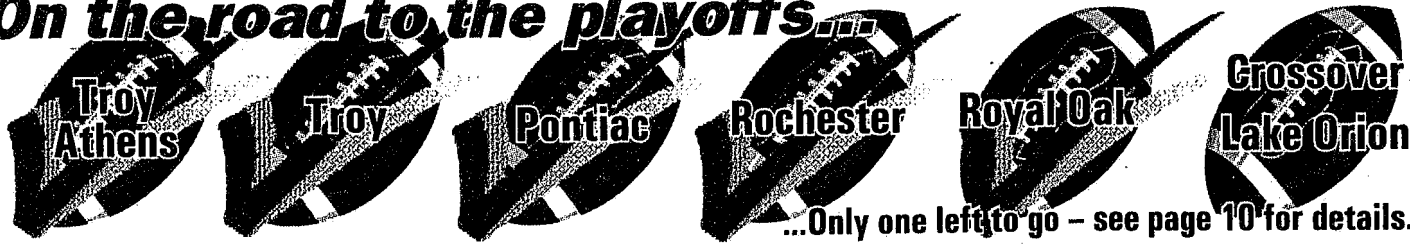


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**FOIAs
under fire**

**Officials question
school Freedom of
Info requests, funding**

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

School officials facing several Freedom of Information Act requests have some questions of their own.

"We have limited staff and limited time to take on these resources and it seems wasteful," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock at the Sept. 26 school board meeting.

Responding to FOIA requests submitted by Dawn Schaller of Independence Township, the school district printed 4,760 pages, with 26.75 hours of staff time. At a cost of \$15.33 per hour and 10 cents per page, the cost was \$886.08, Rock said.

School board members are mixed.

"We are one of the finest school district in the state and this activity has gone on too long with nothing to show for it," said board President Cheryl McGinnis. "Times are difficult enough with reform legislation being thrown at districts daily to deal with one person's unsubstantiated intentions."

Trustee Joan Patterson disagreed.

"I don't fault her at all - she's a citizen trying to help," Patterson said. "Dr. Rock should bring her on board to help with the reporting."

Please see FOIA on page 13A



Run for fun

Wolfie gathers with fans at the North Sashabaw Elementary Fun Run, Oct. 7. Students ran laps around their track to raise money for school supplies and projects. Photo by Wend Reardon

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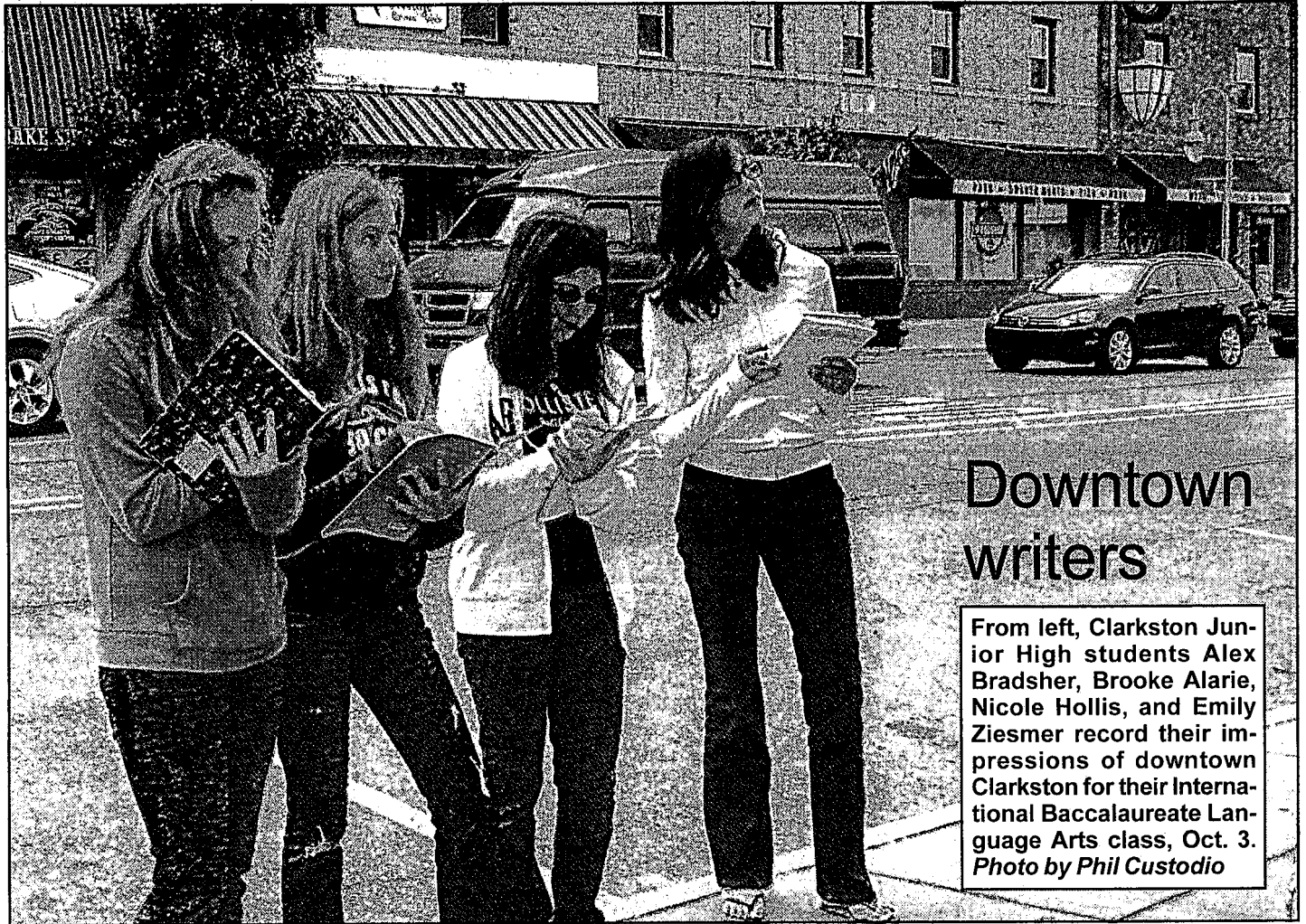
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Downtown writers

From left, Clarkston Junior High students Alex Bradsher, Brooke Alarie, Nicole Hollis, and Emily Ziesmer record their impressions of downtown Clarkston for their International Baccalaureate Language Arts class, Oct. 3. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Briefly

Leaves for garden

Rakers can drop off their leaves at Clarkston Community Garden, 9-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, and stay for a gardening presentation.

Jim Tesnar, garden manager, will discuss fall soil improvement and no-till gardening techniques at 10 a.m. From 12-3 p.m., volunteers put finishing touches on the Perennial Welcome Garden, a 1,000-square-foot perennial "cut garden."

Flowers will be cut from the garden in 2012 and delivered with Meals-On-Wheels to those not able to leave their homes. Plant donations are also needed. A "wish list" for plants is posted online at www.itpr.org.

The Clarkston Community Garden is located just past Stickney Road off of Pine Knob on the Northeast corner. Call Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 248-625-8223.

Young Americans visit

The Young Americans host a workshop at Clarkston High School, 3-9 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 24; and 4-6:15 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25, with performance at 7:30 p.m.

The professionally trained college group trains in voice, dance, performance, improvisation, and choral singing.

Class fee is \$99, includes a t-shirt. Tickets for the performance are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Students should pack a dinner for Sunday and Tuesday and a lunch and snacks for Monday.

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Kyle Crockett stacks cups as fast as he can to beat Tyler Crockett.

Fall fun at fair

Bailey Lake Elementary students took their friends and family for their school's annual fair on Oct. 8.

Tasty treats of cotton candy and pizza filled their stomachs while many competed in the Cake Walk for a chance to win a homemade dessert.

Kids put their skills to the test competing in various games like basketball, hockey, golf and fishing, while others took a break, getting their hair sprayed different colors or had their faces painted.

The fair participants also had a chance to shop by visiting the used book sale or bidding on one (or more) of the various baskets filled with fun items.

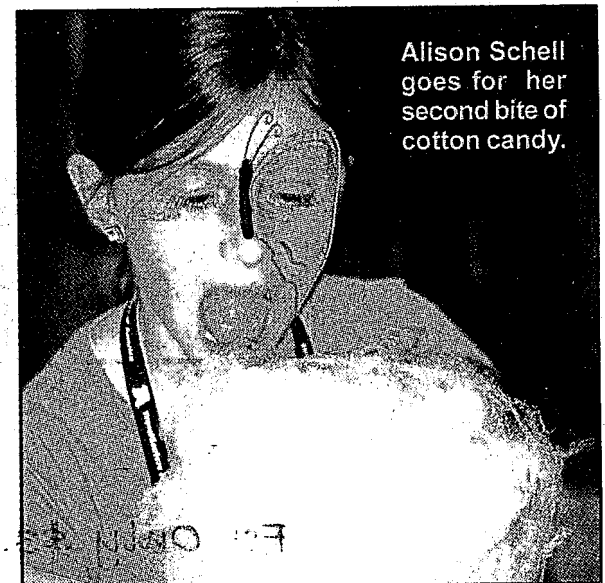
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Lillian Kearney reels in a blue fish.



Ben Haas, Nico Anderson, Ryan Anderson and Logan Knowlson try to beat teachers Mrs. Simecek and Mrs. Anderson in games.



Alison Schell goes for her second bite of cotton candy.

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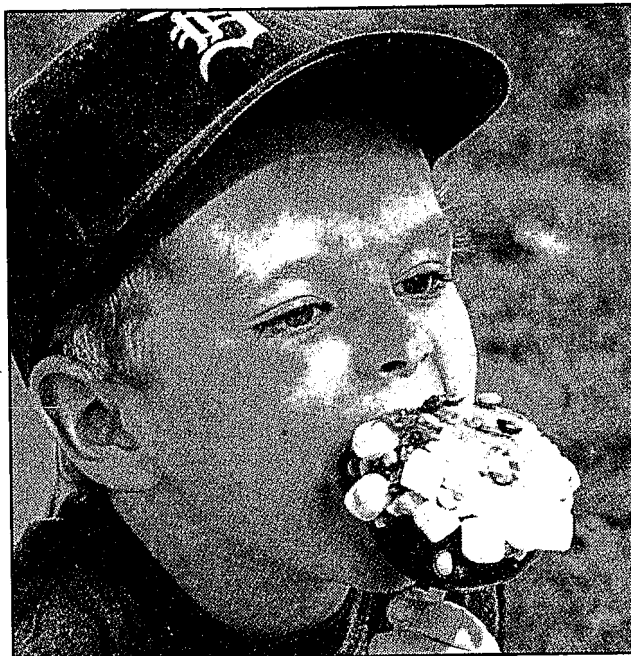
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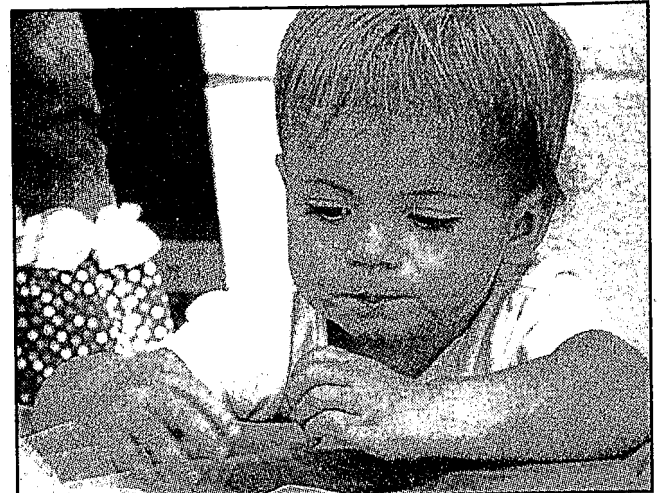
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Bella Smith aims for the target in the seed spitting contest. Photos by Trevor Keiser



Ethan Heading enjoys his caramel apple.



Allie Walker finds some candy to her liking.



Jeff Hibbs teaches his daughter Kelsey how to shoot a bow on the archery field.

Celebrating heritage

While celebrating the 150-year anniversary of the Civil War and 175-year anniversary of Springfield Township, residents found their way to downtown Davisburg for the annual Heritage Festival.

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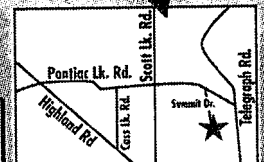
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With less money, township's scaling back

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Just as citizens with less money have to scale back, so does government.

Millage rates for Independence Township remained the same for the past few years, but the township's total levy is less, due to falling property values.

General Fund millage rate of 1.0193 is projected to bring in around \$98,000 less revenue for 2012 than 2011.

"The budgets (for 2012) are still in a preparation stage and so we don't really know exactly what we're going to be doing," said Finance Director Susan Hendricks, who noted she hasn't been as involved in the budget process as before.

Treasurer Curt Carson said they have to "find more efficient ways to do things."

"Pretty much all of the departments have figured out some way to cut back, that's what we're doing," he said. "The last place we want to do is make a cut with personnel. We made huge (personnel) cuts a year and a half ago. We're all doing more with a lot less."

The 3.1688 fire millage is projected to bring in an estimated \$332,000 less next year. According to Fire Chief Steve Ronk, the department has lost about a million dollars in the past four years and is "losing positions by attrition," including a fire inspector in 2012 and an EMS coordinator and fire marshal in

2013.

"That's been our plan for three years," Ronk said. "They're coming to retirement age and we're eliminating those positions."

He also noted they are working with some part-time paramedics to increase their "run volume," so they don't lose income to private companies.

Also, the department has an "aging fleet" of fire trucks that are 12 years old, which cost more to maintain. Ronk admits it "looks odd" to be downsizing and eliminating positions, then purchasing new trucks, but he said they have saved money the past 10 years in order to replace the three engines.

"Our major goal is to keep people in the streets, so when people call 911, somebody's coming. All the rest of it will go away if it has to," he said. "Keeping the fire engines running out the front doors is our primary last ditch concern."

The library will be losing \$72,000 next year on their .6910 millage rate. Library Director Julie Meredith said they are looking at up to \$120,000 loss between the millage money loss, state aid, and other revenue sources.

