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**ROYALTY:** Clarkston High School Homecoming Queen Katie Gipe and King Sharvil Patel march onto the field to the cheers of family, friends, and fans, Friday. Please see page 21A for more pictures. Photo by Wendi Reardon

**Hospital dropped from senate bill**

**BY MARY KECK**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Senator Mike Kowall's bill to amend Michigan's Certificate of Need (CON) law will reach the senate floor but not with its original language allowing a McLaren hospital in Clarkston.

After Kowall's Bill 1269 left the Economic Development Committee, it retained provisions that would add two citizens, one of which would act as chair, to the CON commission. The public members would not be affiliated with health care facilities. The bill also eliminates Alliance for Health, a private health-planning agency offering a variety of services.

Although a Clarkston hospital is no longer in Bill 1269, McLaren

intends to press on. Jeff Timmer of The Sterling Corporation, a public relations firm working with McLaren, said the bill could be amended when it comes before the Senate or House of Representatives. Timmer said McLaren is engaged in "ongoing discussions with officials in the governor's administration" and may pursue legal action too.

*Crain's Detroit Business* reported Sen. Kowall intends to offer an amendment before the senate during their next session on October 17. Kowall did not return calls for comment.

Construction of the \$300 million hospital on Sashabaw and Bowpointe is planned for 2015 and would involve relocating 200 beds

from McLaren Oakland in Pontiac to Clarkston.

According to Independence Township Fire Department Staff Captain and Paramedic Mitch Petterson, 1,454 people were transported to hospitals in 2012, and 484 of those people were taken in paramedic units because "their condition, illness, or injury was critical and an immediate threat to their life," Petterson said.

Michigan's CON commission denied McLaren's application in July, and Timmer believes the commission opposes the hospital because it is made up largely of representatives from individual hospital systems.

Timmer said the members who  
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**O.J. movie tour kicks off in Clarkston**

**BY PHIL CUSTODIO**  
*Clarkston News Editor*

Hollywood won't promote local filmmaker Norm Pardo's movie about O.J. Simpson, so he's hitting the road to do it himself.

"We'll be spreading the word and raising money to distribute it," said Pardo of Springfield Township. "It'll be fun."

First stop will be in Clarkston, tentatively set for Oct. 12. After that will be Flint and Detroit, then up and down the east coast

"It's O.J. gone wild, what it's like to be hanging out with O.J. Simpson," Pardo said. "It's different, very exciting. You never

knew, minute by minute, if someone was going to get shot and killed."

He made the "reality documentary" to tell the real story of O.J. and what it says about racism in America's justice system.

"My movie brings it out and makes it public," Pardo said. "Not much has changed over the past 30 years."

The film spends about 10 minutes reviewing Simpson's trial for the murder of Nicole Brown and

Ronald Goldman. The other 90 or so minutes comes from a national tour Simpson went on after he was acquitted.

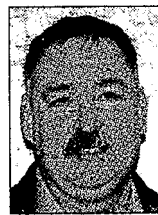
Pardo accompanied Simpson on tour from 2001-2008 as promoter and manager.

"We went to clubs all over the east coast of the United States, and also Minnesota," Pardo said.

His plan for the movie tour is to revisit those clubs, exhibit some of the film, and raise funds for distribution. He'll hold drawings at each one for tickets to local premiers.

"Hollywood wants O.J. to go away," Pardo said. "So I'm going

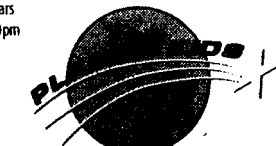
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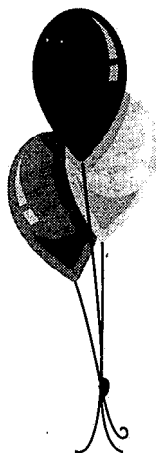
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## The City of the Village of Clarkston Celebrates its 180th Birthday



In 1832 a 23-year-old Abe Lincoln began his political career with an unsuccessful bid for the Illinois General Assembly and President Andrew Jackson won his reelection. English naturalist Charles Darwin traveled the world and American novelist Louisa May Alcott was born. On the fourth of July came the debut performance of the song "America" (My Country Tis of Thee).

And over in Orchard Lake, the country saw the opening of its first curling club.

And in northern Oakland County, new residents established what would soon become known as Clarkston, ten years before it formally received its name and became an incorporated village and five years before Michigan became a state.

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From left, Brent Wirth, Easter Seals president and CEO, Kate Bowman Coleman of Bowman Chevrolet, and John Kersten enjoy the open house. Photo provided

## Bowman benefits Easter Seals

Bowman Chevrolet of Clarkston raised more than \$209,000 in the Century 21 Car and Cash Raffle benefitting Easter Seals Michigan, Sept. 22.

The Clarkston dealership also held an open house and hosted a car show before the drawing for the 2013 Chevrolet Corvette. The raffle winner was from California and took

home both the car and \$25,000 in cash.

Former owner and Clarkston resident John Bowman, who passed away earlier this year, was a great supporter of Easter Seals Michigan and will be memorialized with a tree planting in October at the Easter Seals Michigan Roger & Doris McCarville Family Center in Auburn Hills.

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Fifth graders Drew Darin, left, and Alex Henke, right, limbo under a giant sea turtle.



Third grader Hunter Bogar tries a crab walk.

## Living in the sea

Andersonville Elementary students hopped on one foot, walked backwards, walked like a crab and ran in their annual Fun Run, Sept. 26.

This year's theme was Under the Sea with the gym colorfully decorated like the sea with inflatable sea creatures such as turtles, fish and dolphins.

Each grade level learned about a sea creature before the fun run. The MCs also took part as they dressed up as scuba divers.

Photos by  
Wendi Reardon



Emma Woodworth is ready to run.

## Briefly

### 180th for Clarkston

The City of the Village of Clarkston celebrates its 180<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake and ice cream in Depot Park, 1-5 p.m., Oct. 7.

In 1832, 180 years ago, Butler Holcomb settled his family here after moving from Herkimer County, New York. He built Clarkston's first mill in 1833 on the east branch of the Clinton River in what is now Depot Park.

He sold it to Jeremiah and Nelson Clark in 1838, and they built a dam and a new gristmill, leading to more settlement and construction. In 1842, a map was made of the town named Clarkston with lots drawn in place. The village was incorporated by Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 1884.

Clarkston historians pegged the 1832 date in the late 1970s, when plans for installation of village signs were drawn up. The signs, which say "Welcome to Village of Clarkston Established 1832" were installed in 1981, just in time for sesquicentennial celebrations in 1982.

### Conflict revision passes

Clarkston City Council members who declare a conflict of interest will be able to speak now that a revision of Ordinance 142-2 passed 4-2, Sept. 24.

Councilman Eric Haven and Stephen Hargis voted against adopting the changes while council members Richard Bisio, Peg Roth, and Mike Sabol, and Mayor Joe Luginski favored the revision. Councilman Tom Hunter was absent.

While a council member with a conflict will not be able to vote, they have the opportunity to participate in discussion of the topic, but only while sitting with citizens attending the meeting.

The next City Council meeting will be on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

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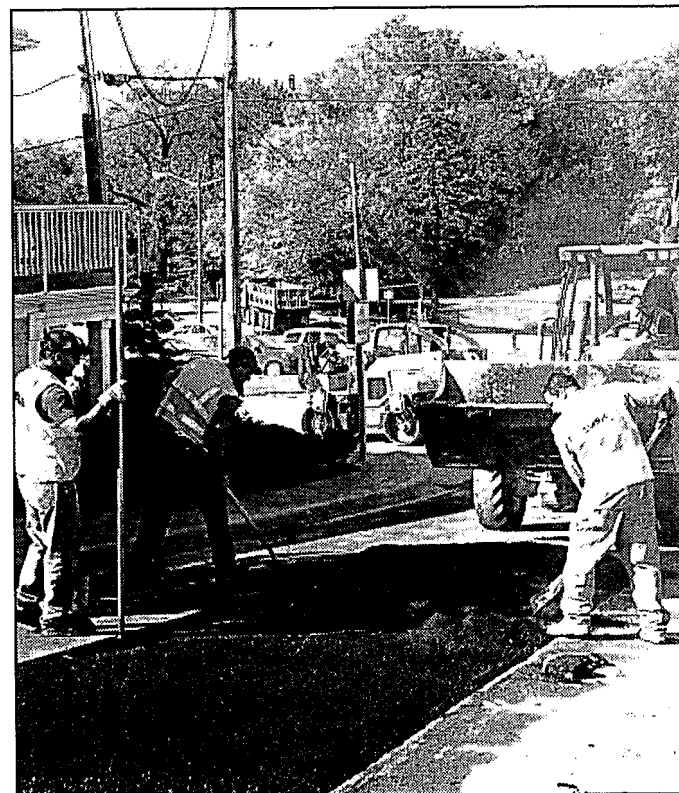
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Workers use a backhoe to dig up the old asphalt on Depot Road. Photo by Phil Custodio



New asphalt is laid in place. Photo by Mary Keck

## Road repairs

If you tried driving down Depot or Miller Roads on Monday, you may have taken a detour because streets in downtown Clarkston are under construction this week.

Asphalt Specialists Inc (ASI) will be filling about 16 cracks around town. Motorists can follow detour and road closed signs for alternative routes while the streets undergo repairs, said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

The city will pay approximately \$35,280.50 to improve the roads.

## Sashabaw funding hits roadblock

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Reporter

Independence Township will have to find another way to fund the Sashabaw widening project since the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) only granted about \$160,000 of their tri-party funds to the project.

The township sought \$1.551 million of the \$2.9 million in tri-party funds the RCOC offered. The estimated cost for the road-widening plan is \$2.673 million.

Superintendent Bart Clark noted the \$160,000 the RCOC is making available to Independence falls considerably short, so they will have to come up with a plan to find money for the project.

According to Craig Bryson of the RCOC, "everyone that wanted some [tri-party funds] got some, but nobody got as much as they wanted."

Cities and townships across Oakland County made over 20 requests for the tri-party funds, and distribution of the money was based on number of traffic accidents, miles of county road, and population in the area, Bryson explained.

While the RCOC's tri-party program will continue, Bryson doesn't "anticipate any opportunities for additional funding like this one" anytime soon.

Extra funding in the future is unlikely because the RCOC plans to encourage municipalities to spend the tri-party money they receive.

The \$2.9 million made available was made up of "tri-party money that communities had been accumulating and were unable to use," said Bryson.

Independence Township has already amassed \$1.122 million in tri-party money, and while \$160,000 may be a welcome addition, it won't be enough to widen Sashabaw.



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# Don't trash flip flops – swap 'em

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The cold-weather is inching in for the fall season and the urge to wear flip flops is slowly diminishing.

But don't throw those flip flops away - the Academic Service Learning students at Sashabaw Middle School have the perfect place to take the worn down summer wear.

They are collecting flip flops from now until Nov. 30 for a contest through TerraCycle.

They will accept flip flops in any condition in any sizes and in any condition. The flip flops do not have to be in a pair. They do have to be free from any plastic and decorations not made of rubber.

The students kicked off the event on Sept. 29 during the Green Apple Day of Service - a national initiative day. They finished writing letters to businesses and designed collections boxes to go to schools in the Clarkston district and to local businesses.

"It has been really fun to help the environment and do something good," said seventh grader Isabelle Beck in Rodney Pierson's ASL class. "I know I am helping and doing it for a good cause. Plus, you don't have a lot of clutter in the house."

Through the project Sydney VanBuskirk learned 1.3 million tons of flip flops are thrown away every year and rubber takes a long time to decompose in landfills.

"It's a lot of flip flops," she exclaimed.

"We can save it," Beck added. "Just drop them off at the collection spots."

The flip flops are shipped off to TerraCycle where they will be shredded and melted. The rubber will be used to make new products such as new garbage cans, new tires, playground equipment, football fields, tracks and much more.

Beck and VanBuskirk created fliers they could easily change for collection days at different events.

For example one of the fliers is for the upcoming home games for the Clarkston Freshman and JV Football team and another is for the girls basketball games at the middle school.



Isabelle Beck and Sydney VanBuskirk display a pair of rubber flip flops for the Flip Flop Swap. Photo by Wendi Reardon

"If they bring two or more pairs of flip flops they get a free popcorn," they smiled.

The students will collect at the freshman football games at the junior high school and the JV games at the high school, both scheduled for Oct. 11 and Oct. 18.

"You should bring in your flip flops because it is super easy," said Beck. "It is not a lot of work. It lessens the landfills which helps our planet and the environment. Why would you want to throw away instead of helping the environment?"

They will also earn points through TerraCycle which is turned into money for the middle school's Green School program.

"We are hoping to win the green ribbon away by doing the most with our ASL project," VanBuskirk added.

"Only two schools in Michigan receive the ribbon every year," Beck said.

