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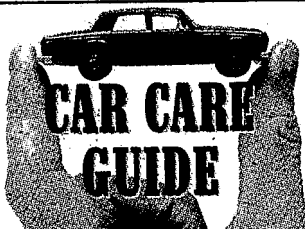
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Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram won Best of the Best Dealership.

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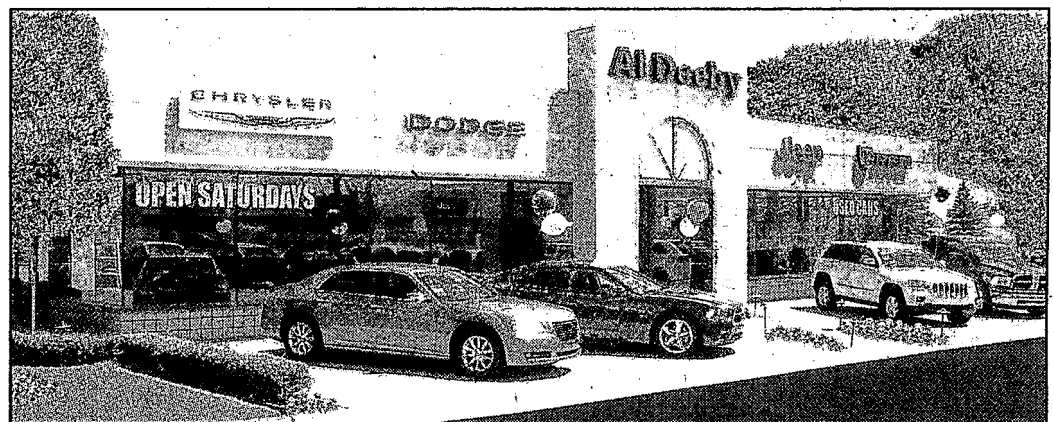
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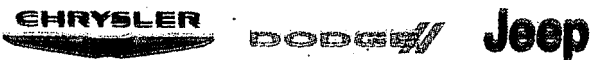


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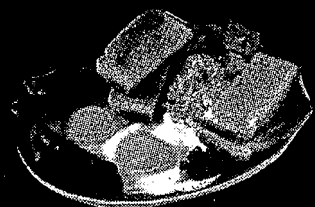
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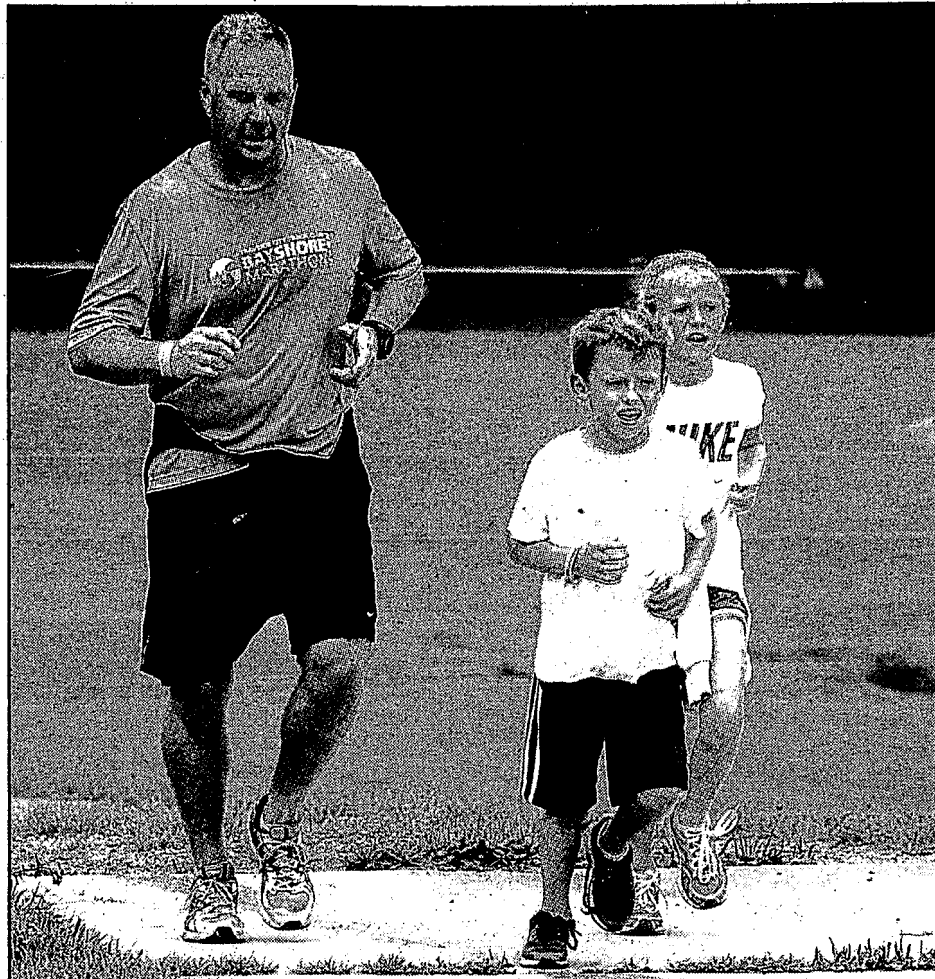
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From left, Dave, Will and Callie Dickens finish one lap as they go up the hill during the run. Photos by Wendi Reardon

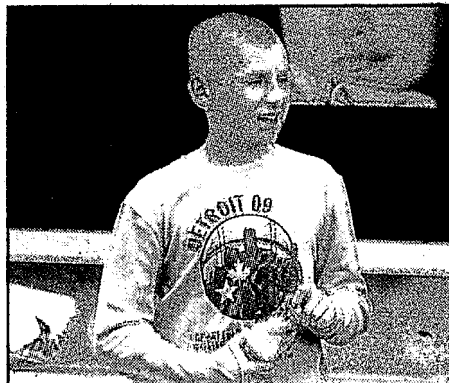
Run for Ryan

The gray clouds didn't keep away runners as they came out for 5K Run for Research on Saturday at Clarkston High School.

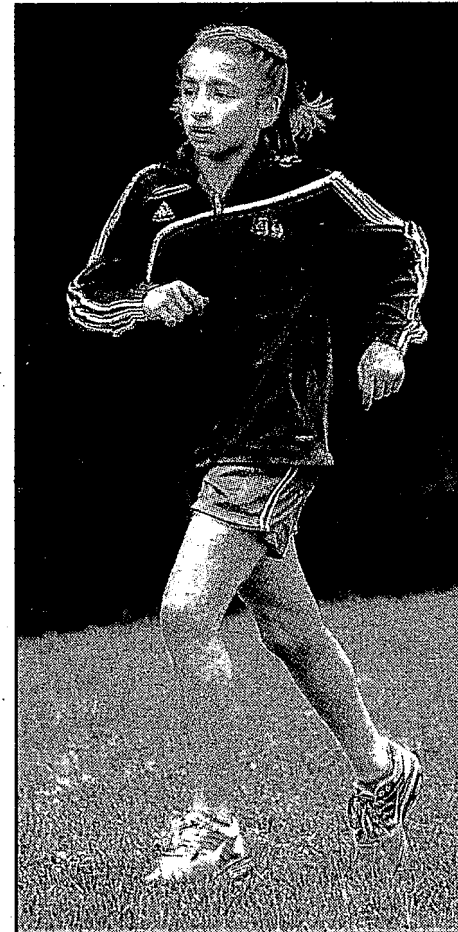
Proceeds from the event go to research for brain cancer in honor of Ryan Kennedy, a North Sashabaw Elementary student who passed away in May.

"It's great," said Nathan Yeloushan, a senior at Clarkston who also sported a jersey for Kennedy during Football for a Cure. "It shows there is a lot of support. People heard about it and came out. They put forth good spirits for a cloudy not so nice day."

Fifty people came out - raising \$1,000, not counting donations.



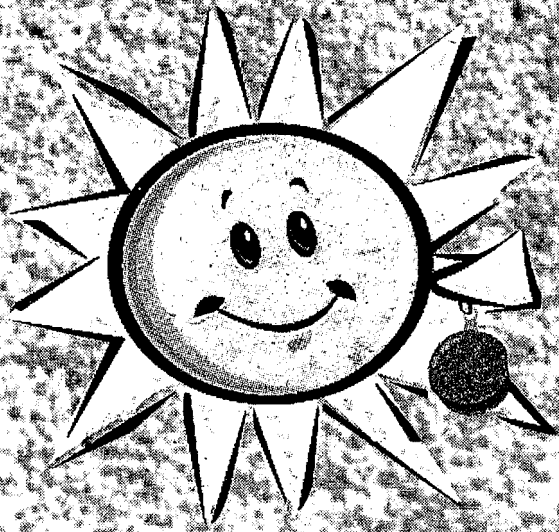
Brady Dickens finishes fifth in his first 5K Run for Research.



Anna Lebourdais keeps stepping forward for research.

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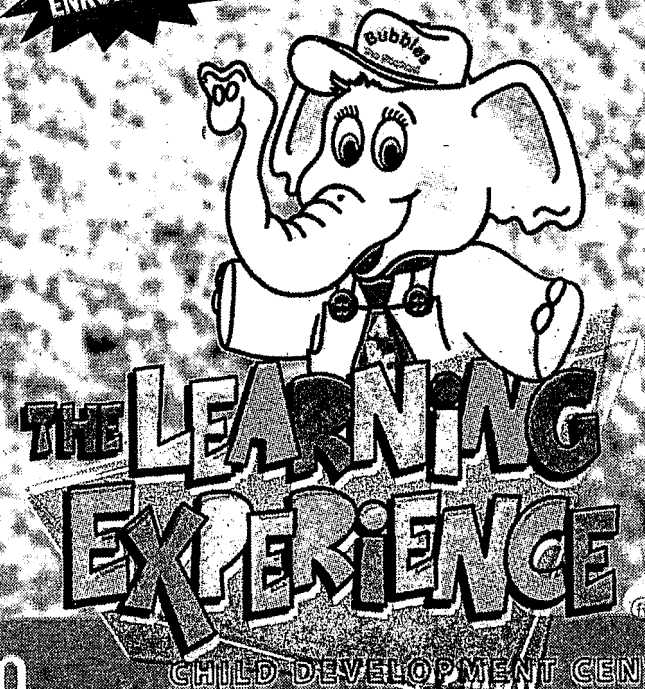
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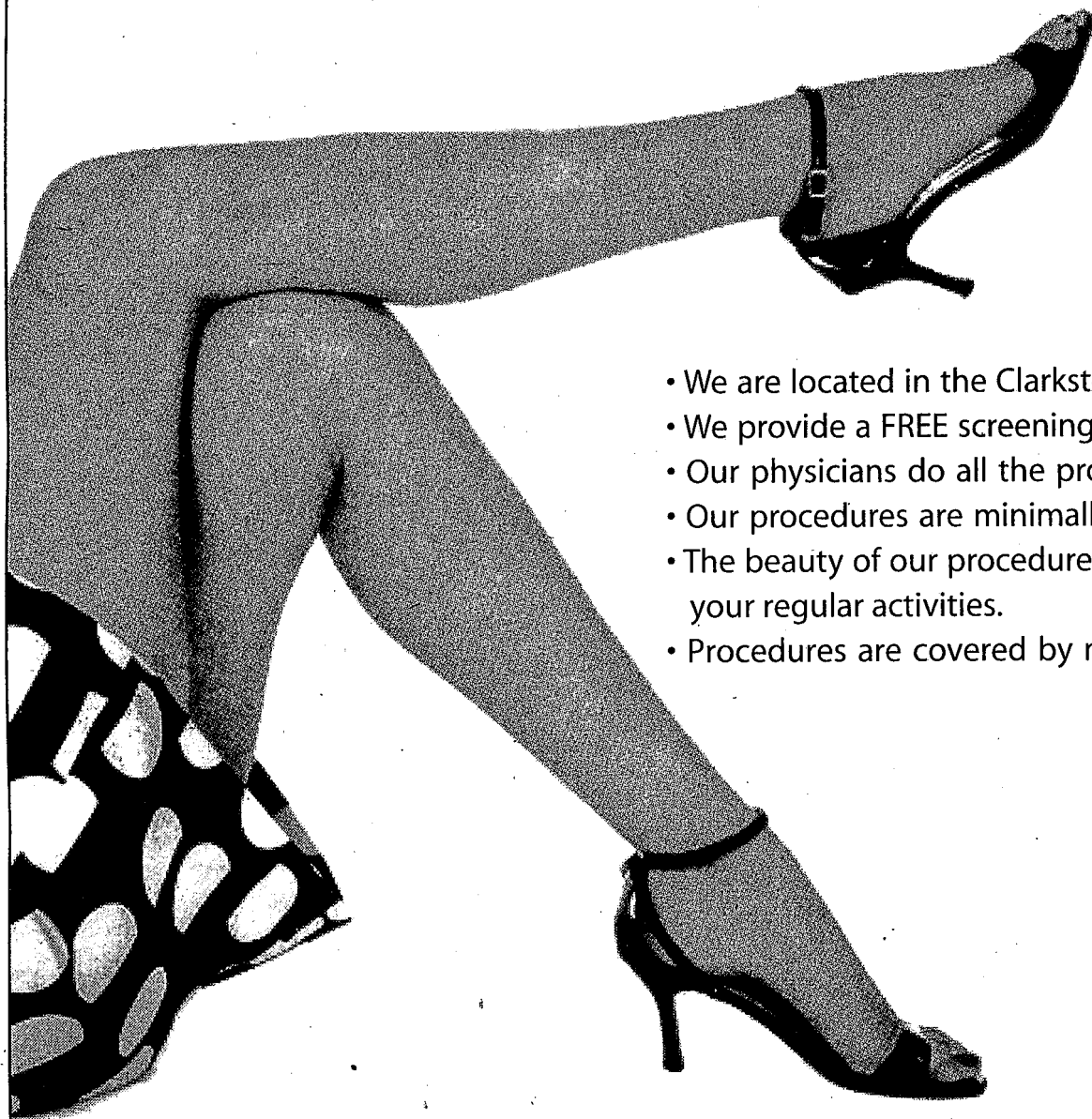
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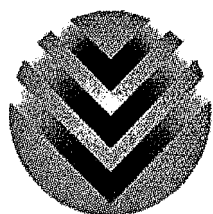
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From left, Everest Collegiate High School Life Club members Kayla DiSalle, Haley Ross, and Kersten Engel, and, from right, Gabe Fenske, Shanon DiSalle, Damon Nallamotheu, and Bridget Smith meet with Rick Santorum at the fund raiser.



