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New burning policy clears board vote

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Those with smoke-related health conditions can breathe easier now that Trustee David Lohmeier's burn permit policy passed 4-1, with Clerk Barb Pallotta opposing. Trustee Mark Petterson was absent.

Under the new policy, locals with an illness verified by a physician can file with the fire department. Once the fire department is aware of the resident's condition, any neighbors living within 400 feet will not be issued burn permits. If someone within the 12-acre area already has a permit to burn, it will be revoked.

Those benefiting from the policy must be willing to publicly share their illness, Lohmeier said.

"If you provide information on a health issue to us so that we can do this, it would be public information," he said.

The majority of the board favored the policy change, but the response from citizens in attendance was mixed.

"We have enough restrictions as it is," said Mike Catanya. "You have to have a burn permit, there are burn day schedules; it is not any every day or every weekend occurrence.'

Eight days each month from April to December are "burn days," when residents with a permit can burn. If the fire department is called to a home with a permitted fire and determines it is hazardous or a nuisance, they can extinguish it.

While Catanya felt there were already Please see New Rules on page 29 A



Another light added to Sashabaw Road

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Drivers will have a seventh stop on Sashabaw now that the township has approved a new traffic light at the intersection of Flemings Lake and Sashabaw roads.

The estimated price of installing the signal is \$150,000. Tri-Party Funds will cover the project with the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA), Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), and the County Board of Commissioners contributing \$50,000 each.

the Sashabaw widening project in mind, and it should be installed by the end of the year, said Superintendent Bart Clark.

From Trustee David Lohmeier's point of view, the traffic light has been "long overdue.'

Trustee Larry Rosso agreed.

'In the end, it is going to save an awful lot of lives," he said.

We're happy to finally get this project going," said Clark. "It is important to the safety of citizens.'

Since 2009, the Flemings Lake and

Plans for the light were designed with Sashabaw intersection has been the site of 13 crashes resulting in nine injuries and one death, according to the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) of Michigan.

> Four of the crashes were the result of a failure to yield during a left turn.

> Craig Bryson of the RCOC said, each day 20,280 vehicles travel southbound on Sashabaw at Flemings Lake, and 19,690 travel north.

> At that rate, for every crash, vehicles traveled that route about 3.37 million times without incident.

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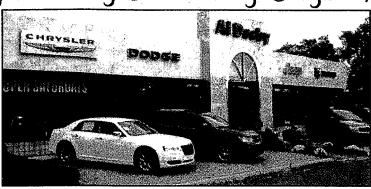


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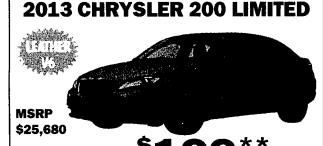
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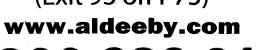
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Deer Lake Beach restoration begins

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Thanks to a \$50,000 donation from the Clarkston Optimists, Deer Lake Beach is getting some TLC.

Now that swimmers and sunbathers are no longer frequent visitors to the beach, the Independence Township Parks and Recreation department has started work on improvements for next summer. They include renovations to the lifeguard hut, a new dock, and landscaping.

The new dock has already been installed and work on the lifeguard hut is underway. According to Parks, Recreation, and Seniors Director Ken Elwert, native plantings and mulching will be completed by late October by Plant Wise LLC, a business out of Ann Arbor specializing in creating and restoring native ecosystems.

Next year's beachgoers will see blossoms of butterflyweed, little blue stem, and yarrow, which are all native to Michigan. Landscaping with domestic plants is beneficial for local wildlife, said Matt Demmon of Plant Wise LLC. Demmon designed the project and will oversee installation of the plants and mulch.

The vegetation Demmon has planned for Deer Lake will be more likely to succeed because it is already adapted to native soil and climate, making it easier to maintain without fertilizers or watering. The mulch will also be local too, said Demmon, who expects it to come right from Independence Township.

While Elwert feels the mulch and blooms of native plants will "improve the character of the beach," they offer other advantages. Salt from White Lake Road washes up to the fence line along the beach, and the new salt-tolerant plants will provide a screen from the runoff.

Elwert was tipped off to Plant Wise LLC by Springfield Township's Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Tucker who Elwert said, "has helped us through this planning process, walked the beach with us, and shared her expertise to get us going in



Parks Superintendent Larry Hess trims branches in preparation for the landscaping project on Deer Lake Beach. *Photo by Mary Keck*

the right direction here."

The donation from the Optimists and connecting with Springfield and Clarkston's City Manager Dennis Ritter reflects the community partnership Elwert hopes to continue as the Deer Lake Beach restoration project moves forward. In the Spring, Elwert intends to invite master gardeners, the Optimists, and volunteers to help with perennial planting.

Parks Superintendent Larry Hess began trimming limbs and removing dead trees from the beach this week in preparation for the

Rudy's Family

2 Large Pizzas Greek Salad native landscaping.

"I took swim lessons right here," he said. Hess appreciates the donation from the Optimists and hopes the improvements will make it possible for future generations to enjoy the beach.

"It's really come together in the last few weeks," said Elwert of the beach renovations.

Although Deer Lake Beach is on its way to a new look, Elwert anticipates future projects such as restoring the beach, tackling invasive plants like phragmites, and bringing the shoreline back to pre-erosion levels.

Briefly

Trustee debate

Candidates for Independence Township trustee will go head-to-head in a debate moderated by the League of Women Voters (LWV)

Along with questions prepared by the LWV and The Clarkston News, candidates will respond to questions from citizens in attendance. There are three Democrat and four Republican candidates vying for four open trustee seats.

The debate will be on Oct. 22 from 2-4 p.m. in Township Hall on Waldon Road. For more information contact Judy Bateman of the League of Women Voters at judybateman@comcast.net.

Absentee ballots

Independence Township sent absence ballots out to voters on Oct. 5, and they should be returned no later than the close of the polls on Nov. 6 at 8 p.m., said Clerk Barb Pallotta.

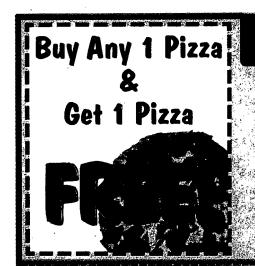
Absentee ballots must be clearly marked using black or blue ink, and voters should be sure to check both sides of their ballot. Citizens who vote straight ticket will need to vote on nonpartisan and proposal sections separately.

If any errors are made, absentee voters can return their ballot to the Clerk's office for a new one. Voter registration ended on Oct, 9.

Of the 7.718 voters who cast ballots in the primary election, 2.666 voted

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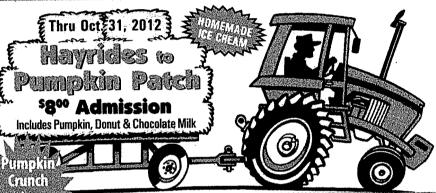
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Candidate volunteers for two-year term

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kevin Bushroe is running for a trustee seat on the Independence Township Board. but he may only serve for two years, if elected.

Bushroe, a Democrat nominee for trustee, thinks township elections should be staggered to maintain consistency.

He believes retaining two experienced board members each election cycle is so important, he is willing to be the first trustee to serve only two years, but he won't do it alone. He intends to ask one other candidate to agree to serve only two

"The seats would then return to fouryear positions with new elections in 2014. This will allow the trustee elections to reset and have two seats up for election every two years," he stated. "It's not adding an election, just adding a name to an election that's already taking place.'

To space out the trustee elections in such a way, Michigan State Law would need to be modified, according to Catherine Mullhaupt Director of Member Information Services for the Michigan Townships Association (MTA).

Changing the cycle of elections for trustees would not be a decision a township board could make, so "they would have to work with state legislators,' Mullhaupt said.

"I feel this may be a difficult but necessary change to provide better and more consistent leadership," said Bushroe.

From his perspective, the trustees returning have valuable knowledge of issues that have come before the board in the past.

As an example, Bushroe refers to the proposal to revise the burn ordinance, which resulted in two years of subcommittees, public hearings, and readings before it was not adopted.

"If we have a completely new board, outside of the clerk, we lose a lot of that history,'



Bushroe

After the November elections, the township will have a new supervisor and treasurer. Of the seven candidates for trustee on the ballot, Republican Lohmeier is the only one who has already served a

four-year term as trustee.

"A lot of the comments the public have made in the past, are not going to be there," said Bushroe.

While board members hoping to catch up can view recorded meetings, Bushroe feels "watching a video isn't the same as being in the room."

If elected, Bushroe intends to serve his entire term whether he can successfully change the trustee election cycle or not.

"I have no problem with the four-year term," he said.

While volunteering for one of the first twoyear terms would cut Bushroe's service short, he said, "I'm confident that if I perform in my first two years. I can continue on, but I think this change is important. I can't ask it of anybody else if I'm not asking it of myself."

Firework ordinance ignites restrictions

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In an effort to defuse Michigan's new fireworks regulations, the Independence Township Board approved first reading of a fireworks ordinance, Oct. 2.

Michigan's Public Act 256 went into effect in January 2012 and legalized the use of consumer fireworks such as roman candles and bottle rockets.

While the township's ordinance doesn't ban the big booming firecrackers, it limits the days they can be detonated.

Superintendent Bart Clark pointed out the ordinance is a response to "many complaints from angry citizens about the detonations of these more powerful fireworks at all hours of the day and night, not just around the holidays.

While the township has received numerous objections to the boom and rumble of fireworks, no injuries or property damages associated with fireworks have been reported, said Clark.

• Currently, residents can light up bottle 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall.

rockets any time of the year, but if the township adopts this new ordinance, locals will be unable to do so except on the day before, the day of, and the day after ten national holidays.

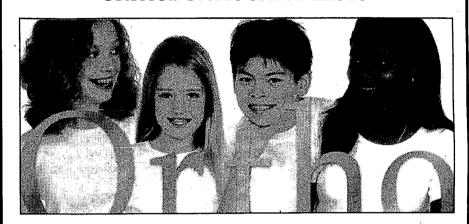
In addition to making the night sky a little less colorful surrounding Independence Day and New Years, the ordinance also restricts such pyrotechnic displays to residents who are not under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Setting off fireworks from public parks and churches is also prohibited.

The township isn't the only area municipality thinking of adding restrictions to PA 256, the Clarkston City Council will likely adopt a similar ordinance, said Mayor loe Luginski.

"Our intent is certainly to mirror the township's ordinance. It only makes sense," said Luginski.

He indicated that the council will put a similar fireworks ordinance adoption on their agenda after the township's second reading, which will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at

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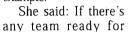
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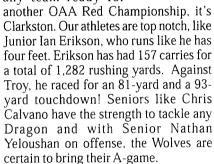
A column by Mary Keck (and hubby Lance Farrell)

He said, she said

Most of the time, my husband, a reporter for *The Lake Orion Review*, and I can cheer for the same team. During basketball season, we're both rooting for the Hoosiers.

But now that we're writing for local communities, things have changed. Just take our recent football conversation as an example.





He said: Oh yeah?! Dragon doubters better beware because athletic dominance is how we roll in Orion Township. We're undefeated this year and have outscored our opponents by at least 35 points in each of the last six games. If the 2010 state championship and the 2008 state runner-up trophies are any indication. Clarkston's wild pups of the west-side better watch out!

She said: Pups, huh? At least Wolves are real. Imaginary Dragon flames don't burn. After shutting out Troy last week, the CHS Wolves, without a doubt, are primed to chase the Dragons out of their cave

He said: After vanquishing valiant foe Pontiac last week 49-13, the Lake Orion Dragons are poised to burn any wolf that comes too close to our lair.

