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**GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS** from Clarkston! There were plenty of smiles last Thursday at the 27th Annual Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast. The above were recognized for their community contributions. Behind Carolyn Morrison (front) from the left, are Jackie Buchanan, Curt Catalo, Hollie Sayles and Christy Collom; middle row, Grant Smith, Bill Knight and Stewart Siegner; and in back are Matthew Wright, Charles Griffith and Steve Lukens. To find out what they or their businesses did, please see page B9. Photo by Don Rush

Remember the sacrifices of our veterans this Memorial Day!

## Library lowers millage request

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In light of the recent school bond defeat, caution rules the day in library-tax talks.

"It would be nice to have 1.38 (mills), but I don't think that's going to fly very well," said Richard Bisio, Clarkston City Council member at the May 14 council meeting.

Library Director Julie Meredith presented three millage options for a new district library, 1.0, 1.25, and 1.38. One mill is \$1 for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation, or one-half market value.

"One mill is the best you're going to get," said Councilman Stephen Hargis.

When Meredith replied, "we can't function at 1.0," Hargis countered, "which would you rather have, .69 [the library's current millage] or 1.0? I think you need to look at it very realistically. This is the way life is."

Councilman Michael Sabol agreed that 1.0 was the best option.

Council members Bisio, Peg Roth and Thomas Hunter favored 1.25.

"This is a make or break moment for the library - 1.38 would be nice, but people are watching every penny," Meredith said.

The 1.25 millage rate is most likely, she said.

That rate would replace the current .69 mill if the current Independence Township Library takes on district status. At 1.25, the library can plan for maintenance on their 20-year-old building including fixing a leaky roof, ductwork, and parking lot.

According to Meredith, the library currently doesn't "have the money for those kind of repairs."

The 1.25 option also offers residents another level of service, she said.

The library would use 10 percent of its budget on books and other materials cardholders could check out, and the technology plan, which hasn't been funded since 2009, would be reinstated.

The District Agreement Committee recommended 1.38 mills. No ballot language has been written yet.

The next meeting of the District Library Agreement Committee will be on May 29 at 7 p.m. in Independence Township Hall.

The Friends of the library has developed a survey regarding library services, which can be found online at [www.indelib.org/survey](http://www.indelib.org/survey).

## New additions to Memorial Day ceremony

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Those attending the Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 28, can look forward to honoring our fallen soldiers with some new proceedings.

American Legion Post 63 invites the public to enjoy the annual parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Clarkston. Afterward, they can join the veterans in the Lakeview Cemetery for a ceremony to honor our deceased servicemen

and women.

During the ceremony, students from Clarkston Junior High School will share what they've written about what Memorial Day means, and Miss Michigan Kristina Scarcelli will perform "A Faded Code of Blue," which will feature a Civil War reenactor.

Those in attendance will also enjoy a reading of *The Gettysburg Address* and learn about the history of Memorial Day from Vietnam Veteran Barney Schoenfeld.

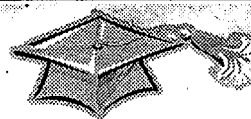
Schoenfeld served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1963 and hopes observing this national holiday will "encourage our young people to continue the traditions of Memorial Day."

To Gerald Grzywinski, who served in the Air Force during the Vietnam era, honoring our deceased vets is important because "they gave the supreme sacrifice."

It is also about brotherhood, said Gordon  
Please see Veterans on page 9A

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# Church's community party to help world

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road in Independence Township, invites the community to three days of fun for a good cause.

The church's One Day to Change mission includes lots for the community, starting with One Day Block Party, 7 p.m., Friday, June 1. The event includes inflatables, a giant dodge ball game, a rock-climbing wall, food, a live band, and an outdoor movie at dusk. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, \$10/carload.

"Families are always looking for something to do," said Teen Pastor Sue Marquis. "Where can you find something for the whole family and know you're making a difference around the world? You'll feel good about how you spend your money."

"It's nonstop fun for the whole family," said College and 20-Something Pastor Jon Rokowski. "We'll have tons of raffle prizes. Chances are, you'll win something."

Saturday, June 2, is the Ride for Hunger Motorcycle Charity Fun Run, a 70 mile ride with six stops, 8 a.m., \$20/rider, \$5 passenger. This year, it includes a Classic Car Show, \$20 per car, \$5 extra person, with lunch and prizes.

"We hope to have a ton of classic and custom cars along with the motorcycles," Rokowski said.

On Sunday, June 3, is Run for Change, 5K certified, chip-timed run, \$25; 1 mile run, and 1-mile family walk.

"The 1-mile family walk is cool," Marquis said. "Push your stroller and bring the little kids. We'll have fun characters along the way to greet them and tell what they're doing to help the world. It's a teaching moment and fun at the same time. It's a win-win."



Sue Marquis and Jon Rokowski, youth pastors at Bridgewood Church, invite the community to join them in a block party, car show, motorcycle ride, and fun run to help war victims in Nigeria, June 1-3. Photo by Phil Custodio

All proceeds benefit Connection with Nigeria, which offers restoration ministry, orphanage, and medical services.

Nigeria is a high-poverty war zone, Marquis said.

"They're just killing people left and right. There are so many orphans," she said.

Senior Pastor Curt Demoff went there last February, she said.

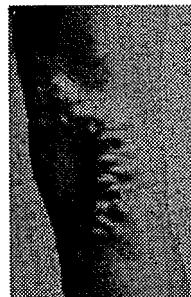
"He has seen it first hand, it was a danger-

ous situation, harrowing," Marquis said. "He met a lot of leaders. Week after week, we'd hear that people he met were killed. It's really personal. It's horrible."

"People put lives on the line just to worship God," Marquis said. "There are many needs locally, but these three days are focused around the world."

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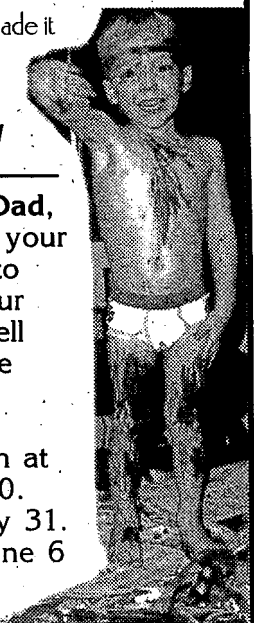
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## Fire millage up for vote

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township voters will be asked two questions about the Fire Department – renewal of the current millage rate at 3.1688, and an increase of .59 mills.

The board voted unanimously, May 15, in favor of the fire mill increase.

“We haven’t had a tax increase on the fire department since 2000,” Trustee Neil Wallace noted. “This is a vital service.”

“We’re happy that the board is supporting this,” Acting Chief Mitch Petterson responded. “Now it’s in the hands of the voters to decide what level of fire department service they want.”

Without an increase, Petterson said the current fire prevention service “will fall off at the end of the year,” and the department will need to continue using outside EMS providers whenever their two ambulances are already in use.

“We’re not looking to start new projects, we’re just trying to make up lost ground,” Petterson said.

The increase would fund the fire prevention division, one more person per shift, and a third ambulance.

View the presentation at [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us).



**POPPIES FOR VETS:** Tom Phipps sells poppies to passersby in downtown Clarkston, May 17. Photo by Mary Keck.

## Trustees cautious about Bay Court fracking idea

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Before any drilling occurs in Bay Court Park, Independence Board of Trustees wants to know its cut of the royalties.

The board voted unanimously, May 15, to fund a title search, which would reveal how much of the park’s minerals the township owns.

Trustee Neil Wallace also asked Chris Bickley, a representative from Jordan Development, to confirm fracking is “not something you’re talking about doing in our community.”

“The fracking process is controversial,” Trustee Larry Rosso pointed out during the board meeting. “We have great pride in our environment.”

Bickley said they do not plan to use hydraulic fracturing to extract minerals under the park.

They do plan to drill if there’s oil under the park, however. Jordan Development will drill 3,000-10,000 feet into the earth, a process Bickley said would take about 10 days. The extraction is “virtually silent and odorless,” Bickley said. “Michigan has had zero instances related to drilling and groundwater contamination.”

The oil and gas firm has mineral rights to 98 acres of Independence Township, and about 28 of those acres are in Bay Court Park. While Bickley said Jordan Development currently has “no requests in place to drill a well in Independence Township,” they intend to seek permission from private residents near the park for space to drill because they cannot legally put a wellhead on the park’s surface.

Once they have a potential wellhead site, they’ll get a permit from the Department of Energy Quality (DEQ) and find out if there’s oil and gas beneath the earth.

“Typically where there’s one, there’s another,” Bickley stated, but “our preference would be oil. That’s what we’re focusing on.”

Prices for natural gas are relatively low currently, said Dr. Chris Grobbel, who was formerly employed to clean up toxic waste by the DEQ.

According to Bickley, “it’s all based on return” on your investment, which is why gas may not be Jordan Development’s goal.

Oakland County Resident LuAnne Kozma is concerned about Jordan’s interest either way. She believes oil and gas firms use “the technique of fracking [hydraulic fracturing] for both oil and gas.”

Dr. Grobbel confirmed fracking can be used to extract both minerals depending on what underground formations the minerals are found in.

Kozma is leading an effort to prohibit fracking in Michigan, which would follow on the heels of a fracking ban passed, May 17, in Vermont. Hydraulic fracturing extracts gas by pumping millions of gallons of water and chemicals deep into the earth.

Grobbel, who has been called on as an expert in several cases between landowners and oil and gas companies, said other states are “cracking down” due to the large amount of atmospheric emissions from oil and gas sites, and the federal government is now looking into pollution caused by oil and gas extraction.

When Clerk Barbara Pallotta asked a few more questions about potential impact to the environment, Bickley admitted, “anything could happen.”

Grobbel said there have been “thousands of spills and groundwater contaminations” in Michigan due to oil and gas drilling.

He suggests residents who are approached by Jordan Development “get an experienced lawyer” who can write an agreement ensuring your “property is properly restored” when

## Briefly

### Memorial Day hours

Clarkston News office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday, Monday, May 28.

Deadline for classifieds is Friday, May 25, at noon.

### Candidates in primary

With a candidate filing deadline of last Tuesday, the ballot is set for the Aug. 7 primary election.

Candidates for Independence Township supervisor include Republicans Terry Fortuna, Patrick Kittle, Todd Waring, and Neil Wallace, who is currently township trustee.

Incumbent Clerk Barb Pallotta will defend her seat against Jeff Decker, both running as Republicans. Curt Carson, incumbent treasurer, is running against Republican challengers Paul Brown and Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki.

Running for four trustee nominations are Republicans Jose Aliaga, Brian Foster, Joette Kunse, Al Pope, Bruce Quigley, Ronald Ritchie, Andrea Schroeder, and incumbent David Lohmeier; and Democrats Joe Wauldron, Jeremy Mitchell, and Kevin Bushroe.

In Springfield Township, incumbent Supervisor Collin Walls is seeking to retain his seat against challengers Ginny Fischbach and Steve Kovacs III.

Incumbent Treasurer Jamie Dubre is running against challenger Rita Hawes.

Running for four trustee seats are incumbents Judy Heasler, Dave Hopper, and Denny Vallad, and challengers Marc Cooper and Kevin N. Selesky.

Clerk Laura Moreau is running unopposed. All Springfield Township candidates are running for Republican nominations.

### Springfield police mill

Springfield Township residents will vote on a 0.75 mill property tax for police services in the Aug. 7 primary election.

“That’s the funding we need in order to maintain the current level of service,” said township Supervisor Collin Walls.

The board considered 0.6 to 0.95 at its May 10 meeting. The 0.75-mill decision was unanimous.

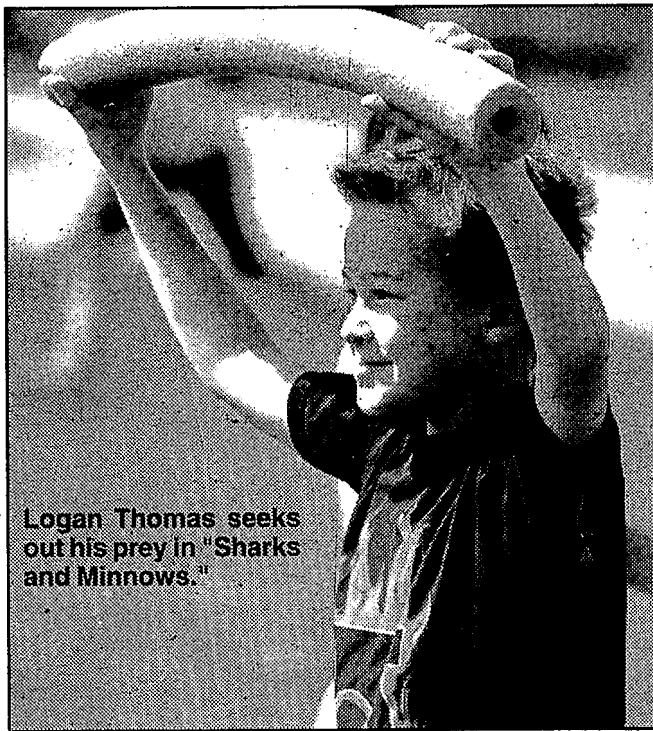
The township contracts with Oakland County Sheriff’s Office for police protection. The millage would run from 2012 until 2015, when it would be combined with a 0.7289 police millage for a single renewal vote. Another 1.5 mill for police services, approved in 2006, expires in 2017.



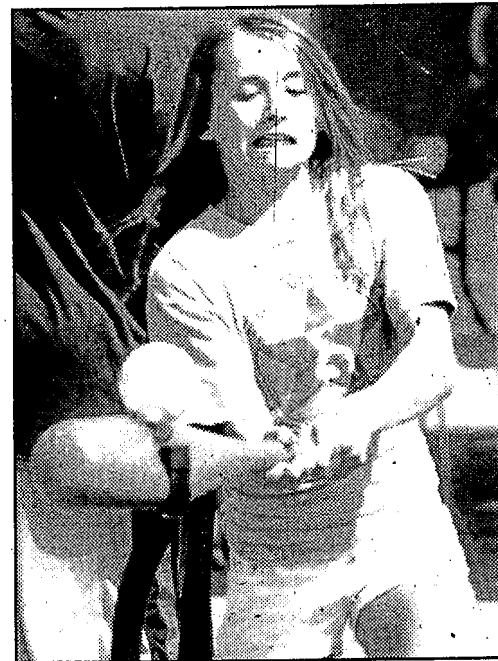
Denin Musse, from Mrs. Plancon's class, dances to 1980s song, "Land Down Under" by Men at Work, during a break.



Boys battle to be the winner of "Survivor."



Logan Thomas seeks out his prey in "Sharks and Minnows."



Danielle Hermansen, from Mr. Yeloushan's class, makes a go at tee ball.

## The best of times

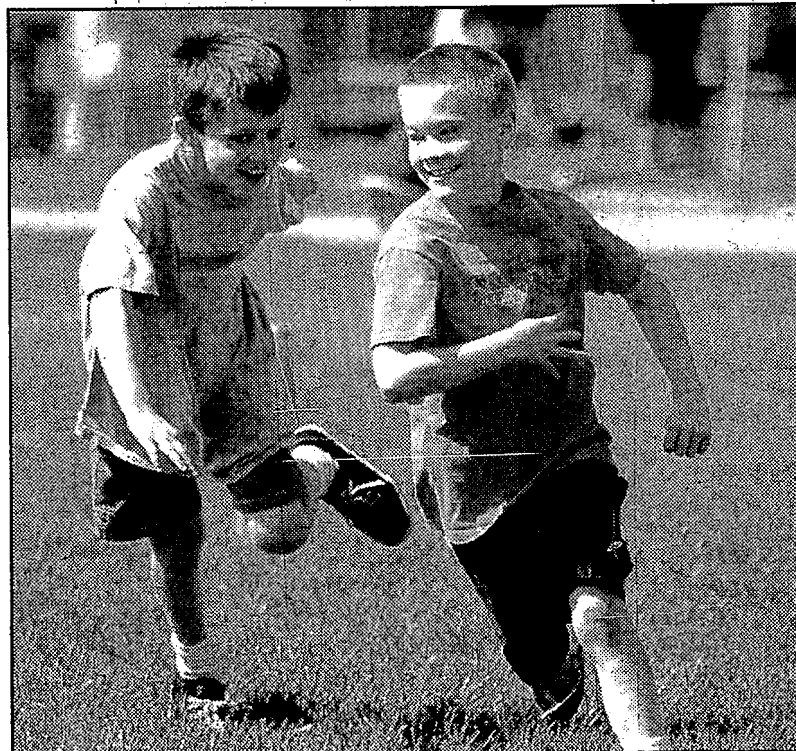
North Sashabaw Elementary students invaded the field and welcomed the fun activities in front of them last Friday.