Through ecology based ASL class, students learn while helping out their environment. For more information, please contact Pierson at [rgpierson@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:rgpierson@clarkston.k12.mi.us).

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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Reopen a case of O.J.

Maybe O.J. Simpson didn't do it.

I know the standard narrative from 20 years ago. Nicole Brown Simpson and her boyfriend Ron Goldman were murdered by someone armed with a knife. O.J. was the prime suspect.

Who else could have done it? Who else would have wanted to? And why else would he lead police in that low-speed pursuit in the white SUV?

Then he went to trial and got acquitted due to the skills of some slick defense attorneys.

And there was the whole looking-for-the-real-killers thing for years after the trial, mostly with O.J. on the golf course.

Finally, justice was done when he was convicted and imprisoned for leading an armed gang to steal his own sports memorabilia for some reason. Ah, karma works its magic, I thought for a moment before moving onto something else.

All this, of course, is based on what I saw on television about it over the years. That's one of the points of Norm Paro's infamous movie, "Unpromotable."

It's a good point.

The jury, the one group of people who got all the information presented by both sides in an orderly fashion, voted to acquit.

They examined all the evidence. I sort of noticed a story packaged by others with their own agendas. That's why we have a jury system instead of relying on the mob like in a Frankenstein movie.

Another Norm point - why would he steal his own memorabilia? O.J. memorabilia is by definition something with his signature on it. So he can make all he wants just by signing stuff.

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After a long hot summer, the cooler temperatures this autumn are very welcome. I like being able to go upstairs in my house without feeling like it's a sauna.

The leaves are turning their beautiful shades of red, orange, and yellow. The trees looked great as I was walking through the Renaissance Festival during their final weekend. I like the late dates over the early ones - August gets pretty hot!

But then the leaves will soon fall from the trees and I'll have to pick them all up and move them to the back.

Stupid leaves.



## No more blowing off board duty

As the new Independence Township Board is elected and seated next month, we deserve a promise - four years of dedicated service.

This is something we once took for granted.

Not anymore. Independence Township Supervisor David Wagner suffered health issues halfway through his term, keeping him from the job. He didn't resign, however, resulting in turmoil and

waste for the next two years.

Now Trustee Mark Petterson is a frequent no show at township board meetings, due to his busy work schedule. He didn't resign either.

Break the pattern.

If you can't do the job, resign. Don't run a campaign for it. Once you're elected, serving on township boards, city councils, school boards, etc. isn't optional.

We deserve that much.

### Editorial

## Support for Brooks's campaign for Congress

Dear Editor,

A few years ago there was a popular experiment in which they put a frog into a pot of boiling water and the frog immediately jumped out. Next, they placed a frog in a pot of cool water and the frog just swam around. Then they gradually brought the pot up to a boil. The frog just kept swimming in the heating water until it cooked to death.

When it comes to political campaign financing, we are like the frog in the heating up pot. Over the years we have seen a gradual heating up or increase of campaign financing. The last great increase was the "Citizens United" Supreme Court decision. I understand this decision allows for unlimited unidentified donations to the so-called super PACs. I understand these unidentified funds could be

from other states or even other countries.

Preston Brooks, an independent candidate for the Eighth Congressional District, promises to turn down the heat. He limits donations to \$100 and only from local individuals. In addition to turning down the heat under the boiling pot, Preston is highly qualified. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and former captain of a nuclear destroyer. He is currently a professor at Oakland University.

As scripture states, "You cannot serve two masters" and another saying reminds us "whoever pays the piper picks the tune." Under the current system, our government is for sale to the highest bidder. Let's change this by voting for Preston Brooks.

Gerald E. McNally  
Clarkston

## Call for new blood on Clarkston Board of Education

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the direction of the Clarkston Schools. The board president seems to be very focused on doing a board self-evaluation. I'm not sure any more time needs to be spent on that. Just go look at the Michigan School Data website ([www.mischooldata.org](http://www.mischooldata.org)) and you will have your answer.

Many of our ratings, according to the state, are slipping. Our percentage of high school students proficient on the Michigan Merit Exam and the ACT College Readiness tests have decreased. Clarkston High School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and received a grade of a C from the Department of Education. Two elementary schools and SMS are now designated as Focus Schools, which is a negative designation, and another elementary school also did not make AYP.

Our overall Math and Reading Proficiency for grades 3-8 has also decreased. With those results, we don't need to spend any more time evaluating the board. It is clear you are not doing your job which is to ensure student achievement is increasing. We see the MEAP scores once a year and we want to pat ourselves on the back and think we are doing great.

One data point does not make a straight line. Other than the MEAP scores, do we really see any data? Are we really evaluating our programs to see how well they are working? When was the last time we heard any kind of student achievement discussion. Instead, we regularly hear about spending money on new programs like Middle College, Spanish, etc.

How about spending money on something we know increases student achievement like lower class sizes? We are continuing to add new programs that cost money which adds to our deficit then we increase class sizes and make cuts to student services. This cycle doesn't make any sense and is obviously not good for our kids.

There are three board members who seem to be concerned about this direction and there are four board members who seem to be happy with the status quo. I for one am not happy with the status quo. Every conversation should be about increasing student achievement and living within the school district budget. For that reason, I'm voting for Sue Boatman, Joan Patterson and Betty Reilly for Clarkston School Board on Nov. 6, and I hope you will too.

Pamela Koczak  
Independence Township

Please see page 17A for more letters to the editor

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1997

"The pet that pays you back" Alpacas in Michigan? Breeders in Davisburg love their new adventure. As a car pulls into the driveway of Woodcreek Farm in Davisburg, 20 pairs of long ears perk up. Twenty pairs of eyes check out the visitor in silence. The eyes and ears belong to alpacas, the love of Nancy Howarth and Al Lopez, who started the farm a couple of years ago.

"POH, Beaumont to join local medical scene" In addition to the new privately owned Mid Oakland Medical Center on Dixie Highway, several other medical facilities are getting ready to compete for local patients, especially in the southwest corner of the township, said planner Dick Carlisle. The latest is William Beaumont Hospital, which received preliminary approval from the township's planning commission Sept. 25 to build a 6,500-square-foot medical building across from the new fire station on Citation Drive. It will house four practitioners.

### 25 years ago - 1987

"Cop contract remains unsettled" Village of Clarkston was in talks with Independence Township to increase police protection. The proposal was to increase payment from 1 mill to 1.5 mill for additional police service, including traffic control in the village each weekday.

"Man dies, 2 hurt in I-75 crash" A 31-year-old Utica man was killed and two others injured last Friday in an accident on I-75 in Independence Township. At about 8:15 p.m., Kenneth Jay Fantozzi was driving northbound with two passengers in a 1987 Ford pickup truck, pulling an "Apache" trailer. No one was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, according to police reports.

### 50 years ago - 1962

"New factory for Davisburg?" Davisburg Development Corporation called for citizen input in attracting more factories to Springfield Township for more jobs, population, and tax revenue. Most of the stores in the town were standing empty.

"10:30 Curfew to be Enforced" The Clarkston Village Ordinance No. 46 which was effective October 4, 1959, shall be strictly enforced by village officers due to the ever increasing number of under age teenagers lingering in the streets after the 10:30 p.m. curfew.

# 2 Topics: Ballot props and Phyllis Diller

Now that I have my absentee voters ballot in hand I can assume a whole bunch of others do, too.

Of course I have an opinion on the six constitutional proposals. Only Prop One could veto a present law. The other five all would amend the State Constitution.

I'll be voting "yes" on Prop One which authorizes the governor to appoint an emergency manager to act in place of local government officials.

That is the current law.

As for the other five, the writers of our State Constitution wrote it right, in my opinion, and now special interest groups (unions, energy interests, etc) want to install language benefiting their interests directly and not the public wellness.

I oppose such action for not being in the public interest, but centered on a belief that will benefit only those backing these changes to our Constitution.

That leaves me with five "NO" votes, and one YES on the proposals.

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Phyllis Diller was a mother of five when her husband suggested she go public with her humor.

She took her 1-liners to great heights, often with self-

deprecating lines.

- Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

- Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: eat out.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

- I asked my hairdresser what would look good on me. She says a Los Angeles Rams football helmet.

- I spent seven hours in a beauty shop... and that was for estimates.

- My husband Fang was so dumb I once said, "There's dead bird." He looked up

- For Fang, getting out of bed in the morning was a career move.

- I'm the only woman who can walk in Central Park at night and reduce the crime rate.

- My mother-in-law had a pain beneath her left breast. Turned out to be a trick knee.

- Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.

- The only parts left in my original body are my elbows.

- When I go to the beach the tide won't come in.

And finally...

- You (I) know you're getting old if they have discontinued your blood type, and if your walker has an airbag.

Phyllis Diller - July 17, 1917 - August 20, 2012.

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For several years my 3-day-a-week daily *Detroit News* has had a "Grapevine" column on page 2A.

Reading it has become a habit mostly because I seldom recognize any names though I'm sure names are the purpose of the column.

Like: "Twilight" stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson are probably known to da yut. You know, people under 30. Other names in this column are Don Lake, Chris O'Dowd, Lil' Wayne, Avril Lavigne, Jason Aldean, Dierks Bentley and Brad Paisley.

What's happened to me probably happened to my daddy. As he aged names that were familiar to me and editors would have made a "Grapevine" column.

Names like Liz Taylor, Marilyn Monroe, Walter Pigeon, Van Johnson, Lana Turner, Janet Leigh and even Dean Martin, while popular with me were likely unknown to daddy.

There's some good in aging.

## Block the border! Inspect all vehicles! Too late, they're here.

While Don ponders *Life's great mysteries he didn't write a column this week. So, while he gets in-touch with his inner grouch, here one from the archives, October 2010. And, hey whatever happened to the bedbug problem?*

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For a while now I've been reading about the increase of "undesirables" in the states south of us. And, since it really didn't pertain to us in Michigan, I figured, "what the heck, it's their problem."

But the more I read of the invasion of these darker, reddish-brown skinned unwanted, the more I thought we needed to beef up protection of our southern border.

I wanted all vehicles inspected. I wanted all people and pets crossing the border, north, checked to make sure they were not harboring these undesirables. Alas, they were only thoughts; I didn't share them.

Now it is too late. They are already here.

Even in Michigan bedbugs are back. (What? Did you think I was talking about illegal aliens. No, I wanted the border between Michigan and Ohio put on high-alert. And, as far as I am concerned, I blame Ohio for our current bedbug problems.)

Last month, the *Detroit Free Press* reported "around the metro area, bedbugs are biting . . . calls for help rise 180

percent over a year."

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Hot damn, and pass the DDT, please.

Have you seen a picture of a bedbug? They are disgusting little blood suckers and they give me the heebie-jeebies -- which by the way, is an American slang term coined by comic-strip cartoonist W. DeBeck around 1905, meaning a condition of extreme nervousness caused by

fear, worry or strain. Thought you might like to know that.

Whilst I have never had an experience to meet a bedbug, I still rank them right up the "Gives Don the Willies" list with headlice (Bailey Lake Elementary outbreak of 1972) and Rahm Emannual (his eyes ook me out). Yep, like most folks, to me bedbugs were something I heard about when as a kid, and is what I say to my kids at bedtime, "Sleep tight. Don't let the bedbugs bite -- and if they do, bite 'em back."

Not anymore.

Let me quote the *Freep* article: "A bedbug outbreak this month (August) at the Riverfront apartments in Detroit and a federal conference Wednesday (August 18) on bedbug problems in the state of

Ohio are symptom of something bigger - a worsening nationwide bedbug explosion . . . bedbug calls rose 180 percent in Metro Detroit . . . officials in Ohio, dubbed the nation's worst bedbug state (see I told you it was their fault) . . ."

Get this -- in three months, an infestation of two adult bedbugs can grow into an infestation of 302 bedbugs. And, by exercising some multiplication skills (or finger dexterity on the calculator) in another three months that infestation would explode to 45,300 bedbugs. And in another three months -- 6,908,250 of apple seed-sized blood suckers could be scurrying over you while you sleep.

Is there something crawling up my back?

The State of Michigan has a 118-page pamphlet about the bedbug, which you can read and or download on-line. here are some more fun facts about your friendly *Cimex lectularius* -- the bedbug.

1. Bedbugs are thought to have evolved from cave-dwelling insects in the Middle East that fed on bats and eventually started feeding on humans instead (great). Human bedbugs were noted in Greek and Latin literature. The the insects rapidly spread throughout Europe with human populations.

2. They have piercing-sucking mouthparts to feed.

3. Bedbugs go through five nymphal (immature) stages after hatching from

the egg and before molting one final time to an adult. They require at least one blood meal at each stage.

