

The Clarkston News



Garden sprout

Budding gardener Mackenzie Harrison tries on her mother Mollie Harrison's work glove at the Clarkston Community Garden planting day, June 2. Volunteers grow vegetables to donate to local families in need. Please see page 18 for more pictures. *Photo by Lance Farrell*

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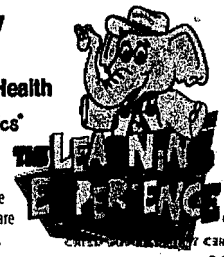
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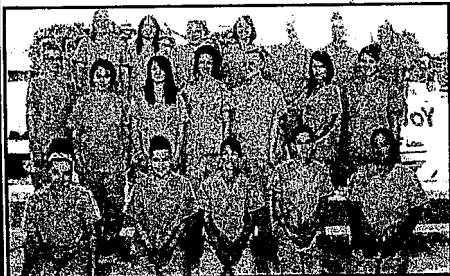
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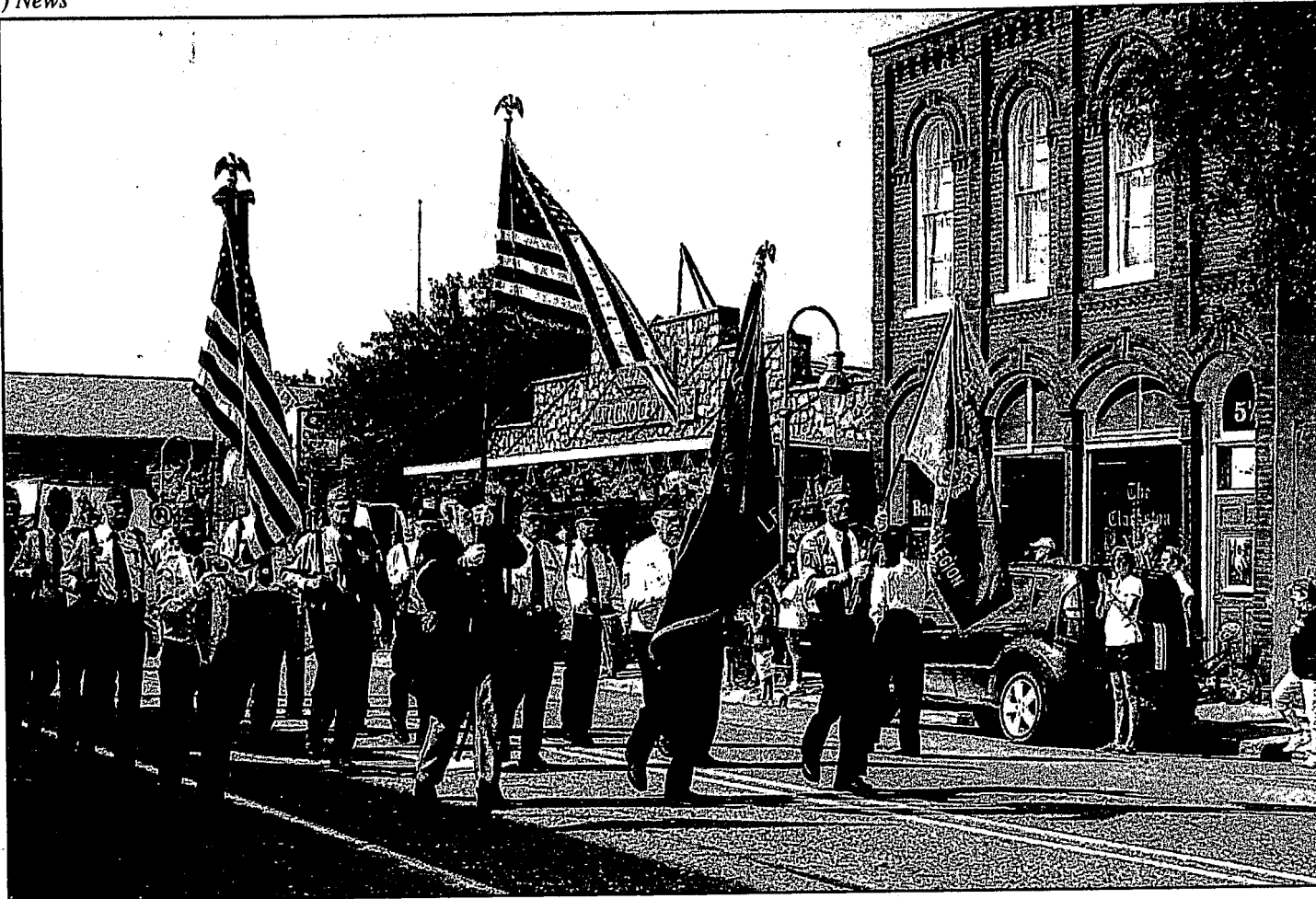
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MARCHING IN MEMORY: The sky's clear and blue as American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard leads the Memorial Day Parade through downtown Clarkston, May 28. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Donated momentos from Clarkston war veterans.

Taking a trip

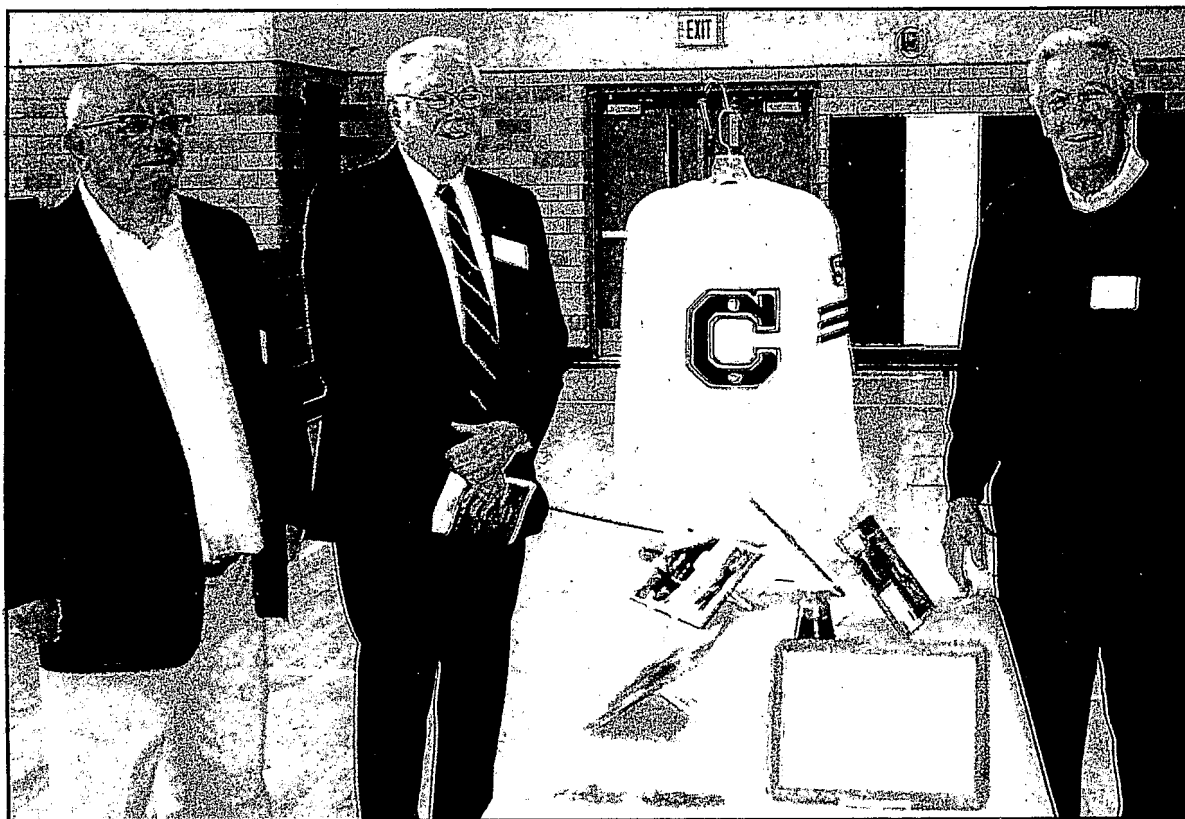
Patrons of the annual SCAMP Home Tour were treated to something special – a tour of Renaissance High School.

The school was built in 1930 with 21 rooms for both elementary and secondary schools.

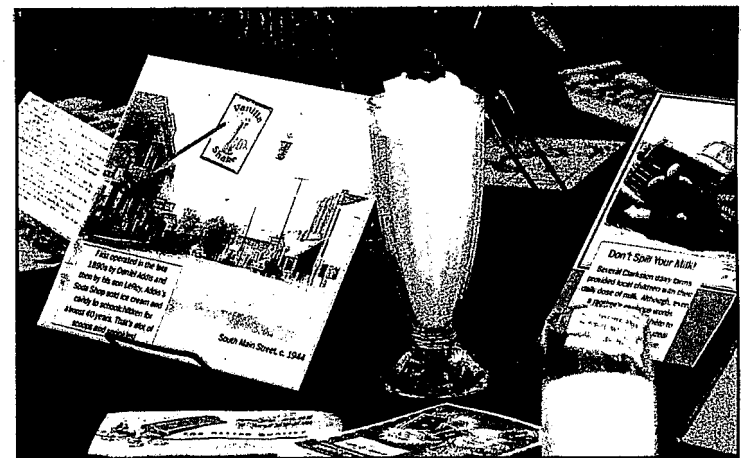
Included were tokens from the past, provided by the Clarkston Historical Society to help re-create a vision of the past.



Chuck Robertson and Louise Mauti share memories triggered by the momentos. Photos by Wendi Reardon



From left, Mel Vaara, Chuck Robertson (standing next to his varsity sweater), and Dom Marti share history about Clarkston athletics.



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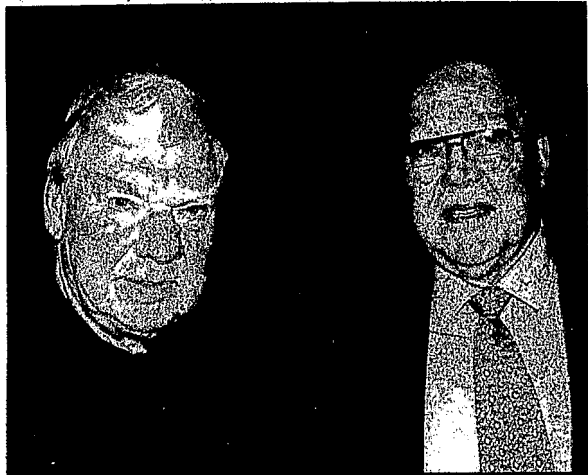
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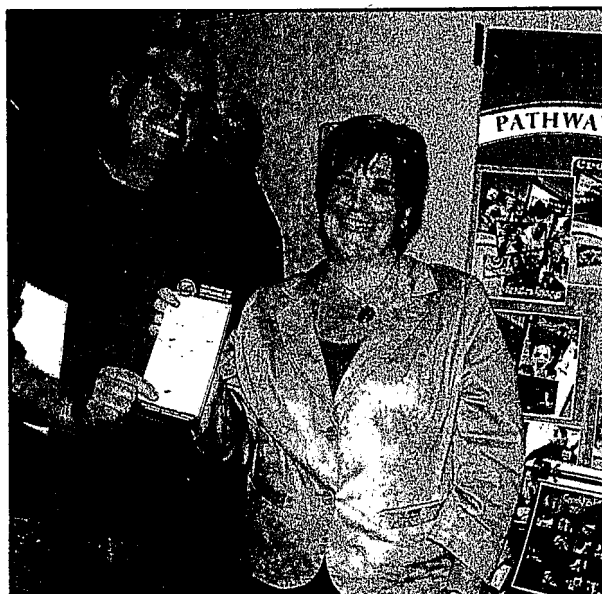


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Eric Shrum of Eric's Lawn and Snow and Molly Lalone, executive director Ortonville DDA.



Toni Mariucci, certified massage therapist with TLM Moon Bodyworks, provides a free demonstration.



Tammy Causley and Stacy Schneider talk at the expo.



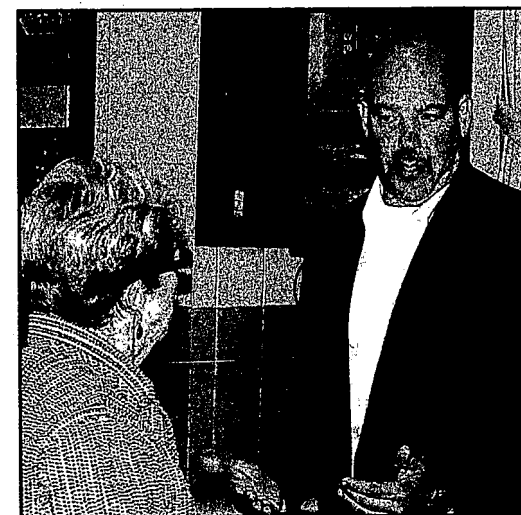
State Farm agents Dana Shaner, left, and Eileen Drenikowski,

Business at the Expo

Customers, business owners, and residents mixed and mingled at the Coffee Club Expo, May 31, at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Dozens of vendors shared samples, specials, and information at the annual expo, sponsored by *The Clarkston News*.

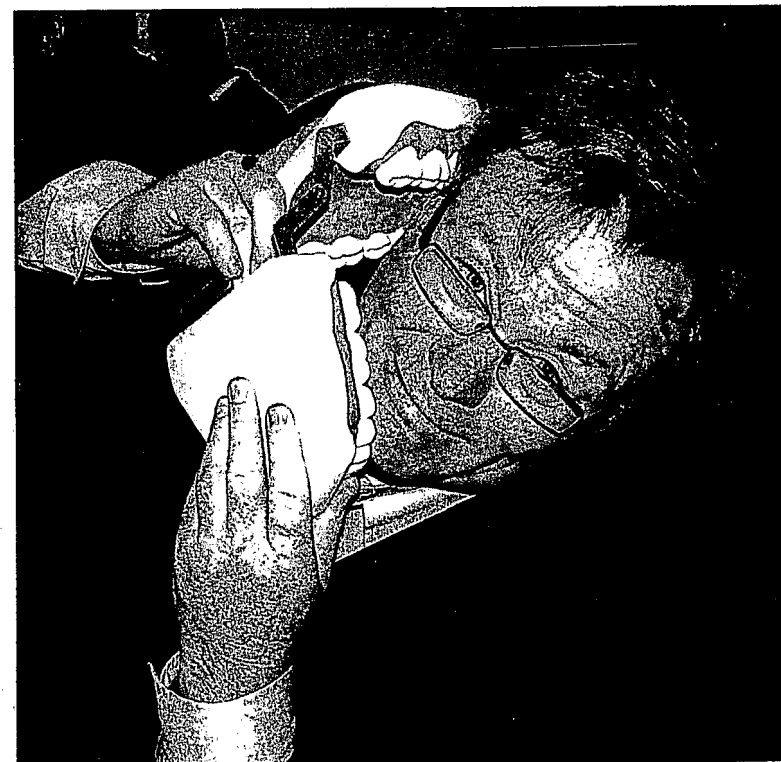
Photos by Phil Custodio



Jill Dixon, administrator at Heather Pines Home, networks with Rob Butler, Clarkston CPA.



From left, Brian Miller, owner Del Yeoman, and Rick Bolley of Guido's Pizza kept everyone fed with pizza and breadsticks.