For their Field Day, the theme was Best of Gym Class, providing all the favorites.

The students split into groups as they took on team activities like badminton and volleyball.

Some activities were individual, like tag, but classmates cheered on the last student still running from the student proclaimed as "it."

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Third-grader Luke Scherler chases Brian Hickey in 10-second tag.

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Cancer survivors kick off Clarkston Relay for Life with a lap around the Clarkston Junior High School track.



From left, Dylan Dicea, Troy Dasher, and Abby Dicea watch a balloon rise into the air at the Clarkston Relay for Life.

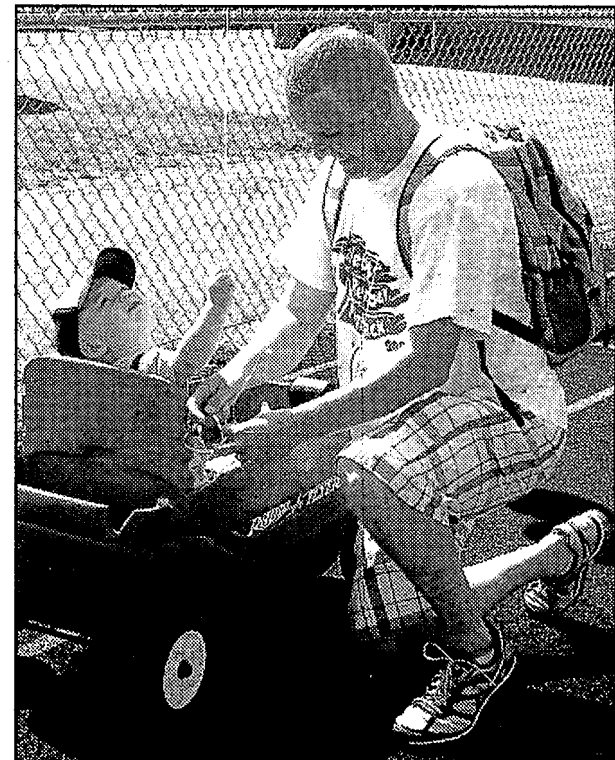
## Hope soars at Relay for Life

Survivors, families, and friends enjoyed fine weather over the weekend for the Clarkston Relay for Life, May 19-20.

Teams lined the track at Clarkston Junior High School, setting up campsites and fund-raising booths offering food, games, crafts, and entertainment in support of the American Cancer Society.

Cancer survivors gathered to kick off the 24-hour event with a balloon release and lap around the track to the cheers of their supporters.

In the evening, their way was lit by hundreds of candle-filled luminaria, each decorated in honor of a cancer survivor or one lost to the disease.



Landon Gay watches as his father Kevin Gay ties balloons to his wagon at the Relay.

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Phil Custodio

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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Vets fading fast

When I was growing up, World War II veterans were young, younger than Vietnam War veterans are nowadays.

The principal of my elementary school was a veteran – he'd tell us stories of combat in the Pacific.

World War I vets were still marching in uniform in parades and coming out to school to talk to us.

Those veterans of the Great War have been gone for years now, and only the youngest World War II veterans are still around.

But not for much longer.

There aren't many weeks when at least one WWII veteran isn't listed in the obituary page. This week's edition has two, Mr. Thomas Doney and Mr. Arnold Johnson.

Last week's paper included Mr. George Thompson, who passed away on May 13 at the age of 93.

I remember seeing George around a lot, at Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day events, presentations to students at Clarkston Junior High and other schools, and other places.

For the veterans events, he'd wear his 1940s issue uniform and bring a case full of memorabilia he gathered while fighting Japanese forces in the Pacific Theater. He loved to show photos he took of native women in their tropical island attire.

Sitting in his foxhole in the middle of the jungle in the Philippines, could he have ever imagined he would survive the war, raise a family, and live well into the 21st century?

Probably not. A few years ago, he told me he wondered why he stayed alive when so many others didn't. He carried a Browning Automatic Rifle, a prime target for Japanese snipers, and took part in major battles.

"The Good Lord looked after me – I always thought there must be a reason," he said at the time.

With more than 50 descendants so far, there were lots.

This Memorial Day, I'm going to remember and honor George, Thomas, Arnold, and their fellow veterans from World War II, Joseph Miracle, who died in action in Afghanistan five years ago, and all other veterans.

Where would we be without them?



## Reader seeks change of vision

Dear Editor,

The school millage failure is only the tip of our local educational iceberg 'Leaders' of Clarkston schools are forgetting American exceptional-ism in favor of globaloney.

If Clarkston schools are not emphasizing the greatness of America, a change in vision isn't warranted, it is imperative.

In an attempt to globalize the youth of Independence Clarkston schools is asking for infants not yet potty trained to enter their propaganda factory. Free food is sent home with children for weekend, and will be served

all summer to one and all who come, as if our schools now produce loaves and fishes.

Once upon a time our schools taught cognitive skills, reading, sums, syntax, and American history. Now, 'leaders' of the district have shown centrifugal forces of global vision have broken their intellectual moorings. Harvard is coming to rescue the children.

Bosh and fiddlesticks...

Rob Namowicz  
Independence Township

## Thanks for support in Race for Kids

Dear Editor,

On May 5, Clarkston Junior High and the Clarkston Foundation co-sponsored the Fourth Annual Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids. This event was created to honor Chuck Keegan, a former Clarkston teacher and track coach who passed away shortly after his retirement. The passion Chuck had for his students when he began his career was still present when he taught his last class. He was an inspiration to both his students and his co-workers. The funds raised from this event provide scholarships for Clarkston students.

This event is more successful every year, thanks in large part to the support of local establishments. We would like to thank the following businesses for their continued support: A+ Teachers Store, Accuracy Temporary Services, Inc., Clarkston Autobody and Towing, FitnessQuest, Graphmark Services, HealthQuest, The Learning Experience,

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Donations were provided by Best Impressions, Costco, Dunkin Donuts, Leo's, Rio Wraps, Subway on Sashabaw Road, and Village Trophy Shop. We are also grateful to Amy Ankrom, Ray Cooper, Michelle Johnson, Claudia Keglovitz, April Kosin, Susan Powers, Michele Przybylski, Bill Rathburg, Debbie Sabo, Wayne Samuel, Alex Sennabaum, Debbie Shotwell, Janet Thomas, and Sue Wilson for their part in making this fundraiser a success.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Keegan family for their continued support of our efforts to honor Chuck and provide scholarships to our students.

Mike Greve, chairman  
Chuck Keegan "Race for the Kids"

## A call for care in fracking decision

Dear Editor,

Independence Township is considering allowing natural gas drilling in the township. I wanted to be sure you were fully aware of the process in extracting this resource.

The first step is drilling a vertical hole, or well head, which has to be permitted. The second step is to collect this gas, which will involve horizontal drilling coupled with multi-stage hydraulic fracturing. This slick water horizontal fracturing procedure is known as "fracking", which is very different from the gas drilling techniques historically used in Michigan. This does not have to be permitted or regulated.

Because Congress exempted this unconventional type of fracking from the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act in 2005 the gas drilling industry has not had to disclose what chemicals they are using or their effects on our environment. To frack, millions of gallons of "slick water," which is made up of

undisclosed toxic chemicals and water, have to be mixed, pumped, stored and disposed of. Most of this process is done above ground, while the actual fracking is done at the bottom of the well. If a well doesn't respond this process might be repeated several times.

Because our local area and whole state is geologically more sensitive than most other states, I would not recommend allowing this unconventional fracking procedure to happen. Why would we allow this to happen when this is banned in Vermont, plus counties and cities in several states, with even more areas considering banning or putting a moratorium on this process. I would wait until we know how environmentally safe this type fracking is.

If you would like more information on this subject, visit [dontfrackmichigan.com](http://dontfrackmichigan.com)

Steve McPherson  
White Lake Township

More letters to the editor on page 15A

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1997

"Making science fun" Students at Bailey Lake Elementary School had their choice of animals during an all-day science day. They got to experience, hands on, lots of other branches of science as they ditched their regular subjects for the day.

"Technology an important part of bond issue" Oakland schools held a "cybercamp" to see if students preferred doing research through the internet instead of the library. A proposed bond was to spend between \$6-\$7 million dollars to bring technology to the students.

"Message clear: Casinos are not wanted here" Residents of Orion, Independence and Oxford townships almost unanimously spoke out against the Bay Mills Indian Tribe putting a casino on I-75 and Joslyn. Volunteers from the community against the idea made an imaginary line across where the bulldozers would be months into the future.

### 25 years ago - 1987

"Catallo debuts as a winner" In his first race, 19-year-old Curt Catallo drove like a seasoned pro as he won the feature race at Waterford Hill Race Track. He was studying literature at Bennington College in Vermont at the time, and flew in for the weekend for the race. His father, Clarence, also a racer, said he was enjoyed his son's racing more than his own.

"Wolves blitz Oxford in second half" Coach of the Clarkston varsity soccer team Hana Olsen gave athletes an incentive that brought a win. At half time, the Wolves were down 0-2. Olsen told the athletes that they would get a few days off if they won and Clarkston ended the game 4-2.

"Therapist Honor" Occupational therapist Gretchen Reeves of Davisburg was placed on the roster of Fellows of the American Occupational Therapy Association, one of the highest honors for an occupational therapist.

### 50 years ago - 1962

"Celebrate 50 years of scouting" Local Girl Scouts were preparing for their Golden Anniversary Celebration in Wisner Stadium in Pontiac. They readied floats, field activities, and dances in colorful costumes.

"Teachers Leaving! Why?" A group of local citizens who were alarmed about the loss of teachers met and held a heated discussion about the issue. They decided to create a committee know as "The Citizens Committee For Better Education."

# Wear your red, white and blue proudly

Memorial Day is our American Day. Our day to remember, pay tribute, honor and salute those who have raised us, helped us, fought and died for us.

Small towns like ours seem especially earnest and willing to participate in this observance.

I haven't missed many Memorial Day dedications, speeches, and parades in my many years in small town newspapering.

They give me added reasons to talk patriotism and feel the red, white and blue in my spirit.

I'm so very proud to be an American. John Phillips Sousa's music thrills me, color guards passing by give me chills, men in uniforms of various services add to my feelings.

The look on people's faces on Memorial Day is different from any other day of the year. Their reverence, respect and dignity shows.

This feeling was initiated, I think, when I marched with a few thousand other sailors in a parade at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in 1944.

We were all so militarily perfect: Heads back, uniform stepping, arms swinging, chests out.

This pride and patriotism strengthens with passing time. I'm more aware of more things that have been accomplished in the United States by fellow citizens.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

We learned the Gettysburg Address and Preamble to the Constitution in a 1-room school in rural Michigan.

Many years later, standing before the statue of President Lincoln, I found I could still recite the words he spoke in the 1860s while following the sculpted words on the memorial.

When you're at a park's or cemetery's Memorial services be sure to look around at the tikes waving their small flags, and older kids riding their deco-

rated bikes. It's a feel-good thing.

And, stick around for the playing of Taps, lowering of the flag and prayer. Solemn and satisfying.

Large numbers of people use Memorial Day to visit cemeteries for their loved ones. They will see lots of American flags stuck in the ground next to headstones of deceased service people.

Veterans organizations with the assistance of others like, the Young Marines, plant these flags:

There are six cemeteries in Oxford and Addison Townships. The Oxford American Legion Post has ordered 600 for placement this Memorial Day.

We've been in a lot of wars, but 600 still sounds like too many lost service people.

Memorial Day, is, of course, just that... a day for remembering Mom, Dad, family, friends and others who are no longer with us.

We mourn and try to remember all we can of those who lived in our land under God of the people, by the people and for the people.

## Some things that have come up

As I pop in and around this community and the surrounding communities, lots of folks seek me out to give their opinions on stuff. (I haven't figured out why they don't ask for my opinion, though, so I am usually relegated to giving it en masse in these, the hallowed halls of Don'tRushMedom.)

First, what has come up.

One gent has hounded me for the last few weeks to look into the United Nations' Agenda 21.

Agenda 21, websites report, uses the guise of "sustainable development" as a nice way to weasel into our lives. It was the brain child of the 1992 climate control consortium of governments in Brazil. It has not been ratified by Congress.

Backed by ultra-rich and left-leaning George Soros, some American communities have received grants to further Agenda 21 planning. In Michigan, one website reports Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Ferndale, Flint, Grand Rapids and Traverse City are tripping down the Agenda 21 pathway.

There's a growing group of folks who think Agenda 21 is sneaking in through the back-door (because Congress won't ratify it), bent on strip-

ping Americans' unalienable rights originally enumerated in the Declaration of Independence. Sustainable development will override property rights and eventually lead to population control.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Since I have only about 28 hours a day to do my stuff, I have only allocated 15 minutes to research this.

If anybody wants to know about it, I encourage you to investigate. It's interesting to note, both Kansas and Tennessee legislatures have gone on record as opposing Agenda 21.

My opinion? Property rights and population control, hmm? "Property rights" is an oxymoronic term anymore, anyway. The government really owns the property, we just pay rent.

Heck, you can work like the devil for decades to pay off the bank note, but forget to pay taxes and you're out on your keester.

And, let's not even go down the eminent domain alley, it is just too

dark.

My thoughts on population control? I could care less.

I personally took care of that in 2002 and will no longer be contributing to the overpopulation of resource destroying, air-breathing, gas-producing carbon-based life forms.

And since we are on government overstepping, or stomping on anything resembling life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness... I read on-line (so it has to be true) the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is proposing to track every vehicle on Utah's Interstate 15, collecting this data and sharing it with other government types.

The writer of this article stated the commonwealth of Massachusetts, the state of Connecticut and Washington, District of Criminals already do this.

They know who comes in, where they go, what intercessions they turn on and they store this info for up to three years.

(Note to self: don't drive over the borders of Connecticut, Massachusetts nor Washington, D.C.)

(Note 2 to self: what is a commonwealth and is their a commonpoor, and if there is am I a native of such a place

because sometimes it feels so and everybody knows feelings are only based on reality).

In Clarkston recently, the community said "no" not to kids, but to the school board, when they turned down a \$20 million bond proposal.

The vote was against this board's recent activities but more with boards of education of the last 15 years.

I believe Superintendent Rock has taken the hit for sins of the past, which he had nothing to do with.

I believe this board moved too fast on this failed bond, gambled with and threw away \$35,000 (the cost of the election) that would have been better spent on educating kids.

I believe most who voted against the proposal, would vote for something less farfetched.

Should the board come back with another bond proposal, they first need to get folks together who are not in lock-step with them.

They need thoughtful skeptics and watchdogs. They don't need yes-men and lapdogs. They need to trust more than themselves.

(Note 3 to self: you may have just volunteered for duty, best start clear-

# Clarkston considers passing sewer service to township

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston may give control of the city sewer system to Independence Township as a cost-saving measure.

