



The Clarkston News

Fire in the woods

Independence Township Fire Department Captain Tom McDonald checks the path leading to a house fire in the woods off of Independence last Friday morning. Independence firefighters needed both of their tanker trucks and extra water from neighboring fire departments to put it out. See page 13A for more pictures. Photo by Phil Custodio

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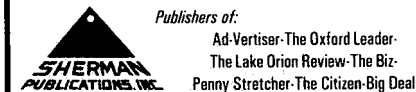
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Planning Commission OKs sign ordinance

Downtown Clarkston may be lit up soon. After thorough discussion at a public hearing, Sept. 5, the City's Planning Commission prepared language for a revision of Zoning Ordinance No. 129.

The ordinance change would allow all downtown retailers to hang one red, internally illuminated "Open" sign at each public entry of their shops.

The township attorney will check if they can restrict signs to just say "open," or if it violates Freedom of Speech. The revised ordinance will go before the City Council for review.

City applies for dump truck grant

During Clarkston City Council's special meeting, Sept. 6, the council voted unanimously to move forward with SEMCOG's grant application for two new dump trucks.

The grant awarded would be \$163,663 and may not arrive until 2014.

The city decided to pay approximately \$40,000 from their general fund to cover the 20 percent match now required for the replacement vehicles.

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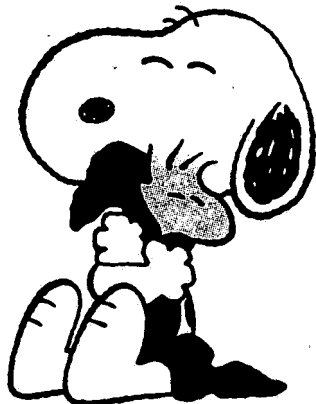
Clarkston couple weds

It's official, Olivia Lowrie became Olivia Steele. She married Jeffrey Thomas Steele in a gorgeous garden wedding at her parents Tom and Tami Lowrie's house in Clarkston, July 21, 2012. In attendance was 170 of their closest friends and family members.

The groom's parents are Tom and Karen Steele, also from Clarkston.

They now reside in Guangzhou, China teaching at the American International School. A honeymoon is planned in Bali ... Happily Ever After.

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Smile of the Month

Emily Busuito

Emily is a freshman at Lake Orion High School. She is on the varsity dance team and is also a competitive dancer.

Congratulations on a Smile as Bright as your future!

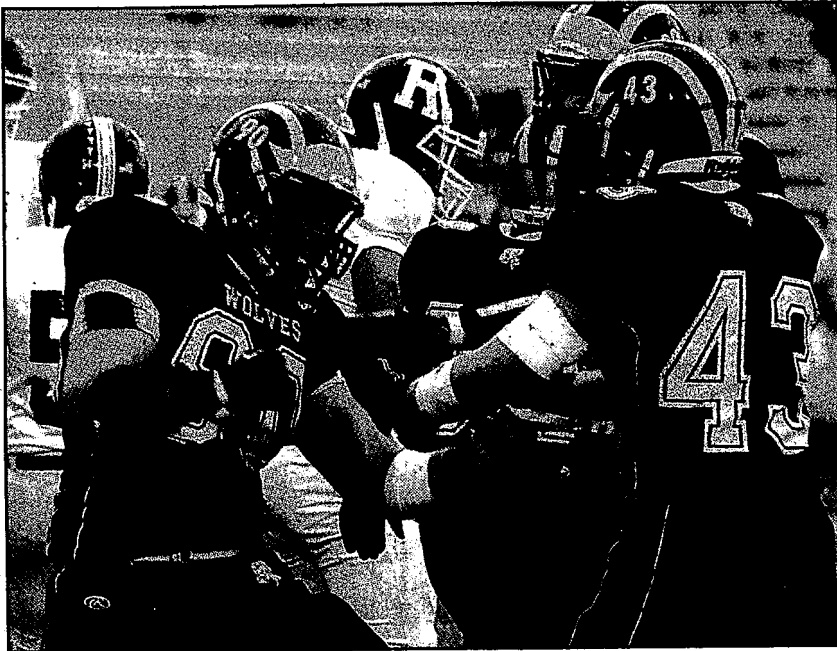
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David Beedle and Adam Johns celebrate blocking Falcons' offensive line from gaining yards. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Friday night lights

Umbrellas began popping open throughout the filled stadium at Clarkston High School on Friday night.

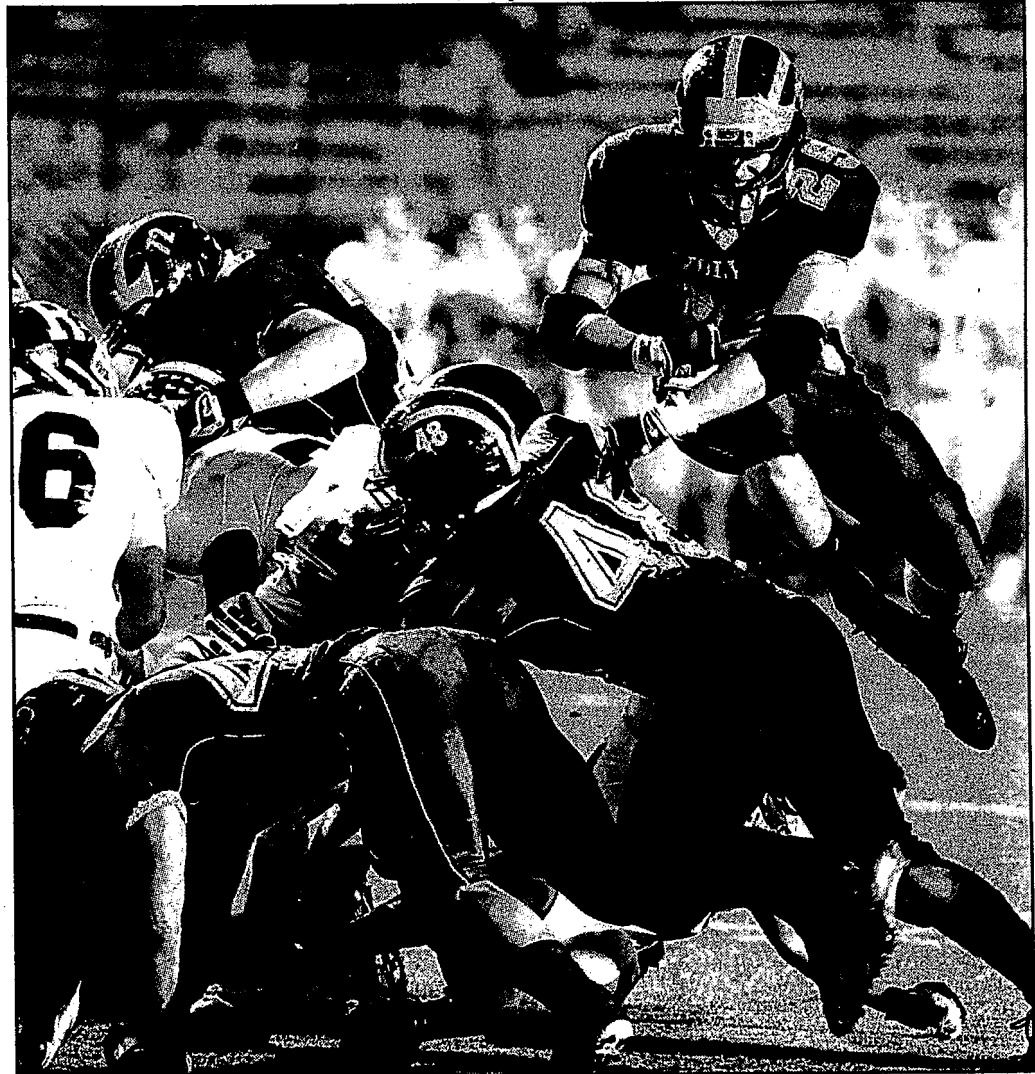
No Michigan weather was going to scare away fans during the second half of the game especially a little bit of rain and wind.

The fans were rewarded for their loyalty as the Wolves beat Rochester, 24-0.

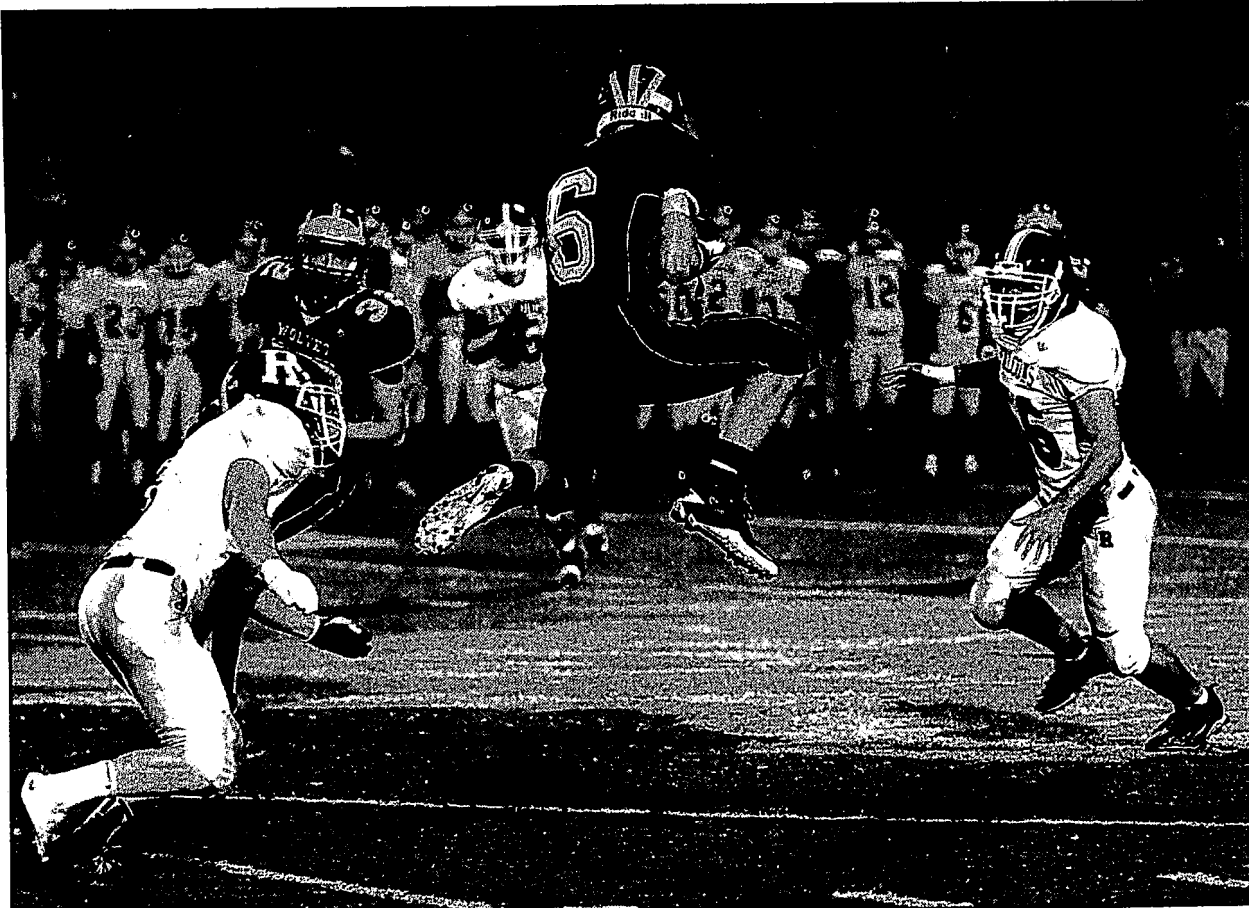
The game also included halftime per-

formances from the Lady Wolves Varsity Pom Pon team, the varsity cheerleaders and the Clarkston High School Marching band.

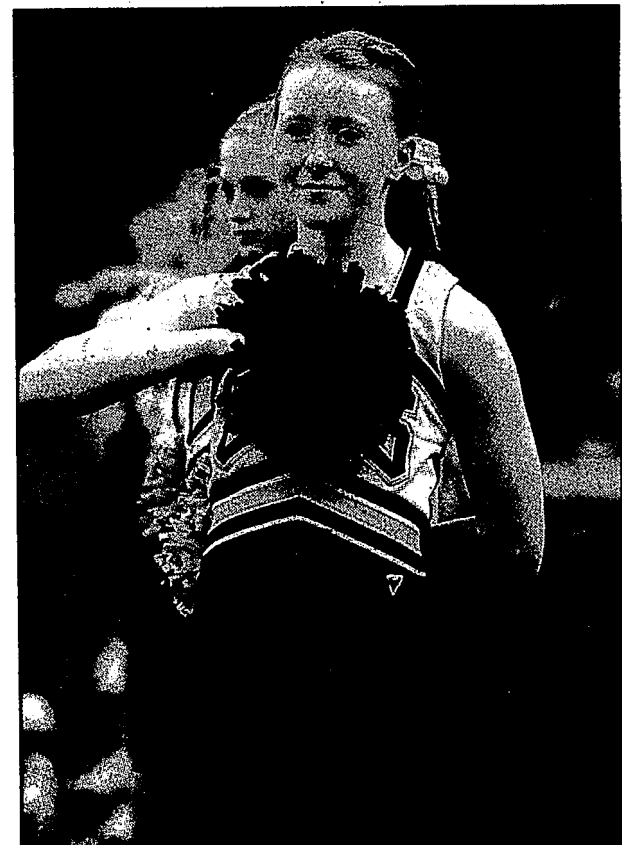
The varsity football team heads to Troy Athens this Friday as the Freshman and JV teams host their home openers this Thursday. The freshman start at 4:30 p.m. at the junior high, JV at 7 p.m. at the high school.



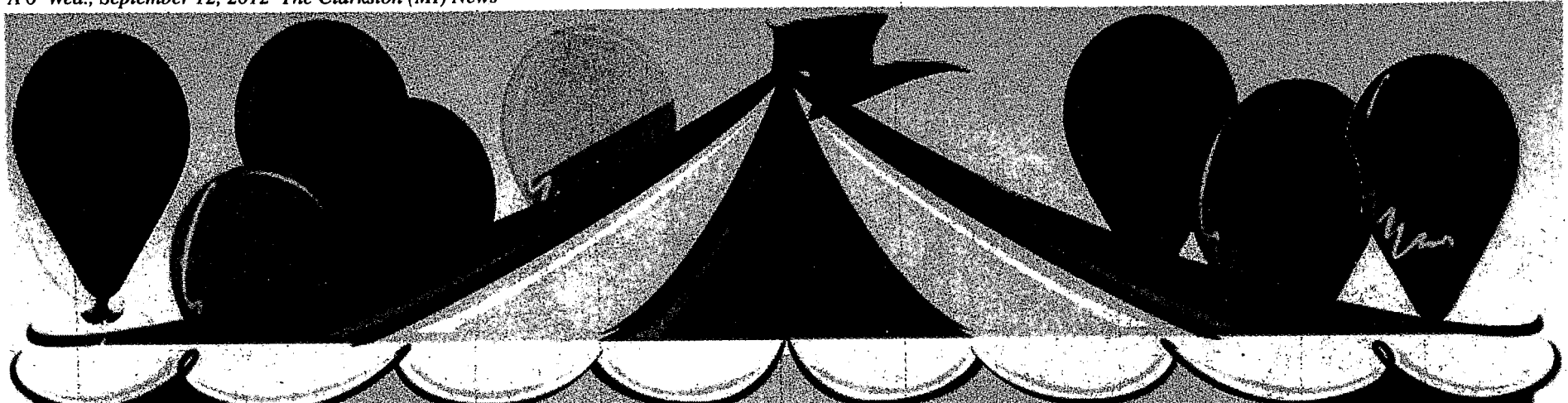
Ian Eriksen leaps past the players into the endzone. Photo by John Azzopardi