Santorum takes a moment to share a video of his youngest daughter with the Rev. Philemon Okoh.

Local youth help out at Santorum speech

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For former presidential candidate Rick Santorum, young people like Everest Collegiate High School Life Club members are what his pro-life message is about.

"It's so encouraging to see young people like this, as pro life as any generation in the country," said Santorum at the Birth Choice Pregnancy Resource Center fund raiser, Aug. 9.

"They're one of the reasons I'm glad to do this," said the former U.S. senator, Republican, Pennsylvania. "They realize they're survivors, that after Roe v Wade, the most dangerous place for them and their peers was the womb."

The Clarkston students ran the registration tables at the fund raiser in Shelby Township. Supporters lined up for a private reception with Santorum, then dinner and a speech.

"I'm really happy he's here," said Gabriel Fenske, senior and president of the Life Club at Everest, in Independence Township. "He helps generate a lot of interest in the pro-life movement at the high school level, where it's needed the most."

"It's exciting to see someone so pro-life, and who shows it," said Bridget Smith, also club president.

Smith, a sophomore, has been a club member for two years.

"I feel strongly pro-life and decided to help make a difference, so I joined the club," she said.

Club members participate in marches in Washington D.C. and 40 Days for Life in Clarkston and Flint, as well as help out at the center.

The center, at 5770 S. Main Street in Independence Township, provides pre-natal education, counseling, referrals, pregnancy tests, clothing and supplies, and other services to women in need of help.

"There are many loving and caring people involved, helping out in a difficult situation," Santorum said. "Saving the baby is a huge focus, but it's more than that - it takes a lot of love and support to make sure abortion isn't a mom's only choice."

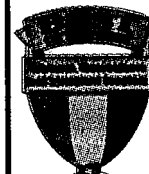
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At left, Brenda Savage, founder of the Birth Choice center, and Roy and Marie Weingartz meet with the former senator and presidential candidate. Photos by Phil Custodio



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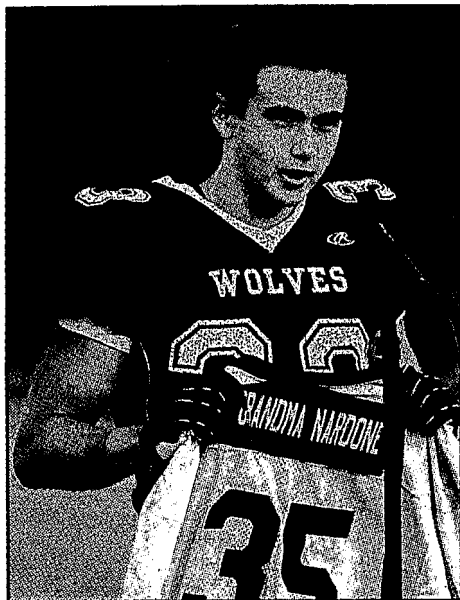
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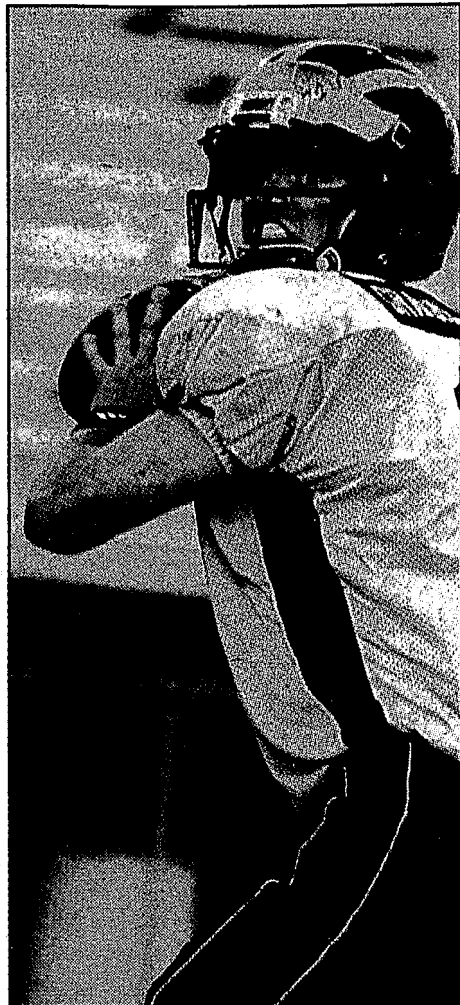
Tyler Nardone wears a jersey for his Grandma Nardone as he joins the Pink team.

Playing for cancer

Clarkston gridiron heroes have the strength and the heart as they head into the fall season.

They showed their skills at the fourth annual Football for a Cure, their intra-squad pre-scrimmage game on Saturday.

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DJ Zezula aims his pass.



Ben Kaminsky escapes defense after the hand off.

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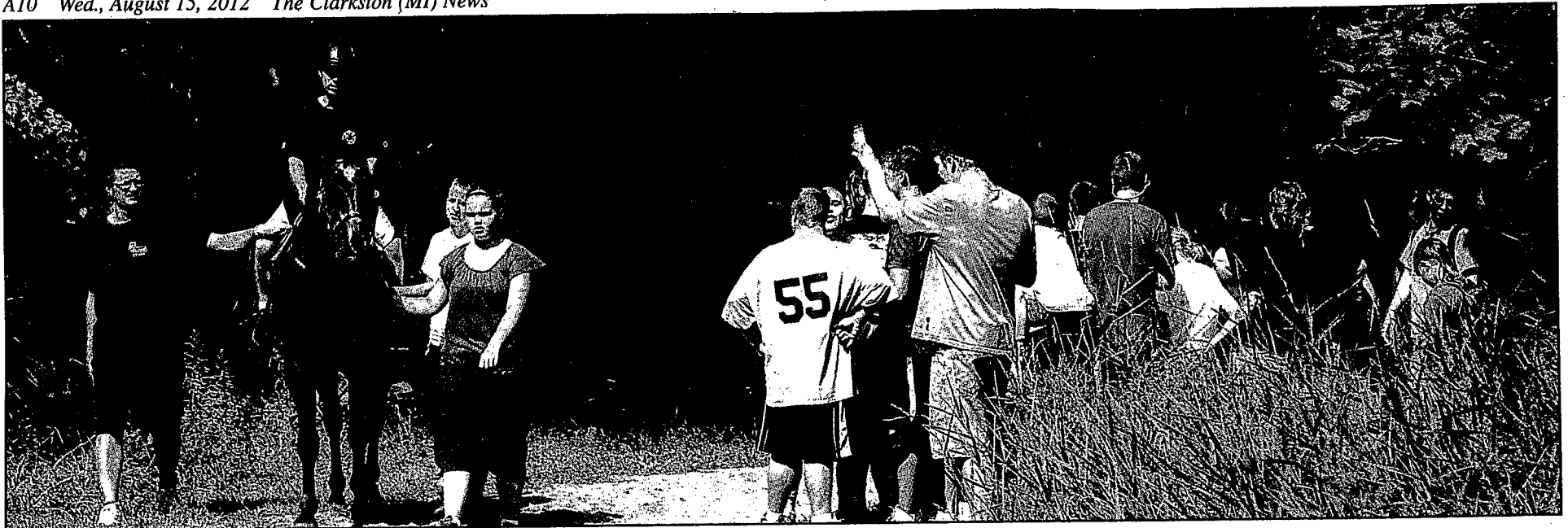
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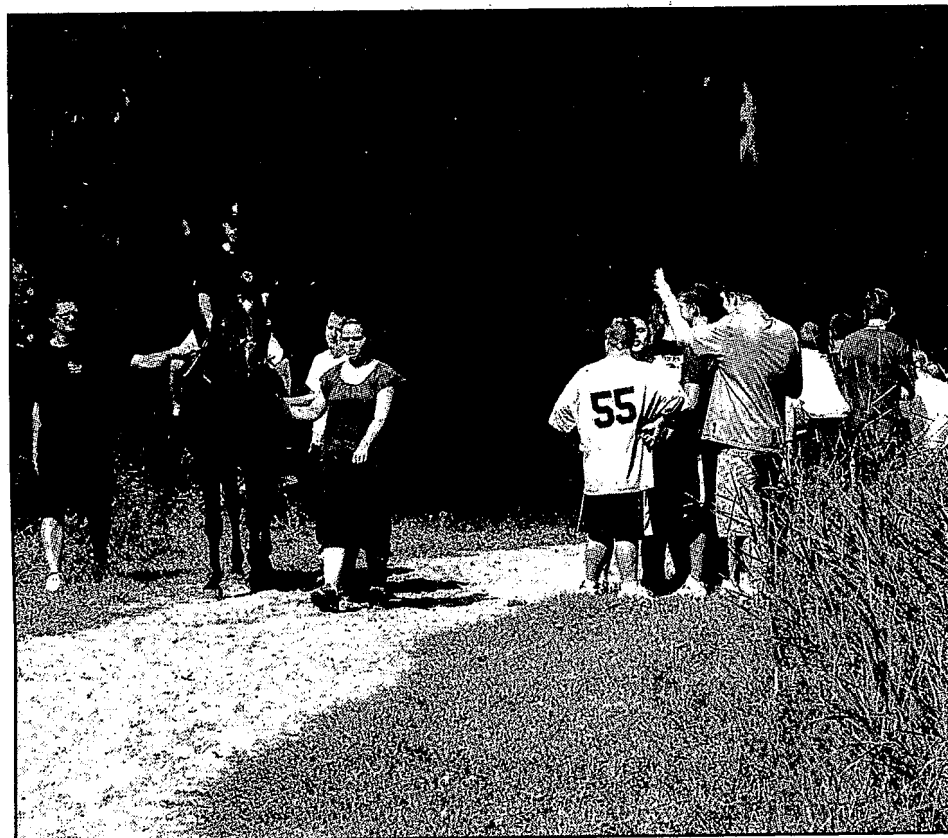
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SCAMPers greet each other on the horseback-riding trail at O.A.T.S. during the summer camp.



Riding horses was just one activity for the campers. Photos provided

SCAMP keeps campers smiling

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The five-week whirlwind of SCAMP, a camp for special needs children, may have just come to an end, but organizers are already looking forward to next summer.

"More than anything I want to see [the kids] smiling," said SCAMP Director Amanda Hoffman.

Over the past five weeks, Hoffman saw 211 kids, 27 lead teachers, 71 student aids, 58 adult aids, and 32 volunteers smile as they engaged in camp activities.

For the SCAMPers, each day offered a new pursuit from boating to creating art to nature walks, bowling, and going to the movies.

"We're always trying to make it better," said Hoffman.

This year, SCAMP ended with a carnival day where kids played games, bounced on inflatables, and captured their camp memories in a photo booth.

SCAMPers also had an opportunity to shoot hoops with members of Oakland University's men's basketball team. "I think

that's when I saw our kids have the most fun," said Hoffman.

While SCAMP participants enjoy trips to Dairy Queen, touring the fire station, and making music, "the student aids and volunteers really get a lot out of it" too, said Assistant Director Hank Passmore.

"It's always rewarding interacting with the kids," Passmore said.

While he notes that the carnival day was a big hit, the SCAMPers also loved horseback riding at O.A.T.S. (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles).

Although SCAMP's organizers and Lead Teachers were able to put together a variety of activities for all the campers, they are hoping to come up with even more fun and new things to do next year.

"I know how much the SCAMPers look forward to it," said Passmore, but it isn't just the participants who can't wait to get back to camp.

"I already miss all the campers," said Director Amanda Hoffman.

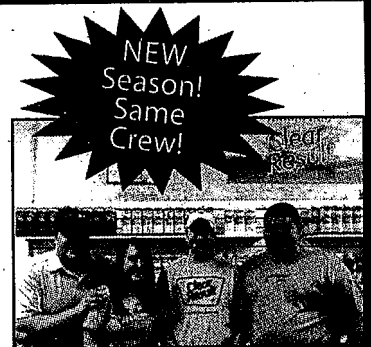
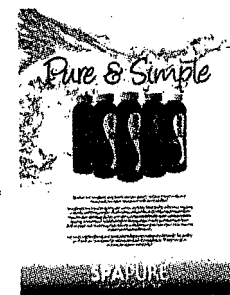
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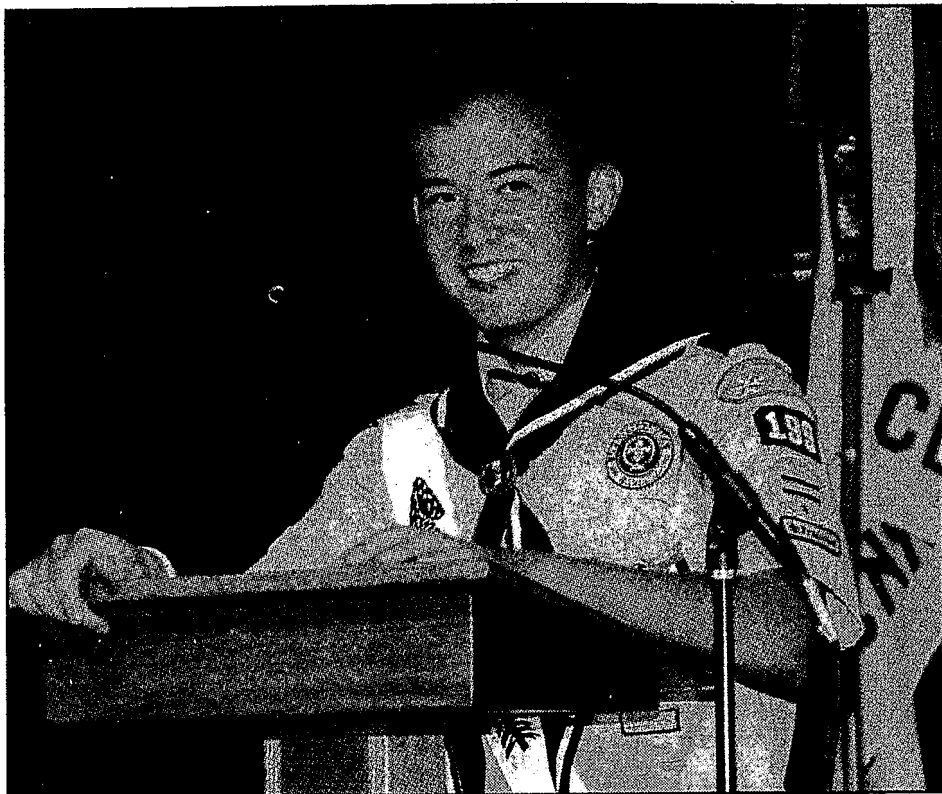
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Eagle Scout Alec Michael Mark led a team to build new benches in Springfield Township. Photo provided

Eagle Scout improves park

Boy Scout Alec Michael Mark, Troop 199, Great Lakes Council, Pontiac-Manitou District, earned his Eagle Scout with a construction project in Springfield Township.