"It's come to the point that we need to take a serious look at it," Mayor Joe Luginski said.

Along with the mayor, Independence Township DPW Director Linda Richardson, City Manager Dennis Ritter, and township Superintendent Bart Clark are among those

who will explore the possibility of a sewer management switch in a meeting on May 30.

Currently, each household pays \$97 for sewer each quarter, and the city typically pays around \$170,000 to the township for all four quarters, Dennis Ritter said.

He believes giving the sewer over to the township may "improve efficiency in both operations" because the township already performs most of the maintenance on the sewer.

"All we do is collect the fee and forward it

to the township," Ritter explained. "Little of the money we collect goes into our operations, (but) it does take up employees' time."

Giving the sewer over to the township isn't the only outsourcing the city is considering to balance their budget. They are also looking into having another community do assessing, Ritter said.

He's already called a couple of communities, but hasn't had any luck thus far.

To battle their projected 2013 \$60,000 deficit, the council intends to waive their sala-

ries, saving approximately \$8,000, and \$15,000 will be cut from the planning commission's budget. Sidewalk repairs costing the city \$3,689 last year will be trimmed too.

Ritter noted this sewer management swap is "one of many reviews" and is still "really preliminary."

For control of the sewer to change hands, both the City Council and the Independence Township Board must come to an agreement. The council will meet again on May 29 at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

## Swim contest at Deer Lake

A donation from Clarkston Area Optimist Club will keep Deer Lake Beach open this summer.

As a part of this donation, they are sponsoring a free swim lessons contest. Children will draw pictures of how much they love swimming in the outdoors. Parents are encouraged to assist their toddlers if needed.

The deadline is Monday, June 4, by 5 p.m. The winners will be picked that week.

This contest is limited to swimmers in the Water Babies classes through Level 2, and those who live in the Clarkston Area School District, or Independence Township.

Deer Lake Beach does offer swim lessons for children ages 6 months and up.

For more information, call Kelly Hyer, Independence Township Parks and Recreation, at 248-625-8223.

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## Planters, tools, tire taken

An SUV's spare tire was taken from a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Campfire Circle, April 30.

Someone pulled the plants out of two fiberglass planters then took the planters from a home in the 6000 block of Lake Waldon Drive, April 30.

The license plate was taken from a motor home on Clarkston Road, May 6.

Someone took yard equipment, power tools, and golf clubs from a garage in the 5000 block of Glenwood Creek, May 7. There were no signs of forced entry.

## Backyard trampoline fire

Someone set a foam archery target on fire in the backyard of a home in the 6000 block of Deer Ridge Drive, May 3. The fire burned a hole in the middle of a trampoline, under which the target had been placed.

## Erratic super drunk driver

A deputy stopped a 45-year-old Ortonville woman for driving erratically on Sashabaw Road, 10:02 p.m., May 5. With a blood alcohol level of .20, she was arrested and jailed for super drunk driving, at more than twice the legal limit.

## Parked car robbed

Money, CDs, camera, and golf clubs were taken from a car parked in the 6000 block of Onandaga Road, May 4. No sign of forced entry, though a power lock may have been malfunctioning.

# Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

## Marijuana Arrest

A deputy on patrol noticed cracks in the windshield of a car and stopped it at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, 7:59 p.m., May 5. Smelling slightly of marijuana and asked if anything was illegal in the car, the driver, a 22-year-old Independence Township man, said he had a pipe and some of the drug. The passenger, a 22-year-old Clarkston woman, also had a misdemeanor warrant for larceny out of 52-2 District Court. Searching the car, the deputy found an electronic scale, \$420 in cash, pipes, two passports, packing material, and marijuana. The driver was arrested and jailed for possession of marijuana with intent to sell and marijuana paraphernalia. The passenger was cited with possession of marijuana. The owners of the passports said the documents had been taken but was never reported.

## Drug paraphernalia citation

Checking on a report of a vehicle parking near a bus stop and selling drugs to children, deputies found a 20-year-old Independence Township man in the 4000 block of Clintonwood Road, 3:08 p.m., May 9. He said he was there to visit his brother and a friend. He was found with a pipe but no drugs, and he said he wasn't there to sell drugs. He was cited with possession of drug paraphernalia and told not to allow children to approach his vehicle.

## Fleeing suspect caught in tree

Assisting Brandon Township in a search for a suspect, an Independence Township deputy noticed a car moving erratically on Red Bud Lane and tried to stop it, 12:40 a.m., May 12. The driver, a 34-year-old Brandon Township man, fled south into Independence Township at speeds up to 70 mph, crashing in the 8000 block of Sashabaw Road, at Stickney Road. He then fled on foot into the woods. Deputies were tracking him when he called his brother, telling him he was hiding in a tree. Given his number, deputies called the suspect, who said he didn't want to get shot, tazed, or beaten. Assured that wouldn't happen, he surrendered to police. He was treated by Independence Township paramedics and taken to McLaren hospital for further treatment. He was arrested for fleeing and eluding.

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

# Join veterans in honoring fallen troops

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Ross served in the Navy during Operation Desert Shield from 1986 to 1991. "We're honoring our fallen brothers," he stated. Ross believes the best way to show appreciation for military service is to "respect and show your American flag and talk to children about patriotism."

According to Ross, it isn't easy to describe what it's like to be a soldier. When you're serving overseas, "you feel segregated from the safety of your country," he explained. "It can go from being bored to death to being scared to death in a moment."

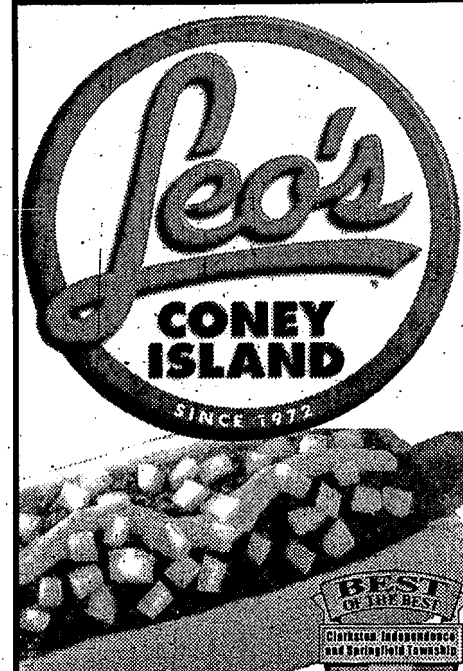
Grzywinski agreed. "It's unlike any other experience."

Although our veterans have endured experiences like no other, a simple "thank you for your service" makes them feel honored, World War II Veteran Joe Savino said. To those currently serving in our armed forces, Gerald Grzywinski says, "Be proud. We support you. You're always in our thoughts and prayers."

On Memorial Day, our fallen heroes will be honored by those who can best understand their experience, and the veterans of the American Legion hope the public will join them. "When we march down the street and people are clapping and cheering, that's a proud moment," said Schoenfeld.



From left, Gerald Grzywinski, Gordon Ross, Joe Savino, and Barney Schoenfeld gather at Lakeview Cemetery. They are among the veterans who will participate in the 2012 Memorial Day ceremony. Photo by M Keck



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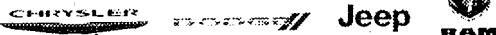
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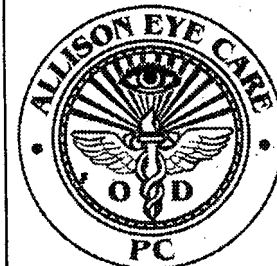
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# 2-peat tennis champions

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

For the second consecutive year, not only have the Lady Wolves captured the MHSAA Girls Tennis Regional title but scored 30 points out of a possible 32 points.

"We were very excited," said Becky Freeman, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team. "Winning 30 points was great. Every player made it to the finals. It was exactly where we wanted to be."

Each court had a Lady Wolf on it going into the championship battle and six won their matches pushing them to the top.

For singles, Katie Brozovich took on Rochester Adams' Halle Hyman in court one - and it was a fight no one would forget going into the first match.

"It was real intense," Freeman added. "It was really good tennis."

But only one could come out a winner and it was Brozovich - 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3.

"It was her talent, her skills and her desire," Freeman said about what helped Brozovich to win. "I knew she was going to win. She is too feisty."

For singles, Lexi Baylis, in court two, defeated Rochester Adams' Marla Seaver, 6-0, 6-0; Paige Olsen, court three, defeated West Bloomfield's Gillian Meyers, 6-1, 6-1; and Abbey Hubregson, court four, defeated Stoney Creek's Lauren Kuzdak, 6-2, 6-1.

"Paige is doing great," Freeman added about the player who moved to singles from doubles during the season. "She is playing

really strong and seeing good competition. She is playing excellent. I am proud of her."

The champions for doubles were: Dana Olsen and Olivia Dunn, in court one, defeated Jill Freedman and Meghana Subramanian from West Bloomfield, 6-1, 6-1; and Monique Zentner and Katie Hubregsen, court four, defeated Francesca Tiberi and Ariana Arwady from Rochester Adams, 6-2, 6-1.

"They all played extremely well," Freeman added. "They were very solid all day. They gave up very few games."

The doubles team of Allie Wilson and Amy Wozniak, in court two, and Jordan Stuart and MacKenzie Bedor, in court three, took runner-up.

Wilson and Wozniak lost their flight to Rochester Adams' Cathy Weng and Christine Wang, 6-2, 6-2. Stuart and Bedor lost to Rochester Adams' Kathy Xu and Kristin Heim.

During the Region 7 competition, Rochester Adams took second place, scoring 23 points and West Bloomfield took third with 17 points.

The Lady Wolves are now prepping for the MHSAA State Finals set for June 1-2 at Midland Community Tennis Center.

They played Marian on Monday and Birmingham Seaholm on Tuesday.

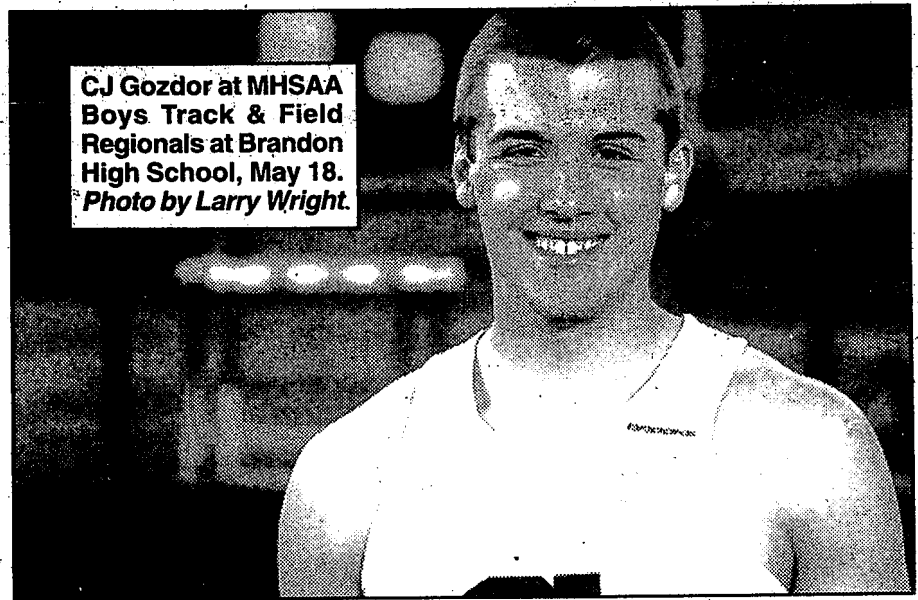
"We know the competition isn't over," Freeman said. "We set up tough matches for ourselves so we can better prepare ourselves for states."



MHSAA Girls Tennis Division 1 Regional Champions: Lexi Baylis, MacKenzie Bedor, Katie Brozovich, Alyssa D'Andrea, Olivia Dunn, Abbey Hubregsen, Katie Hubregsen, Miranda Marshall, Dana Olsen, Paige Olsen, Jordan Stuart, Allie Wilson, Amy Wozniak and Monique Zentner. Photo provided

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CJ Gozdor at MHSAA Boys Track & Field Regionals at Brandon High School, May 18. Photo by Larry Wright.



## Soaring to new heights

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior CJ Gozdor is heading to the state finals after placing first in the high jump at the MHSAA Boys Track & Field Regional meet last Friday.

"It is exciting," he said. "It has been something I wanted to do for a long time. Last year I took second place and barely got to go to state. It was fun."

Gozdor took first place with his 6'3" jump during the meet and will now focus on gearing up for states on June 2. But first he has the Oakland County Meet this Friday.

"I will probably make sure I practice and make sure at my top condition for states," he added. "Also, get all the little stuff in my technique right."

During the season he set his personal best with 6'7" in the high jump at the OAA Red league meet, May 11. He also took first place. It was the second consecutive year he was the OAA Red Champion in the high jump.

"It is always a goal to set to be first in the league," Gozdor said. "It helps out the team as much as it helps out myself."

He joined track in eighth grade after playing lacrosse in seventh grade.

"I broke both my shinbones right in half," Gozdor explained. "I was just getting better by springtime. I thought I would have a higher chance to reinjure myself in

lacrosse."

He joined track to stay in shape. He was successful in the high jump and kept with it. Gozdor said, for him, it was a priority to jump higher as he finished his high school career.

"I haven't had a good season since my freshman year," he explained.

His sophomore year he had knee surgery and couldn't jump. Last year he was weak at the beginning of the season after just recovering from mono.

"I didn't have a lot of time to gear up for the season," Gozdor added.

He plans to continue his track career in college. He is currently talking to coaches from nine different universities in Michigan.

Gozdor finished his classes on Tuesday and had a 3.5 GPA going into finals for his third trimester classes - AP Statistics, 20th Century Literature, Forensic Science, Creative Writing and Personal Economics.

For aspiring athletes he advised to stay involved.

"After senior year things aren't going to be the same again," he reflected. "You have to live it up while you are here. Most athletes don't go on to the next level. The more you stay involved the less you are at home doing nothing or getting into trouble."

His parents are Gary and Suzanne.

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Clarkston High School softball team heads into playoffs with a record-setting, 32-5, season. Photo provided

## Awesome play in first tournament win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves smiled as they celebrated on Saturday night - they just made school history by winning the University of Michigan Tournament for the first time.

"It was awesome," Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters said enthusiastically. "The kids played awesome. They had lots of fun. They made great plays and did a lot of clutch hitting. They represented the school extremely well."

The girls opened the tournament against Jenison on Friday night. They clinched the win with three runs in the fifth inning and finished with a 5-0 win.

Junior Sydney Hasselbach hit the first of her four home runs during the game bringing

in two runs. Senior Megan Hastings hit a triple and had one RBI. While freshman pitcher Madeline Maday had a shutout with nine strikeouts.

"Jenison is a traditional powerhouse," Peters said. "Everything was fresh and exciting at that moment in the first game. We got a key home run early in the game and Madeline shut them down. We had some great defensive plays. They did a nice job."

The girls beat Brighton, 5-3, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 12-2, St. Clair, 11-1, Saline, 12-4, and Ypsilanti, 3-0. They lost to Howell, 4-3.

Hasselbach scored three more home runs during the weekend as well as a triple and two doubles with nine RBIs. Hastings hit a home run against Saline and had a triple and a double with six RBIs. Katie Nelson hit a

home run, triple and one double. Shauna Siwicki hit two doubles and had seven RBIs.