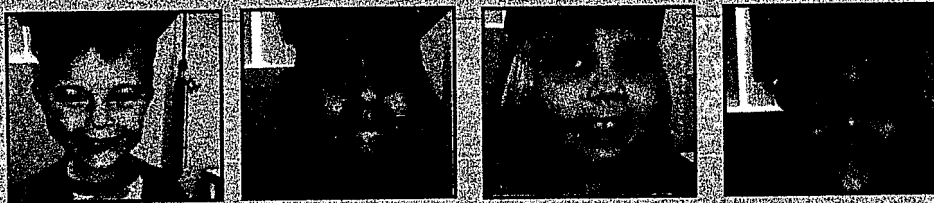
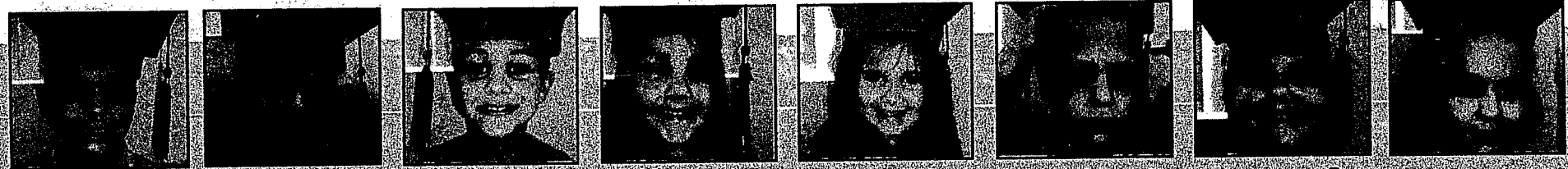
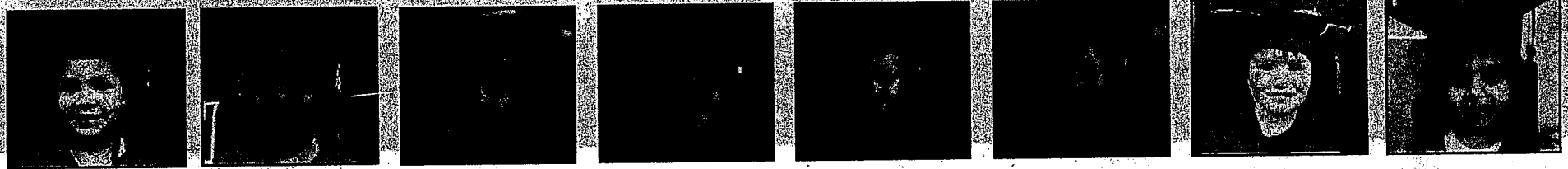
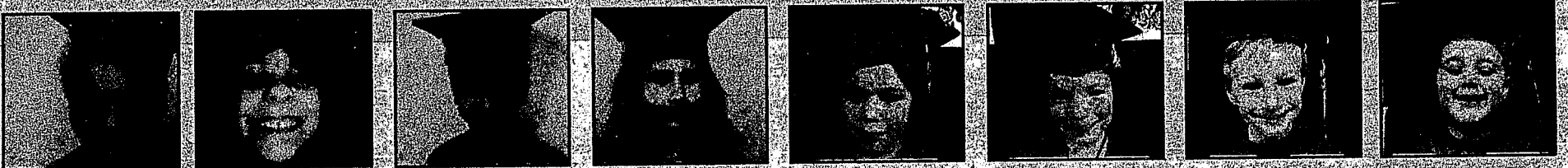
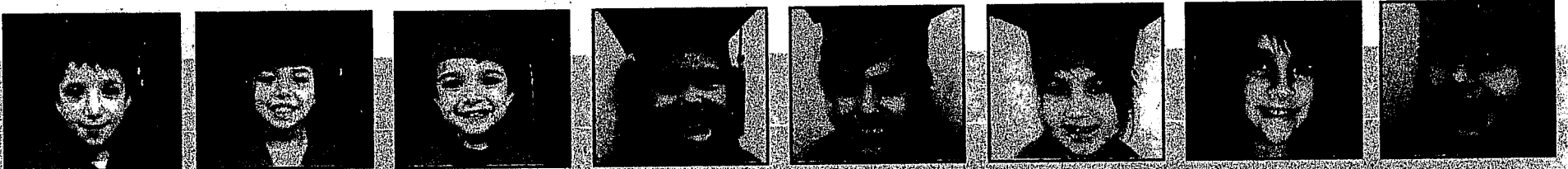
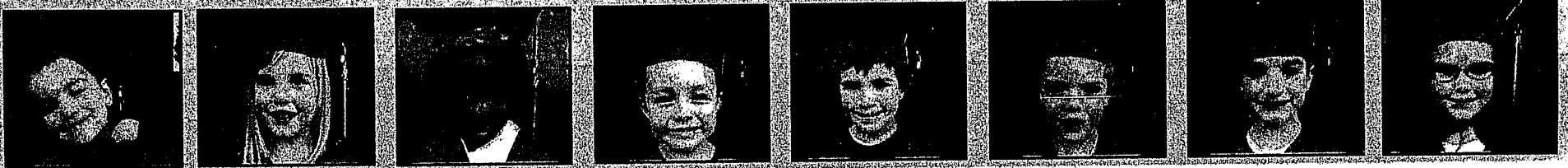
Assistant Publisher Don Rush checks out Dr. Scott VanderVeen's teeth model.



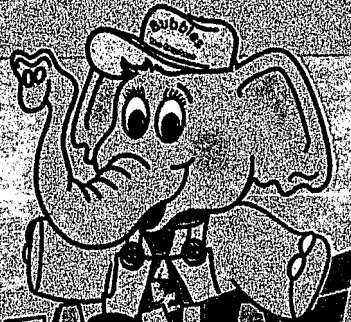
Dave Smith, Clarkston State Farm agent, talks to Teri Robinson, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

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MUSIC AT THE EXPO: The band Half-Whacked with Kari Holmes provides musical entertainment at the Coffee Club Expo, May 31. Tom Zakarian performed on vocals and guitar; Allan Nahajewski, keyboards; Jack Neller, drums; and Don Turner, bass. Photo by Phil Custodio



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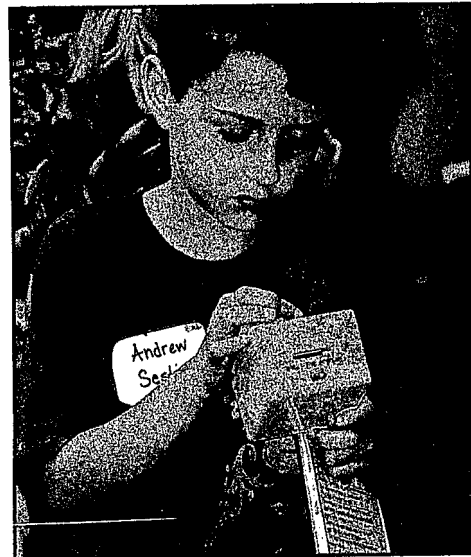
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Andrew Sesti tries out a combination for his bank.

History trip

Independence Elementary students took in the beautiful warm weather on May 30 as they strolled downtown Clarkston.

Second graders from each of the seven elementaries in Clarkston Community Schools visit downtown every year to learn about Clarkston history.

The Broncos from Independence Elementary visited the Clark House, *The Clarkston News*, Clarkston State Bank, the Gulick House, and businesses to learn about the story of their hometown.

They ended their trip with a visit to the Clarkston Historical Museum.

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A group heads north on Main Street, taking in the historic buildings and scenery of downtown Clarkston.

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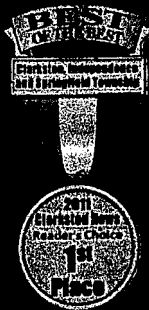
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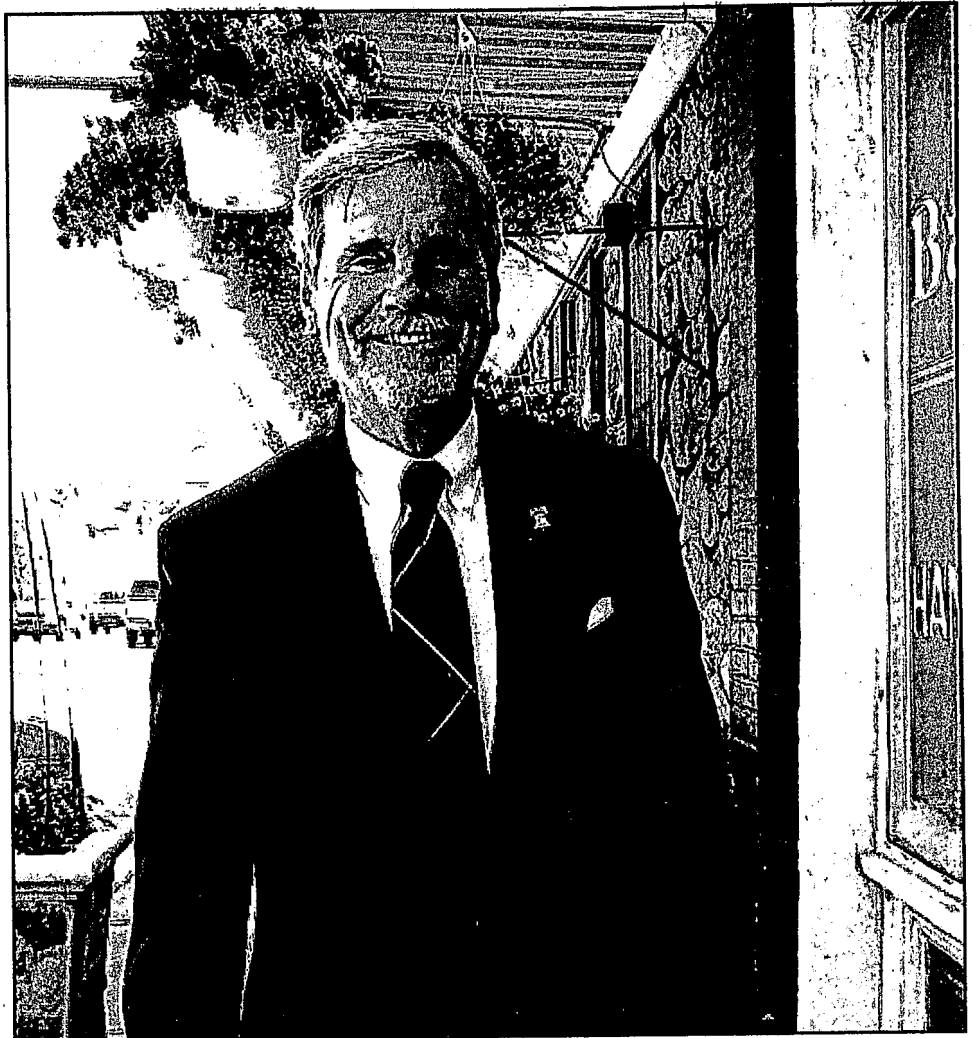
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Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace is running for the supervisor seat. Photo by Mary Keck

Trustee Wallace runs for top seat

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace feels like the board has accomplished a lot, he'd like to see it do more. That's why he'll be on the primary ballot for supervisor on Aug. 7.

Wallace came to Independence Township in 1976 and has worked as an attorney in Clarkston since 1981.

He is most proud of the board's ability to "buckle down on the budget" and of its "progress on professionalism."

He's also pleased with the increased citizen participation in the government brought on by the Citizens Public TV Access Committee.

He said the committee has "invigorated the cable service," newly renamed Independence Television.

Moving forward, Wallace would like to "continue getting citizens involved, particularly young folks."

If elected, Wallace also wants the board to work on "creating ways to attract quality development" and "enhance and diversify their tax base."

While he opposed the McLaren hospital five years ago, he has changed his view now that the proposal for the medical facility has

been revised, he said.

Despite Wallace's desire to begin new initiatives with the 2013 Board, he does want some things to stay.

In particular, he feels the government's "current structure is working well," though he admits that it began as a "reaction to Supervisor Wagner being out for a year."

He said he's "prepared to take on the role [of Supervisor] with a superintendent," but he won't make a decision about continuing his law practice while taking on the supervisor position until after the election.

Wallace explained he's "already semi-retired" but because he relies on his staff for help with his duties as a trustee, he may want their "continued assistance going forward."

Wallace thinks he stands out among the other four candidates because of his experience.

He served as a trustee from 1996-2000 and has also been on the Planning Commission.

"I don't think we want someone who is learning on the job," he said.

Wallace feels that many may believe the supervisor role is "one of power," but he sees it as "one of responsibility."

For more information on Neil Wallace's campaign visit his website www.itswallace.com.

Supervisor candidate Kittle offers 'fresh approach,' no compromise

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Patrick Kittle is running for a full-time position, but he doesn't want the \$80,000/year with the health care perks.

Instead, he's willing to be Independence Township supervisor as a "\$10.99 employee with just a salary."

Kittle wants the township to save the money because "I'm not doing this to become a professional politician." Instead, he's thrown his hat into the race because members of the community told him the township needs some help.

According to Kittle, people have been saying, "the current board is lacking leadership, and it is less than effective when it comes to decision making, meeting decorum, and professionalism."

If elected to the board, Kittle intends to draw on experience acquired during his 32 years at Chrysler and from being president of the Homeowners Association on Oakhurst Ridge where he lives.

During his last 10 years working for the automotive industry, he managed 200 employees, and worked on budgets, and "gaining consensus among people to strive for a common goal."

While on the homeowners board, Kittle said he "balanced the budget and improved the rainy day fund, which increased five-fold without cutting service."

He also developed an aptitude for "communicating the heck out of what's going on" using newsletters and an e-blast system.

Kittle is critical of the current board's communication skills. The first duty of an elected supervisor is communicating with citizens, "seeking input from residents" and "full fiscal transparency," he said.

He said "open arguing" in meetings, political infighting, and long board meetings as areas where township government can improve.

On the other hand, Kittle believes the township has done some things right. For instance, "they are not operating on a deficit; they are saving some money."

He differentiates himself from other candidates Todd Waring and Neil Wallace, saying he offers "a fresh approach."

"I'm a retiree," he said. "I have time to do a full time job without having to compromise between managing a law practice or managing a landscaping service. I have no commercial or business ties to anyone who does business with or in the community, so there are no hidden agendas here."

Like Waring and Wallace, Kittle is in favor of the McLaren hospital proposal.

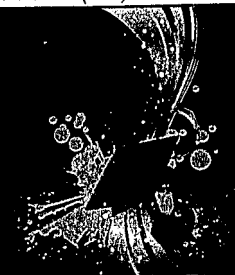
"I think ambulance ride time from here to Genesys or Pontiac is excessive with 34,000 residents," he said.

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Patrick Kittle is running for Independence Township supervisor. Photo by Mary Keck

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In an early celebration of National

Lemonade Day, set for June 9, students in grades 1-5 formed teams, complete with business and marketing plans, to raise money for local chari-

Please see Students on page 11

To the right, Evie Cantwell, Addison Fitzgerald, Caroline Norrito, Ava Feather and the rest of their team serve up some pink lemonade at their booth. In the inset, Ronnie Hein, left, and Ezra Moore check the till at their lemonade stand.



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Focal Point
Similar to inviting indoor living spaces, outdoor living spaces need a focal point. Your focal point may already exist in your home's architecture, in existing landscaping or in a backyard feature such as a pool or gazebo.

Fire Place or Fire Pit?
One of the most popular and easy additions to the backyard outdoor living space is a fire pit or fire pit table. Fire pit options are limitless and add instant warmth to any backyard. However, when fire pits are not in use they become a black hole. Fireplaces, on the other hand, are an architectural element just like indoor fireplaces and are always pleasant to look at.

Water Elements
Water elements add a soothing and pleasant addition to any backyard outdoor living space. It could be a small waterfall as part of the landscaping, a full blown pool or an artificial pond for real fish. Small stand-alone water fountains or bird baths offer inexpensive ways to add a water element to outdoor spaces.

Outdoor Seating and Hardscaping
Seating can be imbedded in hardscaping or budget conscious families can invest in outdoor furniture set with a love seat, chairs and table. The styles and materials do not have to match.

You can spray paint all of the pieces the same color or add outdoor cushions to make them appear as a cohesive set. Creative hardscaping can beautify your walkways, patios, retaining walls and seating options.

Designing for Function
How you want to use the backyard space should determine how you design it. A professional landscape designer will help you maximize your return on investment with creative ideas that only come with experience. The most cost effective investment you can make in your outdoor space is a table with an umbrella. With four to six chairs, the table becomes an instant gathering place for your family and friends. Use the table to eat meals, play board games, or relax while sitting outdoors.

Lighting
Outdoor lighting is just as important as indoor lighting if you're truly going to enjoy your outdoor space. LED lighting is a great option but solar can be a challenge when Michigan has overcast days.

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From left, Danielle Stolzenfeld, Sierra Kersten, Taylor Heaton, Olivia Caine and Natalie Martindale check out items offered along with the drinks.

Students learn business skills

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ties and groups.

"We had a workshop a couple weeks ago," said Katie Cantwell, parent volunteer. "They learned what it takes to plan an event and all aspects of starting a little business. We talked about different ways to differentiate themselves. Some offered free cookies and crafts – they had great ideas."

The students contacted local businesses, asking for sponsorships to purchase supplies, and made signs to attract their customers – fellow students during lunch.

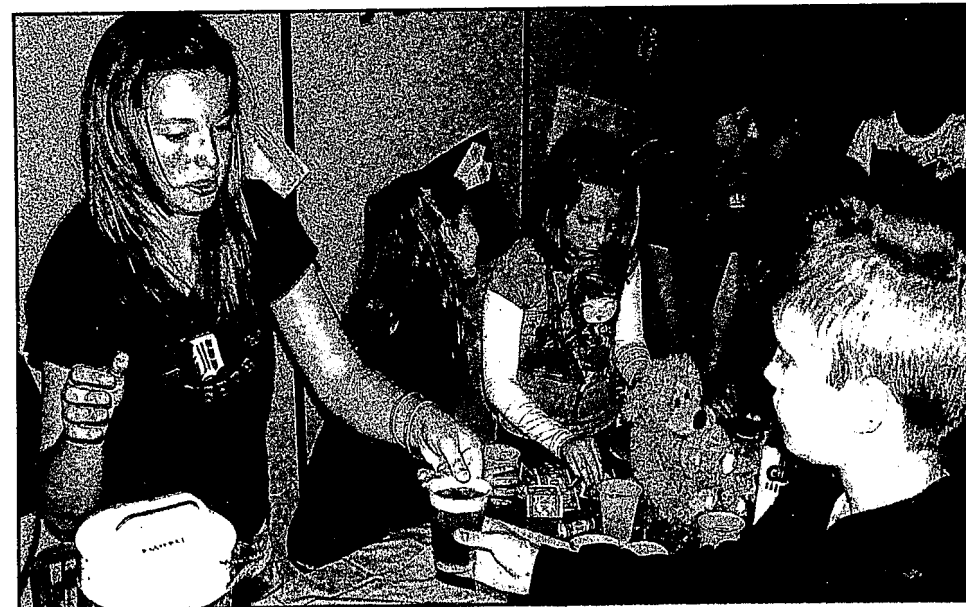
"They called businesses, using a script they wrote," Cantwell said. "We're very thankful to our sponsors."

