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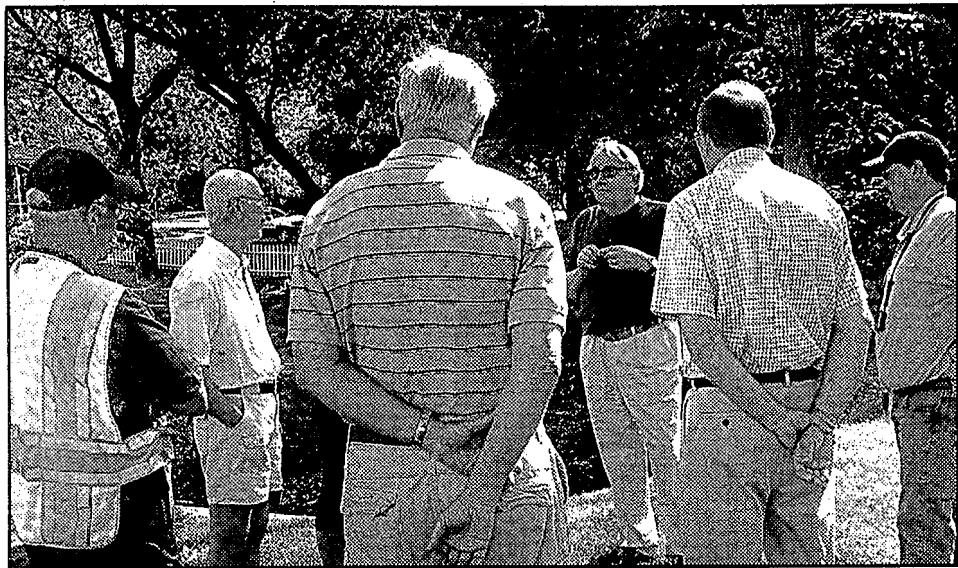
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Ed Adler, owner of the Mill Pond dam, meets with DEQ officials, Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter, and concerned residents. *Photo by Mary Keck*

Deep trouble with shallow ponds

Part one in a two part series
BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For residents living along the Mill Ponds in downtown Clarkston, low water levels have been the source of deep concern.

They are unhappy with low water levels, particularly in the Upper Pond, north of Miller Road.

As a result, they've voiced their frustration to City Council, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Ed Adler, owner of the dam on Washington Street. Many believe the opening and closing of the dam is to blame for the lack of water in the pond.

Ed Adler's dam opens and closes at the control of dam operator Bob Roth, Adler's

stepbrother.

When the dam is open, water runs out of the pond and into the stream through Depot Park. If the dam is closed, water is held in both the Upper and Lower ponds. Lately, residents living along the water's edge have seen a reduction in the pond's depth, and the Upper Pond, in particular, has looked more like a mud pit than a water body lately.

The low water level is a relatively new problem, according to residents.

Russell Rana said, "I've lived on the pond for 39 years, and never had a problem until the Adlers bought it."

Armstrong, who lived on the pond for about 15 years in the 70s, "never saw the

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The Upper Mill Pond is a field of mud this summer.



Musings on a bridge

Kaily Sullivan and Isabella Roselli gain writing inspiration from Depot Park during an Oakland Summer Writer's Camp trip to downtown Clarkston, July 13. Please see page 10A for more pictures. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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The waterskiers of Davisburg's Spray Masters are set to perform, July 26.

Spray Masters ready for show

BY KRYSTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

Davisburg's water ski team, the Spray Masters, hosts a show promising fun and amazement for the whole family, 7 p.m., July 26.

This year's theme is the circus. For those who have never attended one of their shows before, prepare to be surprised, said Brendan Kirchner, Spray Masters vice-president and 11-year skier.

"Most people say they are blown away by what they see," Kirchner said. "We do a lot of stuff that's pretty challenging. Then you add in the fact we're skiing while doing it and it just adds another whole level of complexity."

"It's a fully themed show," said Laura Wendt, skier and president of the Spray Masters. "There's actually a story line to go with it."

There are acts that take place on the water, skits and dancing on the shore, great music to go along with the show, and everyone wears costumes. Finally, the announcer for the show ties the whole thing together by narrating.

This is a special year for the Spray Masters as they celebrate their 25-year anniversary as a team.

Kathi Harris-Ritthaler, a release attendant and skier on the team, said her fa-

ther, Bob Dowling, started the Spray Masters in winter of 1987.

"He wanted to build a family atmosphere everybody could be involved in. He wanted the opportunity for younger skiers to learn and experience the different arts of show skiing," said Harris-Ritthaler.

The Spray Masters have definitely kept with this idea of a family atmosphere. There are a lot of families involved in the organization, and some even have four generations playing a role on the team.

Wendt also said it's a good family sport because it's not expensive. After paying the dues associated with water skiing, it amounts to about \$200 per year. Also, skiers in the Spray Masters are not required to own their own equipment, which cuts costs even more.

Admission is \$3 per person, children 2 and under free. All proceeds from admission go to Springfield Township Parks and Recreation.

The team is always looking for more families interested in skiing. There are no requirements to join, as they will teach you everything you need to know.

For more information about the Spray Masters or to see the schedule of all of their events, visit their website www.spraymasters.wordpress.com.

Briefly

Lunch prices going up

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a proposal to increase lunch prices by 10 cents on July 9.

The increase will meet the new USDA requirements regarding the Price Lunch Equity Program - all school districts must charge specific lunch costs within mandated guidelines. The minimum requirement per the USDA is \$2.51 per lunch. Clarkston was averaging \$2.48 during the 2011-2012 school year.

Marla Ernst, director of Food Services for CCS, pointed out a dime increase instead of a nickel will help the district if costs go up again for the 2013-2014 school year.

Football for a Cure

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

T-shirts, jerseys, polo shirts, and baseball hats are currently available. The cost to purchase a jersey is \$100, for the name plate is \$50, and \$50 to become an honorary "Coach of the Day."

T-shirts are available for \$10.

Forms are available at McLaren Breast Cancer - Clarkston and Great Lakes Clarkston Institute, both at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive. Also, visit the online store at www.customthreadsandsports.com/clarkston.

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Council to enforce sign ordinance

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's lights out for downtown signs.

Clarkston City Council voted 4-2, July 9, to take a hard line on enforcing a sign ordinance prohibiting illuminated signs, at least for now.

"I patronize the businesses in this town, and I want them to succeed, but rules are rules," said Councilman Thomas Hunter. "We're just telling them they have to follow the same procedure anybody else would if they wanted an amendment to the zoning ordinance. They've been told we won't enforce any provisions of the ordinance while we're deciding what we're going to do."

In the meantime, they're getting away with violating the ordinance, he said.

From Hunter's point of view, "I think we need to take a position. Either we're going to enforce the ordinance, which we should do, or we don't need a zoning ordinance if we aren't going to enforce it."

Village resident Ginny Schultz spoke up, "I can see no reason whatsoever for you to waver one bit from what your rules are.

"A neon sign is not going to bring anybody in off the street. It is what their business stands for, it is what they do, and their customer relations," Schultz added.

Former Mayor Sharron Catallo said, "enforcing the ordinance doesn't stop them from coming to ask for a change. We can enforce our ordinances and still address the retailers' concerns."

Council members Richard Bisio and Stephen Hargis opposed the motion. Councilwoman Peg Roth abstained from voting.

Some downtown retailers feel lighted signs are needed.

After opening Village Fashion Boutique about a year and a half ago, owner Christina Calka put up a neon "open" sign because it is a good reminder to say "we're open," she said.

From her point of view, it is particularly helpful for extended shopping hours and attracts people who are passing through, especially at night. Shoppers have told Calka they turned around because they saw her sign.

This spring, Calka received a letter indicating she'd broken the city's sign ordinance,

which she had been unaware of until that moment.

Since receiving the letter, local retailers approached the city on April 9 about amending the sign ordinance. A few weeks later, the City estimated a price of \$2,250 for a sign ordinance amendment.

"The Clarkston retailers are not in a position to spend upwards of \$2,500 to modify an ordinance," said Roth, also a member of the retailers group. "I think that amount of money to amend an ordinance is just outrageous - we're a very low key group. We don't have fees; we don't have a bank account."

Although the retailers developed a smaller internally lit open sign, and it was unofficially "okayed" by the city, hanging the sign would still require an amendment to the ordinance because it is internally lit.

According to Zoning Ordinance, Article 22, "illuminated wall signs using an interior light source are prohibited. Signs using visible bulbs, neon, fluorescent, or similar lights are prohibited."

The sign can be seen in the front window of KH Homes on Main Street.

On July 9, Mayor Joe Luginski said, "I think that as a council, we've tried to work with [the retailers.] We've waited. We got the answers to questions they wanted to know the answers to. We [unofficially] agree that the sign in front of [KH Homes] today is fine if they want to pursue that."

No representatives from the retailers group have shared their case at a city council meeting since April 9.

While the retailers regrouped to decide if they would apply to amend the ordinance, City Manager Dennis Ritter held any other violation notices in abeyance until July 9, when he asked the council for guidance.

The council will enforce the zoning ordinance by sending letters of violation, and included the retailers in their July 23 meeting agenda.

Roth said the retailers will decide how to pursue the sign ordinance on Tuesday evening, July 17, but she doesn't believe they will be able to procure the \$2,250 for the amendment. The city will hold its next meeting on July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

New signs on Robertson Court

On Friday, the City posted four new signs on Robertson Court off Main Street. Two were 25 MPH and two were Children at Play signs. Drivers often use Robertson Court as a shortcut to Clarkston Road because they don't want to wait for the traffic light.

While there is currently a No Right Turn sign visible on Main Street just before the traffic light, it is often ignored.

Robertson Court resident Ginny Schultz thinks drivers are not only taking an illegal right turn, they are also violating the 25 mile per hour speed limit and need a reminder.

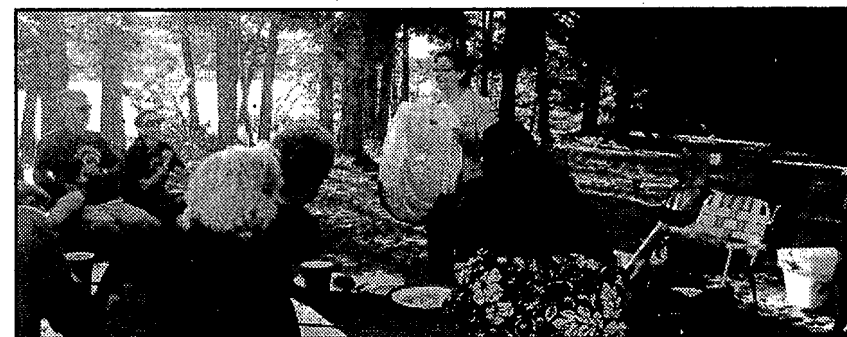
"The speed is incredible," Schultz said during a City Council meeting on June 25. "We have eight children between 2 years old and 8 years old in the first three houses on Robertson Court."

The total cost to post the signs was \$163.64.

- Mary Keck



New signs on Robertson Court.



Debbie Jackson, environmentalist, shares her expertise on Monarch butterflies at a meeting on Deer Lake Farms beach.

Rotary Summer tours of Clarkston

Clarkston Rotary Club hosts evening dinner meetings at various locations around Clarkston during the summer.

This summer, venues include McLaren Cancer Institute, Offering Al-

ternative Therapy with Smiles, O.A.T.S., Deer Lake Farms beach, and Frosty Boy on Dixie Highway.

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Shari Schulz displays this year's blue, red and white Backyard Jam T-shirts.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

Backyard Jam back for 2012

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The second annual Backyard Jam is roaring to go this Saturday, 2-7 p.m.

The event is hosted by The Birdfeeder, Clarkston Flower Shoppe and Bonnie & Clyde, located at 7150 North Main Street. All proceeds from the event will go to Desert Angels.

"Last year we were really excited because the beneficiary was Homes for Our Troops, which is fantastic," said Shari Schulz, owner of Bonnie & Clyde. "What we wanted to do was find something very local. We are always promoting, shop local, eat local, and our entertainment is local. We wanted to find somebody close to home we could connect with."

They found Desert Angels, a local non-profit organization founded by Louise Downs in October 2001. Desert Angels ships thousands of care packages each year to brave men and women who are serving the United States in the military overseas.

"Everything they do is 100 percent volunteer," Schulz added. "These women give their time and put a lot of money into a cause they believe in. They were overjoyed someone was helping them for a change."

The afternoon includes entertainment

from local musicians The Locals and Sam and Jeremy as well as face painting, a psychic plus food and refreshments.

It also includes a dunk tank with volunteers from the area including Don Rush, columnist for *The Clarkston News*, making a reappearance after last year's event.

Schulz added they are still looking for volunteers if someone would like to cool off on the hot day for a good cause.

She pointed out the event is free.

"Bring the whole family out to listen to music and have fun," she said.

Proceeds will come from "Backyard Jam 2012" T-shirts, available \$12 as long as supplies last.

Proceeds also come from sales of water, beverages, hamburgers, face paintings, visit with the psychic and the dunk tank.

"It's all based on a ticket system," Schulz said. "It's how we did it last year. You can come up and do whatever you want. If they want to throw at Don Rush in the dunk tank - get some tickets."

"We are super excited because we get to help somebody else who always helps the others," said Schulz. "We are always going to do Backyard Jam for the troops but finding something local was really important."

For more information, call 248-625-9711.

Views differ on causes of low ponds

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pond as low as it is now," and "we never saw the bottom of the pond like you can see now" nor did you see the green algae.