Jared Yaroch jumps to avoid two Rochester defenders. Photo by Larry Wright

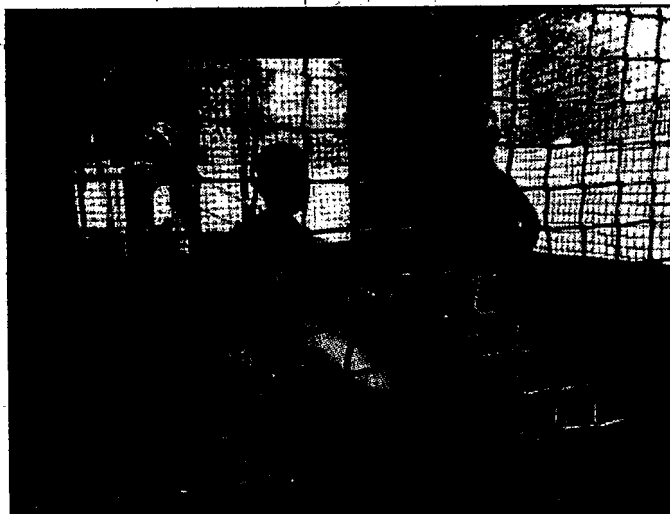


Hannah Wilson and the Clarkston Varsity Cheerleaders prepare for the National Anthem. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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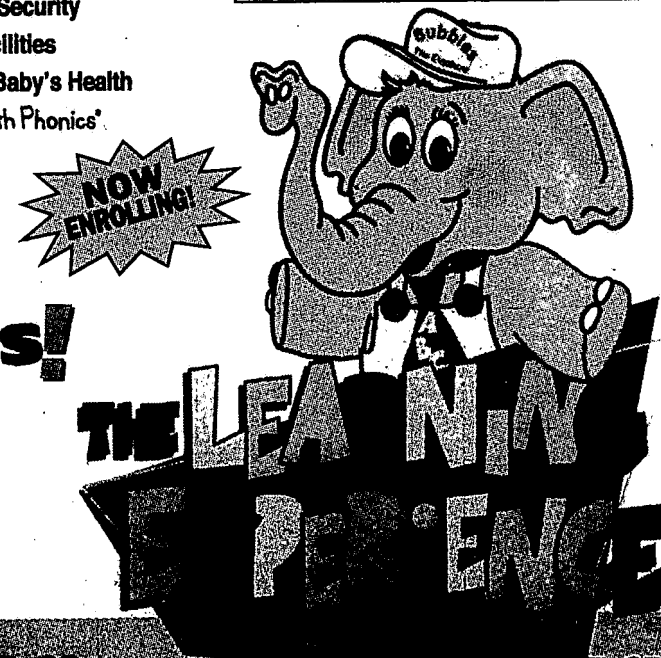
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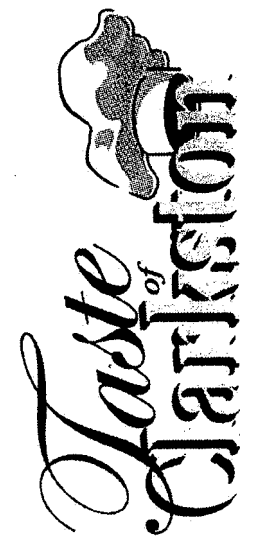
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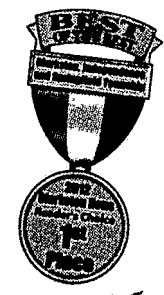


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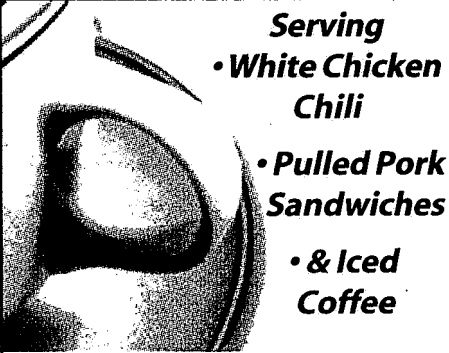
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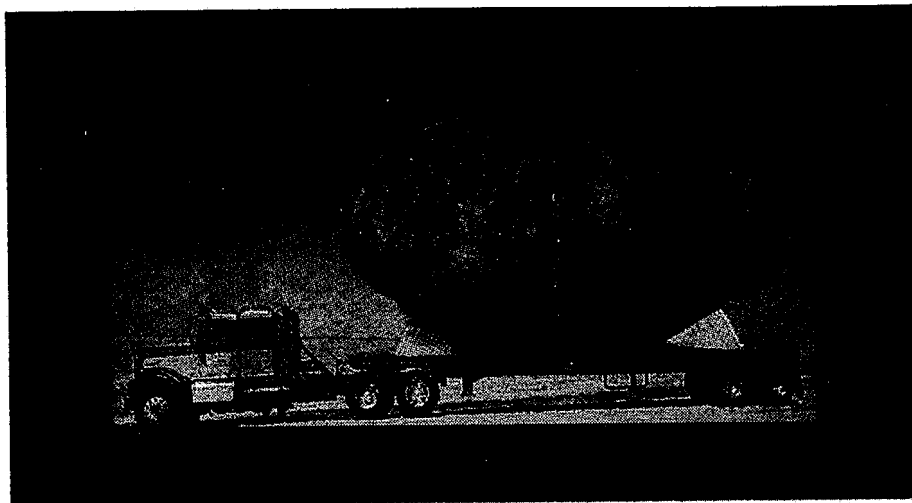
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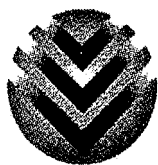


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Clowning around

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Mom Bucks works every time!

Here we are just getting into the groove of things with back to school, supplies, new clothes, school events, sporting events and last minute haircuts!

I miss my afternoon naps already! Soon we'll be in the groove and the summer will have been a blur!

Speaking of summer, I wanted to share with you one of my most brilliant ideas EVER! I had an opportunity to take my son, my nieces and nephew up to my parents place in Cheboygan for a long weekend, single-handedly.

My goal was to be present with them and have everything planed out so there would be no down time (unless it was planed) and no wasted time planning when we got there!

As I was jotting down what I would take for food, beach, boat, bonfires, etc.. My son and nephew got in an argument! I can't even remember about what. But it set off bells in my head that this could be one of many between the four kids during the course of the weekend. I had always wondered why my mom and dad freaked out so much when my brother and I broke out into a down and out fight!. It was no big deal back then.

Now that I am a parent I just can't handle the nitpicking, teasing, yelling, touching, hitting, and tattling! I knew right then that if this all happened with only me to be control the craziness there had to be a new system or motivation to keep them from being mean to each other and under control!

So I created MOM BUCKS! I printed on the computer on heavy card stock 4 on a page the then cut them the size of real money put a picture of ME in a circle on the mom buck and a 1 on each corner with the title under my picture "MOM BUCKS- it's up to you!" I gave each kid 5 Mom Bucks and then set out the rules...

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3. If you tattle you -loose a buck.

4. If you don't pick up your stuff and loose anything- you loose a buck

5. If at the end of the trip and you have all of your things in the right place you get a buck!

Do you see where I'm going with this? You can make up your own rules to eliminate any craziness you think you might have in a situation like this.

Shelly Says



Shelly Kovach

For the grand finale- the night before we leave for home we had a bon fire and at this bon fire we had a "talent show" where Gram and Papa were the judges. They decided on boys against the girls. The team that wins gets an extra \$20 to split in mom bucks!

This was not only entertaining for us adults, it created a great video that I will play at their graduations! It also kept them busy rehearsing for hours!~ which gave me time to visit and relax with my parents! Brilliant right?!

After the show was over Gram and Papa couldn't vote against any of their precious grandchildren! (Ruining my plan) so they called it a tie! They all got \$10 extra MOM buck.

On our way home the one that had the most money got to cash in his/her money for the real green stuff!

We all had so much fun with this game that they asked if NEXT YEAR WHEN WE COME "can we do the same game!?" I even heard them talking about their next talent show!

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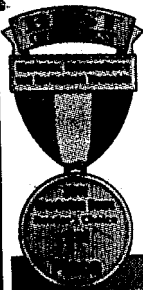
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Is Anson Rinewart stuck on the velcro wall or is the wall stuck on him?



A 1939 Packard was one of the classics at the car show.

One last taste of summer

Kids throughout the Clarkston area celebrated their last day of summer before school started on Sept. 4.

One of the places they headed with their families was to the First Congregational Church's annual Labor Day Fair.

The kids took to the Inflatable Playground and Treasure Chest area to climb, play, and throw at the dunk tank.

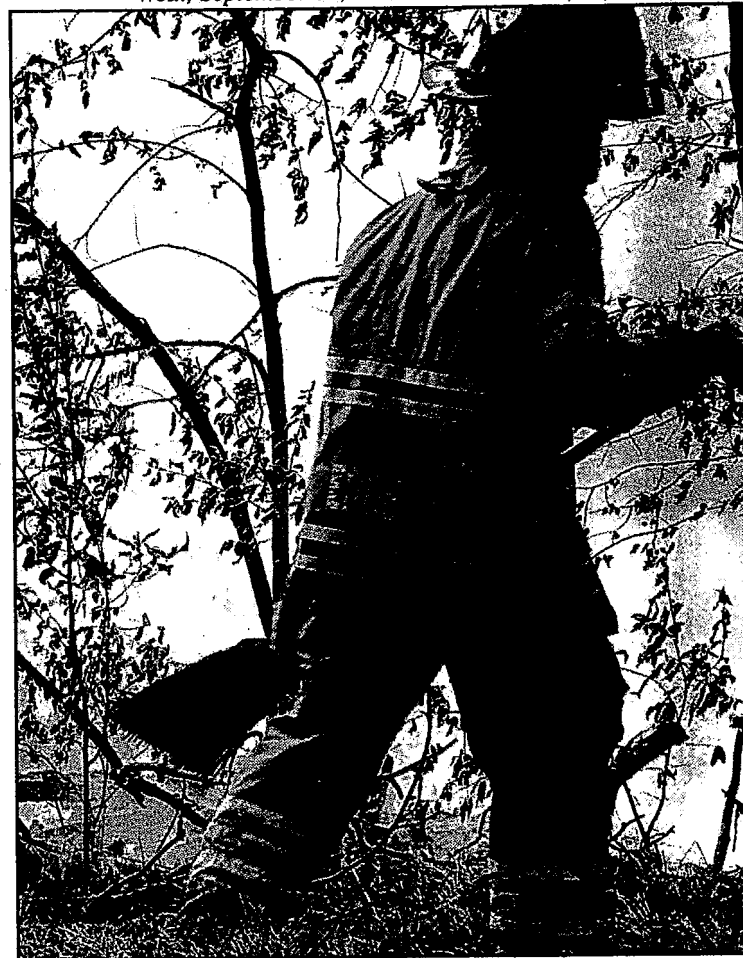
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Zoey DeNio watches the ducks in the pond as she picks which one to catch with the net.



At top from left, Firefighter Kevin Chenet and Engineer Bob Pursley operate a master stream while, at bottom from left, Engineer Mark Brown and Firefighter Gregg Mathiak work a handline to extinguish the blaze.



Engineer Carrie Erbe keeps the fire from spreading to the woods surrounding the house. Photos by Phil Custodio

House fire off Holcomb

No one was injured in a house fire in the 7000 block of Deer Acres Court, 9:42 a.m., Sept. 7.

An Oakland County Sheriff's deputy on patrol saw smoke from Dixie Highway and called it in. When he found the burning house off Holcomb Road, it was already fully ablaze.

Independence Township firefighters arrived to find the structure collapsed. With no fire hydrants in the area, Independence Township dispatched both of its tanker trucks, and Springfield and Brandon township firefighters also provided water.

The home was under construction and unoccupied, though a neighbor said the house has been known as a hangout for kids. The fire is under investigation by both Independence Township and sheriff's investigation units.

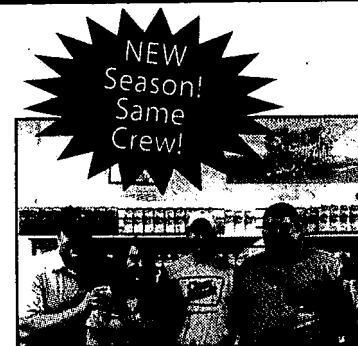
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Players' mystery offers twists, turns to very end

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Village Players offer a little bit of everything in their upcoming production "Murder by Misadventure."

The play, written by Edward Taylor, has elements of romance, comedy, mystery, and "twists and turns to the last second," said Director Karen McClellan.

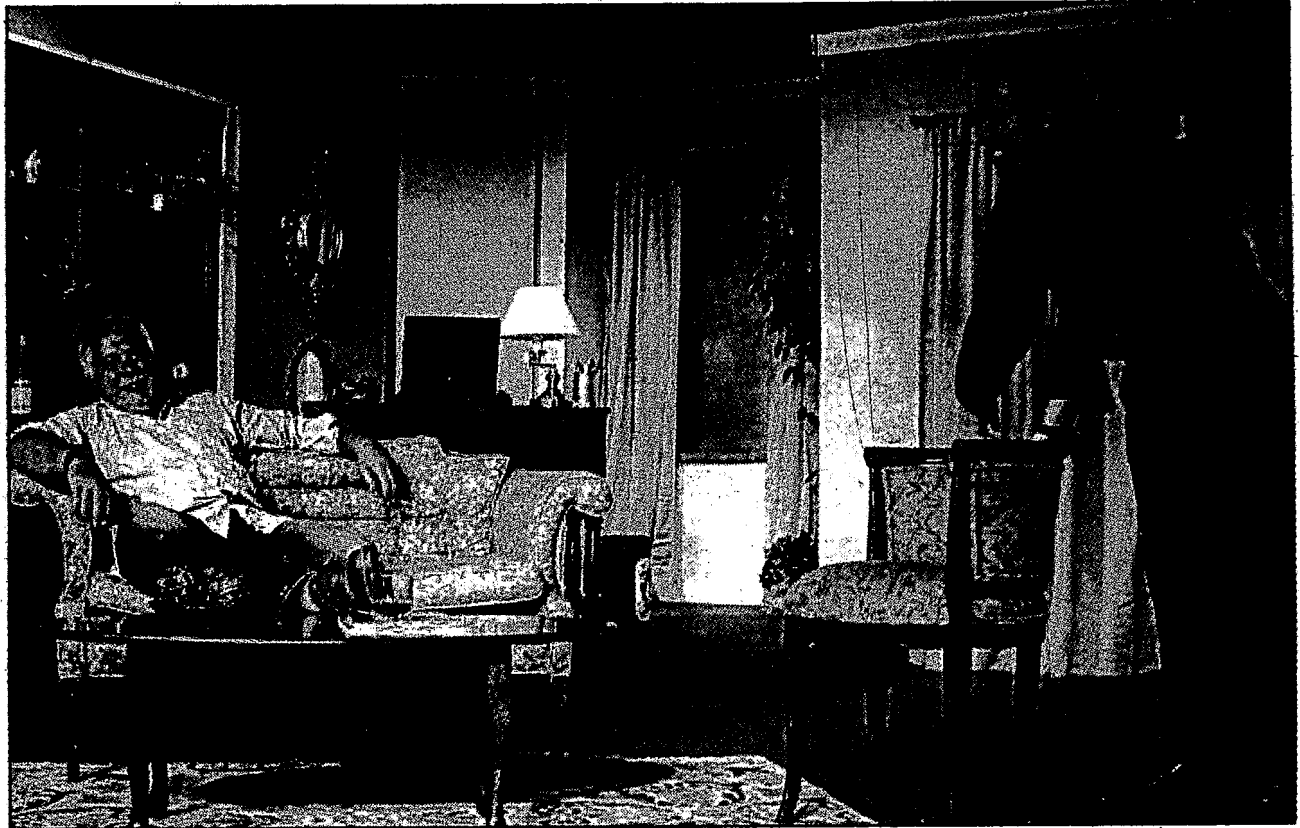
Like a plot of the TV crime stories they write, partners Harold Kent, acted by Dale Dobson, and Paul Riggs, performed by Steve Sanger, find themselves in a scenario full of intrigue.

Although Kent is ready to end his long-time partnership, Riggs has other ideas and resorts to blackmail. When Verne Vackaro as Inspector Egan gets involved, the writers' schemes don't turn out exactly as they planned.

While the play offers clues along the way, "the ending is very surprising," said McClellan who picked "Murder by Misadventure" because she likes its technical challenges.

