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Big raises for city workers

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Several city employees will receive raises this year including clerk, treasurer, and grounds and clerical staff. Meanwhile, Clarkston faces a \$38,500 budget deficit. (See "Budget," page 4). City worker Jason Miller will get \$6,240 more this year, after City Council passed a resolution increasing his hourly pay \$3 an hour during the June 24 council meeting.

Councilman Richard Bisio wanted to know why.

"I'd like to understand a little bit better what additional responsibilities justify the \$6,240 raise," Bisio said.

City Manager Carol Eberhardt, who recently took over DPW administrative duties, said the city still needs someone in the field able to make decisions and follow guidelines.

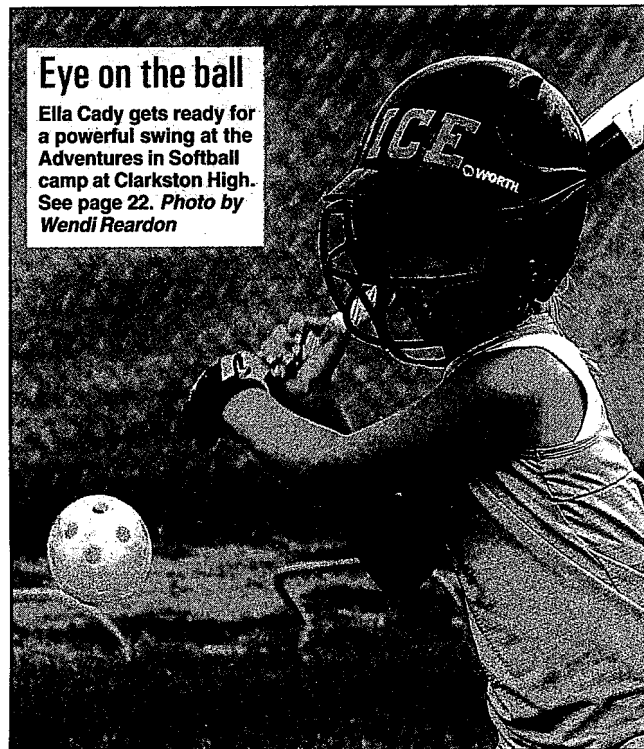
Eberhardt said Miller also solves problems in the field, and handles any problems the city has with contractors.

"Jason is the one who calls and gets them back out here and goes and threatens them and you know muscles them into doing it properly," she said.

Eberhardt said her managerial DPW duties include monitoring the department, taking reports, completing paperwork, checking schedules, making suggestions, fielding residents complaints and performing follow-ups to ensure resident complaints are handled.

Miller will also be eligible for overtime, a benefit the former DPW head did not receive. Overtime is earned during events like Concerts in the Park and Taste of Clarkston when workers take care of trash, electrical and safety issues.

The raise is retroactive to June 10, when
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Eye on the ball

Ella Cady gets ready for a powerful swing at the Adventures in Softball camp at Clarkston High. See page 22. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Family friendly competition at county fair

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When crowds fill Springfield Oaks for the Oakland County Fair later this week, the Ervin family of Brandon Township will be there with something new.

"Red Rangers - a new kind of meat chicken for us," said 4-H'er Shannon Ervin, 16, who will compete in several categories at the fair along with her brothers Nathan, 14, and Ryan, 9. "It's a more natural breed. We usually go with White Giants, so these guys are different this year."

Four-H'ers raise the birds for eight weeks for the fair, then auction them off at the Small Animal Auction, 6:30 p.m., July 12.

"They're free range - we try to make their lives the best possible," Shannon said.

Her entries also include horses, rabbits, and turkey, as well as public speaking, jewelry, and cupcake.

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Weekend of fun at Fourth of July festival

A full weekend of Independence Day fun is planned for the Fourth of July in Clarkston.

The Independence parade begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, at St. Daniel's Church, east down Miller Road, south on Ortonville Road, then onto Waldon Road to Clarkston United Methodist Church. Parade organizers are the Clarkston Area Optimists.

Clarkston Lions Club, Clarkston Knights of Columbus, Independence Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Festivities continue in Clintonwood Park with a carnival, veteran recognition, music, and fireworks.

The carnival is new this year - rides will run from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 4-6.

Activities on July 4 include the Toddler Zone, open from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., with trackless train and inflatables, socks available for \$1 and tickets sold until 9 p.m.; Renee Przybylski Memorial Spraypark, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; \$2 donation; Craft Show, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., with nearly 100 Michigan based artists and crafters.

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City approves 2013 budget

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

City Council approved the final 2012-13 fiscal year budget during the June 24 meeting.

Total revenues for the city are projected to be \$663,902 while expenditures are \$688,404, leaving the city short \$38,552. The deficit will come out of Clarkston's fund balance, or what the city has in its bank account, leaving just over \$280,000.

"A very healthy balance," said City Manager Carol Eberhardt.

"We have a fund balance of 41.3 percent of general fund expenditures," said Councilman Richard Bisio. "A reasonable balance of expenditures is 15-20 percent."

He added that 20 percent is on the high side, and Clarkston residents are being taxed at a 13.1979 tax rate. "It is the highest the city can legally tax its residents," said Bisio.

Bisio recommended taking a closer look at reducing the fund balance by over \$144,000. "The fund balance could be reduced," he said.

The council passed several resolutions during the meeting approving various areas of the budget including the General Fund Budget, Major and Local Road budgets, Mill Pond Budget, Operating Tax Millage and the Capital Improvement Fund.

Raises for city workers were also included in the budget including: clerk, \$9,800 to \$10,664, 8.8 percent; treasurer, \$11,455 to

\$15,563, 35.9 percent; clerical staff, \$7,288 to \$8,463, 16.1 percent; grounds staff, \$15,000 to \$22,093, 47.3 percent, and Building Department clerical staff, \$9,000 to \$11,688, 29.9 percent.

The biggest expenditures in the budget are Police \$116,536, Fire \$133,495 and Workers Compensation at a cost of \$59,130. Other large expenditures include building inspection \$33,066, Department of Public Works \$26,961, Planning \$23,420 and the Library. Another major expense in the budget was Highways, Streets and Bridges at a cost of \$23,759 and \$17,000 in attorney fees.

Mayor Joe Luginski thanked the finance committee and sent a special thanks to Treasurer Sandra Barlass for her work on the budget.

Luginski also thanked Bisio for his help reviewing the budget.

"The finance committee has gone over this for the very lengthy amount of time starting in January working on the budget," said City Manager Carol Eberhardt.

She added that the committee as tried to make sure the city stays fiscally sound. Future plans include creating a 3 to 5 year plan to make plans for capital expenditures in a special new capital improvement fund created by the council.

Revenue decreases include a \$5,000 reduction in federal funding, a \$5,500 decrease in charges for services and just over 7,500 in other reductions.

Special fund for capital improvements

A savings account "that can't be touched."

