July Fourth brings full day of fun

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

More than 100 community organizations, clubs, businesses and other groups are set to march in this year's Clarkston Fourth of July Parade, 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 4.

The parade, with the theme "American Made Parade," kicks off a full day of Fourth of July fun.

Following the parade is the Festival of Fun and Fireworks, with carnival games, inflatables, food, live music, arts and crafts show, K-9 Toss and Fetch Competition, and spray park, at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road, starting at 11 a.m.

The Independence Day Veterans' Celebration also starts at 11 a.m., in and around the Carriage House.

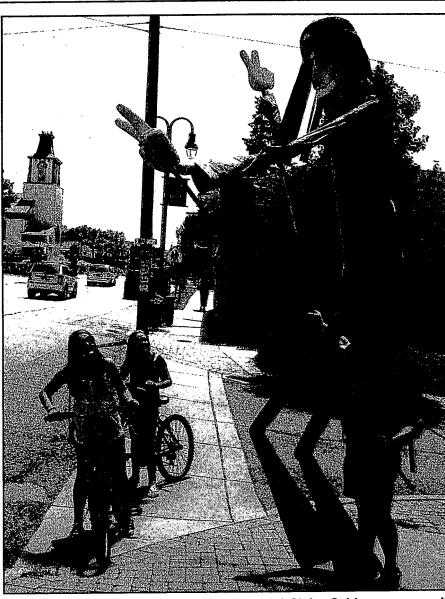
Activities include Military Museum and vehicle displays until 3 p.m., Thank you to Veterans Ceremony, 12:30 p.m., and Meet and Greet at 2:30 p.m.

Fireworks start around 10 p.m., launched from Everest Academy property on Clarkston

The fireworks launch site was moved last year from Clintonwood Park to higher ground behind the academy to increase visibility.

This is the second of a three-year trial, said Ken Elwert, director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

"We heard from community members last year about the move and the majority said they liked it as good or better, but a large minority were disappointed or couldn't see them at all," Elwert said. "We've ramped up our information gathering this year to collect Please see Fireworks on page 4



PUPPET FOR PEACE: Kari Ormsby, left, and Claire Schleusener aren't sure what to make of Mister Cool, an oversized puppet operated by Mark Richards of Waterford to promote next week's Concert in the Park. Richards made the puppet last year to help out the '70s band Magic Bus, set to perform July 6. "I built him to add some excitement — he turned out pretty good," said Richards, in downtown Clarkston with his wife, Cindy, June 25. This week, June 29, Bugs Beddow performs rock classics of the '80s. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. in Depot Park. Photo by Phil Custodio

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McLaren Hospital moves forward

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite being stalled by the state, Independence Township is ready for a McLaren hospital, especially now that it is downsized.

On June 14, the Planning Commission unanimously approved a revised site plan for the medical facility, which would be built off Sashabaw and Bow Pointe roads.

"I think the new plan is great," said Planning Commissioner Cheryl Karrick after McLaren's presentation.

The new proposal caps the number of beds at 200, but allows for 50 additional beds for specialty needs such as pediatrics or inpatient rehabilitation.

Instead of five stories, the revised plan shows a four-story hospital with reduced parking and building size. Changes to the previous site plan also include moving the hospital's emergency department from the front to the rear of the building. The hospital would be designated a Level II trauma center, which means "physicians in the emergency department are board certified in emergency medicine," said Gregory Lane, McLaren Health Care senior vice president.

McLaren's revised plan would relocate 200 beds from the McLaren Oakland hospital in Pontiac. On June 15, protestors marched in front of the Pontiac location. Besides triggering protests, the new hospital also requires the state's approval.

Hospital construction is set to begin on July 1, 2015, but only if the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) in Lansing approves McLaren's Certificate of Need (CON) this July. Michigan requires CONs as a measure to avoid too many hospitals, which results in too many empty beds.

According to Lane, McLaren anticipates "a decision from the Michigan Department

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Two candidates for treasurer

Carson hopes to keep seat

If you ask Treasurer Curt Carson why he should be reelected, he'll tell you he's the most experienced for the job.

He refers to his service as treasurer since 2008, and points out, "I've had over 12 years of running my own businesses" and "22 years of experience with the Government Affairs Committee at the North Oakland County Board of Realtors."



Carson

Carson also feels that he has a record of making government more efficient. For example, citizens can pay their taxes on the Independence Township's website. Since making online payment available, he's "seen a 300 percent increase" in citizens settling up on the web.

Although he believes the board of trustees has accomplished a lot, Carson sees room for improvement.

'In the economic state we're in now, the board needs to deal less with politics and more with creating an atmosphere of job growth. Businesses don't want to come to an area if a board is in-fighting all the time," he explained.

The McLaren hospital project is an opportunity for business growth, according to Carson.

He believes if the board gets "100 percent behind it," the hospital will bring jobs, help stabilize the tax base, and encourage residents to move to the area and consume. "Every house that's purchased creates seven jobs," he said.

Carson who has lived in Independence Township since 1988, says he "love[s] the community," and if residents "decide to keep me, I'll give it all I have for the next four years."

Check www.likeindependencetwp.com, email curtcarson@comcast.net, or call 248-620-2100.

Brown throws hat in race

When it comes to being the Independence Township treasurer, Paul Brown is "all in."

"If I don't win, I'm going to be looking for a new job," he said.

Brown was the Chief Financial Officer and server administrator in thr Internet Technology department at Lynn Medical, but recently resigned to concentrate on his campaign.

Brown has lived in Independence Township since

1968 and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1980. From Brown's perspective, growing up in Independence gives him a passion for serving his community.

Although, Brown thinks the Township has done well, they haven't done "things that make you say 'wow'" nor have "they made improvements that make other communities look at them as the benchmark."

Some improvements Brown would like to implement if he's elected are eliminating paper checks used to pay vendors.

"Our system should be set up to pay vendors electronically," he said.

According to Brown, this change would allow the township to save time and money on postage and avoid lost checks.

Although it wouldn't directly relate to his duties as treasurer, Brown would "make [himself] available to help businesses" by holding monthly workshops on subjects relating to technology and marketing.

He also would like to show businesses how they can retrieve money from their unclaimed property sites. Visit www.electpaulbrown.com.

- Mary Keck

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Women hope to bring new perspective to township

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While men will outnumber women 20:4 on the primary ballot, the four women running in the Independence Township election won't be deterred. In fact, they embrace and celebrate the contrast.

Independence's female candidates include Barb Pallotta, who hopes to retain her seat as clerk; Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki who is running for treasurer; and Joette Kunse and Andrea Schroeder, who have their sights set on trustee positions.

"It's no secret that men and women are different," said Pallotta; though, she points out diversity isn't only found between the sexes. "We're all very diverse. Even as women, we all have different strengths we would bring to the board."

From Pallota's point of view, the success of women in an otherwise male-dominated election "is about having a balance and a different perspective only a woman can bring."

Because she's been serving in roles including deputy clerk and clerk for 16 years in Independence and nearby townships, Pallotta feels she offers experience as well as a female perspective. She describes the clerk's office as "the epicenter of any municipality" because it is where records are kept and elections are organized.

Pallotta has been serving on the Independence Township Board since she was appointed in 2011 and is the only female voice, but she wouldn't mind having another member of her sex around.

"We still fight that battle with the perception of the stereotypical woman, and I would like to share that perspective with another woman," she said.

The spirit of collaboration is an aspect of governance with which women are particularly in tune, according to trustee-hopeful Andrea Schroeder. She's helped organize citizen movements such as one resulting in a traffic light at the intersection of Flemings Lake and Clarkston Roads just before the high school. The light has "improved public safety, not just for our kids, but for everybody," she said. Recently, Schroeder's efforts with No Spice/K2 have helped to make Clarkston 100 percent synthetic drug free.

If elected, Schroder hopes to strengthen the board by encouraging "more civility" and "mak[ing] sure we are representing the people who elected us."

Schroeder would also like to see less "last minute citizen involvement." If there's anyone who can implement these changes, she believes a female trustee can.

"Women make things happen" because of their passion, Schroeder explained.

Anderson-Bereznicki, who is running for treasurer, agrees.

"Women are more open in their passions to see change," she said.

Passion is not in short supply when it



From left are candidates Joette Kunse, Bark Pallotta, Andrea Schroeder, and Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki. *Photo by Mary Keck*

comes to Anderson-Bereznicki.

"My biggest drive is my desire to serve this community," she said.

After attending board meetings for the past four years, she realized, "I wasn't doing any good just sitting in on the meetings."

Besides running for treasurer, Anderson-Bereznicki hopes to continue serving the community with Clarkston Optimists, Women's Commission of Oakland County, and with her business savvy. She earned a Bachelor degree in Business with an emphasis in Finance, and runs her own home-based embroidery business.

"We have a number of women business owners" and "the township is not 90 percent men," she noted. From Anderson-Bereznicki's perspective, representation of both sexes is needed in governance, and she's not alone.

"You're governing both men and women," trustee candidate Joette Kunse pointed out.

Apart from equal representation, Kunse thinks the board would benefit from a woman's knack for researching.

"If [women] don't know the answer, they're going to go out and find the answer," she said.

If Kunse is elected, she hopes to seek a solution to a problem she's noticed along Dixie Highway.

"I'm concerned about the empty buildings," she said. "We need to find ways to be supportive of small business. We all benefit from that."

Kunse has been a member of the Library Advisory Board and the Independence Cable Committee. She has served in the military, taught for 11 years at Clarkston schools, and was a reporter for *The Oakland Press*.

She has been living in Independence Township since the 60s, and is "happy to see women in elected office."

Clerk Pallotta agrees; "I feel as though it is long overdue, and I'm glad women are stepping up in this township to run," she said.

Few women may run in township elections, but voters have found them worthy of their support since the 1930s and possibly earlier. According to *The Clarkston News* archives, Sara Carran may one of the first women elected in Independence Township. She was elected treasurer in 1938 and served until 1941, when she was defeated by another woman, Carrie Walter. The last female trustee elected was Carol Balzarini, who served in 1984.

Women have had more success as clerks. For example, Joan McCrary served as clerk from 1989 to 2000, and Shelagh VanderVeen followed her in 2004. In 2011, VanderVeen resigned and Pallotta was appointed.

Independence has never seen a female supervisor, but women have found many ways to make their mark.

For instance, in October 1936, the Republican Women's Federation hosted an event during which Oakland County candidates met with the public.

In 1968, *The CNews* shared "Babysitters for Voting Mothers," which described how a group of women cared for children at various polling places to give their mothers an opportunity to vote.

Joan McCrary, who was on the Zoning Board in 1985, is the longest serving female elected to office in Independence Township, and she is still serving today on the Planning Commission. She's glad to see women running because "local government is where it all begins." Unlike federal and state legislation, McCrary believes local decisions have a greater "influence on your everyday life."

While serving for almost 16 years, McCrary felt she was always treated as an equal, but observed people at Town Hall seemed to "speak to [her] in a more intimate way than the men." From her perspective, employees felt more comfortable talking with her because when it comes to personnel matters, women "might be more compassionate."

For women aspiring to run for elected office, Anderson-Bereznicki suggests, "dig in your heels!" Pallotta and Schroeder say, "be yourself," while Kunse encourages you to "just trust your beliefs."

Briefly

Early deadline for 4th

Clarkston News offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, for the Fourth of July holiday, so the deadline for classified is noon on Friday, June 29.

\$71 million for schools

Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education approved a \$71 million budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year on Monday night with a 4-3 vote. The 2011-2012 budget was \$73.7 million.

The board also approved contracts for Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock, bus drivers, building secretaries and paraeducators on Monday. All four motions passed with a 7-0 vote.

Look for more information in next week's edition.

Liberty Fest at church

Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, hosts its Sixth Annual Liberty Fest, July 4, 7-10 p.m.

The free festival features air games from Valley Tent Rental, frozen custard from Culver's, pizza from Little Caesars, face painting, popcorn and a concert from the "Solid Rockers" on the Liberty Festival stage from 8-10 p.m., followed by a great view of the fireworks.

"We couldn't be more happy to play an annual holiday role in the community by keeping this event free and fun for families throughout the area," said Clarkston Community Church Senior Pastor Greg Henneman.

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. No personal fireworks allowed on the church grounds. For more information, call 248-625-1323.