She said: I'm feeling inspired by the editorial staff at *The Clarkston News*. We're so confident the Wolves will dominate when they meet Orion on their turf on Friday that we've challenged *The Lake Orion Review* editorial staff to a car washing wager.

After the Wolves win and my car is squeaky clean, I'll be ready to see a movie. So, Lance, once your mythical lizards are defeated, I get to pick the next movie, and it's not going to be some boring foreign film. What do you say?

He said: When the Dragons defeat the dogs, er, Wolves, you'll have to agree to no more chick flicks for a month!

Reader sickened by O.J. theories

Dear Editor

I was nauseated after reading the article in this week's Clarkston News about the O.J. movie, and the up-coming debut and "fund-raiser."

I'm sure Mr. Pardo will enjoy his 15 minutes of fame, but to say that this is a movie that will tell the real story of O.J., and how racism plays a part in the justice system is an insult to your readers' intelligence. His conspiracy theories are laughable.

The real story of O.J. is that he's a thug who finally got what was coming to him,

although hardly the justice that most Americans would have preferred that he receive. And who is going to be the recipient of the funds that might possibly, but I find it hard to believe, be raised by the movie? O.J.?

I certainly hope that the people who read your publication will disregard this "debut" and put their hard-earned money to better use. Perhaps a donation to a battered women's shelter, or orphaned children.

Margie Runyan Independence Township

Pros and cons of Jim's Jottings

Dear Editor,

While reading Jim's Jottings ("2 Topics: Ballot props and Phyllis Diller," Oct. 3), I have to agree with him, our founding fathers in Michigan did a good job with our state constitution.

However, I disagree with Jim in regards to Proposal 2. Union members wouldn't request a constitutional amendment to protect our rights if the elected officials in Lansing weren't trying to take away what is rightfully ours, the right to collectively bargain. In short, "they started it."

I urge everyone to become educated on the six proposals you will be asked to vote on when you head to the polls Nov. 6. The ballot is huge, lines will be long, and you need to know ahead of time what your plans are.

I am a teacher in Oakland County, and I strongly urge you to vote "yes" on Proposal 2. Working conditions and continued education of teachers are both collectively bargained.

If Proposal 2 does not pass, there is nothing to stop a politician from arbitrarily decided what class sizes should be. If he or she thinks 50 students would be appropriate, that's what it will be.

A few years back at my kids' elementary

school, the parents were up in arms about 5th grade class sizes. Just wait, people! If Lansing has its way, you won't be able to learn, let alone move, in a Michigan classroom.

Training and equipment used by the police officers who protect you and the firefighters who save your life are collectively bargained. Are you willing to sacrifice your health and well-being if the rights of public safety employees are taken away?

Do not believe the blatant lies you've seen on television about Proposal 2. In fact, contact the local media to urge them not to run ads that are full of misleading and more often than not, false information.

Proposal 2 does not allow criminals into schools, legalize strikes by unions, nor harm you in any way. Proposal 2 simply allows us to keep doing what we've been doing, collectively bargaining. If you enjoy 40 hour work weeks and weekends off, you probably have a union to thank for those benefits.

Union members are not asking for more. We simply want to retain the rights we currently have. Finally, please remember, a teacher's working conditions are your children's learning conditions!

Jill Leider Indepedence Township

More on library tax, city birthday

Dear Editor

The new District Library tax increase to the residents of the City of the Village of Clarkston will be 1.25 mills, not the .559 mills increase that township residents will pay if this is approved. The local tax millage in the city is now 13.1979 mills and the highest rate possible by city charter – 1.25 mills of new taxes would be an increase of 9.47 percent to city residents for essentially the same services we have today.

Whether the City Council levees the full amount or not remains to be seen but if passed, they will control it, not the people. Historically the city has always established the local tax rate at the maximum amount possible and done so without any public hear-

ing. This is a violation of state law if anyone cares about such things. I see no reason why they will not continue to do the same as they have in the past.

Contrary to another article, it is not the 180th birthday of the City of the Village of Clarkston as the city has only existed since 1992. As noted in your article, the village has only existed since 1884. This was a point of discussion when new signs were donated to the city in 2006 which simply say "Welcome to Clarkston."

If the Village of Clarkston residents are so proud and protective of their history, why do they keep trying to rewrite it?

Cory Johnston Clarkston

Please see pages 14-15 for more letters to the editor

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Repaying a debt" Teresa Paygert-Golab and her daughter Elizabeth Brueckner were honored at the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield for their family's kindness. Paygert-Golab's parents took in a teenage Jewish girl in 1942 in Poland when she needed a place to stay.

"2nd-half heroics save Homecoming"
The Wolves went into halftime with a deficit for the second consecutive week. They came back the second half and scored 25-0 on Waterford Kettering to win Clarkston's homecoming game, 32-10. Runningback Brad Phalen rushed 117 yards on 25 carries.

25 years ago - 1987

"Slick passing sparks rout for Wolves" Slick passing helped the Wolves overwhelm Waterford Kettering Oct. 1 in a prep soccer contest at home. Clarkston whipped its GOAL rival 7-0 to up its record to 5-7-1. The improved play of the team has impressed Coach Neil Granlund. "We were passing so good in the first half nobody could have stopped us," he said.

"At College" Robert Ronk, a 1987 graduate of Clarkston High School, is contributing in the quest of the Alma College football team for a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship this fall. Ronk is a freshman at Alma. His parents are Frank and Mary Ronk of Overlook Road, Clarkston:

"Reunited" Debbie Yoey's two children were just babies in her mind. She imagined Dana, the oldest, still smiling and Donna, the youngest. She searched for 12 years across the countries to find her daughters again after their dad took them. She found them and was reunited.

50 years ago - 1962

"Emergency Landing Damages Plane" A single engine, Fornaire Fia, airplane, which made an emergency landing in the backyard of Andersonville School, Clarkston, suffered extensive damage to the wing tips and nose. The pilot, Robert L. Wilson of Pontiac uninjured, said when the plane engine started smoking he attempted to land in the school yard. The plane continued through the yard and hit a farm wagon on the Lloyd Miller property, adjacent to the school, where it came to rest.

"Clarkston Locals" Seaman and Mrs. Marvin McAboy observed their first wedding anniversary. Marvin was with the U.S. Navy and was enroute to Japan at the time.

Reliving our chivaree -- you shoulda' been there

While eliminating stuff from my file cabinet I ran across a Jottings I wrote in 1964 headlined, "Our chivaree."

You're gonna love it.

Firstly, I wasn't sure then, nor now, how to spell that word. Back then, I asked three reporters how to spell it. I also asked two librarians to check it.

This time I went to my computer friend, Irene, for the correct spelling. There is none. The French spelled it charivari – the Canadians adopted that – but Americans went for chivaree.

Who cares?

Return with me back to those exciting days of yesteryear, to October 1949. Hazel and I returned from our honeymoon to our rental home in Lennon, her home town, on the Genesee-Shiawassee county line, west of Flint.

On the first Saturday night in November some of Hazel's old friends decided to drop in. They had surrounded the house and awakened us from all directions.

They banged on doors, fired shotguns, whooped and hollered. It was 1 a.m.

We were encouraged to put on pajamas, ushered outside where a horse drawn rig was waiting and taken to a pub a couple blocks away.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

We were going to be initiated into a club the friends had made up. Some stayed back to put corn flakes in our bed and Oxydol in the towel closet. The pub doors were locked and our

The pub doors were locked and our private party and initiation got underway.

Hazel and I were blindfolded and we were walked through the front door, down a route to the kitchen and I was told to put my hand out through the window to the alley.

They demanded I pet the horse on the rear, as I was encouraged to take

On the first Saturday night in November some of a sip of some awful smelling liquid (vinegar and pickle azel's old friends decided to drop in. They had surjuice.)

Then they took my hand and shoved it into a warm, gooey something (which was really a hot dog bun dipped in warm water). I think the horse must have smiled. The audience roared at my reactions.

I first learned of chivarees while reading cowboy novels. They are referred to as "unifying rituals."

Neighbors would get together and plan gatherings without newcomer knowledge to get acquainted.

The best one noted in Canadian history was in 1683 when a widow of three weeks remarried and people conducted a loud and strident charivari against the newlyweds at their home.

One other trick of chivariers was to have the bride and groom transported around the courthouse in a wheel barrow.

Strings of tin cans tied to cars have long been an American trick, as is putting nuts and bolts in hubcaps, Limburger cheese in heaters and sticking potatoes over exhaust pipes.

Those last two are brother-in-law Ronald's favorites

Irene's dictionary described a chivaee as a noisy, mock-serenade to newlyweds.

Until I ran across my 1964 Jottings, I hadn't seen or used the word since December 20, 1964.

You can find me 'down by the river'

Sometimes I wish I would have listened to Ma Rush more than I did.

Wish I would have inherited her financial smarts rather than those of Pops Rush. Money burned a hole in Dad's pockets.

Actually, it'd be cool if money made it to my pocket to burn some holes. As it is, what is earned is spoken for.

I thought about this recently because last month the federal government sent me a statement of *MY* Social Security "savings."

If you are one of the 92 percent of Americans working you know the mailing I am talking about. It's green and white and read all over. On Page One is an explanation of how the program works; Page 2, what you can expect to receive when you retire (depending on when you retire); Page 3 shows how much I (and my employer) has put in since I started working, oh those many years ago.

Every year when I get this mailing I turn to Page 2 and look at what I can expect to get. According to this year's mailing, if I work until the designated retirement age, I can expect to get something like \$2,000 a month, or about \$24,000 a year.

For some reason, this year I decided to read Page 1, too.

As it stands right now, the federal government is telling me I can expect maybe 75 cents on the dollar of my (and my employer's) investment.

Talk about depressing! My \$24,000

Rush Me

Don't

A column by Don Rush

a year retirement salary just got shrunk to \$18,000 a year retirement salary -- or about \$1,500 a month.

Does anybody remember the late and rotund comedian Chris Farely? He had a skit on *Saturday Night Live* about living "down by the river" in a van. I think in my re-

tirement I won't live by the river, but I have joked for years with my sons about my retirement.

"When you come to visit me after I retire, look for the big box under the overpass of I-75 and Sashabaw Road."

Ha, ha, ha, the jokes on me. Maybe I shouldn't have tempted fate, cuz the longer I look at things, the clearer it becomes that that cardboard box has my name written all over it.

Rats.

Maybe I oughtta start thinking about

As it stands right now, the federal starting to think about saving for retirevernment is telling me I can expect ment.

I signed up for and then went to a retirement seminar at Whitey's Restaurant in Davison, last week. It was put on by Prudential.

The fish and chips was, as always at Whitey's, top notch. The presentation by some bi-speckled dude named Derfler was good, too. It was good and depressing.

Says he, in the 1950s there were 17 workers "contributing" to every one person receiving social security. Nowadays, it's three suckers contributing for every one person collecting. By 2025, two will contribute for every one.

For fun, he let us all know that from the year 2000 to 2009 the cost of health care rose 149 percent -- more than four times than the average worker's wages went up during the same period.

Then he asked if anybody in the room thought health care costs were gonna' go down.

The consensus: Nope. To throw salt in my open wound, up on the screen he pointed to the projected increases for food, gas and utilities over the next 12 or so years.

Do the words smackin, frackin, blizin, rizen mean anything to anybody?

