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## Making a difference

Student starts with classmates

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Junior High School student Sarah Head's goal is to make the world a better place. She's starting with her own classmates who need help.

"I wanted to do something that would affect the community and would, over time, help more people, not just students, but their families, too," she said.

Head, 14, took to heart a recent PTA effort to help a student who needed clothes and supplies.

"It's so sad - it's not right," she said. "Students need the basics to help them excel in school."

She organized a "Secret Closet" at the school, using a file room donated by the parent-teacher group.

"It's a great location, right down the hall from the counselor's office," Head said.

The project is for her Girl Scout Gold Award, but that's just the beginning. She wants to expand the program, including at Clarkston High School next year.

"I want to help solve problems not just in my community, but all over the world," said Head, who's interested in pursuing broadcast journalism as a career. "One of my goals is to be a Diane Sawyer Person of the Week."

The PTA and school administration spread the word through email

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Clarkston Junior High School student Sarah Head organized the Secret Closet to help classmates who need it. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Competing Clarks

Bart Clark named superintendent

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Twenty four hours after the appointment of a new deputy supervisor, Independence Township Board appointed a superintendent.

Despite accusations, Trustee David Lohmeier said his proposal and the board's appointment of Bart Clark as township superintendent is not in reaction to Supervisor Dave Wagner's appointment of Mike Clark as deputy supervisor.

"This proposal was in place in October, long before Mr. Mike Clark's appointment," Lohmeier said. "If Mike Clark wasn't

selected by the supervisor, we'd be doing this. It was a plan to go forward."

Prior to his appointment, Bart, no relation to Mike, said he



Bart Clark

recognized the township was "in somewhat turbulent and difficult circumstances that no one foresaw coming."

"I think my experiences and background would allow me to contribute to the position of superintendent," he said. "If you appoint me, I give you my word, I will do my very best to fulfill the obligations and

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Wagner picks Mike Clark as deputy

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Supervisor

Dave Wagner's responded to the Township Board's superintendent appointment with one of his own.

He appointed Mike Clark as his new deputy supervisor, effective Nov. 15.



Mike Clark

controls the compensation for the deputy supervisor, chose a very limited compensation plan for Mr. (Rick) Yeager," Wagner wrote in a letter to Clerk Barkara Pallotta. "Due to this limited compensation, Mr. Yeager has been hindered in his ability to fulfill his statutory obligations during the term of my extended disability."

He also sent a certificate signed by Oakland County Clerk Bill Bullard validating the appointment of Clark.

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Independence Township Clerk Barbara Pallotta swears in Bart Clark as the new township superintendent. Photo by Trevor Keiser

# Bart Clark sworn in

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 responsibilities of Independence Township superintendent.”

The board appointed Bart on a 5-1 vote at the Nov. 16 special meeting. Trustee Mark Petterson voted “no.”

“I’d feel more comfortable that we ask for resumes and go through the proper process,” Petterson said. “I think it’s maybe too quick to appoint anybody, until we have a lot of other candidates to look at.”

Trustee Neil Wallace disagreed. “I think it (the appointment of Mike) was a blatant political act and meant we needed to move promptly to reject it,” Wallace said.

Petterson also noted he wanted someone who had nothing to do with any of the current board members. Bart had run for trustee in 2008 as part of the seven person slate, along with Lohmeier and Wallace.

“I personally have some reservations of appointing anybody that’s had anything to do with our political lives in this situation,” he said. “I want somebody clean of influence.”

The board officially created the superintendent position at the Nov. 15 regular board meeting at 20 hours a week and \$3,000 per month with no additional benefits.

The position will be paid by savings of Wagner’s salary due to disability. The superintendent is empowered with all the duties and authorities of the supervisor, except those designated to Human Resource Director Carol Gabris, and new Budget Analyst Rick Yeager.

According to township attorney Steve Joppich, state statute MCL 42.10 indicates the transfer of supervisor duties to the superintendent leaves both the supervisor and deputy supervisor powerless.

“If the board appoints a superintendent to take on all or some of those duties, then those duties are no longer duties of the township supervisor, but instead become

duties of the township superintendent,” Joppich said. “Consequently, the township supervisor would no longer have those duties. Neither would the deputy supervisor.”

The board also posted the position for superintendent and will accept resumes until Dec. 15.

“I understand that I serve at the pleasure of the board and would have no hard feelings if you found a more experienced, more suitable candidate than me,” Bart said. “But I’ll give it my best while I’m there.”

Bart came at recommendation of Treasurer Curt Carson at the Nov. 15 meeting.

Department of Public Works Director Linda Richardson said she worked with Bart while he served on the Operations Review Task Force and said he was a “very detailed oriented person.”

“I don’t know Mr. Clark personally. Just working with him on the task force, I found rather positive,” she said.

Resident and former township Clerk Joan McCrary said she likes Bart and believes he will do a good job, but she still disagreed with the superintendent position.

“If Wagner returns as he says he will, what will be his responsibilities? It sounds like none, if we’re turning over to the superintendent,” McCrary said. “That’s not the will of the people, they elected him. Even if you don’t like his deputy or he’s been sick, it’s still was the will of the people.”

Wagner said the appointment is “pathetic.”

“It has nothing to do with the good of the township,” Wagner said. “For anybody to say that it does, they have not been paying attention.”

Lohmeier disagreed.

“We have a responsibility to manage this township the best way we can,” Lohmeier said. “I put forth a proposal after thoughtful consideration of a strategy I think will assist us in doing that.”

## Briefly

### Kids Camp

Helping Hearts Helping Hands hosts the second-annual Kid’s Camp, 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7060 Scenic Ridge, Clarkston. All ages are welcome to enjoy fun Christmas activities while the adults go shopping for gifts.

For more information, check [www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org](http://www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org).

### Holiday memorials

Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home of Clarkston hosts the third annual Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Dr. John Canine, psychologist and grief specialist, will provide a brief presentation and a special remembrance ceremony. Participants will be invited to light candles in honor of loved ones who have passed away.

Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required but RSVP is encouraged by calling the funeral home at 248-625-5231 or emailing [wintfuneralhome@aol.com](mailto:wintfuneralhome@aol.com).

### Carrick concert

Carrick House Concerts return with Grievous Angel, with special guest Genna and Jesse, 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4.

Grievous Angel, Billy Brandt on guitar and vocals; Nolan Mendenhall, bass/vocals; Roscoe, electric/acoustic guitar; and Todd Glass on drums, performs folk, rockabilly, blues, and alt-country in their set of American roots music.

“There is always some magic when the perform here,” said Craig Carrick of Independence Township, hosting the non-profit event.

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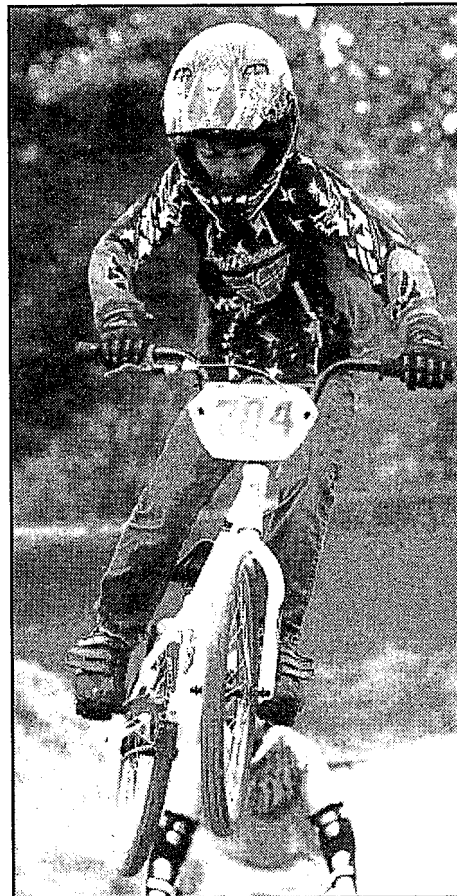
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## Scalf brothers place in BMX competition

BY TREVOR KEISER  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

While brothers Neal, Chase, and Ryder Scalf have been riding dirt bikes since they were 3 years old, they've proven success in the world of BMX just four months after trading in their motorcycles for pedals.

All three boys traveled to Louisville, Ky., for "The Grand" in BMX, and all three placed in their age group. Neal, 13, took second. Chase, 10, took first, and Ryder, 6, also took second place.

Ryder said it felt good to win.

"It's just fun," he said.

Neal said they got into BMX because a few of his friends told him about it and his dad, Tim, used to race.

Tim said he started out racing BMX because his mom wouldn't let him have a motorcycle until he was about 13. He raced motocross competitively for 20 years.

"I wanted to race motocross and I couldn't. I had raced BMX, which was as close as I could get to motocross," he said. "Then these guys, I give them dirt bikes and a track in the backyard for them to do it and they want to race BMX."

The boys race for Magic Motorsports. Other sponsors include Redline, Unit, Sir Pizza, Fly Racing, and Sinz.

Neal said the team manager for Magic Motor, Jim Cassidy, "is awesome."

"He spends a lot of time with the boys," said Gina, the boys' mom.

Besides racing, the boys enjoy riding their dirt bikes, scooters, and snowboards. However, Neal said he won't be snowboarding this year due to a herniated disc injury while riding.

"I flipped and landed on my back, but I'll be able to race next season," he said.

Gina said having all three boys race makes for "good quality time."

"Instead of school sports where one kid goes here and the other there, we get to do it all together - it's good family time," she said. "It's nice they all do it."

All three boys are looking forward to racing next season, where each of them will be bumped up a class from Novice to Challenger.

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# Deputy to report to Wagner

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The appointment was in response to the Trustee David Lohmeier's proposal to make Rick Yeager a "finance guy" and appoint Bart Clark as superintendent, Wagner said.

"I think (Mike) Clark is an excellent choice," Wagner said. "I had two or three people who were interested, but they all needed to be paid and the board wasn't going to fund anything regarding our deputy supervisor. I had to find somebody who was willing to go in and check on stuff and keep me informed and let me know what's going on in my absence because I plan on being back the first part of the year."

Clark said he does not work for the board, but "serves at the pleasure of the supervisor."

"But I do work for every resident of this township," Clark said. "In that case, I would like very much to work with the board as opposed to not working with the board."

Residents Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki and Rick Gutowski said Clark does not represent them.

"You, the board, represent me," Gutowski said. "The township board, that's what the people empowers to do what's right for the township."

Trustee Neil Wallace called Wagner's appointment of Clark "the height of irresponsibility."

"It puts someone presumably in charge who does not have the best interest of the township at heart," Wallace said. "He (Clark) has proven over and over again that he has a personal, political agenda that is to his own personal advantage and that has been going on for far too long."

Treasurer Curt Carson said he was

"deeply disappointed" in Wagner.

"I don't think the people of Independence Township deserve what has happened here tonight," Carson said. "In all due respect to Mr. Clark, I don't see how this kind of a situation would work because of the personality conflicts."

Pallotta agreed.

"I think some of the people Mr. Wagner has surrounded himself with are not in the best interest of this township or for him," she said. "His health is a priority right now and I understand he is getting better, but I don't want him back in our office until he's 100 percent."