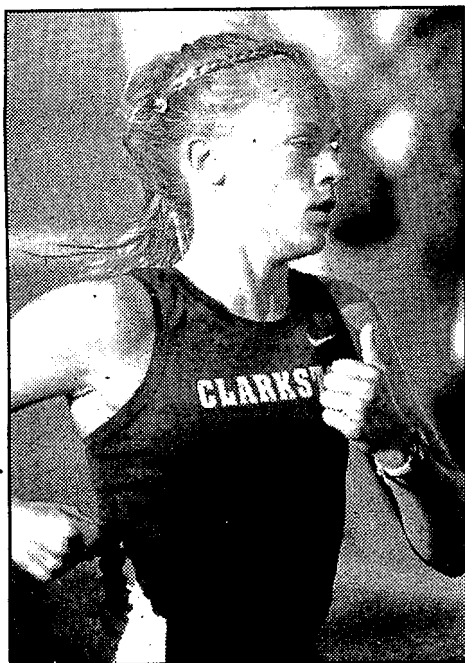
On the mound, Maday had 35 strikeouts and four runs for the weekend. Freshman Candace Kitchen had six strikeouts.

"Madeline and Candace did a lot of good pitches in pressured situations," Peters added. "For hitting, when they needed a hit they got them. When the game was on the line the girls came through. A lot of those hits were when they absolutely needed to make them."

The girls are now over 30 wins at 32-5, putting Peters at a new record at Clarkston.

"This is a great group of girls," he said. "They play well together. It is very well-deserving."

The girls start playoffs next Tuesday.



Natalie Smith picks up speed. Photo by Larry Wright

## Moving on to state finals

Wolves are jumping and running to the MHSAA Track & Field State Finals in East Kentwood.

CJ Gozdzor secured his spot in the high jump for the Clarkston Boys Track & Field team by taking first place in the high jump with 6'3" in the MHSAA Regional meet last Friday in Brandon.

The top two finishers from each event move on to the state finals. Athletes reaching the predetermined qualifying mark by MHSAA can also move on - in which Clarkston will send more athletes from seven events.

Gozdzor will be joined by Adam Bruderick competing in the 800-meter run, qualifying at 1:57.6. Bruderick is also part of the two relay teams heading to states with Blake Sutherland, Ian Brennan and Mike Schwartz in the 1,600-meter relay and with Brennan, Sam Tanielian and Spenser Pawlik in the 3,200-

meter relay.

For the Lady Wolves, Natalie Smith qualified for two individual events - the 1,600-meter run, 5:09.7, and the 3,200-meter run, 11:27.2.

Smith will join teammates Jill Harris, Molly Jeffers and Erin Billette when all four compete in the 3,200-meter relay after qualifying at 9:38.36.

Billette will also compete in the 800-meter run after her finish at 2:20.4

The girls finished in seventh place as a team with 50 points. Rochester Adams finished in first place with 122 points; Brandon took second, 88; and Romeo took third, 63.5.

The boys finished in sixth place after earning 32.75 points. Grand Blanc took first place with 172 points; Lake Orion took second, 139; and Swartz Creek, 46.

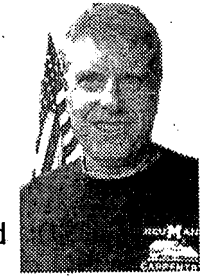
Both teams compete in the Oakland County Meet on Friday in Milford.

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# Tatu to bring on thunder at college level

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cager Nick Tatu is taking his skills to a new court after committing to join Trine University's Men's Basketball team next season.

"It is a big relief," Tatu said about becoming a member of the Trine Thunder, a NCAA Division III university and member of the Michigan Intercollegiat Athletic Association.



Tatu

"The recruiting process isn't very fun," he added. "Some coaches will tell you false information but Coach Brooks Miller meant everything he told me. He said he wanted me as his number one recruit and he meant it."

Tatu also liked the setting of Trine University, a small school in Angola, Indiana.

"The school size is smaller than Clarkston High School," he said. "The class sizes are really small. I will get the personal attention from my teachers and I will do better in school."

Though it is a small school there are still a lot of events Tatu is excited about being a part of.

"It has a big school feel outside on campus," he said. "There is a lot of campus life."

Tatu has played basketball since he was in first grade and has loaned his skills and techniques to the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team since he was a freshman.

During the four years he has helped the team win three district titles and one regional

title in his freshman year, 2008-2009. During the same season the Wolves made it to the Final Four in the MHSAA Boys Basketball playoffs at Breslin Center. He hit a game-high during his senior season with 47 points against Troy, Feb. 7.

It was his love for the game that made him continue in college.

"I felt if I stopped playing I would miss it," Tatu said. "My brother decided not to continue playing when he went to college. I didn't want to have the same regret."

It was his toughness on the court that first caught Miller's eye at a AAU event in Indianapolis last summer.

"There were thousands of kids there and we were following some of the Michigan teams," Miller said. "We saw him on the floor. We loved all the stuff he was doing on the floor - taking dives, making plays, knocking down all the shots - all the things well-coached tough kids do. He does all the little things to win games."

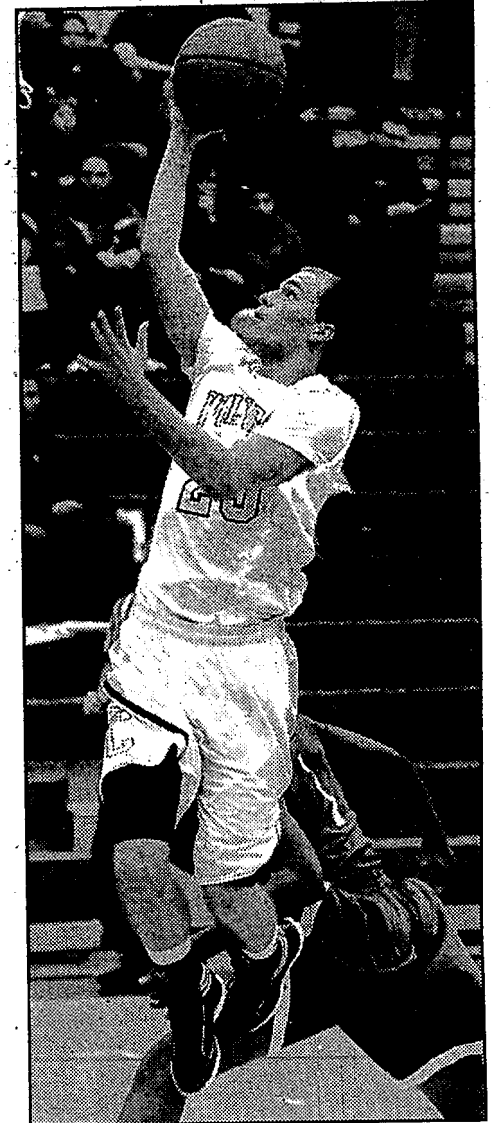
The Trine Thunder finished last season in third place in the MIAA with a 15-11 winning season. Tatu's

"We are extremely excited to have a kid of his character and ability to be part of our university, let alone our basketball program," Miller said. "His toughness and guts will be huge for our program. He is a great representative of what we want to be about on and off of the floor. We feel fortunate and can't wait to get him on campus."

For aspiring cagers, Tatu left the advice to work hard every day.

"It goes by fast," he added. "Faster than would ever think it would. Capture the moment."

Tatu will be studying criminal justice at Trine University and wants to become part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



Nick Tatu jumps for a shot during the Wolves 2011-2012 season. Photo by Larry Wright

## Wolfpack Update

Golfers took 14th place at the Oakland County Division 1 tournament at Pontiac Country Club, May 16.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team scored a 329 with Dan Corrazza leading the team with a par of 79. Jack Alli had a par of 82; Nick Badgley, 83; Alex Genter, 85; and Jimmy Delnick, 86

Novi took first place with a score of 309.

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The Clarkston Boys Varsity A Lacrosse team held onto their winning streak last Friday against Midland.

Going into the second half both teams were tied at five points a piece. The Wolves came out scoring 4-1 in the third quarter and scoring three more goals in the last quarter to win 12-6.

Jordan Kincaid and Travis Craft led the

team with three goals each. Kincaid had three assists and Craft had two. Sam Moore added two for the game. Kevin Horton, Kevin O'Grady, Mike Vanderweel, Connor Ward had one goal each.

Ethan Frick, Evan Kneisel, Nick Demettia and AJ Schlaff led the defense with 13 ground balls and 15 takeaways.

The boys also beat DeLaSalle on May 15, 9-4. They outscored the visitors 6-1 in the second half to take the win.

Craft led the team with four goals. Horton added three and Kincaid had two goals. O'Grady assisted on three goals.

The wins put the Wolves at an overall 14-2 record.

The Wolves begin their playoffs on Friday, 6 p.m. The winner moves on to the next round set for May 29.

## Summer Ball

Fife Camp is July 16-20 and is open to boys entering grades 7-9 in the fall.

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The camp is coached by Dan Fife and his Clarkston High School Basketball staff. It is open to the first 104 applicants.

For boys entering grades 4-6 is Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp.

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The camp is July 9-12, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The cost is \$145 and is open to boys looking to improve their skills and hope to reach their full potential as a player.

Forms are available online at [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics).

# Viewpoints on township fire mill issue, candidacies

## Fire millage

Dear Editor,

In the last three years, Independence fire services have undergone two cost-cutting reorganizations.

First, the positions of assistant fire chief and administrative specialist were eliminated with administrative duties taken up by Chief Steve Ronk and two administrative positions. And one firefighter was eliminated from each shift, with a plan to expand the role of part-time firefighters to provide the necessary coverage.

In the second round, three positions were set for elimination by attrition, the fire inspector, fire marshal, and emergency medical services coordinator. Chief Ronk has worked hard and smart to extend the useful life of fire and fire service equipment. The firefighters union voluntarily shifted their scheduled pay increase for 2010 to cover a portion of their healthcare expense.

In the most recent contract negotiations, the firefighters union makes significant money-saving concessions including ending longevity payments, no wage increases through the end of the contract in 2014, and restructured healthcare plan.

This vital community service has continued to perform to the high standards we have come to expect and rely on. The expansion in 2000 added emergency medical services has saved many lives and prompt, quality care has meant a better quality of life for many, many more.

The entire millage that pays for these services expires at the end of this year. Chief Ronk and his staff have examined, and re-examined with a sharp pencil, the expected costs needed to maintain service levels. In several sessions, they have presented their analysis to the Township Board.

Although service levels have been maintained after the cost cutting, some adjustments need to be made. Replacing some firefighters with part-timers has not worked out to be as effective as planned. We have been fortunate it has not yet been a service problem, but we cannot rely on hope for the future.

These goals, maintaining current service levels and having reliable equipment, cannot be accomplished by renewing the existing 3.1688 mills. I favor .59 additional mills because I believe it is necessary and the community will understand the need and importance for all of us.

Neil E. Wallace  
Independence Township

## Critical letter

Dear Editor,

Henry Woloson's letter in the May 16 paper is a direct example of how Wallace supporters continue to bash good people and not focus on what's best for the township.

Mr. Woloson obviously does not know me as he states I have little community involvement, my website shows my involvement in this community and what I stand for "electtoddwaring.com"

I am proud to have Trustee Mark Peterson's endorsement as he in my opinion is a true leader and truly has the township's best interest at heart and does not play a role in the embarrassing political squabbling that the current township government is known for.

Regarding Ed Adler, he is a well known successful and respected businessman and an asset to this township, the township board voted to purchase the property from him, so if it's believed the township paid too much for the land, then shame on the township not Ed Adler.

This again is a perfect example of how the current government and its supporters continue to focus on bashing and not the future

of this township and the residents best interests, embarrassing only themselves.

Todd Waring  
Independence Township

## Supervisor race

Dear Editor,

This race between Neil Wallace and Todd Waring is like the one between President Obama and Mitt Romney.

Obama can't run on his record so he gets others to beat up on Romney. Likewise, Neil Wallace can't run on his record unless he's proud of the thousands in tax dollars spent on huge increases for township attorneys and consultants, a private investigation looking for a township tractor, refusing to cooperate with sheriff investigators on sending township employees on private property. No, Wallace has his people beat up on Todd Waring.

Like Obama, Neil Wallace loves spending other people's money, and Todd Waring, like Mitt Romney, is a business man, not a politician.

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Chelsea Chase didn't let leg surgery keep her from the Clarkston Awards Breakfast. Photo by Lance Farrell

## Top scholars win awards

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools recognized 30 seniors at an Awards Breakfast sponsored by Clarkston State Bank on May 15.

"This group of students really challenged themselves academically," Principal Gary Kaul said. Most of those accepting awards took advanced studies courses, earned strong GPAs, or scored well on the ACTs.

Although they'll be graduating, their hard work isn't finished as many students intend to continue their educations. For example, Seniors Amber Gustafson, Jessica Moreno, Spenser Pawlik, and Andrew Riggs plan to attend the University of Michigan in the fall. Others like Chelsea Chase, Kristina Ballough, and Evan Gorgas will pursue careers in the medical field.

"I'm really excited," Chase said of attending Hope College in the fall.

Although she's looking forward to a change of scenery, she acknowledged, "it's nice that you work so hard all through high school to be recognized and see other people recognized."

Caleb Jenkins agreed.

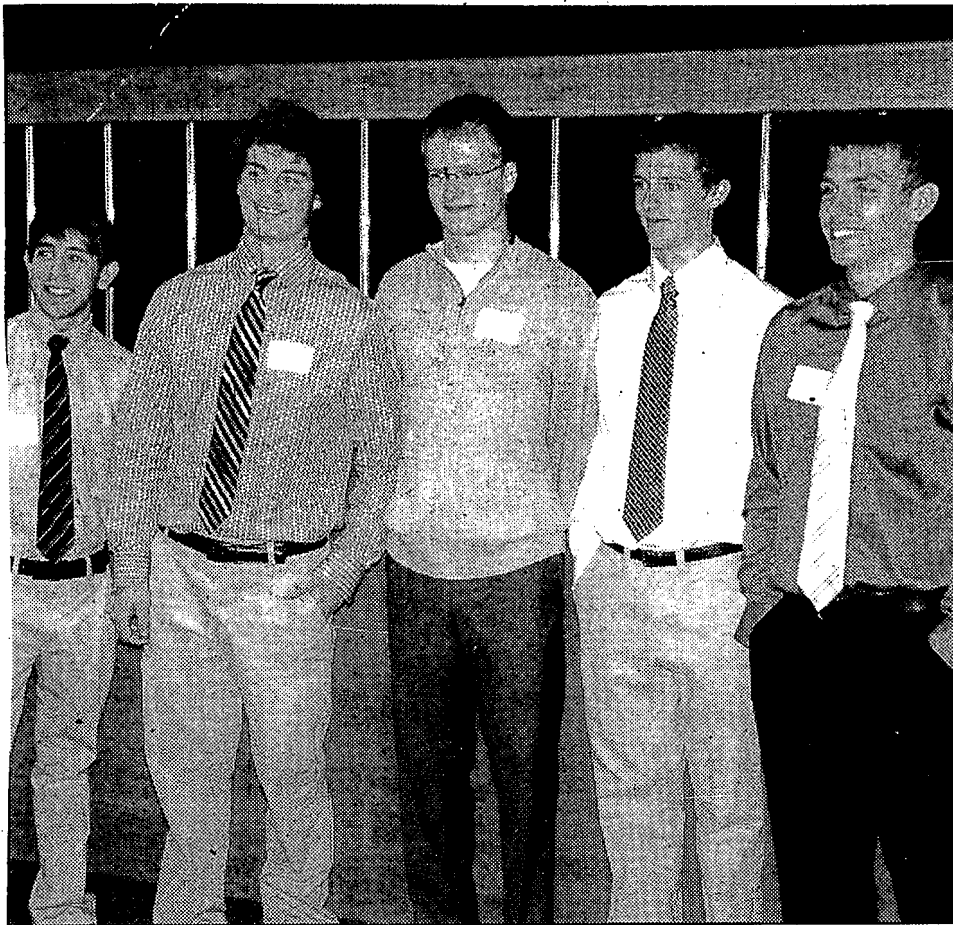
"It feels good, and it's nice to be graduating," said Jenkins, who plans to attend Albion and study engineering.

