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## Kittle, Walls picked for township supervisors

In Independence Township, 7,683-voters out of 26,560 registered cast ballots in Tuesday's primary election, 28.9 percent turnout. According to unofficial results, earning Republican nominations were:

### Supervisor

Patrick J. Kittle, 38.44%, 2,067  
Neil Wallace, 26.69%, 1,435  
Terry Fortuna, 19.43%, 1,045  
Todd Waring, 15.40%, 828

### Clerk

Barb Pallotta, 70.13%, 3,446  
Jeff Decker, 29.75%, 1,462

### Treasurer

Paul A. Brown, 43.20%, 2,124  
Curt Carson, 40.90%, 2,011  
Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki, 15.78%, 776

### Trustee, top four

David A. Lohmeier, 15.20%, 2,249  
Ronald A. Ritchie, 14.78%, 2,187  
Andrea K. Schroeder, 14.38%, 2,127  
Jose Aliaga, 13.01%, 1,924

Al Pope, 12.04%, 1,781

Joette M. Kunse, 12.03%, 1,779

Brian Foster, 10.64%, 1,574

Bruce Quigley, 7.82%, 1,157

Springfield Township turnout was 25.5%, with 2,498 voting out of 9,814 registered:

### Supervisor

Collin W. Walls, 53.10%, 1,079

Ginny Fischbach, 38.04%, 773

Steve R. Kovacs III, 8.76%, 178

### Clerk

Laura Moreau, 99.57%, 1,625

### Treasurer

Jamie L. Dubre, 54.90%, 1,037

Rita J. Hawes, 44.94%, 849

### Trustee

Dave Hopper, 21.90%, 1,184

Judy Hensler, 21.86%, 1,182

Denny Vallad, 20.29%, 1,097

Marc Cooper, 19.05%, 1,030

Kevin N. Sclesky, 16.83%, 910

Independence Twp. fire, emergency renewal

Yes, 78.81%, 5,864

No, 21.19%, 1,577

Additional fire and emergency services

Yes, 51.67%, 3,708

No, 48.33%, 3,469

## Finn remembered

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Zachary Daniel Finn of Clarkston died from injuries suffered in a traffic accident this past weekend. He will be remembered for his smile and sense of humor, said his uncle, Brian Varney



Finn

"And for being such a gentlemen and a good listener when you needed someone to talk to, and, most of all, being able to make time for his family no matter how busy he was with school, work, and friends," Varney said.

Finn, 18, was driving with two friends on I-75 when the vehicle rolled over near Dixie

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## Tanner home perfect spot for film production

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The mayor's speech was made up, but music, mood, and swanky mansion were real at a movie shoot last weekend in Springfield Township.

Jim and Audrey Tanner, who often host parties for SCAMP and other community groups on their sprawling estate, hosted cast and crew of the drama "Approaching Midnight."

"It's exciting, really neat," said Jim, founder of Tanner Building and Remodeling, Inc. who built his family dream home about six years ago. "We volunteer a lot for the community. The people of Clarkston have been really good to us."

"This is a fantastic location," said Sam Logan Khaleghi, director and one of the lead actors. "It's help from local people and companies that makes this work - it's a symbiotic relationship."

Claire Bruce, first assistant director, is a friend of the Tanners.

"They needed a place for a fund raiser scene, and she asked if we could do that," Audrey said. "Why not help a young person

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The camera crew zooms in while shooting a scene from the drama *Approaching Midnight*. They were in town in Springfield Township to film a scene, Aug. 4. Photo by Phil Custodio.

## Crossers complain about crosswalk

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some Independence Township residents have made a habit of dodging traffic because of a non-functional crosswalk on Sashabaw and Bow Pointe roads.

"Somebody's going to get hit," said Lori Powell, who has dodged traffic trying to get across the road.

The traffic light on Sashabaw flashes yellow, allowing traffic to continue at the posted 50 m.p.h. speed limit, while Bow Pointe has a flashing red light. The light on Sashabaw didn't always flash yellow; it previously went through the usual red, yellow, and green cycles.

However, drivers on Sashabaw complained about being stopped because there was little traffic on Bow Pointe, explained Terry Creech in the Traffic Operations Center of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC).

Due to the complaints, the RCOC turned the light to 24-hour flash mode, but "the pedestrian signals don't operate when it is in flash mode," said Creech.

Lori Powell and her husband, Mike, have complained about the signal for at least two years to members of the township board and the RCOC, they said. "They haven't done anything," said Lori Powell.

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# Heritage Festival returns

BY KRYSTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

The Davisburg Heritage Festival is back for its fourth year and bigger than ever.

The festival promises to be fun for the entire family as a range of activities take place, Oct. 13-14. Last year, over 2,500 people attended and even more are expected this year.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Coordinator Casey Reed is very involved in the planning of the festival. As the coordinator, it is her job to bring everybody together in planning for the event.

This year, there are some new aspects of the festival that she is excited about.

The Divine Mercy Parish Knights of Columbus Council will host a beer tent; there will be a stage with live music and more food vendors.

Broadway Auto will treat festival-goers with a car show, an old-time baseball/cricket game and a hat and mustache contest.

All of these new events are in addition to what was offered previously.

Some of those activities include a pancake breakfast, antique tractor and fire truck displays, historical exhibits and demonstrations, hayrides, crafts, old-time games and a parade.

The festival will take place throughout Davisburg, from the Hart Center to the township offices.

Although you may come and go to all the activities as you please, Reed recommended starting a day at the event with the pancake breakfast and then following the parade through downtown and finally to the township office building.

That way you get to experience the entire festival, she said.

Reed said that almost everything, except food at the festival is free, which makes it a good event for families.

"There's so much going on; it's a full weekend of activities," she said. "If you live here you can learn a little bit about the history of your town."

With the festival being such a big event, volunteers are needed and appreciated for any time or service they can donate.

Reed said that Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers to help with activities, as well as organizations to put activities on.

Call Reed at 248-846-6558 or check [www.springfield-twp.us/pr.htm](http://www.springfield-twp.us/pr.htm).



Casey Reed

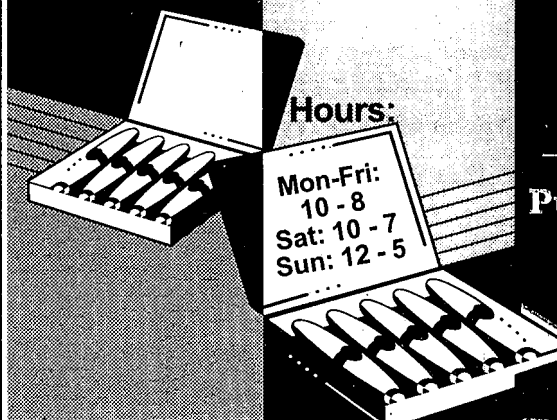
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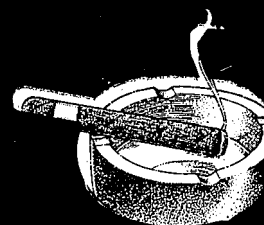
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# Ghost Walk brings history back to life



Heritage Museum Director Toni Smith in front of 61 S Holcomb, an historic home featured on the Ghost Walk. Photo by Mary Keck

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An air of mystery surrounds the first Ghost Walk event organized by the Clarkston Community Historical Society and Heritage Museum.

Toni Smith, museum director, is keeping most of the eight stops on the walking tour a secret, but gave *The Clarkston News* a few details.

On Aug. 11 from 9-11 p.m., costumed storytellers will share tales of the paranormal, historical tidbits, and information about mourning traditions at designated sites around Clarkston.

To take a tour through the historical locations, interested parties can purchase tickets for \$12.50 at the Independence Township Library, but they are only for ages 13 and older. The event will take place rain or shine, and while tour guides will have lanterns, ticket-holders are welcome to bring a flashlight.

Tour groups will leave about every 10 minutes, and the entire walk encompasses about four blocks, Smith said.

She arranged the Historic Clarkston Downtown Ghost Walk after going on a few in other cities.

"They're always fascinating, and it is a fun reason to walk around at night," she said.

Chip Travis's house at 61 South Holcomb is one of the sites on the tour Smith was willing to reveal, and if the other locations on the Ghost Walk are similarly spooky, patrons can expect to feel a few goose bumps.

"Everybody who has lived here has told stories identical to my experience," said Travis, who has had a few chilling close encounters.

From strange ruffles in bed covers to missing items and doors opening and closing on their own, Travis's home, built in the 1800s, is full of paranormal mysteries.

Ghost Hunters of Southern Michigan (GHOSM) will be on hand in Depot Park to answer questions about the spirit world, but tickets for the Ghost Walk are going fast.

"I have a feeling we may sell out," said Smith.

For more information, check [www.clarkstonhistorical.org](http://www.clarkstonhistorical.org).

## Township faces lawsuit over 2011 missing-tractor case

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Wallace Parker believes the township owes him an apology, and he's decided to sue both Independence Township and Trustee Neil Wallace to get it.

Parker filed a complaint on Aug. 2 in which he accuses the township and Wallace of "Defamation and Disparagement of reputation." He also includes a "Complaint for Declaration of Innocence" in his \$25,000 suit.

The lawsuit stems from a July 2011 incident. According to Parker's complaint, the township hired private investigator Linda Milam to find a missing tractor. In her search for the tractor, Parker believes she trespassed on his property, examined and photographed his farm equipment, and looked in his windows.

As a result of the investigation of his tractor, Parker feels his reputation has been damaged

and wants Neil Wallace and the township to "just indicate publicly that you made a mistake, you were wrong, and you apologize," he said.

On the other hand, Wallace suspects Parker has other motives.

"There's absolutely no merit to a political suit rather than a lawsuit. Mr. Parker is an attorney, and he knows there's no merit to it," said Wallace.

He calls Parker's complaint a "political suit" because Wallace, a candidate for supervisor, feels it is politically motivated and points out the filing was five days before the primary election. Parker is a proponent of Todd Waring, who is also running for township supervisor.

Wallace has spoken with township attorney Steve Joppich and believes "after the election is over, the township attorney will be requesting of Mr. Parker that he dismiss [the

case]. I am confident that he will agree to dismiss it because he will otherwise be ordered to pay our costs for a frivolous lawsuit."

Wallace describes the catalyzing incident with the farm equipment differently. When Parker's tractor was identified as the one the township might be missing because it was "the same make, model, and color," the township sent their investigator, Wallace explained.

The private investigator "went out there, knocked on the doors and nobody answered, kinda looked around a little bit" until a caretaker came out who said it was Parker's tractor, said Wallace.

After the caretaker confirmed Parker owned the tractor, "end of story, or so it should have been," Wallace said. "This lawsuit comes about of a township's legitimate investigation, but the township did not make it public—Mr. Parker did."

## Briefly

### This week on ClarkstonTV.com

Programming on ClarkstonTV.com this week includes new editions of "The Jose Aliaga Show," "Seeing Green" with Mary Keck, Don Rush's "Don't Rush Me - The Show," and "Phil in the Blank," with Phil Custodio. Coming soon, "Pet Talk with Dr. Krieger" and Clarkston football with "Dale Ryan (Voice of the Wolves) Post-Game Show."

Go to [ClarkstonTV.com](http://ClarkstonTV.com) and click under the "Clarkston TV" box. Call Alan Partington at 248-620-0178 for info.

### Eaton Road closed

CN Railroad will close Eaton Road between Davisburg and Rattalee Lake roads in Springfield Township, Aug. 13-17, for railroad crossing repairs.

The project was rescheduled from this week to avoid the Aug. 7 primary election. Detour is Davisburg Road to Tindall Road to Rattalee Lake Road.

### Corrections

Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge, Jeep Ram's full-page article and advertisement in the Best of the Best special section lists the incorrect phone number. The correct number is 248-620-0800. We apologize for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Also, the "Burn revision fizzles out" article on July 25 stated the revision included a "restriction of burning 50 feet from a building or structure, as opposed to the current ordinance's 25 feet." The current ordinance restricts burning to 50 feet from a building or structure, and the revision would have retained the 50 feet limit.

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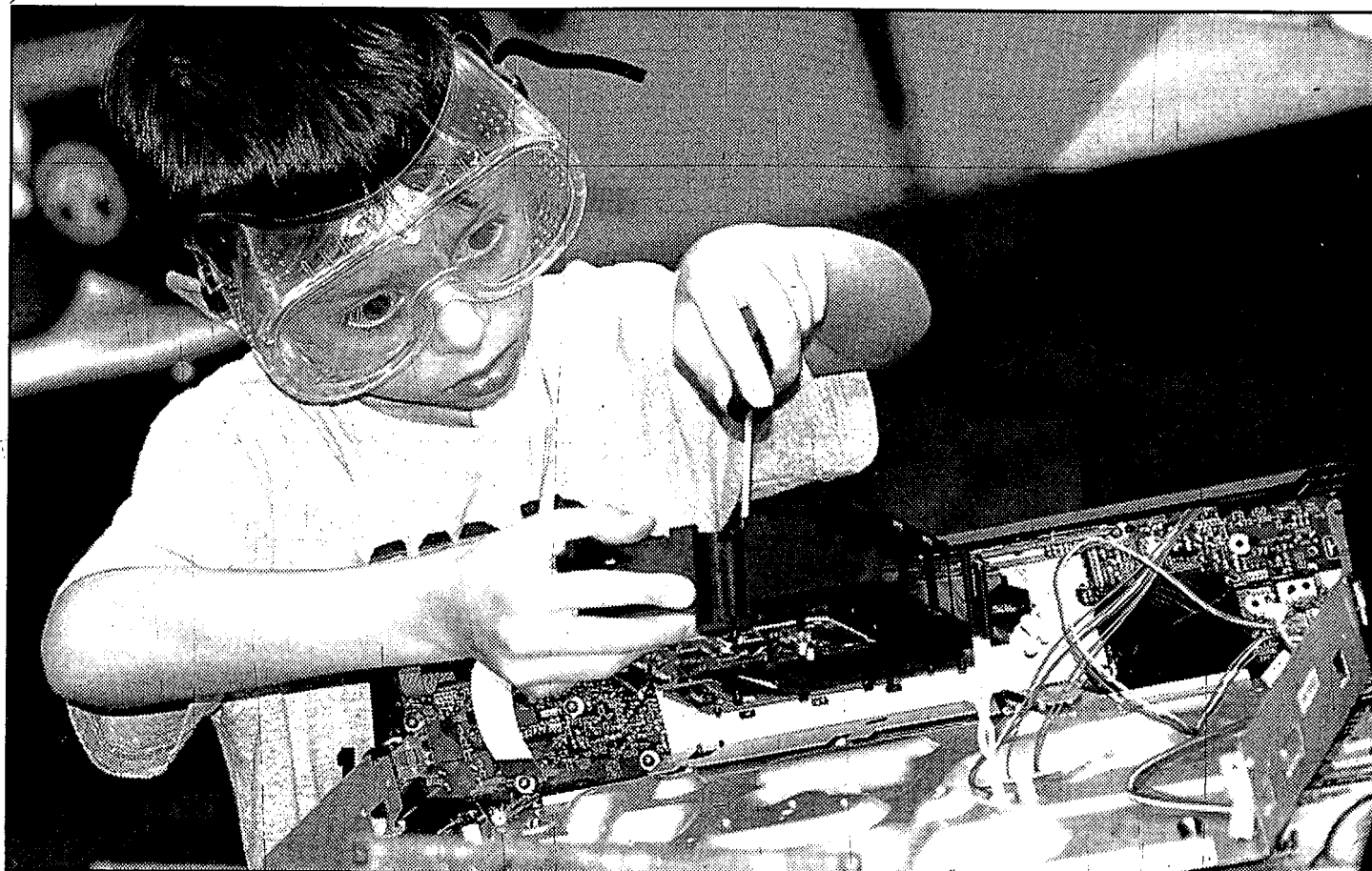
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Graham Rainoldi takes a close look as he makes an old electronic piece into inspiration for his new machine to pop a water balloon. *Photos by Wendi Reardon*

## Young scientists invent gadgets

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Laura Lemerond studied the parts of the VCR as she took apart the machine during Camp Invention on July 24.

She was looking for pieces she could use to pop a water balloon in the I Can Invent module.

Lemerond and everyone else in the room were learning about simple machines, and they needed to pop a water balloon. They took apart items from home and used the parts and their thinking and creative skills to make a machine to pop the balloon.

I Can Invent was one of five modules at this year's Camp Invention. This year's program was called Encounter. The other modules included Inventeureka, Magnetropolis, Action and Adventure Games, and Gadget Garage: Widgets, Gizmos and Contraptions.

In Inventeureka the campers took an adventure in the Ci6000 Space Modulator Time machine.

"They explored the world of invention," said Missy Ludd, a teacher at Sashabaw Middle School. "They traveled to various destinations. We met Leonardo Da Vinci, who was inspired by birds. It took the world by flight. Then, they are inspired to come up with their own idea from an invention to either change or make it better."

They also learned about mash-up - taking two inventions to make one like the camera phone.

In the Magnetropolis module, campers rebuilt a barren island while learning about magnets and the Earth's magnetic pull. They explored the island after learning how to use a compass. After rebuilding the island they had to find a way to bring people to the island with light.

The scientists went to work in the Gadget Garage by creating different gadgets. They used a gear box on July 24 for their motion challenge to keep rabbits from a garden, make an ant amusement park or wind ropes.

"They create with a gear box so the gadget moves around," said teacher Beth Rogers. "They talk and brainstorm."

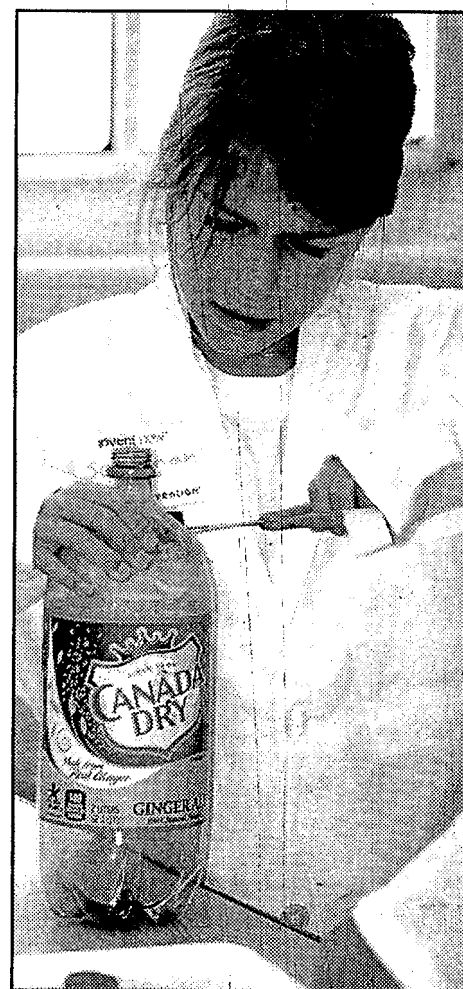
The campers learned about teamwork while playing games both physical and mental in Action and Adventures.

This year's Camp Invention had 98 participants in grades first through fifth.

Dennis Klenow added there were a lot of returners. Some included counselors in training who have been going to Camp Invention since they were in first grade and are now going into sixth or seventh grade.

Camp Invention is sponsored by United States Patent and Trademark Office, Ford Motor Company Fund, The Dow Corning Foundation and Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association.

Camp Invention is offered through Clarkston Community Education. For more information, visit [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec) or call 248-623-4326.



Savannah Wheeler cuts into a plastic bottle to create her gadget.



# Community pitches in on film project

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out? Hopefully they'll do something in return in the future for Andrea."

"I love it, it's the perfect spot," said Bruce, a film student at Columbia College Chicago, serving an internship in Michigan.

Michigan does not have the film industry incentives it used to, but it still has lots of enthusiasm for movies, said Michelle Lynne Balser, who plays Natalie Church in the film.

"People are so much more involved, they're excited to do it," Balser said. "We've worked with some incredibly generous people - the project is quite amazing."

Jim and Audrey's daughter Andrea, home from her modeling job in New York City, had a role to play in the scene.

"I'm an extra, with some lines," said Andrea, a 2012 Clarkston High School graduate who is starting a three-year contract with Muse agency this week.

"I'm happy to have them here," she said. "I hope we have more films here, with the lake, buildings, and woods. It would be good for a horror film."

"I like it, it's really fun," said Samantha Tanner, 11, Andrea's cousin who was also an extra. "I hope it turns out good."

Mesquite Creek of Clarkston also pitched in, playing the caterers in the scene.

"Anything I can do to support the movie industry in Michigan, I'll absolutely do," said Tony Vitale, owner of Mesquite Creek.

Vitale has a background in entertainment. "I'm a Screen Actors Guild member," he said. "I'm excited this is going on."

A scene is planned at Mesquite Creek in a couple weeks. Extras are needed - email [approachingmidnightfilm@gmail.com](mailto:approachingmidnightfilm@gmail.com) for more information.

"Approaching Midnight," set for release next year, stars Jana Kramer, country singer and co-star of TV's "One Tree Hill," and Brandon T. Jackson, co-star of the film "Tropic Thunder."

Kramer and Jackson, whose characters weren't in the fund-raiser scene, bring a lot of attention to the project, Khaleghi said.

The film revolves around a group of veterans returning from Afghanistan to confront trouble in their small midwestern town. Production started in May.

"It's going great - we're ahead of schedule," said Matt Childs of Rochester, the film's editor.

