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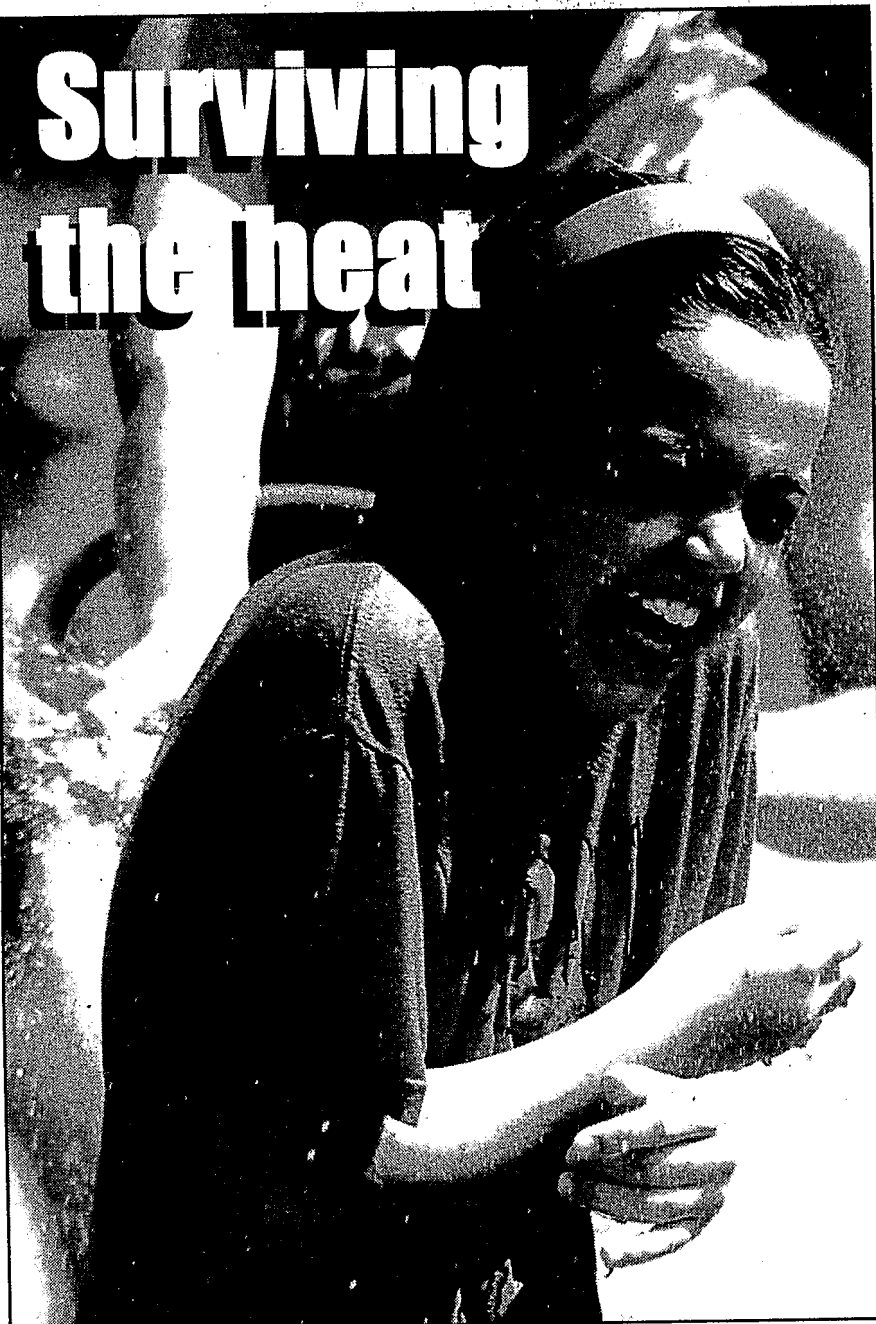
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**Surviving
 the heat**



Samantha Wycoff gets hosed down by Shauna Siwicki during Adventures in Softball last Thursday as temperatures reached into the 100s. For more photos, please visit page 31. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Split vote on school funds

BY WENDIREARDON
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

This year's \$71 million school budget was approved in a split vote – Clarkston Board of Education Trustees Susan Boatman, Rosalie Lieblang and Joan Patterson voted against it; President Cheryl McGinnis, Vice President Elizabeth Egan, Secretary Barry Bomier and Treasurer Steve Hyer vote for it.

Concerns at the June 25 meeting included \$26,000 for Middle College, a high school alternative program in partnership with a local college. Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock is working on implementing the program.

"I was surprised," said Lieblang about seeing Middle College in the budget.

She had asked at the last meeting if the administration had any new programs in the budget and they said, "No."

Between June 11-25, Middle College was added to the budget.

As a board member, she knew Rock was working on something but hadn't seen anything.

"We haven't had a presentation," Lieblang added. "Is it the right program for our district? I don't know. Until I understand the benefits and the advantages to our district, I would like to make sure we are all in agreement on how we want to implement it and know the cost associated with it."

Boatman agreed. "We have no idea what Middle College would cost the district. If you are going to do it – do it well."

Lieblang also wanted to know if students would be hireable at the end of the program. She said previous board approval of the budget for a program is approval of the program itself.

Patterson agreed.

"Last year, several times we said we didn't
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City 2012-2013 budgets OK'd

Long-term's uncertain

BY MARY KECK
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston City Council approved a 2012 budget with a surplus and a balanced 2013 budget during their public hearing on June 25, but the votes were not unanimous.

"We spent \$48,000 less than what we took in," Councilman Thomas Hunter said of the 2012 budget.

The savings were due in part to the light winter, Treasurer Sandra Barlass pointed out. As a result of the mild weather, Department of Public Works (DPW) expenditures were lower and the city's utility bill was less than anticipated during typical Michigan winters.

As for the 2013 budget, which Councilman Richard Bisio estimated would have a \$60,000 shortfall in April, "we've success-

fully dealt with what could have been a serious operating deficit."

The city is in a better situation than other municipalities, which are laying people off and cutting services, Bisio added.

"We do not have to dip into our fund balance – that's a positive thing," he said.

The city didn't cut services or staff, but balanced the 2013 budget by eliminating the Planning Commission's salaries, slashing the Historic District Commission's budget, and other measures.

All the council members agreed to waive their pay in 2013, and the Finance Committee "went through a lot of line items and figured we could do with less," Bisio explained.

Although he believes there's much to be positive about when it comes to the city's finances, Bisio is not pleased with the pro-

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Jason Miller and Ralph Daigle plant roses along Main St. Photo by Mary Keck

Digging Clarkston

When you come out to see the Indepen-
dence Day Parade, you may notice some new
colors along Main Street. During their June
25 meeting, the City approved a \$1,000 ex-
penditure on roses, hostas, and catmint the

Department of Public Works planted on June
27.

"When it's all done, it will look great,"
said Ralph Daigle as he dug up soil along the
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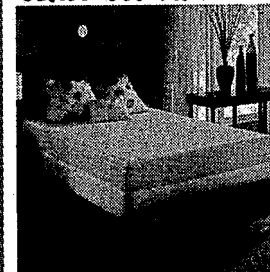
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From left: Ryan Pickering, Tim Heming, Cherie Billington, Neil Billington, Joe Curry, and Justin Baker. Photo by M.K.

Activists want to save Bay Court Park

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Anti-Fracking activists had a "Save the Park from Fracking" event on June 23 at Bay Court Park, which drew about 100 people including candidates running for office.

Guest speakers such as water well drillers Joe Curry and Steve McPherson were on hand to answer questions, and organizers Tim Heming and Mariah Urueta gathered signatures for their "Ban Fracking" petition.

Neil Billington, who is running for State Representative of the 43rd District, and Lance Enderle, an 8th District congressional candidate, attended the event to show their support.

Billington doesn't want fracking or oil drilling in the 43rd district.

"I'm totally against it," he stated.

Jordan Development, an oil and gas exploration company from Traverse City, purchased the mineral rights for Bay Court Park and many other locations in Oakland County during a state auction, and although they have stated they will not use horizontal hydraulic fracturing to extract the minerals beneath the park, activists like Heming don't believe them.

"We've got about 500 signatures now," Heming said. His petition would amend the Michigan Constitution to ban horizontal hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the whole state.

Activist Urueta defined horizontal hydraulic fracturing as a process of "extracting natural gas where companies drill into underground shale formations and blast in 600 chemicals and approximately four million gallons of water. Fifty percent of the chemicals and water stay in the ground."

From Urueta's point of view, "it is important for people to learn about [fracking] for themselves before they turn on their faucet and find their water is contaminated."

Besides contamination, the organizers asserted fracking has caused earthquakes in Ohio.

"There are two major fault lines that intersect in Michigan," said Holly resident Joe Curry. "When [natural gas] is released and migrates to the surface, it causes the tectonic plates to shift."

Before Jordan Development can drill anywhere, they must get a permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

However, Curry said, "the DEQ has a vested interest because they make money from the permits." To learn more about horizontal hydraulic fracturing, check www.michigan.gov/dnr or www.dangersoffracking.com.

CSB receives award for community support

Clarkston State Bank was honored with this year's Community Enhancement Award on May 17 at the 27th Annual Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast.

The award recognizes year long efforts that have enhanced the quality of the community.

Clarkston State Bank was recognized for the numerous events they support with sponsorship dollars and hands on involvement throughout the community.

The CSB leadership sets the example by being involved in various events such as the 4th of July Parade, Clarkston SCAMP, Clarkson and Waterford Relay for Life,

Clarkston Coalition for Youth, Clarkston Lighthouse, Waterford Open Door Outreach Center, Everest Academy, Clarkston Community Schools Student Awards Breakfast and various Clarkston and Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce Functions to name a few.

Several of the CSB employees participate in the various community committees by being on the boards and taking leadership roles.

Two particular fundraising events the retail team takes charge of are the annual Cystic Fibrosis drive and SCAMP Walk N Roll. Through donations from their staff and their customers, over \$10,000 has been donated to

Cystic Fibrosis and \$5,000 to Clarkston SCAMP. In addition, \$500 each quarter is donated to a local charity through the bank's "Casual for a Cause" fund.

"Clarkston State Bank has always been very committed to the communities we serve," said J. Grant Smith, President and CEO. "We appreciate this award as it demonstrates the hard work and dedication provided by all of our staff. That is what Community Banking is all about!"

Clarkston State Bank opened in January 1999 and operates four branches in Clarkston, Waterford, and Independence Township.

Briefly

Keep an eye out for Election Guide

We're keeping busy here at *The Clarkston News* this holiday week, gathering candidates' information and pictures for a primary election special section, Aug. 1.

Check out positions held by candidates in Independence and Springfield townships, and local state districts.

That election's set for Aug. 7, but the *News*' Best of the Best votes are in and counted. Check out who won in another upcoming special section!

Camp Invention

Camp Invention returns to Clarkston this summer, July 23-27, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Community Education Center.

It is created for children entering grades Kindergarten through fifth as a weeklong adventure program. It immerses participants in engaging, hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) as well as history and the arts.

Each day, children rotate through five integrated modules that employ creative thinking to solve real-world challenges.

All Camp Invention programs include high-energy games, challenging minds and bodies, as well as an invention module in which children use discarded household appliances and other donated materials to create new machines.

Every program participant receives a Camp Invention T-shirt. Early registration and alumni discounts are available.

For more information go to www.campinvention.org or contact Kara Lomazov at klomazov@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Spray Master show

Spray Masters Water Ski Club and Show Team of Davisburg performs, 7 p.m., Thursday, July 26, on Big Lake in Springfield Township.

