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Summer's over for Clarkston Wolves football. The gridiron heroes have been practicing for weeks and are ready to sink their teeth into Rochester Adams on Friday. The season opens at home, 7 p.m. See page 10A for schedule, 11A for story, and next week's edition for the Gridiron special section, filled with details about all things football. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Clarkston schools bristle over state designation

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Under the State of Michigan's new school ranking system, three Clarkston schools need extra attention, but school officials say Clarkston kids get enough attention as it is.

"I don't see this as a good thing for Clarkston – I see it as very arbitrary," said Clarkston Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "I see it as giving more mandates and saying we have to comply when we believe we are doing good things for kids – we know our kids are improving."

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Andersonville Elementary, Pine Knob Elementary and Sashabaw Middle were named "Focus Schools," based on the state-test-result gap between the top 30 percent of students and the bottom 30 percent.

The 10 percent of schools with the largest achievement gaps make the list. The state made the changes to qualify for a waiver in the federal No Child Left Behind law.

Rock said complying with No Child Left Behind and Annual Yearly Progress means schools have to improve toward 100 percent proficiency on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test for all students by 2014

"Because it was found to be an unrealistic target that all kids could be at that level, the states applied for waivers," he said.

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"We know from talking to local schools, if 100 percent of Michigan students are proficient, there will still be 350 focus schools in the state because of the ranking," said Staci Puzio, testing and research supervisor. "It is all about ranking and not showing how our students are doing."

"There is this sense when you get information from the state you should do some-Please see Schools on page 4A

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Tips lead to arrest

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Tips from neighbors led to the arrest of a suspected burglar, linked to thefts from vehicles and homes across Independence Township.

Joshua Alen Yennior, 21, of Independence

was booked on Aug. 14 and arraigned on three counts of possession of stolen credit cards, each a four-year felony.

"A home owner happened to go down to close his car windows because it was raining and he saw mail inside his (the suspect's) car," said Oakland County Sheriff's Detective Michael Winkler.



Yennior

Another tipster reported seeing credit cards and other items not belonging to the suspect, in Yennior's room, Winkler added.

The tips led to a search warrant last Monday.

"We recovered five stolen credit cards,"

Other recovered items include a check book in a pink patterned cover, a stolen pocket knife, 60 thong panties, and girls' bathing suits.

"People would hang them out on a clothesline and he'd take just the bottoms," he said. "It's disturbing – they're little kids'."

Investigation has linked Yennior to thefts from vehicles and mail boxes, and some breaking-and-enterings in the Thendara subdivision, northeast corner of Independence Township, over the last few months, Winkler said.

The suspect may also be linked to thefts and burglaries in Bridgewater and Lancasterlake areas of the township.

"We're still looking into it to see what we can tie to this guy." Winkler said. "LFAs have been pretty much become null and void — we're pretty confident we have the right crew."

According to interviews with the suspect, his alleged MO was to head out at Please see Suspect on page 9A

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Holly Negrilla

Best prizes for lucky readers

In The Clarkston News' Best of the Best, readers decided which businesses and services deserved the coveted prize.

Three lucky readers won prizes of their own. Their ballots were selected in a drawing for gift certificates.

Gerry Mathiak won a \$25 gift certificate to

the Woodshop.

"I've been filling these out for years, thank you very much," Mathiak said.

Holly Negrilla won a \$50 gift certificate to Rudy's Market. Nawras Ita was awarded a Kroger gift certificate good for \$100.

"It's cool - surprising," Ita said.

Renovations set for Deer Lake Beach

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Next spring the beach should look quite different," said Parks, Recreation, and Seniors Director Ken Elwert.

During their regular meeting on Aug. 14, the Township Board approved \$17,016 to improve Deer Lake Beach - \$8,116 will go to installation and purchase of a seasonal floating dock, and \$8,900 will be used to renovate the lifeguard hut.

The new floating dock will have a 6 X 10 observation platform.

"It's going to be an accessible dock," said Elwert because it will have security edges making it safer for wheelchairs and people with strollers.

Updates to the lifeguard hut include expanded storage along with a new roof and siding, said Elwert.

The beach's facelift was made possible by a \$50,000 donation from the Clarkston Area Optimists Club. All the funds for the improvements will come from the money raised by the Optimists, and Elwert couldn't be more thankful.

"I appreciate the support from the community," he said. "The dock has needed help for years."

While there's no set date for the dock's installation or the lifeguard hut renovations, Elwert expects the work to be done by mid to late September after the beach closes.

Besides a new dock and a better lifeguard station, there may be more in store for Deer Lake beach. Elwert is also looking into fall

Next summer, swimmers and boaters may notice native vegetation along the shore, which Elwert believes will help to screen the beach from the road.



The dock at Deer Lake Beach will be fixed so it's not under water.

Briefly

Labor Day parade

Plans for the Labor Day parade are underway. Parade-goers can expect to see classic cars and the Clarkston High School band perform.

The Rotary Club has approximately 30 entries for the parade already, and they will accept entries up to two days before the event, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m.

The parade will begin at Renaissance Righ School and end at St. Daniel's Catholic Chardi.

Check www.clarkstonrotary.org.

Conflict or Interest rule

Currently, a member of the Clarkston City Council with a conflict of interest can neither vote on nor discuss an agenda item; however, that rule may change. City Council is moving to revise Ordinance 142, which focuses on conflicts of interest.

If accepted, the revision will allow a council member who declares a conflict. of interest to speak on an agenda item as a citizen of the village, but they will still be restricted from voting.

The council member would leave their seat at the table and sit with the public to speak. The second reading of the ordinance will be on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in Village Hall. villageofclarkston.org.

Correction

In "Winners point to change, positivity in primary election" one trustee winner listed was incorrect. Al Pope did not secure a trustee nomination in the Primary Election on Aug. 7. The Republican trustees who will be on the Nov. 6 ballot will be Andrea Schroeder. David Lohmeier, Ron Ritchie, and Jose

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School rankings just one factor, officials say

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thing different, train our teachers differently and just react to it," Rock said. "It causes you to jump on one thing to another instead of getting really good at things you know are research based and good for kids. I don't see us as a system changing much of anything."

Rock said they measure Clarkston students in more ways than just the MEAP, which is taken once a year by students in grades 3-9, while juniors take the Michigan Merit Exam. Both tests are used for to calculate the AYP.

"The reality is we are looking at multiple measures of data," said Puzio. "We are looking at what do our students really know. Using one test to determine your success is not an accurate picture of where students are at."

"One of the biggest struggles for us to keep our focus on what we know is best," said Rock. "It is based on research - to persist to do the right things for kids, to get them to think, engage their minds and think creatively to solve problems, to be innovative and collaborative. We are not going to focus on this one test kids take once a year every October."

Both pointed out a fifth grader takes the test in October about things learned during fourth grade. The district and teacher receives the results in February when the student is already six months into the school year.

"The teachers have already uncovered for themselves where that student has been or has not been successful," Puzio added. "When they get scores, there isn't something right then the teacher can use."

"We don't want to focus on one test that happened 10 months ago," said Rock. "A lot has changed since then. We are working every day with our kids to do better. We have different tools we use on an ongoing basis to determine how our kids are doing in reading and math. Our teachers look at the data when they are working together during the delayed starts.

Rock pointed out in 2015 a new assessment called the Common Core is coming and will be more focused on problem solving instead of the multiple choice the MEAP test currently uses.

Puzio explained they don't have all the details but they know it will be towards the end of the school year and the results will be available more quicker.

"It would be better for the state to say we are changing to a new system in a few years and how a child does on a MEAP test when they are 8- or 9-years-olds is less important than their overall education," he said.

"We expect our kids to do well," added Rock. "We want our kids to do better across the board. We believe how they perform on ACT when they are in eleventh grade determines a lot of their future options for colleges and scholarships. We always want to work hard to give our kids the best opportunity we

Clarkston Community Schools rankings

School	Statewide % Rank		Make AYP?
Andersonville Elementary School	43 - Focus		Yes
Bailey Lake Elementary School	88		Yes
Clarkston Elementary School	84		No
Pine Knob Elementary School	59 - Focus		Yes
North Sashabaw Elementary School	49		Yes
Springfield Plains Elem. School	84		Yes
Independence Elementary School	97 - Reward		Yes
Sashabaw Middle School	56 - Focus		Yes
Clarkston Junior High School			Yes
Clarkston High School	58		No
Clarkston Community Education	•	:	No

– A school at the 50th percentile is doing better than 50% of Michigan public schools.

Grade 8

- Michigan Department of Education

Math Reading Science

Fall 2011 MEAP, MME

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can. The best way is to engage them in the classroom, have them passionate about learning, work hard, communicate and collaborate with their classmates and how to think. It is not by focusing on the test or practice taking the test it is really getting in and engaging their minds and having great teachers."

"As we continue to work with our students to create those attitudes and skills they will be successful by those standards," said Puzio. "It's not just what we feel it is supported by research."

Michigan Department of Education will develop and provide technical assistance to districts that have Focus Schools, including MDE-trained and paid-for "district improvement facilitators."

With the assistance of these facilitators, districts will have one year to self-diagnose and self-prescribe customized changes in their supports to the Focus Schools and their students. There are escalating supports and consequences for Focus Schools that do not close their achievement gaps.

Adequate Yearly Progress was also

changed. This year, AYP calculated the district as an entire unit, instead of by elementary, middle, and high school levels. The U.S. Department of Education also required that graduation rates for all students and all student population groups be included in the district AYP calculations.

About 48 percent of school districts, 262 of them, did not make AYP this year, as compared to 37, 6.7 percent, last year. At the school building level, 82 percent of schools made AYP, compared to 79 percent last year.

Beginning next year, the state will be issuing an Accountability Scorecard that uses five different colors to recognize varying levels of achievement accountability for each school and district, according to MDE.

Over 280 schools in Michigan have been designated as Reward Schools for either high student achievement or making tremendous progress in student achievement, according to the state.

In Clarkston, Independence Elementary was named a Reward School for the 2012-2013 school year.

Incumbents favored in Springfield

Primary campaign stayed positive, officials say

BY KRYSTEN COOPER

Special to the Clarkston News

With the primary elections over, Springfield Township candidates are feeling relieved it's all over and excited to move forward. In addition, they are grateful to all the voters in the primary election.

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls, who received 1,079 votes, 53.10 percent of the total, said he was grateful to everyone who voted in the primary election.

"I am honored to have been elected again and excited about the opportunity to continue serving my community," Walls

For him, the primary decided his position and he is thankful he will not have a contest to worry about in November.

Walls also said, "the recently completed election was one of the most positive and professional that I have been in. All candidates were positive and did a good job representing their interest and the community."

Springfield Township Treasurer Jamie Dubre, said she was honored to receive 1,037 votes, 54.90 percent.

Dubre said one of the challenges of being in office is making decisions, and you learn how, popular or not, those decisions are at election time.