Results of low water level

"I've got a canoe; I can't use it. My grandkids come over, and they can't swim or go fishing. I haven't heard a frog in years," said Bob Ryeson who has lived on the Mill Pond since 1975. Ryeson isn't alone in his frustration.

Fourteen-year-old James Sirbaugh lives two blocks away from the pond. His favorite spot to catch bass and blue gill is right off the dam, but he's worried his days of fishing may be over.

"The fish are dying, and they can't lay their eggs because of the low water level," he said. "It's a mud pit."

Ralph Daigle, who has lived on the pond for 13 years, said he has seen fish-spawning beds dry up when the pond water gets low. People used to fish right off the shore line, but Daigle has noticed a drop in people fishing in recent years. Lately, Daigle has had to walk through the mud and muck to get to his paddle boat.

According to Fish Biologist Jim Francis of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the pond's water level could impact the fish because fish like to associate with vegetation. As water levels decline and move away from the shore, it prevents fish from getting to the plants to feed on the invertebrates growing on them, and the fish can't hide as well.

On the other hand, Francis said, "water levels aren't that important this time of year," but in the spring during spawning season, low water can be particularly significant to northern pike because their spawn need to rest and hold on to vegetation while they develop.

The DNR has "seen declines of Northern Pike habitat," which have been found in the pond in previous years. In November of 1935, *The Clarkston News* reported Gus Larion caught a 7.5 pound pike in Mill Pond, and it was caught right from the shore at the edge of his yard.

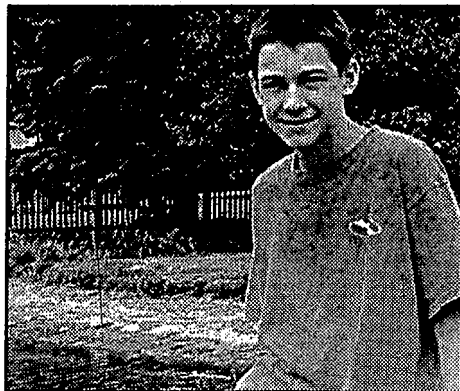
Not only is pond resident Ralph Daigle concerned about the fish, but also about the aesthetic presence the pond has in Clarkston.

"You can't miss it; a lot of people use Holcomb Road and see the water," he said. "It's an embarrassment."

Long-time pond resident Russell Rana agrees, "the Mill Pond is what sets Clarkston apart from other communities."

Concern about the pond isn't only on the minds of residents. The subject of the water's depth came up during a City Council meeting on June 25.

City Manager Dennis Ritter reported to the council, "we've received a lot of phone calls about both the upper and lower ponds." Councilman Mike Sabol said, "it is the worst



James Sirbaugh is concerned about low water levels.

I've seen it in seven years."

Ritter noted those living on the pond's shoreline often irrigate their lawns with the water; he also mentioned the lack of rainfall and evaporation.

Although Ritter mentioned, "the dam is not being closed and water is draining out," he says the city cannot take any action except to encourage the owners to close it.

Causes for reduced depth

In Daigle's mind, there's no doubt Adler and Roth are behind the Mill Pond's low water level. He said he has watched Roth come out between 6-7 in the morning to operate the dam.

"Then, within one or two days the water level will recede," he said.

Roth sympathizes with residents who live on the pond.

"I can understand their feelings," he said, but "there's only so much water."

When operating the dam, Roth has to consider how much water goes over the spillway and the amount flowing through the stream in Depot Park.

If too much water comes over the spillway, it will flood the neighboring property; however, that's usually not a concern except in the spring and winter, Roth explained. If the dam is closed, the water in the Depot Park stream will dry up, which is what concerns Roth in the summer time. He also points out factors such as silt build-up, weeds, and rainfall on the water level.

The Mill Pond is considered a special assessment district in Oakland County because of the numerous weeds in the water. Residents pay \$150 each year to keep the weeds down, but Ryeson said the low water level is keeping contractors from killing weeds. He's observed them stopping at the Upper Pond because they can't get through the muck in their boats.

Frank Shoebel is a pond resident and a member of the Mill Pond subcommittee, which monitors the water and makes recommendations to the Oakland County Lake Board. From his perspective, the pond's water level isn't necessarily impacted by operation of the dam.

"I live on the pond too, and I'm not happy

MILL POND TIMELINE:

1833 - Butler Holcomb builds saw mill on east branch of Clinton River bringing water back to mill in a ditch nearly half a mile long.

1838 - Holcomb sells Mill to brothers Nelson and Jeremiah Clark.

1839 - Gristmill is built where Clarkston Mills Mall is located.

1935 - Mill Pond resident Gus Larion catches 7.5 lb pike from water.

1941 - Under the ownership of Henry Ford, the Mill Pond is drained, the Cofferdam breaks, and a Steam Shovel slips into Mill Pond, but is removed.

with the water level, but you can't blame any individual," he reasoned.

"To fill it up again, we're going to need some rain," Shoebel said. "Otherwise Mother Nature may try to revert the pond back to a creek."

The Mill Pond was originally a stream, but it was dug out to create a pond when many of the homes were built.

Dam owner Adler agrees.

"If it doesn't rain, there's no way to fix it," he said.

According to Meteorologist Dave Kook of the White Lake Weather Station, the Detroit Metro area is 1.36 inches below normal rainfall levels for 2012. For June specifically, we were 2.21 inches below normal and May was 1.66 inches below normal.

"The drought conditions greatly reduce ground water levels," he said. "On the other hand, there's not much evaporation with the high humidity we've been experiencing."

He noted when dew points drop, there will be more evaporation.

Past Mill Pond resident Jim Armstrong insists the change in water level is not evaporation.

"That body of water is too large that evaporation is not going to have an effect," he said.

Armstrong also doesn't believe there's less water flowing into the pond. While a resident living upstream could be diverting the water's course without authorization, "water flow coming into the pond is consistent with what I've seen over the years," he observed.

Armstrong believes the dam may be at fault for the low water level, but it could be leaking and the owners don't know it.

During a meeting with the DEQ on June 29, Adler mentioned even when the dam is closed completely, water still leaks out.

However, the state regularly inspects the mechanism, and has found it is working properly as recently as last year, Roth reports.

Adler has needed maintenance performed on the dam before. For instance, in 1987, a diver fixed the dam from below the water's surface.

See next week's edition for part 2, with possible pond solutions.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Summer heat

Yes, for anyone who asks, it is hot enough for me out there.

The weather's warmer this summer than I care to remember, and it's holding on a lot longer too.

Temperatures were in the 90s this month, so for my vacation over the Fourth of July holiday, of course I went to Alabama to visit family, where the temperatures were a bit warmer, in the hundreds.

That might be for the best, though. It was forecast to top 100 degrees even up north here in Michigan this week, so I might as well get used to it.



Soul-crushing heat aside, this is the time for outdoor fun, a time sorely missed when winter comes around.

All too soon it will be time for the kids to go back to school, campaign season for the November election to heat up, and temperatures to finally cool down.

But for now, kids are enjoying summer camps all over the place, basketball, volleyball, writers, inventors, SCAMP, something for everyone.

We have one more Concert in the Park this Friday, Backyard Jam this weekend, and Concours in the Park and Team RUSH's annual Regatta at Deer Lake next weekend.

The RUSH event's a lot of fun.

The high schoolers design and build cardboard boats and race them around the lake until they sink. This year, I'd design a boat with holes in the bottom, to get in the water faster.

I have to miss it this time around because I'll be down south again, though not too far. It's my 25th high school reunion in Dayton, Ohio. I haven't been to one of those since my fifth reunion in 1992.

Social media changes the whole reunion thing. In 1992, I hadn't seen or heard from classmates in years, so it was a big deal to see what everyone was up to. Now, I can log onto the Internet and find out what they had for breakfast, what their kids had for breakfast, and their lunch plans too.

Everyone's on Facebook now, talking about what they're going to talk about at the reunion.

I'll be sure to make it to the Backyard Jam this weekend, though. I hear there's going to be a dunk tank there. Might have to volunteer for that.

Letters To The Editor . . .

Councilman responds

Dear Editor,

This is regarding the city manager's attempt to portray my views on the city's repeated spending of unappropriated funds as some kind of aberrant personal opinion with no basis in fact, since the city's auditors supposedly have blessed the city's budget ("City 2012-2013 budgets OK'd," July 4).

Here are facts: The city budgets on an activity/department basis. During my tenure, it has several times spent unappropriated funds, exceeding the budget amount for a particular activity/department.

For just one example, before amending the budget in April 2012, the city budgeted \$37,400 for professional services and, as of March 31, 2012, spent \$45,111. That's an expenditure of unappropriated funds. That violates state law. Fixing it by amending the budget to catch up with the spending doesn't make it right. The budget is supposed to control and limit spending, before the money is gone.

And this is not just my personal opinion. The auditors, whom the city manager relies on to say all is ok, said this in their last audit: "The adopting of the Michigan Uniform Local Budgeting Act ... has made it mandatory that balanced budgets be adopted and that those budgets be amended before expenditures exceed the budgeted amounts."

"We noted that the budget was amended during the fiscal year in an attempt to comply with the budget requirements. As previously noted, despite the amendments, expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts in various activities."

I leave it to the city's taxpayers to decide for themselves whose view of the city's spending is right.

*Richard Bisio, City Council member
Clarkston*

No vote for Wallace

Dear Editor,

President Obama said, as a Christian, he believed marriage was between one man and one woman. Well, Obama changed his mind after the Hollywood gay community threatened to cut off donations to his campaign.

Now we have Neil Wallace, who was opposed to the commercial corridor on Sashabaw Road, championed by former Supervisor Dale Stuart, which most agreed was a good idea.

Neil was also opposed to the McLaren hospital project but now he supports it.

I guess, like Obama, Neil has evolved.

It's amazing what these guys will say to get elected.

*Rudy Lozano
Independence Township*

A call for new trustees

Dear Editor,

We need new blood on the Independence Township Board. Jose Aliaga and Ron Ritchie are two young men who are running for Independence Township trustee. They are both great candidates and will serve you well.

Jose Aliaga promises to work on creating a friendly business environment. He plans to encourage new business and retain our current businesses. He is community minded and will be focused on the needs of the community. Jose is well-educated and will be fiscally responsible.

So far in this current election season, Jose has visited over 2,500 homes, explaining his reasons for wanting to be a trustee. So you can see he will certainly be accessible to the taxpayers of this township. We respect his hard work, commitment and dedication to becoming a trustee.

Ron Ritchie understands business and how it should function. He has been a successful business owner/operator for over 30 years. This talent is needed for a well managed township board. Ron has been directly involved in the community by being a township planning commissioner. He is a certified planning commissioner and vice chairman of the commission. He is always well-prepared for the meetings, insightful and respectful of the applicants, often presenting new, acceptable ideas.

Other township activities include the Township Safety Path Committee and the Dixie Highway Corridor Improvement Committee. Vote Aug. 7 for Jose Aliaga and Ron Ritchie as Independence Township trustees.

*Joan McCrary
Independence Township*

Support for Wallace

Dear Editor,

My wife Barbara and I are supporting Neil Wallace for Independence Township supervisor.

During my time on the Planning Commission, I witnessed Neil's hard work, perceptiveness, and his dedication to Independence Township.

It should be obvious to citizens that Neil has served on this commission and on many other community township boards and committees out of a genuine concern for the future of Independence Township.

Because of his service both inside and outside of government, he has acquired the understanding and experience to get things done to make this an even stronger, more liveable community.

A month ago we had a problem with the road in front of our home. Neil was very responsive to our concerns and helped us get a timely answer.

Neil provides the kind of leadership we need now.

*Sincerely,
Bob McGowan*

Please see pages 7B-9B for more letters

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Acclaimed plane to visit" One of the last flying 1948 Lockheed Constellation Airliners was set to arrive at the Oakland International Airport July 14 and was open to the public for tours. Built to the specifications of Howard Hughes, the "Connie" is considered the most beautiful piston-engine airliner ever built and was the first pressurized aircraft in widespread use.

"Pine Knob gets approval for all day shows" Three shows for the summer were unanimously approved by the Independence Township Board of Trustees. However, the ordinance that would regulate Pine Knob exclusively for these kinds of shows is still being debated.

25 years ago - 1987

"Village council agrees to moped crackdown" Clarkston began cracking down on underage teens who illegally ride mopeds within the village limits, the village council decided July 13.

Moped drivers must be at least 15 years old to operate the vehicles on public streets. Those under 19 must wear a helmet. The vehicle must be registered with the state and the driver must be licensed, said Trustee Frank Millard.

"Bicycle hits car" A 7-year-old Independence Township boy was injured when he ran into a car while riding his bike. Adam Michael Heil of Tiohero Road was treated and released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, on July 7 following the accident around noon.

50 years ago - 1962

"Poster Wins Award" The Clarkston High School Art Department received word Karen Wooley, an eleventh grade student of the past school year. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wooley of Hadley Road, received a commendation for her safety poster entered in the annual contest sponsored by the Automobile Club of America.

Karen's poster in gray, black, pink, and red on a white background, illustrated the slogan, "Walk On Left Facing Traffic."

"Sermon Series Announced" The Kingdom of God, the central theme of the life and teaching of Jesus, was the subject of a series of sermons to be preached at First Methodist Church, Clarkston by Reverend Mr. Giguere. It was hoped the series would help twentieth century Christians to better understand Jesus' message for today.

I wonder how Abe would have done in Gallup polls

When did political polls start? I don't really want to know. I hear only those that reflect my choices.