Pallotta also noted she was willing to wait to Jan. 1, but because of Wagner's appointment of Clark, she felt "forced to make a decision" as it related to appointing a superintendent.

Trustee Larry Rosso thought the board gave Wagner a good option at the last meeting, to resign and receive his lifetime healthcare benefits early.

"My hope was 50/50 chance he would accept it, especially in the position he finds himself," Rosso said. "Obviously he's chosen not to do that with Mr. Clark showing up here tonight, announcing what he stated."

As the clock ticks down to the Dec. 1 deadline, Wagner said he still hasn't decided.

"They're telling me I can't run for any office period, which is as illegal as can be. That's what my attorney (Larry Barnett) is looking over right now," he said. "They've never done this to any other employee ever."

Wagner noted he doesn't want to retire.

"I do want to work," he said. "There is a possibility that I may want to run again if my health was back at 100 percent."

# Fund raiser for Shoes for Kids

Clarkston Rotary Club needs volunteers this holiday season to help local kids in need.

"This year we will have over 500 Clarkston school children receiving new shoes, winter boots, gloves and hats," said Rotarian Joel DeLong.

Volunteers are needed for the newspaper sales on Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3. Sign ups will be in two hour shifts and people may sign up for more than one shift.

All donations will be spent on Shoes for Kids, Dec. 10, at Oakland Woods Baptist Church, 5628 Maybee Road, providing new winter boots, shoes, socks, hats and gloves to Clarkston Community Schools children in need.

"Children are excited to receive the shoes and boots," he said. "I've spoken to parents who wrap them up as Christmas presents. Some see Clarkston as affluent, but we have the same needs as any other community."

Also, Clarkston Area Lions club will be hosting a free Project KidSight eye testing for chil-

dren 6 months-5 year old of those families invited to the Shoe distribution.

Clarkston Optimist Club will be sponsoring their OptiSocks distribution during the event as well, and several knitting and sewing groups will donate hand made scarves and hats.

Donations to the "Shoes for Kids" program can be sent to Clarkston Rotary "Shoes for Kids," P.O. Box 43, Clarkston, MI 48347.

"For a lot of us, we need a new pair of shoes, we go out and buy them," he said. "But the reality is many families must decide between housing and food, shoes and boots have to wait."

Many previous recipients are not on the list this year, DeLong said.

"I think their families probably left the state because of its economic climate," he said. "We have all new families. We've never seen so many kids signed up."

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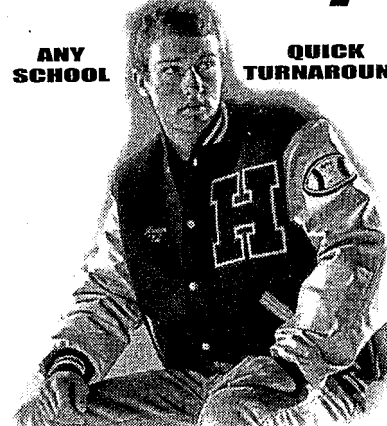
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## Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

### Bad decision

Mouth dropping, shocked, confused, and anger are just a few words to describe the emotions in the room upon the announcement of Mike Clark as deputy supervisor at the Nov. 15 Independence Township Board meeting.

I've been working for the *Clarkston News* going on five years and in that time I've seen Supervisor Dave Wagner make a lot of what I would call "questionable decisions." This one is a bad decision.



Anybody who's been around for a few years and watched or attended board meetings, knows the appointment of Mike Clark is the biggest sign of "the bird" that Mr. Wagner could give. Especially knowing that Mike and Trustee Neil Wallace are pretty much arch nemeses and the two couldn't get along even if you paid them too.

I understand that this appointment is in direct relation to the proposal by Trustee David Lohmeier and the board's acceptance to a township superintendent AKA "township manager." At the same time the township has been between a rock and a hard place for the past seven months with Wagner out on disability.

His last doctor note stated his medical condition, "is totally incapacitated from working until Jan. 1 2012" While I hope Wagner can come back and finish the term he was elected to, I don't expect the board to sit around hoping. They probably could have made it to January before moving forward, but I believe the appointment of Mike Clark forced their hand a little quicker than expected.

While I am still struggling with completely stripping the supervisor of all his powers and giving them to a superintendent, I think the new superintendent, Bart Clark will serve the township well. He has proven himself as a man of integrity, and one who is able to think independently and act on his own convictions.

Some will argue this to be a "backdoor deal," but a backdoor deal is something typically done behind closed doors and not in the light of the public. Mr. Lohmeier's proposal has been made known in open meetings for the past couple months. So, I would say he walked through the front door and left his game plan on the table for all to see.



Clarkston News editor Phil Custodio and reporter Trevor Keiser discuss the latest Independence Township drama, this time involving the new township deputy supervisor and superintendent.

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## Resident upset by appointment

Dear Editor,

I found the appointment of Mike Clark as deputy supervisor by our ailing and absent supervisor, Dave Wagner, a near criminal act.

If Dave wanted to find a way to ensure constant turmoil and frustration in our township government, he couldn't have done a better job.

This bombshell was dropped at our township meeting with little warning.

Mr. Clark's past performance in township meetings has been outrageous and demeaning to many of the Board members he assailed.

I hope, but doubt, that Mr Clark will make a sincere effort to work with the Board and community and not pursue his former abrasive and offensive ways.

Jim Reed  
Independence Township

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**"From Russia with love"** Clarkston residents Jack Buyers and Bob Weir were among 16 Clarkston United Methodist members to go on a two-week mission to restore a Russian convent, destroyed in World War II.

### 25 years ago - 1986

**"Cop tax on the way"** The state legislature passed a law allowing communities to collect property taxes sooner on millages approved by voters. That meant Oakland County Sheriff's Office could hire six new deputies right away.

**"Wolves ousted by Kettering"** Clarkston Wolves girls basketball ended their season, 17-4, falling to Waterford Kettering.

**"Chairman Wilford strives to control traffic"** Jerry Wilford of Clarkston chaired the village M-15 study committee, formed to assess the traffic situation and report to the Village Council. He was concerned with a M-15 widening project set for 1990.

### 50 years ago - 1961

**"Area women on Scholarship Committee"** Mrs. John Bell, Mrs. Rockwood Bullard, Jr., Mrs. Jack Haupt, Mrs. Don Stackable, and Mrs. Jerome Wilford was on the committee to raise \$60,000 for 160 local students to attend Michigan State University.

**"Reverend Haskins gets new position"** The Rev. Clifford H. Hastings, pastor of Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church, announced he was leaving to become pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Lapeer.

**"Clarkston locals"** Mrs. Richard Snover and Mrs. Lydia Allen were luncheon guests of Mrs. Vern Lyons in Oxford.

## On the first day of Thanks . . .



"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

*Edward Winslow (October 18, 1595 - May 8, 1655) Pilgrim leader on the Mayflower. He served as the governor of Plymouth Colony in 1633.*

## Every day is another day to say, thanks for the opportunity

Every night I tend to reflect on the hours I was awake that day. Did I fail, hurt or belittle any person, situation or entity.

If I answer to myself, "yes" I figure out what needs to happen the next day to make things right. (Most nights, thankfully, the affirmative answer isn't heard.)

And, every night I am appreciative of the opportunities afforded me. I am thankful for the opportunity of meaningful employment.

This work allows me to tend for my family, pets, friends and strangers. I can afford shelter and food for my family. I can afford helping those in need.

This work allows me to affect change in the communities I have called home since I was a child. It gives me a chance to emotionally connect with people I have, and may never meet. It is a privilege to make you smile, laugh, be sad, or angry.

I am thankful for the short, freckled mother who softly (and in the background) nurtured, nudged and guided her children with love, gentleness and calmness.

Her guidance has provided me op-

portunities to see above emotional crises with clarity others wish not use. Her calmness gave me levelheadedness -- and of course, love and gentleness beget more love and tenderness.

I'm thankful for a father, who with all his human frailties and flaws was able to express love, stick-to-it-ness and a sense that each of us (you, me, him) are worthy, and have value.

I'm thankful for a lot of things he said, but in particular for the phrase, "Life isn't fair. It owes you nothing."

I'm thankful for three younger sisters and for the tolerance they show their older brother.

Their tolerance has let me see how to be tolerant with others.

I am thankful for the opportunities gained from meeting each and every person (friend or foe) who has touched my life.

Each and every one has helped shape the person I am today, as each and every one I meet today, will help forge who I am tomorrow.

I'm thankful I have survived the mistakes I have made, giving me the opportunity to grow and be better to those lives around me.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be an "example" for my sons -- an example of how to act, what to do, and what not to do or how not to act.

One of the things I am grateful for is the knowledge that I don't know every-

thing, and that is okay.

I am thankful I live in a place in space and time when I don't have to agree with you, nor you me -- and that we can live beside each other in peace.

I am comforted by the notion of "church," as I am dismayed by the hypocrisies of some who use "church/religion/god" as a crutch, excuse or weapon of destruction.

I am thankful I can say, "I don't know if there is a power greater than us," but at the same time profess hope there is.

I am thankful I can see above rhetoric and freely express this opinion without fear of retribution.

I am thankful some how, some way logic, reason, tolerance and patience found their way into my being.

I am grateful for the opportunity to love, to have faith even while knowing faith and logic and reason are contradictory by nature.

I am thankful for all the joy and pain of my life, for the opportunity to live, laugh and love today.

I am grateful for the opportunity to live right here and right now, because this opportunity allows me share this with you: Life is worth living and part of living is living through the mistakes for the opportunity to help another.

Happy Thanksgiving, readers! Live large and prosper.

## Be thankful, fight recurring questions

I've been writing Jottings for over 50 years. That means 50 Thanksgivings I could have written about. But as I looked back to see if there was one I could repeat for this Thanksgiving, I found none.

This year as I thought about writing this holiday column my mind went quickly to my wife, Hazel.



a column by Jim Sherman

She's been gone since February, 2001. And, as the songs and poems say, gone but not forgotten.

Thanksgiving Days were momentous for us. Major turkey and dressing, cranberries and yams, lemon and

pumpkin pies and persuading a young'un to say the blessing.

I suppose it's selfish of me to put Hazel-Jim first, when we have family to be proud of, happy unforgettable memories, valuable friends and reasonable security.

But, that's the way it is.

Those are the emotions I am wrestling with now.

As I have aged, one of the things I've gained is a greater awareness of God. We've grown closer. I talk to Him frequently and selfishly ask Him to help me sleep, relax, and to think positive. To watch over us.

I'm more often reading "New Testament Psalms" given to me by The Gideons during one of my hospital stays. The Lord's Prayer is in there along with helpful passages.

And, it seems like each of these readings brings Hazel even closer.

That can't be wrong, can it?

I write and tell off-color jokes, which probably makes me a sinner, but I acknowledge being a sinner and enjoy bringing smiles to faces, even if the humor is semi-raw.

I know not which way I will go when I die, but I know I have friends in both places.