Sponsors included EdibleWow, JR Turnbull, CABi, Patriot Pumps, and Merrill Lynch tutor group.

– Phil Custodio



Paige Oliverio pours lemonade for Kennedy Smith.



Payton Greenlee serves Brendan Aughe a drink. Photos by Phil Custodio

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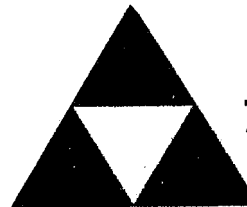


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Hanna Skowronski enjoys a spin on the merry-go-round with her friends before they head to prom.



From left, Juan Reyes, Megan Hastings, Nick Demattia, Shauna Siwicki, Jordan Moore, Tara Perry, Natalie Smith, Kevin O' Grady, Graydon Peck, and Kelley Fitzpatrick get ready to board their transportation – a school bus decked out in style from The Fountains. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Max Lang and Cathryn Cooke keep on the look out for



From left, Lucas White, Abby Hartman and Deanna Lueck smile for photos.



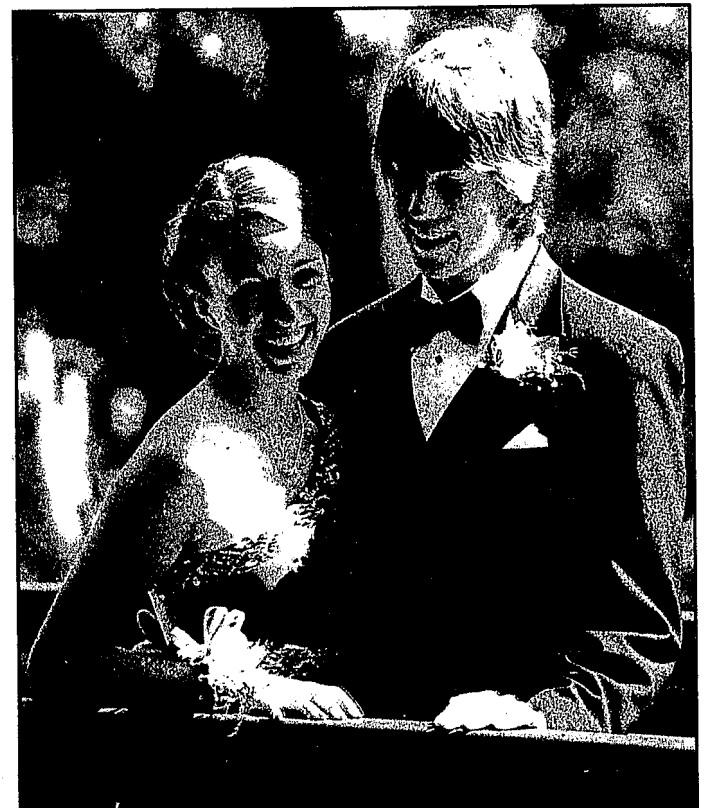
Clarkston High School students, family and friends filled Depot Park for memorable photos.

Prom-riffic time

Limousines filled Depot Road as Clarkston High School students made their way down the sidewalks, May 23.

The young ladies, decked out in colorful, sparkling

dresses, and their dashing escorts filled Depot Park for photos with family and friends before they headed to their prom at Penna's in Sterling Heights.



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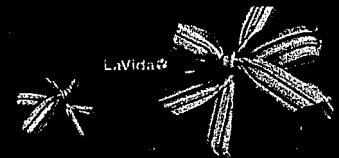
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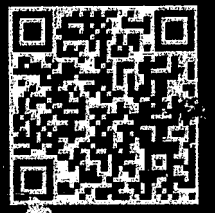
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Isabel Holloway prepares to help with the ribbon cutting.



Andersonville Elementary Principal Bruce Martin shares a story.

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Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock gives Alex Stuenkel a piece of the ribbon to take home. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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Clarkston High School seniors headed to Clintonwood Park after their last walk around the school as students, May 22.

At the park, games, food, and fun were waiting at their senior picnic. Parent volunteers cheered them on as the seniors competed in pie eating, hula hooping, three-legged racing, and other contests.



Aaron Wright climbs to the top of the inflatable slide.



Sarah McCallum and Matt Dellinger are ready to race.



Kendall Kotcher celebrates a victory.



Jake Forsten competes in the pie eating contest. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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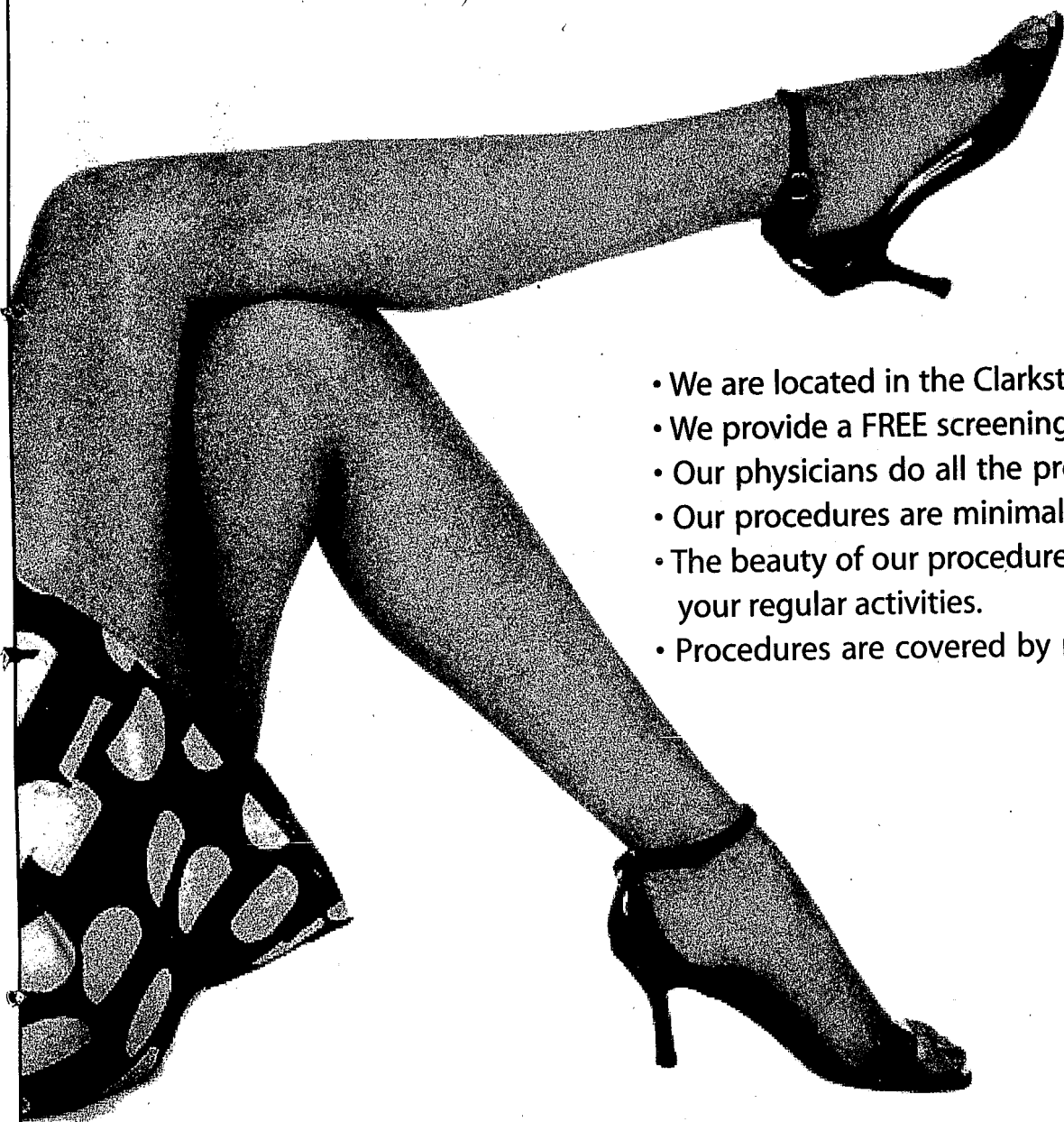
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Emily White examines a plant at the Plant Exchange. Photo by Mary Keck

Gardens renewed

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Gardeners young and old rose early on a showery Saturday morning, wearing garden gloves and rubber boots. They were coming to Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's Plant Exchange 2012 at the corner of Washington and Main to exchange perennials.

Green thumbs examined the pots of strawberries, lilies, black-eyed susans, irises, daisies, and hostas primed for picking before choosing which plants they would take home.

"Experienced gardeners can cull their own gardens because the plants keep spreading," said organizer Sue Sajdak, who has been in the Garden Club for 40 years. "And you can get plants to fill your new garden."

While plant lovers waited for their shot to trade a perennial, they talked gardening.

"It's a good way to catch up with people," said Sarah Schultz, after exchanging a Bleeding Heart plant for a Lilly of the Valley from her flower bed.

Schultz remembers attending the plant

exchange before 1989 with her mother, Virginia.

"It used to be really small with maybe 10 to 15 people," she said.

Others have been to the Plant Exchange for more than 30 years.

The tradition of bringing your daughter or granddaughter to Clarkston's perennial swap is still ongoing, as 10-year-old gardener Emily White can attest.

"I came with my grandma," she said.

"I like to watch plants grow," Emily added, noting that strawberries are her favorite plant.

Besides upholding traditions, residents donated plants to the Clarkston Community Garden where bouquets of flowers are sent with Meals on Wheels, said volunteer Linda Zbarcha.

Rain or shine, the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club plans to continue gathering on the first Saturday in June for many years.

"We'll do this again," Sue Sadjak said.

To find out more go to www.clarkstongardenclub.org.



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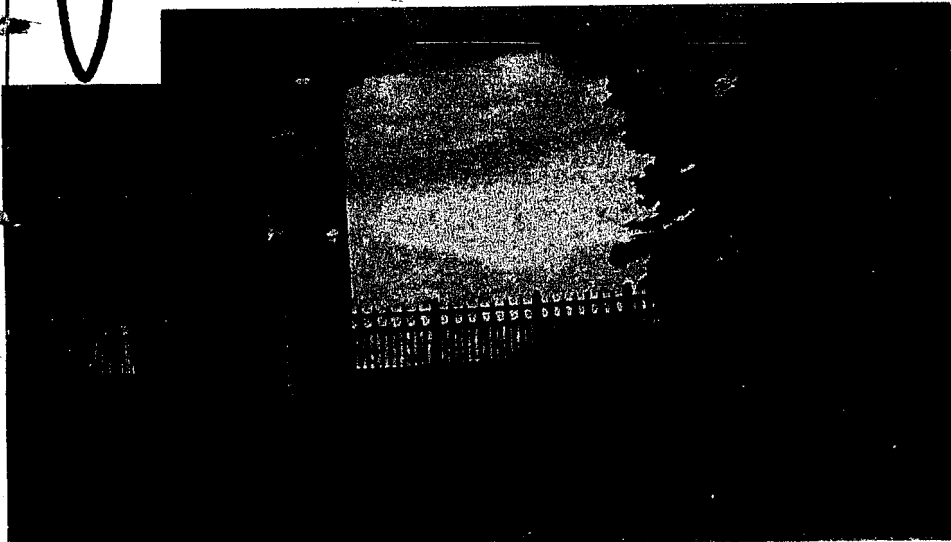
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Volunteer Mollie Harrison plants while daughter Mackenzie plays beside her. Mollie's husband, Jim, at right, is planting broccoli alongside Rich Miller.

Planting day

Clarkston Community Garden's first planting day of the year was rainy, just the way planters like it.

"We're doing our part to care for each other," said Garden Manager Jim Tesnar. "Everyone here feels that and it draws them here to do the work."

The volunteers planted their crops in the community garden off Pine Knob Road, June 2, to "give back to the community," said volunteer Rich Miller.

The vegetables they grow will be donated to local food banks. To find out more, check www.itpr.org.



Garden Manager Jim Tesnar plants broccoli with volunteer Sarah Nussbaumer.



Volunteers plant their vegetables. Photos by Mary Keck

Springfield market returns with local, natural produce

BY KRISTEN COOPER
Special to the Clarkston News

The Springfield Farmers Market is back for its second year with more vendors and an even wider variety of products. The "naturally local" market starts June 17 with a first birthday kick-off and will continue through Oct. 14, every Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Market Manager Laura Haselhuhn is looking forward to this year's market. Haselhuhn attended the MIFMA Farmers Market Manager Certificate Program and learned a lot that is going to be applied to the market this year.

The market will be accepting Michigan Bridge cards and also has a new and improved logo.

The market's new logo features the phrase "naturally local." Haselhuhn said the market features only Michigan businesses, vendors and products, most centered around the Davisburg area. She also said naturally, although loosely defined, is there to emphasize that vendors are using sustainable agriculture practices.

Doug and Sheila Russell-Olsen of Olsen Farms were vendors at the market last year and are looking forward to selling their prod-

ucts again this year.

Last year, they sold fresh berries, jams, and some produce. This year they have expanded their vegetable garden to over 3,000 square feet and will also be selling tree-fruit jams since not everyone can eat the seeds found in berry jams. Additionally, they will be selling a variety of dried beans not found at the grocery store.

The Olsens said selling their produce at the market was a lot of fun, even more than they anticipated. The vendors were all very supportive of each other and would barter back and forth for products. The Olsens said as long as they don't lose money, they will continue to sell at the market because of the environment it provides.

Haselhuhn said there are a lot of advantages to buying local instead of from a chain store - you get to know your farmer and where your produce is coming from, it's a big economic driver for the local community, and some vendors use it as a springboard to start their own businesses.

"This way you're helping some girl go to dance class or some kid take karate lessons rather than some CEO get his third house," Doug said.

For information, check www.springfieldfarmersmarket.wordpress.com.



Local vendor Doug Russell-Olsen picks strawberries for the market.



Market Manager Laura Haselhuhn is ready for this year's opening, June 17. Photos by Mary Keck

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Friends bid farewell to classmate

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The classrooms and hallways were empty last Friday at North Sashabaw Elementary.

Students and staff spent the day saying goodbye to their friend and treasured North Sashabaw family member, fourth grader Ryan Kennedy.

When he passed away on May 26 after a five year battle with Ependymoma, a form of brain cancer, Kennedy left an impression on the school many will never forget.

"The memory I will always have of Ryan is his sense of humor," said Alena Hall, his fourth grade teacher. "He had a dry sense of humor. He got my sarcastic jokes. He always understood them and laughed. I would say 'you are my favorite because you laugh at all my jokes,' and he would laugh."

During his battle with cancer, Kennedy had seven surgeries, four rounds of chemotherapy, and two courses of radiation. But at the end of the day, he was just like any other boy.

He was a huge fan of the Detroit Lions and Michigan State University Spartans, noted Hall. He also enjoyed art, drawing, writing, reading, playing Nintendo DS and being on the computer.

"He really loved reading," said Hall. "He would laugh out loud at something he was reading. He loved the *Big Nate* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. He was a very good student. He was a very cool kid."

Hall said she will remember him every Sunday as the Lions take to the field and every Christmas. He helped decorated the classroom for Christmas this school year.

His Kindergarten teacher, Loretta Gagnon, admired many things about Kennedy, especially his courage.

"He really has helped me face some medical issues with courage," she admitted. "I had skin cancer, and whenever you hear the word, surgery, you tend to get concerned and worried. I would think of

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Kennedy

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Democrats hope to regain township seats

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Since 1984, Independence Township hasn't elected a Democrat, and of the 20 candidates running this year, there are only three of them. Trustee-hopefuls Kevin Bushroe, Jeremy Mitchell, and Joe Wauldron may all have the same "D" beside their name, but they don't all share the same perspectives.

Kevin Bushroe is "passionate about being a Democrat" and says as a trustee he'll operate with "one guiding principal: every decision I make will increase the township's property values."

Bushroe believes the recent "drop in property values puts quite a bit of strain on the treasurer and trying to balance our budget," and the township needs "to prepare for ups and downs" by diversifying their tax base.

Bushroe plans to draw from his experience as an account manager if he's elected, and doesn't feel there are many differences between political parties at the local level.