But, that's just my way of getting to this Jottings. What started this thinking was a comment made by Wayne, my barber. Which took me back several years. Then president of the Oxford Board of Education, Dr. G. E. Meads, when reviewing applicants for superintendent went to the applicant's town and interviewed barbers.

The applicant was Rel Ambrose. He was hired by the Board and served here many years.

My barber, Wayne, said last week, "I'm really surprised how many tell me they aren't going to vote in the upcoming presidential election."

I understand how people can get sick and tired of all the lying, promises, lying, negative comments and lying.

Sure Obama and Romney sound alike at times. Sure they are "politicians." Sure the liberal and conservative voters find considerable fault with the other side.

But not to vote at all in our United States is wrong. A non-voter is a nothing. A blank ballot is like giving

up on America.

Just because there is no Dwight David Eisenhower or other proven and loved leader as a Dem or GOP choice, doesn't excuse eligible voters for staying away from the voting booths.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

There IS a candidate from each party on the ballot and one will be elected. If that's not the one you voted for, at least you can tell people you didn't vote for him.

If you do not vote at all you can't even get into the argument.

Voting is the least amount of commitment you can make.

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Back to polls and my barber, or female hairdressers (same thing for my point of view). Forget all the cold phone calls.

Get the opinions from the people-persons. Business listener-owners. I think pollsters would get more accurate predictions from real people rather than from those phone responder people who start off

upset with having to leave their stool to answer some political questioner.

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I gotta get back to what Jottings readers demand. Nonsense.

• I'd like to know how much our government granted some college educated person for this study: Birds first color choice of cars for their droppings is red. Second is blue and green is last.

• Seems the Democrat Party has become the Lawyers Party - Barack, Hillary, Michelle, Bill, two Edwards, Gore, though he didn't graduate.

• Get those kids off iPads, etc, and get them to pull taffy. That was my childhood favorite.

• Isn't the AARP just another money making insurance and investment company?

• Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And, if it stops moving, subsidize it. Ronald Reagan.

• I'll end with this from Mark Twain: The only difference between man and a taxidermist is the taxidermist leaves the skin.

Fireworks, the future, lies and innuendo

I know, I know . . . I am late on the whiner's wagon in regards to crying about the excessive displays of selfishness taking over Michigan. Of course, I am talking about the evening hour shenanigans and fireworks.

Come on already folks, July 4 was half a month ago!

I know the state still has high unenjoyment, but most of us still have jobs and some of us actually get up around five in the morning. To be jolted awake by firecrackers or other explosions is getting old. And, I for one need all the beauty sleep I can get. So, in that I am being selfish when I ask:

Parents -- teach your kids about respect.

Kids -- ask your neighbors (during daylight hours) if it's okay to light 'em up during the work week (or better yet, just assume Sunday through Thursday it's not nice to shoot off your fireworks.)

Folks -- it doesn't sound like I am whining, too much . . . does it? By the way, you can thank reader "Sparky" for that part of my column. She whined,

too.

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I once had an idea for a futuristic, science fiction type book that made Michigan the new hip place to live in and frolic around. The premiss: Global warming made living in today's current hot spots (California, New York, Florida, etc) non-livable. In my future-world it was too hot to live in the south and both the Left and the East coasts were lost to earthquakes and rising oceanic waters.

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

The country wanted fresh water from the Great Lakes, but somehow the Midwest was able to fend off efforts to pipe water away. Michigan, with all its water and beaches soon became home to the super celebs who love beach homes, fast boats and other good-looking people; farmers who love to have water for their crops prospered and

fed the nation. In general life was good in the Wolverine state.

Heck, palms trees were even growing all around the Mitten State's coasts. Paradise.

I discarded the book as too far-fetched, poppycock you will, not because of the global warming thing, rather because as a side note, the Detroit Lions had won the Super Bowl -- multiple times.

Crazy, I know. It'd never sell.

* * *

Currently reading the book, *The Killing Jar*, by Gloria Nixon-John, with help from Robert "Skip" Noelker. Nixon-John is an Oxford resident, so she sent me a copy to read. Inside the cover she scribbled a note: *To Don, Who still knows the power of the printed word.* Gloria

I won't go too much into the book now (that will come in a later column), suffice to say that it is "based on a true story." It involves murder, government failures, insanity and more. (How's that for a tease?)

As to the power of the printed word, Gloria, you and four other people read this

column: My mom, three sisters and you. You may have hitched your wagon on the wrong horse!

* * *

One thing makes me happy about not having cable or dish or satellite TV like the rest of you suckers: Don Doesn't Pay To Get Bombarded With Presidential Campaign Commercials.

Score one for Rush.

Seriously, if you are paying for cable or dish or satellite TV, are you whizzed off at paying for the privilege of watching lies and innuendo?

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I wonder how long it will be before having cable TV is considered a "right" of being an American?

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The folks at Clarkston Flower Shoppe are having their 2nd annual Backyard Jam, all proceeds go to help local soldiers. It's July 21, and they are looking for folks willing to be dunked in a tank. I have signed up. If you know somebody who is willing, e-mail me: Don@ShermanPublications.org.

July 25 will be the last week The Clarkston News will publish political Letters to the Editor.

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- Commitment to maintaining the integrity of our neighborhoods.
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- State Representative Eileen Kowall
- Oakland County Commissioner Tom Middleton
- George M. Romney
- Joan McCrary



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Volunteers provide disaster relief in Alabama. Photos provided

Bucket brigade for disasters

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Greg Martin of Clarkston was changed when he visited Alabama last year after tornadoes tore through the communities.

"It was a really moving experience to make me resign from a career of 12 years as a youth director," he said.

He noticed a lot of items people sent, such as bottled water and clothing, were great, but it wasn't what survivors needed at the moment.

He created Disaster Relief at Work, a organization to bring supplies and volunteers to communities hit by natural disasters.

Martin, executive director for D.R.A.W., said other disaster organizations like the Red Cross and Salvation Army do a great job but he wanted to do something to help survivors immediately.

He pointed out it takes a few days for a house to get fixed while residents wait for the insurance adjuster to come out, look at the damage, and then be able to fix it.

D.R.A.W. will mitigate the damage by patching the hole so no more damage will occur.

"Not many people are sending tarps to tornado or hurricane hit areas," Martin said. "We have a roof patching kit we will send to people. Or send individual things. If a family's house is hit by a hurricane, they have to shop at a thrift store for items they need. We thought, what if we have one kit with all the toiletries and give them the kit."

D.R.A.W. came to the conclusion all the items they would need for different kits would fit into a 5-gallon bucket.

Martin said there are many ways for the community to get involved. One way is to go online and see their bucket list, and fill a bucket

or send a bucket to a specific person or family.

Buckets can be purchased on their website or can be physically filled and picked up by D.R.A.W. Buckets include kits for family bathroom, patch, valuables, team, sleep, cleaning and change containers, to collect change to help raise funds.

"Then we have buckets in our warehouse ready to go," said Martin. "When a disaster hits, we take a volunteer first response team there. We move trees or help patch roofs, but we will also bring the materials to them that they need."

If unable to fill an entire bucket, they also welcome volunteers.

They also need items for the buckets such as Ziploc bags, tarps and more.

Another way is through social media and following D.R.A.W. on Twitter and Facebook.

"The more you expand your network, the more people realize this relief process is for survivors," he said.

Through the social networks, they will also alert where and when they are going after a natural disaster strikes. People can volunteer to go with them or share the word with someone who can go.

"The thing that moved me is there is never a time in the human experience where you go from everyday life to rock bottom instantaneously more than a natural disaster," said Martin. "The day before, everything was fine and then the entire community was uprooted. They don't see themselves as victims. They see themselves as survivors."

For more information, please go to www.drawbuckets.org, or contact Martin at greg@drawbuckets.org or at 864-569-6249.

"Our hope is we can fill a gap in disaster relief that exists," said Martin. "So people that get hit can get served better."



A Cleaning Bucket, available to send through D.R.A.W.



Oakland County Sheriff's deputies and Independence Township firefighters clean up a two-vehicle crash at Clintonville and Clarkston roads, 5:30 p.m., July 16. Paramedics treated the drivers for minor injuries. Photo by Mary Keck

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Domestic violence

A 27-year-old Waterford Township man was arrested for domestic violence for hitting his girlfriend and trying to force her into his car, 11:37 p.m., June 29, in a Pine Knob Road parking lot as witnesses tried to stop him. They had both been drinking.

Intoxicated driver

Deputies found a 59-year-old Waterford Township man stumbling around a parking lot at Maybee and Sashabaw, 1:34 p.m., July 3, after a report of a vehicle all over the road. The man's vehicle had been driven into a nearby ditch. He had a preliminary breath test of .09, and a revoked license for substance abuse. He had a quarter-full bottle of liquor and bottle of pills in the vehicle. He was cited for driving with a suspended license, open intoxicants, and driving an unregistered vehicle. Investigation continues.

Swimmer robbed

A swimmer left his wallet, keys and cell phone on the beach covered in a towel at Bay Court Park, 4:44 p.m., July 3. When he got back from swimming, the wallet was gone.

Fireworks and alcohol

Deputies responding to a report of fireworks going off found three 18-year-old Independence Township men in the 5000 block of Timber Cove Circle, 7:20 p.m., July 4. The three teens had been drinking, and were cited for minors in possession and consumption of alcohol.

Old pistol found

A resident of the 4000 block of Clinton found a very rusty semi-automatic pistol in the canal behind his house, 5:01 p.m., July 5.

Absent minded

Responding to a report of a hit-and-run at Andersonville and Parview, 3:31 P.M., July 5, a deputy stopped to talk to a 27-year-old Waterford man walking on the side of the street. When talking to him, the deputy noticed a hand-rolled marijuana cigarette behind the Waterford man's ear. He said he forgot it was there. He was cited for possession of marijuana.

Fully loaded

While conducting a traffic stop in Independence Township, deputies noticed about \$6,000 in cash in plain view in the passenger compartment of the vehicle, 4:18 p.m., July 10. The driver, a 27-year-old Waterford man, didn't have a driver's license. The passenger, a 26-year-old Waterford man, had a warrant for his arrest for drunk driving. While conducting an inventory search of the vehicle, deputies found a loaded Walther .380 pistol on the passenger side floor board. A K-9 search didn't find drugs, but indicated for drugs on the money. The vehicle was impounded and both suspects were arrested and jailed.

Self inflicted fatality

A 55-year-old Independence Township man died by apparent suicide, 11:17 p.m., July 14, in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road. Responding to a call from the victim, saying he was suicidal, deputies established a perimeter around the residence. After several unsuccessful attempts to contact the man, deputies approached the property and found the victim deceased. No one else was harmed in the incident. Investigation continues. In a crisis, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Elect

Paul A. Brown, CPA

Independence Township Treasurer

Qualified
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Public Accountant



At the age of 36, just 3 days after completing my Accounting Degree at Oakland University, I put on a new suit and tie, drove to Southfield and walked into a mirrored elevator for a trip to the 5th floor of a building that housed over 100 accountants and at that moment, I realized I was one of them. I'm quite certain I was laughing all the way up the

elevator and there was a giant smile on my face for a least 6 months straight!

I was incredibly excited and nothing was going to stop me from continuing the education I started 3 years earlier. I volunteered for every extra duty I could and set out to become not just a great accountant, but a well-rounded business advisor. I became an expert in computer software utilization and developed a keen sense for identifying when numbers "just didn't look right". That sense led to my first job in the private sector. While working with a client, I picked up on some numbers that seemed "off" and within a few days, I had uncovered a large embezzlement by the company's controller. After nearly 5 years at the accounting firm, my client made me an offer I couldn't refuse and I joined the private sector as a corporate controller.

If you missed earlier chapters of my story and want to learn more about the values I will bring to the Independence Township, visit my website at www.electpaulbrown.com, contact me at paul@electpaulbrown.com or say "hello" at the Concert in the Park this Friday. I look forward to hearing from you.