While many will remain in Michigan after graduating, some in the 2012 class will be looking to schools out of state like aspiring neuroscientist Adriana Prada who will do her academic work at the University of Chicago.

Senior Danielle Dunn was accepted to Marquette University in Wisconsin and hopes to major in biological sciences. Other graduates will study in the South like Tyler DeCoster and Nicholas Dahl who will head down to the University of Alabama.

"It makes me hopeful for the future," Renaissance High School Principal Billie Pambid said of the graduates. "They're outstanding."



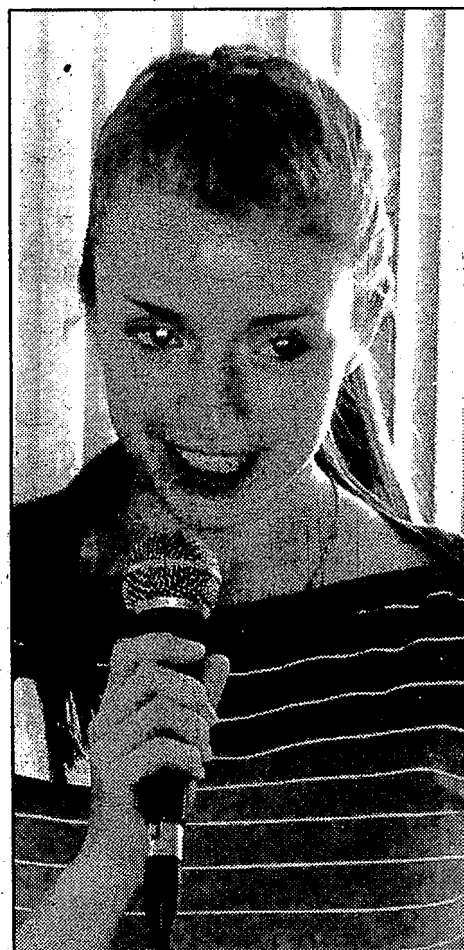


From left, Andrew Salada, Ethan Frick, Caleb Jenkins, Nicholas Dahl, and Spencer Pawlik will graduate this spring.

## Top grads of 2012



Senior Jill Harris shares her appreciation for Clarkston Schools.



2012 Grad Danielle Dunn speaks about her future plans. Photos by Lance Farrell



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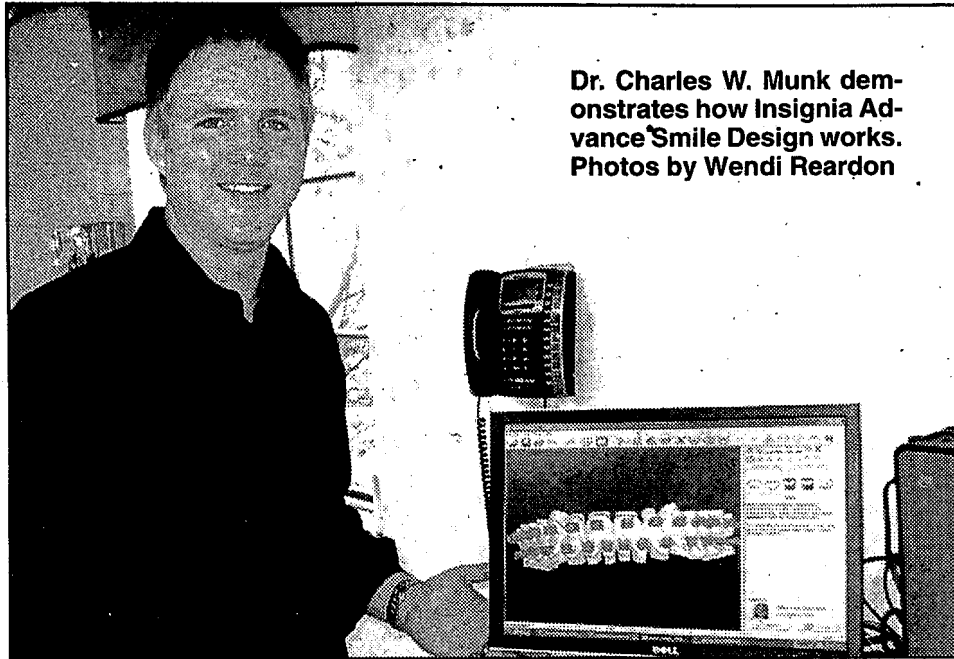
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Dr. Charles W. Munk demonstrates how Insignia Advance Smile Design works. Photos by Wendi Reardon

## High-tech smile at Munks

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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From left, Munk assistants Kim, Sandy, Brie and Shelby treat a patient.



Softball athletes proudly show off their trophies they won at the tournament. Photo provided.

## Local team puts its competition on Ice

Clarkston's Ice Silver 10U girls' softball team defeated the Oakland Sidewinders, Genesee County Gatorcats, and the Hurricanes out of Dexter, Mich., to win the NSA Fight to the Finish tournament in Davison, May 5-6.

Ice Silver will continue to compete throughout the summer in at least two tournaments a month around the state. They will hold tryouts on Aug. 18 to prepare for the 2012-2013 season. Track the team's progress at [ice10u.softballtracker.com](http://ice10u.softballtracker.com).



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# Seniors figure out social networking

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you haven't been careful about what you post on Facebook, you may want to reconsider next time you log on because grandma or grandpa may just send you a "friend" request.

At the Senior Center in Clintonwood Park, seniors have been learning how to navigate the popular social media site, and "they do a very good job," said their instructor Carol Compagnoni.

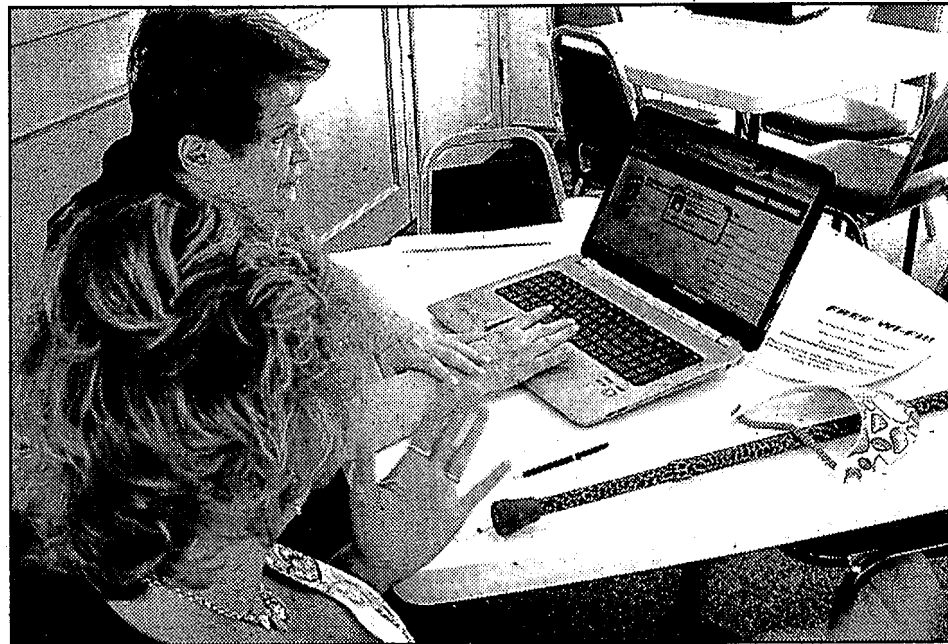
Over the past few weeks, Compagnoni who offers technology instruction through her Computer2tur service, has been teaching seniors computer basics on a range of topics from hooking up your speakers to using Microsoft Word. Lately, her students have been eager to understand Facebook.

Participant Janice Herr-Krein already uses the Internet for shopping and booking flights, but she wanted to try Facebook because she feels like she's getting behind.

"Technology is moving so fast," she noted.

Janice plans to use social networking to find old classmates and connect with family.

During last Thursday's class, Janice got logged on, started searching for friends, and learned how to use Facebook's privacy set-



Janice Herr-Krein logs onto Facebook to find friends. Photo by Mary Keck

tings and chat feature.

"I've wanted to do something like this for a while," she said.

Carol Compagnoni plans to continue tutoring seniors interested in the cyber world. In fact in their next class, seniors will be com-

municating via Skype, an online video chat service.

For more information check [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us), and next time you update your status, don't forget that grandma or grandpa may be watching.

# Clarkston exercises on the edge

When you want to get fit, do you look to NASA or the Navy Seals for inspiration? Shar Saffold, owner of Encore Pilates does. "We offer things to residents they can't get anywhere else," she said. "Everything we do is cutting edge."

Saffold's studio is the only one in North Oakland County with Pilates equipment, including a machine called a Power Plate that was developed by NASA to help astronauts regain bone density after being in space.

She said it also "diminishes cellulite and

offers a good workout for your core" by using multi-dimensional vibrations to activate your muscles.

"One half hour of working out on a Power Plate is equal to a one hour weight-training workout," according to Saffold.

If you're interested in exercising like a Navy Seal instead of an astronaut, you can hang from straps attached to Encore's ceiling and do TRX Suspension Training.

It is "different because you do a lot of stuff suspended in air" from the straps, Duke

Taylor explained. "It works different muscle groups because you're in positions that you aren't normally in. It gave me a good workout."

Taylor started doing Pilates about two and a half years after hurting his back. Since training at Encore, his "back is probably as strong as it's ever been."

Saffold said Pilates "can be done for an athletic workout or for rehabilitation." She's worked with clients with scoliosis, osteoporosis, and even pregnant women.

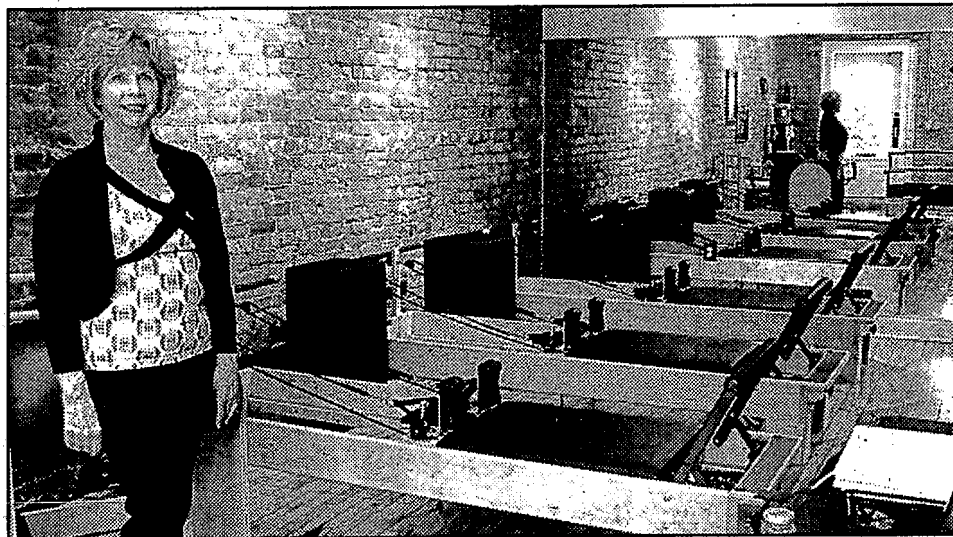
The difference between Pilates and other exercises like aerobics is that Pilates is low impact, which makes it easier on the joints and good for mobility, Saffold said.

Although some clients use Pilates to renew their bodies, most who walk through Saffold's door want to "tone up, lose a little weight, strengthen their core, and feel flexible again." Of his training at Encore Pilates, Duke Taylor said, "I'm in as good a shape as I've ever been."

Like Taylor, Saffold's love of Pilates grew from her personal experience. After taking classes in Birmingham, she started training in Miami, Florida at Core Dynamics and has been doing Pilates for the past eight years.

You can find out more about Shar Saffold and Encore Pilates at [www.encorepilates.org](http://www.encorepilates.org).

- Mary Keck



Shar Saffold's Pilates studio is ready for work outs. Photo by Mary Keck



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think of them  
everyday."



- Mary Chowanic

"We honor  
them every  
week in  
church, and  
my family  
goes to the  
National  
Cemetery in  
Holly to honor  
them."



- Wilma Kengerski

"We donate to  
the children of  
fallen soldiers  
relief fund."



- Christina Lis

"I go up North  
with my dad,  
and he shows  
us pictures  
from when he  
was in the Air  
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- Joseph Shefferly

By Mary Keck

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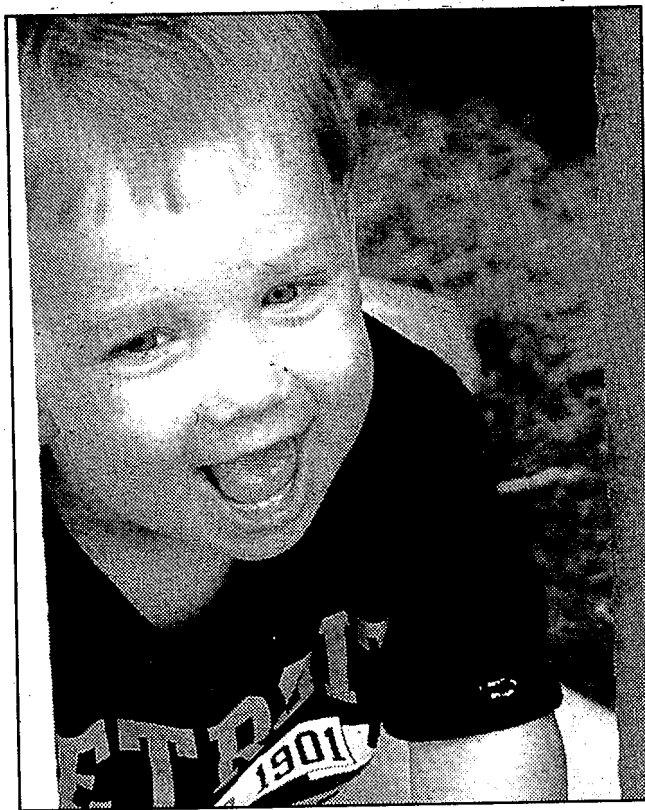
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Jacob Schachermeyer crawls out of one of the cartoon forts from Fort Cube.



Sammy Dekoninck shows he is ready for his first race. Photos by Wendi Reardon

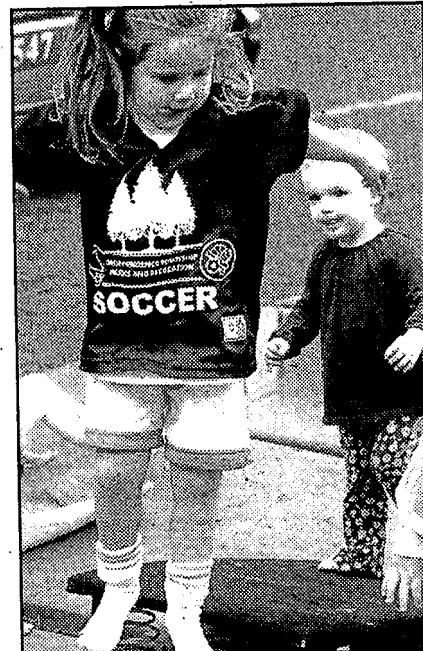
## Just for kids!

Lots of smiles and laughter filled Clintonville Park on May 13 as the Independence Township Parks and Recreation held their Kids Day and Kids Only Garage Sale.

Activities included making and flying kites, a petting zoo, archery with Oakland County Sportsmen's Club and more.

More fun is coming from Independence Township Parks and Recreation as they get ready for their little league opening day set for June 2. Camps and activities are filling up for the summer, and they are setting the final details for the Fourth of July Celebration.

For more information and for a Recreation Guide, please visit [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org) or call the office, 248-625-8223. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. They are closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.