As of Jan. 24, that's what the City of the Village of Clarkston has. At their meeting, council put \$9,000 into the Capital Improvement Fund for special projects.

"The whole point is to give us money to do large projects," said City Manager Carol Eberhardt. "The money will also be used for long-term planning for projects."

The money can also be used in the event of a disaster or emergency, Eberhardt said.

How much is deposited in the fund will depend on annual budget variables.

She said it just makes good sense for communities to have a fund with money set aside for projects or emergencies. The city will save money in the fund to pay for special projects on a sort of "wish list."

Projects could include work on the bridge in Depot Park or extending the sidewalk on the west side of North Main Street from Miller to the parking lot where Brioni Café is located.

Eberhardt said some of the projects on the list will include sidewalk repairs throughout the city.

"We will identify all areas in the village in need of repair and prioritize," she said.

The resolution passed by the council also

states the money can be used for acquiring, constructing, extending, altering, repairing, or equipping public improvements or public buildings.

Under the city's definition of the fund, a capital improvement is a City facility or item such as a building, structure, physical improvement, facility repairs, road, parking lot, utility, land acquisitions, equipment or vehicles.

A restricted fund, once the money is transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund from the city's General Fund, it can only be used for capital improvements.

Eberhardt said the money will always stay in the fund unless the city has a capital improvement project or in the event of an emergency like a sewer line collapse.

"There are very specific rules to how you can spend the money," said Eberhardt.

Many communities use Community Block Grant (CBG) funding to complete special projects like those included on the city's wish list, but Clarkston has too much money.

"A lot of communities use the grants for capital improvements, but the city cannot due to the high income level of residents," said Eberhardt.

- Andrea Beaudoin

Briefly

FOIA fees postponed

Clarkston City Council postponed adopting new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) fees which would have included amending the FOIA form to include a 50 percent deposit to be paid in advance for all FOIA requests.

The council postponed adopting the resolution until council can further determine how to charge for staff labor and what the actual cost of making copies is. The issue was tabled until the next meeting on July 8.

Possible land transfer between townships

Independence and Springfield townships are discussing the transfer of a 25.77 acre piece of land located at the Dixie-175 intersection located between the two townships.

Discussions include whether the area can be combined into a single piece of property in Independence Township. Presently, the only way to access the Springfield Township portion of the property is by entering through an entrance located in Independence Township.

According to Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle, "Because there are two owners developers have been reluctant to offer any type of a development proposal due to previous difficulties associated with determining the proper zoning requirements. Although no conclusions have been made at this point, the Townships and their respective legal counsel are discussing the possibility of initiating what is known as a Conditional Land Use." Legal matters still have to be addressed before the transfer can occur.

Council OKs Taste tent

Clarkston Area Lions Club requested approval from the Clarkston City Council to erect a beer tent during the Taste of Clarkston. The Taste of Clarkston will be held in September, and the tent will be located in the Washington Street parking area.

The beer tent revenue will be used as a fundraiser to provide eyeglasses, hearing aids and pre-school eye screenings to kids in Independence. Clarkston Springfield and some Holly residents. Funds raised will also help support a variety of other charities supported by the Clarkston Lions. The council granted approval pending the Lions obtaining proper permits, insurance and other legal requirements.



From left are Jessica Vedrody, Cameron Razdar, Ryan Hopper, Matt Pasco and Shelby Hopper. Photo by Wendi Reardon

RUSH set to sink or swim

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students from Team RUSH have a lot to do in less than a month as they prepare for the sixth annual Rush Regatta set for July 27.

The annual regatta breaks the students into eight teams of 3-4 people as they design, build and race a boat made out of cardboard and duct tape on Deer Lake.

"We relay against each other," said junior Cameron Razdar. "They might sink. They might float. But everyone has a lot of fun."

A few changes were made to this year's regatta which will make it not only interesting for the audience but for the team members as they design the boat.

One of the changes is size of the boats. Last year the winner was a quick boat at about 20 feet long. This year the size requirement is 4-foot by 5-foot.

"We are a little bit restricted as far as size," admitted senior Matt Pasco. "For some people who want to build a big boat and have a lot of people they will have people crammed into the small space. The size requirement is really going to change how the race is going to go and how you build your boat."

"It could be beneficial," Razdar added, "to some teams who try to do too much. They won't try to overload themselves."

Another change is the regatta will have a relay, senior Shelby Hopper explained.

"This year you have to get out of the boat and someone has to get into the boat," she added.

"It's going to be way more exciting," senior Ryan Hopper smiled.

It will make the design more challenging as they design their boats. They have to factor in people jumping in and out. They also have to keep in mind added water being brought into the boat during the relay.

"The boat might breakdown," said senior Jessica Vedrody. "It will be harder to keep it dry."

"I personally think the calculations for the boat for how much water displacement there will be so how far it sinks down will be needed precisely," Razdar explained. "That could factor in if they can get in and out of the boat at check point and how far it is from the shore. It could be a huge factor in time."

Pasco's team has already sketched their boat on paper and started a CAD file. Razdar and Vedrody's team have made a smaller model of their boat out of cardboard.

They also work together as a team find local businesses to sponsor them. The money goes towards Team RUSH.

Team #1 with Razdar and Vedrody networked at the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing to meet more people.

Vedrody added it is great local businesses show their support every year for the regatta.

"It brings everything onto a community level," she smiled. "They can see what we are doing."

"It is really cool when our sponsors come to the beach when we are racing," added Shelby. "They can see the boats. We can talk to them and thank them."

The students are also accepting donations of duct tape, liquid nails, cardboard and paint and can be dropped off at Clarkston High School at CSMTech Academy.

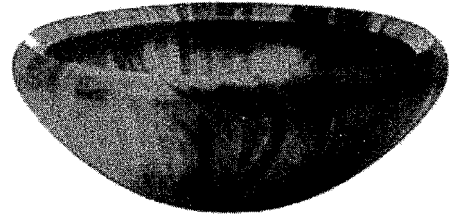
For anyone not in Team RUSH and wants to race a cardboard boat, they have the Typhoon Division. There is an entry fee and entrants can win prize money.

RUSH Regatta is set for July 27 at Deer Lake Beach, 350 White Lake Road, 12 p.m.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Summer fests

Summer's in full swing, with an expanded Fourth of July festival in Clarkston and Independence Township, and Oakland County Fair in Springfield Township all ready to start.

Hopefully the weather holds out for tomorrow's Independence Day festivities. Folks have been working hard to plan days of events, starting with the parade through downtown at 10 a.m. and continuing with entertainment, fireworks, and a carnival in Clintonwood Park.

Rides and everything are planned, which is new.

I'll be at the park probably today and tomorrow, helping to set up veteran-recognition events. I'll have some memorabilia from my time in the army, set up in the military museum in Carriage House.

I still can't fit into those uniforms, but I'm getting closer. I'll have to clean up my jump boots, though. Folks commented on them last time. Didn't think I'd be dingy for my boots 20 years after signing my discharge papers, but I was.

