "It just seemed to be a perfect fit."

She currently has a 3.95 grade point average and is in the International Baccalaureate program at the high school.

"It has really prepped me for college because of the research and figuring stuff out on your own," Niezgoda added. "You really have to dive in and be able to explore and learn on your own which I really like."

Niezgoda and fellow teammates Maddie Lightfoot and Stephanie Marani will be honored next Tuesday during senior night when they host Rochester. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

High hopes for last road game

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

With two games to go until the Wolves secure a berth in postseason playoffs, they're looking to knock off Royal Oak this Friday.

The Ravens are 0-5 in OAA Red and 1-5 overall, including two shutouts, but the boys and coaches aren't taking it lightly.

"Here on out it's going to be showtime," said Tony Miller, defense coordinator. "We can't make any mistakes because it will cost us."

"It is our last road game," said long time Wolves' Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson. "It will be nice to be home for the last two games of the regular season."

The boys in blue and gold braved rain, cold and wind to claim their fourth victory last Friday.

Senior runningback Joey Goss led Clarkston in their 28-0 victory over Rochester, scoring four touchdowns against the home team.

"Joey was outstanding," Richardson said. "I thought that may have been Joey's best game but I said that a week or two ago and he keeps getting better. I hope that is the case."

With the driving rain and wind, the offensive line knew they had to play differently for this game.

"I knew we were going to have to run the ball a lot," said Goss, adding senior quarterback Mitch Baenziger was sick all week.

"A shoot out to my offensive line. They opened up some really nice holes for me to run the ball. Plus, defense was good. The guys stepped up."

This week in practice, the boys are focusing on execution, turnovers and their health.

"We are looking at this week to get better and get healthy to prepare for the upcoming weeks," said Goss.

Richardson agreed, adding it would be a good opportunity to get some players back into the game from injuries.

"We have some key kids out we want to get back," he said, pointing out sophomore Nick Matich has missed most of the season due to an injury. "We will need them for the last two games and the playoffs."

Clarkston will also find out on Friday who will face in Week 8 for the OAA Red/OAA White Crossover game before they head against rivals Lake Orion in Week 9 and the last game of the regular season.

"It could be anyone," said Miller on the crossover match-up. "It could be Southfield or Oxford and Farmington plays a role in this whole thing as well."

Richardson added, either way it would be a good team.

"The White division might be better than the Red division this year," he noticed.

Goss added the leadership and focus will help with the last three games of the regular season.

"Our strengths are we have a really good leadership," he said, "we are really focused. Our coaches are doing a really great job keeping us focused, keeping us looking at the big picture and getting better every week."

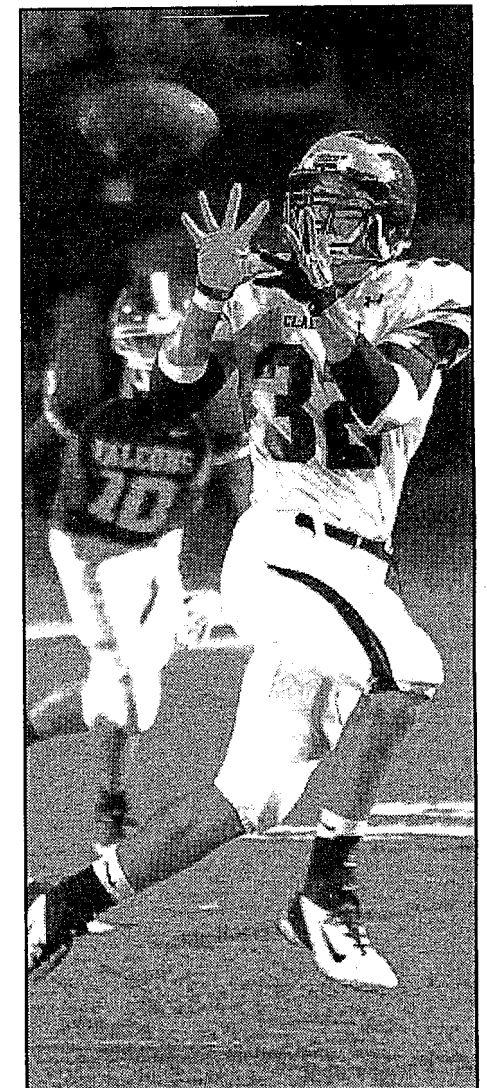
The Wolves sealed the deal against Rochester at the end of the first half with a trick play. Baenziger throw the ball to Mike Schwartz. He lateraled it to Goss who ran 53 yards for the touchdown.

Baenziger was 7-for-12 passing for 136 yards against Rochester. The leading rushers were Goss carried the ball 22 times for 111 yards and senior runningback Evan Montgomery carried the ball eight times for 62 yards.

Receiving, Goss had two catches of 30 yards and Matt Dellinger had two catches of 38 yards.

Nathan Yeloushan led the defensive line with four tackles, two tackle assists and one tackle for lost yardage. Senior Alex Barta completed all four of his PATs in the game.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Royal Oak High School located at 1500 Lexington Blvd.



Matt Dellinger makes a catch in last Friday's win. Photo by Larry Wright

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Girls JV Cross Country runners Briana Crist, Kelley Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Patton, Amanda Wakefield, Helen Jeffers, Jill Harris and Hannah Hawkins celebrate their first place finish at the OAA Red Jamboree #2. Photo submitted

Runners on top as head to county race

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Natalie Smith kept her pace through the wet and muddy terrain of Dehlia Park during the Hanson Invite on Saturday.

She finished in first and along with her teammates, won the varsity race for the Clarkston High School Girls Cross Country team.

"The girls did really good on Saturday," said Coach Kevin Breen. "I was happy with their performance mainly because of how crummy the weather was and how crummy the course was. It slowed them down considerably but they ran hard."

Finishing behind Smith in the first varsity win were Kylie Knavish in seventh; Erin Billette in eighth; Caitlyn Catania in 11th; Lysie Gram in 15 for the top five for Clarkston. Mackenzie Proper finished in 24th and Colleen Napier placed 27.

"Mackenzie and Colleen really pushed our top five runners up a little further," Breen added.

"It was nice to have a grouping like that and have our sixth and seventh runners close to the scorers. It pushes other teams back a little bit."

The Lady Wolves also won the second varsity race. Sage Beauregard led the pack during the run, finishing in second. Molly Jeffers placed in fourth; Hannah Hawkins in fifth; Kelley Fitzpatrick in 11th; Morgan Martin in 12th; Jill Harris in 14th and Mende Gleiss in 30.

"We ran away with both races," said Breen. "It was nice. The girls got to go home with plenty of prizes. If they were in the top 50, they received medals. If in the top 20,

they went home with some T-shirts."

The JV race wasn't scored but the Lady Wolves would have won it if it was as they finished with six in the top eight places. Amanda Wakefield, Katie Sperry, Haleigh Orr, Helen Jeffers, Claire Zeder and Monica Wanat finished in the top eight.

"They went out there and didn't let the course get to them," Breen added. "They cranked away and shot for places instead of times. Typically we look at where we are at the one mile or two mile mark, we look at our splits but we couldn't do that on a day like Saturday and the course conditions were sloppy and muddy. It slowed them down. They looked at places and went after people pretty well."

The JV team also finished in first in the OAA Red Jamboree on Sept. 27, scoring 37 points.

Hawkins led the team, finishing in first in 21:55.2. Harris took second; Fitzpatrick took third, Morgan finish in 14 and Jeffers rounded the top five in 17th place.

The varsity team finished fifth place, scoring 99, just 11 points away from the second place finisher, Oxford with 88 points.

"We are closing in on some of the teams that are in front of us," said Breen. "The girls are improving. There are good attitudes amongst everyone. We just have to keep plugging away."

Smith led the Lady Wolves, finishing in fifth place, 19:18. Billette finished in 18th; Knavish, 20th; Catania, 26; and Gram, 30.

The boys varsity team finished in first at the OAA Red Jamboree, scoring 59 points, holding Lake Orion at 68 points.

Sam Tanielian led the pack, finishing in

fourth place, 16:36. Austin Draving placed in 10th; Nick Moore, 12th; Adam Bruderick, 16th; Ian Brennan, 17th; Michael Culver, 18th and Jake Streng, 47.

Both teams head to the Oakland County Meet this Saturday at Kensington Park.

"I think we are going to move up a couple of spots," said Breen. "We were ranked around tenth place. I am hoping to move up. There are a lot of good teams out there. Our runners can be tough on the back end."

The practices leading up will also help with a hard week of training and making sure everyone stays healthy. He added all the runners will help as they continue to improve with every practice and every race.

"We just have to move up," he said. "It will make a huge difference. Our fifth runner is well above where other fifth runners are and the team runs pretty well as a pack. They are tightly grouped. If I can get them a little bit faster, a little bit tightly grouped to the other girls from the other teams we will be a team to watch out for."

The Lady Wolves already know the course from running other races at Kensington and have already experienced tough competition to get them ready for the upcoming weeks with MHSAA Regionals and the final OAA Red race approached. They have raced in the Spartan Invite.

"It makes us better," said Breen. "It is nice to go to a course and walk away with a trophy. It is a little pat on the back because sometimes when you go up against the tough teams it can sometimes shake your confidence a little bit when you are not the winning."

The race begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 2240 West Buno Road, Milford.