Clarkston to host DSO

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) is coming to Clarkston.

To win the DSO performance, Clarkston residents voted on www.dso.org. Once tallied, Clarkston was the most popular site in Oakland County.

"I am thrilled beyond belief that they are going to be in Clarkston," said Cory Johnston, chair of the Clarkston Center for the Performing Arts Development Committee.

The DSO concert, presented by the DTE Energy Foundation; will be at 8 p.m., Sept. 20, at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. For more information go to www.dso.org.

Fireworks set for 10 p.m.

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better data. We'll be handing out postcard surveys at the park and an online survey will be available for two weeks after the fireworks."

Find the survey at www.ITPR.org, or directly at www.surveymonkey.com/s/CommunityFireworks.

Parade lineup begins at 7 a.m. at St. Dan's church. For more information on the parade, call Rob Whitcomb, Clarkston Lions Club, at 248-462-0268.

For more information on the festival, call Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

Parking is available at Clintonwood Park, Everest Academy, Clarkston High School and Clarkston Community Church. Clintonwood parking before 6 p.m is \$5, \$10 after 6 p.m.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies will direct traffic following the fireworks, at about 10:30 p.m. There will be no west-bound traffic allowed onto Clarkston Road from Sashabaw Road. Traffic must stay on Sashabaw or go east on Clarkston Road.

All cars parked in the Everest Academy Parking lots will exit the east entrance onto Clarkston Road and will only be able to turn right, east, towards Sashabaw Road. Cars exiting from Clintonwood Park will only be able to turn right, west, onto Clarkston Road, towards M-15. Later in the evening, a second exit lane may be opened to allow traffice to turn left, east.

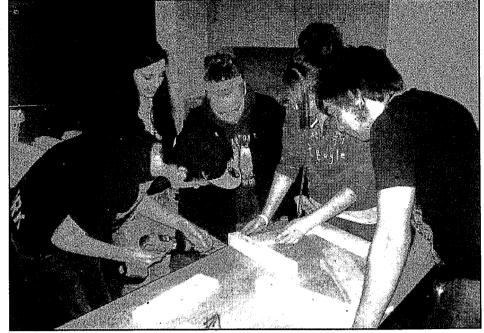
All cars parked in the Clarkston High School lot directly in front of the main office will be directed to the far east exit onto Flemings Lake Road and will only be able to turn right, east, towards Walters.

Cars parked in the student parking lots, closest to the baseball fields, will also only be able to turn right, east, towards Walters. The Event Lot will be closed for Fireworks. There will be no traffic allowed to turn from Flemings onto Clarkston Road.

All cars parked in the Clarkston Community Church parking lots will be directed to the exit closest to M-15. All cars will turn right, west, onto Clarkston Road towards M-15.

The parking lot exit closest to Clintonwood Park will be closed.

No parking will be allowed on side streets, especially where signage is posted. Subdivisions will be barricaded and residents only will be allowed to pass through. There will be no parking along Clarkston Road nor Flemings Lake Road. Violators will be ticketed.



Renaissance High School students work on leg pieces for their bench. *Photos provided*

Bench work brings learning

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two geometry classes at Renaissance High School put their knowledge to work as they created eight wooded benches.

It started with Kathy Yeloushan, the school's grant writer, asking geometry teacher Sara Mastie what she would like to do.

"She searches the entire internet for anybody willing to sponsor any project," said Mastie. "I said I would like the kids to do something hands on." She also wanted the activity to combine math with a skill students could use.

Yeloushan went to work and found Lowe's to support the project with a \$2,030 grant.

The students took a field trip to Lowe's in White Lake, and the crew showed them the store and the materials they were purchasing. They also explained and showed the students how to do the work at Lowe's.

"It was a pleasure having the kids come out and come to our store," Rob Steffens, a Lowe's employee added. "They learned the whole experience. Their faces were happy. They had a great time and so did we."

Also, two Lowe's employees came to the high school to help the students construct the benches.

The students spread the project over the

course of a trimester as they measured out the pieces, cut the wood, stained, sanded and glossed it and put cushions on top.

"They had to figure everything out," Mastie added. "They had to put braces underneath so they had to make sure they were parallel. We had to level. They really put geometry to work."

Once the benches were finished, they called different organizations in need of a bench.

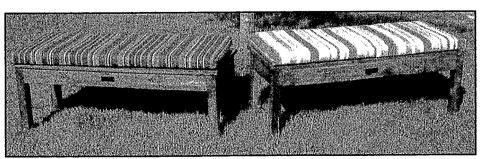
The benches were donated to Clarkston Community Education, Clarkston Methodist Church, Clarkston United Methodist Church, North Sashabaw Elementary, and St. Trinity Lutheran Church, the high school, and Renaissance High School's "Chair"-ity Auction.

"Thank you," said Pastor Kendall Schaeffer from St. Trinity Lutheran Church as he accepted the bench.

The benches usually sell for over \$100 and showed the students what they could do if they put effort and time into something they make.

Principal Billie Pambold encouraged the students to think of more project ideas.

"Let's do more with this to learn," she added. "This can be more fun than the traditional way to learn."



The finished benches made by students,



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City Council plans Conflict of Interest law amendment

BYMARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Everybody in the city has the right to speak their piece," said City Councilman Michael Sabol.

However, as the current Conflict of Interest ordinance stands, city employees must abstain from discussions if there is a conflict of interest, and they cannot vote.

During their meeting on June 11, Sabol shared his interest in amending the ordinance to allow council members to take part in debate even if there is a conflict of interest.

The request is a result of a previous city meeting on April 9 when Council Member Peg Roth was told to recuse herself when several Clarkston retailers in attendance sought an amendment to an "internally lit" sign ordinance.

"I'm on six committees, and I volunteer on a seventh, and I would think that the council would be interested to find out my input being involved in community events in the city," Peg Roth said during the meeting on June

Roth agreed council members with a vested interest shouldn't be allowed to vote, and felt Sabol's idea to amend the ordinance was "a positive thing."

Steve Hargis disagreed.

"I'm concerned about the agenda of the person involved," he said.

Hargis believes the role of council member "does throw a lot of weight on any particular subiect being discussed."

Even if they can't vote, Hargis doesn't want council officials "working to sell the jury on the idea:"

Most council members were in favor of the change, but there was not an official vote.

Sabol intends to move forward with the amendment process, but unlike retailers who were asked to pay an estimated \$3,750 fee to amend the City's sign ordinance, the council can amend the Conflict of Interest Ordinance for free, said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

The next City Council meeting is on Monday, July 9, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall.

Stiffer penalties for burn violators

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township residents will face tougher penalties if they break the board's revised Open Burn Ordinance, which was passed, 4-1. June 19.

Currently, locals who break the burn ordinance won't pay a fee for their first offense. As of Jan. 1, 2013 a first offense will cost \$150, the second will be \$300, the third \$600, and a fourth will cost \$1,000. To burn legally in Independence, residents must get a free burn permit from the Fire

The price tag for breaking the ordinance isn't the only change in store for residents. Those who live on less than one acre of land are banned from burning, while those who live on more than one acre can burn on specific dates.

Locals who start a recreational (burning seasoned wood in fire pits) or non-recreational (burning of dry leaves and brush) fire must be a distance of 50 feet from buildings or neighboring houses, previously the distance was 25 feet.

Although most on the board were pleased with the revisions to the old ordinance, Treasurer Curt Carson was not.

"I have an issue with government interfering in everybody's lives and trying to legislate whether a person is smart enough to have a fire on their property or not," Carson said. "People don't appreciate rights or privileges being taken from them," he added.

Trustee Rosso, who has worked on revising www.twp.independence.mi.us.

the ordinance since 2011, disagrees.

"Your freedom impacts the freedom of others who want to avoid the impact of smoke," he said. From his perspective, it is a public health issue.

Rosso also felt it was time for the ordinance to change because the previous one reflects a more rural community, and the township has become more suburban in recent years, he said.

Although the community's rural and suburban populations have changed, the township's leaf disposal offerings remain the same.

"Unless we can provide an alternative that is economical enough for the residents, I certainly have an issue. I'm not interested in adding a financial burden on residents," Carson stated.

Rosso pointed out locals could choose to mulch, compost, or use a leaf-removing service; however, the price of these options will fall on residents.

The township considered developing a leaf disposal service, but the price to purchase the equipment and pay personnel would mean a tax raise, Rosso said.

In the end, Carson's arguments didn't sway. the rest of the board, and the ordinance passed without his vote.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees will hold its second reading of the revised open burn ordinance on July 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall.

In the coming weeks, the ordinance will be online available to view

Upgrades, more days for county fair

BY KRYSTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

The Oakland County 4H fair starts on July 6 and will continue through July 15.

This is the first year the fair has been open for 10 days and promises to be a full day of fun. In addition, a number of campsites on the fairgrounds have been updated to make the experience more enjoyable for those staying at the fairgrounds as well.

General Manager LC Scramlin said there are many reasons for the extended length. One is Michigan fairs used to get money from the state, but that funding has been cut in the past few

Since the fair itself is a fund raiser for the event the following year, it is a good way to get more money for the next fair.

It also ensures young 4H people will still be able to get small cash prizes as an incentive for all their hard work. He also said the fair is most importantly about young people and "the best thing is that they're here with their families and with leaders."

Another reason for the change is to provide two weekends so families with busy work schedules have more than one chance to get together and go.

Also the past few years, there have been days when the fair got too crowded. Scramlin said by fair wisit their website at http://www.oakfair.org.

extending the length, they hope to alleviate that issue. The fair will now also be able to offer Senior Day, Armed Services Day, Battle of the Bands and multiple showings of the rodeo and figure eight race.

This year, the fairgrounds also got a major electrical update. The lights in the parking lot and in the grandstand arena are brand new. In addition, more than half the campsites have been updated to have their own electrical outlet.

In the past, each camper in the "horse area" shared electricity with 3-4 other campers. Most of the money for the upgrades came from Oakland County Parks and Recreation, which, as Scramlin said, "really led the way."

Scramlin remembers 25 years ago when only a dozen campers would show up with nothing more than tents or pop up trailers.

Now there are more than 200 campers every year and most of them have very large campers. The electric upgrade was really needed, especially for the safety of the campers, he said.

Scramlin encourages everyone to attend the fair as it's only \$10 to park and after that there are a lot of things you can do for free. With 4H exhibits, animal shows, a circus, exotic petting zoo, pig races and many other events, there's something for everybody.

To learn more about the Oakland County 4H



Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

Report from the front line

Slugs have broken through our first line of defense: the robins.

Covered in translucent mucus, the marigolds lining our garden bed can't hold on much longer. Under ruthless slug attacks, some have lost leaves, blossoms, and a few are nothing but chewed up stalks.



We vow to make our enemies wish they'd never squirmed into our flowerbeds!

Thursday, June 14, 2000

Operation Slug Termination begins: Armed with bottles of Pabst Blue Ribbon, we leave a minefield before the next slug invasion begins at dusk. Filling leftover take-out containers with beer and placing them in the soil around our gold and orange marigolds, we lie in wait for slimy intruders who we expect will slide into our garden at moonrise.

Friday, June 15, 0630

We wake early to find dozens of gray slug corpses drowned in their wet, fermented graves. Like the others, our enemies couldn't resist the sweet smell of PBR. Although victory seems certain, a few slimy adversaries still cling to our marigolds' stems and petals. We also notice a few empty beer bombs with their bottoms busted out. After a thorough investigation, we realize the drunken slugs made easy targets for our bird allies whose sharp beaks broke through our take-out cups.

Saturday, June 16, 2045

A few old Tupperware containers replenish our broken defenses, and we unleash a new weapon in our arsenal: eggshells. After some Googling, we discover the snail's intolerance for gliding across broken shell pieces, and drop shell crumbs around the base of our flowers. Operation Slug Termination: Beer and Shell Defense is initiated!

Sunday, June 17, 0930

The battle against the slugs is almost at an end. The robins, PBR and eggshells have overtaken our gastropod foes, and we have reduced the numbers in beer-laden graves by half. Birds fly crookedly in the morning air after enjoying a breakfast of slugs marinated in beer, and soldiers raise their coffee mugs in salute to the fallen marigolds that never recovered from the slug onslaught.

Letters To The Editor . . .