Avery Eastman jumps for the Stars and Stripes Gymnastics activities.



Clark the Turtle, from Great Turtle Toys, dances with Kayley Prukner.



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# Around Town

## Special Events

**Rummage Sale, May 25-26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;** May 27, 12-3 p.m. St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Donations for the sale accepted, May 20-24. 248-625-4644.

**One Day to Change the World 3 Day Event,** Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. June 1, 7 p.m., Community Block Party with rock climbing wall, bungee trampoline, velcro wall, bounce house, prizes, games, large outdoor movie screen, with "Cars 2." June 2, Motorcycle Fun Run, Classic Car Show. June 3, 5K Run For Change, 1 Mile Family Walk. 248-625-1344.

**Perennial Plant Exchange,** Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 9 a.m., June 2, Clarkston Village Parking Lot, Washington and Main streets. Trade divided, thinned plants with others. 248-620-2984.

**Home Tour for Clarkston SCAMP, 5:30 p.m.,** June 2, with Patron Night banquet, \$100-\$200; 11:30 a.m., June 3, with box lunch, \$30. Check-in, Depot Park. Transportation provided by shuttles. 248-623-8089.

**Emergency Food Assistance, OLHSA, 10** a.m.-3 p.m., June 5, Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road. Seniors only. Bring proof of address, family size and ID. Eligibility requirements, call 248-209-2600.

**Flip This Garden** presentation by Sandy Wilkins of Jackson, Mich., hosted by Springfield Garden Club, 10 a.m., June 13, Springfield Township Civic Center Meeting Room, 12000 Davisburg Road. \$3. Wilkins is on several hosta societies and her garden will be featured on the International Conifer Society tour this year.

**Golf Outing,** Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, 8 a.m., June 15, Fountains Golf, 6060 Maybee Road. \$99. 248-625-3731.

### Monday

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

**Mothers & More,** non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

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

**Clarkston Rotary Club,** Mondays, 6:30 p.m.



Peter and Julie Piazza's home in Independence Township, which was built in 1871, is one of five homes in this year's Clarkston SCAMP Home Tour. Photo provided

# Home Tour for SCAMP

Five Clarkston-area homes are featured in the 2012 Clarkston SCAMP Home Tour. After a 5:30 p.m. Saturday tour, participants who purchase Patron Night reservations are invited to a party at Deer Lake Athletic Club's banquet hall. The party is complete with a live auction, a raffle and dancing. Guests are encouraged to wear black or white attire in order to match the night's color theme.

Saturday reservations are \$100, \$150 or \$200 donation. A strolling dinner with wine and beer is included. Saturday participants should check in at Depot Park between 5:30-7 p.m. Houses close at 7:30 p.m., when the party starts.

Sunday, June 3, reservations are also available for a \$30 afternoon tour. Participants who sign up in advance receive a free box lunch, but last-minute supporters are also welcome. Participants should arrive at the park between 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Houses are open from 12-5 p.m.

Transportation is provided by shuttles. Also, Clarkston Heritage Museum and graduates provide school memorabilia from 1930-1960 at Renaissance High School, the former Clarkston High School, on Waldon Road.

Advance registration ends May 30. Check [clarkstonscamp.com](http://clarkstonscamp.com) or call 248-623-8089.

**Clarkston Community Education Center,** 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

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

**Slow Flow Yoga** with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45p.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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

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

**50+ Line Dancing,** Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Dance to country, salsa, cha-cha and rock and roll rhythms with Rosemary Hall to exercise your body and mind! Ongoing @ \$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

### Tuesday

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

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**Gentle Yoga** with Rev. Matthew Long, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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

**Breast Cancer Support Group,** second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. May 8: Open House Reunion. 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841 or 248-798-5503.

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

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

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

**Widowed Friends,** Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier. Please see Around Town on page 18B

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Nicolis Senko reads his published book of fiction.

## Youth authors

Clarkston Elementary students performed fairy tale plays and published realistic fiction for families and friends in "Celebration of Literacy," May 11.

Mrs. Maras' grades 1-2 split class selected plays, picked parts and practiced reading as a group. The young actors worked on facial expressions and voice inflections to make their character come alive on stage.

After the play, everyone returned to Mrs. Maras class to continue the "celebration of literacy." Each student worked for the last month creating a realistic-fiction story.

The students learned it takes hard work, time, and many steps to become a really good author. They wrote and rewrote for weeks to come up with a rough draft, edited, and revised drafts until they were just right. Parent volunteers came in to "publish" the stories into type with the writers at their side, scrutinizing every word. The young writers then spent another week and a half illustrating their books. The final step was to create a personalized author's page for their bound published fiction short stories.

## In our country's service...

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Jeremy D. Frigo**, son of Dawn and Bruno Frigo of Clarkston, recently completed Naval Nuclear Power Training Pipeline.

During the course with Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, N. Y, Frigo received instruction about nuclear theory,

chemistry, physics, reactor operations, safety and security.

Upon completion of the course, Frigo qualified as a Naval nuclear operator.

Frigo is a 2009 graduate of Clarkston High School of Clarkston, and joined the Navy in January 2010.

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## Religion

# Turn to God to overcome faith challenge

Do you believe in God? It is a question we often hear. For most Americans the answer through the ages has been yes. Even today many people would respond in the same way.

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As you begin the discussion and bring in biblical proofs these people often refute these with statements such as "I don't believe the Bible. Give me a proof that is sure, that is true."

Proof? As there are more and more digs and finds in the Middle East they find evidence supporting what the Bible teaches us. Name plates and burial sites and other evidence of people who are not mentioned other than in the Bible are being found.

Proof? What book has survived the many challenges through the years? God's Holy Scriptures.

These are but two opportunities of

showing God is the Creator of all that is. If time and space allowed we could and would show more. My rebuttal to those who demand proof is often two-fold.

First, prove to me what science teaches. Replicate the Big-bang or evolution. Science, by definition, must be repeatable and observable.

Second, if you do not believe the Bible then we have nothing to discuss because all I believe is given to me in these sacred words.

Is this a new problem? Not at all. Paul struggled with it in his ministry.

He writes in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?* <sup>21</sup> *For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.* <sup>22</sup> *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power*

*of God and the wisdom of God.* <sup>25</sup> *For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

The Jews sought miraculous confirmation (signs) that Jesus was God's promised Messiah. They did not expect God's Messiah to be crucified. It was a scandal!

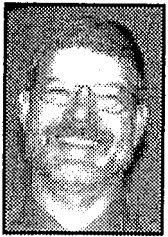
The Greeks, who depended on wisdom, who were "lovers of wisdom" (philosophers) see what God has given as foolishness. Who can believe in a god who allows his son to be put to death as a common criminal? That is foolishness (and so God's wisdom appears to those who do not believe in Him or understand His ways).

Do you believe in God? Even the devil believes in God, probably more so than many of us today.

But do you really believe in Him? Then follow His guidance *to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself.* (Matthew 22:37, 39).

*The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.*

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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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**Tapping the Source** movie, 6:30 p.m., May 24. Science, business, New Thought, futurists share insights on being happy, healthy and successful, discussion follows. Free-will love offering. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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## Obituaries

### Thomas Doney, 90

Thomas William Doney, "Bill," of Davisburg passed away May 15, 2012, at age 90.

He was the loving husband of Barbara for 62 years; dear father of Sandra (Mike) Eaton, Denise "Annie" Auten, Beverly Goralczyk and Bill "Willie" Doney; also survived by seven grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Doney was a veteran of World War II. He and his wife owned and operated Brandy Bar in Detroit for 23 years until their retirement in 1977. He was a member of Smith Old Timers and enjoyed wintering in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Funeral service at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Online guestbook  
www.wintfuneralhome.com.

### Arnold Johnson, 87

Arnold T. Johnson of Davison went home with his Lord and Savior, May 20, 2012.

He was born in Detroit on July 13, 1924, the son of Arthur and Laura. He married Lois Jones on Sept. 17, 1949.

Mr. Johnson graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1943. He served our country during World War II in the U.S. Army with the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He earned five Battle Stars, which include D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge.

He attended University of Detroit. Arnold was employed 38 years for Higbie Manufacturing as international project coordinator, retiring in 1992.

He attended Faith Baptist Church, Davison.

He was the husband of Lois for 62 years; father of Gail (Tim) Jahn and Gary (Sharon); grandfather of Courtney (Mike) Plotzke, 2nd Lt. Shaun Jahn, USMC and Christopher Johnson; great grandfather of Madeleine and Abigail Plotzke; brother of Arthur (Gertrude) and Ruth (Bill) Kostich; brother-in-law of David (Betty) Jones; also many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by parents, his twin brother Owen and sister Shirley Haughom.

Funeral service, Friday, 10 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Military graveside services, White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Contributions may be made to the Davison VFW-Post 4087. Special thanks to Faith Baptist Church and Genesys Hospital staff. Online guestbook  
www.wintfuneralhome.com.



### Thomas Michael Allen, 63

Thomas Michael Allen of Clarkston passed away May 2, 2012, at age 63.

He was the beloved husband of Deborah; loving father of Amanda (George) Berletic; adored grandfather of Royce; cherished son of Dottie and the late Roland Allen; also survived by his sister, Sue Shubert.

Mr. Allen graduated from Clarkston High School before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakland University and Master of Arts degree from Michigan State University.

He retired from Brandon Schools in 2011 after a 36-year teaching career.

A lifelong athlete, his passion became running, exercising, and fitness. Spending time with family, especially his grandson, provided his greatest joy in life, and he will be missed by all who loved him. Memorial Service was May 12 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook: www.wintfuneralhome.com.

## Occupy at Bank of America

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With signs declaring, "We are the 99%" and "Bad for America," Occupiers gathered in front of Bank of America on Ortonville Road, May 9.

Demonstrator Pam Belding of Ortonville said Bank of America is "one of the leaders of the foreclosures in this country. The 99 percent wants Bank of America to help people avoid foreclosure. They haven't paid their taxes in three years; I'm proud to pay mine."

The activists from Ortonville came to Independence Township to be a part of a nation-wide protest centering on an annual shareholders meeting taking place at Bank of America's corporate headquarters in Charlotte, N.C., where approximately 1,000 protestors demonstrated on the same day. According to the Occupy website they gathered, "to build pressure on the big banks to do more to strengthen—not pilage—the economy. We need an economy that works for everyone, not just the wealthiest one percent."

Unlike their supporters in Charlotte, Occupy Ortonville protesters didn't have sunshine. Instead, the 12 who gathered stood in the rain as "well over 8,000 cars drove past," Belding said. "We had lots of people honk and wave in solidarity."

Belding hadn't ever joined a protest movement before helping to organize Occupy Ortonville last month.

"I'm not going to wait for someone else to come along and fix the problems in this country. Hard work is not enough anymore. The system is broken, and everyone is affected," he said.

Other activists holding signs in the rain echoed Belding's perspective.

"For the last 30 years, it seems like the top one percent are getting richer and richer while the 99 percent are struggling," Holly Resident Sherlynn Everly said. "We're supposed to be a democracy, but we look like a plutocracy. The rich elites influence the decisions at the top level."

In response to the common criticism that occupiers should get a job, Everly explained, "I worked for the state of Michi-



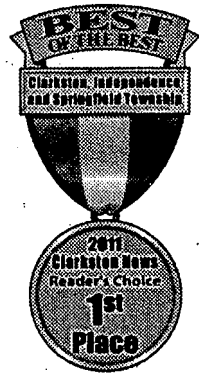
Richard Duchesneau carries an Occupy sign on M-15.

gan for 20 years. I paid my dues. My 401K and retirement plan haven't grown as much as the wealth of those who manage it. I have a problem with people making so much money for doing absolutely nothing."

Unlike Belding, Sherlynn Everly has a long history of activism. She joined thousands of women who marched in Washington D.C. in the 80s to support the Equal Rights Amendment. To Everly, the Occupy movement "is even more critical." Belding and Everly said the protest on May 9 wasn't the last time we'll see Occupy Ortonville.

Bank of America declined to comment on the protest. For more information, check occupyortonville.weebly.com.

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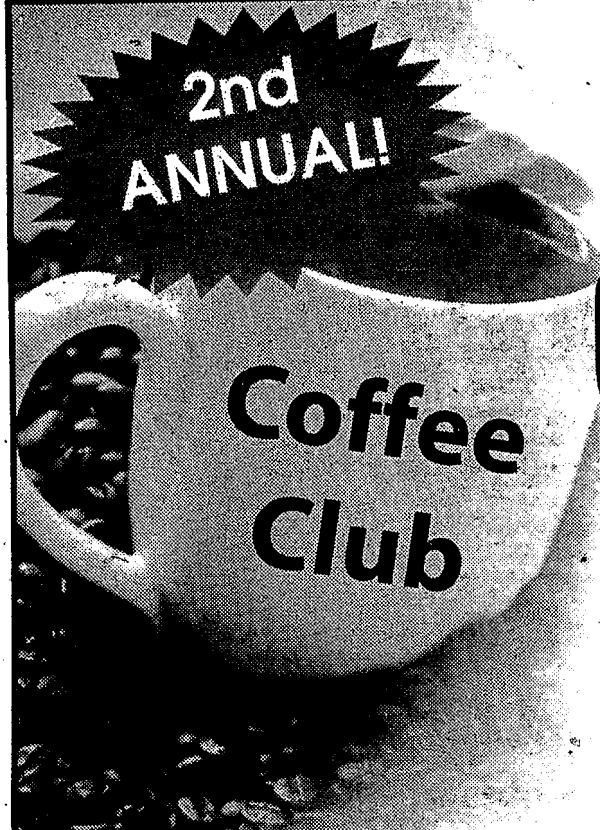


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# Clarkston doles out community awards

By Don Rush

Clarkston came out last Thursday to recognize outstanding individuals and businesses in the community. Close to 120 people attended the 27th Annual Clarkston Community Awards breakfast.

Hosted by the Clarkston Community Church for the third time, there were seven awards handed out. **Charles Griffith** was awarded Citizen of the Year; **Matthew Wright**, Youth of the Year; **Carolyn Morrison** was awarded Adult-Youth Volunteer of the Year; **Curt Catalo** was named Business Person of the Year; **Genisys Credit Union**, was given the Community Collaboration award; **Clarkston State Bank** was given the Community Enhancement award; and **Health Quest** was given the Community Beautification & Preservation award.

"It's hard not to be moved by the generous hard work by so many unsung heroes. Congratulations to all the awardees and to the Clarkston Community Church for hosting another inspiring breakfast," Donna Bullard, Chamber President, said.

Citizen of the Year Charles Griffith, humble before the audience, said he could only accept the award if he could "honor those people, who in their quiet hidden ways, help the community."

A counselor, Griffith has helped individuals and families by offering his services "pro-

bono." His role model, he said, was St. Therese of Lisieux. "She wrote, '... My vocation, at last I have found it. My vocation is Love!'"

Matthew Wright was named Youth of the Year for his involvement in school and in the community. His nomination letter said, "He is highly respected by his fellow classmates and continually demonstrated a maturity beyond his age..."

The Adult-Youth Volunteer, Carolyn Morrison, is also known as the "Energizer Bunny" for all her efforts. She works with the senior center, scouting troops, Renaissance High School, Sashabaw Middle School and elementary schools.

For their efforts to improve and enhance the community, two financial institutions were given two separate awards. Genisys Credit Union was given the Community Collaboration award and Clarkston State Bank was given the Community Enhancement award.

For their efforts renovating 32 S. Main Street, Health Quest was given the Community Beautification & Preservation award.

For his work ethic and his commitment to his hometown, Clarkston restaurateur Curt Catalo was named Business Person of the Year. The owner of the Clarkston Union and Clarkston Woodshop restaurants said he and his wife Ann wanted to make sure Clarkston was something more than "just another exit along I-75."