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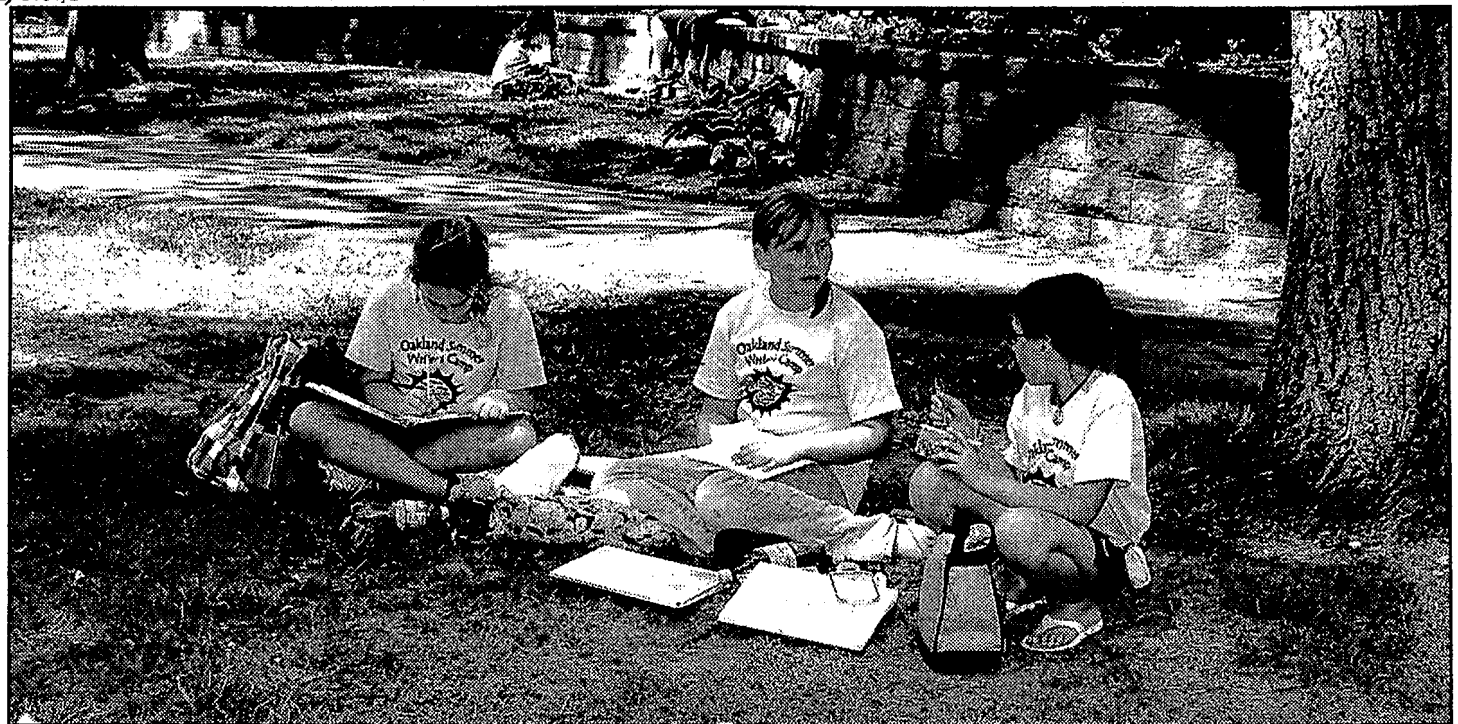
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From left, Courtney Blackett, Haley Wilson, and Sarah Herc write in their notebooks.

Park writing

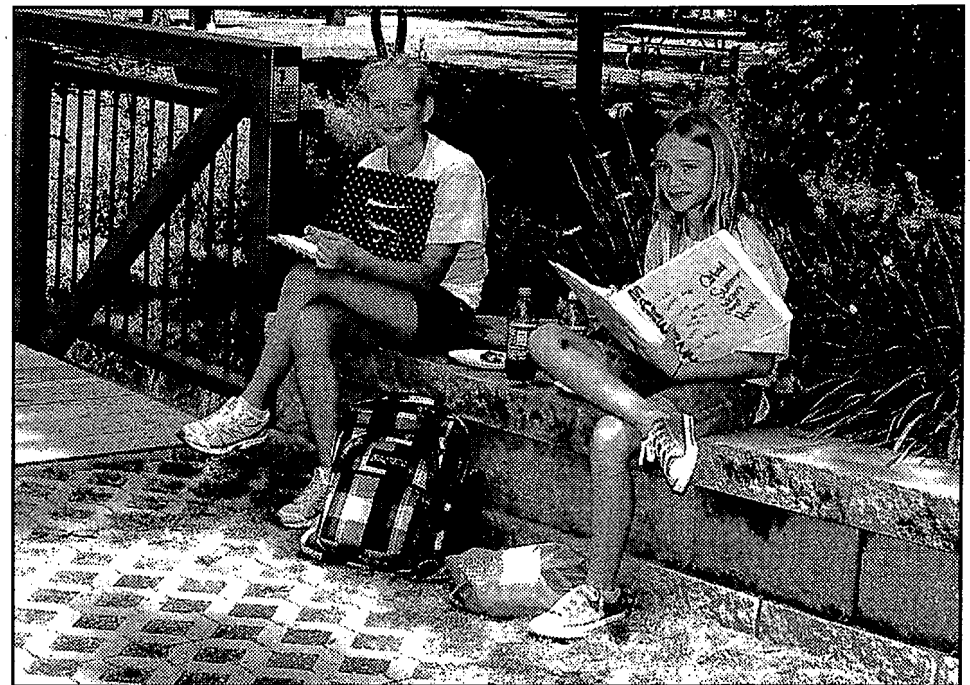
Dozens of young writers toured downtown Clarkston and Depot Park looking for inspiration, July 13.

The trip was part of Oakland Summer Writer's Camp, July 9-20, at Clarkston Community Education building.

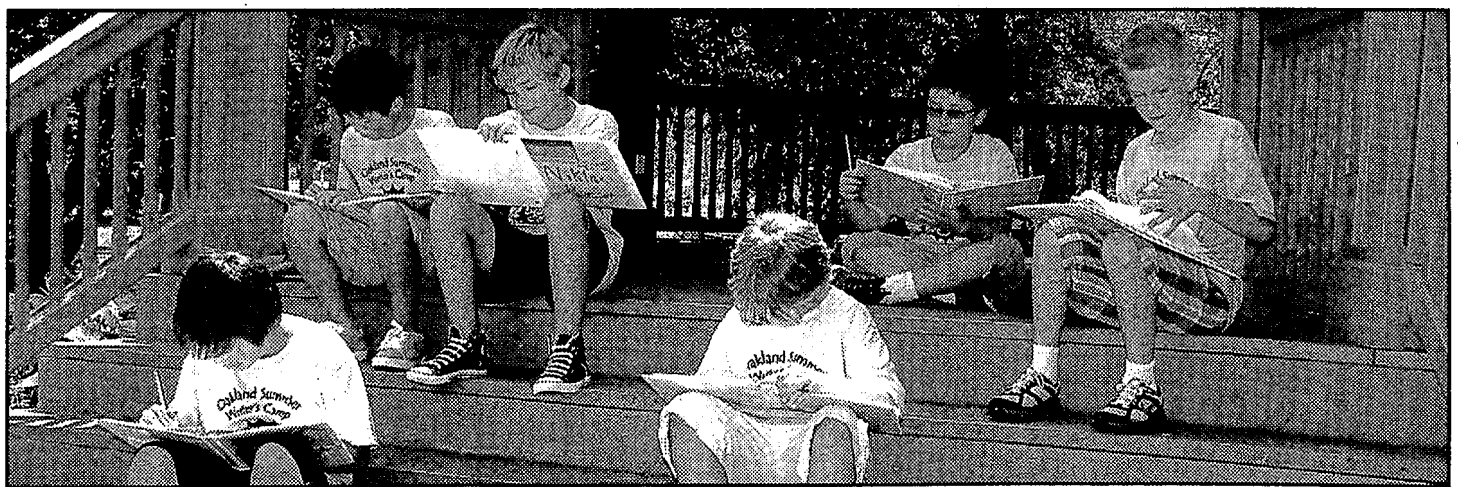
Directors Jim Haugh and Phyllis Ness taught the campers from throughout Oakland County to use what they see, hear, feel and experience of the world around them to encourage writing.

Many of the students were able to participate through scholarships awarded by Clarkston's Pine Knob PTA, Clarkston Optimists and Clarkston Foundation, said volunteer Nan Lindner.

"We're really pleased to have the support of the community," Lindner said. "We thank the City of the Village of Clarkston for use of Depot Park, Clarkston Union for the tour, and Rudy's for lunch."



Ashley Liles and Makenzie Griffin, at the Depot Park bridge.



The park gazebo is a great place to write for, top row from left, Jason Pae, Niklas Brassat, Aiden Miller, and Doug Olson, and, bottom row, Alex Lee and Connor Rensch. Photos by Phil Custodio



Lady Kickers go after the ball in the World Cup. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Rolling in the learning

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Future Wolves Girls Soccer Camp wrapped last Thursday after four days of fun and learning.

The camp was led by Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Sarah Wasilk, her coaching staff and varsity players.

Kickers learned basic technical and tactical skill with training sessions for ball skills, one-on-one defending, passing, shooting and team concepts of the game.

"I thought it was a really fun and a great learning experience," said Camryn Dehlerup, about her second summer at the camp. "I improved on my kicking on the net."

"It was really fun," Claire Lynch added. "It helped me improve by being dominate with

both feet. Before, I was stronger with my right foot. Now I can kick with my left really good."

Both are veterans to soccer as they play all year with their parks and recreation team and an indoor soccer league.

"Lots of improvement," Wasilk told the girls before campers received their awards and camp T-shirts. "Lots of hard work. You did a great job."

Kickers received awards for contests played during the week for Knock Out, Lightning and World Cup as well as Sportsmanship, Most Improved Player and Lady Wolf. Coaches also made their own awards they gave out on the last day.

The camp is every summer and is open to students entering grades third through ninth and is offered by the Clarkston High School Soccer program.



Varsity players stepped in as coaches during the week.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jimmy Todd with the Manchester United Premier Cup trophy. Photo submitted

Kicking overseas

Kicker Jimmy Todd is heading to Shanghai, China, this week to compete in the Manchester United Soccer Club World Cup U-15 Finals.

Todd and his 14 teammates from the Nike Premier Vardar Soccer Club will represent the United States at the event. They will compete with teams from 20 different countries from Europe, Latin America, South America, Asia and Africa.

They earned the trip to compete in the World Cup after winning the Manchester United Premier Cup U.S. Final tournament on Memorial Day in Oregon. It was hosted by Manchester United Soccer Club and sponsored by Nike.

Todd aided his team by scoring the lone goal to beat against Real So Cal, from Los Angeles, Calif., during the championship game. Todd assisted with one goal against St. Louis Scott Gallagher as the Vardar shut down St. Louis, 3-0.

They opened the event winning six games and tying one games.

The team won the tournament trophy and earned all-expenses paid trip to China for the World Cup.

"Before the tournament even started I

had a good feeling with this core of kids," said Morris Lupenec, Vardar director of coaching who led the team. "They have great team chemistry and worked hard throughout. I couldn't be prouder of them."

The World Cup begins on Friday and will continue until Monday. While in Shanghai, Todd and his teammates will participate in training sessions provided by Manchester United First Team professionals and watch the match between Manchester United and Shanghai.

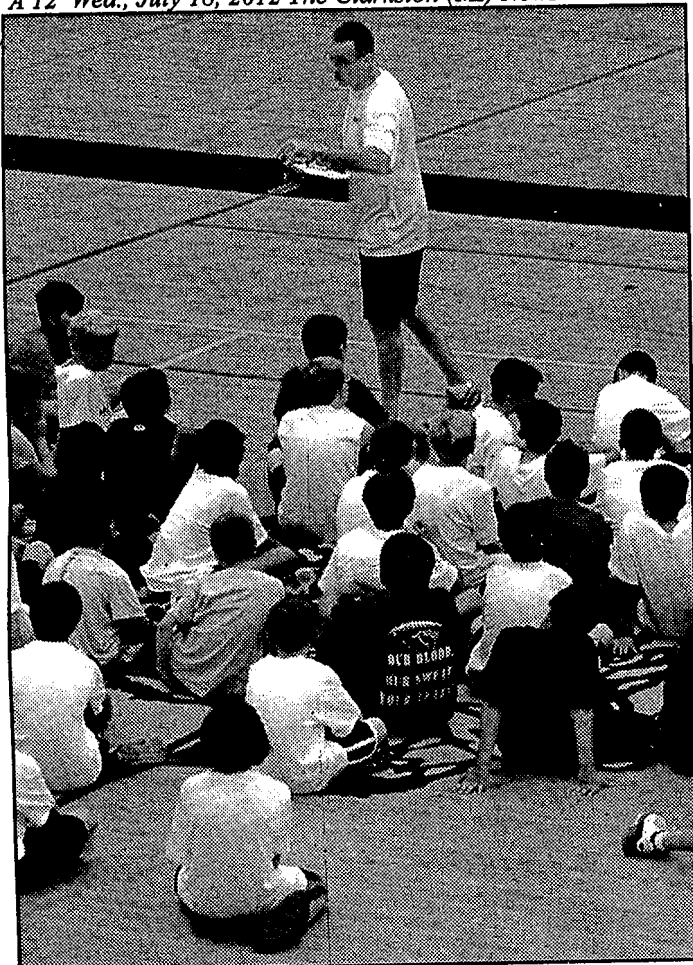
When Todd comes back to the United States, he will land in Chicago and head back to the soccer field. The team will play in the National Premier League National Championship, July 27-31. His team earned the opportunity after their showing in the regional playoffs. They beat the current Ohio State Cup Champions, the Columbus Crew, 5-0.

Todd will come back in time to prepare to play for the Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Soccer team as practices begin on Aug. 8.