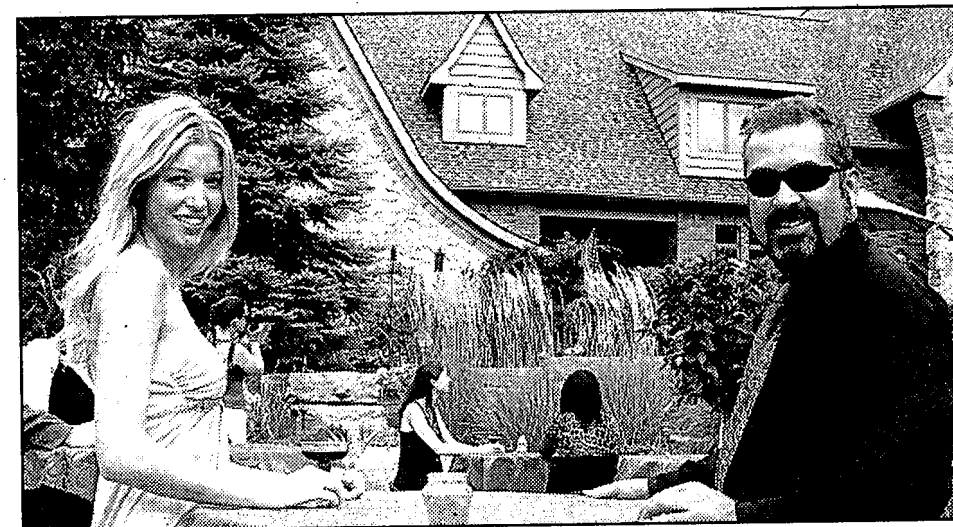
They're filming scenes all over the state. A rock quarry in Milan doubled as a battlefield in Afghanistan, and they stopped in Milford to film a memorial service for one of the characters, all with the help of local businesses and communities.

"We've been able to shoot a wide variety of scenes," said Carl Ballou, cinematographer, who used to live in Ortonville and still has family in the area.

"The project is going fantastic, I couldn't ask for a better crew," Khaleghi said. "When



Director Sam Logan Khaleghi, dressed up for his part in the scene, sets up a shot for his film, "Approaching Midnight."



Jim Tanner, here with his daughter, Andrea Tanner, hosted a film shoot in his backyard last Saturday. Photos by Phil Custodio

you love working with each other, it shows on camera."

"This is fun for me," said Janet Pound, casting director. Pound, who was also casting director for "Gran Torino" and "Red Dawn," is also playing a part - she's the mayor's wife in the movie.

"It's always good to see other side, so that when I'm auditioning, I know what it's like to be an actor," she said.

Jeff Stetson plays Mayor Steven Malverne, who hosts the benefit in the scene.

"Clarkston is a beautiful location - the Tanners are very gracious to allow us to film here," Stetson said.

His character runs the town and may have less-than-stellar motives, but he also

provides needed jobs to residents.

"If the villain is 100 percent bad, that's not as interesting," he said.

Dean Teaster, veteran actor, filmmaker and partner in Mr. Sponge Waterproofing of Novi, plays the sheriff.

"I believe in the film," Teaster said. "Sam makes an impression, like a young Al Pacino. He has a good eye for film, editing, a very interesting story. It's always really interesting to meet someone like Sam."

Playing off all of them is Khaleghi's character, Army Staff Sgt. Wesley Kent, home after six tours of duty overseas-only to find a new war within.

"It's an amazing story with a lot of depth and a great crew," Balser said.

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### Vacation's over

The notebooks are stacked high in boxes, crates are full of crayons and folders. It's time to get back to school again.

Do you remember when you would go back to school after summer vacation and share how you spent your vacation?

Well, in the good spirit of going back to school and the fall athletic season officially starting this week I will be the first to share.

I will begin differently as I am not taking a vacation until November.

During this summer I spent my days off getting muddy and having paint thrown at me.

Most recently I participated in the Warrior Dash. I'm not the person to do a 5k mixed with obstacles. So when some people shook their heads and said "it's not the Tough Mudder," I wasn't concerned. My main goal was to cross the finish line, and I did.

But I still won't do the Tough Mudder, which is twice as long. I would do the Warrior Dash again and work on cutting down my time. Plus, the friend who sucked me into the world of Warrior Dash is already getting us to sign up for next July. What about it - want to join us?

I also participated in the Color Run in Ypsilanti. Notice a pattern with participated. It's because like Warrior Dash, I did not run in this event either. It was another 5k but without obstacles yet more colorful.

You start out in white and hit four different color spots along the 3.1 miles. At each one volunteers douse you with dry paint. Then, at the end a huge color party.

I am definitely doing it next year.

By the way, if you participated in the Color Run and have some photos, send them our way. We have a color edition coming up.

I am feeling a little more athletic. A tiny bit. I think it is the most recent plan through Nuview Nutrition. It makes my gutsy, energetic, ready to take on the world.

If you read my last column about the nose having all the fun, I will give you an update. I have lost 34 pounds and a combination of 20 inches - so yes, I am feeling gutsy if not lighter.

But not gutsy enough for Tough Mudder.



## Clarkston Farm and Garden Club appreciates help

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club thanks the wonderful gardeners of our community, Karen Wiltfang, Liz and Mike Doyle, Russ and Paula Jones, Candace and Dick Payne, Lynette and Joe Fioroni, and Pat and Nathan Chase for opening their gardens for the 2012 Garden Walk.

The 400 people who visited the beautiful and inviting gardens were welcomed by the homeowners with hospitality and information. There was non-stop talk about gardening and "how did you do that?"

In thanking the gardeners, we must remember the 100 degree weather they labored in prior to the walk and persevered. The thought and imagination that viewers saw in the gardens was a work of art. Also thanks to the volunteer musicians and artists who join us each year.

This year, our community garden of interest

was the Senior Center Gardens, which is unique with a sensory garden, vegetable gardens, and a memorial garden, all done by volunteers. The garden is worth a visit and is open free for viewing during the week.

Also helping us with program costs were the local businesses who purchased ads in the Garden Walk booklet. Six local restaurants offered special lunch prices for Garden Walkers adding to the day.

With community support, the Garden Club is able to provide three \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors in our community, educational opportunities for Clarkston students and teachers on the environment, Main Street planters, Independence Township library gardens and other projects.

*Joette Kunse and Gail Reading  
CoChairs, 2012 Clarkston Garden Walk*

## No petition to end cityhood, but discussion welcome

Dear Editor,

I am positive that Clarkston and the experience of living in what is now the City of the Village of Clarkston would not be lessened and could be greatly improved if the Village of Clarkston were to rejoin Independence Township and no longer be a city, if the city government was shaken off.

Our friends and neighbors will still be our friends and neighbors. Main Street will still be Main Street. Our taxes would be lower and we would regain the right to vote on the services we receive such as police, fire, and emergency.

No government is perfect, but the township has far better training, is available full time, has far better resources than the city can offer, and already provides or aids publicly and privately in almost every event and service the city has to offer.

There are no public schools within the city, no medical facilities, no libraries, no police stations, no fire stations, no museums, no art galleries, no post office. It is a great area with good people, but why is it a city with higher taxes if it can provide so little?

Unfortunately my efforts to have a public vote on this have been hampered by work, family and other personal and public commitments. The filing date for a petition to be able to vote on whether we should remain a city is Aug. 14 and

I have not been able to spend the time required to obtain all the signatures required, even from those who said they would sign.

I have had some great conversations with many people for and against this proposal, and enjoyed hearing many opinions of life in the City of the Village of. It is therefore with deep regret that I admit I will not have the time to continue this effort. Regardless of the outcome, I think the public discussion would have been healthy for everyone.

My sincere apologies to everyone who signed or wanted to sign. For those who are in favor of lowering our taxes and regaining the right to vote on and control such basic government services as police, fire, library, sewer and water, I can only offer my apologies as it appears we will continue to pay high taxes, have almost no control of local issues, or what happens in our city.

It is an election year and discussion of these issues is what elections are all about.

If anyone is interested and wants to discuss the issue of what we receive for the local taxes we pay, and what the city government does for us, call me at 248-625-9530, email OneClarkston@yahoo.com, or go the Village of Clarkston facebook page and make a comment.

*Cory Johnston  
Clarkston*

## Reader wants township burn ordinance enforced

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to correct a fact in this article. The second paragraph of your article states that open burning is allowed 25 ft. from structures. This is false. In Article III: Open Burning, Sec. 20-59, C, (2), it states that "the location for burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure".

This means that anyone who is on less than a 1/2 acre lot is already being given an illegal burn permit. They can not get 50 ft. from structures or neighbors property. If the present ordi-

nance is not going to be changed, I want this section of the burn ordinance enforced as written.

There are many types of ways to dispose of leaves and brush on small properties other than to burn and expose neighbors to unwanted pollution. Again, health, welfare and safety should be the most important issues to the board. The privilege to burn does not mean people have the right to put citizens health at risk.

*Sandra Boggemes  
Independence Township*

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

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1997

"Aesop's Fables as you've never seen them" Aliens. Gypsies. Hash slingers. And the requisite king with a beautiful daughter, hero, and lucky goose named Gertrude. That was the cast of characters as the summer theater workshop of Clarkston Community Education presented, in recital, "The Golden Goose" July 31 at Bailey Lake Elementary School.

**"Prime Realty caps perfect season"**

One team stood alone atop the Independence Township Rec Baseball standings this summer in the boys 11-12 division. Prime Realty capped a 16-0 season Saturday with a 4-3 win over S & L Automotive.

### 25 years ago - 1987

**"Wrong-way car crash"** A New York man crossed the median on I-75 July 29 and struck two oncoming cars before stopping, yet only suffered minor bruises, according to Oakland County Sheriff's Department report. Phillip White was issued a ticket for driving under the influence of alcohol and was sent to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for treatment of minor injuries and released, the police report said.

**"Dam Donation"** Now that the Mill Pond dam is fixed, Ed Adler would like to give it away. at the July 27 Clarkston Village Council Meeting, the owner of the 20 Depot Street restaurant said he spent \$10,000 recently to have the dam restored to working order and that the time is right to present it as a gift to the village. "Let's discuss the terms with your attorney and start to make some plans in that direction," said Alder. Adler that before he would give the dam and pond away there were some things he wanted in return. No vote was taken.

### 50 years ago - 1962

**"Romney in Clarkston this Saturday"** George Romney will spend all day this Saturday (August 11) on a whirlwind campaign junket in his home county of Oakland, and the day will start off as most of his days do on the golf course.

**"Rattlesnakes in Village Limits"**

Two 26 inch rattlesnakes have been found within the Clarkston village limits in the past week. Caution children not to pick up snakes. According to Mrs. Allen, owner of Snakes Alive, 10070 Dixie Highway, "As far as anyone knows, no person has die of a bite from a Michigan rattlesnake."

# Three stories to warm the cockles of your heart

## Story Number 1

One late afternoon of our many hot days I decided to dangle my legs in our pool, just for kicks.

Our 12-year-old grandkids were also in the pool with their dad. They were throwing a basketball at me so it would hit and splashed my face. Ha, ha. Very funny.

Enough already, so I went inside, towed off and put on my pajamas.

Later Trevor and Haley came in the back door and he yelled something . . . Before I go on with this scene, I want to tell you I questioned its taste to Trevor's favorite teacher from last year, Ms Dolson. She thought it was funny, but it shouldn't go in the newspaper. A review with others proved her in a minority . . .

. . . So, Trevor yelled something, which caused me to answer, "I'm in the kitchen, come in and see if there's anything you like."

Both started laughing. When Trevor got to the kitchen he said, "I just wanted to know if you were naked."

## Story Number 2

When Mitt Romney went to the London Olympics

he was massacred by the British press, all three major tv networks here, the liberal press and so-called opinion writers throughout the U.S.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

This condemnation because he mentioned there could possibly be situations that might occur.

At these Olympics last Sunday, the American women took the medal for the swim across the English Channel. One of these women is from Michigan. She had cancer surgery earlier this year, but swam with her team. Last Monday, Frank Beckman on WJR interviewed this woman. One of his questions was about what the women did after their event.

After resting, they tried to get seating for an event. None were available, though there were many empty seats.

Frank told her why there were no seats available in the arenas. Seems the Olympic Organizational Committee gave numerous tickets to countries like Germany, Belgium, France, etc. and they scalped the tickets.

Haven't seen or heard about that from the liberal

press. Fox tv did film the many empty seats.

Of course it could be that many of the 52 sports contests, men and women, are politically chosen and not audience gatherers.

## Non-story Number 3

The president of Rotary Clubs International is Sakuji Tanaka of Japan. His theme is *Peace Through Service*.

He suggests we think about what Peace means.

My immediate thought was, "lack of war." There are so many people in so many lands may never experience this kind of peace.

Beyond that kind of peace, folks might seek financial security, family (relatives) peace, peaces of mind, peace with God, peace in health, etc.

Those are my thoughts. Tanaka's thoughts have to be wider. He mentions peace by helping people . . . providing water, polio vaccine, foods, education, and creating basic conditions needed for peace.

Tanaka's position in Rotary transcends, as it should, my egotistic-like thoughts.

His theme, as I said, is Peace Through Service, and Rotary's 34,000 clubs must work together to achieve world peace.

# Gas prices really bum me out. So, who do I blame?

Has anybody ever done a study of the infrastructure the American petroleum pipeline?

I swear there is at least one a year that bursts, blows or leaks and it is always a fast acting leak, too. As soon as that sucker blows, prices jump 30 cents a gallon.

What was it, last Thursday, that gas prices at some local service stations was over (let me type that again: OVER) \$4 a gallon.

I hopped on line and googled "gas prices" and came up with this from the *Chicago Trib*:

" . . . That's due in part to a ruptured pipeline that spilled 1,000 barrels of crude oil onto a Wisconsin field before shutting down and cutting off a key supply of oil to the region.

"The blame also lies with several Midwestern oil refineries that ratcheted back production because of temporary and unrelated problems at those plants, experts say."

And, then this from *Wall Street Journal* reporter Drew Johnson:

" . . . Put this all together, and government makes far more from gas sales than all of the oil companies put together.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Exxon, for example, made only seven cents per gallon of gasoline in 2011. That's a drop in the bucket compared to the nearly 50 cents per gallon that federal, state and local governments rake in on an average gallon of gas pumped in the U.S.

"Most people have to drive—whether to work, to the grocery store, to pick up kids from school or for dozens of other reasons. For some families struggling to make ends meet, paying 50 cents per gallon in taxes may be the difference between driving to work and putting dinner on the table.

"So the next time you begin to

blame oil companies, speculators or service stations for high gas prices, remember that no one gets richer off of gasoline than government."

\* \* \*

I know, I know . . . depending on what side of your brain you think with depends on who you chose to blame for gas pricing.

If you am a lefty, your blinders lead you to blame evil corporate types. If you swing to the right, you zero-in on a tyrannical government.

Thankfully, your hero (that would be me) is an ambidextrous thinker. Both sides of the sticky gray stuff inside my cranium came to an agreement and two conclusions.

1. Everybody needs to stop pointing fingers at the other guy and start looking in the mirror as to why gas prices are high . . .

2. . . . because everybody is to blame, stop bashing the other guy and start solving the problem.

and bonus point #3. I really don't care whose fault it is. Gas prices near \$4 a gallon, really bum me out!

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A few weeks ago I wrote about electrical problems following me and I speculated about some special powers my body has. I wrote up a follow up, discussing our nation's power infrastructure.

I received a few reader notes calling me names, like "Static Kling" and "Klingon" and the following:

**Don,**

Some suggestions to go along with your new "Power."

How 'bout - calling yourself *Shock Wave* or if you ever have to diet you can call yourself *Electrolight*

You can also start to include your new "power" in your day to day conversations:

Hi ! "*Watts* up ?", " I saw your uncle the other day - how's you *amp* been doing?", "Boy that sure was funny, do you know any other *jolts*?", "It's unexplainable, but when I went out to buy a new car I decided to get a *Volt*?", "When you leave work do you drive *ohm* ?"

Joe Gretka



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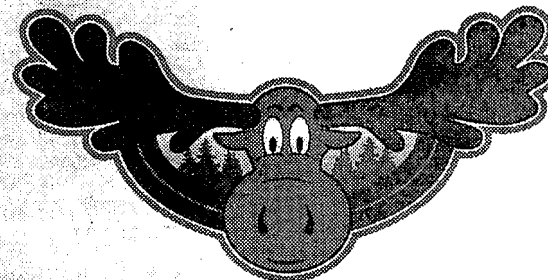
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# New commander in town

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

The new commander of Independence Township sheriff's substation is already familiar with the area — Lt. Mark Gardner commanded the Springfield Township substation from 2004-2008.

"It's good to be back here," said Gardner, who lived in Independence Township in the 1980s and Springfield Township in the 1990s, and currently resides in Macomb County. "I know everybody, I'm familiar with the courts. It's like riding a bike, you never forget."

In 2008, he was assigned to take over the substation in Royal Oak Township.

"It was busy, with things from check fraud to homicide," Gardner said. "We did a lot of good work."

In 2008, he said he was looking forward to gaining some urban law enforcement experience.

"I got that and then some," he said. "It's helped my career quite a bit, making it more well rounded."

Royal Oak is a different community, very diverse with a lot of different issues, he said.



Gardner

He takes over the Independence Township substation after the retirement of Lt. Dale Labair.

"Those are big shoes to fill, it's quite an honor," Gardner said. "We have good people here, helping me out and filling me in on local issues."

He's in charge of 23 deputies, including three detectives and three sergeants. He's met with the Township Board as well as Clarkston City Council, since the substation patrols the city as well.

"They've welcomed me with open arms," he said.

He's spending about a month talking to his deputies and detectives to get a feel for the area.

"A lot of observation, get ideas from people, make sure we're on the same page," he said.

Issues range from marijuana and other drug abuse and assault and battery cases to traffic troubles and vandalism in the parks.

"The detectives handle them very well," he said.

A deputy assigned downtown has a good rapport with local businesses.

"Community policing is a very good tool for law enforcement," he said. "I'll see what people say and go from there. The deputies are doing an outstanding job."

## Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

### Driver through service

Following a tip, a deputy watched a 42-year-old Waterford man purchase alcohol from his car at a convenience store at Sashabaw and Maybee roads, 9:24 p.m., July 18. The man was sitting in his car, talking to customers, when a store clerk came outside for a cigarette break. The clerk, a 43-year-old Southfield man, spoke to the Waterford man, went into the store, and brought him items in a bag. After being told by a departing customer the man was offering to sell marijuana, the deputy called for backup and moved in. The Waterford man was intoxicated and uncooperative, but didn't have any marijuana. In a bag was a bottle of vodka, so the clerk was cited with furnishing alcohol to an intoxicated person. The Waterford man was taken to the hospital and his vehicle was impounded.

### Party's out of hand

Neighbors called police after they were awakened at 2:30 a.m., July 22, by the sound of beer cans hitting their house. A party for a high school graduate in the 5000 block of Timber Cove Circle that afternoon had continued into the early morning. Responding deputies found hundreds of beer cans in the party house's yard, and hundreds more inside, along with about a dozen sleeping teenagers. The 50-year-old homeowner admitted serving alcohol to minors, saying they were staying overnight, though he couldn't account for everyone. He was cited for hosting an open house party. An 18-year-old Independence Township man is under investigation for throwing the beer cans at the neighbor's house.

### Theft from vehicle

A S. River Road resident left her purse on the front seat of her car with the windows down and forgot to lock it. Someone took it, July 24. The purse was later found in nearby woods missing some money.

### Accidental death

A 15-year-old Rose Township boy died, Aug. 2, of neck injuries suffered on the playground at Davisburg Elementary School. The boy was at the school playground, July 31, with an 18-year-old Springfield Township woman when he got caught in a zipline. Deputies cut away most of the chain when taking him down. He was taken to Genesys Hospital in critical condition, but died, 6:19 p.m., Aug. 2. Investigation showed the incident was an accident.

### Driver with marijuana

Deputies investigating a suspicious-circumstances complaint found a pickup truck with two men in it, 9:04 p.m., July 29. The 19-year-old Waterford man and 24-year-old Davisburg man both smelled of marijuana. They had a plastic box of marijuana, wood pipe, and a set of brass knuckles. Investigation continues.

### Break-in thefts

Someone broke the lock and took a bicycle chained up in a carport in the 6000 block of Lancasterlake Court, July 23, between 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Someone broke into an office at Bay Court Park, July 31, and took candy, drinks, and three bags of disc golf discs.

A storage shed was pried open in the 4000 block of White Lake Road, Aug. 1, and scrap metal taken.

### Drunk driver

A 35-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for drunk driving after being found passed out behind the wheel in a parking lot in the 7000 block of Ortonville Road, 7:01 p.m., Aug. 2. He had a preliminary breath test of .10.

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# Touchdown for a Cure

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The finishing touches are being put into place as the Clarkston gridiron heroes prepare to put on their baby blue and pink jerseys for the fourth annual Football for a Cure this Saturday, 7 p.m.

The proceeds of the event benefit McLaren Breast Cancer and McLaren Cancer Institute in Clarkston.

"It has helped quite a few patients," said Deanna Hart from McLaren Cancer Institute. "It has helped patients get to their treatments, particularly patients coming for radiation. They are here from 6-8 weeks, five days a week."

She added a majority of their patients are from the Pontiac area and are uninsured and unemployed with no means to get to the center for their treatments.

"This year's proceeds will continue to go towards transportation," said Hart. "It is an ongoing issue. It is a barrier that gets recognized early on. A lot of the patients who are not insured tend to wait until the last minute or wait until they are in the emergency room and get diagnosed with cancer. It is the pattern we are seeing."

Hart and a social worker make an assessment on the patients to see what they need.