For example, building the set was difficult due to the "working door wall" and quick changes like "blood that has to be cleaned between scenes" aren't easy to pull off.

On the other hand, McClellan says "we had a really good time all summer" preparing for the production. If you're interested in seeing a well written, smart murder mystery, go to performances of "Murder by Misadventure," Sept. 14-16 and 20-22. Find more information at www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.



Paul Riggs, left, and co-writer Harold Kent act out a scene in the Clarkston Village Players' mystery, "Murder by Misadventure." Photo by Mary Keck



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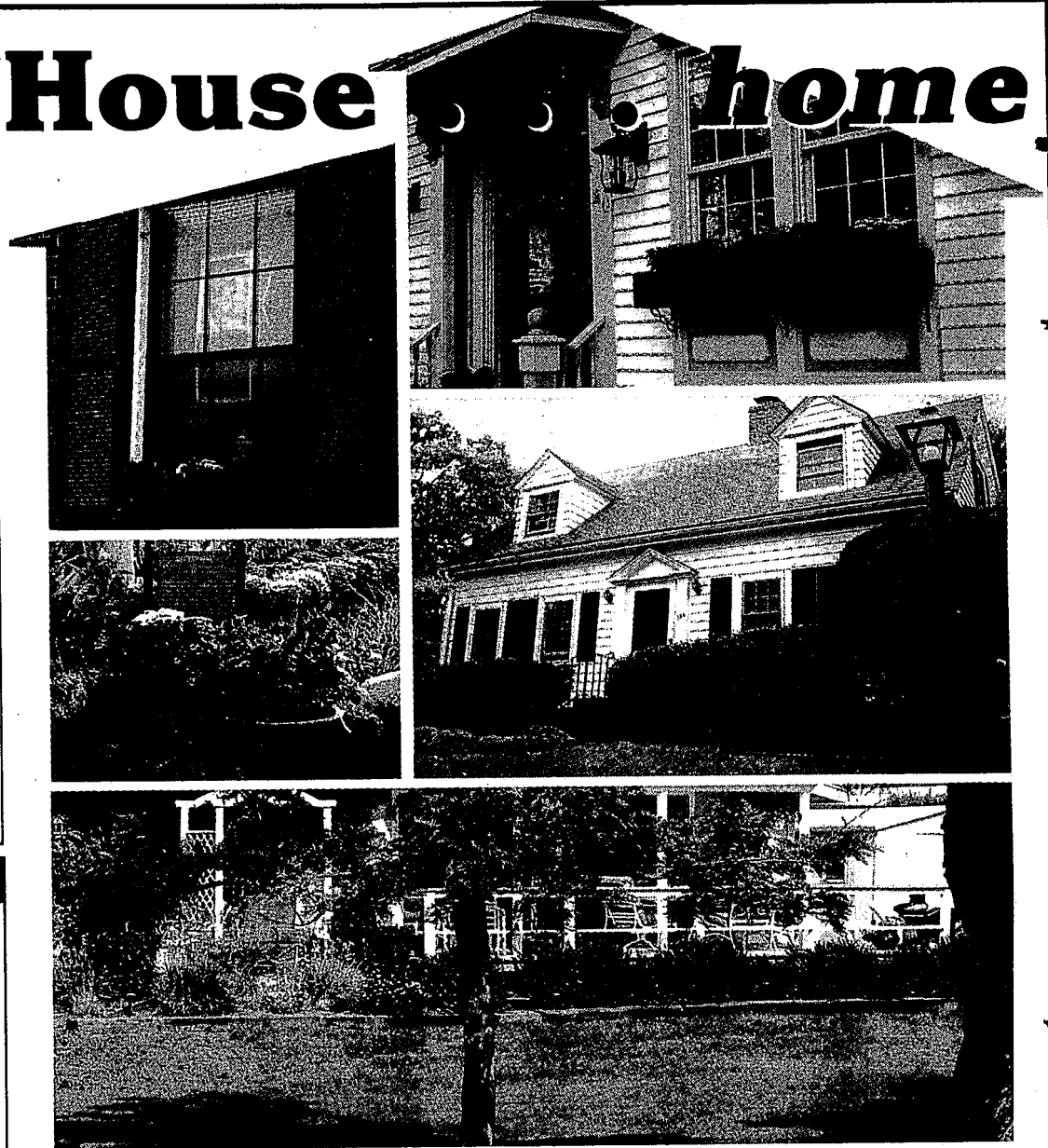
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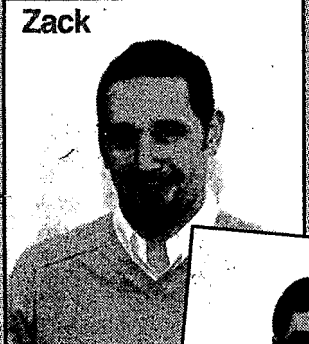
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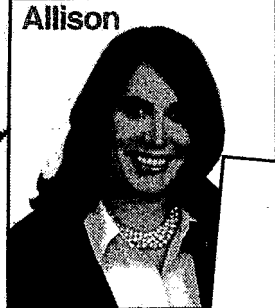
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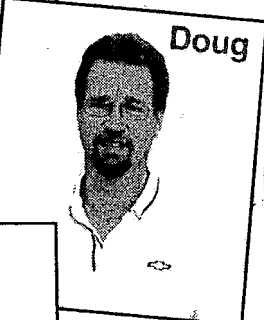
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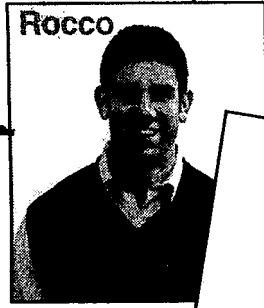
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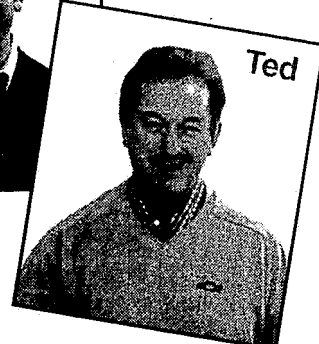
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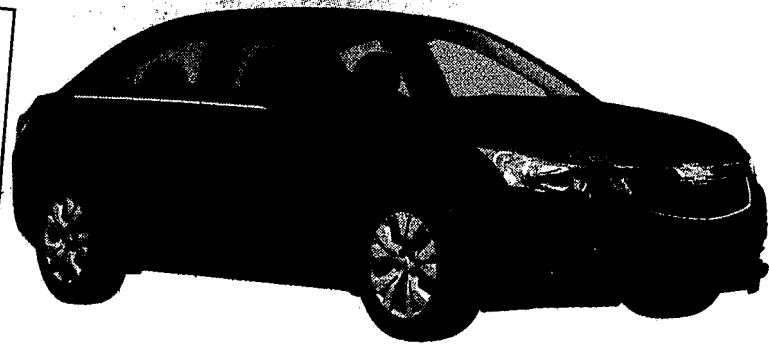
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People Poll
 September 12, 2012

Predictions for the 2012 Detroit Lions?



"11-5. I love their quarterback, Matt Stafford."

- Linda Kaul



"Not as well as Spartans (Michigan State University)."

- Jon Devine



"10-6. They will survive the first round of playoffs."

- Rick Butterfield



"8-8 because of their defensive backs and they have two starters hurt. I hope for 10-6."

- Tom Ellsworth

From Facebook -
 "12-4 making it to the 2nd round of playoffs."

- Liam Hansen

"I am predicting a good year. I have been a Lions fan - good or bad and that will never change. Go Lions!"

- Cherie Montpetit-Burns

By Wendi Reardon

The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

Taste of Clarkston turns downtown into outdoor feast

Main Street in historic downtown Clarkston is the spot for the 15th annual Taste of Clarkston Sunday, Sept. 23, 12-6 p.m. Co-hosted by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Independence Township, and City of the Village of Clarkston, this event features over 30 local restaurants and 50 exhibitors.

"We are very excited by the addition of Joe's Crab Shack, Lik Gelato Bar, Mesquite Creek, River Rock Bar & Grill and Wendy's to this year's lineup," Penny Shanks, Clarkston Area Chamber Executive Director said.

They will join returning restaurants Brioni's Café, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Bullfrogs Bar & Grill, Clarkston Union, Costco, Culligan, Culvers, Deer Lake Athletic Club, Essence on Main, Fountains Golf & Banquet, Gregg's Gourmet Café, Hamlin Pub, MacPhee's Restaurant and Pub, Mr. B's Roadhouse, Oakhurst Golf & Country Club, O'Malley's Galley, Paint Creek Country Club, Papa Romano's, Pete's Coney II, Pizzeria Dolce, Rainforest Café, Rudy's Gourmet Market and Catering, Stir Crazy, Toby Keith's I Love this Bar and Grill, Tropical Smoothie Café, Union Woodshop and Via Bologna.

The center stage features live music on Church Street. Entertainment sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group and Genisys Credit Union will include TJ Craven, The Locals, Solid Rockers and Toppermost (a Beatles Tribute Band).

For updated information on the restaurant menus, item prices and the entertainment schedule visit www.clarkston.org or like Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.

WSCX Classic Rock 94.7 will also be on site, broadcasting near the Taste of Clarkston People's Choice Award winner for 14 years in a row: The Clarkston Union.

Family friendly, Taste of Clarkston has no cover charge. Visitors purchase food tickets on site at the event in the quantity you want to use. There is no cost for children's activities and entertainment.



Union Woodshop owner Curt Catallo gets in the spirit of things at Taste of Clarkston. Photo provided

Rádio Disney 910 Road Crew is taking over the Washington Street parking lot providing live entertainment and activities. Additional KidZone activities in Depot Park including bounce houses and carnival games are made possible by the generous support of Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and The Learning Experience.

"This year we have also added a charitable component and focus for our event. Habitat for Humanity and Blessings in a Backpack will be on site with information and opportunities to show your support," adds Shanks.

The Rotary Beer and Wine Tent, Clarkston Union Oktoberfest Beer Tent and pop up entertainment offer lots of entertainment options for visitors. Head down to Depot Park for more exhibitors, restaurants and lots of KidZone activities.

Visitors to the Taste of Clarkston enjoy free parking and free shuttle bus service from nearby

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school lots: Clarkston Elementary, Clarkston Junior High School, Clarkston Renaissance High School off Waldon Road and Clarkston High School on Flemings Lake Road, starting 11:30 a.m. and running to 6:30 p.m.

Immediately following Taste of Clarkston, guests are encouraged to adjourn to Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass, Clarkston for a Benefit Concert with Alexander Zonjic and friends 6 p.m. While there is no charge for admission, a free will offering benefitting Habitat for Humanity will be taken during the event.

Taste of Clarkston is located on Main Street in the center of the village of Clarkston.

Take exit 91 off I-75, head south on Main Street and follow the detour signs to Clarkston High School.

Or take Exit 89 (Sashabaw Rd.), head South to Waldon Rd., turn right and follow the signs

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Annual Meeting, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m., Sept. 13, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane. Awards, officer induction, dinner. 248-625-8055.

Ladies of Lorelei in concert, four-person female a cappella group, 7 p.m., Sept. 14, KH Homes, 27 S. Main Street. Free. Donations benefit Clarkston Community Performing Arts.

Art in the Village, Clarkston Community Historical Society, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 15; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 16, Depot Park, 75 artists, with music, food, silent auction, antique tent sale. 248-342-9837.

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

Happy 60th Birthday, Classmates of 1970, 5 p.m., Sept. 15, Fountains, 6060 Maybee Road. All Clarkston alumni welcome. Call Laurie, 248-922-7009.

DSO in your Community concert presented by DTE Energy Foundation, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 20, Clarkston High School, 6595 Waldon Road. Reserve free tickets at dso.org/dtemusic. 313-576-5111.

Punt, Pass and Kick competition, Independence Township Parks and Rec, 10 a.m., Sept. 22, Clintonwood Park softball fields. Boys and girls ages 6-15. Free. Gym shoes only. 248-625-8223.

Taste of Clarkston, 12-6 p.m., Sept. 23, downtown Main Street. Over 30 restaurants featured, music, kids games. 248-625-8055.

Free Child ID Program, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 23, Cedar Masonic Lodge #60, 1 East Washington Street. Dental impression kit, CD with photo, video, digital fingerprints, vital information. Parents or guardians must fill out permission slip. 989-466-3087.

Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert, 6 p.m., Sept. 23, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Features Alexander Zonjic and Friends.

Bucks for Buses fundraiser for Independence Township Senior Transportation, 6 p.m., Sept. 27, Palazzo diBocce, 4291 Lapeer Road in Orion. \$40. 248-625-8231.

Treasures and Treats fall rummage and bake sale for Neighbor for Neighbor, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sept. 28-29, Hart Community Center, Mill Pond Park, Davisburg. 248-634-0900.

Around Town



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



ROCKING DTE: Aaron Lewis of the rock band Staind performs a song at their concert at DTE Energy Music Auditorium, Sept. 7. Lewis is releasing his second solo album "The Road" in November, and the Clarkston crowd got a sneak peak at it. Photo provided

Reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1965, 6 p.m., Sept. 29, Elk's Club, Waterford. Call Nyla, 248-969-7721.

Wild Night Out, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy 40th Birthday Bash, 6 p.m., Sept. 29, Springfield Oaks Activity Center. Dinner, dancing, raffles, auctions. \$60. 248-846-6547.

20-year reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1992, 7 p.m., Sept. 29, The Fountains, 6050 Maybee Road. Live performance by The Locals. Golf starts, 7 a.m., \$44.

One Hundred Mile dinner, 6 p.m., Sept. 29, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. All food grown within 100 miles of Clarkston. \$15/adult, \$8/ages 6-12, free/under 5. Free childcare. Program on Farmer's Markets and eating locally grown food follows dinner. 248-625-1611.

Weekend in the Country Shopping Festival & Vintage Market, Sept. 29-30, Springfield Oaks Fair Grounds. Vintage and antique deal-

ers, artisans, craftspeople, specialty foods, fresh local produce, food vendors. 734-459-0050.

Emily Schmidt Memorial Trunk or Treat Trot, 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, Oct. 27, 9 a.m. Each year we raise funds to benefit a charity or worthy project. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

Sunday

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

Monday

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 6:30 p.m., third Monday. In September, Deer Lake Back Court Res-

taurant, 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, 5:45 p.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.

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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.

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group. Please see Around Town on page 35B

About \$100,000 spent in primary races

BY MARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Candidates in the 2012 Primary raised over \$100,000 to fund their campaigns, according to finance reports submitted to County Clerk Bill Bullard on September 6.

Of the candidates for supervisor, Terry Fortuna raised the most at \$16,963 with \$15,500 being self-donated. Although he succeeded at obtaining more money than Pat Kittle, Fortuna's fundraising didn't gain him a win.

Kittle, who got the most votes, wasn't far behind in fundraising, however. He amassed \$15,625 for his campaign mainly through \$100 to \$500 donations from supporters. "I was very fortunate in that people in the community were very generous in donating," Kittle said.

Waring and Wallace both garnered almost \$13,000 to fund their bids for supervisor. Even though Wallace was outspent by about \$4,000 by both Kittle and Fortuna, he secured the second-highest number of votes. Kittle won by 38 percent with Wallace gaining 27 percent of Independence Township's votes.

While big spending may not have played a role in the supervisor's race, it may have made a difference in the election results for Clerk and Treasurer.

Incumbent Barb Pallotta acquired about \$5,000 more than her opponent Jeff Decker, and she achieved 70 percent of the

township's votes. "I couldn't afford one flyer," said Decker. "You've got to have funds," he said.

Presumptive treasurer Paul Brown accumulated \$14,655, twice as much as incumbent Curt Carson who raised \$6,980. Candidate Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki spent only \$1,750 on her bid for treasurer. Votes for Brown reached 43 percent while Carson votes came in at 41 percent, and 16 percent of the ballot went to Anderson-Bereznicki.

Among the eleven trustee-hopefuls in the primary, Jose Aliaga and Ron Ritchie gathered the most financial support. Aliaga raised \$9,115, and Ritchie raised \$6,765.06. With the exception of Joette Kunse who obtained almost \$2,000 for her campaign, most candidates for trustee didn't spend over \$1,000.