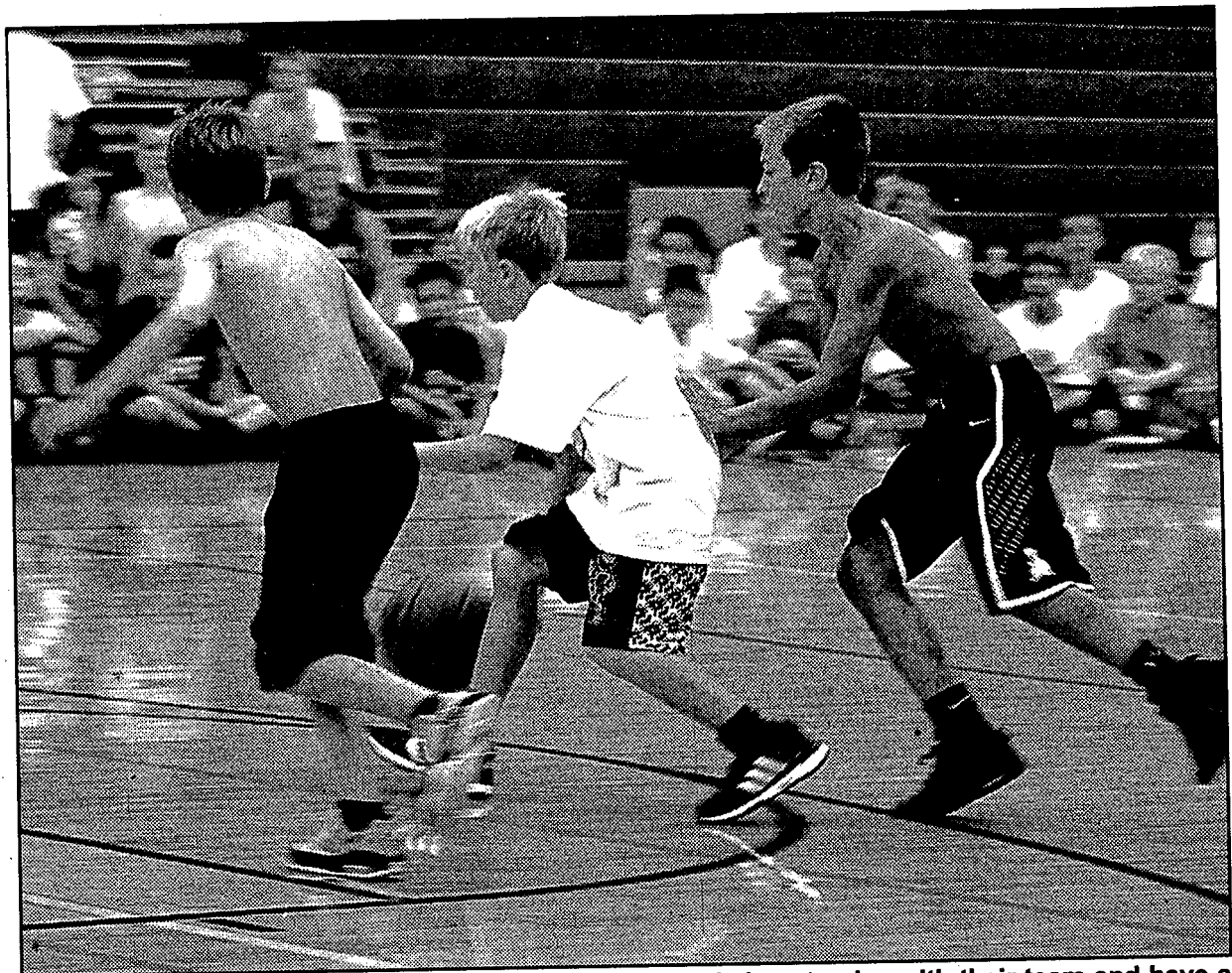
He will also start his sophomore year at the high school in September.

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Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife gives advice to the players.



Campers work on their basketball skills during the week, how to play with their team and have a successful game. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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Perfecting Cager skills

Sixty basketball players filled with energy and excitement overtook the Clarkston High School gym last week for Fife Fundamentals Camp.

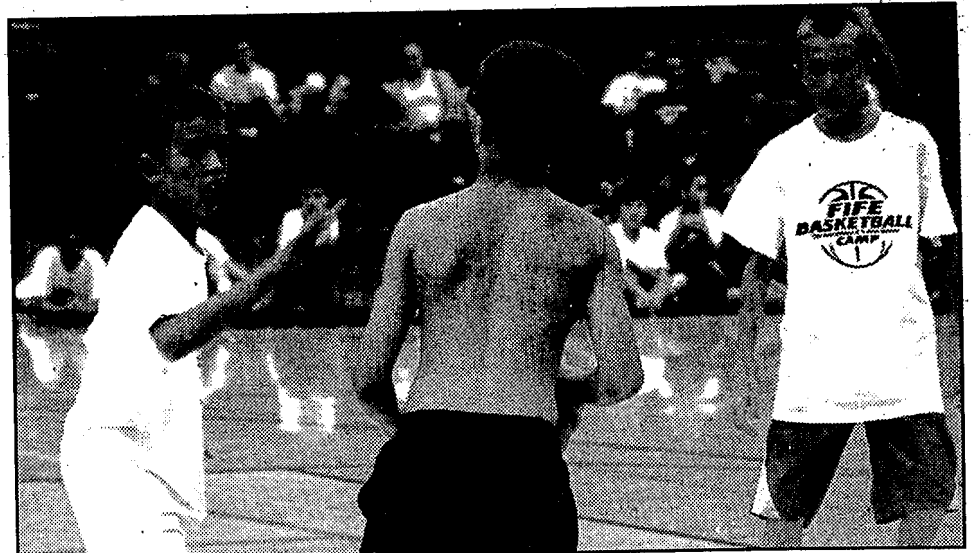
"It was a great week," said Dan Fife, head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. "The kids' enthusiasm is incredible, to have these kids for four days in this kind of hot weather in the gym. It was good to see."

The boys worked on their skills from

shooting to defense.

"I saw a lot of progress this week," Fife told the campers. "Don't sit around. Time for you to do something on your own. Take time to prepare now."

He also left the boys with some things to think about in sports and life. He told them to always do the right thing, do the best they can in the classroom, don't let emotions control the game, and, most importantly, to listen especially to their parents. ~WAR



Players get into position to defend in the championship game.



The Michigan Impact U-12 Girls Team; top row from left, Coach Damian Huffer, Gretel Keller, Darby Durrant, Brooke Madak, Morgan Sclesky, Mackenzie Wolf, Karlie Flesher, Sarah Beckett, Sami Hild; bottom row, Kristin Bouchard, Liana Smith, Erin Collins, Anna Miklas, Anna LeBourdais, Ellie Vondette and Elena Wood. Photo submitted

Top in their league

The Michigan Impact White U-12 Girls team won the championship for the Michigan Youth Soccer League U-13 Girls Red Division.

They finished in first with a record 7-2-1 for the spring season. They had five shut-outs in their seven wins.

They scored 35 goals in their league games. They held their opponents to 11 goals in the league.

The team is: Sarah Beckett, Kristin

Bouchard, Erin Collins, Darby Durrant, Karlie Flesher, Sami Hild, Gretel Keller, Anna LeBourdais, Brooke Madak, Anna Miklas, Morgan Sclesky, Liana Smith, Ellie Vondette, Mackenzie Wolf, and Elena Wood, are coached by Damian Huffer.

For more information about Michigan Impact Soccer Club or the MYSL, please visit www.michiganimpactsoccer.com and www.michigansoccer.com.

Way to go Michigan Impact!

Golf outing for football

Deadline to sign up for the 12th Annual Clarkston Football Family and Friends Golf Outing is this Friday.

The golf event is Aug. 3. Registration begins at noon at Pine Knob Golf Course in Clarkston.

The shotgun start is set for 1 p.m. It is \$100 per golfer and includes dinner, door prizes, golf contests and awards. Bring a dinner guest for an additional \$40.

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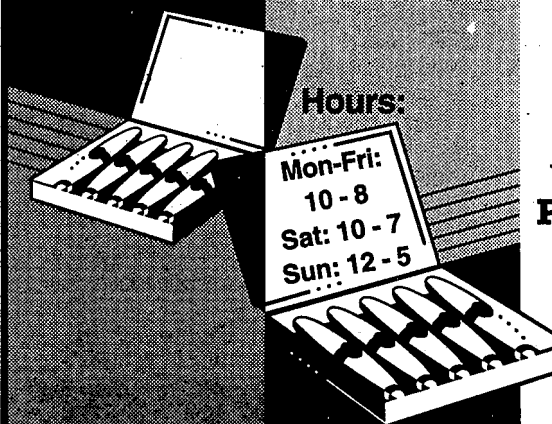
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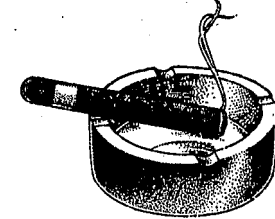
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Abraham, Kristen M.
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Aguilar, Alyssa M.
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Anderson, Codi F.
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Linton, Carter T.
Loetzner, Kerlin
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Miles, Ashley M.
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Whall, Alexandra J.
White, Shannon M.
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Williams, Donte A.
Williams, Simone A.
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Zabel, Brenden M.

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Atchison, Thomas S.
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Baranyai, Alexandra
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Bey, Alyssa M.
Bigger, Erin D.
Biggs, Andrew W.
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Dunn, Tyler J.
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Glise, Stefani P.
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Hyduk, Bradley J.
Jeffers, Helen R.
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Lee, Andrew H.
Leek, Becka R.
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Li, Nicholas L.
Lies, Alexandra
Limbert, Jakob K.
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Maday, Madeline D.
McCaghy, Caitlin E.
McTighe, James E.
Millan, Miguel J.
Miller, Michael A.
Oldford, Natasha R.
Piazza, Caryann L.
Razdar, Camron J.
Setting, Jason A.
Sowers, Mackenzie R.
Starnes, Elizabeth C.
Stelpflug, Megan J.
Tonks, Jonathan S.
Tuomi, Makayla A.
Zawadzki, Joshua D.

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Adair, Taylor M.
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Altene, Jessica M.
Anastasi, Alexandria
Anderson, Christian V.

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Andree, Anthony J.
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Christie, Sean R.
Chupinsky, Sandra G.
Clements, Kaitlyn M.
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Dever, Andrew K.
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Epley, Mckenzy M.
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Ferrand, Dana R.
Flood, Robin L.
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Freeman, Darby J.
Frick, Megan M.

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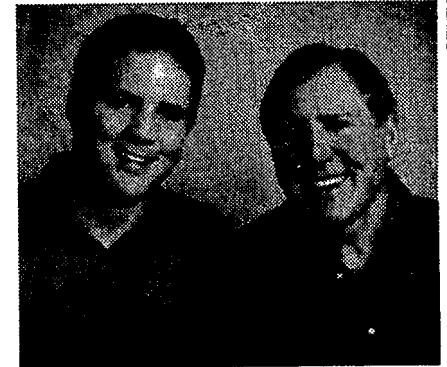
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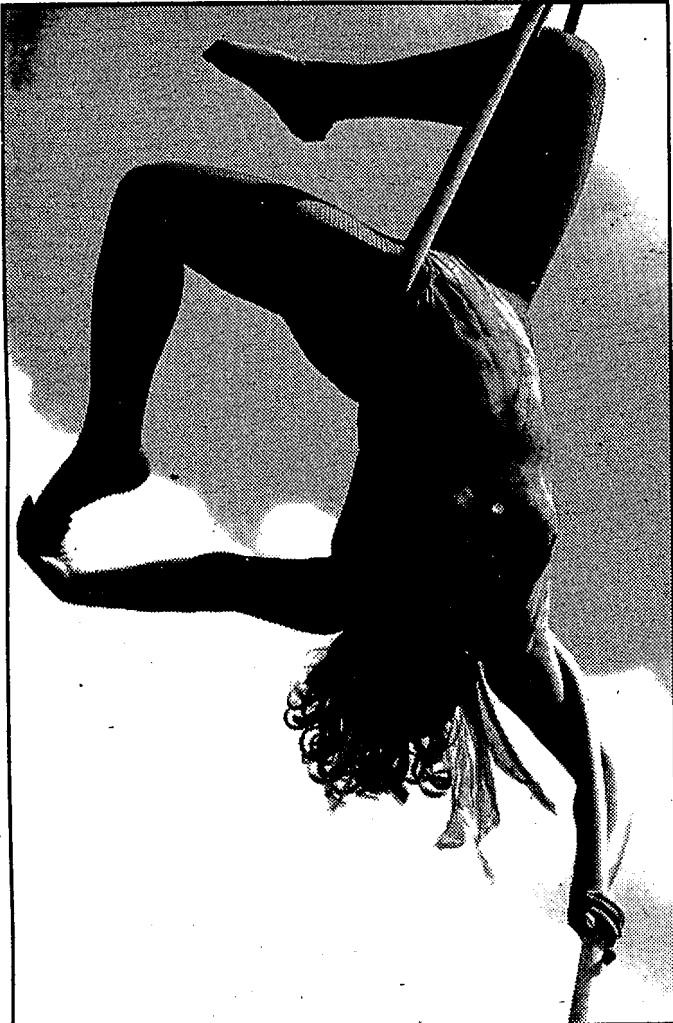
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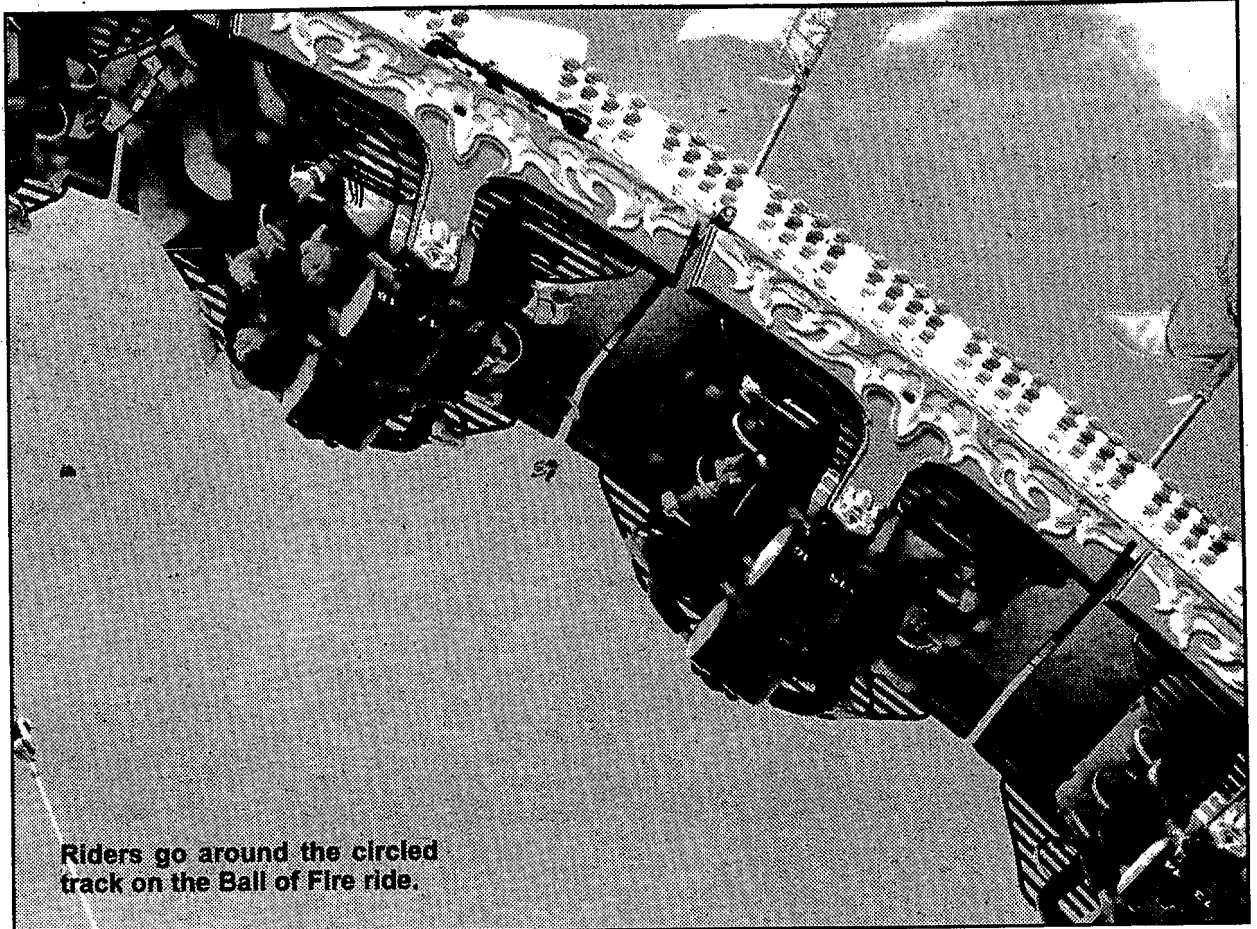
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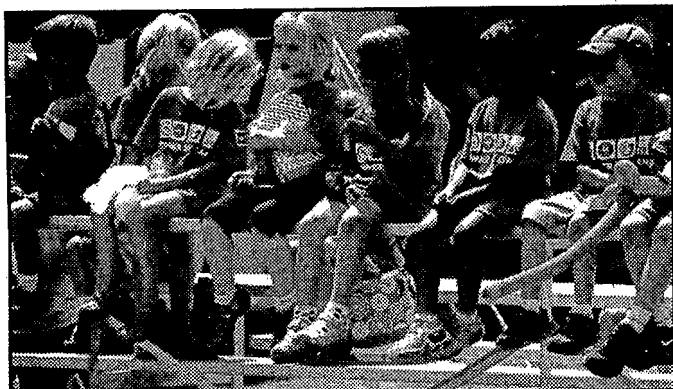