4. Adults **may live for more than a year!**

5. Females must mate to lay eggs. Mated females lay eggs singly, cementing them to surfaces in crevices and protected areas away from but near a host sleeping area. (So they not only suck your blood while you sleep they are doing the horizontal bop, too. That is just so wrong.)

6. They feed for 3-15 minutes and then leave the host. **It is rare to actually find bed bugs feeding.** Once in their protected hiding spots, the blood meal is digested. During this process, they will defecate, leaving **reddish brown spots** that are characteristic of bed bug infestations.

7. They have a wide humidity tolerance range but tolerate dry climates better than humid, and **have been known to survive without blood meals for up to a year**

8. At present, because of the stealthy habits of the bugs and their remarkable abilities to tolerate environmental fluctuations and host availability, it can be **difficult to eradicate** them once established. (Simply wonderful.)

Don't know about you, but I'm starting to feel itchy. And, damn Ohio, damn their bedbugs, too!



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# Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

## Copper cut down, taken

About 300 pounds of copper wire was cut down from a boom truck and taken in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, Sept. 21. The metal fell about 30 feet when it was cut loose, crushing the truck's cab.

## Car theft attempt

A Durham Road resident found the his SUV's door lock and steering column damaged. Sept. 21.

## Stolen truck report

A deputy stopped a 39-year-old Sterling Heights resident whose pickup license plate was propped up in the back window instead of attached, 4:06 p.m., Sept. 22, at Ortonville Road and Dixie Highway. A database check showed the vehicle was reported stolen in Clinton Township, so it was impounded.

## Not robbers, but...

Deputies looking for a silver pickup truck involved in a bank robbery in Waterford Township stopped a vehicle matching that description at White Lake and Andersonville Roads, 12:15 p.m., Sept. 22. The driver and passenger, a 31-year-old Pontiac man and 28-year-old Waterford man, were not involved in the robbery. However, the driver had a suspended license and the passenger had two Friend of the Court warrants for his arrest out of Oakland County. The Waterford man was arrested and jailed on the warrants. The Pontiac man is under investigation for driving with a suspended license, second offense.

## Smash and grabs

Someone broke out the rear window of a car parked in the 5000 block of Timber Ridge Trail, Sept. 23, and took an iPod.

Someone broke out front windows in two SUVs parked in the 5000 block of Oak Cove Road, Sept. 23, and took the purses inside.

## Theft from vehicle

A wallet was taken from an unlocked car parked in the 4000 block of Oak Park Drive, Sept. 23. It was later found in a neighbor's mailbox missing \$120 in cash.

## Home break-in

Someone broke into a home in the 10000 block of Clark Road through a kitchen window, Sept. 27, and took jewelry.



Norm Pardo of Springfield Township, on tour with O.J. Simpson. Photo provided

## Jury got O.J. case right, filmmaker says

Continued from page 1A straight to the public."

The movie places front and center the racism of the Rampart police scandals of the 1990s.

"My movie shows stuff people don't want to deal with," Pardo said. "There is still a race problem in California - it's still happening. He's in prison now because of race."

In 2008, Simpson was sentenced to prison for 33 years on robbery, kidnapping, coercion, and conspiracy charges in connection with a Las Vegas burglary.

Pardo got involved with the Simpson story after the former athlete's murder trial in 1995.

"I wanted to know what really happened," he said. "I never trusted the media version."

His findings: "Nothing made sense. I don't see how he could have done it."

Mark Furhman, a detective on the case, was convicted of perjury in the trial, when under cross examination he denied using racial slurs in the prior decade. Defense attorneys were examining whether he planted evidence at the scene.

The infamous freeway chase in the white Bronco was misreported.

"He wasn't fleeing - he was going home to say goodbye to his children," Pardo said.

Fleeing police is a crime, but it didn't come up in court, he said.

As defense attorney Johnnie Cochran pointed out, the glove didn't fit.

"It was a large. O.J. wears extra large. He has big hands. They would have fit Mark Fuhrman, though, Make of that what you will."

Money wasn't much of a motive - Simpson didn't owe child support or alimony.

Jealousy wasn't either. Pardo's film includes a transcript of a 9-1-1 tape, used

by prosecutors to establish Simpson's rage against his ex-wife,

"We transcribed the tape - no one did that before," Pardo said. "He was angry about drug dealers and prostitutes in the home with his kids."

Simpson and Brown had an open relationship, Pardo said.

"It was no big deal," he said. "He could have had a different woman every hour. That's Hollywood."

As for other suspects, Pardo points out links to organized crime - Goldman's father Fred Goldman is married to Patti Glass, whose ex-husband Marvin Glass was a defense attorney representing drug dealers, and who was convicted of racketeering and bribery in the 1980s.

"The jury had all the evidence," Pardo said. "We never did. There was no internet back then - we had to depend on court commentators on TV. We missed a lot."

Still, Simpson isn't pure and innocent, something made clear in the movie.

"He wants it to show him all nice and fuzzy, his old image," Pardo said. "Hollywood wants him shown as a killer. I made it without either one."

Pardo and Simpson still talk sometimes, but not about the movie.

"I talked to O.J. a couple weeks ago," Pardo said. "He was working on his fantasy football. The refs were making a mess out of his fantasy football predictions."

"Un-Promotable" also stars local actors Wendy Williams, Robert P. Young III, son of the Hon. Robert P. Young Jr., justice on the Michigan Supreme Court, Chris Kelly, and Mike Clark of Detroit (not Clarkston).

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Friday	08-24-12	Rochester Adams (win)	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	08-31-12	West Bloomfield	Home	7 p.m.
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.

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

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# Wolves clinch playoff spot

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior running back Quinn Montgomery held onto the football as Pontiac's defensive line ran towards him.

He kept going until he finished his 9-yard run in the endzone for a touchdown with 3:12 left in the Wolves' Homecoming game last Friday.

"It felt great," he said, scoring for the Wolves. "I never scored a touchdown in my life. I was hoping for the chance and it came."

Montgomery added one more point with his PAT kick to bring Clarkston up to 61-19 before the game ended.

"It was the funnest game we have played all year," said Montgomery. "Everyone got to play. Homecoming night made it better. Everyone was here. It is great to see everyone have fun."

Kurt Richardson, head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Football team, agreed it was great to see everyone have fun.

"Kids got lots of time to play," he said. "It was fun for them and that's what its all about. It's nice because it's homecoming."

Ian Eriksen opened the scoring with two touchdowns in the first quarter - both off 2-yard runs. Ben Kaminski closed the quarter scoring on a 8-yard run with 16 seconds to go.

In the second quarter, Nathan Yeloushan got the scoring started with a 5-yard touchdown pass from quarterback D.J. Zezula. Eriksen and Brad Barker scored two touchdowns before Pontiac got on the scoreboard with 13 points.

With 1:39 left in the first half, Jared Yaroch scored on a 49-yard touchdown pass from

Zezula, putting the Wolves 47-13.

Chris Calvano opened the last half of the game with a 17-yard run down the middle.

Eriksen was the leading rusher with 114 yards on 13 carries, with three touchdowns.

Kaminsky ran 58 yards on seven carries and Calvano ran 57 yards on four carries.

Zezula was 4-for-5 on passing for 104 yards with two touchdown passes. Shane Hynes was 6-for-8 on PATs.

Leading tacklers were Cyree Merritt, Tim Cason and Christian Williams. They had a combination of 12 tackles and one sack in the game.

For defense, Dicea had one interceptions and both Yeloushan and David Beedle recovered fumbles.

Richardson pointed out they had a lot of injuries and a lot of players stepped up for the game.

"Joe Popp and Ryan Smith played well," he said. "Smith is a kid who hasn't gotten a lot of playing time. He fought and did everything we asked him to do. It was nice for him."

The win over Pontiac put the Wolves at 6-0, clinching a spot in the playoffs, beginning Oct. 26.

"It's exciting," said Montgomery. "We are going to go far this year."

The Wolves (6-0, 5-0 OAA Red) host Troy (4-2, 3-2) this Friday at 7 p.m. for their last home game of the regular season.

The team isn't taking the game lightly.

"They always do a great job against us," said Richardson. "They are very well-coached."

"I am excited," said Montgomery. "It should be a good game."



Chris Calvano puts a stop to Pontiac. Photo by Larry Wright

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Ava Hernandez gets ready for another game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

# Making history

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Eight-year-old Ava Hernandez grabbed the handoff from Josh Buchmann and she ran a few yards into the endzone to score her first touchdown, Sept. 22.

"I got down and blasted through the hole," she smiled.

"I was speechless for awhile," said mom, Amy. "I cried. We are proud of her."

Not only did Ava boost the Clarkston Chiefs Freshman Gold team in their 30-7 win against Almont but it was the first touchdown for a girl in the Chiefs program.

Freshman Gold Head Coach Jeff Buchmann added the team loved it when Ava scored her touchdown.

"They did a great job of getting her there and helping her do it," he said. "It was a hard run right up the middle."

Ava grew up playing football in the backyard with her two older brothers. She played flag football for two years. Ava said she wanted to play touch football when the family went to pick up her brothers' equipment, uniform and gear for their Chiefs' season.

"Her dad was against it," said Amy. "It took some coercing to get on board. I told him we have never been hesistant with any of the kids. Her desire and drive to do this

was so strong we had to let her do it. Lo and behold she is scoring a touchdown."

"It's fun," Ava said, adding her teammates are great.

"They are phenomenal," Amy said. "They support her. At one point she came to practice and she was teeter tottering about being in the program. It is a lot of hard work. The boys were like 'come on Ava, you can do this. We need you on the team.'"

Buchmann noticed the hesitation at the beginning of the season but Ava slowly grew out of it.

"It was confidence," he said. "Over the last couple of weeks she has really started to bring her athletic ability out here. She is just as fast or the fastest kid on the team and as athletic."

Ava is a second grader at Pine Knob Elementary and also played soccer.

She said she likes football more than soccer and it was more fun. She plays as a runningback, is part of the kickoff team and is on the defensive line.

Her brothers help her with how to throw the ball better and how to tackle. They also cheer her on with their teammates.

The Chiefs Freshman Gold team takes on the Waterford Corsairs Green team this Saturday at Waterford Pierce Middle School, 11 a.m.

  
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The Girls Cross Country team at Hanson's Invitational. Photo submitted

## Racers outpace opponents on 5K

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Runners kept their pace and kept out their competition during the Hanson's Invitational last Saturday to aid their teams to take second place.

The Lady Wolves split the team to take second in two varsity races.

"Our varsity ran pretty well," said Clarkston Girl Cross Country Coach Kevin Breen. "I know they are capable of more. For the most part we ran on par for where we are at right now. We had some good performances."

Nicole Hanson led the team and the race, finishing in first place at 18:57, boosting the team to 53 points for second place.

"She had her first opportunity to run a race where she could go out and win it," said Breen. "She gained a little bit of confidence as she beat athletes regarded as the top athletes in the state.

"She was running in the race and maintaining her speed in the race pack. She realized she had quite a bit in her tank and spent the last half mile pulling away from the rest of the pack. she gained a lot of confidence from that."

Lynsie Gram finished in eighth overall; 19:59; Kaitlin Catania, 13th, 20:21; Sage Beauregard, 15th, 20:48; Erin Billette, 16th, 20:48; and Amanda Chamberlain, 19th, 20:58.

Helen Jeffers led in the second varsity race, taking fourth place at 21:41 as the team scored

43 points for their second place finish.

The boys took second with 77 points. Daniel Billette led finishing in fifth, 16:33. Sam Tanielian finished in second place, 16:40; and Nick Moore, 15th, 17:44.

The Lady Wolves took second place with 84 points at the OAA Red Jamboree #2 at Stoney Creek Metropark, Sept. 24. Seaholm took first.

"I thought we would go out there flat," said Breen. "I don't know if they were running on pure adrenaline or what but they went out there and crushed it. They did awesome."

Hanson led the team, finishing at 19:01 in sixth place. Gram took 11th place, 19:33; and Erin, 13th, 19:44.

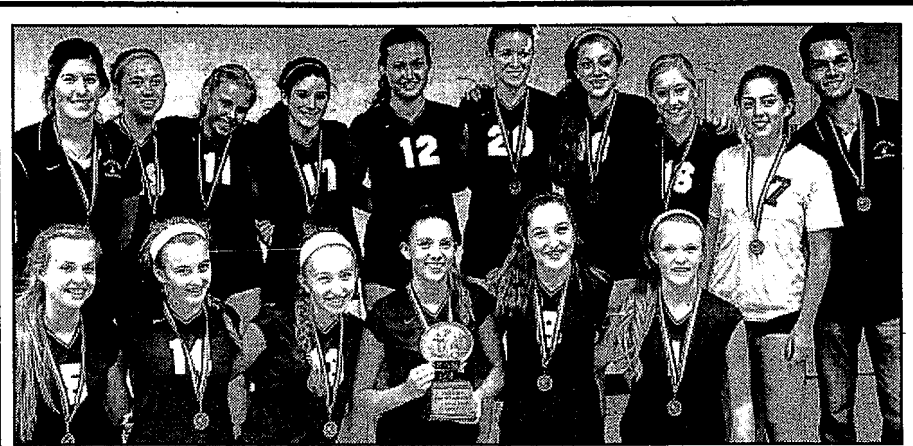
The boys also finished in second with 82 points. Lake Orion took first with 43 points. Tanielian led, finishing in fourth at 16:40 and Daniel finished in ninth, 16:59.