And therein lies what makes me most thankful this Thanksgiving:

1. A healthy, happy family.
2. Friends.
3. Getting nearer to God; and
4. Finding those fond memories of my Hazel.

### Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush



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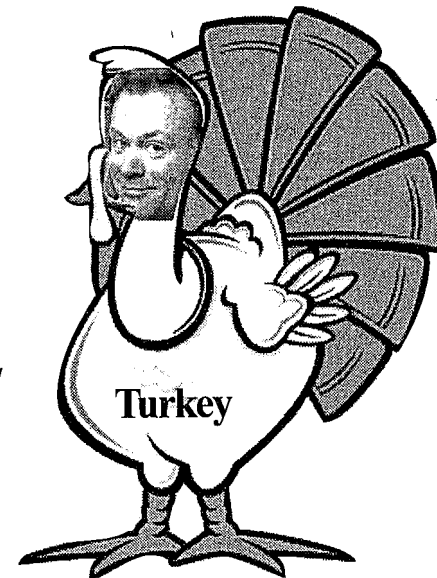
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**If we missed anybody  
or spelled anybody's  
name wrong  
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it's all Don Rush's fault.  
Blame him!**



# Public Safety

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

## Thefts from vehicles

Legal papers were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 5000 block of Chickadee Lane, Nov. 7.

Someone took a GPS from a vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Sheringham Boulevard, Nov. 8. There were no signs of forced entry.

Someone smashed a driver's side and tailgate windows and took a stereo and other equipment from a vehicle parked in the 5000 block of N. Marshbank, Nov. 12.

## Car break-in arrest

A Trillium Village Lane resident saw a teenager trying to get into parked cars, Nov. 9, and called 911 as the suspect fled on a bicycle. Deputies located the suspect, a 17-year-old Independence Township boy, and the witness identified him. He was arrested for larceny from automobiles and possession of drug paraphernalia, a glass marijuana pipe.

## Drunk in public

A deputy was dispatched to Citation Drive and M-15 on a report of a man stumbling around the fire station, 5:14 p.m., Nov. 2. The deputy offered the 37-year-old Clarkston man a ride home but he yelled and argued. A breath tester held near the man's mouth resulted in a .02 blood alcohol level. Out on bond with a no-drinking condition, he was jailed for disorderly conduct and obstruction.

## Party's too loud

Responding to a loud-party complaint in the 4000 block of Hemlock Loop, 1:23 a.m., Nov. 13, deputies cited a 23-year-old resident for providing alcohol to two 20-year-old women. He was also cited with failure to display a valid license. The women were cited for under-21 consumption of alcohol.

## Boosted wine

A man stole a bottle of wine while paying for gas in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, 4:02 p.m., Nov. 11.

## Shoplifting arrest

A Sashabaw Road grocery store employee watched a 24-year-old Oxford woman push a cart filled with \$333 in groceries out of the door without paying, 7:42 p.m., Nov. 11. The woman said she checked out through a U-scan and lost the receipt. The employee's manager took down her license plate number and called police. Deputies tracked the woman's vehicle to her home in the 2000 block of Buckeye Drive and found it in the driveway, with a man inside unloading groceries. The woman said her food stamps had been taken away and she needed food for her two children. She was arrested for shoplifting.

## Burglary alarm

Alerted by a break-in alarm at a Dixie Highway pharmacy, 2:11 a.m., Nov. 11, a sheriff's K-9 unit tracked a suspect to Cedar Valley Drive, but lost the scent.

## Self-inflicted cuts

A 55-year-old Independence Township woman received treatment at POH for several self-inflicted cuts to her wrist, stomach, and arms, 2:32 p.m., Nov. 12. Her husband had woken up to find his wife moaning and blood throughout the house.

## Bacon on the loose

Independence Township deputies responded to a report of three pigs in the roadway, 11:54 p.m., Nov. 14, at Ortonville and W. Seymour Lake roads. They found two of them, a sow weighing 300-400 pounds and a boar, 200-300 pounds. The pigs seemed aggressive so the deputies shot them. They had escaped from a pen in the 3000 block of Ortonville Road. The sow was reported to be in heat, explaining the boar's aggressiveness. A neighbor said he was interested in taking the pigs.

## Credit card theft

An Independence Township resident accidentally left a credit card in a pharmacy drive-through basket on Dixie Highway, 7:49 p.m., Nov. 15. It was taken and used to purchase about \$1,000 in gas and goods at two service stations in Waterford and a store in White Lake.

## Burglary

Jewelry and laptop were reported stolen from a home in the 6000 block of Waldon Road, Nov. 15. The garage had been left unlocked.

## Wires cut in break-in

Checking a power-outage report at a pharmacy in the 10000 block of Dixie Highway, DTE workers found electrical, telephone, and alarm wires had been cut, and called police, 4:05 p.m., Nov. 16. Deputies processed the scene for fingerprints.

## Minors with marijuana

A deputy stopped a vehicle for a burnt-out headlight, 8:46 p.m., Nov. 16, at Dixie and Maybee. The driver, a 17-year-old Independence Township girl, was found with marijuana, pipe, and grinder, and was charged with possession of marijuana and violation of graduated driver's license, and given a warning for defective equipment. Her passengers, also teens, were released to parents and grandparents.

## Lunch with Santa in Davisburg

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation hosts Holiday Lunch With Santa, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at Hart Community Center in Davisburg

Participants get lunch, pictures, and a gift from Santa. Pictures and visits with Santa will be between 11 a.m.-12 p.m., and

again after lunch. Lunch will begin at 12 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required by 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8. will not be sold the day of the event.

Call 248-846-6558.

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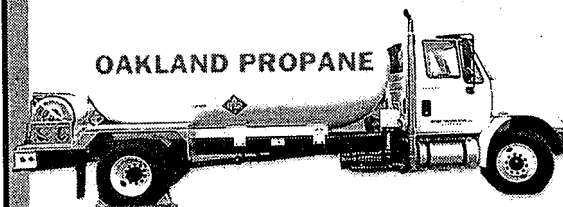
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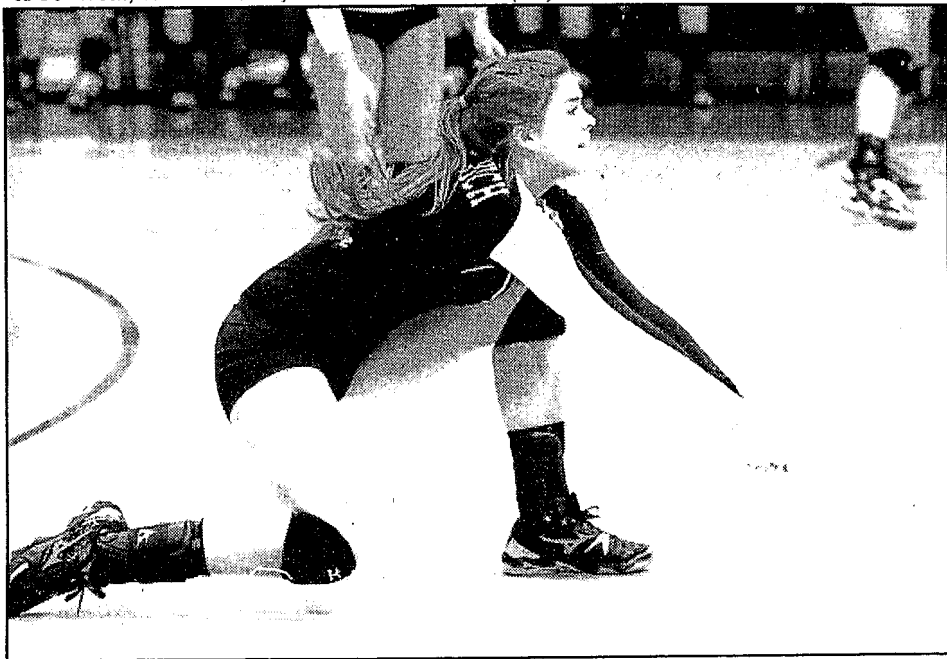
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Kaley Konjarevich digs in the MHSAA Class A Semifinals against Lake Orion, Nov. 17. Photo by Larry Wright

## Season ends with 56-6 record

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers made Clarkston history by advancing to the MHSAA Volleyball semifinals last week by beating Canton in a close 3-2 game in the Quarterfinals.

In their showdown against Lake Orion to secure one of the last two spots for the finals, the Lady Wolves lost 3-1.

"We struggled all night trying to put anything together," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall. "We struggled offensively. We struggled passing. It is not a good time to have those things happen when you are facing a good team like that. I give a lot of credit to Orion, they came out firing hard at us."

Clarkston had a short lead in the first game but the Lady Dragons quickly caught up and kept adding to the board ending with a 25-17 win to take their first win.

Kaley Konjarevich and Stephanie Marani opened the second game with a block. The girls built onto the momentum creating a gap once they were in the double digits on the board. They won 25-16, tying the game 1-1.

Lake Orion took the third match, 25-16. The fourth game stayed evenly matched as both teams went point for point until Orion found the rhythm and scored five consecutive points to win the game, 25-22.

"There are a lot of emotions with us and Orion," said Avenall. "I felt that got the better of us tonight. As soon as we put a run together they would answer right back."

Senior Maddie Lightfoot had 31 digs and Konjarevich had 13 kills.

The Lady Wolves opened the week against Canton. They won the first two games 28-26 and 25-21. With only one more win needed to secure a trip to the semifinals Canton fought back to take the next two games

25-18 and 25-21.

"They were playing like they didn't want to lose," Avenall said. "They started to get back on their heels and playing scared. It was a good battle."

Both teams went into a huddle before they went back onto the court for the fifth and final game.

"We just all thought it is a brand new game," said Rachel Dickerson. "We weren't thinking of the games before. We just put all our hearts out there."

The result was both teams going point for point and fighting for the next win until they were tied 14-14.

Dickerson scored two points to end the game 16-14 and aid the team to school history.

"It feels amazing," she said. "We have been looking forward to it. All season we have been working so hard and to have everything come together feels amazing."

Marani led with 18 kills and five blocks. Dickerson and Konjarevich had 17 kills. Lightfoot had 35 digs.

The girls finished the season with an overall record 56-6. They claimed the titles for OAA Red, MHSAA District playoffs and MHSAA Regional playoffs.

"It was an epic season," said Avenall. "These girls are amazing. They made some awesome memories, friends and experience. They made a name in the state for our program. I am proud of them."

They lose three seniors - Maddie Lightfoot, Stephanie Marani and Angela Niezgoda.

"We are going to miss them," said Avenall. "I am going to miss them. They are the first group I coached in eighth grade. Maddie has been coming to camp since she was a little kid. It is tough."

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Roberts recognized

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Josilyn Roberts smiled as she accepted the Annual Sportsmanship Award from the Michigan Hunter Jumper Association on Nov. 12.

"It was a huge honor," she said. "I remember every year they gave it out I really looked up to that person. It was really awesome because you don't know until you get there."

The board picks the recipient based on letter of recommendations sent in from anyone in the circuit.

"One of the cool parts was someone came up to me and said they were really glad I got it because they nominated me," said Roberts.