Dubre is happy her position was decided in the primary - no Democrats running - so she can spend more time working on the budget. She was also happy about how professional candidates were.

"You never know what to expect," she said, "but you always hope everybody will be professional."

Finally, Dubre would like to wish challenger Rita Hawes well and hopes she stays involved.

Hawes, although she did not win her race for treasurer, still had a good experience with the election.

"As a first time candidate, running against a 10 year incumbent, I was overwhelmed with the support of the voters. I want to extend a very hearty 'thank

you' to everyone that voted for me," she said. "Your confidence in me means a lot."

Hawes said she will definitely stay involved in Springfield.

"I can not rule out the possibility of doing so again," she added.

Trustee Judy Hensler, 1,182 votes, 21.86 percent, said, "I consider

way possible.'

my re-election a vote of

confidence from the

residents and plan to

continue working hard to

make sure Springfield

Township is a great place

to live. I have learned so

Hensler added she was very pleased with the

Dave Hopper, 21.90

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trustee, said "I am most

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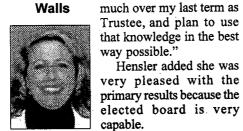
continues to prove that our

residents will support a

worthy cause."

primary results because the





Dubre



Hensler



Hopper

He added the decision shows the residents have the same priorities as the board and also that the safety level of Springfield Township makes it a nice place to raise a family. Springfield Township

voters also approved a .75 mill increase for police services, with 1,586 voting ves," 59.22 percent, and

1,092 "no" votes, 40.78 percent.

The township contracts with Oakland County Sheriff's Office, which operates a substation in the Colombiere Center. The millage runs from 2012-2015, when it will be combined with a 0.7289 police millage for a single renewal vote. Another 1.5 mill for police services, approved in 2006, expires in 2017. One mill is \$1 for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation, or one-half market value.

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~ Barb Pallotta, Township Clerk

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Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

Canoe speed

This weekend I daydreamed in a canoe on Crooked Lake in Independence Oaks County Park.

I paddled in the front, and my husband steered in the back while our

dog slept at the bottom of the canoe between us.

Herons swooped in to land on the water's edge and swans preened their feathers among the cattails as we floated along in the sunshine.



While we snacked on slices of the cucumber we picked from our garden that morning, we listened to the buzz of electric blue dragonflies and watched kayakers race in the distance.

Seeing so many fathers fishing from rowboats and pedal boats with their sons and daughters reminded me of my dad who gave me my first fishing pole. It's been many years since I've tried catching anything, but I'll never forget waiting patiently for my bobber to slip beneath the water's surface.

My first catch was a largemouth bass with greenish brown scales and a gaping mouth.

I was afraid to touch its wriggling body, so my dad helped me unhook it. When we finished celebrating, my dad held my fish in his open palm in the shallows.

We watched as its fins started waving slowly; then, as if waking up suddenly from a deep sleep, my fish shot away into the deep water.

We always practiced catch and release when I was lucky enough to hook anything as a kid, and I noticed it's Independence Oaks' policy, too.

For me, fishing wasn't necessarily about what you took home but about sitting along the shore, spotting turtle noses when they came up for a breath, and listening to my dad's tales of hooking fish with my grandpa's help.

As my husband, my dog, and I listened to lily pads brush against the side of our vessel, I remembered that like fishing with my dad, canoeing is about more than the exercise.

It is about sharing the peace of the water and the feel of the warm sun with the ones I love. Memories that might otherwise drift on by flow easily when the pace of your life slows to canoe speed.

The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Rush for Food help appreciated

Dear Editor.

The Clarkston High School Football Rush for Food committee would like to thank all who helped make our 15th Annual community service project a huge success!

On Friday, Aug. 17, 170 members of the Varsity, JV, and Freshman teams came to-

gether to collect nonperishable food items to
help stock the pantry at
Lighthouse Emergency
Services in Clarkston.

Letters to the editor

port, LuAnn Stohre

Due to the success of publicizing the event in *The Clarkston News*, the teams collected a record breaking 6,478 pounds of food and paper/personal products plus \$500 in donations!

This is a new record for the event beating last year's record of 4,900 pounds. The players really stepped up this year and many in the community brought donations from their neighborhoods that were not included in the routes.

Special thanks goes to the Clarkston Athletic Boosters for contributing beverages for the pre-Rush dinner, Sashabaw Road Kroger

for donating supplies, and Renee Weaver-Wright for gift card donations.

Also, to the Clarkston Chiefs for collecting toiletry items and to the many other parents and coaches who pitched in and volunteered at the event and provided additional donations!

The committee would also like to thank the CHS football coaches for their sup-

port, LuAnn Stohrer – CHS Athletic Secretary for her assistance, the CHS custodial staff, the football players who gave their time to assist those in need, and most of all the homeowners who generously donated to make this event such a success.

Thank you to Kathy Azzopardi, Donna Barta, Penny Canada, Kim Chadwell, Diane Massur, Sandy Savoie (chair), and Kim Scarlett for their time and commitment in organizing another successful year. Rush for Food once again proved what a wonderful community Clarkston is to live in!

Ellen Wright, publicity CHS Football "Rush for Food"

Thanks for help with run for research

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston High School Blue and Gold Club would like to thank all the volunteers, sponsors and participants in the first annual Ryan Kennedy 5k fun run for brain cancer research.

This event was successful because of the hard work and dedication of the citizens of this wonderful and caring community.

We would also like to extent a special thank you to the family of Ryan Kennedy, Tim Horton's (The Mantha family) for donating the bagels and to Tenuta's for donating the water, the CHS LEAD program, and the CHS girls cross country team.

We look forward to growing and improving this event and to continue to raise awareness for the need for brain cancer research. If you have suggestions for how to improve this event, or want information on future events you can follow Blue and Gold on Twitter @chsblueandgold"

Clarkston High School Blue and Gold Club

Businesses, clubs made parade a success

Dear Editor,

The Fourth of July Parade Committee would like to thank the following organizations and businesses for their help with the 2012 Fourth of July Parade.

Our thanks to DTE Music Theatre, Bowman Chevrolet, Clarkston State Bank, Smith's Disposal, City of the Village of Clarkston and the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce for their help with the event.

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club, the Clarkston Lions Club, Mt. Zion Church and

the Knights of Columbus combined efforts to plan and facilitate the parade for the second year in a row. Over 100 entries marched in the 2012 parade with approximately 10,000 spectators.

A big thank you to the community of Clarkston and the above businesses and organizations for sharing their talents and time to make the Fourth of July memorable for our community.

Fourth of July Parade Committee Independence Township

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

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Old Oakland County hidden from view" The McMath-Hulbert observatory is hidden deep in the trees by the Baldwin/I-75 exit. The observatory was built in 1920 and featured three solar towers, some of the first to use time-lapse photography.

"Who should pay?" The Independence Township Board of Trustees was concerned about traffic issues with the opening of the new Clarkston High School less than a year away. Trustees believed the school should put forth money to improve the intersection.

"No more gas on Main" Dick Morgan and his son John, said it was too costly to keep selling gas at Morgan's Service on the corner of Main and Church streets. They planned to close the pumps after Labor Day.

25 years ago - 1987

"Residents object to Walters Lake chemicals" There was a plan to use chemicals to kill weeds in Walters Lake. However, many residents were opposed to the idea as it was unknown how the chemicals would affect people who swam in or drank the water.

"Budget cuts may cause CHS to lose accreditation" Clarkston High School's accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools surfaced during the board of education meeting when a student asked if there were plans to make improvements to the media center since the June bond failed. Administrative assistant William Neff explained North Central indicated if the district showed improvement to the book selection and hire additional staff they would be fine.

"Festival in the clouds" A dozen colorful hot air balloons took shape behind Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Center for the media preview for the second annual Hot Air Balloon Festival.

50 years ago - 1962

"Something all should know" Officer Kratt of the Oakland County Sherriff Department was dedicated to teaching the correct use of mouth-to-mouth respiration. Some of his pupils included Clarkton Village President Robert Waters and Independence Township Citizens.

"Local news" Roger Draper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Draper left for Fort Knox, Kentucky where he began his training for the paratroopers.

Second TV voice in game booth major redundancy

Back in 2006 I was excited about the prospects of Detroit Tiger baseball. Not so much about broadcasting commentary. The same is true to day. I believe. See what you think with the "beatu" of a column from August 16, 2006.

Baseball was my game in my growing-up years. As a freshman in Owosso High School I pitched three, 5inning games for the Trojans, allowing a total of five runs, but lost two games.

Next year, I was in Morrice High School where the coach-science teacher-librarian-counselor "knew" that a tall baseball player had to play first base. A short guy with a big ego pitched. I had half that requirement.

Those were the days when the umpire called pitches from behind the pitcher.

When Hazel and I moved to Gladwin, I tried out for the White Oaks Tavern baseball team, and was doing fine until the college players came home for the summer. Besides, I had to move to St. Johns. Through it all, I was a Detroit Tiger fan.

Jim Fitzgerald, the Lapeer County Press editor who became backpage columnist for the Detroit Free Press, was an equally ardent Tiger fan. He invited Hazel and me to join him and his wife Pat at what turned out to be the final game of the 1984 World Series in Detroit.

It was exciting, of course, but so was escaping the commotion leaving the parking lot afterward, especially when some guy jumped on the hood of Jim's car.

Jim's

a column by

Jim Sherman

There was the World Series victory in 1968. And, before that, were double play heroes, Rogell, Gehringer

to Greenberg and pitchers Eldon Auker, Tommy Bridges, Hal Newhouser, etc. **Jottings**

I was so into baseball and s-o-o naive, that when they were looking for a new announcer I applied. Ty Tyson's letter said they would probably hire someone with experience.

Then came the way too many years of .500, or less, teams, and interest waned.

Despite all the great announcing of Ernie Harwell and Paul Carey, it just became too boring to hold my interest.

Now we're into 2006 and Tiger owner Mike Ilitch has Jim Leyland managing a bunch of unknowns (at least to me) and they're playing great baseball. I'm "into" the Tigers on radio and TV, especially when the summer repeats are stuff I wouldn't watch in the first place.

Through those down years, the Tigers lost exposure on strong radio stations and major Detroit TV stations. I get my radio coverage of games from an Ann Arbor

With all this listening and watching, I've found the color/fill-in announcers to be just as their too-wordy

counterparts in football. They can't stand to have viewers see what's happening, but must explain what's happened, diagram it and add assumptions.

The absolute worst is when the sidekick talkers tell me what a runner, hitter or player is thinking. In the first place, much of what a player does is instinct, so there may have been no thinking.

And, they say it as fact, not "I think they thought,

Mr. Announcer-guy, I was watching.

I know the hitter was thinking of scratching, not about a high insider. I can make reasons on my own for faults on the field, and I know they aren't facts. These color guys believe dead time on airwaves is a lost opportunity to impress me, and that's not a guess, it's a fact.