"We help them get the resources to make this journey of theirs a smoother transition," she said. "Not having to worry about the funds for transportation is so appreciated by them."

She added the patients would ignore the cancer and wouldn't get treatment if they didn't have the transportation.

This year's Football for a Cure includes speakers Bonnie Acosta, a cancer survivor who was treated at McLaren Breast Center, and Dr. Stephen Franklin, a radiation oncologist at the center.

"It's a great deal," added Kurt Richardson, head coach for the Clarkston Wolves Varsity Football team. "We are trying to add some

things to it. It's going to be bigger and better."

Richardson added the community can help in a number of different ways - by attending the game, buying a T-shirt or buying jersey in memory of someone.

"We are looking forward to all of it," said Hart. "It will be another good event. The football team and Kurt have been amazing and supportive. We can't thank them enough."

Pink and blue T-shirts are already being spotted through the community since the football players began selling them at Concerts in the Park.

"It's nice people can give back and there is great support in the community," said Richardson. "That's why Clarkston is special."

"The community has been so supportive the last few years," Hart added. "I think with the passing with our young man, Ryan Kennedy, people just know there is a need out there. They step up to the plate and help wherever is needed. We are all touched by cancer. None of us are untouched by it unfortunately. When I see T-shirts and people purchasing hats to support the cause I know there are still people in the world that want to help."

McLaren Cancer Center will host their second annual Cancer Survivor Celebration party for their patients and the community from 5-6:30 p.m.

Hart added they will have tailgate food, snack and beverages and anyone interested can RSVP by calling 248-922-6603.

After the celebration everyone will move over to Clarkston High School stadium for the boys pre-scrimmage football game, set to begin at 7 p.m.

T-shirts are available for \$10 and bracelets are available for \$1 each during the event. More items are available online at [www.customthreadsandsports.com/clarkston](http://www.customthreadsandsports.com/clarkston). For information or to volunteer, email [ClarkstonFootballforaCure@gmail.com](mailto:ClarkstonFootballforaCure@gmail.com).



Football players take on cancer during their pre-season scrimmage. File photo

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Travis Smith rushes the ball during his senior season with the Clarkston Wolves. Photo by Larry Wright

## Thundering impact

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Travis Smith will be bringing the thunder as he suits up for Trine University football in the fall.

"I feel very lucky to continue," he said about continuing his football career as a member of Thunder. "So many people dream about doing it and I get to do it. I feel lucky and blessed."

He decided in early spring it was where he wanted to go after his visit at Trine in Angola, Ind.

"I really liked Trine better," he said, adding the biggest draw for him was the football players and the coaches.

"It was how friendly they were," Smith said. "They wanted me to go there and I would be going somewhere I was liked."

He was looking at two other schools. He visited Trine University a few times and each time his decision stayed the same - it was the place for him.

Smith was a three year varsity player for the football, basketball and track teams. It wasn't a hard decision for him which to continue to play in college.

"I knew if I was going to play any sport in college it would be football," he said. "It

was an easy decision because I made it a while ago.

He began playing football in fourth grade but was watching it on the weekends long before he started.

"It was something I wanted to go out and try," Smith added. "Once I tried it - I loved it and continued to play."

He joined the Clarkston Varsity football team his sophomore year as a defensive back and wide receiver. Some of his fondest memories include his sophomore year when he was part of the 2009 to finish in the MHSAA Division 1 Semifinal.

Other fond memories are hanging out with his friends and being with teammates as well as finishing his senior year with a close to undefeated season.

Smith added Clarkston football also taught him life lessons as he steps into the future.

"Giving back to the community is one of the big things we try to do," he said. "Also, discipline and respect. You always have respect for your fellow man."

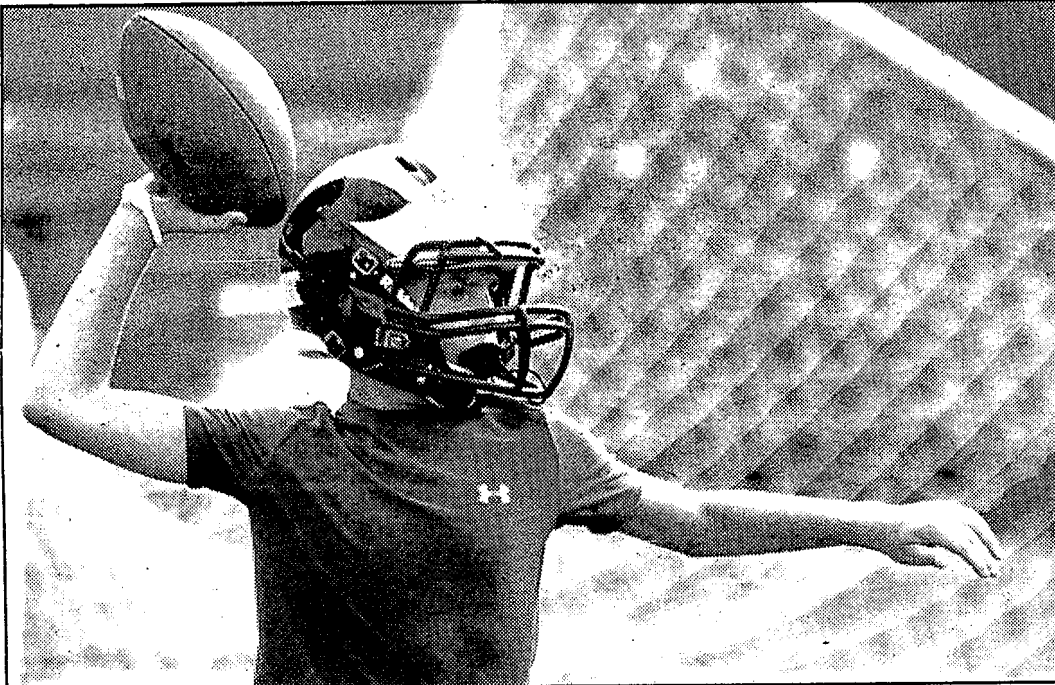
Smith will major in general business.

The Thunder opens their 2012 season Aug. 30 when they host Manchester at 7 p.m.

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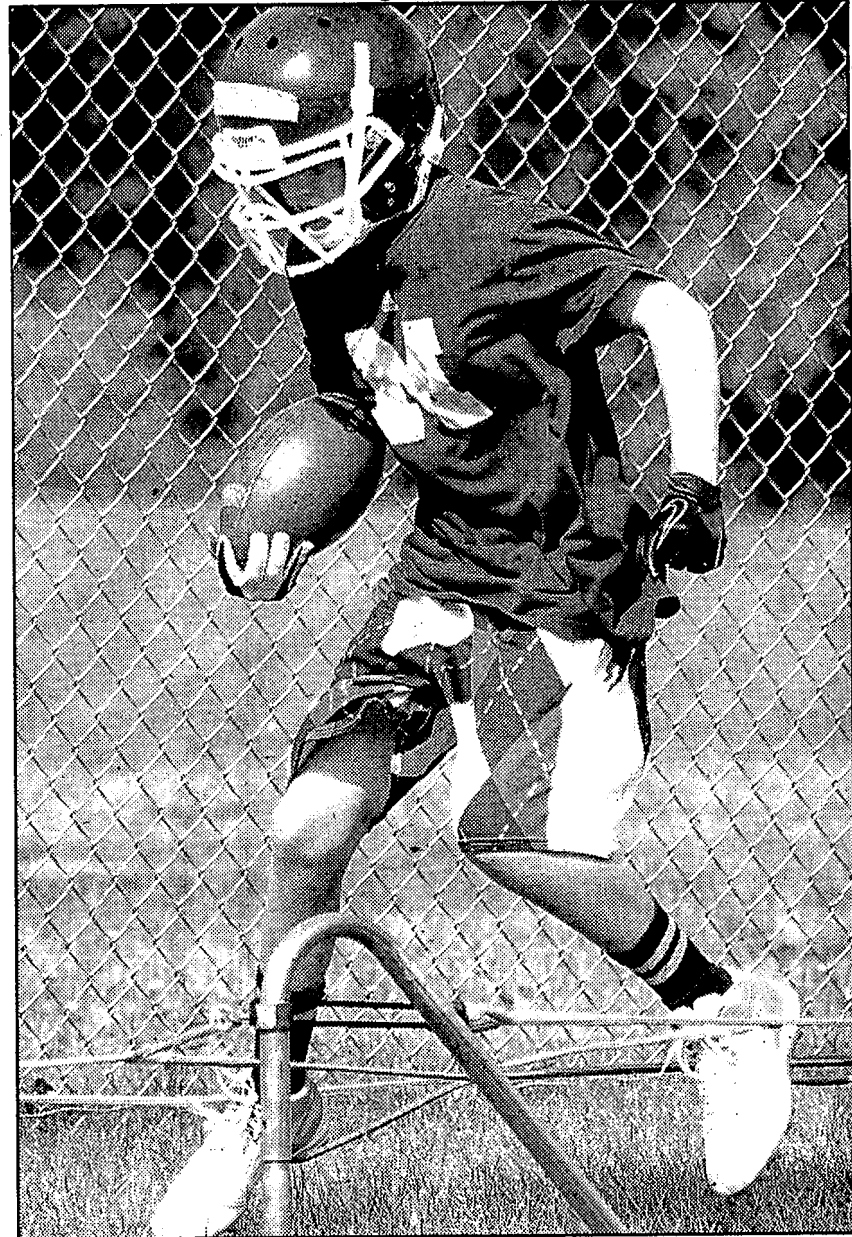
## Learning new skills

Over 140 boys attended the Clarkston Wolves Football Camp, July 23-26.

They learned fundamentals and played 6 vs. 6 games.

"It was a lot of fun," said Jake Hodges.

He has played football for seven years. He added the camp helped him get into shape as he prepares to play this fall for his school.



Jake Hodges uses his footwork to speed up his time. Photos by WAR

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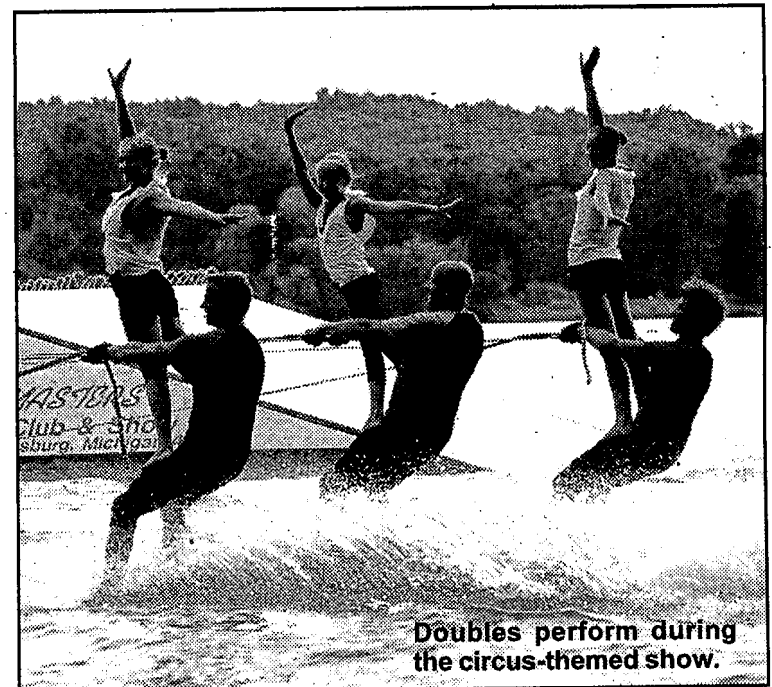
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Doubles perform during the circus-themed show.

## Skiers make a splash

Davisburg's Spray Masters' show, July 26, had music, skits, dancing, and breathtaking waterskiing as the team celebrated their 25-year anniversary.

Spectators watched as skiers young and old made a splash on Big Lake.

Photos by Krysten Cooper

A solo skier goes airborne.



The doubles impress spectators with their grace and style.



Acrobatics on the water.





Megan Hastings, right, and Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters, far left, represent Clarkston at the Michigan Division 1 All-State/All-Star Softball game. Photo provided

## One last run around the bases

Megan Hastings played her last softball game as she represented the Clarkston Lady Wolves at the 2012 Michigan Division 1 All-State/All-Star Softball game, July 18.

"It was pretty cool and exciting," she said. "It was a honor to be picked and to start the game, too."

Her team lost 12-3 but it was still a good time at the game, held at Michigan State University Secchia Stadium.

"They hit openings where our defensive players weren't," she said. "We didn't hit as good as we hoped against their pitcher."

She pitched one inning for her last time and was the starting shortstop. She also played her last softball game with Coach Don Peters, her head coach with the Lady Wolves.

"It was pretty cool," Hastings said. "I didn't know I would be playing in the All-Star game, so I thought my last game was when we lost in regionals against Romeo. To play

again with Coach Peters was amazing because I love him as a coach. Also, to have someone there that I knew helped a lot, too."

She added it was an honor to represent Clarkston at the game.

"I was really proud of myself. I wish I could have had some of my teammates there," she said.

Hastings heads to the University of Kentucky in the fall and will major in pharmacy. Her concentration will be on her studies, but she admits she will play on a recreational softball team.

Clarkston softball has left its mark as it taught her lessons over the years.

"Always work hard," Hastings said. "Even if your coach isn't watching always be on your best behavior, you never know when he could be watching. Always have a positive attitude, too."

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

## Rush for food, Aug. 17

Time to go grocery shopping and stock up for a good cause.

The Clarkston High School Football program is collecting food on Friday, Aug. 17 for their 15th Annual Rush for Food.

The Freshman, JV and Varsity football players will collect non-persishable food in local neighborhoods for Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township to build awareness of a community need, promote team unity and give back to the community that supports them.

They will collect from neighborhoods from 6-7 p.m. and at Lighthouse, 6-7:30 p.m.

Last year, the gridiron gang collected over 4,900 pounds of food. They have set their goal to collect over 4,800 pounds of food this year.

This event is organized by a parent volunteer committee, with support of the CHS football staff. They thank the Clarkston Athletic Boosters, Clarkston Chiefs and Kroger on Sashabaw Road for donating supplies.

The neighborhoods the players are driving through from 6-7pm for donations are: Almond Lane/Pinevalley, Autumn

Shores, Birdland, Boyne Highlands, Bridge Lake Bluffs, BridgeValley, Chestnut Hills, Deerwood, Glenwoods, HarborTowne, Hills of Kingston, Lake Waldon Village, Manors, Middlelake, Oakhurst, Old Pond, Peacefulvalley, Pebblecreek/King, Sashabaw Creek Meadows, Sashabaw Ridge, Sheringham, Softwater Woods/Ingomar farms, Spring Lake, Waldon Creek and Wyngate.

They try to cover as many neighborhoods as possible; however, they are unable to send groups into every area.

If they will miss you, please leave your donation in a labeled paper bag on the front porch or bring your donation labeled "Rush for Food" from 6:30-7:30pm so it can be part of the weigh-in.

You are also welcome to drop off your donations directly to Lighthouse Emergency Services during their business hours or from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 marked with Rush for Food/Clarkston Football.

Lighthouse is located at 6330 Sashabaw Road. For more information, please call 248-620-6116.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

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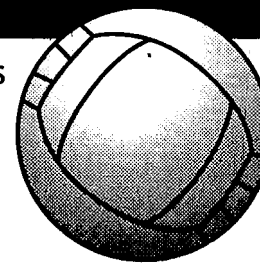
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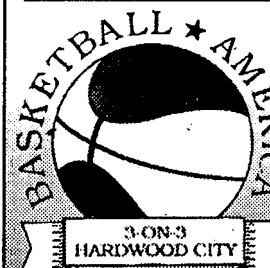


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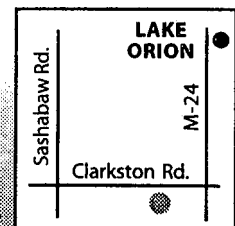


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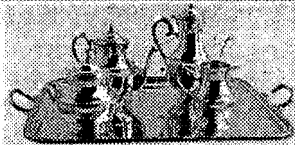


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### Should the state bring back movie incentives?

"Anything that brings jobs and helps the economy, why not? It would help local businesses."

— Dominic Vicari, with Joe Vicari

"I wish we would have kept them — we put so much into it initially. It seems we were getting positive results."

— Chris Thompson, with Tryssa Thompson

"They should bring them back. They did a lot for the state."

— Stacey Thompson, with Garrett Thompson

"I think it needs to be encouraged. Maybe not quite the dramatic incentives as before, but not so cheap as they are now."

— Tammie Heazlit

By Phil Custodio

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The Divine Mercy Knights of Columbus of Davisburg are ready to help the community. Photo by Krysten Cooper

## Knights plan to pitch in to help community

BY KRYSTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

Davisburg is home to a new Knights of Columbus Council, the Divine Mercy Council, based out of Divine Mercy Parish in Davisburg.

The parish started in November of 2009. Since then, the council has grown in size and has done a number of things to help the local community.

The idea for starting the council came from Fr. Budde who wanted a Knights of Columbus branch at Divine Mercy. They needed 30 members to start in 2009, and the group has already grown to include 51 men.

Divine Mercy Council's Grand Knight Mike Zubalik said it isn't hard to get men from Divine Mercy because they want to be involved. In

fact, last year they got nine new members.

The group has been doing a lot more, however, than getting more members. They have done food drives for the community food bank. In addition, they built a bridge in the downtown Davisburg park.

They worked together with the Optimist Club to put three new welcome signs at the entrances to downtown Davisburg. Finally, they have been volunteering their time and services at the Heritage Festival the last couple of years.

This year, they will be hosting a beer tent at the festival, with live music playing next to it. The tent is new to the festival and highly anticipated.

All these different things take money to run and the Knights take care of that through fund

raisers. Every year they do a fund raiser at the Auto-Show and Autorama, which gives them enough money to put their plans into action. In addition, they donate money to charities and to help seminarians with college costs.

Zubalik said they are able to do all of this because of the nature of their council.

"It's a young council, it's a vibrant council with a lot of active members who are willing to pitch in and help the community and parish at a moment's notice and we dot that through the leadership of Fr. Budde."

In the future, the Knights plan to continue helping Davisburg. They work closely with Springfield Township Parks and Recreation, and provide manpower for projects or clean ups that take place downtown.



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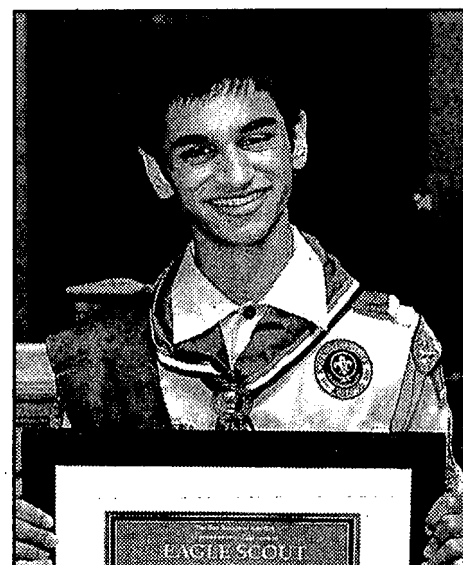
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Sharvil Patel holds his Eagle Scout award proudly. Photo provided

## Eagle scout

Sharvil Patel from Boy Scout Troop 189, chartered out of Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston, received his Eagle Award, June 3.

His Eagle Project was to design and install five Interpretive Signs for a hiking trail through the Shiawassee Prairie Fen in Springfield Township.

The signs provide visitors with information relevant to the specific location. Furthermore, the project also involved weather-proofing the signs, and they also built and installed wooden benches alongside the signs, and put in pavers, landscape fabric, and mulch.

Sharvil and the 25 volunteers spent 223 hours in planning, designing and completing this project. Sharvil will be a senior at Clarkston High School in the fall. He is the son of Amit and Poonal Patel.

## In service to our country

Air Force Airman Nicholas R. Cyr graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Cyr is the son of Brenda and Christopher Cyr of Rama Court, Clarkston.

He is a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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Marine Corps Pvt. **Danielle N. Senko**, daughter of Jennifer P. Senko of St. Clair Shores and Kenneth L. Senko, Sr of Clarkston, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.



**50+ Paddleboarding Class**, 10-11 a.m., Aug. 8, Deer Lake Beach. All equipment provided. \$25/members, \$30/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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**Solidarity kick-off barbeque** with Greater Oakland County Republican Club and state Sen. Jim Marleau, 5-8 p.m., Aug. 9, Vette Products of Michigan museum, 405 W Clarkston Road. \$20 donation/family.

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**5k Fun Run**, Clarkston Blue and Gold Club, 11 a.m., Aug. 11, Clarkston High School. Registration, 10 a.m., \$20. Proceeds go to brain cancer research in honor of Ryan Kennedy. Email [jedrallos@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:jedrallos@clarkston.k12.mi.us).

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**Fund-raiser rummage sale**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 10; 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 11, American Legion Unit 63 Auxiliary, 8047 Ortonville Road. Drop off donations of usable household, garage items, Aug. 9, 9 a.m. 248-634-7140.

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**Ghost Walk**, 9-11 p.m., Aug. 11, hosted by Clarkston Community Historical Society. Meet at Depot Park for guided tour through downtown to hear costumed narrators tell stories of Clarkston's paranormal activity. \$12.50, 12 and older. 248-922-0270.

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**55th Reunion**, Lake Orion High School Class of 1957, Aug. 11, Rochester Community House, Rochester. Golf scramble at Bald Mountain Golf Course, Lake Orion, Aug. 10. 248-693-2973.

