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Three for city council

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Prospective candidates for Clarkston City Council can still file to run, but they're running out of time.

Deadline to file as a write-in candidate is 4 p.m., Oct. 28.

Three seats are up for election, Nov. 8. City council incumbents Steve Hargis and Thomas Hunter are running for re-election, and resident Eric Haven is running as a write-in.

Hargis said he is running because he still wants to "reduce cost and improve technology."

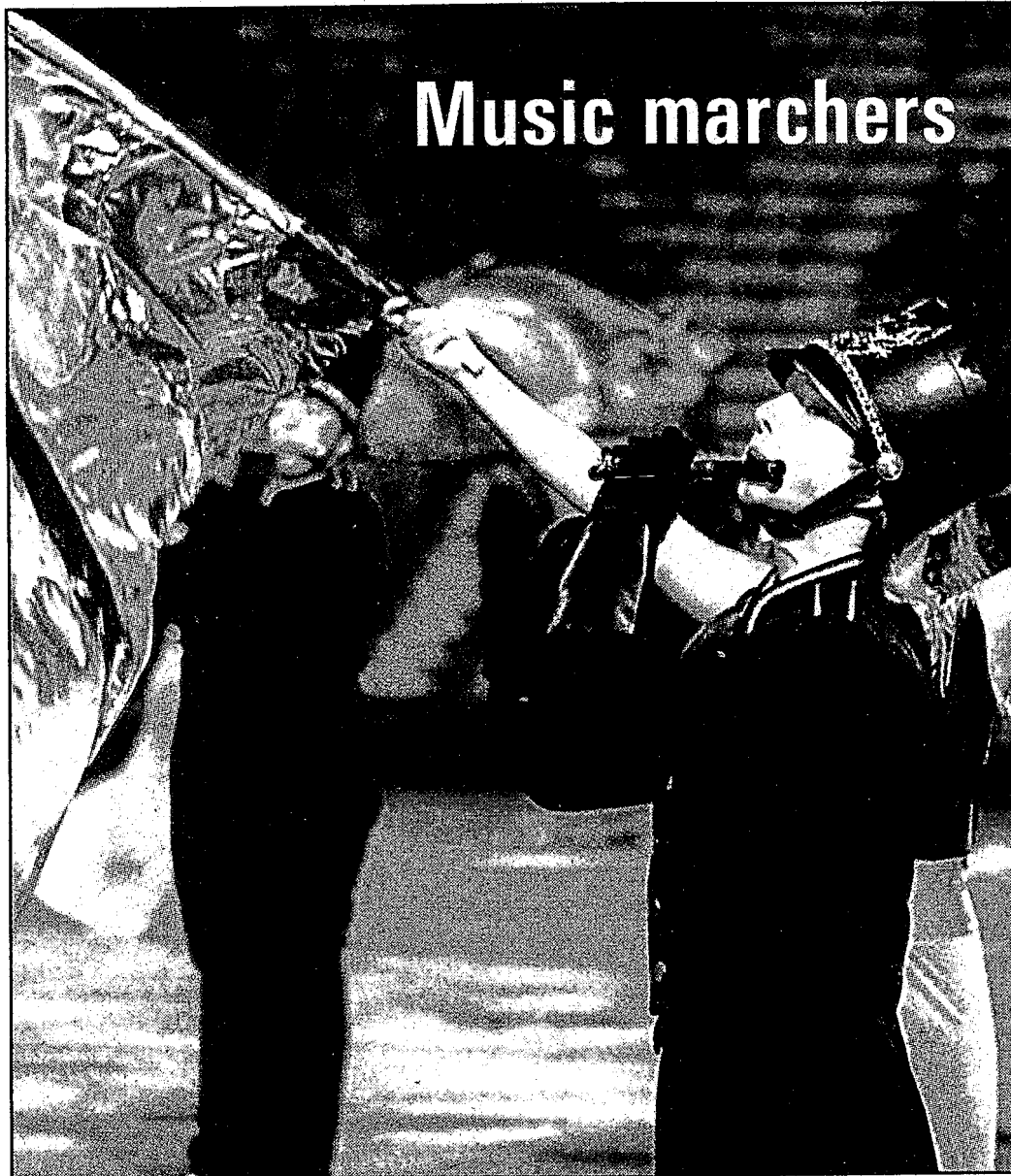
"I still feel a need to find ways to reduce government costs, reduce taxes if I can find some way to do it," Hargis said. "I want to improve the technology relative to how we do things on the website and other things we interact with, Please see City on page 17A



Hargis



Haven



Music marchers

Maia Girard plays the flute at Clarkston High School Marching Band's halftime show, Oct. 14. The band hosts its Clarkston Invitational this weekend. Please see page 4A for more pictures. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Spanish for pre-K

Preschool pilot proposal would cost over \$100K

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Along with gym and music, Clarkston elementary-school students could soon learn Spanish.

"One of my long-term objectives is to increase opportunities for foreign language – for students to be bilingual when they leave us," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock, Oct. 10.

A proposed World Language pilot program starts with half-hour Spanish classes once a week for Clarkston preschool students.

Cost for the first year is \$50,000-\$56,000, including \$2,000 for site visits and development time, and \$44,000-\$54,000 for teacher salary and benefits, along with iPad and other materials.

The plan is set for a vote by Clarkston Board of Education, Oct. 24.

"In the next month of so, I'd like to get the person hired and starting to develop the program curriculum," Rock said.

"I'm excited about the possibility of world language at the elementary level," said Daryl Biallas, Clarkston High School world language coordinator. "It's something we've been missing the boat on, getting students proficient in a second language at an early age."

The school's mission includes making students effective communicators in both oral and written form, Biallas said.

"What better way to produce effective communicators in today's global so-

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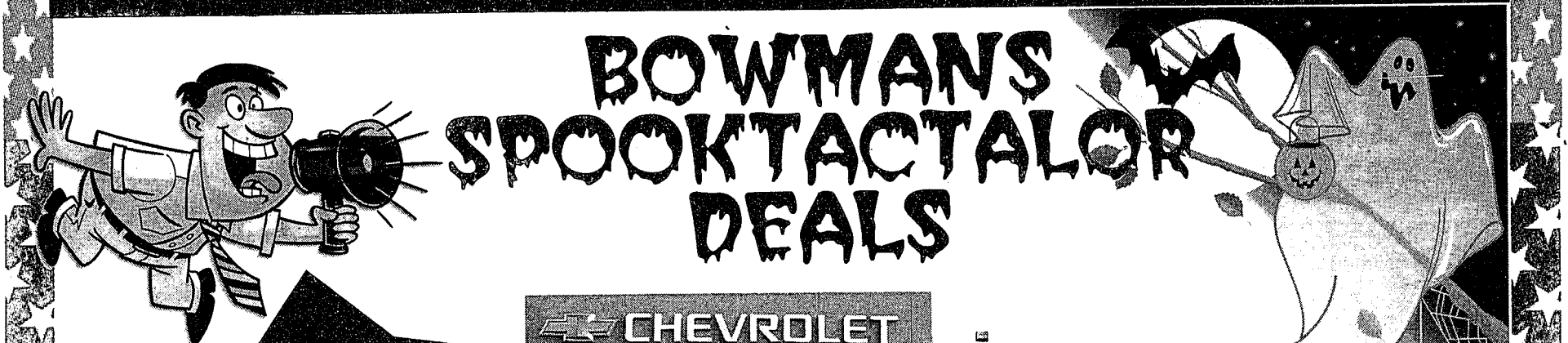
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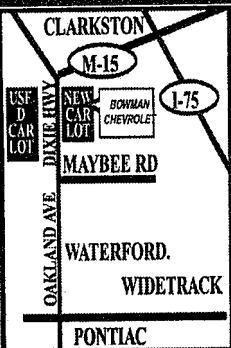
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Briefly

Camaro raffled

Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association is raffling off a 2012 Red Camaro 1LT RS. Tickets are \$50. Drawing is Dec. 13. Purchase tickets at Clarkston home football games, Bowman Chevrolet on M-15 at Dixie, or by emailing lizpiper@att.net. Winner must take delivery within 30 days of drawing and must be at least 18 years old. The association is a nonprofit organization. Proceeds benefit band and orchestra students, grades 6-12.

Bouchard on bullying

Clarkston Coalition for Youth hosts Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, about on-line and classroom bullying, 7-9 p.m., Oct. 20, Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

"Bullying has become more prevalent among our youth both in school and via social networks," said Rebecca McGovern, Clarkston Coalition for Youth president.

The presentation is free, but RSVP is requested at info@clarkstonyouth.org. Refreshments provided. For more information, call 248-858-1947.

Put a pie in Rush's face

This Sunday, folks can help an area resident, get a spaghetti dinner and have a "once in a lifetime" chance to put a pie in the smiling face of *The Clarkston News'* Don Rush.

Helping Hands Healing Cancer Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction will benefit Sharon Bergman, a single mom of two kids battling breast cancer. The dinner, auction and pieing of Rush starts at 3:30 p.m. and runs until 6:30, at the Ortonville United Methodist Church (93 N. Church Street, Ortonville, 48462).



Rush

Suggested donations for dinner is \$8 an adult; \$5 for senior citizens and kids, 10 and under; or \$30 a family (parents + kids, 17 & under). The event is sponsored by the North Oakland Animal Husbandry 4-H Club. For more information call Michelle at 248-318-8568.



The Apple and Strickland families' winning firefighter scarecrow.

Scarecrows rule!

The Apple and Strickland families of Davisburg won first place in the Davisburg's Finest Scarecrow contest with their firefighter themed project. They won a \$30 VISA gift card in the contest, sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation, Oct. 8.

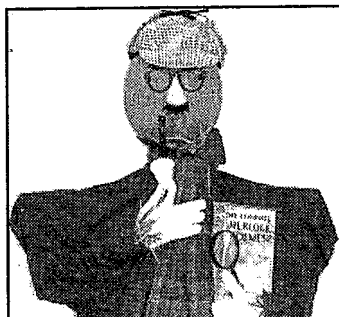
Springfield Township Library earned second place, and the Newingham family won third.

Receiving Honorable Mentions are the Torres family, Springfield Township Clerk's Department, Davisburg Elementary PTC, Springfield Township Friends of the Parks, Springfield Township Parks Commission, and Broadway Auto Sales and Service.

Judging Winner is Joshua Rich, earning a \$25 gift certificate for any Springfield Township Parks and Rec program or event.

"Thank you to everyone who participated in this years Decorate Davisburg Scarecrow Contest, by either making your own scarecrow or coming out to vote," said Casey Reed, recreation coordinator. "Congratulations to our winners - we hope to see you all again next year."

For more information, check www.springfield-twp.us.



The library's second-place winner.



The Newingham family won third.



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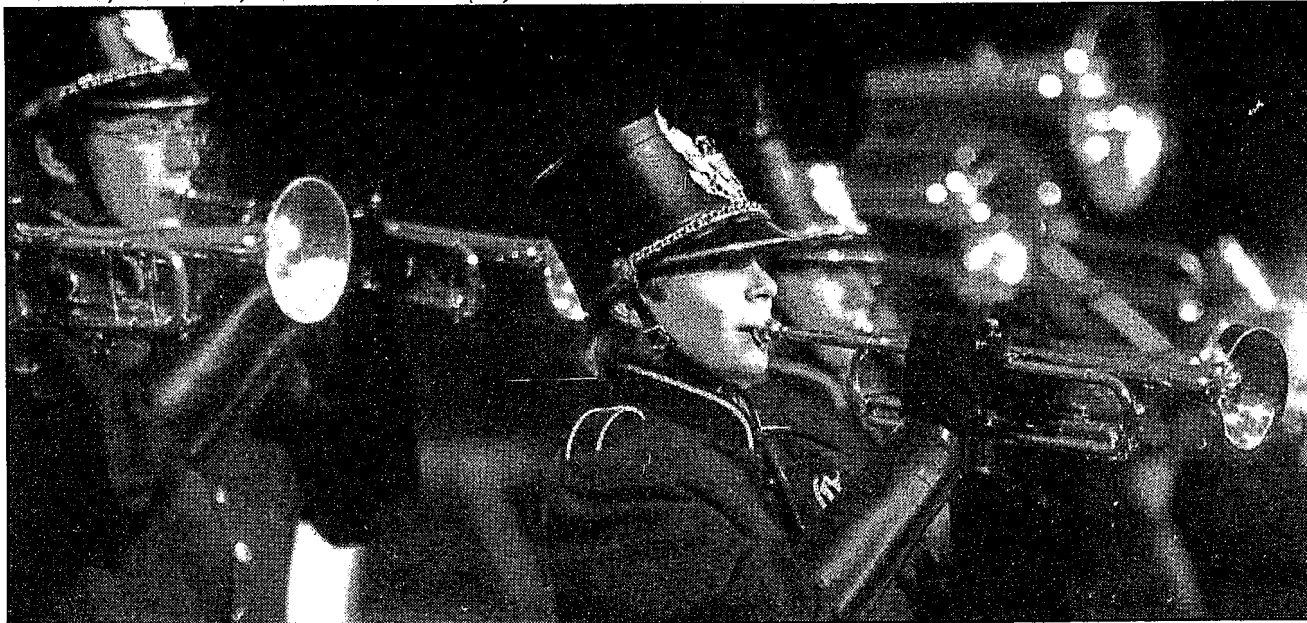
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Michael Brohman, Rob Dalka and Michael Pupillo perform the National Anthem at the Wolves' varsity football game, Oct. 14. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Clarkston hosts marching bands

Seventeen marching bands from across the Michigan will take part in the 34th Annual Clarkston Invitational on Oct. 22.

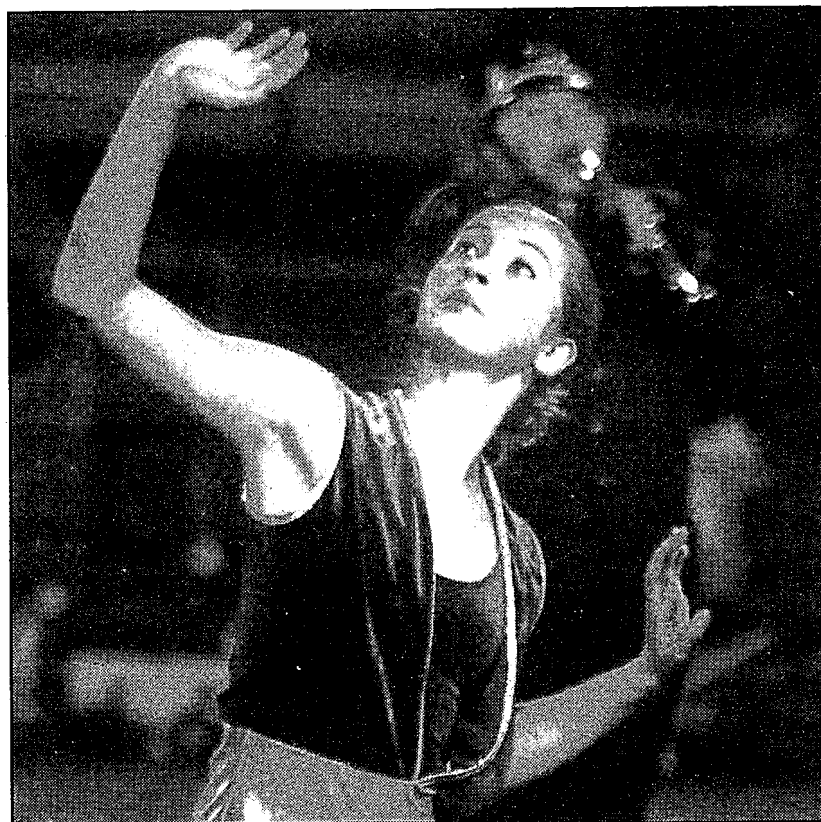
The competition, sponsored by the Michigan Competing Band Association and coordinated by the Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association (CSIMA) is a qualifying event for state finals, at Ford Field on Nov. 5.