Don't smear Wallace

Dear Editor,

Neil Wallace's opponents, unable to attack his qualifications and experience for the supervisor's position, have resorted to a campaign of misinformation and deceit. One opponent and his campaign manager, Rudy Lozano, lashed out in these pages, as harsh and inaccurate as a TASER in the wrong hands ("Supervisor race," May 23).

As a member of the Independence Township Board, Neil Wallace had a responsibility to all of us to try and find the missing tractor then-Supervisor David Wagner had removed. Neil asking knowledgeable Township employees to drive by in an effort to identify it in a place it was reported to be is not directing that it be removed.Importantly, the County Sheriff found no evidence that the tractor had been removed from that private property.

Possibly this was twisted into a political attack because that opponent does not have the true community involvement and experience we have all seen from Neil Wallace for so many years. Those are available on Neil's website: www.itswallace.com.

It would be sad and a disservice to the voters to see more of these attacks.

Perhaps they are inevitable when this opponent commented that Mark Petterson did not play a role in embarrassing political squabbling. This suggests both that he does not pay attention to Township Board meetings and he doesn't understand he is engaging in the same sort of crass squabbling Mr. Petterson has done for all of us to see.

The truth is we need the experience, integrity, vision and steady leadership of Neil Wallace as township supervisor.

Gregory K. Need Independence Township

Reasons for pond levels?

Dear Editor.

Regarding the low level of the Mill Pond; this has been an ongoing problem the past few years. During that time, I have heard a number of reasons for this occurring, some of which include the following:

It was being lowered for chemical treatment; so homeowners could clean up the shore; Mill Pond waters were being diverted to flush out the Depot Park stream; owners of the Clarkston Mils were deliberately lowering the ponds in an effort to try and force homeowners to assume liability for the hydro; and the latest, it is a result of pond-front homeowners irrigating their lawns.

It would certainly be nice to know the real cause, and possible solution to this problem. The Mill Pond is a gem in the City of Clarkston, and should be protected.

Russ Rana Clarkston

Wallace didn't fix AT&T

Dear Editor

I find it very interesting that Mr. Neil Wallace is "pleased with the increased citizen participation in the government brought on by the Citizens Public TV Access Committee" and "the committee has 'invigorated the cable service" ("Trustee Wallace runs for top seat," June 6).

Township subscribers to AT&T U-verse do not have access to the Independence Township cable channel even though they have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars through franchise and PEG fees.

I first brought this to SupervisorDavid Wagner's attention in May 2008 and was told that AT&T U-verse access would be operational by June 2008.

In July 2009, I notified the entire Township Board, including Mr. Wallace, that after repeated assurances that the "fix" is almost completed, collecting money for services NOT provided was not very ethical. To date, we AT&T users still do not have access. I can only assume our participation is not wanted.

Larry J. Miller Independence Township

Former clerk support

Dear Editor.

Our community is very fortunate to have Mr. Neil Wallace running for Independence Township Supervisor. In the role as township clerk, it was my privilege to serve you for many years. In that time I worked closely with many elected officials and community leaders and found Neil to be among the best. I have known Neil for over twenty years and can attest to his strong work ethic, high standards and long standing commitment to our town and its government.

At this pivotal point, with all local governments being under economic stress, it is important to have a supervisor who has the background and experience to lead us forward. I urge everyone to vote for Neil Wallace for township supervisor - for Independence - for us.

Shelagh Vanderveen Independence Township

A vote for Wallace

Dear Editor

I would urge Independence township residents to join me in voting for Neil Wallace August 7. He is the most qualified. His service on numerous boards has been exemplary. Neil has been an active participant in cleaning up the murky musty mess that has been been the Supervisors' office. His interest in good governance is well known to all. Neil is experienced, time tested and well suited to the task. Vote Neil Wallace for Independence Supervisor.

Rob Namowicz Independence Township Please see page 22 for more Letters

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Township 'Paranoid' over shows" Pine Knob's events with day-long gatherings did not meet outdoor gatherings ordinance "Chapter 14" so some events had to be monitored for safety concerns.

"New school budget to top \$44M?" Director of Business Services Craig Kahler expected state aid to rise about \$1.2 million for during the 1997-1998 fiscal year and expenditures to rise as well in the \$44.5 million general fund.

"Kids, seniors connect" An end-ofthe-year out for 18 second graders from Andersonville Elementary turned out to be educational and fun as they visited the Davisburg Senior Center and read to the seniors.

25 years ago - 1987

"Principals report on move for sixthgraders" Sixth-graders from three of Clarkston's elementary schools were moved to Sashabaw and Clarkston junior high schools due to overcrowding in the elementary schools.

"Blight revisited" There were concerns about a new anti-blight ordinance from residents. This was because the ordinance could be interpreted to require building storage or screening for farm vehicles.

"Cop contract language holds up approval" The Clarkston Village Council and Independence Township continued to battle of words over a proposed police contract at the village council meeting after the township altered the contract.

50 years ago - 1962

"4th of July art display" The Village Friends of Art hosted an art show with original pieces from children. The show was held outside after the 4th of July parade.

"Localite to be in Vegas" Larry Olliffe, from Clarkston, accepted a contract to sing with his Central Michigan University folk song group, the Ascots, at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Local quartet to make recording"
The Patriots, made up by, Clarkston High
School graduates Danny Althouse,
Marvin Frick, Milton Frick and Willie
Knox, made a recording. The quartet
sang at the opening celebration at the
Pontiac Mall.

"Clarkston Locals" Mr. and Mrs. David McInnes celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, June 19.

On the Fourth, re-read the Star Spangled Banner

Next week our country celebrates the declaration of our independence, July 4, 1776. It was that day our founding fathers told the world, we would no longer be second-class citizens, ruled by a monarchy.

Our natianal anthem, the Star Spangled Banner was composed by Francis Scott Key in September, 1814. Here are the words.

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream: 'T is the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave

Jim's **Jottings**



a column by Jim Sherman

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion A home and a country should leave us no more? Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave From the terror of flight or the gloom

of the grave:

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand, Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation; Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us as a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause. it is just,

And this be our motto: "In God is our trust" And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

My sources tell me, in 1814, about a week after Washington had been badly burned, British troops moved up to the primary port at Baltimore Harbor, Maryland. Frances Scott Key visited the British fleet in the Harbor on September 13 to secure the release of Dr. William Beanes who was captured during the seige of Washing-

The two were held captive on the ship as not to warn Americans the Royal Navy was going to attemp bombing Fort McHenry.

At dawn the next day, Key saw Old Glory still waving and had not been removed in defeat. The sight inspired him to write the poem, Defense of Fort McHenry.

The poem was set to music previously composed for a British drinking song, by a Mr. Smith. The result was the inspiring song now considered our national anthem. For the next 100 years it was the unofficial anthem of our country and became even more accepted as the national anthem during the 1917 World Series as it was sung in honor of the armed forces fighting in the Great War.

On March 3, 1931, Congress proclaimed it as the National Anthem, 116 years after it was first written.

This Best of Jim's Jottings first appeared Jun e27,

Holy Pass The Geritol, Batman and start living goodly

A quick look on-line and I found in 1907 Oklahoma became the 46th state in the Union after the Indian and Oklahoma territories were merged.

I discovered the United States proclaimed to be protector of the Dominican Republic and invaded Honduras. That year, the Detroit Tigers lost the World Series to the Chicago Cubs, four games to none (with one

And, while it wasn't a cold day in hell, June 13, 1907 was to be recorded as the coldest day ever in the continental United States (it was reported the low temps for that day dipped down to 2 degrees (Fahrenheit) in Tamarack, California).

And, in the city of Pontiac, Mark Edward Bird came screaming into this world.

I had the opportunity to meet with Eddie (as he has always gone by, not Mark or Markie) last week during one of those blistering hot days.

No, there were no seances nor other ether entering practices com-

Lake Orion -- the same home he moved his family to in 1940 -- and visited with

him.

Rush Me

Don't



A column by Don Rush

Holy Pass The Geritol, Batman and start living goodly. At 105 years of age, Eddie rocks!

I came to visit Eddie and his two daughters in a round about way.

See, one of my Clarkston High School buddies, Darryl Berry, called me out of the blue a few weeks ago.

"Don, you should interview my Grandpa Bird, he's gonna be 105 this year and he still has it . . . and he still has an eye for the ladies. He likes my wife," Darryl explained.

You need to know this, Darryl's a salesman of hot tubs and sauna stuff, and I think Darryl was trying to sell me on the idea. He didn't have to.

I've always -- always -- had a spot

mitted. I simply drove to his home in in my heart for old-timers. Don't believe me? When I had an Oakland Press paper route back in the mid-1970s, the first folks on my 50-home route were grayhairs. On Greenview the Arnolds, Fritches, Bassets and VanHorns were all way older than my 13 years. And, at each I would take the time to listen to their stories (eat their pies, rake their leaves or shovel their driveways).

By the time I cut through the woods to the second, larger part of my route by Dubuque Road-- a neighborhood comprised more of young families like mine (the Barnards, Zubalics, Morales and Slattery are names I remember) -it was usually getting dark. Which, kinda sucked for a couple of reasons:

1. The gal I had a secret crush on all through school lived on the second part of my route, and since I was late, I would have no time to chitchat; and

2. Cutting back through the woods when it was dark out was . . . well, let's just say it was good fodder for the overactive imagination of a science fiction reading and scary movie watching lad.

But, I digress . . .

For two hours last week I asked Eddie questions about his life, what changed, his opinion on stuff in general. And, though his eyes are a weebit clouded with age, there's still a twinkle in 'em. And, though he was a little hard of hearing, he answered my questions. He told jokes, stories of lost loves, his first car, sang songs, offered words of encouragement for riding out these harsh economic time and upon my leaving, some final words of advice for the kids.

"Before you go to school, make sure you water your pets," he said -remembering a time long ago, as a youth when he hadn't.

Next week, readers of the Oxford Leader and Lake Orion Review print editions will be able to read my feature story about Eddie, the rest of you will have to go our website.

On a final note . . . I want to thank Darryl, his family and Eddie, for allowing me this opportunity. Thank you!

Elect

Paul A. Brown, CPA

Independence Township Treasurer

From Here, For Here.

"Growing up and graduating from Clarkston High School in 1980, I came to appreciate and love this community. Now it's time for me to give something back. I am running for Independence Township Treasurer and I'd like your vote on August 7."

- Certified Public Accountant
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 + supplies.



1980 Quarter Final Champions

In the fall of 1979, a senior trombone player from the CHS pep band decided to try out for the basketball team. Given that the team was expected to compete for a state title, it was a lofty dream, but that trombone player pulled off the impossible and became a member of one of Clarkston's best teams in history. That trombone player was me. How do impossible dreams come true? Simple: Hard Work! I jumped rope for 45 minutes, ran 6 miles and shot 400 jump shots every day for 5 months prior to tryouts. The coach nicknamed me "La Machine".

Today I'm using that same determination to accomplish my goal of becoming a part of our township's "Team". I'm sharpening my skills, continuing professional education courses on Governmental Accounting, examining the township's financial reports and budgets — learning everything I can about the Core Competencies required for the position. I'm also working hard to meet as many voters as I can to personally ask for your vote. If I haven't met you, please come out to Clarkston's Concerts in the park, every Friday, from 7 to 9, visit my website, www.ElectPaulBrown.com, or look me up on Facebook. I look forward to meeting and talking with you.

Vote August 7!

Paid For By The Committee For Paul A Brown CPA For Treasurer.



Clarkston Farmers' Market opens

From honey and maple syrup to freshly cut flowers and mushrooms, birdhouses and metal sculptures, teas and all-natural mosquito repellant, there was something for everyone on the sunny opening day of the Clarkston Farmer's Market on June 23.

About 20 vendors lined the parking lot of Renaissance High School where patrons shopped to the beat of drums played by local musician David Minnick. Red radio flyer wagons were on hand for locals to fill with hand-made crafts and homegrown foods.

According to Market Manager Anissa Howard, the event had a "good turn out," and she likes the new location on Waldon road.

"The place feels flat, wide, and spacious" for vendors to set-up and for the market to grow, she said.

In previous years, the event was held in Depot Park. In its eighth year, the market is now at Renaissance, and Howard compares



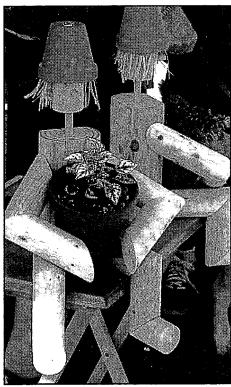
David Minnick plays the drum.

the move to "a plant being transferred. It takes a little while to take root."