"The problem we have in the library is there are so many fixed costs and there are only a few areas that are really fluid," she said. "No matter how much you try to save money, it's always going to cost us basically the same for the electricity and the heat. You

can't just not turn on the lights."

Flexible expenses include books, CDs, movies, staffing, and other patron services. With a 30-percent cut in part-time staff last year along with 25 percent of their materials budget, Meredith said she barely has enough staff to cover things as it is.

"We are to the point where I think we're going to have to start talking about potentially shortening the library hours," she said. "A lot of libraries are doing that."

Independence Township sheriff's substation could be facing around a \$309,000 loss to their revenues on their 2.0547 and .8953 millage rates. However, Substation Commander Lt. Dale LaBair said despite the loss in revenue, they are "right where they belong."

"The plan was when we got our millage, we knew this year (2011) was going to be very weak. When we planned the millage, the thinking was last year we would have a slight surplus, we had slight fund balance, so this year we should be OK," LaBair said. "The anticipation is next year ought to just be a wash, but after that is just anybody's guess."

The fire millage, which was last renewed in August of 2008, will be up for renewal in 2012. The library and police, which were renewed in 2010 will be up for renewal in 2014.



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Safety path millage rate maintains current paths

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Almost a quarter million a year sounds like a decent chunk of change, but it's not much to Department of Public Works Director Linda Richardson.

"Right now what we bring in covers operating and then a little bit can go into the fund balance," Richardson said. "Some of that also goes towards engineer and labor costs."

The current .2023 Safety Path Millage collects \$272,513 a year.

The township paid \$14,741 between Jan. 1-Oct. 4 to safety path engineers Hubble Roth & Clark. They also paid \$66,799.50 for both full-time part-time wages in 2010.

Over 40 miles of safety path is a lot for one full-time employee and three part-timers to maintain, noted Richardson.

Safety Path Superintendent Kevin Daniels agreed.

"People think we just mow and weed whip," Daniels said. "It's so much more than that."

Other duties include cutting brush, clearing fallen trees, dealing with day to day complaints, disposing of debris such as broken bottles, and sweeping the paths with the Bob Cat power broom.



Brandon Wyke cleans two of the safety path mowers outside the Facilities and Maintenance building with the power washer. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Daniels noted his department is responsible for mowing the median down Sashabaw Road, which he said is "intense." He also said he and his staff clean and prep all equipment and trucks for the next day's work.

"My part-time help, Brandon Wyke, Lindsay Sawyer, and Trevor Rigney are all local people and they are the best I've had," Daniels said. "They are responsible and care about what they do."

Daniels also meets with contractors and

engineers on site.

At the end of 2010 the safety path fund balance was \$1,128,000.

Richardson said part of this money went to projects to hopefully be done this year, including M-15/Hubbard Road to Deer Ridge Drive at a cost of \$35,000, with a 20 percent contingency. The second project is Sashabaw Road at I-75 to Clarkston Road, total cost \$350,000.

"After this project, we'll go into maintenance mode, which is fine," she said.

Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Sports talk

This is a good time to be a Detroit sports fan.

Though they're currently down two games to Texas it's still exciting to see the Tigers in the post season.

I would love to see the Tigers beat the Rangers and face off against the St. Louis Cardinals for the World Series.

The Lions won four games in a row, two of which were amazing second half comebacks.

Lions fan have been starving for a long time to have something to cheer about.

The last time they played Monday Night Football was 2001. They beat the Bears 24-13, making this their first 5-0 season in 55 years.

It would be nice if the Lions could make it to the playoffs and finally get rid of all the ill-feelings of the "Matt Millen era" with the 0-16 season.

If you're a college football fan then you also have something to cheer about as Michigan goes head to head with Michigan State in East Lansing on Saturday at noon.

Michigan currently has a 6-0 record and Michigan State is 4-1. LET'S GO BLUE!

If you're a hockey fan, the NHL season just started and your Detroit Red Wings won their first two games. There is plenty of hockey season to be played.

I know for me hockey doesn't really "start" until baseball and football seasons are over and by over I mean our local Detroit and University of Michigan football seasons are done.

As far as the Detroit Pistons go, they're currently in a lockout and I don't know if players, coaches, and the NBA will settle negotiations in time to have a season.



In other "news," my wife Noell and I recently celebrated our first month of marriage.

It has been a good first month, there has been a little adjusting of living with one another, as there is with every newlyweds, but we've had a good time.

I can say I love her more today than when I married her 37 days ago and that's something to smile about.

Questions about FOIA questions

Dear Editor,

I am very disturbed by facts presented by Ssuperintendent Dr. Rod Rock at the Sept. 26 Clarkston School Board meeting.

Clarkston resident Dawn Schaller submitted nine Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to Clarkston Community Schools since 2010. She received 4,760 pages of materials for six requests fulfilled to date at an estimated cost of more than \$1,200 to the district. Although Mrs. Schaller has paid \$886.08 of those costs, the district and the taxpayers eat the rest. I don't like the taste of that.

Even more disturbing is the apparent partnership between Mrs. Schaller and Sherman Publications, owner of The Clarkston News. Editor Phil Custodio participated in Mrs. Schaller's review of documents pertaining to her first FOIA request at the administration building.

Dr. Rock presented evidence Sherman Publications paid for one of Mrs. Schaller's FOIA requests. I spoke with Dr. Tommy Thomason, a journalism professor at Texas Christian University and expert on community journalism. He has never heard of a community newspaper paying for a private citizen's FOIA request. It seems hidden agendas also make strange bedfellows.

While Mrs. Schaller certainly has the right to examine public information, the length and breadth of this pursuit without any evidence of wrong-doing is simply a waste of the taxpayers' money and the school district's time. She's fishing, plain and simple, and the home-

town newspaper has swallowed her story hook, line and sinker. The Clarkston News has frequently published Mrs. Schaller's vague allegations and opinions opposing district actions without evidence to support her claims. A quick search of The Clarkston News website shows Mrs. Schaller has been quoted or used as a source 24 times in the past 18 months in stories and editorials relating to the school district.

Jim Sherman owes his readers and the citizens of Clarkston answers. Why are you paying for the FOIA requests of a private citizen and supporting her unsubstantiated allegations? Did you reimburse Mrs. Schaller or anyone else for her other FOIA requests, which were paid with cash and personal checks?

What is the relationship between Dawn Schaller and The Clarkston News? Will you be transparent with your practices, as you are demanding of the school district?

It's time for Dawn Schaller and Sherman Publications to be up front about their motives and actions. If there are findings that support alleged misconduct or misappropriation of funds, then publish it.

If nothing concrete has come from 18 months, nine FOIA requests and nearly 5,000 pages of documents, then it's time to stop chasing conspiracy theories and let our school administrators return to the business of educating our students.

*Kelli Horst, president
Clarkston PTA Council*

Parent upset by school phone call

Dear Editor,

I sat silently at dinner last evening trying to revive my shocked senses after receiving a blast phone call from Clarkston's Superintendent of Propaganda, Rod Rock, thanking me for giving Clarkston teachers the freedom to pursue professional development.

I will never understand this program and how or why taking instruction time from my son is in his best interests so our teachers can "use data to support thinking" or some such nonsense.

Technically, I didn't give anyone permission to do anything. I didn't vote on a proposal or engage in a debate or discussion.

No, this decision was made with no public input, and I was thanked via use of the most impersonal political tactic imaginable.

A one-way, blast phone call. I have a suggestion. I think parents should be allowed to audit the teacher development meetings on late start days. Personally, I just have to experience what "using data to support thinking" looks like. Having studied many of the great propagandists of all time my gut feeling is the real activity is "drinking coffee to wash down donuts."

*Michael Palese
Independence Township*

Wint Funeral home says 'thanks'

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the following for their help in making the recent veterans' benefits seminar a success:

American Legion Post #63, Clarkston for hosting the event; Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly and Oakland County Veterans Administration for providing speakers; Congressman Mike Rogers' office for presenting two American flags that were flown over the capital; and local businesses and media for

assistance with announcing the event. Your help was truly appreciated.

Over 60 attendees learned about valuable benefits available for their service to our country. For those who were not able to attend and would like to receive material provided at the seminar, please contact Wint Funeral Home at 248-625-5231 or email wintfuneralhome@aol.com for a free informational packet.

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A Look Back

From The News archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Vision 2020 nears completion" The steering committee worked on a plan to make the Sashabaw corridor a focal point of township business, create a "village feel" with pedestrian access, improve government communication within and outside the community, and increase residential and business tax bases.

"Will Village Players be forced out?" Clarkston Village Players faced eviction from Depot Theater after Canadian National Properties told them they were putting their land up for sale. The theater group was trying to raise \$78,000 to purchase the land.

"Downtown parking fines set by city" City Council set fines at \$10 for parking violations in downtown parking lots.

25 years ago - 1986

"Tobacco issue erupts again" Residents spoke out against Clarkston School Board's decision to suspend a high school student from the football team for chewing tobacco in school. The board upheld its previous decision.

"Springfield denies rezoning to allow mining" Springfield Township Board rejected a request to rezone property at Davisburg Road and Dixie Highway for gravel mining. Residents supported the decision, saying it would have been an eyesore.

"Just one more step" Michelle Wade and other sixth graders from Andersonville and North Sashabaw elementary schools scaled the climbing tower and learned about pioneer skills, backpacking, and map reading at a science field trip to Camp Tamarack.

50 years ago - 1961

"Know your fire department" The pride and joy of Independence Fire Department was a Chevrolet pickup rescue truck loaded with chain saws, power hack saws, hydraulic jacks, masks, lights, shovels, and other gear. It was purchased for \$4,000, all donations.

"Calling all men" Clarkston Community Men's Club offered first-class family-style dinner served by women who know what cooking is, real fine entertainment with variety to suit all the men, opportunity to visit with neighbors, and a chance to give the woman a break.

"Style Show a success" The Woman's Society of Christian Service presented a Style Show at Clarkston High School. Eight lovely models displayed about 60 costume ensembles.

Rodents is too nice a word for mice

Before I started writing this column about mice, I looked "mice" up in the dictionary. It said "see mouse." I almost said, "Eek!"

Years past I'd have come up with something else, but I'm trying to give up swearing before I die.

Mouse: 1. Any of numerous small rodents with pointed snout, rather small ears, elongated body and slender tail.

Mouse: 2. *slang*: woman. **b**: a timid person.

My current definition: a sneaky, nibbling, annoying, droppinger, elusive and challenging rodent unworthy of becoming a happy cartoon character.

I wrote of a mouse getting in my bread drawer, eating Ritz and Club crackers, but not saltines on September 21 of this year. In the weeks that followed I caught five in traps loaded with bacon.

One was trout sized.

Despite the peanut bait suggested on the trap package, I've learned mice hate peanut butter.

Naive me, I figured I'd caught my limit, so decided to ease off for a while. The cabinet with the bread drawer also has the silverware drawer.

I pulled it a little further open than usual, and WOW! Amongst the knives and forks was 3 whole crack-

ers, 8 nibbled crackers and 4 cracker pieces.

They were all saltines.

Like you, I buy a box of crackers with four packages, 37 crackers in each. Two packages in the box were untouched, one was entirely empty and the other had 12 crackers left.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

There went my belief mice don't eat saltines.

Like most kitchen cabinets, ours is like a box. So, how did those mice get in my drawers?

It's been a few days since this research began, but you can bet our silverware, bread and crackers have been moved to completely inaccessible places.

Sure!

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Scattered thoughts.

• Close the United Nation. It was never united. It seems to primarily serve as a platform for those who don't like us. It's huge expense. Sell it to Donald Trump.

• Allow drilling or digging for fuel. Hundred of thou-

sands would be employed. Besides, what are we storing it for?

• Why do so many professional quarterbacks keep plays on notes on their wrists? Are memories worse today than in my day? Imagine Bart Starr not remembering a play?

• One of the promos for a new television show says, "It will have all America talking." Must be South America.

• A new study shows the curtains between beds in hospitals are loaded with germs. Wonder if that has anything to do with hospitals putting mainly single-bed rooms in new additions. Or, does it have to do with the thought: *People seem to get sick when hospitalized.*

• Adding the sound of pouring to sellers of liquid products is intended to make people thirsty. To me it's one of the most irritating sounds on earth.

• When I was in Fremont grade school in Shiawassee County a speaker came to tell us how to write a check. She said, we should add a mark or something to make it different. I still use one. Counterfeiters be aware.

• In a Michigan lottery commercial: "The more you spend the more you save." How?

I love pie and dog collars

A while back I was fortunate enough to be asked to help raise money for disabled veterans. The gals from Bonnie & Cynde Boutique/Clarkston Flowers advertised folks could dunk your's truly for a price.

I guess word gets around that I'm a sucker for a good cause. Last week, reader Michelle Ervin wrote me this: "I hear you're great at a party."

Well, my spidey-senses were tingling. This sounded like a lot of spam. I didn't know then, Michelle was a reader and I was inclined to delete said e-mail only after marking it as spam (unwanted email) and then blocking the sender all together and forever.

But I didn't. Instead I replied something in the usual Don Rush style -- you know, something wonderfully short and witty.

"Who am you?"

Doesn't that have a nice ring to it? Kinda flows off the lips lyrically, poetically. Boy, it's tough being a wordsmith.

Who she am is a person helping another local person. She's with the North Oakland Animal Husbandry 4-H Club and they have a fund raiser slated to help local Sharon Bergman. Bergman is a single-

mom who is "healing" breast cancer. I am not sure what that means, but I bet it means she's battling breast cancer. They are having a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on Sunday, October 23 at the Ortonville United Methodist Church, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Wrote reader Michelle, "We need to raise \$2,300 in one night -- rather a big goal for a small 4-H club. So, I thought if someone with 'influence in the community' (wink, wink) could bring a bit of pizzazz to the event we'd be that much better off. Of course, I know you're a busy guy. Just thought I'd ask."

I replied something as equally eloquent as my last reply.

"Michelle, I'll do whatever I can to help. Just give me the skinny."

What I am doing is taking one (or more) in the face. Don't know yet, but I do know I love pie . . . and, wrote Michelle, "Exactly how many pies would you be willing to risk? I am thinking of two options. You are set up on a chair in a visible area

and subject folks to taunting who will then pay \$5 to lob a pie (crust and whipped cream) at you from behind a line. OR We have a silent auction item and the highest bidder wins the one and only right to pie you Soupy Sales style."