Though she doesn't call it an accomplishment she does view it as one of her biggest accomplishments.

Roberts began riding when she was three years old and remembers always having horses in the stable and training with her two trainers, Don and Lauren Caston.

"I have been training since physically able to ride," she said. "My mom would take me riding with her and showed me how to ride."

She started training with her mom's trainers the Castons and her interest grew.

"It is a great partnership with the horses," she said, adding she has raised her horse Monty since he was born. "He is one of my closest friends. It is all the great things of having a partner and having an animal, a pet and a best friend. It is a huge accomplishment to see how far he has come. He has taught me as a rider as well."

Roberts and Monty won the 2011 Junior Hunter Champion and were the 2011 reserve champion in other divisions.

Roberts graduated from Clarkston High



Josilyn Roberts and her horse, Monty. Photo provided

School in 2011 and is currently a freshman at Michigan State University. She is in the Nursing Scholar program.

"I was already accepted into the program which is nice," she said.

She is not in the equestrian program because she didn't want Monty to leave the barn he is at right now. Her mom and trainer are still keeping him in shape to ride in the summer while Roberts is in East Lansing.

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# Final Four stars

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team left their mark on opposing teams and school history. They beat Canton 3-2 in the MHSAA Class A Quarterfinals to be the first volleyball team in Clarkston history to make the Final Four.

They lost to Lake Orion in the semifinal, 3-1, finishing the season with an overall 56-6 record.

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Emily Popp makes a quick save, keeping the Dragons from scoring.



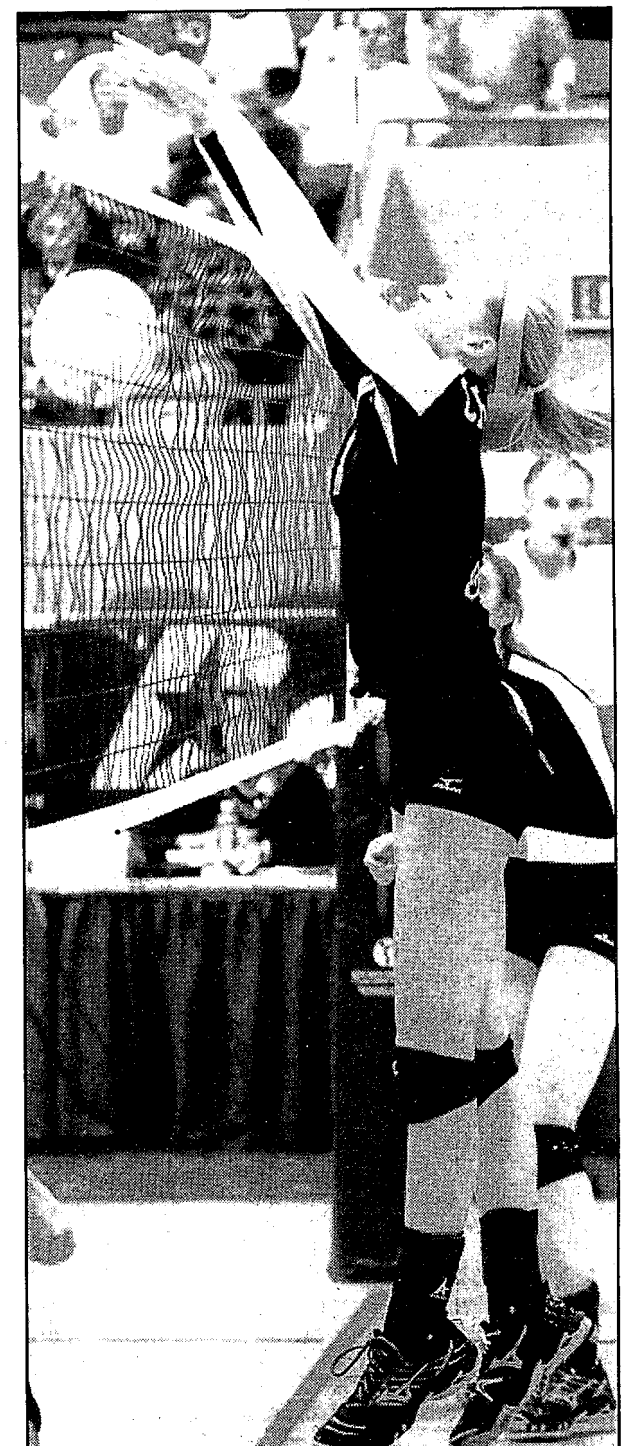
Sophomore Brianna Frakes lets out an excited yell after beating Canton 3-1 in the Quarterfinals.



Junior Kaley Konjarevich and senior Stephanie Marani block Lake Orion.



Katie Chadwell, Kaley Konjarevich and Brianna Frakes celebrate making Clarkston history.



Sophomore Katie Chadwell sends the ball back over the net to Lake Orion.



Let's hear it for the coach! Clarkston Community Schools teachers support their favorite volleyball coach - Kelly Avenall.



Surrounded by her teammates and friends, Maddie Lightfoot signs her letter of intent for the University of New Hampshire. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Lightfoot heading east for college

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Ever since libero Maddie Lightfoot could hit a volleyball she has been playing in the backyard with her mom, Kristie.

The game was in her blood and Kristie was able help Maddie along the way since she was a Class A State Champion in 1984 for Flint Kearsley.

"I have always had a passion for it," said Kristie. "Fortunately Maddie did, too."

The passion has led her not only to the MHSAA Class A Semifinals with the Clarkston Girls Volleyball team but to the University of New Hampshire, a Division 1 school.

"It is really exciting," Maddie said after signing her letter of intent on Nov. 16, following the Lady Wolves win in the Quarterfinals against Canton. "It is more exciting we won yesterday making this one of the best days of my life. It is a huge week."

"I couldn't be prouder of her," said Kristie.

"It is definitely a very proud moment as a coach," added Kelly Avenall, head coach for the girls varsity volleyball team. "She has worked very hard for it. It is something she

has always dreamed of and has always wanted it."

Maddie is going to major in biology and international relations to become a dermatologist and travel to underdeveloped countries.

"I have always been interested in international affairs," she explained. "A family friend studied it so I got to know the ins and the outs of it. Biology has always been one of my strong classes so I thought the combination would be perfect."

She discovered University of New Hampshire when they watched her play for Legacy Volleyball Club at Nationals.

"I went for a visit on a whim," Maddie added. "I fell in love with the campus, the coaches and the team. It just felt natural to be there. I went to Cleveland State and a few other schools but when I visited New Hampshire I knew."

Maddie played soccer until she became more involved in volleyball when she was in fourth grade. Her mom got her involved in a recreational volleyball team.

"I just started playing it as much as I could," Maddie smiled. "I gave up soccer so

I could play volleyball. I started playing more competitively."

She played in leagues. She is now on the Legacy 18-1 team and has played in the Junior Olympics.

"It is a great group of girls from ten different schools," Maddie said.

She has played on the varsity team the last three years as a libero.

Maddie signed her letter in front of three of her youngest fans and had advice for them and all the other volleyball fans.

"Hard work, heart, and genuine passion for what you do can take you far," she said. "I never thought I would play Division 1 volleyball. I set a goal for myself and I worked hard to get there. Even though it sounds corny - you can accomplish anything if you put your heart and hard work into it."

Kristie could see the hard work, watching Maddie and the team this year.

"The most amazing thing is how all the girls play as a team," she said.

"They all want to work hard for each other. They are the nicest group of girls and they have fun. I think that is what has allowed them to get to the next level."

## Girls Swim

Swimmers finished the season in tenth place at the MHSAA State Finals at Eastern Michigan University, Nov. 18-19.

Sophomore Sami Stelpflug led the team taking second place in two of her individual events, finishing at the time of 2:04.22 in the 200-yard IM and in 5:01.02 in the 500-yard freestyle.

She finished in third place in the 100-yard breaststroke event, 1:04.71.

Sophomore Kathryn Culver finished in ninth place in the 100-yard freestyle event.

The team placed two relay events - second in the 400-yard freestyle relay and ninth in the 200-yard medley relay.

Freshman Megan Stelpflug, sophomore Amber Hallman, Sami and Culver finished at the time of 3:32.18 in the 400-yard.

Sophomore Natalie Vela, Culver, Megan and Sami finished in 1:50.59 in the 200-yard relay.

Clarkston scored 103 points during the event. Farmington Hills Mercy took first place with 258 points.

## Hockey

Icers opened their season with two losses at the Metro Invite in Novi, Nov. 18-19.

They lost to Novi, 4-3, and Livonia Churchill, 9-2.

The boys host South Lyon and Brighton this weekend in the Thanksgiving Showcase. They play South Lyon on Friday, 5 p.m. and Brighton on Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

Both games are played at Detroit Skate Club, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.

They play St. Clair Shores on Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m. at Detroit Skate Club.

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# Tuning the mind

Rose-Anne Turunen, founder of Real Life Changes magazine of Toronto, visited Clarkston recently to learn about the latest in brain conditioning technology.

"They interviewed and filmed two of our clients, Alexis and Elmer, and their families to be part of a documentary that presents personal accounts of people experiencing the new science of BrainWave Optimization," said David Sanders of Attuned Mind in Clarkston.

Anita Hess of Battle Creek spoke about her son, Elmer Hess, 21, who has Downs Syndrome.

"Brainwave Optimization has helped Elmer significantly," Anita told Turunen. "Elmer has gone from a state of being totally disconnected with his surroundings to being fully aware of his surroundings."

He can make decisions about what he wants to eat and drink, and when and where he wants to go, she said.

"If he is not ready to come home, he won't get out of the car and if he is ready to go somewhere, he will go and get in the car," she said. "To most people, the changes are unnoticeable but to me, as his mother, I can detect the slightest positive changes."

Elmer's teacher also noticed subtle changes in his behavior at school, Anita said.

"He was more cooperative, participatory in class and more energetic," she said. "His bouts of stubbornness decreased significantly and he was more cooperative and participated in class activities."

His sleep also improved, she said.

"I can truly say brainwave optimization has helped his overall patterns - prior to this process, there were times when Elmer would stay up all night," she said. "Over

the past several months, we have noticed his quality of sleep has increased and if he does happen to wake up, he goes right back to sleep."

In brain conditioning, sensors picks up brainwave activity, break them down into frequencies, and turn them into sounds.

"We play them back in real time so you can hear your brain," Sanders said.

The sounds guide the brain to repair imbalances or trauma.

For more information, check Turunen's website, [reallifechanges.com/specialneeds](http://reallifechanges.com/specialneeds). Call Attuned Mind, 3 E. Washington Street, Clarkston, at 248-922-9490.



Anita Hess hugs her son, Elmer.



Documentarian Rose-Anne Turunen, at right, interviews Anita Hess, her son, Elmer, and family members for a documentary. Photos provided



State Rep. Eileen Kowall, second from left, with Clarkston Junior High students Sophie Hubble, Carter Zielinsky and Joe Shefferly at the AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase, Nov. 2, in Lansing. Photo provided

## Technology at school

Clarkston Junior High School students used technology recently to communicate with state and county leaders.