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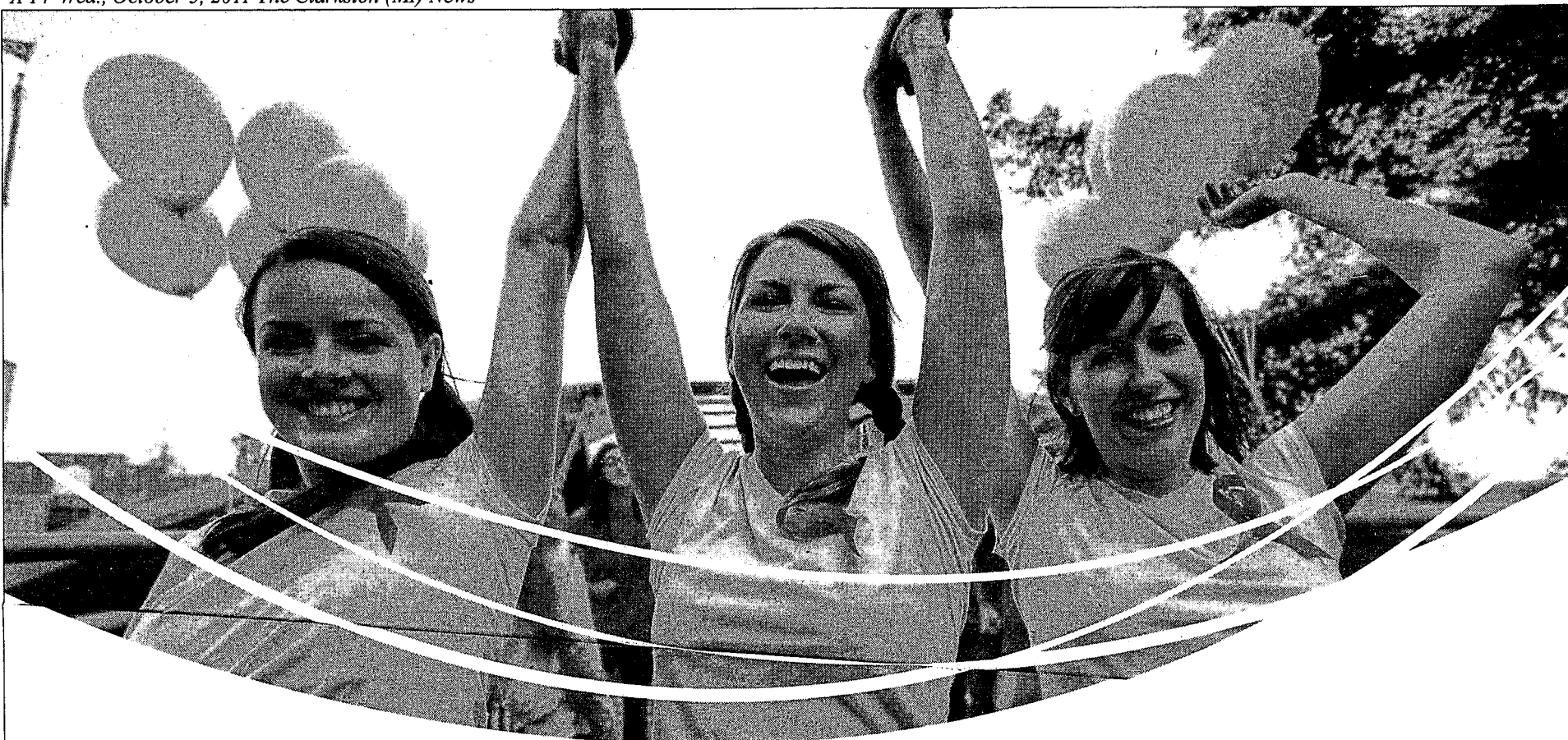
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Confidence on the field

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers have a key characteristic as they go into a busy week – they have confidence.

After last week's win-loss split between their games against Rochester and Rochester Adams, they are looking ahead to tough games against Brother Rice and Lapeer East as they get ready for MHSAA District play-offs a few weeks away.

"Our defense has really stepped up in the last few weeks," said Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Coach Chuck Lawhorn. "Overall as we pick up on our communication they continue to improve."

The boys didn't have any lack of communication on the field in their win against Rochester on Sept. 27, 6-2.

All six goals were contributed by different players - Nick Dahl, Jordan Kieft, Conor Bright, Joey DeFinis and Jacob Kornas. Bright had three assist in the game.

"We started off a little slow," said Lawhorn. "We started the second half with a lot more energy and we were able to weigh down Rochester who was a little bit short-handed. They have had a lot of injuries so we were able to sub our guys and wear them down."

The boys lost to Rochester Adams, 4-1, with the lone goal from Bright.

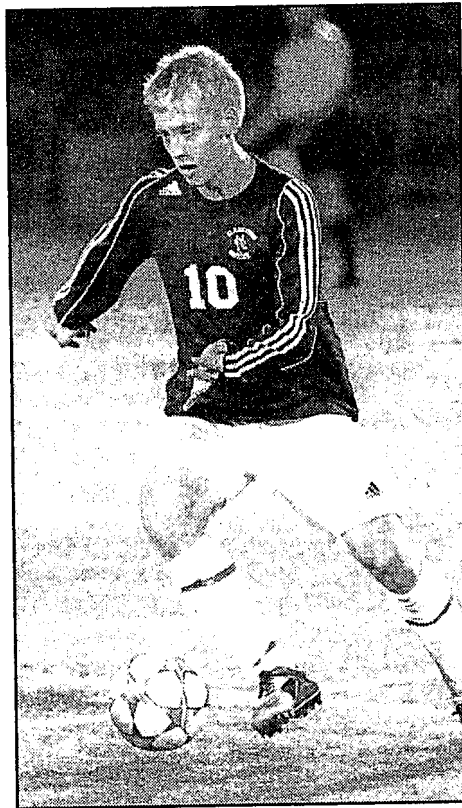
"We played well in the first half," said Lawhorn. "We had a little bit lack of focus and Adams came out with a lot more energy and they were able to score a couple of goals. We have a few opportunities in the first 15 minutes of the second half that we weren't able to finish. Adams played a good game they were better than us on Thursday night."

The Wolves head to Brother Rice on

Thursday and host Lapeer East on Friday during the boys' Senior Night.

"Lapeer East is having a really good season," said Lawhorn. "They will be a tough opponent. We have our strengths - a lot of confidence and we created a lot more opportunities and finished them against Rochester."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, varsity follows.



Jacob Kornas drives down the field.
Photo by Larry Wright

Coach made a difference

A special token is on the football helmets for sixth-grade players at Everest Academy.

Placed on each helmet is a sticker with the initials "JU" in honor of their coach Jim Urban, who passed away suddenly at the beginning of his fourth year coaching football, Aug. 20.

The news shocked the football players and fellow coaches.

"He's one of the best coaches I've ever had," said Simon Fenske, a sixth grader. "He was able to pinpoint my mistakes and give me the perfect advice to correct it. I've never made the same mistake twice because of his advice."

Before the game against Redford on Sept. 1, Everest's school chaplain Father Daniel Pajerski gathered both teams on the 50-yard line and said a prayer. His fellow coaches also kept his name on the daily practice plan.

Thomas Beauchamp enjoyed the time he spent coaching with Urban.

"He has not only made an enormous positive impact on the boys he has coached over the last four years but his fellow coaches as well," he added.

Urban complemented his fellow coaches as he kept a level head during the games and put perspective on each positive and negative situation.

"We relied heavily on Jim on the sideline," Beauchamp added. "He always knew what to do in every situation. Although he was happy with coaching the offensive and defensive line and calling defensive plays, he could have done so much more. He just enjoyed coaching. He loved working with the boys. He brought a calming affect to our



Everest players commemorate Coach Jim Urban on their helmets. sideline."

Urban also was an assistant coach for the 5/6 basketball team while also coaching the football team. He had an affect not only on the players but parents.

"Jim had a couple of great sayings on the sidelines that always made me smile," said Sam Bellestri, a Everest Academy parent. "When he could see we had the defense well blocked he would excitedly say, 'we've got a play, we've got a play.' If we broke a long run or pass for a score, he would say, 'strike up the band.'"

Dr. Greg Mansour, another Everest Academy parent, said Urban was a quiet leader always with positive and encouraging words.

"Jim obviously had a passion for helping young athletes," he added. "He will truly be missed."

Jim was 50-years-old and graduated from Kalamazoo College and was employed by Dunham's Sports corporate headquarters in Waterford.

The sixth grade team hosts St. Hugo of the Hills this Sunday, 5:30 p.m.. They end the season on Oct. 16 with another home game at 12 p.m. against St. Joseph School.

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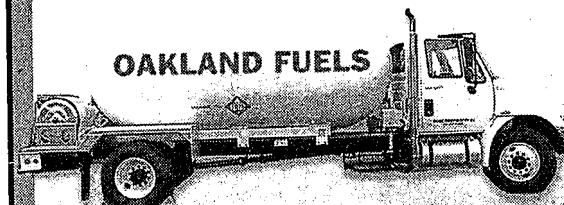
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Jacob Szetello shows off his ninja kicking moves.

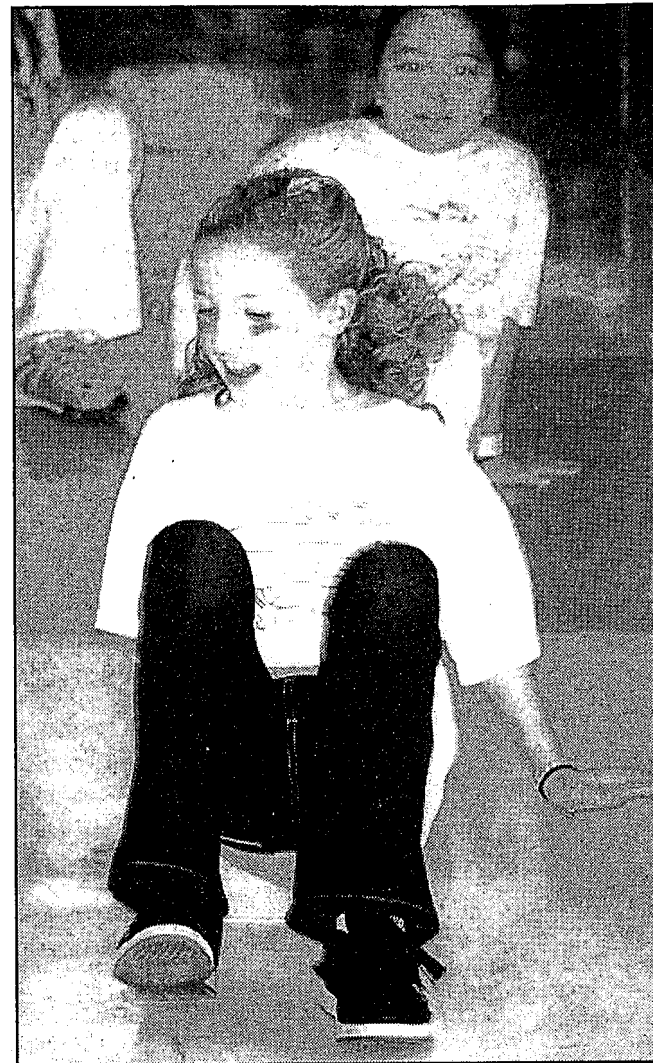
Superhero run

Before Andersonville Elementary students stretched and started their first lap for their Fun Run on Sept. 28 - they had a mission.

They had to get their beloved mascot, Super Eagle, back. He was captured by evil villains.

Using powers from their superhero colors - red is respect, white is kindness and blue is teamwork.