When I started working 27 years

ago, nobody ever told me, "Son. Start saving now for retirement." And, I never thought, "Don, start saving for retirement."

So, there is no savings. No IRA's, 401ks, nor any pensions. Nothing. Nada. Zippo. Zero. And, all of a sudden I'm rolling in on half a century since I traded breathing embryonic fluid for air, and I just figured out: I gotta' start saving for retirement!

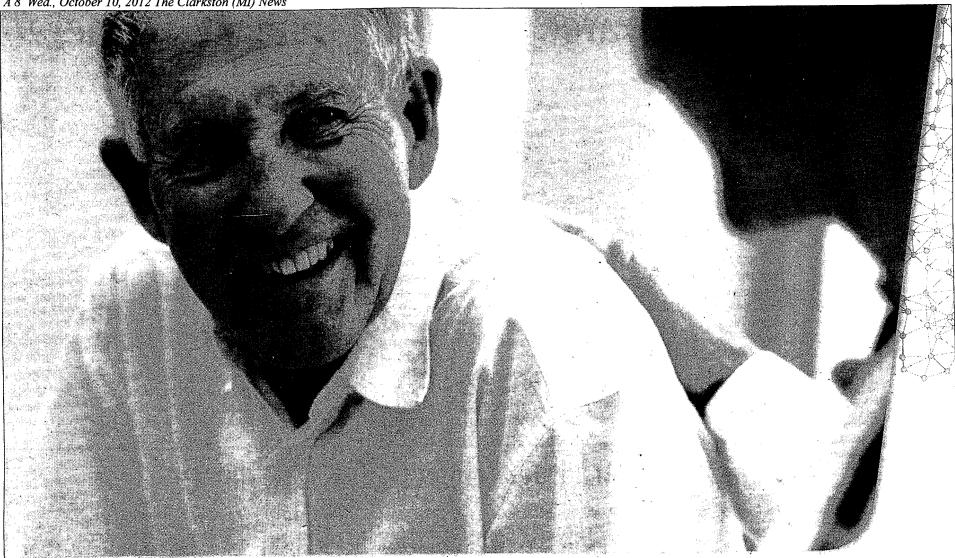
Groovy. I ain't never retiring.

I tell my kids, nephews, nieces and any young person I can, to save now. And, I tell it to them like this: Had I only put \$10 a week into a savings account I would at least have saved up over \$14,000. Young people heed my words: Start saving now.

Upon further contemplation, I have been a relatively good father to my boys, Shamus and Sean. Maybe in my retirement I can guilt them into letting me live with them -- or at least into buying me a bigger box.

Hey, it's a plan and I gotta' start thinking about thinking about it now, don't I? It's either that or they'll send me to the Soylent Green factory.

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Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Stolen purse investigation

A purse was taken from a South Main Street business, 12:38 p.m., Sept. 25. Deputies are looking for two customers who were in the store just prior to the theft.

Someone forced open the door to a business in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway and took three laptops, Sept. 29.

Door kicked in

A resident in the 10000 block of Ellis Road returned to find someone had tried to kick in a door from garage to house, 7:22 p.m., Sept.

Burglar jams lock

When residents in the 5000 block of Fox Creek awoke, they found their front door stuck closed, 9:03 a.m., Sept. 28. Someone had tried to break in during the night and jammed the lock. They climbed down from the balcony to open it from the outside.

Stolen tailgate

The tailgate was taken from a truck parked in a back lot at Dixie Highway and Ortonville Road, Sept. 28.

Theft from unlocked vehicle

A GPS unit and change was taken from a vehicle parked in the garage in the 5000 block of Wealthy Court, Sept. 29. The garage door had been left open overnight and the vehicle wasn't locked.

Suspended license citation

A deputy stopped a 19-year-old Ortonville man for weaving from side to side on Ortonville Road near I-75, 12:27 p.m., Oct. 2. The driver said he was going to the hospital because he was sick, but refused medical attention or transport. He was cited with driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Three suspected in robbery

Someone pried open a door to an office building in the 5000 block of Bow Pointe Drive, Oct. 2, ransacked several stores, and took medications and cash registers. Video shows three suspects driving a maroon Dodge Magnum station wagon. The suspects, two black men and a black woman or smaller man, had their faces concealed.

Sheriff's Crime Tipline, 888-887-6146.



Engineer Paramedic Greg Brandt greets a student at Clarkston SPICE Preschool Program, during a tour at Independence Fire Station #1, Sept. 28. Photo provided

Safety info with firefighters

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Last Week's Score

Clarkston 28, Troy, 0

This Week's Contest: Lake Orion, Away

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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.

Clarkston's OAA Red Standings* #2

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



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Wolves shut out Colts

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are preparing for their biggest opponent this week after devouring Troy last Friday, 28-0.

The gridiron heroes head to Lake Orion High School Dragon Stadium for a fight for the OAA Red title as both teams go into the game 7-0 and 6-0 in the league.

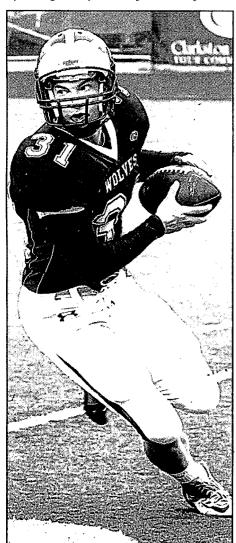
"It will be a dog fight," said Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Football team. "It's a great rivalry. I love playing them. They are a very good team. They are well-coached. It will be fun."

Senior Nathan Yeloushan added it will be a great game.

"It is definitely the best game of the season," he said. "We are going to bring our 'A' game and be ready for a long game. I expect it will be close."

This will also be the seniors last game against Lake Orion and for Yeloushan it makes the game even more special.

"It is my first time playing at Lake Orion on varsity," said Yeloushan, who was moved up during his sophomore year. "Last year we



Joe Popp makes a run. *Photo by Larry Wright*

got the best of them by a touchdown. They are hungry this year. The Wolves are hungrier. We need to eat."

Richardson added the team will be healthy for the first time since the season began.

The Dragons are also prepping for a battle.

"It will be the best defense we've seen yet," said head coach Chris Bell. "They're a huge upfront offensive line. They pride themselves on their ability to run and come back at you.

The Wolves opened their last home game of the regular season with a 1-yard touchdown by junior running back Ian Eriksen less than four minutes into the game.

It was a struggle on both sides on who would score in the first half. The fans waited until the third quarter when the Wolves would strike again.

While the Colts ran their play on their second down junior Reid Kaminski intercepted the ball with 7:19 on the clock on the 19-yard line.

The ball was handed off to Eriksen on the first down, and he made a run avoiding defense until he broke free for open space. He finished the 81-yard_run in the endzone. He followed it with scoring a 2-point conversion to put the boys, 14-0.

"Not to take anything away from Troy but we were pretty uninspired in the first half," said Richardson. "Then, Ian broke those long ones, and we came back."

"The second half was much better," Yeloushan added. "The first half was rough. The intensity wasn't where it needed to be. We weren't phylically dominating."

He noted defensive line keeping Troy at zero was big for them.

"It was a great challenge to keep them at zero," Yeloushan said. "It was a great accomplishment."

Eriksen scored two more times for Clarkston. During the fourth quarter he opened with a 93-yard run, which he broke into 1,000 rushing yards for the season. He scored again minutes later on a 62-yard run.

Eriksen rushed the ball 295 yards on 16 carries putting his total for the season at 1,282 yards on 157 carries.

Chris Calvano rushed 25 yards and Ben Kaminsky rushed the ball 33 yards - both were on four carries.

Calvano led defense with six tackles. Troy had a loss of nine yards on his two tackles. Dylan Hancook had five tackles with a loss of two yards for Troy.

"We played good defensely tonight. We made big plays," said Richardson. "They came out big when we needed them to. I wasn't happy with the big long drive they had. They converted four straight third downs. There were a lot of good things and a lot of things to work on."

Friday's game is 7 p.m. at 495 East Scripps. Contribution by Gabriel Ouzonian

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The ICE Silver 10U team celebrate their tournament win. Photo submitted

ICE heats the field

The ICE Silver 10U team continues a winning tradition.

The ICE Fastpitch Softball organization hosted the third annual Ice Breaker tournament. They welcomed teams from around Michigan to participate.

ICE Silver represented the organization by going undefeated and taking home the championship trophy. The team outscored their opponents 52-

The team outscored their opponents 52-8 over the five game span including a 3-0 shutout in the championship game against Motor City Madness from Novi.

Highlights from the tournament included Abbey Barta shutout performance in pitching. She struck out six and only allowed two hits during the championship game. Her teammates held defense with key plays to stop their opponents. One of them was Hannah Workman with a diving catch in the outfield that saved two-runs from scoring.

Motor City Madness held their own as a tough opponent. They only allowed a

total of three hits to Abbey Tolmie, Hannah Cady, and Barta.

Coaches Holly Workman, Scott Tolmie, and Bill Wycoff didn't let it deter them though

As soon as ICE players reached the bases due to hits or walks, they were going to get them home anyway possible.

With solid base running Cady, Samantha Hackman, and Samantha Wycoff were able to score the only runs the team would need to seal the victory.

This tournament was the first one on the ICE Silver schedule this season.

The bar has definitely been set high and ICE Silver 10U welcomes the challenges for the rest of the season.

ICE Silver 10U is a travel softball team based in Clarkston. For more information about ICE Softball, please contact Holly Workman, coach for ICE Silver 10U or Paul Workman, coach for ICE Black 9U, through the organization's team website www.icefastpitch.net.



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Becka Leek competes in the Flag Race. Photo provided

Last ride for the season

The Clarkston High School Equestrian Team was edged out at their regional

During the two day battle, the riders were defeated by two points, 265 to 263.

Sand Creek High School edged out the Wolves in the final event, the two man relay, despite two personal best times by the team of Vika McCallum and Sarah Pobuda.

Coach Tim Pobuda noted the riders had a number of fine performances as the team led most of the weekend. Junior Emma Johnson finished with five first places. Junior Vika McCallum was a double winner in Western Reining and Becka Leek won the Flags race and Western Showmanship.

The team ended their season with the first district championship in a number of

Pobuda added the team of two juniors and three sophomores worked extremely hard throughout the summer and showed extremely well at regionals.

Gray, Olsen lead team to second in OAA

BYWENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves are getting ready to hit the green at Twin Lakes Golf Club for the MHŠAA regionals this Thursday.

'They will be a little nervous," admitted Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf Coach Steve Hoffman. "I might be more excited than they

A few tough teams he pointed out in the tournament are Utica Eisenhower, Davison and Grand Blanc.

'Even the teams in our league are tough,"

For the team to place they will have to score 330 or better and Hoffman said they can do it. The Lady Wolves are close to taking off strokes off their par.

"They have what it takes," he added. "They have the mental, they have the tools, they have the technique and they all have the focus. Hope we have good weather and good conditions."

He added Clarkston will be looked at as the underdog going in because they aren't known as a golf school.

There are sixteen schools in our golf region. I would say five state championships in that group. The ladies program in the high schools have come a long way. They are playing well. They are taking the game more seriously than they have before. It is fun to watch young ladies shoot in the low 70s."

The Lady Wolves took second place at the OAA Red golf tournament with a score of 360 at Birmingham Country Club, Oct. 1.

"It was fun watching the girls play the most difficult of courses," said Hoffman. "Birmingham Country Club is a majestic course with fast greens, thick rough, and beautiful They fairways. played it before and each girl chipped five strokes off their score, if not more."