The memorabilia should all be interesting - many Clarkston-area residents served in the Armed Forces and will be bringing photos, uniforms, gear, and other items they kept after mustering out, up to and including restored military vehicles.

Michigan Civil War re-enactors will also be on hand, which is great, with the 150th anniversary of Gettysburg this summer.

I'll be leading the Pledge of Allegiance to start a Veteran's Celebration at 12:30 p.m., which I'm looking forward to.

The county fair is also kicking off this week. The Ervin family, who I talked to for my fair story this week, promised a behind-the-scenes look at the 4-H operations there - I'll probably take them up on it.

Clarkston State Bank's Back Roads Half Marathon isn't until Nov. 10, but it counts as a summer activity because it will take that long to train for it.

This is a new event, starting in Depot Park, winding through the depressingly hilly back roads of Clarkston and Independence Township up to Oakhill Road, then ending right in the parking lot of *The Clarkston News*.

I ran/walked a half marathon a few years ago, the first Brookside Way race, so I'm about ready for another one.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Sheriff service

Dear Editor,

In regards to the story "Questions on city use of township's sheriff services," June 12. I was just wondering if the City of the Village of Clarkston can demand sheriff deputies drives through downtown even if they're on their way to dinner, can I demand they start to hang out on Cramlane at the Snowapple cross street or near where it connects to Chestnut Hills Farms, to nail the speeders, stop sign ignorers and mailbox knocker overs that frequently use our neighborhood as a cut through?

We've submitted requests on the Road Commission web site, asking to eliminate the cut through or make our streets for private residents only (preferred) several times, but they never respond.

The current method of control is to not fix potholes, but the main stretch is in just too good of shape to thwart the scoundrels. The traffic volume and behavior on our once quiet street makes it impossible to walk safely at certain times of day.

Nearly missing being hit three times in one walk and calling the sheriff, I've been told they just don't have the resources for traffic issues.

I'd think it would be a priority. If they started ticketing all the reckless drivers it would be enough to fund both the township and the city's police force a couple of times over!

Tammie J. Heazlit
Independence Township

'Look back' memories

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy reading "A look back" column in *The Clarkston News* and I noticed an item in the June 19 issue that brought back some special memories. It was the "50 years ago" item "Postmaster Elizabeth Ronk announced the five digit ZIP code for Clarkston as 48016."

Having arrived in Clarkston as a beginning teacher in 1955, I supplemented my income by working for Mrs. Ronk on weekends, holidays, and summer months as a substitute mail carrier. Later, when I became a principal, I realized how much I had learned about leadership from this remarkable woman.

Observing how she dealt with customers and employees was an inspiration. She was always kind, courteous, had a genuine concern for what was going on in their lives - remembering Ray Klein, Ray Jarvis, John Adams, Howard Bliss who have all passed on - and the pleasant working environment Mrs. Ronk created was a special time. She

demonstrated a positive, cheerful outlook on life and treated everyone with utmost respect and appreciation. She had a personal strength and confidence that she imparted to others.

It's too bad that many of your readers didn't have the opportunity to meet Clarkston's outstanding postmaster - today it would be postmistress - Elizabeth Ronk.

Mel L. Vaara
Clarkston

No meddling in city

Dear Editor,

I find it interesting, and a bit disturbing, that Michael Powell, who resides in Independence Township, should be meddling in Clarkston Village affairs regarding the city manager and the city's operations.

During my eight years in Independence Township government, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, I always respected the sovereignty of Clarkston Village, and its government, and worked to make sure that on those occasional issues of mutual interest, they were represented.

As well-intentioned as it may be, it's more appropriate to let the village solve its own issues, unless help is requested, without any Monday morning quarterbacking from non-residents.

Joseph Lawrence
Traverse City
Formerly of Independence Township

Thanks to Buck

Dear Editor,

Thanks to Buck and Joan Kopietz as they close their small business, the former Tierra, in downtown Clarkston. For many years, sometimes in less than inviting business conditions, they steadfastly held forth, an anchor in the downtown business district. Long before its current illumination, downtown was well served by Tierra. In all its incarnations over many years, Tierra always offered friendly, personal service. Best wishes to Buck and Joan. Thank you.

Zac Bell
Independence Township

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A Look Back

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15 years ago - 1998

"Schools consider \$250,000 Walters Road paving plan" The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education and administration discussed paving Walters Road from Flemings Lake to Waldon roads and using it for bus traffic. The cost would have been \$250,000 and would be incorporated into an intergovernmental agreement between the district and Independence Township.

"Budding writers share stories, poems" North Sashabaw Elementary fifth graders sampled what it was like to be a published writer as they threw a "publishing party." They read their creative works to friends and family then enjoyed cake and conversation.

"Local bicyclist goes coast-to-coast the hard way" Sixty-six-year-old Ken Peterson took his pre-retirement hobby into a full-time activity as he completed a two-week bike ride from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. to Windsor.

25 years ago - 1988

"Fuel spill could contaminate wells" Flemings Lake Road residents were worried after discovering 1,500 gallons of jet fuel from Enmanco of Mount Clemens spilled into the ground from a tipped fuel tanker off I-75 the previous week. Concerns grew when told officials wouldn't be out to inspect the area for another week.

"Voter turnout believed to be all-time high" A record 7,028 voters, out of 15,000 registered voters cast ballots in the Clarkston school election. By almost a two-to-one margin they approved the operational millage increase and a \$5.2 million bond issue for school repairs.

"Students protest high school graduation policy" A small but vocal group attending the Clarkston Community Schools board of education meeting made it clear they were not happy with the graduation policy regarding required credits. Some were not able to walk at commencement because they were one or half a credit shy of graduating. School Board President Janet Thomas explained it was not a new policy and the handbook was clear on the matter.

50 years ago - 1963

"Local youth wins honors, goes to Sarnia" Richard Lord of Clarkston was the winner of the regional contest for the best Boy Preacher of the Year. He went to Sarnia to compete for the state title and placed fourth.

Clarkston councilman counters critics' comments

The June 19 edition of *The Clarkston News* was full of invective and criticism of Clarkston's city government from two persistent critics with headlines like "Issues with City Manager comments"; "Mayor, city attorney and council should stop what they are doing"; and "City should find new attorney to defend charter and city rules."

The News provides a platform for these two to spew their venom and apparently likes to spice up the criticism with big headlines. Readers should not take these writings at face value. The reality is far from what they portray.

Michael Powell lambasts the city manager for having the effrontery to talk to the lieutenant in charge of the Independence Township sheriff's substation (which is contractually obligated to provide police services to the city) about police coverage in the city, for making "irregular requests" for "special services"—requests like better patrol coverage of the roving bands of youths who trash our park; for vacation checks; and regarding the new bike patrol (an initiative that is township-wide, not just in the city). Apparently in Mr. Powell's world, no one from the city should dare to ask anything of the sheriff's department because that would "take an officer away from Independence Township residents."