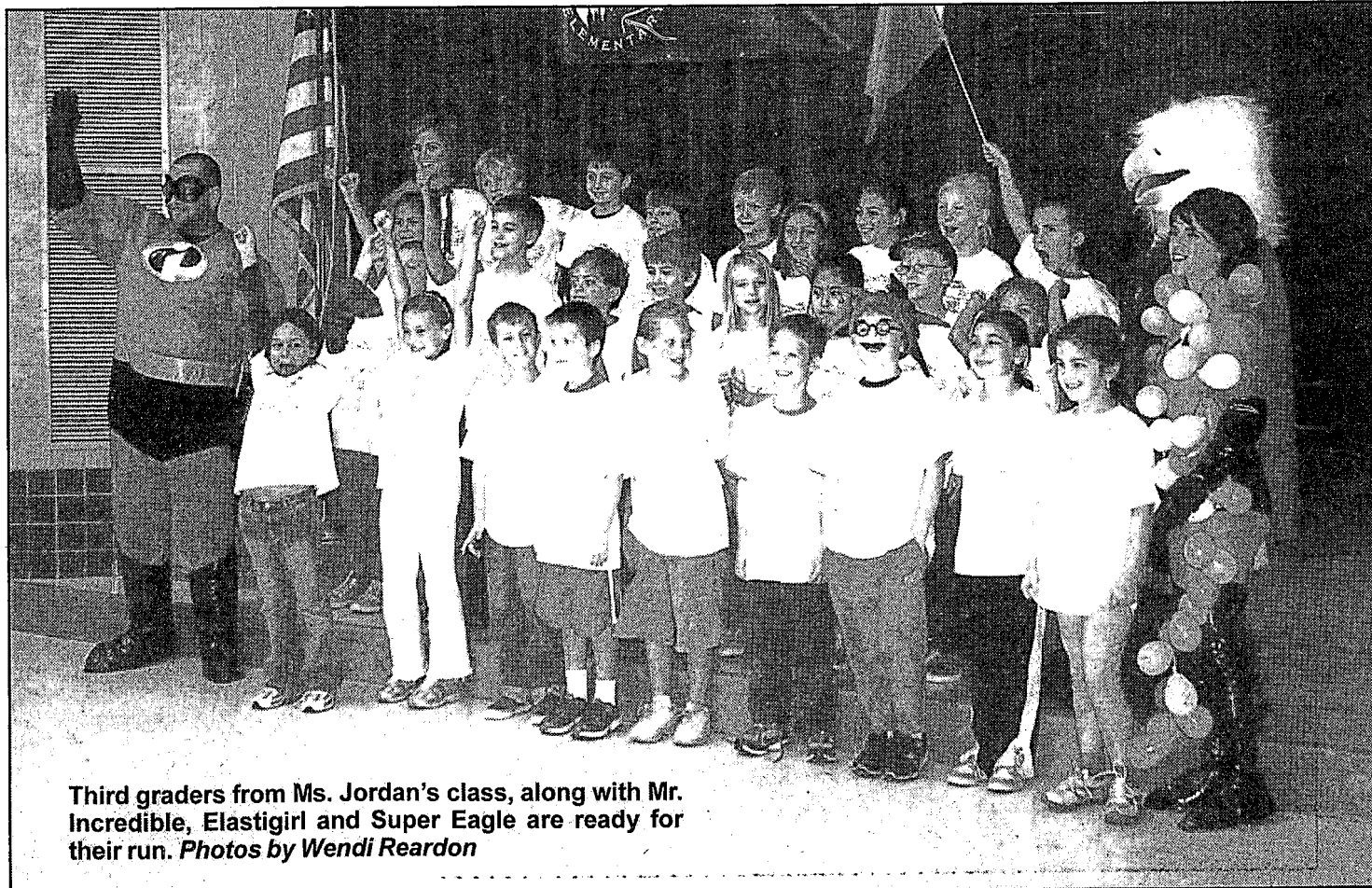
The students worked together with Mr. Incredible, Elastigirl and Superwoman to get Super Eagle back.



Sydney Cooper, front, and Betsey Walkowiak try a crab walk.



Third graders finish a lap and receive a rubberband from parent volunteers.



Third graders from Ms. Jordan's class, along with Mr. Incredible, Elastigirl and Super Eagle are ready for their run. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Author shares sibling story

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston author Dianne Bassett-Giehtbrock found inspiration close to home.

"The story came to me over Christmas break," said Bassett-Giehtbrock, author of the picture book "Sissy and Me." "I was frustrated with the kids, but I realized I'm not the only parent with problems."

The book features her daughters, Paige and Chloe Bassett-Giehtbrock. Paige is annoyed with her little sister because she draws in her coloring book and keeps following her around.

They get along better when their mother points out Chloe does those things because she's interested in her big sister and wants to be around her.

"It's a very true story," Dianne said.

She wrote the story in about 20 minutes in her walk-in closet.

"It was like a hurricane coming out of me," she said. "When I was finished, I thought, 'wow, this is something.' I called my husband, and said, 'I think I want to do something with this.'"

This is her first book.

"It all came together—I work with this age group," said Dianne, who is a preschool teacher at the Clarkston Early Childhood Center. "It's been a goal since high school — it was on my bucket list."

The story is based on lessons she learned growing up with her parents, Donna and Gary Bassett, and her little brother, Steve Bassett.

"I learned how to be a sibling from him," she said. "I was fortunate in my

upbringing. My parents were very proactive and taught us how to be a team."

Published in June by AuthorHouse Publishing, the book is available at Great Turtle Toys in Independence Township, and Java Cafe and Trims and Togs in Waterford.

Great Turtle Toys, 5530 Sashabaw Road, hosts a book signing, with face painting, games, prizes, and refreshments, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 8.

"Jamie Nye (owner) is awesome—she's given it a roof over its head," Dianne said.

She used to teach in Palm Beach, Fla., and was also invited to join a panel of authors at a conference there in April.

"They'll fly me down—it's very humbling and very cool," she said. "It will be an awesome family adventure."

Book illustrator William Roberts of Aunt Spray incorporates personal touches from the author's life, including the names of the girls' teachers and a painting by her grandmother.

"I like the illustrations — they fit the characters," she said.

She lives in Clarkston with her husband, Eric, and their daughters. Paige, 5, is a Kindergarten student at Springfield Plains Elementary and Chloe, 3, goes to Funshine Preschool.

"My husband is so wonderful with it," Dianne said.

She plans to write more books about parenting young children and teaching them respect, patience, and love.

"It's a teaching tool for parents," she said. "I consider this a major accomplishment. I'm proud of it — I had to get it done."



Author Dianne Bassett-Giehtbrock's children inspired her first book. Photo by Phil Custodio

Best finish ever for swimmers

The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team put on a stellar performance at this year's Oakland County Champion Swim Meet at Lake Orion High School last Saturday.

They finished third out of the 34 teams, the best finish ever for Clarkston.

The Wolves won four of the 12 events. The 200 Medley Relay, made up of Kathryn Culver, Sami Stelpflug, Natalie Vela, and Megan Stelpflug, not only won the event, but set a school record for Clarkston with a time of 1:50.77.

Sami won the 200 IM, setting a pool record at Lake Orion. Megan won the 500 Free, also setting a school record in a time of 5:03.11.

And finally; the 400 Free Relay team of Kathryn, Megan, Sydney Thon, and Sami; out-touched Mercy to win the final event of the day in a time of 3:34.64, another Clarkston school record.

Other point scoring performances were turned in by Amber Hallmann, Monica Gorgas, and Taylor Tekiele.

Kiley Ferer turned on a personal best in the 100 Breaststroke. Jessica Bacher represented Clarkston in the diving event, Friday night. Natalie also hit a state qualifying time in the 100 butterfly.

The team is currently 4-0 in league meets. They swim at Seaholm this Thursday. There last home meet is against Groves on Oct. 13.

The community is encouraged to come watch their team compete. The meet starts at 6 p.m.



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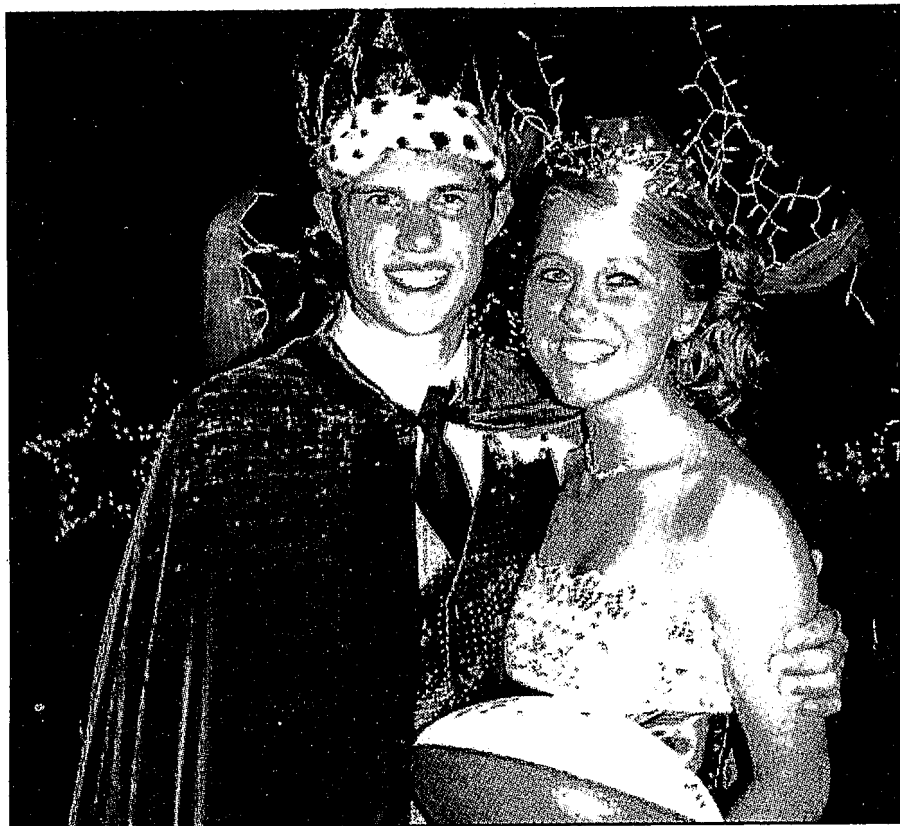
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Homecoming at Our Lady of the Lakes

Zach Nickels of Clarkston and Megan Reddy of Ortonville were crowned 2011 Our Lady of the Lakes Homecoming King and Queen during the evening dance, Sept. 24. Photo provided

Obituaries

Barbara Kratt, 77

Barbara Ann Kratt of Ortonville died Sept. 30, 2011. She was 77. She was born Dec. 4, 1933, in Grand Haven, Mich., to the late Joseph and Marie (Berg) Lesar.