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SINGING FOR SENIORS: Singer T.J. Craven, Clarkston High School student, sings some classic Johnny Cash for an appreciative audience at the Independence Township Senior Adult Center, June 28. The seniors also heard about outdoor adventure opportunities in Oakland County from Kathy Crawford, Oakland County commissioner for District 9. Craven sings at Clarkston Concerts in the Park, 6:30 p.m., July 13. Photo by Phil Custodio

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June 29	Bugs' Beddow Top 40/Rock classics/80's <i>Local Talent: Dingo Highway</i>
July 6	Magic Bus 70's Flower Power/hippies <i>Local Talent: Dan, Shaker & Dan Rogers</i>
July 13	Legend the Band 50's and 60's <i>Local Talent: T.J. Craven</i>
July 20	Orquesta Ritmo Latin Salsa <i>Local Talent: Agnes Drummond</i>

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City needs more transparency: Bisio

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cess the city is using to budget.

"We follow a process of spending first and budgeting later; that's not in compliance with state law," Bisio said during the Public Hearing.

On the other hand, City Manager Dennis Ritter feels the city could not be misappropriating funds because "our auditors have reviewed [the budget], and they are satisfied with it."

"As far as I'm concerned, that's a personal opinion based on [Bisio's] interpretation of the law," Ritter said.

Not only does Bisio feel the City's budgeting process involves misappropriation of funds, he also thinks it lacks transparency.

The city is "taking things that would be budgeted in the general fund or in the road funds and pushing them off into a fund that isn't budgeted and from which the council has not appropriated any funds or approved any expenditures," he said. "It's not trans-

parent how we're spending our money and where it's coming from."

Bisio also has concerns about the city's long-term financial plans.

"If we follow the course of spending as we have in the past, the budget is going to be a guideline, but the city will spend more than what is budgeted and amend the budget later on to catch up with what we've actually spent," he said.

The city can pay operating expenses with its fund balance, which is the accumulation of surpluses from previous years, but "one of these days it is going to run out," he said.

As a result of Bisio's apprehension about the budget and misgivings about the city's process, he voted "no" on every budget resolution, and each passed 4:1. Mayor Joe Luginski and Councilman Stephen Hargis were absent.

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

School budget \$71.1 million

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approve this program and was told it was built into the budget," she said.

"I am very hesitant to approve something in the budget I haven't had information on," Lieblang said. "I am not 100 percent sure what it involves, what the costs are, what the benefits are to our district."

Rock noted during his Superintendent Update they are still working out the details of Middle College.

Staff restructuring was also a concern.

"We had some questions at the last board meeting (June 11) about salaries that were added into the budget," Patterson said. "We were told it wasn't an increase but it was restructuring. We said, we didn't vote on it yet so why is it in the budget?"

Boatman asked during the budget hearing, June 25, why it was still in the budget.

"The board has not approved a restructuring plan," she said. "Had there been support from the rest of the board, a motion could have been made to amend the budget to take the staff restructuring money out of it."

Mary Beth Rogers, executive director of business services, said she would take it out if the board did not approve the budget. Then, during the year, they could bring it back.

McGinnis said she could go either way.

"Not to budget, I think, would bring more harm to it," she added during the budget hearing.

"I know the budget needed to be adapted by June 30," Boatman said. "But voting no, I knew no one was making a motion to amend. It wasn't to be irresponsible by voting no on a budget to be legally passed. There was time to have a special vote. A motion to amend it could have happened."

2012-2013 school budget

Revenue - \$71 million

\$53.9 million from state sources
\$9.4 million from private sources
\$4.9 million from ISD/Other sources
\$2.5 million from federal sources
\$462,500 from athletics

Expenditures - \$74.3 million

\$37.9 million for instruction
\$25.4 million for student services
\$12.1 million for added needs
\$743,900 for debt services
\$665,208 for adult continuing education
\$266,019 for community services
\$10,000 for intergovernmental services

"I went to the meeting working together," Patterson said. "But there is a certain level I have to feel comfortable."

The \$71,079,113 budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is \$3.5 million less than 2011-2012, which was \$74,623,897.

Expenditures for the district are \$74,324,655. It's down from the 2011-2012 fiscal year by \$2.9 million, but is still \$3.2 million more than revenues.

The beginning fund balance for the new fiscal year is \$7,313,687.

Rogers pointed out the budget is a working document, as they are still waiting to hear from Michigan legislative about a few items.

One of them is the Senate Bill 1040 for retirement rate for Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS).

Rogers said she wouldn't know until July, when legislative went back into session.

During the budget hearing, she presented the blended rate is 26.5 percent for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, costing \$900,000.



MUSIC IN THE PARK: Denise Janke sings a jazzy tune with Clarkston's Stardusters Big Band at Depot Park, June 22. The band, which performed at Concerts in the Park, June 22, rehearses at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Contact Robert W. Schultz at StardustersBand@aol.com for more information. Magic Bus performs '70s hits at this week's concert, 7 p.m., July 6, Depot Park. Photo by Phil Custodio

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."



"I've already shared with you that 20 years ago I was a farm handyman. In fact, I held a number of jobs in my 20's and I loved them all. I waited tables, washed dishes, was a short order cook and managed Wendy's restaurants - in addition to being a handyman. Some kids are not ready for college right out of high school and I definitely fit into that group. When I was 32, encouraged by family and friends, I enrolled at Oakland University as a full-time student."

"I'm not ashamed to admit I was more than a little scared of the proposition that I might fail. That fear quickly turned to a passion for learning. I put on blinders and pushed ahead. I completed my 4-year bachelor's degree in accounting in 3 years, including a 1 semester internship with an accounting firm. On

average, I took 5 classes per semester plus 2 spring and 2 summer straight through. I graduated with honors on December 17, 1997 and started work at the accounting firm a few days later."

"Success is often accomplished when we work hard at something we are passionate about. If elected Treasurer on August 7, I will bring my work ethic and passion for our community to the office. **Your vote for me** is a vote towards improving Independence Township."

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Cooper's Comments

A column by Krysten Cooper

Celebration of freedom

Today is the Fourth of July, Independence Day, a celebration of everything that is the United States of America. Today is a day to slow down and think about something most of us take for granted everyday: What a wonderful place we live in.

Living in this country is probably the best gift any of us will ever receive in life, so on this holiday whether you're watching fireworks, boating, spending time with family, or just relaxing in the sun, think about how much of a gift those simple things are.

While I watch the fireworks this year, I will be thinking about the gift of being able to write this column for you. How would my job change if I was writing for a press dominated by the government? What if I was told what I could and could not write everyday? It's a strange thought, and once again, free press is something I frequently take for granted.

I will also be pondering the gift of my education. The high education level our country gives is a real gift, even if it doesn't always seem like it. Having the ability to choose where I attend college, my major and my career after I finish is another benefit of freedom. Imagine if everyone was told what career path they had to take.

Considering the people I am with is also important. I am able to easily stay in contact with my family across the country because of the technology we have here. I am able to choose my friends no matter how different they are than me. And maybe someday I'll get to take the freedom even further in choosing who I want to marry. What if I was told who my friends could and could not be?

Another important thing to remember is the troops fighting for this country everyday. I will think of my friends and family in the military. I will be thankful that they are able to give of themselves so I can live this amazing life full of individual choices.

Therefore, this year I urge you to ponder your own situation in life and think of all the things in it that come from living in this great country. The Fourth of July is more than just the day a document was signed hundreds of years ago, it's a celebration of freedom.



Letters To The Editor . . .

Reasons for Wallace

Dear Editor,

We need Neil Wallace for Township Supervisor. I have several reasons why I feel Neil is the best choice for us.

He has a long history in our township with service on the Board, Planning Commission, and community functions. This gives him a solid background and in-depth knowledge of our areas.

He is an effective leader and organizer as seen in the selection of our Township Clerk and Superintendent, revitalization of our TV channel, and as current chair of the Board.

He forced the Township to get its financial house in order thru budget reviews at all levels and insistence on creation of sound practices (Dave Lohmeier also deserves credit here). He led in the planning for the successful millage proposal for the Library and Police.

Neil has worked very well with the Township attorney and insured that we got resolution on legal matters.

Neil has shown good balance between development, growth, and maintaining our Townships rural character for us.

Neil Wallace seems to me the best candidate, by far, based on experience, township knowledge, effectiveness and leadership.

*Jim Reed
Independence Township*

A vote for Kittle

Dear Editor,

Some folks just seem to have the right stuff. Like having the guts to get involved. Who have the ability to communicate. Who are not afraid to take criticism. Who are able to balance a budget. Who have the vision to plan and save for the future. Who is confident to ask for input before spending decisions are made.

Pat Kittle is that guy.

Pat has worked tirelessly as the Oakhurst Homeowner Association president for the past three years with a singular focus - make Oakhurst a better community for those families who live there, and those families we would like to attract for tomorrow. And it seems to be working.

Oakhurst currently has over 50 new homes in various stages of construction with more on the way. These are the attributes all elected officials should abide by.

Pat does them in the normal course of everyday business. I think Pat Kittle would do a great job as the Independence Township supervisor.

*D. Craig Valassis, owner
Oakhurst Golf and Country Club*

Leadership needed

Dear Editor,

The primary election is right around the corner, Aug. 7, so mark your calendar, show up at the polls, send in your absentee ballot, and vote for Supervisor Candidate Neil Wallace.

Neil is an outstanding, dedicated professional, a public servant who works tirelessly to benefit our Community. His leadership and steadfastness proved valuable in the implementation of the Township Master Plan, the formation of residential and commercial developments, protection of the environment, and for the working of fair and balanced ordinances. All of the above greatly contribute to the on-going orderly growth and development of our Township.

Because I have served our residents and business community for 27 years and have known and worked with Neil Wallace for well over 27 years, I can enthusiastically recommend Neil for Supervisor. He is fiscally responsible, able to conduct business, and equipped to address all of the challenges the Township may face in the future.

Thank you, Neil, for holding the last four years together for us and thank you, voters, for your anticipated support.

*Beverly A. McElmeel, former director,
Independence Township Building,
Planning, and Zoning Services*

Keep Carson

Dear Editor,

Thank God for Treasurer Curt Carson. I don't know where this township would be without him. It is unbelievable what he has had to go through this term on the Township Board. He is the only full time elected board member still there from the 2008 election, enduring the loss of the supervisor and the clerk. While working to acclimate the new clerk, the assessor retires. Other developments include the absence of one of the trustees and the board bringing in a superintendent to cover some of the supervisor responsibilities, many of which Mr. Carson was quietly handling during his absence.

Mr. Carson pulled the bacon out of the fire when he went to Lansing and convinced the state treasurer to rescind the treasury's requirement for the township to refinance the Township Hall. This saved the township taxpayers \$75,000 in financing costs. In addition, it kept more than a \$1 million in interest expense in the township, as opposed to sending it to New York City.

I believe Curt Carson's dedication and steady leadership has earned him a second term as treasurer of Independence Township.

*Kenneth Rittenhouse
Independence Township*

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more Letters to the*

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" The Clarkston High School Class of 1937 recalled their days in high school as they gathered at the Deer Lake Racquet Club to celebrate their 60th reunion. Margaret Shaughnessy Rexford remembered most of the area was farmland and there were no busses.

"Caught in the crossfire" Robert Reichner, 1994 Clarkston High School graduate, shared his harrowing experiences as a Marine helping to evacuate the U.S. Embassy during civil war tensions in the Republic of Congo.

"One cool 4th" Relatively cold weather cancelled the dunk tank and waterball demonstration by firefighters, but other than that, Clarkston Fourth of July activities went off without a hitch. Michelle Phaup and other volunteers with the K-9 Stray Rescue League won the Judge's Choice Award in the parade.

25 years ago - 1987

"McCormick returns to thank Clarkston" Tim McCormick, a former Springfield Township resident and at the time basketball player for the Philadelphia 76ers, spoke during the Clarkston Rotary Club. He said his achievement came from his upbringing and the people in Clarkston.