Mark, a senior at Clarkston High School, and his team built six, eight-foot wood benches for the Shiawassee Basin Preserve. Three of the benches were anchored around the new playscape, and the others were placed on an observation deck overlooking Long Lake.

"I met with Jennifer Tucker (Springfield Township Parks and Recreation director) and she asked what I would like to do," Mark

said. "I wanted to build something, I like working with tools."

It took about a year of planning, and was completed last October.

"I learned how to lead a lot of people," he said. "I showed them how to build one, and we built the others off the first one."

He is the son of Chris and Sandy Mark of Independence Township. He started his career in scouting with Pack 163 at Independence Elementary School. He was awarded his Eagle Scout in a ceremony, July 14, at Clarkston Community Church.

— Phil Custodio

Clarkston scout earns 'Young Woman of Distinction' award

Rebecca Turner of Clarkston is Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan's 2012 Young Woman of Distinction.

The Young Woman of Distinction is presented to a Gold Award recipient whose final project demonstrates extraordinary leadership and global impact.

In her sophomore year at Clarkston High School, Turner started a Peer Listening counseling program following the suicides of two other Clarkston High School stu-



Turner

dents.

"It just hit me, and I had to do something," said the now Clarkston High School graduate. "It's very gratifying to know that something I did is helping change so many lives."

Turner recruited and trained a Peer Listening team of students to provide peer-to-peer listening support to help students cope with the day-to-day experiences of high school.

"We worked with professional counselors to learn peer listening, and now we have 13 trained students helping with the program," she said.

Turner graduated last June, but the program will continue.



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Kenwood Hoben, with the Western Michigan University solar car.

Kenwood Hoben, physics and electrical engineering major, was one of 12 Western Michigan University students competing in a cross-country solar competition.

The Clarkston High School graduate did electrical work for the team as it covered more than 1,600 miles from New York to Minnesota, July 14-21.

Cari Drolet of Clarkston, Albion College graduate, was recently honored with the Douglas Melhorn Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Volunteerism and Service.

Drolet received the award in recognition of hundreds of hours spent on call with Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County during her four years as a student at Albion.

She served as a "victim's advocate," providing emotional support to victims reporting a sexual assault.

"It's really sad sometimes to see how many obstacles some people face—sometimes an assault is just one part of a bigger problem," she said. "Any support we can provide is valuable."

Clarkston students awarded diplomas at Denison University's 171st commencement held, May 13, include:

Emily Ellen McIntosh, Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude. McIntosh graduated with a major in English with a concentration and a minor in sociology/anthropology. A consistent dean's list student, she received the American Commons Club Scholarship and the Denison Alumni Award; and

Marissa Alexandra Ortiz, Bachelor of Arts

degree, summa cum laude. Ortiz graduated with a double major in English with a concentration in writing and music with a concentration in performance.

Clarkston students **Catherine Galligan** and **Marisa Witcpalek** participated in the Women in Engineering scholarship program at Michigan Technological University.

Clarkston students named to the Grand Valley State University dean's list for the Winter 2012 semester include **Ryan M. Addis; Blake R. Andersen; Kelly L. Anderson; Christopher D. Benedict; Laura K. Broadwater; Jacob A. Brokenshaw; Shelby J. Chambers; Melissa R. Corazza; Christopher S. Davenport; Evan W. Davis; Alexandra M. DeNio; Chelsea J. DeNio; Macy A. Dobleske; Jessica N. Drews; Kelsey L. Ferrand; Shannon M. Goebel; Briana H. Gohlke; Jessica L. Goyke; Lyndsey R. Jackson; Kathleen A. Johnstone; Erin E. Kelly; Alexa V. Kitson; Drew L. MacColman; Kasey M. McKay; Nicole A. Merte; Stephanie J. Monkaba; Max A. Morell; Amber R. Olson; Robert P. O'Malley; Kevin P. O'Neill; Carson T. Ratliff; Kelsey V. Rauhut; Adriane M. Reinelt; Jenna R. Sage; Bradley G. Stencil; Kristin J. Stone; Olivia E. Tomei; Brandon A. Toth; David J. Vanderheyden; Lauren A. Wagner; Anna C. Wheeler; Kristen V. Williams; John R. Wozniak; Natalie M. Wozniak; Brittany E. Wright; Evan J. Young; Kyle M. Young; and Megan M. Zelinsky.**

Eric Savoie, 2011 Clarkston High School graduate who is attending the James Madison College at Michigan State University, was named to the academic Dean's List for the winter semester.

Benjamin Parker, from Clarkston, Mich., was named to the Dean's List at Villanova University for the spring 2012 semester. Parker is studying Economics in the Villanova School of Business.

Monica Young of Clarkston, a sophomore majoring in Actuarial Science at Spring Arbor University, was named to the Spring 2012 Academic Honors List. She is the daughter of Robert and Sonja Young.

Reece Adams of Clarkston High School has been recognized as a 2011-2012 Discus Award winner for his achievements in the areas of Faith, Community Service, and Work. Adams is now eligible for 2011-2012 Discus Awards scholarships. Also, he created a multimedia profile highlighting his achievements, www.DiscusAwards.com/winners.

Stacey Bluteau from Clarkston has recorded perfect grades and has been named to the President's List at Saginaw Valley State University for the winter 2012 semester.



Pheobe Bojanzyk sets up a new batch of candles. Photos by Krysten Cooper

Alight with history

BY KRISTEN COOPER
Special to the Clarkston News

Pheobe Bojanzyk and her two daughters Laurie Bojanzyk and Melissa Beznitz have owned the Davisburg Candle Factory for 13 years. This summer, business has really started to pick up for them.

One reason – they make candles for the Union Woodshop restaurant in Clarkston.

The factory is housed in the center of downtown Davisburg. The building was built in the 1850's and started as a general store. Since then, the building has been home to a Masonic temple and a church. At one point, movies were shown on the outside of the building.



Laurie Bojanzyk makes candles.

In the early 70's, Charlie Going started the original Davisburg Candle Factory. It was originally in a building a couple doors down, but when that building burnt down, he moved his business to a building on Dixie Highway. Eventually the business moved to the current building. After moving into its current location, Going designed the taper line for the candles using bicycle sprockets and roller-blade wheels.

Bojanzyk said owning the factory for 13 years has not been easy. For awhile the business was "just hanging in there" but this summer that changed.

The amount of candles they are making in the summer, usually their off-season, has been "unreal." With the candles for the Union Woodshop and a new partnership with a business in New York that sells to Saks 5th Avenue, they have had their hands full. In fact, if business keeps up at this rate, they will need to hire holiday help for the first time.

Even though business has been difficult at times, Bojanzyk really enjoys the factory. Her favorite part, she said, is "working with my daughters. We've got to know each other as people and co-workers."

They make custom candles in any color, as well as stock candles. In addition, everything they use to make their candles is made in the USA.

"If people burned our candles, they would know why we're still in business," Laurie said.

The candles burn longer and cleaner than others you buy from a store.

To learn more about the factory, visit their website at www.candlefactorymi.com.

Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie Fall Efforts Pay Off Now AND in Spring

Fall planted lawns, shrubs, perennials and trees establish a strong foot hold before winter. Now through the end of October is the perfect time in Southeast Michigan to refresh your lawn and landscaping. Use the tips below to enjoy your yard now and next year:



Plant. Plant mums, sedum and ornamental grasses. They add color and interest now and will be well established come spring time. Strategically plant trees or flowering shrubs keeping maturity size in mind. Plant evergreens to provide color and protection for wildlife. Plant spring flowering bulbs now and enjoy them in next year.

Transplant. Now is a good time to transplant deciduous trees and shrubs as there will be less trauma during this season

of dormancy. Prune while flowering trees and shrubs are dormant.

Mulch. A layer of mulch will provide a boost of color now and extra protection for your plants during the winter months. Freezing and thawing can break roots or even push new plantings out of the ground.

Weed, seed & fertilize. Remove weeds now to eliminate literally thousands of weed seeds next spring. Fertilize with high phosphorus, low nitrogen. Spot seed bare areas of your lawn. Maybe give your lawn one last trim, about 1 1/2 inches is ideal.

Remove leaves. Rake and remove leaves to help your lawn come back strong next spring. If you can, shred them and use them as free mulch in appropriate areas.

Design. Fall is a great time to hire a landscape contractor for two reasons. The leaves are down so it is easy for a landscape designer to see what is really happening and it's almost the off season so they'll negotiate on price.

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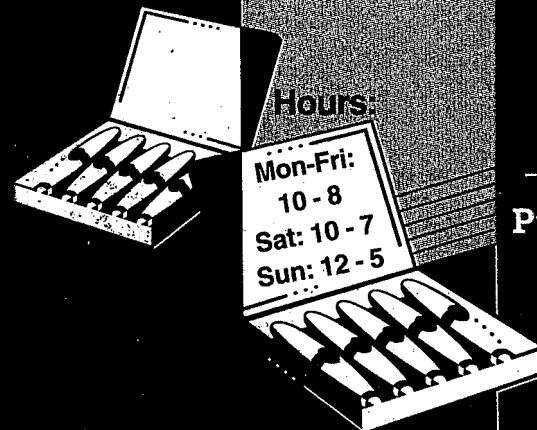
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Clarkston man weds in outdoor ceremony

Laura Marie Lovett and Travis Wayne Hughes were married Saturday, Aug. 4 in an outdoor ceremony at the Evergreen Country Club in Haymarket, Virginia.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Patricia Lovett of Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

The groom is the son of Mark and Mary Hughes of Clarkston, Michigan.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas. They will reside in Romney, West Virginia.



Laura and Travis

Three steps to create your best hair!

I've been a hairstylist for more than 25 years, and the question I hear over and over is, How can I re-create this look myself at home, without spending too much time on my hair, especially in the morning?"

There are three prerequisites to re-creating the style yourself and having beautiful hair all day long – without which you've lost the battle before even getting started!

Three Prerequisites

1. Good to GREAT hair cut. Seems obvious, but here's where many people go wrong. Clients sometimes don't know the difference from a good hair cut to an excellent hair cut, how you can tell the difference is in the way your hair styles at home. If your hairstylist gives you a good but not great haircut, try discussing specifically what you're really looking for (and bring pictures) to see if she can improve. If she/he doesn't already teach you how to "Recreate" your hairstyle at home be sure to ask. Being on the same page with your stylist is critical.

2. Healthy hair is a MUST!. Two factors play an important role here: the amount of chemical services you put it through and the frequency with which you blow-dry or use irons of any kind to straighten or curl your hair. To keep your hair healthy, treat yourself and your hair to a Redken Chemistry Treatment at every 5-6 week visit in the salon. Use a corresponding at home treatment to keep your hair condition in tip top shape. After all you have made an investment in your hair these are ways you can protect your in-

vestment!

3. Wet tools and hard tools- When we hair professionals hear, "you do my hair so good, can I take you home with me to style my hair in the morning?" We usually laugh and say something like this, "man, that would mean I have to get up at the crack of dawn." Instead of saying something like this, "I would love to teach you how to do this just like me in the morning

Shelly Says



Shelly Kovach

just as if I were there, how does that sound?" After all I can't imagine invading your morning space! It is simple when you have the specific tools in your possession it is a synch to recreate your look!

One last suggestion (for now), keep up with your hair. When you have a great haircut go back in within a reasonable time five weeks is great, six weeks is o.k any more than that your hair grows out of shape and is harder for your stylist to gage what works for you with your haircut. Color is the same story, longer than 6 weeks to have your color retouched is going to cost you more money, more time in the salon and you'll have to go that extra time not liking your hair! Why do that to yourself!

Have fun, treat yourself, feel good! You owe it to yourself!