Curt Catalo thanks his wife, Ann, his parents, grandparents and his home town, Clarkston.



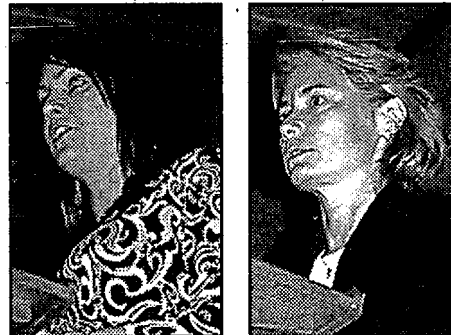
Youth of the Year, Matthew Wright.



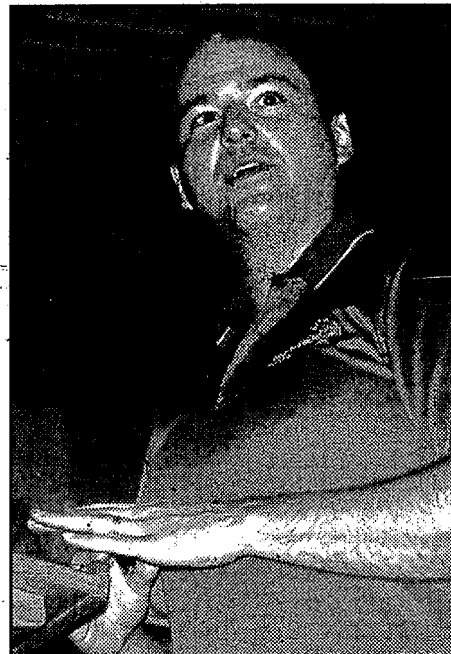
Accepting for Clarkston State Bank was bank president, Grant Smith.



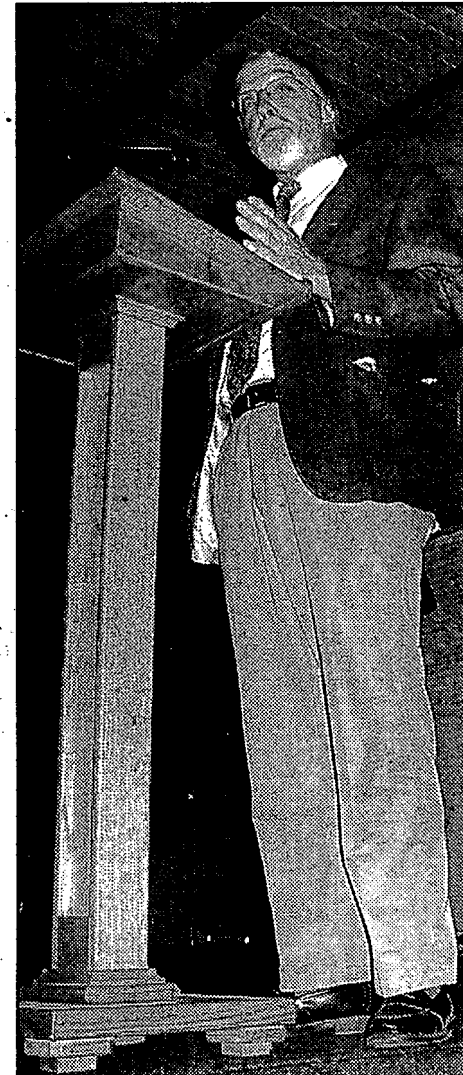
Carolyn Morrison is congratulated by Pastor Greg Henneman.



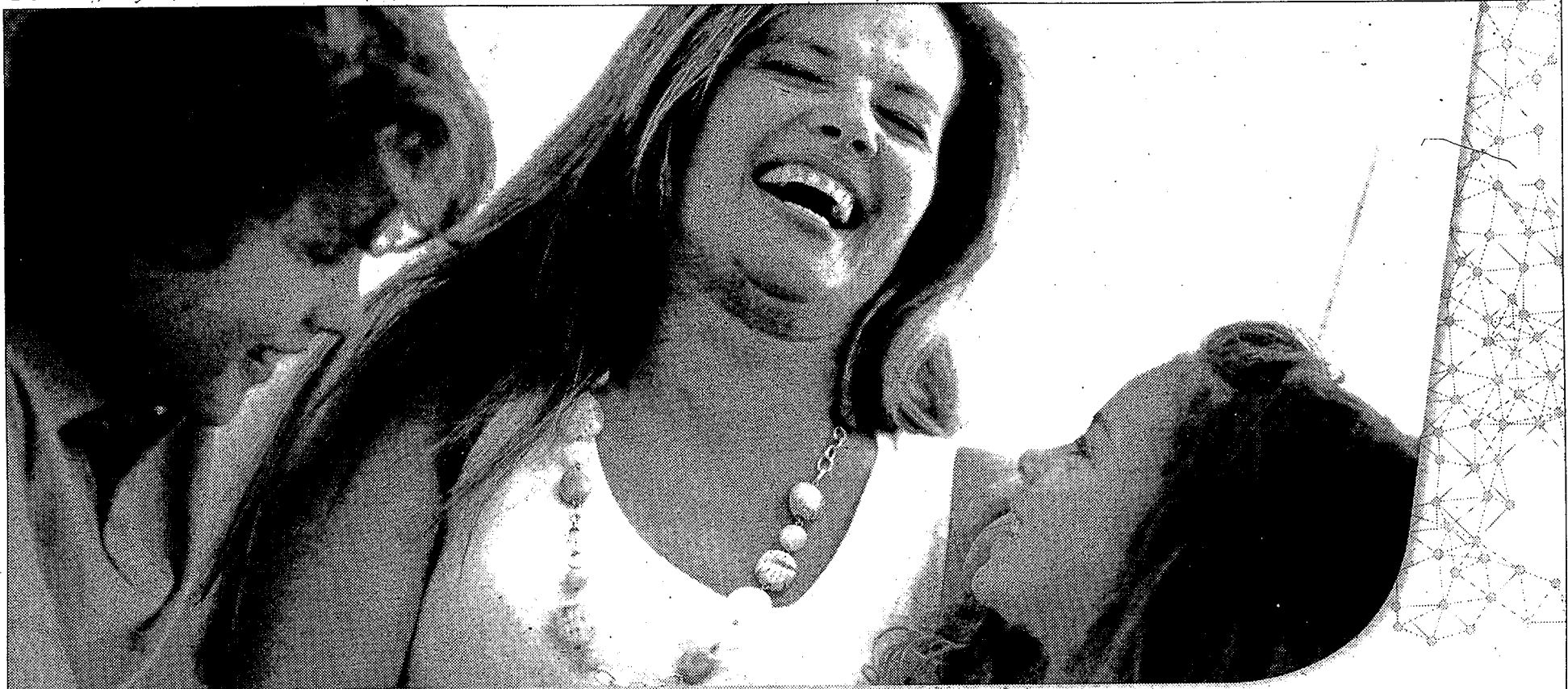
Jackie Buchanan, left, and Hollie Sayles from Genisys Credit Union. Photos by Don Rush



Steve Lukens, HealthQuest co-owner



Citizen of the Year Charles Griffith.



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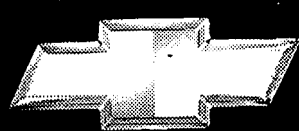


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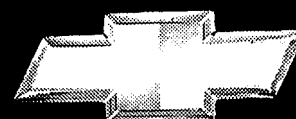
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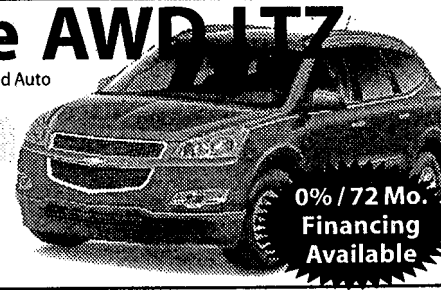
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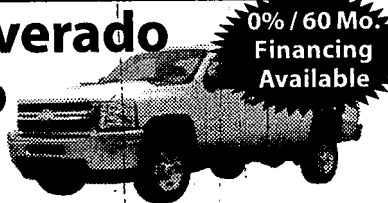
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**SYNOPSIS**  
**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**MAY 15, 2012**

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

Absent: Lohmeyer, Petterson, Wagner  
There was a quorum present.  
Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Mitch Petterson, Acting Fire Chief; Gary Sharp, Staff Captain; Kristen Steloff, Assessor; Joe Barnhart, Cable Access Program Manager; Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich

- Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved  
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as amended  
E. CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled  
F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None  
G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None  
H. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Thendara Park Private Road Winter Maintenance Special Assessment District  
The Public Hearing Opened at 7:42 PM  
Public Comment: Tom Neal  
The Public Hearing Closed at 7:45 PM

- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:  
1. Report: Superintendent's Update (Bart Clark, Superintendent)  
2. Presentation: Jordan Development Company-Oil & Gas Exploration at Bay Court Park

- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None  
K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Request to Purchase Equipment for Independence Television Studio - Removed  
2. Budget Amendment #6, Part 1 and 2 - Removed  
3. Approval of Contract Renewal with Parastar, Inc. for EMS Billing Services  
4. Approval of OCSO Agreement for Dispatching Services

5. Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Budget Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2012

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:  
1. Approval to Purchase of Equipment for Independence Television Studio  
2. Approval of Budget Amendment #6; Part 1 and 2

- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Agreement between M-15, LLC and Independence Township and Transfer Ownership of Class C Liquor License to M-15, LLC  
2. Adoption of Resolution #2 for Thendara Park Country Club Subdivision - Private Road Special Assessment District  
3. Adoption of Ballot Language for Fire Millage for Placement on the August 7, 2012 Primary Election Ballot

- Public Comment: Ron Ritchie; Joette Kunse; Patrick Kittle; and Joel DeLong  
4. Approval to Conduct a Title Search for Bay Court Park Property

5. Approval to Direct Superintendent and Township Attorney to Draft and Execute DTE Agreement for Police Coverage

6. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the Amount of \$301,261.90.  
Reconsideration of Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

- Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the Amended Amount of \$413,803.59  
Approval of Payroll in the Amount of \$259,044.61

- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board Members commented on various topics.

- O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: March 2012 Monthly Report from Oakland County Sheriff's Office  
2. Report: Monthly Financial Update through April 30, 2012  
3. Report: Budget Adjustment #2  
4. Report: DPW Projects Update  
5. Safety Path Advisory Committee Minutes - April 11, 2012

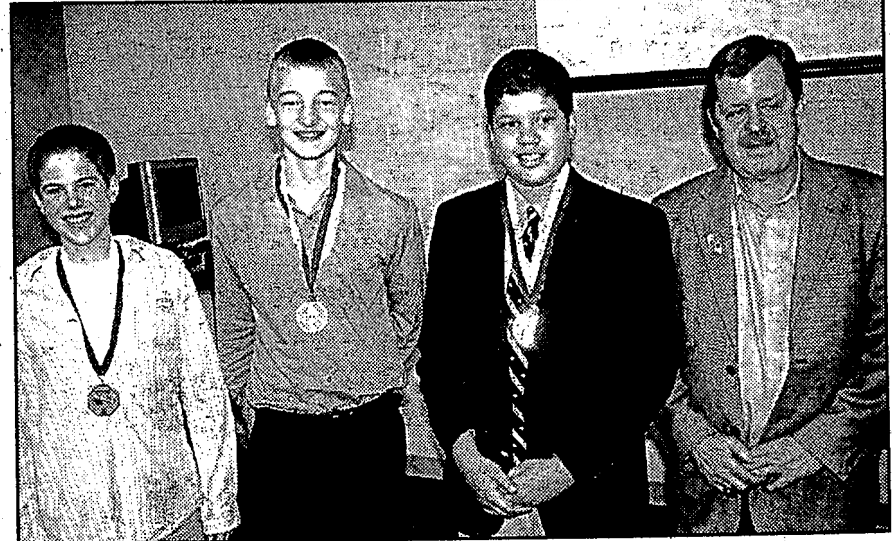
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, May 23, 2012



From left are winners of the Optimist Oratorical Contest, Girls Division, Hannah Wilson, third place; Korrine Lowes, second; and Jillian Ritchie, who won the contest.



From left, Andrew Lemieux, third place; Nathaniel Gipe, second; and Matthew Jackson, first, with Don Brose, Oratorical Contest chairman, were boys' division winners. Photos provided

## Optimistic views earn students prizes

Clarkston Area Oratorical Contest Winner are, Boys Division, Matthew Jackson, first; Nathaniel Gipe, second; and Andrew Lemieux, third; and, Girls Division, Jillian Ritchie, first; Corinne Lowes, second; and Hannah Wilson, third.

Students also prepared a five minute talk on "How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles." They were judged on poise, content of speech, delivery and presentation, and overall effectiveness.

First-place winners were awarded \$100

gift certificates from Barnes and Nobles, second place was a \$50 gift certificate, and third place winners received \$25 gift certificates from the club. Clarkston's first-place winners Jackson and Lowes represented the club at the regional competition at Oakland Schools.

## Around Town

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**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

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

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

**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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**Tell Us About Your Travels**, third Wednesday through October, 6-7:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

**Women's Cancer Support Group**, second Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

**Thursday**  
**Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60**, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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

**Local Business Network**, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

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

**Young At Heart Active Adults**, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Com-

munity Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

**Free General Support Group** for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

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

**DivorceCare** facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

**General Support Group** for anyone with a cancer diagnosis, fourth Thursday, 2-3 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

**Saturday**  
**Preschool Vision Screening** for children 6 months-5 year, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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

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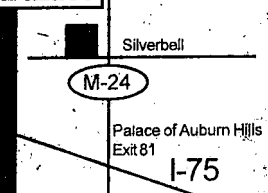


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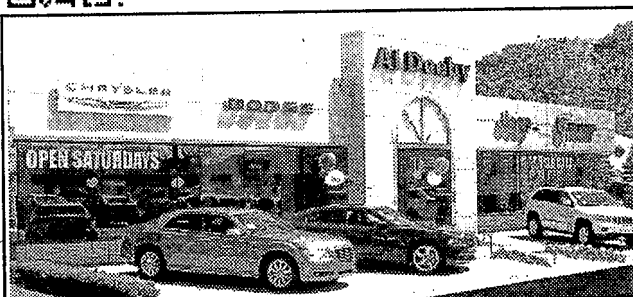


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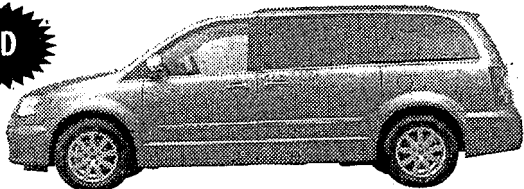


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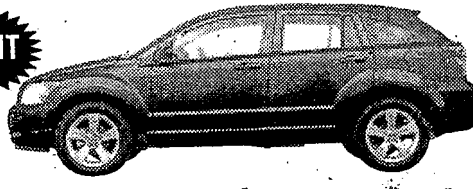


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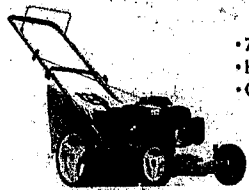
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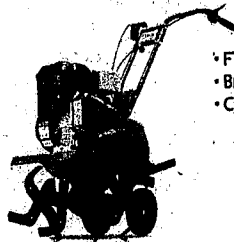
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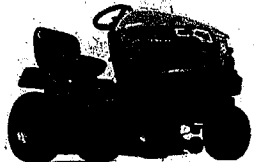
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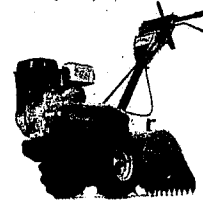
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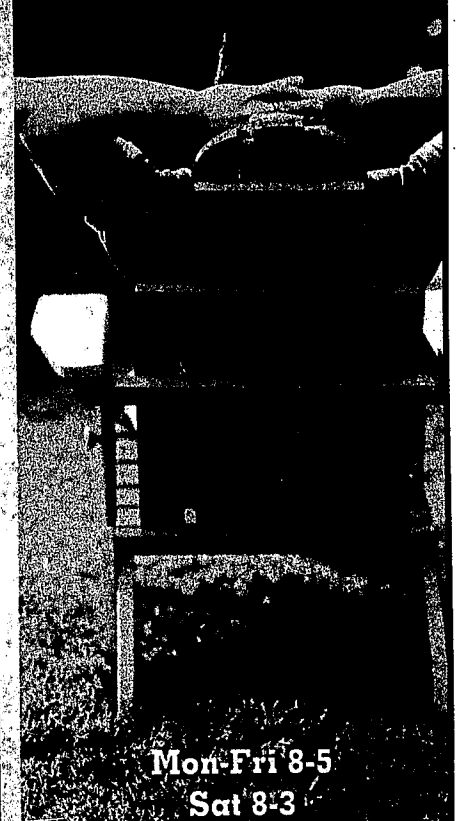
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# Lake Orion Flower Fair on June 2 & June 3



Spring is here and so is the Downtown Lake Orion Flower Fair – Home & Garden Market Place! If you are anxious to get your yard ready for the summer season, please join us in historic Downtown Lake Orion for the 11th Annual Flower Fair on Saturday, June 2nd and Sunday, June 3rd. Fair hours on Saturday are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You will find excellent prices and a spectacular selection of flowers, vegetables, herbs and trees direct from local farms and nurseries. Beautiful annuals,

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This year's Sponsors include Renewal by Andersen, Orion

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For more information about the event, contact the Lake Orion DDA at 248-693-9742 or visit [downtownlakeorion.org](http://downtownlakeorion.org).