So, I go to my obvious option. I punch the mute button. That'll show 'em!

I also listen to more radio reports on the Tigers. Radio, where the unseeing can follow the games . . . and, you know what I found?

There is more no-talking time on radio than on viewable TV broadcasts. The announcers give us the complete picture of the games on radio, with a whole lot less elaboration.

Which means the time-fillers aren't needed and definitely not wanted. Radio assumes listeners are semi intelligent, TV doesn't.

GO TIGERS!

How to maintain your insanity

You know, some where, some way, some how trying to remain calm, keep your cool and reason just doesn't cut the mustard. Sometimes it is just easy to let your hair hang down and have fun. Some time ago (years in fact) I received these e-mail dandies. And remember: smile!

20 Ways To Maintain A Healthy Level of Insanity

- 1. At lunch time, sit in your parked A column by car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.
- 2. Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
- 3. Every time someone asks you to do something, ask if they want fries order is "To Go." with that.
- 4. Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "In."
- 5. Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has got-

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ten over their caffeine addictions, switch to Espresso.

6. In the Memo Field of all your checks, write "For Sexual Favors."

7. Finish all your sentences with "In Accordance With The Proph-

8. Don't use any punctuation

9. As often as possible, skip rather than walk.

10. Ask people what sex they are. Laugh hysterically after they answer.

- 11. Specify that your drive-through
- 12. Sing along at the opera.
- 13. Go to a poetry recital and ask why the poems don't rhyme

14. Put mosquito netting around your work area and play tropical sounds all

- 15. Five days in advance, tell your friends you can't attend their party because you're not in the mood.
- 16. Have your coworkers address you by your wrestling name, Rock
- 17. When the money comes out of the ATM, scream "I Won!, I Won!"
- 18. When leaving the zoo, start running towards the parking lot, yelling, "Run for your lives, they're loose!!"
- 19. Tell your children over dinner. "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."

And The Final Way To Keep A Healthy Level Of Insanity......

20. Send this to someone to make them smile. . . It's called therapy.

Great truths about growing old

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
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- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

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Jilliana Lehman, 6, sets up a card target with the help of Maureen Breisch.



isabel Matthews, 8, makes a catapult.

Catapult into science learning

Photos by Mary Keck

"Fire in the hole," yelled 8year-old Ethan Ledbetter as he launched a wad of paper from the catapult he built at the Springfield Parks and Recreation Science Camp.

Mad Scientist Bryan Baker led the Science Extravaganza, Aug. 13-17. Students designed and built catapults, learning about different types of levers while having fun.

Six-year-old Jilliana Lehman said. "I like my catapult because it can shoot things up in the air."

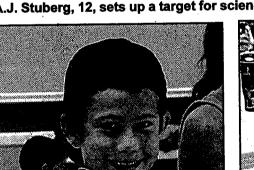
After assembling their catapults, the campers built houses of cards just so they could knock them down with catapult-launched wads of paper.

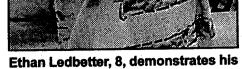
"This is a great group," said Baker. "We've had very bright and engaging campers this week."

For more information, check www.springfield-twp.us.

- Mary Keck







catapult.





Summer McDermaid, 10, and Landen Day, 9, work on their design.

Reports from Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Thefts from unlocked cars

A wallet, sunglasses, and iPod were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 800 block of Hawksmoore Drive, Aug. 11.

Vehicle break-ins

Someone forced entry into a vehicle parked in the 8000 block of Thendara Boulevard and took a laptop and wireless keyboard, Aug. 10.

Speeder with beer

A deputy stopped an 18-year-old Independence Township man after clocking him at 80 mph on Clarkston Road, 10:03 p.m., Aug. 11. Despite the driver turning onto Flemings Lake Road and switching off his headlights, the deputy located and stopped him. He said he was racing someone. With an open can of beer behind his seat and a .05 preliminary breath test, he was arrested for zero-tolerance, minor with alcohol.

Wheel covers taken

All four wheel covers were taken from a vehicle parked in a parking lot in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road, Aug. 12.

Warrant arrest

Deputies were dispatched to serve as peace officers as a resident in the 1000 block of Clarkston Road moved out, 11:15 a.m., Aug. 12. The officers found the other resident, a 50-year-old man, had several warrants for his arrest out of Oakland County, Waterford, Northville Township, and state police. Northville said they would pick him up for their warrants.

Bike theft

A bicycle left unlocked in the rack in a parking lot in the 6000 block of Clarkston Road was taken between 4:45-5:15 p.m., Aug. 13. Video surveillance showed the suspect to be a white man, possible a teenager, with short black hair and sideburns, slim build, wearing a red plaid, long-sleeve shirt, black jacket, blue jeans with holes, black baseball



Independence Township firefighters practice truck maneuvers in Clarkston High School parking lot. Photo by Phil Custodio

Firefighters to gear up with additional millage

whelmingly approved renewal of the cur-, been fine, we would have done the best we rent fire and EMS millage, 3.1688 mills - with 5,864 voting "yes," 78.81 percent, and 1,577 "no" votes, 21.19 percent,

The second ballot question in the Aug. 7 primary, asking for 0.59 mills more for additional fire and emergency services, was closer - 3,708 voted "yes," 51.67 percent, while 3,469 selected "no," 48.33 percent.

"It could have easily been voted down

could with the money we have," said Don Herbert, paramedic and engineer, Independence Township Fire Department. 'We're happy with the results. We're very appreciative of the support the community has given us."

The additional revenue will fund a third firefighter paramedic, partially restore fire inspection and prevention division with one

Independence Township voters over- - if the vote had been 'no,' that would have full-time employee, and provide funds for replacement of equipment, trucks, and capital improvements to buildings and grounds.

The new paramedics will all have advanced life support training, Herbert

"About 95 percent of calls are medical based, injuries at accident, falls, that sort of thing," he said. "It's very important that we maintain a high level of care."

Suspect back in court, Aug. 27

Continued from page 1A

about 11 p.m. dressed in dark clothes, carrying a large backpack, and steal from cars and residences.

When he was done, he would steal a bicycle to get home.

"He started with unlocked cars and escalated to breaking into cars," Winkler

He wouldn't kick in front doors or go in back windows, though, he told detectives. He'd then sell the items to fund his heroin addiction, Winkler said.

Yennior was released, Aug. 16, on \$2,500 bond, no 10 percent, on a GPS tether.

Preliminary Exam is set for Aug. 27 in 52-2 District Court.

To avoid being victimized by thieves, Winkler recommends keeping vehicle and residential doors and windows locked, and no valuables in plain sight in vehicles.

"Keep the GPS off the dash," he said. "If you see a kid out on a bike at two in the morning, anything out of the ordinary, call local law enforcement. Information never hurts."

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Friday	09-07-12	Rochester High School	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	09-14-12	Athens High School - Stadium	Away	7 p.m.
Friday	09-21-12	Stoney Creek High School	Away ·	7 p.m.
Friday	09-28-12	Pontiac High School	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	10-05-12	Troy High School	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	10-12-12	Lake Orion High School	Away	7 p.m.

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Countdown to Wolves' opener

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The bleachers are empty now as the gridiron heroes prepare for this Friday's home opener against Rochester Adams when it will be packed with blue and gold.

"It is always a tough opener," said Kurt Richardson, beginning his 26th season as head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Football team. "Adams is always well coached. They have great athletes. It's a good opener."

"We know we have to be at our best to be competitive with them," said Adams head coach Tony Patritto. "As always Clarkston is a great team. They are always good, competitive and well-coached."

The Wolves played two scrimmages as they prepared for the season and Richardson thought they went well.

"They weren't sloppy," he added. "We weren't jumping around. They handled the ball well. Those were my concerns."

From the scrimmage, he pointed out junior running back Ian Eriksen was doing outstanding on the offensive line. Junior defensive back Caine Watlington was also doing outstanding on defense.

"I think our running game should be really strong," he added.

Adams saw the scrimmage and Patritto said they noticed the Wolves' running game was something they were preparing for this week.

"It's no secret they are going to be good in all phases," added Patritto. "They have D.J. Zezula, a talented sophomore quarterback, who can really throw it. They are always really effective on special teams and on offense and defense. For us we have to take advantage of any mistakes they make."

Since 2007, Clarkston and Adams have flip flopped who has won. Clarkston won in 2007

and Adams won the next year when the 2008 season opened.

Both teams are looking to breaking the tradition as both go for the win.

"The tradition of both teams is making the game great," said Patritto. "But ultimately what happened last year has no impact on the game this year. They know last year Clarkston took it to us pretty good. But for us it is one more thing to add on and try to get back at a little bit."

Richardson added it was good for the Wolves to make sure the flip flopping doesn't continue.

The offensive line starting lineup is Nick Azzopardi, center; Eric Eberle and Nick Matich, guards; Jesse Chadwell and Craig Columbo, tackles; Nathan Yeloushan, tight end; Jared Yaroch, wide receiver; Zezula, quarterback; and Eriksen, running back.

The defensive line is Watlington, Reid Kaminski, Alex Dicea and Tim Cason as defensive backs; Yeloushan, Chris Calvano and Dylan Hancook, linebackers; and Adam Johns and Eriksen, outside linebackers.

"Our two down guys will be Matich and David Beedle," added Richardson.

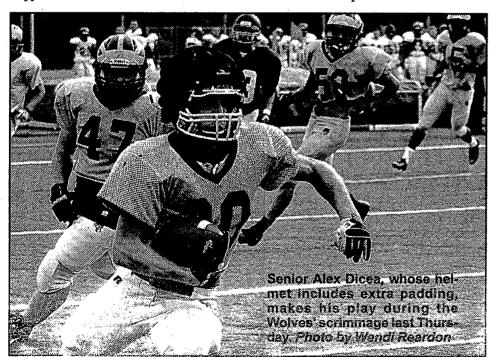
Zezula is punting and Shane Hynes is the place kicker.

Patritto added Adams has a few returners on their offense line and six on their defense.

"We are young," he said. "It is going to be an interesting challenge. It is a good way to see how they stand up. This is a game Kurt and I chose to play. It is something we like to do. For the players it is a great challenge to get really excited for playing. I know our kids are excited about having a chance to play against Clarkston kids. I am excited."

The Wolves host Adams Friday night at Clarkston High School stadium, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Alyssa Bey and Kayla Russell at the Junior Olympics. Photo submitted

Local Olympians

Alyssa Bey and Kayla Russell made a run for the 46th USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships.

They were on the 400-meter relay team and the 1,600-meter relay team.

They won the state level and the regional meet in Ohio before they advanced to the Junior Olympics, held July 23-29 at Hughes Stadium at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

They ran the 400-meter relay run in 50.96 and the 1,600-meter relay in 4:08, both were the team's best.

They even knocked 19 seconds off their 4x400 time and they were running in temperatures over 100 degrees.

Forty-five teams from around the nation made it to the Junior Olympics for each relay.