The Clarkston Invitational begins at 3:30 p.m. and the Clarkston High School Marching Band is set to perform "Scherzade" at 8:45 p.m., in the Flight I group.

Awards for Flight I bands are at 9:15 p.m. Awards for Flight II, III, and IV bands are at 6:30 p.m.

The cost of entrance is \$6 for ages 5 and up, \$5 for senior citizens and free for children under the age of 5.

Opportunities to volunteer are still available. If interested and can donate a few hours, please contact volunteer coordinator Kelly Moraco at kellymoraco@yahoo.com.



Color Guard member Kierstin Novak performs during the show.

New Union proposed for 90 N. Main

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Curt Catalo is ready to bring a fourth Union to Main Street.

Clarkston Planning Commission and City Council granted a "Special Land Use Overlay District Request" and site plan approval for 90 N. Main Street.

Catalo, owner of the Clarkston Union and Union Woodshop restaurants, and Union General Store, would use the property for his ad agency, Union Adworks.

"When I saw Mr. Adler and Bob Roth were going in front of the commissions to look at this overlay district, a light bulb went off and (wife) Anne and I said this is a pretty good usage for a business like Union Adworks," Catalo said. "This is the kind of thing I think would suit the property."

Union Adworks produces catalogs and other literature for Jeep, Dodge, Chrysler, Ram, and Mopar, as well as Fiat and Apple.

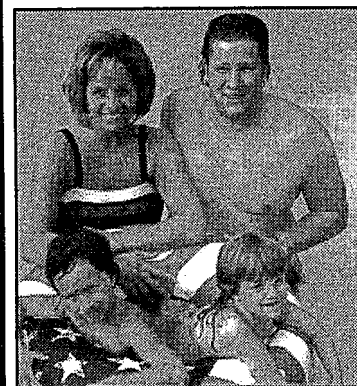
"We have designers and art directors, print producers, art buyers, account people, and writers, and programmers," Catalo said. "The good news is we're not printing anything. We're not making anything besides the creative idea and concept."

Current owners Bob Roth and Ed Adler proposed similar business ideas including architects, engineering office, art studios and galleries, and other limited commercial uses.

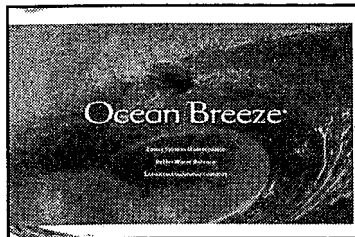
To "seal the deal" for 90 N. Main, Catalo wants use of Park Lake for him and his workers, so they can find their creative inspirations. The proposed amendment is being drafted by City Attorney Tom Ryan and City Planner Dick Carlisle. The planning commission will hold a public hearing on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

"It's not just because of the commute that I would like to be in Clarkston," Catalo said. "It's because I think it's the right thing for Clarkston and I think it happens to be the right thing for Union Adworks."

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Local wants to send help on wheels

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In addition to sponsoring children in Uganda and India to provide food, clothing, and schooling, Independence Township resident Gary Zirwes has another way to help those less fortunate.

While attending a North America Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. this past Labor Day weekend, Zirwes came across the "Free Wheelchair Mission," a humanitarian faith-based organization in service to "provide transforming gift of mobility to the impoverished disabled in developing countries, as motivated by Jesus Christ."

"We're here to serve," Zirwes said. "Wherever we can do it, we need to grab hold of it."

After meeting a girl in wheelchair by the name of Allison, Zirwes said he wanted to help with the wheelchair mission.

"She didn't feel she was any worse off than you or I, but her attitude was just phenomenal about the situation she was in. She was making the best of everything," he said. "She just touched my heart."

On his way home from the conference, Zirwes said he made a goal to fill a container with 550 wheelchairs by the end of December for Wheelchair Mission, but he is looking for donations by people who would like to help.

"Sixty-four dollars a chair, that's pretty inexpensive," he said. "For the small investment of a wheelchair, we can help, rather it be an adult or a little child get off the ground and into a wheelchair and help them feel some worth, some respect, to be able to give them hope, mobility and function with the family around the dinner table instead of being hidden in the corner."

When most normal wheelchairs are expensive, Free Wheelchair Mission founder Don Schoendorfer found a way to make durable wheelchairs using a lawn chair, mountain bike tires, and custom steel frame, all for \$64.

"I would even like to find out where



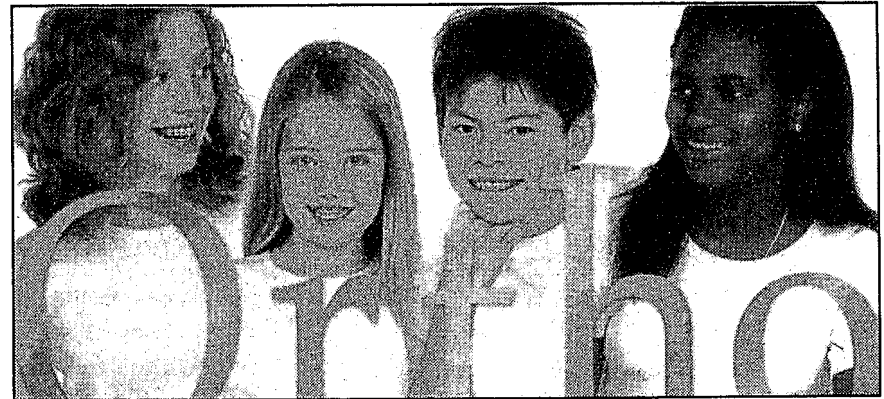
Gary Zirwes hopes to provide wheelchairs for disabled people across the world in third world countries. Photo by Trevor Keiser

they're going to send our container and go there and really feel from those people their enjoyment of being able to sit in a wheelchair," Zirwes said. "But I don't know if that's possible."

According to the Free Wheelchair Mission, since 2001 they have sent over 600,000 specially made wheelchairs to over 81 countries around the world, but still over 100 million people are without mobility.

Those interested in donating can call Gary Zirwes at 248-625-8470. Zirwes is asking people to make out checks to Free Wheelchair Mission. For more information visit www.freewheelchairmission.org.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Check the law

Smart warriors the world over turn their opponents' tactics against them.

So it is with admiration that I watch Clarkston school officials and advocates use yellow-journalism methods against Dawn Schaller and the *Clarkston News* regarding Freedom of Information Act requests.

They ask, what's the real story behind the *News* and Dawn Schaller? What are your real motivations?

What did you know and when did you know it?

I get it – that's what we're doing, so how does it feel, tabloid boy?

What's sad about these charges and countercharges is it's all unnecessary.

The Freedom of Information Act requires school districts and other official bodies to provide information, but it includes plenty of information controls, too. The school district isn't as helpless as the superintendent and others seem to think.

It allows the district to charge for actual costs for labor, search, examination, review, and deletion and separation of exempt from nonexempt information.

When calculating labor, the district can't charge more than the lowest hourly rate, but the law goes on to say that rate applies to the "lowest paid public body employee capable of retrieving the information necessary to comply with a request under this act."

This means the lowest paid central office employee, not the lowest paid employee overall.

Also, as Cory Johnston points out in his letter on page 20A, the law allows the district to make reasonable rules to "prevent excessive and unreasonable interference with the discharge of its functions."

If that's the case, make the rules. People will probably argue about whether they're reasonable, but that would be better than arguing why a newspaper would want information on the local school district.

Now's certainly not the time for less scrutiny of any government body, including the school district.

The School Board is considering a new program to teach Spanish in preschool-fifth grade, costing up to \$750,000. And, after borrowing millions to wire the district for the Internet, it very may well look to borrow millions more for wireless Internet.

These and other stories need more questions and answers, not less.



An explanation from the supervisor

Dear Editor,

I'm sure the fine citizens of Independence Township have heard and read all of the misinformation regarding my health put forth by some members of the Township Board. I feel a solemn duty to set the record straight regarding my dedication to the job to which I was re-elected in 2008 with nearly 60 percent of the vote.

Like many people my age, I have been afflicted with some serious health problems in the last year. I have undergone two neck operations, the second of which was not done properly. While in the hospital after that surgery, I contracted an infection that seriously compromised my immune system.

I have now sought and am receiving continuing care at the University of Michigan Medical Center in an effort to stabilize my immune system to a degree which will make it possible for me to undergo reconstructive surgery to repair the damage caused by complications from the second surgery.

You have my word that I look forward to being back to work at the township just as soon as my doctors clear me to do so. As does any business in the private sector, the township employed a deputy supervisor whose responsibility it was to perform my duties in the event of my disability. Unfortun-

nately, the township board inexplicably defunded the deputy supervisor position at its last meeting, presumably in an effort to make my medical absence seem more critical.

At the last board meeting it was alleged that I had cleaned out my office, which is just not true. I was in the office to retrieve some clothing and a few other personal items in case the board needed to use my office on an interim basis – period. I give you, the citizens of our township, my word that I will be back to work just as soon as I am medically cleared to do so.

I do apologize to all Independence Township citizens for not getting this information to you earlier, but I have been in no medical condition to participate in the war of words in the media that has been waged by my political opponents.

It is my fervent hope that these people will get back to work on the township's business so that the many gains we have made during my two terms in office will not go to waste.

I thank the citizens of Independence Township for your concern and support during my illness. I will be back at the helm of the township in short order.

*David Wagner
Independence Township Supervisor*

Reader calls for compassion in gov't

Dear Editor,

Trustee Mark Petterson commented that he didn't think that \$5 or \$50 was going to break anyone ("No increase for safety path millage," Sept. 28)

He is very detached from reality if he believes that. I could give him a list of at least 100-200 people who work their butts off and barely eke through from one paycheck to the next.

People are suffering. They aren't splurging or racking up credit card bills that they can't pay. They are doing without essentials and making difficult choices every day because, you guessed it, they don't have an extra \$5 or \$50 dollars and if they did, it would be going into their gas tanks.

I think the bottom line is that there needs to be more compassion in our society and in our government and less hubris. I love the idea of a safety path, I voted for the millage. But now is not the time to raise taxes, and any path that is installed should be multiple user friendly, and, it should be aligned with commuter needs to provide a mechanism to travel about the community in methods other than cars.

I would like to encourage our "leaders" to expand their thinking; include consideration of the long term effects of the proposals they

deal with on the traffic, on the environmental impact.

Take time to look at what is being done in the healthiest communities around our nation, not just in Michigan, and bring some of those tried and true solutions here.

Get involved in Green infrastructure programs, learn about "No Child Left Inside" and what decisions they might be able to make that can encourage healthier children that are more connected to nature. Each individual on the board was voted in to serve the public, not to provide a stepping stone for some political aspirations. And each individual on the board is responsible to every citizen, not just those with phat bank accounts.

Finally, I invite each member to look up one word: Tonglen. Look it up, try it out. And consider what it might be like to walk in someone else's shoes, someone with a smaller bank account. I am not ashamed of my tight finances. I value every choice I made that brought me to here. Despite that, I don't have an extra \$5-\$50 to pay for a poorly planned safety path.

Thank you.

*Tammie Heazlit
Independence Township*

Send your letters to Clarkstonnews@gmail.com. Check page 20A for letters regarding school Freedom of Information.

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"The next downtown?" Vision 2020 planners eyed Sashabaw Road from Maybee to I-75 as a new town center, with safety paths, teen center, homes, offices, clubs, park, and school. It was to be the first in a series of similar developments throughout Independence Township.

"Road warriors honored by kids" School bus drivers enjoyed giant, bus-shaped cookies, breakfast, and certificates from appreciative students at Andersonville Elementary.

"School bond issue on Dec. 9 ballot" Clarkston school district sought to borrow \$52.5 million for a new school, remodeling work, and technology.

25 years ago - 1986

"Fire hall bid approve – again" Construction of a new Independence fire hall at Sashabaw and Clarkston roads was back on schedule after a new contractor was hired. The 6,400-square-foot hall, replacing the existing fire station no. 2, was to cost \$531,000.

"Water pressure" SCUBA divers plied the waters of Mill Pond, searching for a way to repair the downtown Clarkston dam. Village Council was in court seeking repairs for a broken water control gate in the cofferdam next to Washington Street and the spillway on the west side of Main Street to Parke Lake.

"Twice the space: Calvary's addition is done" Calvary Lutheran Church finished a three-year project to construct an addition in time for its 25th anniversary. The Rev. Robert Walters dedicated the 4,000-square-foot addition, which doubled the size of the church.

50 years ago - 1961

"Wolves hand Homecoming victory to queen and her court" Clarkston High School beat Brighton at their Homecoming game, and also crowned Barbara Bullard as Homecoming queen.

"President at Calvary Lutheran" Dr. C.V. Anderson, president of the Central Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church, installed the Rev. Paul A. Johns as pastor of the new Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Pastor Johns had been conducting services in the east section of Clarkston Elementary for the past year.

"Winners announced in Punt, Pass, Kick Contest" Dennis Wooster won the 10-year-old division, and Gordon Sheldon won the 6-year-old division. Amongst 8 year olds, Joseph Day scored the most points, and Bob Seymore took the prize in the 9-year-old division.

Ah, truth, and just what is the truth?

Andy Rooney signed off on the "60 Minutes" program recently for the last time. I was a fan of the curmudgeon for a long time.

Had I known the shortcomings he announced on his final appearance, I would have quit listening to him long ago.

However, obviously, he had a major following. He quit at 92. That's more than one lifetime.

I liked his off-the-wall comments about everyday things like, cotton in aspirin bottles. But, his personality came through the final night, and left me disappointed.

He said he didn't give autographs, did not want people greeting him on the street and seemed to not like anything except himself.

His job definition still bothers me. He said, after saying he was a writer, "A writer's job is to tell the truth."

Ah, there in lies my problem. First of all, he spent many years of his life writing stuff for Walter Cronkite to read on his news programs. So those words became Andy's truths.

To which I ask: What is the truth?

Is Andy's truths the same as mine and yours?