She is survived by one son, Robert (Darlene) Kratt; six grandchildren, Jason (Andrea) Kratt, Jeremy (Abbey) Kratt, Bobby, Derrick, Trevor and Paige Kratt; two great grandchildren, Nina and Celia Kratt; one sister, Mary Bradshaw. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Donald K. Kratt; one son William Kratt and one brother, Joseph Lesar.

Mrs. Kratt owned and operated along with her late husband Donald, Hamilton's Feed Store in Ortonville. She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Funeral service was Oct. 3 at **Coats Village Funeral Home**, Ortonville. Rev. E. Dale Evanson officiating. Interment followed at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Foundation or the Ortonville Community Emergency Fund (The Heat Stays On). Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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

Donald S. Ollie, 76

Donald S. Ollie of Waterford passed away Sept. 29, 2011, at age 76.

He was the husband of Evelyn for 49½ years; father of Donald (Linda) Ollie, David (Willie) Ollie Ray and Ann (Larry) Mitchell; Papa "Hero" of Andrew, Paris, DeJhone, the late Christopher, Billy, Chelsea, Sabrina, Benjamin, Marcus, Olivia, Malachi, Isabella and Suave; also survived by three sisters and two brothers.

Mr. Ollie retired from General Motors and served in the U.S. Marines. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gambling, golfing and bowling.

Funeral service was Oct. 2 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association or McLaren Hospice.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



James Pruett, 91

James Pruett, "Hugh," of Auburn Hills passed away Sept. 30, 2011, at age 91.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gerry. He was the father of James (Delia) Pruett, Marlys Moilanen, Yvonne Pruett and Brian (Susan Dailey) Pruett; grandpa of Jim, Jeff, Matt, Eric, Christopher, Megan, Jayme and Brooks; great grandpa of seven.



Mr. Pruett served overseas in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was employed at Baldwin Rubber and retired from General Motors. He enjoyed gardening.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Smile Train.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jerry W. Young, 22

Jerry W. Young of Clarkston passed away suddenly Oct. 1, 2011, at age 22.

Jerry leaves behind his father Harold (Fran) Young, mother Debbie Davis, step-father Joe Davis, sisters Heather Davis and Amber Young, brother Glenn (Sarah Mersino) Young, step brother Mickey (Sarah Dawley) Bradley, grandmothers Helen Zahler and Ardis (Richard) Hagerman; preceded in death by his grandpa Glen Young; also survived by his best friends Kurtis Morris and Eric Stanks along with many aunts, uncles, cousins along with numerous friends.

Jerry graduated from Clarkston High School in 2007. Jerry was a real jokester who always had the goal to make people laugh.

Funeral service Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m. at **Coats Funeral Home**, Clarkston, 8909 Dixie Highway. Interment following at Christian Memorial Cemetery in Rochester. For private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.



Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

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Luc Robert Poirier, president of Slick and Bubba's Elite and Expeditious Websites in Clarkston, will donate half of his website hosting sales in October to help fight breast cancer.

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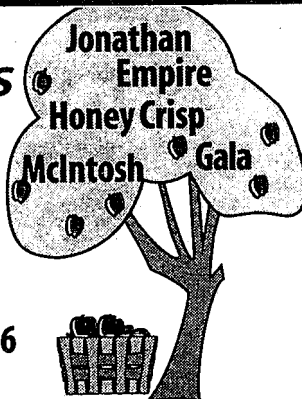
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Mualla's presentation focuses on how Islam is currently practiced in different Islamic communities and will be followed by a question and answer period.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Dr. Mualla is a professor of chemistry at Adrian College. He is a specialist in organic and environmental chemistry and received his Ph.D in organic chemistry from the University of Cincinnati, with a Master of Science degree from Indiana University and a Bachelor's degree from Damascus University.

Attendees are asked to register with the church office at 248-625-1611 or Carol49@juno.com A light dessert will be served following the presentation.



Dr. Mualla

Bullying info with Rotary

Clarkston Rotary Club hosts Dr. Pam Mathers, PhD, principal of Hamilton Elementary School in Troy, at its Oct. 10 meeting.

Mathers will discuss what her school has done to educate students about bullying and how they can protect themselves.

She will share Hamilton's journey to become a "Bully-Proof School" over the past 10 years. She will briefly outline the components of the program, which include peer mediation, conflict resolution, and character education. The Hamilton program has received local, county, and state recognition for the comprehensiveness of the program.

Clarkston Rotary meets Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. Dinner is served at 6:30 with the speaker following. Cost is \$10. The public is invited. Call Rotarian Jason Webster at 248-210-4925 so food arrangements can be made.

Cyber security program

Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston Area Youth Assistance invite the community to a special presentation by Prosecutor Jessica R. Cooper, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 10, at the Clarkston Junior High School's Performing Arts Center.

Prosecutor Cooper will address parents, guardians, and the community regarding the problems associated with cell phones, computer crimes and cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is the term used to describe aggressive harassment through the use of technology. The Prosecutor is committed to assisting the youth and schools with addressing these problems.

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How far will the Tigers go this year?

"I hope they go far. I was surprised when they were matched up with the Yankees. So far so good with the pitching, with (Justin) Verlander back in there. It'll be interesting to see how well they do."



- Jerry David



"I believe in the Tigers - Oakland Christian School is behind them. They've gone several years working to turn it around. They've stuck with it. I'm picking them to win because of their Tiger attitude - humble, not prideful. The Tigers reflect what Detroit's all about, persevering, sticking with it, not afraid of what people say about them."

- Michelle Golus (left)

"Go Tigers!"

- Merianne Colletti

"I hope they win. As long as Verlander gets something done, we'll get the win tonight (Oct. 3). If they lose, it will be tough. (Rick) Porcello's next, and (Doug) Fister's not real sharp. The Yankees are the strongest team, so if they beat them, they'll have a good shot at winning the World Series."



- Jeremy Dean

By Phil Custodio

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Family, friends key to cancer survival

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Last year, Clarkston resident Judy Loehne marched in the Relay for Life fund raiser to support her daughter Teresa Wynn's team.

Last May, she marched in Clarkston Relay for Life as a cancer survivor.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would walk with my mother for the Survivors' Lap - it was very surreal," said Wynn, who organized the team in honor of her late father-in-law. "We're so happy for the people who survive, and sad for those who didn't make it."

With a history of cancer in both sides of her family, Loehne has been having annual mammogram for at least 20 years.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer Sept. 7, 2010, a day after her 67th birthday.

"It was like the wind knocked out of my sail - it's a word you don't ever want to hear," Loehne said. "I didn't hear anything beyond that."

Her husband Larry Loehne and their children Teresa Wynn, JoAnne Speaks, and Larry Loehne were with her when she was diagnosed.

"My sister and I knew it wasn't good when we heard how many biopsies they did, so we were somewhat prepared, we thought, until we heard those words," Wynn said. "It made the room spin, then seeing the look on her face and the color go. Then it was, OK, let's figure this out."

Judy chose to have a mastec-



Judy Loehne, left, with her daughter Teresa Wynn, is a breast cancer survivor. Photo by Phil Custodio

tomy, the removal of the breast, 10 days after diagnosis.

"The surgeon felt it was the best choice," she said.

"We found out it spread to her lymph nodes - that was next shock," Wynn said.

After surgery and in preparation for chemotherapy, Judy had her head shaved and went shopping for wigs, wraps, and turbans at Katie's Spa in Lapeer.

"I wanted to get ready - I didn't want to let it just fall out," she said.

"We all went with her to get her wigs," Wynn said.

An infection resulting from chemotherapy meant a week-long hospital stay last February.

Then in March, the chemo af-

fecting her heart. At that time, doctors decided the chemo treatment received so far was sufficient.

"There were definitely ups and downs," Wynn said.

Cardio rehabilitation at St. Joe's took three months. Treatment is complete, but she will probably not be able to completely return to normal.

"After her heart failure, we have to change our view of normal," Wynn said.

"I accept the changes - God gives only what you can deal with," Judy said. "A lot of getting through it was knowing people care."

They received letters of support and donations from around the community.

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"It's really heartwarming to know people reach out," Judy said. "You never know when your family will hear the word, cancer."

She just celebrated her first birthday cancer free.

Kick-off committee meeting for the 2012 Clarkston Relay for Life is 6 p.m., Oct. 20, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Wynn is the event vice-chair.

"It's quite a commitment, but it's the right thing to do," she said. "We really need people from the community to come out. You won't have to make a commitment. Just see what it's about, and see if it's something you'd like to participate in."

"The Relay is wonderful," Judy said. "I didn't know impact until I had gotten into it. Now I'm so intimate with the event."

Teresa and her husband Dennis Wynn organized the team, called The Butterfly House. It was the top fund raiser at this year's Relay.

The team raised over \$10,000 with a garage sale, jewelry presentation, and other fund raisers.

"My husband's family and my family got together," Wynn said. "We're very blessed. We're all really close, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, the whole family."

"We all proud we did so well in our first year," Judy said.

"It was a lot of fun," Wynn said.

The 2012 Clarkston Relay for Life is 10 a.m., May 19, to 10 a.m., May 20, at Clarkston Junior High School. For more information, check www.relayforlife.org.



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Special Events

Clarkston Famers' Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Oct. 8, Depot Park. 248-821-4769. **Springfield Farmers' Market**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 9, Shiawassee Basin Preserve. 248-846-6558.

Custivating Your Gardens' Aura, with Michael Saint, certified master gardener, 8-9 p.m., Oct. 5, St. Daniel Catholic Church Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter. Free. 248-625-7597.

How to Select the Right Financial Services Provider, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 6, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

"Wrong For Each Other," Clarkston Village Players comedy, Oct. 6-9, 13-15, 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. \$13 Friday-Saturday; \$11 Thursday and Sunday. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-575-4104.

Fall Into Quilts, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 7-8, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Features more than 200 quilts on display. \$5. 248-922-3115 or 248-666-9452.

Main Event School Fair, 12-4 p.m., Oct. 8, Clarkston Elementary, 6595 Waldon Road. Games, prizes, raffles, auctions, food, drawing for iPad2.