Both teams head to the Oakland County Meet at Kensington Metropark in Milford on Saturday.

The Lady Wolves are going to the course before the race to get mentally prepared.

"We could be one of the top teams," said Breen. "It is just a matter of making sure the girls go into the end of the week feeling good, feeling healthy and feeling fresh."

He pointed out there are many good teams in the county and they are looking at Troy, Rochester Adams and Seaholm as their biggest competition.



The JV Volleyball team wins the Fenton tournament. Photos submitted

## Teams rule tournaments

Lady Spikers are making an impact.

The Clarkston Girls JV Volleyball team opened the season with a bang. They won the gold division at the Flushing Invitational, Aug. 25. They defeated North Branch in the championship round to win.

They followed it up by winning the gold division at the Fenton JV Tournament, Sept. 15. For this tournament they beat Haslett in the championship match.

The Clarkston Girls Freshman Volleyball team also won their tournament on Sept. 15.

They won the Grand Blanc Invitational in the final game against Grand Blanc, 25-16

and 25-20.

On the way to the championship round they beat Romeo, Grand Blanc, Lapeer West and Brandon. In the semi-finals they faced neighboring rival, Lake Orion and won, 25-7 and 25-21.

"I was especially proud that this was a team effort," said Daneen Kincaid, coach for the freshman team.

Both teams head to Troy this Thursday.

They are back home on Oct. 16 as they host Rochester Adams. The JV team plays at Clarkston High School. The freshman play at the junior high school, 5:30 p.m.



The Freshman team takes the Grand Blanc Invitational.

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# Kickers rally to topple three opponents in one week

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Gary Bigger led the Kickers this week as he scored four goals in their three wins.

"He had a great week," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chuck Lawhorn.

Bigger, along with teammates, Ben Snider and Alex Trim scored one goal each in their 3-0 win against Lahser last Thursday. Trim opened the game with the first goal off a penalty kick.

"We had a couple of injuries going in," said Lawhorn. "We had three starters out. Everyone played really well. We kept the pressure on Lahser the whole game. The guys who came off the bench maintained the intensity and the flow of the game. I was really

pleased."

The boys beat Waterford Kettering on Sept. 25, 5-1. Bigger scored two goals. Joey DeFinis, Ryan Callahan and Jared D'Autremont scored one goal each.

"We were able to use a lot of guys off the bench," Lawhorn added. "They did a nice job keeping the flow going and playing hard."

The boys opened the week with a 3-1 win over Lake Orion on Sept. 24.

Bigger, Snider and DeFinis scored one goal each during their win against Lake Orion.

"Lake Orion was a nice start for us," Lawhorn said.

The Wolves started this week with a game against Rochester Adams on Tuesday. They beat Adams earlier in the season, 3-2.

"It is going to be a tough test for us," said

Lawhorn. "They have definitely improved throughout the season and I expect them to be better than the first time we played them. At the same time we have improved, too. Last week helped to get them in the right mindset and get them playing and have everyone available when you need them. We have a game plan going into the Adams game and it requires intensity and a lot of quick play."

The boys host Brother Rice on Thursday.

"Brother Rice will be ready to play," he said. "The guys who played last year felt like we had a good opportunity to come out with a win. They will be looking to get one back from them this year."

The players aim to remain healthy keep last week's momentum going into this week. They will also have to keep up their pace of

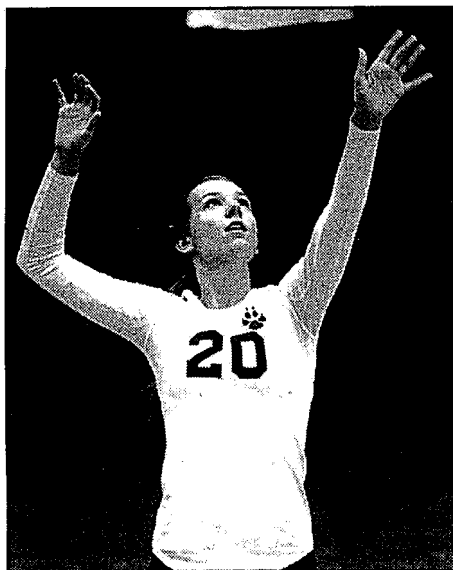
play and keep improving.

"It seems like we are heading into the right direction," Lawhorn added.

The boys head to Lapeer East on Monday. They are back home next Tuesday in time for their Senior Night as they host Farmington.

"They have a couple of talented players up top," added Lawhorn. "We will definitely have to keep our eyes on them. They are a solid team. They were moved up from the OAA White division to the Red division. They will battle right to the end. It is an important game for us. We will make sure these guys are ready. We will need our depth and make sure everyone is ready to go."

The home games start with the JV team at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Emily Malinowski prepares to strike with her serve.

## Lady Wolves unravel Raiders in league battle

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

It wasn't the beginning of the game against North Farmington last Thursday that mattered - it was the ending.

The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team recovered from their first 25-21 loss to the Lady Raiders with a fight in them.

As the North Farmington slowly climbed to grab the lead in the second game, a few key hits from Rachel Dickerson and Katie Chadwell knocked their opponents back down as Clarkston went 25-21.

"We were positive," Sarah Bullen said about what helped the team turn things around. "We had to get our nerves out during the first game. Personally I hit a

few out but someone came back and made up for it. We got pumped up. Our attitude was really good."

The positive attitude helped as they went into the third game. The teams battled point for point. Clarkston began to pull up in the score while keeping up their defense against the Lady Raiders. A combination of blocks and hits kept Clarkston in the lead until they won, 25-16.

They kept going to win the fourth and final game, 25-18.

"North Farmington is a great team," said Coach Kelly Avenall. "They have a great defense. They have a couple of good hitters. We played sloppy and despite that we were able to pull out a win. I was happy to see it."

Dickerson had 27 kills during the game. Brianna Frakes had five aces and 40 assists and Emily Popp had 24 digs.

"It may give them a little confidence," said Avenall. "They know I am frustrated with them. If anything it tells them there is still a lot we need to work on if we want to push as far as we want to. It proves to them we aren't there yet."

The girls opened the week with Oxford. They head to Troy on Thursday and follow it with the Marian Elite tournament on Saturday.

"It is a pretty big week," said Avenall. "Anytime you win it is going to give you momentum."

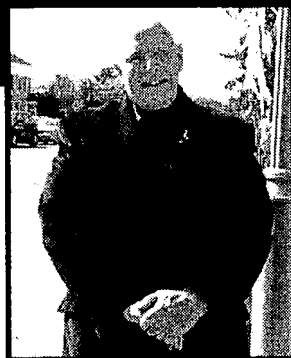
"We are staying positive," Bullen added.

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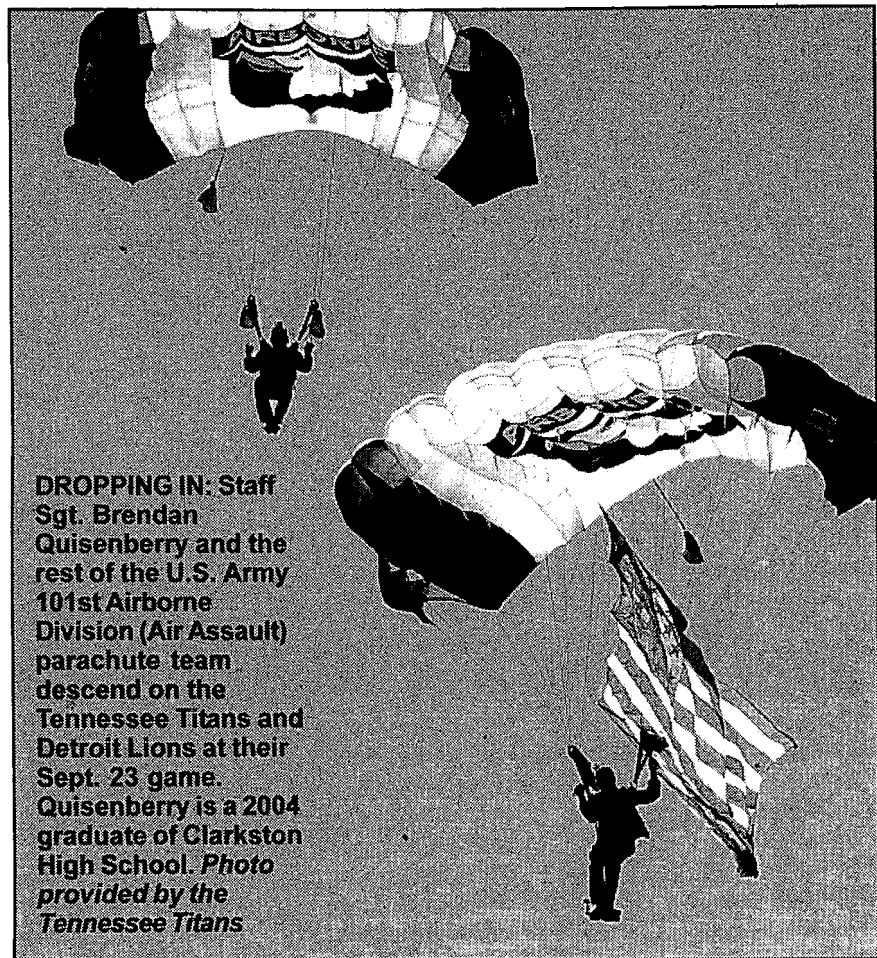


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**DROPPING IN:** Staff Sgt. Brendan Quisenberry and the rest of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) parachute team descend on the Tennessee Titans and Detroit Lions at their Sept. 23 game. Quisenberry is a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School. Photo provided by the Tennessee Titans

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### 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing

We want to thank all of our sponsors and everyone who donated towards and participated in our Annual Charity Golf Outing that was held on July 29th at Boulder Pointe in Oxford, Michigan. Mother Nature provided us with a beautiful day and with the help of employees and volunteers we were able to raise over \$17,000!

The Oxford/Lake Orion FISH a non-profit that is staffed 100% by neighborhood volunteers was presented a check on September 20, 2011. John Jarvis director of FISH was truly overwhelmed and grateful with the donation from the HealthQuest Charity Golf Outing.

The remaining funds will be given to the Rachel Ring Memorial Fund in honor of Rachel Ring and the Oakland University English Student Enrichment Fund in memory of Jenna Balabuch. Rachel and Jenna were longtime friends and who were involved in a fatal car accident in October, 2011.

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**Pictured:** In front of the Oxford/Orion F.I.S.H. Food Pantry, located on 2nd Street in Oxford are: (Left to Right) Dan Cady of HealthQuest, Julie Howard, F.I.S.H. Treasurer; John Jarvis, F.I.S.H. President; Dan Garr and Phil Krause of HealthQuest.

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## Obituaries

### Addie P. Allard, 68

Addie P. Allard, "Polly," of Waterford passed away Sept. 27, 2012, at age 68.

She was the beloved wife of Al; loving mother of Alan (Angie) Allard; proud grandma of Corey, Kevin and Kaylyn; dear sister of Frances Pritchard, Imogene Barfoot, Peggy (John) Hall and Tommy Reaid.



Celebration of Life Service was Sept. 30 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Richard Broegman, 68

Richard A. Broegman, "Dick," of Lancaster, Pa., formerly of Birmingham, Mich., passed away Sept. 25, 2012, at age 68.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jane. He was the loving father of Patti (Bill) Picciani and Rick Broegman; papa of Katie, Mandy, Nick and Lexi; brother of Beverly Broadstone, Nancy Caston, John R. Broegman, Carolyn Oen, and Susie Roberts.



Funeral Service was Oct. 1 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for the Future Education of Richard's grandchildren. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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

### Amanda D. Fellmy, 31

Amanda D. Fellmy of Clarkston passed away Sept. 27, 2012, at age 31.

She was the mother of Matthew and Dacoda Hayward; fiancée of Matthew Hayward; daughter of David (Debra Godfrey) Fellmy and Margaret (Bruce) Thomas; sister of Sherry Adas, Tabatha Willis, David Fellmy Jr. and Jake Thomas; aunt of Lorelai Willis, Aaron Adas, Lucas Sontag and Nicholas Willis.



Amanda was a former employee of Wright and Filippis.