"Bout with MS makes him stronger" Paul Saunders, two months shy of his 25th birthday, talked about having multiple sclerosis and his determination for living a normal life including going to Oakland Community College. He was diagnosed with it in 1979 after he felt something was wrong after getting off a ride at Cedar Point.

"Comment on failed millage" School officials planned another millage that fall, and wanted to hear from the public to find out what went wrong the first time. A 4.25 millage had been defeated earlier that month.

50 years ago - 1962

"Newly formed Jaycees receive charter - pins" The newly formed Junior Chamber of Commerce organization in Clarkston was presented the national charter. Milford Mason, Clarkston charter president and Clarkston High School principal, accepted the document and membership pin from James Huttenlocker of Clarkston, past president of the Pontiac Jaycees.

"Clarkston locals" Mrs. Louis Walter returned home after spending several days with Mrs. Harvey Dalton at her summer home at Eagle Lake, Mich.

Before it happens, think of life without a car

Many of us know people, who because of age or health, have had their driving privileges removed.

I have never given this a thought, until a brain-dead decision I made recently.

I left the hatch-back door of my mini-van up while it was parked in my garage. But unfortunately the 2-car garage door was also open -up.

Mindlessly, I got back into the car, put it in reverse and heard the metal-crunching sound.

I was barely moving so it couldn't be too bad, could it? My clicker got the door to come down a foot, then it went back up . . . several times.

It was after 5:00 p.m. so I thought I'll just leave the door up all night and call the door-man tomorrow.

However, I tossed and turned in bed, unable to convince myself no

one would come through that door.

I gathered some pliers, screw drivers, hammer and prying bars. An hour later I got the door half closed. I saw no marks on the back of my van.

In daylight I saw no marks on the car, but one part was askew. The shop man said he'd order the part, and I'd have to leave the car one day during replacement.

I went home and thought about being car-less for a day. I panicked. My freedom was gone. My routine, my habits, my transportation: gone.

Ah, but I have a pill for everything. Take the one for anxiety and another for depression, some Ibuprofen, Pepto Bismal and stool

softener. Nerves do that to me.

I'm writing this in the middle of my carless day. Though I have many neglected things to do around the house, none are getting done. I have 2 more hours to wait for a call.

I did wash myself, but I didn't risk shaving. I got nothing but stupid looks from ma'dog Shayna as I explained my plight to her.

So, my feelings are deep for those who have lost driving privileges. For years we had two cars. Now, for a day I have, none.

People, some friends of mine, are going through this. I guess there's alternatives to my routine, and He better have some for me when that time comes.

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In last week's Jottings I quoted an *Oxford Leader* reader's definition of our Supreme Court. He said they are "politically appointed

hacks."

I listened to too much to the press' analysis of that court's interpretation of the Obama health care law the day it was announced.

There are nine justices on this court. The approval came on a 5-4 vote. Certainly looks like politics to me.

Of course this isn't new. I never remember a court decision being unanimous.

Congress words laws almost requiring multiple interpretations. They are not necessarily representing us, but more likely appealing to financial backers and party favors, like "I'll vote for your law if you promise to vote for mine."

And, of course, we have the Nancy Pelosi favorite line, "Let's pass this law and then we'll see what it says."

"Hacks."

Appears that way too often.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Things sure have changed in 236 years

This past weekend with fireworks and much merriment, we celebrated the declaration of our country's independence.

Not, as some get confused, our being independent from the old world's superpower, England. On July 4, 1776 we merely announced to the world that we were free and were prepared to back up our words with action.

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalien-

able Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness . . .

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the recti-

tude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

The rest, as the say, is history.

I am always amazed how far the world has come in those 236 years since our declaration.

I am amazed when I go to the grocery store and look at all those red, ripe, "Euro-Fresh" tomatoes.

Shipped in from Europe "fresh." Amazing. Think about it . . . a hundred years before the Revolution, it took the Pilgrims a little over two months to sail from Plymouth, England to America and now we can ship stuff across the 2,800 miles in a few hours.

Amazing stuff.

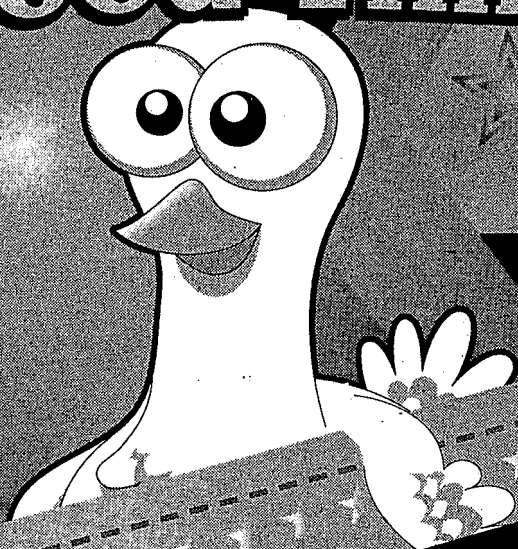
Amazing to think that folks like Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, et al, could only look up to the sky and guess about what was up there. We have libraries worth of information at our fingertips 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Stolen credit

An Independence Township resident found a charge on her debit card she didn't make, June 18. She said the last time she had let it out of her sight was when she was ordering food at a Sashabaw Road fast food restaurant a week earlier. Her bank manager recommended never using a debit card at a restaurant where the card is taken out of sight.

Spice driver

Citizens reported a vehicle weaving from side to side on Davisburg Road from downtown Davisburg to Dixie Highway, 4:29 p.m., June 19. Deputies stopped the driver, a 21-year-old Holly man, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. He said he had recently smoked K2/Spice, and drank alcoholic beverages the night before. Preliminary breath test was .047. He was found with prescription medication, wooden pipe, bong, and a package of K2/Spice. He was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs.

Thefts from vehicles

Someone took medication from a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, June 15. There were no signs of forced entry.

An iPod was taken from a vehicle parked unlocked in the 3000 block of Mann Road, June 16.

Money was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway in the 5000 block of Misty Hill Drive, June 23.

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Fight after funeral

A 44-year-old Pontiac woman and a 45-year-old Goodrich woman were cited for fighting and disorderly conduct after getting into a fight at a relative's funeral, 4:51 p.m., June 20, in the 4000 block of Mary Sue Avenue.

Rolling road block

Deputies used a rolling road block on northbound I-75 to stop a suspected drunk driver, 4:04 a.m., June 21. Deputies had pursued the suspect down Dixie Highway from Holly when he had fled onto I-75. He was stopped about a mile north of Dixie.

Negligent discharge

A Glenwood Creek resident was showing a friend the safety features on his .45-caliber pistol, 8:40 p.m., June 22, when he pulled the trigger and fired a round through a window into his backyard. He had removed the magazine but forgot to check the chamber. He called police to report the accidental discharge. A concealed carry permit holder, deputies forwarded the report to the Oakland County gun board. No one was injured.

Drugged driver

A 34-year-old Independence Township woman was driving on the wrong side of the road and hit another vehicle, 11:46 p.m., June 24, on Maybee Road at Sashabaw. She stopped and talked to the other driver, but then left. Deputies used her license plate number to track her down to her residence on S. River Road. She said she didn't remember hitting another vehicle, but later remembered pulling over and talking to a woman, then leaving because she seemed "hostile." She had taken several muscle relaxant pills, and was taken to McLaren - Oakland for treatment. Investigation continues.

Stolen vehicles

Neighbors called police to report a minivan driving off the road and hitting a boulder at Dartmouth and Oak Hill roads, 7:09 a.m., June 24. The occupants of the vehicle had fled. Deputies spoke to the owners, who said the minivan had been left in the driveway unlocked with an extra set of keys in the center console, and must have been stolen.

Pellet gun problems

The front and rear windows of a vehicle parked along the road in the 5000 block of Stone Meadow Drive were smashed, June 16.

The back window of a pickup truck parked along the road in the 4000 block of Spring Meadow Drive was smashed, June 17.

The driver of an SUV was on Sashabaw Road near I-75 when a back passenger window shattered, 10:30 p.m., June 26. He found a BB-size hole in the window.

Residents in the 6000 block of Rattalee Lake Road heard something hitting the house, about 1 a.m., June 27, then a vehicle driving away. The next morning, they found two BB-size holes in the window.

BB shooter caught

A golfer in the 6000 block of Maybee Road was hit by a BB while driving a golf cart, 7:19 p.m., June 27. He saw three teenagers inside a nearby home pointing something at him, so he and his friends went to the house and stopped the youths as they were trying to flee. Deputies spoke to the teens, one of whom lived there. The resident, a 15-year-old boy, said he fired the BB gun while one of his friends, a 14-year-old Mann Road resident, watched. The third teen had arrived after he fired. The victim didn't want to press charges, so the boys were released to their parents. The case was forwarded to Youth Assistance, and the BB gun was confiscated and destroyed.

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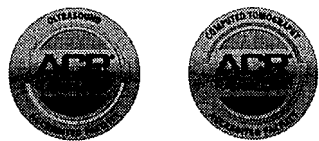
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Adventures in fun

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jennifer Starnes swung her bat at the ball and hit it off the tee stand.

As the opposing team scrambled for the ball she made her run during the last day of Adventures in Softball.

The camp was held for young athletes ages 7-12.

"It was so fun," said one of the coaches, Rachel Pytel. "These are great kids. They really love the game and show us why we started playing in the first place. They go out there and have fun."

Maddie Kujala agreed it was fun.

"I learned how to slide, hit and become a better player," she smiled, adding the slip and slide on the last day was a perk.

"We teach them fundamentals and they get to see what girls look like that are playing varsity softball," added Don Peters, head coach for the Lady Wolves Varsity Softball

team.

The campers learned how to throw, field, hit, bunt, pitch, catch and base running from the varsity players on the Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team.

"We have a ton of young ladies here working with them," he added. "They get a role model and see this is what she did and think 'I would like to get there.' Plus, show them it is fun."

All the girls will also get a bonus camp from Peters and the players during the winter they can go to as well.

"This is what is good about school, this is what good about Clarkston, this is what good," Peters said about the camp and sports. "You hear too much negative things. You can see why it is awesome."

Adventures in Softball was held by Clarkston Community Education. For more information or more summer programs, visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec.



Madison Beck swings at the ball. Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Abbey Tolmie pitches the ball during the Michigan Diamond Cats Gold Ball Challenge. Photo submitted

Throwing perfect game

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Abbey Tolmie was on fire during the Michigan Cats Gold Ball Challenge tournament, June 23.

The ICE Silver 10U team defeated SF Wildcards, 16-0, and Tolmie threw a perfect game helping her team win the game on offense.

Tolmie struck out seven out of nine batters and caught one hit sending it to first base for one out. Second baseman Madison Raley caught a pop-up to send another batter out.

"I was really excited," she smiled. "I have never done that before. But it wasn't all me. My whole team helped."

She admitted during the game she knew she was close to a perfect game. She didn't focus on it in case she jinxed it.

"I was surprised because we are new to pitching," added mom, Stacey. "It was very exciting. Her dad was pretty excited since he is one of her coaches."

Abbey started playing with ICE three years ago and began pitching a year and a half ago.

"Mark Pingston helped me along the

way for my pitching," she said, adding what has helped her pitching and being coached by Pingston is speed and different pitches."

Abbey pitched in four of the six games ICE Silver 10U played in the tournament. She posted a 3-0 record and struck out a total of 23 batters and only walked two.

Stacey added Madeline Maday is one of Abbey's inspirations. Maday is a pitcher on the Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team who also pitched a perfect game this year as a freshman.

"Being here in Clarkston is awesome for softball," Stacey smiled. "We have all these kids helping with the younger ones. We are fortunate to be living in Clarkston."