Readers, it's your call. What should I do? Write, email or call me. For more info call 248-318-8568 or check out www.noah4hsharonbergman.webs.com.

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I recently wrote of dogs and collars -- or combined -- dog collars. And, like many times, when I write something I think is pretty straight forward and innocuous, I get a response. Case in point . . .

* * *

Dearest Don,

After reading your column about dogs and their lack of collars I feel that some things need to be brought to your attention regarding collars.

As a seasoned owner of two German Shepherd dogs, both highly trained and highly spoiled, I feel somewhat qualified to comment on the subject. True, a flat collar with tags is a valuable aid in identifying a stray dog. But I feel a much better solution is microchipping. Any dog left

unsupervised with a collar on has the potential of accidentally hanging itself.

If you were to look around your house there are an unlimited amount of things a dog's collar can get hung up on, especially if it's ill fitting.

If someone comes to the door while you are not home and your dog jumps it can get hung up on the door handle and choke your dog to death. Two dogs playing can get their jaws entangled in collars. The struggle ensues until one dies. A collar left on a dog leaping up on a fence can get caught and death is not pretty. It happened to someone I know.

Collars with tags have their place. Mine never leave home without it. But while they are home they are never collared. I rely on their microchips and tattoos as identification if they should ever be able to get out. Any vet or shelter has all the microchip readers I've found.

So it is not laziness, cheapness or stupidity on responsible dog owners' parts if they do not have collars with tags if they have taken other steps to identify their dogs. My decisions, as well as many GSD owners that I know, to not leave collars on 24/7 are well thought out.

Respectfully, Diane K.



A column by
Don Rush

Photographers win awards in contest

Lisa Kaul of Clarkston won first- and second-place honors in the Clarkson Center for the Performing Arts Photography Contest.

Kaul's Torch Lake photo earned the first-place prize, a \$100 savings bond from Clarkston State Bank.

Her second-place photo of an autumn weeping willow tree earned a \$75 gift card from the Clarkston Union.

John Meyland of Clarkston won third place for his image of a Hummingbird Moth. He received a gift card from Essence on Main and Clarkston Dairy Queen.

Voters cast ballots in front of the Clarkston Conservatory of Music on Main Street during Taste of Clarkston, Sept. 25.

Meyland's photo was judged Best of Show by Beth Sayles, owner of Sayles Studio, earning him a pair of tickets to a Clarkston Village Players show.

Each vote included a \$1 donation to support the future home of Clarkson Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information, check www.clarkstonperformingarts.org.



Lisa Kaul and John Meyland, with their award-winning photographs. Photo provided



Cats and dogs can dress up at the Barkoberfest.

Barktoberfest

All types of pets are invited to Advanced Pet Care of Oakland's Barktoberfest Pet Costume Contest and Open House, 12-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16.

Other activities at the center, 6378 Sashabaw Road, will include educational tours of the hospital, hot cider with the veterinary staff, pumpkin painting, door prizes, games and photos.

Donations from pictures and raffles go to the Angel Fund to help homeless and stray animals in need of medical care.

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This story is written by someone who knows what it's like to have big shoes to fill. Pastor Todd Vanaman has followed his father, Dr. Paul Vanaman, in leading the congregation at Dixie Baptist Church. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Pastor Vanaman and his family over the years and appreciate all they do for our community. Unfortunately, I know firsthand what it's like to be in the position of the patient in his story as my father has set my collarbone on several occasions and the whole knee in the back part is absolutely true. My favorite part of his story is something that a pastor would know as well as any physician; that often times it's not only what you do that's important but that people know you are there for them if needed. Thank You Pastor Vanaman for sharing your story and God Bless you and your family.

~ Dr. Timothy O'Neill

Thank you for all the years that you have generously, lovingly, and kindly looked after me and my family; most recently taking care of my wife's health.

I remember the first time that I met you. I was about 8 years old and had been hit by a car in front of our house. My first ambulance ride was to your old office building on M-15.

I was wheeled to a room and passed you setting a young girl's broken collar bone with your knee in her back. I wondered, "What in the world is he going to do to me?"

Through all the years I have been comforted knowing that you have done your best to help us through the sicknesses and heartaches we've shared. Now even watching

over our grandchildren brings us calm.

Thank you for the sacrifice, hours, medicine for body and soul, encouragement, and faithful service to us. I pray God's blessing on you and yours.

Pastor Todd Vanaman

COMMUNITY HEALTH WATCH

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

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Public Safety

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

Minors take off running

A 14-year-old Springfield Township boy and 15-year-old Springfield Township boy were taken into custody after a short foot chase, 3:30 p.m., Sept. 22. Deputies were investigating a suspicious-vehicle report and tried to pull the teens over. They tried to flee but crashed, then fled on foot. Deputies tracked both down. The driver was taken to Genesys Hospital for treatment. A small amount of marijuana, scales, packing material and debit card were found in the vehicle.

Domestic violence arrest

A 44-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic violence, 12:20 a.m., Sept. 30, in the 6000 block of Woodcrest Ridge. He allegedly shoved his girlfriend in the face with his elbow.

Money and jewelry gone

A S. River Road resident returned home, 5:56 p.m., Sept. 30, to find a fan knocked over, and money and jewelry missing. The back door had been pried open.

Someone forced open the back door of a home in the 9000 block of Pine Knob Road, Sept. 30, and took money and jewelry.

Transmission taken

Someone took an automobile transmission from the driveway of a N. Eston Road home, Sept. 30. It was there because there was no room in the garage, the owner said.

Attempted break-in

A S. River Road resident heard someone trying to get in his front door, 7:17 p.m., Oct. 3. He watched as a man walked to the back porch and started prying at the door with a large screwdriver. He shouted he was calling police and the suspect fled. The suspect, described as of average height wearing dark clothes, left the screwdriver behind.

Motorcycle gone

A motorcycle was reported taken from a S. River Road home, Oct. 5. Someone unscrewed a security light and broke the bike's lock.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE, 1-888-887-6146.

Drug overdose and arrest

A 21-year-old Clarkston woman called 911 when she found her friend, a 26-year-old Clarkston man, turning blue in the bathroom at her Madison Street home, 3:44 p.m., Sept. 29. Independence Township firefighters treated the man for drug overdose, and took him to Doctors' Hospital. The woman was found to have a misdemeanor warrant out of 50th District Court, and was arrested.

Purse found on property

A Patrick Court resident found a purse in a wooded area on his property, Sept. 29, and turned it in. Deputies located the purse's owner, who said it was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Walters Road a week before.

Punching cars

DTE Music Theater responding to a report of a 20-year-old Ortonville man punching cars in the parking lot, 7:43 p.m., Sept. 30. He had a large gash in his right hand, which he said he got just from hitting his own pickup truck.

Garage intruder

A resident in the 5000 block of Pine Breeze Drive heard someone in the garage, 10:55 a.m., Oct. 3. The intruder fled when the resident checked, running to a dark-colored SUV. He is described as a white man, 25-30 years old, 5-foot-10-inches, thin, wearing light blue jeans and light-colored T-shirt. He got into the garage through an unlocked back door.

Tax evader pleads guilty

Clarkston native Andrew Robert Stanley, 44, pleaded guilty to five counts of tax evasion, Oct. 5.

Stanley, now living in Monroe, N.Y., didn't file federal tax returns on more than \$950,000 in income from 2004-2008. He owed over \$250,000 to the IRS, said U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade.

Stanley earned the money as an asphalt paver in Michigan. He entered the guilty plea in United States District Court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mona K. Majzoub.

The conviction is the result of IRS investigation, said Special Agent Yolanda Pearson, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

"In general, investigations come from sources of information," Pearson said.

Sentencing hearing hasn't been set yet. Maximum penalty for failing to file federal tax return is imprisonment of up to a year and \$100,000 fine per count.

He pleaded guilty to five counts of willfully failing to file.



It's a Guy Thing

DEVIL'S RIDGE • OCTOBER 29, 2011

Psst . . . fellas . . . come here.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guys who want to enjoy everything the day has to offer

can purchase the \$100 package and enjoy golf, buffet dinner, beer/wine tasting and the euchre tournament.

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital seeks ways to cure and prevent pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment.

To RSVP for the event, please send an e-mail with your name, address and telephone number to itsaguythingoxford@hotmail.com.

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

Please make checks payable to Oxford Township Parks and Recreation.

One to go for playoffs

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

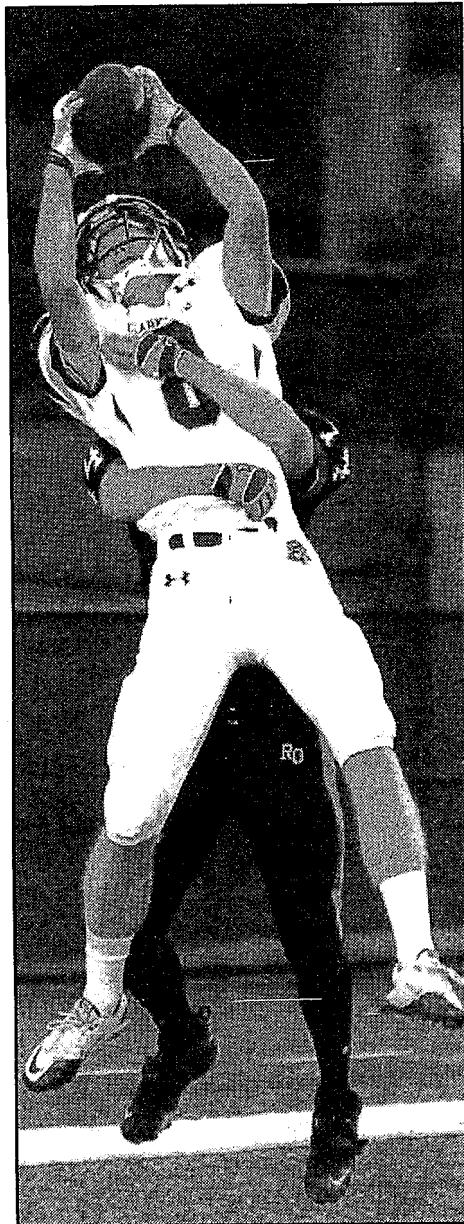
One win to go to clinch a playoff spot, with two games left to do it.

The gridiron heroes know they will have to give it everything they have if they want their game clincher for the MHSAA Districts to be against Oxford.

"It is going to be a blood bath," said Kurt Richardson, Clarkston Boys Varsity Football Head Coach. "They are a very good football team. They are going to come in here all fired up and foaming at the mouth."

Seniors Matt Dellinger and Zach Collins will lead defense against one of Oxford's threats - running back Prescott Line. Line ran 391 yards on 44 carries in the Wildcats' win over Southfield last Friday. He also scored six touchdowns in the 49-26 win.

During the last two games, Clarkston's defense has only allowed seven points in the last two games.



Mike Schwartz catches the pass in time. Photo by Larry Wright

"We will find out," Richardson noted, saying how the defensive line will match up against their opponents especially as they keep improving each game.

In the Wolves 45-7 win over Royal Oak last Friday, senior Joe Genoa led attackers with six tackles and one assist. Junior Nathan Yeloushan recovered a fumble and senior Matt Dellinger, a pass.

Senior running back Joey Goss finished the game with a 50-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, adding to his early. He was the leading rusher on 12 carries for 101 yards.

Senior quarterback Mitch Baenziger throw 7-for-10 for 167 yards, including three touchdown passes.

He threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to senior Mike Schwartz, 52-yard touchdown pass to Dellinger and 23-yard touchdown pass to senior Mac Pearce.

"It was nice to see Mac get a touchdown," said Richardson. "He is a good player that has worked extremely hard for us. He hasn't seen a lot of playing time but always has a great attitude."

Scoring the Wolves' sixth touchdown for the night was junior Alex Dicea on a 15-yard run.

Senior Alex Barta scored on five point after touchdowns and a 37-yard field goal. Senior Garrett Deckard scored one PAT.

A bonus to Friday's game was the second and third teams were able to play during the game to build experience for when the boys achieve their goal of qualifying for the playoffs.

"We got everyone in and everyone got to play a lot - that's nice," said Richardson.

Richardson did note a few things - the team didn't run the ball or block as well as they should have.

"I wasn't happy with that," he said, adding when Royal Oak scored on their only touchdown on a 46-yard run by Brandon Fredrickson, the boys had a breakdown in the line.

The Wolves will continue to improve their weaknesses and build on their strengths before they face Oxford on Friday.

"I am hoping we can run the ball and pass the ball," Richardson said. "We are multi-dimensional and that's our biggest strength."

Both Clarkston and Oxford go into the game with a 5-2 overall record.

"Oxford has a good solid program," said Richardson.

The freshman team also beat Royal Oak in their game against the Ravens last Thursday, 64-18, putting their record at 6-1.

The JV team held onto their undefeated record to beat the Royal Oak to the tune of 42-7. They are now 7-0 and look to add another win this Thursday at Oxford. Freshman begins at 4:30 p.m., JV follows.

The varsity team hosts Oxford this Friday, kickoff is at 7 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Zach Finn and Alex Richards celebrate their last home game against Berkley. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Double attack

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Seniors Zach Finn and Alex Richards ruled the doubles team portion of the OAA White Championship for tennis on Sept. 27.

Competing in Doubles #1 court, they took first place for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team, beating Lake Orion, Lahser and Rochester.

"It was a very good day," said Richards. "We really had it going that day. We pulled off a upset when we beat Lahser."

"Large upset," Finn added.

The dual had competed against Lahser before and lost, 0-2. The comeback for the Wolves started when Lahser made mistakes Finn and Richards were able to take advantage of.

"Once we got the momentum we just kept it," said Richards. "They underestimated us."

Finna and Richards didn't become doubles partners until after this season began but both have been playing tennis for a while. Richards began his freshman

year.

"I started playing for fun," he said. "I kept playing because I liked it. The team is cool. The guys are cool."

Finn began taking lessons in seventh grade.

"My parents would say I have been playing my whole life," he added. "The family outings on Sundays really got me started. It spiraled out of control from there and here I am on varsity."