The reality is the city manager isn't asking for anything more than what the township gets. I'll bet Mr. Powell wouldn't have any problem with the township supervisor talking to the substation commander about particular matters of concern to the township. The city is entitled to no less. I'm sure Lieutenant Feneley knows who he works for—Sheriff Bouchard. And he knows as well the sheriff's department has agreed to provide a service and part of that is to talk to those who are paying for that service.

Mr. Powell raves about a nonexistent agreement the city manager referred to. I wasn't privy to his discussion with her, but I'll bet she was referring to an Aug. 20, 2010 letter to the city jointly signed by the Independence substation commander and the township supervisor,

provided to induce the city to enter into the law enforcement services agreement for the sheriff's department to replace the city's police department.

That letter lists a catalogue of various services that the sheriff's department promised to provide (including vacation checks, which Mr. Powell apparently objects to) and ends with the following invitation: "Please accept and extend to the Council my offer to meet and discuss any specific concerns or requests regarding services we would expect to provide and any extraordinary requests you might have for services at your convenience."

Guest viewpoint



Richard Bisio

The current and previous city managers have accepted that invitation. The city will continue to have dialogue with the sheriff's department—because it is appropriate and proper. The current township supervisor apparently has no problem with this, per his remarks quoted in last week's *Clarkston News* ("The sheriff will treat the city like any concerned neighborhood association or resident and provide additional patrol if requested").

Cory Johnston's screed is the usual invective-filled nonsense that should not be taken seriously. To him, nothing anyone in city government does is ever right. He occasionally has a point hidden in among his other criticisms (such as the failure to post agendas and minutes from the city's commissions, although nothing legally requires that).

He says no one responds to his email and letters, although I do when he on occasion makes a legitimate point. He criticizes the mayor for taking action in the former city manager's absence. Ironically, it was Cory's own fusillade of criticism claiming multiple illegalities in the city manager selection process that caused a need for a quick

response, including consultation with the city attorney, whom Cory accuses of encouraging such consultation in order to run up a bill. This supposed "scandal" everyone in city government is supposedly trying to "cover up and deny" was openly discussed at council meetings and in the pages of *The Clarkston News*.

I suppose Cory's preferred method of reaction to his multi-page letters accusing everyone of illegality is to simply stop the city government and wait for... well, what? Cory's approval of the process? Nothing else, of course, would satisfy him, since he cannot brook a good faith difference of opinion.

In his world, anyone who disagrees with his view of the law is wrong, acting illegally, and, as he suggests, should just resign. He now says the mayor and the whole council should immediately resign and the city attorney should be fired. Should the whole council resign, the county board of election commissioners (composed of the county clerk, chief probate judge, and county treasurer) would appoint four council members, who would appoint three others. I wonder whom they would find to appoint, since only one person was interested in appointment to the last council vacancy. Or maybe it would be better in Cory's world that there simply was no city government at all.

For all of Cory's accusations of illegality in city government—and his repeated letters to other levels of county and state government informing them of the rampant violations of law that he sees in Clarkston—it is telling no one in county or state government has (at least to my knowledge) ever taken any action to enforce the law as Cory sees it. Cory now promises to "ignore the city government" and "do [his] best to pretend it does not exist." I assume, then, that this will be the last multipage Cory feature in *The Clarkston News*. On the off chance that it is not, perhaps *The News* could actually check out the facts and the law instead of featuring uninformed commentary.

Richard Bisio is a member of Clarkston City Council.

Whilst away Rush discovers another "F" word

Ah, it's good to be back. You probably didn't notice, and I am sure cared less where I was. Yes, the rumors were true: I your hero, your loyal, local scribe took a vacation. It was the first time since 2006 I have taken time off for things other than funerals, floods and flu.

Who woulda' think there was another "F" word associated with and to do whilst taking time off from community newspapering. Today's magic word, kids, is FUN.

The lads (Shamus and Sean) and I spent seven wonderful days in Christmas, Michigan. Zip Code, 49862. It's right up there on Lake Superior, just west of Munising. You know you're in Christmas when you see the scary 60-foot tall cut out of Santa. We stayed at a cottage on Lake Superior owned by Clarkston residents Stacy Meagher and her husband, Jim.

It was a pretty sweet setup, after we hiked, or kayaked, or swam, or played in tucked away waterfalls, we were able to fire up the wood stove, rock sauna thingy and sweat out the grit and DEET accumulated from the day.

Oh, by the way... while you guys down here in Trolland were flooded out with a million inches of

rain, we had p-e-r-fect weather in the Superior State. It was around 80 every day of the week, sunny with a few clouds. The dreaded U.P. black fly invasion had just started, so they were not out when we were. (Yep, I'm rubbing it in a little. If it makes you feel any better, there were a gagillion skeeters, however.)

I still rose from bed at 5 every morning, but it was nice to relax with cups of coffee (chocolate raspberry from Goodrich's A Bean To Go), walk down to the lake or watch the national morning news shows -- which leads me to a couple of thoughts.

Morning news shows are not really news shows, are they?

After watching the "I is what I is" sob story that am Paula Dean (hey, if she can use poor verbal skills on national TV, I can use poor writing skills in local newspapers) I was embarrassed by the NBC show and how they made themselves part of the "conversation" on racism in America. No wonder nothing ever gets done nationally -- feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, educating the wee ones, watching bureaucrats rape the nation and finding work for the jobless -- we're too busy engrossing ourselves into celebrity foibles.

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We also watched the Weather Channel to see what was what weatherwise, before heading out to the great out-of-doors. Holy Fry Me An Egg On The Sidewalk,

Batman! It sure is hot out west. I know it's a "dry" heat, but 114 degrees is oppressive whether or not it is dry or wet.

I know man-made climate change is being blamed for the extreme weather, however, we did watch a program on the Weather Channel that talked about the earth's weakening magnetic fields and increased solar flares. While walking in the woods in the Hiawatha National Forest I had time to mull over what I had watched. Seems like we're in some sort of 10,000 year cycle of shifting poles and our protective magnetic field isn't doing the job it normally does in reflecting solar flare things. I think, while man has added to climate change, maybe more blame can be assigned to this cycle.

I want more science on this and I want less blame on man... of course the electromagnetic storm is harder to tax than man made things.

Does that make me cynical or skeptical?

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While driving the highways, biways; back roads and two tracks of the U.P., I was amazed at the amount of homes and businesses that have been abandoned and just left to rot. Why is that? Does anybody know?

Email your comments, questions, suggestions or concerns to Don@ShermanPublications.org.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

\$75.65M school budget approved

Clarkston Board of Education voted unanimously, June 24, to approve the district's \$75.65 million budget for 2013-2014.

Revenues are budgeted at \$75.27 million, a 2.51 percent increase over last year's \$73.42 million. Spending is expected to be \$75.65 million, down 3.26 percent from \$78.2 million last year. Transfers into the general fund from other district programs, including \$238,500 from the early childhood center, make up the difference. The decrease in spending is the result of staffing cuts, benefit reductions, and other employee concessions, said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

"Remarkable work has gone into this balanced budget - I don't know the last time we were able to accomplish this," Rock said. "Our employees have less money in their pockets than a few months ago."