Is it the truth because what he says it is the truth?

Isn't Andy's comment a lot like my friend Pete's oft-said statement: "Trust me!"

Maybe, since I'm not that far behind Andy's age, doubts are increasing of both written and spoken words.

I will, of course, always believe and repeat that the written word has more credibility than any electronically transmitted word.

And, it's a lot harder to erase the written word.

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The Super Committee of equal parts Republicans and Democrats have gone no where, in public, after 10 months of meetings to offer a plan that might help them get re-elected, but aid us not at all.

My friend Dick Milliman suggests, "Congress deserves the low public esteem which poll after poll has continued to evidence."

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Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

- Take my advice, I'm not using it.
- As income tax time approaches, please notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells THEIRS!
- Years ago I wrote to a soft drink company that their

advertising emphasizing the sound of pouring liquid irritated me. Still can't stand it. But, they wrote back that a survey showed them the pouring sound made people thirsty. Bah!

• Your friends may lie to you, your mirror deceive you, but a flight of stairs can be brutally frank. S. Cook

• Had the Obama Care package been passed, Texas Judge Kithil ruled (page 425, line 4-12) "The government mandates advance-care planning consultations. Those on Social Security will be required to attend an "end-of-life planning" seminar every five years."

Death sentencing? Remember, Nancy Pelosi wanted it passed, and we could read it later.

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I have two suggestions to help we North American citizens:

1. Get out of the United Nations.

2. Drill for oil, gas and coal in lands we control.

We'd save a whole lot of money, and we'd make jobs available for millions of people.

The United Nations aren't really united and most of them hate us.

And, we seem to have the only environmentalists in the world, and they aren't united either.

Were I a younger man and more!

There are a couple ways I can approach this column. One, I could say, "Were I a younger man . . ." or, Two, I could type, "When I grow up . . ."

Or I could fulfill all your dreams and desires and do it both ways *and then* do you one better and combine the two.

Were I a younger man

Two Mondays ago, I gassed-up the new and improved Rushmobile and quicker than Fred Flintstone could yabba-dabba-do his way to the stone quarry, I made my way down to Eastern Market. Yep, that one in downtown Detroit and, nope, there were no vegetables for sale (though I did see a few zombie-like folks stumbling around in Honolulu Blue and gray).

In my estimation, Ortonville resident and Clarkston businessman Denny Arney is a giant among men. For about 20 years he has made his way to Detroit Lions home football games for the tailgate party, in itself a tremendous feat of endurance. But, where his stature grows is he not only brings himself, he tows along a hot tub, filled with hot water.

"It was a little easier when the Lions played at the Silverdome," Arney, 50, says.

Now that the Lions play at Ford Field in downtown, he gets to slish his way from Hooterville all the way downtown via I-75, driving 40 miles per hour.

"It's kinda a white knuckle drive," he admits.

When I was at the "tub-gate" the water was a perfect 108 degrees. Arney heats up

the water before he leaves home, and with propane and a salamander, keeps it hot throughout the day. People from all walks of life (some regulars to his tub, some new)

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

hop in for talk of the Lions, life and liberty. Some with swimming gear, some, erumm, without.

Were I a younger man, I think I would set up my own hot-tubbing, tailgating experience, too.

When I grow up

I drove back up I-75 before the game started. I stopped by and chatted a bit with Al Deeby Chrysler-Jeep Honcho Jim White and then toiled on home to the apex of civilization, also known as Goodrich, Michigan, USA. (Check out the full color Deeby ad, sweet.)

I got all my snacks ready for the big game, the Detroit Lions vs. the dreaded Chicago Bears. I mixed in my homemade salsa in with frioles and then melted in cheese. I opened a brand new bag of corn chips (Which meant I had to throw out the old chips instead of eating them until they were gone like I normally would. But what the heck, the evening was special.) Me, my two cats, snacks watching *Monday Night Football* with the Detroit Lions. Wow. What a night, hot damn!

When I grow up, I want to have cable tv, or satellite tv or something other than free,



Denny, circled, is living the American dream with friends galore and a sweet hot tub for Lions tailgating.

public, over-the-air tv. My ABC affiliate, WJRT (Channel 12 from Flint) opted to show not *Monday Night Football* with the Detroit Lions. Oh no, not they. In their infinite wisdom they decided *Dancing with the Stars* was more important than the first *Monday Night Football* game with a Detroit team in over a decade. ARRRRRG!

When I was a younger man, before I grew up

There's been lots of hoopla in Clarkston this year, and rightfully so. Fifty years ago a young man named James O'Neill brought his wife to town. Since, O'Neill has been doctoring up locals for over 50 years, and now his son Tim is, too. For the past year, readers have written us their stories of Doc

O'Neill and we've run 'em in *The Clarkston News*. Well, I have a story/memory, too.

When I was a younger man (before I grew up), I lived in Independence Township and played football for Clarkston. My memory of Doc. O'Neill -- how do I put this delicately, other than to just blurt it out.

He was the first man to ever touch my genitals.

Get your heads out of the gutter. It was football! All the team had to do it. We'd line up in the locker room and one after another, our physicals were completed.

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Shop owner needs lift after shoplifting

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Downtown business owner Christina Calka felt something wrong when dealing with a customer, Oct. 11.

"Two of my displays were off, with items missing – I thought maybe I put them down somewhere else," said Calka, owner of Village Fashion Boutique, 6 N. Main Street

She hadn't – the customer took them and other jewelry items worth about \$1,500.

"It's very disheartening," Calka said. "It's a shame. I just feel very violated."

She described the suspect as a woman in her mid 20s, Asian, long, dark hair, about 5-foot-2-inches, 110 pounds, well dressed, and polite with no accent.

She came into the store at about 4 p.m., looking at jewelry and asking to use a dressing room.

"She asked for a different size and I got it for her. She asked questions about the Brighton products," Calka said.

When she noticed jewelry missing, she checked around the store but didn't find it. When the customer went to leave, she asked to look into her bags, as per store policy.

"We have a policy of checking all packages," she said. "She refused, saying they were her personal belongings. I said I was sorry but I needed to enforce the rule, and we argued back and forth."

Calka said she was calling police and the women ran out the door. Neighbors heard Calka yell and tried to stop her but she wouldn't.

Witnesses saw the suspect run across the



A shoplifter robbed Christina Calka's boutique of \$1,500 in jewelry. Photo by Phil Custodio

street to the alley next to Clarkston Mills, then back to where her car was parked near the boutique.

"She went in a big circle," Calka said.

She drove off in a dark gray, older-model Buick.

Calka reported the incident to deputies and notified Brighton, which told her other stores had also been robbed.

Calka plans to increase security for her store.

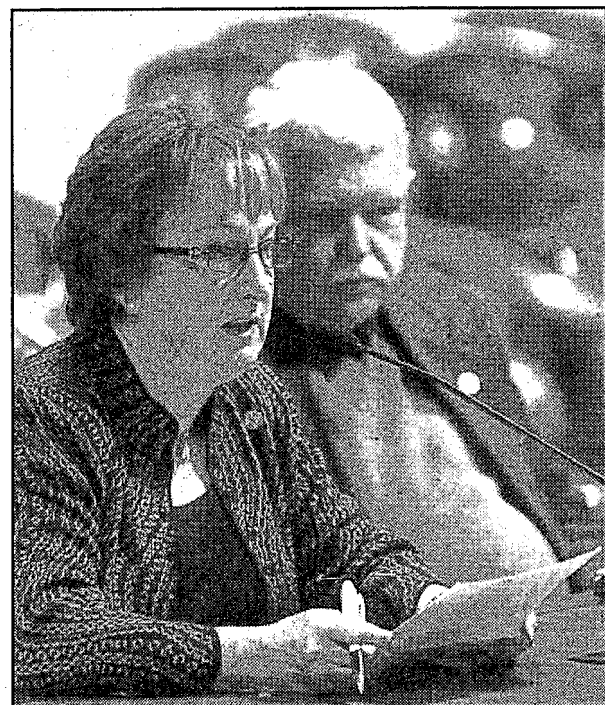
"I love the community – everyone has been very supportive," she said. "But we're

very trusting – everyone gives people the benefit of the doubt. This is a lesson for everyone about prevention and knowing what your rights are."

Calka hosts a Lift Your Spirits Party, Saturday, Oct. 29, raffling off full jewelry collections, each with neckless, bracelet, earrings, wallet, and other items, worth about \$200.

Raffle tickets, which are \$5, are also good for 10 percent off store merchandise excluding Brighton. Drawing will be at about 3-4 p.m.

Local businessman joins effort for fair tax of online sales



Rep. Eileen Kowall and Buck Kopietz testify before the House Tax Policy Committee. Photo provided

Clarkston business owner Buck Kopietz joined state Rep. Eileen Kowall in Lansing to testify in favor of closing an Internet sales tax loophole, Oct. 12.

"The Main Street Fairness Act is about fairness and equality for all businesses," said Kowall, R-District 44, to the House Committee on Tax Policy. "It is not acceptable for some online retailers to have an unfair advantage over brick and mortar stores."

House Bill 5004, introduced by Kowall and state Rep. Jim Ananich, requires all online retailers to collect state sales tax for purchases.

"I introduced the Main Street Fairness Act to level the playing field between local businesses and Internet retailers," Kowall said. "Closing this loophole will eliminate the competitive disadvantage that is holding back local businesses. State government is no longer picking winners and losers. Every business in Michigan should have the same opportunity to grow and create jobs."

Buck Kopietz, owner of Silver Kiss Jewelry on Main Street, said his business has suffered due to customers taking up his salespeople's time, only to purchase a similar item online without paying sales tax.

"Stores become showrooms for Internet suppliers," Kopietz said. "From my standpoint, every \$100,000 in sales means one job. Jobs are lost because of purchases on the Internet – it's a huge problem."

The Michigan Main Street Fairness Act taxes online-only retailers the same as brick-and-mortar businesses, and includes retailers who conduct business through affiliate businesses in Michigan or own subsidiary companies to avoid paying sales tax.

"It's not a new tax, it just collects what's already on the books," Kopietz said. "It's a collection issue."

For more information, check at www.standwithmainstreet.com/michigan.

– Phil Custodio

Public Safety

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

Drunk driver

A deputy stopped a 34-year-old Warren man on M-15 at Dixie for erratic driving, 10:14 p.m., Oct. 2. With a blood alcohol level of .15, he was arrested for drunk driving.

Fleeing the scene

Deputies tracked down a pickup driver who fled the scene of a crash at Sashabaw and Maybee roads, Oct. 2. They found him at his home in the 6000 block of Cherry Lawn Avenue, with damage to the front quarter of his truck. He told deputies his brakes didn't work. He had a preliminary breath test of .22, but said he got drunk after he got home. He was cited with failure to stop, careless driving, and defective brakes.

Cart went for a ride

A resident of the 6000 block of Oakhurst Ridge Road found his golf cart missing, 9:31 p.m., Oct. 2. He had his golf clubs in it, as well as the ignition key. He later found the cart in the neighborhood but not the clubs.

Deal gone wrong

An Independence Township resident won an Ebay auction for a car, mailing the money as the vehicle was transported to Michigan from Mississippi. The vehicle that arrived wasn't the one featured online - it had the wrong interior color, no sunroof, and lots of scratches. A VIN check showed it was stolen from Jackson International Airport. The vehicle was impounded, Oct 5.

Thefts from homes

Five rifles, a bow, ring, and TV were taken from a home in the 5000 block of Waldon Road, Oct. 6. A rear garage door had been left unlocked.

Someone broke in through a rear bedroom window and took a TV and a watch from a N. River Road home, Oct. 7.

A TV was taken from a S. River Road home, Oct. 9. A side door was pried open.

Vandal caught

A Wembley Court resident watched as an SUV drove across a neighbor's grass then his own lawn, 9:56 p.m., Oct. 8. He got in his vehicle and chased the SUV into the subdivision to a dead end. When the SUV turned into a driveway to turn around, he blocked him in, pulled the driver out, and held him for police. The driver, a 16-year-old Clarkston boy, told deputies he was driving home from a birthday party when he wanted to have fun by driving on people's lawns. The SUV was impounded and he was released to his mother, who said she would pay for the damages.

Napping on the road

A resident out walking his dog came across a man lying in the road and another in the field behind a business in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, 1:55 p.m., Oct. 9, and called police. Deputies found a 25-year-old Independence Township man asleep, facedown on the road. The other man was a 25-year-old Clarkston resident. They said they were off-roading the night before and got stuck in sand. Both said they were drinking that morning and the night before. They were cited with disorderly conduct, trespassing, and open intoxicants in a vehicle.

Thefts from vehicles

Someone took cell phones, GPS, money, CDs, and other items from two vehicles parked in the 5000 block of Dvorak Street, Oct. 11. One was unlocked and the other was locked but a window was partway down.

About \$15 in change was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway in the 5000 block of Columbia Street, Oct. 11.

Girl hit by car

A 15-year-old Clarkston girl was treated at St. Joe's for minor injuries after being hit by a car on Andersonville Road near Parview, 6:46 a.m., Oct. 13. The driver was heading down Andersonville at 35-40 mph when the girl ran out in front, and couldn't stop. The student was trying to get to the bus.

Armed robbery

Deputies are looking for two suspects in an armed robbery of a restaurant on Sashabaw Road at I-75, 10:30 p.m., Oct. 16. The suspects, described as white men in their late teens or early 20s, were wearing hoodies with bandanas covering their faces. They got in through a rear door when the cook went to the dumpster. One was armed with a handgun, possibly a revolver. K-9 unit tracked the suspects to Pine Knob Golf Course, where a laptop computer taken from the restaurant was found. The track ended in a subdivision near the golf course. No one was injured in the robbery.

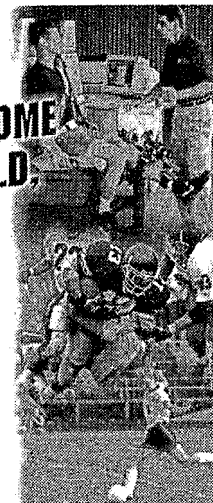
Troopers injured in wreck

A Michigan State Police cruiser was hit by a car on southbound I-75 north of Dixie Highway, 3:12 a.m., Oct. 16. Two state troopers, who had closed the Dixie entrance ramp while Comcast installed cable, were taken to Genesys Hospital for treatment. State police are investigating the driver for drunk driving.

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Enrollment up at Clarkston schools

Clarkston Community Schools has grown - by 27 students to 8,051 in the district.

The increase in enrollment was from fall count day, which took place Oct. 5, not only around the district but around the state.

The district knew the numbers would be more than predicted because the Board of Education approved adding three teachers due to class sizes during a special meeting, Sept. 8.

A full time teacher was added to Clarkston Junior High School and another for Bailey Lake Elementary, to address Kin-

dergarten classroom sizes. They added a .2 full time equivalent teacher for elementary art for classroom sizes.

"We will engage in the necessary processes over the next few weeks to verify these numbers and determine an official fall count," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "Stable enrollment is good news for our community, school district, and students."