Bey and Russell helped their other teammates by finishing 10th overall in the 4x400 and 14th in the 4x100 event.

They joined the track club in early July and had less than a month to train.

They are looking forward to training with the team and coaches more to continue to improve their times.

Both begin their freshman year at Clarkston Junior High School in September. They both broke two school records when they were eighth graders in track. They also play on the junior high basketball team and a travel basketball team.

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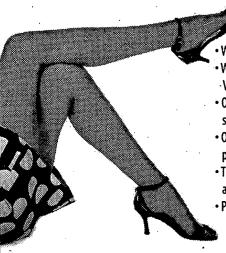
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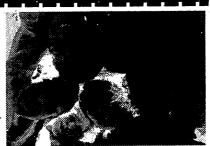


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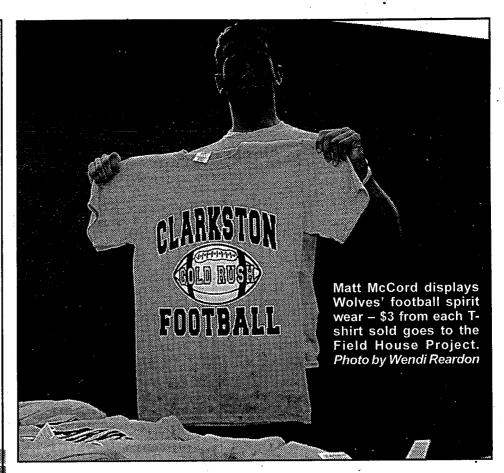
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This year they have teamed up with the football team to help the team and everyone who uses the stadium with the new field house being built.

"We live in Clarkston and we try to give back to the Clarkston community," said McCord. "One of the biggest programs we give back to is Clarkston Track. We thought we would do Clarkston football and help give back for the field house being built."

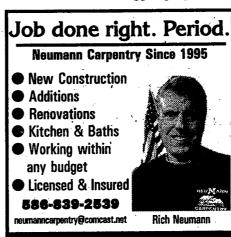
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"We work with a bunch of different teams," McCord added. "We are working directly with football this year. We thought we would give back to something that directly gives back to the program and other athletes."

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~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



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Three Wolfpacks start their journey this week

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The first full week of practice is done for three Clarkston teams as they head into they first round of competitions for the fall season.

Spikers come back from last year's Final Four finish with excitement as they headed into the Fenton Quad on Monday, the Mercy Showcase on Wednesday and a tournament in Marysville on Friday.

"The Mercy Showcase is pretty much all the top teams in the state," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall, adding Lake Orion, last year's state champions Rockford, Marian, Mercy and Dakota will be there. "It will be a good test for us."

Junior Brianna Frakes is looking forward to it.

"There is a lot of competition," she added. "We will see where we stand with everyone.'

The girls competed in the Marysville tournament last year and took home first place.

"I wanted to go again to see if we could defend our title," said Avenall. "It is a less intense tournament but good for the end of the week."

Swimmers also begin their season this week when they host Lake Orion on Thursday at 6 p.m.

The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team is looking forward to it and not because of the rivalry traditionally linking the the Wolves and Dragons.

"We absolutely love the Lake Orion team," said senior captain Kady O'Connell.

"They cheer us on and we cheer them on," smiled Rachel Linton, another senior captain.

Taylor Tekiele, the third senior captain, explained the closeness between the two teams is not only in comradity but friendship. One of the swimmers on the Clarkston team lost her mom to cancer and Lake Orion wore pink caps.

"We walked into their pool and they decked it out in pink,"

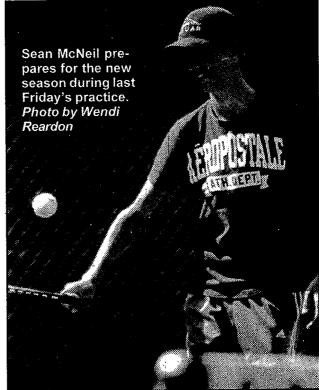
Coach Kenwyn Chock added the crossover meet will be fun and strengths going into the first meet is their returners and their newest swimmers who have been swimming with the SeaWolves program.

The Wolves of the boys varsity tennis team head to Stoney Creek for a match on Wednesday and a tournament in Grand Blanc on Saturday.

"We will see some challenging opponents this season," said Coach Chas Claus. "Stoney Creek is primarily a good team. They will be a good opening test for us. The tournament on Saturday will be elite competition as well. I like to open with strong opponents that way when we get to the league calendar we aren't surprised by the quality of play. We will have played some tougher matches by then."

Junior Matt Dahl added Grand Blanc will be a good test especially when most of the team graduated last year.

Look for previews on your fall teams in future editions.



Wolves score seven goals in their first tournament

BYWENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers added their first set of wins to the new season while they were in Traverse City

They beat Traverse City Central, 3-1, and Petoskey, 2-0. They lost to Traverse City West. 3-2.

Aiding with goals were Joey DeFinis, Jordan Kieft and Ben Snider.

"Against Central we played really well," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chuck Lawhorn. "We moved the ball at a good pace. We were clearly frustrating the other team. The guys that came off the bench moved the ball really well. They kept the pace

of the game going in our favor."

Senior goalkeeper only let one goal in during the first game. Sophomore Grant Gotaas stepped into the net for the second game against Petoskey for his shutout.

"We slowed down a little bit," added Lawhorn. "We played more to Petoskey's pace but we were able to knock in a couple of goals."

When they got to the third game TC West was ready and aimed to win.

"They came out and attacked a little bit quicker than we did," he added. "We weren't able to put together as many combinations in our passing game as the first two games. I think fatigue set in a little bit in the last game

goal than us."

Smith and Gotaas split duties in the net during the game. West scored two on Smith and one on Gotaas.

Lawhorn pointed out sophomores Jimmy. Todd and Ben Snider, junior Alex Trim and senior Ryan Mangapora were standouts for the weekend.

The boys now get ready for this week as they opened against Rochester Adams on Tuesday and host Detroit Catholic Central on Thursday.

The three games from the weekend help as they head into the games.

"It tells us what we did well and what we

for us. West was a little more hungrier on the have to do in practices to be prepared to win games," said Lawhorn. "It tells us a lot about our team in our depth. It also tells us the guys that come off the bench they are expected to keep the same pace of play. Those are things you can fix and prepare for the next couple of weeks and they are tough weeks."

A few strengths going into the week is the boys ability to control the ball in the middle and their speed. Lawhorn pointed out two returning defenseman seniors Mangapora and Jon Miller also give a boost to the game.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows. Both games are at Clarkston High School.

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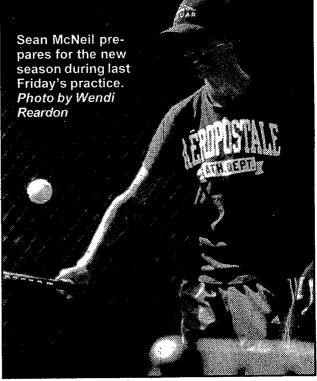
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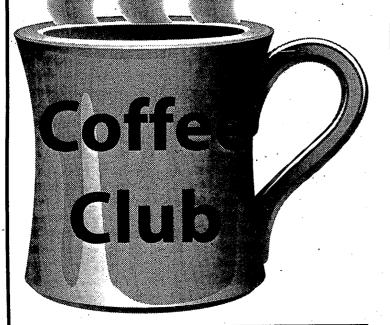
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Clarkston to set up online tax payments

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Soon citizens in the City of the Village of Clarkston may be able to pay their taxes without leaving home. Currently, residents pay by cash or check via mail or at Village Hall.

Possibly by December, someone can go online and make their payment to the county, said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

"The city has wanted to have procedures of this nature for sometime," he said, adding citizens have called in requesting an online payment option.

Those paying online could set up automatic bank account withdrawal for their biannual tax payments, People will still be able to pay through the mail or in

Instituting cyber payment options won't cost the city anything. Those using a credit card online could incur "a modest fee." Despite the additional cost for paying with a credit card, Ritter believes. online bill pay will be popular eventually.

Independence Township residents can already pay online, which provides convenience and flexibility to residents and allows the township to reduce staffing because fewer people come to the counter to pay their bills, said Treasurer Curt Carson.

Since beginning online bill pay, Carson has worked to reduce the credit card fee.

"When I took office, we accepted Mastercard and Visa only at a cost of 3 percent of the total amount to the resident," he said.

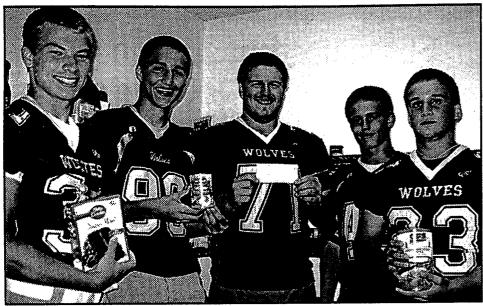
The township also now accepts Discover and American Express, and negotiated the rates, now at 2.5 percent, he said.

Accessibility and user-friendliness of online tax payment also improved. A place to pay taxes is located at the bottom of the township's website home page.

With the improvements, Carson said the township has seen a large increase in people paying their taxes online.

While the city may adopt an online payment option, they will likely need to work out kinks in the system before all is running smoothly.

Attend the next City Council meeting on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in Village Hall for more information.



From left, Joe Popp, Jay Wright, Eric Eberle, Kas Waltku and Alex Peck with donations made on Friday, including a check to Lighthouse for \$310.

Touchdown for Lighthouse

Five football players cheered from the black Yukon in the line of vehicles in the Lighthouse Emergency Services parking lot.

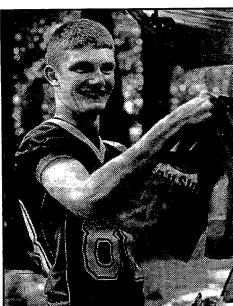
The team of Eric Eberle, Jay Wright, Kas Waitku, Joe Popp and Alex Peck found out a sealed envelope left at one of the houses in the neighborhood they went to for the 15th Annual Rush for Food left a check for \$310 for Lighthouse — the most donated.

"We thought we were doing well," said Eberle. "It was one of our last stops. We were about to leave."

But they didn't – they continued on the street in the Deerwood neighborhood.

Popp found it taped to the door. It was sealed so the players left it as they found it and took it back to Lighthouse with the rest of the bags of food they collected.

"It's a nice way to end the day," Wright smiled. "I thought me getting 14 bags was good."



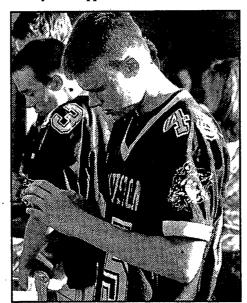
Cole Chewins loads bags in the trunk.

During Rush for Food, the JV and varsity players head into the neighborhoods to collect food and donations for Lighthouse. The group collecting the most gets a surprise.