Howard looks forward to seeing the market grow and become a place for educational outreach about local foods and gardening. She also hopes to see more vendors, so the Clarkston Farmers' Market "will be different every weekend." In particular, Howard seeks an organic coffee vendor for the early morning crowd.

Locally grown fruits and vegetables, organic beef, pasties, cookies, and much more will be available every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Renaissance High School until Oct. 13. Check www.clarkstonfarmers market.org.

- Mary Keck



Local crafts and plants on sale.

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

License plate misdemeanor

A 19-year-old man was given a misdemeanor citation for having improper plates after he was pulled over on June 12. Officers ran the license plate and discovered it was registered to Plymouth. His mom said she had not registered the vehicle in a few years.

BB gun vandalism

Vandalism was reported on 4000 block of Menominee Lane on June 14, 5:28 p.m. A47year-old woman noticed the basketball backboard looked funny when she was getting ready for work. At a closer look at the top middle of the backboard was a single hole, size of a .177 caliber BB. When her husband and 13-year-old son finished playing basketball the previous night the backboard was

Death threats

A 15-year-old girl reported she had received over 100 phone calls from a 16-yearold saying she was going to kill her. The caller denied it and was advised not to contact the victim. Deputies advised the victim to get a personal protection order.

Stolen property

Semi-truck tires were reported stolen between June 8, 5 p.m. and June 9, 7 p.m. off White Lake Road. Roads Paving Company had seven tires stolen from two semi-dump trucks; VSV Paving had four tires stolen from their semi-dump truck, and Doherty Paving also had four tires stolen. Roads Paving said they reported tire theft once before.

A 42-year-old woman living in the 4000 block of Lakeview Road reported a Poulon Chainsaw, Duvall Cordless Drill and weedwacker missing from her garage, June

Two vehicles on at a residence on the 5000 block of Stickney Road had items taken from them, after 12:30 a.m. on June 11. Stolen from the vehicles was an iPod, Kicker Sub Woofers, and four rims from one of the

Laptop theft

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to apartments on Parview Drive for neighbor trouble. When the deputy arrived a 32-year-old male was upset and talking loudly. He said someone had entered his unlocked apartment while he was out and had stolen his laptop.

Dumpster fire

Independence Township firefighters put out a dumpster fire behind a business in the 6000 block of Sashabaw, 1:01 a.m., June 17.

Stolen identity

A 60-year-old man living on Gulick Street filed a report for identity theft on June 8 after he received a letter from Pay Pal with changes to his "Pay Later Account." He did not have an account with Pay Pal. He called the company and was advised an account was opened in his name, under his address with his social security number but no charges had been made on it yet. He closed the ac-

Balloon breaks windshield

A driver was heading south bound on Sashabaw Road just south of Maybee Road, June 8, when someone threw a water balloon at him. It smashed the windshield on his Ford Explorer.

Doors kicked open

Homeowners in the 1000 block of Perry Lake Road found exterior and interior garage doors kicked open, June 17. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Drunk motorcyclist

A 55-year-old Independence Township man dropped his motorcycle to avoid running into the back of the vehicle in front of him, 10:12 p.m., June 20, at Sashabaw and Waldon roads. Passersby called police, who found the biker had consumed 3-5 beers and had a preliminary breath test of .127. He was arrested for drunk driving.

Jailed for fleeing police

After deputies pulledover a vehicle for going left of center on Dixie Highway near Holly Road, 4:05 a.m., June 21, the 57-year-old Pontiac driver drove off. The Pontiac man then stopped for a traffic light at Dixie and Davisburg. When the deputy asked the driver to roll his window down, the driver said "no" and drove off again. The car finally stopped at I-75 and Dixie Hwy. The driver had a strong odor of intoxicants and an open bottle of alcohol was found in the vehicle. He was jailed for drunk driving and fleeing police. He also had a misdemeanor warrant for a traffic of-

Police seek peeping tom

Deputies are looking for a white male suspect with a medium build, shaggy sandy brown hair, between the ages of 14-20, wearing glasses and a red and blue jacket in connection with a peeping tom incident, 11:25 p.m., June 23, in the 10000 block of Big Lake Road. The suspect had entered an attached garage and was seen looking into the windows. A K9 dog tracked for about a quarter mile but lost the scent.



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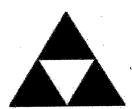


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Ryan Drobot pulls back for a throw.

Swing away

Young hitters took to the fields last week for Baseball Camps with Clarkston High School Coach Phil Price.

They focused on the fundamentals of the game including throwing, catching, fielding, base running and rules of the game. The camp was offered through Clarkston Community Education.



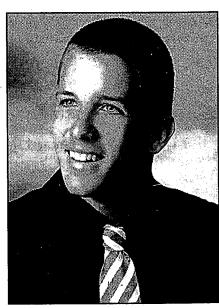
Andrew Lemieux practices his base running during camp as he makes his way to first base. *Photos by Wendi Reardon*



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK







Matt Dellinger

Wolves' top honorees

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Megan Hastings and Matt Dellinger finished their high school career honored as Senior Athletes of the Year.

Dellinger opened the year in the fall season filling in for multiple positions for the Clarkston Wolves Varsity Football team. Hastings ended the year playing softball during the spring season for the Lady Wolves. Both spent the winter on the basketball court.

They aided their teams to the OAA Red championships for all their sports.

Hastings helped her basketball and softball teams win district titles for her senior year.

Dellinger helped to boost his teams in the playoff seasons but was part of the 2009 team to get to the MHSAA Semifi-

Both are heading to college in the fall, Dellinger signed to Kent State University to continue his football last February. He will study aeronautics as a major and criminal justice as a minor with a goal to be a Navy Seal.

"Kent State has a whole new coaching staff," he said when he signed. "I was one of their first offers and on the top of the

list. They came from good programs. It really helped."

Hastings is heading to the University of Kentucky with her focus in pharmacy. She will not be playing sports because the field is competitive. She prepared by taking Advanced Placement courses ans was in CSMTech.

The leaders shared advice for aspiring athletes.

"They just need to keep practicing and practicing," said Hastings, adding they need to work hard and stick with the game.
"I know there are a lot of girls that aren't coming out so basketball is dropping out."

"It's good to get out there," said Dellinger for athletes wanting to continue in college. "The earlier the better. A lot of times it is hard to get anything after being a senior. It is more difficult. If you want to play there is always a spot someplace no matter what division."

Both graduated from Clarkston High School on June 4. Hastings graduated Summa Cum Laude and part of the National Honor Society. Dellinger graduated Cum Laude and a International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate.

Parents are Matt and Stephanie Dellinger and Stu and Kaye Hastings.



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New skills on the court

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

A few girls stood up and showed off their talents from gymnastics to telling jokes during their break at Dare to Dream Fundamental Basketball Camp last Thurs-

After they went back to business and hit the basketball court for the last day of the annual camp.

"It was really fun," said Kayla Russell, a freshman at. Clarkston Junior High School. "It helped improve us fundamentally. It really helped us not only learn how to do the drills but do them in a better way.

Russell began playing in fourth grade. She has attended the camp for over two years and said it has really boosted her basketball skills.

"I started out of control a lot," she explained. "I wasn't really keeping the ball the right way. All of the coaches and the older girls helped me grow as a person and in sports. It gave me the endurance I needed. It helped me help the younger players as well."

The camp had 58 girls from third through ninth grade attend this summer.

"The kids have worked hard," said Tim Wasilk, Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach. "They played in the head and haven't complained."

He added they have a good mix of talent and work ethic from the seven grade

"The kids are having fun and that's important," he smiled.

They worked on fundamentals every day such as ball-handling, defense, passing, rebounding, footwork and shooting.

"It was a good mix of hard work and fun," said Wasilk.

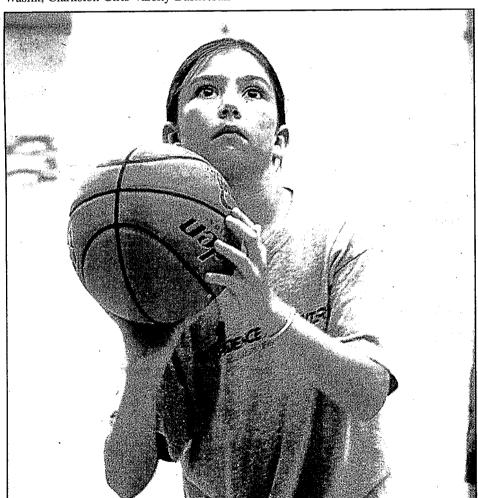
They also played five-on-five full court basketball games and had four contests every day in three divisions separated by grade. The winners from each day competed against each other the final day for bragging rights and a trophy.

Champions from the Hot Shot contest where Samantha Wycoff, Molly Nicholson and Kelsea Hunt.

Hannah Rostek, Molly Bullinger and Ashley Mills were free-throw knockout winners.

Lightning winners were Wycoff, Nicholson and Olivia Nickola. Wycoff, Nicholson and Russell won the one-onone competition.

"It's a really good program," said Russell.



MacKenzie Ming lines up the basketball with the net during the Hot Shot contest last Thursday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Independence and past Detroit Police Athletic League

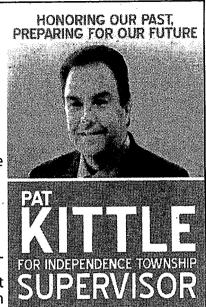
Board Member.

STRONG EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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Pat has been married to his wife Kim for over 35 years, has been a Township resident for 13+ years and has 4 grown sons, three of whom graduated from . PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT Clarkston High School.



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Freshmen rally for outstanding season

The Clarkston Boys Freshman Golf team 38; finished their season hitting a high big.

They finished with an overall record 12-2 and took first place at the Clarkston Freshman Invitational and second place at the Saline Freshman Invitational.

The boys beat Troy, 167-171, with Gibson and Rogowski leading with a par of 39.

The team beat the following teams twice during the season: Andover, 172-231, Ryan Zittel led with 41 and 163-240, Zittel led with

38;

Rochester Adams, 167-174, Andrew Reid led with 40, and again 185-203, Andrew Gibson led with 42;

Lahser, 163-225, Gibson led with 37; and 174-241, Zittel led with 42;

Walled Lake Central, 163-185, Gibson led with 38, and 191-224, Gibson led with 44; and Oxford, 190-206, Gibson led with 45;

and 184-189, Gibson led with 44.

They split with Walled Lake Northern dur

ing the season. They won 184-195 on May 16, Gibson led with 41; and lost Walled Lake Northern, April 19, 186-188. Gibson led with a 40.

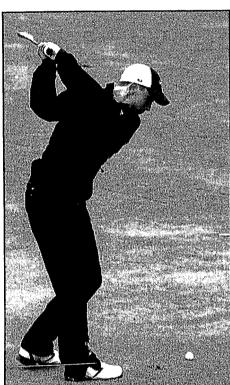
They lost to Seaholm, 162-167, Gibson and Mitchell Rogowski led with a par of 39.

They took first place at their invitational on May 14 at Fountains Golf Course after scoring 329. The top ten medalists from the team were Gibson, par of 86, and Zittel, par of

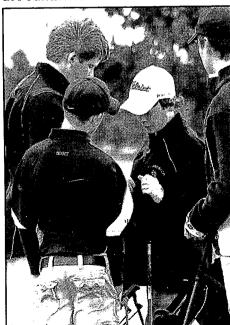
They took second at the Saline Freshman Invitational scoring 355, April 13. Hartland took first with 333. Gibson tied for sixth top ten medalist with a par of 86. Other leading performances came from Reid, 92, and Rogowski, 95.

The team is Gibson, Reid, Rogowski, Zittel, Ray Coyle and Hunter McLean. They were coached by Matt Rocha.

For more information, please visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics.



Mitch Rogowski swings at the 9th tee at Fountains.