The district has two pupil counts per year. The next one is in the winter and determines the amount of funding the district receives from the state.



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Spanish class would expand to grade 5

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ciety then learning a second language," he said. "We're called upon to engage students in a global manner."

Learning a second language also improves English literacy and other skills, he said.

"It gives brains a boost," he said.

The money would come from the Early Childhood Center's budget.

"I believe an elementary World Language program would be wonderful for our children and our district - I just want to be sure that we can fund it for the long term," said Trustee Rosalie Lieblang.

The program would start with preschoolers at Early Childhood Center, second trimester, 2012 school year. It would add a grade each year until 2015, when it would be preschool-fifth grade.

If the entire six-year pilot program is adopted, it would cost about \$725,500.

They would use information learned from the program's first year to tailor it for Clarkston students, Rock said.

"We'll have real data from our own students," he said.

If successful, it would be expanded to include more languages, students,

and class time, he said.

Biallas said the K-5 program would equal about a year of high school language instruction.

"But they're so much younger so they can pick up things so much quicker," he said.

Administrators visited programs around the county, including those offering Chinese. A survey of Clarkston parents showed a preference for Spanish, Rock said.

"We've talked about this for years and years," said board Treasurer Steve Hyer. "We've been so busy reacting to what the state does, it's good to see someday has arrived. I commend Dr. Rock for coming up with a creative way to implement this within our means."

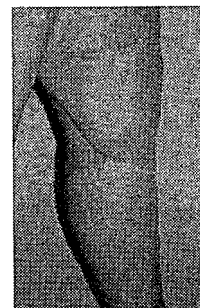
"The number one goal is for every student to come away learning some Spanish," Biallas said. "In the spring after we've done the pilot, we'll have all the information we need to see what a great thing this is for Clarkston."

McGinnis said it could boost enrollment at the Early Childhood Center with parents ECC enrollment, parents not want see kindergarten behind.

"It's a win win for both programs," she said.

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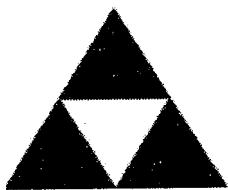
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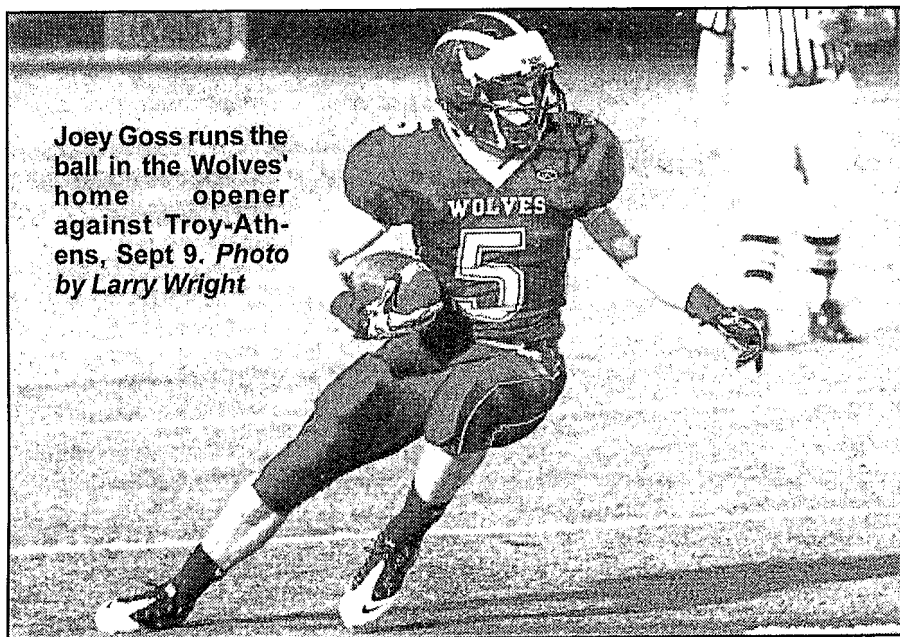
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Joey Goss runs the ball in the Wolves' home opener against Troy-Athens, Sept 9. Photo by Larry Wright

Goss leads the pack

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Joey Goss caught Oxford's kickoff and booked it running past incoming defense players and edging into the empty field.

The senior runningback finished in the endzone after his 90-yard run, scoring Clarkston's final touchdown and his second for the game in their loss last Friday, 42-35.

No matter who the competition has been during the season Goss stepped onto the field every Friday with the same mindset.

"I try to view every opponent as they are one of the best teams we are going to play," he said. "Every defense is a really good defense in my mindset. I am pretty clear on what I need to do."

With the Wolves' last game of the regular season set for this Friday, Goss made one of his goals this year to help lead the team to places they haven't been before.

"I really want to have a better year than last year," he added. "I worked hard in the off season and wanted to do well both running balls and catching balls."

Goss began playing football in sixth grade while he was attending Everest Academy where he played the sport with his current teammate, Travis Smith.

He continued playing moving on to Clarkston Chiefs in seventh grade then joining the eighth grade team.

He kept with it because he said he was good at it and he enjoyed the team aspect.

"I really like that part of the game," he added, "getting together as a team and a group of guys you wouldn't know unless you played football."

He plans to continue playing football in college and is currently talking to schools. He plans to study business and focus in marketing, hospitality or advertising.

He currently maintains a 3.3 grade point average. When he isn't studying or practicing, he watches sports, hangs out with his friends and plays video games.

Goss added for the younger aspiring athletes watching the Wolves every game to make the most of it.

"A lot of kids I know have had their season shortened because of injuries or other problems," he said. "When you are a Chief you think you will play football forever but there will be a time when you get older all the years flew by and you don't know where they went. If you make the most of your time, the rest of your life you can goof around and have fun with your friends."

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It is down to Week 9 for Clarkston's gridiron gang as they host rivals Lake Orion this Friday and one win away from a playoff spot.

"Win or go home," stated Tony Miller, defensive coordinator for the Clarkston Wolves Boys Varsity Football team.

After the boys 42-35 loss to Oxford on Oct. 14, putting them at a 5-3 record and still needing their sixth win to clinch a playoff spot for next week.

"We have to win," Miller continued. "We will have to pull out all the stops. Our kids have to be focused. They know what to do, we just have to make it happen."

Kurt Richardson, head coach, already forming a game plan for this week kept the focus simple and to the point.

"They have to get going or their season is over," he said.

Both power houses lost their last game with Lake Orion experiencing a 28-7 loss to Farmington Hills Harrison last Friday and are eyeing the OAA Red league title. Lake Orion already holds first place with a 5-0 record in the league but a win from the Wolves would have them sharing the title.

With the energy and stakes heightened with everything on the line the Wolves are looking to make big plays. Especially like senior runningback Joey Goss' big play against Oxford last Friday.

Goss scored the last touchdown for the Wolves with 8:45 left in the game. Catching the kickoff return at the 10-yard line, he broke through Oxford defense and kept going. He finally stopped after running safely into the

endzone, finishing his 90-yard run.

"It was a nice run," said Richardson.

Goss brought the boys ahead to 35-28 on his second touchdown for the game. Wildcats' Prescott Line scored two touchdowns in the last six minutes to win the game.

"Line is a beast," said Richardson.

"They have a heck of a runner," Miller added. "That kids is a great athlete. We had a game plan and he threw it the other way. Now we have to rebound - it is playoff season right now."

Senior Matt Dellinger caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mitch Baenziger to put the boys on the board one minute into the second quarter, finishing a 90-yard drive in eight plays.

Less than eight minutes later, Baenziger faked a pass to Goss before passing the ball 31 yards to senior runningback Mike Schwartz, tying the score 14-14.

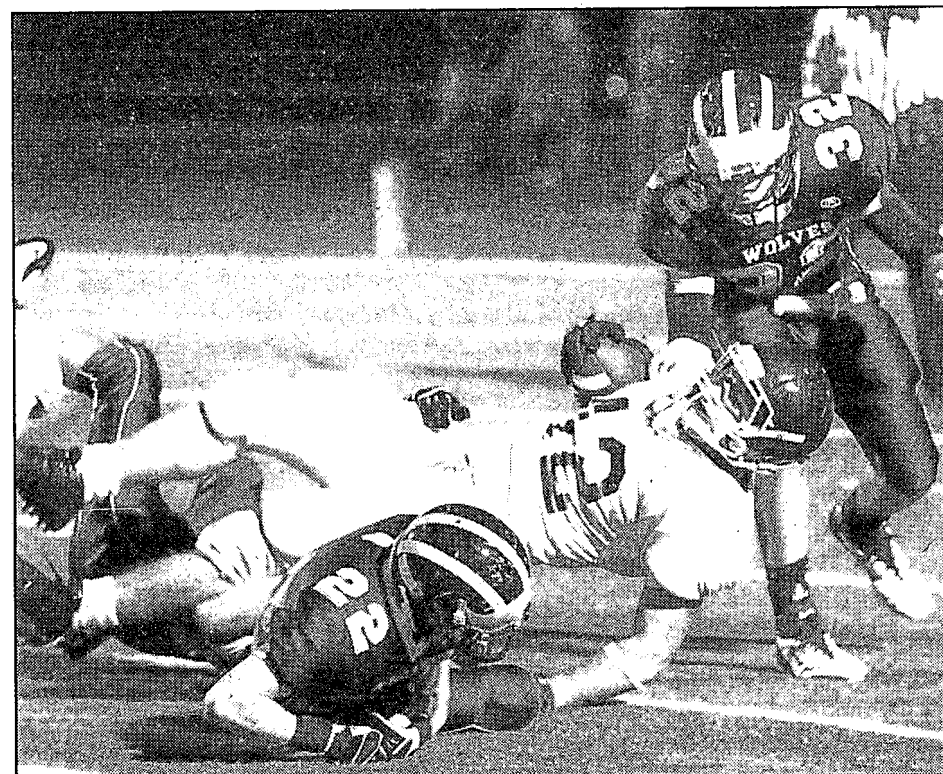
Before the Wildcats had a chance to score, they fumbled on the kickoff return and junior Adam Johns recovered the ball on the 25-yard line.

Goss made the next play - a 25-yard touchdown throw to Schwartz to break the tie.

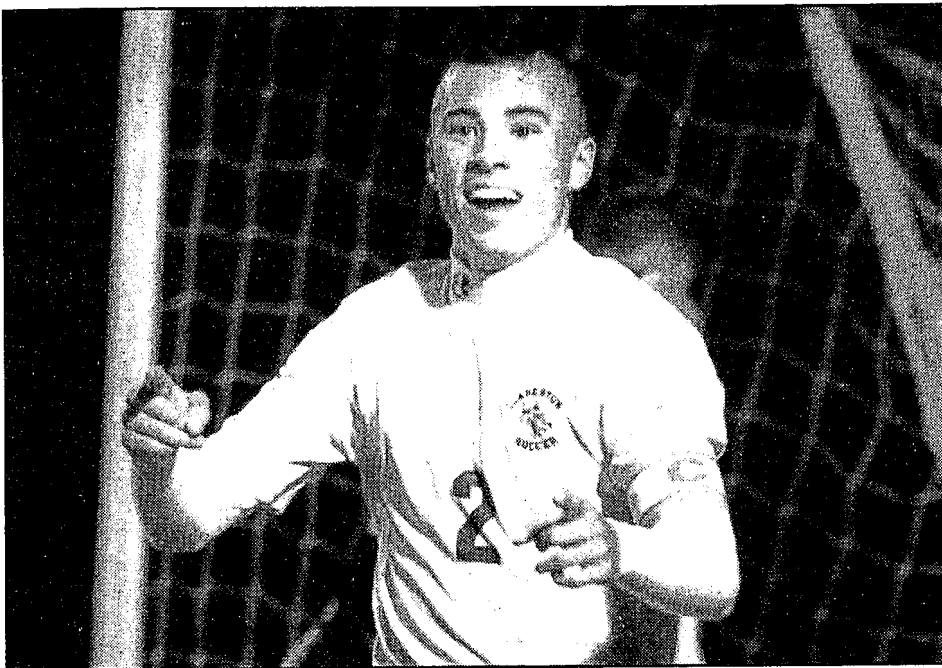
Senior Alex Barta scored on each of his five PAT attempts.

The freshman and JV teams had more success over Oxford. The freshman won 32-0, putting them at a 6-1 record. The JV team held onto their undefeated record with a 49-23 win. Both teams head to Lake Orion on Thursday, freshman beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The varsity team hosts the Dragons on Friday night, kickoff at 7 p.m.



Nik Clark trips up Oxford's Prescott Line. Photo by Larry Wright



Conor Bright celebrates his second goal against Carman Ainsworth on Monday night. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wolves open with shut out

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers put away their first win of the MHSAA District playoffs on Monday night, defeating Flint Carman Ainsworth, 8-0.

"Our boys played really well," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chuck Lawhorn. "We have been working on things during practice and they executed really well."

Carman Ainsworth started with control of the ball but Clarkston defenders put it into the Cavaliers' turf.

The Wolves score four goals within the first 20 minutes including two from junior Conor Bright, a goal from sophomore Brad Schultz and freshman Jimmy Todd.

The Cavaliers slipped into the Wolves' den with ten minutes to go in the first half but were denied a shot on the net by senior goalie Trevor Smith.

Clarkston brought it back down the field where Schultz scored again. The goalie lept out of the net and Schultz kept going in direction of the net - jumping over the goalie and putting the ball into the net.

Junior Ryan Mangapora scored with 1:36 left in the half, sending both teams to break, 6-0.

"Carman Ainsworth was a bit outmatched.

Our bench was a little more deeper than theirs," said Lawhorn, adding he put more players in. "We have been working on getting the bench in. The experience is really good. It gives us a lot more depth going into districts."

Freshman Ben Snider and senior Spenser Pawlik closed the game with 28:32 after each scored a goal.

The boys are 12-11 after beating Lahser, 3-2 on Oct. 13 and Holly, 3-1 on Oct. 12.

During the game against Lahser, the boys were down 1-0 before going into the second half. Junior Jordan Keift scored two goals and Bright added one more for the win. Bright also had an assist. Todd and senior Blake Schultz added assists.

Brad Schultz along with seniors Grant Huber and Jacob Kornas scored against Holly.

The semi-finals are held Wednesday at Grand Blanc High School, 5p.m. The Wolves will play Davison, who beat Oxford in the first round, 2-1.

"I don't know much about Davison so we will see," said Lawhorn. "It should be interesting and should be fun."

The winner moves on to play the Grand Blanc/Lake Orion winner on Friday, 4 p.m.

Join the "Gold Out"

The Wolves take on Lake Orion in a variety of athletic events this week.

Clarkston High School is having a "Gold-Out" at every event to support the players. You can join the fun by wearing gold colored clothing attire to any (or all) of the following events: Boys and Girls

Cross Country teams at the OAA Championships at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills, Thursday, 4 p.m.; Girls Swim at Lake Orion High School, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; and JV football at Lake Orion, Thursday, 7 p.m.