Memorial service was Oct. 2 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Any donations to the family will be used for the future education of her children. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Lucille M. Wooley, 89

Lucille Marie Wooley of Davisburg passed away Sept. 26, 2012, at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert, "Red." She was the loving mother of Theresa (late Thomas) Jackman, James Wooley and Robert (Sue) Wooley; cherished grandmother of Daniel (Tammy), Gary, Kathleen, Andrew, Jamie (Tim) and Joseph; great grandmother of Brooke, Trenton, Landon, and Charlotte; dear sister of Shirley (Joseph) Tersigni; special aunt of many nieces and nephews.

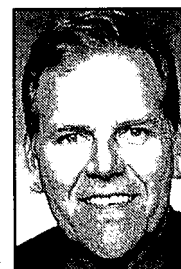
Lucille was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Nomads and P.B.X. Club. She was an avid china painter and artist.

Rosary Service was Sept. 28 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Sept. 29 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Town hall meeting with candidates

Independent Tea Party Patriots hosts a Town Hall Meeting with U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers and several other local candidates, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road.

Also participating will be University of Michigan regent candidates Dan Horning and Dr. Robert Steele; Michigan State University trustee candi-



Rogers

date Jeff Sakwa; Judge Colleen O'Brien; Oakland Circuit judge candidate Dan Christ; UAW Representative Terry Bowman; and Todd Courser, candidate for Michigan School Board.

"This election is critical to the future direction of our nation and this great state," said meeting organizer Cathy Settle of Clarkston. "We hope that our citizens are engaged to learn more about the candidates and issues. This is a great forum that gives everyone a chance to talk directly to our key decision makers."

Networking with the candidates begins at 5:30 p.m. Check [www.itpp.us](http://www.itpp.us).

# Kopietz's celebrate 39 years making Clarkston sparkle

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Buck and Joan Kopietz started selling jewelry in 1973 with an inventory of five necklaces and 33 rings. After 39 years in business they have a lot more jewelry and a lot of memories.

"It's not the possessions in our lives that make us smile, it's the people," Joan said.

After almost 40 years of living in Clarkston, designing custom jewelry, and getting to know guests at her bed and breakfast, Joan and Buck have had many opportunities to smile.

The Kopietz's jewelry store started on 3 E. Washington street, moved to 20 S. Main, and then to its current destination at 64 S. Main.

Not only has it changed locations, but it has also taken on a new name: Silver Kiss. It was previously known as Tierra Fine Jewelers. Besides watches, earrings, and bracelets, Silver Kiss used to carry art supplies and gifts.

What keeps Buck and Joan going after so many years of transformations?

"We're stubborn," said Joan with a laugh. "When we start a project, we don't quit."

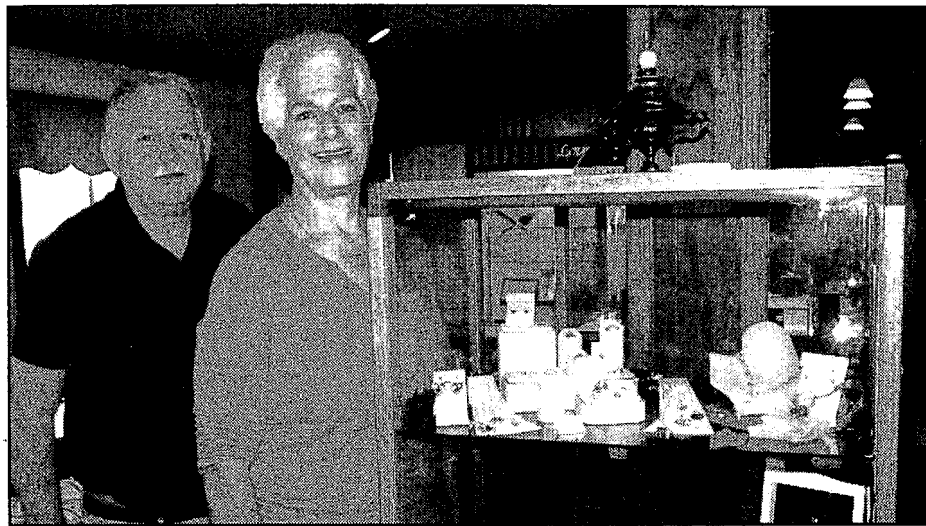
According to Joan and Buck, running a jewelry shop isn't always easy. When they started in 1973, their revenues barely covered rent, and in a few years, their store almost went up in flames during a fire starting at Morgan's.

"People started coming to the store in droves," said Buck who remembers the fire vividly. Clarkstonites gathered up the shop's products and helped get them out of the store. People even threw materials out of the windows to others catching it below.

"It's one of those things telling about a small community," said Joan. "People were helping out just to save our business."

Luckily, the Kopietz's store wasn't damaged in the fire, and only one crystal glass was broken.

It wouldn't be the last time people around town would offer their help. Buck and Joan fondly remember a stream of rattling



Buck and Joan Kopietz s opened their jewelry business in 1973. Photo by Mary Keck

shopping carts borrowed from Rudy's carrying the contents of their jewelry store down the road to 64 South Main. The movers were members of the community who volunteered to help the Kopietz's.

Among memories of big events, some little moments stay fresh in the minds of Joan and Buck. For instance, they'll never forget a woman who arrived at their shop crying. She brought a yellow gold band belonging to her late husband and wanted Joan to create a custom ring binding her white gold wedding ring with his.

"I need to know about you and your husband," Joan told her. When the tearful customer explained they loved sailing, Joan knew just how to design the ring. The finished product was a ring of yellow and white gold forming two sails meeting around a diamond.

When the woman picked up her custom ring, she cried again, but this time the tears were joyous. Later Joan would redesign the piece of jewelry again, adding in birthstones, so the heirloom could be passed on to the woman's children.

Joan said she has the image of the person in mind when she makes their jewelry, which gives it a human touch.

"You have to touch the heart," she said. The drive of the Kopietzes to offer their customers specialized jewelry has not only led them to create sentimental pieces, it has also taken them as far as Antwerp to get diamonds.

They described sitting at long tables sifting through bags of diamonds to pick out gems. After choosing among hundreds of carats of diamonds, the Kopietzes would come back to Clarkston and use the gems in their distinctive designs.

Like their customized necklaces and earrings, Buck feels Clarkston has a distinctive flavor.

"People love to go downtown and know the shop owners and talk with them," he said.

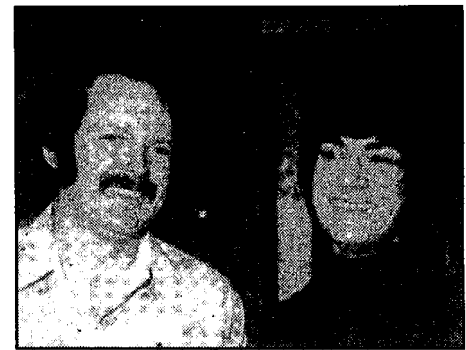
"The close relationship between customer and storeowner builds a fiber that lasts that you just don't get at a strip mall," said Joan.

But it isn't only what happens in the store setting Silver Kiss apart, but the retail community in Clarkston.

"You're not a single ship," Joan explained. To succeed in business, "you need to be a part of the fleet."

Buck agreed, "retail takes a community."

After 39 years, Joan and Buck have watched Clarkston's downtown grow from



Buck and Joan, as featured in the 1974 Clarkston News' Progress edition. File photo

only two blocks.

They remember what they've coined the "Camelot Era" in the 70s when the Mills Mall developed and people would come to shop during the Moonlight Madness sale. There were farmers markets with truckloads of corn and film festivals where audiences could watch movies reflected on the wall of *The Clarkston News*.

They also remember the economic decline in the 80s when money dried up for businesses.

"It got too hard to do business," said Joan who witnessed stores last only one or two years before moving on.

"Three of the four corners [of downtown] were real estate companies – the fourth corner was Morgan's," she said.

Buck and Joan are pleased to see a resurgence of shops downtown these days, and even though it's been 39 years, they hope to continue offering timeless services like customized engagement rings and watch repair while catering to local sports fans with wolf earrings and pendants.

Whether it's sterling silver from Italy or rubies and sapphires, after 39 years Joan and Buck Kopietz pride themselves on giving their customers a personalized experience they won't find anywhere else.

To commemorate 39 years, they are throwing an anniversary celebration from Oct. 17-20. Find out more by following *The Clarkston News*.

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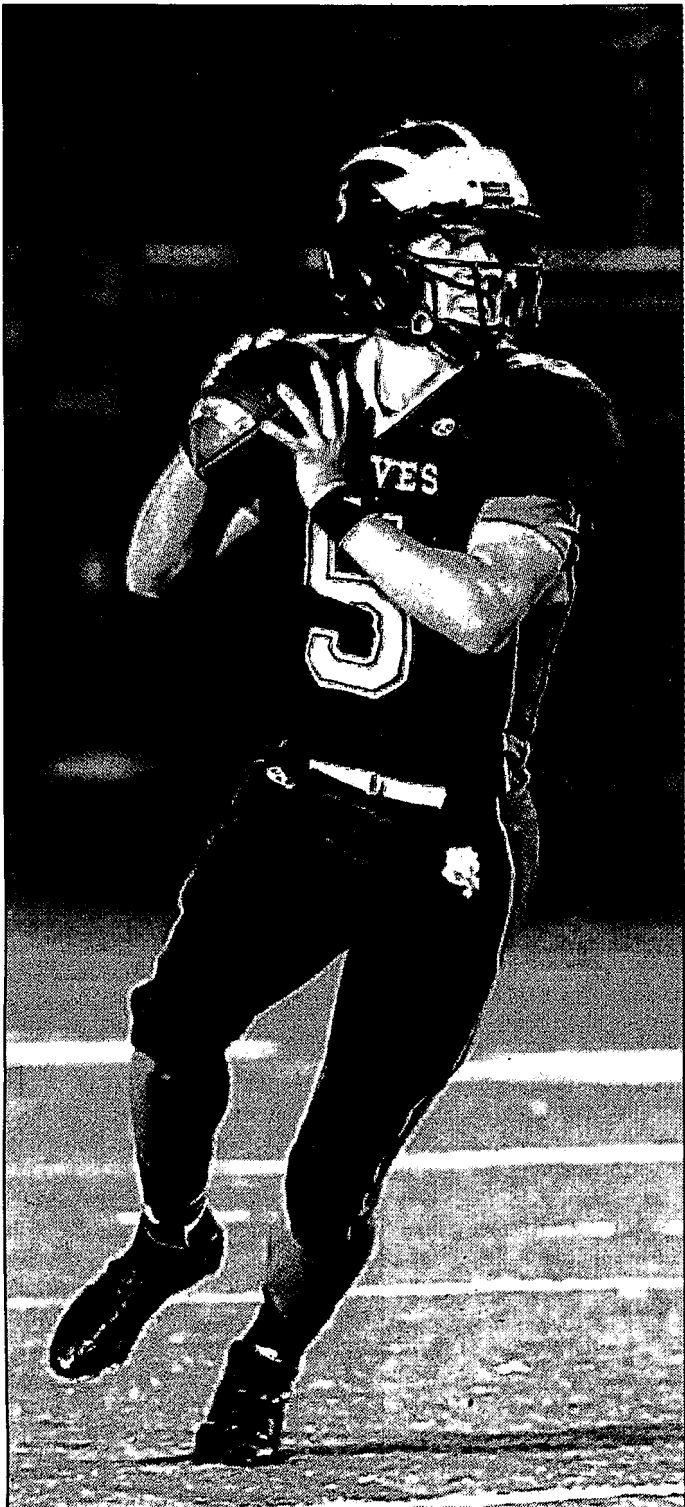
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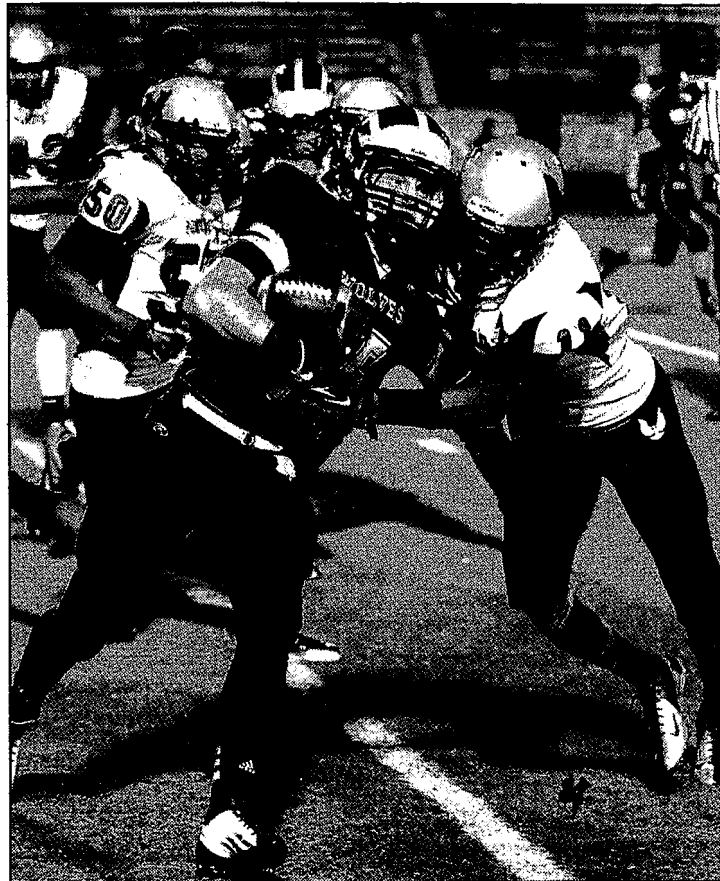
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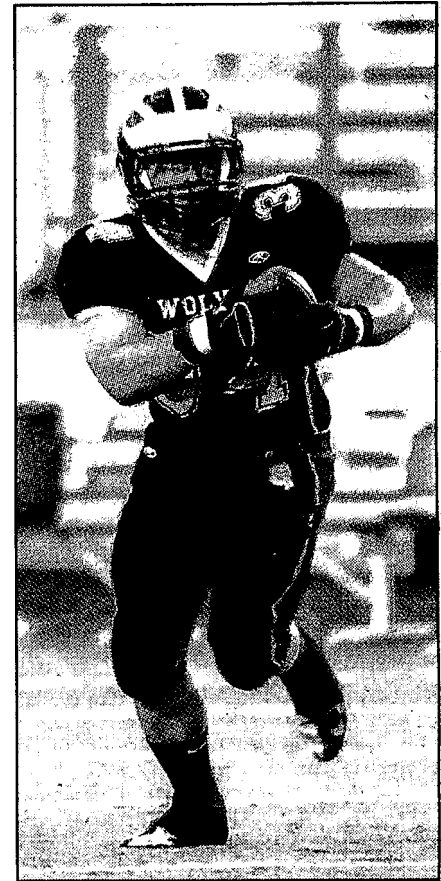
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D.J. Zezula passes the ball to a teammate. Photo by John Azzopardi