Ryan Zittel and Ray Coyle attesting to their scorecards with players from Oxford. *Photos submitted*



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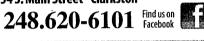


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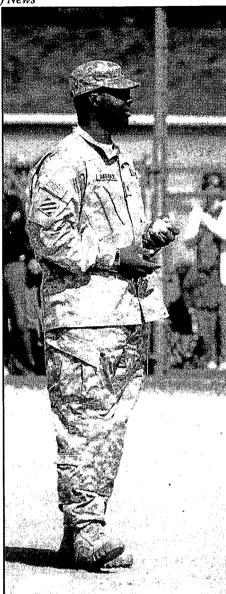
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Sergeant Marcus Lawrence, from the U.S. Army Recruiting Office in Clarkston, throws the ceremonial first pitch. Photos provided

Play ball!

Independence Township Parks and Recreation opened their youth baseball/ softball season with an opening ceremony,

All the teams took park in a parade at Clintonwood Park before they made their grand entrance on the field.

They were led by Umpire Joshua Punches, Girls 11-12 players Jessica Moore and Ann Marie Marion; this year's color

The ceremonial first pitch was thrown by Sergeant Marcus Lawrence from the U.S. Army Recruiting Office in Clarkston.

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Barn slips, slides to new location

Clarkston News Staff Writer

You may have heard of barn raisings, but the barn behind the Bird Feeder on Ortonville road did more than raise up on June 5th.

Richard Davis of Davis Building Repair lifted, turned, and moved the approximately six-ton, 20-by-30foot barn using a 350 Loader Dozer and other equipment. Davis is a fourth generation builder and received help moving the barn from his daughters, Jessica and Heather, and his nephew Justin Wilkins.

From Davis's perspective, relocating a building is no big deal. He's moved bigger buildings, in some cases he had to section them off and drive them miles away to their new location.

"I've done so many, its like second nature," he said.

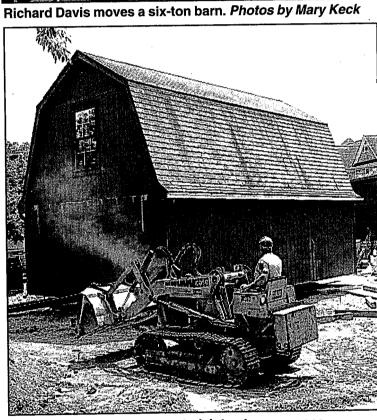
For the task of moving the Bird Feeder's barn, it took two days to get all the equipment to the shop. Besides a dozer, the most important ingredient for a good barn moving is Fels Naptha soap, said Richard

Bars of soap were rubbed against the wooden beams to ensure a smooth move, and smooth it was!

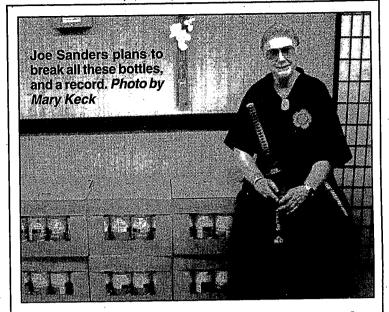
The whole second story of the barn was packed full of storage, and the first floor held milk crates, boxes, and bottles of liquid. Not one item fell as the building, which sat about three feet from the ground on 40-foot long metal beams, slid across wooden planks. Once turned, the barn was moved backward about 30 feet.

The Bird Feeder intends to continue using the barn for storage, but needed it moved because it was in the way of a new glass addition they hope to install in the coming





The structure will be converted into storage space.



Martial artist plans record breaking stunt in Clarkston

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When seeking a cure for a migraine, have you consulted a world record breaking martial artist? If not, you might try Sanders Alternative Therapy Clinic, just downstairs from Joe Sanders' dojo.

Sanders is a certified Olympic referee for Tae Kwon Do, a Grand Master of Yeon MuKwan Hapkido, and a third degree black belt in Judo. In 2012, he successfully broke two world records for cutting Japanese tatami mats, which are four feet tall and made of straw.

"You have to have a really smooth technique," Sanders explained, "like a perfect golf swing." He broke his first record by slicing 243 mats in 60 seconds. Then, within 90 days, Sanders established the current record by cutting 273 mats in 60 seconds.

Sanders insists his record-

breaking is not over and intends to prove it in downtown Clarkston next weekend. On July 7 at 9 a.m. on Washington Street next to the Masonic temple, Sanders will cut 144 2-liter bottles of club soda in less than 30 seconds.

"Everyone is welcome, but you're going to get wet," Sanders said with a laugh.

When Sanders isn't slicing with his samurai sword, he teaches martial arts to teens and specializes in craniosacral, myoskeletal alignment, and acupressure therapy. His patients typically suffer from migraine headaches, chronic shoulder and back pain, but he also works with autistic children.

Although he's proud of breaking world records in martial arts, Grand Master Joe Sanders also prides himself on being able to "kill a full-blow migraine headache in 20 minutes," Sanders said.

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BY KRYSTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

Opening day of the Springfield Township Farmers' Market was a hit. The weather was a little rainy towards the end, but that didn't keep customers from visiting.

Upon arriving, the first 200 visitors to the market were given a cupcake to celebrate the market's first birthday. In addition, the first 40 families were given an heirloom tomato plant. Visitors were also able to get a bumper sticker promoting their love of farmers markets and the recipe of the week.

Market Manager Laura Haselhuhn said that the vendor turnout was very good. There was also a steady stream of visitors all day

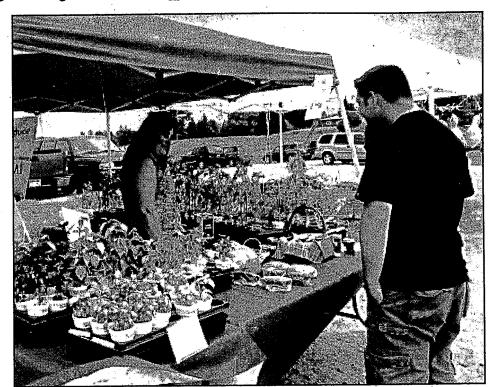
There were 17 different vendors at the market. Some of the things you could find were hot dogs, balloons, dog treats, salsa, soap, honey, jewelry, garden statues, salad dressings, flowers, birdhouse gourds, baked goods, fruits and vegetables. Every vendor also had special and unique goods to offer.

Diana Regan of Diana's Heirloom Produce provided the free heirloom tomato plants and also sold a variety of other heirloom products at the market.

Regan became interested in heirlooms and started out slowly 10 years ago. Four years ago, she got involved in farmers' markets. She now attends five different markets in Oakland County to sell her products.

Regan has five acres in Highland, two of which she uses to grow 100 different varieties of heirloom tomatoes, 15 varieties of heirloom eggplants and 10 varieties of heirloom cucumbers. She also has some hot and sweet heirloom peppers.

Regan grows all of her products naturally and in addition to the heirloom plants, sells breads, jams and herbs. If you are interested



Diana Regan sells her heirloom products at the Springfield Farmers' Market. Photo by Krysten Cooper

in her products, Regan can be contacted at tomatolady10@gmail.com.

Another vendor you could find at the market was April Forbes of the Cakeria.

The Cakeria is a from-scratch bakery where they make "everything that has to do with pastry and some breads.'

The Cakeria menu changes a lot and features a lot of items people have never heard of before. This is because they use locally grown Michigan products in their baked

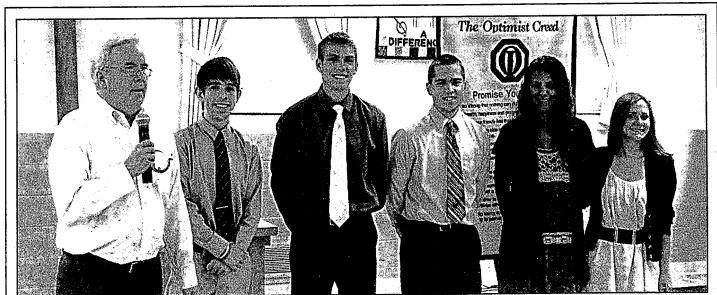
Forbes said selling at the market last year was a lot of fun. She also said the business at the market is good and the Cakeria did really well selling there last year.

The Cakeria, however, is looking bigger than farmers' markets. Forbes said they recently auditioned to be on the Food Network show Cupcake Wars.

Their audition video, which they only had 48 hours to develop, can be viewed on

The Springfield Farmers' Market will continue every Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 14.

For more information, visit their website springfieldfarmersmarket.wordpress.com.

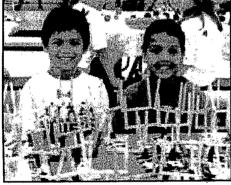


SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Clarkston Area Optimist Club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to several Clarkston High School graduates. From left are Curt Carson, Scholarship chairman, and winners Andrew Salada, Spenser Pawlik, Troy Hughes, Alyssa Setting and Rachel Manssur. Not pictured is Michael Hart. Setting and Hart received Henry K. Richardson Scholarships, while the others received Friend of Youth Scholarships. Photo provided



National conservatives meet with candidate

Jose Aliaga, candidate for Independence Township trustee, meets with George P. Bush, son of Jeb Bush and nephew of George W. Bush, at a Maverick PAC meeting in Birmingham, June 19. Aliaga hosts a fund raiser, 6:30 p.m., July 11, at Buckshots on White Lake Road, with George Romney, nephew of presidential candidate Mitt Romney. *Photo provided*



Ulyses Valascho and Christopher Acevdo invite buyers to try their football creation. *Photo provided*

Mini mall lessons

Pine Knob Elementary students shopped and sold their own creations at the fourth grade mini mall in May.

It was a lesson on how to run a business for the students who made items. While other students learned the lesson on how to budget their funds.

State to review hospital

Continued from page 1A

of Community Health within the next 21 days to four weeks on our [CON] application." McLaren filed a CON application in early February. "If it is denied, we will appeal it," Lane told the Planning Commission.

Angela Minicuci at the MDCH office said, McLaren's CON is "currently under review" and a decision will be reached by June 29. The new hospital plans are available at www.twp.independence.mi.us. The Planning Commission meets again on July 12, 6:30 p.m., in Independence Township Hall.

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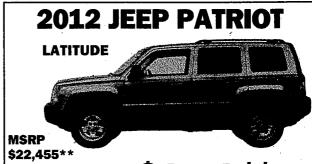
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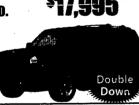


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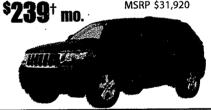
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More letters to the editor...

Board for fire millage

Dear Editor,

On Aug. 7, the voters of Independence Township will decide whether to renew the millage for fire and advanced life support services so that these vital services can continue.

Fire Chief Steve Ronk and his staff have done a terrific job of managing the fire department and doing a critical analysis of our community's needs to assure we can continue to provide the high level of service our community deserves.

As your elected representatives, we have aggressively cut costs over the last several years in the face of falling revenues and continuously reviewed the fire department's ongoing needs for essential operations and equipment. Recently we have hosted several public meetings to consider the impact of a variety of millage options.

Consequently we will also be requesting that voters support a relatively small increase to the fire millage in addition to renewal. We believe this modest increase is critical to continue fire department operations at a level sufficient to support our community.

We urge the voters of Independence Township to support both the renewed millage at 3.1688 and the increase millage of .59 mills on Aug. 7.

Signed

Trustee Larry Rosso Clerk Barbara Pallotta Treasurer Curt Carson Trustee Mark Petterson Trustee Dave Lohmeier Trustee Neil E. Wallace Independence Township Board

Support for Wallace

Dear Editor.

I have lived in Independence Township for 33 years, had the privilege to serve of the Planning Commission for 16 years and have known Neil Wallace for the past 27 years.

During that time I had the opportunity to

work with him when we both served on the Independence Planning Commission. This was an important time period for Independence Township as the vision 20/20 Master Plan we presently follow was developed and implemented.

This was accomplished by a process that took the planning commission numerous months of lengthy reviews, discussions and public input.

During that period and beyond, Neil's insight and approach to resolving the many issues that the master plan presented was very evident and significantly made a difference in the final outcome of this plan.

Over the years his knowledge, experience as a trustee and deep commitment to the township continues to benefit our community. This coupled with his legal abilities, communication skills and innate sense for fiscal responsibility makes him the best choice for supervisor. I will be voting for him, and I am confident he will carry out his duties in an exemplary

> Joe Figa Independence Township

Pallotta for clerk

Dear Editor,

Although we initially met due to a misunderstanding over the voter identification laws, Clerk Barb Pallotta and I have since become strong allies. It was Barb's diligence and integrity in quickly addressing our disagreement that inspired me to serve under her as an Independence Township Election Inspector. I have since worked with Barb on the Absent Voter Counting Board and as a poll worker, witnessing her dynamic leadership and consistent attention to detail first hand.