Andrea Schroeder, who will be on the November 6 ballot for trustee with Republicans Aliaga, Ritchie, and David Lohmeier, noted she had "fewer first time expenses" because she ran for trustee four years before. Schroeder was able to reuse signs, which saved her money that made a dent in first-time candidates' pocketbooks. Democrat candidates Jeremy Mitchell, Kevin Bushroe, and Joe Wauldron spent less than \$1,000 on the primary, but will face more opposition in November.

What did the candidates spend the money on? From mailers to ads in *The Clarkston News* to website

Candidate spending

Supervisor	Spent	Raised
Pat Kittle:	\$15,549.20	\$15,625
Terry Fortuna:	\$16,963	\$16,963.99
Neil Wallace:	\$11,229.29	\$12,865
Todd Waring:	\$12,519.93	\$12,722
Clerk		
Barb Pallotta:	\$5,228.71	\$6,575
Jeff Decker:	Less than \$1,000*	
Treasurer		
Curt Carson:	\$6,975.50	\$6,980
Paul Brown:	\$13,312.36	\$14,655
Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki:	\$1,750	\$1,750
Trustee		
Jose Aliaga:	\$8,829.73	\$9,115
Kevin Bushroe:	Less than \$1,000	
Brian Foster:	Less than \$1,000	
Joette Kunse:	\$1,819, (post-election finance report was not submitted by 9/6 deadline)	
David Lohmeier:	Less than \$1,000*	
Jeremy Mitchell:	Less than \$1,000*	
Al Pope:	Less than \$1,000*	
Bruce Quigley:	Less than \$1,000*	
Ron Ritchie:	\$6,016.78	\$6,765.06
Andrea Schroeder:	Less than \$1,000*	
Joe Wauldron:	Less than \$1,000*	

*Candidates' committees requested a reporting waiver because they did not intend to exceed raising \$1,000.

design and T-shirts, the candidates spent most of their money on advertising and fundraising events. For example, while Kittle participated in the Independence Day parade and held a fundraising

event, most of his campaign dollars were spent on mailers, signs, and newspaper ads. If you'd like to view the candidates' finance statements, go to www.oak.gov/clkrod/elections.

Township ends interdepartment administrative fees

BY MARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township's fire, police, safety paths, water, and sewer departments will have more money to spend in 2013. In a 3-2 vote, the township board eliminated administrative fees for next year during a budget meeting on August 21.

Clerk Barb Pallotta and Treasurer Curt Carson were opposed to getting rid of the fees while Trustees Neil Wallace, Larry Rosso, and David Lohmeier were in favor of the change.

The township charged police, fire, safety paths, sewer, and water departments about \$250,000 in administrative fees in 2012. They covered clerical services such as payroll, assessing, medical benefits programs, and tax collection. Now, the township's general fund balance will

bear those costs.

"There is a general fund millage; that millage is intended to pay for administrative services," said Wallace, who proposed the change. "It's not fair to have a general fund millage and at the same time be taking money from these departments."

Treasurer Carson disagreed, "If we eliminate them totally we will create an undue burden on our general fund."

From Wallace's perspective, "If there's not enough money in the general fund to cover these things, then what [the board] should do is go to the public and say we need more money to run the basic administration of the township."

In other words, the township would put a millage increase on the ballot. No board members were in favor of asking the public for more

millage.

Carson is concerned that while each department will be able to use the money that would otherwise go to administrative fees, they might lose in other ways.

"In a grant application, the grant will pay up to 10 percent for administrative fees. If you're not paying administrative fees, you can't request that. We can't potentially pick that up from either state or federal grants," he said.

On the other hand, "the departments will have the additional resources they need to perform the functions citizens expect from them," said Wallace.

For Wallace, eliminating administrative fees was about transparency. During the meeting, he wondered if the fire millage increase would have passed, "on Aug. 7 if you

included [ballot] language that said \$93,040 of the money you're voting on will be diverted to the general fund. I think we would have lost the increase."

"The public wants to know how every dime is used," Rosso said. "I see credibility is involved here."

"It's very transparent in the budget. It's never been a secret. We've openly discussed it numerous times as well," said Carson. "Almost all communities around us charge administrative fees."

Waterford, for instance, charges \$1,043,557.

"I'm not impressed with what other governments are doing," Wallace said. "We're a community a cut above in many respects, and this should be one of them." The township holds budget meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

Briefly

Siren tests

Residents can expect to hear short bursts from warning sirens through the end of the month.

The warning sirens will undergo routine maintenance in September, and once the work is completed, the sirens will be tested for about 30 seconds to ensure they are functioning properly.

If locals hear a siren lasting three minutes, you are advised to seek shelter and listen to the radio or turn on the television for more information.

Homecoming

Clarkston High School's Homecoming is approaching fast.

The week is filled with fun activities for students and the community, beginning with Battle of the Bands, Mon., Sept. 24 at the Performing Arts Center, \$1 admission, 5 p.m.

The Powder Puff football game is Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the high school stadium, \$5 admission, 7 p.m.

The boys varsity football game is Friday, Sept. 28 at the stadium, 7 p.m.

The homecoming dance is Sat., Sept. 29 for high school students, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Outdoor movie

The Clarkston High School presents their 2nd Annual Cinema Under the Stars, Sept. 22.

They are showing *Despicable Me* at 8 p.m. at the high school football field.

Tickets are available for \$4 before the event through the high school's main office, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Please call for hours, 248-623-3600. Tickets are \$5 at the door, and concessions are available. Gates open at 7:30 p.m.

Ladies of Lorelei

Ladies of Lorelei four-person female a cappella group performs, 7 p.m., Sept. 14. KH Homes, 27 S. Main Street. Admission is free. Donations benefit Clarkston Community Performing Arts.

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Board split on Belcher

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

David Belcher retained his position as the head of the Building Department after a contentious township board meeting on Sept. 4. However, he must continue to report to Superintendent Bart Clark.

Three motions, one to keep Belcher as building inspector with oversight and additional staff, another to immediately terminate Belcher, and a motion to reclassify Belcher as building inspector, failed because the board was split each time.

Trustee Mark Petterson, who hadn't attended a regular board meeting since April 3, tied every vote.

During the meeting, Trustee Neil Wallace drew attention to Petterson's absence, to which Petterson responded, saying he attended because "I heard the garbage that you're pulling here tonight."

The only successful motion in regard to the building department was to hire a new full-time building inspector, which passed 4:2 with Wallace and David Lohmeier voting against it.

After the votes had been tallied, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union made it clear that Belcher could no longer perform building inspections.



"I heard the garbage that you're pulling here tonight."

- Mark Petterson

AFSCME agreed to allow Belcher to carry out inspections until Dec. 31, 2011, because of the building department's stretched staff. They currently have only three employees.

Even though the agreement with AFSCME had expired in December, Belcher was still conducting building inspections.

As Wallace put it, "we are in violation of the union contract and have been for months, and that's just simply wrong to other employees of the township."

AFSCME gave Belcher 72 hours to complete any other inspections.

Belcher who chose to have his performance evaluation done in an open session, did not return repeated calls and emails for comment.

The board's next meeting will take place on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall.

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Wireless access for Clarkston High

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston High School's cafeteria and performing arts center are set for wireless connection to the Internet.

"By having limited wireless capability in the high school, we can expand learning opportunities for our students," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

Clarkston School Board Trustee Rosalie Lieblang tried to put the brakes on the \$15,000 purchase at an Aug. 27 special meeting, making a motion to postpone purchase and place the wireless-technology item on the next meeting's agenda.

"I asked several times during the budgetary process about technology upgrades and was told we weren't doing it," Lieblang said. "Now, we are doing it."

Trustee Susan Boatman agreed the purchase wasn't discussed during budget hearings in June.

Technology presentations at the June 11 and 25 meetings focused on a future \$1.6 million, district-wide infrastructure upgrade project, which would be needed before wireless technology could be installed.

Lieblang pointed to the district's purchasing policy, which says the board "should be advised, for prior approval, of all purchases of equipment, materials, and services when the purchase was not contemplated during the budgeting process." However, the motion was

defeated, 3-3.

Once the budget is approved, administrators are empowered to spend the funds as they see fit, said board Vice President Elizabeth Egan.

"We approved the budget - postponing this acquisition seems nonsensical," Egan said.

Treasurer Steve Hyer said he was uncomfortable with the discussion, as it was not on the agenda.

"I see no need to second guess administration," Hyer said. "The purchasing process is in the hands of very capable people - there is a need for this."

When asked later if the purchase was to facilitate the upcoming Project Zero Conference, Dr. Rock said, "While it is true that the Project Zero conference may benefit from the presence of wireless technology at CHS, so does the entire community when using CHS as well as our entire staff during Professional Development days."

The purchase is consistent with the district's Strategic Plan, in the wake of the defeat of the proposed \$20 million school bond last May, he said.

"Since last May's election, we have re-evaluated our strategy for providing wireless access to the students and staff who could make the best direct use of it," he said.

Students will use the wireless access to pursue online courses using their own devices, he added.

"Even though access is extremely limited, it allows high school students to experience the type of environment they will encounter in college," he said. "We will continue to explore means with our school board and community to meet our biggest challenges - updating our educational infrastructure."

The location of the wireless routers is not set in stone, he said.

"For now the devices are somewhat portable," he said. "However, the plan is for district and building staff to work together to determine the most appropriate locations for wireless access at the building."

Project Zero Conference, Nov. 1-3, will bring 1,000 educators from around the world to Clarkston.

"We are very excited about the Project Zero Conference," Rock said. "This is an amazing opportunity for our school district - we are the first public school district in the world to host a Project Zero Conference."

Clarkston teachers will get to hear from the world's leading thinkers as it directly relates to our district's vision, mission, and learner profile, he said.

Parents are invited to the conference on Saturday, Nov. 3. On Nov. 1, parents have an opportunity to visit classrooms and see teachers and students engaged in a Culture of Thinking.

"We're hopeful that the community will also get involved with the conference," Rock said.

Historical Society hosts art in park

Blown glass, wearables, paintings, photography, jewelry, wood works and other necessities from hand-selected merchants will fill Depot Park for Clarkston's 39th annual Art in the Village, Sept. 15-16.

"Art in the Village is a signature Clarkston event, and many of our artists say it is their favorite show," said Jennifer Arkwright, Clarkston Community Historical Society president.

The juried show, hosted by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, will be 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday.

The Clarkston Union restaurant has signed on as a presenting sponsor, offering its famous Mac & Cheese as well as other selections.

"We are thankful that the Union's generous involvement this year will add a delicious new dimension to our show."

Art in the Village is the historical society's primary fundraiser, supporting Clarkston Heritage Museum, purchase and restoration of Clarkston artifacts, and educational activities throughout the year.

In addition to decorative, functional and wearable art by nearly 90 artisans, the event features live music, children's activities, and food sold by local nonprofit organizations.



Patrons at last year's Art in the Village admire paintings in downtown Clarkston.

The society will sell doughnuts and locally pressed cider.

"Despite damage to the Michigan apple crop, our supplier assures us we'll have all the cider our guests can drink," said Arkwright.

The Antique Tent will be brimming with donated antiques and collectibles for sale, thanks to several large donations throughout the year.

A Silent Auction Tent features items generously donated to the Historical Society by show artists. The Historical Society also

will sell shirts, bags, hats, blankets, note cards and other Clarkston merchandise. The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club returns with fresh-cut flower arrangements and mums.

The society is still accepting donations of antiques and collectibles for the antique sale. Donors will receive a tax receipt listing the fair market value of donated items.

For more information, call the Clarkston Heritage Museum at 248-922-0270. Smaller items can be dropped off at the Clarkston DPW garage on Friday, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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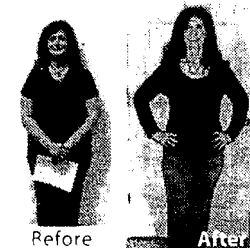
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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Crack open that ole Constitution

There are a lot of ballot initiatives to vote on this November, including five proposed amendments to the Michigan constitution.

Times have changed. Two of the proposals are to strengthen unions – partially unionizing home healthcare workers and making collective bargaining a right. Having these measures in the cradle of the union movement doesn't bode well for our unionized brothers and sisters.



A third is to require voters to approve any new bridge or tunnel to Canada, which seems awfully specific for a constitutional amendment. Fourth, require a 2/3 majority in the state house or statewide vote to increase taxes.

The last one is to mandate renewable energy in Michigan, 25 percent by 2025 – "25 by 25."

It's catchy, with "25" in there twice. It'll create 74,000-94,000 jobs to Michigan, supporters say.

What would be nice is if there were some way to hold whoever came up with those numbers to account. Something like, if it creates fewer jobs, if it only creates 73,999 jobs, go to prison until 2025. They can call it something like, "if the numbers don't jive, you go to prison until 2025." or something.

Independent Tea Party Patriots host a Ballot Proposal Educational Meeting this evening, 6:30 p.m., at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road, which I'll be checking out.

Manny Lopez, managing editor of Michigan Capitol Confidential, will present information – check www.itpp.us.

I'll check other sources, too.

Eleven years after Sept. 11, 2001, New York's doing pretty good building the Freedom Tower complex, and they finally got the museum open. Stories are still coming out about the attacks.

Apparently a man wrote a note while trapped high in the World Trade Center, and it finally reached his family. He wrote "84th floor, West Office, 12 people trapped – it just changes everything."

It did change everything.

The Clarkston News Viewpoints

O'Neill favors dismantling CON process for hospital

Dear Editor,

This Certificate Of Need process for McLaren Hospital is a perfect example of why the government intrusion into medicine or almost anything sacred or personal in the private sector is a disaster. The last two hospitals in Oakland County were "lame duck" decisions by the legislature.

I was chief of staff at the old Pontiac General Hospital when we were going to rebuild it.

I advised the City Commissioners that we had three excellent hospitals in Pontiac and there were none between Flint and Pontiac. I was advised by the City Commissioners that they had lost the courthouse and the airport and didn't want to lose the hospital.

I said you could still own it in Clarkston, Waterford, or even West Bloomfield and it would bring the communities together.

You know the rest of the story, it

eventually closed. The CON process should be relegated to the ash heap of history.

In Arizona many years ago, they had several hospitals vying for CONs and they got rid of the process.

The result was that the hospitals worked together and reduced the number of new hospitals to a very few and only when they were needed. We have been privileged to care for our patients in our home and the Care Center for over 50 years.

We want to continue our urgent care for another 50 years and we need and deserve a hospital next door.

With the cost of transportation, traffic jams and long wait times in the ER, it is time for us to have our own hospital here in Clarkston.

Sincerely,

James A. O'Neill, MD
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Reader hopes you'll visit Clarkston Farmers' Market

Dear Editor,

If you have visited the Clarkston Farmers Market when we were located at Depot Park in previous year, we were closed because of Art in the Park. This year, we will be open, Saturday, Sept. 15, because we are now in our new location at Renaissance High School on Waldon Road from 8 a.m.-1 pm.

This past Saturday, we had the Gratitude

Steel Band with us until 10 a.m.

We have asked and they have accepted our invitation to return this Saturday, Sept. 15, to entertain the market visitors.

They will be there from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. So come to the market and enjoy great entertainment and visit with our vendors.

Joe Wauldron
Independence Township

Veterans at Post 377 say thank you for donation

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank you and *The Clarkston News* for the generous donation to our American Legion Post 377.

We are in a continuous mode of raising funds to support our post and the many veterans in need. Without the support from our functions and donations, we cannot

serve our veterans and community.

On behalf of the brave men and women who keep us free, the veterans at Post 377 and our members would like to again say thank you.

Robert E. Jones
Chairman, Trustee Board,
American Legion Post 377

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A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Savage walks out of city meeting"

After running into a dead end with his pitch for a new city planner, David Savage just ran. Savage, a councilman on the Clarkston city council, walked out during the middle of Monday's regular meeting when he couldn't get council support on retaining the services of Hyett-Palma, a firm specializing in revitalizing small downtowns like Clarkston.