The team finished in second place during the tournament with a 5-1 record.

She is also a first baseman.

"Thanks to my coaches," Abbey added. "Including my dad, he is an assistant coach. He also helps me with pitching at my house. He also learned from Coach Pingston."

Abbey will spend the rest of the summer playing softball and hanging out with her teammates.

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They fought their way against teams from Ann Arbor, Brandon, Royal Oak, Troy, West Bloomfield, Oxford and Madison Heights area to end the spring Michigan Youth Soccer League season with a perfect 10-0 record.

The boys improved learning to keep their heads up to see the field and drive to space. They received excellent instruction from the

Impact coaches. They also received the added benefit of Coerver training, which the club pays for to teach the boys how to go one on one with their opponent and work on footskills for specific situations.

The boys are moving up to U-11 next fall where they will play 8 vs. 8 and really be able to put their skills to use.

For more information about the club, visit the website at www.michiganimpactsoccer.com.

Silver success

The Ice Silver 10U team put on an offensive clinic as they went 5-0 during the Michigan Diamond Cats Gold Ball Challenge taking them into the championship game, June 23.

Every girl on the softball team contributed to Ice Silver success by registering a hit during the tournament.

Jordan Newblatt was the human highlight reel as she hit home runs in back to back games. She also had nine RBIs including the game winning RBI in the semi-finals.

Ice Silver pitching was led by Abbey Tolmie and Abbey Barta. They held their opponents to only eight runs over

the five game stretch while Ice Silver batters posted 47 runs.

Tolmie pitched the team's first perfect game of the season.

The team faced another 5-0 team in the championship, the Lady Lightning. The girls fought but lost in the championship game ending their tournament with a second place finish and a 5-1 record.

Coach Paul Workman said the team walked tall as they left the field and started to prepare for their next challenge

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The ICE Silver 10U team took second place in their tournament.

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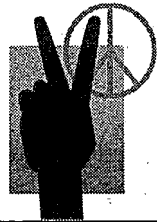
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The camp is coached by Dan Fife and his Clarkston High School Basketball staff. It is open to the first 104 applicants.

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

From shooting to defense, campers will learn the fundamentals of the game from Coach Fife and his coaching staff.

The camp is July 9-12, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The cost is \$145 and is open to boys looking to improve their skills and hope to reach their full potential as a player.

Forms are available online at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics.

Gear up

The Clarkston Wolves gridiron gang trade their blue and gold jerseys for pink and light blue jerseys for their Fourth Annual Football for a Cure, their pre-season scrimmage on August 11.

T-shirts, jerseys, and polo shirt orders are being taken now through July 29. The cost to purchase a jersey is \$100, for the name plate is \$50, and for \$50 become an honorary "Coach of the Day."

T-shirts are available for \$10 and \$13 for sizes XXL, 3XL and 4XL.

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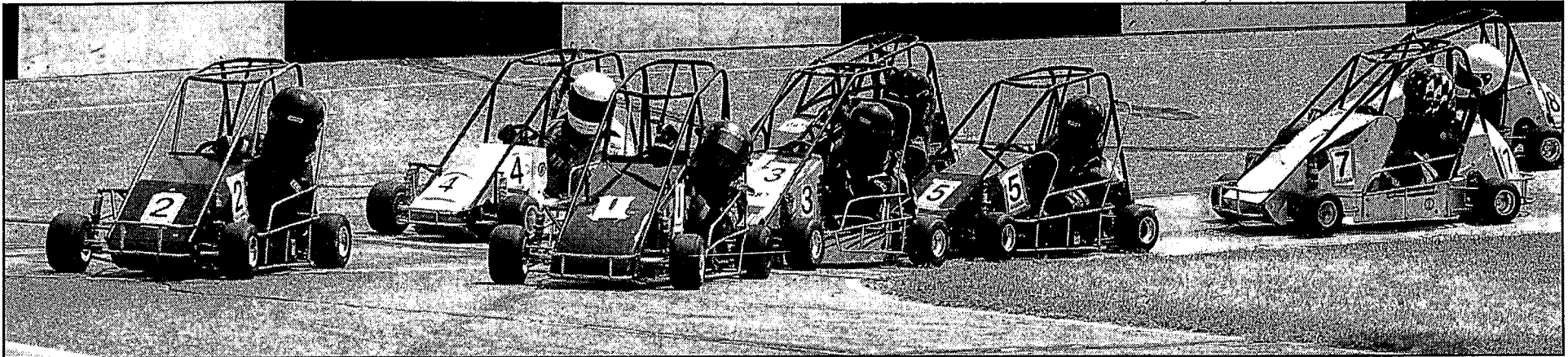
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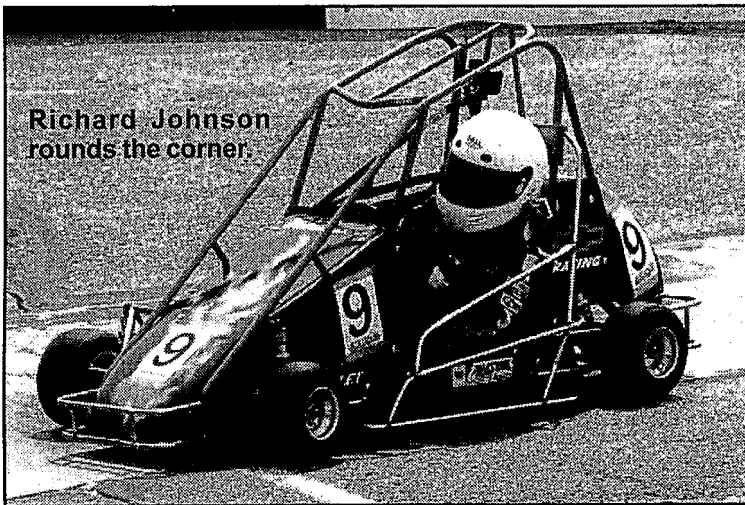
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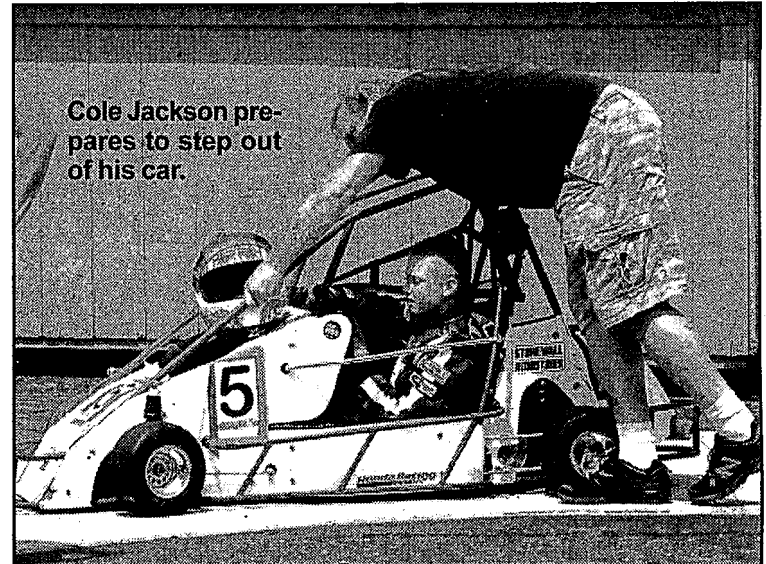
Racers suited up to take on fast competition at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club for the Quarter Midgets - Eastern Grand Nationals last week.

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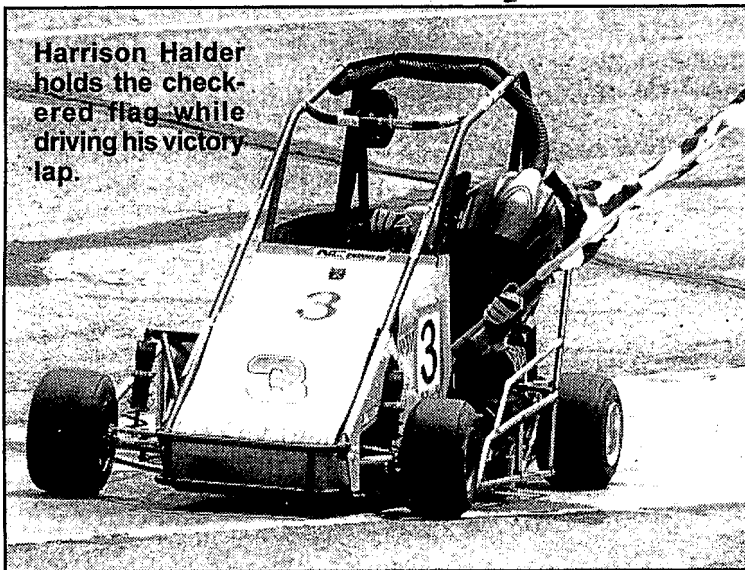
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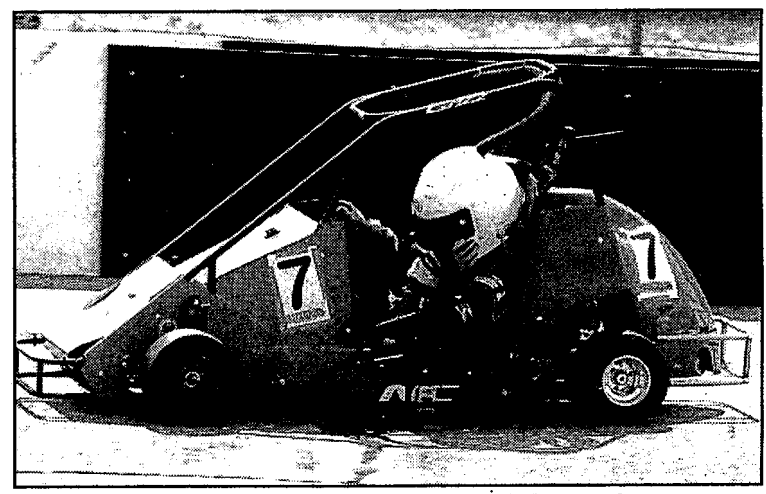
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More letters to the editor Plan for M-15

Dear Editor,

It is great to have MDOT doing traffic counts on Main Street, M-15, and the intersecting streets, "MDOT measures M-15 traffic for future work," June 20.

Good information should allow for good planning and design. What I don't see in any of the information is consideration for walkers, bicycles or anyone else who may not be driving a motorized vehicle on the street.

Clarkston is a great place for these other methods of transportation with shady tree lined streets and interesting historic buildings. Parks, stores, restaurants, library and schools are all within easy walking/bicycling distance of many homes and downtown Clarkston. So why aren't they counting people instead of only cars and trucks? If there are not a lot of people, is this a sign that something is wrong with Main Street?

Recently approved "Complete Streets" legislation in Michigan is defined as roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle.

It would seem that in order to do that, one would have to know about all these methods of movement. Additionally, the City of the Village of Clarkston has five existing safety paths to the city from surrounding Independence Township with four more considered "priority" safety paths. All of these could put more pedestrian traffic on inadequate city sidewalks, crossings, and Main Street.

The city does not have one ADA compliant intersection and many people choose to cross streets at mid-block instead of at signaled intersections because they feel it is more convenient and safe. One person was hit and seriously injured while crossing Main Street at a light. Others came to a City Council meeting and voiced their concerns over the safety and walkability of our city.

To date, nothing has been done and next year's proposed budget has eliminated all funds for city sidewalks. None of this is good news for our city, the people that live here and those that are just visiting Clarkston.

If work is to be done on Main Street in 2019, now is the time to start setting the priorities and goals. I hope for all of us that it is not simply to see how many vehicles can go down the street in any given hour or day. MDOT has very good people that are very familiar with the issues of pedestrian friendly transportation.