Barb's behind-the-scenes contributions to this community are enumerable, but I believe that her added value as a public servant in Independence Township shines brightest in the role of election instructor. She literally trains each individual poll worker on complex changes in election technology and law, and despite varying skill levels amongst poll workers, she does so with the patience of an experienced teacher. This supportive hands-on strategy has built a foundation for a knowledgeable team of election inspectors who are committed to ensuring that our local elections are accessible, fair, and accurate.

It is because of her dedication to this community that I will be casting my vote for Clerk Barb Pallotta on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Jeremy Mitchell Independence Township

Fischbach advocate

Taxpayers of Springfield Township have a chance to elect a new supervisor of this township on Aug. 7.

Until vesterday, the best kept secret was Ginny Fischbach is running for township supervisor on the Republican ticket. I believe all of you want a responsible leader. If you want your taxes to continue to rise, elected the same

If you absolutely need a relief from these high property taxes, then vote for Ginny Fischbach. We do not need another \$6 million building to house these politicians.

Wanda Rothermel Springfield Township

Judge McNally for Pallotta

Dear Editor.

Barb Pallotta, our current township clerk, is running for election this August. I strongly encourage the voters to keep her in office.

If you were to take a stack of governmental or political magazines and cut and paste the ideal candidate, you would end up with Barb Pallotta. Barb Pallotta is very knowledgeable about her work as township clerk. She is very professional and conscientious.

We are lucky to have her. Only the best is good enough.

Gerald E. McNally Independence Township

Phyllis Fancher, 80

Phyllis J. Fancher (Wiechert) of White Lake, formerly of Clarkston, passed away June 24, 2012, at age 80.

She was the wife of John for 63 years; mother of Kathy (Bruce) Holden, Colleen VanHaitsma, Randy, Dan (Julie), Mark, and Tim (Lisa); survived by 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; sister of Shirley Pursley and Reberta (Howard) Steele; preceded in death by her siblings Lyle Wiechert and Audrey Keyser.

Mrs. Fancher retired from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after 22 years of service. Friends may visit Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service, Thursday, 10 a.m. at Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation. guestbook Online

www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Patricia M. Quaine, 56

Patricia M. Quaine, "Trish," of Waterford passed away on June 19, 2012, at age 56.

She was the wife of Terrance; mother of Terry and Nicholas; grandmother of Jacob Quaine and Cameron Thomas Ouaine: daughter of Ann and the late James Carney; sister of Carol Holbert and Jimmy Carney; aunt of Kristy,



Bree, Danielle and R.J.; also survived by many special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Scripture service was June 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was June 23 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery.

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Michael Monaghan

"Go to parties at friends houses and Clintonwood fireworks.

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Sam Tanielian



"Put out the flag to celebrate independence. Be with the family to have a pidnic and watch fireworks." -Joe and Marian Minauro

By Krysten Cooper

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Wright honored for helping community

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Matt Wright was honored as he was recognized for being Youth of the Year on May 17 at the 27th Annual Clarkston Community

"It was more of an honor to be up there and share it with people like Charles Griffin and those different people," he said. "It didn't feel like I belonged."

Wright has known Griffin, recepient of Citizen of the Year, for a few years and said he has done a lot of great things.

"I think that is what sets the bar for me to live up to the expectation," he added.

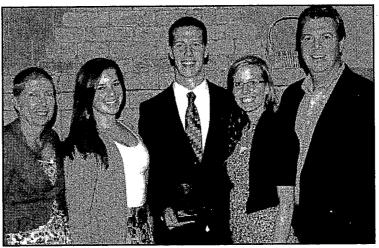
Wright was chosen for his involvement in school and in the community. During his senior year at Clarkston High School he was involved with peer listening, A World of Difference, coaching youth sports and various activities at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"Peer listening was my favorite one," he said.

Wright and 12 other students trained once a week with Katie French, a support counselor at the high school. They learned how to deal with different scenarios students are going through. Then would meet with fellow students once or twice a week who needed someone to talk.

He started peer listening in tenth

"I knew I wanted to do something with counseling because



Matt Wright, center, celebrates with his family, from left, Renee Weaver-Wright, Alison Wright, Matt, Evey Wright, and Larry Wright. Photo provided

that's where I feel like I can help people on a personal level," Wright said. "I heard about peer listening. I thought it would be a good experience for me to get in a room and develop those skills and see if it is something I would be good at doing. It encouraged me even more."

He was also on the varsity track team for four years, and he coached soccer for kids 6- to 8-years-old and coached basketball to third and fourth graders.

It was while coaching he realized he had a valuable role and the kids looked up to him. When he said he was going to be late for his Pony basketball game, their eyes lit up.

"I realized this is a powerful position I have and I need to make the most of it," he said. "I need to make it a positive experience for them."

When he saw one of the boys at

Dairy Dream, he knew he made a difference when the boy excitedly told him how he just struck out three hitters during his baseball game.

He is also staying busy during the summer. He went down to the Covenant House in Detroit a few weeks ago where they did a lot of landscaping and rebuilding.

Last week he went with the middle school group on their mission trip as a junior counselor. He will volunteer with SCAMP during the summer before he heads to Joplin, Missouri to help with recov-

Wright is also using his extra time to help Disaster Relief at Work.

Last August, he went on a trip through his church to Pleasant Grove, Alabama after they were struck by a tornado in the spring.

He was amazed with what he

"It was basically standing at Clarkston Junior High School and being able to see the high school," he explained about the devastation.

"It was just wiped out. It was crazy," Wright remembered. "Even to see months later they were still struggling. They still needed people down there. Everytime you see something on the news it is real people going through that. We are helping people get back to their everyday routine. They wouldn't be able to do that without us. It is one of the most gratifying things I have done.'

Wright is going to Hope College in the fall to study psychology.

Then maybe hopefully go into counseling," he said, adding he is keeping his options open as he contemplates becoming a high school counselor, school psychologist or psychologist.

He received two nominations, from his Principal Gary Kaul and a parent of one of his basketball play-

"Larry and I have been blessed to grow up in Clarkston and raise our children here," said mom, Renee Weaver-Wright. "We have tried to show our kids through our actions and words how important it is to do for others as a way of life. Thankfully, they have all learned that and found different ways to give back to the community to continue to make Clarkston a great place to live.

"Matt has a passion for giving back," she added. "Hopefully he will inspire others to do the same."



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Special Events

Town hall meeting about synthetic drug abuse, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, hosted by state Reps. Gail Haines and Eileen Kowall. Call Rep. Haines at 888-737-4043 or Rep. Kowall at 866-334-0010.

Concert in the Park, 7 p.m., June 29, Bugs Beddow band, top 40s, 80s rock classics, Depot Park. Free, www.clarkston.org.

Candidates Meet and Greet, Sloppy Joe Picnic Dinner, 5-7 p.m., June 29, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$5. Meet candidates running for office in Independence Township. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Farmers' Market, Saturdays through Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Education Center, 6300 Church Street. Springfield Farmers' Market, Sundays, through Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6558.

Butterfly count, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 30, Independence Oaks County Park. Part of the North American Butterfly Association's annual count. Bring net and water. Meet at Camp Wilderness parking lot. 248-858-0704.

Garden Walk, sponsored by Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 12-7 p.m., July 11. Features six lovely 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 tickets, \$18, at Independence Township Library. 248-620-2984.

35th Reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1977, 6:30 p.m., July 28, The Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road, Waterford. Email howelljv@gmail.com, Clarkston77@comcast

55th Reunion, Lake Orion High School Class of 1957, Aug. 11, Rochester Community House, Rochester. Golf scramble at Bald Mountain Golf Course, Lake Orion, Aug. 10.

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

248-693-2973.

30 year reunion, Lake Orion Class of 1982, Sept. 15, American Legion, Oxford. \$25 in advance. Dinner, live music. Other classes welcome. Call Tammy, 248-766-0183, sunshineangel39@aol.com.

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

50+ Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Dance to country, salsa, cha-cha and rock and roll rhythms with Rosemary Hall to

exercise your body and mind! Ongoing @ \$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

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

Tuesday

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday

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

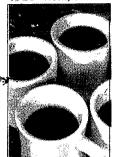
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Coffee Club

News about and for local business folk

Networking meetings Thursdays 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Clarkston United Methodist Church



Paragon Concrete Ribbon Cutting

Paragon Concrete Company Company President Mark Danhausen and Waterford Township Supervisor Carl Solden celebrate their opening with a ribbon cutting, June 12. Paragon Concrete, which opened March 20, is a Ready Mix concrete provider on Lessing Road in Waterford. Photo by Mary Keck

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The Rule of 72

"How long will it take my investment to double?" This is a common question many may have concerning their investments and think a calculator is needed to provide an answer.

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This is how it works. If an individual has an investment they think will grow at an assumed rate of return per year, then simply dividing that rate of return into 72 will provide a rough estimate of the number of years it will take for the investment to double in size.

For example, let's assume an investment is assumed to grow at an average rate of return of six percent each year. Simply divide six into 72 will give a rough estimate that it will take 12 years for this investment to double (72 / 6 =

This formula assumes a fixed annual rate of return and the reinvestment of all earnings. Keep in mind that very few investments offer a guaranteed rate of return and that an investment's past performance does not guarantee future performance.

The rule of 72 may also be used to show the negative power of inflation. This may be an especially handy tool to those individuals in their retirement's years and, also, for those approaching the retirement decision.

Using this tool an individual can estimate the number of years it will take for his or her cost of living to double. Or to put it another

way, how long before an individual's purchasing power is cut in half.

For example, let's assume an individual is retired and forecasts an inflation rate of five percent per year. An inflation rate, in general terms, is the rate of increase in the prices of

goods and services individu-Raymond als purchase over time.



A column by James Kruzan

Forecasting an inflation rate of five percent means the individual is assuming the prices of the goods and services he or she will purchase in the future will increase at a rate of five percent per

Using the rule of 72, simply dividing five into 72 will provide a rough estimate that the individual's cost of living will double in 14 to 15

years (72/5 = 14.4). Of course, this article is no substitute for a careful consideration of all of the advantages and disadvantages of an investment strategy to meet your goals.

Before implementing a significant investment strategy consider consulting your financial advisor.

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Travel agency under new ownership

RYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whether it's scuba diving, museum hopping, or mountain climbing, the new owner of Clarkston Travel, Tammy Darr, says she can find a vacation to suit your interests. Darr prides herself in offering "personalized vacations" while servicing customers interested in travel packages, all-inclusives, cruises, and airline tickets.

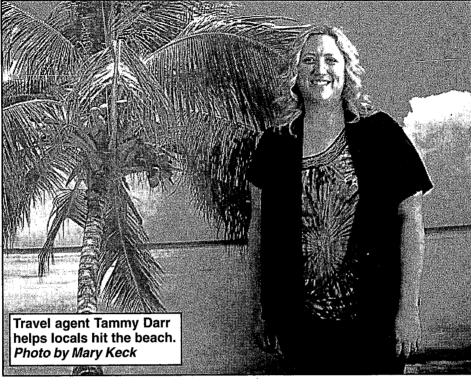
From Darr's perspective, going to an agency can save eager travelers money and

She said, it takes a lot of time and researching to plan a vacation online when "I can do it in a half an hour" and even "beat the Internet price.'

A travel agent can also help vacationers find answers to their questions that are often unavailable on the web, she pointed out.

People from Clarkston usually have questions about beach vacations. Darr noted. She's observed locations like the Mayan Riviera in Mexico and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic are popular with locals, but she's also arranged European tours over the 20 years she's been working in the travel industry.

Even though Darr's usually helping other families plan their vacations, she likes traveling too. Some of her favorite destinations are



Disney World, Jamaica, and Hawaii. Just this week, she journeyed to Arizona for a travel conference

Darr, a native of Oxford, likes visiting other places, but she doesn't plan to call anywhere but Clarkston home.

"I think I'll be here for a while because Clarkston is a nice little community," she said.

For information, check www.clarkstontravel.com or call 248-625-0325.

In our churches...