"Mess on Main St." A contamination cleanup project has turned out to be more costly than Morgan's ever imagined. Just after Labor Day a construction company began excavation work at Morgan's Service on Main St. in order to remove an underground storage tank that's caused ground contamination from leaked motor oil. The company had to dig in front of and just underneath the garage, but found a surprise – two more storage tanks farther back.

25 years ago - 1987

"More kids" About 150 more students enrolled in Clarkston schools this year than expected, said William Neff, director of administrative services in the district. Last year, they predicted a loss of about 46 students, and the preliminary numbers show an increase of about 106, he said at the Monday board meeting. The added students mean several classes are overcrowded, and four elementary classrooms are split-levels, he said.

"Township rezones parcel despite objection" Against the owner's wishes, the Independence Township Board approved the first reading to rezone 20 acres on Sashabaw Road to research office from rural residential and commercial.

50 years ago - 1962

"Village Players start second year"

Clarkston Village Players, which was rapidly becoming one of this community's most interesting groups, started rehearsals for the first show of its season, "Inherit the Wind." Mrs. Frank Reynolds and Paul Bennett were co-directors.

"Couple Wed 50 years" Mr. and Mrs. John L. Fink of Perry Lake Rd celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, September 7th. Last Sunday, 36 guests were invited to a dinner given in their honor, at their Perry Lake Road home. The Finks are the parents of 3 daughters, 6 grand children and 10 great-grandchildren.

Financial reporting by the two sexes

It was a slow news night, and I decided to watch the evening news on something besides Fox. I switched to ABC and David Muir.

Financial news has been rather depressing, but I waited for some hope for change.

Muir's first interview was with a gal who appeared to have been designer dressed to emphasize and reveal.

She sat on about three inches of butt on a wooden chair extenuating her positives, front and back, facing Muir. She started by describing the "plunging" figures on Wall Street. Soon there was a hem line comparison as she said some technical stocks were "creeping" up.

The male stock reporter was next. He plops full on the chair, recites Dow Jones Industrial averages, says something about the Chinese and European markets and hints of a recessions, oil embargoes and wakens Muir.

The above view is from a male chauvinist pig.

Consider the kind of burdens our military is bearing:

- In World War II, 11.2% of our nation served in four years.
- In Vietnam, 4.3 % served in 12 years.

• Since 2001, only 0.45% of our population has served in the Global War on Terror.

Over time, fewer and fewer people have shouldered more and more of the burden and it is only getting worse.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Our troops were sent to war in Iraq by a Congress consisting of 10% veterans with only one person having a child in the military.

My partial "Aging" list:

• My wild oats have been turned into prunes and All Bran.

• It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

• The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the

bathroom.

• If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

• It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.

• These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. Then I go somewhere to get something and

then wonder what I'm here after.

Sherman Publications hired Larry Hauxwell as a helper (printer's devil) over 50 years ago. He's still our pressman.

I wrote a Jottings column about Larry and his love of snakes in 1956. That summer Larry found three blue racers at a peat farm south of Oxford.

Larry had to have them. He and his buddies brought them home and put them in the trunk of their car. The next day when they went to get the snakes, they found only two.

A couple days later they took the car to Pontiac. On their way back they picked up a hitchhiker, who took a seat in the back.

A little later their attention was drawn to the back seat by an imperceptible noise.

When they looked around they saw the hitchhiker's eyes were bulging, his white lips spread apart from a stifled scream, his hands were thrown upward and his face a solid white . . . and the missing blue racer was sliding across his lap.

Larry couldn't understand why the boy was all worked up.

Hay-hay, Boo-Boo. Where's the pic-a-nic basket?

Like Yogi, son Shamus, 14, is smarter than the average bear.

However, I am afraid to say, my oldest male cub has picked up at least one of Papa Bear's bad habits -- he likes to "collect" stuff other folks have discarded. I think he enjoys looking for things he can fix, salvage or sell.

I reckon it's like bears in the national parks rummaging through garbage piles -- you never know when you're gonna' find something good.

Yep, I freely admit that Papa Bear Rush is solely to blame for Shamus' quirk of picking through other peoples' curb-side junk. Once you get over the idea that saving something from the landfill is not an embarrassing thing, collecting stuff is relatively easy, if not ecologically beneficial.

I remember my own forays into trash. Heck, it's how I got my first set of golf clubs in the 10th grade. Picked 'em out of my neighbor's trash, bag and all. They were a little short for me, the leather grips a little worn and slippery; the steal shanks and heads were a little rusty for most folks' tastes, but I kept and used them for at least a dozen years. I thought they were cool -- they were official "Ben Hogan" approved.

When I was a lad of about Shamus'

age, myself and another lad of Shamus' age, whose last name also started with an "R" used to enjoy exploring the old garbage "dumps" of Independence Township. We'd ride our bikes to different places and go out into the woods and start picking around. Soon we find old colored glass stuff, mason jars, medicine bottles, plates and cups, buried under leaves, roots and dirt.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

I think we thought we could sell our booty for a tidy little profit. (For years the stuff just sat in boxes in my folks' basement. I don't think we ever sold a dime's worth of crap. Of course, this was way before E-bay made selling crap easy. Hmm? I wonder what happened to those boxes?)

By the way folks, those types of treasure piles are still out there and you can still find them -- in Clarkston, Oxford, Ortonville and into Goodrich. Anywhere where farmers once owned large tracks of land but are now covered by 50 years or more of woods, if you scout out a bit you can find where they dumped their trash and maybe, you too can find some-

thing cool.

What's neat about this is all the crap and stuff deteriorated decades ago and what's left is the nifty glass and metal things of an age long gone by.

Shamus, younger brother Sean and I discovered one of these piles of crap whilst hiking in the woods this past spring. Ah, the wonders of the wilds -- you just never know what adventures you'll stumble upon. I try to teach the boys to keep their eyes open and to be observant so they won't miss any opportunities that present themselves.

I'll give him this, at least Shamus has paid attention to Papa Bear's instructions.

On his own, he's dragged home hunks of metal, wire and most recently an old, and obviously not working 27-inch television set.

He found it somewhere in the 'hood and lugged it home (where he quickly scavenged the set's speakers.) And that was that. Were it not for some gentle coaxing from a certain parental unit (not me), the tv would still be sitting somewhere in the way of humanity.

I told Shamus to load the set into the back of my SUV and that I would take care of it . . . that was on Friday night. By the third quarter of Sunday's Detroit Lions and St. Louis Rams football con-

test it was still in the back of said suburban utility vehicle. But, by the time another Detroit Lion dropped another pass or threw another interception, my mind wandered to that non-working tv and then another non-working tv yet to be tossed in the heap of un-wanted junk (read my July 25 column, "I am shocked . . . or is it shocking? The walking EMP ready to wreck stuff.")

I went out to Shamus' find, popped the back off that tv, popped out the fuse and then came back inside to the big 32-inch television set that has set dormant in my home since July. I opened it up, switched out the fuses, wiggled all the wires and connections, vacuumed 16 years worth of dust from in and around the picture tube . . . and . . . plugged her in.

BAM!

It worked -- and all because Shamus picked some trash. Good job, son! Step Two in Don's Trash Collecting Ways is to teach him to watch out for the Ranger Smith's of the real world.

* * *

As you read this the speakerless, and fuseless tv still sits in the back of my SUV . . . any ideas where I should take it? E-mail, Don@ShermanPublications.org.



Don't miss your free prostate cancer screening

One in six men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime, and according to the American Cancer Society, if you are age 50 or older, you should consider an annual prostate cancer screening. For those at high risk, including African-American men and men who've had a father, brother or son diagnosed with prostate cancer, a reasonable age range for initial screening is 40-45.

Now, thanks to McLaren Cancer Institute, McLaren Oakland, McLaren Oakland Riley Foundation and Oakland County Urologists, you can get a free prostate cancer screening during selected dates in September.

To register for your free screening, please call 248.338.5389.

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Wednesday, Sept. 12

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Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Scooter swiped

Someone took a push scooter leaned against a fence while its owner was at Clarkston Junior High School, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Aug. 28.

Garage break-ins

Lawn and garden equipment was taken from a garage in the 6000 block of Waterford Hill Terrace, Aug. 29. There was no sign of forced entry.

Golf clubs were taken from a garage in the 5000 block of Scott Circle, Aug. 29.

Someone broke a sliding glass door in the back of a home in the 9000 block of Wabun Drive, Aug. 30.

Cars targets for theft

The car radio was taken from an unlocked car parked in the 5000 block of Willowpark, Aug. 29.

Someone forced open a car window in the 6000 block of Lancasterlake Court, Sept. 3, and took a purse.

Shoplifter arrested

A store employee saw a 21-year-old Independence Township woman concealing make-up items in her purse, 12:14 p.m., Aug. 30, in the 5000 block of S. Ortonville Road. Deputies tracked her license plate number to her home, where they found her with \$72 in items. She was arrested for retail fraud, third degree.

Volleyball net damaged

A volleyball net was cut to pieces, and damage done to mail boxes and yard signs in the 1000 block of Klais Drive, Aug. 31.

Golf cart stolen

Someone took a golf cart while its driver was inside eating dinner, Aug. 31, in the 6000 block of Maybee Road, Aug. 31. The cart was later found, but the set of golf clubs in it were missing.

Underage drinking on beach

Deputies found several teenagers and empty bottles of beer at a beach party near Middle Lake Road and Pinehurst Court, 12:20 a.m., Sept. 1. They arrested an 18-year-old Independence Township man, 19-year-old Clarkston man, 19-year-old Independence Township man, and 20-year-old Independence Township man for underage consumption of alcohol.

Break in

Someone cut a lock to break into a business in the 4000 block of White Lake Road, Sept. 4, and took power equipment and scrap metal.

Armed robbery

Deputies are seeking three suspects in connection with an armed robbery of an Independence Township couple, 11:40 p.m., Sept. 6.

The couple, who live on Fay Street, said they were interviewing two men as possible clients for their medical marijuana clinic.

After perusing the couple's marijuana offerings, the suspects allegedly pulled pistols, fired off at least one round over the couple's heads, and hit the male resident in the face when he complained. They then made off with six mason jars of marijuana, worth about \$2,500, the victim said.

The victim was treated and released at McLaren Hospital in Pontiac.

Deputies have a warrant for the arrest of a 27-year-old Pontiac man in connection with the case. Investigation continues.

Front door kicked in

A resident in the 5000 block of N. Marshbank reported someone tried to kick in the front door, Sept. 2.

Dishwasher dumped

A witness reported seeing someone dumping a dishwasher in an empty field in the 6000 block of Waldon Center Drive, 5:05 p.m., Sept. 2, providing a license plate number. Deputies tracked the number to a nearby home and spoke to a 16-year-old Independence Township boy, who admitted to dumping the appliance. The deputy said the boy could avoid prosecution if he picked up other items dumped there.

Passenger with open beer

Employees called deputies to report a possible drunk driver with children in his van, 5:40 p.m., Sept. 3, in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway. Deputies arrived when the van was pulling onto the road, and pulled it over. The driver hadn't been drinking, but the passenger, a 41-year-old Clarkston man, had been. The passenger, who had four prior alcohol-related offences and a revoked license, had an open can of beer and was cited for open intoxicants.

Soliciting without license

Deputies cited a 20-year-old Canton man, 28-year-old Alabama man, and 30-year-old Texas man for soliciting without permits in Independence Township subdivisions, Sept. 5.

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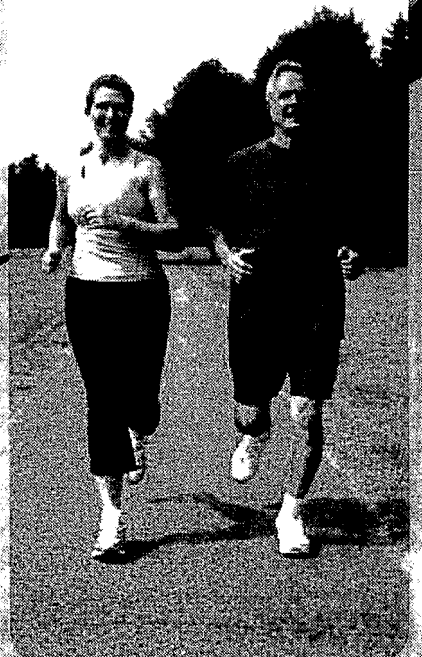
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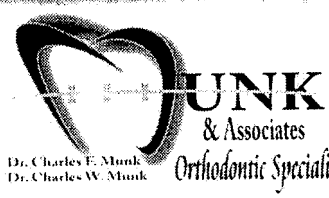
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Friday	09-07-12	Rochester	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	09-14-12	Athens	Away	7 p.m.
Friday	09-21-12	Stoney Creek	Away	7 p.m.
Friday	09-28-12	Pontiac	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	10-05-12	Troy	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	10-12-12	Lake Orion	Away	7 p.m.

Clarkston's OAA Red Standings* #2

Team	Overall Wins	Losses	Team	Overall Wins	Losses
1. Lake Orion	3	0	5. Troy	2	1
2. Clarkston	3	0	6. Pontiac	1	2
3. Stoney Creek	2	1	7. West Bloomfield	1	2
4. Rochester	2	1	8. Troy Athens	0	3



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Ian Eriksen runs past players during the Wolves' home opener, Aug. 24. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Eriksen runs to victory

Fans are familiar with junior running back Ian Eriksen since he opened the Wolves' football season with a 99-yard kickoff return.

It led to Clarkston's first touchdown against Rochester Adams only 13 seconds into the game, Aug. 24.

"It was awesome," said Kurt Richards, head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Football team. "I don't think people had sat down yet."

He would go on to score five more touchdowns as the boys won 42-28.

"In my head I was thinking run," Eriksen said after the first game. "I just kept running hard. The guys did a great job blocking."

He rushed the ball for 242 yards on 27 carries.

Eriksen carried the momentum into the next game, Aug. 31, against West Bloomfield as the boys added a second win for the season.

This time he added three touchdowns during the 47-7 victory. He carried the ball

22 times for 183 yards.

"He is a great example of why kids should run track," said Richardson. "He got faster because he ran track. He worked hard and got that extra step. He didn't get caught from behind. It is a great example of why kids should play every sport they can."

Eriksen scored three touchdowns in the Wolves' most recent victory against Rochester last Friday. He scored three touchdowns and had 32 carries for 151 yards.

Eriksen joined the varsity team at the end of last season, moving up from JV. Rochester Adams was his first full game for the varsity team.

He said he took his cue from his experienced offensive line.

The Wolves head to Troy Athens this Friday for their next game, 4333 John R Road in Troy.

They are back with home advantage on Sept. 28 when they host Pontiac for their Homecoming game.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

Wolves defeat Falcons

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves bumped themselves from fourth spot to second in the OAA Red after their 24-0 win over Rochester last Friday.

"We started out pretty slow," said senior Jared Yaroch.

Both teams remained scoreless in the first quarter until junior running back Ian Eriksen scored on a 3-yard run for a touchdown with 1:13 remaining.

The ball was fumbled during the PAT attempt. Sophomore quarterback D.J. Zezula regained possession and threw it into the endzone. The pass went incomplete, and the Wolves held onto their 6-0 lead.

Clarkston and Rochester continued the battle going into the second quarter, but the scoreboard remained unchanged as they headed into halftime.

"We didn't make any huge adjustments other than let's execute better," said Clarkston Varsity Boys Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson. "We felt like we could handle them defensively."

The Wolves were at their fourth down with 15 yards to go after three unsuccessful throws in the third quarter.

Junior kicker Shane Hynes stepped onto the field as the boys set themselves up on the line of scrimmage. The time slowed down as the ball went back to sophomore quarterback D.J. Zezula to put into position for Hynes. Hynes swung back his right leg.

The audience burst into cheers as his 53-yard fieldgoal attempt made it and put Clarkston 9-0 with 6:51 to go.

"We turned the game around with Shane's kick," said Yaroch.

"It was a game changer," Richardson smiled. "It's got to be a school record. It was big."

Hynes' kick is in ranks of the MHSAA longest yards records. The records begin with 52 yards and up to a 59-yard fieldgoal made in 1994 by Doug Kochanski.

Clarkston's defense was able to hold the Falcons back as Rochester took possession. Linebackers senior Nathar Yeloushan and junior Nick Matich as well as an incomplete pass forced the Falcons to punt the ball.