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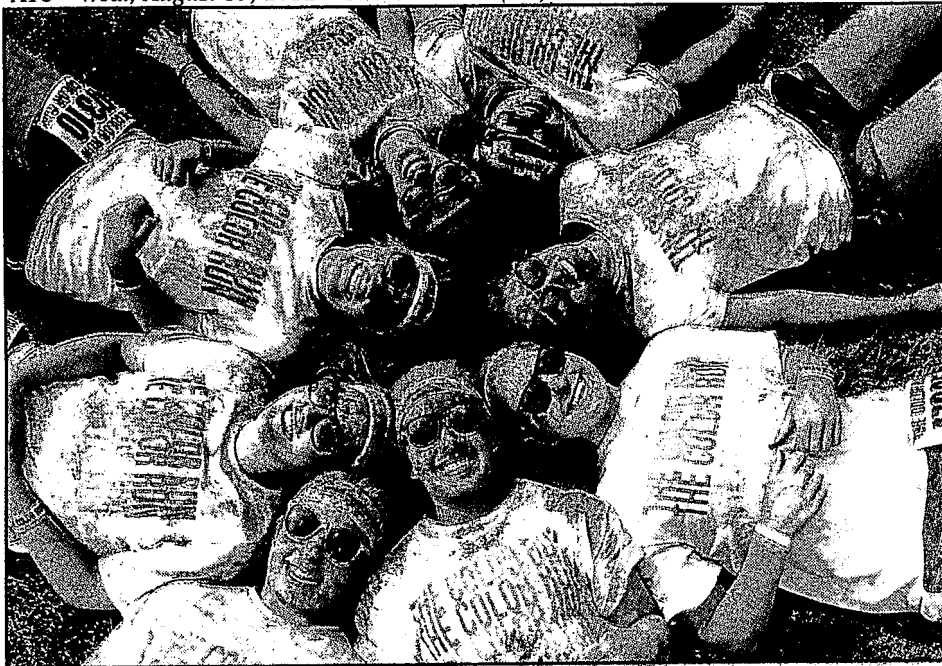
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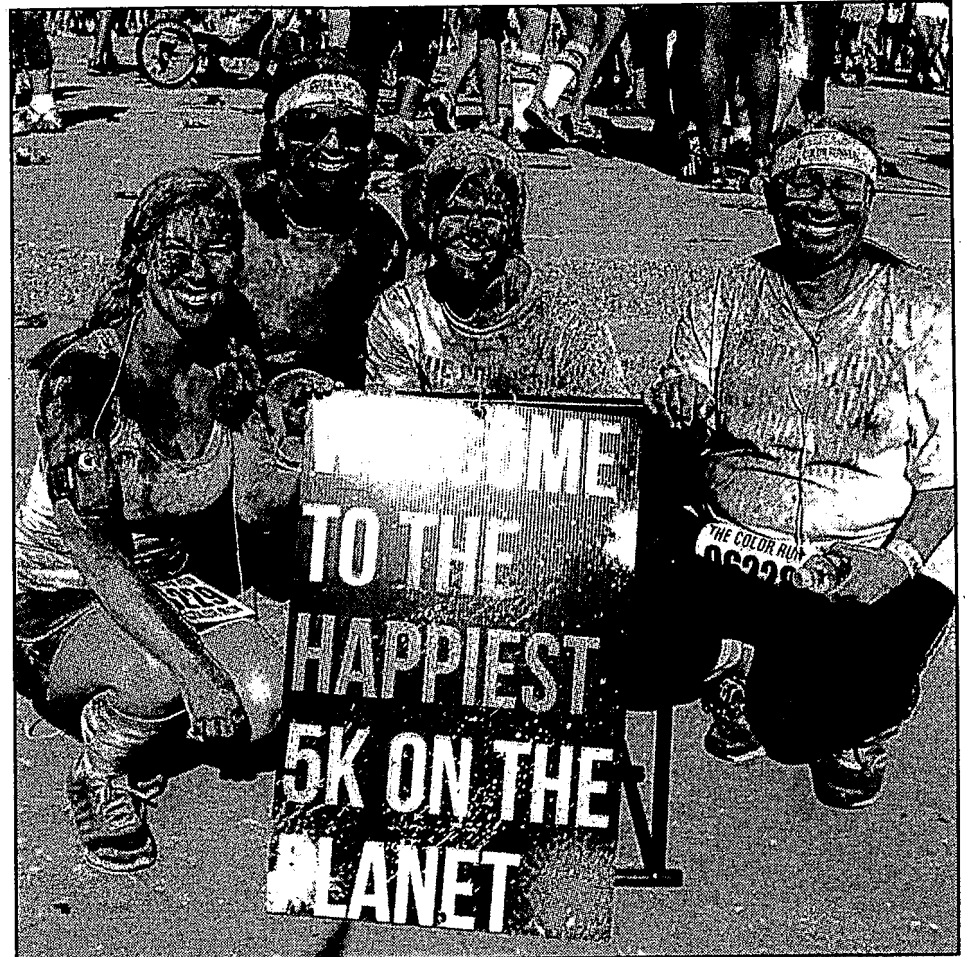
Runners add color to their summer

A new 5k run visited Michigan and Clarkston residents took to the challenge, going to the Color Run in two locations, Ypsilanti and Grand Rapids.

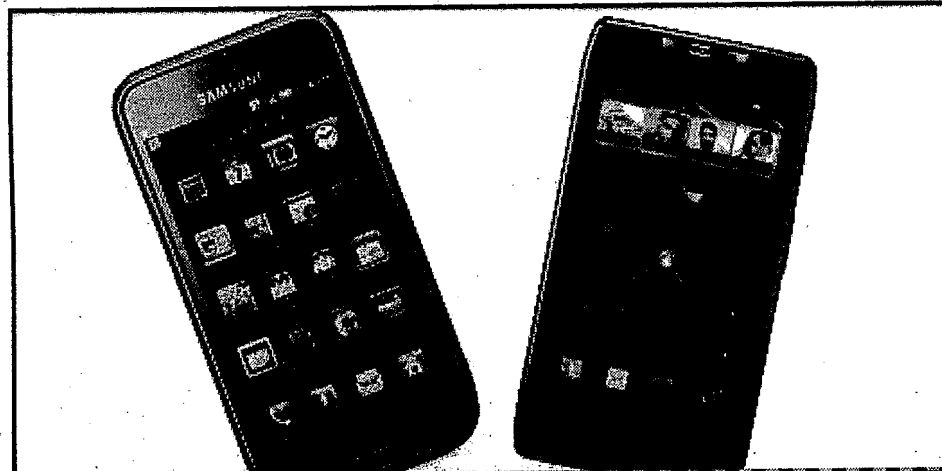
"This was such a fun run. Can't wait for next year," Sandi Larkins said after her run.

During the run, participants have color thrown at them at different spots.

Proceeds go to local charities and it was the first year the Color Run visited Michigan. For more information, visit www.thecolorrun.com.



From left are Shannon Moscovic, Laura Cadreau, Sandi Larkins and Bobbie Jo Lowe after their run in Grand Rapids. Photos provided



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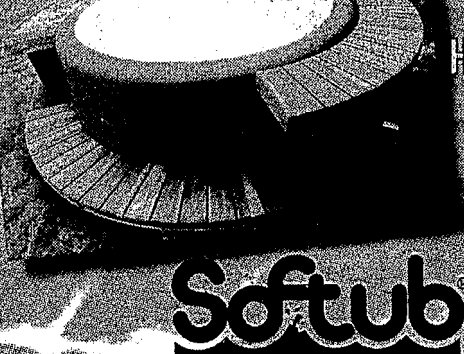
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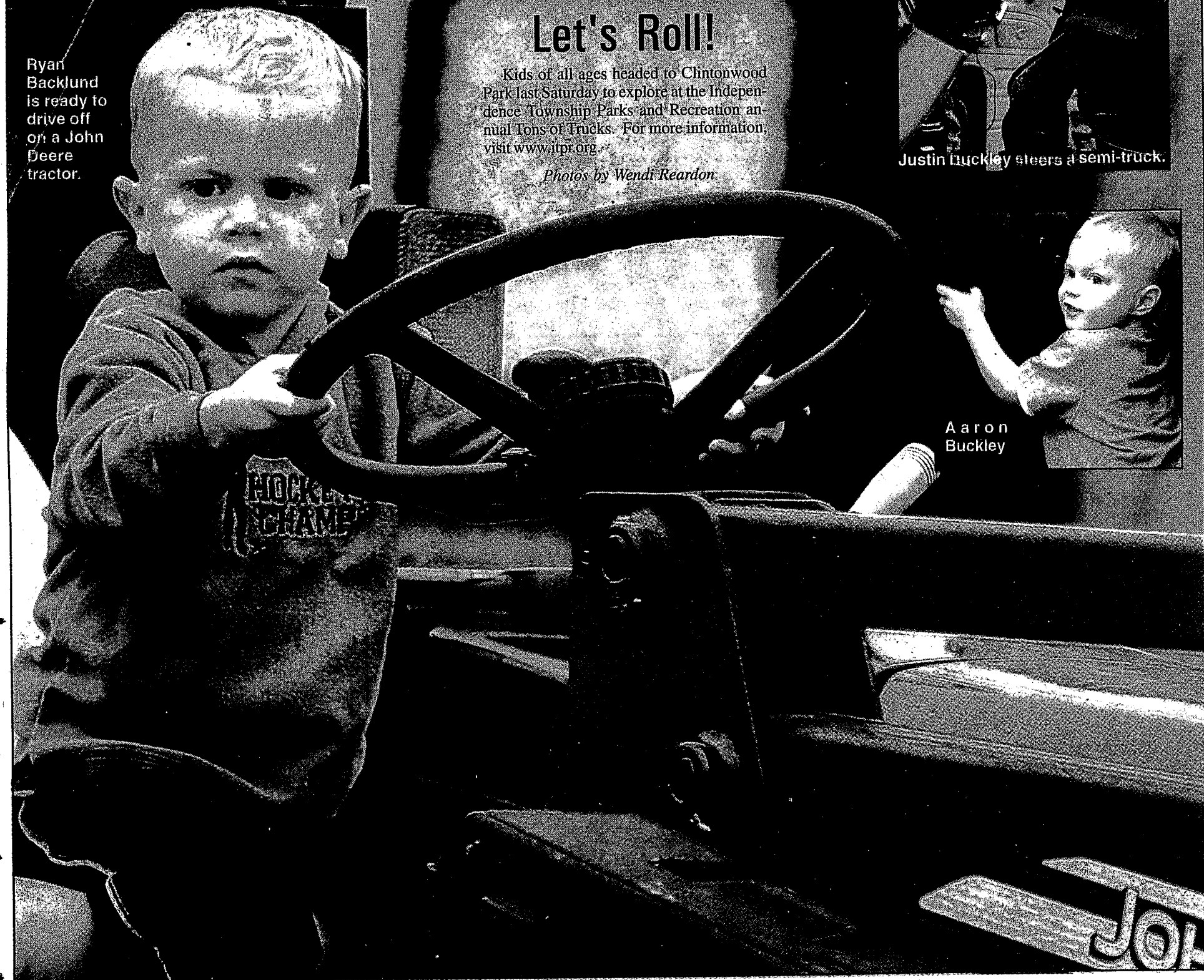
Justin Luckley steers a semi-truck.

Let's Roll!

Kids of all ages headed to Clintonwood Park last Saturday to explore at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation annual Tons of Trucks. For more information, visit www.itpr.org.

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Ryan Backlund is ready to drive off on a John Deere tractor.



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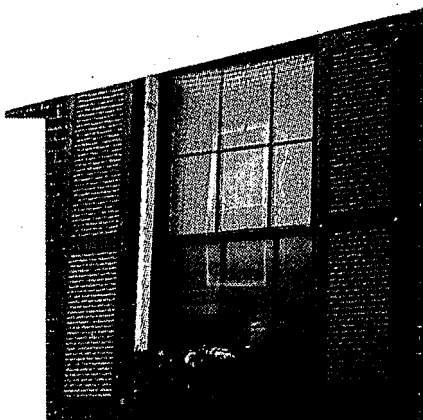
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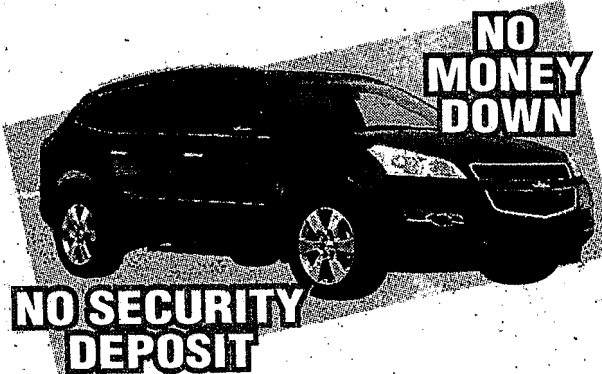
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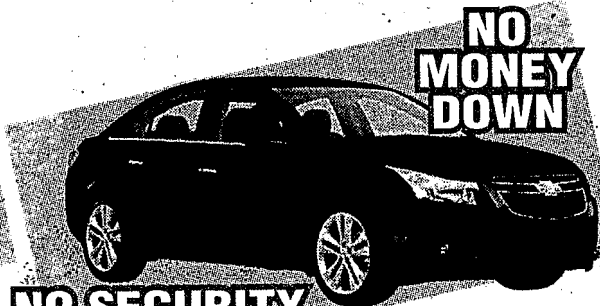
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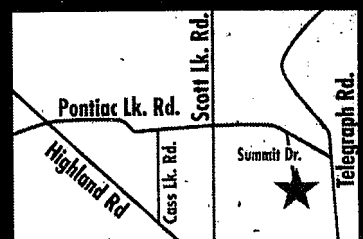
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"Watch old movies in my favorite comfy chair."

- Dawn Dubre



"I've got a family room upstairs where I like to read. It's like sitting in a little nest."

- Carol Eberhardt



"Be lazy, watch movies, and basically do nothing."

- Nate Hedtler



"I like to sit inside and watch it rain and listen to music."

- Ruth Dunfee

"I like to sit on my back porch and chill."