They are available and did a public assessment of Main Street Clarkston in 2009 with nationally recognized planner Dan Burden. There are planning grants available through organizations like Advocacy Ad-

vance, Bikes Belong and Safe Routes to Schools. Much could be done right now if only our residents and leaders would collectively ask.

We need a plan and a desire to make Main Street and the entire Clarkston area a better place to be, to walk in, to bicycle, and to enjoy. Tree lined streets and historic homes are far more enjoyable when you are not stuck in traffic or speeding through town to get somewhere else. Let's take advantage of the information that is available to us and do something better for everyone.

*Cory Johnston
Clarkston*

Wallace right track

Dear Editor,

I would like to add my support to Neil Wallace for township supervisor. With his extensive knowledge of our township government and his years of leadership as a key trustee he is more than qualified for the position. Neil supports orderly growth through his support of our Master Plan and will keep our township on the right track.

*Dick Auchter
Independence Township*

Experience needed

Dear Editor,

I am writing to urge Independence Township voters to seriously consider voting for Neil Wallace for Supervisor in the Aug. 7 primary. Mr. Wallace is a longtime resident and has a lengthy record of public service in the township.

We are indeed fortunate to have a candidate as well versed in township matters as Mr. Wallace. He was a member of the Township Board at the time the Vision 2020 Master Plan was adopted. Therefore, he has a detailed understanding of land use and physical development in the community, as well as the balance required between needs of the residents and growth of the business community and tax base.

During his current second term as trustee, he has worked diligently alongside the other trustees to make information-based budget decisions resulting in a sound financial position for the township. He has a thorough understanding of the policies and operating procedures of the township. He has been instrumental in selecting qualified candidates for open positions. He has consistently shown leadership on matters that come to the Board. Equally important, he is forward-looking and has a vision for the future.

Mr. Wallace is knowledgeable, capable and dedicated to our community. Please support him for township supervisor in the Aug. 7 primary election.

*Judy Tully
Independence Township*

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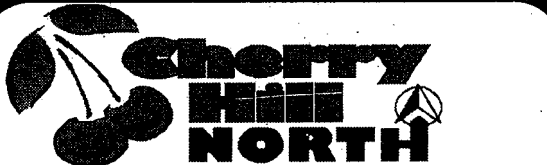
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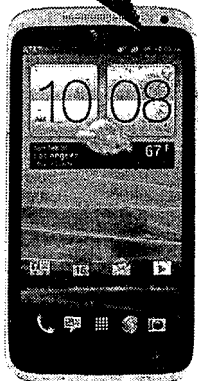
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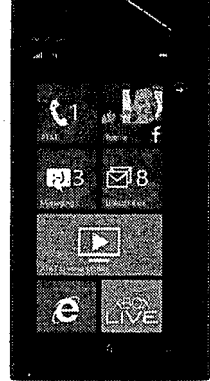


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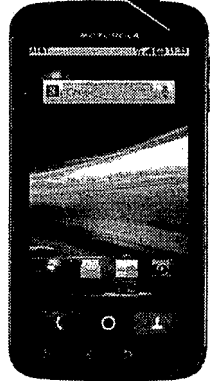


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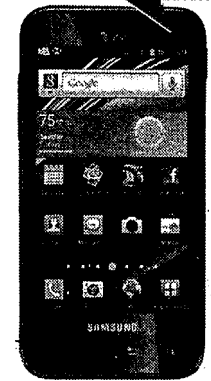


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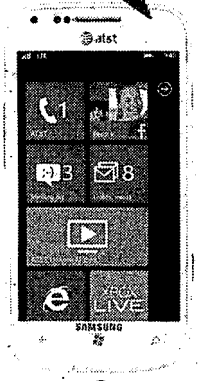


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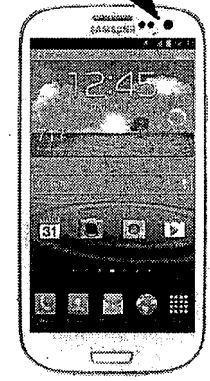


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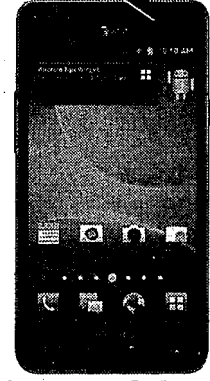


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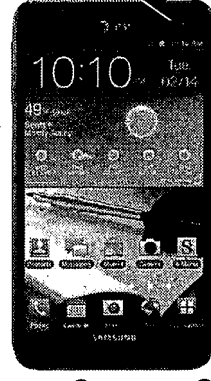


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Lots of variety in Clarkston Garden Walk

BY KRISTEN COOPER
Special to the Clarkston News

The seventh annual Clarkston Garden Walk, July 11 from 12-7 p.m., promises to impress. With six gardens on the walk, all featuring artists and musicians as well as the gardens, the walk will be a great day out for people with a variety of interests.

Advance tickets for the walk can be purchased for \$15 from the KH Home, Bordines, The Birdfeeder, Clarkston Country Store and the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets may also be purchased for \$18 the day of the walk, but only from the Independence Township Library. You may also pick up a program for the event from the library.

There will be an Artist Market at the Independence Township Library featuring a variety of different artists on the day of the walk. Another feature of the day will be restaurant specials.

Restaurants in collaboration with the Clarkston Garden Walk will be offering lunch specials to anyone with a ticket for the event. There will also be a garden of interest, which is a public garden chosen by the club each year. This year it is the garden at the Senior Citizens Center.

Chair of the 2013 Clarkston Garden Walk Liz Doyle will have her garden featured on the walk this year. She is a master gardener and has been working on her garden for 32 years now.

With over 80 different varieties of Hostas as well as many other plants, 2012 Clarkston Garden Walk Co-chair Gail Reading said that Doyle's garden, "is an example of how you can take the color green and just make it shine."

Doyle pointed out that gardening, although rewarding, is not always easy, especially when you're getting ready for the Clarkston Garden Walk. You never know what the weather is going to be like.

She also said that every gardener fears they



From left, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club members Liz Doyle, Joette Kunse and Gail Reading, in Doyle's garden, are planning this year's Clarkston Garden Walk. Photo by Krysten Cooper

will wake up the morning of the walk to see all their plants eaten by deer.

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club sponsors the event, and they use the money to support a number of different local things. These include the planters in downtown Clarkston, the gardens outside Independence Township Li-

brary and a number of other things that require monetary donations, such as high school scholarships and supporting 4H.

"We stay in the community," said Joette Kunse, 2012 Clarkston Garden Walk co-chair.

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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.

Fund raising auction for troop support, other Auxiliary projects, 1 p.m., July 21, American Legion Campbell Richmond Unit 63, Auxiliary, 8047 Ortonville Road. 248-634-7140.

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.net.

Meet and Greet, hosted by Bethany North Oakland at Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road, July 11, 6:30. Live music by Rick and Dayna Leider, menu, dancing and cash bar. Happy hour 5-7 p.m.

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.

Clarkston Farmers Market, Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Clarkston Community Education, 6558 Waldon Road. Produce, plants, and crafts. www.clarkstonfarmersmarket.org.

Springfield Farmers Market, Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 12000 Davisburg Road. Fresh produce, baked goods, crafts, items for garden. 248-846-6558.

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.

Around Town



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

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

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

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

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

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.

50+ Line Dancing, Mondays, 10 a.m.-12:30 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.

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, Tues-

days, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

Just a few weeks ago several area community leaders met in my office to continue the momentum. Habitat for Humanity's Oakland County affiliate has agreed to provide project management and support to the movement, starting with the acquisition and renovation of a foreclosed or vacant house in the Clarkston area for a local family.

Clarkston Community Church will provide seed funding and leadership for the project, culminating in a community volunteer effort in September and October.

Upon the renovation of the home in October, the family will move in before Thanksgiving.

A big question is, "How will a family be selected?"

I think it's important to clear up several misunderstandings.

First, Habitat homes are NOT just given to people. The family must pay for them, put in sweat equity, and go through extensive training that will help them keep the home.

Secondly, you do NOT have to be absolutely broke, with no income.

There are three basic qualifications to be a Habitat home owner:

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CAN YOU PAY FOR YOUR NEW HOME? You must have an on-going source of income. The cost of the Hab-

itat will be greatly reduced, but it is not free.

In fact, a family of four generally needs to make between \$19,600 and \$52,250 a year to qualify.

ARE YOU WILLING TO PARTNER WITH HABITAT? You must be willing to put in sweat equity and take classes that will help you be a successful home owner.

We are in the search mode now! So don't hesitate!

If you think you may qualify—or know someone who might—go to www.habitatoakland.org and download a free copy of the pre-application form.

Also, if you want to be involved in this Habitat build this fall, contact Habitat for Humanity at 248-338-1843.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." - Jesus

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

Obituaries

Frederick London, 59

Frederick C. London, "Fred," of Pontiac passed away June 26, 2012, at age 59.

He was the loving husband of Nancy; father of Barbara (Randy) Scott; grandfather of Austin, Ryan, Rylie, Tyran, Randi, Faith and Tyrah; brother of Marshall (Rose) London Jr.; also survived by many loving extended family and friends.

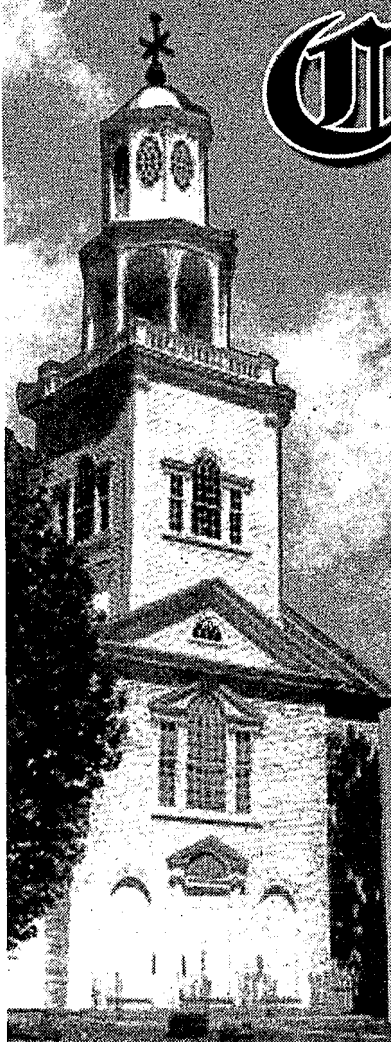
Funeral Service was June 30 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.** Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Charles Stewart, 85

Charles R. Stewart of Clarkston; June 29, 2012; age 85. Husband of Catherine for 65 years. Father of Judi (Bill) Medlin and Chuck Stewart; grandfather of Keith (Allison) Medlin; great grandfather of Noah. Also survived by his beloved black lab Kelly.