With seven retirements and resignations approved on June 24, the school board issued recall notices to 27 teachers from throughout the district. A total of 31 teachers were laid off last April. The district's fund balance, which fell from \$7.9 million to \$3.3 million last year, is budgeted to remain at \$3.3 million this next school year.

Dealing with coping skills gone wrong

Second in a series on coping skills.

BY ANDREAM.BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Coping is defined as a personal response to stress used to solve problems.

Last week in the first part of this three-part series, the Clarkston News talked to Abigail, a 37-year-old Clarkston resident who injures herself through cutting. Abigail began cutting at a young age due a lack of positive coping skills.

During her lifetime she has also faced issues with eating disorders and problems with substance abuse—all types of poor coping skills. Using poor coping skills, like self-injury, can lead further down the road of depression, anxiety, increased stress and other disorders.

Since Abigail started seeing Oakland Psychiatric Associates Clinician Dr. Donald Deering three years ago. Since they met, she has been working to overcoming her issues with self-injury. Right now she is working to get rid of a special tool she uses to cut herself when she engages in self injury. "I am still trying to get rid of it," she said. Abigail is also learning to identify triggers, a situation or encounter that causes stress, and leads to using a negative coping skill.

Part of her work with Deering is also involves working on developing friendships

and fostering positive relationships. He is also helping Abigail develop positive attachments—something she said she has had troubles with in her lifetime.

Abigail has a teenage daughter who has noticed her mom's scars. She said she wants to set a good example for her daughter, and teach her to always be herself and know what she wants and likes in life. "I want to teach her how to experience life," she said. "I don't want her to wait until she is almost 40 to learn how to handle things either."

Abigail also had some advice for people with poor coping skills. "Learn how to enjoy life, how to feel and know what you like," she said.

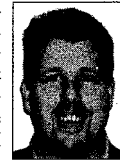
Eventually she hopes to help others by going back to school and earning a psychology degree or maybe by creating a blog about the issues she has faced. Abigail said having someone to talk to and confide in, like Deering, has really helped her. "He lets me call him anytime," she said.

Abigail is not alone when it comes to using negative coping skills to deal with stress.

Deering said people use all sorts of coping skills to deal with life issues and stress.

There negative coping skills including avoidance, addictions, overeating, eating disorders and excessive anger. However, negative coping skills only cause more stress and bad emotions. The good news is positive coping skills can be developed through hard work and perseverance.

The next article in this series will address positive coping skills like creativity, meditation, healthy living and how these skills can be developed.



Deering

What you can do

If someone you love engages in self-injury, here's how you can help:

- Seek professional help by talking to your family doctor or pediatrician;
- Don't belittle or make the person feel bad or guilty about the behavior;
- Let them know you are concerned and care about their well-being and want them to be happy and healthy;
- Do not reject the person or beg them to stop the behavior;
- If you self-injure:
- Confide in someone you trust;
- Identify "triggers" that lead to self-injury;
- Develop coping skills to seek healthy ways to deal with emotions; and
- Seek help from a medical professional.



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Adapted from aapa.org

Meet Kari Hoekstra, PA



Kari Hoekstra is a certified physician assistant who completed her education at Western Michigan University. She grew up in Redford and now lives in Grand Blanc with

her husband and son. Her medical interests include women's health and internal medicine. Kari enjoys dancing and spending time with family and friends.

Meet Samantha Myers, PA



Samantha Myers is a certified physician assistant who completed her education at Grand Valley State University. She grew up in Clarkston and now lives in Rose Township with her husband and two sons. Her medical interest is weight management. She is the director of Clarkston Medical Groups Weight Management program. Samantha enjoys skiing, snowboarding, running and biking.

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HIGHWAY CRASH: Independence Township firefighters and Byers Wrecker employees clean up debris and wash down I-75 after a rollover accident, June 25. The accident happened at 10 a.m., resulting in all southbound lanes shut down while debris and vehicle fluids were removed from the roadway. Independence Fire Department paramedics transported the driver to Genesis Hospital for minor injuries. *Photo provided*

Public Safety

Speeder with no license

A deputy stopped a 22-year-old Clarkston driver after he clocked him going 64 mph in a 45 mph heading west on Maybee Road near Clintonville Road, June 13. The driver admitted he didn't have his driver's license on him and he was just going up to the store to buy something. The deputy ran his information to find the driver had an expired driver's license. He was issued citation for driving on an expired driver's license and speeding.

Theft from vehicle

Two credit cards, golf clubs and an Invicta watch were stolen from a vehicle while parked on a driveway on Wah Lo Hi Drive in Independence Township between 8:30 p.m. on June 14 and 12 p.m., June 15.

Warrant for cocaine

A 29-year-old Fenton woman involved in a two-vehicle crash at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, 3:51 p.m., June 21, was found to have a felony warrant out of Charlotte for possession of cocaine. She was arrested and held for pickup by Charlotte Police.

Shoplifter

A customer ran out of a convenience store in the 4000 block of Sashabaw Road with some beer and cigarettes without paying for them, 6:58 p.m., June 21. He is described as a white man, late 20s, about 5-foot-8-inches tall and 150 pounds, with brown, short hair, green eyes, light green shirt, and blue jeans.

Thieves crash the gate

Someone used a stolen work truck to smash through a locked gate at a business in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway, June 24. Keys had been left in the van. Thieves took about \$10,000 in power tools and caused about \$20,000 in damage.

Running from police

A deputy on patrol noticed a van's driver without a seatbelt, 9:33 p.m., June 21, at Balmoral and Wellesley terraces. When she turned around, the driver, a 32-year-old Independence Township man, sped away at about 50 mph in a 25 mph zone. With lights and siren, the deputy followed him to near Van Norman Lake, where the suspect got out of his vehicle, jumped a fence, and ran into the lake. Talking to deputies later, he said he ran because his license was suspended and he was scared. Charges are being sought for fleeing police and driving with a suspended license.

Car thief suspects caught

Mandy Lynn King, 25, of Independence Township and Jeremiah Eugene Matthews, 24, also of Independence, were both charged in 52-2 District Court with First Degree Home Invasion and Unlawful Driving Away of an Auto in connection with a vehicle theft. A resident in the 7100 block of Lake Lane called police to report his SUV was stolen, 1:40 p.m., June 24. The SUV had been parked in a garage with the garage door open and keys hanging on the wall. The vehicle was found in an apartment parking lot about half a mile away, in the 6000 block of Tuson Boulevard. After speaking to passerbys, deputies and Auto Theft Unit detectives staked out the vehicle until the suspects returned, and made the arrest. Both are in Oakland County Jail, \$25,000 cash/surety bond for King, \$250,000 for Matthews.



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Players scoop fun at camp

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Girls showed off their lacrosse stick tricks last Friday during the last day of camp while they sported their colorful tie-dye T-shirts.