Every \$5 donated counted as one bag. With the 34 bags they already collected, the monetary donations made it a total of 98 bags.

Over 170 players collected a total of 6,478 pounds of food - breaking last year's record. The amount does not count monetary donations and bottle returns.

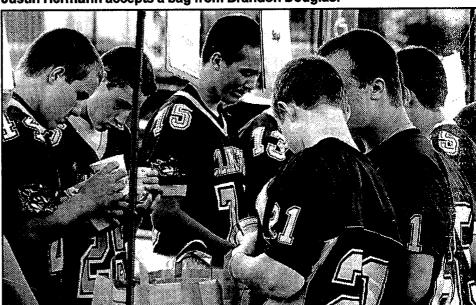
"Every year I kept thinking we can't go over it. This year we set our goal for 4,800 because we thought how can we get over 4,900," said Sandy Savoie, chair for her ninth and final year. "To get that amount is amazing. We had a lot of great volunteers. The kids were excited this year. It was awesome. It is a great thing to see them give back to the community because we do have a great community that supports them." ~WR



Trevor Ulrich checks the expiration date on a can.



Justin Hermann accepts a bag from Brandon Douglas.



The freshman players sort through bags of food. Photos by Wendi Reardon



From left, Dakota Dixson takes a donation from Meghan and Susan Deardorff.

Report mixed on Belcher

Independence Township **Building Department's** future also up in the air

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township's Building Department and the role of its director, David Belcher, may change significantly after the board deliberates on Aug. 28.

Since 2009, when Supervisor Dave Wagner gave Belcher a \$3,000 bonus without board approval, the Building Department and its director have been through many ups and downs.

The end of Belcher's one-year probationary period, which expired on July 18, was marked by performance reviews by both Clerk Barb Pallotta and Superintendent Bart Clark.

In her evaluation of his performance, Pallotta reported, "Mr. Belcher struggles in his role as a department director in that he is unable to demonstrate leadership and management skills when presented with decision making issues and operational expectations."

Despite her feelings about his performance as a director, Pallotta pointed out Belcher is "passionate" and takes "personal pride" in his role as a building inspector.

She was also critical of the work he oversaw when the library installed a heating, venting, and air conditioning system in

Pallotta's report stated, Belcher "did not provide the appropriate oversight needed for the proper installation of this equipment on one of the township's own buildings. No permits were pulled and no inspections were made resulting in having to now unnecessarily spend additional taxpayer dollars for repairs."

She added, "water leakage into the building from the roof is directly related to the improper installation of the system."

Clarkston resident Cory Johnston, who spoke during the evaluation, voiced his concern about Belcher's work.

"I've read the state report [completed January 2012]. There were serious items that affected the health, safety, and welfare of people using the buildings in this township. Something should be done," he said.

Superintendent Clark said Belcher had a lack of familiarity with township ordinances, employee management, planning ahead, and public speaking.

Belcher's strengths, which included his experience and knowledge of the township. Clark also noted Belcher kept the department within its budget, and was willing to accept criticism and work hard to correct shortcomings.

Clark ultimately recommended that Belcher stay on as head of the Building Department with additional training. Joan McCrary of the Planning Commission agreed with Clark's assessment.

"I feel that the board should take Mr. Clark's recommendations," she said.

Other community members shared their support for Belcher, too.

Jim Elma described Belcher as "a great building inspector" who was "always prompt" when he worked with him.

Robertson Brothers President Jim Clark said, "Mr. Belcher is not afraid to say no or to hold us accountable."

Belcher, who chose to have his performance evaluation done in an open session, had an opportunity to speak as well.

"I have worked for the township for 13 years, and took over the building department in 2004," he said. "We've issued 11,000 permits and generated \$3.2 million in

It isn't only Belcher's future as director that will be discussed at the next board meeting, but the future of the Building Department as well.

The board considered outsourcing the department to save money in 2009 after the economic downturn. Today, the Building Department has three employees, one of which is Belcher.

Superintendent Clark suggested the department needed additional staff and clerical support.

"In late 2011 and 2012, we're starting to see a substantial increase in building activity ... as a consequence, the workload for [the building department's] three employees is very, very high. The pressure is quite intense in that organization. Those two factors increase the chance of human error and make the job of managing that department much more difficult," Clark said.

"We have so much to develop here," Clerk Pallotta said.

She feels investing in the building department would be a better choice than privatization.

However, "maybe it is not a decision this board should make," she said.

If the board postpones a decision on the Building Department's future, the choice of what to do with it will be left to the next board elected.

The board's next meeting will take place On the other hand, Clark reported on on Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall.

Community events?

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Superintendent says goodbye

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a new supervisor taking office, there's no need for a superintendent, which is why Superintendent Bart Clark will be out of a job on Nov. 20 when Pat Kittle is sworn in.

Bart Clark has served Independence Township as superintendent since Nov. 16, 2011, and it's been a terrific job, he

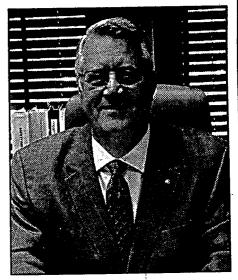
As superintendent, Clark has coordinated the heads of the Building, DPW, Library, and Assessing departments and held weekly meetings, which have been very valuable, Clark said. From Clark's perspective, when "things click" with those departments, there's a necessary "give and take" that helps the township run more efficiently.

Clark also gives reports at each board of trustees meeting and offers recommendations on the various projects the township undertakes. Based on feedback from members of the community, Clark also shares insights on how township ordinances can be strengthened

Many on the board had kind words to say about Clark and his work before they voted to eliminate his position and transfer his responsibilities to the supervisor as of

"I very much appreciate you," said. Treasurer Curt Carson. "The township should be very proud of what you've done and accomplished."

Trustee Larry Rosso said, Clark really



Bart Clark

filled a void and Clerk Barb Pallotta agreed.

"His integrity is unquestionable to me," she said. "Thank you so much Mr. Clark."

Clark and his family have a long history of serving his community. Clark commanded a nuclear submarine in the U.S. Navy and his great great great grandfather Jeremiah Clark was the township's first supervisor.

Now that his time as superintendent has a clear endpoint, Clark hopes to continue serving the township, but he has also considered returning to Auto Steel Partnership where he worked after retiring from Ford in 2005.

Even though he'll leave the role of superintendent behind, Clark said, "I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

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Keagan King takes off with the handoff before he makes his touch-



Maclain Zaremba slips past defense after catching the kickoff as he keeps going, scoring the first touchdown 17seconds into the game.

Starting with boost

The Clarkston Chiefs opened their season last weekend with ruling the scoreboard.

The Freshman Gold made their first win during their visit to the Brandon Blackhawks stadium and beat the Black team, 41-6.

The Freshman Blue team also had success in their away game with a 15-0 win over Lake Orion White.

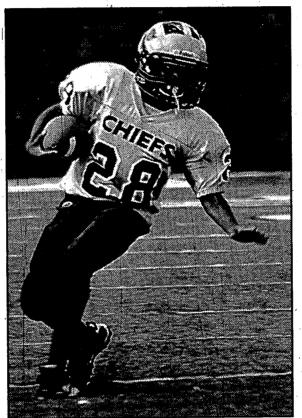
Lapeer defeated the Freshman White team, 22-0.

The JV Gold team also beat Brandon Black with a boost of 21 points in the first quarter. They won, 43-24.

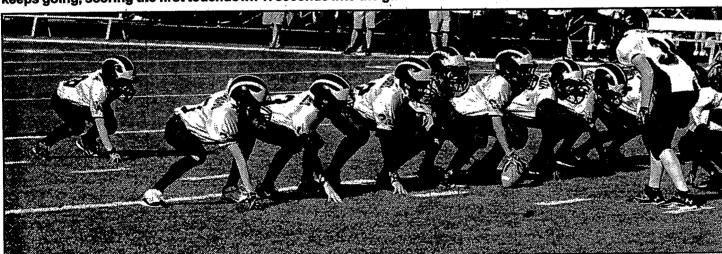
The JV White beat Lapeer, 12-0, and JV Blue beat Lake Orion White, 13-6.

A few of the Chief teams have their home opener this week. The JV White and Freshman White will host Brandon Blackhawks Black. The freshman team plays at 11 a.m. and JV is at 1 p.m.

.Both games are at Clarkston Junior High School.



JV Gold's Wachuku Chukumere makes a quick move to avoid Brandon's defense.



The Chiefs offense position themselves on the line of scrimmage. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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Councilman wants market back downtown

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Farmers' Market has been at Renaissance High School on Saturdays since June 23, but some would like to see the market move back downtown.

"I think the [downtown Clarkston] atmosphere is better than a parking lot," said Councilman Mike Sabol, who has been talking with Clarkston Farmers' Market Manager Anissa Howard about moving the market next year.

Besides a nicer atmosphere, Sabol thinks, "it'll be better for city businesses."

He'd like to see both the foot and vehicle traffic from the market downtown; however, he admits he hasn't heard any businesses say they've missed out on sales because the market moved.

As far as Market Manager Anissa Howard is concerned, "it's wonderful to hear it's being missed."

She said she didn't want to move the market away from downtown but they couldn't afford to stay.

Howard has managed the market since it first opened and for the past seven years, it was in the parking lot behind the Washington Mills Mall.

"We were grateful that the property was available, and it worked," Howard said.

After allowing vendors to use the Farmers' Market in the parking lot for free for seven years, the owners of the Mills Mall wanted a cut of the profits. According to Washington Mills owner Bob Roth, "it just got to the point where the parking lot needed some work, and it's not cheap."

Howard said, people were falling down due to the broken concrete.

According to Roth, he paid \$1,600 to have some holes patched up last year, and Howard gave him \$500 to help cover the costs, but added the more trucks that use it, the worse it gets.

When considering the high price for maintaining the parking lot, Roth began renegotiating the cost to hold the market behind the Mills Mall. Roth said he quoted



City Councilman Mike Sabol wants Clarkston Farmers' Market manager Anissa Howard, here at the market, to consider moving it back downtown. File photo

Howard \$50 per vendor, but eventually came down to \$10 a vendor.

Howard puts it differently.

"We were being asked to triple the farmers' rates and give two-thirds of the profits to renting the site," she said.

The current charge for farmers is \$20 per day once they've applied to sell their goods at the market. Artists and craft vendors are charged \$30 for each day.

The rate Howard billed was \$25 a day at the old site. Moving to Renaissance High School means the cost to farmers has gone down.

"Farmers' markets don't make piles of money," Howard said.

After the vendors are charged, the fees help pay for signs and use of the current site at Renaissance High, which will add up to a little over \$2,000 for the whole summer. For her work as director, Howard says she makes about \$66 from each market, which reaches approximately \$1,000 for the 17-day season.

From Howard's perspective, the value of a market isn't in the money made, but in the relationships built between customers and farmers. Those shopping at the market can find out where their food is grown and how it has been prepared.