He also played soccer but when soccer was moved to the same season as tennis, he had to make a choice.

"It was really disappointing," Finn said. "I chose tennis. Tennis is a lot of technique rather than athleticism."

Richards currently has a grade point average of 3.7 and Finn holds a 3.6 GPA.

Both will continue to play after graduation for fun. Richards added it depended on the college he goes to and the tennis program they have.

Richards plans on studying engineering in college and Finn plans on computer science or some kind of engineering.

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Season ends at regionals

The trip to MHSAA Regionals was unsuccessful for the Wolves and they closed their season last Thursday.

Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team scored three points and finished in seventh place.

West Bloomfield and Rochester



Matt Dahl returns a serve.

Adams took the top two places and Stoney Creek scored 21 points, enough to go on to the MHSAA State Finals.

The Wolves finished 8-5-2 overall with their last win against Berkley on Oct. 3, 7-2.

During the match, senior Andy Heuerman defeated Noah Kretchmer in Singles #1, 6-2, 6-0.

Senior J.P. Budzinski beat Simone Merendi in two of three matches to win 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, in Singles #2. Freshman Brendan Greenlee beat Sam Subia, 6-1, 6-1 in Singles #4. Senior Jordan Kincaid lost to Ian Kobernick, 6-3, 6-3, in Singles #3.

Four of the doubles teams won their matches - sophomore Matt Dahl and senior Troy Hughes for Doubles #1, seniors Patrick Bemis and Eric Kurowski for Doubles #2, seniors Zach Finn and Alex Richards for Doubles #3 and sophomore Dan Agnew and junior Scott Schultz for Doubles #5. Doubles #4 with sophomores Joey and Johnny Whall finished with a loss.

The Wolves finished in the OAA White in fourth place. They had an 3-3 record in the league and tied for third place during the league tournament.

Budzinski aided the team winning first place at the league tournament along with Doubles #3 team of Finn and Richards. Greenlee finished in second place.

The Wolves lose 11 seniors from the boys tennis program.

Defense key against Cavs

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers prepare for their first round of districts with their last games of the season this week.

They start with Holly on Wednesday and continue with Lahser the next day.

"They are definitely games we can play at a high level in," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chuck Lawhorn. "We can definitely come out on top but we need to keep our focus and make sure we do that for 80 minutes."

He added the key is to make sure they stay competitive against both teams.

They head into their first round of the MHSAA Districts against Carman-Ainsworth.

"We don't know a lot about them but we do know soccer is not their top sport," said Lawhorn. "They have been struggling this season. I am expecting some of our younger guys to step up. They have been playing well and is time for those guys to come into their own and make a difference."

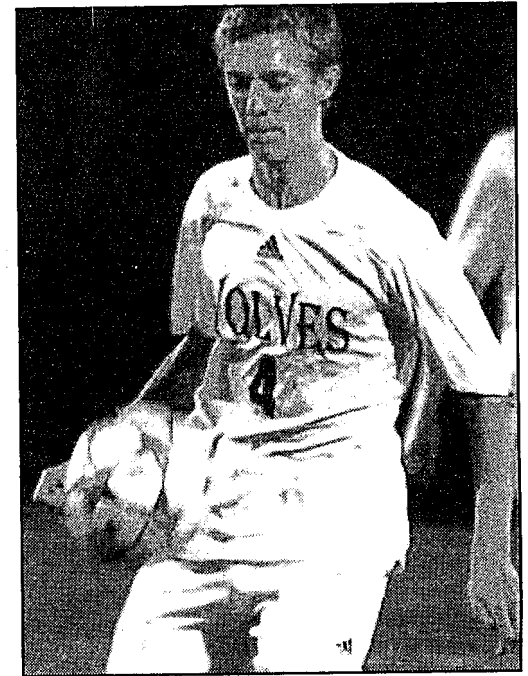
He added the focus for Clarkston is to play hard and to play good defense to win the game and make it to the next round of playoffs.

The boys lost three games last week, Stoney Creek, 2-1; Brother Rice, 4-1; and Lapeer East, 2-1. Conor Bright scored against Stoney Creek and Lapeer East and Nick Dahl scored the lone goal against Brother Rice.

"We had a tough week," said Lawhorn. "We didn't play up to our potential in any of the games. Against Stoney Creek I thought our guys played hard. Unfortunately we came out on the down side of that one."

Dahl scored his goal against Brother Rice on Oct. 6 to tied the game going into the second half.

"We held our own," said Lawhorn. "Then, we had a bit of a let down and Brother Rice was able to score a couple of goals on us. We weren't able



Nick Dahl moves in to block Lapeer East's kick. Photos by WAR

to come back."

The Wolves kept Lapeer East scoreless in the first half on Friday night and outshot them, 3-1. Bright scored in the second half and Lapeer East came back to tie the game.

Before the game ended, Lapeer East scored on a free kick to win, 2-1.

"They can't let the losses linger in their mind," said Lawhorn. "We have to move forward and work on the basic fundamentals and keep our concentration on the games ahead."

JV hosts Lahser at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, varsity follows. Varsity hosts Carman-Ainsworth on Monday, 7 p.m.



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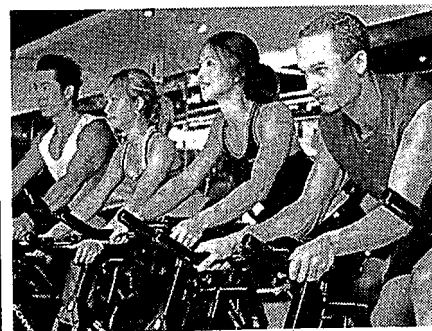
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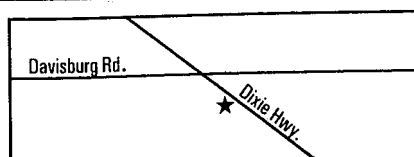
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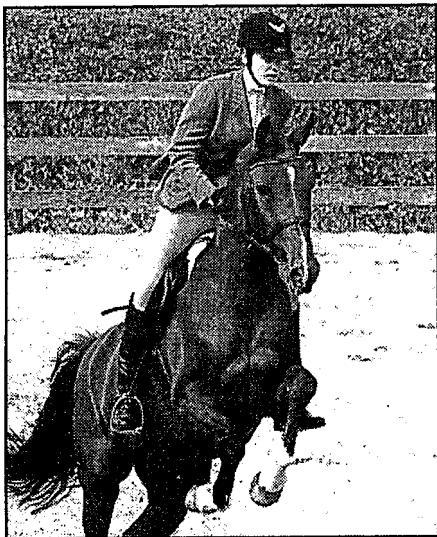
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Equestrians place at districts

Riders finished their season in second at the district meet.

"The performances were great," said Coach Tim Pobuda. "The team had worked hard all summer. They had great support from their families and equestrian team supporter at the meets."

After three meets the Clarkston High School Equestrian missed first place by 19



Denise Garbe and her horse Chipsy compete. Photo provided

points.

"It was a very close score," said Pobuda. "These are totally judged classes the girls were in and we came up a little bit short in a very close competition."

Co-Captains Emily Pobuda and Riana Leek led the team. Emily finished with three first place and six second place finishes, while Leek finished with one first place and six second place finishes.

Sophomore Emma Johnson finished with two first places and four second place finishes while senior Denise Garbe rode to two first place finishes.

All three freshmen riders, Becka Leek, Rachel Vieira and Sarah Pobuda also made contributions to the team and improved their point total from meet to meet.

"The girls really supported each other and conducted themselves in a manner representative of Clarkston with excellent sportsmanship at every competition. I am very proud of them" said Pobuda.

The team is participating in the annual Clarkston Christmas Parade.

Any interested riders for the 2012 season can find contact information on the teams website located in clubs or athletics on the Clarkston High School website under www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Marci P. Francis, 49

Marci Pearl Francis of Clarkston, formerly of Birmingham, passed away Oct. 3, 2011, at age 49.

She was the loving mother of Melissa and Megan Francis; beloved daughter of Sharon and the late Jack Pearl; sister of Shari (Paul) Mansky, Lori (Steve) MacKillop, Lisa (Rob) King and Jenni Anderson. Marci was a loving and dedicated teacher of children with special needs for many years for the Waterford School District.

Funeral service was Oct. 7 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Donations will be used for future care and education of Marci's children. www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Debra A. Sweet, 49

Debra A. Sweet (Pittman) of Ann Arbor, formerly of Waterford, passed away unexpectedly Oct. 2, 2011, at age 49.

She was the loving mother of Kristin and Taylor Sweet; dear daughter of Beverly Pittman and Richard (Sandra) Pittman; sister of Ann and Dennis; preceded in death by her sister Shelley.

Family services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Carolyn M. Hunt, 75

Carolyn M. Hunt of Clarkston passed away Oct. 7, 2011, at age 75.

She was preceded in death by her husband Norman. She was the mother of Norm, Frank (Stacey), Denise (Ron) Scholz, and Erika (Jamie) Arms; grandma of Andrea, Beth, Alisha, Carlee, Landon, David, Petra, Garrett and Brooke; great grandma of Tessa and Sydney; sister of Betty Jozlin, Dorothea Resek, Father Rock Travnikar, O.F.M. and Frank (Karen) Travnikar. Mrs. Hunt enjoyed sewing, "Stitching for Babies," roller skating, and teaching basketball at Clarkston High School. She was a member at St. Daniel's Rosary Guild.

Rosary service was Oct. 11 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church 9 a.m. until time of Mass. Rite of Committal Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Season's Hospice. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Gordon Meldrum, 79

Gordon Park Meldrum of Clarkston, formerly of Sterling Heights, peacefully joined the Lord, Oct. 10, 2011, at age 79.

He was the husband of Carol for 43 years; father of John (Catherine), David (Darlene), Joanne (Bruce Eastwood), Donald (Karen) and Jennifer (Jay) Karpushenkoff; grandpa of Jamie, Ian, Alex, Ralph (Shannon), David (Stacey), Sarah, Blair, Gordon (Katrina), Lauren (Chandu), Yuri and Anya; great grandpa of Destiny, Taylor, Mackenzie, Ella, Lila and Caleb; brother of Barbara Pannecouk.

Mr. Meldrum owned and operated Meldrum's Flowers and Gifts, Detroit and Troy for 60 years. He was a lifetime member of Sojourner's Masonic Lodge #483, Detroit.

Masonic Service Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 3-9 p.m. Funeral Service Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to U of M, Pulmonary Hypertension Clinic. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Mary Ann Shantz, 79

Mary Ann Shantz passed away Oct. 7, 2011, at age 79.

She was the loving devoted wife, best friend of 57 years to her Jack; beloved mother to Debbie (Tom) Schram and Douglas; aunt to Michele (Dan) Dilloway, Marn to Jackie, Jamie, Andrew, Connor, Evan, Brendan and Kaitlin.

Mrs. Shantz was admired for her ability to entertain her dinner and house guests, always making them welcome and at home, staying connected with her social circle of close and dear friends. She enjoyed her affiliations with the Christ Child Society, Village Woman's Club, Red Run and Pine Lake Country Clubs, St. Hugo of the Hills, Brother Rice and Marian High Schools.

Mary Ann enjoyed traveling to destinations world wide and her passion for attending her grandchildren's activities and milestone events. She was a strong willed spirit who in her twilight years, courageously battled some persistent health challenges. A fiercely loyal matriarch, her never ending love and pride for her family will never be forgotten and will be incredibly missed. She spent her time being concerned for those she loved; now she can continue to do so from above. Services were held at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church. Donations to the Royal Oak Rotary Foundation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Arrangements by **Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home**, Royal Oak. www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.



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FOIA questions focus on school spending

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Kelli Horst, president of Clarkston PTA Council, sent a letter to the editor ("Questions about FOIA questions," page 6A).

"If nothing concrete has come from 18 months, nine FOIA requests and nearly 5,000 pages of documents, then it's time to stop chasing conspiracy theories and let our school administrators return to the business of educating our students," Horst said.

The district is required to charge the lowest hourly rate even though an employee with a higher hourly rate completes the request, said board Treasurer Steve Hyer.

"This causes the district to spend money that could be spent in the classroom on FOIA requests instead," Hyer said. "This is troublesome to me and I would imagine to all of the parents who see these dollars going to FOIA requests instead of their classrooms."

Residents should focus on legislative activities in Lansing, said board Vice President Elizabeth Egan.

"All of us should understand the impact on our local schools and contact our legislators," Egan said. "That's where the real action is regarding how education will change - for better or worse."

"We are one of the finest school district in the state and this activity has gone on too long with nothing to show for it," McGinnis said.

Trustees Susan Boatman and Rosalie Lieblang support the FOIA effort.

"(Schaller) has discovered some inconsistencies that have provided the opportunity for the district to tighten up some procedures and provide more transparency to the public by updating information on the district website," Boatman said.

Taxpayers have the right to inspect and re-

quest public records, Lieblang said.

"In this environment of reduced state and federal funding and continual district budget cuts, I'm not surprised that people in our community want to make sure we are spending our limited resources wisely," Lieblang said. "I welcome the involvement and feedback from our community."

"She is asking for information we should have had on hand, available to the public, and she had to pay for it," Patterson said. "That makes me very uncomfortable."

Schaller filed her first FOIA request on March 16, 2010 for district credit card and check registers, bond contract information, central office job descriptions, receipts, and other documents.

She organized a group of volunteers to look at about 12,000 pages of ledgers, contracts, and other documents on March 31 ("Parents dig for school information," April 7, 2010).

She submitted additional requests in April and June to look into irregularities she found including inaccurate information on the district website under "Transparency Reports," using school funds improperly, and purchasing and contract bidding policies not being followed.

When Rock took over as superintendent in October 2010, Schaller sent him an email.

"I would like you to consider providing to me gratis, all of the information that I originally FOIAed on June 17 to allow me to finish the evaluation of the data from the district," Schaller said in the Oct. 25 email. "I would then present my findings to you for you to act on."

Rock responded with a bill for \$606.60.

Schaller asked publisher Jim Sherman Jr. for financial assistance on Oct. 27, 2010, to support the FOIA request, and Sherman sent a \$300 check - his only donation to the effort.

Rock, who started as superintendent on Oct.

6, 2010, still has questions.