Anna Gray and Paige Olsen finished as medalists. Gray finished in fifth with a par of 85 and shared the spot with two other golfers. Olsen finished in eighth with a par of 86 and tied with Rochester for the spot.

"Anna was playing so well she gave me the sign of 'I'm okay, coach,'" said Hoffman. "My rule is if they are playing well I will stay away during a match or a tournament. I saw she was in the zone. Paige and the other girls were in the zone. The top six golfers were punting well."



The Lady Wolves head to regionals - Madison McGuire, Courtney Polito, Anna Gray, Brooke Bullinger, Back left to right: Caitlin McCaghy, Shelby Fleming, Katie McKnee, Dana Olsen and Paige Olsen. Photo provided

Seaholm took first place with 337. Stoney Creek finished in third with 365; Troy, fourth; Rochester Adams, fifth; Rochester, sixth; and Lake Orion, seventh.

'We weren't suppose to beat anybody but Lake Orion," Hoffman added. "It was clearly evident when our scores came in our girls played hard and played well. ·

The regional meet is at, 455 Twin Lakes Drive, Oakland Township, 9 a.m.

"They are mentally and physically ready," said Hoffman. "They have worked hard."

Wolves take third on the court in OAA White

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

When it came down to who would top the OAA White league, Clarkston was right up

They finished in the league in third place after taking third in not only league dual matches but at the OAA White tournament,

"I was pleased with it," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis Coach Chas Claus after the tournament. "We played well. I enjoyed

that several guys got to play revenge matches and played teams they were beaten by earlier in the season. We beat quite a few of them."

The Wolves took third place with 37 points while Troy Athens finished in second with 50 points, and Seaholm took first, 54 points.

We did a nice job of holding our place," said Claus. "We had a target on our back from certain teams like Rochester and Lake Orion from them wanting revenge from dual matches. We got the better of them again."

Junior Matt Dahl, Singles #1, and fresh-

man Alexis Haselwanter, Singles #4, finished in second place in their courts.

Dahl went 2-1 for the day beating Avondale and Berkley. He lost to Athens in the final round, 6-1, 6-1.

"He is the second best player in the league out of 100 players," Claus said. "He is number two overall which is a good accomplishment. It is his third year on varsity.'

Haselwanter went 1-1. He had a bye the first round, beat Lake Orion in the second round and lost

round, 7-6(5), 6-4.

Brendan Greenlee, Singles #3 and Joey and Johnny Whall, Doubles #1, finished in

Claus added playing in the OAA league $\,$ has helped prep the players for when they go into MHSAA Regionals this week.

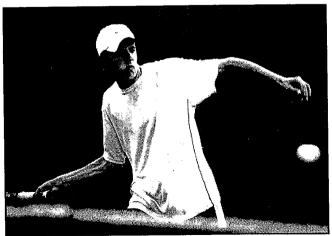
"The OAA is a very good league," he added. "We get to see a lot of teams that are traditional power houses. Not just locally but on the state level. The big benefit of the OAA is playing close matches."

He noted before the OAA, the team didn't have a lot of close matches and couldn't grow from competing against strong opponents.

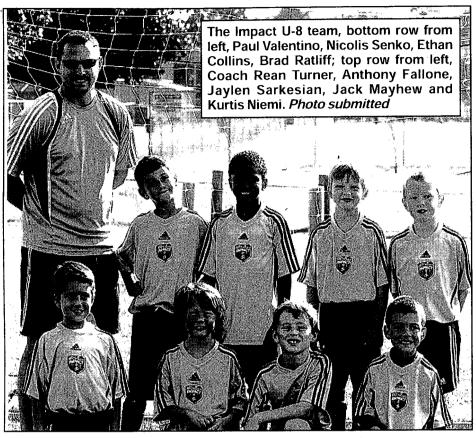
"Our league helps us not only in our league but crossover in the upper division which are very good teams," Claus said. "It gets us ready to face competition."

The boys head into the regionals on Thursday at Rochester High School, They will compete against Brother Rice, Lake Orion, Rochester. Rochester Adams, Stoney Creek, Walled Lake Central, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott and West Bloomfield.

"Our regional is extraordinarily tough," Claus said. "We have four excellent teams in it in most years finish in the top two in regional. Most of our players are playing better now than they have all season. We will to Seaholm in the last accept the challenge and see how we do."



Matt Dahl readies to return a serve. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Opening with a powerful kick

The Michigan Impact U-8 Boys Blue Team played in the Force Football Club Invitational during the weekend of Sept 22-23.

This was their first tournament as a new team entering the Impact travel soccer program, and they took second place.

Coach Rean Turner piloted the team through the competition. The boys were im-

pressive and moved the ball extremely well for this age group.

They finished the tournament as finalists and are currently first in their division in the Michigan Youth Soccer League. The boys next game is this Saturday at 9 a.m.

For more information, please visit www.michiganimpactsoccer.com.

Wolfpack Update

Runners in the Girls Cross Country team took second place at the Oakland County Championships last Saturday with 138 points.

Nicole Hanson led the way as she finished in ninth, at 19:08. Lynsie Gram took 16th and Erin Billette took 28th place.

The boys finished in 20th with Dan Billette leading. He finished in 19th place at 16:46.

Both teams head to Gabriel Richard at Hudson Mills this Saturday.

Clarkston Varsity Girls Volleyball team topped two league opponents last week.

They opened with a 3-0 win over Oxford, 25-27, 25-21, 26-24. Rachel Dickerson Emily Popp had 28 digs, and Katie Chadwell had 12 kills.

They also beat Troy, 3-0, with 25-13, 25-23, 25-20. Sarah Bullen 12 kills and five, Dickerson had 14 kills and Popp had 17 digs.

The team went 3-2 at the Marian Tournament on Saturday. They lost one game in their pool play but came out of the pool seeded first. They beat Troy and Portage Central.

"Portage Central was a good one for us

because they are ranked as one of the top teams in Class A," said Coach Kelly Avenall.

They beat Seaholm in the quarterfinals but lost to Mercy in the semifinals, 2-1, 25-27, 25-12 and 11-15

Dickerson had 43 kills and 37 digs, Popp had 67 digs, and Brianna Frakes 9 aces and 99 assists

The girls are now 35-5-1, 5-0 OAA

They head to Rochester on Thursday, Beast of the East on Saturday and are home on Tuesday against Adams. JV starts at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The girls swimming team beat Holly last week, 148-38, and took fourth at the Oakland County meet on Saturday. They head to Adams this Thursday, 6 p.m.

Clarkston Boys Soccer teams hold their last home games this Friday against Rochester, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The varsity begins district playoffs with the first round against Davison at home next Tuesday, 7 p.m.



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Dear Editor

Thank you Pine Tree Place for taking excellent care of my sister, Virginia Berendt, for six years. You made it home to her and treated me as part of the family of Pine Tree Place. I will never forget the love and kindness we received from that establishment when it is not done here in Georgia.

Rosie is the administrator, Sue is homecare manager and Angela is the care manager along with all of the special staff. Also special thanks to Ruth the cook.

Shirley Carter Albany, GA

Support for Horst

Dear Editor.

We have read many opinions from Clarkston residents regarding the forthcoming school board election. We have researched topics ranging from state school funding, per-pupil cuts and Clarkston's "focus" schools to the impact of technology on our students health and achievement.

We feel it is our responsibility to seek education in these matters, as they are so relevant to our children's success.

We believe in fiscal responsibility and the education of our children.

With the help of school board candidate Kelli Horst, we have a better understanding of the impact the Board of Education has on these vital issues. Kelli has educated our family at Springfield Plains for several years regarding curriculum, state legislation, education funding and policy.

As an active volunteer in our schools, Kelli Horst has proven her ability to demonstrate both transparency and accountability. She is a dedicated and passionate advocate for public education

We know first hand how thoroughly Kelli

investigates and analyzes all matters to determine the best course of action for all students and the organizations she serves.

We need board members committed to fiscal responsibility and the education of our children. We need Kelli Horst as an independent parent advocate for our children. Kelli Horst has our support for Clarkston School Board on Nov. 6.

Debbie & Allen Ego Independence Township

Symphony support

Dear Editor.

The Clarkston Center for the Performing Arts wants to express sincere thanks and gratitude to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and DTE Energy Foundation for the performance at Clarkston High School last Thursday. The performance was marvelous and the audience was very appreciative.

A special thank you must go out to Clarkston Schools District Scheduler Beth Kerr, Theater Director Amy Seaman, and band booster extraordinaire Kelly Finazzo for taking care of all the school arrangements, staff and volunteers needed to make this happen. They were all an absolute pleasure to work with and we hope we can continue to work with Clarkston Schools on future performances.

We must also thank *The Clarkston News*, Clarkston retailers and businesses that support these efforts. Rudy's market, Essence on Main, KH Home, Frank and Me, and Washington Management all contributed to refreshments for the orchestra to show how appreciative we are of their being here and their performance.

With the support and cooperation of our local businesses, schools, residents and organizations such as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and DTE Energy Foundation, we can continue to provide a venue for the performing arts in the Clarkston area.

Clarkston Center for the Performing Arts

Race successful

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you very much for your support of our Fifth Annual Angels' Place Race, Clarkston. It was a beautiful day. Over 330 runners and walkers came out to participate in this event. We raised over \$22,000 for Angels' Place. Because of your support of this race, adults with developmental disabilities will benefit from the programs that Angels' Place provides.

It was such a great experience to watch the community work together with us to support this worthy effort. We are planning next year's race for Saturday, May 11, and we look forward to your continued support.

Find additional information at www.angelsplacerace.org.

With great appreciation.

Paul and Maggie Maxwell Independence Township

School budget

Dear Editor,

Lawrence Matta's recent letter ("School board's deficit is irresponsible," Sept. 26) demonstrates why school board members need a thorough understanding of the many factors impacting public education finance and budgeting.

Fund equity is meant to be the cushion that protects school districts from drastically cutting their programming and people during times of economic downturn.

Since 2009, Clarkston Community Schools has lost more than \$7.1 million in revenue, thanks to a double whammy of decreased property values and significant cuts to state education funding – \$470 per pupil cut in 2010; \$65 in 2011. During that same time, the district cut expenditures by \$10 million – in FY10, expenditures were \$84.4 million and projected expenditures this year are \$74.3 million

Fund equity was at 15.73 percent in 2008, allowing the school board to balance the budget with deficit spending instead of compromising educational quality we are known for in Clarkston. The district has consistently under-spent its budget, requiring less fund equity than anticipated each year.

In 2011, the district actually returned \$66,742 to its fund balance. We began this fiscal year with 9.46 percent fund equity, still a strong enough cushion to absorb this year's projected deficit. These figures were presented during the June 25 board meeting, when the 2012-13 budget was discussed and approved.

I do not share Mr. Matta's view of this practice as a budgeting failure. I view it as an educated choice to listen to our community and preserve educational quality while ample savings are available to do so.

This year is a tipping point, however. Fund equity is projected to end up at 5.75 percent at the end of this current budget year, which pushes the limits of my comfort zone for savings. The four board members elected this November will need a comprehensive understanding of public education finance as they contemplate budget parameters for 2013-14.

I am running for school board to offer a much-needed perspective of a current parent and a higher education professional. These experiences have taught me true fiscal responsibility in public education considers the impact of curriculum and assessment changes, high achievement standards, pending legislation and policy, and community expectations.

Important decisions for our public schools need to be made by people like me who understand that maintaining excellent public schools is necessary to increasing our property values and our community's attractiveness to prospective residents and businesses

That's good stewardship. You can learn more about me at www.kellihorst.com.