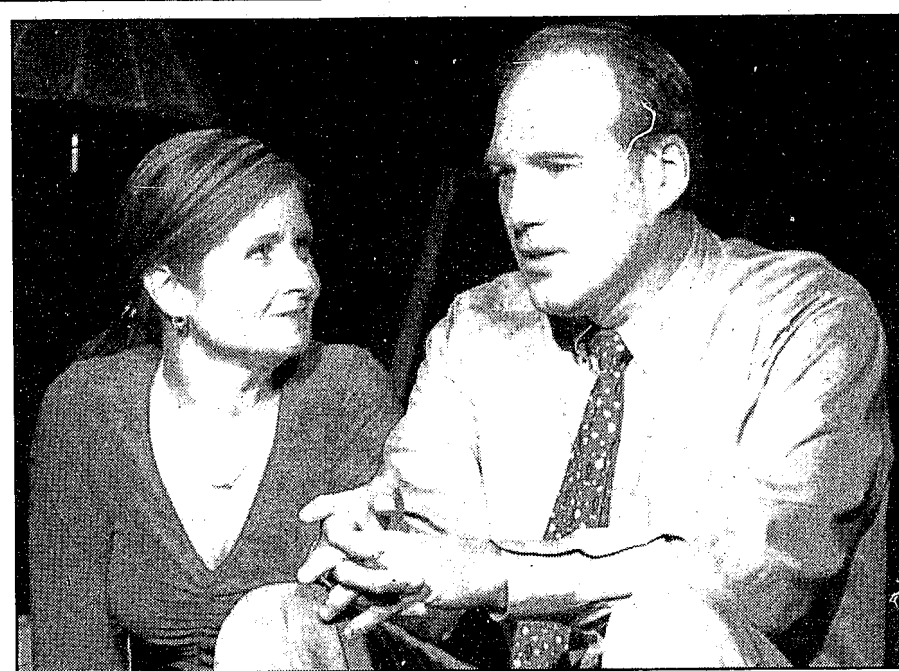
School Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 8, Bailey Lake Elementary, 8051 Pine Knob Road. Games, food, inflatables. Free.

"Back 40 ride: A Fat Tire Fall Bicycle Tour, Flying Rhino Cycling Club, 7:30 a.m., Oct. 9, 8-66 miles, starts at Independence Elementary School, 6850 Hubbard Road. 248-625-7000.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Oct. 11. Topic: "Grieving as a Family." Led by bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Free. Walk ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Tailgator, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Oct. 14, food, fun, Wolverine and Spartan fight songs. Tent between Brose Electric and The Print Shop, Dixie Highway. Benefits Clarkston Junior Optimists.

Parents Night Out, 6-10 p.m., Oct. 15. \$20 per child, \$10 for additional child. The Learning Experience, 248-625-5285.



Joy Oetjens and Joe Saulski act out a scene from "Wrong for Each Other." Photo by Trevor Keiser

Players stage 'Wrong'

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Is the cliché "opposites attract" true? Find out in Clarkston Village Players latest play, "Wrong for Each Other."

"I think it's an enjoyable experience for viewers and somebody to see it," said Joe Saulski, who plays Rudy. "It really gives them a lot of different experiences in a relationship they probably can identify with. I think that's a really fun and at times very heartwarming story."

Joy Oetjens, who plays Norah, agreed. "I think it's an enjoyable show and well written script," she said. "It's certainly an opportunity for the audience to see a little bit of themselves up there."

Saulski said he liked the character Rudy because he was fun.

"He's got a lot of spirit," Saulski said. "That's the most admirable part of him I guess."

Oetjens said her character was smart and classy.

"She certainly has some issues like everybody else, but I like that she is intelligent and has a sense of humor," Oetjens said.

Pink and Pampered, 4-8 p.m., Oct. 17, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Mini manicures, massages, hair feathers, virtual makeovers and more. All services, \$10 each. Sponsored by the McLaren Breast Center.

Friendly Forest, 3-6 p.m., Oct. 22, Clintonwood Park. Hosted by Independence

Director Verne Vackaro said he was pleased with his cast.

"They've worked hard on the show and Joe has only done a couple shows with us, I think this is his third one," he said. "This is the first show Joy has done with us, but she has a lot of experience. She studied theater in college. Both are easy to work with and both follow direction."

Vackaro chose to direct "Wrong for Each Other," because he likes playwright Norm Foster.

"This is the second play I've directed by this playwright," Vackaro said. "I think he has a pulse on what audiences like."

He noted they're doing another show this year written by Foster called "Drinking Alone."

Vackaro called "Wrong for Each Other," a funny show.

"I like it's also different it's very stagey in terms of an abstract set," he said. "It moves from one scene to another which is a little bit different."

The show runs Oct. 6-9 and 13-15 at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. For tickets, call 248-573-4104.

Township Parks and Recreation and Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Kids ages 2-9 walk the enchanted trail in costume with their parents and collect goodies from cartoon and fairy tale characters. Tickets on sale at 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-625-8223.

Hometown Heroes fund-raising event and dinner, 5:30 p.m., Oct. 22, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. \$15. Benefits Adam Wheatcraft Memorial Schol-

arship Foundation. 248-628-6390.

Wine Tasting, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 2, Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Highway. Wines from around the world, food presented by 13 local restaurants. Tickets \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Call Jeff at 248-625-4244 or Joel at 248-625-9741.

Monday

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

Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, 1:30-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$3. Drop In.

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.

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.

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.

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

Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 5449 Clarkston Road, \$3, drop in, all levels welcome; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, drop in. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

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.

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on

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In our country's service...

Army Pvt. **Michael S. Rajala** graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

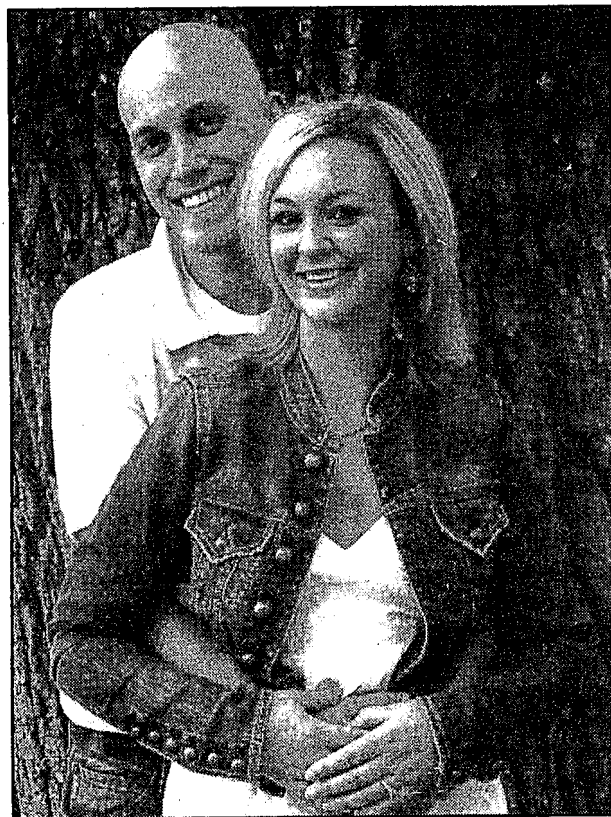
During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Jennifer Rajala of Davisburg and Scott Rajala of Clarkston. He graduated in 2010 from Clarkston High School.

Milestone to share?

Births, weddings, engagements, military, business and school achievements!
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Schroeder-Dankovich



Jonathan and Lauren

Kimberly Schroeder of Clarkston announces the engagement of her daughter Lauren Nichole Schroeder and Matthew Jonathan Dankovich.

Lauren, the daughter of Kimberly and the late David Schroeder, will graduate from Baker College in June 2012 with a Bachelor's in Health Services Administration.

Matthew, the son of John and Sue Dankovich of Clarkston, will graduate from Baker College with a Bachelor's in Business Administration.

Both graduated from Clarkston High School.

They were engaged on Aug. 28, 2011, and plan their wedding for August 2012.

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Waldon. 248-623-4313.

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

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

Adult Acting Classes, Clarkston Village Players, for new and established actors. Those under 18 need parents' permission and approval of the facilitator. Section 1: Tuesdays, Nov 1-Dec 13, 6-9 p.m.; Section 2: Tuesdays, Jan 3-Feb 14, 6-9 p.m. Call Bob Gerics, 248-891-9279.

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.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Oct. 20: Darwin Banister, self defense and fitness. 248-625-1326.

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Religion

Crisis presents opportunity to know God

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)
Sometimes it's good to start at the beginning and remember God.

In the beginning, here, now, always; there is only God. Nothing else exists, just God creating the heavens and the earth. What are the heavens and the earth created out of? God, its all God.

Seven hundred people were arrested in New York on Saturday. It doesn't matter whether you are disgusted by their actions or support their cause. You may call them freedom fighters or terrorists. You may think of them as out of work bums or leaders of a new wave of reform. The fact remains that the issues they are espousing are real.

Needs serve to turn us to God, God does not create the need nor fulfill the need; our consciousness of God is the fulfillment. The more we focus on the problem or deny its appearance, the more energy we are giving to the problem, the bigger it gets. The more we focus on an

awareness of God, growing our consciousness of God as our infinite source and supply, the more we realize the fulfillment of our needs.

Biblical miracles began with a need. The Widow who had nothing but a jar of oil (2Kings 4:2) turned to God and her need was fulfilled: The feeding of the 5,000 (Mark 6:41) began with the awareness of a need then Jesus looked to heaven and the need was fulfilled.

We acknowledge the need, we do not deny it, we accept its appearance in our lives. We deny that the appearance of need has the power to control our lives then we turn our awareness toward God as our infinite source and supply. Our awareness of God active in our lives is the fulfillment of every

need.

"In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens..." Genesis 2:4.

Crisis precedes transformation. The 13.7 billion year history of the universe is a series of evolutionary jumps sparked by crisis points.

First there was nothing and then there was something, the universe came into existence. First there was nothing physical then the planets and suns were formed of the dust and gases.

First there was no life then there was plant life.

First there were no multi-cellular life to consume the oxygen build up and then there were animals.

First there was no conscious intelligent life then humans came into existence. Each step is marked by a need for greater emergence of God consciousness.

In biblical symbology: First there was no man then there was Adam. First there was not the awareness of the One God then there was

Abraham. First there was no national identity of the children of God and then there was Moses. First there was no awareness of God within and then there was Jesus.

We are at a new crisis point. The Chinese character for crisis includes two symbols that can be interpreted as danger and opportunity. The emphasis is on the danger. This is a crucial point in time that could present a great opportunity for positive change.

What is emerging? What is the next quantum leap going to bring? What is your role to play in this emergence? How are you plugging in to your spiritual community to be a part of the change you wish to see?

Remember it all begins and ends with our awareness of God at work in our lives and affairs. God is our source and our awareness of God is our supply.