"Whether you pave a road or not doesn't depend on whether you're a Democrat or a Republican," he said.

Jeremy Mitchell thinks Democrats and Republicans are "just like an old married couple, and America is the car. We both hate the way the other drives when they're behind the wheel, but we both realize we should both have a say in the direction the car goes."

From his perspective, the township would benefit from having a larger variety of voices.

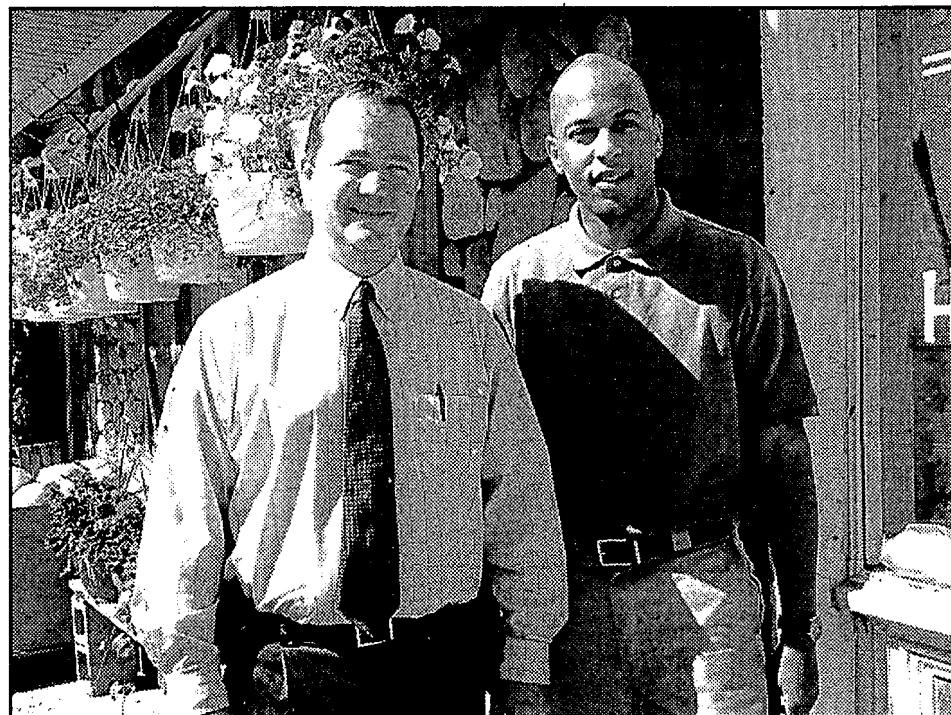
"We come to a better conclusion when all points of view are expressed," he said.

He thinks township government could improve in other ways, too. In his opinion, "Citizen outreach could be a bit better." Because most members of the community never make it to a board meeting, Mitchell feels sending out email updates would help residents keep up.

Mitchell also has other ideas such as a "township government summer internship program, which would allow students to learn and work in township government."

If elected, Mitchell will use the know-how he's gained as a member of the Clarkston Historical Society and Clinton River Watershed Council to guide him.

Unlike Mitchell and Bushroe, Joe Wauldron isn't quite as comfortable with the Democrat label. In fact, he wanted to run as an Independent, but could only choose between Republican and Democrat when he filled out his paperwork. Although Wauldron



Kevin Bushroe and Jeremy Mitchell (right) will be on the ballot for trustee.

was born into a long line of Democrats he said, "I won't necessarily vote the way of the party. I vote for the person or the issue."

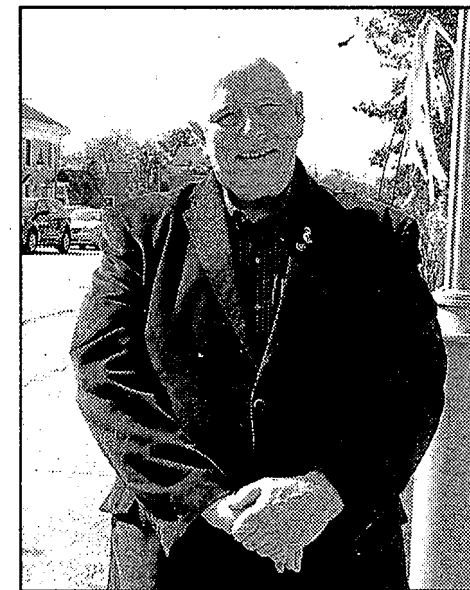
Wauldron believes his regular involvement in the community is evidence of the commitment he would have if elected to the board. He's been president of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance and is a member of the Rotary and Optimist clubs. He's currently the president of the Clarkston Center for the Performing Arts and serves on the township's Planning Commission.

To strengthen governance, Wauldron would "like to see meetings cut down to two hours" and believes "there's too much talking." He says some questions could be answered outside of the meetings, and there are too many argumentative items on the agenda.

On the other hand, Wauldron feels some trustees like Neil Wallace and David Lohmeier are doing fine work, which is where he parts ways with his fellow Democrats.

Jeremy Mitchell disagrees with Dave Lohmeier when it comes to lowering the pay of the supervisor. He also feels like "Trustee Lohmeier believes the township should be run as a corporation or business. That's one area where democrats and republican disagree." Kevin Bushroe concurs; the township is "not a for-profit business," he said.

Wauldron, Mitchell, and Bushroe de-



Joe Wauldron is running as a Democrat. Photos by Mary Keck

scribe Democrats as less business-oriented but more citizen-interested.

"Democrats have always been for the people," Joe Wauldron said.

Democrats' ability to get their message to the people hasn't always been so challenging. It's only been in the last 30 years that Republicans have dominated the

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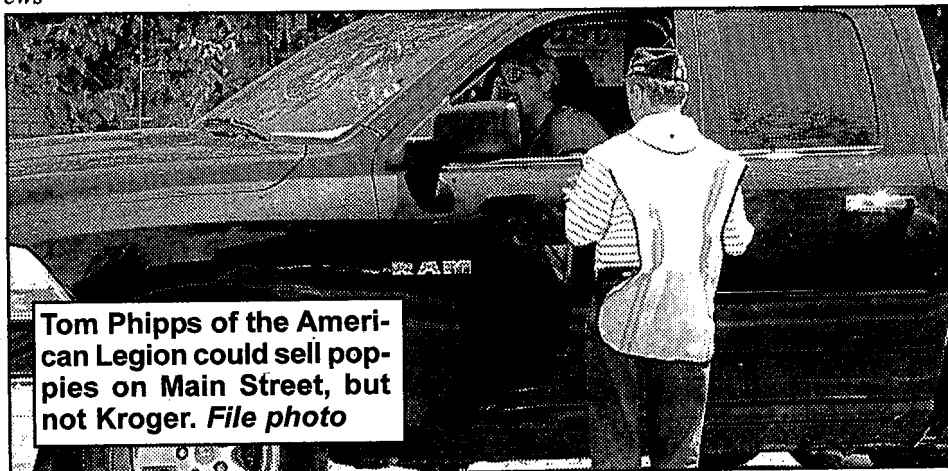
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Tom Phipps of the American Legion could sell poppies on Main Street, but not Kroger. File photo

Poppy drive hit by sales rules

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

American Legion Post 63 estimates half of their usual donations may have been lost because Kroger told them they could not sell poppies on May 17-19.

"Our hope is that they'll rethink their position," Commander Keith Marbutt said.

Although the veterans signed up to collect donations for poppies in February, when they arrived at the Kroger on Dixie Highway and Maybee Road on May 17, Manager Barry Weiner turned them away.

According to Dale Hollandsworth from Kroger's Consumer Communications department, the veterans were told they couldn't sell poppies because of a policy, which has been in place for two years.

"Our customers have told us overwhelmingly that they feel inundated due to all the organizations seeking donations outside the store," Hollandsworth said. "They feel like they're running a gauntlet."

To give customers a "better shopping experience," Kroger adopted a policy requiring organizations to submit a form that can be picked up in the store, Hollandsworth explained.

Marbutt said the American Legion has been selling poppies at Kroger for at least five years, and this was the first time he'd been told about the new procedure.

To comply with Kroger's policy, Marbutt

filled out the new form and was told it would be faxed to the Kroger corporate office, but the veterans were still unable to sell there that weekend.

As a result, Marbutt had to quickly inform volunteers and move them to new locations.

American Legion volunteers usually collect about \$5,000 a year, but this year Marbutt thinks they'll reach only \$2,500 because of the loss of time and volunteers at Kroger just before Memorial Day.

Donations from the poppy sales go to veterans' food and winter heat bills. They've been used to pay for gas to get a veteran's wife, who was diagnosed with cancer, to her medical appointments, Marbutt explained.

Of the situation with Post 63, Dale Hollandsworth of Kroger said, "I feel bad and am terribly sorry about that."

There are "thousands of organizations that want to solicit" at Kroger, and due to recent economic hardships, the store has seen an influx of groups hoping to collect donations, he said. Kroger's policy is intended to schedule the many organizations requesting donations.

Despite hitting an impasse on May 17, Marbutt hopes the American Legion will be welcome to sell poppies at the store again.

"We'd love to work with Kroger," he said.

For more information, see www.legion63mi.com

Low water level in Mill Pond

Some Clarkston citizens have been concerned about the water level of Mill Pond, and called the Department of Environmental Quality and City Hall. According to Melanie Foose of the DEQ, "it appears that the water level has decreased."

Foose said that the DEQ received "complaints that there has been activity with the dam, but I have not observed it." She also noted that the water level could be impacted by a variety of factors such as sediment build-up and lack of rain.

Bob Roth, the dam operator, says the dam "hasn't been changed since last October"

and "Upper Mill Pond is only a foot deep in its prime." While he is aware that the water level is low, he said "its as normal as normal is."

Each year, the level decreases around this time because there's less water coming over the spillway, Roth explained. The dam is now partially closed, but it must remain open a little to feed the stream in Depot Park, he said.

Melanie Foose intended to take another look at the pond after the rainy weekend, and said, "we understand that residents are concerned, and we're looking into it."

- Mary Keck

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Deputy posting at stake in millage vote

BY KRYSTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

Police service will continue regardless of what Springfield Township voters decide about the .75 mill increase in the Aug. 7 election.

However, a defeat would affect follow-ups on smaller crimes, said Sergeant Matt Baldes, commander of the Springfield Township sheriff's substation.

"Major crimes will get the same attention they always have, but there may not be enough time to give smaller crimes a lot of attention," Baldes said. "If it were not to pass, then we would likely lose an officer out of this sub-station."

Springfield Township Board discussed 0.6 to 1 mill, based on how much service to provide and what to do with fund reserves, before settling on .75. The board discussed deleting the detective position to avoid decreasing the number of officers on the road.

"If the detective position were to go, it certainly would not cripple the police service in any way," Baldes said. "The difference is that the job would be split up among others who work at the station and time would need to be used differently."

As a resident of Springfield Township, he wants the best service he can get, and keeping all the current officers is the way to do



Sgt. Matt Baldes and other Springfield Township deputies will serve the community no matter the outcome of the millage vote. Photo by Krysten Cooper.

that, he said.

"Sheriff Bouchard is deeply committed to providing quality police service for this area," said Baldes. "The sheriff also wants to make sure he continues providing the services he has promised."

The township contracts with Oakland

County Sheriff's Office for police service. The millage would run from 2012-2015, 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. One mill is \$1 for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation, or one-half market value.

No Dems on board in last 28 years

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board.

In 1974, *The Clarkston News* reported the election of "three full-time Democrat officials and four Republican trustees, whose positions are part time." After a few years, the board wouldn't be split so evenly.

A 1980 headline in *CNews* stated, "[Fred] Ritter Lone Democrat on Board."

Four years later, the *CNews* reported, "Independence Township voters followed national trends last night and sent local government rolling in the wake of Republican

victories."

The 1984 election marked the end of Democrat participation in township government. Ritter, the last Democrat to successfully run for office in Independence Township, believes Clarkston "has changed dramatically since the early 80s. It is more affluent and more Republican."

Although they may be outnumbered by Republicans on the ballot, Democrats Jeremy Mitchell and Kevin Bushroe don't feel like they're alone.

"I think it's false to think that Independ-

dence is only a Republican township," Bushroe said. "A lot of your neighbors are Democrats."

The upcoming November election will reveal whether or not a Democrat can win in Independence Township, and for some, the party options make the race more interesting.

"We haven't seen an opposed race in November in years. It's going to be exciting," said Ritter, former treasurer. "I hope that these guys have the community's interest at heart, no matter who is elected."

Briefly

Library board

Independence Township and Clarkston City Council will appoint residents to the new, seven-member Library Board. Five will be appointed by the township and two by city council.

Submissions deadlines are June 7 for Clarkston; June 12 for Independence Township. Check www.indelib.org or call 248-625-2212.

Sign up for parade

Planners expect about 10,000 watchers at this year's Clarkston Fourth of July Parade.

Celebrating its 80th year, the event starts at 10 a.m., with lineup beginning at 7 a.m. Businesses and political entries are asked to make a \$30 parade donation. The theme is "American Made Parade."

Call 248-674-0268, check www.clarkston.org, or email clarkstonparade@gmail.com. Entry deadline is Friday, June 15.

Benefit fund raiser

A benefit for Clarkston resident Brendan Czarniecki is Saturday, June 23, at Clarkston Eagles, 5640 Maybee Road. The event begins with dinner at 5 p.m. for a \$10 donation, auction at 7 p.m., and entertainment at 9 p.m. Money donated will help cover medical expenses.


Czarniecki, a 2003 Clarkston grad, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Earlier this year, he and his fiancée placed their wedding on hold due to extensive surgical and medical procedures. He is unable to work and is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Tickets are available at the door, or in advance at the Eagles Club.

For more information, call Dayna at 248-240-0163 or Valerie 248-625-5358.

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Independence library hosts teen art

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Members of the public are invited to view and vote on displays at the Independence Township Library's Teen Art Show, 6-8 p.m., June 22, an event made possible by The Friends of the Library.

According to Keegan Sulecki, head of Teen Services, the yearly art show offers teenagers more than an opportunity to showcase their creative skills.

"It takes confidence to display artwork before the community" and it gives parents a chance to share a special moment with their kids, she said.

Sulecki's dedication and passion for the Teen Art Show comes from her own experience. As a teenager living in Clarkston, she attended programs at the library. Then, she started working there at age 16.

"It's nice for kids to have a place to go that doesn't cost anything and for parents to know their children are in a safe place," she pointed out.

From Sulecki's perspective, programs like the upcoming art show "make young people feel welcome" and encourage "them to become an active part of the community."

Besides, "it's fun," Sulecki said with a smile. She's seen a lot of imaginative pieces at past Teen Art Shows like portraits, 3-D art, quilts, photographs, and graphic design work.

While viewing the variety of pieces the students submit, members of the community are encouraged to vote on their favorite works of art.

Keegan Sulecki shares a sculpture from last year's Teen Art Show
Photo by Mary Keck.



Every teen who participates will go home with a certificate, but only a few will get prizes donated by local businesses like Culver's, Red Knapp's, and Target.

Any artist grades 6-12 can submit their work for the Teen Art Show to the library

until June 13.

For more information, interested teens can find submission guidelines at the library's front desk or by contacting Keegan Sulecki at 248-625-8852 or by emailing her at suleckik@indelilb.org.

Summer reading at Springfield library

BY KRISTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

The Springfield Township Library is getting ready to dream big and read with their 2012 summer reading program.

The program promises to be fun for readers of all ages, with activities planned for ages 2-adult. Registration for the program will be June 7-9 for everyone with a Springfield Township Library or TLN Library Network card. The adult summer reading program begins on June 4.

Library Director Kathy Forst said the summer reading program at Springfield Township Library has been taking place for 33 years now. This year, there are three programs: children's, young adult and adult.

Children's Librarian Frances Bauer said each person who registers for the children's program will get a book bag filled with information.



Kathy Forst

One of the items will be a reading record with places to fill out which books were read by the children themselves or to them by their parents.

It also has a place to record how many pages were in the book. At the end of the program, each child will get a certificate saying how many pages they read over the summer.

Additionally, the bag comes with a calendar of many exciting events. The Friends of the Library pay for the summer reading program and to bring in presenters for events. Some of those events are the kick-off for the children's program featuring The Storytellers on June 12, drawing with Tom Woodruff on July 9, and Bats of the World presented by the Organization for Bat Conservation.

The Young Adult program has a lot of different prizes to offer this year. Each time a young adult completes a book, they can get a slip to draw a prize for that week. Then, at the award party at the end of the program, everyone who reads six or more books is entered in a drawing to win a Nook E-reader.

Librarian Kimberly Schaaf said the adult

summer reading program is going to focus on more than just reading.

Each participant will get a bingo card with squares that can be filled by reading books, but also by getting familiar with library services. One square even works to combine the different programs as you can complete it by reading a book to your child.

Bauer said this is also a special year for the children's summer reading program as the library's mission statement was recently updated to "recognize our responsibility to serve as a place for children to discover the joy of reading."