Kelli Horst Springfield Township

Proposal 2

Dear Editor.

I am writing to clear up some misconceptions and outright lies about Proposal 2.

Strikes by public employees in Michigan are illegal – PA 336; 1947. Proposal 2 reaffirms the authority of the state to enact laws prohibiting strikes by specifically stating so in the amendment.

All current teachers and newly hired teachers receive background checks conducted by the FBI. Prop 2 doesn't change that. If an employee of a public school is charged with a crime, disclosure to the superintendent of the district is required under the Pupil Protection Act. Prop 2 does not change that either. Dismissal of convicted criminals from public education is required by state law, PA 129-131 and 1381 2005. This is not affected by Prop 2.

Most bus drivers in Michigan are now employees of private transportation companies, which is beyond the scope of collective bargaining – PA 336;1947.

The claim that Prop 2 would eliminate safety standards for school bus drivers is also patently false. Federal and State of Michigan law make clear labor organizations cannot bargain about the licensing requirements.

In short, Proposal 2 has no impact on any of these legal safeguards that are being used to scare you into voting against this proposal. Why would any group lie to you about these important issues? Before you vote, at least know the facts

Brooke Davis Independence Township

No to Aliaga

Dear Editor,

It's no surprise that Independence Township trustee candidate Jose Aliaga supports the hospital and development in Independence Township, his campaign finance report shows McLaren and its supporters donated to his campaign heavily. The senator who doesn't represent us, Mike Kowall, and has been trying to foist the hospital onto the residents of this township was a contributor to Mr. Aliaga.

We suggest voters investigate Mr. Aliaga's past and those who are supporting him before voting in November. Many of Mr. Aliaga's supporters don't reside in Independence Township. You will also find ties to McLaren officials, developers, and doctors who don't live here. This should raise red flags as to who Mr. Aliaga will be working for. And it looks like it won't be you and I.We want a trustee who represents us, not developers or hospitals. We suggest voters see for themselves. Campaign finance reports can be found on oakgov.com.

When voting, ask yourself if you want Independence Township to be another overbuilt community like Auburn Hills or Rochester. A vote for Jose will give you that. Voters made a mistake in the August primary that can be corrected this November. Say "no" to Jose!

Michael and Lori Powell Independence Township

Library bond

Dear Editor.

Remember Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys, "lifting" from Encyclopedia Britannica and World Book, checking out an audio book to take on a trip? All free? Times have changed, and the way we use our library has too.

Nancy and the boys have been updated by Harry Potter. Information for reports is now online, and while audio books are now on CDs, some people are choosing E-books and E-audio books. They're still free at the library, though. The Clarkston Independence District Library would like to keep it that way.

The library is constantly working to stay up to date. It offers computer classes, programs for children and teens, Notary services, and test proctoring for people doing long distance learning, special databases for electronic journal articles not found on your computer, and also resources for careers and small businesses. They would also like to expand language learning resources. Your vote for the library millage on Nov. 6 will help our library continue to be the kind of library our community deserves.

Oh yes, the library still has lots of books, free!

Carol and Gerald McNally Clarkston

Library history

Dear Editor.

Every time I walk into the Independence Township Library, I am proud to see my name on the plaque along with Supervisor Tink Ronk, Treasurer John Lutz, Clerk Joan McCrary and trustees Jean Saile, Bruce Mercado, Dan Travis and Mel Vaara. Tink and Jean have passed on but their spirits remain forever with us.

We have a gem in this community under the superb leadership of Julie Meredith. We need to keep the high standards established from the beginning, 1992. Your support is necessary for investing in the future. We must continue to meet the needs of preschoolers, elementary, middle school, high school, college students, young adults, adults, and senior citizens. Your support is critical in the upcoming millage election.

Mel L. Vaara Clarkston

Support for library

Dear Editor

Independence Township is a first class community – let's make sure our library is a first class library!

On election day we have the chance to vote for the millage to bring our library up to the standards we all expect in this community. Our library has not asked for an increase since inception of the current millage and that has been many years. Everything is in place, a nice building, a good collection, a new and enthusiastic library board, so let's complete the picture. Vote yes on the library millage, Nov. 6.

Joan McCrary Independence Township

Study ballot carefully Fall is one of my favorite seasons. Hove Homecoming events this past weeker

Fall is one of my favorite seasons. I love the enthusiasm of the new school year, college and high school sports, The Taste of Clarkston, marching bands, school buses on the roads, and the harvest.

It reminds me that all things are possible through hard work, learning, and collaboration.

As I observe the happenings of our school district, I'm reminded every single day of the positive and powerful effects that public schools have on kids and communities.

I'm reminded that human relationships matter, that public schools are the heartbeats of vibrant communities across Michigan, and that our public schools shape Americans and American values.

One example of this in Clarkston involves an Army recruiter who worked at CHS, was subsequently reassigned to another state, and later deployed overseas.

Clarkston High School stayed connected with this serviceman and the story ended up on the front page of the Army's Website: www.army.mil/article/87500/Army_Strong_School_Ties_Soldier_maintains_bond_with_community_high_school_more_than_a decade.

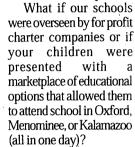
Another example involves a former CCS student, Veronika Scott. This student is making a positive difference for homeless people in Detroit and beyond. She's creative, entrepreneurial, and full of hope. She's a reflection of Clarkston's values. Here's a link to the story: outfront.blogs.cnn.com/2012/09/20/car-parts-line-coats-for-homeless/

Were you able to attend the Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert at Clarkston High School on Sept. 20? Did you attend

Homecoming events this past weekend? Clarkston is an awesome school system thanks to the quality of staff, students, parents, and community.

Words from the Sup't

Imagine Clarkston without its schools. How would it affect business and the community?



Dr. Rod Rock

Imagine if the money

that you contribute toward schooling went with your child to these other schools. How would our community schools survive? Is this good for our kids?

It's vitally important that you are an informed citizen this fall. The decisions you make on Nov. 6 will dramatically affect our schools

Please study your options. Please carefully and critically consider how each candidate's position on educational issues will affect our schools. Please see what the governor is saying and suggesting about public schools, via the Oxford Foundation and the Michigan Education Finance Project: oxfordfoundationmi.com.

I look forward to seeing you soon at a school or community event.

Rod Rock, Ed.D., is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools.



Pink initiative provides pampering

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It is time to treat yourself, and the Pink and Pampered event at McLaren Cancer Institute Clarkston is the place to go, Oct. 18, 5-8 p.m.

"It is anything pampering," Mary Melega smiled. "In the past years we had had hair feathers. This year we will have hair crystals."

Pampering services include manicures, eyebrow waxing, foot massages, back massages, neck massages, hair chalking, henna tattoos. Each service is \$10 each.

The event started four years ago at the Independence Township Senior Center Carriage House. Since then it has grown to something bigger, and they moved it to McLaren Cancer Institute in Clarkston so they could expand

"We are very thankful for the space and being able to use the space," Melega said.

From the beginning Melega has worked with Carrie Bishop and the McLaren Breast Center, who sponsors the annual event.

"We picked October because it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month," Bishop explained. "It is a nice reminder to take care of themselves, get their mammograms and come to see us at the McLaren Breast Center."

The vendors are donating 20 percent per person back to the breast center, which will go towards the transportation services for patients traveling to and from the center.

Returning this year is the recycled purse sale and the amount of purses have been accumulating with purses of every size and color for the picking

"The purses are really big," said Melega.
"It is a huge draw because it is a girly thing."

"Youn can't beat it," Bishop smiled. "I got a great purse for \$10 last year."

They have added a recycled platter and bowl sale to this year's event.

"Anyone can donate a platter or bowl they may have at their house they are not using," said Bishop. "We will resale them."

Also for sale will be cards, candles and heat rice pads.



Recycled purses are back this year, from left, Carrie Bishop, Deanna Hart and Mary Melega display just a few on sale for \$10 the Pink and Pampered event, Oct. 18. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

They will also have an artist who will paint during the event. Melega explained the pieces are female orientated pop art.

The Pink and Pampered event will also have Margo, the psychic bone reader.

"She reads your bones," Bishop said. "She tells you a little bit about yourself."

If weather permits, they will have a tour through their healing garden.

The event will have beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Pita Way, Caribou Coffee and Klever Kreations have donated food for the event.

"This is truly a community event," Bishop added. "It's tying the whole community in and having the support of the community is

great.'

Bishop added Melega and her team of volunteers are phenomenal.

"They work very hard on this event in order to provide it to the community and for us," she said. "We are blessed to have their friendship and their partnership. McLaren is very thankful and proud to be in the community and work with the Independence Township Senior Center and Adult Activity Center."

Admission is free and anyone is invited. McLaren Cancer Institute is located on 5680 Bow Pointe Drive, off Sashabaw Road.

"Join us for a fun, pampering evening," Bishop smiled.

Think pink

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's retailers are thinking pink in October to encourage locals to remember Breast Cancer Awareness month. For their Paint the Town Pink: A Ladies Night Out event, downtown retailers are partnering with Swan for Life Cancer Foundation to raise awareness and collect donations.

On Thursday, Oct. 18 from 5-8 p.m., retailers will not only be decking out their stores in shades of pink, but they're hoping shoppers start thinking pink too.

"We'll be offering a special discount for ladies wearing pink," said Christina Calka of Village Fashion Boutique. But Ladies Night isn't just for women.

"Ånybody who wears pink will get a discount," said Calka. Some shops will even offer pink treats. For example, Calka intends to serve up cotton candy to those who stop by.

Retailers participating will have donation jars at the ready for patrons who want to support Swan for Life Cancer Foundation, which provides free education, support and resources to cancer patients, families, caregivers and friends in Southeastern Michigan.

"Hopefully, it's going to be a great event," said Peg Roth.

Nineteen retailers have signed up to participate, and they plan to "do as much pink as we can do," said Roth. Shops will be selling pink T-shirts for \$10 a piece, and all the proceeds will go to Swan for Life.

Both Calka and Roth are looking forward to a fun event made even better because it is for "a great cause," said Calka. Look to advertisements in this week's *CNews* and *Penny Stretcher* for more information.





Davisburg Heritage festival this weekend

A full weekend of activities is planned in the Davisburg Heritage Festival, Oct. 13-14.

A pancake breakfast kicks it off at the Hart Community Center, Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-11 a.m., \$5 per person; \$3/3-6 years old; free/2 and under; with parade at noon.

Cow Pie Bingo, \$10/square, \$500 for the winner. Cows will be released at 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve Yellow Field.

Activities at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve, Saturday, Oct. 13, 12-4 p.m., include family crafts, games, historical demonstrations, Hay Maze, Farmers' Market, pumpkin painting and animals.

Entertainment in the Beer Tent at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve, Saturday, Oct. 13, 12 p.m.-12 a.m. includes Still Rain, Rich Eddies Rockin Oldies, Be The Dog and Firehouse Entertainment.

Activities also include Car and Motorcycle Show, Oct. 13, Broadway Auto Sales and Service; Seed Spitting Contest, Oct. 13, Broadway Auto Sales and Service, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Doughnut Eating Contest, 11 a.m., Oct. 13, Broadway Auto Sales and Service; Farmers' Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 14, Shiawassee Basin Preserve; Fall Colors Wagon Ride, 1 p.m., Oct. 14, downtown parking lot just south of town; Davisburg Cemetery Walking Tours, 1-3 p.m., Oct. 14, Davisburg Cemetery, guided tours every 15min. Last Tour departs at 2:30 p.m.