Girls heading into fifth to eighth grade learned and built their skills through the Girls Lacrosse Camp last week.

"I learned a lot really fast," Grace Nolan smiled between drill exercises. "I have only played in the yard with my brothers. I learned so much."

It was her brothers who made her want to try the camp. Both have played lacrosse for two years.

"I thought it would be fun," she shared. "I know it is different than boys but it is still really cool. I learned how to scoop the ball and get it to the goal. I didn't know how to do that before the camp."

Daneen Kincaid, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team, added a lot of the campers joined because they have siblings who play the game.

"This gave them an opportunity to be like their big brother or sister," she said.

The girls learned the basic fundamentals such as passing, catching, scooping and shooting through drills and games during the four day camp.

"We have been teaching them how to cradle, get the ball moving down the field and just being able to put their sticks up for defense," added Natalie Bowman, 2013 Clarkston High School graduate and varsity lacrosse player.

crossed player.

"It has been really fun working with these girls," she added with a smile. "I love coaching and working with people who don't have a whole lot of experience with lacrosse."

She was one of many varsity players to come out during the week and help the younger players develop their skills. They also showed them some of their tricks and techniques of the game.

"It feels really good," Bowman said. "You're not only teaching them something new but you get to play with little kids. It feels good as a varsity player to know there are kids who look up to you and want to be like you when they are older."

Kincaid added it was great to have so many varsity players help during the week.

"These girls are good role models," she added. "It is good for the older girls and the younger girls. They are also helping the program grow."

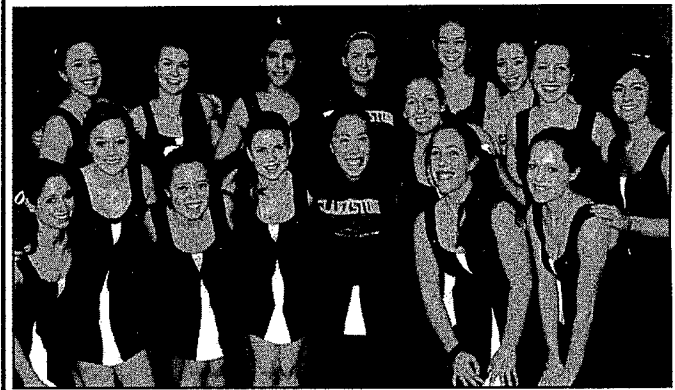
Through the week Kincaid and the coaches watched the skills build and improve from the first day.

"These kids pick up things so fast," Kincaid smiled. "It is really fun to see."

Nolan added she will continue to practice and use the skills she learned against her brothers.

Girls Lacrosse Camp was offered through Clarkston Community Education. For more information on this and other programs, please visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec or call 248-623-4326.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The 2013 Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team - Lexi Baylis, Olivia Baylis, Mackenzie Bedor, Amy Brozovich, Rebecca Gorz, Katie Hubregsen, Kendra Mantz, Miranda Marshall, Caitlin McCaghy, Dana Olsen, Paige Olsen, Mackenzie Sowers, Isabella Spindler, Jordan Stuart, Alexandra Whall and Monique Zentner. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Lady Wolves rule court

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team were a force to be reckoned with during the spring season.

They continued their tradition of being a strong and talented team on the court throughout their 2013 season finishing with an overall record 20-1.

The season ended at the MHSAA State Finals in Midland taking third place with 20 points.

"They did well," said Becky Freeman, head coach. "They had a lot of fun."

It was the third consecutive trip for the Lady Wolves and third time finishing in the top three with a second place finish in 2012 and winning the championship in 2011.

They earned their spot winning title at the MHSAA Regionals with 28 points. Lexi Baylis, Isabella Spindler and Dana Olsen finished in first place on the singles courts. Paige Olsen and Alex Whall won the championship on the Doubles No. 1 court.

"It was tremendous," said Freeman. "I

was proud. It was a true team effort. I was excited."

The Lady Wolves spent the whole season preparing by taking on not only tough competition in the OAA Red but also the toughest teams around the state in matches and tournaments. They finished in the OAA Red undefeated, 6-0. They also won three tournaments - the Pioneer Invitationals and two Holly Invitationals.

Freeman noted the team's dedication led to their success for the season. She added the girls would continue to hit after practice and they were very focused.

The strength and talent continues next year as they return all but four players - Mackenzie Bedor, Kendra Mantz, Jordan Stuart and Monique Zentner graduated in June.

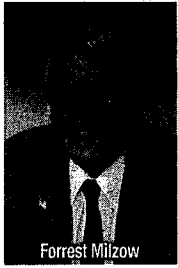
"We will miss our seniors," said Freeman. "The depth of my lineup is returning. My top six girls are returning. I am looking forward to them improving and coming back at it strong next year."



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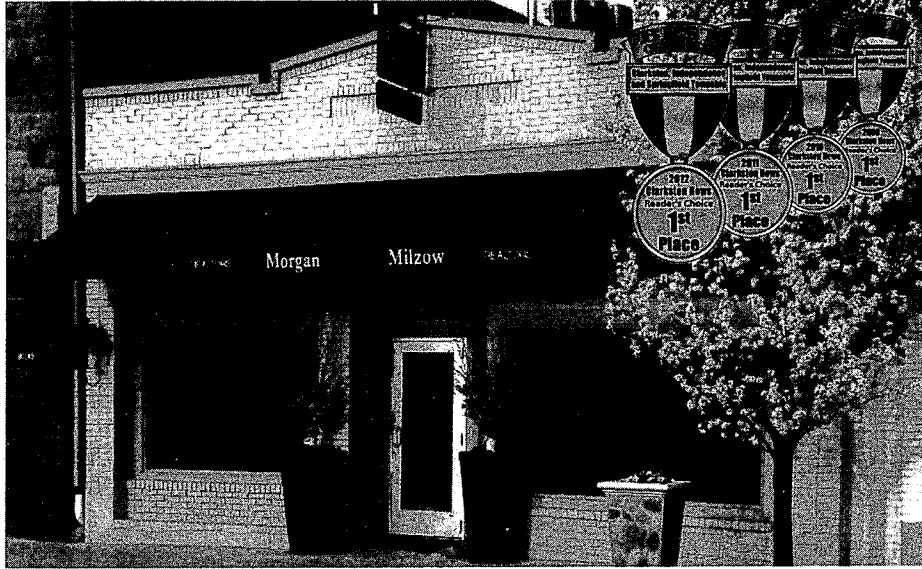
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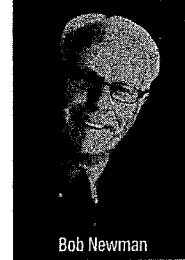
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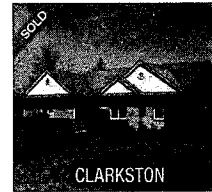
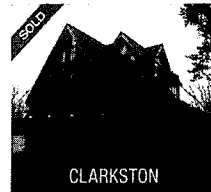
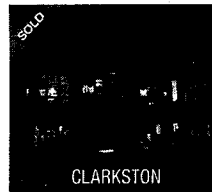