- Cindy Bell
(Ruth Dunfee's sister)

By Mary Keck

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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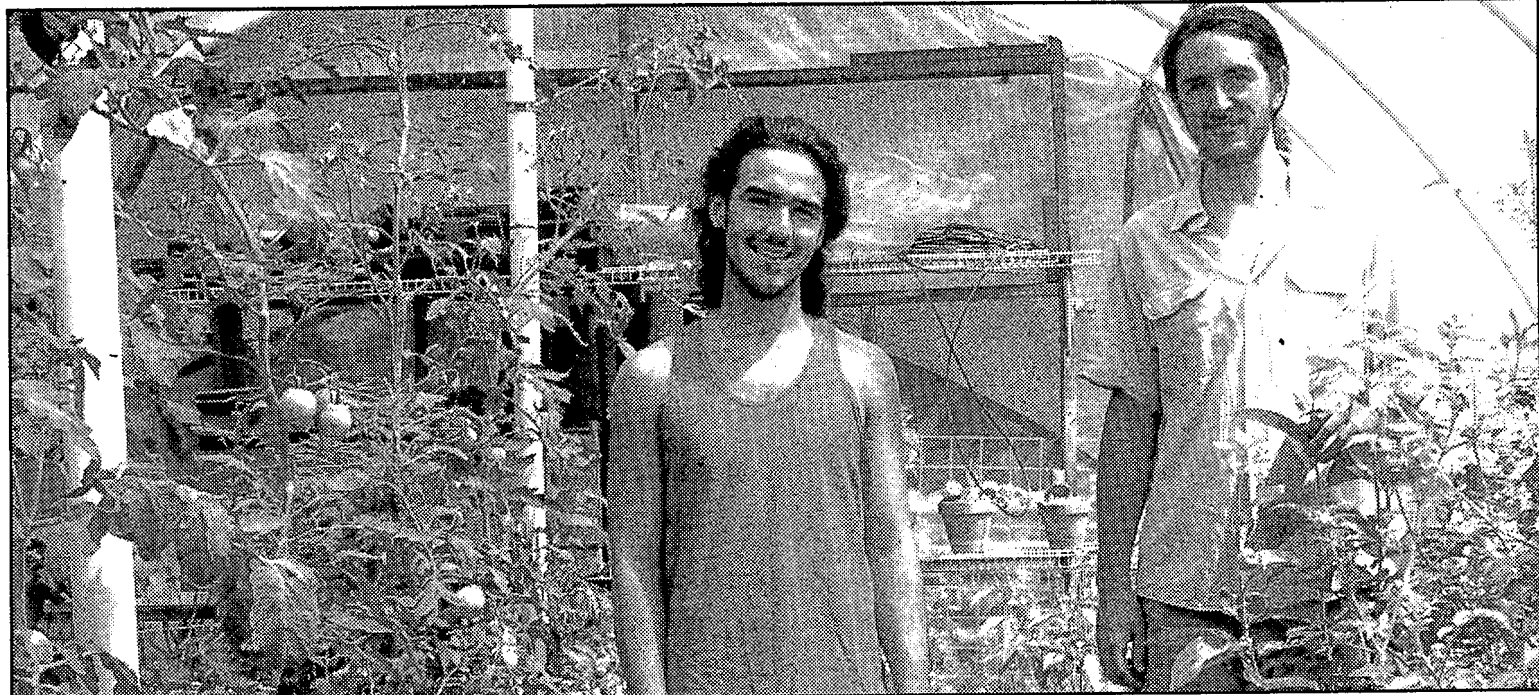
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Trevor Newman and Mark Angelini, co-founders of Roots to Fruits, are hosting the "Local Food Starts at Home" event. They hope to educate the public on how to grow their own fruits and vegetables. Photo by Mary Keck

Roots to Fruits hopes to revive local foods culture

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Most believe the economy could use a boost, but is the answer to financial woes in fruits and vegetables? According to the owners of Clarkston's Roots to Fruits ecological design firm, farming isn't only an avenue to a stronger economy; it is also a road to reviving local culture.

At one time, North Oakland County was a "rich and diverse agricultural area" where farming was the "basis of the economy" and "very much a part of the culture," said Mark Angelini who co-found Roots to Fruits with Trevor Newman.

Through their Local Food Starts at Home event at the Clarkston Methodist Church on

Aug. 30, Angelini and Newman hope to "start a conversation" about reviving North Oakland's rich farming culture, said Newman.

From 6-9 p.m. the public is welcome to an evening of educational presentations and roundtable discussions on the past, present, and future of local foods in North Oakland County.

Not only will the co-owners of the Roots to Fruits edible landscaping business be sharing information about food production, but people they call "local food heroes" like Bob McGowan and Lorij Schmidt will present on their personal experiences with growing fruits and vegetables.

"We're challenging people to become more interested in local food," said Angelini.

He expects the Local Food Starts at Home

event to be educational as well as offer growers networking opportunities and stimulate discussion about the social and economic benefits of eating foods grown in North Oakland County.

From Angelini's perspective, farming "keeps people employed locally," and the development of regional products offers something unique, which will draw people to the area.

"Food is a core component of culture," said Newman.

He believes encouraging local food production in Springfield and Independence townships will offer newcomers more than delicious vegetables and fruits. They will also get a taste of the flavor of the community.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Halftime for elections

The campaign season is over, but only for the moment.

Unlike 2008, the August primary didn't settle things completely. In that race, all the candidates in Independence and Springfield townships were Republican, so the primary election was pretty much it – the winners ran unopposed in November.

This year, three Democrats are in the race for Independence Township trustee, providing a choice in November.

Future candidates should take note of what the primary candidates said about their campaigns. The positive approach seemed to work better than the negative, extremely negative, and negative/conspiratorial ones. And I like the idea of Barb Pallotta's political signs making a difference because they were pink.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum stopped by the area for a speaking engagement last week, and I covered it. Now there's a man who was brutalized by negative campaigning.

His political opponents have destroyed his name, not his "good name," but his actual name, on the internet. It's an impressive display of online power, but I don't see it as persuasive to anyone who doesn't share their views.

Clarkston's School board seats are also up for a vote in November. I can think of 35,000 reasons why people should pay attention to that race.

Each reason is a dollar, as in the \$35,000 in taxpayers' money the Board of Education spent to try to convince taxpayers to let them spend \$20 million more in taxpayers' money.

We'll be bringing that up in our coverage of that race. What did incumbents learn from the school bond drive, what would challengers do differently, that sort of thing.

The traffic signals on Sashabaw Road aren't up for a vote, but they should be. The road commission's reasons for not activating the crossing signs at Bow Pointe, listed in last week's paper, were strange.

Drivers wouldn't be able to handle the light being active at some times and flashing at others? They think we're that mindless? The new township board should look into that.



Letters To The Editor . . .

Too much fracking focus

Re: "Activists want to save Bay Court Park," July 4, I spoke w the USGS and the MDEQ about this. There are two possible beds that this could be in regard to, the most shallow of which is 14000 + feet deep, the other 2000+.

Not that this matters. What does matter is that all they've done at this point is purchase the mineral rights.

There is very little known about the productivity of either of the beds in consideration and much exploration would need to be done to even determine if there is economic feasibility to pursue this.

My point is, that I am very pro environment. Fracking is a very emotional issue in Michigan right now. It is not the biggest environmental issue facing the state however by far. And in this case, it is really a non issue. To say fracking in BayCourt park is years off if ever is understating it.

To protect the environment, we as citizens, and politicians as well, need to investigate what the risks are and go with priorities. Its nice that there is concern, but, the focus for this should be on the investigative process. Banning fracking won't impede the investigation – hint hint.

I don't want to dissuade those interested in environmental issues from becoming active, quite the contrary; your energy is needed.

However, there are issues and activities and movements locally that are much more imminent. Stormwater and invasive species are the two most pressing I know of where individuals would be able to make a big difference.

They can install native plant gardens, participate in a watershed activity, or create a monarch waystation, for instance. These can all have immediate positive affects.

Again, don't want to deter anyone from being green, but I do want to inject a dose of reality into the equation.

*Tammie Heazlit
Independence Township*

Thanks for all your help

Dear Don Rush,

Where do I begin? I am truly grateful for all your help in promoting the Backyard Jam, my business, and the dunk tank! I can always count on you and it never goes unappreciated. This community is lucky to have you!

*Shari Schulz, owner, Bonnie & Clyde,
Clarkston Flower Shoppe, Bird Feeder
Clarkston*

Sashabaw troubles

Dear Editor,

Our experience with the Oakland County Road Commission regarding activating the crosswalk on Sashabaw Road at Bowpointe has been a lesson in futility.

The latest response to the publicity of this dangerous situation has resulted in our tax dollars being wasted on a RCOG crew spending hours doing a complete black bagging of a cross walk that once was a perfectly functioning crosswalk. Curiously this was done the day after this made the TV news!

It's amazing that taxpayers started with a functioning crosswalk, went to a shut off crosswalk, then to a "we need permission to activate this crosswalk," and now after two years of talk and promises, we've ended up with a black bagged crosswalk in the area that taxpayers spent millions of dollars to improve. Embarrassing to say the least!

The millions of dollars we spent on the "Sashabaw corridor improvement" isn't at all what taxpayers envisioned when this supposed "pedestrian friendly" corridor was proposed. The results are disappointing.

Our only regret is that we didn't ask the Oakland County Road Commission to do exactly the opposite of what we intended. If we had, the crosswalk would probably be functioning today!

*Lori and Michael Powell
Independence Township*

Thank you for support

Dear Editor,

A special thank you to everyone who supported my campaign for Independence Township supervisor. Over the past several months, I have had the pleasure of meeting some really great people ... folks who are genuinely concerned about their community and who want to see Independence become the pride of Oakland County.

After speaking with hundreds of folks over the past few months and meeting hundreds more at the polls, I am more convinced than ever that the residents of Independence want a Township Government that:

- Keeps residents informed of community activities
- Looks for ways to deliver critical services at lower costs
- Seeks resident input before policy and spending decisions are made
- Brings a common sense approach to Township management.

As a business executive and homeowner association president, I have managed this way for 35 years. As your township supervisor, I do not plan on changing a successful formula.

Thank you again for your support.

*Pat Kittle
Independence Township*

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Wendy's marks opening with donation" Clarkston's first Wendy's restaurant opened its doors with a champagne preview for the town's movers and shakers. Oh, and they gave away some money too. The new restaurant was officially opened when owner Howard O'Brien and Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart cut a ribbon made up of 200 one-dollar bills. Then, one half was given to Wendy Halsey, director of Lighthouse Clarkston, the other half to Anne Smith of the Holly Tornado Disaster Fund.

"Tougher athletic code of conduct now in effect" The Clarkston Athletic Council cracked down on alcohol violations. Athletes caught drinking at any time during the year were suspended from games for four weeks and had to complete community service.

25 years ago - 1987

"Girl Scouts Dismiss Lawsuit" A lawsuit filed by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council against Springfield Township over a rezoning dispute on scout-owned land has been formally dismissed. The dismissal order was signed by Judge James Thornburn in Oakland County Circuit Court on July 27.

"Demolition Discussed" An ordinance was drafted that would prohibit the destruction of buildings in the village historic district of Clarkston. The Clarkston Village Council and the planning commission decided something needed to be done to preserve the buildings.

"Dog attack thwarts 4-H showing" The Oakland County fair board allowed nine-year 4H participant Maggie Sans to purchase new sheep to show after the typical deadline. This was in reaction to three of her sheep being killed and one being badly injured by a group of three dogs.

50 years ago - 1962

"World War I Vets to Meet" The World War I veterans, Clinton Valley Barracks, will hold their monthly meeting Saturday, August 11, 2:00 p.m. at Davisburg Town Hall. Veterans of World War I are invited and urged to attend.

"Romney in Clarkston this Saturday" George Romney visited his home county of Oakland for a whirlwind campaign. Romney was the Republican candidate for governor and visited Clarkston at the corners of Main and Washington Streets.

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

Do dogs really enjoy the food we give them?

Hazel and I joined a couples golf league at Oxford Hills Golf and Country Club as soon as possible after it opened in 1965.

After Hazel passed, daughter Luan filled out our two-some. Couples leagues are more of a social affair than a competitive contest.

At least it has always been in my case. Get done. Get into the dining room, start lying and questioning others' scores and order a beverage.

That should be Webster's definition of couples' league golf, unless your name is Harper.

The leading offer on the Friday night menu has been prime rib for a long time. I always order an end cut because I love the seasoning.

I can never finish my prime rib, so I get a doggie bag for Shayna. I've had Shayna for 10 years, and she has my Friday nights figured out.

She sits by the garage, comes to the driver's door, wags her tail, sniffs and looks anxious.

Last Friday I decided to run a test. I cut my beef bite size, then cut one three times larger for Shayna. It took me 22 chews to prepare that prime rib for its downward release.

Shayna's turn.

Seven chomps. It's gone!

Then up comes her head. Her eyes are wide and

pleading, tail is wagging and body shaking with anxiety. I thought my friend Mickey was a fast eater, but he doesn't compare to Shayna.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

I concluded dogs, at least Shayna, aren't enjoying the taste of food, just filling a little time until they can ask for more. I think she'll do the same thing when I give her a dill pickle.

And that's why the beef that's left is mine.

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Obama insists over and over that you and I are unable to do anything, that we need help from the government to achieve any success.

For a nano second I believed him as I reviewed my newspaper business

background.

I guess he would say the government made my business funding possible.

I started getting a disability pension from the government in 1946. Because I was single, the government sent me half the benefit and kept half for later.

The government also paid my hospital bill for 17 months, for which I expect to be billed any day now.

So, by the government holding back my pension, I

was able to use the lump sum to buy *The Oxford Leader*. This only became clear to me after hearing Obama's reasoning.

I'm not going to spend any more time on his reasoning.

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The liberal leaning *Detroit Free Press* and *New York Times* have taken swipes at the Congress people who left Washington for five-week vacations.

I'm in favor of them taking off all the time before the November election.

I believe the best thing our D. C. representatives have done since the last election is take vacations. The Senate hasn't even passed a budget, as required by law every year, in the last three years.

The last bill passed by these people still hasn't been interpreted. Remember Senate leader Pelosi urged its passage so they could find out what was in it.

And so it is with many laws. Between amendments added by members, and the Obama changes advanced into law during congressional absences, voters are just plain sick, tired and numb.

Another thing. Maybe Obama can, but Congress can't pass taxes while home.

My cell phone policy has evolved over the years

On Aug 16, 2006 I wrote the following:

I have had a cell phone now for a couple years, but don't expect me to give you the phone number. Even if I like you. Also, don't look for the number on the bottom of my business card.

My cell phone isn't really for talking. It is for dear wife Jennie to be able to call me whilst I am driving to or from work and other destinations.

I turn off the phone when I am home.

I turn off the phone when I am at work.

I sometimes forget to turn on the phone while I am in the car.

It is pretty cool looking, and I feel like Captain Kirk when I whip it out.

"Kirk to Enterprise -- get me the hell off this planet! Kirk out."

I think it has games programmed into it, but I am not sure.

The cell phone's not really a part of my life. As a matter of fact, my minutes last and last and roll-over all the time. I got about a million minutes of cell phone use coming to me. And even though I have paid for those minutes, I

probably won't use them.

I am just not that comfortable talking on a telephone. I do much better when I can look at the person I am talking to -- which isn't to say I am good at interpersonal communications (there is a reason I took up the written word). I am not much of a talker -- less so when it comes to verbalizing into any phone microphone.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

My phone etiquette is not polished. Matter of fact, I bet it sounds pretty sharp. Rude, if you must. When somebody calls me, the conversation from my end goes

like this: "Hello." "Yes." "No." "Okay." "Bye." Click.