Quinn Montgomery gains yardage before defense stops him.



Ben Kaminsky makes a run. LW

## Wolfpack attack

The Clarkston Wolves defeated Pontiac last Friday during their Homecoming game, 61-19. Ian Eriksen led the team, scoring three touchdowns.

Ben Kaminsky, Chris Calvano, Brad Barker, Nathan Yeloushan, Jared Yaroch, and Quinn Montgomery added to the scoreboard - scoring one touchdown each in the game. The Wolves (6-0) host Troy this Friday, 7 p.m.

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Ian Eriksen dodges a Pontiac defender. Photo by LW



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## More letters to the editor... Taste of Clarkston all-around huge success

Dear Editor,

A huge thank you to all involved in Taste of Clarkston this year!

We estimate about 17,000 visited Taste of Clarkston enjoying a gorgeous fall day, great food, music and entertainment in the Historic Village.

This event happens only because of the hard work, commitment and collaborative spirit between the host partners, sponsors, exhibitors, restaurants, volunteers, entertainers, sheriff's department, fire department and health department.

Many Taste visitors may not realize that the host partners (Clarkston Area Chamber, Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors, and the City of the Village of Clarkston) begin work on Taste back in February and March. We've learned a lot after 15 years of hosting this event, but we continue to strive to improve. This year, we believe we successfully moved the bar up another notch.

There are literally hundreds of thank you's that should be made, but I'd like to highlight some of the incredible stars of this event.

Clarkston Union once again rocked the Taste of Clarkston as the People's Choice, selling so much Mac & Cheese that nearly 20% of the entire Taste of Clarkston ticket sales came from their booths!

Genisys Credit Union and LaFontaine Automotive Group sponsored our entertainment and from WCSX to the Church Street Stage, flash mobs and belly dancers—we had lots of entertainment for many ages and interests.

The Learning Experience and Al Deeb Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram sponsored the

KidZones and from Radio Disney 910 Road Crew to the inflatable wonderland in Depot Park kids were in heaven!

Among the hundreds of volunteers pitching in at Taste there were some outstanding behind the scenes stars that you should know about.

Clarkston Community Church saved the day when we had last minute shortages for volunteers. They provided additional support for barricades and over 50 fresh volunteers to help with tear down.

When the weather report predicted sunny and low 60's, we knew the crowd was going to be big and keeping the tables clear and trash under control is key. Clarkston High School Octagon Club pitched in, with nearly 30 volunteers to help bus tables and bag trash.

U.S. Army also provided essential support, manning our barricades for the majority of the day.

There are so many people and organizations who came together to make this an outstanding event and we can't forget to thank our media support Radio Disney 910, WCSX, Hometown Values Magazine, The Hungry Dudes, Oakland Press and *The Clarkston News*.

Without all of these essential partners, we could not deliver what we heard was, "a fantastic event! What Arts Beats and Eats wants to be."

Sincerely,

*Penny Shanks*  
Executive Director

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce

## Fundraiser raises over \$4,000 for veteran projects

Dear Editor,

Our Fall Fundraiser was a huge success! Besides having a great time, we raised a total of \$4,498.

We will split these funds equally with the Auxiliary and the SAL and they will be used to support our Veteran related projects. I want to thank everyone that came out and supported this event and especially those that spent their day making it all happen.

Thanks to Wayne Fisher, Jerry Grzywinski, Uni Marbutt, Kit Marbutt, Duane McCutcheon, Al and Annie Germic, Cliff and Dolores Smart, Ashley McCluskey, Tom and Marlene Romzek, Norma Ortman and Jerry Waite. We couldn't have done it without your

help.

Don Carter was the top raffle ticket salesman with over \$500 in ticket sales. Thanks Don! Also I want to thank our sponsors Tim and Cathy from Humana and Greg and his crew from the Davisburg Citizens Bank, Lowe Home Improvements, *The Clarkston News* and Wint and Son Funeral Home as well as all of the entertainers that donated their time, Steve Orasco, Tim and Cindy Holloway, Jerry Conley, Elvis Kelly and Rick Smith. It's such a great feeling when we can all work together for such a good cause.

Thanks to all of you for your help!

*Keith Marbutt*  
Commander, American Legion Post 63

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Please keep them short and to the point. We'll edit them for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and length. We take the liberty of publishing (or not) all letters we receive. Please sign your letter (no photo copies!) and include a daytime phone for verifications. Deadline is noon, Monday. You can drop them or mail them to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346; fax them at (248) 625-0706; or e-mail [shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:shermanpub@aol.com), attn: *Clarkston News*. Any questions call *The Clarkston News* at (248) 625-3370.

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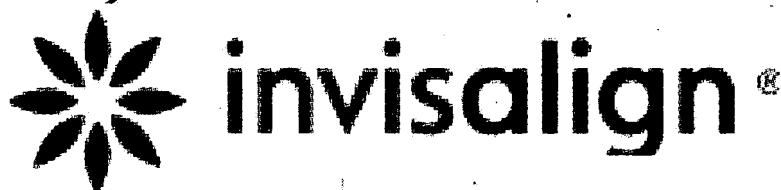
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## Who's your Wolf?

"Jacob Gozdor (junior center and defensive tackle)."



- Gary Gozdor

"Cole Chewins (sophomore tight end and linebacker)."



- Paul Chewins

"Ian (junior running back and linebacker), Emma (senior on soccer), Nolan (freshman football, wrestling and track), Allie (6th grader in track)."



- Mark Eriksen

"Jacob Gozdor."



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By Wendi Reardon

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## Clark teaches kids to be role models

BY WENDI REARDON  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Every day when Clarkston Elementary students walk into the cafeteria Clark is there to remind them to be on their best behavior.

Clark, their blue and gold dragon mascot, sits 15-feet tall on one of the walls with rocks surrounding him.

But they aren't just any old rocks - they are R.O.C.K.S. Each one stands for something different - Respectful, Own your behavior, Cooperate, Kind and Safe.

"It stands for what we are shooting for," said Nikhil Shaw, a fifth-grader. He pointed to the bucket in front of Clark filled with rocks. "It shows we are bucketfillers. You never want to dip into someone else's bucket. You want to fill other people's buckets."

Sophie Little, a fifth grader, explained a filled bucket means someone is happy. A bucket can be filled by cheering for the person or just being nice to them. Being mean is dipping into the bucket and taking away from the person.

The first time Little saw the mural she thought it was really cool.

"It reminds us to be a dragon everyday," she smiled. "It is a nice reminder to keep everyone's buckets full - just like Clark's bucket."

Fourth grader Hayden Payne glanced up at Clark and explained he tries to be a dragon on the playground.

"I am safe outside," he said, adding he doesn't play sports when other kids say to do something not



Fifth-graders Sophie Little and Nikhil Shaw remember how to be good people when they see Clark and his mural. Photo by Wendi Reardon

allowed. "I go and tell someone. I help to make the situation better."

Shaw explained he tries to be a dragon by being a leader.

"If someone needs help, you help them," he said. "When other people are sad, you cheer them up. You are respectful to new kids and show them around."

Shaw pointed to the wolf in the background and explained he strives to be a Clarkston Wolf when he leaves the elementary.

"We want them to be dragons

now so they will be positive Wolves when they move into the future," said Principal Brian Adams.

He explained the concept for the mural came from a program they started last year on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS). They created "CE R.O.C.K.S." and posted signs throughout the school to remind students.

"We talked to the kids about positive behavior and what it looks like," he said. "It's nice to see the

kids walking down the hallway doing these things and you can compliment them and say 'wow, I can see you are really being a dragon and helping out.'"

The PTO liked the concept and worked on giving the students a visual. They brought in Kevin Burdick, a 27-year-old artist from Fenton to work on the project.

"The kids are making good choices and making this a special place," said Adams. "They treat each other really well around here."

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Anti-bullying presentation for K-5 with Michigan author Kristy Short, Ed.D., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Oct. 6. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, 248-623-4313.

Clarkston Family Health & Fitness Expo, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 6, Clarkston Community Education building, 6558 Waldon Road. Free. Demonstrations on cooking and sports, injury prevention, health screenings, children's activities, obstacle course, prizes. www.clarkstonpta.org.

Relax and Pampered, 5-8 p.m., Oct. 18, McLaren Cancer Institute Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Come relax and be pampered. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Back this year - Recycled Purse Sale.

Davisburg Heritage Festival, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 13 and 14, downtown Davisburg. Pancake breakfast, antique tractor display, wagon rides, historical, interpretive displays, crafts, games. Antique tractor parade, 12 p.m. 248-846-6558.

Community shred day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 13, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville-Road. 248-625-2923.

Anniversary Open House, 1-4 p.m., Oct. 14, Advanced PetCare of Oakland and Camp Bow Wow, 6378 Sashabaw Road. Pet-care demonstrations, mock surgery, hospital and boarding tours, special guests from Oakland County Sheriff's Office and Michigan State University's School of Veterinary Medicine. 248-620-2900, 248-620-9663.

Sarrick House Concert, 4 p.m., Oct. 14, Sons of the Never Wrong, turbo folk/pop, with opening act Cold City Cowboys. Admission: \$15 donation. 248-394-0113

Annual Meeting, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors, 7-8 a.m., Oct. 15, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. RSVP by Oct. 12. New address, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. 248-623-4313.

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.

Trick or treating, Independence Township, 6-7 p.m., Oct. 31.

Around Town



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



Participants gather for 2011 Congenital Heart Walk. File photo

Walk for hearts on Sunday

Congenital Heart Walk returns to Clarkston's Depot Park, 10 a.m., Oct. 7, with a walk through town, music, entertainment, speakers, light breakfast and lunch.

Michigan's Lt. Gov. Brian Calley will speak about his family's personal experience with congenital heart disease.

Also speaking will be Dr. Richard Ohye of Mott Children's Hospital, and Dr. Henry Walters and Dr. Ralph Delius of Children's Hospital of Michigan. Last year's inaugural walk brought in over \$25,000.

"We're fortunate that southeast Michigan has some of the best pediatric

cardiology hospitals in the country, as well as a very strong community of heart families who offer each other support," said Sally Powers, local committee chair and mom to a 4-year-old CHD survivor who underwent his second open heart surgery this past April. "Given its prevalence, congenital heart disease is grossly underfunded. But our Michigan walkers will show the nation how a group of inspired individuals can make a difference."

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Check www.congenitalheartwalk.org.

A Taste For The Holidays fall wine tasting, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 1, Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Highway. Features wines from around the world, food from 14 local restaurants. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call Jeff at 248-625-8837 or Joel at 248-625-9741.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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 Restaurant, 6167 White Lake Road. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. \$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.