**What:** The 2012 Lake Orion Downtown Flower Fair.

**When:** Saturday, June 2, 9a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Downtown Lake Orion near the intersection of Flint and Broadway Streets.

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# Summer arrives, Streetscape gets first true test

## Six months after the completion of downtown renovations, business owners share their thoughts

By Gabriel Ouzounian  
Review Co-Editor

Summer is nearly here and the Lake Orion downtown business owners are looking forward to the months of boosted shopping ahead.

2011's summer saw most of that opportunity crushed beneath construction necessary to introduce the downtown's Streetscape - a beautification project that renovated roads, sidewalks and more. Now that the new facade is in place, owners in the area spoke about business before and after the project.

"Things have definitely improved - I see more foot traffic, I see more people and I think that's a good thing," said Diana Ostrand, owner of Accent on Art. "I've been here for almost 23 years and my best years were probably in the early 2000's. (The renovations) are gorgeous and I think it will be very nice in the years to come. I have old post cards and looking outside it is much better."

Ostrand said she had her doubts about the project, particularly when Children's Park was refurbished. Now she said the park looks great and she cannot wait to have music there again.

"The music in the park was always a big

plus and we'll definitely be doing the mini golf piece again," she said. "We really just love seeing the families and I really like seeing the fireworks and how people mill about."

Others in the downtown said the shopping level has just about evened out back to pre-construction standards, but were nonetheless happy with some of the changes. Ed's Gifts Owner Lloyd Coe said the benches were a nice touch and that he's seen them being used frequently. He also remarked on the drainage which he said seemed better.

More than anything he hopes the new downtown will translate to a more attractive stopping place after summer events are done.

"We saw people going to these kind of events but not stay in town," said Coe. "It didn't help business at all. It was good for the citizens and the consumers but I'd see people walk to their chairs in the park and walk right back to their cars. If this brings people downtown, that translates into sales at the register, we'll be happy."

Newcomers in town noted that without the renovations they might have passed right over the Lake Orion downtown. Marcella Costin, owner of Simply Marcella, a brand new boutique in downtown, said without the



The downtown businesses were represented here with Heritage Spinning & Weaving Employee Tress Bare, PNC Bank Manager Monica Squarcia, Accent on Art Owner Diana Ostrand, Tesori Gift's Manager Sallie Keehn, DDA Director Suzanne Perreault, former Elements Owner Bonnie Blais and Little Caesars Manager Leah Jenson. Photo by G. Ouzounian

brick and smooth roads, she might have passed on to another town.

"Truthfully, I don't think I would have picked Orion otherwise - this was part of the charm when I came here," said Costin. "The close quarters, you're off the main streets, it's just cozy here. The brick work's beautifully as well."

Deena Maurus, who is in the process of buying out the current owner of the Painted Lady, Debbie Enright, said the atmosphere of the downtown adds to the atmosphere of her store. She believes the new look has helped to bring people in

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# Lake Orion Flower Fair Schedule of Events

## Saturday, June 2, 2012

Time	Activity	Location
9 am-6 pm	Vendor Booths Open	Flint & Broadway Streets
9 am - 6 pm	Gently Used Book Sale (proceeds benefit the Lake Orion Farmer's Market)	Next to Info Booth
11 am	Garden Tour	Leaves from the Info Booth
11 am - 3 pm	Character Visits	Kids Area
11 am - 6 pm	Face Painting (\$)	Kids Area
12 Noon - 3 pm	Balloon Twister	Kids Area
1 pm	Yoga Demonstration by Hamsa Yoga	Intersection of Flint & Broadway
2 pm	Music with Miss Carissa	Kids Area
2 pm	Garden Tour	Leaves from the Info Booth
3 pm	Performance from Kerry's Dance Stages	Intersection of Flint & Broadway
4:30 pm	Visit from the Fairy Godmother	Kids Area

## Sunday, June 3, 2012

Time	Activity	Location
8:30 am - 10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast (Sponsored by the Lake Orion Police Association)	Applebees
10 am - 4 pm	Vendor Booths Open	Flint & Broadway Streets
10 am - 4pm	Gently Used Book Sale	Next to the Info Booth
11 am - 2 pm	Character Visits	Kids Area
11 am - 4 pm	Face Painting (\$)	Kids Area
11:30 am	Yoga demonstration by Hamsa Yoga	Intersection of Flint & Broadway
2:30 pm	Music with Miss Carissa	Kids Area
3:30 pm	Visit from the Fairy Godmother	Kids Area

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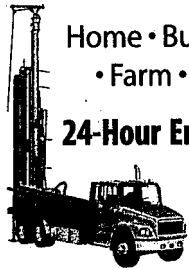
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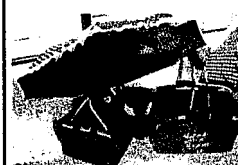


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from other areas like "Clarkston, Bloomfield Hills and Rochester."

"While they're here doing lunch they like to stop around to look around at the shops now and this is a cute little corner," she said, referencing the north-east corner of Broadway and Flint. "I like the streets, I like the benches, I like the urns - it just starting to look warmer and more like a downtown. I

think the Flower Fair will attract a lot of people and the Dragon on the Lake is another thing I love about this area. It just feels right now, I cannot describe it any other way."

With all the kind words, it can be easy to forget that Lake Orion's Downtown Development Authority, headed by Director Suzanne Perreault, is busy planning future improvements and events. Next on the list of things to improve is parking - an aspect that was actually injured instead of aided

by Streetscape.

"Parking is more of a long term project right now and it's something we're working towards in the future," said Perreault. "Right now our biggest project is working with the property owners over at (the former) Whisky's building to create a parking lot there. We're still doing small beautification projects like getting new banners, hanging baskets, painting signs, budgeting for more Christmas lights for the downtown and we actually have a wonderful volunteer who

plants the flowers in the runs at the intersection.

"We're looking to rebrand now that the construction is complete. We're updating our shopping and dining guide, we have our mini golf event, our summer concert series, the farmer's market and we're doing as much as possible to attract people to the downtown district."

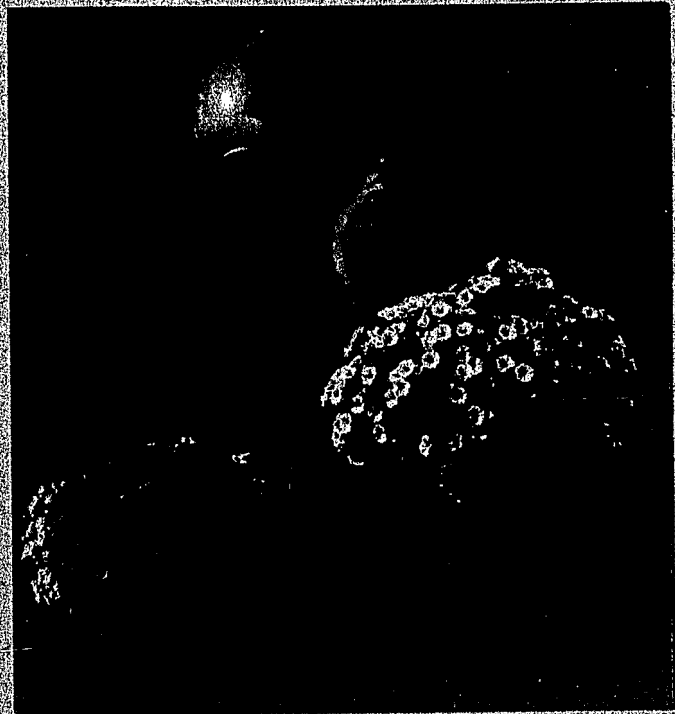
The Flower Fair, which is the next major attraction in downtown Lake Orion, will happen June 2 and 3.

## New Banners Coming To Lake Orion This Summer

LAKE ORION, MI – This summer, the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority will be unveiling new street banners in the downtown area and on M24. The banners proudly boast a strong message – “Shop Lake Orion First”. “After a summer of construction in 2011, it is time to remind people to come back downtown” says DDA Executive Director Suzanne Perreault. The new banners are part of a sponsorship program where businesses or individuals can choose to sponsor a banner or a hanging flower basket in order to help offset the costs of the two beautification projects. The DDA is looking at new creative ways to finance many of the projects they would like to accomplish this year. A sponsorship program is one of the ways and has been widely supported by businesses in the community.

DDA employee Nancy King stated “Downtown Lake Orion's hanging flower baskets are very well known. We take great pride in the beauty of the baskets throughout the summer. This year, we needed to look for a way to help cover the cost?”

There are a few banner and basket sponsorship opportunities available. You may purchase a banner sponsorship for \$175 or sponsor a basket for \$50. For more information, contact the DDA Office at 248-693-9742.



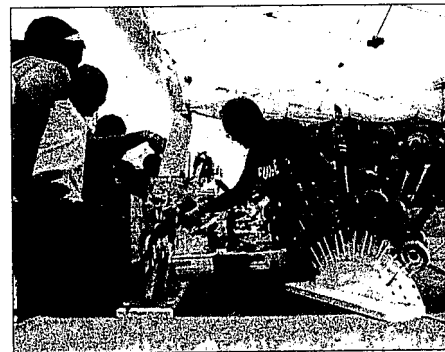
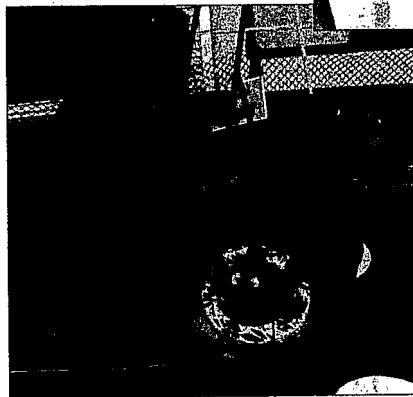
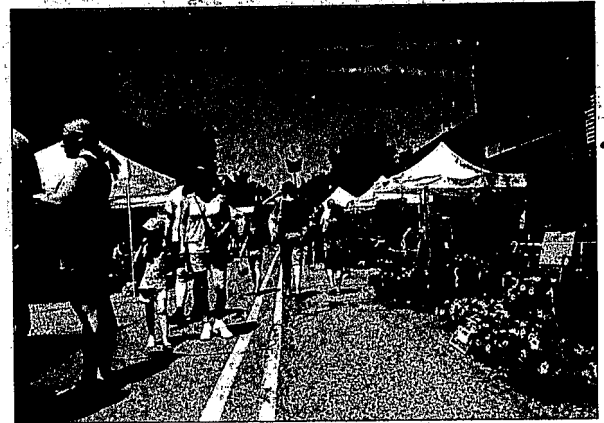
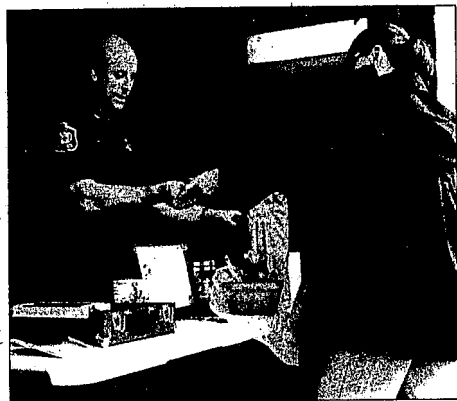
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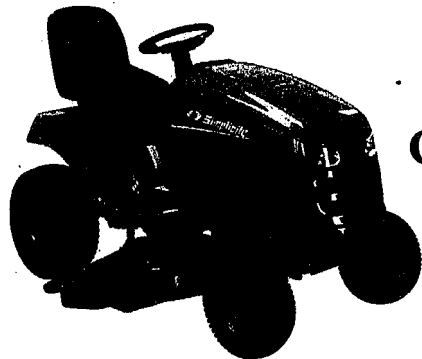
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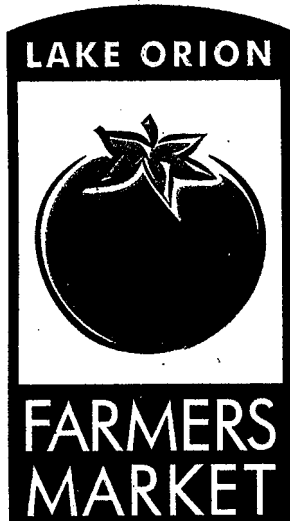
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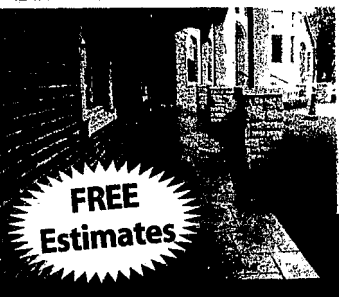
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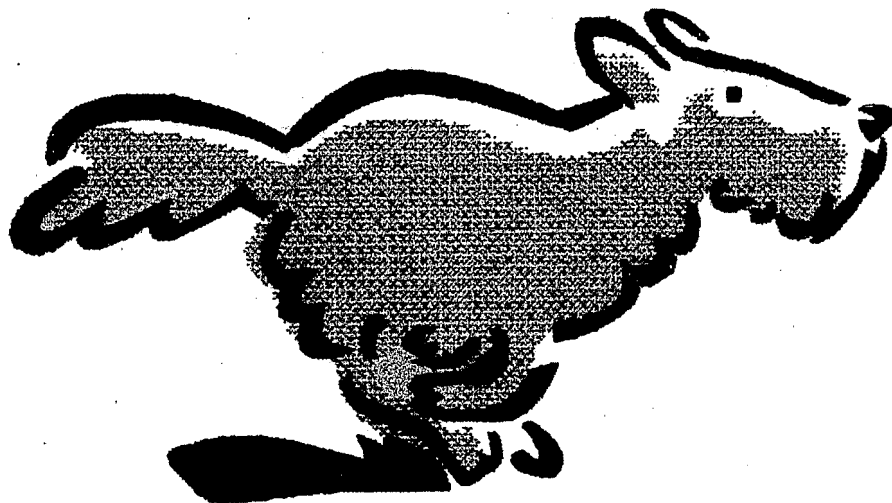
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