Cemetery Service with Military Honors is Thursday, July 5 at 1 pm at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Lighthouse North, 6330 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.** Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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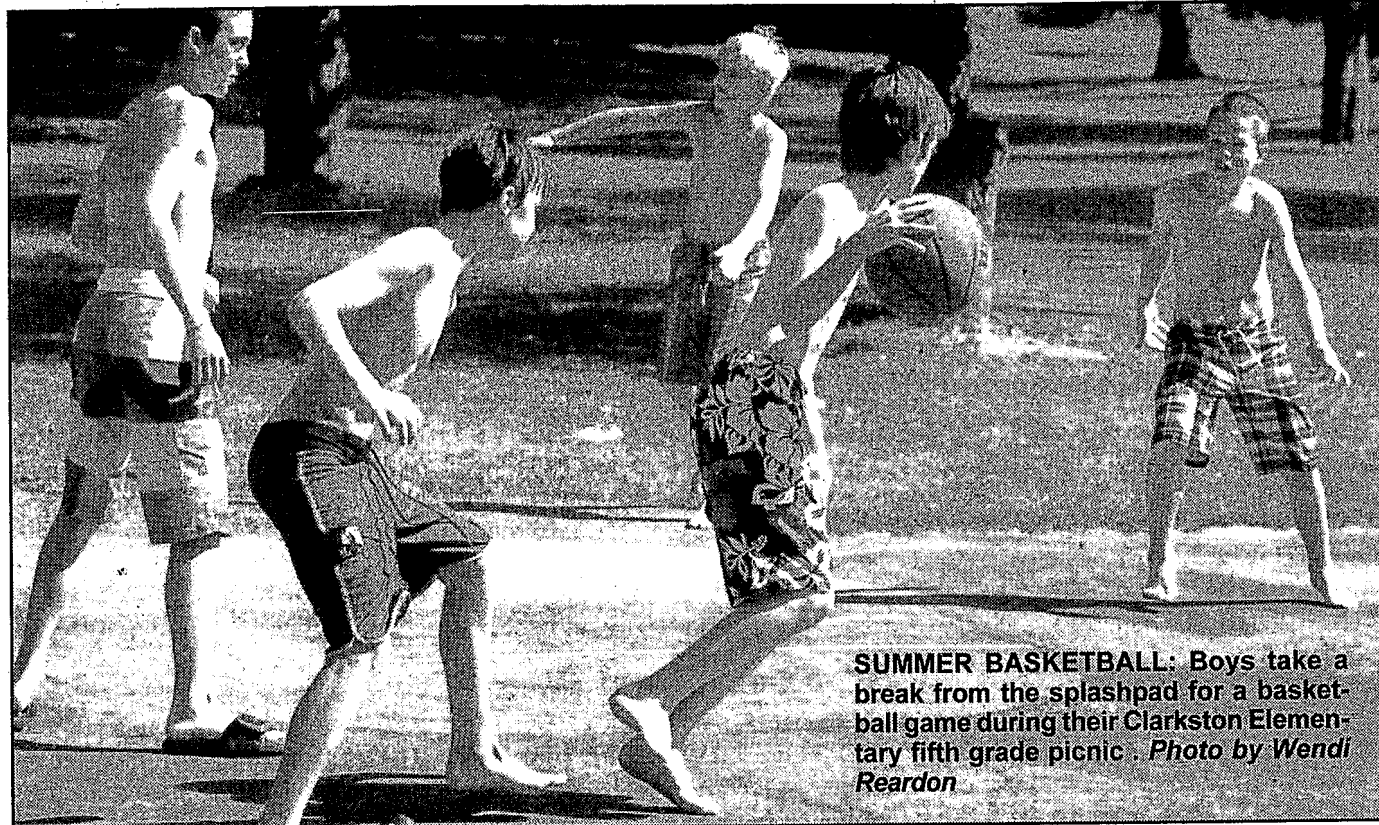
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- New episodes of "Pet Talk" with Dr. Robin Krieger



SUMMER BASKETBALL: Boys take a break from the splashpad for a basketball game during their Clarkston Elementary fifth grade picnic. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Young entrepreneur gives back

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Michael Wayne of Independence Township, a homily at St. Dan's about helping others got him thinking.

"I thought about what I could do to help people," said Wayne, 16. "I decided I could use my business, and help others that way."

The junior at Notre Dame Prep and CEO and manager of Pristine Lawn Care, plans to offer lawn care services to those with disabilities, elderly, or who do not have the financial means to pay for lawn care, he said.

He wants to help 4-5 homes a week. "Our goal is to be kind to the community who has been so kind to us," he said. "As much service as possible, mow weed, help get them back up to speed. Not to give it to the luckiest, but to those who need it, and to help spruce up Clarkston a bit, make it look better."

"I'm very much a proud parent," said his father, Mark Wayne. "He told me this idea out of the blue. He wants to help community, give back to people, help them out."

Michael Wayne started Pristine Lawn Care last year when he was 14 years old.

"I take after my dad - following in his footsteps," said Michael. "My dad has a lot of connections in community."

"When I was his age, I cut some lawns, but nothing at this scale," said Mark, who owns Freedom Works Financial and its building at M-15. "It's amazing. He's learning a lot of valuable lessons."

Michael serviced his first clients, his par-

ents Mark and Kerri Wayne, with one push mower.

"A couple clients were all I could do," he said. "Now it's an LLC, and we have the equipment - it's a valuable learning experience. I've dealt with a lot of amazing people."

He has an eXmark LazerZ riding mower, Stihl push mowers, Ford truck, enclosed trailer, and lots of other gear to serve about 30 clients around Oakland County.

"The eXmark, it's the industry best and most popular - that was an easy choice," he said.

The young business owner interviewed and hired a foreman and three college-age employees so far.

"My dad helped with the questions. It was a lot of gut feeling," Michael said.

They mow, weed, plant flowers, trim hedges, clean gutters.

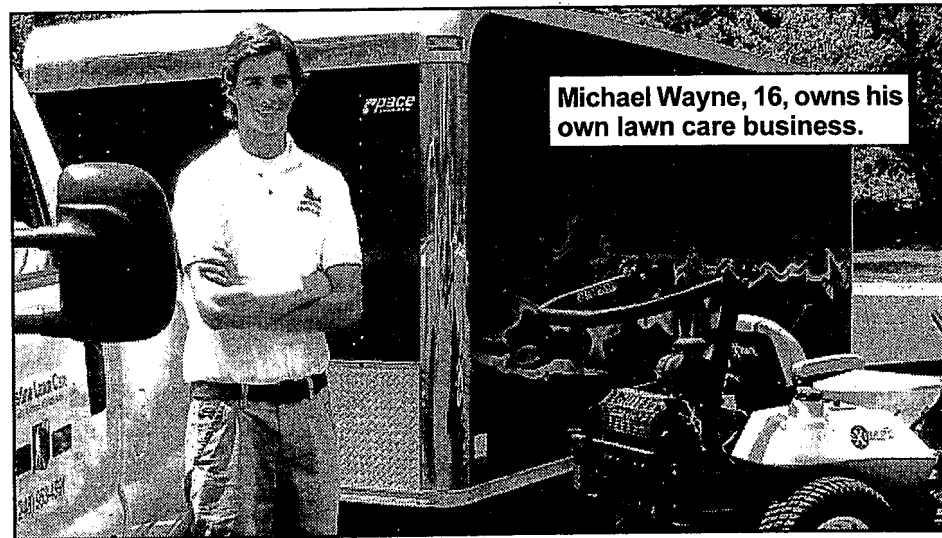
"Any odd job an owner throws at us," he said. "We're a full outdoor service provider."

His plans are to expand Pristine as much as possible over the next two years, then have a manager run it as he goes on to college.

"Business school for sure - at Notre Dame, Stanford, University of Chicago, Northwestern, or University of Michigan, of course," he said.

He lives in Independence Township with his parents Mark and Kerri Wayne, and sisters Karley and Mia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hughes of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Travis Hughes, to Laura Lovett, daughter of Charles and Patricia Lovett of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Ms. Lovett, a graduate of Harding University, will be teaching fifth grade.

Mr. Hughes is a 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School. He graduated from Harding University with a biology degree.

He plans to enter a physician assistant program in the fall of 2013. An August wedding is planned in Haymarket, Virginia. The couple will reside in Romney, West Virginia.

Students achieve success

Clarkston students named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University for the Spring 2012 term include **Alan Killewald**, majoring in Civil Engineering; **Gregory Vandervoord**, Transportation Design; **Terry Fahey**, Construction Management; and **Kenneth Fitzgerald**, Architectural Engineering.

Jordan Sheffield Allan of Clarkston has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the spring 2012 semester. Allan is majoring in Marketing.

Davenport University has announced that **Mary Misichko** of Clarkston has been named to the Dean's List for the winter 2012 semester.

Jennifer Lorraine Wilson of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at the University of Memphis for the spring 2012 semester.

Allison Reis of Clarkston was named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the spring 2012 semester.

Brittany Allen of Clarkston was awarded

a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Lipscomb University, spring semester, 2012. Allen, an Oakland Christian School graduate, studied graduated summa cum laude. She was also on the Honor Roll for Spring 2012.

Michael Graham of Clarkston was named to the Michigan State University Spring 2012 Dean's List.

Jonathan Graham of Clarkston was named to the Oakland University 2011-12 Dean's List.

Chloe Smiley, a freshman Entrepreneurship major at Grove City College, has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the spring 2012 semester. Chloe is a 2011 graduate of Clarkston Senior High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smiley (Jean) from Clarkston.

Stephanie Brundage of Clarkston received a President's Recognition at Clearwater Christian College for scholastic achievement during the 2012 spring semester. Brundage is a Junior Mathematics Education major at CCC. Brundage is a graduate of Lake Orion High School and daughter of John and Sheri Brundage of Clarkston.