Yaroch caught the ball and made a 40-yard punt return, putting the Wolves at the 6-yard line.

Two plays later Eriksen cut through the pile of offensive and defensive players on his 2-yard run, with 4:40 remaining in the quarter.

Eriksen scored again six seconds into the final quarter on 13-yard run. Yeloushan scored on a 2-point conversion on a pass from Zezula.

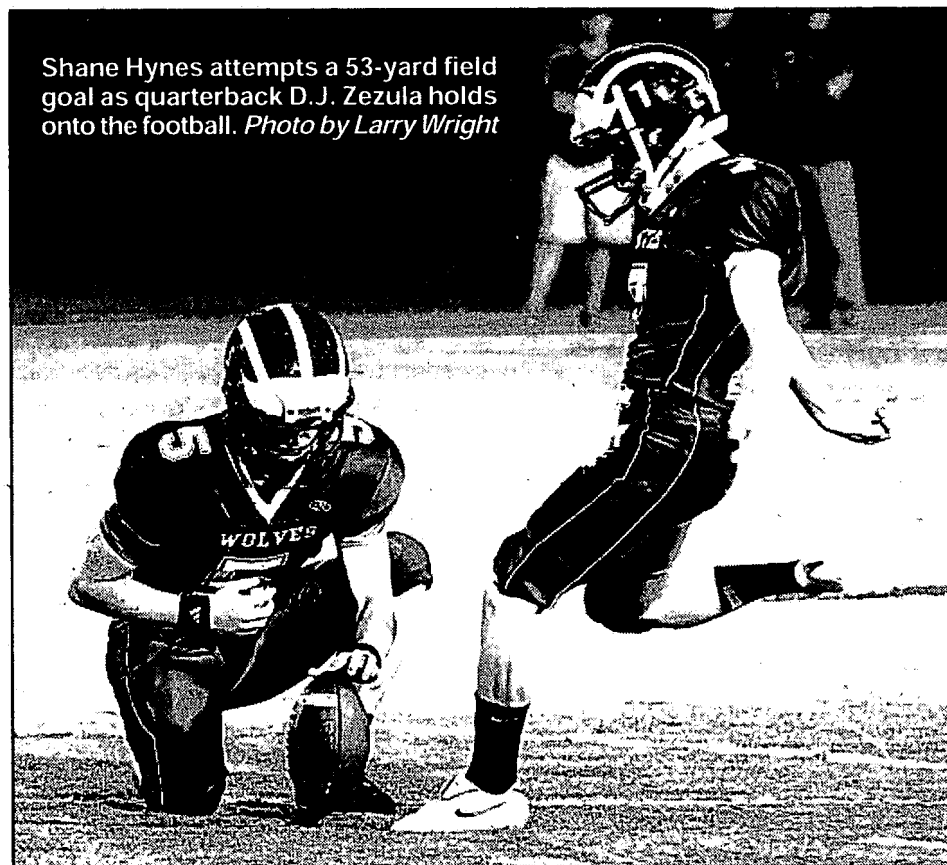
"Jared had a great game," Richardson added. "Our defense stepped up."

He added the boys made too many mistakes especially while rushing the ball.

"They can't drive and jump," he said. "We must have had six jumps. We have to move past it. I am going to run them."

The Wolves (3-0, 2-0 OAA Red) head to Troy Athens (0-3, 0-2) this week for another league battle, 7 p.m.

"We just do the same we have been doing," Yaroch said, "Hopefully we get better."



Shane Hynes attempts a 53-yard field goal as quarterback D.J. Zezula holds onto the football. Photo by Larry Wright

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Cross country team picks up speed

Lady Runners are picking up speed as they opened their 2012 fall season taking first place at the Golden Grizzly, Aug. 31. It is only the beginning.

"They are looking really good," said Clarkston Girls Cross Country Coach Kevin Breen. "I think we will be better or as good as we were last season. My underclassmen are coming out strong. They are running hard, and they are impressing me during workouts."

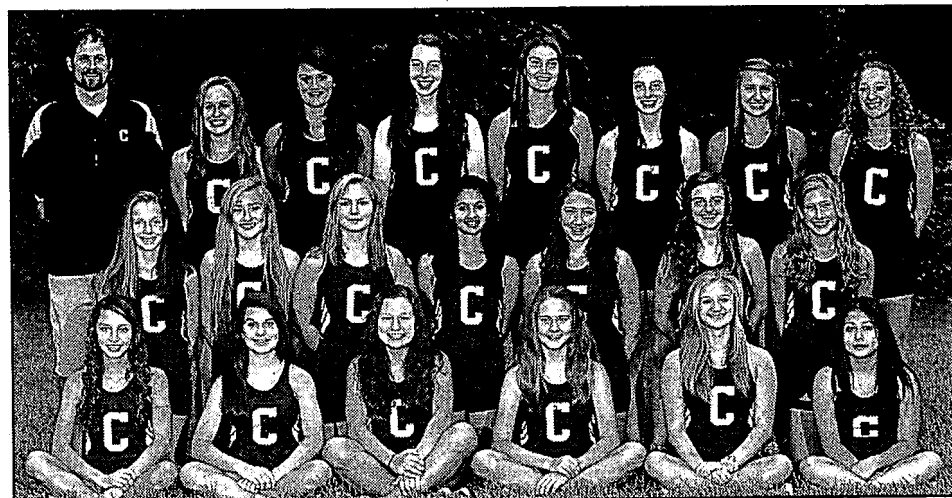
Leading the pack are returners seniors Erin Billette, Kaitlin Cantania, Molly Jeffers, junior Mackenzie Proper and sophomore Lynsie Gram.

The goals for this year are to have a top ten finish after finishing in the top 20 last season and set personal times.

"Probably 2-3 of our top five runners will be under 19 minutes," Breen said. "Everyone has different goals. A few girls want to show they can try for the All-State position. I have some runners that can probably break 18 minutes, which is only done a few times a year throughout the state. We are on the right path."

The Lady Wolves prepared for the season with off-season training to get them into shape and ready.

"What is really going to carry us through this year is the knowledge of knowing we can do well because of the amount of work



The 2012 Clarkston Girls Cross Country team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

we put in," Breen added. "Another strength is we are stronger all around. They did a lot more weight lifting this year. We did a lot more core work. We try to get in 3-4 days a week some core work."

The core work will help as they run against tough competition in the OAA Red league especially from Troy, Rochester Adams and Oxford.

"We will be battling Troy all season," he added. "They should be tough. I know they have a few returners. I know they will be tough

because they beat us most of last season. We will be more competitive this season. Adam will be a battle and Oxford is strong in our league."

The Lady Wolves competed in their first OAA Jamboree on Tuesday. They have the OAA Jamboree #2 on Sept. 24 at Stoney Creek Metro Park and OAA Jamboree #3 at Bloomer Park, Oct. 18.

"We always look forward to the OAA meets," Breen added. "Those are always fun and they are always on good courses." ~WR

Lady golfers prepare for playoffs

It is back to the green for the Varsity and JV golf teams, and they are looking for a hole-in-one this season.

"We have a seasoned group of veterans," said Steven Hoffman, varsity coach. "Anna Gray, Paige and Dana Olsen. The Olsens were on the state championship tennis team in 2011 so they understand competition. They understand what it takes to be a champion."

The core group for this fall are Gray, Dana, Paige, Shelby Fleming, Caitlin McCaghy and Katie McKnee.

The team opened the season with two tournaments and placed ninth out of 24 teams at the Forest Lake Country Club Golf Outing

with a 390. They placed 16 out of 24 at the Heather Highlands Shootout, with a 398. McCaghy medaled and Forest Lake and Gray at Heather Highlands.

"We have some excellent talent coming through the ranks," said Hoffman. "We have five seniors on varsity. We have the leadership from Anna. She is academically brilliant and has been on varsity since she was a freshman. Our JV squad is filled with great talent, too. I wouldn't be surprised if we saw some movement this year from JV to varsity based on scores."

Hoffman's goal for his first year coaching on the varsity level is to get the Lady Wolves

performing at their peak level.

"We play four days a week as a team," he said about the team's dedication. "They play at least nine holes a day - chipping, punting and some range work. It's getting them into championship form as quickly as we can. The Lady Wolves haven't won regionals in a while. We need to get them back where they belong, rebuild the program and get more women out there golfing. They are there they just don't know we are here."

The team will battle in the OAA Red and took seventh in their first league meet but Hoffman said by next league meet on Oct. 1 at Birmingham Country Club they will place higher.

They have already beaten Lake Orion in league matchups, 186-207.

"We are in the very challenging OAA Red which is the top division," said Hoffman. "Last year's Miss Golf Gabby Yurik came from our division."

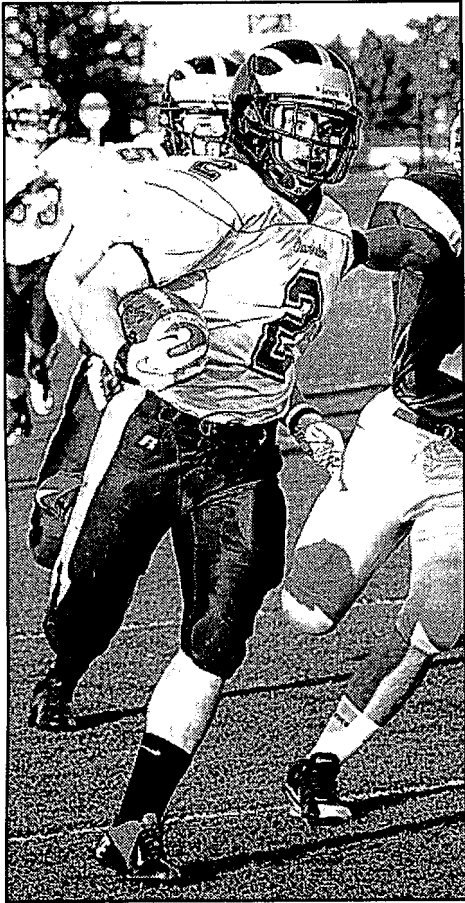
The team begins playoffs in October with the MHSAA Regionals set to begin on the 11th.

"They have the skills, and they know the game," he added. "It is a matter of getting into mid-season form quickly and winning like they know how. This is a great group of young ladies."

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



The Lady Wolves Varsity and JV Golf teams. Photo by Kay Pearson



RUN THE BALL: Clarkston JV sophomore running back Brandon Addis makes a play in the team's 62-22 victory. Photo by John Azzopardi

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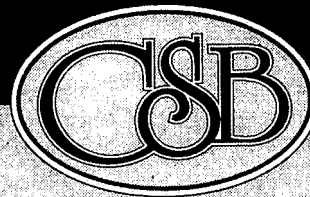


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Family-friendly haircuts, tanning at Chiappelli's

It's a family affair at Chiappelli's Hair and Tanning, 7010 Dixie Highway.

Dan Chiappelli, his wife Barb, and their children Mario and Angelia run the business, an Aveda Concept Salon, under the yellow awning across from the former Farmer Jack supermarket.

They treat customers like family, too.

"I feel once a client stops in and we work with them, they become like family," Dan said. "People just come by, have a cup of coffee, laugh and joke. Many become friends for life. That's who we are, that's what we're about."

An award-winning stylist, Barb offers coloring, highlighting, and other services, which will soon include hair extensions and men's hair pieces.

Angelia, a certified spray tanner, offers personalized service.

"No machines, no orange, just a beautiful golden glow, perfect for homecoming, wedding, and prom," she said.

She also offers nail and facial waxing services.

Dan has been in the hair cutting business for 42 years, starting in Bloomfield Hills in 1968. He bought his first business in 1971, the latest at Deer Lake Athletic Club for the last 10 years.

"I've cut Evel Knievel's hair, Robbie Knievel's, senators, judges, professional

athletes, we do them all," Dan said.

They bought the former Sunroom Tanning salon, remodeled it, and opened last year.

They offer several specials, including \$10 haircuts to all Clarkston athletes, K-12, year round.

"It's something I've always done - we like Clarkston athletics," Dan said. "We love the Clarkston community and the people in the area. We're people persons. That's how we are as Italians, we love people, and we're looking forward to meeting new people."

Barb graduated from Clarkston High School in 1979. Mario graduated in 2002 from Brother Rice High School, and Angelia is a 2004 Clarkston graduate. Their brother, Dominic, is a 2007 Clarkston High School graduate attending college in Minnesota.

"I want to follow in my father's footsteps, own my own business instead of working for other people," said Mario, also an Oakland Community College student pursuing a law degree.

"I love it, it's definitely a family environment, a more personal experience," Angelia said. "When you walk in, it's not just service, I feel we make a bond."

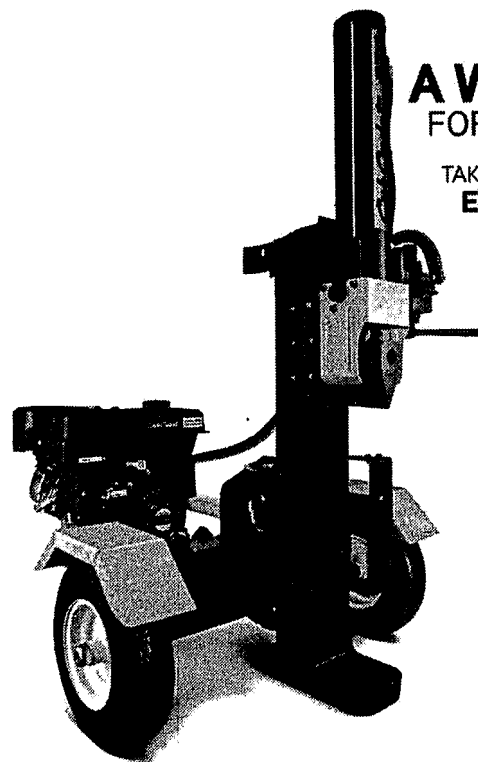
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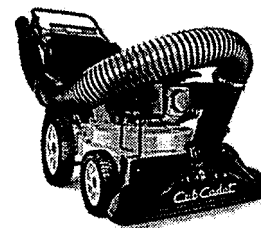
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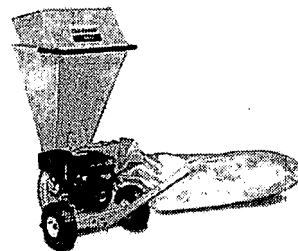
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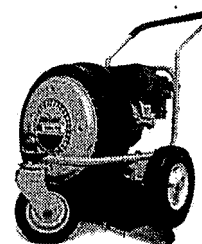
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Racing to win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves finished in third place at the West Bloomfield/Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark on Saturday out of 15 teams.

"It was an excellent race," said Clarkston Girls Cross Country Coach Kevin Breen. "It was a solid run by our runners. Realistically we thought third place would be a good spot. If we ran really well I thought we could take second.

Seaholm won the run with 54. Clarkston scored a 104, four points below second place Sterling Heights Stevenson and 29 more than Rochester Adams.

"Seaholm we knew would be a ways out there," said Breen. "They are tough and didn't graduate any of their top runners last year."

They also knew Rochester Adams would be tough and will see them a lot this season since Clarkston and Adams are in the same league and region.

Nicole Hanson led the team, finishing in eighth in 19:47 and Lysie Gram took 11th place, 20:13.

"Nicole turned out to be a stud," said Breen. "Her and Lysie are doing a great job pairing up together. They split up Adams number one and two runners. I knew we had a chance when I saw them breaking up those two runners. It was the rest of the team that really pulled us through. Sage Beauregard led the JV team and proved our JV team and our depth is really strong. They came in with the best attitudes."

Breen added the Lady Wolves also had good times despite the tough, hilly course. Gram dropped a few minutes in time and Amanda Chamberlain dropped 6:30 from her time.

The boys team took fifth place at the invitational out of 14 teams, scoring 178. Romeo took first place with 75 with Lake Orion, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Detroit Catholic Central taking the next three spots.

Dan Billette led the team, finishing in tenth at 17:02.

Both teams ran in the OAA Jamboree on Tuesday and head to the Chesaning Invite on Thursday and Spartan Invite on Friday.

"We have done fairly well," Breen said about the Chesaning Invite. He added he is putting in three separate varsity teams so 21 Lady Wolves will be able to run this week.