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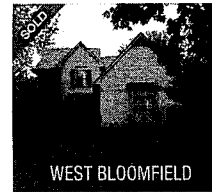
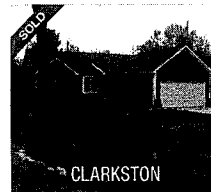
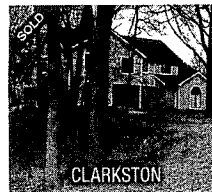
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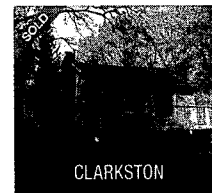
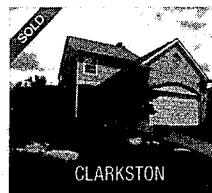
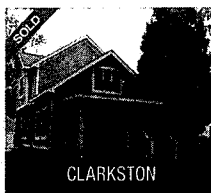
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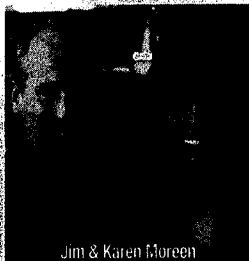
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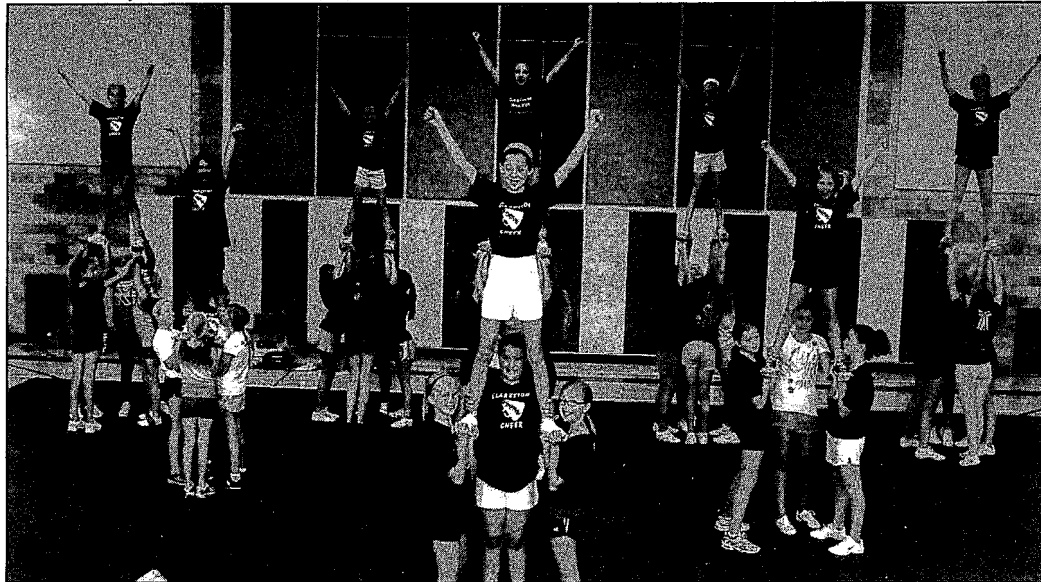
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Campers in the Cheer/Stunt Camp put all the pieces they learned together for a team cheer. Photos by WAR



Willow Christensen gets into position for her stunt.

Building spirit, trust at camp

The gym at Clarkston Community Education was filled with energy as girls were practicing what they learned during the week at Cheer/Stunt Camp.

"It is going great," said Beth Ann Markey, head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Cheer teams. "They have been learning everything from the basics and safety to transitions from stunt to stunt. They are learning to put their stunts to cheers so they can perform them at their games."

The camp is designed for cheerleaders heading into sixth through eighth grade and they learn the same cheers as the varsity cheerleaders.

"It's been really fun," said varsity cheerleader Katie Clements. "All of the girls are super nice. They are learning really fast. It is nice to how they have progressed over the four days."

She added another aspect of cheer the girls learned was trust - which is an impor-

tant key.

"If you don't trust each other then nothing is going to go," Clements explained. "You won't be able to work on the harder stunt levels. The camp really helps with the fundamentals all cheerleaders need for stunting with their form and how it works. They are in their own stunt groups which helps, too."

Nicole Schmidt, coach for the seventh grade team, added it helps the girls learn new positions for their upcoming season.

"It's great because they have the timing down so it all works," she said, adding they will learn more at cheer camp in August.

They also held a Tot Cheer Camp for ages 3-5, teaching them beginner chants and cheers, and held Elementary Cheer Camp for those entering grades 1-5. They learned jumps, cheers, chants and tumbling.

For more information, please visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec or call 248-623-4326.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

July cager camps for kids

Spots are still open for fun summer basketball camps.

For boys entering grades 4-6 - **Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp**, being held July 8-11, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

From shooting to defense, campers will learn the fundamentals of the game from Coach Fife and his coaching staff.

The cost is \$160 and is open to boys looking to improve their skills and hope to reach their full potential as a player.

Fife Camp is July 15-19 and is open to boys entering grades 7-9 in the fall.

From 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday, you will stretch, build skills and participate in contests and games. The cost is \$260 and participants need to bring a sack lunch, basketball equipment and a hard work attitude.

The camp is coached by Dan Fife and his Clarkston High School Basketball staff. It is open to the first 104 applicants.

Forms are available online at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics or can sign up on the first day. Please call Coach Fife at 248-623-4003 if have questions.

Run and leap

Track Camp is quickly approaching.

The camp is open to kids entering fourth through ninth grade and is July 15-18 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Clarkston Girls Track & Field Head Coach John Yorke, his staff and varsity athletes teach kids the fundamentals and enjoyment of track and field. Each day is filled with age appropriate skills, running and field games, demonstrations, competitions, and awards. It is held at the Clarkston High School and includes visit to the pool.

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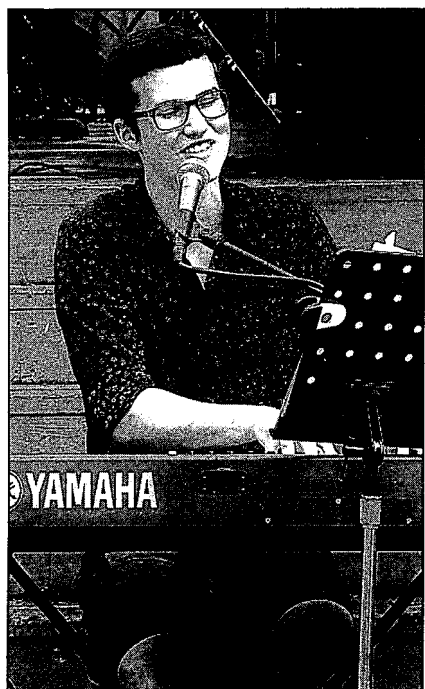
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Blake Lieder sings original and cover tunes during Concerts in the Park on June 28 in Depot Park. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Rockin' the crowd

Blake Lieder, a senior at Interlochen Arts Academy High School, has returned to his hometown of Clarkston for the summer.