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**Grand opening**, Urgent Care, Comprehensive Family Healthcare, 6770 Dixie Hwy., Suite 202, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Aug. 15, with Dr. Theodore Engelmann. 248-620-0377.

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# Around Town



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

Clarkston Community Historical Society with Maureen Esther, storyteller, 7 p.m., Aug. 21, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

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

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

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**Mothers & More**, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 6:30 p.m., third Monday. In August, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510.

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

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

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**Grief Support Group**, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe

Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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**50+ Line Dancing**, Mondays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Dance to country, salsa, cha-cha and rock and roll rhythms with Rosemary Hall to exercise your body and mind! Ongoing @ \$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

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

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**5K training program**, Mondays, Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., six weeks starting Aug. 20. Target: Brookside Way 5K, Sept. 30. Race registration separate. Ages 16 and up. Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

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**50+ Pickleball**, indoor, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road; outdoor, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30-10:30 a.m., \$2. Clintonwood Park Tennis Courts, 6000 Clarkston Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Clarkston Farmers' Market**, Saturdays through Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Education Center, 6300 Church Street.

## Memorial for Finn, Aug. 9

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Highway in Springfield Township, about 6 p.m., Aug. 3. He passed away, Aug. 4. The passengers were not seriously injured.

He graduated Cum Laude from Clarkston High School, Class of 2012. He was on the varsity tennis team.

"He was also very good with children," Varney said. "He was all around the perfect package in a young man, we are very lucky to have him in our lives and knowing now he is watching over us as we did watch over him in life."

Finn loved snowboarding and cars - he just got himself a new one.

"He was going to show his new car to his grandpa in Woodward, at a car club down there," Varney said.

His friends and classmates have been very supportive of the family, for which Varney is very thankful.

"They took over the whole floor of the hospital, keeping vigil," he said. "They

would stop over and bring food. They've been great."

Finn was the beloved son of Dan Jr. (Teena) Finn and Vicki (Rob) Harrington; big brother of Anthony and Mitchel Harrington; grandson of Dan Sr. (Wanda) Finn, Brenda (Brian) Creamer, Sue (Michael) Maciag, Dale Ochenski, Tom and Jan Harrington, Max Hauxwell Sr. and Karen (Bob) Henkel; great grandson of Caroline Ochenski; special cousin of Shelbie, Abbie, and Kayla Varney; also survived by many other family members who will miss him tremendously.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-9 p.m. Celebration of Life Memorial Service, Thursday, Aug. 9, 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations payable to Clarkston High School, for pay-to-play sports.

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# Many parties for 100th birthday celebration

BY KRYSTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

Springfield Township resident Lucille Krause looked, as she would put it, "finer than frogs hair" as she celebrated her 100 birthday, July 27.



Krause

Krause has lived in Springfield Township since 1945 and has always been an active member in the community. She served as postmaster for over 20 years and as a clerk at the post office before that.

Now, even though she has been retired for 40 years, many members of the community still know her name as she is an active member of the Young at Heart Active Adults Group and plays cards regularly, among other things.

On July 26, the Young at Heart Active Adults Group put on a party for Krause, which was her fourth party to date. Krause said that it wouldn't be the last, however, as she still had three more parties to attend over the weekend, one of which would be the



Lucille Krause, at right, enjoys a performance by the Davisburg Mountain Jubileers Band at her birthday celebration. Photo by Krysten Cooper

biggest yet. The Hart community center was filled with friends and family who came to celebrate with her.

The party started off with Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Sarah Richmond reading two poems to Krause, in which heartfelt sentiments such as "Your birthday should be a national holiday" were expressed and seconded by many.

Lunch followed along with a cake and candles, which when lit were so vibrant Krause remarked, "Where's the fire extinguisher?"

Happy Birthday was then sung and led

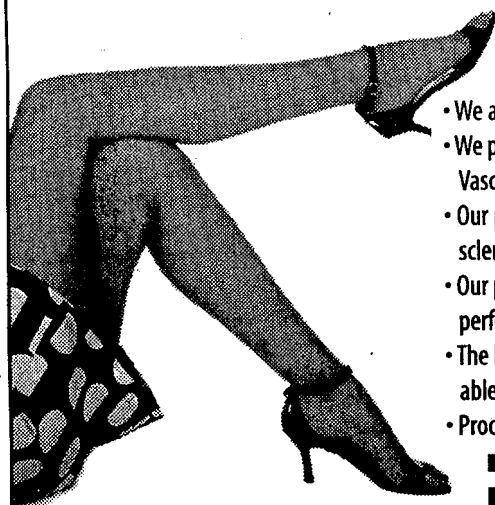
by the Davisburg Mountain Jubileers Band. After that, they sang a song they wrote especially for Krause that was all about frogs in honor of her favorite saying.

Krause also received a number of gifts from her friends, most of which had to do with frogs. Two particularly special gifts were a pillowcase signed by everybody in the Young at Heart Active Adults Group and also a new bench in the Mill Pond Park with the inscription, "Lucille V. Krause, 2012-100, Our Special Lady."

If you would like more information about the Young at Heart Active Adults Groups, visit [www.springfield-twp.us/](http://www.springfield-twp.us/).

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Earlier this summer I was reminded of that little story about a person who was caught on a rooftop in a terrible flood and prayed fervently for God's help. Soon a rowboat came by.

"Jump in," the woman offered. But the man on the roof replied, "No thanks, I'm praying to God, and I have faith that he will save me."

A while later a motorboat happened by. "Come with us!" Again the reply, "No thanks, I'm praying to God, and I have faith that he will save me."

Finally the flood waters were almost covering the house, when a helicopter came by.

Over a loudspeaker the pilot said, "I'm going to drop a line, grab on and I will get you out of here!" Yet again, the man replied, "No thanks, I'm praying to God, and I have faith that he will save me." Reluctantly the helicopter flew off.

The waters continued to rise and man perished in the flood. He went to heaven and had a discussion with God. "I prayed and had faith but you didn't save me. Why not?" God's response was, "I sent two boats

and a helicopter. what else did you want?"

This story can teach us a lot about what prayer is, how prayer works, and about answers to prayer sometimes not being what we expect.

I pray daily for God's help for those who are sick or hurting or need help in some way. I pray for miracles. What I have discovered, like the man on the rooftop, is that God typically works within what we often call the ordinary instead of the "miraculous."

Really this is not surprising since God made things work the way they do and gives us the knowledge and technology we have. These "ordinary" miracles are no less miraculous when we take the time to see them and acknowledge them all around us.

A further implication of this story is that we are daily called to be the answer to someone else's prayer. Of course this requires paying attention and being willing to get involved.

The truth is that when someone needs help God usually sends real people just like us. So for me part of praying for someone or a situation in our world is to be open to God asking me to "float by in the boat" and get involved.

Of course sometimes our prayers are not answered the way we would like for them to be, and we wonder if God really heard us. In

my experience God will not usually just take us out of the pain or problem instantaneously, but rather will walk through it with us helping us or others to learn and grow from it.

The promise of Psalm 23 is that the Lord walks with us "through the valley of the shadow of death," not that he will help us take the detour around it or find the "easy button." The Bible does not deny that life is hard and that bad things happen in our broken and sinful world. Yet the assurance is clear, "do not be afraid!"

So what is prayer really all about? I am certain that is not about gaining access to some vending machine in the sky where we put in a prayer and get out of God what we want or think we need.

In fact I believe the point of prayer is not mostly about getting something at all. Instead it is the way God invites us into a relationship so we can grow close. Prayer is less about instructing or informing God about how to run the world as it is simply spending time with God. My experience has been that when I am open to God in prayer, I may not get what I want but I do get what I need, and that is to know that no matter what I am safe in the loving arms of God.

*The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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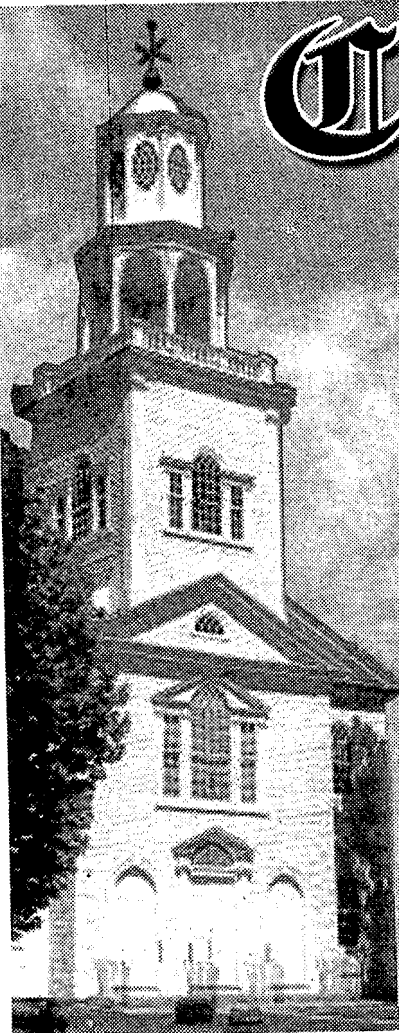
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## Hospital traffic could get signal reactivated

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Cyclists Ellen and Ken Cooper bike in the area daily but have had to find more pedestrian-friendly alternative routes. The Coopers say they've spoken up at township board meetings and contacted the RCOC, but there's still "no place to cross except miles away."

Trustee Neil Wallace said because Sashabaw and Bow Pointe are county roads and not township roads, "we can't do anything except try to persuade the Oakland County Road Commission to do something."

The RCOC's Craig Bryson said the situation was reviewed after speaking with Clarkston school officials and the township.

"There are not enough pedestrians to justify turning on the signal," Bryson said. "We're concerned that if the signal were turned on and just used sporadically, it could be a dangerous situation."

Pine Knob Elementary confirmed that no walkers use the Bow Pointe and Sashabaw crosswalk.

From the RCOC's point of view, daily commuters have grown accustomed to the flashing light, so changing the signal might cause traffic accidents.

"If you're on a road where you drive everyday, you get used to the signal being in flash. But all of the sudden one day it turns red and you're not expecting that, you're going to have rear-end collisions and potentially have pedestrians hit if people don't stop because they aren't used to having a light there," said Bryson.

Besides deciding who is more at risk, drivers who regularly use the route or pedestrians at the crosswalk, the RCOC must also consider the plans for the McLaren development on Sashabaw and Bow Pointe.

"There's simply not that much traffic today going into that McLaren property," said Bryson.

However, the intersection will likely get busier if a hospital is built nearby, and Bryson said the RCOC might activate the crosswalk signal, "but there's got to be more traffic accessing that property to justify doing that."

Trustee Wallace notes development of West Bow Pointe and McLaren hospital would probably increase traffic there. McLaren is appealing the denial of their Certificate of Need (CON) application and cannot build a hospital unless their CON has been approved. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) denied McLaren's CON because "there is not a need for additional beds in the area," said Angela Menicuci of the MDCH.

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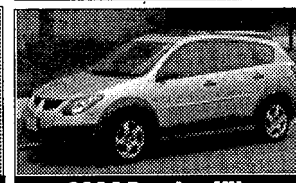
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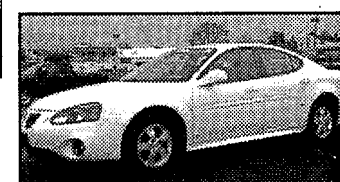
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SYNOPSIS  
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JULY 31, 2012

A. A Regular Budget Meeting of the Charter Township of  
Independence Board was called to order at 7:09 PM at  
the Independence Township Hall.  
B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.  
C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta,  
Rosso (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), Wallace  
Absent: Petterson, Wagner  
There was a quorum present.  
Also Present: Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Ken  
Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Kristen  
Sieloff, Assessor; Dave Belcher, Building, Planning  
& Zoning Director

Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved  
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as amended  
E. CLOSED SESSION: None  
F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barb Pallotta,  
Clerk reported that the Clerk's office will be open  
Saturday, August 4th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm to  
issue absent voter ballots for the August 7th Primary  
Election and provided an update on the recent pre-  
cinct relocations.  
G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandy Boggemes discussed her  
disappointment in the failure of the ordinance re-  
vision related to open burning.

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None  
I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:  
1. Presentation: CIP Plan: (Bart Clark, Superinten-  
dent) - Removed  
Larry Rosso, Trustee arrived at 7:22 pm.  
2. Budget: Parks, Recreation & Seniors (Ken Elwert,  
Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director)  
3. Budget: Assessing (Kristen Sieloff, Assessor)  
4. Budget: Board of Review (Kristen Sieloff, As-  
sessor)  
5. Budget: Human Resources (Rick Yaeger, Bud-  
get Analyst)  
6. Budget: Building Department (Dave Belcher,  
Building, Planning & Zoning Director)  
7. Budget: Clerk (Barb Pallotta, Clerk)  
8. Budget: Elections (Barb Pallotta, Clerk)  
9. Budget: Treasurer (Curt Carson, Treasurer)  
10. Discussion Regarding Facilities & Maintenance  
Department (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:  
None  
K. CONSENT AGENDA:  
1. Approval of Cable TV Budget Adjustment  
2. Approval of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance An-  
nual Donation of \$4,000.00  
L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:  
None  
M. REGULAR BUSINESS:  
1. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and  
Payroll in the Amount of \$1,356,834.25  
N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members dis-  
cussed various topics.  
O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /  
REPORTS: None  
P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Budget Meeting ad-  
journed at 9:13 PM.

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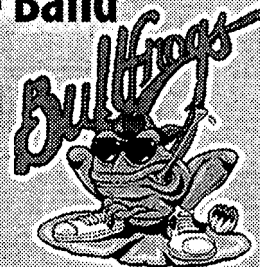


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"We believe in supporting business," said Chamber Director Marie Hauswirth.

She believes Cash Mobs will not only help a retailer's bottom line, they will also bring exposure. Hauswirth noted many of the shoppers who came to KH Home had never been to the store before.

Hauswirth said Cash Mobs are planned for the summer and winter, and they are organized on the Waterford Chamber's Facebook page. To find out more go to [www.facebook.com/WaterfordChamber](http://www.facebook.com/WaterfordChamber).



A Waterford Chamber of Commerce Cash Mob stops by KH Home. Photo by Mary Keck

## Obituaries

### Daniel B. Dunnam, 59

Daniel B. Dunnam of Novi passed away Aug. 2, 2012, at age 59.

He was preceded in death by his parents Daniel and Erma. He was the brother of Paula (James Jr.) Angeloff, Janice (Dennis) Clack and Pamela Dunnam; uncle of James Angeloff III.



Celebration of Life  
Funeral service was Aug. 7 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Natalie Randall, 60

Natalie Joy Randall (Kilmer) of Auburn Hills passed away Aug. 3, 2012, at age 60. She was the wife of Karl for 40 years;

mother of Adam (Danielle) Randall and Kara (Dustin) Reed; sister of Bruce Kilmer; daughter-in-law of Herbert and Wilma Randall; sister-in-law of Andra (Keith) Wellsted, Kent (Jackie) Randall and Lisa (Steve) Radak.

Mrs. Randall was formerly a reporter and copy editor at the *Oakland Press*. She earned a Master's Degree in Counseling from Oakland University and was an area counselor.



In the past, Natalie taught Psychology and was a Trustee on the Board at Rochester College. She was a member of Troy Church of Christ.

Funeral service was Aug. 6 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Rochester College. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### John C. Shiff, 77

John C. Shiff of Davisburg, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Aug. 4, 2012, at age 77.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann. He was the father of James (Julie) Shiff, Debra (Riley) Exum, Katherine (John) Brenner, John (Denise) Shiff and Dean (Kelly) Shiff; grandpa of Dillon and Abbie Shiff. Andrew (Sarah), Joseph (Heather) Exum, Ashley (Douglas) Loomis, David, Lauren, Anna and Emily Brenner, Samantha and Jacob Shiff, Alicia, Ethan and Noelle Shiff, Kara, Kalvyn, Zack and Gabe Robinson; great grandpa of Mary Katherine and Jack Loomis, Sean and Catherine Ann Exum; brother of Theodore (Nancy) Shiff, his twin George Shiff and Hal (Jan) Shiff.

Mr. Shiff was a professor at Oakland University and Knight of Columbus - fourth

degree.

Friends may visit, Friday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Rosary service, Friday, 7 p.m., at the funeral home. Funeral Mass, Saturday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m., Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, where friends may visit directly at the church, 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### June A. Thomas, 94

June A. Thomas of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away July 30, 2012, at age 94.

She was preceded in death by her husband Don and parents Robert and Helen Grimm; mother of Jan (Dr. Jim Treston) Clabuesch and Don (Jane) Thomas; grandma of Allison, Michael, Lisa, Christopher, and Ashley Clabuesch, Molly, Scott and Jonathan Thomas.



Mrs. Thomas was a member of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and formerly attended Clarkston United Methodist Church. Memorial Service was Aug. 2 at St. Luke's Episcopal Chapel at Canterbury on the Lakes, Waterford. Inurnment, Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Donations in June's memory may be made to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 334, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

Obituaries posted at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** **FILE NO:**  
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**CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Thomas E. Thomas, Deceased. Date of birth: 07/19/1948.  
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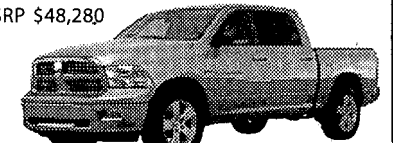
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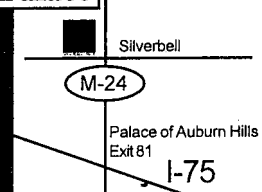
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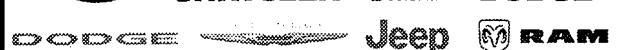
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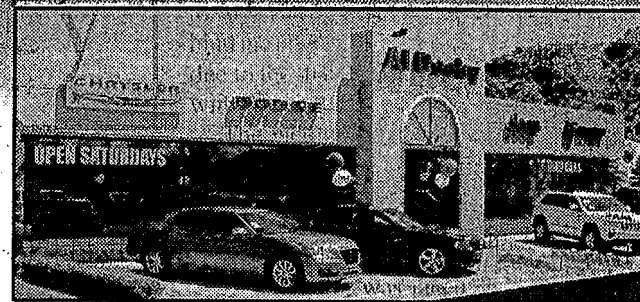
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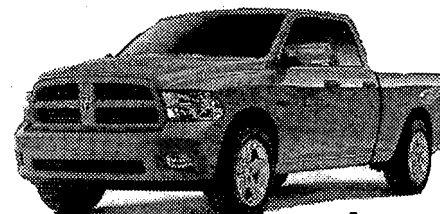


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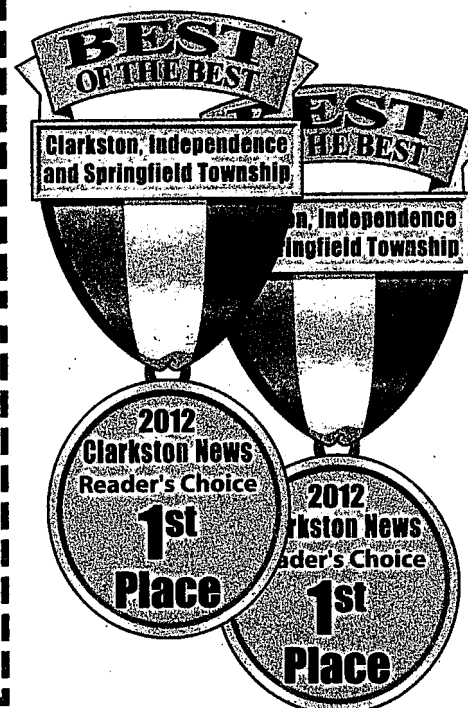
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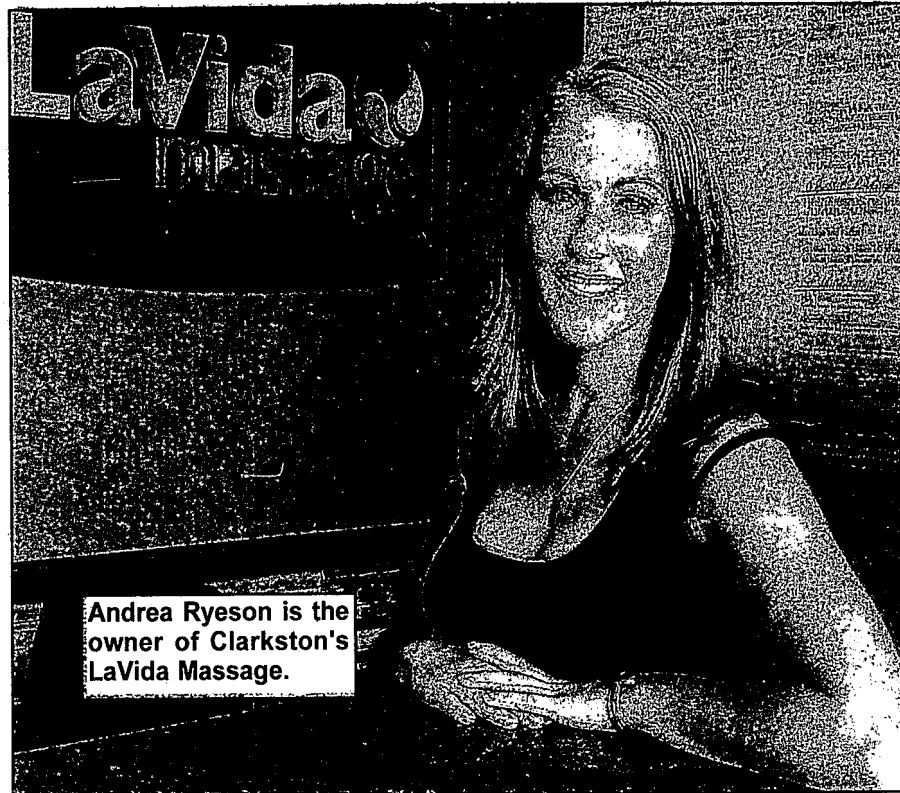
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# Top dining experience at Mesquite Creek

Although they have been voted Best Restaurant, Mesquite Creek's General Manager Tony Vitale will tell you "we strive to be better and better."