"The Spartan Invite is the best preview going into the state meet of who the top teams in Michigan are," Breen continued. "It is a good place to see really good competition and help our team rise up. It is a little eye opener."

The girls will also see one of the leading runners from last year's team, Natalie Smith, as she runs her first race in her college debut for Michigan State University.

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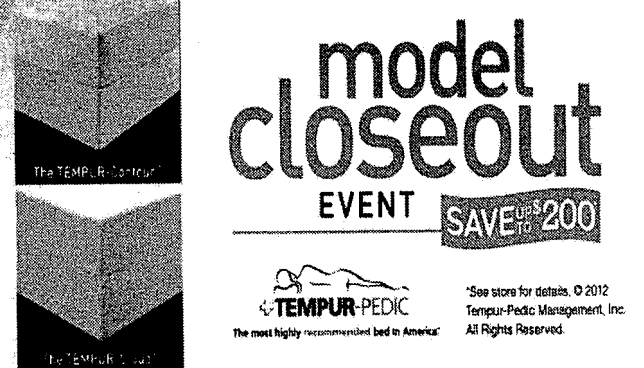
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Burke grew up in Waterford and moved to Clarkston with his family about 25 years ago.

"I love the area - that's why we stayed, I love the town," he said.

He has been in the car business for 35



Brian Burke is sales manager at Bowman Chevrolet.

years.

"My father was in the car business," he said. "I love talking with people - I work very closely with salespeople and customers, talking to customers before and after delivery."

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DeFinis finishes off Rochester with late-game goal

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Joey DeFinis led kickers to a victory over Rochester last Thursday with his goal late in the game put the Wolves, 2-1.

"Anytime you can get a win in our league it is a good win," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chuck Lawhorn.

The Wolves held onto possession for the first 30 minutes of the game and kept Rochester from getting a chance to take the ball into their turf.

"We were making them chase us and chase the ball around which is what we want to do for the full 80 minutes," Lawhorn said.

The Wolves' attempts didn't get into the net until they received a penalty kick.

Junior Brad Schultz stepped up for the free shot and put it into the corner of the net with 10:32 in the first half, putting the boys 1-0. Chris Mueller tied the score with four minutes left in the half.

Rochester was down a player for the final 51 minutes of the game after the player received a red card.

The Wolves had an advantage but found disadvantages while being one man up on the Falcons.

"There were times in the second half we played well and controlled the ball like we should," said Lawhorn. "There were times too that we were a little confused and got a little lax with our passing of the ball. We

could have been better in the second half."

It comes back to a pattern he has seen from the players so far this season - playing well for 20-30 minutes at a time but not throughout the entire game.

The game remained tied until senior Ryan Mangapora passed the ball to DeFinis with 6:21 left in the game.

DeFinis took the opportunity to put the ball in the net and bring the Wolves into the lead.

"They know how they can play because of those first 30 minutes," said Lawhorn. "They know their potential and it will keep getting better from here."

Grant Gotaas made six saves during the night, and the Wolves made six shots on the net.

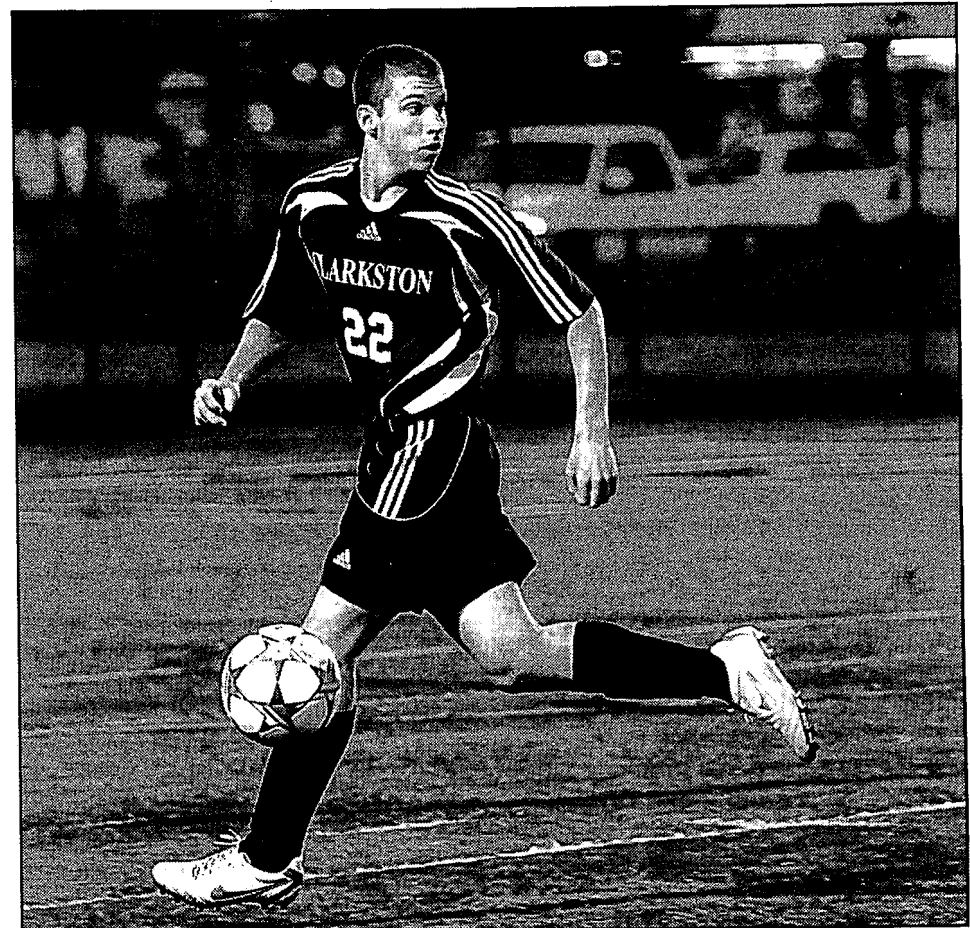
"He did a good job in the net," Lawhorn added. "Jimmy Todd, Joey and Brad - all played well."

The boys played Troy Athens on Tuesday in a league game.

"They have a couple of dangerous players," Lawhorn said going into the game. "There are no easy games in the OAA Red. We are going to have to play our best to beat Troy Athens."

They have a week break before they head to Stoney Creek next Tuesday in a rematch after Clarkston's loss to 3-1 loss on Aug. 30.

The win at Rochester put the Wolves record to 5-3, 1-1 in the OAA Red.



Mitch McCord keeps possession of the ball while watching for Rochester players. Photo by Larry Wright

Wolfpack Update

The Clarkston Varsity Girls Volleyball team was undefeated at the Grand Blanc Classic on Saturday, 5-0.

During the championship round they defeated Novi, 25-23 and 25-10.

For the day, Rachel Dickerson had 53 kills and 52 digs, Brianna Frakes had 90 assists and eight aces, and Emily Popp had 55 digs and five aces.

The Lady Wolves host the home opener this Thursday against Seaholm with JV starting at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team won their meet against Farmington Hills Harrison last Thursday, 98-88.

Taking first place were: Kathryn Culver, 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle; Sami Stelpflug, 200-yard IM and 100-yard breaststroke; Amber Hallman, 100-yard backstroke; 200-yard medley relay with Hallman, Stelpflug, Natalie Vela and Ceren Ege; and the 400-yard freestyle relay with Culver,



The Lady Wolves celebrate their win last Saturday at the Grand Blanc Classic, going 5-0 for the day. It is the second consecutive tournament they have won this season. Their record is now 18-3-1. Photo submitted

Around Town

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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. 248-922-6623.

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 Thurs-

days, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Meet & Greet Bunco. Refreshments served. All welcome. 248-625-1326.

Saturday

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



Synergy Production's co-owners Billy Parr and Matthew Rankin write, mix, and record music. Photo provided

Synergy sets sights on NYC

Billy Parr, 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School, is on his way to making music a career.

"Our longterm plan is to do it 100 percent," said Parr, 24, who owns and operates Synergy Production with Matthew Rankin of Livonia.

They work on their music every day, writing, mixing, and recording music, mostly hip hop and rap instrumentals, and preparing for upcoming showcase performances.

The business started as a hobby when they were students at Western Michigan University almost four years ago, making songs on the computer using music software.

"We didn't have anything to do with music in high school at all," he said. "It was something to do for fun. But we made 2-3 good songs."

Now they're making music and performing in showcase competitions in Detroit and

around the country.

"We went to St. Andrews Hall in Detroit where Eminem performed, the same stage," he said.

Their goal is to compete in New York City. "If they like our music, it could be huge," he said.

They've produced 602 original instrumentals so far, with about 100 sold or leased to singers and rappers.

"It's quality work," he said. "It's going really good. We're starting to make a living at it, but it takes awhile. We're starting to make some noise."

He grew up in Clarkston with his dad Troy, brother Justin, and grandparents, Jack and Betty.

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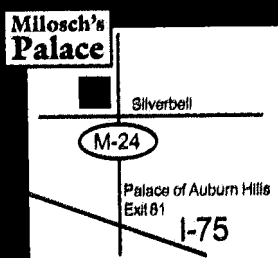
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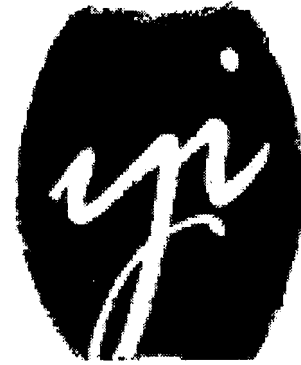
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Winning medals on the links

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Christian Chambers has a knack for golfing.

It helped him as he won two medals at the 21st Annual Special Olympics of Golf Tournament Pine Trace Golf Club, Aug. 6.

Chambers said it felt good, and he was happy winning the medals. He admitted he was nervous while golfing in front of all the people at the event.

"He did a really good job," said friend Jessica Hilberath. "He was awesome. We were there cheering him on. There were a lot of people there.

During the competition Chambers and other athletes have six golf obstacles. Chambers added some of them involve short putt, long putt, pitching, and iron's challenge, which he had the top score and won a medal in.

The scores are tallied together for the athletes' total scores.

It wasn't his first tournament as he has participated in others through the years. He added he has won a total of eight medals at the Special Olympics Golf tournament over the years.

He prepared for the event by hitting the driving range at Shepherd's Hollow Golf

Club, off Big Lake Road. He even taught Hilberath how to play.

"He took me once and he hid his face," she said as Chambers smiled. "His went far; mine only went a couple of feet. 'Watch the ball, that's what he always tells me.'"

Chambers said yes, the best way is to watch the ball.

He practiced for three months with Hilberath.

He began golfing when he was three-years-old when his brother got him started and taught him how to play.

Chambers tries to golf at least three times a month and during winter just waits until it is warm again to hit the green for his 18 holes.

He is active in Clarkston High School athletics. He works along side coach John Bennink during the spring with the Clarkston Boys Track and Field team.

This fall is his first season helping with coaching the Clarkston JV Football team, and he will be at the boys' home opener this Thursday against Troy Athens.

Chambers attended his first Wolves' football game when he was a teenager and was hooked ever since.

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Christian Chambers sets up a drive. Photo provided

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Pastor asks 'How would Jesus vote?'

Dear God,
It is an election season...again. This is my least favorite time of any year. It is a time when opinions about things are stated as facts. Where politicians spend little time talking about what they believe and a whole lot of time talking about what their opponents don't believe.

It is a season of spin and he said/she said. So, in order to clear things up, I have some questions. You don't have to answer me if you don't want to, but I'd sure appreciate it.

Are the election season and the political conventions a taste of what hell will be like? You can tell me, I promise not to tell anyone else. Will Democrats be stuck in the RNC and Republicans be stuck in the DNC? Will Democrats only get Fox News on cable and Republicans CNN? I have a lot of other questions, but you know what I am asking, right?

Also, are you a Republican, Democratic, or Independent deity? In other words, we all want to know how Jesus would vote. I get the idea from Scriptures that we might all be sorely disappointed with Jesus if he were to run for

office. We all, however, would like his endorsement of the 'right' candidate. It would make voting a whole lot easier. And, with that information we could shout, "IN YOUR FACE!" when the election results were announced.

Seriously, who's right? All sides of the conversation (for the most part) say, "God Bless America" in their speeches. I have a lot of friends that are Christians and Republican, Democratic, Independent, and even Socialist. Which one is closest to your heart?

I know that each one honestly believes that you endorse their position and platform. They even have Scripture to back up their positions. Do you even care? If you do, it would be great if you would go on one of the major networks and give us the low down on what you are all about. It would be helpful if you picked CNN or Fox to do it.

Do you prefer Capitalism or Keynesian economic policy? There are a lot of us that believe in free will, does that apply to free markets? And for the sake of simplicity, would it be okay if we just compare our lifestyles in the United States of America and not bring in all the other impoverished countries around us? I don't want the 2 billion people in the world that live on less than \$2 a day to get in the way of this discussion. That would be great. Thanks!

Look, I know we sort of messed this up in

the past. We put all kinds of expectations on you and you failed to live up to them. Yes, we got upset that you chose a different way to lead.

We wanted you to bring us prosperity along with political and military superiority. You didn't do things our way. Can't we just leave the past in the past? We've learned from our mistakes, honest.

Seriously, I think if you just told us what you were about we would all fall in line and follow your lead. Okay, I'll admit that the last 2000 years have not always lived up to that statement, but this is the 21st Century. We are smarter and more mature now. You can trust us with power.

Oh, God, one more thing. If this whole political thing is wrong and we are making some huge mistakes in understanding your kingdom and your will, would you let us know? Would you give us kingdom hearts and an extra portion of grace, mercy and patience when we talk with our brothers and sisters with whom we disagree?

That would be great because it is getting testy down here and people are not getting to see you when we fight with one another about our politics.

Thanks for your time,
The Rev. Dave Gerber is Pastor at Large of Skin Ministries.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Dave Gerber

Carol A. Peck, 74

Carol A. Peck of Clarkston passed away, Sept. 8, 2012, at age 74.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne. She was the mother of Don (Beth) Peck and Sherryl (the late Duane) Williams; grandma of Robert, Deborah and Melody; preceded in death by her granddaughter Jessica and siblings Louis, Junior and Pauline Ellefson.



Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service, Thursday, 11 a.m., at Clarkston Free Methodist Church.

Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Dorothy J. Dowd, 80

Dorothy J. Dowd, "Dottie," of Davisburg passed away Sept. 5, 2012, at age 80.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edgar. She was the loving mother of Ed (Carol), George "Bud" and Robert (Shari) Dowd; grandmother of Michael (Tuesday), Amy, Nathan, Megan and Shawn; great grandmother Owen, Travis and Zander.

Dorothy was a charter member of Silver Lake Church of the Nazarene and attended the Andersonville Community Church. She loved working with Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Funeral Service was Sept. 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Andersonville Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Janine M. Miller, 43

Janine M. Miller of Clarkston passed away Sept. 3, 2012, at 43 years of age. She was the cherished daughter of Linda (the late Karl) Brinson; dear sister of David (Tabitha) Brinson; Rob (Melissa) Brinson and Scott Wygal; granddaughter of Arbutus (the late Walter) Miller and the late Floyd (the late Jean) Vieau; aunt of Eliana, Sophia, Halen, Devin, Cody and Austin; also survived by her loving caregiver Shelly (Eric) Johnson; dear niece of Irene Vieau, Marcia (Charlie) Travis, Eileen (Bob) Guffy; cousin of the late Joe Radford, Jim (Jaimie) Radford, John (Trish) Radford, Lisa (Chris) Eubanks and Ann (Tom) Gendich.



Janine was a pure, sweet, beautiful daughter. It was a privilege to be her mother and care for her in this world. I know she will be with me always and waiting to welcome me in the next. She is joining her brother, Paul, my little boy, who died from the same rare terminal illness, Mucopolysaccharidosis, Sanfallipo Syndrome, Type A. She will be so happy to be with her step daddy Karl, again who loved her very much and will welcome her with open arms.

Funeral service was Sept. 7 at **Coats Funeral Home** - Clarkston. Burial, Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston. Memorial donations may be made to the MPS Society or American Cancer Society. To send a private condolence go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

Obituaries

Richard Lowell Allen, 76

Richard Lowell Allen of Oxford passed away Sept. 3, 2012, at age 76.