The Raisin Pickers Band Concert performs a mix of rustic Appalachian music, swingy jazz, bluegrass, and Louisiana music, 3-5 p.m., Oct. 14, in front of the Library/Civic Center.

Check www.springfield-twp.us for complete list and map of activities.

Pay city sewer, water bills online

By the end of October, Independence Township residents will be able to pay their water and sewer bills online. While locals can currently view their bills on the web, they can't settle up online yet.

"We wanted to give them an option if they don't want to mail or come in and pay." said Treasurer Curt Carson.

Those who choose to use a credit card will be charged a 2.5 percent fee, and \$1.95 will be charged for e-checks. To view your water and sewer bill online go to www.twp.independence.mi.us.

Road work in town

Road Commission of Oakland County plans to close Clintonville Road between Maybee and Waldon roads. Oct. 12-26, to replace a box culvert under the road. Detour route is Pine Knob Road to Waldon Road and back to Clintonville Road.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!: From left, Pam and Paul Semann, Joyce Little, Amanda Matousek, Kathy Sabol, Chris Sytek, and Mike Sabol celebrate Clarkston's 180th birthday with cake and ice cream at a community get-together in Depot Park, Oct. 7. The Holcomb family settled here in 1832. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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By: Richard Walker



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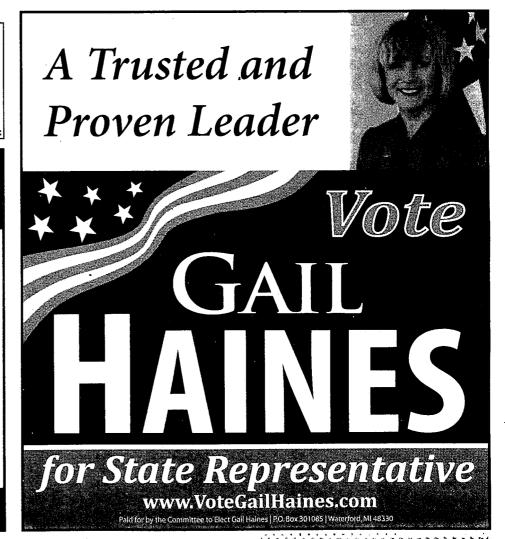
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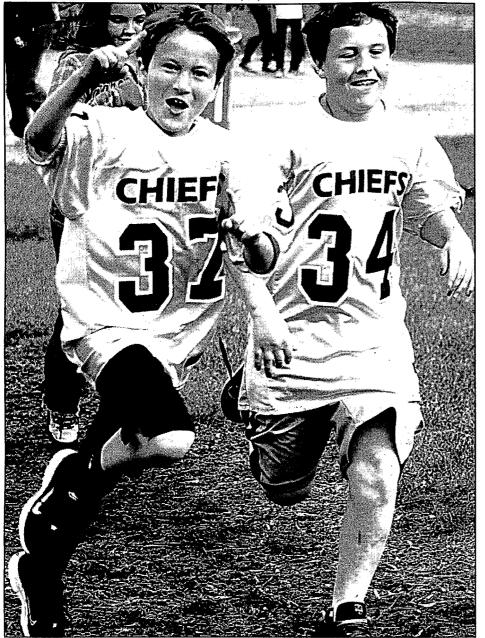
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Katie Austin and Emma Conwell have their water ready to go when they need to stay hydrated.



Sam Tutor, Taylor Heaton and Cali Ehrenberger round the corner as they finish another lap.

Levi Moore and his furry friend enjoy a slow pace.

Cheers for fun runners

With another lap done, students grabbed another rubber band to the others they had last Friday.

They were collecting them as they participated in the Springfield Plains Elementary annual fun run.

They ran and walked while parents

their dogs for a few laps on the outside path.
Elementaries throughout Clarkston Community Schools held fun runs as fundraisers for their PTA/PTO organizations. In turn, the organizations give back to the schools in fun ways. For more information, please contact your elementary. your elementary.

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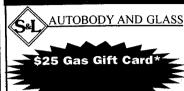
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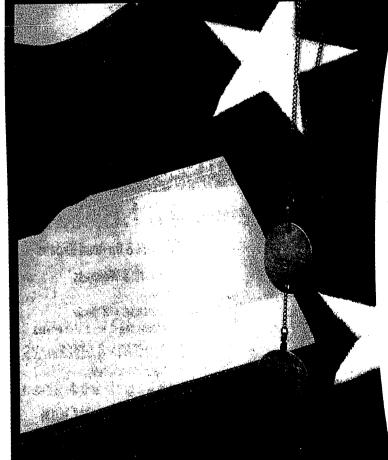
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Please RSVP to Laura Anderson toll free: 888-793-6250 or 248-340-9296.

Refreshments will be served.



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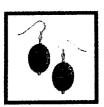
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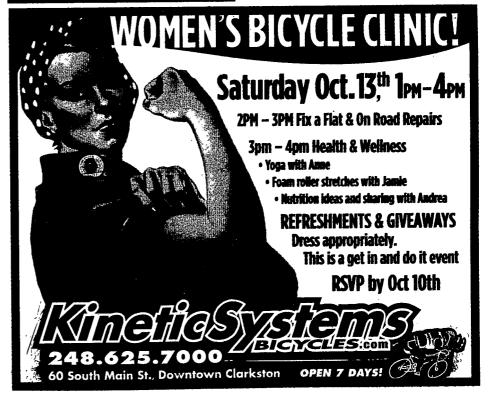
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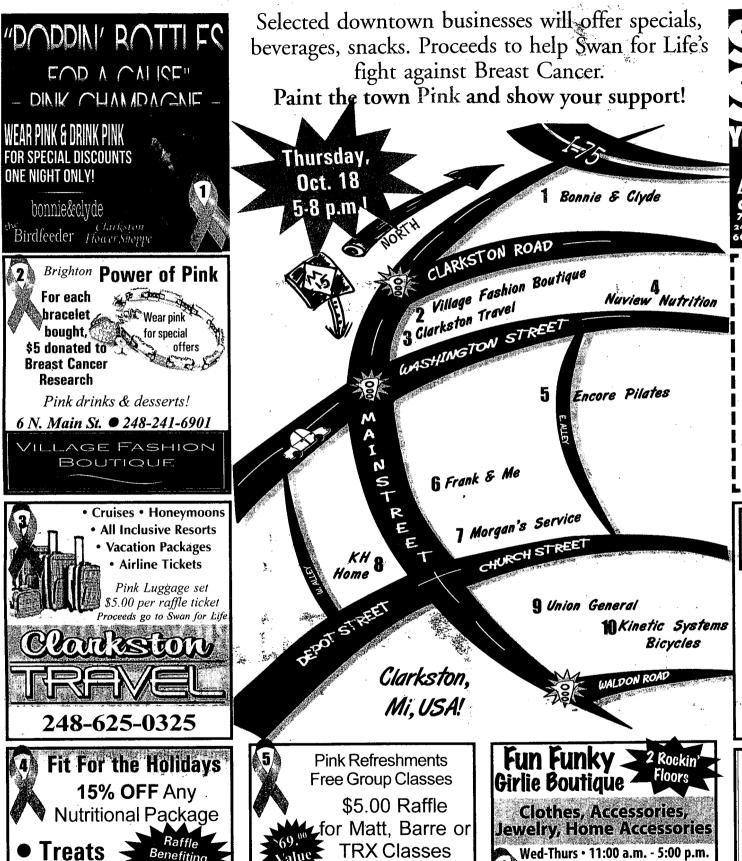
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CELEBRATION: CJ Markell has fun at his Fun Run, North Sashabaw Elementary, Sept. 28. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*



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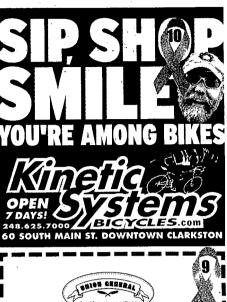
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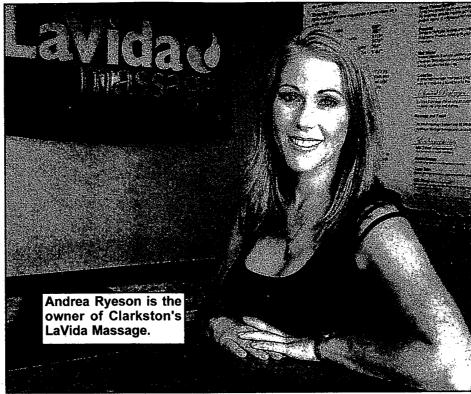
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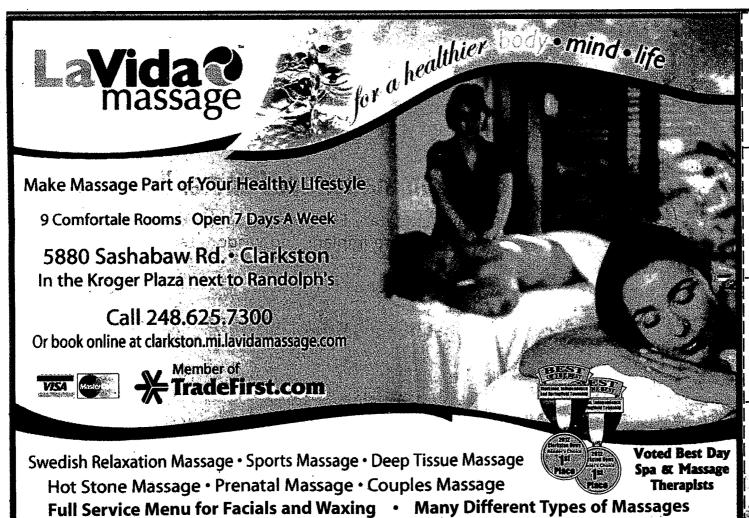
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Trailblazer honorees are, from left, Derrick Fries, Katie Fries, Kay Robertson, Thomas Hall II, Loraine Hall, Tom Hall, Sherrie Hall, Joanne Inskeep, Bob Inskeep, Thomas Pytel, Mel Vaara, Jerry Fisher, Elizabeth Wagner, and Thomas Stone.

Land conservancy honors trailblazers

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For 40 years, individuals all over Oakland County have led efforts to preserve land in Michigan for future generations. This year, the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) celebrated their 40-year anniversary and honored 17 trailblazers.

Each honoree received a plaque in recognition of their work with the non-profit organization. Independence Township resident Bob Inskeep, who was president of the land conservancy for four years, considers himself a second-generation trailblazer.

"I was fortunate enough to be involved at a time when we brought hundreds of acres of land under conservation easement," said Inskeep.

The land conservancy works with landowners interested in preserving their acres in perpetuity.

"We're not making any more land," said Inskeep. "All over the globe it's disappearing and the unique flora and fauna are worthy of protection," he added.

Trailblazer James Reed of Independence Township agrees.

"We can't develop and pave everything," said Reed, who served as a land inspector in the NOHLC and was president for three years.

He points out some of the unique habitats for wildlife and plants under the NOHLC's protection aren't available anywhere else, which is why the organization hopes to "preserve jewels we'd like to see protected forever," Reed said.

Over the years, the NOHLC has acquired many unique landscapes such as the Nels Kimball Sanctuary.

"Land preservation takes time," said Inskeep. Building relationships and trust with landowners isn't always easy, and over the years Inskeep witnessed many of "those sometimes complicated arrangements become a reality," he explained. "After 40 years, the conservancy has proven it's a trusted partner in North Oakland County."