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

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

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

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

Peace Camp, July 9-12, for ages 6-11, art, music, drumming, meditation, yoga, peace-making tools and practices. Led by Three Moms for Peace. \$100. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-892-0196.

Church events or to write of our Spiritual Matters, call 248-625-3370

ST. TRINITY EVANGELICAL OAKLAND EPC **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sat. 6:00 pm Sunday School 9:45 am Preschool: 620-6154

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Children's Worship @ 10:30 am Other Opportunities: Call Church for times of following Meetings: Men's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Mid Week Bible Study Adult Sunday Morning Bible Studie Oakland EPC is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church with offices located at 7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348 Phone (248) 858-2577

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6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Sunday 10 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 9:55 am Nursery Provided www.clarkstonepiscopal.org 248-625-2325

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5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI Located 2 blks, N. of Dixie Hwy (E.of M-15) Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service Wed: 7:00 pm Awana Club 6:30 pm Teen Ministry 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting &

ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

10310 Andersonville Road Phone (248) 625-5831 Pastor Bruce Darling Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm A church where Christ is the center. Hymns and Hymnals are still used. Older congregation with traditional values that honor Christ not programs and activities. A place where the people are real and the spirit is et. Come and visit, see, and

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5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Fax: (248) 394-2142 Interim: Rev. William Lange Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group Rible Study Wednesday 7:00 pm Youth Groups 6-12 Wednesday 6:30 pm www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman ın: 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & Adult Bible Study Nursery available for all services.

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CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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248-625-1611 Website:<u>clarkstonumc.org</u> Sunday Worship: 9:00am & 11:00 am 6:00pm Evening Service Nursery available for all services

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH 6765 Rattalee Lake Road

Clarkston 48348 Services: Sunday 9:00am & 10:45am Morning Worship Service Exploration Station -Children's Ministry
Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life Adult Life Ministry
C.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry
Ozone - Children's Life Ministry Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services A Church For Life www.bridgewoodch

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7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston (W. of M-15, S. of 1-75) Rev. Christopher Maus Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

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6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston (W. of M-15, just S. of I-75) 248-625-3288 248-625-3288
Pastor Jonathan Heierman
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8:15 am (traditional), 9:30 & 11:00 am
Also at both 9:30 & 11:00:
Nursery, Children & Youth Programming Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-8:30 pm Dinner, worship, small groups Nursery, Children & Youth

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6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Oakland Christian School Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne, Bonita Laudéman, Kevin Kuehne, Dan Whiting, Geoff Black Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm www.darkstoncommunity.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE JUNE 19, 2012

- A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:34 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace

Absent: Petterson, Wagner

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Mitch Petterson, Acting Fire Chief; Carol Gabris, Human Resources Director; Dave Belcher, Building, Planning & Zoning Director; Julie Meredith, Library Director; Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich

- Appointment of Acting Chair Approved
 D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as amended
- CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled
- BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Curt Carson. Treasurer; Larry Rosso, Trustee; Barbara Pallotta,
- PUBLIC COMMENT: None G.
- PUBLIC HEARING: None
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
 - Introduction of Lt. Mark Gardner as Independence Township's New Command Officer
 - 2. Report: Superintendent's Update (Bart Clark, Superintendent)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
 - Approval of First Reading to Amend Chapter 20, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III, Open Burning
 - No action taken on Proposed Ordinance or Resolution Prohibiting the Sale, Distribution or Possession of Synthetic Intoxi-
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - Approval of 2011 CDBG Contract with Springfield Townshin
 - Approval of Budget Amendment for Repairs to Spray Park Pumps
 - Approval of Budget Amendment #8: Part 2 for Fire and General Fund
 - Approval to Implement On-Line Payment Program for Water & Sewer Users
 - Authorization of Fireworks Display for Independence Townshin Authorization of Fireworks Display for Lake Oak-
 - Approval of Board of Trustees Regular General
- Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2012 ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- None REGULAR BUSINESS:

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- 1. Removed: Request to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independence Township and IAFF; and MERS
- Appendix 2. Approval of Transition of Mitch Petterson and Gary Sharp from Staff Captains to
- Deputy Fire Chief Approval of Request to Replace Rescue/Extrication Tools for Fire Department
- Approval of Reorganization of Building Depart-
- Approval of Internal and External Job Posting for 5. the Building Department
 No Action Taken on Request to Prepare RFP's
- for Library Maintenance Work
- Reconsideration of Approval of Ballot Language for August 2012 Primary Election
- Approval of Amendments to Independence Township Code of Ordinances Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and
- Payroll in the Amount of \$782,119.85 10. Consensus of Process for Selecting Library Board
 N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
 - COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
 - REPORTS: 1. Communication: Letter of Appreciation from Clarkston Renaissance High School to
 - Independence Township Studio Report: Addition of Pay Cards as Payroll Re-
 - ceipt Option (Curt Carson, Treasurer) Report: Budget Adjustment #3 (Rick Yaeger, 2. Budget Analyst)
 - 3. Report: Monthly
 - Report: DPW Projects Update

Safety Path Advisory Committee Minutes - April 11.2012

Township Clerk

ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 11:44 PM.Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Published: Wednesday, June 27, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its Regular Meeting on June 19, 2012, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Certain Provisions of the Charter Township Code, as follows

ORDINANCE # 2012 -

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE, OAKLAND COUNTY CHAPTER 46,

ARTICLE II (TRAFFIC CODE) DIVISION III
(MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE), TO ADOPT SECTION 625(1)(c) OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE BY REFERENCE AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THAT SECTION, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 8 OF 2012

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "High BAC Amend-

Section 2 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE This is an ordinance to amend Chapter 46 of the Code of the Charter Township of Independence, "Traffic and Vehicles", at Article II. Division III "Michigan Vehicle Code", to adopt Section 625(1)(c) of the Michigan Vehicle Code by refer ence and to provide penalties for a violation of that Section, pursuant to Public Act 8 of 2012.

Section 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 46-80. Sec tion 48-80 of the Code of the Charter Township of Independence, Article II "Traffic Code", Division III "Michigan Vehicle Code" previously reserved, is hereby replaced and new Section 46-80 is hereby added, which Section shall read as follows:

> "Section 46-80. Operating While Intoxicated (BAC .17 or more).

Section 625(1)(c) of the Michigan Vehicle Code 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 et seq is hereby adopted by reference as an Ordinance of the Township pursuant to Public Act 8 of 2012. State law reference (MCL 257.1 et seq) as amended; (MCL 42.21) as amended.

Section 4. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 46-78. Section 46-78 of the Code of the Charter Township of Independence, Article II "Traffic Code", Division III "Michigan Vehicle Code", is hereby amended to replace Section 46-78. which Section shall read as follows:

"Section 46-78. Limitations.

Violations of the Michigan Vehicle Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days and/or fine is greater than \$500.00 shall not be enforced by the Township as an ordinance violation; provided however, that a violation of MCL 257.625(1)(c) is punishable by one or more of the following:

- Community service for not more than 360 hours.
- (ii) Imprisonment for not more than 180 days.
- (iii) A fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$700.00.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY. If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portions of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independence portion of this ordinance and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 6. SAVINGS. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they

are commenced. Section 7. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force

Section 8. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED. The Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Independence shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by MCL 42.22

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE By: Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk Published: June 27, 2012

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

FILE NO: 2012-344, 076-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

opher R. King, Deceased. Date of birth: 4/15/1947 Estate of Chris TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Christopher R. King, ed, died June 4, 2012.

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

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Patricia l'Connell 8400 Rhodes Road Goodrich, Michigan 48438 (810) 606-6070

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE JUNE 19, 2012

- A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:04 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso (arrived at 6:30 pm), Wallace Absent: Petterson, Wagner

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Carol Gabris, Human Resources Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Gregg Schultz, Schultz

Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approve AGENDA ITEMS AS STATED IN THE CALL OF THE MEETING:
 - 1. Closed Session for Union Negotiations as permitted by MCL 15.28(c)

The Special Meeting RECESSED at 6:06 PM.

- The Special Meeting RECONVENED at 7:26 PM PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics
- H. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, June 27, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. At Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:

FILE PC #2012-007 New Par dba Verizon Wireless Petitioner REQUESTS SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL To install a temporary 90 ft cell tower until permanent 155 ft tower is constructed Per Sec. 50.845 (a)

Special Land Use Request: Install temporary cell tower/ and permanent cell tower when constructed Parcel Identification Number: 08-22-201-002

Common Description: 7774 Sashabaw Rd. DTE Music Center

74 71 acres BEC Zoning

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE RE-QUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248)625-8111.

Barbara A Pallotta, Clerk

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ORDINANCE # 2012 -THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE PREAMBLE

The Township of Independence has determined it is appropriate and necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township to amend Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, Chapter 40, Article III (Litter): to amend Sections 40-99, 40-102 and 40-105 and to provide penalties for violation thereof. Therefore, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Amendment to Litter Ordinance"

Section 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 40-99 (Prohibition Generally). Chapter 40 of the Independence Charter Township Code, Article III (Litter), Section 40-99 is hereby amended to add general penalty provision and

Section 40-99: Prohibition Generally.

No person shall dump, deposit, place, throw or leave, or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property within the township other than on property designated and set aside for such purposes, or in receptacles provided for that purpose

Violation of this Article is a civil infraction except as expressly provided otherwise herein.

Section 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 40-102. Chapter 40 of the Independence Charter Township Code. Article III (Litter) Section 40-102 is hereby amended and new Section 40-102 is hereby added, which Section shall read as follows:

Section 40-102: Throwing Dangerous Substances.

Any person who shall place or throw glass or other dangerous pointed or edged substances in or on any beach or waters adjacent thereto, highway, or walk, or on public property within 50 feet of a public highway, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

State law reference MCL 750.493a.

Section 4. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 40-105. Chapter 40 of the Independence Charter Township Code, Article III (Litter). Section 40-105 is hereby amended to add

penalty and read as follows: Section 40-105: Litter or Objects Falling in Path of Vehicles.

No person shall cause any litter or any object to fall or to be thrown into the path of or to hit a vehicle traveling on the highway

Violation of this Section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both

State Law Reference MCL 324.8903

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the event of a violation of this Ordinance.

The balance of Article III shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein. Section 6. SEVERABILITY. If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portions of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be

deemed a separate, distinct and independence portion of

Section 5. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect.

this ordinance and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. Section 7. SAVINGS. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they

are commenced. Section 8. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 9. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED. The Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Independence shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE By: Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk Published: June 27, 2012

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ORDINANCE # 2012 -

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE PREAMBLE

The Township of Independence has determined it is appropriate and necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township to amend Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, Chapter 30, Article IV (Offenses Against Property); to amend Section 30-89(b) and create Section 30-89(c) to provide penalty for violation of Section 30-89, pursuant to MCL 750.552 as

amended. Therefore,
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Amendment to Trespass Ordinance"

Section 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 30-89(b). Chapter 30 of the Independence Charter Township Code, Article IV (Offenses Against Property), Section 30-89(b) is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Section 30-89(b) In all other cases, a person shall not do any of the following:

- 1). Enter the lands or premises of another without lawful authority after having been forbidden to do so by the owner or occupant or the agent of the owner or occupant.
- 2). Remain without lawful authority on the land or premises of another after being notified to depart by the owner or occupant or the agent of the owner or occupant.
- 3.) Enter or remain without lawful authority on fenced or posted farm property of another person without the consent of the owner or his or her lessee or agent. A request to leave the premises is not a necessary element for a violation of this subdivision. This subdivision does not apply to a person who is in the process of attempting, by the most direct route, to contact the owner or his or her lessee or agent to request consent.

Section 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 30-89. Section 30-89(c). Chapter 30 of the Indepedence Charter Township Code, Article IV is hereby amended to create Section 30-89(c), which Section shall read as follows.

Section 30-89(c). PENALTY. A person who violates this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days or by a fine of not more than \$250.00, or both.

State Law Reference MCL 750.552, as amended. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the event of a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 4. BALANCE OF ORDINANCE REMAINS IN EFFECT.

The balance of Ordinance 30-89 shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically modified herein.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY. If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portions of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independence portion of this ordinance and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk

STATE COLD

Published: June 27, 2012

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

No. 803 of 2012

JOSHUA A. IMLER, single, and NICOLE J. GELLES, single

ESTHER ANDERSON, daughter of Bertha Napierski daughter of Anna Napierski Wolfe, deceased, WILL IAM E. NAPIERSKI, PAUL H. NAPIERSKI alva PAUI NAPIER, and MARGERY JEAN BEISWENGER, friend of Augusta Napierski a/k/a Augusta Napier and Gussie Napier, deceased, all of their heirs, suc cessors and assigns.