Mesquite Creek offers patrons a comfortable, consistent place to have not only something to eat, but a dining experience. What's a dining experience?

To Vitale, it is a positive feeling that "affects everyone who walks in the door," and it starts with the staff. "People on the staff care," said Vitale. From Vitale's perspective, the most important asset he has is his people.

In particular, he appreciates the work of Jan Shill who "over the past five years has worked tirelessly and puts all her heart in," Vitale said. The caring staff makes all the difference at Mesquite Creek, and so does the food.

"We're consistently experimenting with new things," Vitale pointed out. Some of the latest offerings include Salmon Soleil, an appetizer of smoked salmon complemented with the Chef's dill cream sauce.

Some other newcomers to the menu include The Emperor, Mesquite Creek's signature French Dip made with hand sliced medium rare prime rib. It is served on a baguette with Swiss cheese, onion, and Au Jus.

The new Spicy Fish Tacos are one of



The staff of Mesquite Creek makes the restaurant the Best of the Best.

Vitale's favorites. The dish offers spice-lovers a taste of Chipotle aioli and salsa Carmen, and it is stuffed with the Chef's spicy slaw.

If you haven't been in to Mesquite Creek in a while, the updated menu with its new South-Side Pork Chops and San Jose Swordfish are reason enough to stop in again.

Along with the delicious options to please your taste buds, you can sip on Mesquite Creek's specialty drinks.

If you love Bloody Mary's, you'll certainly enjoy the new Bloody Massacre, which

comes with a warning "This is the hottest bloody Mary you ever had!" With Mesquite Creek's own hot pepper marinated vodka, you're sure to feel the heat.

For those who prefer milder flavors, the Black Bourbon Splash or Black'n Blue Mojito is sure to wet your whistle. The blend of mint and fruit in these beverages is not only tasty, it is memorable.

If mixed drinks aren't your style, choose from sparkling to white to red wines on Mesquite Creek's extensive wine list. You can

sample vino from all over the world or find your favorite Michigan wine and share a bottle. Since the wine list is updated every four or five months, there will always be a different Chardonnay, Riesling, Chianti, or Malbec to try.

While you're sipping wine or tasting one of Mesquite Creek's delicacies, you can enjoy live entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, beginning 7 p.m. You may even see General Manager Tony Vitale sing a few tunes.

Being voted Best of the Best five years in a row, "feels good," said Vitale, but he's not ready to slow down. In fact, Vitale believes being Best again is "an indicator that 'its time to work even harder.'"

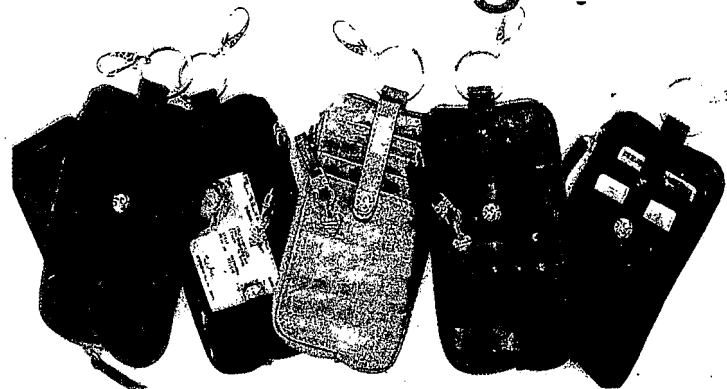
Next time you visit Mesquite Creek, you'll see the hard work in action through the excellent service, delicious meals, and delightful entertainment.

For more information or to place a carry out order call 248-620-9300 or just stop by 7228 N. Main Street.

They're open from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; from 3-9 p.m. on Sunday.

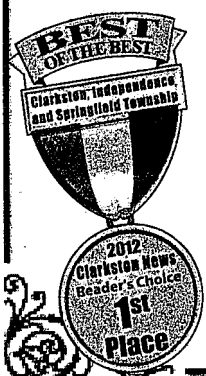
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Christina Calka and some of her jewelry collection.

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"I appreciate every person who walks in these doors," said Christina Calka, owner. "I feel fortunate to be a part of such an amazing community. Thank you for all the wonderful support. We like what we are that's why I created a store I can love. It's my second home.

Village Fashion Boutique offers something

for everyone's budget. They also feature local artist's merchandise.

"We always try to make everyone's visit here great," Calka added. "We care about our customers and it's great building relationships with so many wonderful people."

They also give back to the community and are involved with many of the events.

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# Friendly, efficient expertise at Clarkston State Bank

"We like to think of ourselves as the Cheers bank, where everybody knows your name," said Clarkston State Bank CEO Grant Smith.

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Unlike a larger, corporate bank, when you have a problem, you don't endure long waits on an automated phone system. With CSB, you can call directly to the person you need.

Often the banker you sit down with at CSB is someone who has known you and your family for years. This close relationship is only one reason this community bank was voted Best of the Best.

Not only do they offer friendly customer service, Clarkston State Bank prides itself on quick, efficient services including cash management, deposit, and loan services.

While CSB already gives is costumers top-notch service, it is looking into new ways to serve them. For instance, the bank hopes to start remote deposit capture.

On Sashabaw at the entrance of the McLaren campus, CSB hopes to develop a full branch for the convenience of its customers.

Clarkston State Bank may be looking into



The friendly staff of Clarkston State Bank make a difference out in the community as well as in the bank.

expansion now, but Smith can remember when it wasn't always so easy.

During the economic downturn, the bank "stayed true to what we were and who we are and the things we believe in," said Smith. Clarkston State Bank didn't get any help from the federal government.

"We appreciate the fact that there were a lot of people in the community who continued to support the bank financially with not only their deposits and loans, but also out on the street talking positively about us," said Smith.

Clarkston State Bank has been voted Best

Bank two years in a row. "It makes us feel good that people out there recognize and appreciate what we are and what we're about."

To see how Clarkston State Bank can help you with your financial needs, go to [www.clarkstonstatebank.com](http://www.clarkstonstatebank.com) or call 248-625-8585.

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# Community service key to Genisys Credit Union success

Genisys Credit Union is honored to be recognized by our members and the communities we serve as the "Best of the Best."

"Thank you to everyone who voted for making this award possible," said Jackie Buchanan, CEO. "Credit unions were formed on the basis of 'people helping people' so it's a privilege to be recognized for something that we strive to accomplish daily in everything we do. We'll continue to do our best to provide excellent service to all of our members."

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We recently launched our new iPhone app with Mobile Deposit, making us the first credit



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"Our goal is to provide members with

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"Being voted Best of the Best acknowledges our commitment to the people and patients in our community," she continued. "I strive to provide the most advanced allergy and asthma care in a compassionate and convenient manner. It is a privilege to provide allergy and asthma care to those in our community."

Advanced Allergy and Asthma provides the region's most up to date, advanced allergy and asthma care.

"This benefits our community, particularly those who suffer from these conditions," Dr. Johnson added. "We strive to improve the quality of life for these individuals in our community."

They have added new expanded hours to provide the most convenient care possible. Additionally, they are now offering a new allergy component testing for food allergies.

"This testing can significantly help those who suffer from food allergies, especially those with peanut allergies, and may help identify patients who are at greater risk for a severe reaction to their food allergy," Dr. Johnson said.

Dr. Johnson has experience with various allergic conditions and provides comprehensive health care for the entire family, from children to adults.

Advanced Allergy and Asthma also gives back to the community by being involved in local community



**Reba Johnson, M.D.**

charities and events.

Advanced Allergy and Asthma is located at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive, Suite 110.

For more information, please call 248-384-8310, visit their website [www.advancedallergymd.com](http://www.advancedallergymd.com), or email [advancedallergyasthma@gmail.com](mailto:advancedallergyasthma@gmail.com).

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## Customer service earns bartender honors

Julie Morales was honored with Best of the Best Bartender, but the award could have gone to any of the Springfield Inn wait staff.

"It could be any one of us - we all provide great service. We treat customers like one big family," said Morales, who has tended bar at the Dixie Highway establishment for about seven years. "I'm honored, though. It makes me feel good to know readers would take the time to acknowledge you."

The customers are friendly too, she said. "We're a family bar with great customers," she said. "Walk in here for the first time, by the time you leave, you'll know somebody." "I love it - it's good feedback from our customers," said Jay Kasperek, owner.

Springfield Inn was also honored with Best of the Best Burger, second place, with their third-pound, certified Angus beef burgers.

"Our burgers are cut from same area on the cow where steak comes from," Kasperek said.

They provide a tray filled with fresh condiments so customers can dress their burgers the way they want.

"The biggest thing is quality of product and service, and friendliness of the wait staff," he said. "We're a neighborhood-type bar with lots of regulars. We know what they want and serve them as they come in. There's



**Julie Morales, with Springfield Inn owner Jay Kasperek, earned the Best of the Best Bartender award.**

a good rapport between employees and customers."

Their service and burgers also earned them second place out of 129 metro Detroit bars and restaurants in channel 4's Click On Detroit - 4 The Best. Go to [www.clickondetroit.com/4thebest](http://www.clickondetroit.com/4thebest) to vote for them there, too.

Call Springfield Inn, 10197 Dixie Highway, at 248-620-9168.



# Sportsmen's Northern Grill continues legacy of quality

Owner Tom Kurko, servers and staff thank everyone who voted Sportsmen's Northern Grill the Best of the Best Bar and Grill.

This is very exciting, added Kurko.

"The grill has been a family business for 50 years. The building itself, which was originally a stagecoach stop, has been in continual operation for 120 years. My grandfather was here, my mother and father were here, I'm here and I have two daughters," he said. "Hope-

fully they will be the next generation."

Another key to successful business is having long term employees who are dedicated.

"We have double-digit employees who have been here for years and years and years as well as generations, children of the employees that are working here too," he said.

"Our menu offers something for everyone. We have a high quality food that we're selling at a reasonable price," he continued. "Our famous Angus

stuffed burgers on pretzel buns and our pizzas are just a couple of our customer's favorites. Come in for our '2 for \$20' special menu Sunday through Thursday. Relax on our patio."

Kurko has never worked in another industry besides the food business and it shows through the quality of the food and the service.

"What I love about the food business is it's a people's business, whether it's entertainment, food, relaxation, whatever their needs are," he said.

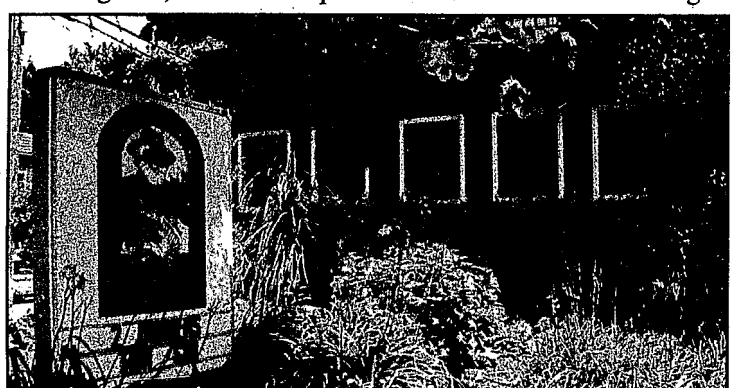
"They come in with needs and hopefully I can fulfill them."

Sportsmen's Great Northern Grill also has live music on Wednesdays and Thursdays and a DJ on Fridays and Saturdays.

Sportsmen's Great Northern Grill is located at 5864 Dixie Highway. For more information, call 248-623-1122 or visit [www.sportsmens.comcastbiz.net](http://www.sportsmens.comcastbiz.net).



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# Highest quality at Guido's Pizza

My team and I would like to thank everyone that voted us Best of the Best Pizza for the fifth year in a row.

"We have been in business for eight years and we are committed to providing the highest quality food and the best customer service," said Del Yeoman, owner of Guido's Pizza off Sashabaw Road. "Being voted Best of the Best is very exciting for us and we appreciate it. Our customer base is expanding every year."

Whether it is pizza, breadsticks, salads or pasta, boneless wings and thin crust pizzas, Guido's has plenty to choose from on their menu.

"We have expanded our catering menu. Our pizzas, salads, pastas and subs are all popular favorites. Now with our expanded menu we have a variety of foods all made fresh on-site to satisfy all your guests," said Yeoman. "We can customize your menu, accommodate any size event and budget, we are your party planning headquarters."

Another perk - they deliver all day.

Guido's Pizza is located at 5960 Sashabaw Road. For more information, call 248-620-9999 or visit [www.guidospizza.com](http://www.guidospizza.com).



Guido's Pizza staff continues to serve the Clarkston community the best pizza.

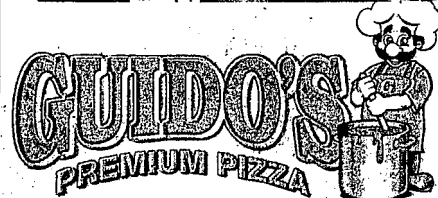


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# On top of local auto repair for 80 years

Right smack-dab in the middle of downtown Clarkston is landmark of mechanical sorts. Morgan's Service has been the place for auto repairs since it opened in 1932. This year, 2012's Best of the Best vote shows even after 80 years Morgan's has what customers in Clarkston want: Knowledgeable, honest mechanics.

"Of course we thank everybody for their vote," owner Scott McIntyre says. "And, I really appreciate our mechanics' hard work. We wouldn't be here without them."

Scott and his wife Marni took over ownership of Morgan's on April 1, 2010 (no foolin'), though he had worked as a mechanic there for over 18 years. Morgan's mechanics log between 80 and 100 hours a year in classes to keep up with the ever-changing business.

Mechanics at Morgans are Craig Delowe who has worked 30 years for Morgans; Josh Kolcan, 11 years and Pat Harvey, who has worked with the shop three months.

The top two summer auto tips from McIntyre are (in order of importance): Change your oil regularly and check your tires. "Oil goes without saying, but just because tires look good, doesn't mean they are. Age and heat breaks down rubber -- have them checked."

Morgan's Service takes care of everything on your car, but the paint. Call 248-625-4641 for an appointment. They're open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The are located at 28 S. Main Street -- on the east side.



Scott and Marni McIntyre (front) are owners of Clarkston's favorite place to go for auto repairs, Morgan's Service. In back, from the left are Pat Harvey, Josh Kolcan and Kora Porcelli. Not pictured is Craig Delowe.

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# Quality care, trust at Lil' Peoples' Place

Having served the Clarkston Community since 1998, Lil' Peoples' Place is a name you can trust in child care.

We are privately owned by Clarkston residents, Sharlene Butler and Adli Dasuqi, and have the most experienced and loving staff available. Our Director, Erin Wolford; Assistant Director, Nancy Morgan, and Business Manager, Becky Miller, have all been with the center for more than 12 years and have lived in the community.

Most of our enrollment is based on referrals from parents past and present. Lil' Peoples' Place makes it a point to keep our name in the community by offering our current parents incentives for their referrals.

We continue to offer the greatest quality care with our excellent staff and our fully equipped and modern facility.

We believe our customers should be most excited about finding a facility that is like family. Our children have grown up with the staff here. About half of our staff has been employed with us for five years or more and some as many as 10 years.

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ativity, language, and decision-making skills; while building self-esteem and self-worth.

We have had an incredible couple of years and look forward to the continued growth of our business.

Our enrollment has been substantial and space is limited in each of our classrooms. We are looking forward to another great year with our families and our dedicated and caring staff.

Being voted Best of the Best in Daycare means the world to our Lil' Peoples' family. We have strived to give the best quality care and education possible to our families, and it warms our heart to see it being recognized by our families, past and present, and the Clarkston Community as a whole.

We would like to thank everyone who voted for Lil' Peoples' Place. We promise to live up to being the number one daycare and

look forward to many more years as number one!

The Clarkston community has always supported us and there are not enough words to describe how much that means to our business.

To find out more about the Best of the Best Daycare, check out [www.lilpeoplesplace.com](http://www.lilpeoplesplace.com) or call 248-620-8600.





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# Decades of service earn Best honors for Winship

The Winship Family has a lot to celebrate – being voted the Best of the Best for five years in a row – to Clarkston High School for allowing us to serve as their contracted photographer since 1971 – to Ken and Gail who, on July 28, celebrated 50 years of marriage (looking forward to celebrating 50 years in business next) – and to serving the Clarkston community for 43 years.

Beginning in their garage on Snow Apple in 1969, moving to Sashabaw Road in 1972, and finally moving to Main Street in 2002, the Winships hope this was their last and final move.

The Winship Family wants to take this time to say thank you to all of their customers who have supported them through the years; from school pictures, Santa visits, first communions, senior portraits, homecomings and proms, weddings and family portraits.

A comment often heard in the studio is, you did my wedding pictures, or

family portrait, in your garage or on Sashabaw Road; now you are photographing my son or daughter.

In 2012, Winship Studio found it necessary to revisit their pricing. Everyone was facing cutbacks and so did the studio, but not on the quality of their product, customer service, or customer satisfaction.

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# Savor homemade specialities at Clarkston Royal Diner

Sink your teeth into a 20-ounce corned beef sandwich, one of Clarkston Royal Diner's specialties, at any hour of the day and night.

Clarkston Royal Diner opened at the end of 2010. It is open 24 hours. Martin Gojcay owns the restaurant with his brother, Pashko. They have worked together in the restaurant business for the past 20 years.

"It's brand new everything. It's very homey and cozy," Gojcay said. "The first impression is very important."

Manager Elizabeth Foglesong said all of the soups are homemade, and there is a different soup each day of the week. For example, Mondays are Cheeseburger Soup Day.

"The cheeseburger soup is probably one of the favorites. There's another really good one called Chicken Rosemary," Foglesong said.

The corned beef delight sandwich at the Clarkston Royal Diner is another customer favorite, she said.

She said the restaurant became popular from day one.

"The first week we opened, we were lined up out the door. We have great positive feedback from the community."

Foglesong described the Royal Diner



From left are Royal Diner staff Elizabeth Scramlin, Jessica Milkey, Vanessa Lannon, Jenn Hoyt, Jackie Riley, Melissa Sheetman, Mary McCaulley, Devon Verla, Harmony Postle, Ashley Summerlee, Leanne Wyrick, Chelsea Belcher, Elizabeth Foglesong (manager), Amy Lafaye, Renee Parsons, and Dawn Williams.

as modern yet traditional, like a '50s-style dinner meets 2012.

"It's a nice environment to work in. I love working here," Foglesong said. "All

of the employees work together as a team, which makes it such a wonderful restaurant."

They offer senior and student

discounts, catering for all occasions, and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, 24 hours, 7 days a week. Call Clarkston Royal Diner, 6540 Dixie Highway, at 248-620-3333.

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# Fish always fresh, tasty at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club

For the fourth consecutive year the Best of the Best Fish Fry award goes to Oakland County Sportsmen's Club for their tasty fish fry many look forward to every Friday.

"For us it is a reinforcement we are doing things right," said Club President Terry Ondusky. "We are paying attention to detail of the food preparation and presentation."

The fish fry starts with the North Atlantic cod, with the option of fried or baked. The cod is caught wild and delivered every week. The difference with wild caught - it is more natural, Ondusky added.

It also includes cornbread, cole slaw, rolls and a vegetable of the day - all prepared fresh by volunteers at the club. If not in the mood for fish, they also have fried chicken.

"The backbone of our large group is our club members who are here week in and week out," said Ondusky. "They start prepping early in the morning for the fish fry. Every week a different sub-club under the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club come in and support it."

The local junior clubs as well as their local sponsored Boy Scout Troop 185 come in to help with bussing and bake sales.

He added it isn't just about receiving a delicious and good fish fry, people also receive a nice relaxed atmosphere.

"It gives you a different atmosphere," Ondusky said. "It gives you a the change



Terry Ondusky, club president, prepares for a fish fry at the club.

from going to a restaurant or cooking at home. It's as home cooked as you can get without being in your own kitchen."

They also have tons of seating with areas in the main hall, bar area and the popular porch area, which patrons take advantage of on a

gorgeous Michigan day.

"You can enjoy the view as well as have a fresh and delicious dinner on our patio," he smiled. "It is a good all around gathering for friends. You don't have to worry about seating problems or wait lists."

Another perk is the location. Oakland County Sportsmen's Club is located right off Dixie Highway, making it a convenient spot after finishing an activity or on the way home.

Plus, if in a hurry just to pick up something on the way home - their fish dinner and a bucket of chicken is available for carry-out.

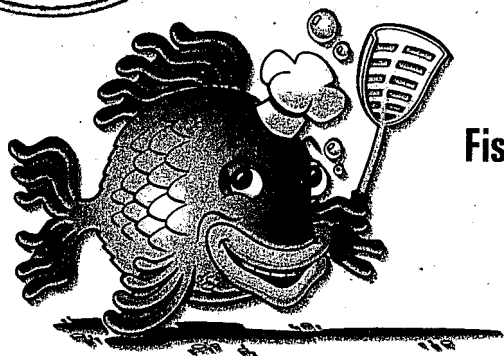
"To the people who voted for us, you are obviously a good judge in taste," Ondusky smiled. "We are grateful for you for taking the time to vote for us. Again it is a sign they like what they get here and the service that is offered here."