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Fun times at Oakland County Fair



Kids enjoy watching the Circus Pages show.



And they're off...pigs race during one of the events.

People of all ages headed to the Oakland County 4-H Fair last week to take in the sights and sounds.

There was something for everyone during the 10-day event — rides, activities, food, merchants and circus

shows. A few other stops were the different barns filled with poultry, rabbits, cows, horses, goats and the popular Miracle of Birth barn.

People could also check out this year's ribbon winners in a vast range

of different categories.

The fair closed on Sunday. Stay updated about the fair during the year by checking their website at www.oakfair.org or follow them on Facebook - Oakland County Fair.



Shelby Schudlich, left, and sister, Kadence, right, take a faster route with great-grandmother Dimple Floyd, center. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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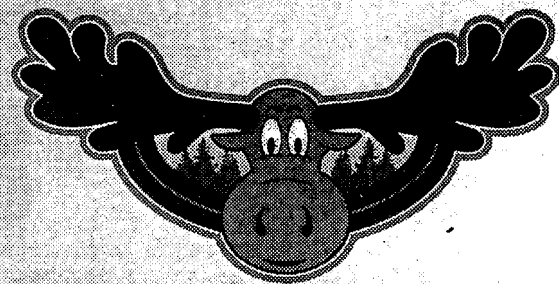
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Clarkston couple conquer mountain trail

BY KRISTEN COOPER
Special to the Clarkston News

Two long-time Clarkston residents are in the midst of the adventure of a lifetime as they hike the entire Appalachian mountain trail, from Georgia to Maine.

Mark and Julie Lamphier, or EZ and Gravity as they are called on the trail, left in March and just recently crossed into New York. However, they still have over 800 miles left in their journey, which should be completed by mid-September.

The entire Appalachian Trail system is 2,180 miles long and crosses through 14 states. For more information about the trails, visit www.appalachiantrail.org/home.

The Lamphiers have not always been big hikers. In fact, their first hike was with a church group nine years ago. After the hike, they have been on a hiking trip at least once every year.

One of the trips would introduce them to the Appalachian Trail with a section hike of the mountains. They talked about how it would be neat to hike the entire trail since they enjoyed it so much.

They made the decision to hike the trail this year for a number of reasons, the biggest being the point where they were in their lives.

Julie said they just became empty nesters and were thinking about what's coming next in their lives. She added hiking the trail has been a great way for them to play a little while they think about what's next.

After they decided they were going to hike the trail, there wasn't much they could do to prepare. They hiked at Independence Oaks to get ready, but in the end, they really trained when they started on the trail.

Julie said there's nothing in Clarkston to prepare them for the hills and other experiences on the trail. Because of it, they both agreed the beginning was the most challenging part of the trail so far.

"Even though it is exciting to be out on the



Mark and Julie Lamphier of Clarkston take a break beside a mountain stream, as they hike the Appalachian Trail. Photo provided

trail, your body just isn't ready for what it's going to experience," she added.

Although they still have a long way to go, they have already been changed by their experience on the trail. They've witnessed a lot of amazing views, crossed bears and snakes and met a lot of amazing people.

In addition, they've lost a lot of weight and are glad to have found a way to be in shape they

can still do.

They also said the trail has strengthened their relationship with each other.

Throughout their time on the trail, the Lamphiers have been blogging about their experiences and posting pictures of all the wonderful things they've seen.

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AARP Driver Safety Class, 1:30-5:30 p.m., July 31, Aug. 2. \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members, special price of \$5 for educators. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Register, 248-625-8231.

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.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, sponsored by Clarkston High School Marching Band, 1-7 p.m., Aug. 7, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake Road. 248-802-1396, www.redcrossblood.org, code: "clarkstonmusic."

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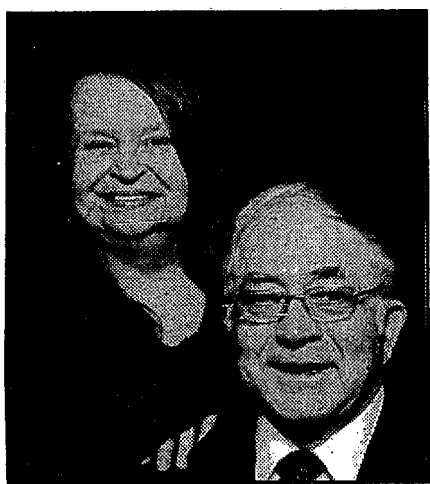
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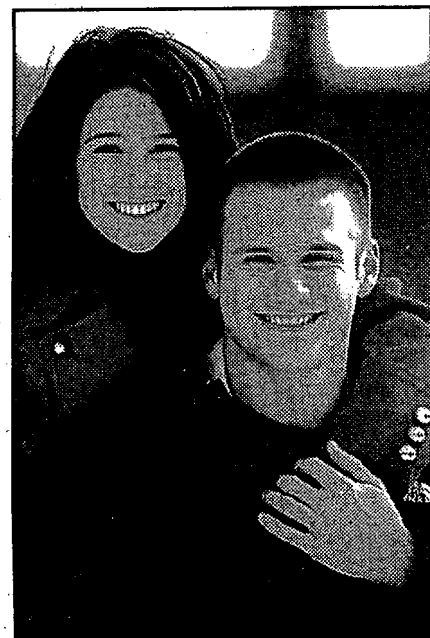
Connie and Dale

Wedded 45 years

Dale and Connie (Fredricks) Hawks of Clarkston recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

They were married on July 15, 1967, in Watervliet, Mich. They have three children, Jeannie of Clarkston, Dale Jr. and Roxie of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and Neil and Katherine of Dacula, Ga. They also have three grandchildren, Alissa, Danielle, and Zachary.

Connie is retired from Grand Blanc Printing and Dale is retired from General Motors.



Katlin and Trey

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Mr. and Mrs. David Snelling of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Katlin Jean to Trey Bergquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bergquist, also from Clarkston. Katlin and Trey are both graduates of Clarkston High School and Oakland University. A 2013 wedding is planned.

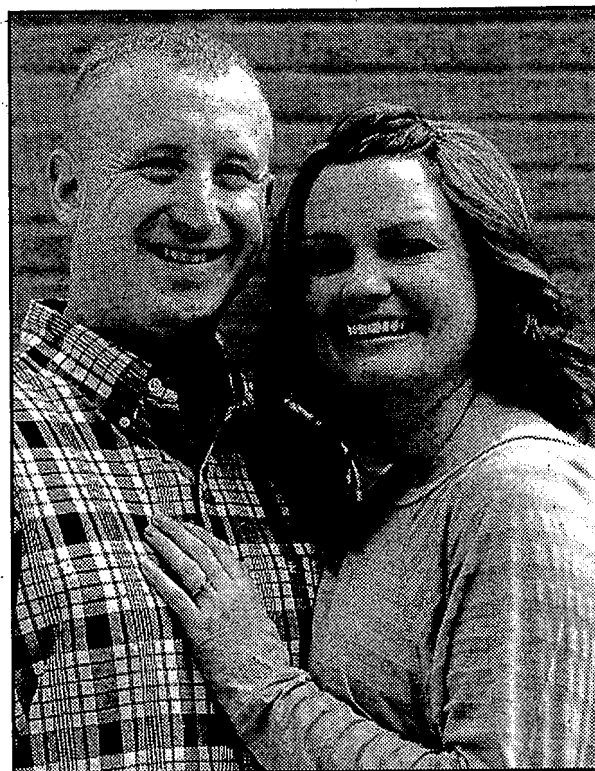
Rathsburg -Bruce

Martin and Paula Rathsburg of Clarkston along with Dave and Marlene Bruce of Commerce are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Amy Jo and Derek David.

The bride to be is a 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School. She received her Master's degree in Education from Oakland University in 2011.

The groom to be is a 2000 graduate of Lakeland High School. He obtained an Engineering Degree from Western Michigan University in 2007.

The engaged couple currently resides in Lowell, MI. A September 2012 wedding is planned.



Derek and Amy Jo

Romney support for Aliaga



George Romney, left, with Jose Aliaga in Independence Township. Photo by Phil Custodio

George Romney, nephew of presidential candidate Mitt Romney, stopped by Buckshots in Independence Township, July 11, to support Jose Aliaga's candidacy for Independence Township trustee.

"We need people at every level, township, county, state, national," Romney said. "Jose has a lot of energy and passion for what he believes in."

"He's running for the right reasons – to help people," said Dr. James O'Neill of Clarkston, also at the fund raiser. "His expertise in health care will help with the hospital issue."

"I think Michigan will be one of these handful of states that will turn this election," Romney said. "We have a strong chance in Michigan. It will take a lot of work to get the message out, but I'm pleased so far with what I've been hearing. I'm excited about November."

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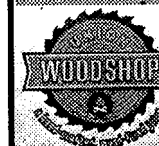
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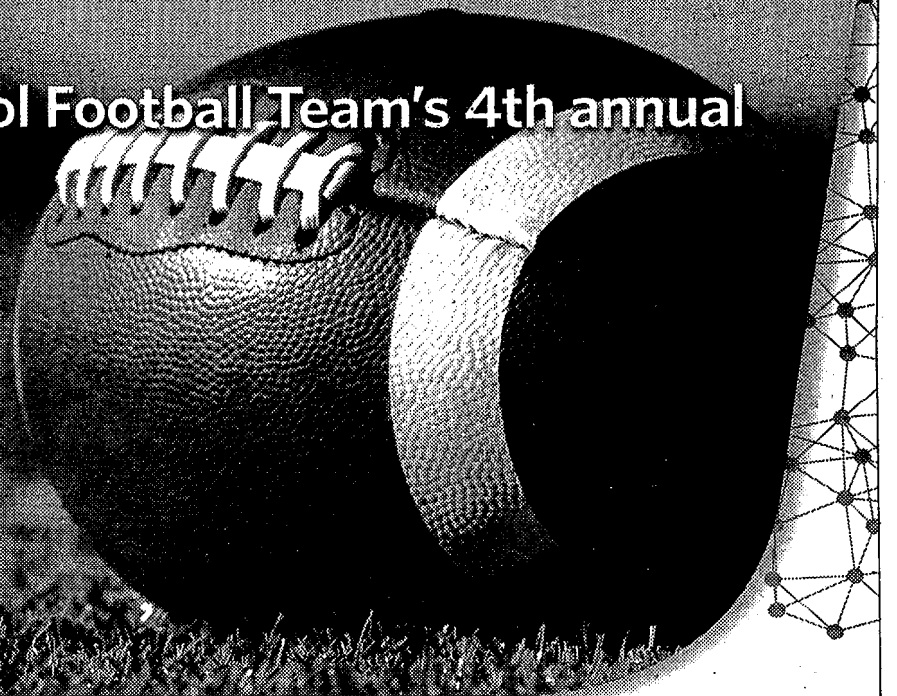
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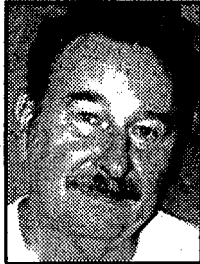


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Henry Kerzykowski, 87

Henry Kerzykowski of Clarkston passed away July 16, 2012, at age 87.