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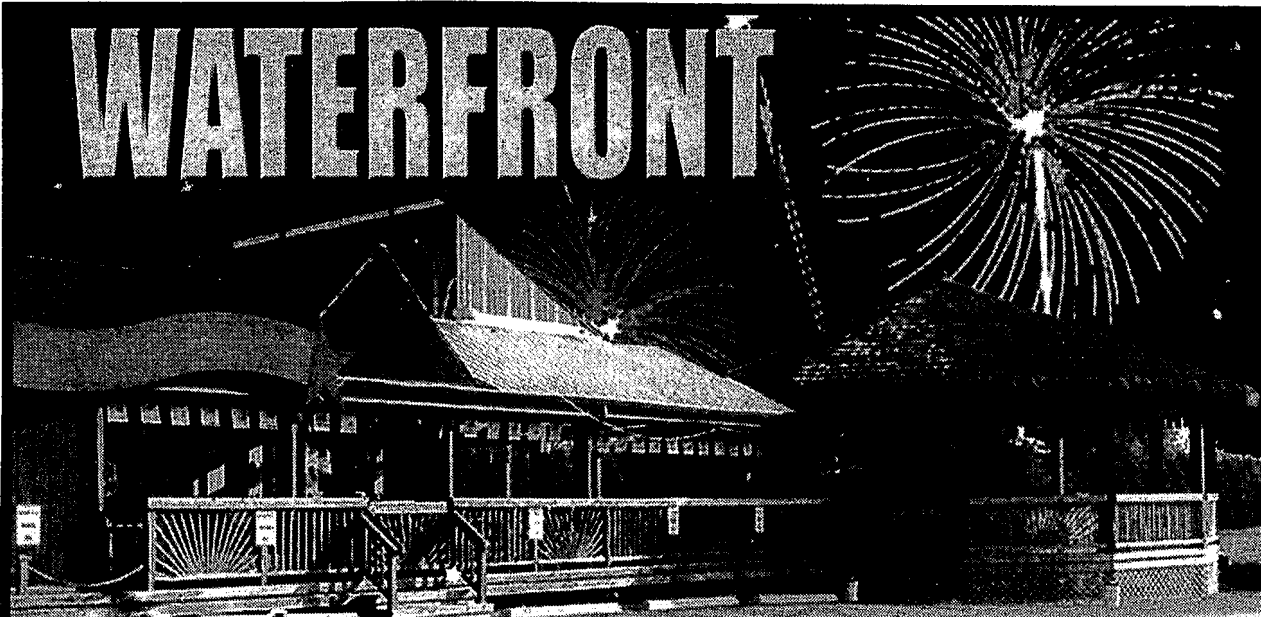
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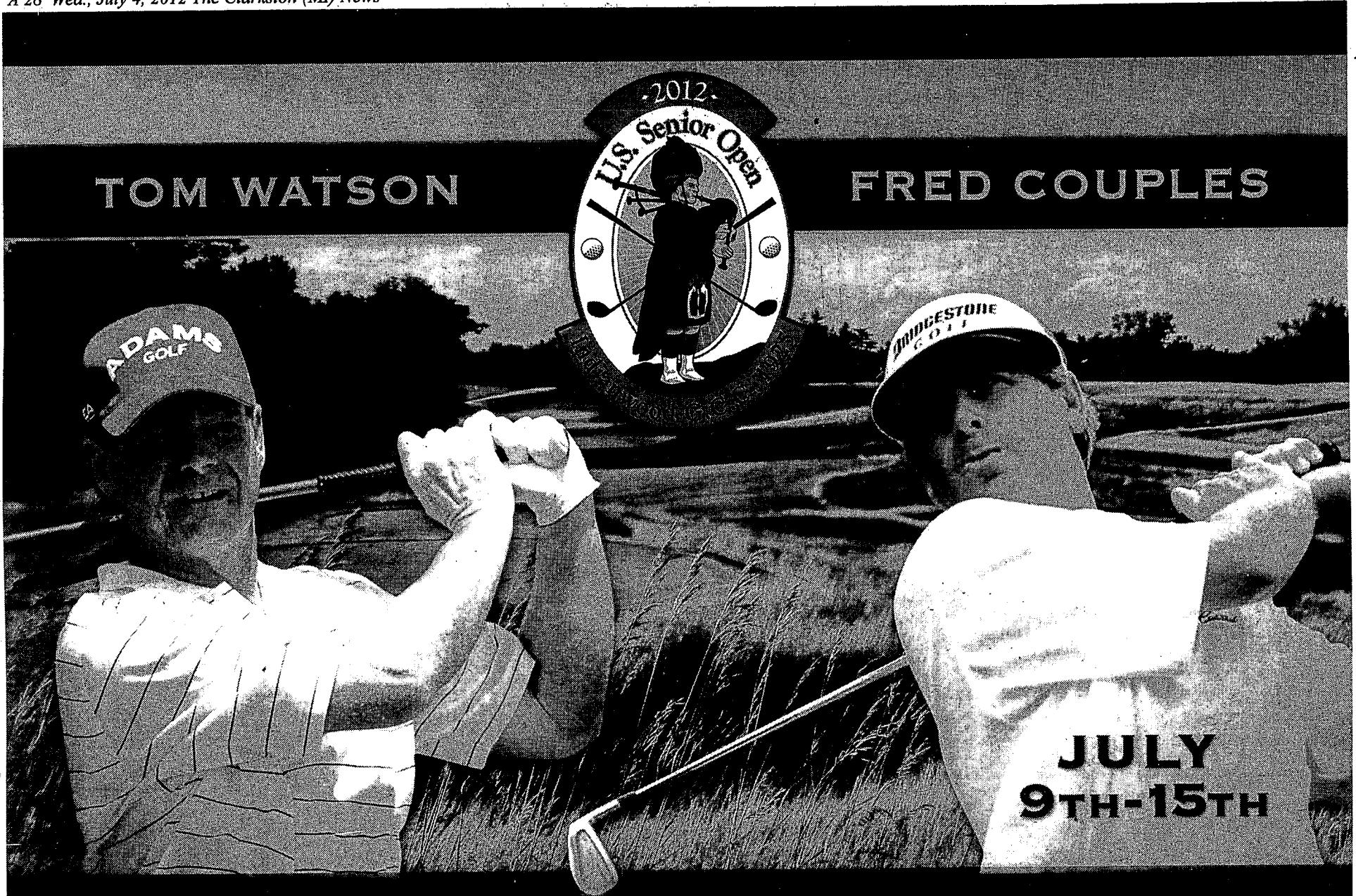
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on June 19, 2012, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Certain Provisions of the Charter Township Code, as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
ORDINANCE NO. _____
ORDINANCE AMENDING
OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

An Ordinance to amend Charter Township of Independence Ordinance Code, Chapter 20, Article III, to amend open burning regulations.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE TOWNSHIP CODE:

Section 1 of Ordinance

Chapter 20, Article III, Open Burning, Shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. OPEN BURNING

Sec. 20-56. Definitions.

For purposes of this article, the following terms are defined as:

Non-recreational open burning means the open burning of dry brush and dry tree parts and dry leaves.

Open burning means the setting on fire, igniting or combustion of any natural or manmade material, item or thing out-of-doors.

Recreational open burning means the open burning of only seasoned wood in a fire pit, fireplace, firepot, chiminea or other container approved by the fire chief or his designee.

Sec. 20-57. General Prohibition.

Except as permitted in section 20-58, it shall be unlawful for any person to cause, undertake, permit or maintain any open burning on property situated within the township.

Sec. 20-58. Exceptions; permits; fees; penalties.

(a) *General open burning exceptions.* The following open burning shall be permitted, as specified in this subsection, without a permit:

- (1) Open burning, involving the use of highway safety flares, smudgepots, conventional heating appliances for construction materials and personnel, and similar occupational needs;
- (2) Open burning involving the burning and/or use of candles, lanterns, lamps, bug repellent torches, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, charcoal cookers, braziers, hibachis, barbecue grills or any flammable liquid or liquefied gas fire stoves or similar devices maintained and used solely for the preparation of food on the premises of the owner or occupant; and
- (3) Open burning and controlled fires caused and maintained for training of firefighters by the township fire department or for care and management of forested areas on public land by an authorized controlled burn specialist.

(b) *Recreational open burning exception.* Recreational open burning is permitted only if all of the following are complied with:

- (1) A permit under this section for recreational open burning in a fire pit shall be applied for and obtained by the owner or person in control of land upon which the burning is to occur. A permit is not required under this section for recreational open burning in a fireplace, firepot, chiminea or other container approved by the fire chief or his designee.
- (2) Recreational open burning shall not take place in or on any public or private road right-of-way or safety path.
- (3) The location of any recreational open burning shall be a distance of at least 50 feet from any building or structure on the subject property and a minimum of 50 feet from any neighboring residential dwelling.
- (4) The location of any recreational open burning on a property that is greater than 1 acre in size shall be a distance of at least 50 feet from the property line.
- (5) Recreational open burning may take place only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. The fire must be completely extinguished on or before 1:00 a.m.
- (6) Only seasoned wood may be burned and recreational open burning shall be limited to an area measuring no more than 5 feet in diameter.

- (7) Recreational open burning shall take place only (i) on property used for single-family residential purposes, (ii) in a common or shared area within a neighborhood that is zoned single-family residential pursuant to a one-day permit, or (iii) on property used as a public park pursuant to a one-day permit.
 - (8) Any recreational open burning shall be constantly attended by a competent person who is 16 years of age or older until the fire is completely extinguished.
- (c) *Non-recreational open burning exception.* Non-recreational open burning is permitted only if all of the following are complied with:
- (1) A permit under this section for non-recreational open burning shall be applied for and obtained by the owner or person in control of land upon which the burning is to occur.
 - (2) Non-recreational open burning shall not take place in or on any public or private road right-of-way or safety path; provided, however, that after an on-site inspection and determination by the fire official that an alternative safe location for such burning is permissible, and that a hardship would otherwise result, the fire official may permit, in writing, non-recreational open burning in the right-of-way for limited periods of time.
 - (3) The location of any non-recreational open burning shall be a distance of at least 50 feet from any building or structure.
 - (4) The location of any non-recreational open burning on a property that is greater than 1 acre in size shall be a distance of at least 50 feet from the property line.
 - (5) There shall be no non-recreational open burning on any parcel that is less than one acre in size. On property that is between one acre and three acres in size, non-recreational open burning may take place only on the first and third Saturday and Sunday of each month, for the portions of the year set forth in subsections (6) and (7), below. On property that is greater than three acres in size, non-recreational open burning may take place only on the first and third Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday of each month, for the portions of the year set forth in subsections (6) and (7), below.
 - (6) Non-recreational open burning of dry brush and dry tree parts, not including leaves, may take place only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from March 8th through November 1st, and the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from November 2nd through March 7th.
 - (7) Non-recreational open burning of dry leaves may take place only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from March 8th through May 31st, and the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from October 1st through March 7th.
 - (8) Notwithstanding subsections (6) and (7), above, non-recreational open burning is prohibited at all times on Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - (9) Non-recreational open burning shall be strictly limited to dry brush, dry leaves and dry tree parts only. Burning of wet materials or any other types of vegetation or materials is strictly prohibited.
 - (10) Non-recreational open burning shall be limited to an area measuring no more than 5 feet in diameter.
 - (10) Non-recreational open burning shall take place only on property used and occupied for single-family residential purposes, in a common or shared area within a neighborhood that is zoned single-family residential pursuant to a one-day permit, or on property used as a public park pursuant to a one-day permit; provided, however, that upon a showing by an applicant that, unless burning is permitted, an unnecessary hardship will result, the fire chief may permit non-recreational open burning on property that is not used and occupied for single-family residential purposes subject to additional conditions and restrictions as deemed necessary by the fire chief to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
 - (11) Any non-recreational open burning shall be constantly attended by a competent person who is 16 years of age or older until the fire is completely extinguished.

(d) *Permits.* An owner or person in control of land desiring to obtain a permit for purposes of engaging in recreational or non-recreational open burning shall make application at an Independence Township Fire Station or go to the fire department website (www.independencefire.us) for such purposes. Upon completion of the application for the desired type of permit, if the permit is issued, the applicant shall retain a copy of the permit for his or her records. Permits issued shall be in effect for a period of one year or less, as indicated on the permit. The fee for any permit issued under this section shall be established by a resolution of the township board. All authorizations or permits issued under this section shall be subject to the following, regardless of whether stated as such in the permit itself:

- (1) All applicable requirements and regulations set forth in this section;
- (2) Any private subdivision or deed restrictions applicable to the property on which the burning is to occur that are more restrictive than the requirements and regulations set forth in this section, with the recognition that the township does not have the power or authority to, and will not, enforce any such private restrictions;
- (3) Any mandate from any governmental entity or official having jurisdiction; and
- (4) All burning within the Township shall conform to the state air pollution laws, part 55 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994 (MCL 324.5501 *et seq.*), subject to any special approvals authorized by law and granted by the appropriate public entity or official.

(g) *Revocation of Permit.*

(1) A permit issued under this section may be revoked by the fire chief or his designee, following an opportunity of the holder of the permit to be heard before said fire official, for any of the following reasons:

- (i) If the fire chief or his designee determines that continued burning would constitute a fire hazard for any reason; or
- (ii) If a complaint is received by the fire department, and following an on-site inspection, the fire chief or his designee determines that continued burning would be unsafe, would result in excessive smoke, would occur in a location which would be unsafe and/or disruptive to others, or other specific public health, safety or welfare reason disclosed to the permit holder by the fire chief or his designee.

Sec. 20-59. Penalties.

A violation of this article shall constitute a municipal civil infraction, subject to the relief provided under Section 20-1, except that, in lieu of the fines set forth under said Section 20-1, individuals violating this article shall be subject to the following fines and penalties in addition to any equitable or judicial remedies that may be available:

- (a) First offense - warning.
- (b) Second offense - \$150 fine.
- (c) Third offense - \$300 fine.
- (d) Fourth offense - \$600 fine.

Section 2 of Ordinance

Any prior ordinances or terms of ordinances in direct conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3 of Ordinance

If one or more sections, provisions, phrases or words of this ordinance are declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases and words of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, this ordinance is declared to be severable.

Section 4 of Ordinance

All proceedings pending and all rights and the 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 6 of Ordinance

This ordinance shall be effective following publication on January 1, 2013, in the manner prescribed by law.

CERTIFICATION

It is certified that the ordinance set forth above was duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting duly called and held on the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Barbara Pallotta, Clerk

Introduced: June 19, 2012

Adopted:

Published: July 4, 2012

Effective:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION WITHIN
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012**

REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD Tuesday, AUGUST 7, 2012 to the Qualified Electors of the Charter Township of Independence, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in conformity with the Michigan Election law, the final date for registration in order to vote in the Primary Election is Monday, July 9, 2012 by the close of business.