Additionally, Bauer said the program, "keeps the kids reading over the summer so they don't fall back and have to be behind when they start up school again in the fall."

She also said all the programs are a lot of fun.

"The only thing you can do to improve your reading skills is keep reading," she said.

For more about the Summer Reading Programs, visit www.springfield.lib.mi.us or call 248-846-6550.

Calendar of places to go, things to do

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.

Health and wellness for your body, mind, and money three-part workshop, Brass Ring Wealth Management and Holistic Harmony, Wednesdays, June 13, 20, 27, 6-7 p.m., Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street. \$10 donation to Lend A Helping Hand, www.lahh.info.

Farewell Tour of Inside Out DIA paintings around Clarkston, 5 p.m., June 13, starts at Depot Park. Call Peg, 248-462-3008.

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

Blood drive, American Red Cross, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., June 15, Independence Township Fire Department, 6500 Citation. Registration required. 800-733-2767.

Neil Wallace For Township Supervisor fund raiser, 6:30-8:30 p.m., June 18. \$50. Mesquite Creek Steak House, 7228 North Main Street. 248-625-1800 or 248-625-6736.

Butterfly count, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 30, Independence Oaks County Park. Part of the

North American Butterfly Association's annual count. Experts will provide identification and information. Bring net and water. Meet at Camp Wilderness parking lot. 248-858-0704.

Garden Walk, 12-7 p.m., July 11. Features six gardens in and around the Clarkston area plus Artist Market. Advance tickets, \$15, at Bordines, KH Home, Clarkston Country Store, Birdfeeder, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce. Same day, \$18, at Independence Township Library. 248-620-2984.

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

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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Students looked out for Ryan, each other

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him at those times. I would think of his courage in facing his cancer and surgeries. He inspires me when life throws us a curveball."

Gagnon said she will always remember his smile and his dimples as well as his sense of humor.

"He was in my thoughts and prayers a lot in the last five years," she said. "He was a very brave kid. I admired his ability to be fearless in so many ways."

She first met him when his was just a year old and had his sister, McKenzie, in her class.

North Sashabaw Elementary Principal Tara Ouellette met Ryan when she started almost a year ago and fondly remembered him dressing in a shirt and suitcoat for his school photos.

"It was something that was outstanding that I noticed when I looked through old yearbooks," she noted. "He was a great kid. His mom is wonderfully strong, and we found a lot of peace with how she dealt with things."

Gagnon agreed.

"I really admire his mom (Kimberly)," Gagnon added. "She was always looking for

new treatments, researching best medical interventions for Ryan, yet balance with wanting his life to be normal. She balanced making sure Ryan had what he had to battle his cancer and also giving Nathan, McKenzie and her husband what they needed as well. She is an incredibly strong woman that has great faith, too."

When Ryan's health made it hard for him to be in school, Ouellette thought of a way he could still be in his school and play with children his age.

She offered him an opportunity to come in after school and play with her children, Ethan and Tyler, fourth and second graders at Pine Knob Elementary.

While he battled his cancer, his North Sashabaw family as well as schools throughout the district bonded together in various fund raisers. During Hall's eight years teaching she has never had a class so close.

"They looked out for each other, not just Ryan," she added. "They made bracelets, signs and pins. They had bake sales and raised over \$1,000. They loved doing nice things for Ryan and for each other."

Gagnon said it was amazing to watch the school band together.

"At times like these, you really do see how much good is in the world," she added. "How many care for other people and stand behind a cause. It has been encouraging and uplifting just to come together as a school family for one of our own."

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Cooper's Comments

A column by Krysten Cooper

Summer escapade

This summer I have the privilege of being an intern here at *The Clarkston News*. Being an intern here is very exciting to me for a number of different reasons.

The first is the location. I have lived in Davisburg most of my life, and I believe this area is one of the best places to live. With access to so many different parks, trails, markets and other community events, it's easy to see why this is a great place. Now, not only do I get to work close to home and enjoy all these things on my own time, I also get to enjoy them for work.

"But why a reporter?" you may be asking yourself. Writing seems like such a thing of the past, especially print news. It would seem like choosing to be a writer in today's world is setting up for eternal boredom. This is where I wholeheartedly disagree.

Back a few years ago when I started seriously considering what I wanted to do with my life, I could only come back to one thing: I wanted to change the world. For me writing, especially news writing, is a quick way to that. Everyday I get to go out and interact with people from all different walks of life. I get to share their stories with others. Some are good, but others are not and some things require action from people if they are going to continue. How exciting is it that I can help people get the recognition they need? It's an amazing feeling, especially if it's here in my community.

So far, working at *The Clarkston News* has been a very enlightening experience. It's very cool to see the way the paper is run. I really enjoy the atmosphere of the newsroom. On my very first day I got to look through a lot of older issues of the news. It was thrilling to see so much history stored all in one place.

Now that I have started to write my first stories, I am looking forward to the rest of this summer. It is really neat to learn more about the area where I live. Meeting new people around the area has also been a good experience thus far. Hopefully I will continue to learn and enjoy this kind of writing as I continue my internship.



Support for Wallace's stance on fire mill

Dear Editor,

Neil Wallace's letter "Fire millage," May 23, provided an insightful synopsis of Independence Fire and the professional approach the department has made to providing fire and emergency services to area residents.

Since the expansion of emergency services in 2000, the department has been deferring equipment upgrades, cost cutting, reducing personnel, and deferring contractual wage increases while still providing the level of professional services that we have come to expect and appreciate.

During the upcoming August primary, the voters will be presented with two millage proposals.

The first proposal is the renewal of the existing 3.1688 mills for four years. The second part is a request for an additional .59 mills which will allow for the operation of a third ambulance, restoring three positions and capital replacements. It would add \$59 per year on a \$200,000 home or \$5 per month.

What would each of us be willing to pay

for the added protection of our homes and loved ones?

Neil Wallace has clearly demonstrated his belief in the Fire Department many times over. He actively worked on passage of the millage for fire and ambulance services in 2000. This same level of commitment carries over to all of the endeavors Mr. Wallace has been involved in during his life in Independence Township.

As part of the Citizens for Fire Safety - Independence Township, I firmly believe that each dollar spent by the Fire Department is well spent and returned to the citizens many times over. In order to continue the high level of professional services provided, I am asking for your support in the upcoming August primary.

If you are interested in helping on the committee, passing out flyers, posting a yard sign, or making a donation, please contact me 248-625-9741 or joeldelong@aol.com.

Joel DeLong

Independence Twp. Fire Safety committee

Reader critical of school leadership

Dear Editor,

The school millage failure is only the tip of our local educational iceberg. "Leaders" of Clarkston schools are forgetting American exceptionalism 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

A 'no' for School of Choice decision

Dear Editor,

I am frustrated and sad Dr. Rod Rock, with the help of the School Board President Cheryl McGinnis, has instituted "unlimited" Schools of Choice in four programs in the district, including Project Lead the Way, which allows for the acceptance of anyone of the appropriate age who applies from outside of the district. It was approved May 21.

There was no communication from Dr. Rock this year asking the public how they felt about making Lead the Way "unlimited" and the only place one could have seen any reference to it was in the May 21 board packet posted to the district website on May 18, before the Monday meeting. Dr. Rock was full of public communications when it came to try to get the \$20 million bond passed, but not this.

Per District Policy, changes must be discussed by the School Board before voting on it. The May 21 meeting had the board discussing the change and voting on it.

When advised by several board members of the violation, Cheryl McGinnis, with the power of the majority, overruled them, kept it as the scheduled vote, and Dr. Rock's rubber stamp majority board members approved the change and the renewal.

Dr. Rock's annual evaluation will be during a closed session on June 18, with the final written evaluation presented at the June 25 meeting. Please let Dr. Rock and the School Board know how you feel about unlimited Schools of Choice in the Lead the Way Program in Clarkston High School and how you feel about the board violating their own Board Bylaw by voting on the change without a prior board meeting discussion.

Let them know if you think it's disturbing that the district chose to not engage the public on the School of Choice change, at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Thank you.

Dawn Schaller
Independence Township

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Intruder confronts 8-year-old" An 8-year-old Clarkston girl was woken by a tap on the leg from a stranger in the middle of the night. The white male told her not to scream. She did scream - waking up her grandma and mom. The police found chairs stacked outside her bedroom window, screens removed and a wet footprint.

"It's yes" A proposal for a new elementary school and renovation at most existing buildings was narrowly approved by Clarkston voters. The \$57.7 bond proposal passed 2,897-2,676. A similar proposal had failed the previous December.

"In unison" Husband and wife music teachers Lois and Peter Richardson brought their students together for an exchange concert. Lois taught Clarkston music students and Peter taught in Detroit. Clarkston students Stuart Kennedy and Brian Arpke played a duet of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

25 years ago - 1987

"Adventure in France" Sharon Hahn, an Independence Township resident, shared her adventures from her three months in Europe. It began when she shared her dream about living in a foreign country with her husband. The dream turned into reality after he encouraged her with two words - do it.

"Voters reject school tax increase proposal" Clarkston school district voters soundly approved a 3.79-mill tax renewal and soundly defeated a 4.25-mill increase. The millage defeat meant budget cuts of \$1.02 million, including layoff of 15 teachers, an administrator, three library aides, clerk, two special education aides, two bus drivers, 2.5 custodian positions, and one from grounds maintenance. Voter turnout was 22 percent.

"Film at 11? No, but close" Independence-Clarkston public access cable completed the first regular taping of an Independence Township Board meeting. Board members appreciated the public service, though Trustee Dale Stuart thought people would be bored by it.

50 years ago - 1962

"Clarkston to graduate 135 seniors Monday, June 4" Commencement activities were set to start at 7:30 p.m. as Clarkston High School graduated 135 seniors in the high school gym. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. A Wesley Rowland.

"Local news" Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Clarkston were pleasantly surprised with a visit by her cousin and family the Pete Broadwaters of Jackson.

Holidays prompt Navy memories of WWII

Dad was a soldier in WWI. My brothers went into WWII ahead of me, one in the Marines, the other Navy. So, before I became of draft age Mother let me join the Navy.

Things I was asked to do by mom, dad, coaches and teachers, never seemed as demanding, even as threatening as orders given by some cocky, uniformed guy with a stripe on his sleeve

"Fall out!" "Head back, sailor!" Eyes, right! Each said with the threat of something bad, like work or push-ups.

On March 29 we picked up a load of beer in Norfolk and sailed to Panama. Once through that zone, another sailor and I went up to the crow's nest to play chess.

Of course, they found us and confined us to quarters, meaning we didn't get to go ashore in Hawaii or Eniwetok to have a beer. Our ship's hatches were welded shut, so we didn't get any of the beer carried.

In Pearl Harbor, our ship was loaded with 3 and 5 inch ammunition. That was comforting.)

On to Ulithi enroute to Kerama Retto, about 10 miles from Okinawa. The Japs were bombing Okinawa every day. My brother, Dair, was on a supply ship on the north shore of Okinawa.

I learned that while listening in our radio room. Remember now, I'm still only 18. I have yet to reach a reasoning age, and I concluded that since we had 24 boats on our ship, someone could take me 10 miles to see my brother.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Only my buddies agreed with my decision. I didn't expect our USN Captain Folk to agree, but certainly one of the USN Reserves would ok the trip. Oh, no. A World War was going on, they reminded me. So what? He's my brother.

Things were apparently happening elsewhere, outside my world, because on July 21, 1945 our shell-laden ship was ordered to go to Siapan, then to Guam to unload.

After "THE" bomb was dropped, and the war ended August, 15, we transported servicemen to Leyte, Cebu, Yokohama, Otaru, Tokyo Bay, the three Japanese Islands-Honshu, Kyushu, Hokkaido and up the Hai Ho River to Taku-Tientsin, China

Heading back to the United States, Captain Winston Folk concluded we crossed the international date line,

and gave us two turkey dinners.

One last service story, maybe.

Our Captain made arrangement with somebody to have a movie shown aboard ship.

The crew sat on the deck, officers and cameras were a deck higher. A big screen was set so the projector's beam was just over our heads.

The Captain and a couple other officers invited female nurses aboard to enjoy the movie.

This did not go over real well amongst the crew.

The opening cartoon was uneventful.

So were the opening scenes.

However, when an actress appeared on screen a sailor's arm would go up from the deck, into the projector's beam, hand open, reaching toward a bosom.

That gesture was an immediate crowd pleaser, which was copied by several onwatchers. Then came the whoops and hollers.

Actually, that interruption didn't last that long. The movie became more important.

The next day an announcement came over the loud speaker: "Hereafter, when there are guests on board you shall refrain from using words that rhyme with dart, sock, bits" ...and there were more.

Don't try to save me, Dad.

When I hear a sentence starting or ending with, "back in the good ol' days," I automatically roll my eyes. I can't help it, it's instinctive. And I can honestly say the muscles that control my rolling eyes are ripped. They're taunt and buff. They get exercised like no other muscle in my body.

Longing for the good ol' days, besides being an act of folly, is a waste of energy, too. The good ol' days weren't always good, just like our today's aren't always bad.

Life was "simpler" back then only because we survived -- we know how things turn out. We know the end of those past chapters. That part of life is simple. Stuff gets more complicated or hard when you contemplate the now as it relates to the future -- that which you don't know.

I state that to lead into this contradiction: Things sure are harder now than when I was a kid.

I came to that startling revelation a few years ago while experiencing a *deja vu* moment watching the Detroit Pistons professional basketball team. Watching Cleveland Cavalier LeBron James cut his teeth on the Pistons, reminded me of Chicago Bull Michael Jordan who cut his teeth on the Pistons in the early 1990s. Overtop of the Pistons, Jordan ruled the

NBA for a decade. Similarly, LeBron has now been anointed king. But, I digress...

It was shortly after 9 p.m., the lads (Shamus and Sean) were safely ensconced under their respective blankets having gone to bed an hour earlier. It was then Mr. Sean stumbled into the living room, eyes squinting as he came from the dark into the light. He was sniffing as he came up to me and sat on my lap.

"Dad," he managed between sobs, "if a car is going to hit me,

don't try to push me out of the way."

Between his sobbing and NBA sportscaster Marv Albert's gushing over LeBron's game I couldn't quite understand what my son was saying. "What, Sean?" I asked, turning the TV's volume down.

"Don't try to push me out of the way. Give me a signal, but don't try to save me," he said, sniffing all the way. His little blond head was resting on my left shoulder, his body was shaking. I then understood what had so profoundly upset my son. Sean had had a nightmare

and in it I got smashed to smithereens trying to push him out of the path of a moving vehicle.

He was heartbroken. I smiled to myself, but at the same time wished he wasn't so upset. You -- or at least I -- hate to see children worry.

Childhood anxiety is something I understand. I know I had angst as a kid. And much to my chagrin, I'm sure all kids fear their parents leaving or being taken away, too. My insecurity manifested itself much the same way as did Sean's. The difference, my dream was cartoonish, Sean's was disturbingly real. I can only attribute this to the fact things are much more (too) real these days than in the 1960s.

I still remember my anxiety-ridden dream. It took place in Mom and Dad's bedroom at 9902 Berwyn Street, in Redford Township. The terror for me began when the grotesquely blue-faced winged monkeys from "The Wizard of Oz" popped up out of the cream-colored, 12-inch linoleum tiles laid out on the floor. These vile creatures were in my home for one reason and one reason only -- to steal Mom and Dad. The scoundrels scooped up my parents and flew around the room as if they were attached to wires.

I had to save my parents!

My dreamworld mind had the answer:

I, little mild-mannered Donald P. Rush, was Mighty Mouse. While Mom, Dad, the monkeys and the room were lifelike, I was a cartoon character. Yep, complete with drawn in mouse ears, nose, yellow leotards and red superhero cape, I could fly. While it was a vivid dream, when I awoke, I knew it was a dream nonetheless. Harmless. How or why I dreamt of a cream-colored floor I'll never know -- my parent's bedroom floor was hardwood.

Little Sean's dream was disturbingly real (at least to him) and I blame it on technology. Back in the good ol' days monsters and villains of any sort were not too realistic (unless you say gluing on cardboard horns onto monitor lizards so you can film a dinosaur movie is realistic). These days, with great and ever improving technology, nothing looks fake or cartoonish. Which means even in a kid's dreamworld, everything looks real. The line between reality and dreamaility is now very thin.

It melts the frozen cockles of my stone-cold heart he loves me such that he would be sad should I perish -- I just wish he wouldn't think of those things.

Ah, I pine for those good ol' days of yesteryear -- ouch! Damn, for some reason my eyes just rolled back into my head?

This 'Best of' ran June 6, 2007.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Singing contest at Oakland county fair

Application deadline for this year's Oakland County Fair Idol Contest is June 15.

Auditions are 6-9 p.m., Friday, July 6, and Tuesday-Wednesday, July 10-11. Semi Finals are 6-9 p.m., Friday, July 13. Finals are Saturday, July 14, 3-6 p.m.