He was the husband of Helen for 64 years; father of Rita (Jon), Daniel, Bernice (Ted), Karen (Joel), Teresa (Don) and Mary (Tom); grandpa of Christine, Michael, Emily, Melyce, Victoria, Danny and Matthew; great grandpa of Caitlin, Lucas and Layla; brother of John (Elda).

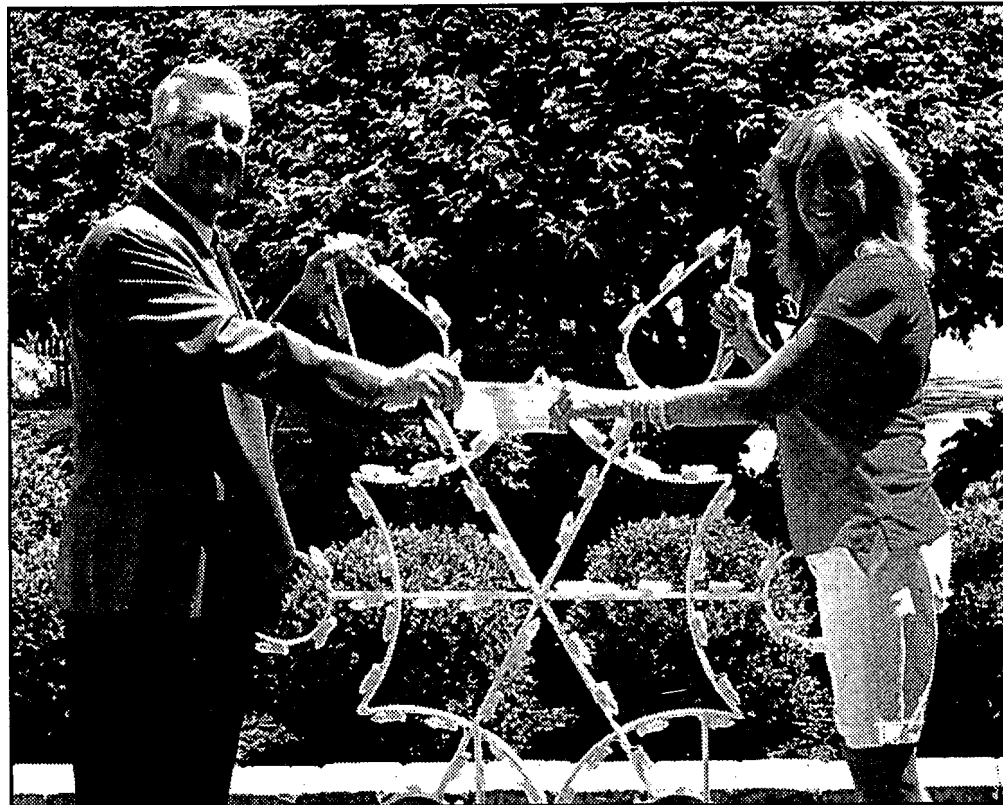


Mr. Kerzykowski retired from Cadillac in the engineering department, served overseas in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was a member of L.S.T. 494 Club. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Scripture service, Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford.

In State, Thursday, 10 a.m., until time of Mass. Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes Church and School.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY: Clarkston Rotary President Bart Clark accepts a oversize, lighted snowflake from Peg Roth, July 12. Peg and Bob Roth donated towards the club's three-year project to replace the Christmas decorations in downtown Clarkston. Every downtown lightpole will be decorated with a snowflake and garland wraps. Photo provided

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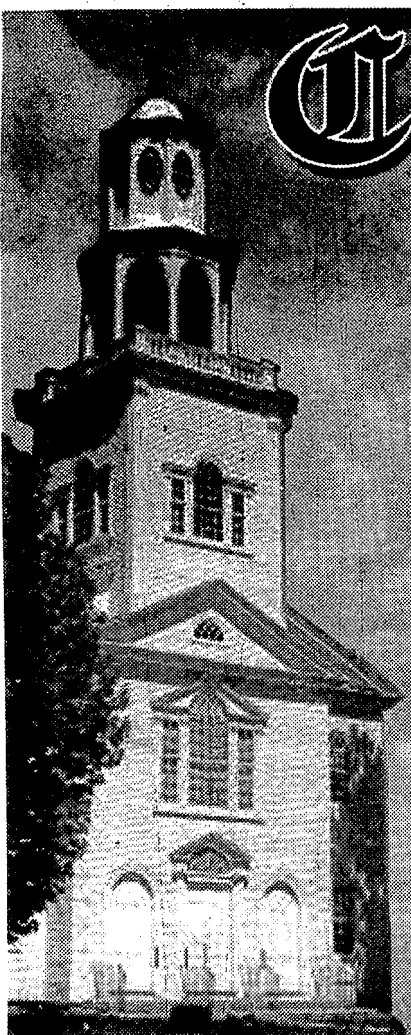
Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15- 8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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

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

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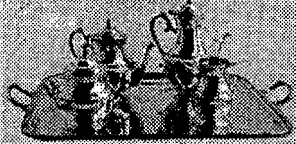
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Support for Kittle

Dear Editor,

I have been an Oakhurst resident since 1998. I have seen my share of Homeowner Association presidents come and go, but the one we have now, Pat Kittle, has really made a difference. Since Pat took over in 2009, he has managed to control runaway expenses, balance our budget, build our Capital Reserves for road repairs, keep residents informed about issues in the community, seek advice from residents on key matters before spending decisions are made, and still make time to help our neighbors.

Just the other day, I spotted Pat repairing a mailbox for an elderly neighbor woman in 90+ degree heat. As a real estate professional with 25+ years of business experience, I can tell you firsthand that having a financially sound homeowner's association and township is important for people looking to move into a new community.

Pat's philosophy for running the Oakhurst Association is pretty simple - manage like it's your own money. This philosophy coupled with his business experience, leadership and communication skills makes Pat an ideal candidate for Independence Township supervisor. If you want to have a say in the Independence supervisor election, you

must vote on Aug. 7. With only Republican candidates for supervisor on the ballot, the winner of the primary will go unopposed in November. Vote for Pat Kittle.

*Donna McDonald, resident and realtor
Independence Township*

Wallace has experience

Dear Editor,

Electing Neil Wallace as Independence Township supervisor is the next logical step for him and for our community.

In the 1980's he joined me on the township Planning Commission. After seeing him in action for a year, we commissioners unanimously elected him our chair and re-elected him to the position four more years in a row until he left to pursue other volunteer interests in the community.

As our chair, Neil was a fair and responsible leader who persuaded us to tackle re-examining the entire land use Master Plan. He led us in balancing the need for a robust tax base to support the schools with a desire to create and maintain a quality residential community.

Then in the 1990's, Neil joined me on the Township Board as a trustee. He was characteristically creative and energetic. Although he chose not to run for re-election in 2000, he remained active in the community and provided me and other board members wise free counsel.

In 2008, Neil was again elected to the

Township Board. He walked into the most difficult economic time in our recent history only to find we were void of leadership at the top. Neil stepped into that gap devoting his time and energy well beyond what is expected of a trustee.

Since the beginning of this year, Neil has been chairing the township board meetings, showing everyone the thoughtful, balanced leadership we need. The next step is obvious: we need to elect Neil our Independence Township supervisor.

*Dan Travis
Independence Township*

Fischbach for Springfield

Dear Editor,

As a small business owner in Springfield Township for 33 years, it's important to me that we have a strong leader in the supervisor's office. I've had the opportunity to get to know Ginny Fischbach and I believe she would make an excellent supervisor for Springfield Township.

Ginny grew up in a farming community where her family is still actively running family farms, so she understands and embraces the rural nature of our community and the importance of protecting our unique natural resources. She also understands the role of local business in the community. With an Engineering degree and an MBA, she has spent her career working as an engineer in private industry where she developed the skills we

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need in our next supervisor. Ginny is straightforward, logic driven, and an experienced leader of people.

I think it is time for change in Springfield Township. I encourage everyone to vote Aug. 7 and help our community move forward by electing Ginny Fischbach Springfield Township's next supervisor.

*Tom Lowrie
Springfield Township*

Family insight on Decker

Dear Editor,

My name is Alexandra Decker and my father Jeffrey Decker is currently running for Independence Township clerk. With my Dad not being in the political spectrum before, I thought it important to write you and give the people of Independence Township insight about him.

The township clerk acts as the historian of a community. Luckily for the community, this is the type of characteristic my father already possesses. He is a history buff who can see the beauty in our local community history and who wishes to restore the type of pride people in the mid-1800s had for their flourishing township.

Back then, land was priceless and people had a good sense of what to do with what land they had. My father's many years of experience doing real-estate and appraisal work in the community gives him that upper-hand

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More election letters

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that is needed when looking at the opportunities the township has in the land and local businesses.

As a single dad, he is the hardest worker I know and he gives more than he has ever taken. During my years in the Clarkston school district, he never missed a football or basketball game and he still continues to go to them even after I have graduated. He always knew every player and manager by name, giving students the sense of self-worth they needed.

My dad has organizational skills I strive to use in my own life. When given a task, he

works overtime to get things done in a professional manner so that nothing is done carelessly. While doing so, he can complete those tasks under deadlines and in stressful situations. Throughout my life I have watched my Dad juggle work, make it to all of my school events, coach teams and volunteer while still having the time for his family.

Jeff Decker would make an excellent clerk. He appreciates what this community has to offer and wants to see it flourish. With his organizational skills and speaking abilities he would get Independence Township back on track.

*Alexandrea Decker
Clarkston High School Class of 2009*

Waring for supervisor

Dear Editor,

I am voting for Todd Waring to be our next supervisor. Todd was the first candidate to enter the race and stands for all the right reasons. He is a successful business owner, proud father, and is running solely to bring leadership to our township that has not been led by the right people. We need a leader like Waring who has no hidden agendas and will make our township a great place to live.

Todd has been working day and night, seven days a week since late April, showing his dedication and desire to be the next Independence Township supervisor.

His ideas for our township is to bring new professional business to it, to where these people will live, not drive here for a job, bring good restaurants, shopping, high end grocery stores all the things our residents have to go elsewhere for.

We should be a self supported community, keeping our money here, not taking it to another area that developed properly, and Waring gets that.

I feel Todd is the best candidate and ask voters to really take a hard look at the other candidates and see that Todd Waring is the right choice.

*Kelly Forbes
Independence Township*

Wallace has principles

Dear Editor,

Folks in Independence Township should take the opportunity on Aug. 7 to harness Neil Wallace by electing him township supervisor.

When he was a teenager, his father and I introduced Neil to involvement in community issues and activism. He was an eager and quick student.

Back then, we found we could most effectively improve our community by engaging in politics ...without being "politicians," by sticking with a few simple principles: Listen, Respond, and Lead, based on what is best for the community.

Although I retired to Florida a few years ago, I've watched Neil's work in Independence. By sticking to the principles he learned so long ago, Neil has accomplished much for his community. I am proud of what he has accomplished and you should be too.

Elect Neil Wallace supervisor, the best is yet to come.

*John Riley
N. Ft. Myers, Fla.*

Work reference for Kittle

Dear Editor,

I have worked with Pat Kittle for close to 20 years in various departments at Chrysler. I understand Pat is now coming out of retirement and running for Independence Township supervisor.

In my opinion, the residents of your community could not be more fortunate. Pat is

one of those guys who never took "no" for an answer when working on an assignment.

Pat had this unique ability to get different functional groups from within the organization to reach a consensus on a plan of action and somehow get them corralled and all marching in the same direction to a common goal. No easy task during some of the most turbulent times in the auto industry.

His common sense approach to management and problem solving was straightforward and simple ... attack the issue straight on, keep management informed and "it can't be done" was never an acceptable answer.

If the past is any indication of the future, I am confident Pat will be a huge asset to Independence Township.

I would hope that you and your newspaper will choose to support Pat for the benefit of your citizens and community.

Gary Dilts, Chrysler executive vice president, Global Sales Operations - Retired

Leadership from Lohmeier

Dear Editor,

It is my privilege to write this letter to ask the community of Independence Township to support the re-election of David Lohmeier for Independence Township trustee.

David has proven to be an effective leader in township governance. David picked up on a community safety issue spearheaded by the Clarkston High School PTA, its membership, and Andrea Schroeder. David approached Clarkston Community Schools to suggest their working with the township on access to tri-party funds.