The social as well as monetary value is what Sabol is hoping to tap into if he can

persuade Howard to move the market back downtown.

Sabol pictures Washington Street blocked off from Main to Holcomb with vendors' tents along the roadside. Another option is blocking off Depot Street, so the port-a-potties in Depot Park can be used by market shoppers.

As of right now, Howard has no intentions of moving.

"I would love to hear ideas, but we're happy where we are," she said.

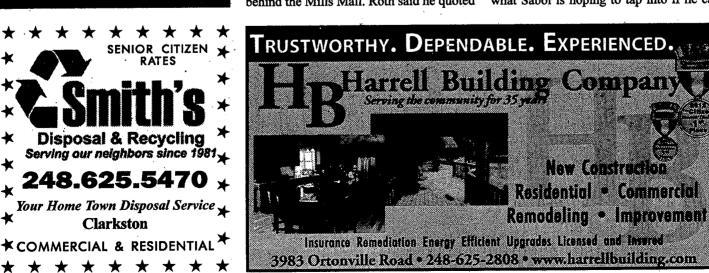
So far, Howard is pleased with the new site, which she describes as "flat and well-maintained."

Bob Roth thinks the Farmers' Market is in a better location, too.

"It's still close to downtown," he said, and pointed out the location offers the market room to grow bigger.

In fact, Howard says the market has been growing. It now offers more produce like blueberries, heirloom pumpkins, corn, and watermelons. There are baked goods, fresh-squeezed lemonade and yogurt smoothies available too.

Until there are more concrete plans to move, the Clarkston Farmers' Market is at Renaissance High School every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Oct. 13. Check www.clarkstonfarmersmarket.org.





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– Taylor Tekiele

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- Rachel Linton

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Locals get a taste of ice-cold homebrews

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Brewers from all over Michigan faced off at the Third Annual Michigan Homebrew Festival, and the competition was fierce with over 800 beers entered into the contest.

From pale ales to creamy stouts, Davisburg resident Mike Winnie had his work cut out for him as a judge of the best of the best beers at the Michigan Homebrew Festival that took place Aug. 16-19 at the Groveland Oaks Campground in Holly.

Brews including pilsners, saisons, and porters along with brown, red, and blond ales were judged based on several criteria including aroma, appearance, flavor, and "mouth feel that matches the style," said Winnie.

While judging a beer contest may sound like fun, Winnie, who is a Grand Master Judge, assures he takes his role in the competition very seriously.

He's been a certified beer judge since 1997 and brews his own beer at home. In fact, one of Winnie's meads won best of show at the Homebrew festival. Winnie knew he was in the running when he wasn't allowed to judge the best of show portion of the contest, but was pleasantly surprised to find his mead was so popular.

Although he brews several varieties, Winnie's favorite style of beer is India Pale Ale (IPA).

When judging, he gives higher scores to IPAs with a fresh, prominent American style hops aroma and a good size white head once the beer is poured.

Winnie said he also looks for a citrusy, piney hop flavor along with a

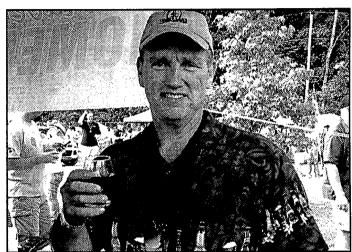
good malt backbone in the flavor of an IPA.

Those who came out to the Michigan Homebrew Festival weren't only offered beer. A competition for the best soda pop was held as well as a French toast cook-off. Kids had an opportunity to learn how to craft their own soda, and patrons could enter into 50/50 drawings for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

While there was a lot to do at the Homebrew fest, most who attended were there to try beer.

"Few things are as refreshing as an ice cold beer," said Winnie.

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Mike Winnie judges an array of beers during the festival.



Homebrew spectators raise their glasses to the winners. Photos by Mary Keck

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

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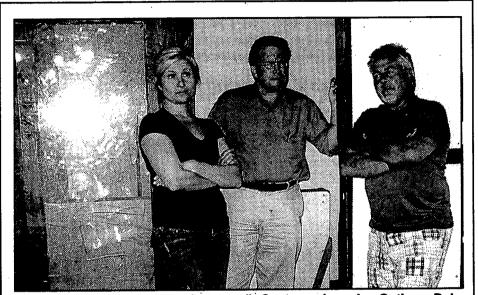
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The cast of "Murder by Misadventure," Cast members Joy Oetjens, Dale Dobson, and Steve Sanger, with Verne Vackaro, not pictured, rehearse a scene. *Photo provided*

Solve the mystery with village players

The Clarkston Village Players will open their 2012-2013 season with "Murder by Misadventure" a suspense thriller by Edward Taylor at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road.

Showtimes are Sept. 7-8,14-15, and 21-

22 at 8 p.m.; Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$14, Friday and Saturday, and \$12, Thursday and Sunday. For more information go to www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org. For tickets, call 248-575-4104.

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

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

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

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

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, Dance to country, salsa, cha-cha and rock and roll rhythms with Rosemary Hall to exercise your body and mind! Ongoing @ \$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

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

50+ Body Dynamics Class, Mondays, Wednesdays through Aug. 29, 9-10 a.m., Senior Center Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road, \$55/members, \$60/non-members. 248-625-8231.

5K training program, Mondays, Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., six weeks starting Aug. 20. Target: Brooksie 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.

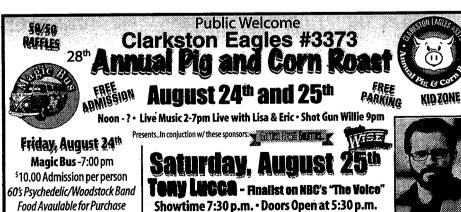
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50+ Pickleball, indoor, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road; outdoor, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30-10:30 a.m., \$2. Clintonwood Park Tennis Courts, 6000 Clarkston-Road.

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.

Please see Around Town on page 18B



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Carl-Gunnar and Maryann got married in 1962. Photo provided

Karlstroms celebrate 50 years

The children of Carl-Gunnar and Maryann Karlstrom of Clarkston would like to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents, who were married at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., on Aug. 25, 1962.

Carl-Gunnar and Maryann have resided in Clarkston for over 40 years where they have enjoyed raising their family.

The couple have two children and three

grandchildren all residing in Clarkston: Karin Hopkins, husband David, grandson Aksel; and Carl-Gunnar Junior, wife Susan, granddaughter Annika and grandson Carl-Gunnar the third.

The couple will be honored at a special dinner with their children and grandchildren on Aug. 25. Congratulations Mom and Dad, we love you.

Students achieve success

The following Clarkston students graduated from Central Michigan University, May 2012: Daniel Adams, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Ryan Alexander, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Heather Brady, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Andrew Brookes, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Krista Cassisi, Bachelor of Science; Meredith Clark, Bachelor of Science in Education; Mark Craft, Master of Science in Administration; Melanie Dunnigan, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Darcy England, Master of Arts; Allison Facciolla, Bachelor of Science in Education; Christy Grusnick, Bachelor of Science in Education; Jenna Guilds, Bachelor of Science; Lindsay Kolich, Bachelor of Science; Erika Lafnear, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Melissa Malley, Master of Science in Administration; Casey Merte, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Melanie Morrison, Bachelor of Science; Molly O'Rourke, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Lauren Ring, Bachelor of Science in Education; Leah Schmidt, Master of Arts; Zachary Semaan, Bachelor of Science; Dawn Stefani, Master of Science in Administration; Stephen Trawick, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Taylor Turner, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Kimberly Vincent, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Maxx Whaley, Bachelor of Science in Education; and Jacob Winbigler, Bachelor of Science.

DePaul University announced Carl Schulte of Clarkston graduated from DePaul University in Chicago earlier this summer.

Rebecca Nulu Schermerhorn of Clarkston graduated from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, June 3, with a Master of Science degree in Nurse Anesthesia.

Clarkston students named to Saginaw Valley State University's Dean's List for the winter 2012 semester include Gregory Alexander, Eileen Gemborys, Kaley Gross, Clare Harrison, Meredith Harrison, Alex Keesling, Heather Pantea, Katie Smith, and Taylor Walker.





Meet the Clarkston Independence District Library Board

The newly formed Clarkston Independence District Library board held its first meeting on Aug. 9.

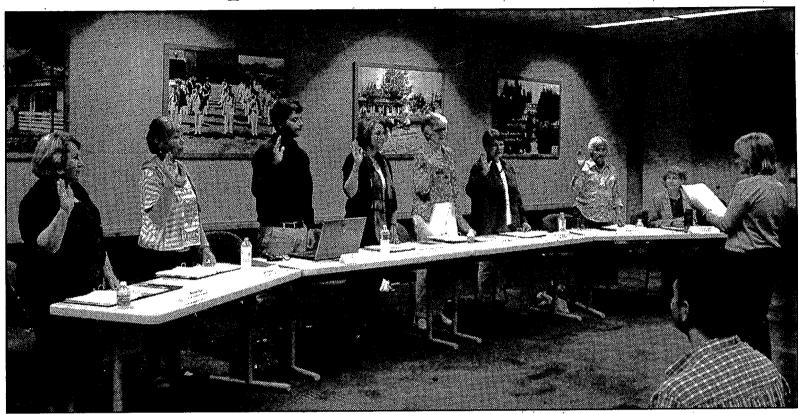
The board is made up of seven members, two representatives from the City of the Village of Clarkston and five from Independence Township: President Marilyn Pomeroy, Vice President Michele Ginn, Secretary Mary Himburg, Treasurer Evan Markarian, and Allison McFadden-Keesling, Jeanne Molzen, and Kay Robertson.

At their first meeting, Library Director Julie Meredith introduced each board member to the public.

After they were sworn in, the board voted for officers, approved the 2012 budget, and selected *The Clarkston News* as their newspaper for public notices.

The board will hold its next meeting on Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

- Mary Keck



From left are Vice President Michele Ginn, Secretary Mary Himburg, Treasurer Evan Markarian, Allison McFadden-Keesling, Jeanne Molzen, President Marilyn Pomeroy, and Kay Robertson, sworn in by Independence Township Clerk Barb Pallotta. Photo by Mary Keck



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4 Simple Steps to Manage Your Stress

By Dr. Timothy O'Neill

1. Simplify And Prioritize

Balancing the many aspects of daily life can be overwhelming. Break down each step of your day into manageable tasks and focus on those items that are most important. It may seem obvious but, often we take on too many responsibilities and end up not doing any of them well because we don't have the necessary time.

2. Make Time For Your Family

Not spending time with our loved ones is not only a missed opportunity to be with the most important people in our lives, but also can lead to more stress. Have you ever felt guilty for not spending enough time with your children? Make time for them and you will eliminate one more life stressor and develop a better relationship with them as well.

3. Exercise

Good mental health rarely exists without good physical health. When we exercise, our brain releases neuro-modulators that contribute to a sense of well being. Make time to exercise at least 30 minutes a day, 4 days a week. Better yet, take your family with you and help them develop a healthy lifestyle as well.