First prize is \$500 and photo package by G&L Collins Photography. Second place is \$200; \$100 for third place; with \$100 prizes also awarded to the top qualifier in each age group: 8-12, 13-18, 19-25, and 26+.

The contest welcomes solos, duets, trios, and ensembles with instruments, CDs, or digital music files allowed for accompaniment. No background voice accompaniment. Music must be free of profanity and immoral themes. Music selection must be age appropriate. Time limit of 3-4 minutes per entry.

Categories include Classical, Pop, Country, Broadway, Jazz or Other.

Entry Fee is \$5, to be paid by registration date, along with a performance CD. A Contestant Questionnaire is also required and must be turned in at audition registration along with a picture of the contestant.

The Oakland County Fair is July 6-15 at Springfield Oaks County Park.

For additional rules and information, check www.oakfair.org or emailing ssp5078@yahoo.com.



Cassandra Tovar of Clarkston, left, won first place in last year's singing contest, along with Andre Neumann of St. Claire, who won second, and Marilynn Montane of Pinckney, third place. Photo provided.

City abandons building plans

In light of an estimated \$200,000 cost for a new addition, Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to discontinue plans to move DPW equipment out of 3 E. Church into a new building.

The decision is a result of concern over the projected \$600,000 deficit in the 2013 budget, as well as public criticism.

Council Member Peg Roth said she received a couple critical emails from citizens, and Mayor Joe Luginski admitted he'd heard "what are you thinking?" from some residents.

"The reason we started investigating this concept was we thought we could build on enough to fit our needs and pay the same amount or less than what we're paying at 3 E. Church. Apparently, that's not the case," Councilman Tom Hunter summed up.

Mayor Luginski said the city had an "unrealistic expectation of what the cost would be."

Now that the council has weighed their options, they'll continue paying about \$25,000 each year to rent at 3 E. Church, but they still must iron out the sizeable deficit in next year's budget.

A public hearing on the 2013 budget is scheduled for June 11 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall.

- Mary Keck

The Importance of Primary Care Physicians ~ Dr. Tim O'Neill

As medicine has become more specialized and technology oriented I see my patients have an increasingly difficult time navigating our healthcare system. The very sophisticated yet largely fragmented system we have created leaves people in greater need of guidance than ever before. Understanding which medication or diagnostic study is appropriate can be a challenge even for physicians. Additionally, coordinating multiple specialists caring for one patient can add another layer of complexity. This is where your primary care physician becomes your greatest ally. Our job is to put the pieces of the puzzle together and formulate a treatment plan that is right for your situation.

In an era of super-specialization, electronic health records, and blockbuster drugs, a common sense, patient oriented, health maintenance strategy is your best option. Many of the ailments we suffer from can still be diagnosed with a simple history and physical exam. The medical advances we have made are nothing short of amazing, but they are only tools that need to be used judiciously. The cost of diagnostic testing and medications as well as potential problems they can cause create a risk/reward situation that can leave people harmed by the very things that were supposed to help them or at least with less money in their pocket and no difference in outcome.

This is why we're seeing a trend toward outcome based medicine. In medical school we're taught what drug is used to treat a condition or what test will make the diagnosis. As we're confronted with the overwhelming cost of healthcare and the real world harm that can result from medications and testing, it is critical that we step back and look at what the likely outcome will be if a given treatment plan is followed. Sciatica (low back pain radiating down your leg), for example, is one such case. If I ordered an MRI on every person I saw with sciatica I would probably be investigated and rightly so. We know that if none of

the "red flags" are present that sciatica will almost always follow a particular course and resolve whether I order an MRI or not. This is only one example of how a common sense approach to a patient problem can help them recover and not waste their time or money.

There are many similar situations that I see on a daily basis. I have to ask myself will this medication do more harm than good or am I going to gain any valuable information from another test? Obviously in an emergency we make decisions in seconds but with many illnesses and injuries we can make lifestyle changes or allow the body to heal before intervening further. Knowing when to push further and when to wait is much of the art of primary care.

So that you're not lost in complexities of our healthcare system, here are some strategies you can use to protect yourself and make your health care experience as efficient and productive as possible.

Keep a detailed medical history and bring it with you to every office visit

- Make a list of all your medications, vaccinations, chronic problems, and specialists that you see as well as list any surgeries or procedures you've had done.

Ask questions; why is this test being ordered? What are you looking for? What are the side effects of this medication?

- This is your health and while I think most of us primary care physicians are very good you have to be your own patient advocate. Your health is your most precious asset. Your doctor should welcome you participating in the decision making process.

Be honest

- If there is hidden information it can make it very difficult for us to solve your problems. It might not be easy to admit certain things but we need the whole story to make the best decisions for you.

Take care of yourself

- Prevention really is the best medicine. Much of my day is spent managing messes created from smoking, obesity, and poor lifestyle choices. If you destroy your body there is only so much we can do to help you. If you continue to not take care of yourself then your problems will worsen and most likely accelerate.

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Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Thefts from homes, vehicles

A 65-year-old Independence Township man hosting an estate sale in the 5000 block of Bellshire Lane, May 23, had an outdoor patio set, two paintings, Chinese vase, clock, pocket watches, and military memorabilia stolen.

Someone took a set of golf clubs from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Chestnut Hill Drive, May 24.

More than \$2,000 in cash was taken from a vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Clintonville Pines Drive, May 26. The owner thought the vehicle was locked, but there was no sign of forced entry.

Someone took cash, license, debit card and other items from an unlocked pickup truck parked with the keys in the ignition in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, May 27.

Someone pried open a backdoor of a home in the 6000 block of Shappie Road, May 28, and took jewelry and a .38-caliber handgun.

Arrested for throwing cup

A 36-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested for domestic assault, 7:28 p.m., May 21, in the 5000 block of Waldon Road. She had reportedly thrown a ceramic cup at her husband during a fight.

Drunk driver

Responding to a tip, a 34-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for drunk driving, second offense, 10:16 p.m., May 23. He had a breath test of .14.

Minor faces third arrest

Deputies arrested a 19-year-old Lake Orion woman for minor in possession of alcohol, 11:57 p.m., May 25, at DTE Music Theater. Crowd control officers saw she was intoxicated and wouldn't let her drive away. She had two prior alcohol arrests in Rochester Hills, and a preliminary breath test of .160.

Citation at DTE

DTE employees took a 17-year-old girl to the first aid station for drunkenness, 9:55 p.m., May 25. She asked to go to the bathroom, and while there, stood on the toilet and tried to get into the ductwork. Instead, she tore it from the ceiling. She was cited with malicious destruction of property.

Shooting threat

An 18-year-old Independence Township man was cited with disorderly conduct for threatening to shoot employees at DTE Music Theater, 9:38 p.m., May 25. He wasn't found with a weapon, but had a packet of K2 in his pocket and said he had been smoking it.

LaBair honored



LaBair

Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of Independence Township sheriff's substation, was honored as this year's Command Officer of the Year for his outstanding dedication to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for the

past 40 years.

He has been the Independence Township substation commander since 1996, and is retiring to Tennessee this summer.

Hit-and-run suspect caught

Deputies didn't have trouble locating a hit-and-run suspect leaving DTE Music Theater, 11:51 p.m., May 25. The vehicle had heavy front-end damage, deployed airbags, and clearly wasn't road worthy. The driver, a 24-year-old Independence Township man, was found with a bag of marijuana and was cited with possession.

Seashell assault

A 46-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested for assault after throwing a seashell at her boyfriend and hitting him in the head during an argument, May 26.

Reckless driver arrested

A deputy stopped a 23-year-old Independence Township man for recklessly driving out of a restaurant parking lot onto Dixie Highway, 12:58 a.m., May 26. With a preliminary breath test of .129, he was arrested for drunk driving.

Bike chase results in injury

A 15-year-old resident in the 9000 block of Boulder Court went into the garage to get a bottle of water when he heard someone outside trying to get through the garage door, 11:20 p.m., June 2. The teenager watched as two men tried to break in, then run away. The resident grabbed his bike and chased the suspects down the road. One of the suspects knocked him off his bike, knocking him out. His parents took him to Clarkston Ambulatory Clinic. He was then sent to Troy Beaumont Hospital for surgery. The suspects are described as white men in their late teens to early 20s, wearing hoodies, shorts, and tennis shoes. Investigation continues.

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

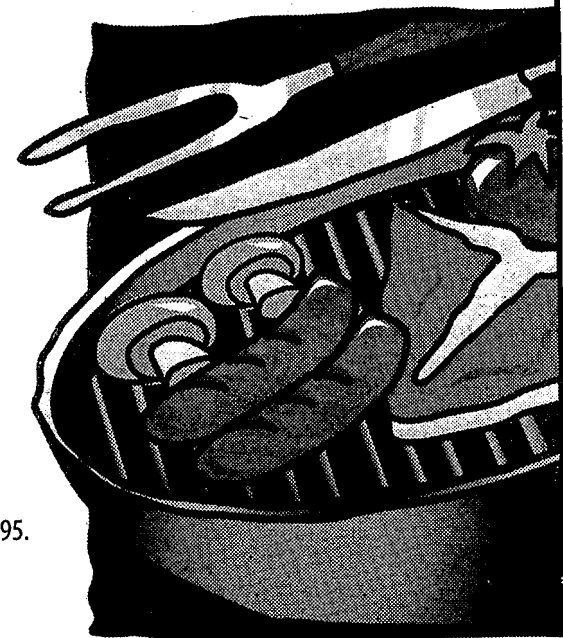
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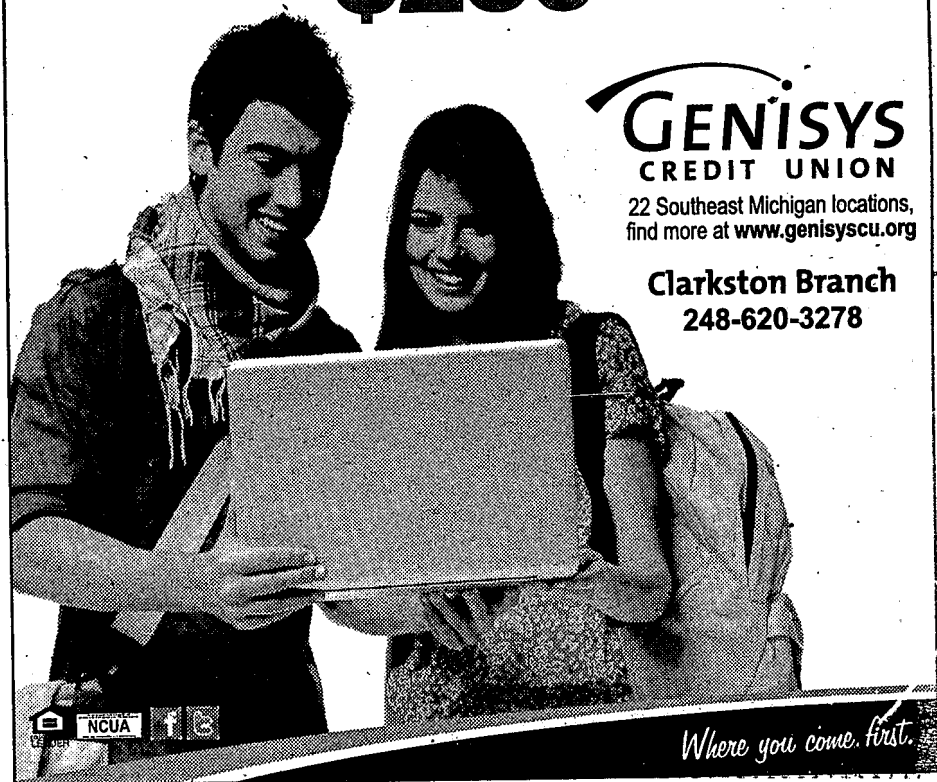
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Attacking the net

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolves made Clarkston history by making their first appearance in the MHSAA Regional Finals last Saturday.

The girls lacrosse varsity team matched wits with Hartland and lost, 13-11.

For the Lady Wolves it was a comeback to be proud of after losing to Hartland in March, 20-6.

"I am so proud of our girls," said Stephanie Dellinger, head coach. "From getting beat so badly by this team at the beginning of the year to also beating this team. We were right there with them the whole game. They played awesome - every single one of them."

The Eagles opened the game with two goals but the teamwork of senior Stephanie Dellinger and junior Lauren Sharkey put Hartland behind. Sharkey put three points on the scoreboard and Dellinger scored one.

Both teams ended the first half tied and Hartland opened the second half with a 5-1 run. The Lady Wolves responded by getting tougher and gained on Hartland's lead.

"Kylie Cohe, our goalie, was absolutely phenomenal," said coach. "She was the difference. Defense held them to 13."

Sharkey and Dellinger both scored four goals a piece and senior Danielle Dunn added three.

The girls defeated Grand Blanc in the regional semifinals on May 31, 19-3.

Sharkey opened the game against the Lady Bobcats with the first goal, 26 seconds into the first half.

Grand Blanc responded with making three goals to take the lead. Both teams battled as the Lady Wolves tried to get back into the lead.

With five minutes left in the first half, Dellinger won draw possession and ran the ball down the field. She shot past the goalie to bring Clarkston into the lead, 8-7. Two more

goals from freshman Mary Schlaff and Dunn put the girls 10-8 before they went into half-time.

"We started a little slow," said Dellinger but once we got moving we really started playing the way we play. Once we figured which side of the goalie to shoot we started making our shots."

Grand Blanc opened the second half with a goal only to have the Lady Wolves respond with three of their own. They kept up the momentum and ended the game with two goals in the last minute, putting the score 19-13.

"We still had to stick to what we do," coach said about the last two goals. "We are not one to stall. We do have to run the clock but we have a few girls that know if they can go to goal - go. They make the shot regardless."

"The second half our goalie stepped up, too," she added. "We really stuck to our game plan."

Sharkey and Dellinger led the team with six goals a piece. Dunn had three goals. Anna Gray scored two goals and Brittney Jaynes and Schlaff scored one each.

The team loses ten seniors - Dellinger, Dunn, Gray, Abbey Hall, Whitney Kelley, Gianna Locricchio, Madeline Lussenhop, Rachel Manssur, Paige Miller, and Ashley Piper. The team also said goodbye to their coach, who will move to Alabama.

"It's sad," Dellinger admitted. "I am just so happy for them that we ended on such a great note. I have been coaching a lot of these girls since we moved here five years ago. Some of them since fifth grade, some since middle school and I followed them right up. I will miss you. They are a great group of girls. I am hard and intense. They know it is all about lacrosse when I am that way."

The team ended the season with a 8-5 overall record.



Lauren Sharkey saves the ball from Hartland's possession. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Stephanie Dellinger beats Hartland to the ball during the MHSAA Regional finals. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Leading the way

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Stephanie Dellinger stood poised and ready for the referee's signal to go as the ball sat on her lacrosse stick and her opponents:

Once Dellinger got the signal she battled for draw possession and won before passing the ball to a teammate.

"We have yet to have a girl draw the possession like Steph," said coach and mom, Stephanie Dellinger. "She has helped carry the team. She is a leader out there. She tells the girls where to go. Other teams know Steph because they put four girls on her. Steph only received All-State mention but she is under rated. Both her and Lauren Sharkey."

She started playing lacrosse in second grade when she was living in Maryland.

"It was just what everyone was doing," Stephanie explained. "I started with a recreation team and kept going."

She kept with it and joined the Lady Wolves' team when her family moved to Clarkston five years ago.

Stephanie admitted the transition was

difficult because lacrosse was new to the area. But she put to use the knowledge and experience she had to lend her teammates.

"It was a lot of fun," she smiled. "I liked helping everyone. I liked playing with them and also coaching them along the way."

She is unsure if she will continue playing lacrosse but she is sure of her next step after graduation. Stephanie plans to study psychology at University of Alabama when her family moves to Alabama.

"I want to go into intelligence like my dad does and work for the government," she added. "Psychology is a good major for it."

Stephanie also played basketball most of her life but stopped in tenth grade. It allowed her more time to play for her All-American lacrosse team which she has been playing for five years.

For young ladies aspiring to play in the growing sport of lacrosse, Stephanie said not to give up.

"Keep going with it," she added. "The more girls we get the bigger the program will be."

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Winning season for Lady Wolves

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Kickers finished their season on Saturday in the MHSAA District finals against Grand Blanc, 3-0.

"They were really strong against Grand Blanc," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Sarah Wasilk. "I know they wanted a district win really bad. It was a goal they set for themselves early on."

The team made nine shots on goal and junior Katie Miller had five saves.

"I am sad we weren't able to get the district win," Wasilk added. "But at the same time the girls have an awful lot to be proud of."

The Lady Wolves beat Carman-Ainsworth in the first round with a pair of goals from senior Lindsey Adams and one from sophomore Shelby Hopper, 3-1.

They continued with another 3-1 win over Flushing for the second round. Senior Caitlin Kirby led the team with two goals and Adams had one. Miller made eight saves. The only goal made by Flushing was on a penalty kick.