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

Spiritual Matters



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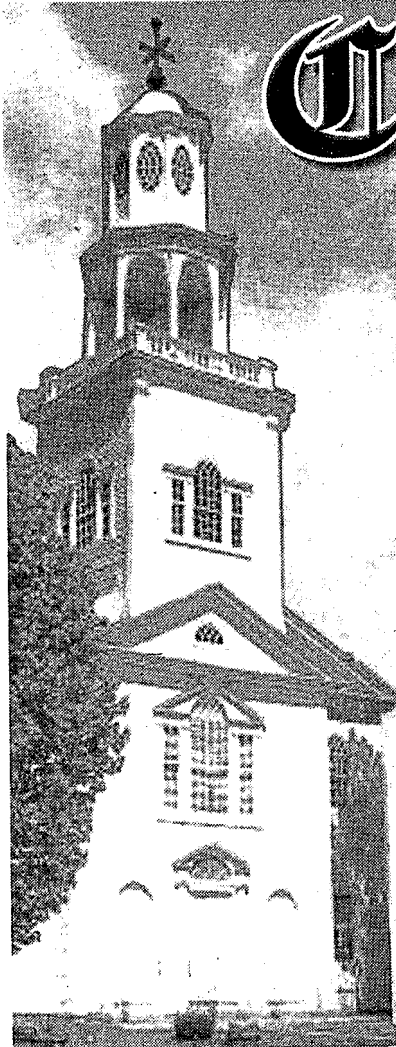
Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary

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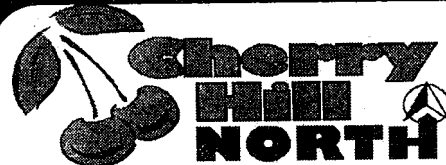
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Preparing their minds, bodies and spirit on the mat

By Don Rush

Hard work and dedication. Mental toughness and plenty of heart. As the leaves turn colors, and the temperatures drop these personal characteristics sum up a number of local athletes - the young ladies of Stars & Stripes Competitive Gymnastics team.

For a team started just seven years ago, they have accomplished much. Many of the girls on the competitive team, started at Stars and Stripes when they were in kindergarten.

"Our original plan was not to start a competitive team right away, but we had a really talented groups of kids," said gym co-owner Cassie Davis (who along with her husband Nathan Davis coach the competitive team). "We had to think, 'Do we point them in the right direction, send them to another gym or not?' But, we liked them and we liked their families. So we decided to start a pre-team and two years later they started competing in the Junior Olympics . . . we built it from the bottom up. A lot of teams will take girls from this gym or that. We have taken girls from other gyms, but only if they were at the level of our current girls. We don't take girls who are at higher level than our girls."

Stars and Stripes competes under the USA Gymnastic governance, there are different competitive levels -- starting at Level 4, up to Level 10.

"We have a unique Junior Olympic team," Cassie Davis said. "We have a smaller team. We want quality over quantity, which is rare. We have a thousand students that come to our gym, but relative to our size, if you compare us to another gym, they may have 100 kids competing, we have 45."

They also have 35 kids on a Junior Olympic pre-team Olympic pre team, ranging in age from three to nine-years-old.

The competitive season is January

through May. USA Gymnastics divides the country into eight regions. Michigan is in Region 5, which also includes Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. During the season, the team will travel nearly every other week to different meets in any of those states.

Level 8, 9 and 10 athletes can qualify for Regional Championships; levels 9 and 10 can qualify for the National Championships.

The girls are "extraordinary kids," Davis said. "There is no off season. We practice more during the off season. During the summer, when the kids are not in school, we will practice 25-30 hours a week -- for the higher level girls. During the school year, they will train during 20 to 25 hours."

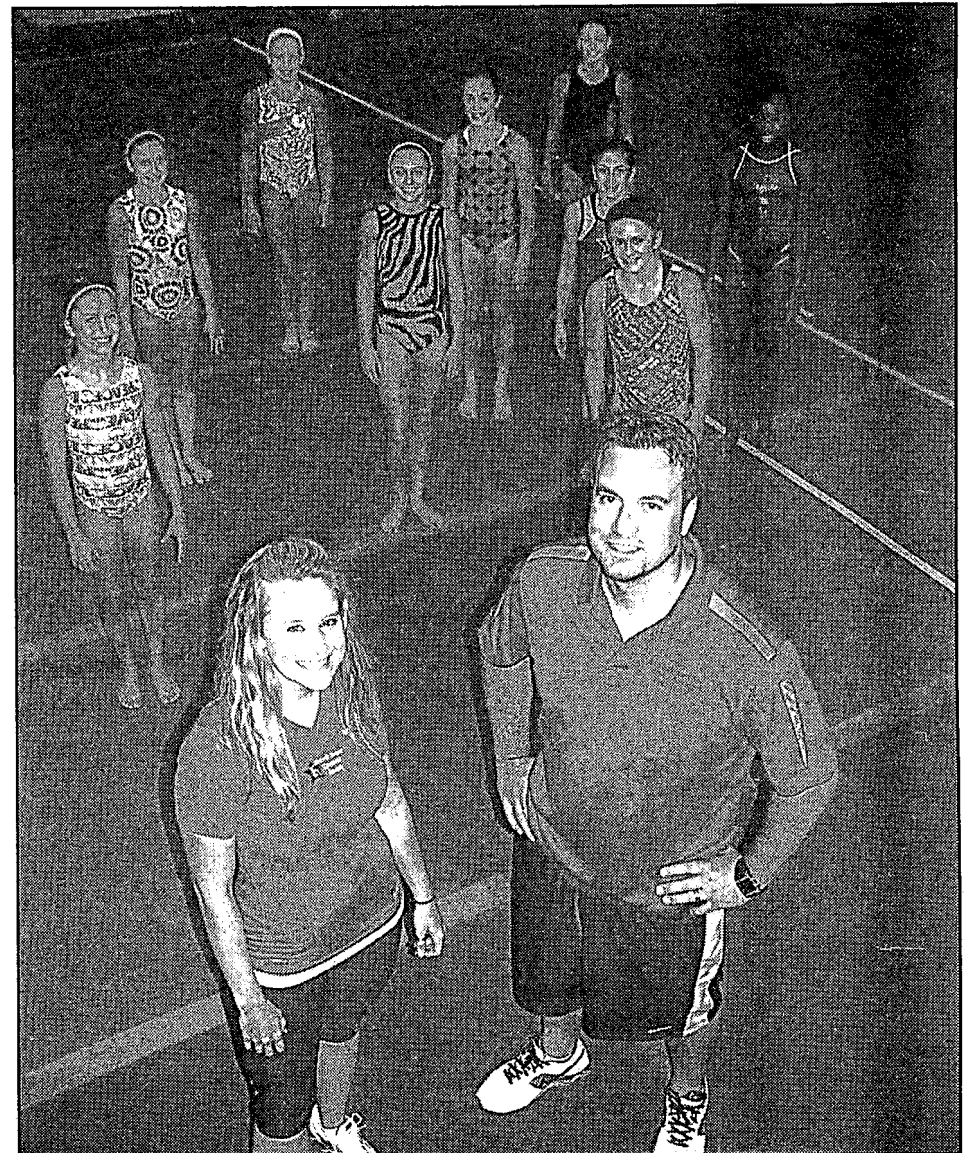
The lower level athletes will train ten to 18 hours a week.

The 2011 season was a good one for the team. Three of the four of the team (competing at Level 9) qualified for the National Championships in Worcester, MA. Emma McLean was a national champion on vault; Jacquelyn Yates was national champion on the balance beam (she was also a Regional All-Around Champion); Madelyn Bagley qualified for nationals and finished 2nd on the uneven bars and 6th all-around.

Overall, the team garnered 27 state championship awards, nine regional champions (plus the two national champions). To top it off, Davis was named Compulsory Coach of the Year (in 2010, husband Nathan received the award).

This 2012 season will be a first for the Stars and Stripes team -- their first season competing at the highest level -- those little 5-year-olds who started seven years ago have moved up the ranks. Four team members, Madelyn Bagley, 13; Jacquelyn Yates, 14; Emma McLean, 14; and Emilee Incammicia, 16, will compete at Level 10.

According to Davis, aside from being



Cassie and her husband Nathan Davis coach-up the girls and their parents.
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exceptional young people to begin with, competitive gymnastic gives participants an edge over their peers.

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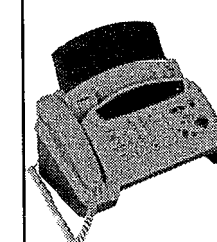
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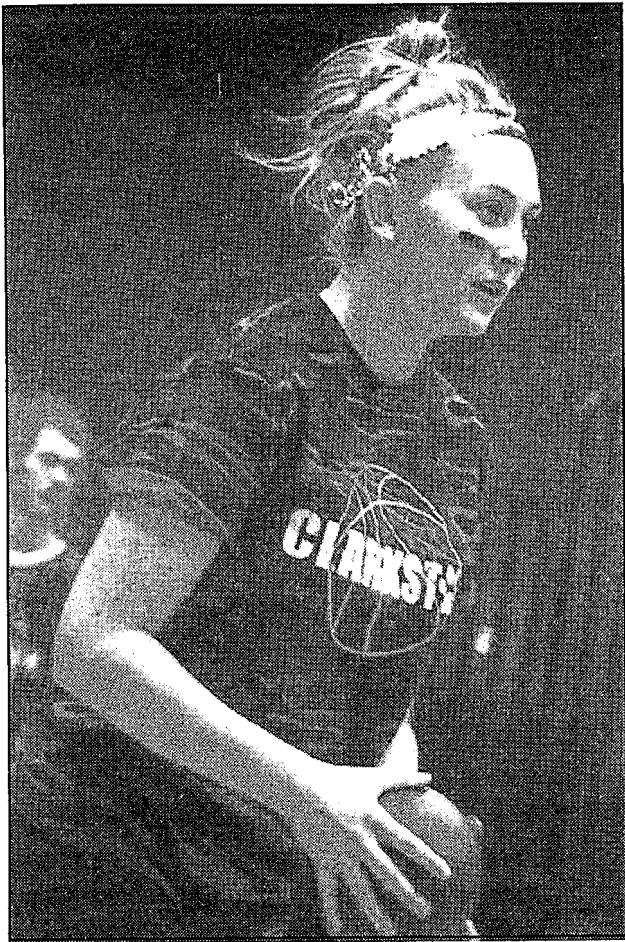
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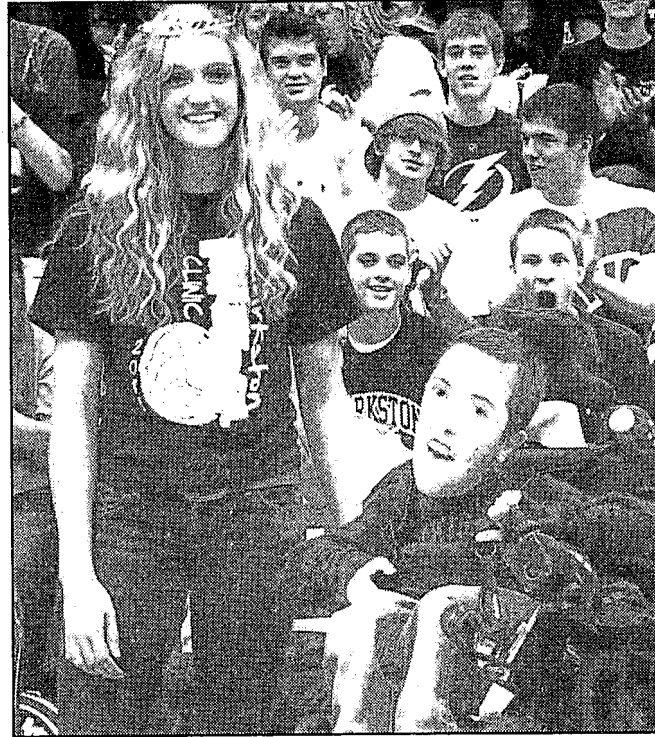
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Shauna Siwicki prepares for the Dodgeball duel against the Clarkston High School faculty.