I think I come by that conversational ineptness honestly. It was drilled into me by my father, but not directly. We had one phone, Mom, Dad, Me and three sisters. Which really only meant we needed one phone for Mom, Dad and Me and one for each of the girls. That was then, but I am sure even if we had cellphone technology,

Dad wouldn't have it in our house.

The phone we had was black, hung on the wall between the kitchen and dining room and had a cord of about 12-feet in length. There were no really private conversations. (Oh, and if you must know, yes, it was a rotary dial phone, too.) Dad didn't get it switched to a push button operation until he and Mom moved in the early 1990s. His opinion: No need to get a new phone when the old works just fine.

To Dad, the phone was a necessary tool. It wasn't a toy or an extension of your social status. You get on, say your piece and get off.

Period.

It used to drive him crazy when one of my sisters would spend minutes (yes, just minutes, not hours) on the phone talking to their friends who they had just seen at school and would see later in the afternoon or evening. He didn't get it. I suppose I don't either. I just feel awkward talking on the phone. I mean, it's a phone, not an extension of my hand or a growth on my face. It's a piece

of plastic.

Like I said, I have a cell phone. I obviously have a computer and an e-mail address, but when it comes to gadgetry, I at times am uncomfortable with technological advancements. I am not saying my life bares an eerie resemblance to that of Ted Kaczynski (even though the Unabomber did have a graying, bushy beard.) No, don't expect me to blow anything or anybody up.


While we are free to communicate all the time now, I just don't want to become a slave to technology or gadgetry. That's probably why I resisted the temptation to get a pager in the 1990s and why I haven't any kind of small, pocket-fitting music player nowadays (if I wanted something like that, I see all sorts of "Walkmans" and transistor radios at garage sales).

Today, Aug. 15, 2012, I give out the phone number to everybody and it's with me 24/7. Times change, and I reckon, so do I.

E-mail comments to: Don@ShermanPublications.org.



Classmates, family and friends gathered in a candlelight ceremony, Aug. 9, at the Clarkston High School tennis courts to celebrate the life of Zachary Finn, who passed away, Aug. 4. The event was organized by classmate Alyssa Setting, with the support of CHS Principal Gary Kaul and teacher Amy Quayle. Photo provided

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Briefly

Sign rule amendment

The retailers' application to amend the city's ordinance on internally illuminated signs was moved forward after the Planning Commission meeting on August 8. The retailers seek an amendment to the ordinance that would allow a lit "open sign" in their shop windows. "There are still some comments and questions," said City Council and Planning Commission Member Mike Sabol. Interested residents will be invited to share their views during a public hearing Councilman Sabol says will likely take place next month.

DSO concert

Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and Copland lovers will have an opportunity to hear their favorite classical compositions performed for free. A Detroit Symphony Orchestra performance will take place on September 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarkston High School. Free tickets for the concert can be reserved online at dso.org/dtmusic starting August 27.

Tickets for sports

Athletic passes for all Clarkston home athletic events for the 2012-2013 school year are now available to purchase in the attendance office of the high school.

The passes are good for athletic events at Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School.

Prices for this school year are as follows: Family (immediate family members only) for \$175; single student pass for \$75. Cash or check only. Please make checks payable to Clarkston Community Schools.

The high school summer hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Boys soccer, girls swim and boys football have home games before the school year starts.

Golf for dance team

The 16th Annual Clarkston High School Dance Team Golf Outing is Sept. 9 at Pine Knob Golf Course.

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God fulfills his promises - we just need to have faith

Exodus 16:2-4² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness,³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not."

Sometimes when we're having a hard time, it may seem that God has gone away and left us alone. But truly He "never leaves us or forsakes us." God is always right here... with us, just as he was there for the Israelites after they had been freed from Egypt, when he gave them as much food as they wanted, and yet, sometimes they still weren't satisfied.

The Israelites were coming unglued due to their extreme hunger. But it wasn't hunger for just any food. "In Egypt, they said, we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted." In their anger... they were about to

lynch Moses and Aaron.

But the psalmist Asaph explained the real reason for their panic: "They did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance" (Ps 78:22). You could almost hear the people bearing down on Moses and Aaron, grumbling, mumbling, complaining as they played the blaming and shaming game. Moses and Aaron told the people that they were not only grumbling against them as God's messengers, but also against God.

In Philippians 2:14 Peter and Paul urged the early Christians to stop the grumbling and complaining, because that could seriously compromise their witness: "Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe, as you hold out the word of life."

Have we stopped our grumbling? What about when we sit around the breakfast table and complain about how things are at church? No, I am not talking about someone else... I am speaking about all of us.

We are all guilty of complaining about how bad things are, and who is to blame. And when we complain like this, we are really complaining about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and how we want them to treat us differently... our way. Yes, we all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. It doesn't do us any good

to complain, because our heavenly Father is in charge. He tells us instead to have a change of heart.

As 1 Peter 4:9 says, "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Think about it, in spite of the people's rebellious and weak faith, God came to their rescue. It is true that "God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities" (Ps 103:10). If He did, I wonder just how bad things would be for us, but instead, through faith, He "removes our transgressions from us, as far as the east is from the west" (vv 11-12).

God did just as he promised and followed through with his edible gifts each evening and morning, quail for their protein, and manna for their complex carbs.

This food kept the Israelites alive and healthy for 40 years. Asaph described in Psalm 78:23-25 how "God gave the command to the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven. Men ate the bread of angels."

In John 6, Jesus pointed to himself as the fulfiller of God's promise to feed and nourish his beloved people, starting with their deepest need. He called himself "the true bread

from heaven," "the bread of God," "the bread of life," "the living bread that came down from heaven" He promised that "If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Even as He said, This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world".

In faith then, we are called on to submit to God's testing. Let's not try to switch places with God and test Him! And let us also value our spiritual food as highly as our physical food. If we are only concerned with mouth-morsels, how could we stay alive in Christ? If you recall, Christ told Satan in Matthew 4:4 "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Truly, we need all of God's nourishing gifts.

God helped the Israelites appreciate both spiritual and physical food, He even instructed them to gather a double portion of manna on Fridays. Thus they could rest and worship on the Sabbath.

God is always with us and He always provides for our needs. He rescues and feeds us, even as He has saved us from our sins by His death and resurrection. Sure from time to time, He tests us to let us see where our faith is. But we can safely throw our doubts and panic overboard, trusting in His Word. It is truly the right and safe thing to do!

The Rev. Kelly Todd is pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

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An Ipad was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 5000 block of S. Ridge Trail, July 24.

Someone took money and a DVD player from unlocked vehicles in the 7000 block of Deer Hill Drive, July 24.

CDs and money were taken from an unlocked vehicle, July 24, in the 6000 block of Townview Drive.

Money was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 6000 block of Paramus, July 24.

Someone smashed the rear passenger window of a car parked in the 1000 block of Reese Road, July 23, and took a watch.

An Ipad was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, Aug. 1.

A carlock was popped open and radio taken from a vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, Aug. 2.

A semiautomatic pistol was taken from a vehicle parked in the 4000 block of Summerhill Drive, Aug. 4. The owner had a concealed carry license. There was no sign of forced entry.

A GPS was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Sheffield Drive, Aug. 8.

Someone took several bottles of cologne and knives from an unlocked truck in the 9000 block of Syracuse Avenue, Aug. 8. One of the knives was used to cut a hole in a tire.

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Up on blocks

A pickup truck was parked in the 10000 block of Durham Road, 11:30 p.m., Aug. 2. When the owner got up at 5:30 a.m. the next morning, he found his truck up on blocks, all four wheels taken.

Dogs on the loose

A Church Street resident was cited with confinement or restraint of a dangerous or vicious dog after his two dogs got loose, 8 p.m., Aug. 3. Neighbors called deputies to report the animals were charging at people. One of the dogs charged a deputy, who hit it on the nose with his baton. A neighbor helped corral the dogs. The owner was away on vacation.

Missing rent money

A Cottonwood Court resident told deputies he woke up at 6:23 a.m., Aug. 4, found his front door open, and his wallet outside, its contents scattered about. He said \$621 in rent money was missing. A window screen was torn, but dust around the window was undisturbed.

Moved too far

After a move, an Independence Township resident found an Ipad and two rings missing, Aug. 4. The moving company's owner said the movers assigned to the project had stopped at a pawn shop after they were done. Investigation continues.

Breakneck speed

An 18-year-old Independence Township man wanted to see how fast he could skateboard down Deer Hill Drive, 11:55 a.m., Aug. 6. Witnesses said he was going about 35 mph when he fell, suffering a concussion, seizure, bruised shoulder, and cuts and scrapes on his head and body, and wasn't breathing when Independence Township paramedics arrived. He later told deputies he had the seizure before falling, and that's why he fell.

Drunk driver

A 43-year-old Davisburg man was arrested for drunk driving after being stopped for speeding on Ortonville Road at Hubbard Road, 12:57 a.m., Aug. 5. He was going 70 mph. Breath test was .15.

Kitchen fire

Independence Township firefighters put out a residential structure fire in the 7000 block of Village Drive, 1:27 a.m., Aug. 4. Investigation found the fire was accidental and had started in the kitchen's island drawer. No reported injuries.

Caught with marijuana

A deputy ran the license plate of a vehicle in front of him on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road, 10:19 p.m., Aug. 5, and found the registered driver, a 35-year-old Independence Township man, had a suspended license and misdemeanor arrest warrant out of Berkley. He also smelled of marijuana, and was found with two baggies of it as well as a glass pipe. He paid his \$150 bond, and was cited with driving with a suspended license, and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Store break-in

A large rock was used to break out the front window to a party store in the 8700 block of Dixie Highway, Aug. 9. According to store video, the suspect is a white man in his 20s, about 5 feet, 6 inches tall.

Call Crime Stoppers of Southeast Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN.

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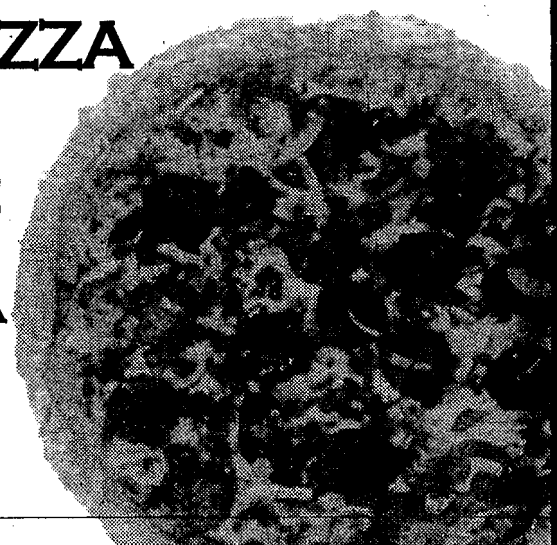
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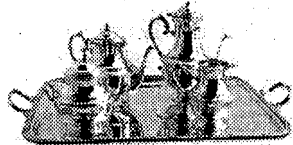
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Winners point to change, positivity in primary election

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"It takes a lot to throw your hat in the ring. You have to have respect for everyone who put themselves out there," Trustee David Lohmeier said. From dog bites to walking door-to-door in 100-degree heat, the candidates for Independence Township were truly challenged before Election Day.

Many of those who came out ahead in the Aug. 7 primary believe voters were casting their ballots for change. The majority of successful candidates were newcomers to township government, including presumptive supervisor Pat Kittle, presumptive treasurer Paul Brown, and Jose Aliaga, Al Pope, and Andrea Schroeder, three of the four Republican candidates for trustee who won nominations.

"A lot of folks were looking for some changes," said Brown.

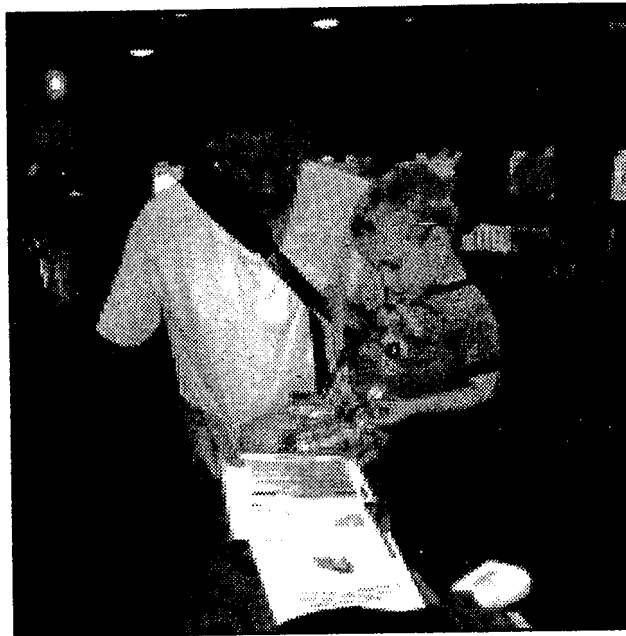
On top of wanting new leadership, campaign "negativity doesn't play well," said Schroeder, whose race for trustee this year was met with more success than her attempt to gain a seat on the board in 2008.

"The trustees ran a very ethical and clean race," said incumbent trustee Lohmeier, who will be on the ballot again in November.

Kittle agreed, staying positive and focused helps.

"Others were veering from their core message and got away from their strengths," said Kittle, whose campaign strategy was simple: keep a consistent message.

From mailers to Facebook pages to knocking door-to-door, most candidates used similar means of getting their message out to voters. Of his campaign, Kittle said he used



Eric Buchfinck casts his vote in the Independence Township Primary Election with Armin, 2 1/2. Photo by Wendi Reardon

a "blended approach," consisting of advertising in the *CNews* and putting video on his website because "you can't get out and meet everybody," he said. Like others, Kittle used signs and direct mail too.

When it came to signs, Lohmeier wondered if they sometimes worked against candidates because he heard a

few complaints about the number of signs placed around the township.

"Everybody would like to see fewer signs," he said.

Clerk Barb Pallotta, who retained her seat, designed her own signs, which were different from the others because they were pink and circular.

She designed the signs herself and chose pink for a couple of reasons — "p" stands for both "pink" and "Pallotta," and pink isn't the typical election color, which she hoped would set her apart.

"I'm not a politician," said Pallotta.