They participated in the 11th annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase, Nov. 2, at the State Capitol Building in Lansing.

The school was one of nearly 35 elementary, middle and high schools statewide in the event, showing senators and representatives how technology is used in the classroom.

Students also Skyped with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson as part of their Electronic Classroom Project.

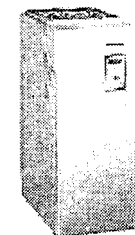
This year, Clarkston Community Schools is considering up to \$23.1 million in additional technology and facility upgrades.

The school board will consider community workshop results as well as parents and staff before settling on priorities, costs, and funding strategies.

Check [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us) for updates more community session or email Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock with ideas, [rdrock@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:rdrock@clarkston.k12.mi.us).

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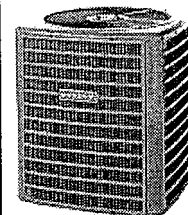
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# People Poll

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## What are you thankful for?



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- Marcy Rotondo



"I am thankful for my family."

- Dawn Dubre



"I am thankful for quality service at Rudy's Quality Market."

- Andy Sutherland



"I am thankful for family, friends, a job I love and the military fighting for our freedom."

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By Wendi Reardon

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Gabriella Spindler signs her letter of intent, with Clarkston Girls Varsity tennis teammates. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Gabriella Spindler heads to West Point

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Gabriella Spindler touched the pen to her letter of intent and proudly signed to take her next step in academics and tennis at United States Military Academy at West Point, Nov. 18.

"I am really excited," the Clarkston High School senior smiled. "It is an honor to be chosen to not only go to the best school, but go into the military and serve my country afterwards."

"We couldn't be more proud," said dad, Marc. "The biggest thing that is going to stand out in my mind is when I asked her why."

He added he is a good debater and wanted to debate the situation. He was taken aback by Gabriella's answer, "dad, I want the ability to make a difference and West Point will give me the opportunity."

"She is going to be working for four year to become an officer to ensure the liberties and freedoms we have," Marc said with a gleam in his eye. "She is a special kid and there are not many that can do it."

Gabriella admitted when West Point contacted her during her junior year, she was unsure about going there.

"I wasn't sure if it was for me," she added.

She spoke to the coach and began looking into the academy more. Between the information and visiting the academy, she could see herself there.

Class sizes at West Point are about 25 students, offering personal interaction between professors and students. She also met with the tennis team and found they were just like the girls on the high school team.

"The bonds you make at West Point, you make for life," she added. "I could see it as soon as I was there. Your life depends on them - you are a unit. They are all super friendly and super nice."

She applied during the summer, going through the application process, getting recommendation letters from her teachers, writing essays, and getting medical and physical exams.

She received the Superintendent Award from her future coach, only one of 50 receive the

award.

"It is an honor and unbelievable," Gabriella said. "Without it I wouldn't be signing today, because I would have to have the nomination from a senator. I can still be interviewed by a senator and be nominated."

Her main goal is to go to medical school after serving in the U.S. Army. She said she would give back and be a doctor for the army.

"If it doesn't pan out, there are so many opportunities," Gabriella added. "I see myself making a career out of the army. It doesn't take anything away from you. It makes you stronger. It builds onto your personality."

Gabriella was a swimmer before she began playing tennis at 9-years-old and admitted she wasn't the best player.

"I was horrible," she smiled, adding Coach Gilbert Rincon helped her along the way.

When participating in both sports were messing with her strokes she had to make a decision.

"I made that choice," Marc said. "Tennis is a life sport. I looked at my wife and her friends as

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**Student ready to serve country**

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well as the older women at Deer Lake Athletic Club that are still playing."

Gabriella finished her junior year in third place in singles #1 at the MHSAA State Championship, helping her team to earn the championship title.

Her advice to aspiring athletes is there will be lots of highs and lots of lows.

"There were times I didn't think I could do it and coach said I could," she said. "All it takes is one person to believe in you. You can do anything."

Over 25,000 apply to West Point with 1,000-1,200 being accepted. Only 20 percent are female.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Gabriella said. "I could go to any college I wanted to. I could play on a club team. I have good grades, I am prepared for it. But what they offer at West Point, you can't get anywhere else. I love it."



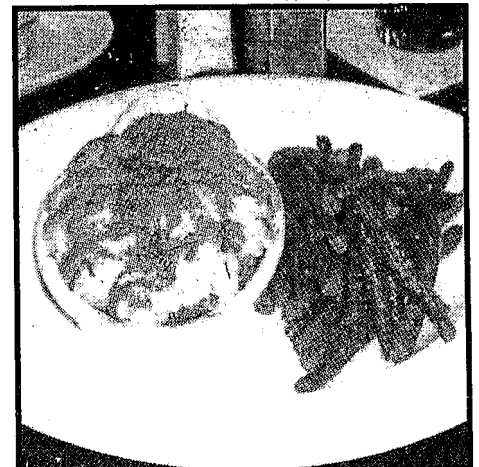
Gabriella Spindler with family, in back from left, sisters Isabella and Dominique, dad, Marc (former Detroit Lion), brother Rocco, and mom, Rochelle. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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# Student organizes school Secret Closet

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and letters. Local residents and businesses responded with thousands in donations and roomfuls of supplies.

"Donations have poured in," said Karen Head, Sarah's mother.

The closet is fully stocked with clothes, coats, shoes, backpacks, personal care items and school supplies, but they need a continuous flow in donations and volunteers for long term success. Students looking to earn community service credit have been a big

help, she said.

"I hope to get people organized to restock it every couple weeks," she said.

The Secret Closet project keeps participants' names confidential, assigning numbers instead. Students are referred by classroom teachers, counselors, staff members and parents.

"It's aimed at students who don't know where else to go for what they need," Sarah said.

A school counselor brings students in,

they fill out a wish list, choose their items, put them in their lockers, then return to class.

"No one even knows it happened - even I don't know," Sarah said.

Secret Closet needs gently used backpacks, jeans and pants, shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, shoes and boots. New items needed include underwear, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and personal hygiene products.

Donations are accepted the first Friday of every month before school. Email SarahsSecretCloset@gmail.com.



Cheryl Karrick sells Goodfellow newspapers for Clarkston Rotary's Shoes for Kids last year.

## Goodfellows sale

Clarkston Rotary Club members and friends hit the streets, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, selling this year's Goodfellow newspaper, printed by *The Clarkston News*.

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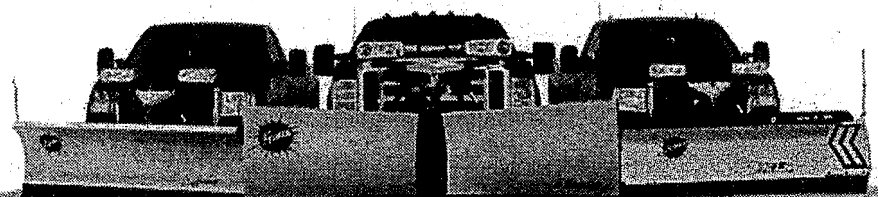
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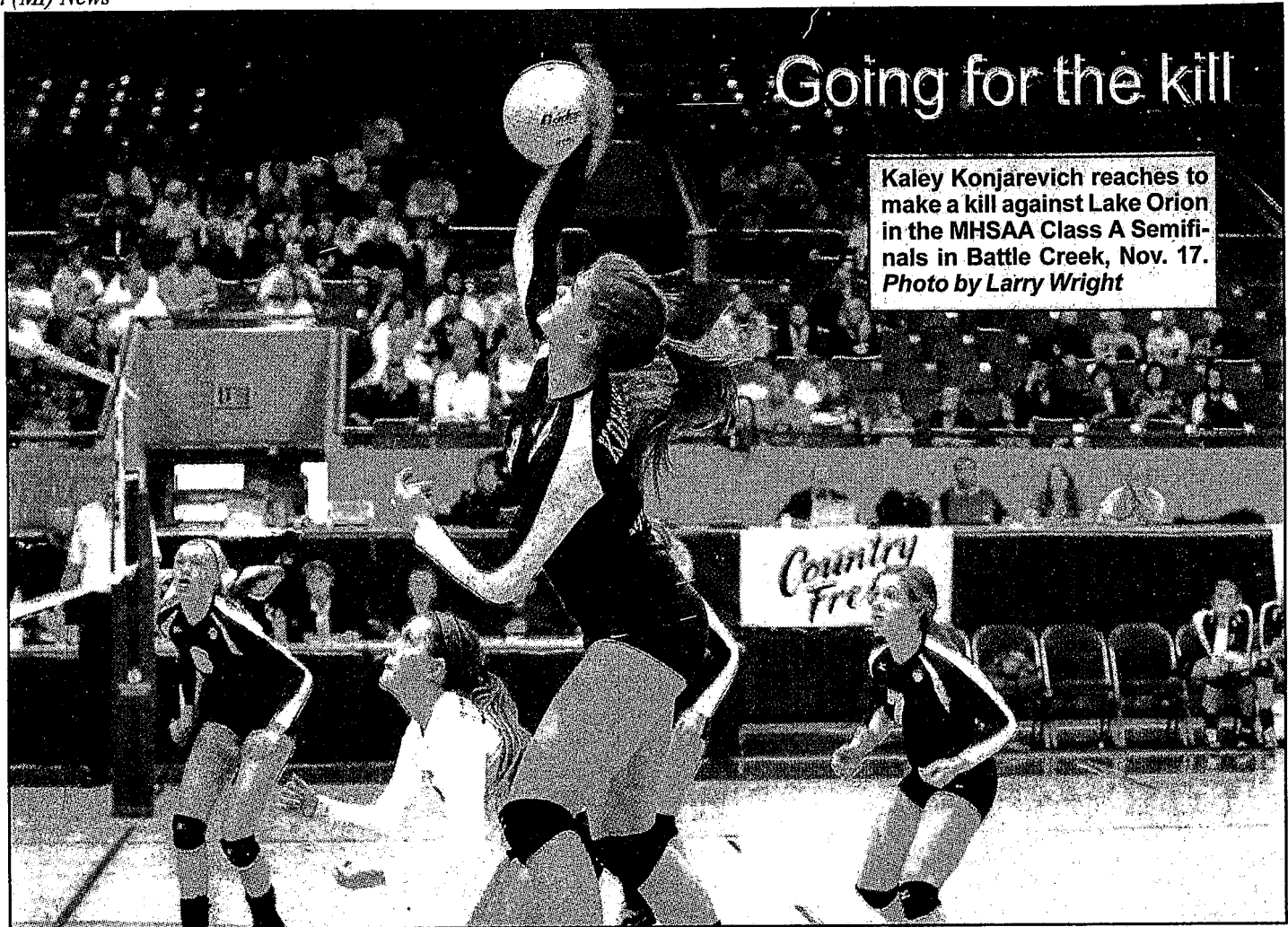
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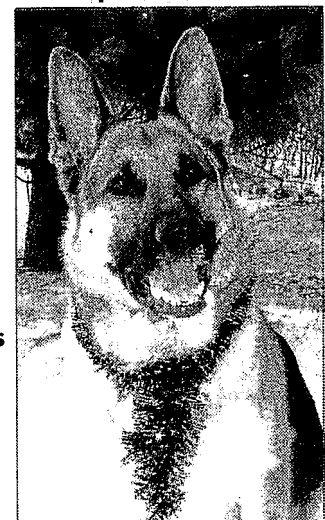
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**Ye Olde Madrigal Dinner**, Clarkston High School choirs, 6:30pm, Dec. 3-4, Harvestland Church, 5848 Clintonville Road. Festive Renaissance dinner theater. \$35/person or \$300/King's Table for eight up front. 248-875-7849.