Juniors Rachel Dickerson and Drew Canada represent their class on the Homecoming Court as princess and prince.



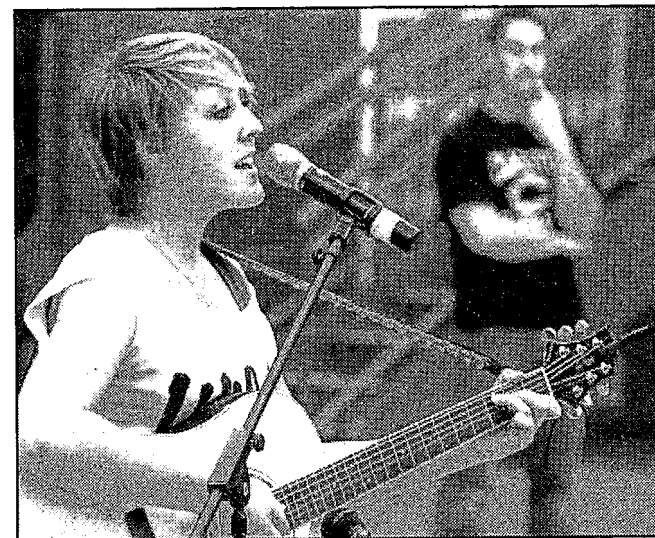
Michelle Rozwadowski accepts the crown for Sophomore Princess.

School spirit

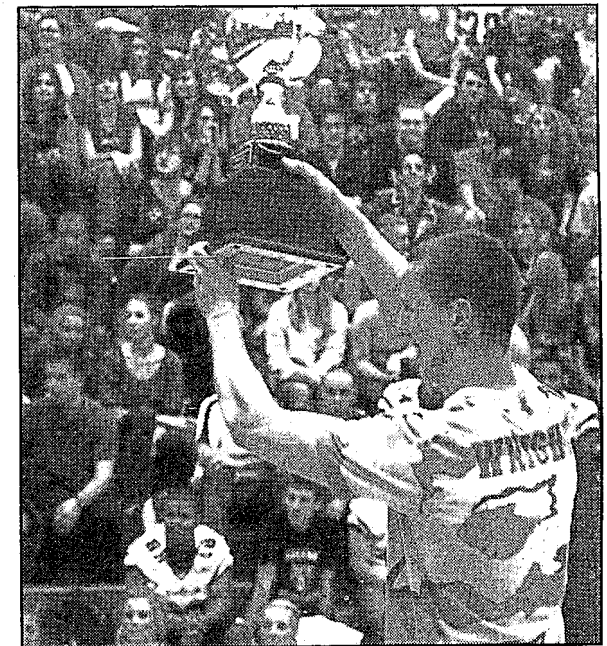
Clarkston High School students slowly rose from the bleachers and lifted their hands in the air as the wave made its way around the gym on Sept. 22.

Each of the three classes cheered, celebrated and competed in games during their Homecoming Pep Rally for the last attempt to win Spirit Week.

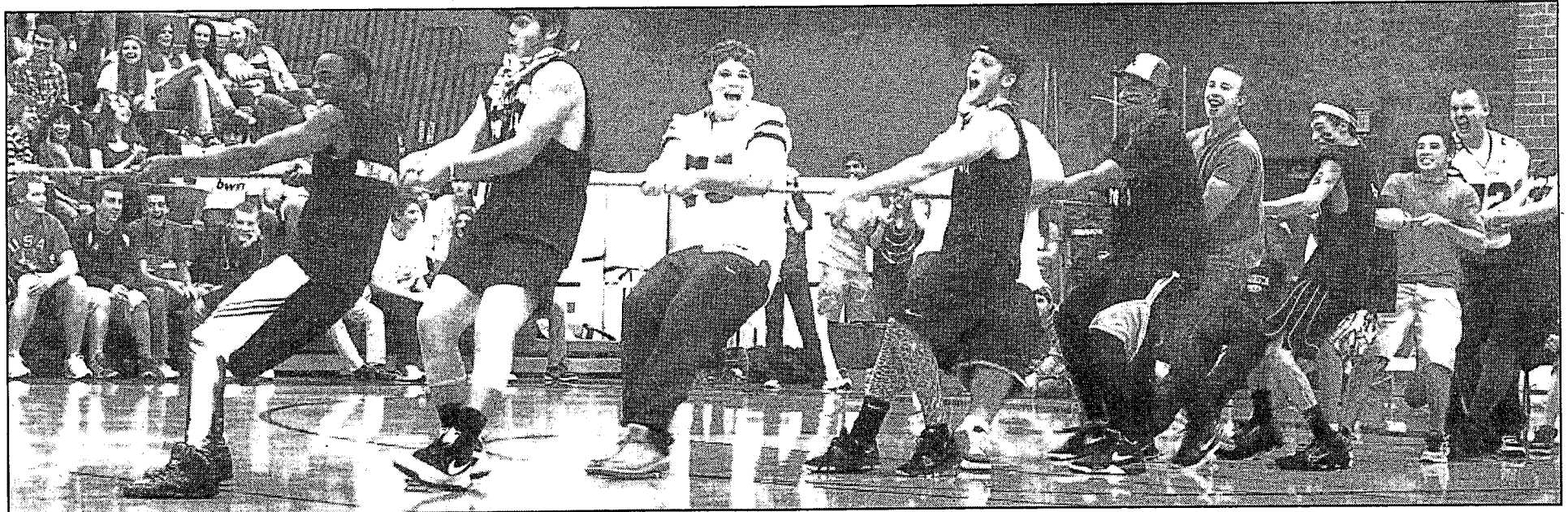
The Wolf spirit was still in the air the next night at the Clarkston Boys Varsity Football team beat Pontiac, 42-18



Battle of the Bands winner Josie Pace sings.



Matt Wright shares the trophy the senior class won for scoring the most points during Spirit Week.



Clarkston High School juniors give the seniors a battle in the tug-o-war event. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

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"It's one stop-shopping," said Mary Melega, senior center programmer.

Services are offered by local vendors, most involved since the beginning.

"It's a fun evening out," said Carrie Bishop, manager for McLaren Breast Center, McLaren Regional Medical Center, 5701 Bow Pointe Drive Suite 255.

New services for all ages this year include henna tattoos, which wash off, and hair feath-ers, Melega said.

"They weave them into your hair," she said. "People are excited about that."

"It's really popular," Bishop said. "I'm glad to see them involved."

A portion of proceeds will be donated to POH Riley Foundation for mammography services at McLaren Breast Center, which provides mammograms for uninsured women in Oakland County, and GLCI Clarkston Foundation, providing transportation to patients in need.

The event also includes a boutique recycled purse and jewelry sale, with all proceeds going to the Riley Foundation. Drop off slightly used purses and jewelry for the sale to Mary Melega at the senior center.

The fund raiser is planned during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"It's another way to remind the commu-nity to get mammograms," Bishop said.



Carrie Bishop, manager for McLaren Breast Center, left, and Mary Melega, senior center programmer, with purses donated to Pink and Pampered, Oct. 17. Photo by Phil Custodio

Attendance increased from about 30 in its first year to about 60 last year.

"This project has really grown," Melega said.

A new time, 4-8 p.m., is more convenient for people coming home from work, she said.

The event includes free appetizers, Amy's Blend Coffee donated by Caribou Coffee, and smoothie and pie samples do-

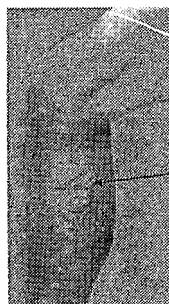
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MOVING SALE- 126 Army Rd., Leonard. Oct. 6-8, 9am-5pm. Tools, tools, compressor, pressure washer, Huskee mower with leaf machine, lawn equipment, NK generator for tractor PTO, lots of garage stuff, some household items, single bed with mattress, queen mattress with box springs. No kids items! !!R441

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RUMMAGE SALE- Paint Creek Methodist Church, 4420 Collins Rd., off Orion Rd. by Paint Creek Cider Mill (Goodison). Friday, Oct. 7th, 9am-5pm (early birds 8am-3). Saturday, Oct. 8th, bag day, 9am-1pm. !!L432

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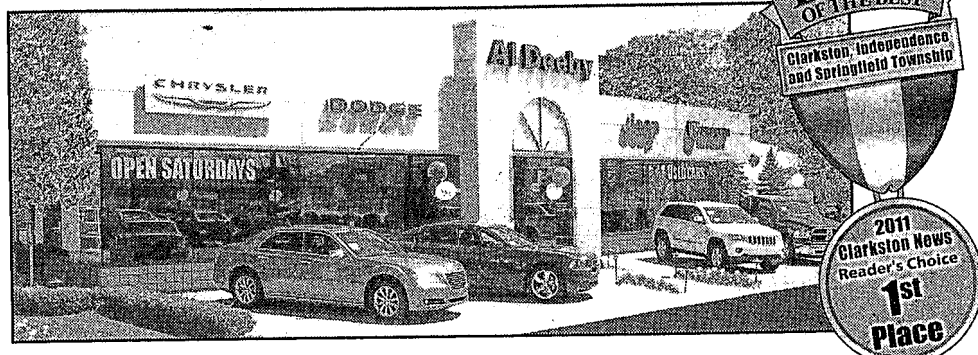
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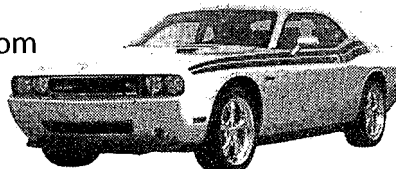
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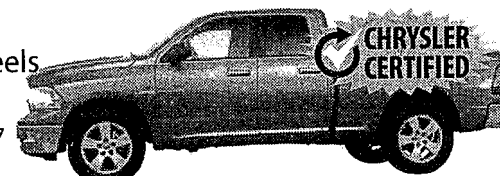
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Wagner wants to finish job, preserve health care

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not figure out what was wrong, Wagner transferred to the University of Michigan hospital in Ann Arbor.