The varsity football game on Friday, 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School stadium.

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Lightfoot digs Lady Wolves to wins

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers head into their last matches this week as they prepare for playoffs beginning Oct. 31.

Part of the preparation started last Saturday as the Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team went 5-1 at the Beasts of the East tournament in Warren.

The only loss during the day was to Farmington Hills Mercy in the semifinals, 25-20 and 25-15.

The Lady Wolves led in the first game 12-5 but soon found themselves behind.

"We came out real strong," said Coach Kelly Avenall. "My girls, even after losing, were still happy with the way they played. They were able to start off a lead and know they can compete with them. Mercy is such a solid team. They didn't lose their composure. They don't make silly mistakes. They do what they can with what they have. They are just a solid team that is why they are one of the top teams in the state."

The team faced a close game against Novi in the quarterfinals and finished with a 2-1 win, scoring 25-22, 17-25 and 19-17.

Maddie Lightfoot had 30 digs for the match and Kaley Konjarevich had nine kills.

"Novi is a ranked team in the state so they were a good, solid defensive team," said Avenall.

The Lady Wolves also faced rivals Lake Orion for the third time this season at the tournament. They played them at the Marian Invite, Oct. 1 and lost to them twice.

During Beasts of the East, Clarkston beat

their foes in their game going 2-1 in matches, winning 30-28 and 16-14 and losing the second match, 25-16.

"They were really tight matches," said Avenall. "They could have gone either way. We were pretty focused. Maddie had an outstanding match and was probably the deciding factor. Pretty much any dig she had was going up to our setter and running our offense off of it instead of bailing out."

Lightfoot finished the tournament with 108 digs and nine aces. Stephanie Marani had 37 kills and 17 blocks.

Another player helping offensively was Sarah Bullen and scored kills against Lake Orion.

"Orion wasn't expecting it because when we played them a few weeks ago she wasn't part of offense," said Avenall. "She wasn't touching the ball well and we kept it away from her. The last couple of weeks and at the tournament we fed her the ball and she got a couple of kills off of it for key points in the match. Her confidence level has definitely helped."

The girls beat Rochester on Oct. 1, 3-0, scoring 25-14, 25-8 and 25-13. Marani had 15 kills and five blocks and Lightfoot had 11 digs.

"Stephanie is a solid player," Avenall added. "She hits 60 percent kill efficiency when the ball hits her hand she is going to kill it and score points off of it. It is a pretty high efficiency level. She has just gotten smarter and smarter finding places to hit the ball where defense isn't."

The Lady Wolves played Lake Orion for

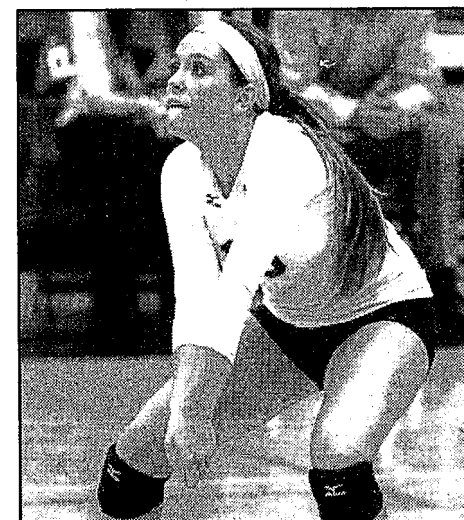
the fourth time on Tuesday for the OAA Red league title.

"We have a lot of confidence knowing we can compete with them," said Avenall. "Beasts of the East definitely helped, seeing we had the capability beating them."

Clarkston hosts a Quad match on Thursday with Seaholm, Farmington and Rochester Adams.

"It is a final match to get us ready for the playoffs," said Avenall. "Plus playing the tournament helped us with things we have to work on in the next couple of weeks. There are still things we have to work on if we want to compete with a team like Mercy."

The Quad begins at 5:30 p.m.



Maddie Lightfoot moves in for Rochester's serve. Photo by Larry Wright

Smith leads pack to second place



From left, Kaitlin Catania, Molly Jeffers, Kylie Knavish, Natalie Smith, Lysie Gram, Erin Billette and Sage Beauregard. Photo submitted.

The Lady Wolves finished in second place at the Father Gabriel Richard Cross Country Invitational on Saturday.

Senior Natalie Smith led the team with a second place finish, 19:22.

Kaitlin Catania finished in sixth; Kylie Knavish, 15th; Sage Beauregard, 15th; Erin Billette, 23rd; Lysie Gram, 24th; and Molly Jeffers, 54th.

Brighton took first place with 51 points, 12 more than Clarkston.

The Boys Varsity Cross Country team finished in third place with 70 points behind Plymouth and Ann Arbor.

Junior Sam Tanielian finished in first place, with a time of 16:27. Austin Draving placed in ninth; Ian Brennan in 17th; Adam Bruderick in 20th; Daniel Bryne in 23rd; Dan Billette in 28th; and Jake Streng in 38th.

Both teams race in the OAA Championships on Thursday at Bloomer Park in Rochester. The event begins at 4 p.m.

Decade of Halloween decorations

Their own children are grown, but Pat and Lori Fitzgerald of Independence Township still get into the Halloween spirit, especially Pat.

"I dress up in a costume, put on scary music, fog machine, strobes, and hand out candy - it's fun," he said.

Their Dale Court front yard is filled with 10 years worth of Halloween decorations.

"We moved into this neighborhood from

a dirt road where no one went trick or treating," he said. "I was excited to see kids doing that, so I started to buy some stuff."

His decorations are spooky, but no guts or gore.

"It's fun, more fantasy than scary," he said.

He has them up the entire month.

"I take them down the day after Halloween," he said.



Pat Fitzgerald keeps the cauldron full for Halloween.



The Fitzgeralds' front lawn is filled with seasonal decorations for trick or treaters. Photos by Phil Custodio

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Mamon ride

Kids with special needs are invited to trick-or-treat at the Mamon Ride for Children, Saturday, Oct. 29.

The Halloween event starts with lunch at Mesquite Creek at 11 a.m. New this year is a petting farm with animals in costume, as well as rides on a miniature train.

"We try to add something different every year," said Kaz Mamon, organizer of the event for the past 15 or so years.

About 100 bikers roll in with their motorcycles at about 1 p.m. from Ortonville. Riders are in costume, sometimes along with their bikes.

"It's so gratifying for the bikers to see the kids," Mamon said.

The riders go from child to child for trick-or-treating, giving them candy and educational items such as mind teasers, books, and puzzles.

"It's an opportunity for kids to go trick-or-treating who normally wouldn't" he said. "It's Halloween with an educational theme, to keep their brains thinking."

They have enough candy, but need donations of educational items. They could also use more volunteers to work with the kids, face painting, and help with lunches.

The event is free for children with special needs such as wheelchairs, crutches or blindness. Lunch is \$3 for parents and siblings. Rain date is Oct. 30.

For more information, check Mamonride.com.

- Phil Custodio

People Poll

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Thoughts on Lions' first loss?

"I loved it, I am a Green Bay Packers fan. I do think the loss will effect the rest of the season and they'll be 8-7."



— Duane LaClair

"It was disappointing, but for them to be 5-1 in six games, I am estatic. I don't think it will effect the rest of the season. It's one game, it happens. They'll be fine."



— Joe Luginski

"It's disappointing, but it's still better then what they've been in 50 years. I don't think it will effect their season. I still have hope they will do well this year."



— Stephen Phillips

"They can't win them all, but I don't think it will effect them in a negative way."



— Dawn Dubre

By Trevor Keiser

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Rev. Jonathan Heierman welcomes the community to the church's anniversary celebration. Photo by Phil Custodio

Celebrating the past and next 50 years

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church's 50th anniversary activities culminates in a special Celebration Worship Event, 12 p.m., Nov. 13, at Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Middle Lake Road.

"It will be a blow out celebration," said the Rev. Jonathan Heierman, pastor of the church.

The church celebrated the half-century mark with events throughout the year, including services with previous senior pastor, benefit concert with flutist Alexander Zonjic, and other events.

The church's Kids Against Hunger service project, Sept. 24, was very successful, Heierman said.

The usual goal is 15,000 meals, but I said since this is our 50th anniversary, we should have a

goal of 50,000 meals – that's a lot," he said. "We packed 51,000 meals."

About 250 volunteers helped pack meals, which go to local families in need through Light-house, as well as to Kenya and Haiti.

Commemorating the anniversary, the church's annual fall spiritual growth journey is 50 days, instead of the usual 40. The theme was "blessed to be a blessing," he said.

It's based on Genesis 12, where God calls on Abraham and Sarah to be a blessing to others.

"Blessings come to us so we can pass blessings on to others," Heierman said.

The church's first worship service was Sept. 18, 1960, in the Kindergarten room at Clarkston Elementary School. The congregation was formally organized on Jan. 22, 1961.

The church building on Bluegrass Drive was built in 1962, with buildings added on until 1999.

"We continue the history of strong youth and children's programs to make this a better place for all generations and pass on our faith to the kids," said Heierman, pastor for the past 13 years.

It's not just a year of nostalgia, he said. "We acknowledge the past but the key is looking ahead and setting the stage for the next 50 years," he said. "The best years for the congregation are in the future."

They've added contemporary worship, video screens, praise choir, and programs for the community while maintaining their traditions. Three years ago, the church also added a second site in White Lake.

"The opportunity presented itself and there was a sense of calling to community," he said. "It was very exciting to expand. I wish we had more room to develop here, but we like being in the heart of downtown."



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The Energy Star certificate signifies the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA.

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Clarkston Community Schools has improved its energy performance by managing energy strategically across the entire district and by making cost-effective improvements to its buildings.

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For just this past year they have prevented the greenhouse gas emissions equal to the electricity use from 77 households for a year or from 121 passenger vehicles annually.

City Council vote slated for Nov. 8

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the county and state.”

Hunter still feels he can “do a good job for the village.”

“They need confident people,” he said. “I rather enjoy coming to the meetings and participating.”

Haven has lived in Clarkston over 38 years with his wife Nancy and said in the early years of his married her served on the village council for several terms, prior to when the village became a City. His father-in-law, Richard Weiss also served on the council before him.

“We have loved our life in Clarkston, raised our children here, and now two of our grandchildren live here as well. We appreciate this iconic, ‘Small town USA,’” Haven said. “I would like again to serve my community on the city council.”

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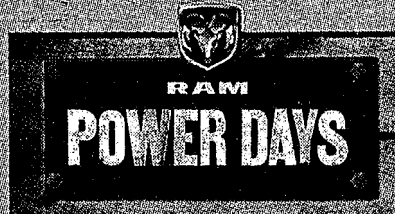
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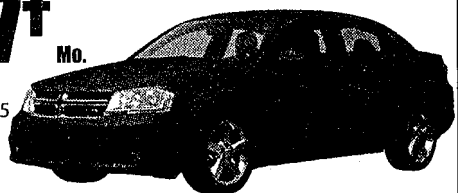
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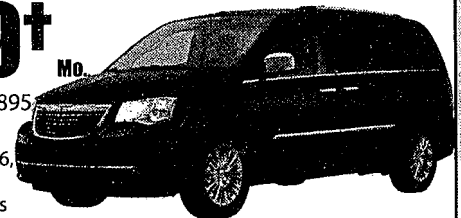


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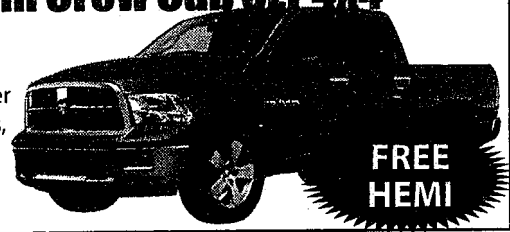


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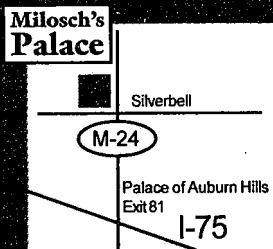
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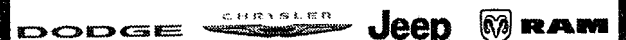
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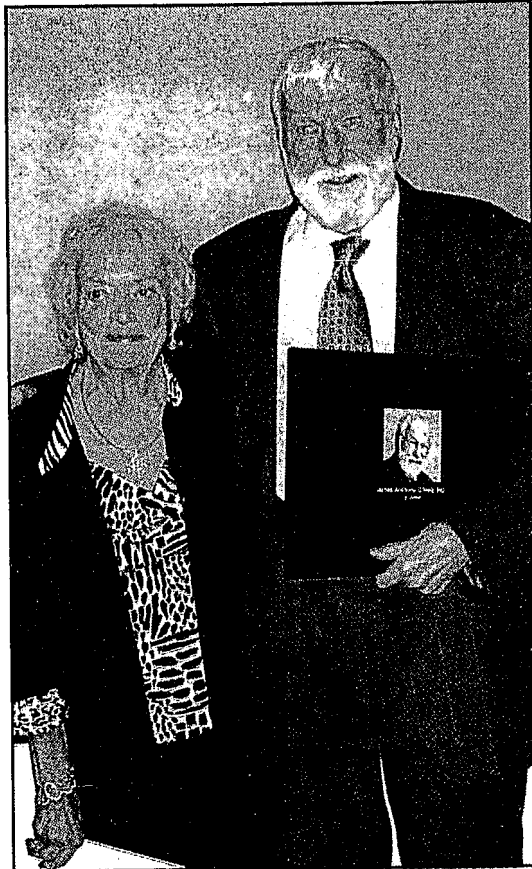


Dr. O'Neill celebrates 50 years

Fountains Golf and Banquet Center was packed full as many people showed up to celebrate "Clarkston's Doctor," Dr. James O'Neill's 50 years in practice and service to the community.

Various family members, friends, and fellow doctors shared their stories and memories of Dr. O'Neill and their relationship with him over the past 50 years.

A humble O'Neill stood before the crowd and said his success would not have been what it is without the help of his family, especially his wife Mikel who he said is "The rock of the family."



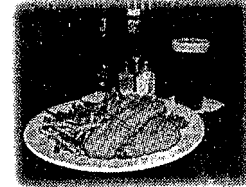
Dr. James O'Neill with his wife Mikel at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center. Photo by Trevor Keiser



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a family atmosphere with a menu blending the stars and stripes of liberty with the harps and shamrocks of Erin. Special selections of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, entrees and desserts will bring you back time and again. Their kitchen makes all menu items fresh daily with locally purchased produce, meat, and cheeses. This month, their famous Fish and Chips are featured. Starting with a ½ pound of fresh haddock, they lightly coat the fish with their special Guinness-infused batter. Fish and Chips are served with an order of house-cut russet chips (fries), and house-made creamy coleslaw and tartar sauce. They recommend a mild pale ale, Guinness, or a light crisp lager to compliment your meal. BlackThorn patrons can choose from 20 tap microbrews offered on a rotating basis and 116 different bottled beers, some of which few Michigan beer connoisseurs have the opportunity to sample! If beer isn't your cup o'tea, there is a full service bar including a wide selection of whiskeys, liquors and wines to compliment any meal. BlackThorn Pub holds special "beer events" featuring different breweries on a regular basis. This month they are promoting Lagunitas. The event will begin on October 27, 2011 at 4pm and will continue over several days. Rory and Ben invite you, your family and friends to join them for a good meal and drink at the BlackThorn Pub in nearby Holly. **Slainte (Cheers)!**



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Dr Brooks is the medical director for CPM and Schroeder is the RN Clinical Coordinator. They will discuss tetanus shots, flu shots, other vaccines recommended for adults, and other health topics.