"For those who haven't had the opportunity to have one of our fish fry - come on down," he invited. "I am sure you won't be disappointed and might find yourself coming down on Fridays or any other day of the week we are open to the public."

He also welcomes anyone enjoying the fish fry to grab a member if they are curious about the club and the activities offered at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. "Hope to see you around the club," said Ondusky.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the Friday Fish Fry. The club also has carry-out available, fish dinner, \$8; and bucket of chicken, \$9.

For more information, call Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, at 248-623-0444 or email [OCSClub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:OCSClub@sbcglobal.net).



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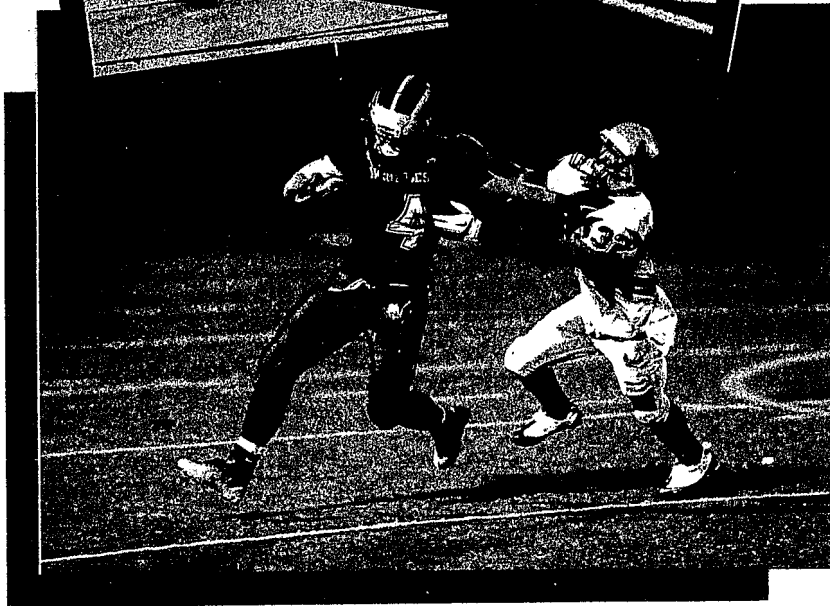
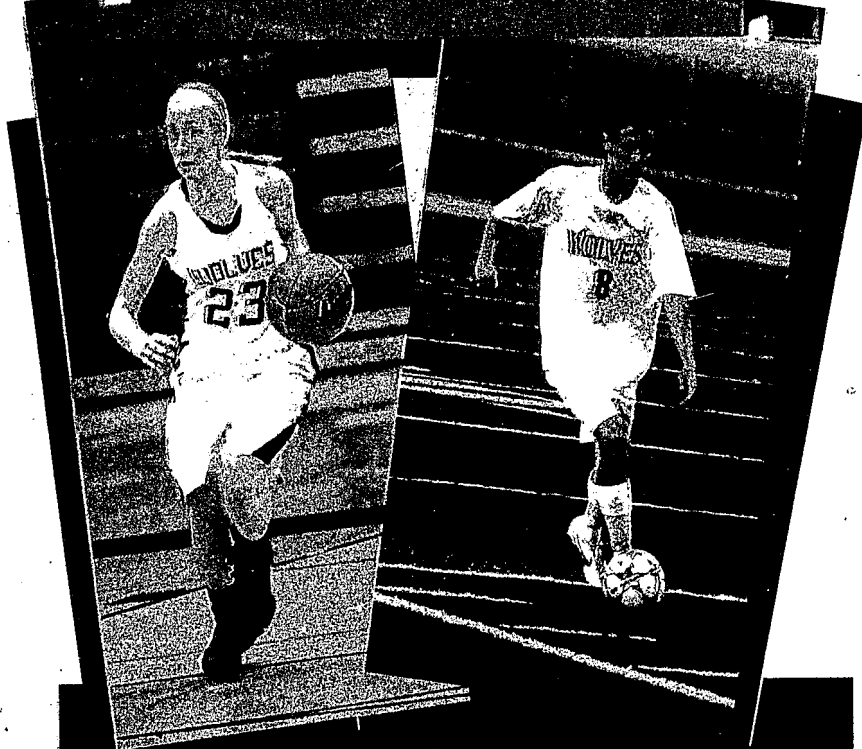


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## Bonnie & Clyde is home to Clarkston's hip apparel

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"Try to explain it to somebody who has never been here and they'll scratch their head," Schulz said. "But, when they get here, they get it. It all works."

In the past Schulz's shops have been voted Best of the Best for gifts, and boutique. This year, with the opening of Bonnie & Clyde, the community tagged Schulz's store for the best place to shop for apparel (women's AND men's).

"When we first started selling accessories for women we heard there was a need for apparel sales in Clarkston. Now we hear this is exactly what Clarkston needed, a hip trendy place to find one-of-a-kind pieces. Who wants to drive to a mall," she says. Schulz is excited to announce the launch of their new, e-commerce website, [www.BonnieandClydeonline.com](http://www.BonnieandClydeonline.com). It's now even easier to browse the hipness the shop offers and buy from the comfort of your office or home.

"From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. If you haven't checked us out, you need to! We try and create a certain vibe people like. We cater to you, offer complimentary gift wrapping, delivery, convenient parking, extended hours and we are open seven days a week," Schulz



Shari Schulz sits among popular items on the "men's wall" – apparel for men. said.

They are located at 7150 N. Main Street, south of I-75. For more info, call 248-625-9007 or check out their new website. Look for the opening of their expansion this month.

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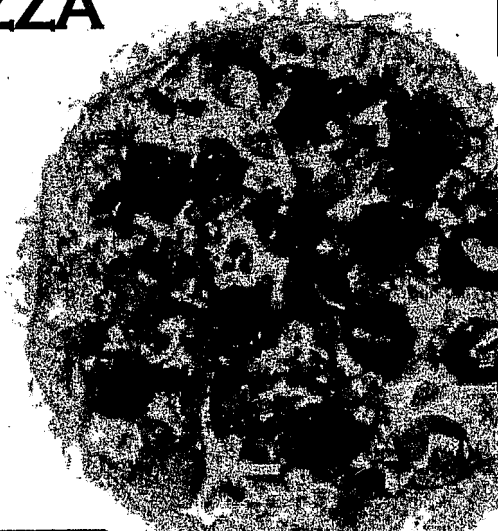
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Clarkston area residents have voted and for the fifth year in a row, the community's favorite caterer is Gregg's Gourmet Cafe, 5914 S. Main Street (M-15). For 20 years, Clarkston families have known they can count on Gregg's quality for their open houses, office parties and other events.

"It's wonderful Clarkston supports us," manager Donna Butora says. "We're family owned and operated and many of our customers have also become like family."

Gregg's is known for tasty pizzas, ribs, bread sticks and homemade goodness for all their menu items. Patrons can order out or dine

in. Owner Jeffery Ryeson plans on sprucing up the restaurant in the near future, "It's time to change things up a little."

One thing won't change: Gregg's commitment to being the best of the best in everything they do.

"When people come in to order for catering, we take our time to help them. We find out what they want and what they need. We customize for their budget. Everybody here enjoys helping people," Butora says. When ordering for catering or dinner, checkout their menu online at [GreggsGourmetCafe.com](http://GreggsGourmetCafe.com). Their phone is 248-625-6613.



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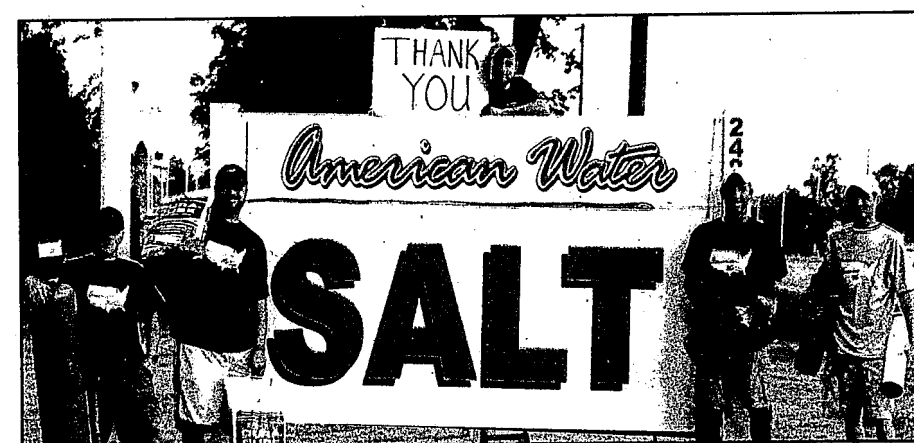
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"We have been in the water business since 2004. When we started we were servicing water systems, selling and delivering bottled water," he said.

As the business grew, in 2009 the retail location at 9561 Dixie Highway in Clarkston became available. Jim saw a great opportunity and the potential, jumped on it, and never looked back.

American Water Supply now offers customers and the community additional services

including: Water treatment services, water testing, filter, softeners, iron filters, reverse osmosis drinking water systems, softener salt, bottled water and rock salt.

"We have a very knowledgeable staff, and we are committed to educating our customers and providing exactly what they need," Jim said.

"We appreciate and thank everyone that voted for us and we welcome you to visit us at our store, 9561 Dixie Highway, or our website, [www.americanwater.ws](http://www.americanwater.ws)."

American Water Supply phone number is 248-625-3076. Hours are: Monday- Thursday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday 10a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Clarkston Cleaning Service staff works in teams to clean your home.

## Clean house with Clarkston Cleaning

What is the secret to a clean and healthy home?

Dawn Raffler will tell you it's Clarkston Cleaning Services.

After being in business for 12 years and with over 200 clients throughout Clarkston, Waterford, Davisburg, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, Oxford and Lake Orion, business is going well, despite the economy.

"We are excited to announce our newest areas of service, Ortonville and Oxford," she said.

The number one thing setting them apart from other cleaners is their team cleaning of two people.

"With two people cleaning we're able to get in and out of your house quicker without having to stay all day," she said. "We also have an employee that will go to your home to make

sure we are performing a high quality clean."

Clarkston Cleaning Services offers free estimates and a satisfaction guarantee, and Dawn prides herself on exceeding the services offered by her competitors.

"We still offer free or discounted cleaning to cancer patients, too," she said. "It is something we started doing five years ago."

Clarkston Cleaning Services is also involved in the community, such as Relay for Life, chamber events and sponsoring a baseball team in Independence Township.

As far as being voted best of the best, Dawn said "I'm very proud of my team and they are excited to win, thank you for voting us the best of the best."

For more information, email Dawn at [DRaffler@clarkstoncleaning.com](mailto:DRaffler@clarkstoncleaning.com), check [www.clarkstoncleaning.com](http://www.clarkstoncleaning.com), or call 248-620-9410.

## Lowrie's Landscape helps make any home look its best

Tom Lowrie, Best of the Best Landscaper, can help improve anyone's home.

One way is hardscaping, such as patios, retaining walls, and walkways made with hard materials.

Some tips:

- \* Look at the big picture. Consider designing the entire area before you begin. Once in, hardscaping can be costly and difficult to move.

- \* Pay attention to drainage.

- \* Balance boulders – bury them deep enough so they blend in and balance them with plants.

- \* Use curves to transition gracefully from one element to the next for a natural look.

- \* Leave some lawn, enough to mow. There's nothing like walking barefoot in your yard during summertime in Michigan.

- \* Carefully mix colors and textures, and use good material. Plant mums, sedum and ornamental grasses. They add color and interest now and will be well established come spring time. Plant spring flowering bulbs now and enjoy them next year.

A layer of mulch will provide a boost of color now and extra protection for your plants later. If the project is big, consult an engineer.

\*Think about lighting so your landscape can be seen at night. A few types of lighting to think about are uplighting, downlighting, back-lighting, crosslighting and submersible lighting.



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Walkways and stairs should also be well lit for pedestrians but don't overdo it. Consider lighting one side of the path only or staggering fixtures on alternate sides. Consider photocells that automatically turn on at dusk.

The goal is the see the landscape features, not the light source is shining on them. Be sure to purchase lights that can handle hard Michigan winters. LED lights require less electricity.

Now through the end of October is the perfect time in Southeast Michigan to refresh your lawn and landscaping.

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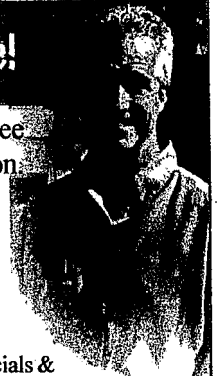
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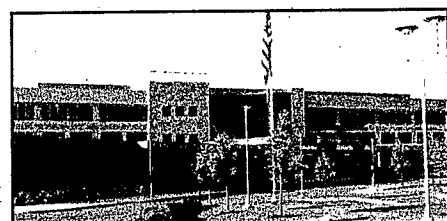
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Ron Kulenkamp, Matt Kulenkamp and Tom Heist.

## Exercise on your own time at Snap Fitness

The Clarkston community exercised their fingers as they wrote in the "Best Place to Exercise" as Snap Fitness.

"It's great," said Matt Kulenkamp. "It's our fifth year in a role and fifth year open. The fact readers of *The Clarkston News* voted on it makes it extra special to us."

Snap Fitness offers members a clean, comfortable environment at an affordable price.

"One of the things we really stress here is member satisfaction," said Kulenkamp. "We put everything up front so everyone knows what we are all about. Members are really satisfied with it."

Snap Fitness is open to members 24 hours a day, seven days a week with key card ac-

cess. They are able to workout around their schedule and not the gym's schedule.

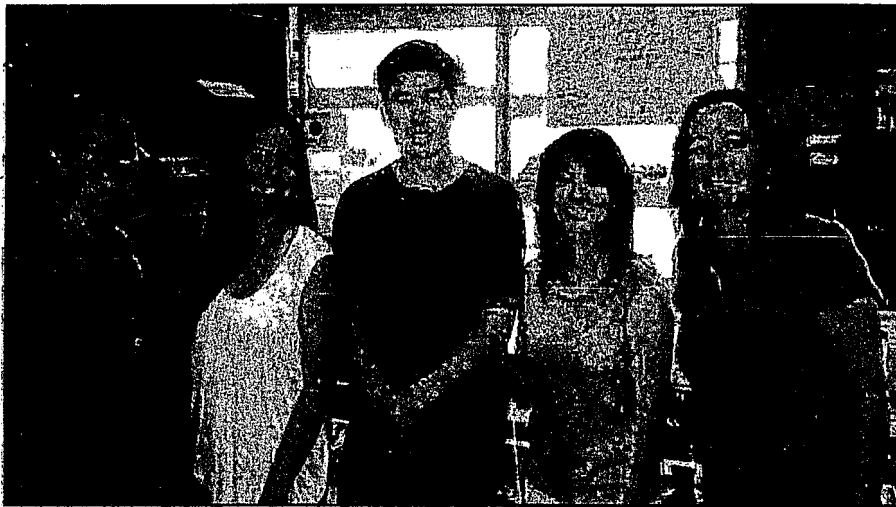
Staff members are available six days a week and can handle anything onsite - memberships, dues and personal training.

Snap Fitness offers flexible memberships including long-term, short-term, or monthly.

"Whatever someone's situation is, we try to accommodate," said Kulenkamp.

Staff members are in the building, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 12-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. To make an appointment outside staffed hours, please call 248-625-2100. Snap Fitness is located at 5900 Sashabaw Road, in the Kroger Plaza at Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road.





Stephanie Tran, second from right, and her staff at Clarkston Village Bake Shop.

## Treats fresh every morning at Clarkston Village Bake Shop

Clarkston Village Bake Shop's fresh donuts and pastries earned it Best of the Best honors.

"We would like to thank everyone who voted for the bake shop for Best of the Best," said Stephanie Tran, owner. "We strive to serve the best and freshest products to our customers."

Donuts are baked fresh everyday, along with cookies and bars.

"We are also well known for our Signature Cookies and cinnamon rolls, and don't forget about our delicious sticky buns, also made from scratch, fresh every day," Tran said.

They also have a variety of Island Oasis

Smoothie drinks, along with milk shakes and ice cream cones.

Coffee is brewed every 20 minutes for freshness, as well as espresso and cappuccinos that can also be flavored.

The bakery also offers gift baskets and trays of baked good for any occasion.

"We specialize in wedding and birthday cakes," she said. "Again, I would like to thank everyone who voted for the bake shop and we will continue to serve the best quality to our customers."

Call Clarkston Village Bake Shop, 10 S. Main Street, at 248-625-0677.



Serving up smiles as well as ice cream are, from left, front Kaila Lubiarz, Sarah Latimer, Betsy Mellen, Lindsay Smith, Hannah Burgess and Gabby Troy; back, Madaline Fitzpatrick, Noah Beauchamp, Lizzy Baetens, and Morgan Leaym.

## 25 year's the charm for Dairy Dream

There's no denying it's been a hot year. Ice cream parlors across the community are recording brisk sales. But one cold, creamy delight serving business kicked it up a notch this year and the community recognized their efforts.

In all of Clarkston, Dairy Dream (at the northeast corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads) is 2012's Best of the Best place to go when you want ice cream. "It's the greatest compliment ever," said the clearly excited owner, Sarah Beauchamp about the vote.

This year is also special for Dairy Dream as they celebrate their Silver Anniversary of serving up dreamy delights. "It's been a great 25 years," Beauchamp said. Recently, Dairy Dream started serving vanilla custard twisted with orange soft serve ice cream (yum), Cook's Dairy hard ice cream and even chicken tacos. "We try to have something for everyone," she said.

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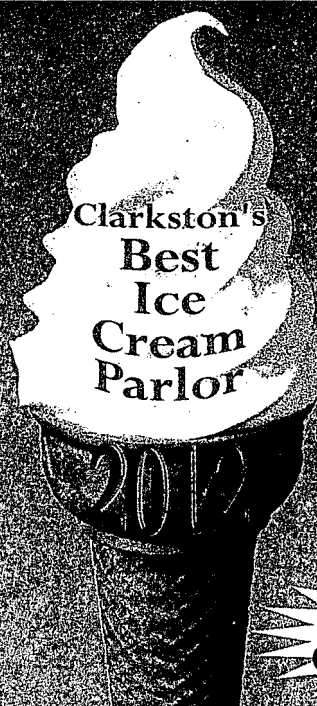
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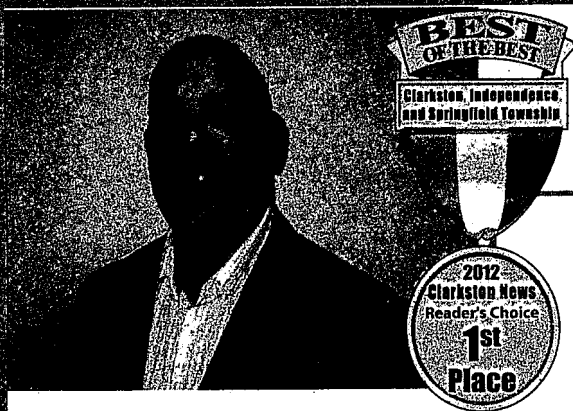
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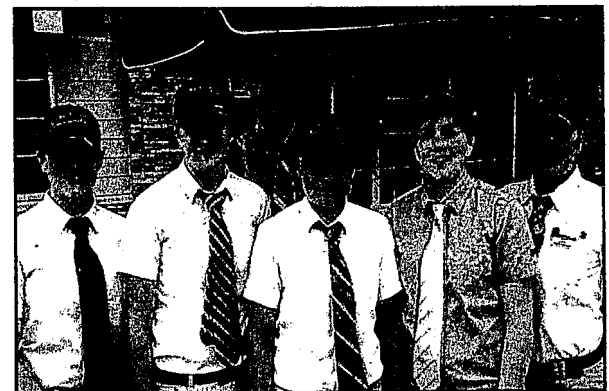
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## Butter Burger earns nod for Culver's

Culver's of Clarkston would like to thank the community for voting Culver's "Best Burger" and for its continued support over the past five years. Independently owned and operated by Katie Schmitt and Kevin Powers, Culver's takes pride in serving fresh food made from the finest, most wholesome ingredients with genuine family values to each and every guest.

Signature items include the award-winning ButterBurger®. "Our burgers are different because they are made from fresh, never frozen, 100% Midwest Beef," says Powers. "We sear them on the grill when you order them, then lightly butter the crown of the bun and that's why we call it a ButterBurger."

Culver's also features fresh frozen custard, made from milk from Midwest family farmers, in the



The Culver's crew takes pride in their burgers.

"Flavor of the Day" program. Culver's takes pride in its customer service, which is based on small-town values, genuine friendliness and an unwavering commitment to quality and cleanliness.

Supporting local communities is also a cornerstone of Culver's giving efforts.

"At Culver's of Clarkston, our goal is that every time you dine with us, you'll enjoy a fresh, handcrafted meal served

with a smile and genuine pride," says Schmitt.

For more information on Culver's, visit [www.culvers.com](http://www.culvers.com).

Please join us for the following delicious deals during the week of August 13-17: Monday: \$5 for 5 mini mixers; Tuesday: \$1 short floats; Wednesday: \$1.25 ButterBurgers; Thursday: \$1 lemon ice with fruit, and 2 for \$5 BBQ Pork Sandwiches; and Friday: 4 Pints of frozen custard for \$5.

## World-class experience puts Rob Butler on top

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In the future, Butler intends to add financial products such as IRAs and Mutual funds to his firm's offerings.

For being voted Best of the Best, Rob Butler would like to thank "all of those who voted for me."