Just as the NOHLC preserves land for future www.nohlc.org.

generations to enjoy, its members pass the value of protecting the environment along to children. Inskeep's son is now involved in the conservancy.

"It's rewarding to see that he's grown up with the values I have," Inskeep said.

The NOHLC has had many trailblazers such as Tom Stone and Tom Bullen who were "the most instrumental in the launch and growth of the conservancy," said Reed.

To date, the NOHLC's trailblazing has resulted in the conservation of 1,427 acres across six townships and two counties, and the NOHLC isn't slowing down.

In fact, Reed said they have an upcoming project in mind to extend the trails in the Nels Kimball preserve by building a bridge across the Clinton River. They are also in the process of bringing historic Camp Wathana in Rose Township under easement.

"There's still a lot more to do in the next forty years," said Inskeep.

To find out more about the NOHLC visit www.nohlc.org.



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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.

Carrick 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

Open auditions, Clarkston Village Players' comedy "Sinners," by Norm Foster, 7 p.m., Oct. 14-15, Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road. Roles for 3 men and 3 women ages 30 to 60. 248-373-6438

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. 248-623-4212

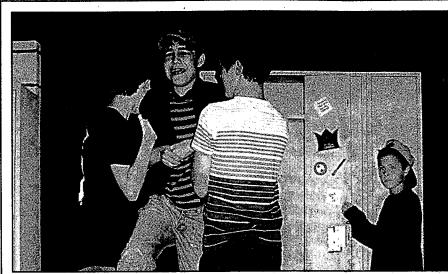
Identity Theft workshop, 2 p.m., 7 p.m., Oct. 16, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Presenters: Carol Compagnoni, Anita Koch of Identity Theft Shield/Kroll Solutions, Doug Seman of Calvary Computing, 7 p.m. 248-625-2212.

Fire Fighters appreciation night, 7-8:30 p.m., Oct. 17, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Presentations for children and adults, music, ice cream, tour of a fire truck. 248-922-3515.

Haunted Forest, 7-11 p.m., Oct. 19-20, 26-27. Wojo's Greenhouse, 2570 Oakwood Road, Ortonville. Benefits St. Anne's Youth Group. Haunted Forest, non-scary and scary. \$10/

Around Jown

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



POP MUSICAL: The Mt. Zion Youth Theatre kicks off its season with *Mirror Image*, written by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus. The pop-musical high-school adventure is for families, children ages 8 and up. It features 40 students between the ages of 9-16 at Mt. Zion Theatre, 4900 Maybee Road. Showtimes are Oct. 12-13 and 19-20, 7:30 p.m.; with matinee performances, Oct. 13 and 20, 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call 248-393-1407. *Photo provided*

adults, \$6/under 13. Call Kim, 248-627-3965 Ext. 132.

Fund raiser for Adam Wheatcroft Memorial Scholarship Foundation, 5 p.m., Oct. 20, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. Silent auction, 50/50, camouflage party – prizes for best/most creative camp attire. \$15.248-628-6390.

Fall Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, 8-10 a.m., Oct. 20, Lake Orion United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint Street. 248-693-6201.

Candidate forum, Independence Township trustee candidates, 2-4 p.m., Oct. 22, Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. judybateman@comcast.net.

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.

Pre-election Singles Dance, Bethany North Oakland, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Nov. 3. Waterford Elks, 2100 Scott Lake Road. \$12. 248-891-8938.

Burial Preplanning Seminar, 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Nov. 14, All Saints Cemetery, 4401 Nelsey Road. Tips, ideas on preplanning options, tour. Refreshments served. Free. RSVP, 248-623-9633.

Monday

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

Buck Shots Bar and Grill 7048 Gateway Parl Drive \$10,248-880-0027

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.

Tuesday

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.

Wednesday

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

Senior volleyball league, 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, St. Trinity Lutheral Church. Previous experience desired by not required. \$40, through April, trherh7966@comcast.net. 248-625-3881.

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.

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.

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

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Oct. 18: speaker from Beaumont's Breast Cancer Center. Refreshments served. All welcome. 248-625-1326.









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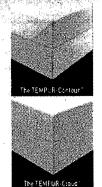
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Obituaries

Twila Daniels, 87

Twila Daniels of Clarkston died Oct. 5, 2012, at 87 years of age.

She was the beloved wife of the late Boyd Daniels; loving mother of Wanda (Stacy) Boatwright, Jerry (Linda) Daniels, Jo Ann (Cowboy) Martin, Barbara (the late David) Sapp, Kenneth (Marlene) Daniels and Pam "Thelma" (Fred) Pettingill.

She is survived by 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren, one sister and several nieces and nephews; preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Twila retired from Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital after 30 years of service.

Visitation was held at Coats Funeral Home. Funeral services were held in Middlesboro, Kentucky. To send a private condolence www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/ Obituaries.

Lynde G. Polasek, 23

Lynde Grace Polasek of Clarkston suddenly passed, Oct. 5, 2012, at age 23.

She is survived by her beloved two year old daughter Ava Grace Booker, her

mother Jennifer (Joe) Bland, her father Michael (Lynn) Polasek, grandparents Gerald and Margaret Hall, Carol Polasek and Michael Polasek, her great grandmother Grace "YooHoo" Cooper; also survived



by her half siblings Michelle, Terry and Michael Polasek, step siblings Katie, Aron and Justin Bland and her uncles Brian Hall and Jason (Jennifer) Hall.

Lynde was a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School, she was currently attending Oakland Community College and raising her daughter Ava.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, 5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford, Interment followed at All Saints Cemetery.

Visitation was Oct. 9 at Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Milford Counseling, 120 S. Main St., Milford, MI 48381. Envelopes available at the funeral home

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Leaves fall to make way for new life

October: what a glorious month! The followers that Lazarus is ill. Jesus says, "This stunning, vibrant array of color displayed by Mother Nature for a brief moment inspires many a conversation. Some will speak of their favorite viewing location or remembrances of seasons past. Many declare fall to be

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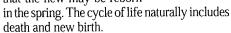
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their favorite season, others deride it as the prelude to winter complaining of the wet and cold.

When the leaves finally fall, whether slowly, naturally over many weeks, or suddenly, all at once with the wind and rain, the trees are bared and the stunning, vibrant, annual life expression comes to an end. There is the death of the old in the fall so that the new may be reborn



Chapter 11 of the Gospel according to John contains the curious story of the death and resurrection of Lazarus and the social and political fallout that led to the crucifixion of Jesus. This story has incredible layers of symbology and meaning for all of us, too much to cover in this single column. Today I will focus on Jesus' words concerning death.

The message comes to Jesus and his

illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God," and so he did not travel immediately to Iudea but waited for 2 more days. Then he says, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him out of sleep." His disciples don't understand why He has to awaken a sleeping Lazarus so Jesus has to tell them plainly, "Lazarus is dead."

Now, either we have to conclude that Jesus was mistaken when he declared that Lazarus' illness was "not unto death", or that he lied to his disciples, or that he has some other understanding of the nature of life and death. I prefer the latter, understanding that death is a relative expression of life that has no absolute

Death and birth are inseparable. Each is a beginning and an ending. The sperm and egg die to create the fetus; the fetus comes to an end to become the infant; the infant ends to become the child; the child ends to become the youth; the youth ends to become the adult. We have to die to what we were to become what we will be. We have to release the old way of thinking and believing in order to enter into the "glory of God."

Jesus understood death, not as an ending but, as a new beginning. Therefore, "It is not death but dawn" as the poet has written. It is a new relationship with life without the old physical expression. Each ending and new beginning is a process that we go through sometimes joyfully and often painfully. The Ego or personality or local self sees this death to the old as a finality, an ending not a new beginning and therefore we experience grief over the apparent loss of the old.

Sometimes we need help to see beyond the relative appearances of death and loss. Grief is a natural human expression when we experience the death of a loved one or other significant loss such as of a job, a divorce or of a belief system. It takes time to work through the stages of grief, there is no rushing it; it can only be prolonged or delayed by denial of the process. And, we can receive support as we walk through the process and support others in the process with prayer, a listening ear and a loving heart.

The anger and pain we see expressed in society today: in the political process, in the media, in many churches and organizations, is at the same time a result of the denial of the natural process of change that is occurring and a stage of the process. Our part, as emerging Universal Humans with Jesus, is to "hold the high watch": not to get caught up in the relative appearances but to hold the vision of "the glory of God" being made manifest. And so it is!

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

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

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

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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Team RUSH ends season with wins

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Before Team RUSH put away their 2012 robot, they took it for one last spin at the Kettering Kick-off Invitational, Sept. 22.

They placed 15th in the quarterfinals out of the 42 teams at the annual robotic competition. In the robot basketball game, they finished with four wins and three losses with the robot they used in the Rebound Rumble.

Michael Ray, one of the team captains, said a highlight of the weekend was the last two matches of the season.

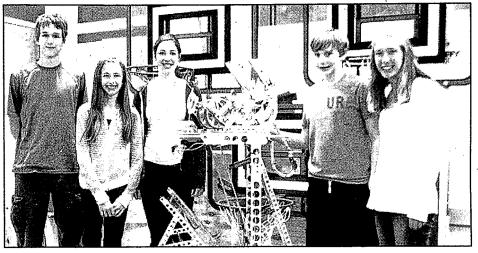
He explained during the last 30 seconds of the match, robots can balance on a bridge to earn extra points. By balancing more and more robots on the bridge, teams get more overall points.

"Competing with team 3534 from Davison and team 3547 from Monroe we balanced three robots on our bridge," he said. "It is a feat almost unheard of in the FIRST community as all three of our robots were considered 'long bots.' The entire stadium was ecstatic and erupted into cheers - a great way to end our season. Overall, we lost in the quarterfinals against the first place team but had an amazing weekend.'

During the competition at Kettering Uni-



The robot during competition.



From left, Mitchell Petrimoulx, Diana Marsala, Kirsten Zalobsky, Carter Zielinski and Jennifer Ray with the 2012 robot before Kettering Kickoff. Photo by Wendi Reardon

versity the seniors took charge by creating a schedule, organizing the pit, organizing jobs, organizing carpools and more.

By doing it this way, the seniors realized what it takes and how stressful running a team can be," said Ray.

"All the while getting feedback from their fellow teammates and seeing how the younger students react to their first competi-

"During competition season we have to have a set pit crew, a set drive crew, a set scouting team. They need to know what they are doing," Mitchell Petrimoulx added. "This competition was more laid back. The big thing is it gives new students experience. They know what's happening and need to be there, need to do this and this."

He added they recruit new students during the spring, which is right after their competition season ends. The off-season competition at Kettering helps the new members of Team RUSH for when the season starts in

While preparing for the competition Petrimoulx worked with other members of the team to make sure the robot was set for the weekend.

'We ran tests," he said. "We have changed our shooter round to make it better. We have been running test rounds to make sure everything is ready."

Kirsten Zalobsky, part of media, prepared for her first competition by making sure everything was charged and her lenses were ready to go.

They also worked on other projects, Petrimoulx added. He worked with Carter Zielinski and others on the robot used during Homecoming, which threw T-shirts into the crowd.

The new students are seeing how we wire and how we build new parts to it," he said. "They see it before we go into the build sea-

Thanks to all our sponsors for their support," Ray added.

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Spencer McIntrye belts out "Stay" by Sara Bareilles. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Local idols

The audience spoke and sophomore Hannah Cartier was the winner of Clarkston High School's first Clarkston

The top ten finalists performed on Oct. 2.