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.

Fit Club Walks, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Divine Nutrition, 7743 Sashabaw Road. Free. 248-393-08989 or 248-625-6551.

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.

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

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.

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

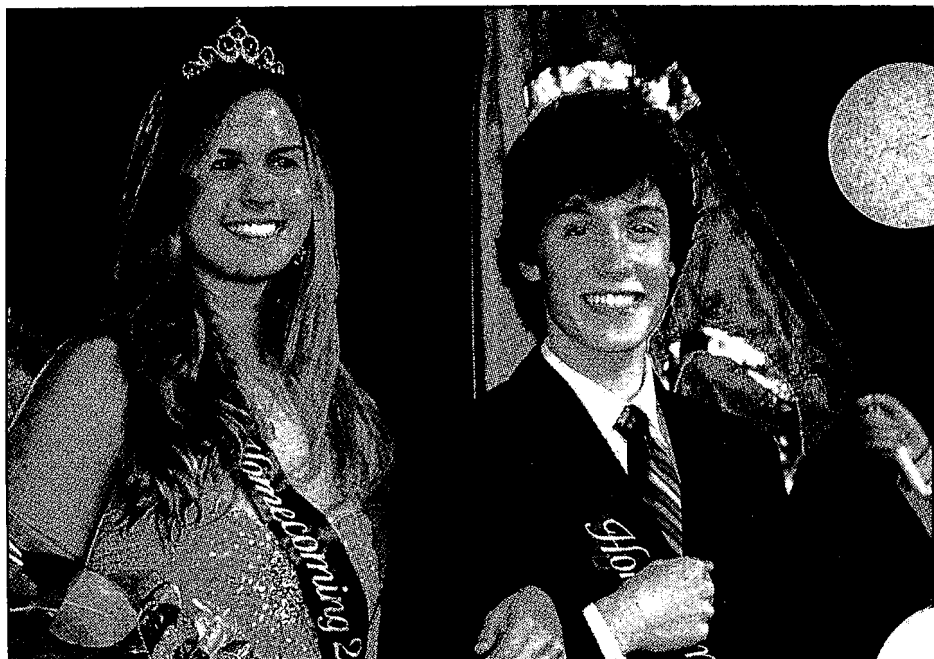
Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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

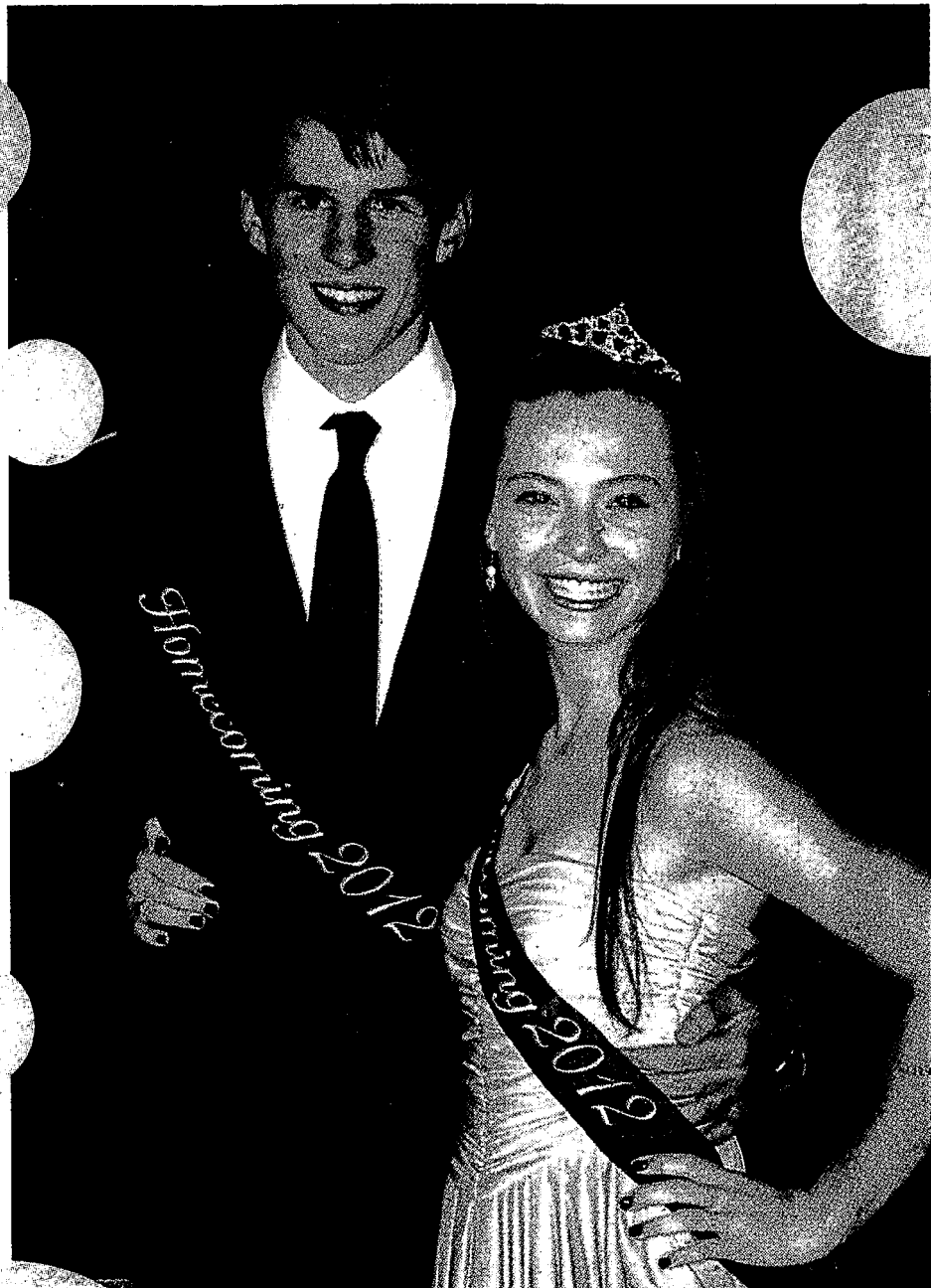
Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

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



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# Real change starts with individuals

During the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, President Abraham Lincoln delivered one of the most memorable speeches in American History.

His speech, known as the *Gettysburg Address*, was to recognize the awesome sacrifices made during the Civil War in order to preserve the Union and to liberate the slaves in the confederacy.

He declared that our democracy must be "for the people, by the people and of the people." This declaration affirmed the source of power and strength of a democracy.

Although this declaration was meant to affirm the efforts for equality and the power of the people, we must also see the opposite side of the declaration. If a democracy is *for, by, and of the people*, we must recognize the awesome responsibility the average citizen holds.

As we approach the coming election, the candidates are going to try to convince us that if we vote for them, they will implement a plan of action to save and secure our future.

The choices we make in the coming election will be very important, but we must

also understand that if the source of authority comes from the people, the strength must also come from the people. In the end, politicians cater to the people—the other way around.

If we are to face the uncertainty of times with confidence, we must also seek for a change in the attitudes and actions of the everyday citizens.

It isn't just Washington that is in a sea of debt. Our consumer-oriented society has much of the responsibility for the planning of the future.

Can we complain about Washington when we do the same things in our personal lives? I often hear of the moral decay we are served by popular culture in the way of songs, movies, and other media. Would the media moguls sell these products if no one was buying them?

Many complaints have surfaced over the risky ventures of Wall Street, but is our craving for risky, high-yielding investments part of the drive? I am sure it is.

We need change in the high levels of our government; but as the citizens, we must understand that real change will start at the bottom, not the top. It is time for revival in America!

The scripture tells us to "Repent and be converted in order that times of refreshing

may come from the throne of God."

To "repent" means to "have a change of mind," to "convert" means to "have a change of direction."

We do not have to be people who are just carried with the tide of the times, nor should we see ourselves as powerless because we are not sitting in a seat of power or authority.

The power to change is within the individual and their willingness to accept the responsibility of making change. America has been a country that extols the power of the individual.

Individuals who have made the right choices have been the catalysts for great change. Millions have come to this country over the years because they believed that this country offered the opportunity for greatness for those who would pursue it.

The power is in the individuals. Now is the time to not just use that power for personal gain, but to preserve our future by returning to the principles that made us the great nation we are.

As a pastor and Christian, my goal is to remind people that we must be "One nation, under God." God was the source of inspiration for many of our founders—and must be for us today, as we seek to secure our future!

*The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Temple.*

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

## In our churches...

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

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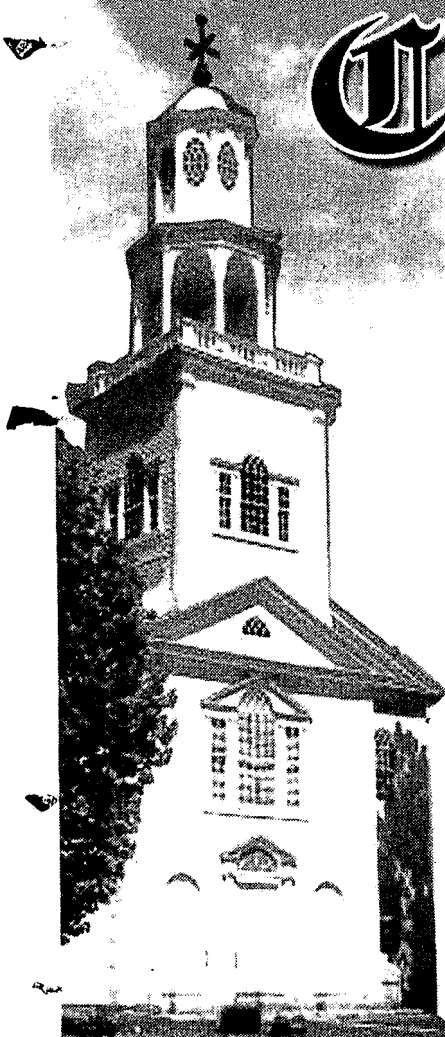
**Wednesday Evening FEAST**, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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

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## New youth ministers at church

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Duncan Bone, Clarkston United Methodist Church's new director of youth ministries, is no stranger to Clarkston.

He served a summer internship at the church in 2010, helping with Vacation Bible School and Youth Group mission trips.

"We went to New Orleans, Washington D.C., Indianapolis, Flint," he said.

Bone, 24, grew up in North Branch and went to Spring Arbor University, where he earned a degree in marketing.

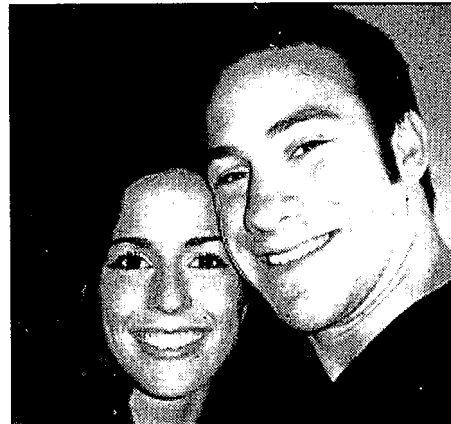
"It's going great," he said. "I'm still learning, forming relationships. It's been fun, getting to know the community."

Projects for the youth group include Trunk or Treat, Oct. 27-28, and a College Week tour.

"I'll travel around to universities and visit teens who graduated, deliver care packages, and touch base as much as possible," he said. "It's a new thing. I spent time with them when I was an intern."

The group has about 90 members, about 65 active. As director, his job includes keeping youth engaged in their faith as they head off to college and beyond.

"After high school, three quarters of students don't go back to church – that hits home for me," he said. "They need something they're not getting."



Duncan and Elizabeth Bone head Clarkston United Methodist Church's youth ministries. Photo provided

His plan includes more leadership opportunities for teens during church services, organization, construction, and anything else they're good at.

"Give them ownership they can transfer to their adult ministry," he said.

He and his wife, Elizabeth Bone, live in Oxford. Elizabeth, who is studying to be an elementary teacher, is assistant director of youth ministries.

For more information, call Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, at 248-620-8406.

## Pastor leads St. Stephen's to more outreach

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

For the Rev. Chad Speller, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, mission work starts at home.

"There are so many different things we can do to help people," Speller said. "Our doors are open. I want people to know that this is a safe haven."

He grew up in Ypsilanti and worked in management in the automotive industry before deciding to enter the ministry. He chose the Lutheran faith even though he wasn't raised in it.

"I hadn't gone to church for 10 years," he said. "My wife made me go, and I liked it. God works on you I guess."



The Rev. Chad Speller, with his wife, Erin, enjoy St. Stephen's summer picnic. Photo provided

He resigned and went back to school in 2007. He earned a master's degree in theology after three years of academic work and three years apprenticeship in Macomb Township.