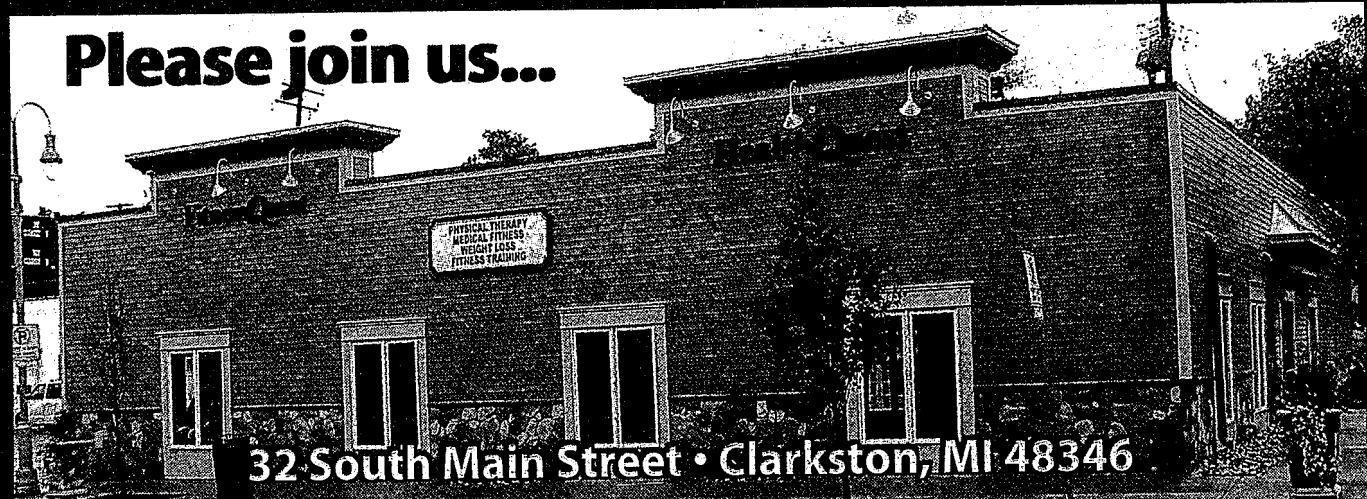
The Center for Preventive Medicine in Rochester Hills includes Crittenton's Executive Physical, Wellness, and Travel Medicine programs.

On Nov. 14, filmmaker Ulana Kushner will talk about the "Accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant- 25 years later." The topic will be "The People of Chernobyl," what they experienced and how it impacted their lives then and during the last 25 years.

Laurel Malvitz, Natural Resource Steward for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will talk on Nov. 21 about invasive plants in Michigan, why they are a concern, and what can be done to control them.

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

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Readers respond to school-information stories

'Disappointed' by schools

Dear Editor,

I had high hopes that a new Clarkston superintendent would end the secrecy and arrogance that seemed to pervade the previous administration and certain board of education members.

However, it was very disappointing to read that Dr. Rod Rock believes it is "wasteful" for a district resident and taxpayer to use the law to obtain information that many school districts make public. ("FOIAs Under Fire," Oct. 12).

This is the same superintendent who recently leveraged taxpayer resources to criticize charter schools. Apparently, it's not "wasteful" when you spend the people's money on issues you support.

It is equally disappointing that several board members have joined the "move on, there's nothing to see here" bandwagon. Diversionary tactics -- such as insinuating that the citizen in question is in cahoots with the local paper -- only reinforce the notion that there is something to hide.

Until certain Clarkston Schools leaders learn what transparency means, I don't care if Santa Claus files FOIA requests and pays for them with money from the Easter Bunny, if that's what it takes to get answers.

*Kelly Kolhagen
Independence Township*

Sunlight best disinfectant

Dear Editor,

There have been statements made that a member of the community is wasting the school district's time and resources by making FOIA requests for information which some on the Board and in the administration feel is a fishing expedition.

Let's be clear on a very important point: community oversight of our elected and appointed officials is not just a community right, it is a community responsibility and it can only be accomplished with adequate information in a format that lends itself to review and analysis.

In the absence of full, voluntary disclosure on the part of officials, the law provides citizens with a tool to use to obtain the needed information -- the Freedom of Information Act.

This tool provides the community with access to sufficient information to be able to make an informed judgment regarding the performance of those officials who hold the public trust when complete information is not readily available to the community for whatever reason.

To those on the board and in the administration who are opposed to these requests, my suggestion is to re-examine their position regarding the voluntary release of information and to encourage members of the community to become involved at a more granular level of detail in the areas of greatest concern such as finance and policy.

If no problems are found, this assistance will still enable the district to stretch its scarce resources by engaging these additional creative minds in process improvement.

On the other hand, if there are problems they can be identified early and corrected quickly because in the words of US Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis "Sunlight is the best disinfectant".

*Lawrence Matta
Independence Township*

Public has right to know

Dear Editor,

I am in shock at the tone and comments coming from the Clarkston School Superintendent and some School Board members ("FOIAs under fire," Oct. 12).

These are the people we assume are establishing the policies for educating our students and I presume that includes civics and law. Instead of my usual long winded complaints, I offer the following explanation from the Michigan Legislature as contained in a very good document on the Michigan Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts which is available for free and online from www.Michigan.gov. This is what it says:

Availability of Public Records:

Any person may ask to inspect, copy or receive a copy of a public record. There are no qualifications such as residency or age.

As soon as practical, but not more than five business days after receiving a request, the public body must respond to a request for a public record. Under unusual circumstances, the time can be extended by 10 days.

The public body or agency has a responsibility to provide reasonable facilities so that persons making a request may examine and take notes from public records. The facilities must be available during the normal business hours of the public body. A public body may make reasonable rules necessary to protect its public records and to prevent excessive and unreasonable interference with the discharge of its functions.

My opinion is that it is public information, created, compiled and maintained with public money. Therefore, in accordance with the law, the public has the right to any information for any reason, even if it is just because they are curious and want to know how their tax money is being spent. So tell the School Board to stop their whining and get back to educating the public, whether student or parent. It is not the School Board's information, it is ours.

*Cory Johnston
Clarkston*

FOIAs waste of money

Dear Editor,

I concur with Kelli Horst's views that Dawn Schaller is wasting our tax payer dollars on ridiculous FOIA requests. I believe this is part of a bigger effort to tear apart the fabric of public education. Now is the time to rally and support our public schools before this uniquely American success story is undermined by for-profit corporations.

Thank you,

*Ann Lehman-Rittinger
Davisburg*

Outraged by newspaper

Dear Editor,

As a parent of children that attend Clarkston

Community Schools, I am outraged that your newspaper is supporting the crazy antics of a delusional resident of Clarkston.

Dr. Rod Rock has done an amazing job of being the superintendent of Clarkston Schools. He has opened lines of communication that were not open before. He has also gone above and beyond in keeping Clarkston residents informed about all of the changes that could be occurring in education funding and policies.

If there is no evidence of wrongdoing, please let him get back to doing what he does best -- caring for the education of our kids.

Noelle Collis

Get behind Dr. Rock

Dear Editor,

I, too, have had many frustrations over Mrs. Schaller's relentless campaign to expose some type of fraud or misspending on the part of the Clarkston School District ("FOIA questions focus on school spending," Oct. 12). I think after 18 months and 4,760 pages of information, she should stop wasting our time and money.

I am focused on moving forward with our new superintendent and excited about the direction in which he is moving our district. I have noted the School Board members who support Mrs. Schaller and will not vote for them. I want them to move into the future and get behind Dr. Rock. He has new and exciting ideas that I want to explore for the sake of my two children currently in the Clarkston school system. The recent economic situation within our state calls for new and inventive practices, not conspiracy theories.

Of great concern to me is why the *Clarkston News* supported Mrs. Schaller's efforts by supplying her with money. Isn't this the time when we should be working together to create solutions and a new paradigm rather than steeping ourselves in past practices?

*Aimee Baker
Davisburg*

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New location set for next year's Farmers' Market

The Clarkston Farmers' Market team, comprised of 18+ local residents and growers from the area, would like to extend our appreciation to the residents in and around Clarkston, for coming down and supporting our local growers and artists!

We also extend our gratitude to Bob Roth and Ed Adler for their generosity in offering the Clarkston Farmers' Market the use of their vacant downtown parking lot on Saturday mornings – it's been a joyful endeavor – thank you both very much. Thank you also to Café Brioni (who brewed our delicious coffee early each Saturday morning), Clarkston Union and Union General, The Woodshop, Essence on Main, Rudy's Market, Kinetic Systems, Oxford Bank, The Clarkston News, The Village of Clarkston, the Chamber of Commerce, the 1000+ townspeople, and the dedicated team of volunteers and vendors, who continue to support the growth of this important component of our town.

We have a very special farmers' market that is alive and well in Clarkston. At the last farmers' market, there were over 1,200 people in attendance and perhaps 200 of those people making the same inquiry of me about the state of the market. We are working hard to guide and protect this market as it grows; protect it from turning into a wholesale market that overcharges farmers.

In the early summer of 2012, the Clarkston Farmers' Market will be moving across town to an open space connected with Community Education. We are excited about this new possibility, which brings a balance to the workings of the Farmers' Market and will allow it to grow in size and diversity. A few people have expressed worry that a re-location may not be as aesthetically pleasing as what we're accustomed to on Ed and Bob's

parking lot. Others have strong feelings that the market should be downtown. There are opinions that stretch the entire spectrum. The market does, we agree, look quite beautiful set on the current site. However many have noted that the river is in need of some help, and the concrete under our feet is changing year by year. The Yin and Yang of concrete

Guest viewpoint



Anissa Howard

and river is evidenced by an ever-changing uneven and broken walkway. The specific dynamics that surround our move are difficult to relay and we don't want to risk upsetting people, but it is safe to say we cannot afford to run the farmers' market on this downtown site any longer. Still, we have managed to create a thriving market there on that riverside property,

until now.

People come down to the Clarkston Farmers' Market that we have put together and comment often on how different it is from other markets, how it feels genuine.

One community member spoke, "It's because of the people who are gathered together and what they represent, that make this market so different from other farmers' markets – it's not the site we all come for."

People ask us for longer hours all the time, and we have filled all the usable space on this downtown lot. We're poised for a transition. It's time for a crop rotation – just as corn cannot flourish on the same plot of land year after year after year, and must be rotated – so we are rotating our market onto a neighbor-

ing plot of soil.

We are cheered by the dedication of our growers, volunteers, community members and the invitation by Community Ed. Our farmers' market has a strong vendor base and a strong community base as well. We know the Clarkston Farmers' Market is a people's market – it really belongs to all of us, not one private entity. There are well over a thousand people to consider each Saturday that enjoy using the market to find local, organic foods, support our farmers and our work in organizing it each week. The market maintains a great integrity both in people and spirit.

Staged on the new site in front of the Community Education Building on Waldon Road, the move may offer the market its best chance yet at full-bloom. There is ample space that is flat and safe for walkers, strollers and wheelchairs. There are indoor bathrooms and plenty of parking. Our town is small and the new site is a 6-minute walk (30 second drive) from Main Street. We are excited and pleased to be holding the market on such a community-minded site. We hope you will be, too.

The following is some general information about farmers' markets with respect to our Clarkston Farmers' Market that, if you want to keep reading, you might enjoy.

The politics of food and farmers' markets in general have gained consistent national attention over the past 10 years and it's not stopping in 2011. Farmers' Markets across the US have tripled in number since 2005. More and more people are making choices to align with the growers of their food, and to eat what is grown in their local area during its native growing season.

Michigan happens to be second only to California in the varieties of fruits and veg-

etables that can grow abundantly in these zones. Our market is attracting growers who will plant and grow the kinds of foods you request. Edible landscaping is replacing non-native vegetation and there are more small-scale, permaculture-minded farms popping up each year that hold the philosophy of connecting their sales directly with their customers and so, directly with their own two hands and the land. Micro-Eco Farming is becoming possible with more farmers' markets as outlets. If the local growers at a farmers' market can supply the local residents and restaurants with food, this is very good news for a town in which this kind of market resides.

If however, the relationship between money and generosity and support fall out of balance with the market integrity, often a town either may lose its farmers' market entirely, or end up with a market charging high fees and selling second-sale, out-of-state goods to unaware customers in the name of 'locally-grown' or 'organic'. We are not interested in moving in this direction. The challenge for farmers' markets now is to survive within the politics of small towns, and to keep their collection of growers and artists, true to the locally-grown model.

Our core values are two-fold: first, to attract and serve local growers and artists and to match them with residents who want locally grown organic goods. Second, to run a self-sufficient farmers' market while keeping the vendor fees low. In this move, we hope to be able to align even more closely with these values.

Anissa Howard is the founder and director of Clarkston Farmers' Market. For more information, check LocalHarvest.com or call 248-821-4769.



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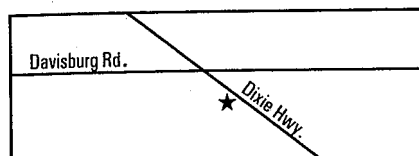
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Raising money a lap at a time

Pine Knob Elementary and Springfield Plains Elementary students put their sneakers on and grabbed their water bottles, Oct. 7.