Other than the signs, she said she kept it simple and continued to "focus on the work." She stopped knocking on doors after getting bit by a dog and didn't go to events.

On the other hand, being visible at events like Concerts in the Park is part of what Brown believes helped him win, even if it was by only 113 votes.

"I had to be out there," he said.

From his perspective, "even the smallest part of a campaign done wrong can cost the election."

Even though he still has some campaigning left to do, Lohmeier thinks, "it's good to have a lot of people running," and trustee-hopeful Andrea Schroeder is "looking forward to November."

The candidates who made it over the Primary hurdle and will go unchallenged in November are feeling a variety of emotions. "Stunned" was how Brown described his feelings just after seeing the election results. "I was very happy," said Pallotta. "It's a neat feeling," said Pat Kittle. "You have to try it once."

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

Candidates to continue civic involvement

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"The township will be in good hands," said Treasurer Curt Carson, who wasn't able to hold on to his position after the results of the Aug. 7 primary were tallied. Carson isn't alone in feeling like the voters made good choices.

Even though his bid for supervisor wasn't successful, Terry Fortuna feels like the township is moving in the right direction.

"Pat Kittle's a good guy," Fortuna said. "The old guard is gone."

Fortuna isn't sure if he'll throw his hat in the ring again just yet. It all depends on "if anything compels me to run," he said.

He said he was motivated to run this time because Independence Township wasn't in the best shape.

While he feels positive about parts of his campaign, like starting

a Facebook page and knocking on doors, Fortuna thinks he might do a few things differently if he runs in the future.

"I could have used the print media more" and "had a more strategic approach," he said.

When Carson looks back on his campaign, he notes, "I enjoyed the contact with the people."

He spent time at Concerts in the Park and SCAMP's Concours in the Park to get the word out to voters.

After serving the township as treasurer and a member of the Planning Commission, Carson feels like he has much to be proud of as he prepares to finish out his term.

"It's been a great honor," he said.

Carson feels "it's too early to tell" if he'll run for another elected position, but he promises to continue being involved in the community.

Like Carson, trustee candidate Joette Kunse intends to remain civically active even though she isn't thinking about running again at the present.

She plans to continue on the

Cable Commission and serve on the Senior Advisory board.

As Kunse reflects on her campaign, she considers it a learning experience.

"I'm glad I ran," she said.

"I learned a lot about the community" and had the pleasant surprise of meeting "a lot of the kids I had in school. You never know who will answer the door," the former teacher noted with a laugh.

Besides bumping into a few of her old students, Kunse was "surprised at how much it cost to run," she said.

Her campaign was self-funded and campaign signs, postcards, and T-shirts weren't cheap.

"That bothers me a little," she said. "You want everyone to have the opportunity."

Kunse notes those who can't afford it are less likely to join the race. Although she isn't fond of the high price candidates have to pay to reach voters, "I'm glad I participated," Kunse said.

To those who won, she says, "I wish everyone well."



Fortuna

Dirty politics reported in race

Residents and candidates had a rough ride in the Independence Township primary election. Many candidates reported stolen or misplaced campaign signs during the primary season, which ended on Aug. 7.

Supervisor candidate Todd Waring said eight of his supporters received suspicious letters the weekend before Election Day. The letters "attacked Todd's three-year-old" son and called the boy's "mother a prostitute," said Waring's campaign manager David Forsmark.

Sam Maraco, one of Waring's supporters who got a letter in the mail, said it "insinuated that the sheriff's department [laid Waring off] for negative reasons." While the address on the envelope was written by hand, the letter inside was typed, Maraco stated.

Waring has publicly accused supervisor candidate Terry Fortuna and his supporters of

creating and sending the letters based on handwriting specialist Ruth Holmes' document comparison.

Fortuna insists, "I don't know anything about it," but said he has received threatening phone calls from Todd Waring's campaign manager.

Forsmark "threatened me with federal prosecution," Fortuna said. "Mr. Waring is making phone calls to all my employers and threatening my job."

Residents also reported getting robocalls that attacked supervisor-hopeful Neil Wallace. Jan Doolittle heard the phone ring on Monday evening, Aug. 6, and when she answered she heard a recorded male voice "warning me about Neil Wallace and a lawsuit that would cost the township money," she said.

"I was so angry and disgusted. It was such a cowardly phone call," Doolittle added.

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

Fall Prevention class, 10:30 a.m., Aug. 23, Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Presentation by ADT Home Health Security Services. 248-625-8231.

3D Vision Youth Group Orientation, 7 p.m., Aug. 23, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. All welcome. Youth group meets Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m. 248-922-3515.

Phragmites Workshop, featuring Bob Williams, director of Stewart Farm Ecology Center at Harsens Island, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 5. Free. annebushroe@hotmail.com.

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.

Reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1965, Sept. 28-29. Call Nyla, 248-681-6911.

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

Monday
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. In September, Deer Lake Back Court Restaurant, 6167 White Lake Road. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

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

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

50+ Line Dancing, Mondays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, \$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

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

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.

Vegetable collection for Forgotten Harvest, Mondays, 4-6 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-3038.

Tuesday
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.

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

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

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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.

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

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Season kicks off Saturday Wolves return 13 to varsity squad

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers hit the grassy field behind Clarkston High School to warm up and get deep into practice on Monday afternoon.

They have a big week ahead of them as they open the season on Saturday when they head to Traverse City to take on three teams, Traverse City West, Traverse City Central, and Petoskey

"TC West has a pretty good program," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach



Ryan Callahan works on his foot skills before practice on Monday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Chuck Lawhorn. "Petoskey is another strong program and TC Central put together can be dangerous. We played all three teams last year and they were really good teams."

He added it is also good for the team to have bonding time, especially when they are playing three games in one day.

The team has 13 returners from last year's team and five of them are seniors. The returners will give a boost to this season.

"We have a good squad returning," Lawhorn said. "We had a younger squad last year and all of those guys got a lot of experience, which I think will help us out going into this year."

He added one of the team's strengths is the skill they have in the midfield, pointing out the experience will help there.

"We had some senior guys in there last year but we had some younger guys that got some time in the middle and got some good experience," Lawhorn explained. "I expect them to take the next step this year and provide good stability on the field."

The boys come off of the weekend with their first home opener against OAA Red foe - Rochester Adams.

"Adams is always a strong program," said Lawhorn. "I expect them to bring their best game. They will be ready as they always are. Year in and year out they are always on top of their game. We need to make sure our guys are ready to challenge them this year for the top spot."

Besides having experience in midfield, the Wolves' depth in every position will help in their game against the Highlanders.

"It will help us in the long run," he added. "Our depth will let us use our subs a lot more as the season drags on and our guys won't be as tired."

He thinks the tournament in Traverse City will prepare the team not only for the Adams game but all the OAA Red games to come.

"For the first-time varsity players, it's good to get their feet wet in a tournament that doesn't involve the OAA," Lawhorn added. "By the time we get back, they will be ready and it will be out of the system. Of course they will be nervous for the first home game. It will give them experience and get the initial shock out of their system."

The boys home opener against Rochester Adams is Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows.

"Adams has a fantastic program," Lawhorn said. "We hope to challenge them for the top spot in the league."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Adam Gohl guards the net against opponents. Photo by Larry Wright

Gohl stays in the goal

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Adam Gohl was surprised when he received a phone call from Lawrence Technological University.

They called in June and offered him a scholarship to be their goalie on the lacrosse team.

"I didn't know the smaller schools could give scholarships," he said. "I am pretty excited to keep playing lacrosse."

"It came from nowhere," said mom, Laura. "We were flabbergasted and we couldn't believe when he got off the phone with the coach. 'He just offered me a free ride.' We thought he couldn't be right."

A trip to the campus and meeting with the coach confirmed it was true.

"We tease because that day we heard the offer, he was planning to go to Oakland Community College and live at home to save on money," said Laura. "He went from living at home to getting a phone call that changed all of our lives. It was a wonderful day."

Adam started playing lacrosse in ninth grade as a second sport since he was playing football in the fall.

"He went right out and said I want to be a goalie," Laura added. "Most people don't want to be goalies. He was already an athlete and he had great hand-eye coordination and passion. He always showed up

and did what the coach told him."

He finished his senior year with the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team named to the All-State third team.

"It's really neat," he said. "I didn't know that was going to happen. We had five players with All-State honors. When my name I was called, I was really surprised."

He played in the Michigan Hall of Fame game for lacrosse.

"It was a lot of fun," he added. "At that point I didn't know I was going to Lawrence Tech so I figured it was my last game playing lacrosse."

During his senior year, he had help from a coach specifically brought in to help the goalies.

"It really had an impact," Adam added. "Goalies aren't lucky enough to have a specific coach, especially one that played college lacrosse. It is very special because goalie is an important position."

Adam plans to go into the biomedical engineering program when he starts classes on Aug. 29.

"There are a number of things I can do with the degree," he said. "I want to enter the medical field and it allows me to do it. It also leaves my options open."

"The lacrosse program in Clarkston is really awesome and really good," Adam added. "I was lucky I got to play with Clarkston."

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Clarkstonite's art exhibit in New York City

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Since graduating from Clarkston High and Cranbrook Academy of Art, artist Laura Ginn's photography and video work has been displayed in Detroit and Atlanta, but her exhibition in New York City is one of a kind.

It opened on July 25 with an elegant dinner at the Allegra LaViola Gallery, and "the main ingredient was rat in all the dishes," Ginn said.

That's right, rat, the furry trash scavenger you see scurrying at night. Ginn chose to include rats in her dinner because she seeks to reconnect people with their primal beginnings.

Ginn's taste for rodents didn't end with her exhibition's opening night menu; the dress she wore to dinner was made of rat pelts. From her point of view, using squirrels, rabbits, and raccoons in art represents a

world that's become unfamiliar in contemporary life.

Her exhibition titled, "Tomorrow We Will Feast Again On What We Catch" is inspired by the skills Ginn has learned since earning her Master of Fine Arts. Ginn is interested in survivalism, so she's been studying shelter building, hunting, trapping, and leather making.

"The things you need to survive on a basic level," Ginn explained.

The primal skills Ginn has honed and used in her photography and videos "are disappearing from our repertoire," she said.

Ginn hopes to pass those skills along because they are "fundamental to the way we interact with the physical world."

Although her art captures skills many associate with our primitive past, Ginn's motives are fueled by the present day.

She hopes to "empower people who have to deal with economic anxiety" through her

art, Ginn said. She may be in New York City, but Ginn hasn't forgotten the impact of the nation's economic downturn on Michigan.

Both Ginn's home state and hometown have been inspirations for her work. In fact, one of her landscape photographs features Depot Park. She is also thankful for the encouragement she received from her Clarkston Junior High Art teacher, Claudia Keglovitz.

"I remember her creative, original ideas," said Keglovitz of Ginn's art when she was a student.

Keglovitz recalls how young Laura Ginn would practice and learn "on her own at home." Even in seventh grade, Ginn's art was "more sophisticated" than her peers, and she was "never at a loss for ideas," said Keglovitz.

"I'm so pleased to hear of a Clarkston grad making it in the art world against the odds," said Keglovitz of Ginn's success, and her art teacher isn't the only one who feels proud.

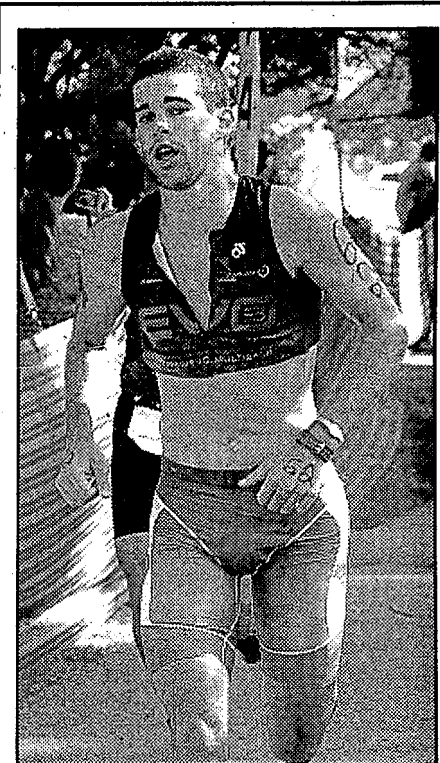
Michele Ginn, Laura's mother, is "thrilled for her. She's been working on this for a long time," she said.

Michele is so impressed with her daughter's dedication to her art that she's agreed to fully embrace it by tasting rat.

"When she gets back here, we plan to try it," said Laura's mom with a laugh.

Michele is looking forward to seeing her daughter in the next couple of months but seems less enthusiastic about the meal they'll share together.

Luckily for the rest of us, eating rodents isn't required to enjoy Laura Ginn's art, her photos, drawings, and videos are featured on her website at www.lauramaeginn.com.



Matt Inch runs in the Village Tri. Photo provided

Inch returns to win race

Matt Inch, graduate of Clarkston High School and Michigan State University, returned to Clarkston from his home in Dallas, Texas, to win the Village Tri in Clarkston, July 29.

His brother, Michael Inch, also competed, finishing 11th. He is also a Clarkston High School grad, now a junior attending MSU.



A self-portrait of Laura Ginn shows off her animal-skinning skills. Photo provided

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Scrimmage for a cause

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Gridiron heroes began a new time-honored tradition four years ago when they turned their pre-season scrimmage into something bigger.

They turned it into Football for a Cure. As money was being raised for McLaren Breast Center and McLaren Cancer Institute - Clarkston, the boys donned blue and pink jerseys with each play and score honoring loved ones.

"It is a time to celebrate our loved ones," said Dr. Stephen Franklin, Radiation Oncologist at McLaren Cancer Institute - Clarkston. "We are blessed with wonderful weather to watch a football game. This has been great. Thank you everyone."

"It was a wonderful event," Elizabeth Luddington smiled.

Bonnie Acosta, a cancer survivor, accounted her experience with McLaren.

"It was truly a miracle," she said.

The blue team won the game, 34-6.

A boost for the blue team came when Alex Dicea intercepted a throw by the pink team's quarterback, DJ Zezula. Dicea caught it in the endzone and in turn ran 100 yards for a touchdown with 8:22 to go in the first quarter.

Shane Hynes, kicker for both sides, made the PAT.