"I'm happy I'm up there, I believe they're doing a very thorough job," he said. "The only disappointment is I'm not working."

Watching some of the board meetings on cable, Wagner said he's been "disappointed" and believes "the township is going in reverse to 10 to 12 years ago."

Moving public comment to the end of the meeting is "disfranchising the entire township by not allowing them to speak at the beginning of the meeting."

He also disagrees with the board hiring an "acting supervisor" when there is already a deputy supervisor who has authority to perform supervisor's duties except voting at board meetings.

"I can just imagine who they're going to bring in," Wagner said. "The bad part about that is they bring this poor guy or girl in, but as soon as I come back they got to let them go. That's not fair to that individual."

Wagner said "it's a personal vendetta," against him.

"It's about me, it's not about what is good for the township, it's strictly 'get rid of Dave Wagner,' which has been the objective ever since this new board has taken place," he said. "It's been quite evident by things that have been said and done."

Another reason for not resigning is he wants to keep his healthcare. The board voted 5-2 in November 2010 to increase lifetime healthcare benefits for elected official from eight to 16 years. Wagner was grandfathered into eight years, but fears if he doesn't complete his term, he will lose his Blue Cross.

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CLARKSTON

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

To the qualified electors of the City of the Village of Clarkston, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT THE City of the Village of Clarkston, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346, WILL BE OPEN:

TUESDAY, October 11, 2011

FROM 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

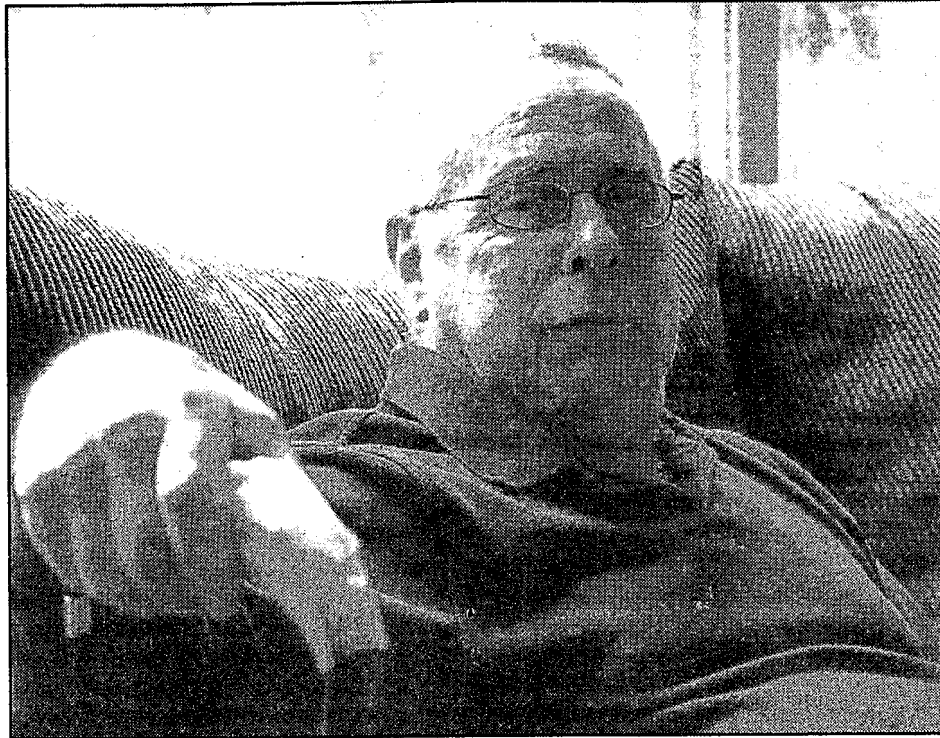
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID CITY NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PRECINCT 1 OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
(THREE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS)

Kelly Richter, Clerk
City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346
248-625-1559



Independence Township Supervisor sits on a couch in his Bellshire home.

Photo by Trevor Keiser

"That's a major thing to me right now and I need that," he said.

Wagner said he is trying to remain strong.

"I still believe there is a reason for everything," he said. "If you don't feel that way, that means you have no faith and to have no faith you have nothing."

He said in the past month he has received around 30 calls from residents he doesn't even know urging him to run for election in 2012, he says he'll only run if he has a "clean bill of health."

"If I feel healthy enough and the township keeps heading in the direction it's heading and I know my health is good, good, not half good I'll run for office again," Wagner said. "I've got to be able to do the job. If I can't do the job, I'm not going to do something just for the heck of it, because it's time consuming and costs a lot of money."

While receiving long-term disability, according to Finance Director Susan Hendricks, Wagner receives about \$1,200, the portion of his regular salary not paid by disability bi-weekly. Of the \$1,200, the township contributes 10 percent (\$120) towards Wagner's retirement per pay period. He also gets his monthly \$600 car allowance.

The township also pays \$1,597 per month for Wagner's health insurance, life insurance, and disability insurance.

If Wagner resigns, township Clerk Barbara Pallotta said the township would either have a special election or appoint a supervisor, like when the board appointed Pallotta for clerk in February.

The township could operate without a supervisor until next year's election if they have an acting supervisor performing administrative duties in the office, she said.

Gymnastics

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when they go out for a job interview, go to college or move out of state, because on a daily basis they face fear.

"And the most important thing," she said, "is they set goals -- day to day, week to week and long term goals. They have learned through the program if they work hard, stay at it they can accomplish something. Knowing the value of hard work, is huge. Anything is possible."

Sometimes the coach worries about her girls. Do they have enough time to be kids? Do they train too much?

"I am sure there are nights they are up to midnight getting home work done. But they all get good grades, do community service and some are on the National Honors Society. Will they have regrets later on? It is reassuring to me, these girls have found a balance. They can commit to a sport they love, have a social life with friends and get their school work done."

Cassie said it has to do with the kids they accept and the parents who raise them.

"We are looking for kids who want to be there, versus the kids whose parents push them to be here. The kids whose parents have set the goals are the kids who are uncoachable. A lot of them truly don't want to be here. And, a very important part of our program is to educate parents."

Part of coaching up the parents, she said, is teaching them how to keep their poker faces on when their children compete. When to ask questions and when to lay off. They are also given the suggestion not to watch practices.

"We don't want kids to worry about what their parents think while training. We want them to focus on what they themselves are doing."

Currently the staff is helping the older girls figure out their futures. Asking them to list what colleges they want to attend and building recruitment videos.

It is a lot of work running a gym and coaching competitively. Is it worth it?

"I coach everybody, from the lowest level on up. Nathan and I want to know everybody and their parents. Because of them, I try to live my life to a higher standard. Every day they motivate me. They inspire me. They probably don't know that, but it's true."

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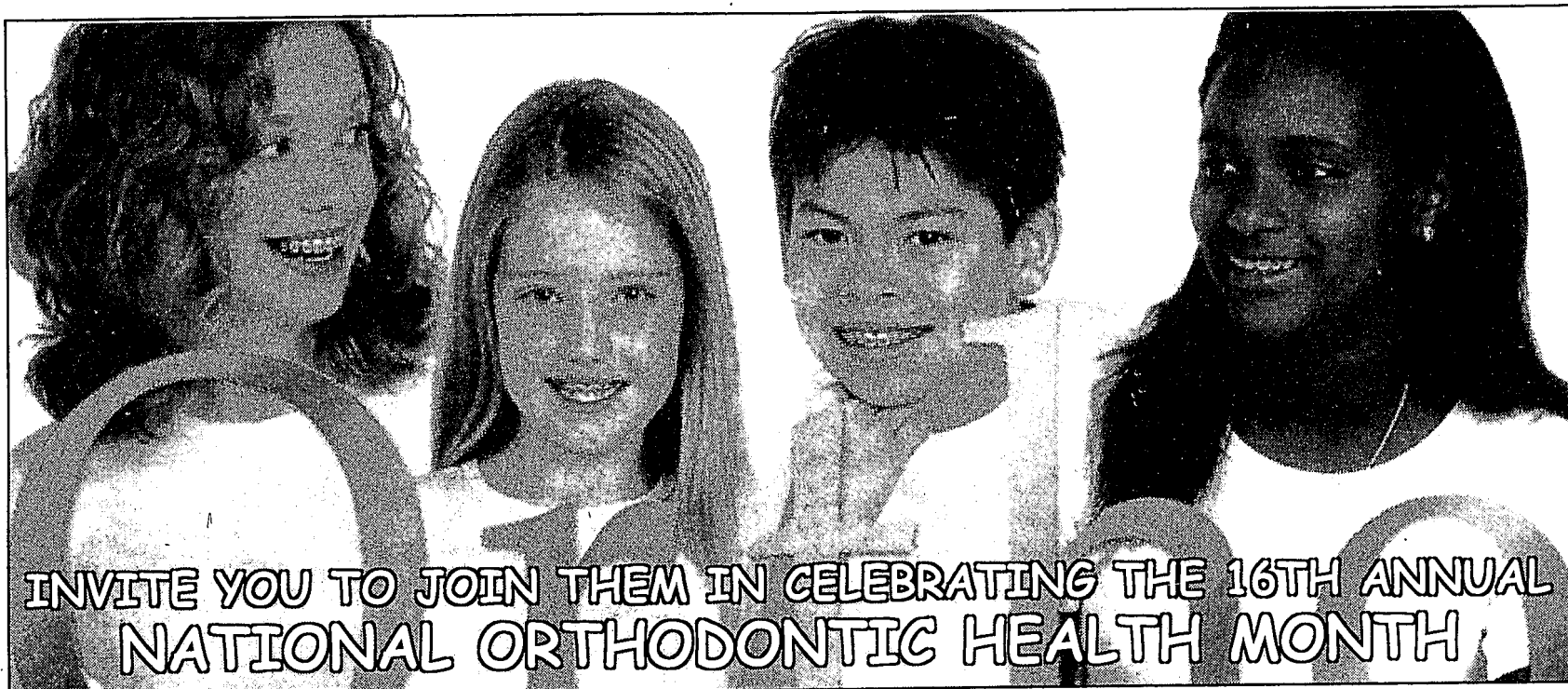
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