"All week they played really well," Wasilk added. "They were really focused. They played really well together as a team. They put a lot of pressure on all three teams we played. In two of the games we were able to convert that pressure into goals. Unfortunately the third game we had some opportunities we weren't able to capitalize on."

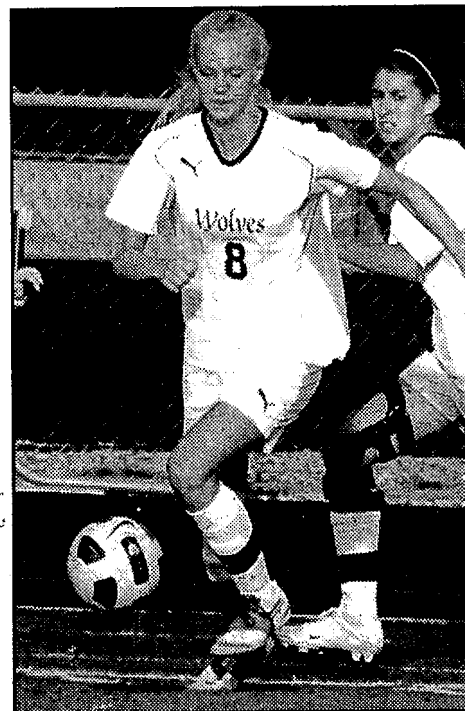
The team finished with a 10-7-4 overall record. Along with having a winning record going into the district competition competing in the OAA helped the girls.

"The OAA is a very tough league," Wasilk pointed out. "It definitely helps to get the girls ready mentally and physically. District

games usually seem to be more physical. Grand Blanc has a great program and they have always had a tough team. The girls felt more confident going into a game against Grand Blanc knowing they have played competition similar to them."

The team loses seven seniors - Adams, Kirby, Chelsea Chase, Andrea Dumais, Lisa Lyons, Sarah McCallum, and Taylor Stokes.

"They have a lot to be proud of," said Wasilk. "I had great senior leadership this year. The girls put forth a lot of effort all season."



Caitlin Kirby controls the ball. File photo



Katie Brozovich battles before the MHSAA State Finals. File photo

Runners up at states

Lexi Baylis won her second state championship on Saturday at the MHSAA Tennis State Finals.

She won for Singles #2 court while Paige Olsen won the championship in Singles #3. Doubles team Dana Olsen and Olivia Dunn captured the title in court one.

Katie Brozovich finished runner-up in Singles #1 after a tough match to Davina Nguyen from Utica.

As a team, the Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team finished as runner-up in Division 1, tying with Port Huron Northern with 25 points.

Grosse Pointe South finished as state champions with one point more than the Lady Wolves.

Ann Arbor Pioneer took third with 21 points and Ann Arbor Huron finished fourth with 16 points.

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Kevin Horton sends Brother Rice on a chase. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Sam Moore runs past Brother Rice defenders.

Lacrosse finish at regionals

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves gathered for the last post-pep talk under West Bloomfield's stadium lights last Friday. They lost the MHSAA Regional Finals to Brother Rice, 19-4.

"It was a good game. It was a good year," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity A Lacrosse team. "The guys played well. They kept fighting."

Brother Rice opened with a 4-0 run and were slowed down when Clarkston gained possession of the ball in their turf. They took it down into Brother Rice's territory and made a few shots on the net.

With 4:32 left in the first quarter, senior Jordan Kincaid shot the ball past the goalie to put the Wolves on the board.

He struck again with nine minutes left in the first half for the second goal. Seniors Travis Craft and Kevin O'Grady added two more before the game ended.

It was the second consecutive year Brother Rice has stopped the Wolves from continuing the season. But the Wolves learned from last year.

"We did some things this year that quite frankly Brother Rice hasn't seen," Kaminskas said. "We talked to a lot of coaches. We watched a lot of film. We have never seen them fall into a zone formation. We attacked them hard and put them into a

zone."

The boys beat Brighton in the regional semifinals, 12-9.

"It was a battle back and forth," said Kaminskas. "We told the guys stick to what they do and play for each other. It was a good game."

O'Grady led with six goals and had one assist. Kincaid scored three goals and had one assist; senior Kevin Horton scored two goals and had one assist. Senior Sam Moore added one goal. Craft had two assists.

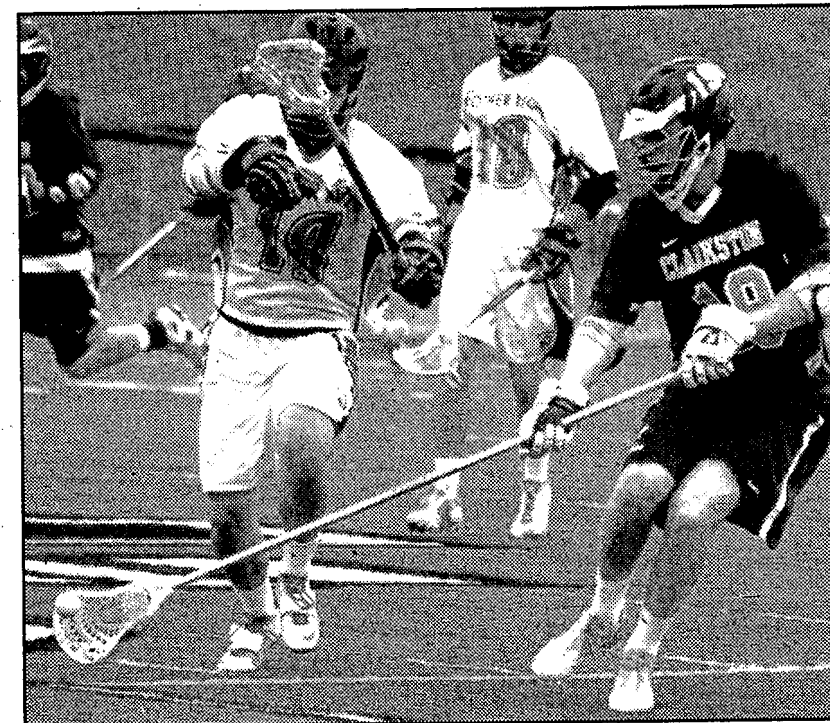
The team loses 12 seniors - Craft, Horton, Kincaid, Moore, O'Grady, Nick Demattia, Ethan Frick, Adam Gohl, Brad Luenhagen, Nick Schuster, Jordan Stover and Mike VanderWeel.

"It is tough," said Kaminskas. "It is a special group of kids. It will be tough to see them go: But we told them it's life. We are going to kick them out of the nest and make them fly."

Most of them joined the team in their freshman year and have helped the program grow.

"When we were here four years ago we were at best an in the middle of the road team and we would scrap for anyone who would give us a game," said Kaminskas. "Now we are one of the top teams in the state, OAA champs two years in a row. Credit to the team - they built the program. They could have chosen not to."

The boys finished 16-3 and ranked eighth in the state.



Evan Kneisel scoops the ball up during the first half of the MHSAA Regional finals against Brother Rice.

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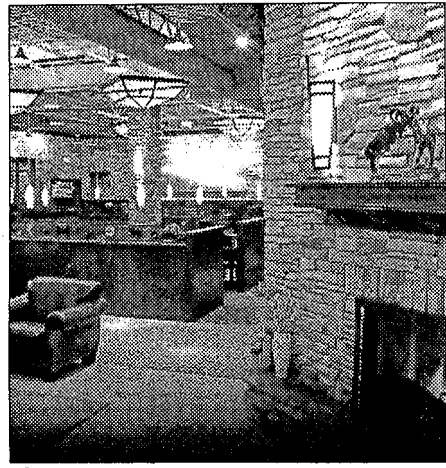
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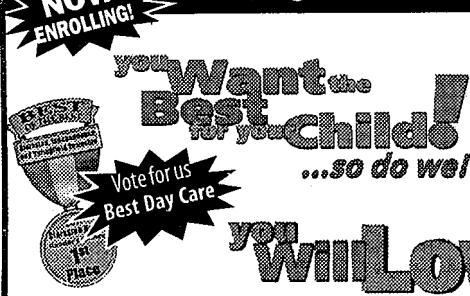
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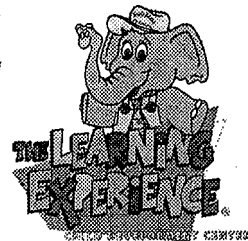


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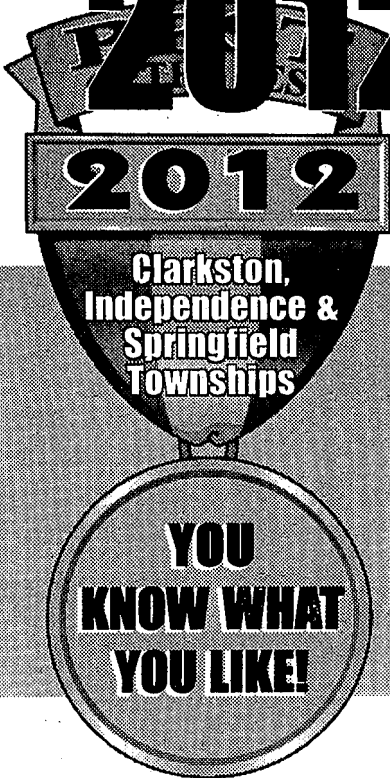
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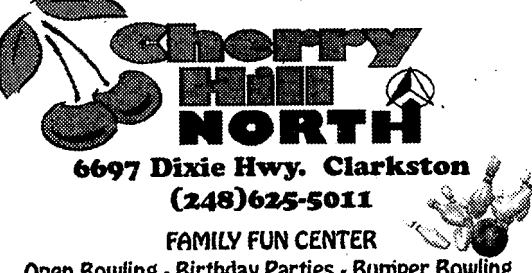
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CNews People Poll

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Clarkston High School's graduation was June 4

What's your advice for graduates?



"Keep on studying and don't party so much."

- Mary Ann Trainor



"Do the best you can. Go for further education even if it is junior college or job training."

- Hal Semann



"Be aware of student loans and move to where the jobs are."

- Shawn McGraw



"Keep an open mind towards life and where you will go and communicate."

- Pam Semann

By Wendi Reardon

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Shawn Bartz, at right, works in Kuwait to upgrade a military MRAP truck for the rigors of Afghanistan. Photo provided

Home to Clarkston via Kuwait

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

It was a long road for Shawn Bartz of Clarkston to land a job with a reasonable commute.

He was laid off from his job with DaimlerChrysler in 2009. After looking for work, including in other fields, he received a contract offer from Oshkosh Corporation of Wisconsin as a technical trainer for an urgent-need project on military trucks in Kuwait.

"Kuwait was hot, but after four months of unemployment, it was a needed thing," he said. "I didn't see the auto industry coming back, so

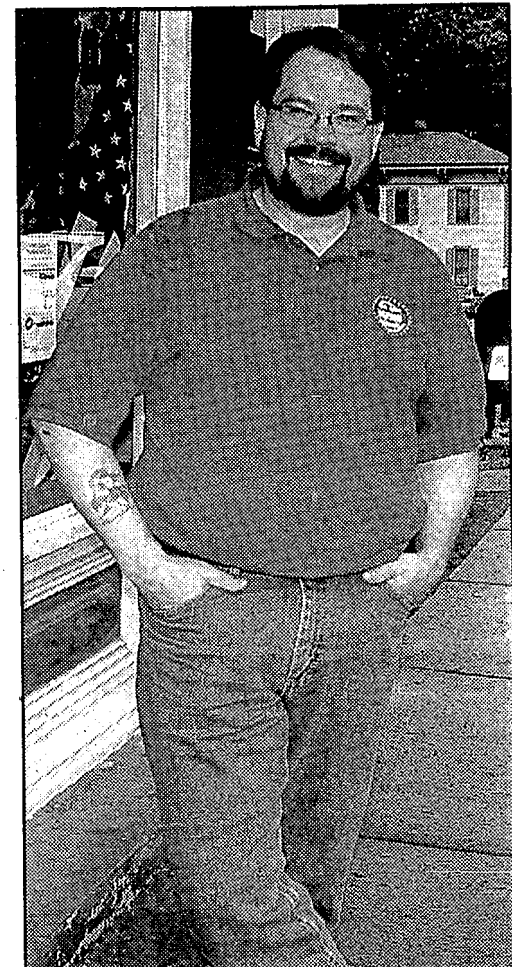
it was, yeah, sure, absolutely. With the situation I was in, I would be a fool not to."

He helped retrofit armored trucks with new suspension systems as quickly as possible.

"Long hours, 13-15 hour days, maybe two-and-a-half days off the whole time," he said. "My biggest timecard was 103 hours in one week."

It was worth it, said Bartz.

"I'm a Navy veteran - I have a soft spot for Marines and soldiers," he said. "Being able to train soldiers and Marines to effectively use their equipment, to help bring them home alive, is a



Bartz has since returned to his home in Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

wonderful thing."

His six-week assignment was to help adapt first-generation Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, MRAP, trucks for service in Afghanistan.

"Most were built with solid axles and leaf springs, fine for a country with infrastructure like Iraq, but not Afghanistan. They had mobility issues, snapping springs, breaking axles, and injuring crew," he said.

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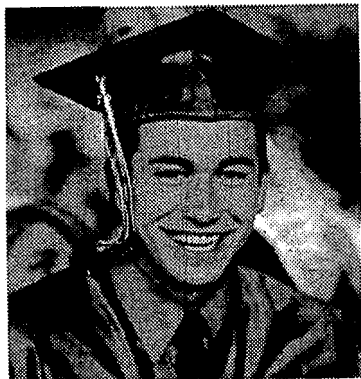
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Amy Klopman, flight instructor and a teacher at Waterford Mott High School, explains how an RC plane works to a group of Girl Scouts.

Scouts learn to fly with RC group

Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club (PMAC) hosted 62 Clarkston-area Girl Scouts at the Girl Scout Aviation Day, May 12.

The day included aviation mini-seminars, training on the club's computer simulators and "buddy box" flying with instructors on the flightline.

Jeane Smith, an experienced RC pilot, taught "Women in Aviation." Kathleen Johnson, an air traffic controller in Pontiac

tower, spoke on careers for women in the FAA, and how she got into air traffic control. Heidi Weger, both a commercial airfreight pilot, and an air rescue helicopter pilot, talked about her path up through the aviation ranks. PMAC invites Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the general community to their flying field on a three-year rotation.

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Vic Kerster, chief flight instructor, and Scott Millard, flight instructor and full-scale private pilot, explain radio controlled flight. Photos provided



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"No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's dirty looks." "School's been blown to pieces."

Now my son is graduating from high school and the song still strikes a responsive chord with his generation.

Although formal education may end for most of us, school is never truly out.

Most of the lessons I've learned over the years, most of the practical application stuff that I use came after I graduated from high school, after I graduated from college and after I graduated from seminary. Life is the great teacher and we are lifetime learners.

People sometimes ask if there is a purpose to living, or if they still have lessons to be learned.

And my answer is, if you are still sucking

air, walking on the earth and not 3 feet above it or 6 feet below it, you still have a purpose and lessons to learn to prepare you for your next adventure in life on this side or the other.

Our job is to awaken to the possibilities. God is infinite, unlimited, eternal existence and we are made in the image and after the likeness of this infinite, unlimited, eternal existence.

We stagnate when we are full of ourselves and are not open to new and creative ideas for life and living. And, stagnation is death. As I gain more experience with this adventure called life and living, the more I know I don't know.

When I graduated from high school I knew it all. Full of myself I had to go through periods of darkness, times of pain and suffering in order to be opened to a greater level of awareness.

Times of soul searching, experimenting with alternative spiritual paths, counter culture and mind dynamics, etc., have led me to a place where I know it's not about having the right answers but being able to ask the right questions.

The more I know, the more I know I don't know. Eventually I imagine that I will know nothing and since nothing is greater than

God that must surely be the epitome of understanding: Nirvana, Samadhi, Heaven, Bliss.

Today the sun is shining. Tomorrow it may rain and storm.

And, the sun is always shining above the clouds; the light of God is always constantly, continually, consistently shining in and through and as you, as me.

Above the darkness of sense consciousness, beyond the feelings of loss and fear, transcending the error beliefs in lack and limitation; spiritual awareness awaits our conscious recognition.

I trust that you will remember to plug into your spiritual community this summer. Here we remember to celebrate life and connect with the infinite, unlimited possibilities for expression as children of God. "Where two or three are gathered" (Mt. 18:20) there is a greater energy, a transcendent reality, a higher power present. Here you can receive support to realize your potential for peace, wholeness and abundance in unity with your spiritual community.