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**Christmas Cheer** Miracle Box Packing Party, 4-7 p.m., Dec. 8, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. 248-623-0444.

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**Salute to veterans** luncheon, 12 p.m., Dec. 10, Amerian Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Sons of the American Legion will serve SOS, fried spam and powdered eggs followed by the Army-Navy football game. Prizes at the end of each quarter. 248-625-9912

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**Breakfast with Santa**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Dec. 10, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Visit with Santa, pancake breakfast, children's gift. Adults, \$5; Children, \$3; Photos, \$3. 248-394-0200.

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### Wednesday

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

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

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### Saturday

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

## Obituaries

### Audrey M. Keyser

Audrey M. Keyser of Waterford passed away Nov. 17, 2011, at age 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband George "Bud" and her son Jeffery. She was the mother of Boni (Rick) Foreman; mother-in-law of Andrée; grandma of Melissa (Philip) Frantz, Rebekah (Mike) Lange, Jessica (Dave) Morantes, Joel (fiancé Jessica Rabedeau), Ben, and Byron Millen; great grandma of Grace, Gavin, Christian, Aubrie, Ethan, Grant and Colton; sister of the late Lyel Wiechert, Reberta (Howard) Steele, Phyllis (John) Fancher and Shirley Pursley.



Mrs. Keyser was a paraprofessional/librarian at Clarkston Elementary and volunteered at Lighthouse. She was an active member at Clarkston Free Methodist Church and enjoyed celebrating holidays with her family.

Visitation was Nov. 21 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was Nov. 22 at Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Lighthouse North or PANCAN. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Elizabeth Thomas

Elizabeth Ann Thomas, "Betty," of Mountain Top, Penn., formerly of Clarkston, passed away Nov. 13, 2011, at age 80.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold James, her son Marty and brother Albert Atkins. She was the loving mother of Dawn (Rich) Manship, Bill (Molly) Thomas and Eric (Cindy) Thomas; grandmother of Corey, Chet, Cole, Bryce, Dylan, Daniel and Dominic; and sister of Charles Atkins and Robert Atkins.

Mrs. Thomas enjoyed traveling, entertaining, working in her yard and playing bridge.

Visitation was Nov. 17 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Nov. 18 at Calvary Lutheran Church. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Christ the Shepard Lutheran Church. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

Obituaries posted at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)

### Frank McCarrick Jr.

Frank McCarrick Jr. of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, passed away Nov. 14, 2011, at age 87.

He was the dear husband of Bernice for 67 years; wonderful father of Bob (Linda) and Debra Armstrong; best grandpa of Dr. Robert (Katy) McCarrick, Nicole (Justin) Robertson, Laura (Eric) Arnason, David (Holly) Armstrong, Daniel (Amber) Armstrong and Jeffrey (C.J.) Armstrong; precious great grandpa of Jack, Brayden, Lily, Andrew, Ashleigh, Sydney, Shiloh, Aubrey and expectant springtime baby.



Mr. McCarrick served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Grand Trunk Railroad, Pontiac, and was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

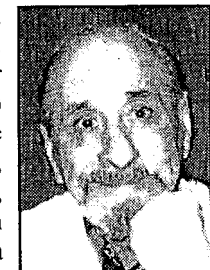
Visitation was Nov. 18 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was Nov. 19 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

### Robert H. Smith

Robert H. Smith of Highland, formerly of Ludington, passed away Nov. 18, 2011, at age 88.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara and

sons Leslie, Kevin, and Jeff. He was the father of Dennis (Karen) Smith, Catherine (Ted) Lemanski, Tom (Lori) Smith, Jeanette (Bill) Van Harken and Sheila Smith; grandfather of 18, great grandfather of 24, and great great grandfather of six.



Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, earning the Purple Heart medal. He was an active member at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Funeral Service was Nov. 22 at **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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Sarah Kowalik, left, and Racquell Schramski reflect on the experience.



Grant McEachern makes a rubbing.

# Honoring veterans

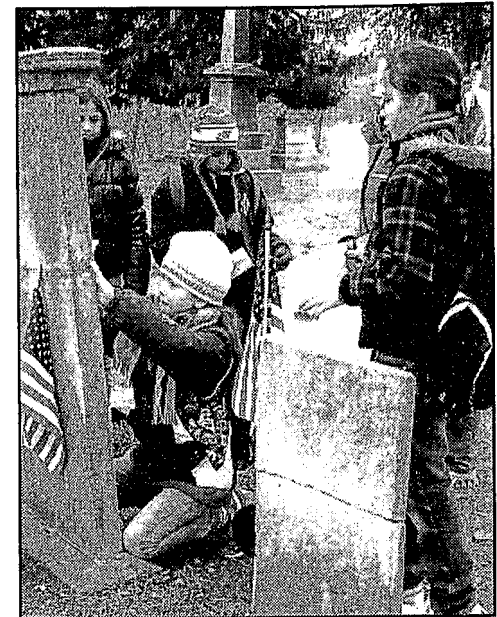
Fifth graders at Davisburg Elementary marched to Davisburg Cemetery, Nov. 11, for their Veterans Day observance.

Teachers Stephanie Creasey and Julianne Strong organized the annual trip with Springfield Township Clerk Laura Moreau. The students walk to the cemetery in a silent, single file line holding flags, which they place in holders at each veteran's grave, Creasey said.

"As we place a flag, we read the name out loud and say thank you for your service," she said.

After the flag placement, students completed a scavenger hunt, gathering information about veterans from every war from the Revolution through Vietnam. They also made careful rubbings of veterans' headstones.

Photos by Phil Custodio



From left, students Abbey Kring, Cal Flory, Emily Sanders, and Megan Bush watch as Jessica Bradford makes a rubbing.



At the headstone of the founder of Davisburg, Cornelius Davis, are Megan Bush, Michael Anne Hommel, Mrs. Creasey, Emily Sanders, kneeling, Abbey Kring, Mrs. Lance, Jessica Bradford, and Clay Froman.



Adryanna Helms and Tim Wunderlich make a rubbing at the grave of Solomon Jones, who lived to be 105 and fought in the Revolution and War of 1812.

## Make an influence, while living in a time of conflict

We are living in a time of great conflict. It seems, and very well could be true, that our whole future is on the line.

The precarious financial situation could have a long-lasting impact if we don't solve it now. The cultural debate concerning the future of America's moral compass is also a big issue of debate that will have a long-lasting impact.

I, for one, have strong opinions about the direction of our future and plan to make every effort to influence the future of the nation and world I love so much.

This is not a time I take lightly, nor should anyone who is serious about our future.

In the midst of our debate, however, we must be very careful not to let the intensity of our opinions close our minds to choices and decisions that will require all of us to have an open mind. In times of great change such as this, we must be careful to understand that changing times require a change of strategy that could easily elude us if we are not careful.

When Jesus Christ came to the earth, He came during a time of great change. He was also an agent of change. Interestingly enough, He came to His people, the Jews, and they

were unwilling to receive His message.

The scriptures say, "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." Why were they not able to receive Him? Their opinions from the past made it impossible. The Jews had waited many years for their messiah, but when He came they could not receive Him. Jesus preached and taught concerning the truth of the scriptures.

Unfortunately, the people who loved the truth had established many traditions around the truth, as they understood it. Now, with the new perspective that Jesus brought, the application of the truth would need to change with the times and understanding of the truth. Jesus said that those traditions would make the scriptures of no effect.

Having studied and participated in politics all my life, I have observed over time that what we call "liberal" and what we call "conservative" has changed.

When I was young, conservatism meant that you were fiscally conservative and would advocate the balancing of the budget as a number one priority. Since the 1980's, many neoconservatives have been in favor of a balanced budget, but they have given the priority to resisting all taxation as a hindrance to growth. This is built on the basis of supply side economics, which says that lower taxes will increase productivity, adding to more revenue.

These two positions will not be reconciled easily, especially in light of our present debt crisis. Who then will be considered the conservative in the future? Will the one advocating a balanced budget, even if it requires added taxes, or the supply-sider who is willing to risk budget deficits to provide growth?

The point of this is not to take a side, but to point out how rigid stands could make even allies become enemies in the long run. When Jesus came to talk truth, the people of His time were more concerned about being right than trying to find the higher "truth." If your goal is to be right, that means those who disagree with you are wrong.

The desire to be right caused the people of Jesus' time to reject the truth that was before them. You see truth isn't single in focus, but broad. It requires us to look for something beyond our present state of thinking, so that we can embrace times of change.

Even conservatives must have an open mind if they want to hold to their principles. This is what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, "...the letter kills, but the spirit gives life." In church, and in our world, we need to walk in the right spirit so that, with wisdom, we can make our future prosperous.

The only alternative will be conflict—and this will only bring death!

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

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

### In our churches...

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

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

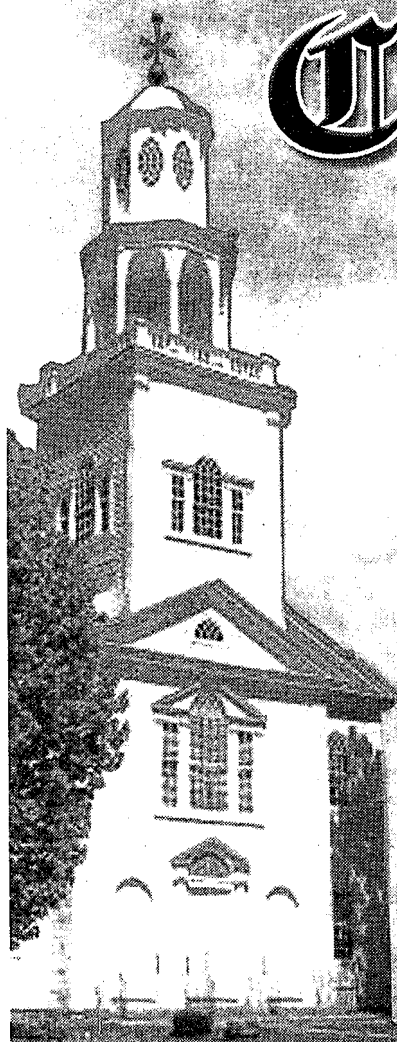
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**Celebrate Recovery** ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

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PUBLIC HEARING - 2012 BUDGET

A copy of the proposed Budget is on file in the office of the Independence Township Clerk, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan and may be examined during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Charter Township of Springfield**  
**NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR VARIANCE**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan for the following purpose:

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from Chad and Kelly Russell, 11048 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, 48350 to allow the construction of a pole barn resulting in a total accessory area of 246 square feet greater than the total allowable amount of 1050 square feet per section 16.14 of the Zoning Ordinance No. 26.  
The property that is the subject of this request is located at 11048 Andersonville Road, Davisburg in Springfield Township and is zoned R1, one family residential. P.I.#07-22-304-003.
- Request from Robert Breen, 9990 Rattalee Lake Road, Clarkston, 48348 to allow the construction of an addition to a detached accessory structure resulting in a total accessory area of 583 square feet greater than the total allowable amount of 1497 square feet per section 16.14 of the Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and resulting in a rear setback of fifteen (15) feet rather than the thirty-five (35) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.  
The property that is the subject of this request is located at 9990 Rattalee Lake Road, Clarkston in Springfield Township and is zoned R-1A, one family residential. P.I.#07-02-351-007.