"To those who may not know me, I would be glad to meet with you and show you how you can benefit from the services I offer," Butler added.



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Charles W. Munk, left, and Charles F. Munk.

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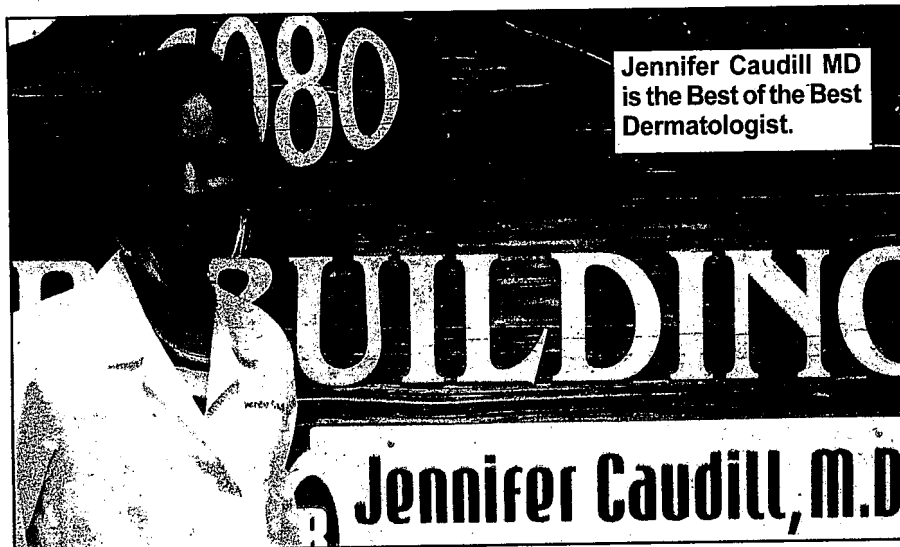
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Dr. George Krull said he was "absolutely tickled to death," to be voted the best dentist in the Clarkston area.

"I want to make it perfectly clear that it's my staff that makes me the best," he said. "They're the important ones out there. I'm simply the quarterback."

After graduating from Indiana University, Krull finished up his schooling at the University of Detroit Mercy and decided to go into private practice.

"I heard about this little town called Clarkston, Michigan, came up here and visited it. I was met with an invitation from Dr. (Charles) Munk, which was very encouraging," he said. "I decided to put my shingle up here, and felt very lucky that I've made a wonderful decision early on in my career."

Krull said this is where he raised four now adult children.

"One of which is about to get married," he said proudly.



**Dr. Krull and his assistant Gerry Matchiak work on patient Julia Lester.**

Krull has served the Clarkston area since 1979. He spent his first eight years working out of Munk's office and has spent the last 20 years in his office across from the 52-2 District Court on Citation Drive.

Krull also serves on the board of the American Academy of Pediatric of Dentistry where he has given out state examinations for pediatric dentist candidates for the last three years.

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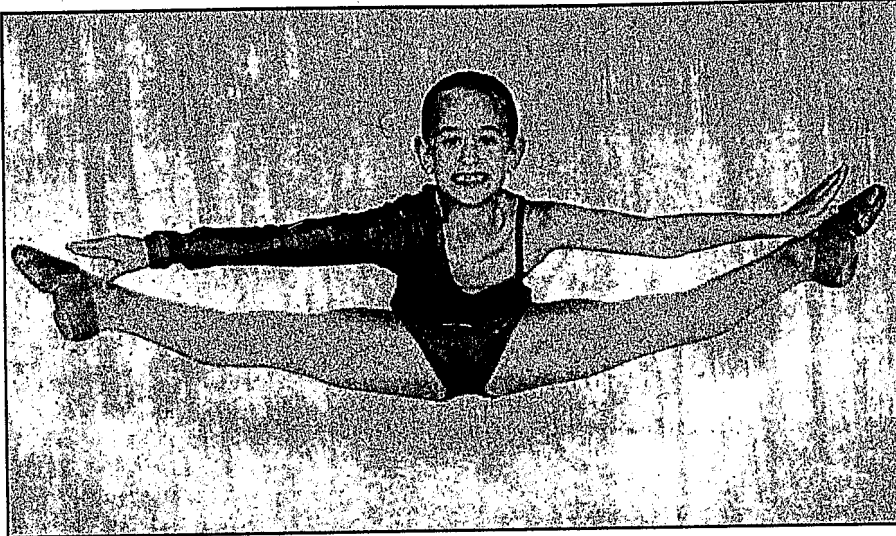
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Jim lives in Clarkston with his family, wife Michelle and their three children, Sophia, Alex and Elise.

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Oakland Electric is currently working with new energy efficient lighting products to keep up with the green movement and save their customers money in the future.

"We would like to thank all of you that have acknowledged our hard work and dedication and took the time to vote for us," said Scheib. "We welcome any and all new customers and look forward to building a long lasting relationship with all of you."

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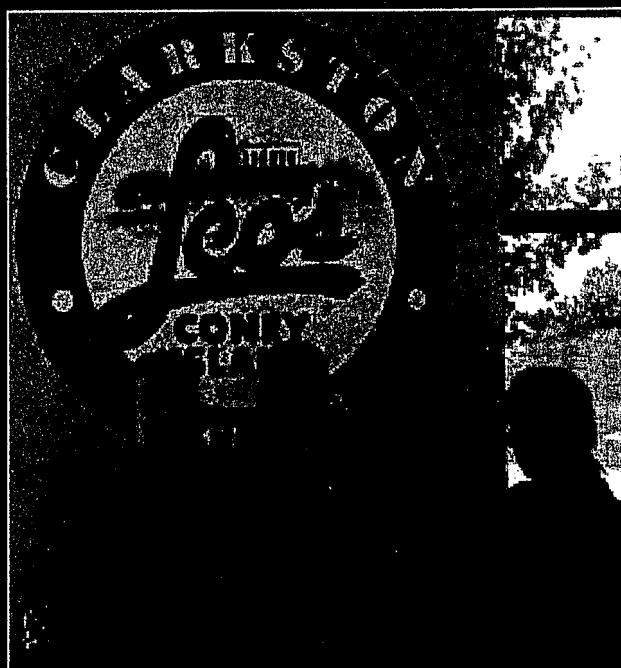
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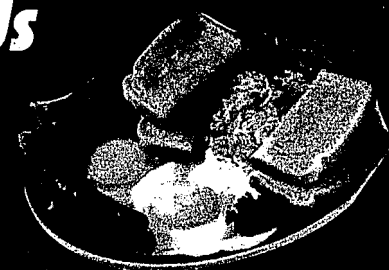
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# Classic coney, breakfast earns Leo's Coney Island Best honors

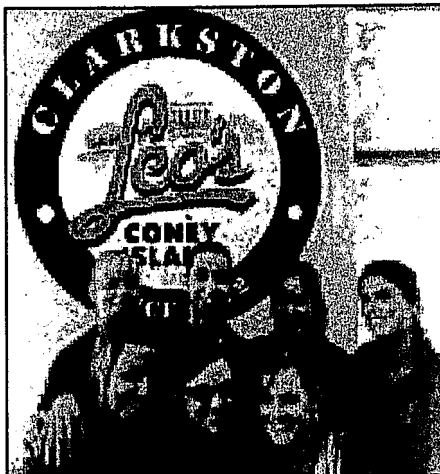
Giving customers a friendly, clean place to come and enjoy a variety of great food, excellent service, at affordable prices is what people want and the folks at Leo's Coney Island must be providing. The restaurant has been voted Best Coney and Best Breakfast by Clarkston area consumers.

"This means so much to us and we appreciate and thank everyone that voted for us. Without our customers' loyalty we would not be able to win these awards," said manager Nash Quray. "We have a great staff, and our customers are the best! We see many of our customers every day, and our servers recognize them and know them all by name."

Leo's Coney Island has a large menu offering a wide variety of foods to satisfy everyone. Some customer favorites are the classic Coney Island Dog, French fries, gyro sandwich, Greek salad and their omelets.

Breakfast specials are very popular and are available Monday through Friday mornings from 6:30-11 a.m.

Dine-in customers appreciate free Wi-Fi, "Everyone is on the go, and this makes



The staff of Leo's Coney know many of their customers by name.

it very convenient for them to stay connected," Quray said.

Their full menu for carry out service makes it very convenient for customers to enjoy Leo's food at home, work, or outdoors.

Families enjoy face painting and balloon animals every Thursday on kid's night. These nights everyone is full of smiles. Leo's Coney Island believes in and supports our community through a



number of local events and charities and offer catering for any size event and budget.

Nash, the servers and staff at Leo's Coney Island invite you to come in to experience and taste why they were voted best of the best Coney Island and

Best of the Best breakfast.

Leo's Coney Island is located at 6325 Sashabaw Road. They are open Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Call them at 248-620-5122 or online at [www.leosconeyisland.com](http://www.leosconeyisland.com).

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To make an appointment with Uncle John, please call 248-620-WOOF (9663). For more information, call 248-620-9663, visit [www.campbowwow.com/clarkston](http://www.campbowwow.com/clarkston) or email [Clarkston@campbowwowusa.com](mailto:Clarkston@campbowwowusa.com).

"Thank you to all that voted for me, from clients, friends, and more," said Uncle John. "I will continue to take that loving care for your babies going forward. To those who



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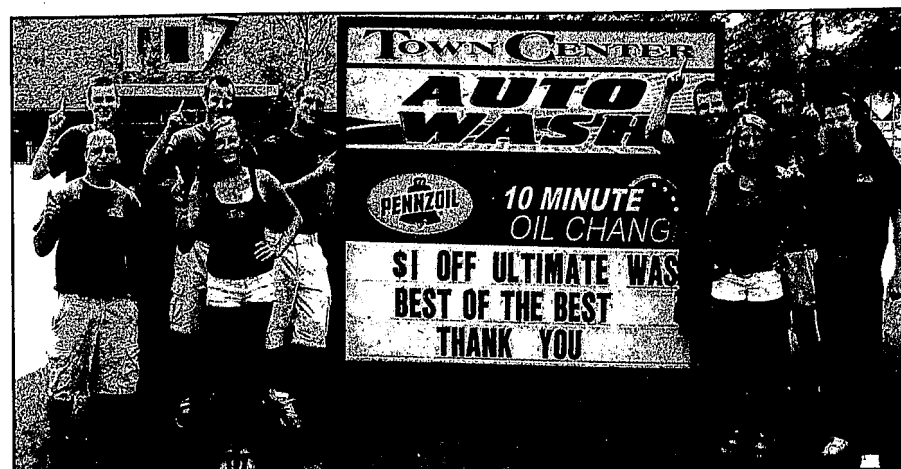
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"We take pride in our work and provide great customer service," said Steve Pearson, co-owner.

Town Center Auto Wash is also very involved in the community with donations to fund raisers and benefits.

The center opened Clarkston Quick Lube on Dec. 1, 2010, providing quality oil changes at competitive prices.

"Our customer service is second to none and our staff is trained not to upsell," he said. "Give us a try. You get a free car wash with

every oil change and we know you will be satisfied."

The award is an accomplishment Town Center employees strive for and ensure.

"Being voted best is what we expect," Pearson said.

"It's a great feeling and a great reward for all of our hard work. Thank you for voting us number one. We will continue to do our best and prove time after time why we are. For those who didn't vote for us, come and give us a try and see why we were voted number one. Your car washing experience will be most rewarding."

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## Make events beautiful with The Parsonage

Once upon a time (or about 10 years ago) there were two women, Susan Andre (the mom) and Liz Andre-Stotz (the daughter).

The two women left the drudgery of the corporate world in search of the ever-elusive fulfilling career. With the storybook combination of Susan's organizational skills and 401k and Liz's passion for design and a good party, they began their quest. They didn't have to search far...

A quaint little flower shop in downtown Clarkston, Mich., became available. The shop was called The Parsonage because it was once settled in the parsonage of an old community church.

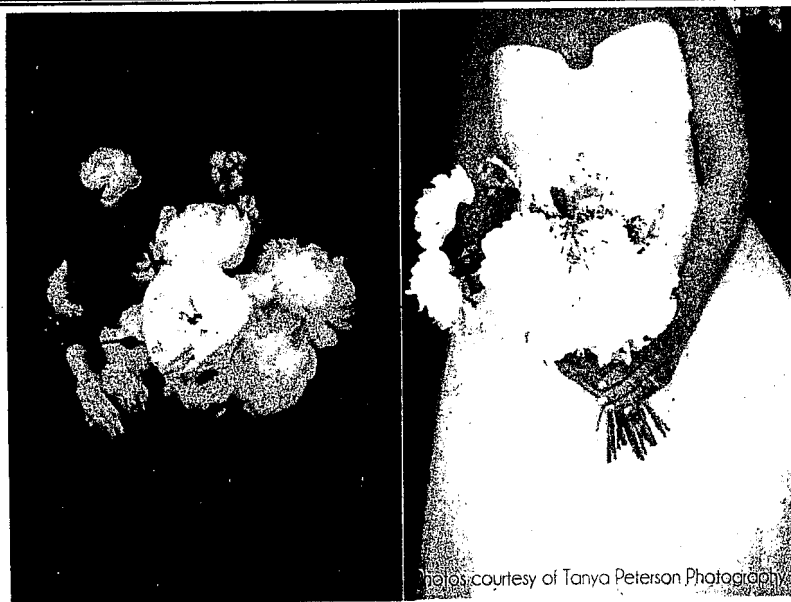
That little shop that once just sent out cheery little arrangements throughout the community and had an occasional Saturday wedding, transformed into a premiere event design studio that provides lush flowers, rich linens, and custom stationary and everything in between for hundreds of special events a year. Nobody had to kiss a frog for this transformation.

As with every wonderful story, there must be a cast of colorful characters. With about 15 staff members total buzzing through the building that was formally a family home, it is truly amazing the volume and talent that is

created within.

Published in several Michigan magazines, blogs, and websites, Parsonage Events is so proud of the work we put into each and every event we are involved with.

At Parsonage Events, we are fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff and the support of wonderful clients that call us the Best of the Best! Thank you to all of our wonderful clients, it was and is a pleasure working with all of you! To those we have not met yet...we look forward to meeting and helping you plan your next reason to celebrate!



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Frank Granett, R.ph, has been a member of the CVS family for 28 years. He has also authored his first book, *Over Medicating Our Youth*, available at Amazon.com. He's lived in the community for over 20 years.

Some would call it an upset victory for the CVS Pharmacy located on Dixie Highway, at the intersection of White Lake Road, but not the dedicated staff who help local residents day-in and day out. The staff prides itself on prompt, courteous service to every customer everyday.

"Being voted Best Pharmacy and Best Pharmacist in Clarkston is a great honor," says pharmacy manager and Independence Township resident Frank Granett. "To be recognized by the customers we serve is special. Each of us here is grateful to our loyal customers. We also extend a formal offer to serve patrons of other pharmacies in our area."

CVS Pharmacy, as the largest integrated pharmacy company in the United States with over 7,300 stores, is dedicated to helping patients achieve better health through their Pharmacy Advisor Program

that consults patient's with chronic illnesses.

CVS pharmacists are Expert Medication Advisors. Granett specializes in consulting the safe and effective use of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and psychiatric medications in children as well as adults. He helps parents understand appropriate monitoring protocols in children to avoid possible long term side effects of medication.

The CVS pharmacy team also includes, Margaret Bush R.ph., Lisa Hanes, Patti Williams, Ericka Hawley and Cindy Aguilera.

This year the team is reaching out to the community parents and children.

"In an effort to inform patients the importance of good digestive health regarding behavioral conditions, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, our store (the CVS/Pharmacy at White Lake and

Dixie) is offering free scheduled digestive health consultations," Granett says.

Granett will discuss how CVS supplements and a whole foods diet can help optimize digestive health. He is the author of *Over Medicating Our Youth: The Public Awareness Guide for ADD and Psychiatric Medications*, a newly released book which discusses how to optimize digestive health as well as the immune system in children experiencing Attention Deficit Disorder and psychiatric illness.

To schedule your consultation call, 248-620-2600.

"We really believe in the health of our children, our community," Granett says, "And, I guess winning the *Clarkston News*' reader's choice awards shows we're on the right track."

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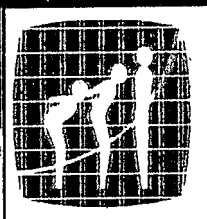
## Congratulations to the following businesses who were voted 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our "Best of the Best" contest!

<b>Best Allergist</b> Dr. Harrison, Clarkston Allergy & Asthma	<b>Best Barber Shop</b> Villager Barber	<b>Best Photographer</b> Dave Savage	<b>Best Barbecue</b> Red Knapps	<b>Best Overall</b> Mesquite Creek, Clarkston Union	<b>Best Car Salesman</b> Mike Gray
<b>Best Chiropractor</b> Dr. Cowan	<b>Best Car Wash</b> Clarkston Auto Wash	<b>Best Plumber</b> Harell Plumbing	<b>Best Coffee</b> Starbucks	<b>Best Antiques</b> Junk & Disorderly	<b>Best Massage Therapist</b> Judy, Moonbeam Massage
<b>Best Dentist</b> Dr. Shader & Dr. Roeser	<b>Best Carpet Cleaner</b> Alpine	<b>Best Real Estate</b> Max Brook	<b>Best Coney Island</b> Pete's Coney	<b>Best Auto Dealer</b> John Bowman Chevrolet	<b>Best Personal Trainer</b> Kelli, Fitquest
<b>Best Dermatologist</b> Dr. Wendy McFalda	<b>Best Caterer</b> Rudy's Market	<b>Best Senior Living</b> Autumn Place (formerly Sunrise Assisted Living)	<b>Best Deli</b> Brioni's	<b>Best Clothing</b> Village Fashion Boutique	<b>Best Pharmacist</b> Ray, Pineknob Pharmacy
<b>Best Family Doctor</b> Dr. Larry Baylis, M15 Family Medical Care	<b>Best Credit Union</b> Oakland County Credit Union	<b>Best Tanning Salon</b> Tropical Tan	<b>Best Diner</b> Leo's Coney Island	<b>Best Gifts</b> KH Home	<b>Best Waiter/Waitress</b> Gabe Green, Clarkston Union
<b>Best OB/GYN</b> Dr. Wright	<b>Best Day Care</b> The Learning Experience	<b>Best Veterinarian</b> Springfield Veterinarian	<b>Best Family Friendly</b> Royal Diner	<b>Best Grocery</b> Rudy's Market	<b>Best Newspaper</b> Clarkston News
<b>Best Ophthalmologist</b> Dr. French, Oakland Eye Care, Dr. Zack	<b>Best Dry Cleaners</b> Deer Lake	<b>Best Pet Groomer</b> Bonnie's Pet Parlor	<b>Best Fast Food</b> Wendy's	<b>Best Hardware</b> Aco Hardware	
<b>Best Orthodontist</b> Dr. Iccabelli	<b>Best Electrician</b> Don's Electric	<b>Best Pet Supplies</b> Waterford	<b>Best Fish Fry</b> Clarkston Eagles	<b>Best Jewelry</b> Silverkiss	
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Hamilton established his clinic in 1985. Celebrating his 26th year, he is still striving to provide the highest quality of Chiropractic care available by using a holistic approach to combine nutritional and exercise

therapy with spinal adjustments as an alternative to drugs and surgery, as well as adding more technology like state-of-the-art computerized diagnostics and computerized foot scans.

"It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township for the past 26 years," Hamilton said. "I sincerely thank everyone for voting us best of the best."

Call Dr. Hamilton, located at 7180 Dixie Hwy., at 248-625-7690.