As a result of this collaborative effort, David gained support for the entire Township Board to use earned tri-party funds from Oakland County Road Commission and Independence Township to resolve this safety issue, saving the school tens of thousands of dollars with no additional cost to township residents. This effort resulted in an enhanced traffic light and road sensors for left hand turns at the Clarkston and Flemings Lake Road intersection into the high school and updated signage and no-turn-on-red arrow at Waldon and Walters roads. Dave's ability to bring forth multiple parties and work together to provide for a creative solution that is a win-win for all parties is exemplary.

David's participation at township meetings shows his obvious preparation by being informed, responsible, and a good listener to his community's needs. Please join me in supporting David Lohmeier for township trustee.

*Cheryl McGinnis
Independence Township*

Wallace's experience needed

Dear Editor,

The voters of Independence Township will have the opportunity to turn the page on township government and elect a new township board.

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Election letters continue

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When you board an airplane, you generally do not vote on who is going to pilot the airplane. But you generally want the most qualified to fly the airplane regardless of popularity.

The qualifications are determined by knowledge and experience. Likewise, when you go for a root canal or a heart bypass, you would not go to the social director of the hospital, you would seek out the most qualified surgeon.

If you are going to make an omelet, you are going to have to break some eggs. If you are going to manage a township, you are going to have to make some unpopular choices. Actually, being a nice guy or a nice lady can make it more difficult to make unpopular choices.

When it comes to knowledge and experience, it is not even close. I hope the voters recognize Neil Wallace is the most qualified candidate for supervisor. Neil Wallace shares a characteristic with Gov. Rick Snyder. They are both "one tough nerd."

Sincerely,

Gerald E. McNally
Independence Town

Wallace earned vote

Dear Editor,

Neil Wallace has earned my vote for Independence Township supervisor.

I have known Neil for almost 30 years. I know him well. He is a longtime resident and champion of our township who has freely donated untold hours of his own time seeking to improve the community for all of us. He is open, accessible and returns his phone calls.

Through this service, and especially as a township board member, Neil has gained knowledge, experience and insight into good government. His qualifications far outweigh those competing against him in the election.

Neil will equally protect the interests of township residents. He will work to ensure township growth is managed within the existing constraints of a system designed to maximize positive effect for all parties involved.

Some residents feel the board members are too long. So what? Just as he has as a board member, as supervisor, Neil will continue to ensure the work of the township is complete and transparent. This takes time. I am grateful he and other board members, especially Mr. David Lohmeier, are willing to do it. Please consider a vote for Neil Wallace on Aug. 7.

Zac Bell
Independence Township

Wallace best choice

Dear Editor,

Independence Township residents have multiple choices for supervisor in the 2012 primary election, but only one candidate has the

experience, the know-how and the proven and demonstrated commitment and dedication to do the job.

Otherwise, it's like choosing a coach who's never even been on a team or a sea captain who wasn't first a sailor.

As a former mayor of Clarkston, I have had the opportunity to work with and observe Neil Wallace provide community leadership.

This former chairman of the planning commission and current township board member has the knowledge needed to best service the community. He has helped bring focus and guidance to the township and even helped steady the board after the current supervisor took a medical leave of absence more than a year ago.

In these difficult times facing communities, don't be stalled while someone learns the job, or works to represent only a small special interest portion of the community. Without question, Wallace has the necessary skills and experience to serve the township well. He is the logical and clear choice. Vote Neil Wallace for Independence Township supervisor.

Sharron Catalo
Clarkston

Carson goes above, beyond

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Treasurer Curt Carson. I originally got acquainted with Mr. Carson after I had an issue with a township employee.

I contacted the township offices and Curt was out of town at an educational conference. He became aware that I was looking for him and he called me at my home. Though we did not see directly eye to eye on this issue, Curt was very professional and empathetic to my concern.

I later found he drove back to Clarkston to address the situation in a positive light with the employee and then went back to the conference early the next morning.

Though I thought any communication with Mr. Carson in the future would possibly be adversarial, that was farthest from the truth. What I found was a public servant who was open, approachable and straightforward. I recognized that he listens and genuinely cares about what I have to say.

He is responsive and always calls me back. I have been going to a number of the meetings and have come to realize Mr. Carson is just as attentive to the public that comes to speak as he has been with me. He tends to be very in touch with where people are on issues.

These are the reasons I support Curt Carson for reelection as treasurer for Independence Township.

Rae LuAllen
Independence Township

Last call for letters

Just a couple editions before the Aug. 7 primary. The Clarkston News' election special section is set for Aug. 1, so the last letters to the editor on candidates will be published July 25.

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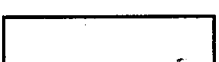
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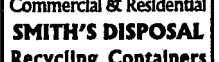
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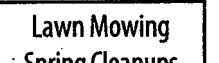
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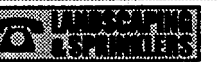
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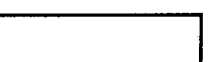
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A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:33 PM at the Independence Township Hall.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Wallace
 Absent: Petterson, Rosso, Wagner
 There was a quorum present.
 Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Julie Meredith, Library Director; Kristen Sieloff, Assessor; Joe Barnhart, Independence Television Manager; Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC
 Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved

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

E. CLOSED SESSION: None

F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda Richardson; David Lohmeier

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Stefanac

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Introduction of District Library Candidates (Julie Meredith, Library Director) Nikola M. Allen; William J. Chamberlin; Janice Gaffney; Henry Garcia; Michele Ginn; Evan Markarian; Allison McFadden-Keesling; Marilyn Pomeroy and Jeanne Molzen (via prerecorded video)
2. Presentation: Certificate of Recognition to Kristen Sieloff, Assessor (Bart Clark, Superintendent)
3. Superintendent's Report (Bart Clark, Superintendent)
4. Presentation: Cable Television Purchase of Equipment (Joe Barnhart, Independence Television Manager)

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Authorization to Prepare RFP's for Library Maintenance Work (Bart Clark, Superintendent)

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Budget Adjustment for 2012 Safety Path Repairs
2. Request for Budget Amendment for M-15 Pump Station - Removed
3. Request for Concession Budget Amendment - Removed
4. Approval to Designate July as Parks and Recreation Month
5. Approval to Purchase Cable TV Equipment - Part 1
6. Approval to Purchase Cable TV Equipment - Part 2
7. Approval of Certificate of Recognition of Kristen Sieloff, Assessor
8. Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes; June 5, 2012
9. Approval of Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes; June 19, 2012

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. K-2: Approval of Budget Amendment for M-15 Pump Station
2. K-3: Approval of Budget Amendment for Concessions

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Request to Rescind Resolution and Approve Class C Liquor License for Jalapeno's III, Inc.

The Regular Meeting RECESSED at 8:46 PM.
 The Regular Meeting RECONVENED at 9:04 PM.

2. Approval of Resolution to Establish Clarkston Independence District Library
3. Postponement of Resolution to Approve Deputy Fire Chief Positions

The Regular Meeting RECESSED at 9:18 PM.
 The Regular Meeting RECONVENED at 9:38 PM.

4. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the amount of \$455,935.23

N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: David Lohmeier, Trustee; Curt Carson, Treasurer

O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Future Agenda Item: Amendment to Burn Ordinance Scheduled for July 17, 2012 Regular General Meeting
2. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report for April 2012

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC, Township Clerk
 Published: Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Obituaries

Cynthia B. Green, 74

Cynthia B. Green of Clarkston died peacefully, July 12, 2012, at home surrounded by her family, at age 74.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Susan (late Michael) Wilhelm. She was the loving grandmother of Cynthia Wilhelm, Michael Wilhelm and Eric (Christina) McCallister; cherished great grandmother of Jacob, Ariel, Violet, Drake and Angel; dear sister of Robert Rea, Marlene Rea and Gloria (Roger) Howell.



Funeral Service was July 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Barbara A. Lynch, 64

Barbara A. Lynch of Fenton passed away July 8, 2012, at age 64.

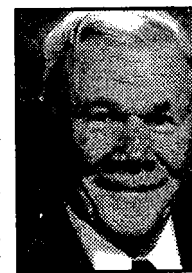
She was preceded in death by her husband Gale and her parents, Marvin and Louise Munley. She is survived by many extended family and friends. Barb worked as assistant manager at PNC Bank.

Funeral Service was July 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Arcade Lapointe, 90

Arcade Joseph Lapointe of Waterford passed away July 13, 2012, at age 90.

He was the beloved husband of the late M. Catherine (Kinney); native of Livermore Falls, Maine; World War II Navy veteran; automo-



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tive patternmaker; Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus; dear father of 10 children: Joseph (Rose), Charles (Patricia), the late Vincent (Irma), Marie (Steve) Hanis, Madeleine (Joseph III) White, Martin (Marvina), Ernest (Karin), Arthur, Louis (Hilda) and Alan (Blanca); Loving grandfather of Michelle (Seth Kroop), Marc, Alan, Rebecca, Philip (Kelly Pettibone), Justin, Benjamin, Jacob, Alexander, Richard, Gregory, Megan and Catherine Lapointe; Marie, Genevieve and Joseph White, Charles III and McGregor (Heidi) Whitney and great-grandson Emory Lapointe.

He was the dear friend of Eris Bleau; brother of Florian (Charlie) Lapointe; preceded in death by siblings Aurele, Emeril, Omer, Ernest, Leger, Severe, Dora, Emilienne Lefebvre, Rose Blais, Leonie O'Brien and Gratiene.

Arky was a union man and a FDR Democrat. Among his last words: "I want to live long enough to vote in November!"

Knights of Columbus Rosary service, Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Friday, 11 a.m., at St. Perpetua Catholic Church, Waterford, with visitation directly at the church 10:30 a.m. until time of mass. Memorials may be made to Oakland Literacy Council. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Lois P. Navarre, 82

Lois P. Navarre of Clarkston passed away July 13, 2012, at age 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband James. She was the dear mother of James III (Susan), Michele, Yvonne (Michael) Ziegler and Michael (Vicki); Mimi to Dustin (Kelly) Labenz, John (Shawnee) Ziegler, Sara, James IV, Casey, Michael Jr. and Alexander (Jessica) Navarre; Great Mimi to Gabriella, Genevieve, Malachi, and soon to arrive Lucy Belle; sister of Edith Ward and Donald (Sue) Sawdon.



Mrs. Navarre was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church where she enjoyed singing in the choir, doing volunteer work and was an Altar Chairman. She loved golfing, sewing and gardening.

Friends may visit on Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service, Friday, 1 p.m., at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarkston. Private interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church or Mercy Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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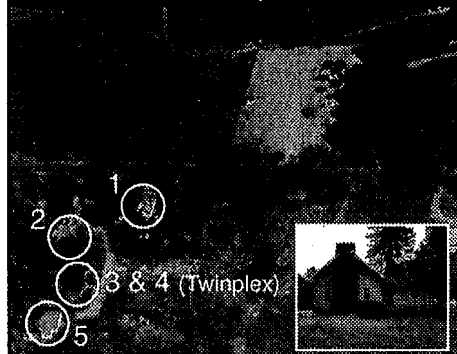
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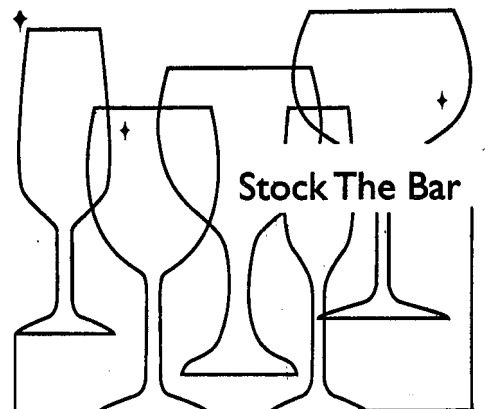
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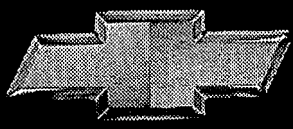
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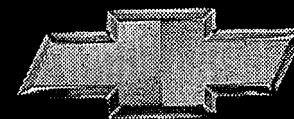
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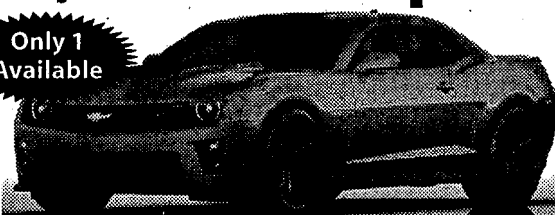
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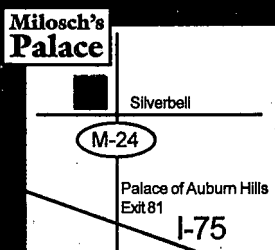
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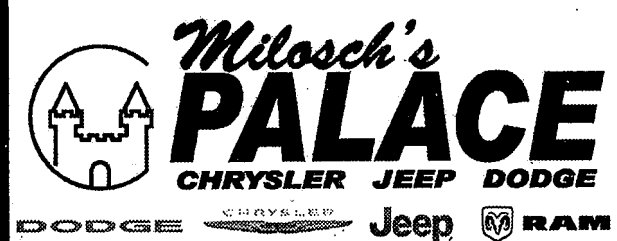
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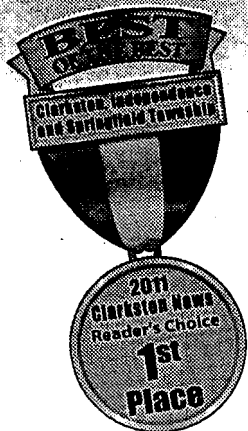
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