To vote at this election, all persons must be qualified registered voters as follows: Citizens of the United States, 18 years old on or before the election date, have resided in the State of Michigan for at least thirty (30) days and have established a residence in the Charter Township of Independence on or before the 30th day prior to Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

HOURS OF REGISTRATION: Notice is hereby given that registration will be taken during regular office hours Monday through Friday of each week, excluding holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in person at the following locations: the Oakland County Clerk's Office and Secretary of State Branch Offices by mail obtaining and completing a Voter Registration Application and forwarding it to the election official designated on the application by the close of registration deadline.

The **Tuesday, August 7, 2012 Primary Election** will be conducted in all voting precincts of the Charter Township of Independence for the purpose of nominating candidates of all participating political parties for the following offices:

CONGRESSIONAL: United States Senator; Representative in Congress 8th District;

LEGISLATIVE: Representative in State Legislature-43rd District;

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LOCAL: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees (4)

AND for the purpose of electing:

Delegates to the County Convention of the Democratic and Republican parties;

AND for the purpose of voting on the following County proposal:

OAKLAND COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY MILLAGE

The Oakland County Art Institute Authority established pursuant to Public Act 296 of 2010 to allow for continuing support of art institute services for the students, residents and visitors of Oakland County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real and personal property to provide revenue to an art institute services provider for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing art institute services to benefit the residents of Oakland County, shall a 0.2 mill on all of the taxable property located within the County be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2012 through 2021? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage would generate approximately \$9,847,191 in 2012.

YES

NO

AND for the purpose of voting on the following Township proposals:

RENEWAL OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES operating MILLAGE

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to continue the previously authorized levy of up to 3.1688 mills for a period of four (4) years, starting with the December 2012 levy, to provide fire protection and emergency services, including advanced life support, in the Township?

This proposed millage is a renewal of previously authorized millage for the above-stated purpose. Approval of this proposal would renew a tax limitation increase of \$3.17 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$4,217,400.00 in the first year if approved and levied. It is estimated that

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95.68% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for fire and emergency services and, as required by law, 4.32% would be disbursed to the Township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority shall be collected solely from properties within the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

Yes

No

ADDITIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES operating MILLAGE

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to levy up to .59 mills for a period of four (4) years, starting with the December 2012 levy, to be added to the above proposed millage renewal (for a total millage of 3.7588), for purposes of providing fire protection and emergency services, including advanced life support, in the Township?

This proposed millage authorizes new additional millage for the above-stated purpose. Approval of this proposal would permit an additional tax limitation increase of 59 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect an additional \$785,240.00 in the first year if approved and levied. It is estimated that 95.68% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for fire and emergency services and, as required by law, 4.32% would be disbursed to the Township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority shall be collected solely from properties within the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

YES

NO

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
JUNE 25, 2012

A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:02 PM at the Independence Township Hall.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

C. 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; Lt. Bruce Harbin, IAFF President; Gregg Schultz, Schultz & Young, PC

Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Consensus to approve the agenda as presented

E. 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 6:03 PM.

The Special Meeting RECONVENED at 6:25 PM.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

H. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

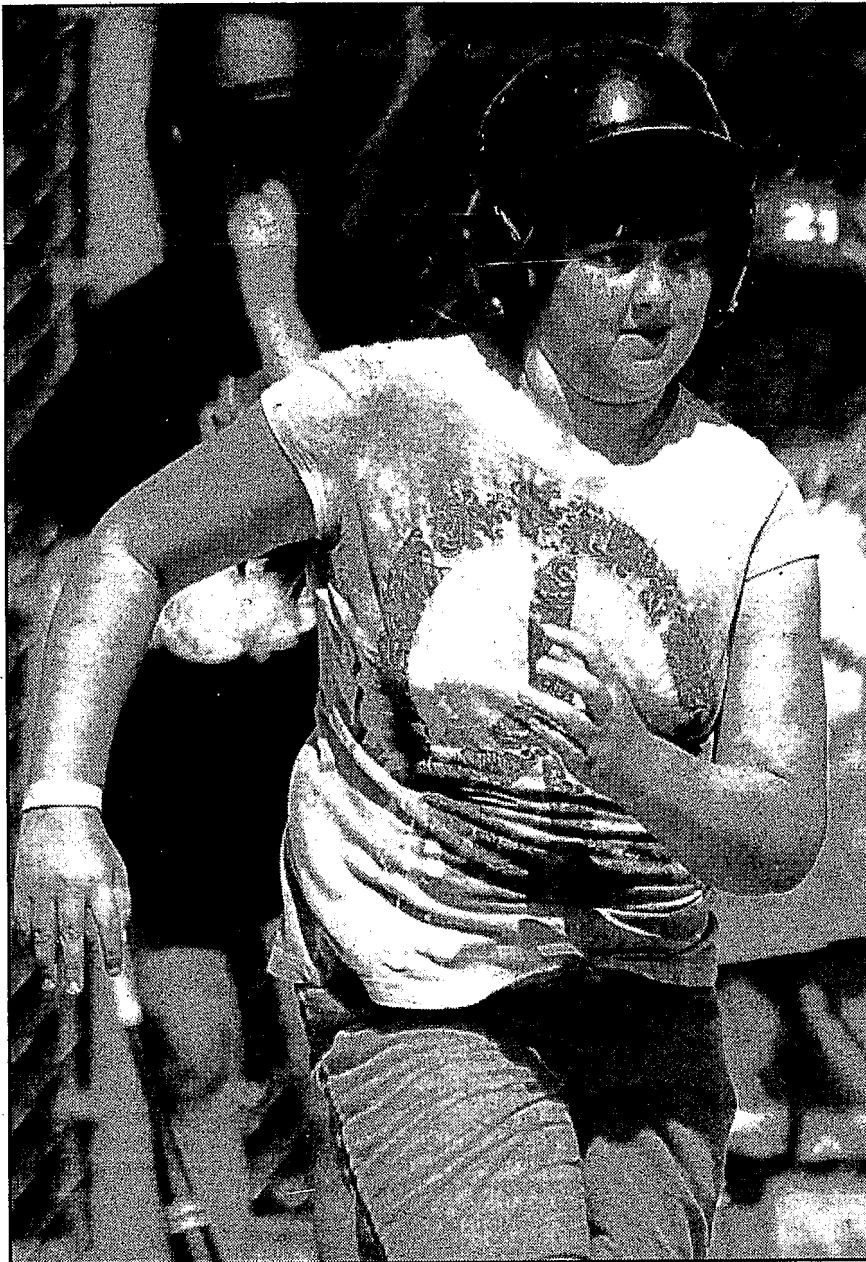
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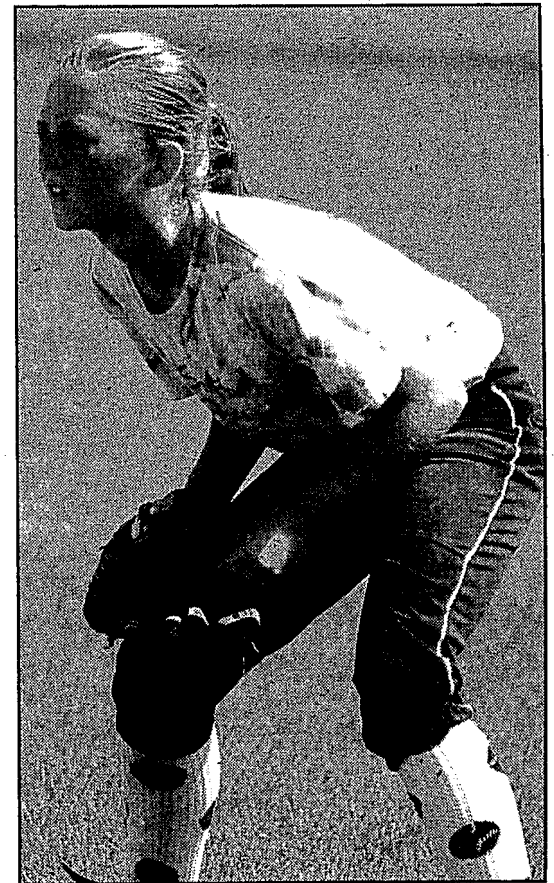
Jessica Starnes runs to first base after her hit.

Summer play

The players loaded the bases during their last game of Adventures in Softball on June 28.

Every camper had their chance at bat and also a chance to defeat their opponents with defense plays.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



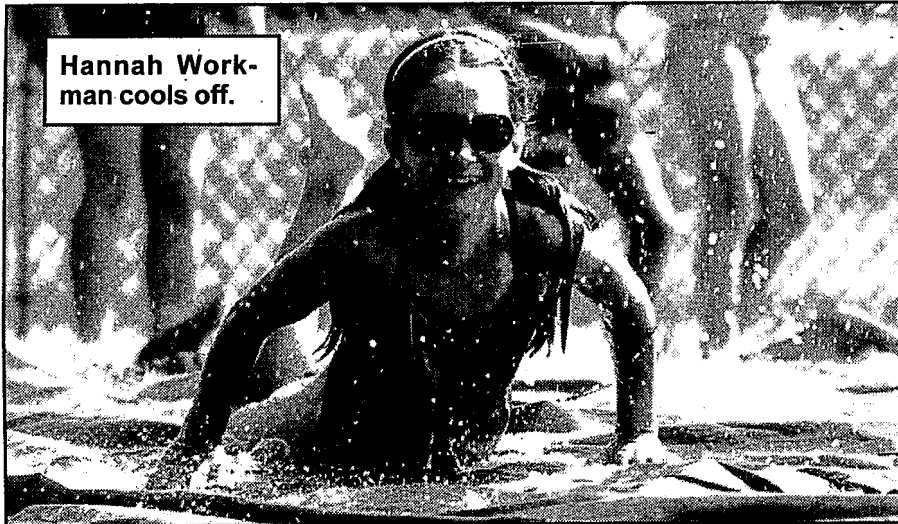
Gabrielle Maday is ready on base.



Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball Coach Don Peters shares a few words with the players.



Ella Cady closes her eyes for the watery ride. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Hannah Workman cools off.



Jordan Newblatt slides through the spray of water.



Marlee Peterson beckons for more spray from the hose.

Sliding into coolness

Players from the Adventures in Softball camp held last week had no problem sliding into a tradition.

Don Peters and his varsity softball players created a slip and slide for the campers to cool off and have some fun.



Maddie Kujala takes one more trip down the slide.

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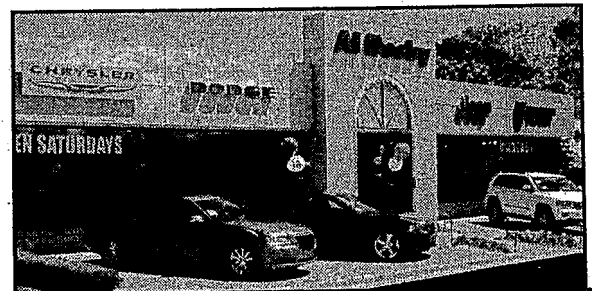
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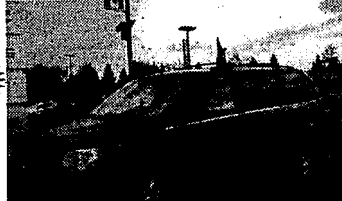








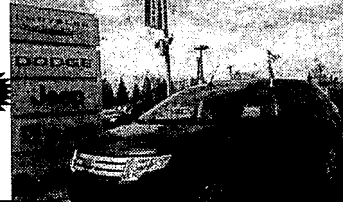



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