4. Eliminate Bad Habits

Those that smoke, overeat or drink too much derive short term relief from their stress by engaging in these activities. Over the long term, unfortunately, they not only damage their bodies but they also increase their stress. The guilt from engaging in these activities can be a constant source of anxiety for these people. Taking steps to reduce or eliminate bad habits will improve both your physical and mental well being.

Life is hectic but we don't need to make it more difficult. Taking time to lead an active and healthy lifestyle and improve your relationships with your family and friends will significantly reduce your stress and greatly increase your quality of life.

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Spiritual Matters

Peace and unity possible with God's help

On a recent Sunday, with our common Lectionary Cycle of readings, many people heard in their churches about the 'multiplication of the loaves'. In that Gospel of John 6:1-15, we hear 'a multitude of attitudes' being expressed.

Philip: "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat? Two hundred days wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." Andrew: "There is a boy here who has found barley paves and two fish; but what good are these for so many." Jesus: "Have the people recline.... Gather the fragments leftover so that nothing will be wasted." People: "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

The Gospel of John, Chapter 6 will be read, reflected, remembered during the Sunday worship in various churches during the month of Au-

This chapter is often referred to as the 'Bread of Life' discourse. Daily, by our words and actions, our faith is expressed for good or ill. Maybe you have seen the article on 'Ten Little Christians'. I still offer this to all of us for our reflection. It is no secret that church attendance in the United States is declining. I know that the Catholic Parishes are being asked by our Bishops to look at The New Evangelization. Much of that ministry will be about deepening dialogue with inactive Catholics. I am sure that the same concept and concern is relevant for all faith communities.

Ten Little Christians: Ten little Christians came to church all the time; One fell out with the pastor, then there were nine.

Nine little Christians stayed up late; One overslept on Sunday, then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on their way to heaven; One took the low road and then there were seven.

Seven little Christians chirping like chicks; one didn't like the music, and then there were six.

Six little Christians seem very much alive; One got travel-it is, and then there were five.

Five little Christians pulling for heaven's shore: One stopped to rest awhile and then there were four.

Four little Christians, each busy as a bee; One got his feelings hurt, and then there were three.

Three little Christians couldn't decide what to do; One couldn't have his way, and then there were two.

Two little Christians .. this story almost done; For one of them grew weary, and then there was one.

One little Christian can't do much, 'tis true; But one brought a friend last Sunday, then there were two.

Two little Christians each won one more, now don't you see, You add them up, 2+2 makes four.

Four little Christians worked early and late; Each of them brought one, now there were eight.

Eight little Christians, if they double as before ... in just seven Sundays, we'd have 1,024.

In this little jingle, there is a lesson true ... You belong either to the building or the wrecking crew (Au-

Obviously, as we begin the new month of August, may each one of us take some time in a deserted place to look at how our opinions get shaped into attitudes that are either. to the 'building' up of a faith community or part of the 'wrecking crew'. I imagine similar discussions have happened over the years concerning the Olympics that we will all be watching. The Olympic Flag, with its intersecting colored circles, represents a unity for our global community.

I know for myself, ever since writing about the 1968 Olympics in high school, the possibility for peace and unity among people throughout the world has been part of my spiritual

Regardless of who wins what, a desired goal would be the interaction of athletes/spectators/countries to be: aware of the marvelous diversity that is within God's Creation.

The Rev. Michael W. Kuchar is pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

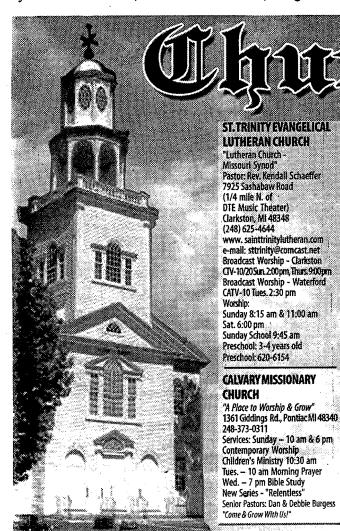
In our churches...

Celebration Sunday, 10 a.m., Sept. 9, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool. Outdoor service, fun, games... 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-4644.

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

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

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



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B 6 Wed., August 22, 2012 The Clarkston (MI) News Mary Ison, 91

Mary Ison, "Devanna," of Clarkston passed away Aug. 14, 2012, at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Milton. She was the mother of James (Linda), Victor, William (Mary Lou), Ina (William) Robinson, Linda (Robert) Katanski, Robert (Marsha), Mary (the late Jerry) King and the late Norma; also survived by 19 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren; sister of Clodina Owens and Byrlene Burngardner.



Mrs. Ison was a seamstress for the Birmingham Tent and Awning Company for 12 years, enjoyed making quilts and traveling in her RV.

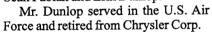
Funeral Service was Aug. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Seymour Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

David L. Dunlop, 75

David L. Dunlop of Clarkston passed away Aug. 17, 2012, at age 75.

He was the husband of Kathy; father of Greg (Susan) and Kevin (TerriLynn); preceded in death by his son Rick and sister Carol Ann Smith; grandpa of Stephen (Kim) Fabian, Daniel Fabian, Sean Fabian and Erin Dunlop.



Memorial service, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son

Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Thursday, 11:30 a.m., until time of service. Inurnment with military honors Thursday 2 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Swan for Life cancer

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Obituaries

Joseph P. Garofalo, 85

Joseph P. Garofalo, "Cheap Charlie," of Clarkston passed away Aug. 16, 2012, at age 85.

He was the husband of Anna for 45 years; brother of Catherine Cillino and the late Louis; brother-in-law of Catherine (Tom) Prinz, Dikea Sarafopoulos and John (Nancy) Sarafopoulos; also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service was Aug. 20 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Interment, Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to

Humane Society or Macular Degeneration Research.

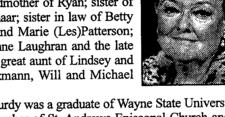
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Joyce McCurdy, 82

Joyce Z. McCurdy, "Joy," of Waterford passed away Aug. 16, 2012, at age 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband Eugene "Gene",

parents Daniel and Helen Tosich and infant son Mark. She was the mother of David (Amy) and Kathryn "Ms. M"; dear friend/like a mother to Marcy (Scott) Sawyer; grandmother of Ryan; sister of Mikki Kraushaar; sister in law of Betty (Vern) Way and Marie (Les)Patterson; aunt of Suzanne Laughran and the late Vicki Guzak; great aunt of Lindsey and Joshua Goetzmann, Will and Michael Laughran.



Mrs. McCurdy was a graduate of Wayne State University. She was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and a member of the Altar Guild, National and Michigan Education Associations, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Delta Kappa Sororities. She enjoyed interior decorating, gardening, scrapbooking and shopping. She collected dolls, angels and antiques. One of her pleasures in life was watching her grandson

Ryan play hockey. She loved her Siberian husky, Honcho. Joy retired from Clarkston Community Schools after 37 years of teaching elementary, which she loved.

Funeral service was Aug. 21 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Waterford, Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Betty J. Scheck, 82

Betty Jane Scheck of Bloomfield Hills went to be with the Lord Aug. 17, 2012, at age 82.

She was the beloved mother of William, Clifford (Debra) and Douglas Scheck; devoted grandma of Amy and Lisa.

Funeral Service was Aug. 21 at Covenant Baptist Church, West Bloomfield. Interment, Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Covenant Baptist Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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Helen G. Wilson, 101

Helen G. Wilson of Waterford passed away Aug. 14, 2012, at

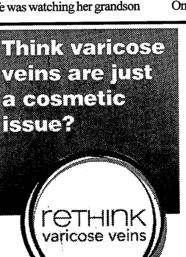
She was preceded in death by her husband Donald. She was the son D. Daryl and daughter Ileane Williams; mother-inlaw of Mel Williams; grandma of seven; also survived by many great grandchildren; sister of J.C. (Clara) McTavish; preceded in death by four siblings.

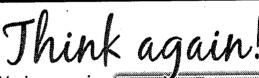
Visitation was Aug. 17 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, followed by a graveside service at Ottawa

Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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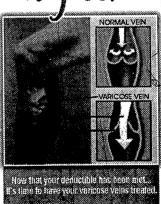






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Lake Orion Family Dentistry welcomes new associate dentist

Dr. Brad Greenfield and the Lake Orion Family she has found it Dentistry team are excited to announce the addition of Dr. Stefani Strange. Strange graduated at the top of her class from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

"We interviewed a lot of really good candidates and interviewing she really stood out above the rest," said Dr. Greenfield. "She is very enthusiastic about dentistry and this community."

Strange grew up in a town outside of Lansing called Laingsburg.

"It's just a small farm town," she said. There isn't even a full stop light where I lived."

Strange said her father, who is also a dentist, helped her throughout dentistry school.

"I sat down and talked to my dad about it," she said. "I followed around many of his friends because he didn't want to influence me."

Strange said following in her father's footsteps has been a blessing.

"When I was in school, it was nice to have someone to relate to and to know what I was going through because it was a hard experience," said Strange.

When looking for a place to work, she said she didn't want to just "settle on a place," but she wanted to find the best fit for both her work and life. Strange believes

with Lake Orion Family Dentistry.

· " After here, I realized this city has much to offer. I like many outdoor sports and I love to run," she said. "I grew up living on a lake, so I like water sports skiing, wakeboarding that kind of stuff."



Dr. Brad Greenfield and the team at Lake Orion Family Dehtistry Welcomes Dr. Stefani Strange

She is also excited and pleased with all of the latest technology LOFD offers such as CEREC (cad cam technology for crowns done in one visit), digital x-rays, Velscope cancer screening and Zoom whitening to name a few.

Strange said, "It is a very exciting experience to work

with all the modern State of the Art technology that LOFD has. I'm also excited to get a new start in a new town as well as to work with Dr. Greenfield and the whole team."

According to Dr. Greenfield, the feeling is reciprocated.

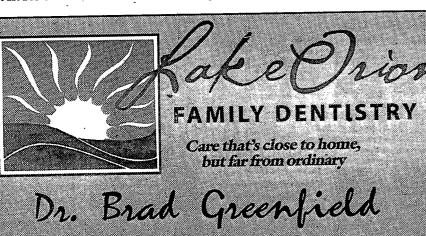
"The team is definitely enjoying her," he said. "She'll be a good fit and she'll be doing all of the things that I

Dr. Greenfield said one of the main reasons he decided to bring in a talented associate was so that in the future the practice could have the ability to expand office hours and add convenience.

Lake Orion Family Dentistry offers a variety of services including preventative and general dentistry, holistic restorative dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, CEREC technology, laser dentistry and sedation dentistry.

Dr. Greenfield is also a provider of Lumineers, which is a conservative and non-evasive way to improve smiles and a provider of Under Armour mouth guards.