Defendants

Defendants.
NOTICE
TO: THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED DEFENDANTS, THEIR LEGAL REP-RESENTATIVES OR WHOMEVER MAY BE THE HOLDER OR HOLDERS OF TITLE TO THE PREMISES HEREINAFTER DE-

TAKE NOTICE that on May 31, 2012, the Plaintiffs filed a Complaint in Action to Quiet Title averring that they are the sole owners of that certain tract of land situate in the Borough of Gallitzen, County of Cambria and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described

ALL that certain lot of ground lying and being situate in the Bor-ough of Gallitzin, County of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: To wit:

BEGINNING at a set iron pin in the right of way of Hemlock Street, at the Southwest corner of land now or formerly of Zelma Beck thence in, through and across the right of way of Hemlock Street and along land now or formerly of Zelma Beck and land now or formerly of James E. Clossin, et ux, North 71 ° 30' West 296.55 feet to a se in pin in the right of way of Main Street, partially unopened, thence in, through and along the right of way of Main Street, North 52 ° 45' East 64.03 feet to a point; thence along land formerly of Stephanie A. Eckenrode, fik/a Stephanie A. Hoover, and Scott A. Eckenrode, wife and husband, and now of Joshua A, Imler, single, and Nicole J. Gelles, single, North 71 ° 30' West 257.67 feet to a point in the right of way of Hemlock Street, thence in, through and along the right of way of Hemlock Street, South 15 °24'28" West 53.00 feet to a set iron

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CONTAINING 0.337 acres and being part of Cambria County, Pennsylvania Tax Map Number 30-21-101.

Title to the aforementioned parcel was obtained by Frederick H. Napierski, deceased, by deed from Ignats Greboski and Franciska Greboski, his wife, dated July 13, 1906, filed in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cambria County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book Volume 190, Page 108. Frederick H. Napierski died with surviving heirs, being the ve-referenced Defendants, whose whereabouts or the whereabouts of their heirs, if any, are unknown to Plaintiffs.

The property was conveyed to the Plaintiffs who, along with their pre decessors in title, have had actual, open, exclusive, visible, distinct, no-torious and hostile possession and use of the premises for more than 21 tonous and now own the premises by adverse possession under color of title and the dwelling house erected thereon. The Complaint was filed for the purpose of barring all your right, title and interest or claim unto the

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend the claims set forth in the Complaint and in this adver you wanto determ the dearns set routin the Complaint air of this fact of this notice, by entering written appearance personally, or by an attorney, and file, in writing, with the Court your defenses or objections. ms set forth adainst you in a Complaint in Action of Ejectment to the claims set forth against you in a Complaint in Action of Ejectment or fail to appear and make your objections to the Plaintiffs' Complaint known at a hearing before Judge Patrick T. Kiniry, on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., in Courtroom 3 of the Cambria County Courthouse, 200 South Center Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931. You are warned that if you fall to do so, the case may proceed without you, and aiudgment may be entered against you. out further notice, for the relief requested by the Plaintiffs. You may

various further induces, for the related requested by the framework poses money or property or other rights important to you.

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Illegal Dumping" Ordinance.

Section 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 30-97. Chapter 30 of the Independence Charter Township Code, Article IV (Offenses Against Property), Section 30-97, previously reserved, is amended and replaced by new Section 30-97, which shall read as follows:

Section 30-97: Illegal Dumping.

Any person who shall dump, deposit or place any filth, garbage or refuse, including but not limited to rubbish, waste material, offal paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris, or other foreign substances, on the grounds or premises of another, without the specific permission the owner thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

State law reference MCL 750.552a.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the event of a violation of this Ordinance.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON To the qualified electors of the City of the Village of Clarkston, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, 375 DEPOT RD. WILL BE OPEN:

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012 FROM 9:00 A.M TO 5:00 P.M. LAST DAY TO REGISTER

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICA-TIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

THE AUGUST 7, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PRECINCT 1 OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPAT-ING PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES

CONGRESSIONAL UNITED STATES SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLA-

COUNTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE, PROSECUTING AT-TORNEY, SHERIFF, CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS, TREASURER, WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER AND COUNTY COMMIS-

JUDICIAL JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT - 6TH CIR-CUIT - NON-INCUMBENT POSITION * Judge of District Court - 44th District - Non-

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JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT – 48TH DISTRICT

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NOMINATION OF PARTISAN CANDIDATES FOR ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICES.

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING: DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL: OAKLAND COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

Full text of the proposal may be obtained from: City of the Village of Clarkston

248-625-1559 Kelly Richter, Clerk City of the Village of Clarkston 375 Depot Rd. Clarkston, Michigan 48346

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION FOR A WETLAND PERMIT

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. At Independence Township Hall Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston MI, 48347-0069, to con-

Wetland File #W2012-002

Age V., Inc, Petitioner Age V., Inc. Pines of Clarkston, Project Name PETITIONER REQUESTS WETLAND AND NATURAL FEATURE CONSIDERATION TO PERMIT THE FILL

OF 0.21 ACRES OF WETLAND WITH 890 CUBIC YARDS OF CLEAN FILL TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY & TO INSTALL A CULVERT 80 LINEAL FEET AT THE REAR OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING TO MAINTAIN FLOW BETWEEN ADJACENT WETLANDS

Per Section 18-111

Proposed Development Pines of Clarkston Assisted Living PC File #2012-006 7550 Dixie Highway 3 44 acres/ B3 zoning Parcel ID: 08-30-128-005

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347-0069 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

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Resident wants to make difference

Clarkston native Trina Roettger is back in town, opening Guardian Angels Adult Day Services on Sashabaw Road.

"I'm glad to be back in my home town - I love Clarkston," said Roettger, owner, executive care director, and licensed nurse.

The center, which opens July 9, will offer brain fitness, exercise, cooking groups, games, music, crafts, and other activities for seniors, and medication assistance and health care, all with professional, trained staff.

"I want to make a difference and provide what is needed," she said. "It's my dream, my passion – anyone who works for me will have to share that passion. It takes a special person."

An open house is set for July 7, 12-3 p.m. "We'll serve sloppy Joes – see what we're about," she said.

Her husband, Jeff, a commercial builder, helped renovate the facility at 5631 Sashabaw Road, which includes a dance studio, activities and dining rooms, and movie and quiet areas.

"I'm glad we found a place here," Trina said. Angie Acosta, activity director, has about five years experience.

"She's excellent," Roettger said.

A member of the Michigan Adult Day Services Association, Guardian Angels will offer full-day services, \$60-\$80 based on individual needs.

For more information, call 248-212-5197.

— Phil Custodio



Trina Roettger at Guardian Angels Adult Day Services, which opens July 9. Photo by Phil Custodio

Should you take a pension buyout?

Have you recently received a pension buyout offer? If so, you need to decide if you should take the buyout, which could provide you with a potentially large lump sum, or continue accepting your regular pension payments for the rest of your life. It's a big decision.

Clearly, there's no "one size fits all" answer — your choice needs to be based on your individual circumstances. So, as you weigh your options, you'll need to consider a variety of key issues, including the following:

• Estate considerations — Your pension payments generally end when you and/or your spouse dies, which means your children will get none of the money. But if you were to roll the lump sum into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and you don't exhaust it in your lifetime, you could still have something to leave to your family members.

• Taxes — If you take the lump sum and roll the funds into your IRA, you control how much you'll be taxed and when, based on the amounts you choose to withdraw and the date you begin taking withdrawals. (Keep in mind, though, that you must start taking a designated minimum amount of withdrawals

from a traditional IRA when you reach age 70½. Withdrawals taken before age 59½ are subject to taxes and penalties.) But if you take a pension, you may have less control over your income taxes, which will be based on your monthly payments.

• Inflation — You could easily spend two or three decades in retirement — and during that time, inflation can really add up. To cite just one example, the average cost of a new car was \$7,983 in 1982; 30 years later, that figure is \$30,748, according to TrueCar.com. If your pension checks aren't indexed for inflation, they will lose purchasing power over time. If you rolled over your lump sum into an IRA, however, you could put the money into investments offering growth potential, keeping in mind, of course, that there are no guarantees.

• Cash flow — If you're already receiving a monthly pension, and you're spending every dollar you receive just to meet your living expenses, you may be better off by keeping your pension payments intact. If you took the lump sum and converted it into an IRA, you can withdraw whatever amount you want (as long as you meet the required minimum distributions), but you'll have to avoid

withdrawing so much that you'll eventually run out of money.

• Confidence in future pension payments

— From time to time, companies are forced to reduce their pension obligations due to unforeseen circumstances. You may want to take this into account as you decide whether to continue taking your monthly pension payments, but it's an issue over which you have no control. On the other hand, once your lump sum is in an IRA, you have control over both the quality and diversification of your investment dollars. However, the trade-off is that investing is subject to various risks, including loss of principal.

Before selecting either the lump sum or the monthly pension payments, weigh all the factors carefully to make sure your decision fits into your overall financial strategy. With a choice of this importance, you will probably want to consult with your financial and tax advisors. Ultimately, you may find that this type of offer presents you with a great opportunity — so take the time to consider your options.

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Students check out a classmate's artwork. Photos by M.Keck

Teens showcase imagination

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sculptures, paintings, photographs, and other works of art were on display at the Independence Township Library's "Imagine That!" Teen Art Show on Friday, June 22. With over 70 pieces of artwork available to view, it was obvious that our local youth is truly talented!

Freshman Joshua Retford blended the bodies of an elephant and a deer together to create his "Elephant/Deer Mirage" while 6th grader Max Anderson sculpted a colorful jaguar. Teens weren i just drawing inspiration from the animal kingdom, however.

Sophomore Kierra Williams opted for a self-portrait while artist Tina Barr chose to sketch one of her favorite TV actors. She said, "I love the show Dr. Who. So, I thought, why not make a portrait of David Tennant?" Barr was participating in the Library's Teen Art Show for the first time and admired the work of fellow artists. "Treally like some of the other stuff!" she said.

According to 11th grader Olivia Brinker, participating in the Teen Art Show allows teens to "be really creative and do what you want." She completed her "Untitled" artwork with the help of her teacher, placing "cool colors on one side and warm colors on the other. Then, blending them together in the center," she explained.

Mixing colors, materials, and styles was a common sight at "Imagine That!" For example, Kevin Halley fused a musical instrument with pipes and metalwork to create his "Steampunk/Industrial Guitar." Kaley Konjarevich channeled famous artist Wassily Kandinsky to develop her abstract work thee

"Kandinsky Extension," In Erika Snoeyink's "Readable Lips," colorful strips of newspaper were layered in a mosaic to form two mouths

Although viewers of the Library's Teen Art Show had a tough time choosing among so many imaginative works, when the ballots were tallied, the winners in the People and Characters category were Natalie Smith, Tina Barr, and Andrea Dean, Winner of Designs and Studies were Erika Snoeyink, Taylor Funck, and Olivia Brinker.

In Animals and Other Scenes, the winners were Katherine Nelson. Mia Chandler, and Alona Lysa. For Digital, Design, and Prints Jordan Keener came in first, with Tessa Brown winning second place, and Janine Karin Roemer winning third For their 3 Dimensional art, Kevin Halley, Kendal Exelby, and Jared Groves were chosen as winners. Everyone who participated received a certificate and a custom chocolate paint pallet made by The Chocolate Moose.

"Even though not everyone could win, I really hope this event is something they were all proud to be a part of," Keegan Sulecki Head of Teen Services said. "This was the fourth year of the art show, and this year more than any other, I see that this event is becoming something special and meaningful in the minds of teens and their families."

The fun for teens doesn't end with "Imagine That!" They can also get involved in the library's Solar-Powered Prints activity on June 27, Teen Mystery Dinner on July 20, or America's Next Top Monster on July 25. The Teen Art Show was sponsored in part by The Friends of the Library; find out more about them and the library's other programs on www.indelib.org.



Olivia Brinker took third place in Designs and Studies.



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Kierra Williams, 10th grade, painted this portrait:

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