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

Laura Moreau, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield

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**Charter Township of Springfield**

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2011**  
**SYNOPSIS**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES:** Added New Business - Consider local proposal at Presidential Primary

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approved Minutes: October 25, 2011 Special Workshop Meeting and October 13, 2011 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$377,187.24
- Accepted October 2011 Treasurer's Report
- Received October 2011 Monthly Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Police, Fire, Assessing, IT and Comp Time Report
- Authorized payment of bills as amended, totaling \$26,969.78
- Authorized attendance at 2012 MTA Conference and set budget of up to \$400 per attendee
- Received First Reading: Amendment to Ordinance 15-A Traffic Code Ordinance and authorize Clerk to publish for Second Reading
- Adopted Resolution to waive Recapture of 2009 CDBG Funds and authorize Supervisor to complete and submit Waive Recapture form
- Reappointed Dean Baker and William Leddy to the Planning Commission, terms ending November, 2014 and reappointed Dean Baker to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending November, 2014

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 2012 Budgets - Presented 2012 proposed budgets: No comments received

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Second Reading: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 26, Article XI-OS District - Adopted amendment
- Second Reading: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 26, Article II - Family - Adopted Amendment
- Second Reading: Amendment to Ordinance 42 - Parks and Recreation - Adopted amendment
- Second Reading: Amendment to Ordinance 47 - Metroparks - Adopted amendment
- Propose Endowment Fund Agreement: Board Review and approval - Approved draft agreement received from Springfield Sit Action Committee with addition of attorney clarifying that fund monies can be used for bank charges directly related to the fund

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Proposed 2012 Budgets: Adopted 2012 Budgets as follows: General Fund: Revenue \$2,088,100, Expense \$2,059,050; Fire Fund: Revenue \$817,000, Expense \$716,500; Police Fund: Revenue \$1,596,000, Expense \$1,593,700; Parks & Recreation Fund: Revenue \$578,176, Expense \$578,176; Parks & Recreation Restricted Stewardship Fund: Revenue \$1,000, Expense \$1,000; Cemetery Fund: Revenue \$700, Expense \$700; Lake Improvement Fund: Revenue \$261,200, Expense \$261,200; Softwater Lake Improvement Fund: Revenue \$15,000, Expense \$15,000; Eliza Lake Improvement Fund: Revenue \$15,000, Expense \$15,000; Cable TV Fund: Revenue \$129,900, Expense \$129,900; Building Department Fund: Revenue \$70,700, Expense \$67,150; Civic Center Debt Fund: Revenue \$371,000, Expense \$369,000; Softwater Sewer SAD: Revenue \$121,000, Expense \$121,000
- Township Medical Plan: Review/Renew Plan, Discuss employee contribution, address Publicly Funded Health Insurance Act - Determined to continue same health insurance plan with no employee contribution. Moved to opt-out of Publicly Funded Health Insurance Act.
- Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals - Accepted resignation from Jim Carlton and appointed Virginia Fishbach to remainder of term ending 12/31/2012
- Purchase a 48 port Power Over Ethernet switch - Approved purchase, cost not to exceed \$2,300
- Consider Local Proposal at Presidential Primary - Board determined not to present local proposal at February 28 Presidential Primary
- Convene to closed session re: Attorney Client Privilege - Entered closed session at 9:53. Reconvened to open session at 10:10. Authorized Supervisor and attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:11 pm Laura Moreau, Clerk  
Publish: 11/23/11 TB

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
**SYNOPSIS**

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

- The Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:03 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace  
Absent: Wagner  
There was a quorum present.  
Also Present: Linda Richardson, DPW Director  
Ken Elwert, Parks & Recreation Director  
Steven Joppich, Secret Wardle  
Approval to appoint Acting Chair.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of Agenda as amended.
- CLOSED SESSION: Attorney-Client Privileged Legal Opinion, as permitted by MCL 15.168(h) and Pending Litigation, as permitted by MCL 15.268(e)  
The Regular Meeting recessed at 6:03 PM to enter into Closed Session.

Trustee Lohmeier left at 7:58 PM.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM.

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike Clark

G. PUBLIC HEARING:

- 2012 CDBG Funding Application (Open/Close Public Hearing: 7:42 PM / 7:42 PM)  
Public Comment: None
- Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 20, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III, Open Burning (Open/Close Public Hearing: 7:43 PM / 8:26 PM)  
Public Comment: Victor Quigley; Joe Figa; Rae LuAllen; Jim Reed, Dave Barran; Vic Kubani; Sandra Boggemes; Suzette Wagner; Dan Wheeler; Jim Ferrand and Neil Boggemes  
Approval to direct the Township Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance.

Trustee Lohmeier returned at 8:21 PM.

The meeting recessed at 9:44 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:55 PM.

H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Presentation: Michigan Impact Soccer Club - Building Proposal Overview  
Approval to authorize the Parks & Recreation Director to work with MISC to develop potential of placing recreational facility on Township property.

Approval to extend meeting after 10:00 PM

I. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:

- Proposed Elected Officials' Disability Policy  
Approval to direct the Elected Officials' Disability Policy Committee to seek an exception from the existing Elected Officials long term disability policy as it relates to Supervisor Wagner's benefits.  
Approval to accept the amendment proposed by Mutual of Omaha to alter the Elected Official's long term disability coverage.  
Approval to waive Attorney/Client privileges on a limited version of the Township Attorney's opinion letter regarding Elected Officials' Disability Policy.  
Approval to postpone outstanding matters associated with the Elected Officials' Disability Policy.

J. CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2011 and Special Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2011.

K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

L. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Approval of the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Application.
- Approval to Schedule a Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the 2012 Budget; Cancel a Special Meeting Scheduled for November 17, 2011, Schedule a Special Meeting for November 21, 2011.
- Approval of Check Run in the Amount of \$552,354.85

The meeting recessed at 11:40 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:45 PM

- Approval of Superintendent position.  
Public Comment: Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki; Rick Gutowski; Dave Kelly  
Approval to post the Superintendent position with a deadline of December 15, 2011.  
Approval to establish a part-time position of Budget Analyst; unfund the Deputy Supervisor position; transfer funding to the part-

time Budget Analyst position and offer the part-time Budget Analyst Position to Rick Yaeger effective immediately.  
Trustee Petterson left the meeting.  
Motion failed to immediately appoint a Superintendent.

Approval of Special Meeting for Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

- PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Clark
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members commented on various topics.
- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
  - REPORT: Building Department, Planning & Zoning Services - Monthly Report of Significant Items
  - COMMUNICATION: Lake Orion Schools - Election Change
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 1:00 AM on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: November 23, 2011

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
**SYNOPSIS**

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

- A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:03 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace  
Absent: Wagner

There was a quorum present.

Approval to appoint Acting Chair.

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of Agenda as presented.
- AGENDA ITEMS AS STATED IN THE CALL OF THE MEETING:
  - Appointment of a Superintendent

- PUBLIC COMMENT: Bart Clark; Marilyn Pomeroy; Linda Richardson, Joan McCrary, Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki; Ron Namowicz; Ron Ritchie
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: November 23, 2011

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO:  
**PROBATE COURT** 2011-339, 124-DE  
**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Colleen M. Hartwell, Deceased. Date of birth: 7/3/1962  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Colleen M. Harwell, Deceased, who lived at 41796 Independence Drive, Novi, Michigan died August 29, 2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Meredith Larsen, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Meredith Larsen  
2745 Pontiac Lake Road 6117 N. Karle  
Waterford, Michigan 48328 Westland, Michigan 48185  
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO:  
**PROBATE COURT**  
**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of INA HOOPINGARNER. Date of birth 11-15-1921  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Ina Hoopingarner, who lived at 6451 Cramland, Clarkston, Michigan died 8-1-2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Frances Hoopingarner, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Frances Hoopingarner  
790 Nichols  
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326  
(248) 852-0575

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 47 AN ORDINANCE REGULATE GENERAL CONDUCT OF METROPARK VISITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on November 10, 2011, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 47 which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect upon publication of the Notice of Adoption.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 47, An Ordinance Regulate General Conduct of Metropark Visitors, is hereby amended as follows:

#### SECTION 1. Amendments

Section 1—Control of Swimming and Wading, Subsection 1.0 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.1 Swimming and bathing are prohibited within the boundaries of the Metropark except in specially constructed swimming pool facilities or in areas marked as swimming areas. No person shall use any swimming pool facility or marked swimming area except in accordance with posted rules and regulations governing such use.

Section 2—Dangerous or Obnoxious Materials or Equipment, Subsection 2.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.3 No person shall have in his possession or control any rifle, shotgun pistol or other firearm, sling-shot, bow, arrow, crossbow, pellet gun, air rifle, noxious gas ejecting devices, fireworks, explosive or other dangerous devices or materials within the boundaries of the Metropark; provided, that a law enforcement officer duly appointed by the United States, the State of Michigan or by a political subdivision thereof may otherwise lawfully possess and carry a firearm. Further, this section shall not apply to those otherwise permitted by the Authority. Nothing in this provision shall pre-empt Public Act 319 of 1990.

Section 6—Dogs, Pets, Horses and Livestock, Subsection 6.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6.2 No person shall bring into, or have in his possession or control any dog or pet, in any area of the Metropark except in picnic areas and other areas designated by the Authority by posted notices, provided, that this Section shall not apply to leader dogs, guide dogs and assistance dogs or to dogs under the control of the Authority.

Section 9—Off-the-Road Vehicles and Motor-driven Cycles is hereby amended to read as follows:

No person shall operate, or have in his possession within the boundaries of the Metropark any bicycle or off-the-road motor-driven vehicle, including, by way of example but not by way of limitation, any minibike, moped, motorcycle, dunemobile, snowmobile, converted snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, amphibious vehicle or similar motorized device; provided, that bicycles, motorcycles and other motor-drive vehicles lawful for operation under the Uniform Traffic Code or Michigan Vehicle Code may be used to provide transportation to the Metropark if promptly parked in a designated parking lot upon arrival or if operated on the surfaced area of a roadway excluding any roadway posted for use of authorized vehicles only; and provided, further, that bicycles may be used on designated bicycle paths.