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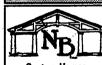
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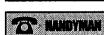
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Technology has transformed how we gather information in the 21st Century. Newscycles run 24/7, tablets and Japtops are becoming smaller and smart phones keep getting smarter.

As a result most traditional large newspapers are struggling to stay alive - they are more and more frequently printing only two to three times a week, personnel and content are shrinking like never before, and more information is shifted to online

Yet local community newspapers are thriving because they have persistently weathered the storm year in and year out to remain a fixture in our everyday lives.

As our societies become more complex and diverse with growing numbers of ways to obtain information, the role of local newspapers in informing our commu-

nities becomes even more significant.

We count on them to regularly check in with the courts and police stations. They print announcements on births, deaths,

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engagements, marriages, anniversaries, church news, job openings, school information and service club endeavors.

They publish notices of local municipal meetings. They print tax increases, millage initiatives, notices of changes in laws and property rezoning - all issues that most directly our pocketbooks by determining

how our hard-earned tax dollars are spent at the local level and how are local officials are representing us.

They help run the local economic engine and provide a marketplace for the community.

They offer local small businesses with an effective and affordable means of connecting with local consumers. They print sales at the supermarket, coupons for dis-

counts at local stores, real estate listings, and classifieds for everything from a used car to a neighbor's garage sale.

It's also personal. Communities feel a sense of ownership in their local newspaper, and the people that report the news are often our friends and neighbors down the street.

News aggregating websites such as Drudge Report and the major news blogs are great at offering up major national and international news and analysis, but they simply do not provide the information on issues that impact us at the local level.

It is especially true for the elderly and those with low incomes who often have less access to computers and transporta-

They normally only publish once a week, but community newspapers remain the one constant source of local information. In good times and in bad, they stay focused on us as a community.

Now more than ever, community newspapers are an important binding thread of our cities and towns.

Congressman Mike Rogers represents Michigan's Eighth Congressional District.

Energy drink dangers for young people

With a targeted demographic group comprised of teenagers and young adults, the energy drink market has grown into a multibillion dollar business, reported as being the fastest growing segment of the U.S. beverage market. Energy drinks first appeared in the U.S. in 1997, with the introduction of Red Bull.

Given their growing popularity in children and teenagers, parents are wise to question the safety of these beverages. Young people are particularly attracted to them because of effective product marketing (including promises of increased energy, improved weight loss, and better athletic performance), peer influence, and a lack of knowledge of the potential harmful side effects.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance caseworker Elissa Fogel reports that she has heard from parents and teens who have experienced health issues they suspect are related to their consumption of energy drinks.

Energy drinks refers to beverages that contain caffeine, in combination with other presumed energy enhancing ingredients, such as taurine (a sulfur containing amino acid), herbal extracts, and vitamins. Historically, these drinks have been classified and marketed as dietary supplements, which are subject to the most minimal regulation.

the effects of the ingredients added to them seizures, stroke and even sudden death. for long-term intervention.

to achieve that status. An abundance of research, however, shows how too much caffeine can affect blood pressure, heart rate, increase anxiety and disrupt sleep. In the U.S., the FDA has placed no restrictions on an upper caffeine limit in these types of beverages and a disclosure of the exact caffeine content on the labels is not required.

Research has shown that caffeine

containing energy drinks can affect a child's developing brain and heart and there is a risk of addiction.



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They may be particularly harmful to youth with diabetes, seizures, cardiac abnormalities, or mood and behavior disorders.

A study carried out by researchers from the By Karen Dickey American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on

Nutrition and Fitness said "the total amount of caffeine in some cans or bottles of energy drinks can exceed 500 mg., which is equivalent to 14 cans of common caffeinated soft drinks."

For the average adult, less than 400 mg. of caffeine per day is recommended. Energy drink overdoses in children as young as five in both the U.S. and abroad have been There is dangerously little research on reported and in some cases have resulted in

John P. Higgins, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston says energy drinks may be especially harmful during sports.

"The jolt of caffeine may interfere with something called coronary flow reserve, which is the ability of the arteries around the heart to dilate during intense exercise, a problem that may contribute to heart attacks and abnormal heart rhythms in athletes. The caffeine makes these arteries more likely to spasm and actually shut.'

The common practice of combining energy drinks with alcohol is particularly risky as well. The caffeine and caffeine-like ingredients in these drinks can mask the perception of inebriation and thus increase the risk of drunken driving or other dangerous behaviors.

Since energy drinks have no therapeutic benefit and may put some at risk for adverse health events, they need to be better studied and more tightly regulated.

In the meantime, parents are urged to educate their children on the potential harm of these products and discourage their consumption.

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Benefit for Zietz, Sept. 9

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Zeitz was diagnosed with a heart condition in May 2009 after her daughter was born in April. Zeitz was told she could have no more children.

As her heart was getting stronger, Zeitz was diagnosed with breast cancer, also in her lymph nodes.

She required a double mastectomy in September 2010. Following radiation and chemo, she was told she was in remission.

This year she was having severe pain in her hip and back in April. Following an MRI, the doctors found spots on her bones, hip, back, spine, shoulder, and skull. After a PET scan was ordered, it was determined to be stage four bone cancer, metastasized from the breast

Zeitz is 35 years old and has been married to Sean Zeitz since June 7, 2008. They live with Sean's mother and stepfather and have minimal health coverage to cover the costs associated with her care.

There is a \$20 donation at the door with all of the proceeds from the event going to Jennifer.

The event will have live music provided by Steelshot, Stay Tuned with special guest Randy Dowdy, Crossfire, and The New Kwintels.

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For more information about Dance Through the Rain Benefit for Jennifer, pleas call John Ciaranvino at 248-561email jcdetroit2011@yahoo.com.

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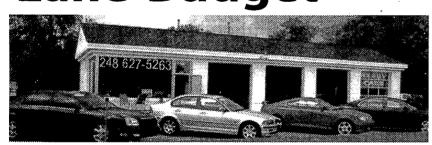
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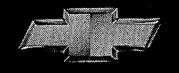
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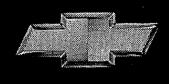
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND** FILE NO: 2012-343, 732-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Lorraine Ida Beyrna. Date of birth: 09/15/1938

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lorraine Ida Beyma, died

08/01/2012
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ellen Barrett, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) 6480 Citation Drive Clerketon MI 48348

8/14/2012 Ellen Barrett 3314 Dillon Road Flushing, MI 48433 810-891-8337

INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **AUGUST 14, 2012**

- A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:31 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
 The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wal

Absent: Petterson, Wagner

There was a quorum present. Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Carol Gabris, Human Resources Director: Ken Elwert, Director PR&S; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst

pointment of Acting Chair - Approved
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as amended

- CLOSED SESSION: None BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Joette
- Kunse; Treasurer Carson
 PUBLIC COMMENT: Darwin Moore; Rae Lualier

PUBLIC HEARING: None
PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Presentation: CIP Status Report (Bart Clark, Superintendent)
- Supérintendent's Report (Bart Clark, Superinten-

Public Comment: Darwin Moore

- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:
- CONSENT AGENDA:
 - Approval of Change Bid Award for Cable TV Pur-
 - Approval of SMART Contract for Municipal Cred-2.
 - Award of Bid for Fall Recreation Guide
 - Request to Approve Purchase of 2012 GMC Sierra for Bay Court - Removed Approval to Amend Parks, Recreation & Seniors 5.
 - Budget; Softbail Appointment of Member to Parks, Recreation & 6.
 - Seniors Advisory Board
 - 'Approval of Budget Adjustments #4
 - Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes: July 3, 2012
 - Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes; July 17, 2012
 ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- Request to Approve Purchase of 2012 GMC Si-
- erra for Bay Court Removed REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - Approval of Medical Insurance Offer to Non-Union **Employees**
 - Award of Bid for Dock at Deer Lake Beach Award of Bid for Renovation of Deer Lake Beach
 - Lifeguard Hut Waiver of Bid Policy and Approve Purchase of
 - Senior Center Expansion Plans and Renderings Approval of Budget Amendment #10; Part 3

 - Approval of Contract for IT Service Provider Approval to Eliminate Superintendent Position
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the Amount of \$1,103,485.82
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members dis-
- cussed various topics.
 COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Budget Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted. Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC **Township Clerk**

Around Town

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

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

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

NOTICE

Appointment of Trustees I, Richard Everett Van Hazel, the flesh and blood living man am a beneficiary of the North American Global Trust, and lam appointing Rick Snyder and Bill Schuette my Trustees.

Date: August 16, 2012 Richard Everett VanHazel

Publish: 8/22, 2/29, 9/5

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **OAKLAND COUNTY** 2012-2013 THENDARA

SNOW REMOVAL AND SALTING PROPOSAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids shall be received at the Charter Town nip of Independence offices, 6483 Waldon Center Dr. -P.O. Box 69 - Clarkston MI 48347 until: Friday, September 28, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.

at which time, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive or not waive irregularities in bids or bidding procedures, and to accept or further negotiate price, terms or conditions of any bid determined by the Township to be in its best interest whether or not the

Bid documents may be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office or the MITN website.

Barbara A. Pallotta Independence Township Clerk

PUBLISHED: August 22, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE ecause the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON, MI 48346
PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012, 7:00 P.M. 375 DEPOT ROAD **CLARKSTON, MI 48346**

A public hearing will be held to consider an amendment to the Zoning Code, Ordinance No. 129,
TO AMEND THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF
CLARKSTON ZONING ORDINANCE

No. 129 TO ALLOW CERTAIN INTERNALLY ILLU-MINATED "OPEN" SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE COMMER-CIAL DISTRICT

roposed amendments will be available at City Hall, at the meeting or found at www.villageofclarkston.org

Kelly Richter

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.

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

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

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

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

Bereavement/Grief support, Tuesdays, eight weeks starting Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute Conference Room, facilitated by Chaplain Priscilla Craig, RSVP 248-922-6606.

Wednesday

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

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

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

CrossTowne Kids' Club, Wednesdays starting Sept 12, 7 p.m., North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Learn about God and Bible through lessons, application, activities, for grades 1-5.

Thursday

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

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

Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6 donation. Indepen-

dence Township Adult Activities Center, -6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday

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

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

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.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, schools. 248-559-1147 ext. 3435.

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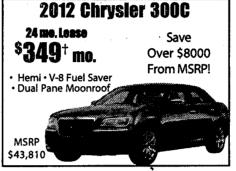
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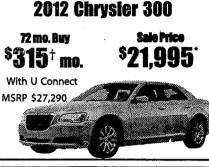
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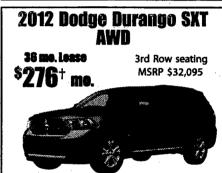
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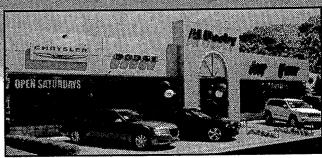




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