"If Mr. Sherman offered to pay for Mrs. Schaller's FOIA request because of his interest in the previous superintendent, what is the motivation to continue now that the district employs a different superintendent," he asked. "Why wouldn't Mr. Sherman submit the FOIA request himself?"

For Schaller's FOIA request, Sept. 12, 2011, the district charged a processing fee of \$254.95, based on an estimated 250 pages at 10 cents per page, about 15 hours of staff time at \$15.33 per hour.

Plante and Moran's audit report presented to the school board, Oct. 10, includes the Certificate of Excellence Award from the Association of School Business Officials-International (ASBO) for 2010.

"I believe this is the 13th year our audit report has been submitted to receive this award of excellence," McGinnis said. "It is therefore difficult to understand under what grounds Mrs. Schaller continues to request massive amount of district information."

For Patterson, the report raises more questions, including an updated organization chart for the school district.

"It has new titles - when was this approved," she asked. "Do they get a raise? Nothing came through us."

Administration officials have new "executive director" titles - another new title is "chief academic officer."

She submitted her own request for more information on this and other issues with Plante and Moran and Bruce Beamer, executive director of business services.

To check out Dawn Schaller's FOIA requests and information, check "FOIA info" at Clarkstonnews.com.

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BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Denise Poniatowski and Kimberly Dunahay offer a way to healthy living at Divine Nutrition, 7734 Sashabaw Road.

They serve healthy smoothies and food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Dunahay said.

"Smoothies are just part of it," said Dunahay, who lives in Waterford. "We offer lots of things for better health and good nutrition."

"Weight loss challenge, sports nutrition – health is the underlying issue for everything," said Poniatowski, Holly resident. "We want to reach the community and raise awareness of good health."

They have five fulltime and more part-time coaches to teach people good health.

This is the first storefront business for both of them.

"We are our own bosses," Poniatowski said. "We're working hard. We believe in our product. We have many stories of people who have changed their lives."

"We know the integrity of our business," Dunahay said.

They started with home-based health business, three years ago for Poniatowski and one for Dunahay, both through personal experience with health nutrition.

Poniatowski lost more than 70 pounds in a June



Kimberly Dunahay, left, and Denise Poniatowski of Divine Nutrition on Sashabaw Road. Photo by Phil Custodio

2008 weight challenge.

"I've kept it off easily – it's a great product," she said.

Dunahay lost 30 pounds and improved her health, she said.

They opened the storefront to reach more people.

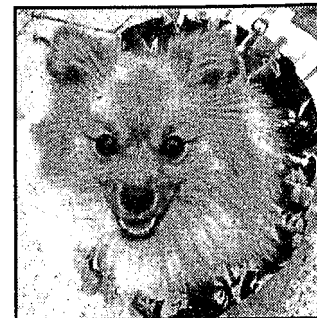
"It was limited before – this is a better way to serve the community," Dunahay said.

They joined Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. They opened in August, and plan a Grand Opening, 3-8 p.m., Oct. 14. Ribbon cutting is 4 p.m.

"We'll have healthy snacks and beverages and coaches will be here to answer questions," Dunahay said.

"It will be a lot of fun," Poniatowski said.

Hours are 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; and 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday.



The event includes a costume contest for pets.

Howl-o-ween at Depot Park

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.

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Amount raised by Relay For Life in 2010

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Amount raised by Clarkston Relay for Life in 2011

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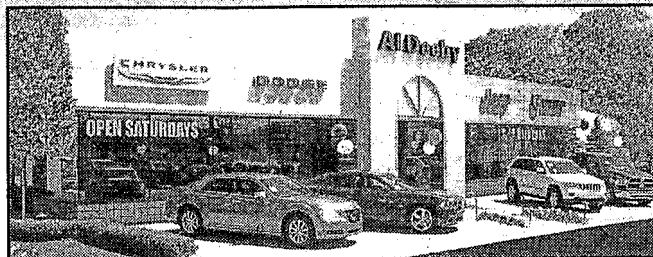
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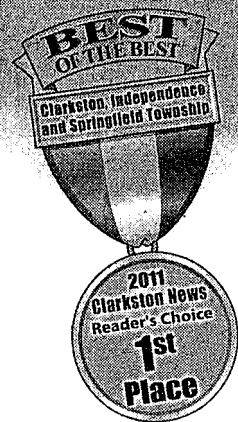
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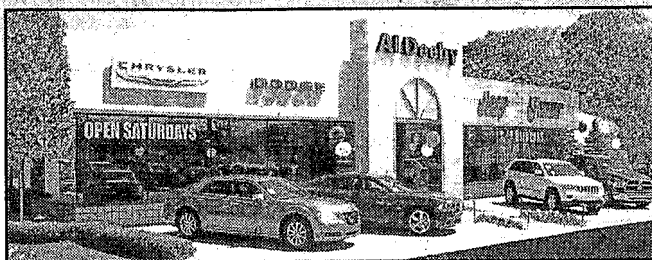
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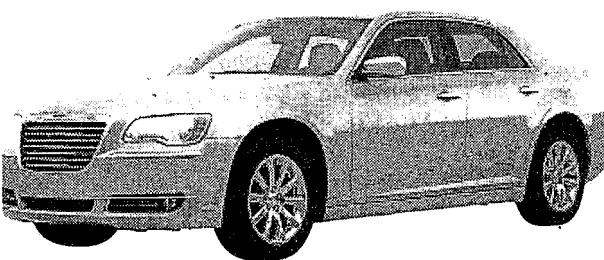
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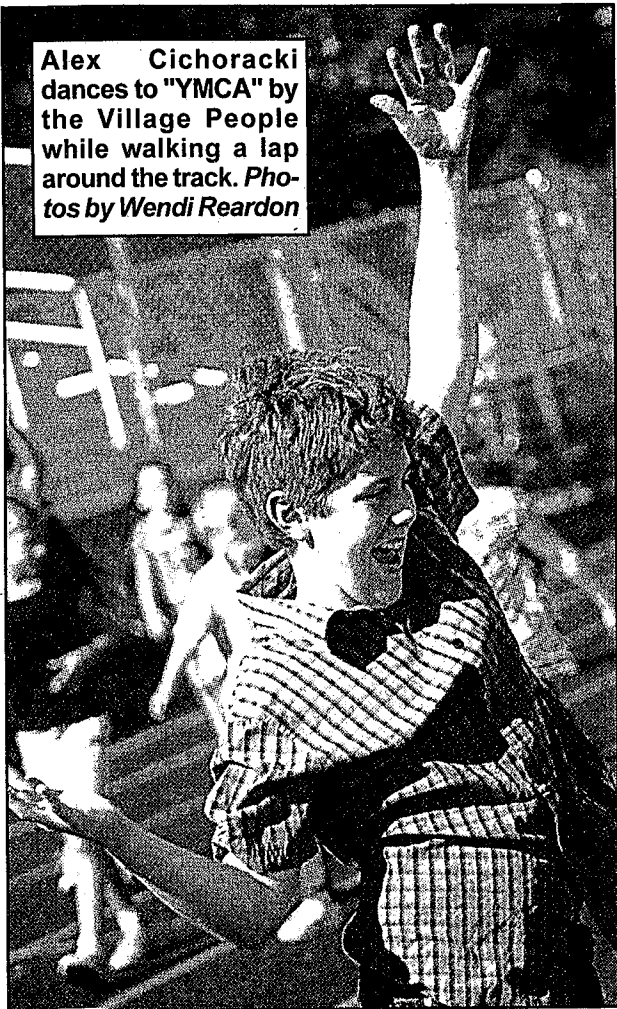
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Alex Cichoracki dances to "YMCA" by the Village People while walking a lap around the track. Photos by Wendi Reardon



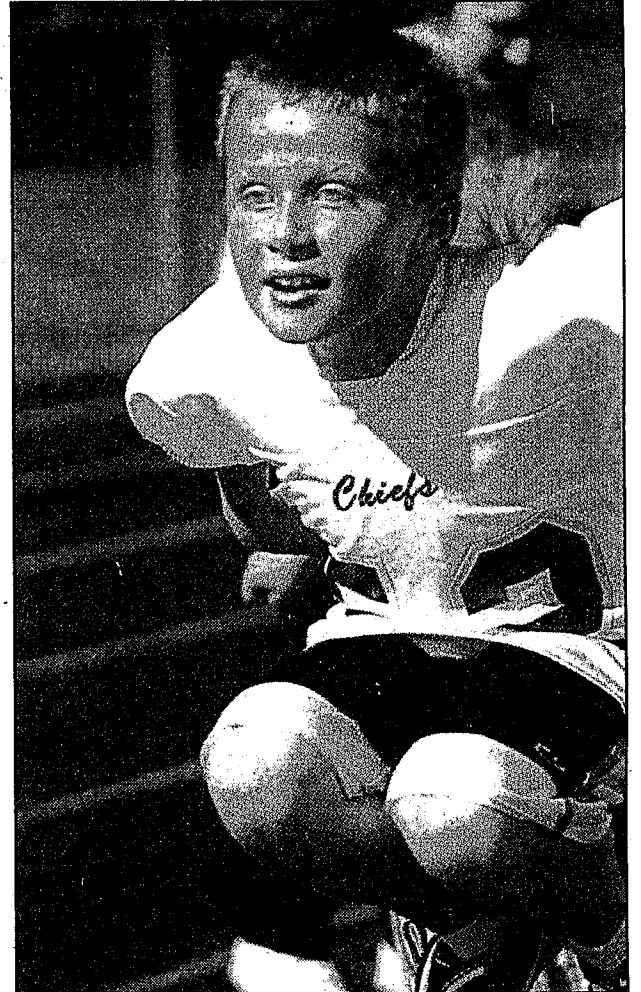
Elizabeth McCarty hops like a frog.

Energetic Dragons

Clarkston Elementary students finished their Health and Safety Week last Friday with A.C.E.S Day (All Children Exercise Simultaneously).

Everyone gathered at the Clarkston Junior High School football field where they stretched, danced to the "Cha Cha Slide," then ran around the track, each of them doing their best to impersonate an animal through their actions.

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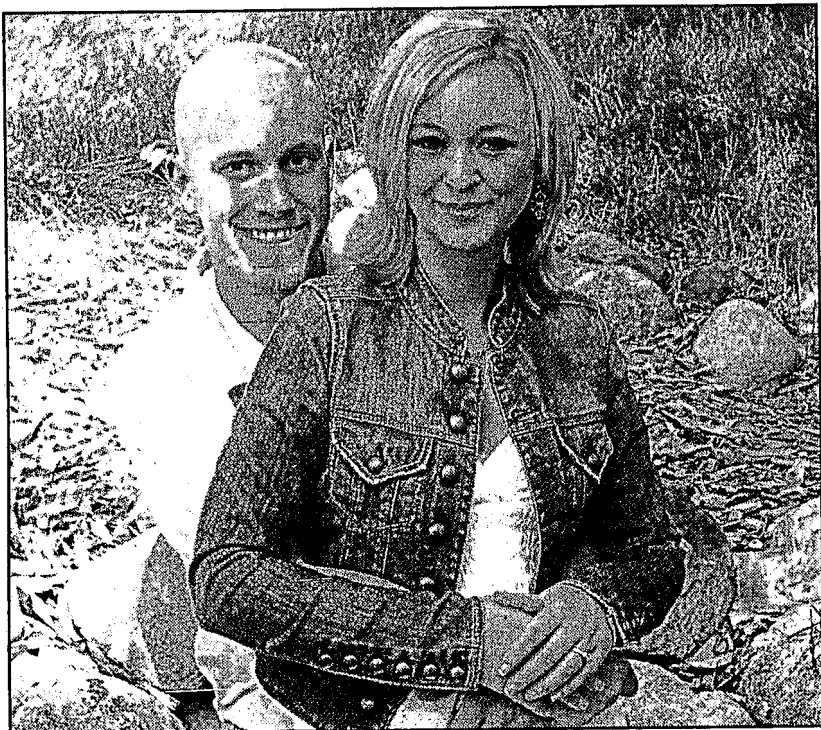
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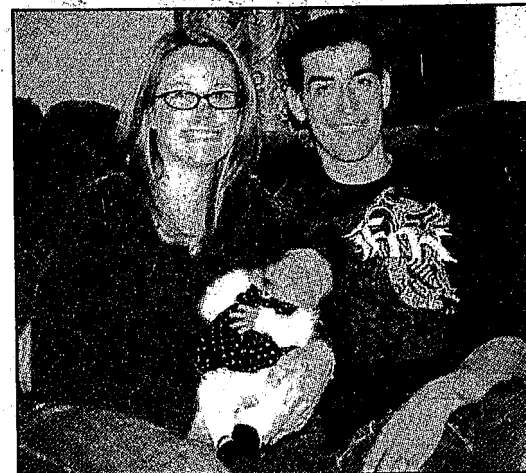
Schroeder-Dankovich

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. She is a Clarkston High School graduate.

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

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



Holly and DJ Waxler, with Sara Marie Waxler.

Welcome Sara

Sara Marie Waxler was born on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, at 10:09 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches in length. She has quite a bit of light brown hair.

Proud parents are Holly and DJ Waxler, and big brother Cole. Sara will be attending The Learning Experience with her brother Cole and cousins Zachary, Avery and Isabella.

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- **Teach children never to play with matches or lighters, and make sure they know how to get emergency help in case of a fire.**
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A LITTLE PREVENTION GOES A LONG WAY

Fun, safe trick-or-treating at Friendly Forest

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Trick-or-treating comes early at Friendly Forest in Clintonwood Park, 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22.

"Three years ago, it was on the chopping block because it was losing money," said Jeff Morris, recreation programmer with Independence Township Parks and Recreation. "Clarkston Optimists stepped up and we partnered with them."

Last year, the Optimist handled ticket sales and sponsorships, as well as provided volunteers. This year, Parks and Rec is handling tickets and sponsorships while the Optimists provide volunteers.

"They were able to supply most if not all staffing with volunteers," Morris said.

About 50 volunteers are set this year, including about 25 Junior Optimists from Clarkston Junior High and Clarkston High students in the Octagon Club.

"It's a great event," said Jeff Reed, Optimist chair of the event.

"It's fun to volunteer for - you dress up in a costume and hand out candy or, if you don't want to dress up, you can hand out donuts and cider," Morris said. "It's fun to see kids and a lot of their parents in costumes."