The audience was also treated to special performances by the CHS Madrigals, concert choirs and Detroit Voice.

All proceeds went to the Clarkston Choirs.



Joslyn Hastings sings Rhianna's "Take a Bow.'

New rules to protect smoke sensitive

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sufficient limitations on burning, others felt there were too many variables to adopt the policy.

John Keusch noted someone with a 1,000-acre lot may have a property line touching an ill neighbor's land that in some places is 600 feet away. Even with a 1,000-acre property, the landowner would be denied a burn permit.

"If we're going to do this, I think we need to be considerate of the people who are going to be denied a burn permit," said Dan Wheeler. "Why should they be required to spend possibly several hundred dollars to dispose of their leaves because they happen to live next to a neighbor that has a medical issue?"

Wheeler suggested the township reimburse those who cannot have a burn permit when they have to pay for a leaf and brush removal service.

The new policy was popular with others who spoke at the meeting, however.

"I'm in favor of the 400 feet; I think it's a good compromise between the people who need to burn and the people with a medical issue," said Larry Brown.

Sandra Boggemos supported the new policy as well.

"I would appreciate some protection just so I can stay alive in my house," she said. "Sometimes I don't know when people are going to burn. They start up, and if they are really close to me, I don't have time to get out. Then, I'm in the hospital, and it's a very serious medical emergency."

Fire Chief Steve Ronk said his department gets many complaints in the fall due to burning.

"We respond to all complaints," Ronk said.

To implement this policy, the fire department will notify residents who are no longer permitted to burn and track the zones where residents who have documented health concerns reside before issuing new permits.

"It is going to be more difficult than it is today," Ronk stated. "We'll enforce what you tell us to enforce."

"I just don't think it's enforceable," said Pallotta, the only member of the board to oppose the new policy.

Lohmeier compared the policy to laws in place to protect those with disabilities.

"Like most people in the community, I don't like parking farther away from the door when I go to the store, but I don't mind passing those handicapped spaces because people need them. We're a compassionate community," he said.

Burning in Independence Township can take place on Oct. 16, 18, 20, and 21 and through December on designated "burn days."

For more information on burn days and permits, view the fire department's website at www.independencefire.us.



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The Wine Tasting evening is the Clarkston Rotary Club's major fund raising activity and supports many of the club's activities.

The Clarkston Rotary Club is proud of its support of scholarships for area students, assisting the downtown in decorating for Christmas, hosting the Labor Day Parade, and its involvement in International Youth Exchange, said club President Bart Clark.

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Joette Kunse and Jeanne Molzin of

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National honor for Everest

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"I am very proud of what our school has accomplished in achieving this distinction as one of America's Top 50 Catholic high schools," said Principal Greg Reichert. "We plan to build on this achievement as we help position our students for success, not only in university, but in life."

The top 50 schools are recognized for overall excellence in Catholic identity, academics and civic education.

Community milestones

Clarkston State Bank recently promoted **Nikki Tippett** to Assistant Branch Manager of their Sashabaw branch office, 6461 Sashabaw Road.

Tippett received her Bachelor's Degree at

Oakland University and started her career in education both in the Clarkston and Waterford school districts. Her passion for children translated into a passion for serving the public and has proven invaluable working with Clarkston State Bank's staff and customers.



Tippett

Tippett joined the bank as a part time CSR, was promoted to a full time CSR and then to her current management position. Her natural leadership skills and genuine care and concern for her customers make her another strong link in the bank's management team.

"The branch in the shopping center at Sashabaw and Waldon is a full service branch, open seven days a week and the staff at this branch has strong banking experience and strong leadership with Nikki as their direct supervisor," said Dawn Horner, executive vice president of retail banking.

Mike Jacobson of Clarkston recently joined

Grant Thornton LLP's forensic and valuation services group as a manager. He previously worked at Deloitte Financial Advisory Services as a senior associate in first the Chicago office and then Detroit.

He has his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and his MBA in finance from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

Darin Evans of White Lake has been appointed Bank of America's small business banker for Clarkston and Lake Orion.

He will consult with small business owners and assess their companies' deposit, credit and cash management needs. Evans comes to Bank of America from Chase Bank and brings 10 years of experience working with small businesses.

Several Clarkston residents were installed recently as officers of Beta Sigma Sorority, PSI chapter, at the Bloomfield Hills home of Sorority member Norma Keller.

New officers include President Teresa Tersigni of Clarkston, Vice President Jackie Bisogni of Holly, Recording Secretary Louise Bisogni of Clarkston, Treasurer Norma Keller of Bloomfield Hills, Finance and Charity Chairman Carol O'Neil of Flushing; Editor, Joan Weger of Clarkston; and Chairman of the Board Louise Bisogni of Clarkston.



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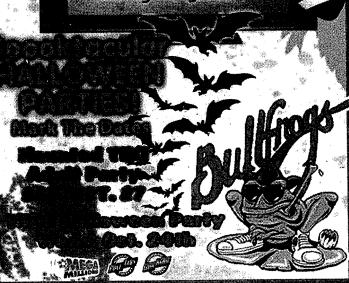
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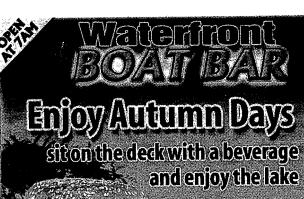
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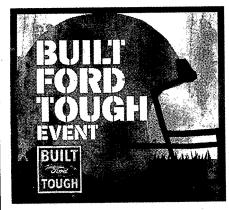
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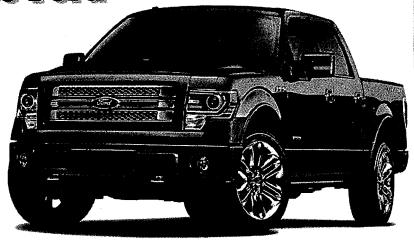


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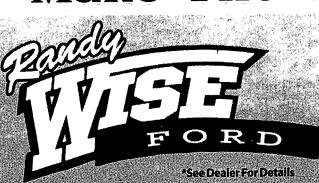
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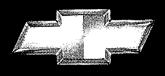
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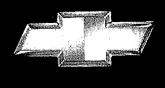
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Decedent's Estate Estate of Ronald Wayne Haggard, Deceased, Date of hirth: 6/24/1941 TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald Wayne Haggard, Deceased, died October 26, 2011.

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

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SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OCTOBER 2, 2012

- A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace

Absent: Petterson, Wagner

There was a quorum present. Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Joe Barnhart, Cable Access Program Manager; Randy Ford, Hubbell, Roth & Clark; Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.

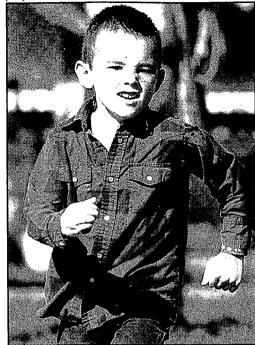
Appointment of Acting Chair: Approved D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended

- CLOSED SESSION: None requested
 BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bart Clark: Rotary Wine Tasting Event on November 1, 2012 Ine Wauldron: Farmer's Market: Barb Pallotta, Clerk: Mailing of Absent Voter Ballots on Friday, October 5
- PUBLIC COMMENT: None PUBLIC HEARING: None
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- Superintendent's Report Report: Annual Report; Clarkston Public Access Television Committee

 CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:
- - Request to Adopt Open Burning Policy
 PUBLIC COMMENT: Michael Catana; Dan Wheeler; Sandra Boggemes; Dave Barran; Larry Brown; John Keusch; Sam Moraco; Tracy Flood
- K CONSENT AGENDA:
 - Request to Approve Additional Expenses for Independence Television Reconstruction Project -Removed
 - Approval Minutes of Board of Trustee's Regular Budget Meeting; August 28, 2012 Approval Minutes of Board of Trustee's Regular
 - Budget Meeting; September 14, 2012 ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- Approval of Additional Expenses for Indepen
- dence Television Reconstruction Project Removed
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 1. Approval of 1st Reading of Proposed Fireworks Ordinance
 - Approval Official Payments Service Agreement: Agenda Addition Approval of Tri-Party Program Agreement for In-
 - stallation of Traffic Signal Light at Flemings Lake and Sashabaw Roads
 - Request to Approve 2012 Cemetery Rates: Carryover item to October 9, 2012 Regular Bud-
- Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the Amount of \$830,177.82
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics.
 COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
 - REPORTS: 1. Report: Park, Recreation & Seniors Advisor Com-
 - mittee Minutes of July 19, 2012 Report: Annual Report; Clarkston Public Access
- Television Committee ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC





Johnathon Dubre picks up his pace around the curve.



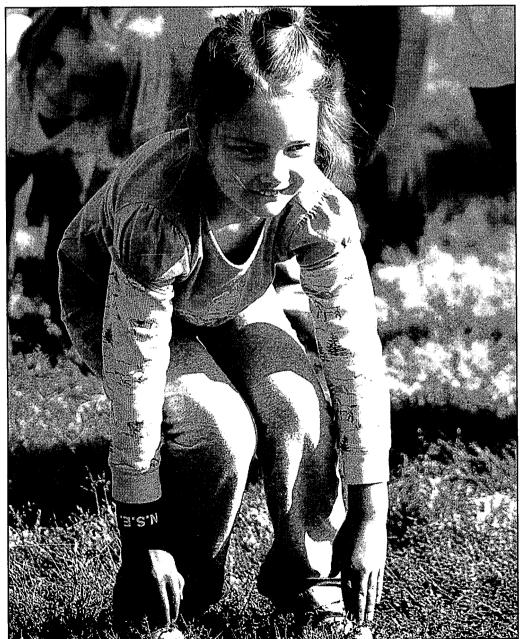
Ember Mohrman slows down

Run for fun

Kindergartners at North Sashabaw Elementary took to the track on Sept. 28 for their first fun

They were joined by Principal Tara Ouellette and a special visitor, her dog, who not only ran with the students but rested with them as well.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Ella Chick stretches out before her first fun run.



Matt and Stephenie

Cleary - Rota

Matt Cleary and Stephenie Rota both grew up in Michigan but now live in Chicago.

They met on a blind date and have been together ever since. Matt proposed on Friday, July 6, and caught her completely off

They are planning for a September wedding next year in the windy city.

Clark -Janosky

Richard and Karen Clark of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen, to Joseph Janosky III, son of Joseph Jr. and Carol Janosky of Romeo, Michigan.

Kristen received her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Grand Valley State University and a Master of Public Administration from Oakland University where she is currently employed.

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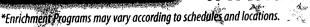
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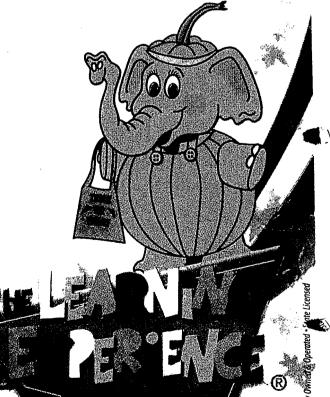
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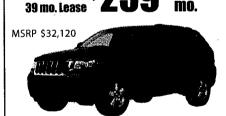
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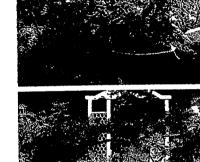
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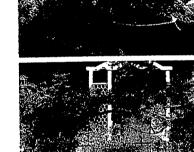
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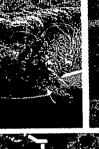




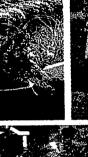






















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