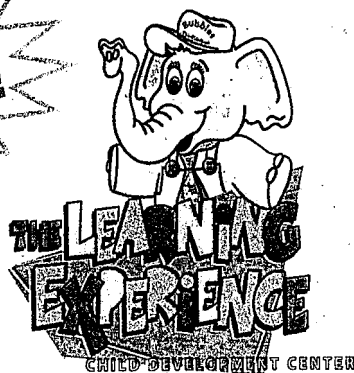
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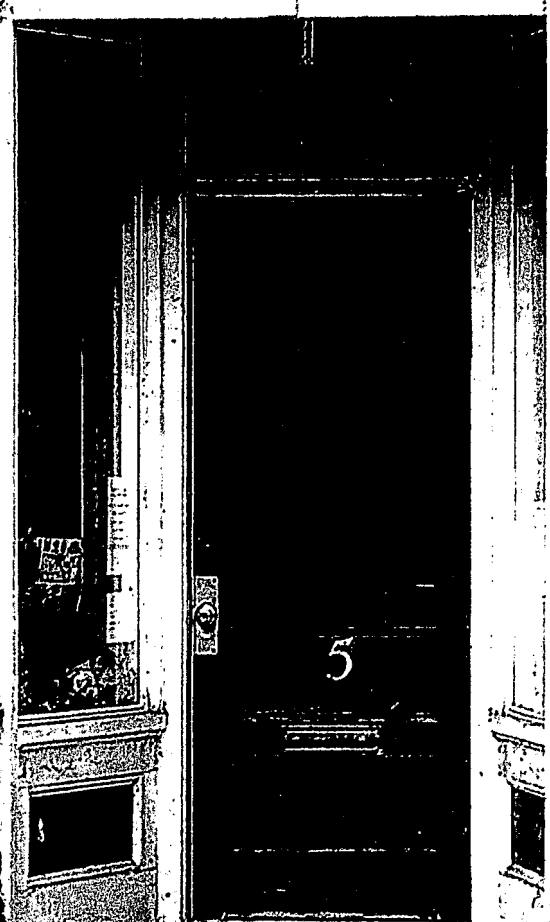
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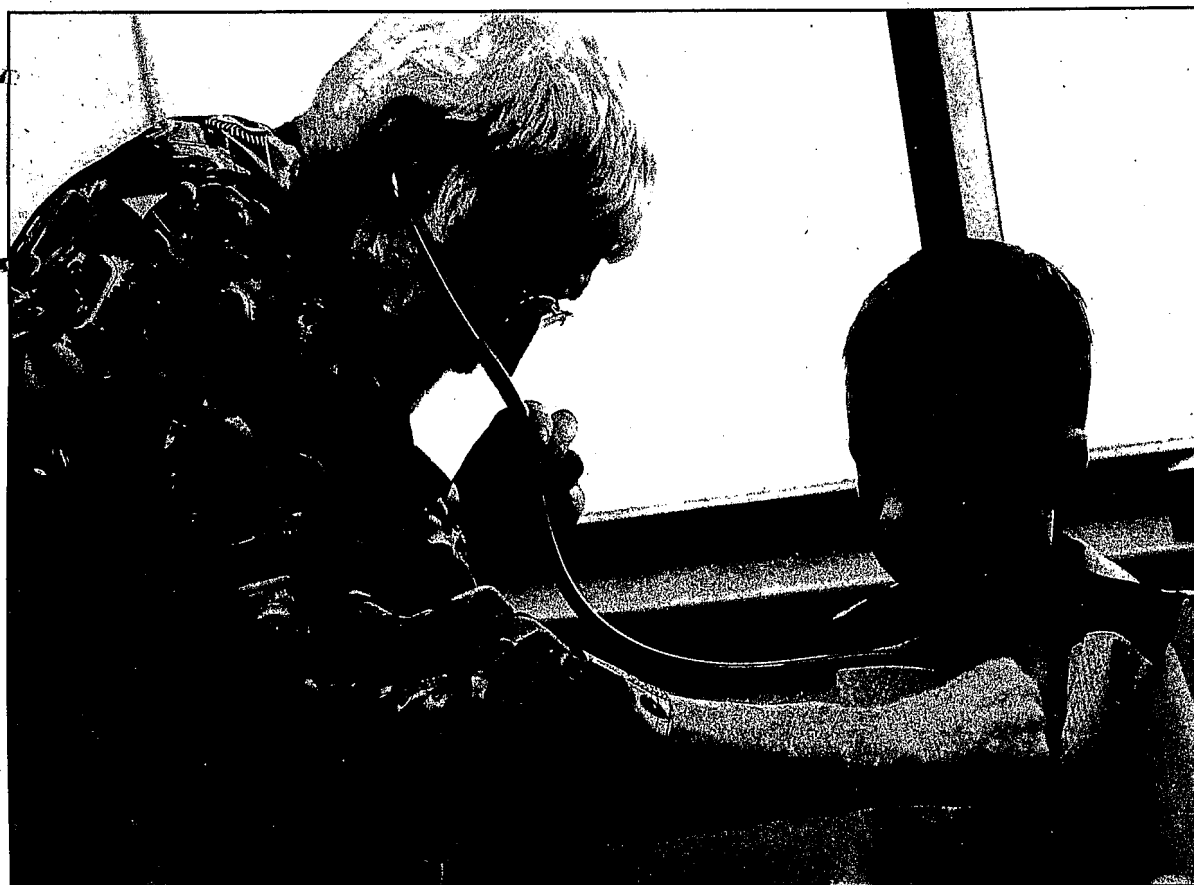
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# Commitment to community at Clarkston Medical Group



Dr. James O'Neill has treated generations of Clarkston children.

Obviously, I'm very proud to be recognized by my patients for the care I provide. I have to say that I am fortunate to have such great partners and staff to work with; they quite honestly make me look good.

I've also had the ultimate role model to emulate in my father Dr. James O'Neill. His style of practice embodies everything that a family physician should be to their patients.

As far back as I can remember, his patients were a part of our whole family's life. Whether it was people coming to our home after hours for a set of stitches or stopping off for a house call on the way to go fishing, the needs of his patients were always addressed.

Though we have grown as a practice, our commitment to that same philosophy that my father instilled in me is what makes practicing medicine so enjoyable. In spite of all the technological advances and bureaucratic nonsense in medicine today, it's still about the doctor and patient relationship.

Seeing people at their best and their worst and guiding them to maintain or even regain their health never gets old. The bonds you forge and the relationships you build through taking care of a family are something that I really treasure.

On behalf of all of us at CMG, thank you for your support and we look forward to being here for our community for many years to come.



Tim O'Neill

## Thank You

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## Passion and professionalism makes Glitz the Best Salon

Glitz salon, which has been serving the area for twenty-three years, was voted "Best," and it is clear to see why.

Their staffs' "pay it forward" philosophy creates a positive environment for both the stylists and customers.

Their passion and professionalism is top notch, and some customers even call the stylists "friends."

Whether it is for a formal occasion or your day-to-day look, Glitz will give you a style you'll love.

From cuts to coloring to perms and extensions, Glitz offers a range of hair care options to men and women. Waxing, makeup, and nail services are available too.

Glitz is always learning in an effort to ensure cutting-edge hair, makeup, and nail services.

In fact, to continue to be best in our entire area, the Glitz travel education calendar includes London, England; Toronto, Canada; Santa Monica, California; New York, New York; and Walt Disney World, Florida where a custom class is designed just for the Glitz staff on customer service.

"Aggressive education keeps the staff the best and inspired in our field," said owner Cherie Clinton-Barnett.

Not only is Glitz interested in improving their services, they also seek ways to benefit the community.

Their Children Leukemia Charity events this year include a 5K Run, which will take place September 23.

A charity golf outing at Indianwood golf course on September 27 and a Princess and Super hero lunch at Canterbury Village on September 30 are other events Glitz supports.

As for being voted Best of the Best, Glitz is very appreciative. "Thank you to our clients," said Clinton-Barnett.

To find out more about Glitz's services or to learn about what's trendy this spring, check [www.glitzsalons.com](http://www.glitzsalons.com) or call 248-625-1001.

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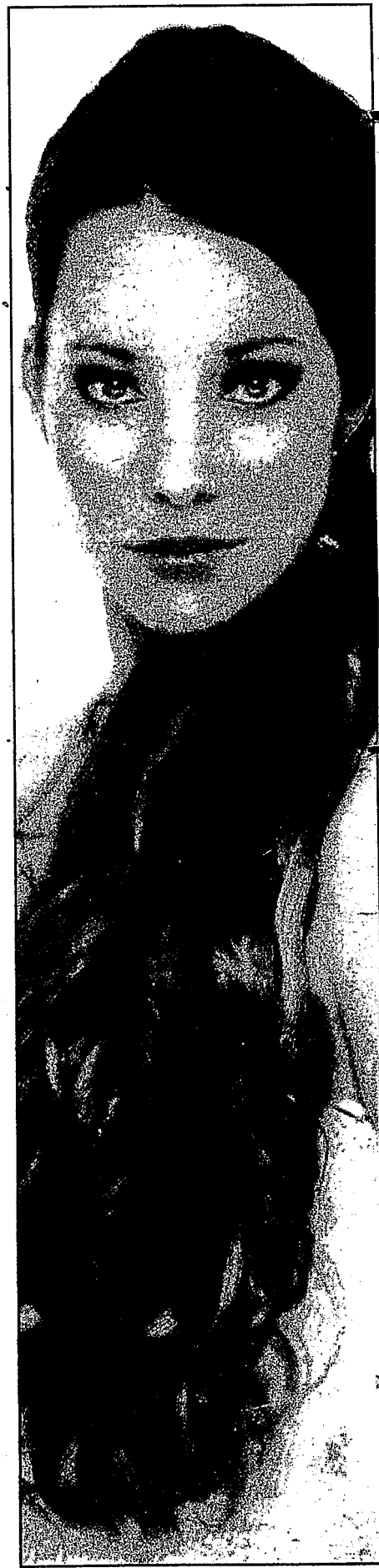
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# Your community newspaper the ever-loving Clarkston News

Is your business relevant? Is your organization relevant? Does the community know your store even exists? Did you hear about the local crime trends or how the school board is gonna' cut spending?

This year, 2012, is a year Sherman Publications, Inc., publishers of this newspaper, is looking inward and outward. We are asking ourselves, "are we relevant?" And, we are challenging our business community, "are you relevant?"

We often ask local business owners, "what are you doing to excite and inform customers?" So, it was only fair, that we asked ourselves the same questions. Here's what we came up with.

### Why We Are Relevant

Our award-winning newspaper, on a weekly basis, connects individuals in the community, to other individuals, groups and businesses in the community. We accomplish this with award-winning writing and photography. We do this by attending and reporting on local school and government meetings.

We go to sporting events; service club events; and local business events. We read local police reports. We publish public notices (notices local governments use to inform the citizenry of law changes, tax increases and the like). We publish church news, club news, and business news -- a smorgasbord of local events. Free of charge, we run engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements.

We provide a forum for residents to voice their concerns, or to praise a kindly act.

We are relevant not only because we praise the wonderfulness of our community, but because we point out our warts, too. Our newspaper is not a rah-rah, happy-happy, chamber-of-commerce-nothing-is-wrong-with-us cheerleader. No, we are merely a leader, connecting and informing our community.

All this for only \$30 a year subscription!

We are relevant because we offer local small businesses and effective and affordable means of connecting with local individuals.

Our newspaper and other print publications are delivered to nearly 99-percent of every address delivered by the local post office. There is no reason any local business person should ever hear, "I never knew you even existed."

We touch everybody in our community

with our print products and the entire world with our online products. Between our newspaper website (ClarkstonNews.com) and our "convergent" media site (ClarkstonTV.com) we receive over 4,000 visits a day! How's that for relevant?

We are also relevant because we offer local small businesses a means of connecting and networking with other local small business owners through our weekly Coffee Clubs. We have meeting upwards to 100 people a week at these networking events. If you are a business owner and have not made it to a Coffee Club, you are doing yourself (and your business) a disservice. It costs you nothing but your time. Watch the paper for times and locations.

We have also expanded our reach with the monthly, four-color couponer magazine, *The Big Deal*. *The Big Deal* is a beautifully printed magazine, jam-packed with local coupons. What's cool about *The Big Deal* is the monthly contest readers can enter.

We are relevant because we connect the local guy looking to buy a used car to the local guy selling a used car. In our newspapers and shoppers and want ads have kept bargain hunters and treasure sellers in touch since 1960!

It is much easier and safer to sell your stuff with a want ad to a neighbor than it is to invite somebody from 40-miles away into your home.

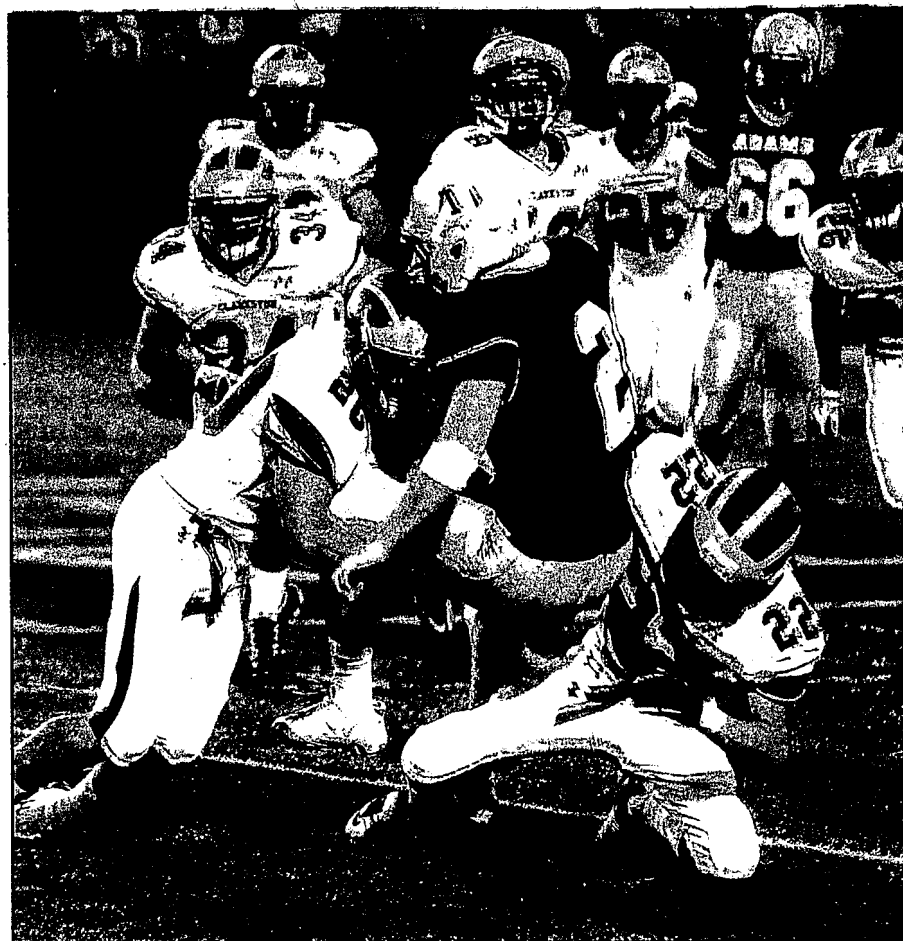
We are relevant because we have created a local TV-like station, online at [www.ClarkstonTV.com](http://www.ClarkstonTV.com). We have two shows we produce ourselves, *Phil in The Blank*, with Clarkston News editor Phil Custodio and *Don't Rush Me -- The Show-ow-ow!* with assistant publisher and columnist, Don Rush.

The local school district and local cable access group can also put up programming (free). And, local businesses can tape shows and infomercials there, too!

There is no reason for you not to feel connected in this community.

We are giving you all the tools, all the vehicles you need to know, support and build this wonderful community. All you got to do, is use them. Support your local newspaper!

-- Don Rush, March 2012



When stuff happens in Clarkston, The Clarkston News is around to take pictures!



# Five in a row Best of the Best keeps this animal doctor smiling!

In tough economic times, many small businesses are happy when any sort of success gives them a reason to celebrate. At Advanced Pet Care of Oakland, we are overwhelmed and honored that the readers of *The Clarkston News* have chosen us as the "Best of the Best" for the fifth consecutive year!

Dr. Bryan Cornwall, owner of the animal hospital says, "The commitment that our clients have shown to us for 20 years is incredible and, in turn, helps us focus OUR devotion to those same awesome clients and their pets. We appreciate that area pet lovers have a choice and they continually choose to visit and allow us to care for their beloved four-legged family members. We are so grateful and thrilled that this community voiced their opinion and found us to be their favorite."

Beyond routine wellness care, like vaccinations and parasite prevention for dogs and cats, Advanced Pet Care of Oakland is also leading the way in many other areas.

For example, our recent acquisition of a color Doppler ultrasound will enable us to more effectively diagnose heart and circulatory problems in our pets.

We also are happy to see and treat birds, reptiles, amphibians and "pocket



Dr. Jill Sheldon recently joined Best of the Best in veterinary care, Advanced Pet Care of Oakland.

pets," like hamsters, guinea pigs or rabbits. Our affiliation with Camp Bow Wow, a grooming and boarding facility,

means that our clients have access to almost any pet care need.

We are very excited to welcome Dr. Jill

Sheldon to our team. Dr. Sheldon is a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and has special interests in soft tissue surgery, orthopedics and exotic pets.

When we asked her about why she became a veterinarian, Dr. Sheldon replied, "I feel compassion, interest, and respect for animals that parallels nothing else. Veterinary medicine allows me to combine my love of medicine, animals and people. There is no better profession in the world and I am so proud to be part of a clinic that provides compassionate, high quality care where I can continue to do what I love!"

Finally, Dr. Cornwall wants our community to know how much we pride ourselves on the amount of time we spend furthering our education.

Each and every team member, not just our doctors, has specific levels of knowledge that must be met and we raise the bar all the time. We want you to trust that we can find the answers to all of your pet health concerns and questions.

Again, our thanks go out to all of the wonderful pet owners who helped us achieve our success.

We are looking forward to another 20 years with you!

*Thank You!*

Advanced Pet Care of Oakland has been named the Best of the Best in veterinary care for the fifth consecutive year.

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# Top service at Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

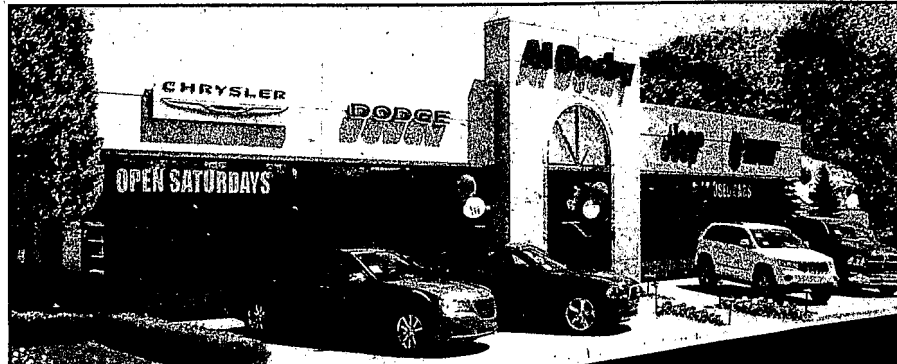
Family-friendly customer service and dedication to Clarkston is why the community named Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram "Best of the Best - Auto Dealer."

When owner Al Deeby asked how it felt to be chosen "Best of the Best" in the *Clarkston News* voting, he humbly answered, "myself and the entire team are extremely honored to be selected as the Best Dealer. We greatly value and treasure the community's trust, their business, and their friendship. We pledge to always take care of our valued community."

What Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram provides area residents is more than simple oil changes and great car deals. The community oriented dealership made Clarkston its home.

"We're your hometown dealer," General Manager Jim White said. "Because of that, our loyalty and hard work have earned this dealership the trust and respect of the community. We strive to provide our customers with the same high quality in both sales and service with affordable prices, they have come to know."

A true leader in the community, Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram supports several area organizations, Clarkston SCAMP (a five week summer camp for children and young adults with special needs), Taste of Clark-



Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram won Best of the Best Dealership.

ston, Angels' Place Race, The Holiday Lights parade, Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Golf outing, Concerts in the Park, as well as many other events in the area.

"We're here to support our community, we're here for the long haul," Deeby said.

Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram's dedication shines through every inch of the 27,000-square-foot family friendly showroom and service center.

After dropping off a vehicle for the highest quality care, customers can relax in the service center's spacious lounge, featuring a 55-inch plasma television, wireless internet access, complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar. Customers can even borrow a

laptop or iPad to use during their visit.

For the little ones, Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram's family-oriented waiting area offers a play zone just for them. The youngest visitors can enjoy their own plasma television, plenty of toys and complimentary snacks and beverages.

In a hurry? Al Deeby is proud to announce the addition of our new Mopar Express Lane for fast oil changes. "Our mission is to meet or exceed everyone's expectations," said Deeby. "That's just the way we do business. It's not magic. We just treat people the way we would want to be treated ourselves."

This philosophy goes all the way back to December 2000 when Alphonse J Deeby III purchased then Garrity Dodge in Hamtramck

and renamed it in honor of his father who had worked there for over 40 years.

"It all really goes back to my dad, Al Deeby Sr.," said Deeby. "You couldn't help but learn the right way to do things and how to take care of people and were real passionate about it. That Hometown Dealer slogan, it means everything to us. We want to be the store where people just stop by to have a cup of coffee and say hello. When they're ready to make a buying decision or need service, they know we're here for them."

The dealership also has a great selection of pre-owned vehicles. "Not everyone wants a new vehicle, some people prefer a pre-owned vehicle and there are some tremendous deals out there," White said. Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram passes all of its pre-owned inventory through a 125 point inspection.

Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram is located at 8700 Dixie Hwy in Springfield Township. Showroom hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Service Center Hours are 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Monday; 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

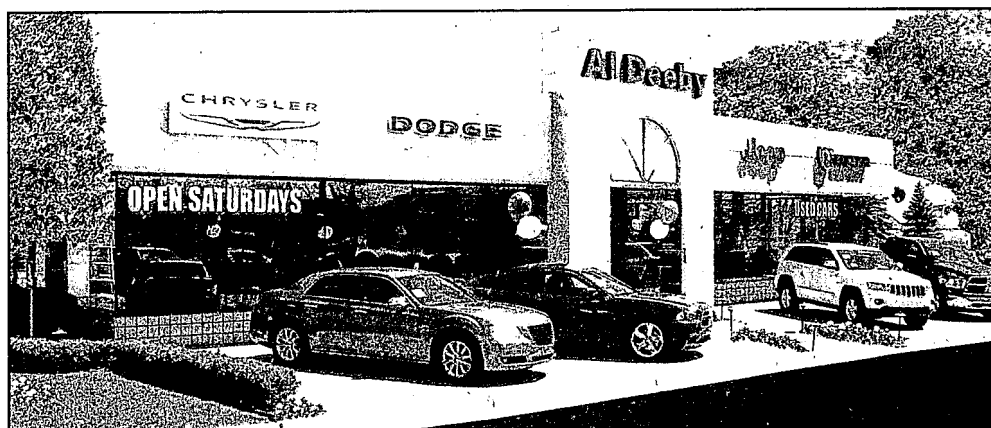
To contact us, please call 248-620-0880 or visit us online at [www.aldeeby.com](http://www.aldeeby.com), 24/7.

## "Your Hometown Dealer"

Thank You for Voting Al Deeby Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram

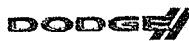


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