Friendly Forest is a good alternative

to neighborhood trick-or-treating, said Optimist Joan Patterson.

"My subdivision doesn't get many trick or treaters, so it's nice to come here and enjoy the holiday," Patterson said. "It's safe and fun, and everyone enjoys it."

"I live on M-15 and there's no trick or treating there," said Reed, whose children will be wearing their Darth Vader and Cookie Monster costumes.

Tickets for children 2-9 years old are \$6, resident youth; and \$8, non-resident youth. Admission is free for adults.

They are sold for specific, 15-minute intervals, and must be purchased in advance at the parks and rec office, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. Deadline to purchase is Friday, Oct. 21. Availability is limited.

Children get a goodie bag at the beginning of the trail in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

They go trick or treating at stations staffed by costumed characters from movies, television, and fairy tales, and get cider and doughnuts at the end.

"We changed up the stations and have some new costumes," Morris said.

Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 23. Call 248-625-8223 for more information.



From left are Jeff Morris, recreation programmer, and Clarkston Optimists Jeffrey Reed and Joan Patterson, with the head of Sylvester the Cat, which will be filled by a volunteer at Friendly Forest. Photo by Phil Custodio

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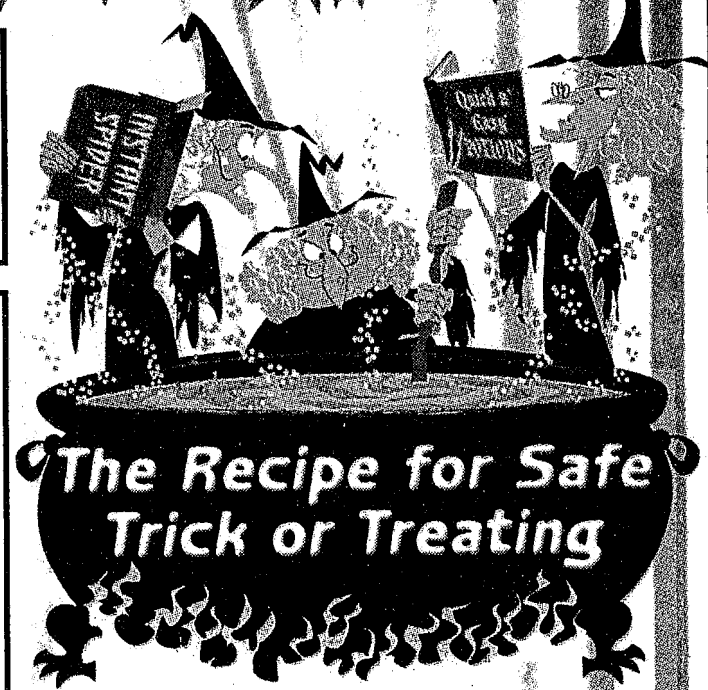
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Michigan or Michigan State this weekend?



"Michigan because of quarterback Denard Robinson."

- Phil Crockett



"I am hoping Michigan State because they beat Ohio State."

- Gina Miller



"Michigan because my wife is a Buckeye (Ohio State) fan and the Michigan/Ohio State rivalry."

- Greg Miller



"Michigan State. They are a more experienced team and have a more experienced coach."

- Jenny Lemke

By Wendi Reardon

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Clarkston grad's on a medical mission

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

For Clarkston graduate Joe Gorz, education to become a doctor includes annual medical mission trips to Peru.

"It's an opportunity to get hands-on with patients and see the world - it seemed the right thing to do, to open my horizons," said Gorz, who grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 2003.

He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in human biology in 2008. He is in his third year of medical school at MSU.

Over the past three years, he helped coordinate the medical mission to Peru with 30 medical students, 10-15 physicians, translators, and over \$100,000 in supplies each year, treating over 4,000 patients so far.

He joined 20 students and 10 doctors in his first year of medical school.

"My first year there, after three 10-hour days seeing patients, a little girl came in who burned her foot on a pot," he said. "I looked at her and realized I didn't have to worry about bureaucracy, how we would get paid, about getting sued, just how to help her. It was nice to be there and help people. That's why I got into medicine."

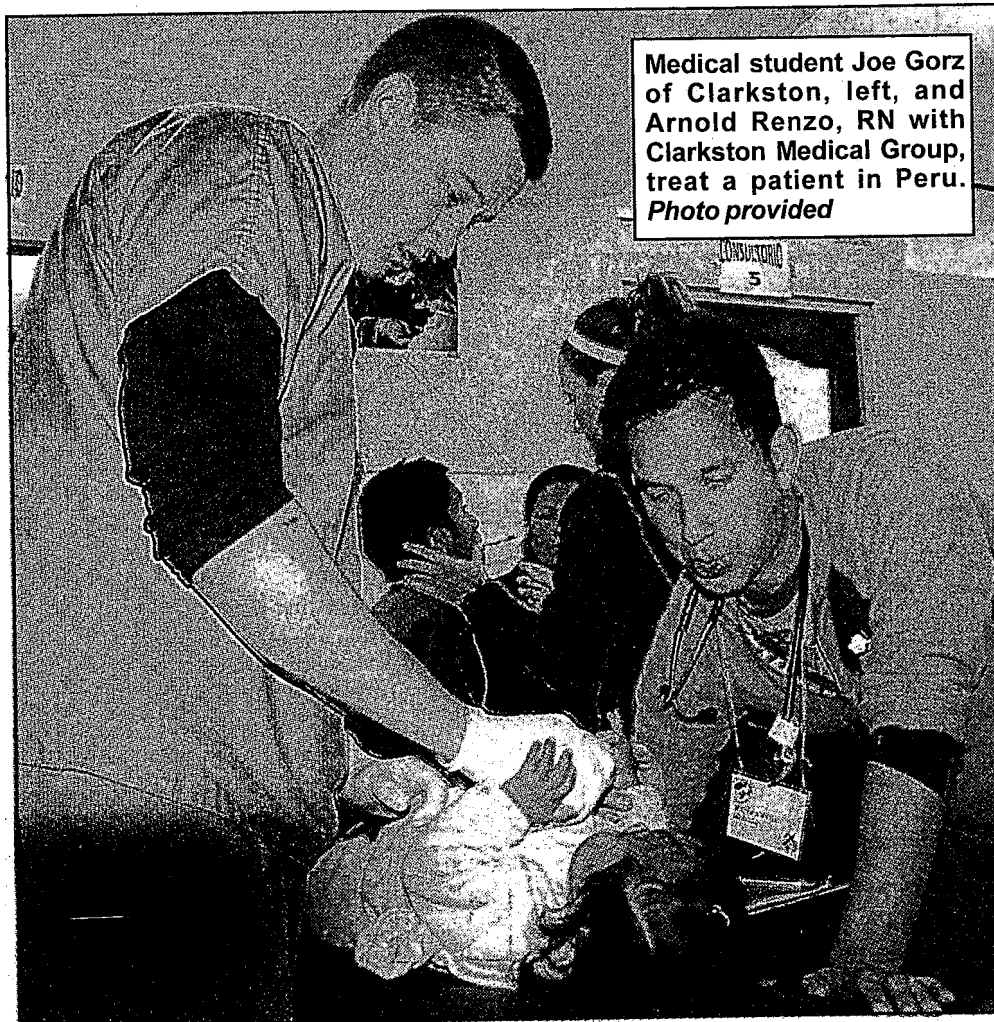
With less technology, doctors can't rely on tests and must make hands-on diagnosis, he said.

"A simple infection, something we take for granted, can grow out of control - it's eye opening," he said.

The team travels for two days to get to the town of Huamachuco, 11,000 feet up in the Andes. They tour public and private hospitals, and offer general and specialist medical services to local villagers.

"A lady with five kids never saw a doctor before," he said. "A 9-year-old kid traveled by himself to get seen by a doctor - it's incredible."

Medicine runs in the family for Gorz, the son



Medical student Joe Gorz of Clarkston, left, and Arnold Renzo, RN with Clarkston Medical Group, treat a patient in Peru. Photo provided

of Lennie and Kari Gorz of Clarkston. His grandfather is Dr. James O'Neill, founder of Clarkston Medical Group, and his uncle is Dr. Tim O'Neill, CMG president. Joe Gorz wanted to be a doctor since he was little.

"That or a farmer," he said.

Growing up, he would help his grandfather on his farm in Clarkston and Clare, as well as in

the CMG office.

"I could run the tractor when I was 12 - it was an old Ford," he said. "He and my grandmother were like second parents to me."

The Clarkston community has been instrumental in supporting the medical missions, he said.

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Joe Gorz with some of the Michigan State University medical mission team to Peru. Photo provided

Medicine runs in the family

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Dr. Thomas Biggs and Dr. Arlin French, with whom he has been studying in Clarkston, host an annual fund raiser for the project.

St. Daniel Catholic Community, Munk Orthodontics, CMG, the Ritters and many others also donate.

"It's a community effort," Gorz said.

He plans to continue medical mission work after he establishes his own practice, maybe in his hometown.

"Clarkston is home - you can't get a better pepperoni stick than at Rudy's, or Portobello burger at the Union," he said. "It's a small, quaint town. You can still walk down the street and talk to your neighbors."

This year's Peru trip will be featured in a half-hour special on the Big Ten network, airing next year.

The next trip will be in August. Items needed for donation include suntan lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

All monetary donations are used for medicine.

"None goes to student transportation or anything like that - students pay that out of own loans," Gorz he said.

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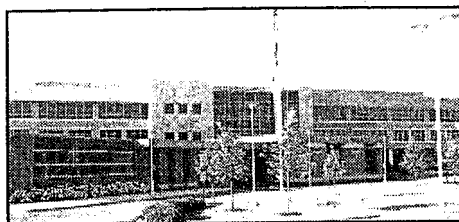
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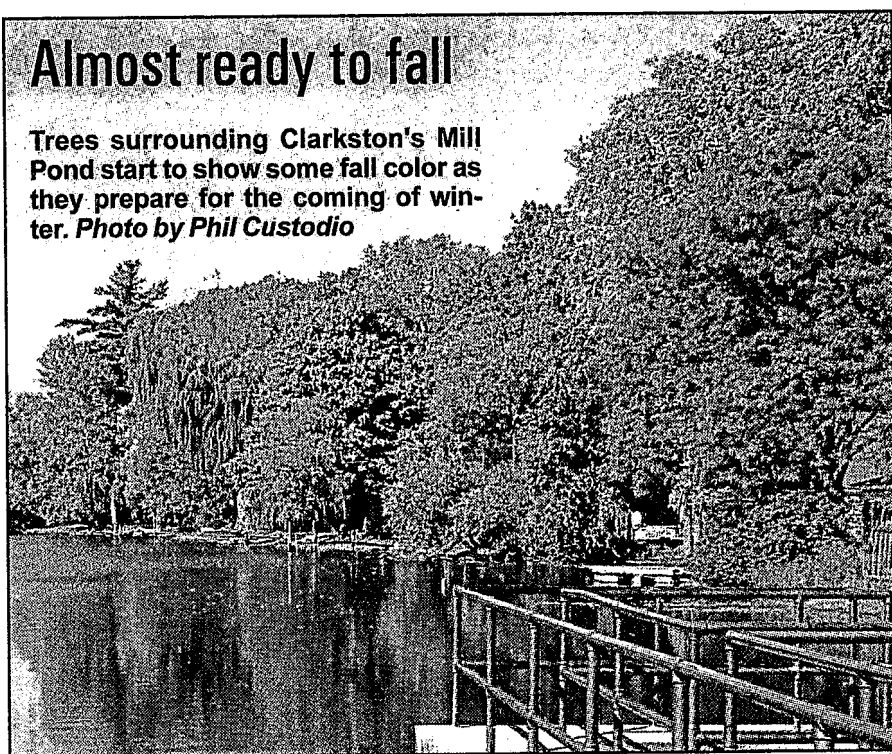
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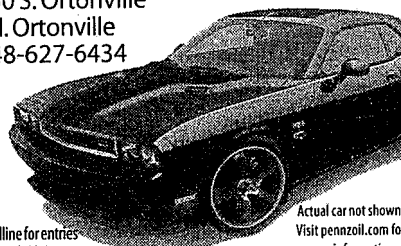
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Trees surrounding Clarkston's Mill Pond start to show some fall color as they prepare for the coming of winter. Photo by Phil Custodio



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"This is our first year supporting Optometry Giving Sight and we're proud to donate to such a worthwhile cause," said Dr. Staniszewski.

"My staff has really stepped up to take responsibility for this cause. They'll be making donations of their own every Thursday, and in turn they will be able to wear jeans and tennis shoes to work."

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Parent's Night Out, 6-10 p.m., Oct. 15, The Learning Experience. Pizza, fruit, milk for dinner, sundae bar dessert, and arts and crafts and a movie. Infant-12 years, \$20/first child, \$10 additional children. 248-625-5285. ***

A Year on the River Poetry Reading and Book Signing, 2-3 p.m., Oct. 16, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, with author Bob McGowan and Detroit photographer Joe Crachiola. 248-625-2212. ***

Identity They Workshop, Health, Wealth, Life to the Fullest Series, 4-6 p.m., Oct. 16, Calvary Evangelical Lutheral Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Speaker Ken Jaworski, Compuware Corporation, speaks on data security, data privacy, business continuity, records retention. 248-625-3288. ***

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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. ***

Scholastic Book Fair, 4-8 p.m., Oct. 17 and 20; 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oct. 18-19, Springfield Plains Elementary, 8650 Holcomb Road. 248-620-1947. ***

Local Author Fair, 5-8 p.m., Oct. 20, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Meet with local authors. Admission is free. 248-846-6550. ***

Around town

Things to do throughout the Clarkston community

Beach musical for Youth Theatre



Paul Morisette, in front, and Joe Nadon rehearse a scene from "Wipeout." Photo provided

Mt. Zion School of Performing Arts Youth Theatre performs "Wipeout," 7:30 p.m., Oct. 13-14; and 1 p.m., Oct. 15, at the church theater, 4900 Maybee Road.

The Youth Theatre ensemble includes 30 students between the ages of 9-16. They will perform the full-length musical drama featuring the tunes of the Beach Boys.