He was the beloved husband of Michelle; loving father of Bradley (Anne) Allen; step father of Christina (Jeff) Evans and David (Emily) Garst; grandfather of Grace, Christopher, Clara, Lilly, Katherine and Calvin; brother of the late Homer (Trudi) Allen, Don (late Betty) Allen, Paul (Jeanne) Allen and Bonnie (Hugh) Parks; brother in law of Patricia (Scott) Clapham, Bonnie (Craig) Hodges and Bill (Terri) Lawton.

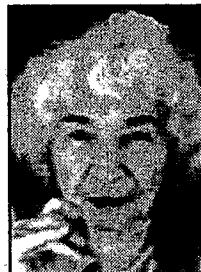
Richard retired from General Motors. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and ballroom dancer.

Visitation was Sept. 6 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Sept. 7 at the Seymour Lake United Methodist Church. Interment and Military Honors at Perry Mt. Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Michigan Right to Life. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Wilma L. Everett, 82

Wilma L. Everett (Pinkley) of Milford, formerly of Livonia, passed away Sept. 8, 2012, at age 82.

She was the mother of Cindy Saucedo, Sharon (Fred) Marriott, Denise (Jim) Smith and Mark (Sally) Everett; grandma of Melissa, Danny, Michelle, Nicole, Jamie, Jesse, Rachel, and Danielle; great grandma of 15 and one great great granddaughter; sister of Tom (Betty) Pinkley and Imogene Hurd; preceded in death by siblings Betty Goodman and Edward Pinkley.



Wilma was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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

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Shirley M. Secord, 91

Shirley M. Secord, lifelong resident of the area, passed away Sept. 8, 2012, at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alton J. "Pete." She was the mother of Sharon (Wilbur) Sinift, Dawn (Tim) Jones, Randy (Pat), Cheryl (Dennis) Omell and Anna (Ian) Anderson; also survived by 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; sister of Norma (Carl) McLeod; preceded in death by her siblings: Verna Merrill, Gladys Russell, Bruce Madison, Jack Madison and William Madison.



Shirley was a member of Waterford and Brandon Township Senior Centers. Funeral service Wednesday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Myasthenia Gravis Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Joan Marie Whitaker, 81

Joan Marie Whitaker of Waterford passed away Sept. 4, 2012, at age 81.

She was the loving mother of Karen White and Dennis (Tina) Vallad; grandmother of Phillip (Jana) White, Carissa (Jeremy) Comer, Roxanne Vallad and Derek Vallad; great grandmother of Vinny and Shauna Siwicki; Jeremiah, Joshua, and Keeley Comer; and Delia Blackman; sister of Elbert "Buzz" (Cindy) Whitaker; also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



Joan retired from Karen's Carpet which was established by her father Elbert Whitaker Sr. She opened her heart to anyone in need and had a great love for animals.

Memorial Service was Sept. 6 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society or American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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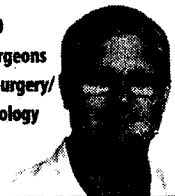
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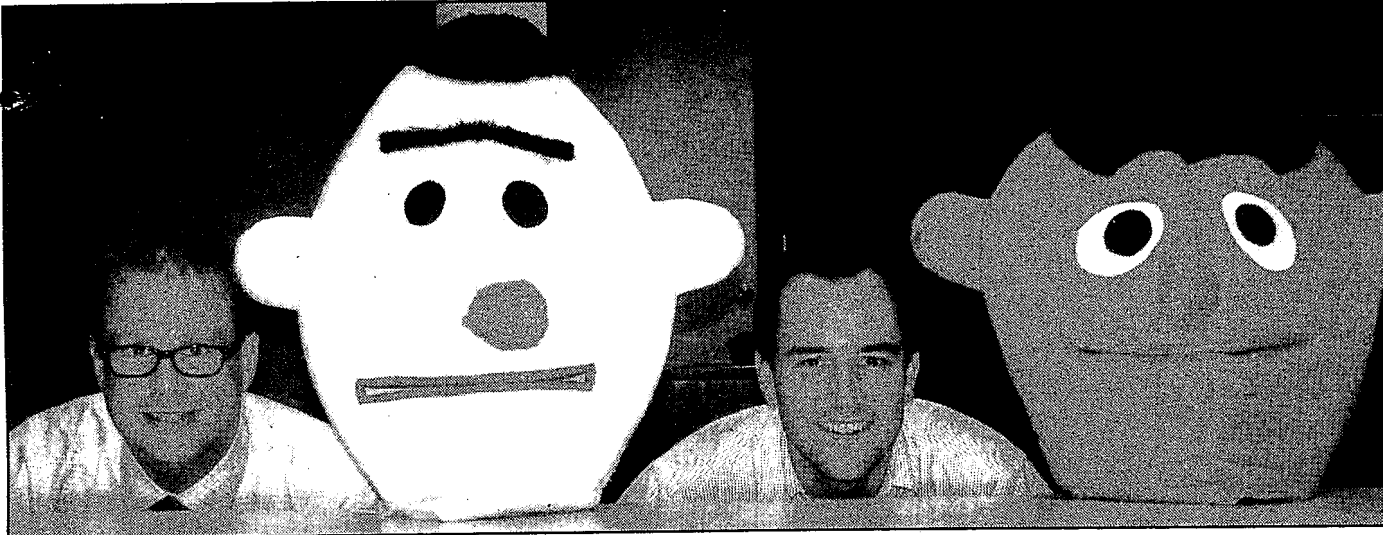
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FRIENDLY FOREST AHEAD: Clarkston Optimist Jeff Reed, left, and Jeff Morris, recreation programmer with Independence Township Parks and Rec, and a couple felt-skinned friends are busy planning for this year's Friendly Forest, 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at Clintonwood Park. Kids ages 2-9 collect trick-or-treat goodies from television, movie, and fairy-tale characters, including Bert and Ernie. This year's route through the park is set to be longer, Morris said. The Optimists are in their third year, helping to plan and volunteering at the Halloween event. Tickets are on sale at Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Road, \$6/resident, \$8/non-resident, free for adults. Call 248-625-8223. Photo by Phil Custodio

Clooney invited to speaking series

This year's Oakland Town Hall lecture series kicks off with author Nick Clooney, Oct. 10.

"He's the father of George Clooney," said Ruth Schluchter, public relations for Oakland Town Hall. "We're thrilled to have him back this year."

Clooney will discuss his experiences as a newsman and with the United Nations at the luncheon and lecture starting at 10:30 a.m. at St. George Cultural Center, 43816 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

The series continues with Gioia Diliberto, writer and fashion historian, Nov. 14; Dr. Jill Carroll, scholar on world religions, April 10; and Elliot Engel, literary lecturer, May 8.

For tickets or more information, call Linda Kolody at 248-625-4137.



From left, Oakland Town Hall Vice President Becky Hahn of Clarkston, President Rita Marcero of Waterford, and Treasurer Kay Johnson of Clarkston are looking forward to this year's lecture series. Photo by Phil Custodio

Sashabaw funds sought

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township hopes to get \$1.551 million to fund road improvements on Sashabaw.

In August, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) offered up to \$2.9 million in tri-party funding to any Oakland County communities who apply for projects that will improve road conditions and safety.

If Independence can get a \$1.551 million chunk of the pie, they'll be able to fund the entire Sashabaw widening project, which is estimated to cost \$2.673 million.

One third of the funding (\$517,000) for the Tri-party program will come from the RCOC, another third will be covered by the County Board of Commissioners, and the last third will be paid by the township.

On Sept. 4, the board voted unanimously to budget \$517,000 to match the funding offered by the RCOC and Board of Commissioners if their application is accepted.

The township already has \$1.122 million from earlier tri-party funds to contribute to the Sashabaw widening project, which would expand Sashabaw North of I-75 to five lanes.

The project would also mean installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Sashabaw and Flemings Lake Road. Although the \$517,000 is budgeted, Independence Township is seeking contributions to help bear the expense. According to Superintendent Bart Clark, the township may approach DTE, businesses on Flemings Lake who would benefit from the traffic light, and the CIA to share the cost.

While Clark feels the township has "a good project" in their Tri-Party application, the RCOC and County Board of Commissioners may not approve it at all or they may only offer part of the \$1.551 million in requested funds.

The application was due on Sept. 5, and Clark is hoping to hear a response from the RCOC by the end of the week.

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Faron Dayle Markham, 42

Faron Dayle Markham, 42, of Clarkston was called home to "preach unto the spirits in prison" (1 Peter 3:19) on Sept. 9, 2012.

He was born Nov. 23, 1969, in Janesville, Wisc. Faron was a 1987 graduate of Joseph A. Craig High School, Janesville, Wisc. He proudly served in the US Army from 1987 to 1993 and the Wisconsin National Guard from 1993 to 1998.

He was a 2008 graduate of the General Motors Electrician Apprentice program. He loved Tony his cat and his dogs Harley and Shelby. He had a zest for life and helping others. He loved to hunt and fish, and LOVED the Green Bay Packers. He will be missed by all who knew him.



He is survived by his 10 year old son Jonathon Dayle of Clarkston and his loving companion Sherri Mozingo of Flint; His parents Joa Rhodes, Janesville, Wisc., and Garold Markham, Mesa, Ariz.; his siblings, Brenda Krieger, Chesterfield, Va., Spencer, Beloit, Wisc., Shannon, Dayton, Ohio, Rebecca Vergara, Huntsville, Ala., Gordon, Milton, Wisc., Richard, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Shane Budd, Janesville, Wisc., and 10 nieces and 12 nephews.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. on Sept. 11, 2012, with a Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1225 Robert T. Longway, Flint.

A memorial trust has been established to benefit his son. Donations can be made to The Faron Markham Trust, 5316 N. Grandview Dr., Milton, WI 53563.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

- A. A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson (Arrived: 7:40 PM) Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Wagner

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Carol Gabris, Human Resources Director; Gregg Schultz, Schultz & Young, PC

Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved

E. CLOSED SESSION: None

F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Superintendent's Report

Trustee Petterson arrived at 7:40 PM

Power Outage 8:00 PM - 8:02 PM

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Next Steps for the Building, Planning and Zoning Department:

Public Comment: Joe Wauldron; Kevin Rittenhouse; Joan McCrary; Mike Clark; Patrick Bayley; Tim Affolder; Darwin Moore; Fred Ritter; Rae Luallen

a. Motion to Adopt Proposed Recommendation Submitted by Township Superintendent - Failed

b. Motion to Immediately Terminate all of David Belcher - Failed

c. Motion to Hire a Building Inspector - Carried

d. Motion to Reclassify the Current Building Official as the Building Inspector - Failed

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval to Accept Proposal for OPEB Study, Prepare Excel-Based Model and Authorize Clarkston Independence District Library to Expand Scope of Work

2. Approval to Authorize Filling of DPW Clerk Position

3. Approval Minutes of Board of Trustee's Regular Meeting; August 14, 2012

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

The meeting RECESSED at 10:02 PM

The meeting RECONVENED at 10:10 PM

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Budget Amendment #11

2. Approval of Request to Direct Township Attorney to Determine Years of Service as it Applies to Elected Officials Retirement Health Care

3. Approval of Request for Additional Funding for Costs Associated with RFP for Library HVAC Ductwork Repair

4. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the amount of \$1,025,026.64

N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics.

O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: Monthly Financial Update - July 2012

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 10:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, September 12, 2012

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 7:00 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following case:

Case #12-0016 Lewis, Earl and Janet, Petitioners
APPLICANTS REQUEST A 14' FRONT YARD SET-BACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT COVERED FRONT PORCH ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
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08-13-151-045

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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Decedent's Estate

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- 2 **The Game - West Bloomfield
- 3 **Halftime Show
- 4 Don't Rush Me - Don Rush
- 5 Jose Aliaga - Bryan Corcoran
- 6 Pet Talk - Dr. Robin Krieger
- 9 Phil in the Blank - Phil Custodio
- 10 Jose Aliaga - Team Rush
- 14 NOHLC - Camp Wathana
- 16 Seeing Green - "Roots to Fruits"
- 24 The Healthy Minute - Mary Lovasco
- 36 Jose Aliaga - John Dalton, Angela River

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

- 20 50+ Fun
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INTERESTING PEOPLE - Phil Custodio

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Jose Aliaga Show

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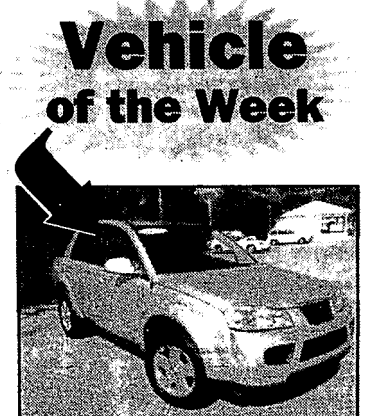
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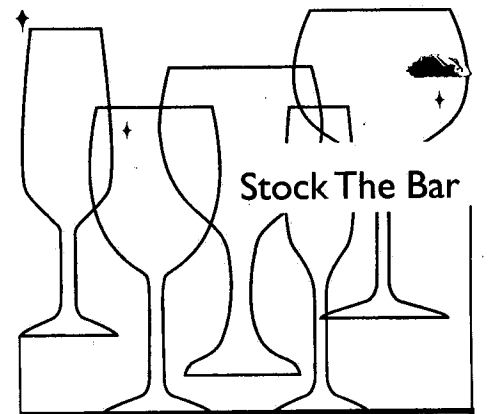
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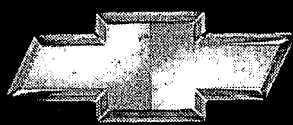
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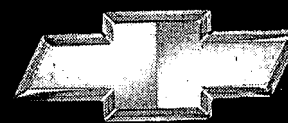
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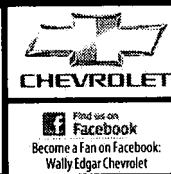
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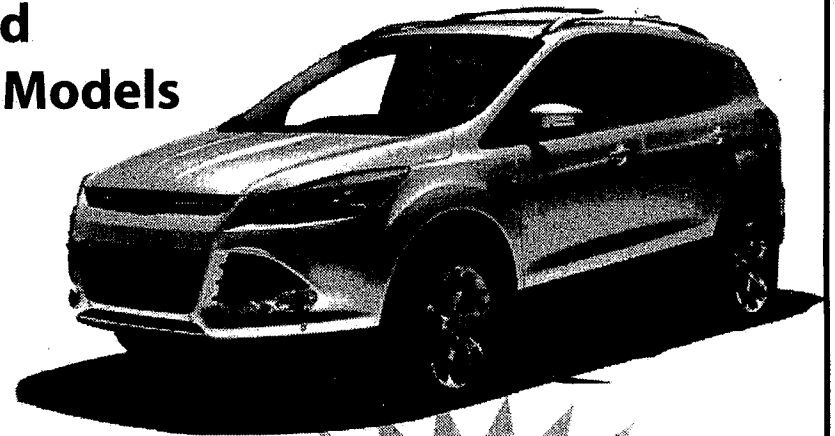
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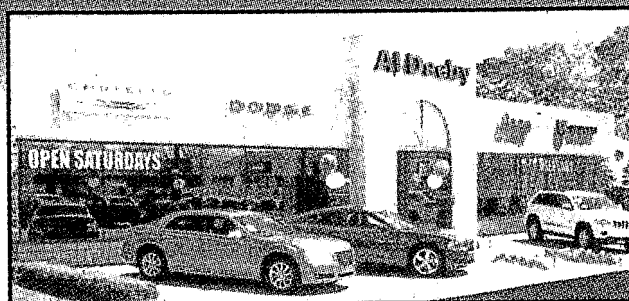
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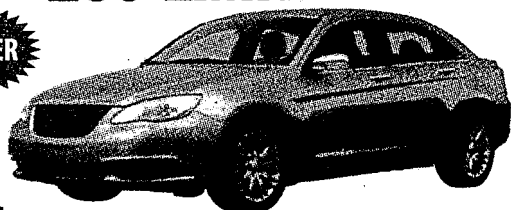
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