Section 13—Disorderly Conduct, Subsection 13.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13.3 No person shall within the boundaries of the Metropark:

- Obstruct, resist, hinder, assault or oppose any police officer, ordinance officer, township officer, sheriff deputy or Michigan State police trooper in the performance of his or her official duties; or
- Provide or furnish false identification concerning himself or herself to any police officer, ordinance officer, township officer, sheriff deputy or Michigan State police trooper engaged in the performance of his or her official duties; or
- Remain within the boundaries of the Metropark after being requested by a police officer, ordinance officer, township officer, sheriff deputy or Michigan State police trooper in the performance of his or her official duties to leave the Metropark for violation of a rule or regulation of the Authority or for violation of the Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect**  
The balance of Ordinance No. 47 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

**SECTION 3. Repealer**

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

#### SECTION 4. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

#### SECTION 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of amendments to Ordinance No. 47 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 10th day of November 2011. Documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

Laura Moreau, Clerk

Publish: 11/23/11 ZBA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 15A AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC CODE ORDINANCE FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to consider adoption of the following proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 15A.  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 15-A, the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance of the Township of Springfield is hereby amended in its entirety, adopting by reference the Uniform Traffic Code, the Michigan Vehicle Code, Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act, and the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act.

#### ARTICLE I—ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE Section 1—Code Adopted

The Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages as promulgated by the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328 and made effective October 30, 2002, and all future amendments and revisions to the Uniform Traffic Code when they are promulgated and effective in this state are incorporated by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### Section 2—References in Code

References in the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages to a "governmental unit" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

#### Section 3—Notice

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages and the fact that a complete copy of the Code is available to the public at the Office of the Clerk for inspection.

#### Section 4—Penalties

The penalties provided by the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages are adopted by reference.

#### ARTICLE II—ADOPTION OF MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE Section 1—Code Adopted

The Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, as amended, and all future amendments and revisions to the Michigan Vehicle Code when they are promulgated and effective in this State are incorporated by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### Section 2—References in Code

References in the Michigan Vehicle Code to "local authorities" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

#### Section 3—Notice

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the fact that a complete copy of the Code is available to the public at the Office of the Clerk for inspection.

#### Section 4—Penalties

The penalties provided by the Michigan Vehicle Code are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the Township may not enforce any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

#### ARTICLE III—ADOPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, CHAPTER 324, PART 821, SNOWMOBILES

#### Section 1—Act Adopted

Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.82101 to 324.82160, as amended, and all future amendments and revisions to Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act when they are promulgated and effective in this State are incorporated by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### Section 2—References in Act

References in Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act to "local unit of government" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

#### Section 3—Notice

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act. A complete copy of Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Act is available to the public at the Office of the Clerk for inspection.

#### Section 4—Penalties

The penalties provided by Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Natural Resource Environmental Protection Act are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the Township may not enforce any provision of Chapter 324, Part 821 of the Act for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

#### ARTICLE IV—ADOPTION OF MICHIGAN MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT

#### Section 1—Act Adopted

The Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act, 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.25, as amended, and all future amendments and revisions to Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act when they are promulgated and effective in this state are incorporated by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### Section 2—References in Act

References in the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act to "local authorities" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

#### Section 3—Notice

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act and the fact that a complete copy of the Act is available to the public at the Office of the Clerk for inspection.

#### Section 4—Penalties

The penalties provided by the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the Township may not enforce any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

#### ARTICLE V—SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

#### ARTICLE VI—REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### ARTICLE VII—SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Article VI of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

#### ARTICLE VIII—EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the entire ordinance and documents related to the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 15A may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

Publish: 11/23/11

Laura Moreau, Clerk

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on November 10, 2011, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of the Notice of Adoption:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

#### SECTION 1. Amendments

ARTICLE II—Definitions is hereby amended as follows:  
FAMILY:

A. A family shall be defined as meeting one of the following:

- One (1) or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship living together as a single housekeeping unit.
- Not more than four (4) persons plus their offspring living as a single housekeeping unit.
- A group of not more than twelve (12) unrelated disabled persons, each of whom is handicapped within the meaning of the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 3602(h), living together as a single housekeeping unit in an adult foster care home licensed by the State of Michigan, with such non-resident staff as may be needed to assist the residents with their daily life activities, but not receiving funding through a contract with any State or community health or social service agency.

B. For purposes of subsections A.1. and A.2.:

- To be considered a "single housekeeping unit", the relationship must be of a permanent and distinct character with a demonstrable and recognizable bond characteristic of a cohesive unit, and
- "Single housekeeping unit" does not include any society, club, fraternity, sorority, association, lodge, organization or group of students or group of individuals where the common living arrangement or basis for the establishment of the housekeeping unit is on a temporary basis.

#### SECTION 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

#### SECTION 3. Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

#### SECTION 4. Savings Clause

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

#### SECTION 5. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

#### SECTION 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 10th day of November 2011. Documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk  
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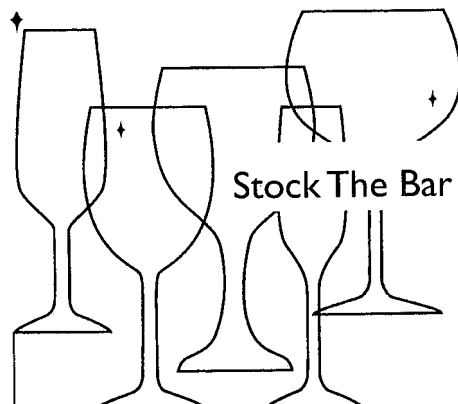
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*Charter Township of Springfield***NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
AMENDMENTS TO  
ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regularly-  
scheduled meeting held on November 10, 2011, the Town-  
ship Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted  
amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance  
No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall  
take effect seven (7) days after publication of the No-  
tice of Adoption:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAK-  
LAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Char-  
ter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as fol-  
lows:

**SECTION 1. Amendments**  
ARTICLE XI-O-S OFFICE-SERVICE DISTRICT, SEC-  
TION 11.02 Principle Uses Permitted Subject to Special  
Conditions is hereby amended as follows:

ADD: 7. Churches  
**SECTION 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect**  
The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full  
force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

**SECTION 3. Repealer**  
All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsis-  
tent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4. Savings Clause**  
Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect  
any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights  
acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes  
of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance  
hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance;  
nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any charac-  
ter be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

**SECTION 5. Severability**  
Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be  
declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be  
invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the  
validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance,  
which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date**  
This Ordinance shall take effect following publication  
in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be  
published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and  
correct summary of amendments to Zoning Ordinance  
No. 26 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield  
Township Board held on the 10th day of November 2011.  
Documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may  
be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield  
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48350, at all times said office is open for business.  
Anyone needing a special accommodation should con-  
tact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in  
advance. 248-846-6510.

Laura Moreau, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: 11/23/11

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
*Charter Township of Springfield***NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 42  
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING  
REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF  
PARK AND RECREATION LANDS  
WITH SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-  
scheduled meeting held on November 10, 2011, the Town-  
ship Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted  
amendments to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 42  
which amendments are set forth herein and shall take  
upon publication of the Notice of Adoption.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 42, Ordinance Establishing Regula-  
tions for the Use of Park and Recreation Lands with  
Springfield Township, is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION 1. Amendments**  
Article III—GENERAL RULE, Section 3.3 is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

Commercial solicitation in any park and recre-  
ation area is prohibited. For purposes of this section,  
"solicitation" shall mean any activity which seeks to  
obtain customers or orders for the purchase of goods,  
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kind, character or description whatever, for any kind  
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Distribution of noncommercial handbills or similar  
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No person shall post, fasten, paint, or affix any  
placard, bill, notice, sign, or similar materials upon  
any structure, tree or automobile within the park and  
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sion of the event.

This section shall not apply to any solicitation  
conducted by the Commission, or that is approved in  
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the Commission.

**SECTION 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect**  
The balance of Ordinance No. 42 shall remain in full  
force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

**SECTION 3. Repealer**  
All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsis-  
tent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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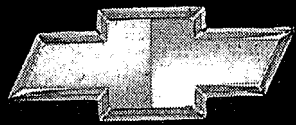
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and  
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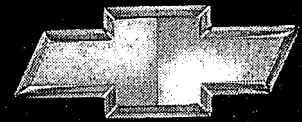
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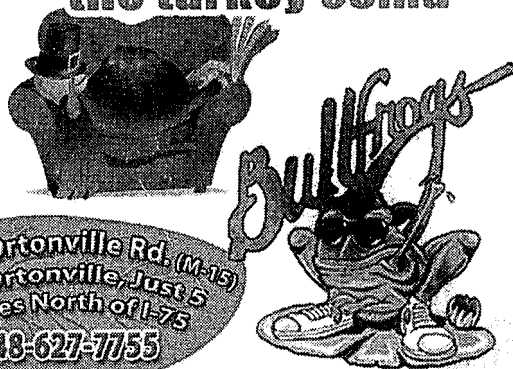
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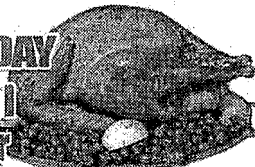
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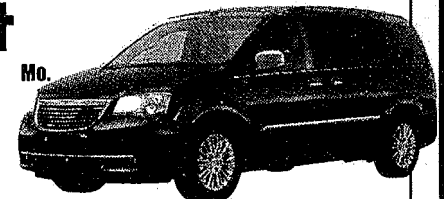
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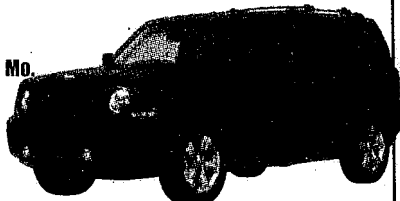
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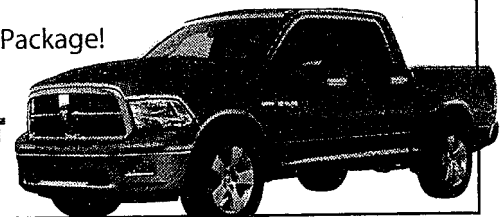
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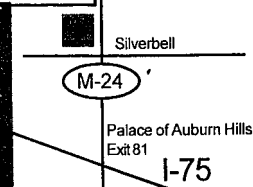
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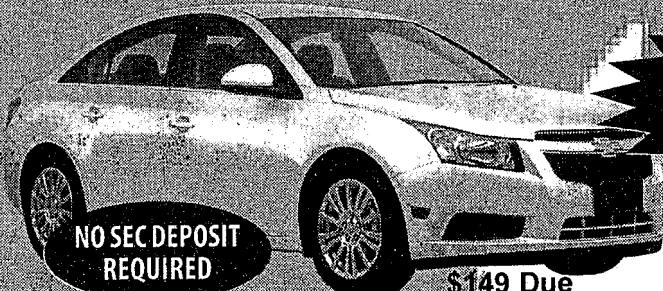


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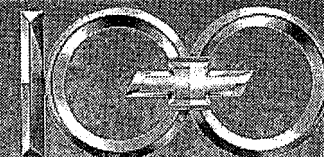
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