"It is exciting to be back for our second season," said Diana Stafford, theatre director. "These kids are show stoppers - I am continually amazed at their ability and dedication in making such a terrific show."

Tickets are \$10. Call 248-393-1407.

Friendly Forest, 3-6 p.m., Oct. 22, Clintonwood Park. Hosted by Independence 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 Scholarship Foundation. 248-628-6390. ***

Trick Or Treat Trail, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 28-29, Hart Community Center in Davisburg.

Trick or treating for children 12 and under. \$5/resident, \$7/non-resident. 248-846-6558. ***

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.

Weekly meetings

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, 1-4 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. ***

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

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

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

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

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

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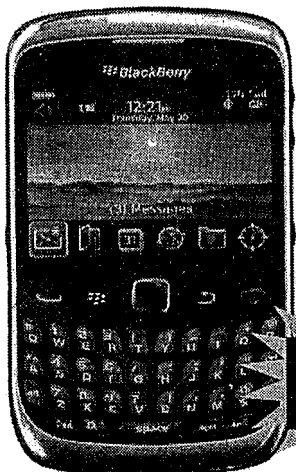
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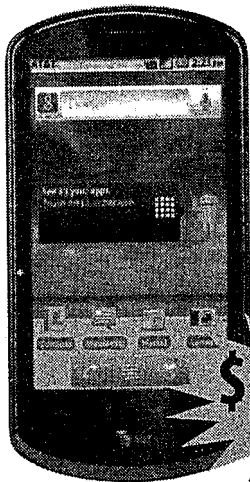


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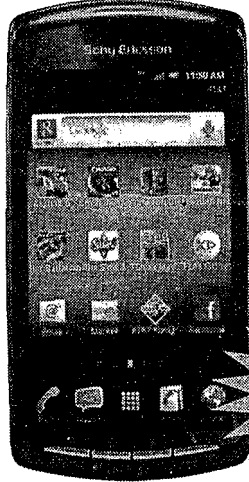


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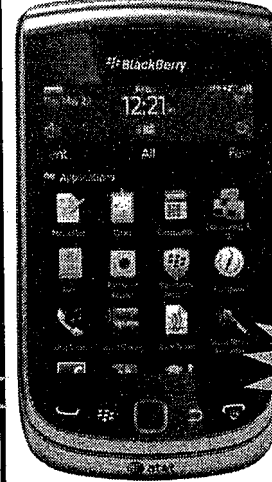


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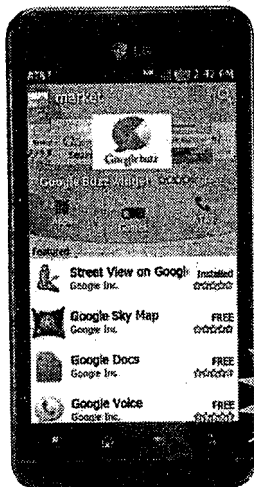


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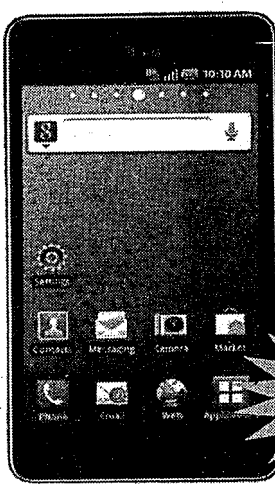


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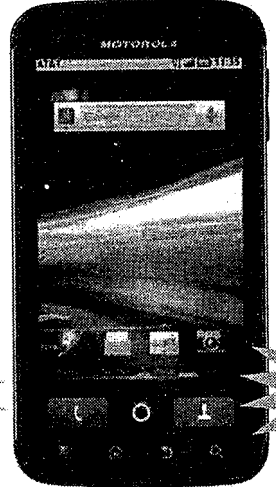


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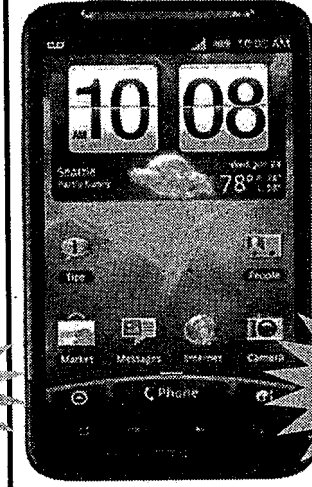


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Troubled world calls for new spiritual revival

Every time I watch the news, I am always amazed to hear the business news.

The stock market, for example, will make wild moves up or down based on information from the statistics the government sends out or by news from around the world.

When people talk about the economy, they speak about solutions that are so tied to the momentary needs and so few have a long-term solution.

It is obvious from all the reports that this world economic shaking compares to the trauma of the Great Depression. The statistics may not be as bad, but the impact (both in depth and width) certainly is.

By depth, I mean how deep the problem is and by width, how widespread the damage could be in the world.

When I was growing up, the Great Depression represented a watershed moment that required a great overhaul of how we did business.

Like today, there were obviously many opinions about the problem, but it was easily recognized as a

structural one.

Just like today, it certainly could be seen as a moral problem, because many of the problems were brought about by improper actions and often motivated by the wrong things.

It could be argued that the solution for the Great Depression was World War II. The Second World War did two things: it opened a market for manufactured goods (in this case weapons) and it also provided a rallying point to pull the people together in a common interest.

Our common interest was simple—survival!

Hopefully, war will not be the catalyst for our recovery at this point in history.

Wouldn't it be something if we could rally together for our common good so that our country could turn another corner and begin the road to recovery?

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

The inspiration for this turn will certainly not come from our politicians. It seems that our politicians are symptoms of what ails us as a people.

The change of direction that we now need must come from a higher motive than someone just being elected to office.

I do not discount the value of the political system, but in order for it to succeed, it must be motivated by people who are demanding something besides personal interest.

Whether we are talking about special interest groups, or individual interests, self-centered motivation has become the norm in our society.

We need what the Bible calls a revival. A revival is the stirring of people outside themselves, a turning to something bigger than themselves. The stir can be a higher aspiration, but when we think that this high aspiration is our political agenda, it will often come back to being about us.

When God becomes our higher aspiration, it also opens us up to

solutions that are not about us, but indeed something higher than us.

America has gone through many spiritual revivals in our history; time has proven that these revivals, though directed to God, have always brought about positive change in our country.

Even secular history books tell of the three great spiritual awakenings that have shaken our nation throughout our history.

I believe that it is time for another one of those awakenings, or revivals, as I am calling it.

This process not only corrects our actions to produce change, it motivates God to do something for us that we cannot do for ourselves.

The scripture says, "...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

I am excited about that prospect and believe it is indeed on the horizon.

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church.

In our churches...

Emily Schmidt Memorial Trunk or Treat 5k Walk/Run and 1 Mile Fun Run, 9 a.m., Oct. 29, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Benefits Blessings in a Backpack at Andersonville Elementary. 248-625-1611 ext. 233.

Women's Bible Study, 11-week study using Beth Moore's "Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories," 9:15-11:30 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Child care provided. Register at 248-625-1611.

A View on Islam and Muslims in the 21st Century, 7 p.m., Oct. 7, Clarkston United Methodist Church's Speakers series with Professor Maher Mualla, 6600 Waldon Road.

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Sat. 6:00 pm
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Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life -
Adult Life Ministry
c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry
Ozone - Children's Life Ministry
Nurture Center/Wonderland
available for all services
A Church For Life
www.bridgewoodchurch.com

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston
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Website: clarkstonumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9:00am & 11:15am
Nursery available for all services

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Fax: (248) 394-2142
Rev. Doctor Martin Hall
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Youth Groups 6-12
Wednesday 6:30 pm
www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

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Wed: 7:00 pm Awana Club
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7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH
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11:00 am Sunday School for all ages
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OAKLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Wayne Uppendahl
Services held at Mount Zion Center
4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI
Sunday School at 9:15 am
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 am
Bible Study Wed. Eve., 6:30 pm
at Church Offices - Yellow House
7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI
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Fax (248) 858-7706

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(248) 625-1323
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Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am
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Wednesday: Children's Ministries
6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday: Youth Ministries
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6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
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248-625-3288
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Nursery, Children & Youth Programming
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7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston
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625-4580
Rev. Christopher Maus
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
Religious Education: 625-1750
Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

Delayed start for teaching teachers

As you know, Clarkston Community Schools adopted a new teacher professional learning plan for the 2011-12 school year, including delayed start Wednesdays.

I want to take this opportunity to communicate to you some additional details of this plan and notify you as to what you can expect as a result.

Our professional learning includes every teacher and administrator. It improves our teacher and principal effectiveness and enhances student learning.

We use this time for teachers and administrators to work in teams, have conversations about student learning, use data on their students' learning to support thinking, and to focus on reaching all learners through the creation of stronger learning communities.

In a nutshell, this is the look and feel of our professional learning:

"The image of the future would be a group of teachers sitting around a table talking about their students' work, learning and asking, 'what do we need to do differently to get the work we would like from the kids?'" —Dennis Sparks

Our first delayed start on Wednesday, Oct. 5, involved creating ongoing plans

for communication, learning, decision-making, and identifying proposed outcomes.

We examined our new mission, vision, and learner profile (provided on page two of this letter) in relation to class content, reflected on data, and set next steps.

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

During our second delayed start on October 19, teams of teachers and administrators will continue these conversations.

Thank you again for your support as we embark on this new professional learning plan.

Essentially, you've given teachers and administrators the gift of time to collaborate around their students' learning.

Thus, we are accountable to you to ensure that our professional learning enhances students' learning.

If you have any questions or wish to offer feedback, please contact me at: rdrock@clarkston.k12.mi.us

Mission Statement:

The mission of Clarkston Community

Schools is to cultivate thinkers, learners, and positive contributors to a global society.

Vision Statement:

Each Clarkston Community Schools' student is fully engaged in a globally focused education, from preschool through graduation, that fosters in her/him a sense of self, perspective, responsibility/ownership, and contribution.

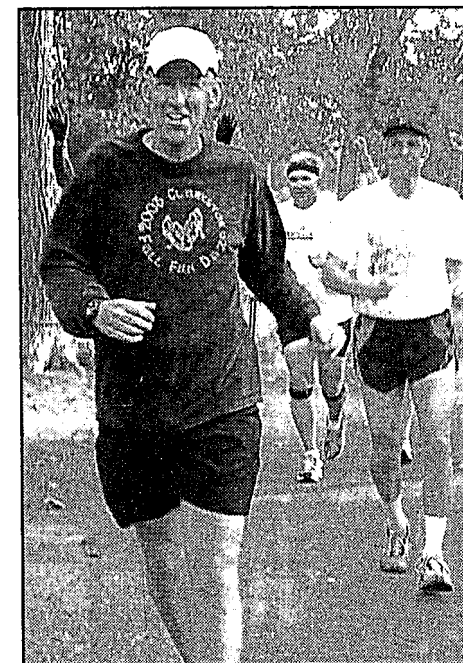
Learner Profile:

Clarkston Community Schools' students are thoughtful, contributing members of society who possess the behaviors, skills and attitudes to continue to learn and adapt to a diverse and dynamic global society.

Our curious and imaginative students exhibit critical thinking and problem solving skills, are effective oral and written communicators, and can access and analyze information.

Clarkston Community Schools' learners, as successful 21st Century citizens, effectively use technology. They nimbly apply these skills throughout life in academic, social, and emotional situations.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools.



Wolfpack Running Club commemorate 30 years with a run.

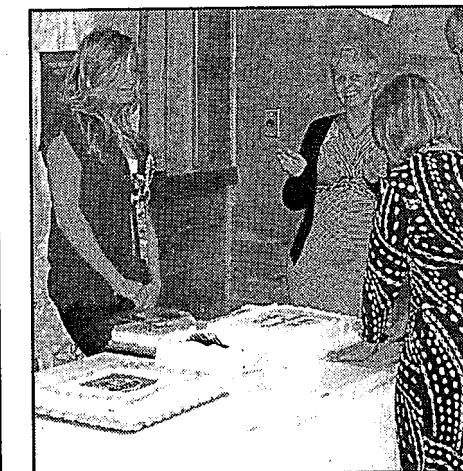
Runners celebrate milestone

The Wolfpack Running Club celebrated its 30-year anniversary, Sept. 24, at Depot Park with a 5K run followed by refreshments and recognitions.

The morning event was followed by an evening dinner at Deer Lake Racquet Club.

"The 5K in the morning couldn't have been better – even the weather was fantastic," said club member Paul Garko. "The dinner gathering was wonderful. It was a special evening of memories and of commemorating the camaraderie that comes with our shared passion for long distance running."

The club gathers each Saturday at 8 a.m. at Depot Park to run.



Club members celebrate with cake. Photos provided

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Around Town

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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.

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

Thursday

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

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, Photo Presenta-

tions, second Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

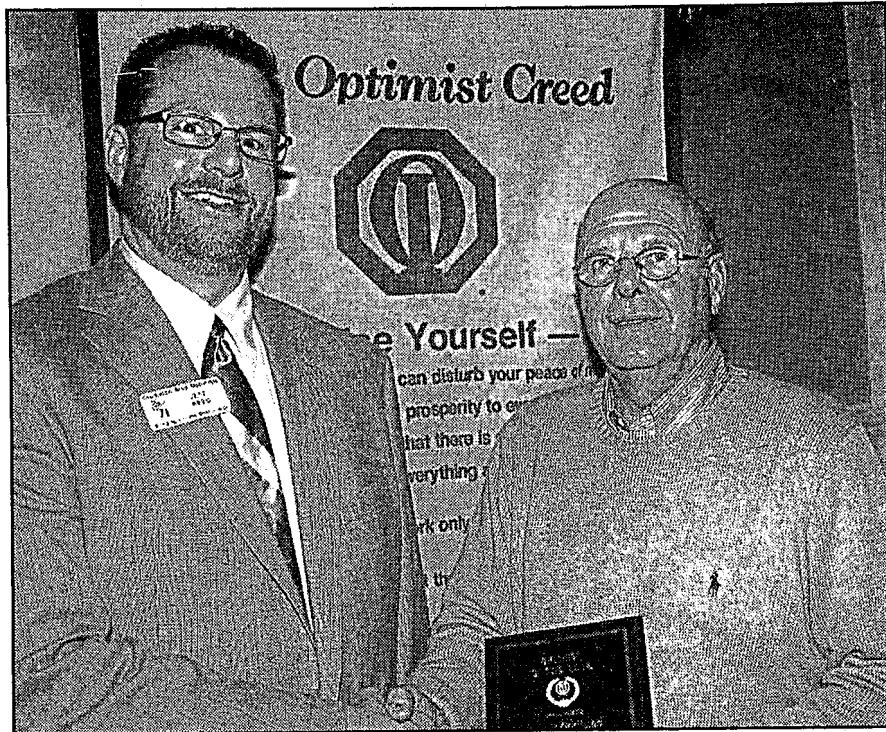
Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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

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.