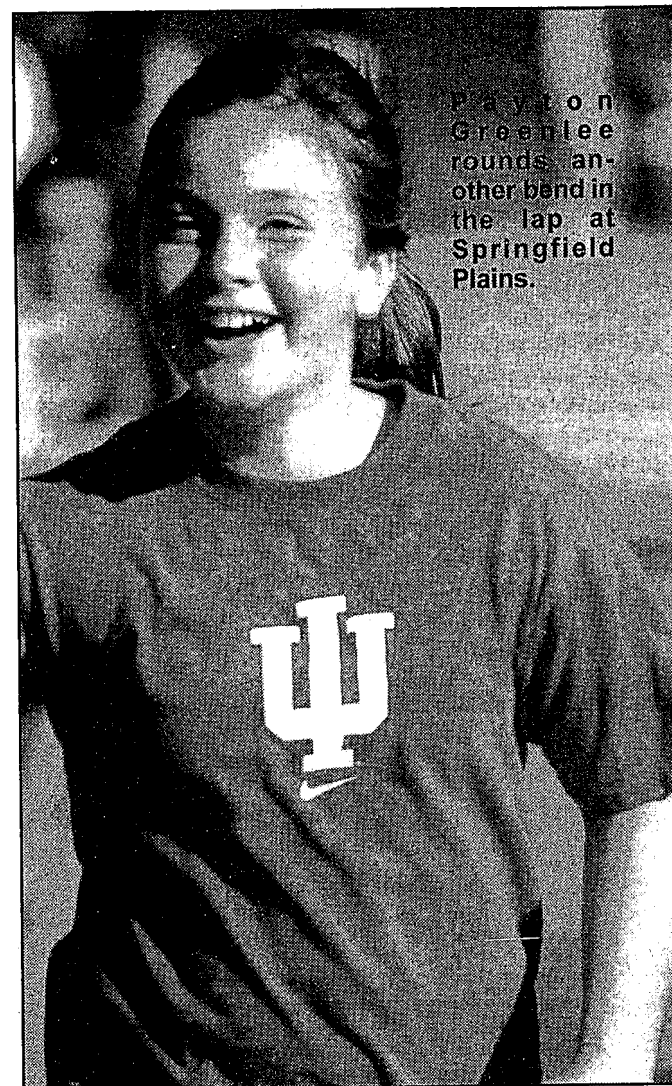
It was time for their annual Fun Run, their main fundraising event for their schools.

The students had fun listening to music with a beat to keep them moving and singing along, racing each other around the laps and running with their friends to help their schools.

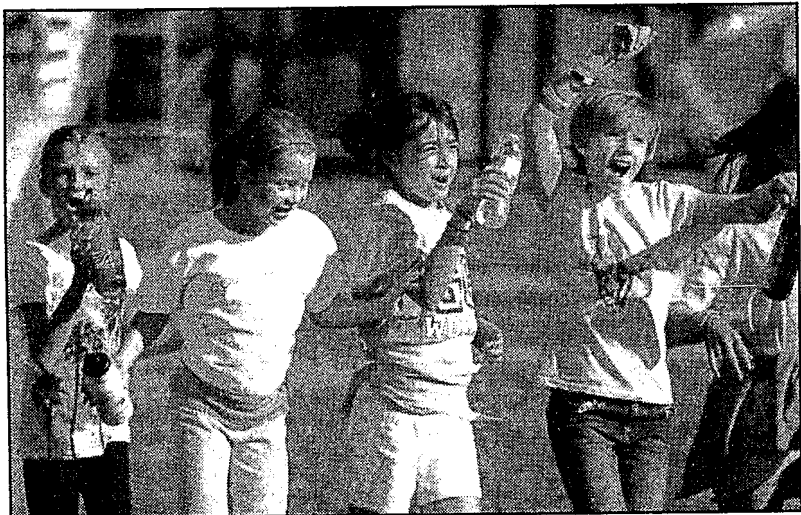
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Ready...set...and they are off and running at Springfield Plains.



Payton Greenlee rounds another bend in the lap at Springfield Plains.



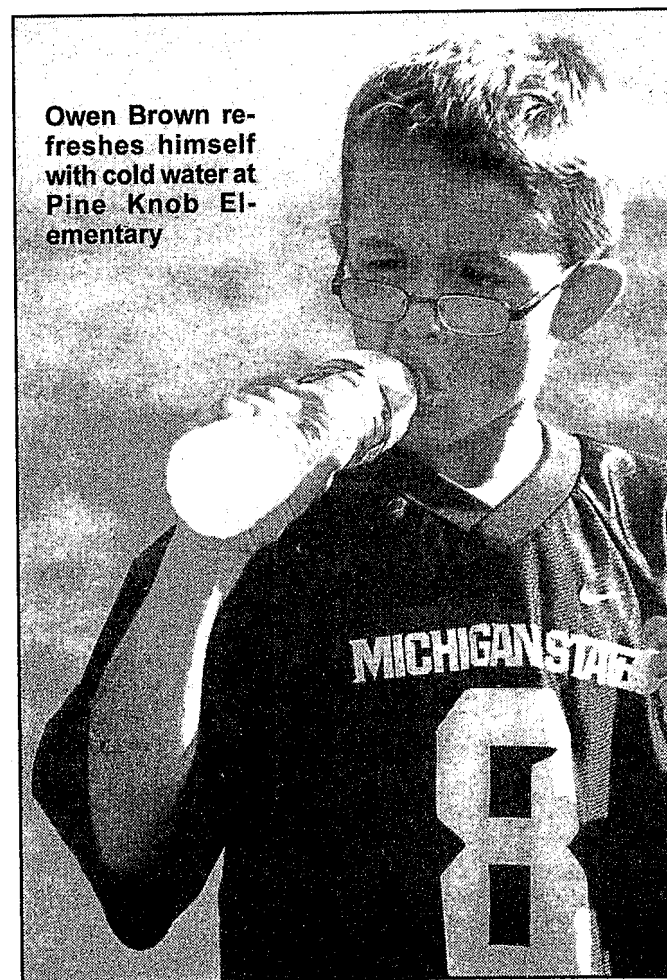
Kaitlyn Rusnell, Islay Hepburn, Michaela Rodriguez and Riley Keller share their excitement at Springfield Plains Elementary.



Alyssa Exline picks up the pace.



Pine Knob Elementary students Zabrina Newsome, Sarah Pullins, Sonia Kinal, Emily Reynolds, McKenna Larkin, Angel Hanshew and Kayla Laster pose after their laps.



Owen Brown refreshes himself with cold water at Pine Knob Elementary.

Obituaries

Cassandra F. Filer, 39

Cassandra F. Filer (Burgess) of Waterford passed away Oct. 17, 2011, at age 39.

She was the wife of Mike; daughter of Richard and Caroline Burgess; daughter-in-law of Dale (the late Donna) Filer; sister of Cindy (Maria Wilson) Burgess; preceded in death by her sister Cheryl Burgess.

Funeral service, Friday, 10 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Thursday, 3-9 p.m. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to the family.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Hope Neuharth

Hope Neuharth was born in Sioux Falls, S.D., Aug. 5, 1932, to Vinton and Belva (Manion) Crusinberry.

Hope died Sept. 28, 2011, in Sioux Falls. Shortly after her graduation from Washington High School, she married Robert Dale Neuharth. After completing college at SDSU and military service, Hope and Bob relocated to Dayton, Ohio, and then to Clarkston where Bob was employed as an engineer in the Pontiac Division of General Motors and Hope was a homemaker. They raised two children, Scott and Tracy.

After working as an executive secretary for the president of Whitlock Inc., a manufacturer of plastic handling equipment, Hope retired to South Dakota and lived with her sister, Lee (Dick) Burd, for 13 years. Hope then relocated to Ankeny, Iowa, where she lived with her daughter Tracy and her family for three years. This past year, Hope returned to South Dakota where she has been cared for in assisted liv-



ing and later a nursing home while being regularly visited by family and friends.

Hope lead a full life filled with a happy marriage, loving family, lots of fun and adventure: Travel, swimming (what a champ! She beat the Great Lakes freight ships across the Detroit River!), skiing at all of the best resorts, upscale camping, and (last but not least) spoiling many dogs of varying pedigrees.

Hope was preceded in death by her parents Vinton and Belva, her brother V. Robert Crusinberry, her son, Scott, and her beloved former sister-in-law, Mary Crusinberry. Amazed to have shared her life are her sister, Lee (Dick) Burd, Sioux Falls; daughter, Tracy (Brad) Talley and Hope's grandchildren, Stephanie, Stevie, and Jordan of Ankeny, Iowa; her niece Mary Burd (Jeff Koob), Sioux Falls; niece Christy Sheffler and grand nephew Brandon of Linden, Mich.; niece Holly Crusinberry and grand nephew Michael of Highland, Mich.; nephew Michael Reiners, Md. of Sioux Falls; and Karen Neuharth, Hope's daughter-in-law.

The family respectfully requests that any memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. Arrangements by **Miller Funeral Home**, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Thomas Linehan

Thomas Patrick Linehan, 55, of Waterford, died peacefully at McLaren hospital on Oct. 9, 2011.

Thom was born May 19, 1956, to James A. and Yvonne V. "Bonnie" Linehan.

His father worked as a die maker for Pontiac Motors, and his mother was a court reporter and office manager for the State of Michigan.

Thom was on the football and cross country teams at Royal Oak Kimball High School where he graduated in 1974. He then continued his studies at Lawrence Institute of Technology and Wayne State University, earning a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1986 and an MBA in Marketing in 1989. He was a certified Professional Engineer and a member of Eta Kappa Nu and the Society of Plastics Engineers.

Thom had a long-time career as Electrical Engineering Director at DME Company, where he was



awarded multiple patents for the development of innovative temperature control processes.

As a recognized specialist within the injection molding industry, Thom sat on the Board for the Ferris State University Plastics Program. He also received numerous awards for technical papers he wrote and presented at conferences worldwide.

Thom's sharp intellect and technological aptitude were balanced by a unique sense of wit, and a passion for music, travel, dirt biking, cats, and pyrotechnics (though generally not all at the same time).

Thom is survived by his wife Anna; his children Nathan and Mallory and their mother Laurie Rosso (Linehan) of Clarkston; his mother Yvonne "Bonnie" (Tabor) of Utica; and his brothers Ross of Ypsilanti and Timothy of Glastonbury, Conn.

A memorial service will be held at Lee-Ellena Funeral Home, 46530 Romeo Plank, Macomb Twp. on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m., with visitation beginning at 12 p.m. Condolences may be sent to 8652 Miller Road, Clarkston, MI 48348.

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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 girls 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

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Are you living your dash?

In my last article I talked about the dash. You know –that dash between your birth date and death date. You see it in obituaries and on headstones in cemeteries. That dash represents your life.

You cannot control your birthday. You cannot control your death date. At least you're not supposed to.

However, you can do something with your dash. You can live your dash intentionally. You can live passionately. Love completely. Learn humbly.

The fact is, we are all aging. Our days are numbered.

Speaking of aging, I came across a comedian's take on aging that I really like.

It says, "Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids.

"If you are less than 10 years old you are so excited about aging that you think in fractions. How old are you? I'm four and a half. You are never 3 1/2. You are four and a half going on five. That's the key.

"You get into your teens and now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, even a few ahead.

"How old are you? I'm going to be 16 and

you could be 13, but hey you are going to be 16.

"Then the greatest day of your life –you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. You become 21.

"Yes, but then you turn 30. Ooh, what happened there. Makes you sound like bad milk. He turned, we had to throw him out. There is no fun now, you just soured. What's wrong? What's changed?

"You become 21. You turn 30 and then you are pushing 40.

"Whoa, put on the brakes. It's all slipping away. Before you know it you reach 50 and your dreams are gone. But wait, you make it to 60. You didn't think you would, but you make it. So you become 21, turn 30, push 40, reach 50 and make it to 60. You built up so much speed now that you hit 70.

"After that it's a day-to-day thing. You hit Wednesday. You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle. You hit lunch. You turn 4:30. You reach bedtime.

"It doesn't end there. Into the 90's you start going backwards. I was just 92. Then a strange thing happens if you make it over 100 –you become a little kid again. I'm 100 1/2."

Whether you are 8 1/2 or 90 1/2. Live your dash! "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

In our churches...

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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.

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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.

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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. Free. 248-625-1611.

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

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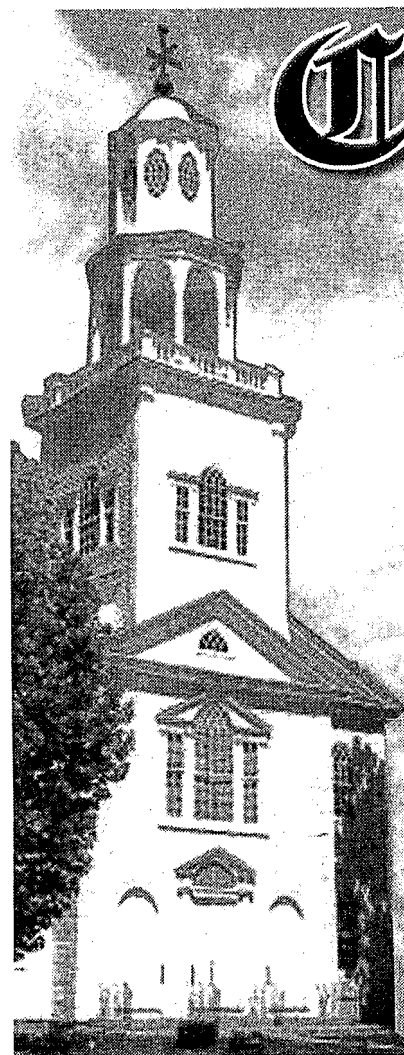
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Divorce Care, Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Sept. 22-Jan. 5; Jan. 12-April 5; April 26-July 19. Weekly video presentation with small group discussion. \$15. Join any time. Childcare provided. at 248-620-8420.

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Special Events

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.

Fall Rummage Sale Fund-raiser, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 20-21, Campbell Richmond American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Proceeds fund Auxiliary projects including Troop Support and Girl's State. Donations accepted, 9 a.m., Oct. 19, in the hall. Call Uni Marbutt, 248-634-7140.

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.

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

Tom O'Dell, University of Michigan, 8-9 p.m., Nov. 2, St. Daniel Church Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Sponsored by Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter. Free. Donations appreciated. 248-625-7597.

Evening with the Lincolns, 7 p.m., Nov. 5, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Fred and Bonnie Priebe, award winning Lincoln impersonators, discuss experiences, myths of the presidential couple in the Civil War. \$10/adults, \$5/students K-12 with ID. Refreshments served. 248-625-1611.

Genealogy Tips and Links, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 5, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Sashabaw Plains Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution host mini workshops on war records, census, probate records, land records, military records, websites, passenger records. Register, 248-625-2212.

Holiday Country Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 12, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. \$1. Free, 12 and under. 248-625-4644.

Annual Holiday Auction, 7 p.m. Nov. 16, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Homemade crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, specialty and unique gift items. Proceeds support library, youth assistance, Rotary Shoes for Kids, scholarship

programs.

Weekly meetings

Sunday

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

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

Monday

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.

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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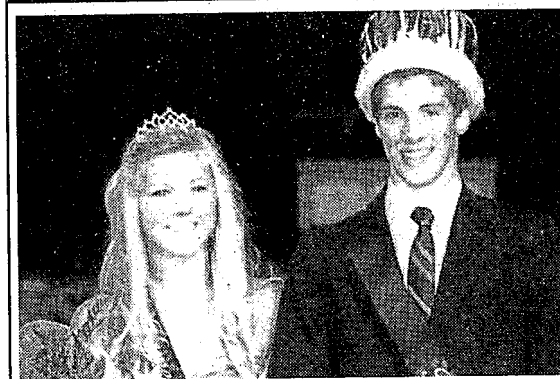
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PREMIERE ANTIQUE, COIN & CURRENCY BUYERS PAYING ON THE SPOT NEXT WEEK FOR YOUR VALUABLES!