"I decided I needed to help people," he said. "At work, my job was to lay people off – I couldn't be a tyrant anymore. Now I work with people in a good way. It's amazing."

He was installed as pastor last April. Times have been tough for the church, which had to close its school after 42 years of service due to dwindling enrollment and financial burden, he said.

"It's been rough," he said. "But the last couple of months have been amazing. Attendance have been picking up."

They have also started a new Sunday school, Confirmation and Adult Bible classes, and hosted its church picnic on campus for the first time. His plans include more community outreach, local missions, and an expanded Vacation Bible School.

"We want to partner with people to provide meals, a computer lab, a safe place to come to – we have a school building with a gym," he said. "There's so much opportunity, with all the government cuts, for us to fill the vacuum."

He and his wife, Erin, have three children, Jacob, 6, Griffin, 3, and Bennett, 3 months.

For more information, call St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3795 Sashabaw Road, at 248-673-6621.

## Traffic at issue in McLaren case

Continued from page 1A.

represent hospitals are "making decisions on the economic fate of their competitors, and so no one wants to give a competitive advantage to one of their rivals in the marketplace."

The CON commission is an 11-member commission with two individuals who represent hospitals, one from a non-profit health care facility, one from a nursing home, and the rest represent nurses, physicians, and insurance companies.

While the commission intends to limit the number of hospitals in Michigan to contain healthcare costs, Timmer says building a hospital in Clarkston would save Michigan \$27 million per year in health care costs. From Timmer's perspective, more hospitals increase competition between health care facilities, thus bringing down costs.

Dennis McCafferty, vice president of Health Policy for a business and labor coalition called the Economic Alliance for Michigan (EAM), sides with the CON commission. He believes the "redundant capacity" caused by a hospital in Clarkston would increase health care costs.

"Our members' experience has been that when new hospitals are built, the costs of health insurance for the people in that

community go up," McCafferty said.

McLaren's motivation to build in Independence is based on the insurance of its potential patients because surrounding areas are "less affluent," he said.

"The McLaren effort is one health system seeking to take the patients with better insurance away from the other hospitals in the community," he said.

Along with increases in healthcare costs, McCafferty thinks traffic on Sashabaw will increase because the new hospital would be located close to DTE Energy music theatre.

"At certain times of the year and certain days of the week, it will be impossible to get to the hospital," he said.

Timmer doesn't anticipate traffic problems, however.

"What McLaren is looking to do with their own money is undertake some significant road development to allow for lights and additional left turn lanes to alleviate any kind of traffic congestion," Timmer explained.

McLaren will also work with the county and state to lobby for federal funds to improve the freeway interchange and bridge to better accommodate traffic already stressing that area, Timmer said.



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# New district library launches campaign for bond

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

To move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the library has reestablished itself under current laws as the Clarkston Independence District Library. The Library Yes group hopes voters will support a mill rate that would allow the library to serve contemporary needs.

WirelessCo, L.P. dba Sprint is proposing to install new wireless telecommunications antennas on an existing water tank located at 9075 Big Lake Rd, Clarkston, Oakland Co, MI. The new facility will consist of antennas mounted at a topline height of approximately 84 feet on the existing 120 foot tower. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 61124712 -KJL c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Tr S, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at 773-398-5877.

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS  
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

- A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:37 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace  
Absent: Petterson, Wagner  
There was a quorum present.  
Also Present: Carol Gabris, Human Resource Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Mitch Petterson, Deputy Fire Chief; Gary Sharp, Deputy Fire Chief; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Kristen Sieloff, Assessor  
Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved
- E. AGENDA ITEMS AS STATED IN THE CALL OF THE MEETING:
1. Approval of Contract with Lee Hecht Harrison, LLC
  2. Review of 2013 Fire Department Budget
  3. Approval of 2012 Millage Rates for 2013 Budget
  4. Approval of Scheduling a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Township hall Meeting Room for the Purpose of Holding a Public Hearing for the 2013 Budget.
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics.
- H. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Since the library was established in 1965, it continued operating under Public Act 269, which was repealed in 1975.

Now that Independence Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston have agreed to institute a district library, it has re-established under current and valid laws.

Not only was the library operating under a law repealed in the mid-70s, it currently operates with a mill rate that has never increased beyond the .75 rate it had upon opening in 1965. Library Yes wants that to change.

On Nov. 6, voters will decide if they want to replace the library's current .691 millage rate with a 1.25 rate, an increase of .559 mills.

According to Jeanne Molzon, who serves on the District library board and is co-chair of Library Yes, the new mill rate would support improvements such as computer replacements, expansion of the e-book collection, additional children's

programming, classes for lifelong learning, and an increase in the books, music, and movies available to check out.

With more funding, the library would be able to develop a capital improvement plan to prepare for maintenance of their 20-year-old building and hire staff for children's services and community outreach programs.

This is an increase of \$56 per year for an average \$200,000 home or the cost of two hardcover books, Molzon pointed out.

She compares the funding for the Clarkston Independence District Library to nearby Orion Township library.

Orion serves a population of 33,463 and has a mill rate of 1.4189 whereas Independence has 33,543 people with a millage that is .7279 less.

Since 2009, the library's revenues have declined from 5-10 percent each year causing full and part-time staff cuts, elimination of all after school programs, and a reduction of the book, music, and movie budget by 43 percent.

Molzon notes the reduced staff at the library has resulted in longer lines at service desks and longer turn-around times for items checked out to be returned to circulation.

Even though the library has been serving many patrons, "if this millage does not pass we will be facing another revenue drop of approximately \$125,000, an additional budget cut of nearly 10 percent," said Molzon.

To find out more go to [clarkstonindependencelibraryyes.com](http://clarkstonindependencelibraryyes.com).

## Music in the family

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Jim Powers of Clarkston and his granddaughter Laura Miller of Waterford help keep the music playing, serving together on the Symphony of the Lakes Board.

"This is fun, a good chance to spend some quality time with my grandpa," Miller said. "I rarely get to spend time with him." "She's a good kid," Powers said.

Powers has been on the board for two years, now as treasurer. Miller joined the board this year.

"I'm helping with fund raising, social media on Facebook, and making a website," she said.

Powers has enjoyed the music of Symphony of the Lakes, formally the Pontiac Oakland Symphony, for decades.

"Their first performance was in 1957 - it's great for the community," he said. "Our goal is to keep it in business and keep improving. We can only do that with help of the total community."

"It's important to the community and to the children," said Miller, who works at McCourts Music on Sashabaw Road. "It's important to expose children to the type of music the symphony provides."

Most of today's music has roots in classical music, she said.

"To see it performed live, close to home by professional musicians, that's an outstanding activity," she said.

She also plays violin. Her favorite is a family heirloom passed down from her great-grandfather, Barney McKeivitz.

The instrument is a Stradivarius copy, German trade instrument, kept in an Italian hand-carved case.

"My brother in law restored it - it's all



Jim Powers of Clarkston and his granddaughter Laura Miller, with a violin passed down from her great-grandfather. Photo by Phil Custodio in the family," she said. "It's pretty cool."

The symphony performs 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the Central Methodist Church in Waterford. There will be offerings from composers Bach, Hoist, Mozart and Vivaldi. Guest violin soloist will be Joanna Frankel.

Check [www.symphonyofthelakes.com](http://www.symphonyofthelakes.com) for more information.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2012-345, 589-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Lois M. Boksa, deceased  
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Suzanne M. Landers  
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9/18/2012  
Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) Rhonda A. Boksa  
6480 Citation Drive 1820 Union Lake Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346 Commerce Twp., MI 48382  
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9/27/2012  
Karen Haggard  
610 State Park  
Ortonville, Michigan 48462  
(248) 627-4722

### STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2012-345, 883-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of James Milton Shook. Date of birth: 11/29/1940  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Milton Shook, died 9/14/2012.  
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9/28/2012  
Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) David R. Shook  
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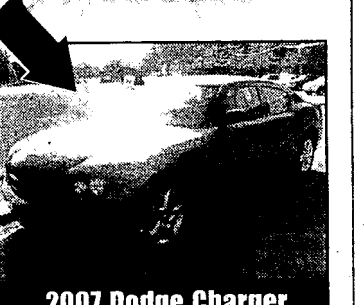


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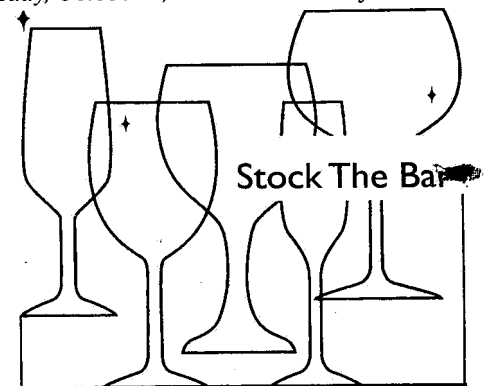
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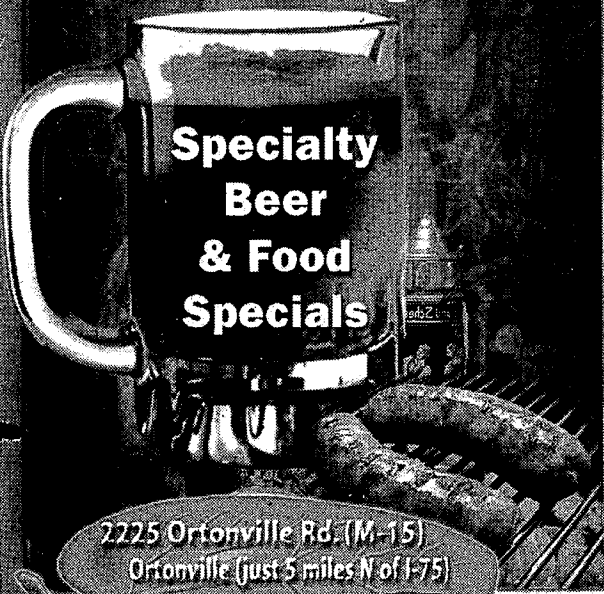
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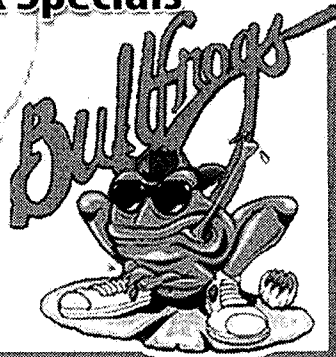


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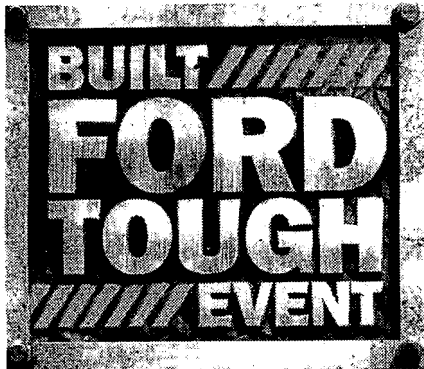
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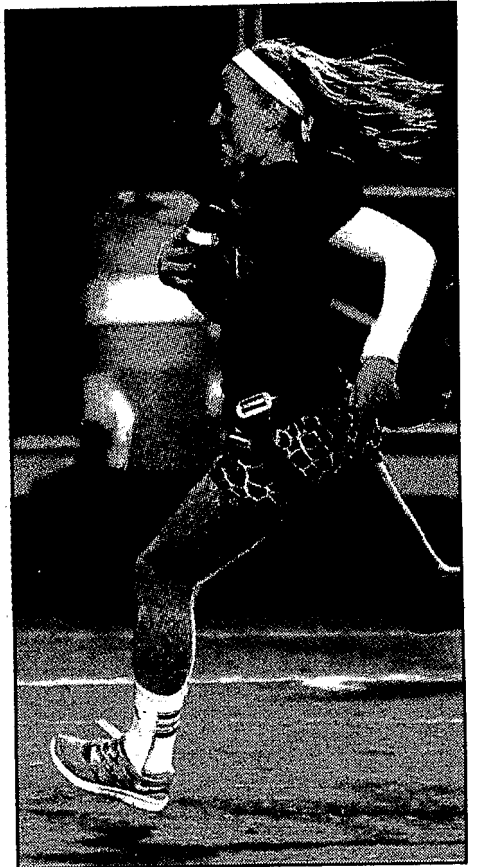
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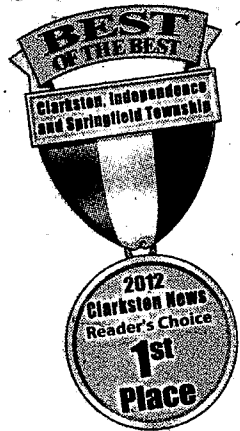
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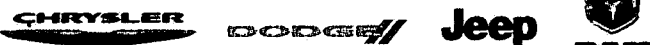


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