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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



Middleton awarded Optimist of the Year

Outgoing Clarkston Area Optimist President Jeff Reed, at left, presents Optimist Tom Middleton the 2011 Optimist of the Year award. Middleton is the club treasurer. "Tom is always willing to help, chairs committees but also is there to help behind the scenes when the need arises," said Reed. Photo provided

Thank you!

The students of Andersonville Elementary are proud to thank the following area businesses for their generous support of our recent Fun Run event. We had a great time running and exercising with our friends and realize that your amazing help will allow us to attend field trips and have other incredible experiences at our school this year! We know that times are tough right now, but your decision to give this gift to our school means a lot to us. We encourage everyone to support these businesses and thank them for their support of our education!

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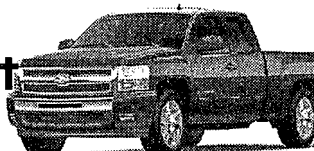
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The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following case:

Case #11-0024 Mroz, Douglas, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 40' FRONT YARD (RIGHT-OF-WAY) SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT COVERED FRONT PORCH AND ADDITION (ATTACHING HOME TO GARAGE, BOTH EXISTING NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES)
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Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 22, 2011

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

Roll: Present - Mayor Luginski, Bisio, Hunter, Hargis, Inabnit, Roth
Brueck - Absent
Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Ryan

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried with Brueck Absent
Moved by Roth with support by Inabnit to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried with Brueck Absent
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Hargis to accept the City Manager's and City Mayor's recommendation to contract with Sandra Barlass for the Treasurer's job, subject to Council approval of contract.

Resolution Adopted Brueck absent.
Moved by Bisio with support by Hargis to appoint Steve Arkwright to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending June 30, 2012. This appointment is to fill out the balance of Anne Clifton's term.

Moved by Roth support by Hargis to concur with the Mayor's appointments to the Streets Committee.
Motion Carried with Brueck Absent.

Moved by Hargis support by Roth that East Washington from Buffalo to the East to the end be closed September 23, 2011 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm with concurrence of the Sheriff and Fire Departments.
Motion Carried with Brueck Absent

Resolved by Hunter support by Inabnit to approve the annual \$500 membership fee and the three year agreement at \$250 per year for Stormwater Education for NPDES stormwater Permit.

Resolution Adopted with Brueck Absent
Moved by Roth support by Bisio to Adjourn at 8:45PM
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Richter, Clerk

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CLARKSTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT CLARKSTON, MI 48346 PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission of the City of the Village of Clarkston will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 7:00p.m. at City Hall, 375 Depot Road at the request of the City Council for possible amendment of Article XXV, SPECIAL LAND USES, Section 25.10.B. 35. f. 1 of Zoning Ordinance No.129-2, "Prohibited Uses and Activities for Property abutting a Water Body."
Kelly Richter
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OCTOBER 4, 2011

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

There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Carol Gabris - Human Resources Director
Linda Richardson - DPW Director
Steven Joppich - Secrest Wardle

Approval to appoint Acting Chair.
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of Agenda as amended.

E. CLOSED SESSION: None requested
F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
G. PUBLIC HEARING: None
H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None
I. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Avington Park Update: Steven Joppich, Secrest Wardle
2. Elected Officials Disability Policy: Postponed to October 18, 2011 Regular Meeting

J. CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2011 and Special Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2011.

K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

L. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Approval of Termination Agreement Payment to Andy Reish.
2. Proposal for Appointing an Acting Supervisor: Postponed to October 18, 2011 Regular Meeting.
3. Approval of Bid Award for 2011 Pump Station Improvements.
4. Approval of Thendara Park SAD Snow Removal Agreement
5. Approval of Request to Advertise for the Position of Information Technology Administrator.
6. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the Amount of \$213,066.71.

Approval to extend Regular Meeting after 10:00 PM.
7. Approval of Request to Extend Building Director/ Official's Performance Improvement Plan.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members commented on various topics

O. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS
1. REPORT: Township Clerk - Reconstitution of the Safety Path Committee
2. REPORT: Township Clerk - Agenda Format
3. REPORT: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey Summary

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:13.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: October 12, 2011

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2011-339, 183-DE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of EUGENE A. BENCSIK a/k/a EUGENE ARTHUR BENCSIK, DECEASED. Date of birth: 06/22/1922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, EUGENE A. BENCSIK a/k/a EUGENE ARTHUR BENCSIK, who lived at 623 OAKGROVE DRIVE, LAKE ORION, Michigan died 06/16/2011.

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 8, 2011

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

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

Others Present - City Manager Ritter
Moved by Roth, supported by Bisio to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.
Moved by Hunter, Supported by Roth to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Bisio voting no.
Moved by Brueck, supported by Hunter to put the Building, Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule Resolution back on the table.

Motion carried
Resolved by Hargis, supported by Inabnit to approve proposed fee schedule with changes by the City Manager.

Resolution Adopted.
Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to appoint Frank Schoebel and Steve Hargis to the Planning Commission for a (3) year term ending June 30, 2014.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Brueck to appoint Sharron Catallo, Doug Roeser and Jim Brueck to the ZBA for a (3) year term ending June 30, 2014.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Inabnit to appoint Melissa Luginski to the Historic District Committee for a (3) year term ending June 30, 2014.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Hunter to appoint Carol Eberhardt to the Board of Review for a (3) year term ending June 30, 2014.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Hargis that we authorize the City Manager to sign the engagement letter with O'Keefe & Associates in the form which is in the Council packet with a change in the scope of work also to state that O'Keefe & Associates will review the current year budget and suggest any changes in formatting or organization substance that may be appropriate to our budget.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Bisio to extend the meeting pass 9:00 p.m.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Brueck, supported by Hunter to approve the recommended bid of \$1020.95 from Belle Tire.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to adjourn meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Richter
City Clerk

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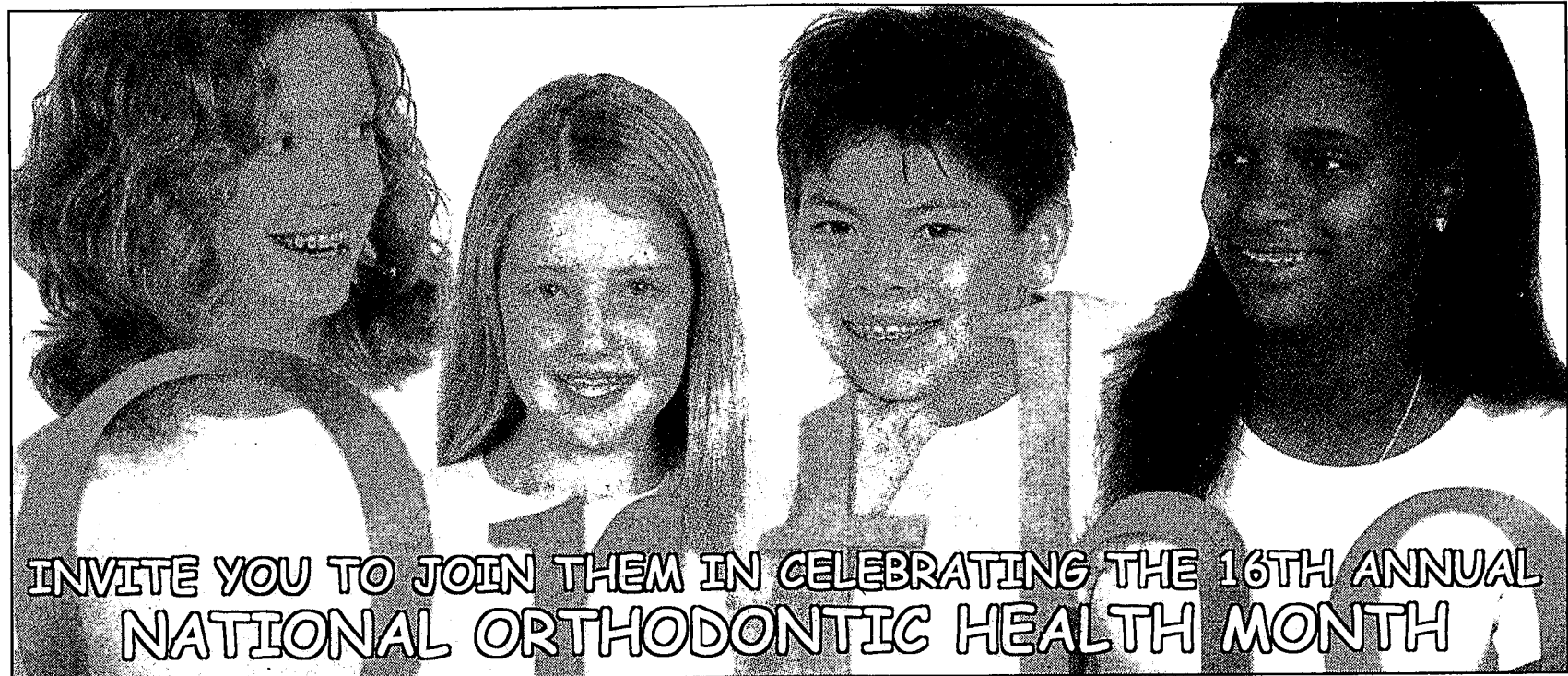
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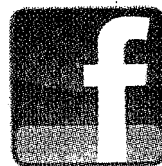
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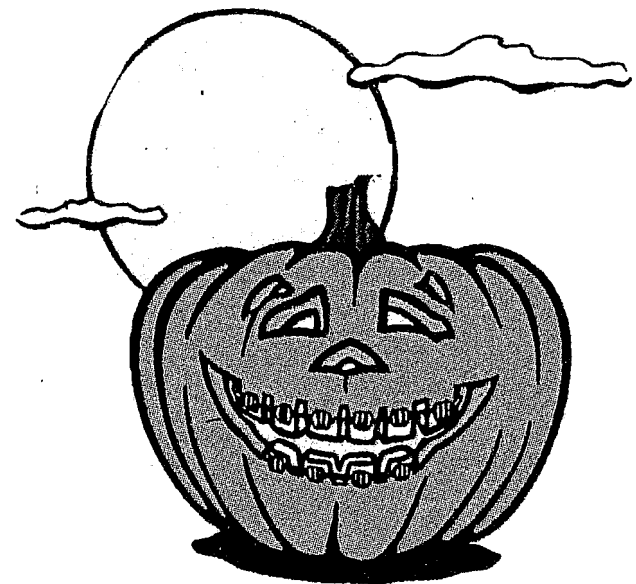
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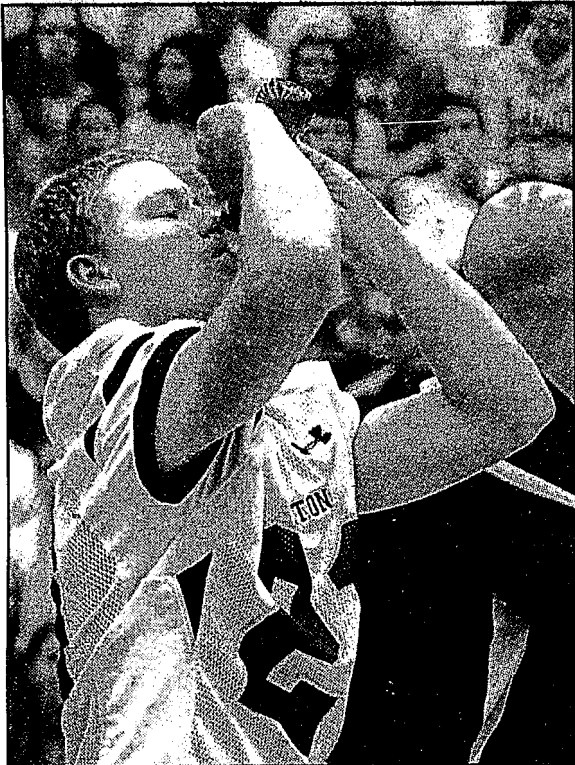
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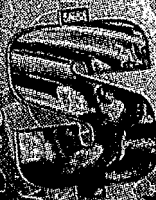
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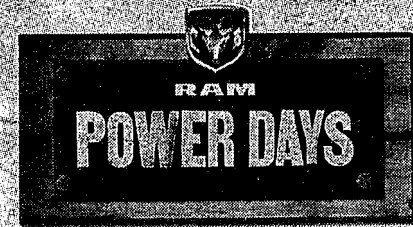
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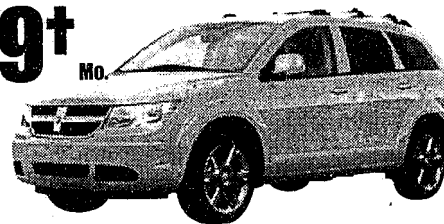


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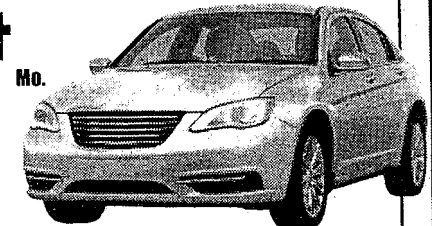
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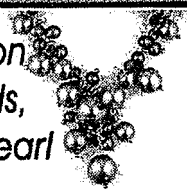
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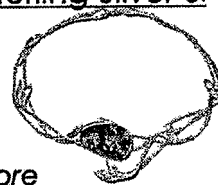
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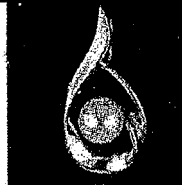
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