David Morgan

STAFF WRITER

On this rare occasion, the town of **Waterford** has the chance to host Premiere Antique, Coin & Currency Buyers at the **Comfort Inn**. "We are paying local residents next week on the spot for their treasures," said Jordan Parsons, a spokesperson for the event. The main items of interest, said Parsons, are anything jewelry related, with gold at the \$1,500 mark. Another category that has recently increased due to market highs is coins. One coin could be worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars. "Coins start to accumulate a premium when they are dated 1970 or earlier," said Parsons. The astonishing part about the event is that they will pay you on the spot. Nothing has to be mailed off while you are stuck waiting for a check. This is not an appraisal event either—we are here to purchase residents' items for a fair market value.

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vintage watches. Parsons explained that, "One time in a show in Illinois, a customer brought in a watch that they had bought for a few hundred dollars back in the seventies. Turns out, it was a rare submariner that brought the local resident in excess of a thousand dollars." Parsons continued to say that Rolex, Cartier, Patek Phillippe, Hamilton and Omega are all great brands that could bring in a large amount of money.

The company recently purchased an old Gibson guitar in Grand Rapids, Michigan for \$124,500. And just last week they paid a Huntsville, Alabama resident \$15,000 for an old Martin guitar that had been refurbished and altered. Parsons said that most all pre-1970 Gibson, Fender, Martin, National and Rickenbacker guitars are valuable. They are worth at least a couple hundred dollars and in extreme cases, a couple hundred thousand. Another customer ecstatic customer exclaimed, "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in an old cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces—in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$700."

Residents are encouraged to gather up similar items from their lockboxes, closets, jewelry boxes and even under the bed. Bring them into the Premiere Antique, Coin & Currency Buyers event and cash in. "We are fortunate to host the event here in **Waterford**," said Parsons, "—don't miss your opportunity to cash in."

INFORMATION

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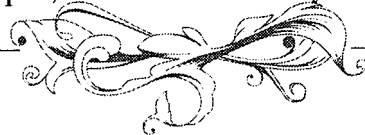
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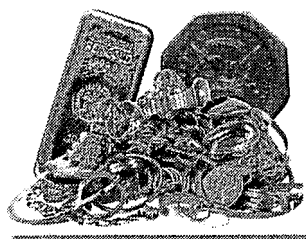
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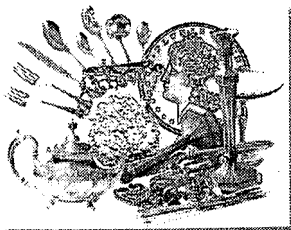
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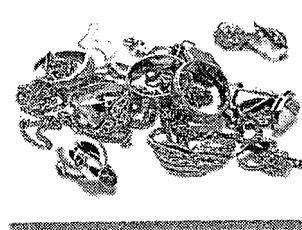
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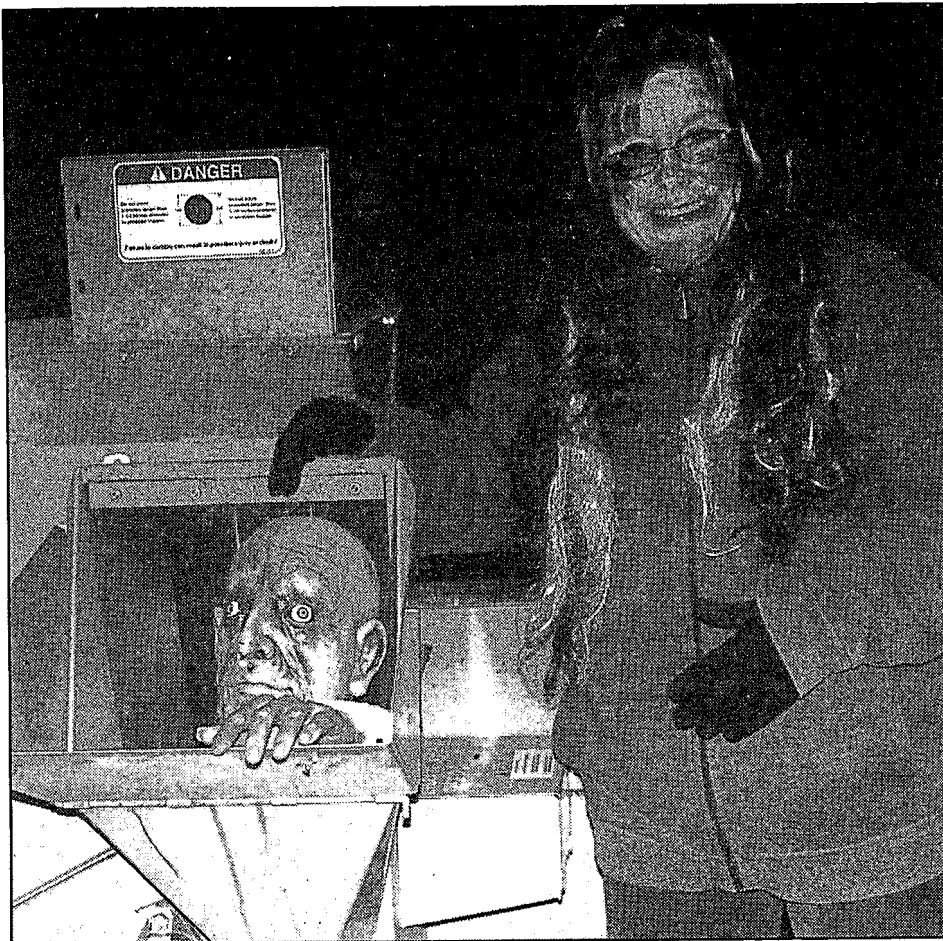
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Ann Mobley with chopped up Harold in the wood chipper.

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Ready for a scare? Check out "A Terror in Townsend Forest" at Oakland County's Sportsmen's Club running every Fri. and Sat. before Halloween from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., 4770 Waterford Road in Independence Township. Admission is \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. For more information, call 248-623-0444.

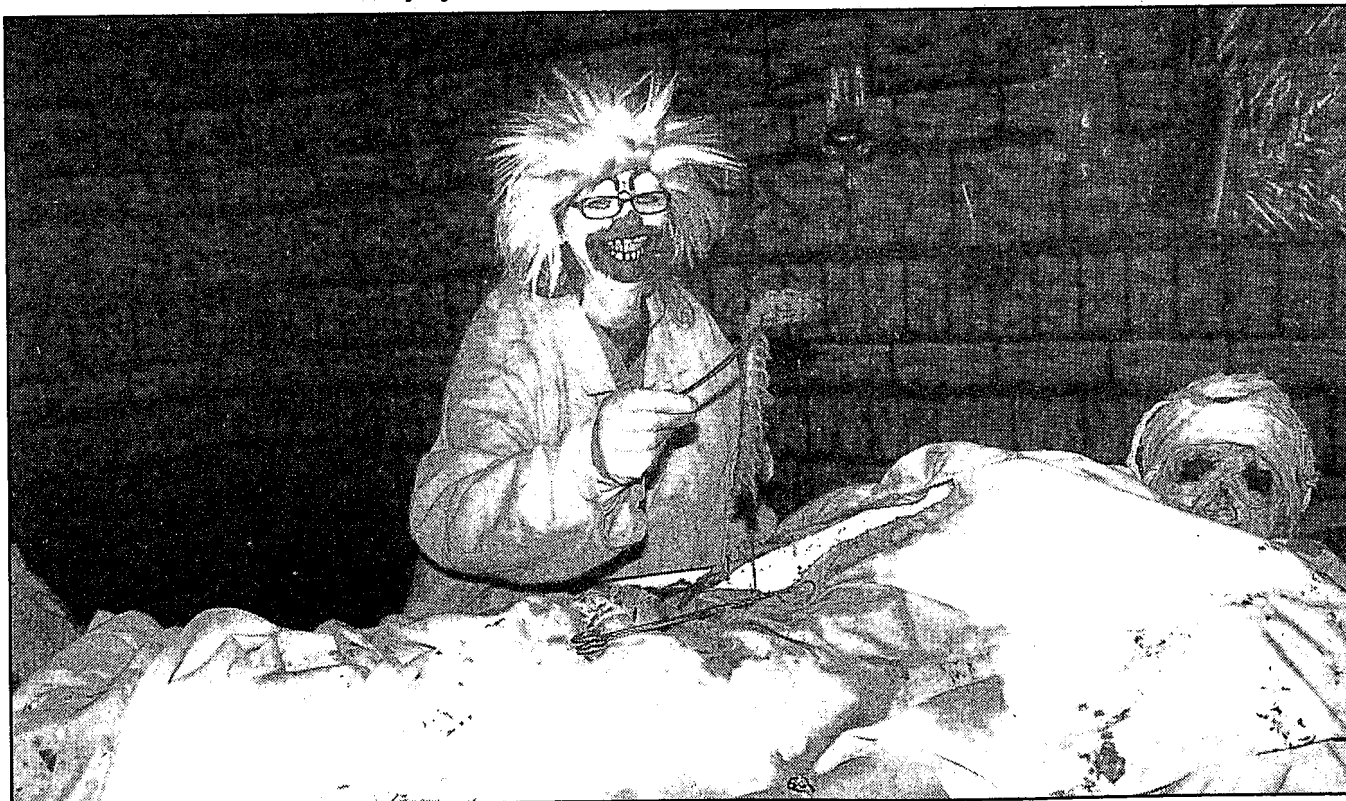
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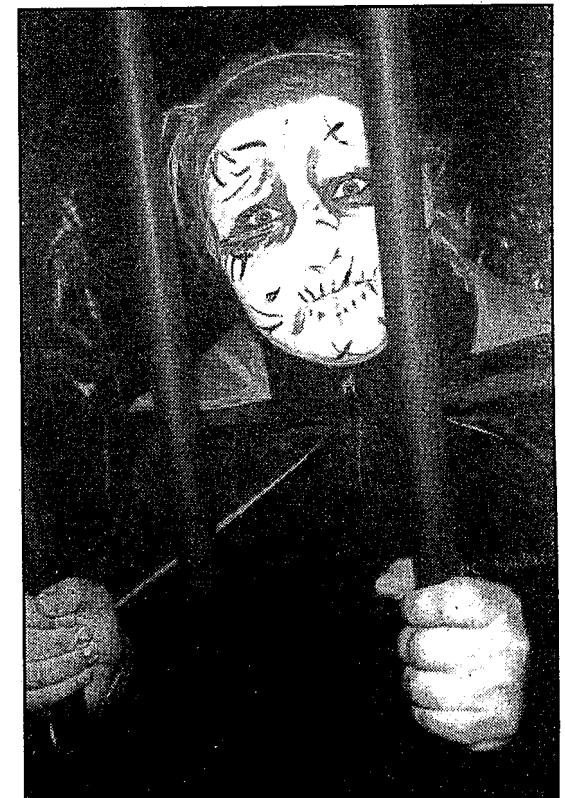
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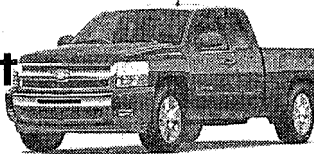
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2012 Traverse

39 Month
12K Lease

\$275*†

\$1549 Total Due At Signing



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2012 Volt



MSRP **\$41,685**

2012 Cruze

39 Month
12K Lease

\$179*†

\$1374 Total Due At Signing



2012 Equinox

39 Month
10K Lease

\$264*†

\$1432 Total Due At Signing



2012 Sonic

35
MPG



MSRP **\$14,534***

2012 Malibu

39 Month
10K Lease

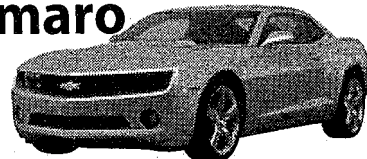
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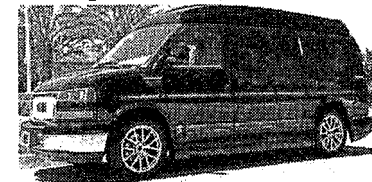
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2012 Camaro Coupe



Sale Price **\$22,779***

2011 Express Van With Explorer Conversion

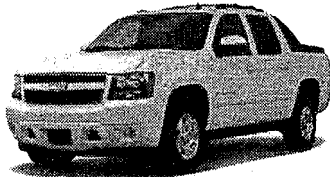


2012 Impala



Sale Price **\$20,880***

2011 Avalanche



Sale Price **\$32,995***

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Brush with star

Clarkston resident Sharon Wenger met a Broadway star on Oct. 12 - Chico the chihuahua, currently in the Broadway hit "Legally Blonde" as the infamous Bruiser, the main character's pet companion.

He was at St. George Cultural Center in Bloomfield Hills with his owner and trainer, Bill Berloni.

Berloni was Oakland Town Hall's featured speaker, speaking about his experiences training sheltered animals for Broadway as well as commercials, movies and TV shows. For more information on the lecture series, call 248-673-6556 or 248-625-5844.

Sharon Wenger meets Chico, from Broadway's "Legally Blonde."



Bill Berloni demonstrates a training method with Chico.

Around Town

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Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-625-6550.

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

Got Beads, share love of beads and beading. second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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

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

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.

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.

News tip?

Call the *Clarkston News*
at 248-625-3370

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2011

IN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
To the Qualified Electors:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in:

City of the Village of Clarkston
County of Oakland, State of Michigan
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011
THE POLLS will be open
7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.
ALL POLLING PLACES ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE
BRAILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING
INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

Precinct #1

City Hall

375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

INFORMATION ON OBTAINING AN ABSENT VOTER
BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION
Is available at City Hall located at 375 Depot Road,
Clarkston, Michigan

City Hall Offices will be open
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Thru Friday
For electors to receive an ABSENT VOTER BALLOT
FINAL DEADLINE

TO RECEIVE AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT
November 7, 2011 until 4 p.m.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES
FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

3 COUNCIL MEMBERS - for 2 year term

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Testing of the computer program on WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. for the November 8, 2011 General Election.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

This testing will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan.

Kelly Richter, Clerk
City of the Village of Clarkston

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2011-339, 326-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

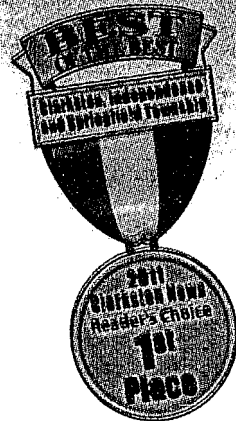
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of VICTORIA ANN HALCROW. Legally Incapacitated Individual.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: *THOMAS HALCROW whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on November 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Kathleen A. Ryan P55648 for the following purpose:

TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN FOR VICTORIA ANN HALCROW
OCTOBER 7, 2011
stuart b. cooney (P25900) RONALD HALCROW
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