The blue team strike again in the second quarter but this time with a 49-yard run made by Caine Watlington.

Less than four minutes later the pink team was out of tries but gave it one more attempt as they set Hynes out for a field goal kick. He made it, putting the pink team on the board.

The blue team took control of the ball but the ball was fumbled and the pink team recovered to take possession in the blue's territory on the 19-yard line.

Just as the pink team moved closer to the endzone Jared Yaroch intercepted the ball to get possession back for the blue team.

A few plays later, the blue team scored again off a 55-yard run by Ian Eriksen. Hynes scored a PAT.

With 40.7 second left in the first half, Hynes kick a 30-yard field goal for the pink team.

Missed out on getting your Football for a Cure apparel? T-shirts, shorts and hats are still available to purchase at McLaren Cancer Institute located at 5680 Bow Pointe Drive in Suite 106.

"We appreciate the support," Deanna Hart, from McLaren said to the team and the fans. "Our patients appreciate the support."

The boys play another scrimmage this Thursday at 4:30 p.m., at CHS stadium.



Joe Popp faces off with a defender from the blue team during the first half of Football for a Cure. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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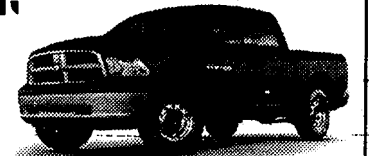


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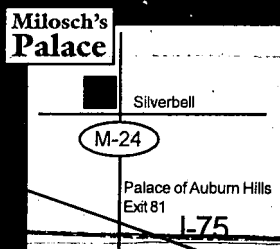
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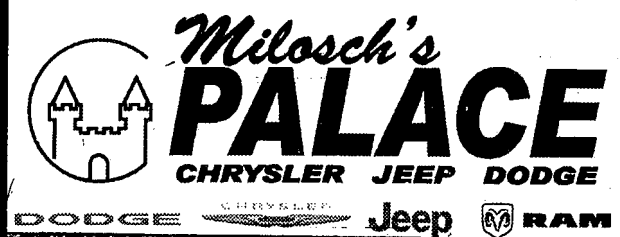
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The Liquid Lightning individual and relay State Champions included from left in front row, Fernanda Camacho Castro, Emily Shores, and Sydney Stricklin, from Clarkston; back row, Claire Abbasse, Courtney Connolly, Amanda Thielen, and Danny Reimchen. Not pictured, Devon Nowicki. Photo submitted

Stricklin places at meet

Clarkston swimmer Sydney Stricklin boosted her Liquid Lightning swim team as they took fourth place at the 2012 Michigan Swimming 14 & Under Long Course State Meet at Saginaw Valley State University, July 27-29.

She was part of the 400-meter freestyle relay team to take first place. Stricklin, Claire Abbasse, Courtney Connolly and Fernanda Carnacho Castro finished the relay in 4:37.52.

Stricklin also had multiple individual finishes in the top 16 in the Girls 10 & Under

division. She took sixth place in the 100-meter freestyle, 1:13.86; seventh in the 100-meter backstroke, 1:25.97; eighth in the 200-meter IM, 3:07.97; 10th in the 50-meter butterfly, 37.86; and 11th in the 50-meter freestyle, 34.06.

Liquid Lightning broke two 36-year-old state records during the state meet as well as had multiple individual state champions and had two relay state champion teams.

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Nina L. Adams, 85

Nina L. Adams of Tennessee, formerly of Waterford and Wyoming, passed away Aug. 9, 2012, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stephen. She was the loving mother of Diane (Richard) Taylor, Donna (Richard) Jenks and Linda (Gary) Taylor; grandmother of eight; great grandmother of 22 and great great grandmother of one; sister of Betty Quick.

Funeral Service was Aug. 13 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

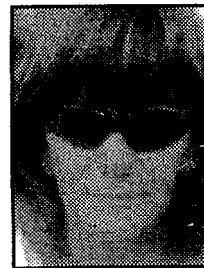


Helen J. Colussi, 54

Helen Joann Colussi (Brown) of Ortonville passed away suddenly, Aug. 7, 2012, at age 54.

She was the loving wife of Keith; beloved mother of Amie (Nick) Matthys, Randy (Mary) Colussi and Kyle Colussi; grandmother of eight; sister of Wendy Coulter, Sandy Brown and Sam (Debbie) Brown; also survived by several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service was Aug. 11 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Glen D. Coster, 59

Glen D. Coster of Clarkston, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away suddenly, Aug. 10, 2012, at age 59.

He was the father of Courtney (Raymond) Coster-Black and Brian Coster; papa of Danny Taylor and Rayne Coster-Black; son of Shirley (the late Carl) Coster; brother of Celine (Mike) Forsythe, Ann (Terry) Weiss, Larry (Cyndy) Coster, Gerry (Judy) Coster, John Coster, Jeannette (Tim) Smith; also survived by many niece, nephews and dear friends.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Anthony Ireland, 26

Anthony James Ireland (Gates) from Goodrich, recently residing in Jacksonville, Fla., since 2007, went to be with our Lord Aug. 7, 2012, at age 26.

He was the fiancé of Meagan Ricker; survived by his beloved dog Maddie; son of Tami and Jim Gates and Rusty Ireland; brother of Nicholas (Nicole) Ireland; grandson of Don Nyman; uncle of Ian Alan; nephew of Robin (Brian) Berkey, Kim (Rod) Spillers, Wanda (Randy) Duncan, Lucy Powell, Sue (Steve) Lesko,



Tom (Jama) Gates, Terrie (Tom) Smallwood and Craig (Jerri) Gates; also survived by many cousins, family and friends; preceded in death by grandparents Bonnie Nyman, Wally and Nellie Ireland.

Funeral Service was Aug. 11 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made with special thanks to The University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute 2015 North Jefferson Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206 for the future memorial plaque in Anthony's memory. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

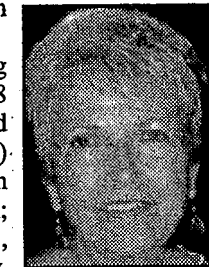
Barbara Kowal, 70

Barbara Ann Kowal of Clarkston, formerly of Shelby Township, passed away Aug. 11, 2012, after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer at age 70.

She was the loving wife of Richard for 48 years; mother of David (Renee), Kathy (Eric) Armstrong and Sharon (the late Paul) Hanson; grandma of Megan, Jenna, Evan, Ashley, Jacob, Josh, Kayla, Samantha and Lindsey; preceded in death by her parents George and Mary Beth Adams and brother George Adams; daughter in law of Helen (the late Stanley) Kowal. Barbara was loved by everyone who met her.

Visitation was Aug. 14 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral, Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Clarkston Community Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

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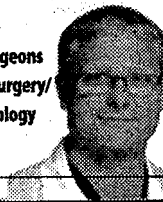


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The cost is \$90 per golfer and includes range practice before the scramble, 18-hole scramble, lunch, shirt and awards. The cost is \$350 for a foursome. Sponsorships are also available.

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Sealed proposals for the construction of the 2012 Local Road Spot Repairs and Joint Sealing Program will be received by the City Clerk for the City of the Village of Clarkston, until 1:30 p.m., Local Time on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bidders shall review and comply with the Instructions to Bidders, which are incorporated by reference, and carefully review all Contract Documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted after the exact time specified for, receipt will not be considered.

The Contracts will consist of the following principal items of work and appurtenances as specified herein and shown on the Contract Drawings.

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Also, miscellaneous items as set forth in the proposal.

Copies of Plans and Specifications and Proposal Forms shall be available on or after Monday August 13, 2012 at the offices of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 555 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302-0360.

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Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.

Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided and shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, executed by the bidder and Surety Company, payable to the City of the Village of Clarkston in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the accompanying bid. Proposal Guarantee shall provide assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute the necessary Contract with the City of the Village of Clarkston. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for at least Sixty (60) days.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

The City of the Village of Clarkston reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding.

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This project is Federally Funded. The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24CFR part 85.36(i). This municipality is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid. Contractor must be licensed and insured. Independence Twp. is tax exempt.

Detailed specifications and packet can be picked up at the Independence Twp. Senior Adult Activity Center 6000 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48348 or e-mailed upon request. For more information contact Barbara Rollin, Senior Center Coordinator at 248-625-8231. Please send in your sealed bid in an envelope clearly marked "Senior Center Dishwasher or Awning" to: Charter Township of Independence, P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347. Sealed bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2012 in the Clerk's office and will be opened shortly after.

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.
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The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 7:00 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following case:

Case #12-0015 DeNio, Matthew and Jennifer, Petitioners
APPLICANTS REQUEST A 45' FRONT YARD (R.O.W.) SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 2. (I) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION TO AN EXISTING FRONT PORCH AND 2ND STORY DECK (CONSTRUCTION ALREADY STARTED)
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Residents learned about pickleball at a demonstration, July 28. Photo provided

Pickleball demo at Clintonwood Park

The Independence Township Senior Center hosted a free pickleball demo/clinic, July 28, at Clintonwood Park.

"It was a good turnout with 20 participants of all ages from Clarkston, Waterford, Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek, and other surrounding areas," said Karla Gerczak, Pickleball volunteer. "Thanks to the instructors and partici-

pants for coming out and supporting our efforts to bring pickieball to more people in the area. It was a fun event."

Pickleball games are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Clintonwood Park Tennis Courts, 6000 Clarkston Road. Equipment available for use, \$2 drop-in fee.

Presentation on disease fight in Africa

Beatrice Gbanga of Sierra Leone and Liberia will visit Clarkston on Wednesday, Sept. 5, to talk about her ongoing work as coordinator of United Methodist Church Health Programs in West Africa.

Her work includes AIDS education and efforts to eradicate malaria through the Imagine No Malaria project.

The INM project was detailed recently in the documentary "Killer In The Dark," in which Gbanga spoke.



Gbanga

All are welcome to dinner and an informational talk by Gbanga.

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and her program, 7 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

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Rush for Food this weekend all over town

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

The gridiron heroes are 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.

The neighborhoods that the players will be driving through from 6-7 p.m. seeking donations are: Almond Lane/Pinevalley, Autumn Shores, Birdland, Boyne Highlands, Bridge Lake Bluffs, BridgeValley, Chestnut Hills, Deerwood, Glenwoods, HarborTowne, Hills of

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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 6:30-7:30p.m. so it can be part of the weigh-in.

The gridiron gang has set their goal to collect over 4,800 pounds of food.

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

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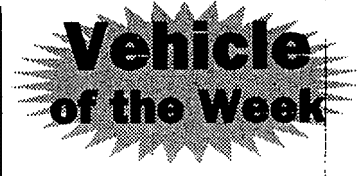
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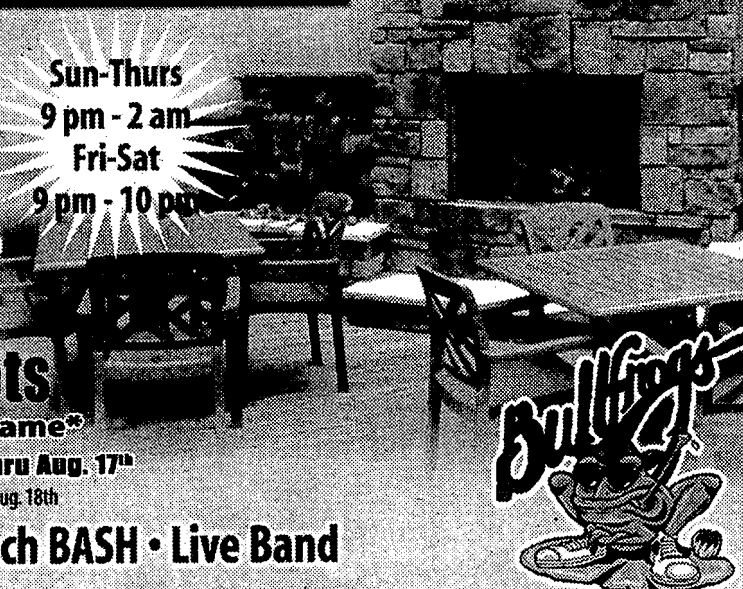


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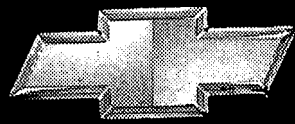
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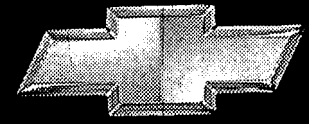
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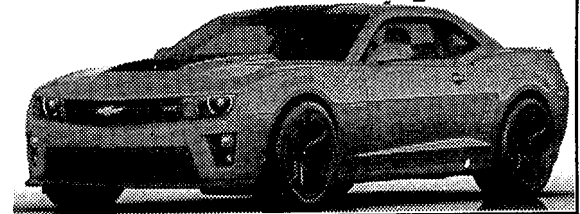
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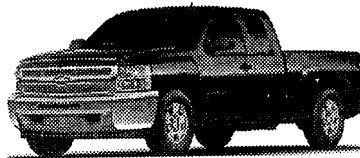
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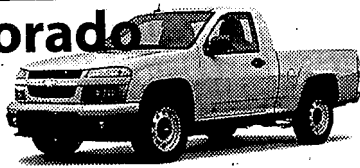
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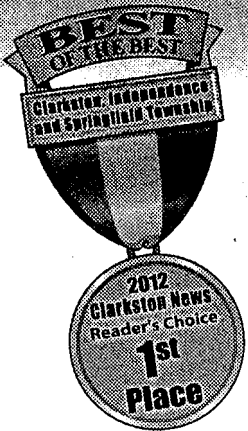


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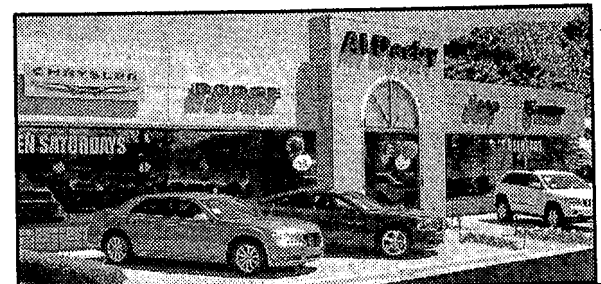
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