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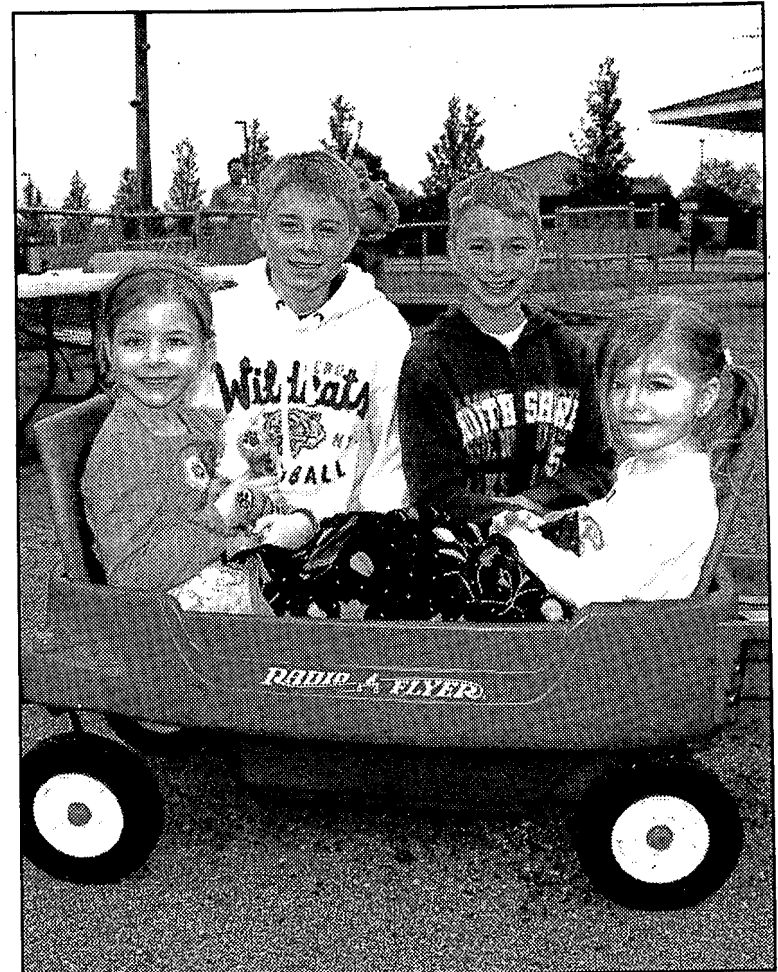
Keegan Race participants hit the track at Clarkston Junior High. Photos provided

Running for kids at Keegan Race

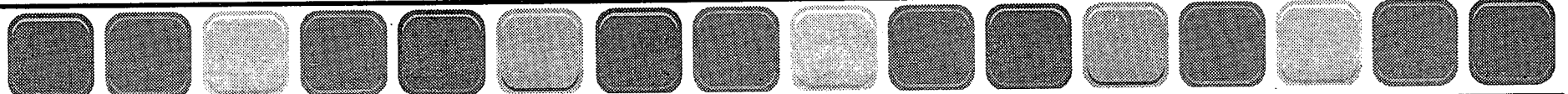
Runners and walkers filled the track at Clarkston Junior High School, May 5, for the Fourth Annual Chuck Keegan Race for the

Kids. The event was created to honor Chuck Keegan, a former Clarkston teacher and track coach who

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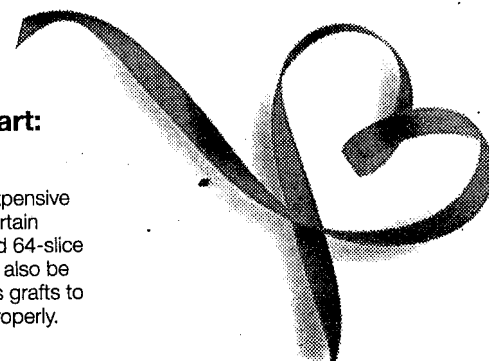
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Parent volunteers provide opportunities for kids

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If our schools were ice cream sundaes, then our parent volunteers and organizations are the gooey extras our kids so love. I can't imagine our schools without PTA and the armies of parent volunteers who provide assistance in the classrooms, organize dozens of events and activities, and generously contribute thousands of dollars every year that gets re-invested on behalf of our students. PTA fills many needs for academic, social and physical enhancement of the learning environment in our schools.

There are many PTA accomplishments to celebrate as the 2011-12 school year comes to a close.

Almost 2,700 parents and teachers joined PTA this year at Bailey Lake, Pine Knob and Springfield Plains elementary schools, as well as the middle, junior and

high schools.

More than \$150,000 and thousands of volunteer hours were invested in our schools to support dozens of programs, events and activities, from field trips, school fairs, graduation activities and beautification projects to grants for creative teaching and technology.

A Parent's Perspective



Kelli Horst

We all know that volunteer organizations cannot run without volunteer leadership, and Clarkston is fortunate to have had such enthusiastic and capable parents provide that leadership this year.

Thank you to Ruth Dargay, Patti Hayes and Janice Hubl for serving on the PTA Council executive board, as well as to those who served as president of a PTA unit:

- Aimee Baker, Springfield Plains Elementary;
- Patti Hayes, Sashabaw Middle School;
- Linda Mayernik, Pine Knob Elementary;

• Cheryl McNeil, Clarkston Junior High School;

• Caroline Miller, Bailey Lake Elementary; and

• Darcie Moss, Clarkston High School.

Clarkston boasted seven state champions this year in the Reflections competition, PTA's signature nationwide art program that encourages students to pursue artistic expression depicting a theme through a variety of mediums. Congratulations to the seven Clarkston students who received statewide honors:

• Josephine Auchterlornie, Clarkston Junior High, Dance Choreography;

• Erin Billette, Clarkston High School, Visual Arts;

• Matthew Dahl, Clarkston High School, Musical Composition;

• Sadie Knill, Clarkston Junior High School, Dance Choreography;

• Sara Loucks, Sashabaw Middle School, Dance Choreography;

• Taylor Rohr, Springfield Plains Elementary, Literature; and

• Cassandra Winkler, Sashabaw Middle School, Musical Composition.

Several invaluable faces of the "T" in PTA were honored this year through the

PTA Council's annual Difference-Maker Awards. Our teachers and staff play a large part in our success in each of our PTA unit. They are PTA members; they volunteer at PTA events; and they attend PTA meetings. This year's recipients embody the PTA mission and truly make a difference in our schools:

• Pam Blegm, Mark Delcamp and Nancy Myers, custodial staff, Springfield Plains Elementary;

• Adam Kern, principal, Clarkston Junior High School;

• Jody Sebring, art teacher, Pine Knob Elementary; and

• Blagica Taseski, fourth-grade teacher, Bailey Lake Elementary

It has been my privilege to advocate for our students and families as PTA Council president. But leadership changes just as students move on to new schools and new challenges.

PTA, however, will remain a constant presence in our schools and community, ensuring every child is represented with one voice. Have a great summer!

Kelli Horst is president of Clarkston PTA Council and mother of two elementary-age boys.

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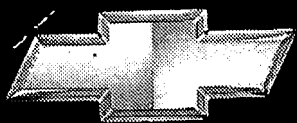
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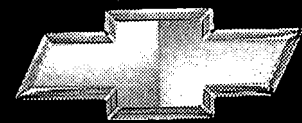
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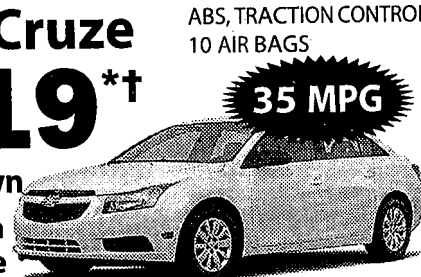
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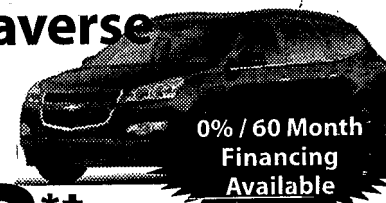
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CITY COUNCIL
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CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2012

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

Roll. Present – Mayor Luginski, Bisio, Hunter, Haven, Hargis and Sabol

Absent: Roth

Others Present – City Manager Ritter

Moved by Hunter, supported by Bisio to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent Roth

Moved by Hunter, supported by Haven to approved consent agenda as presented.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Haven to amend the motion to approve consent agenda subject to corrections to the April 9, 2012 minutes.

Motion Carried. Absent Roth.

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Sabol to purchase Minutes on Demand from AmeriScan Imaging Services and install their programming on the City website.

Roll Call: Ayes: Luginski, Haven, Hargis, Sabol, Hunter

Nays: Bisio

Absent: Roth

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Hunter, supported by Hargis to go with Option E2 with the understanding that soil borings will have to be determined with each area.

Motion Carried. Absent Roth.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Bisio to extend meeting pass 9:00 P.M.

Motion Carried. Absent Roth.

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Bisio to amend the 2012 budget as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bisio, Haven, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski and Sabol

Nays: None

Absent: Roth

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Hargis, supported by Hunter to adjourn meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Motion Carried.

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2012

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

Roll. Present – Mayor Pro Temp Hunter, Bisio, Hargis, Sabol and Roth

Absent: Mayor Luginski and Haven

Others Present – City Manager Ritter and Attorney Ryan

Moved by Hargis, supported by Bisio to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent Mayor Luginski and Haven.

Moved by Hargis, supported by Sabol to approved consent agenda as presented with the exception of removing the Cash Disbursements Journal off the consent agenda to be opened up for discussion.

Motion Carried. Absent Mayor Luginski and Haven.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Hargis to approve the cash disbursements excluding the items on pages 3, 4 and 5. Page 3. Item #5882 for \$1519.00, Page 4. Item #5871 for \$225.00 and Page 5. Item #5895 to Carlisle Wortman for \$200.00.

Motion Carried. Absent Mayor Luginski and Haven

Moved by Bisio, supported by Hargis to approve payment of check #5862 and check #5871 both to Ray Wiegand's Nursery.

Motion Carried. Absent Mayor Luginski and Haven

Moved by Bisio, supported by Roth to approve payment to Carlisle Wortman only if the Historical Society is unwilling or unable to cover the \$200.00 expense.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Bisio to have City Manager approach the Historical Society to cover the \$200.00 cost that was paid to Carlisle Wortman to cover evaluation of the zoning ordinance for appropriateness of the placement of the signs.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bisio, Roth and Sabol

No: Hargis and Hunter

Absent: Mayor Luginski and Haven

Motion Carried.

Moved by Hargis, supported by Bisio to extend meeting pass 9:00 P.M.

Motion Carried. Absent Mayor Luginski and Haven

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Sabol to hire HRC to coordinate the audit for MS4 Storm Water drain system and to authorize the approval of the agreement with HRC

(parts of this motion were inaudible) subject to availability of the necessary funds.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Hargis, Hunter, Roth, Sabol

No: Bisio

Absent: Mayor Luginski and Haven

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Roth, supported by Bisio to approve the 2012 Clarkston Community Awards Proclamations as submitted.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Bisio to approve changing the Council meeting date from Memorial Day May 28th to Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Motion Carried.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Roth that the City Council authorizes the following road closings with proper detours for the events listed below:

Memorial Day Parade – May 28, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Fourth of July Parade – July 4, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. to noon

Labor Day Parade – September 3, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. to noon

Taste of Clarkston – September 30, 2012 – 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Light Parade – December 8, 2012 – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

Moved by Hargis, supported by Roth to adjourn meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Richter,
City Clerk

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Obituaries

Joyce Gleiss, 80

Joyce Gleiss of Clarkston passed away May 26, 2012, at age 80.

She was preceded in death by her husband George. She was the mother of Deb (John) Creighton, Karl (Kathy) Gleiss and Karyn (Erik) Gotaas; grandma of Holly (Grant) Franson, Jay (Kendra) Creighton, Julie Creighton, Weston and Mende Gleiss, Garrett and Grant Gotaas; great grandma of Jeffrey and Jack; sister of Lorna Waldo and Paul (Ace) Mende.

Memorial service was June 1 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to STARS-Kids, Shunt Research, in honor of her grandson, Grant. Mom was a guidance counselor by profession and never stopped guiding us toward our potential. She was an encourager, appreciative and steadfast presence to all she encountered. She is with dad now.

Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Long road for truck specialist

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Alpena High School in 1992. He attended Universal Technical Institute in Chicago, learning about trucks and big vehicles.

He moved to Clarkston with his wife, Shelly, in 2004 after more than three years in Florida.

"All of our family was still in Michigan," said Bartz, 38. "We wanted to move closer to home. Clarkston is beautiful, a wonderful area, so we decided to settle here. We love it here."

Success in two Kuwait assignments, in 2009 and 2010, meant a full-time job offer with Oshkosh – in Wisconsin. They couldn't sell their house in Clarkston, however, so he commuted to the Badger State weekly.

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Jane Ellen Griffiths

Jane Ellen Griffiths, born March 29, 1922, passed away on May 30, 2012.

She was the beloved wife of Douglas W. Griffiths (deceased) for a wonderful 56 years; mother of Mark, Susan, and Joel. Grandmother of Laurel, Marisa (Finn), Kelsey, and Brian (Finn).

Jane is survived by sisters-in-law Shirley Waller, Doris Braithwaite, brother-in-law Louis Krieger, nieces Peggy, Gail, Karen, Kristen, and nephews Brian and Jeff.

Jane loved teaching for three years at Three Rivers High School and more than 25 years at Clarkston Elementary. When she and Doug retired, they traveled and lived in Boyne City.

They relocated to Bonita Springs, Fla., in 1985, where they made the most of tennis, boating, bridge, beaches, and dining out. They always made dear friends wherever they were and so enjoyed sharing life with those friends.

Memorials may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice. A private service will be held later this summer.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

as a technical training specialist with Oshkosh when the company expanded its Detroit-area operation.

"I'm teaching classes here now," he said. "It's nice to be able to go home every night."

He's working on the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicle project, upgrading military vehicles to make them tougher and more mobile, and training military mechanics around the world.

"I've been living and breathing this truck for two years now," he said. "It's been a challenging two years, but I'm happy doing what I'm doing. Eventually, I'd like to not have to travel quite so much. I have an amazing wife who's incredibly understanding, an incredibly strong woman."

Bat program, June 9

Learn about nocturnal creatures with the Organization for Bat Conservation, 9:30 a.m., June 9, at the Clarkston Community Garden, Pine Knob and Stickney roads.

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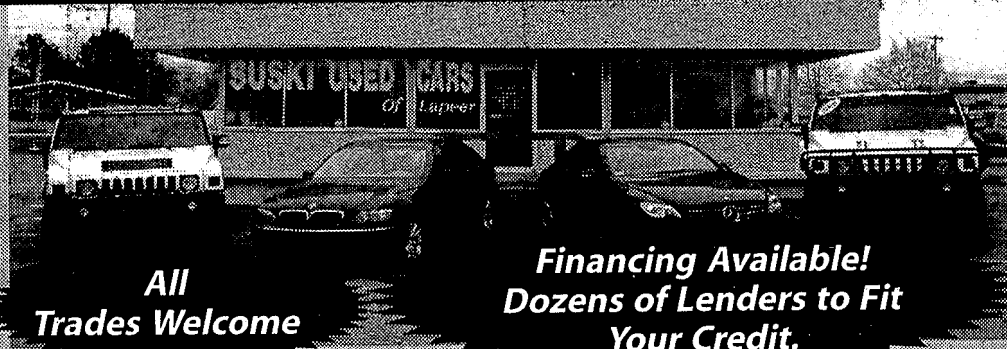
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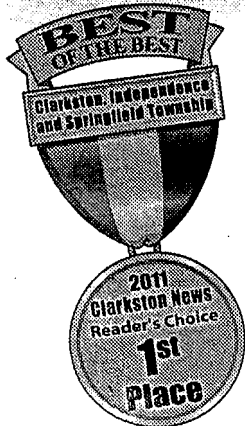
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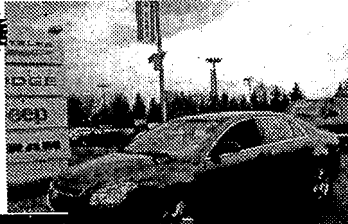

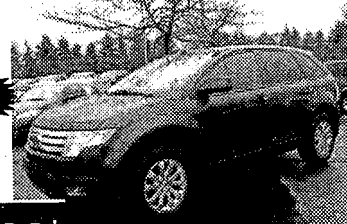
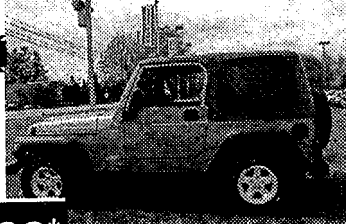




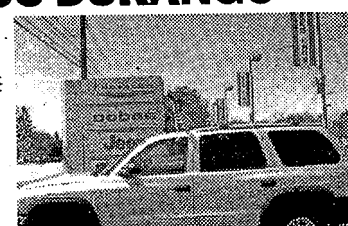
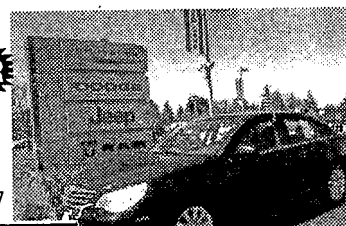


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