The singer and songwriter performed original and cover tunes during Concerts in the Park, June 28 in Depot Park. He is also performing every Wednesday, 7 p.m., at Mesquite Creek.

The 17-year-old comes from a musical family. His parents, Rick and Dayna Lieder of Clarkston, perform in several bands. Rick performed with Magic Bus at Concerts in the Park, June 14.

Blake plans to move to LA or Boston after graduation to pursue his education further in popular music. Check www.rickliederband.com or call 248-922-2060.

Independence clerk voted best of the best

BY ANDREAM.BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Amazing" is the word used by many to describe Independence Township Clerk Barbara Pallotta.

According to her peers, Pallotta is the best of the best in her field. Out of 127 Townships in the state of Michigan, Pallotta was selected to win the 2013 Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) Clerk of the Year Award.

Pallotta has served as the Independence Township clerk for two years. Before working in Independence, she worked for 10 years as deputy clerk in Troy and also held a variety of positions in Novi, Farmington Hills and Wixom. Nominated by township Supervisor Pat Kittle, the award was presented to Pallotta during the MAMC summer conference on June 20 in Frankenmuth.

"During Barbara's first two years in Independence, the township was without a supervisor. During this time Barb was able to hold the township together with a very aggressive board," said Kittle. "Besides completing her duties as clerk and performing many of the administrative functions a supervisor would be responsible for, there were also four elections in Independence Township in 2012 that ran perfectly and balanced to the last vote cast."

Kittle said Pallotta's exceptional knowledge of municipal management processes and state requirements have been invaluable to him in his position as township supervisor.

"Barbara is very focused on self-improvement and continuing education for herself and her team of dedicated employees," he said.

At her job in Independence, she continues working to develop processes and policies to improve the township. Kittle said Pallotta has also been moving the township forward through creating policies to provide transparency for both municipal workers and township residents.

She also regularly attends numerous meetings and conferences to hone her skills as clerk.

Dawn Walker, chair on nominating committee, said she worked with Pallotta on several occasions, and said her work speaks for itself. "She is amazing," said Walker, adding that winners are chosen by their peers.

Michigan State Senator Jim Marleau and State Representative Gail Haines were notified of Pallotta's win. City of the Village of Clarkston Manager Carol Eberhardt said the city council will recognize Pallotta by passing a resolution in recognition of the win.

Eberhardt said excellence must be contagious at the Township, because Pallotta, and the entire staff at Independence Township are outstanding to work with. "I send them an email or ask a question and they respond immediately," said Eberhardt. "Barb is amazing."



Independence Township Clerk Barbara Pallotta earned the 2013 Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Clerk of the Year Award.

Her former coworkers at the City of Troy said Pallotta deserves the award. "She is one of those people who is the first in the office, and the last one to leave," said Troy City Clerk Aileen Bittner. "Everyone here loves her. We were so excited to hear she won the award. She deserves it. She is a friend to everyone."

According to michiganclerks.org, clerks assemble council agendas, prepare and preserve the corporate records in the form of council minutes, bylaws or ordinances, agreements and other legal documents. Some keep records on births, deaths and marriages. Clerks also witness oaths and affidavits and certify documents. "Some have financial responsibilities, and much, much more."

To qualify for the award, Pallotta filled out a questionnaire and her answers were evaluated by a committee composed of peers throughout Michigan. According to the MAMC, the questionnaires are evaluated and reviewed by three nominating committees of city, township and village employees. MAMC nominated five candidates in each category throughout the state of Michigan.

Pallotta is also involved in community groups like Clarkston Youth Assistance, Senior Program, Shoes for Kids and various Parks and recreation programs. She has two children; son Ryan and daughter Erin. She resides in Independence Township with her husband, Steve.

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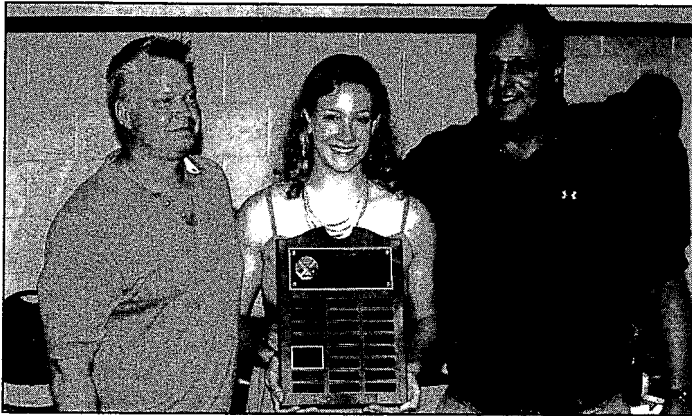
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From left are Christopher Howe, Katie Nelson and Clarkston Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters.

Howe scholarships earned

Clarkston High School 2013 graduates Ryan Slaughter and Katie Nelson are this year's recipients of the Steve Howe Scholarship Award.

"To date we have given over \$8,000," said Steve's brother, Christopher Howe. "This year we gave the two recipients \$300 each to the players and \$200 to Clarkston Baseball."

The awards were presented at the year end baseball and softball banquets. The award is given to players who exhibit the tradition of sportsmanship and outstanding performance in Clarkston baseball and softball.

Howe, a 1976 graduate of Clarkston High School, broke records in Clarkston and is still considered a legend. He also helped Clarkston earn a Class A state title championship.

He attended University of Michigan from 1977-1979. He was twice chosen as All Big Ten selection and still holds records at the

college today.

He earned the National League Rookie of the Year with the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1980 and 1981 World Series Championship. It was in 1981 he helped the Dodgers win the 1981 World Series. He pitched the final out in the deciding game.

Howe was also selected for the Major League Baseball All-Star Team and pitched for the New York Yankees.

The family started a scholarship in 2006 after Howe passed away in a California car accident on April 28, 2006, at the age of 48.

-Andrea Beaudoin



Ryan Slaughter, right, with Phil Price, head coach of the Clarkston Varsity Baseball team. Photos submitted

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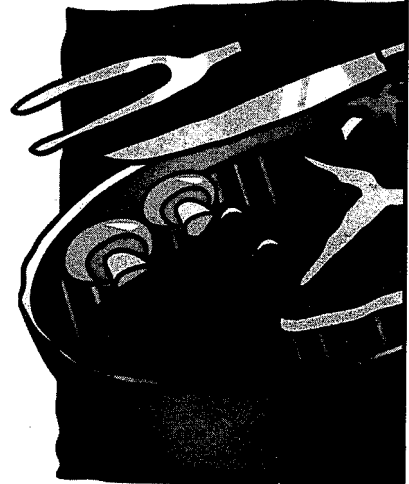
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















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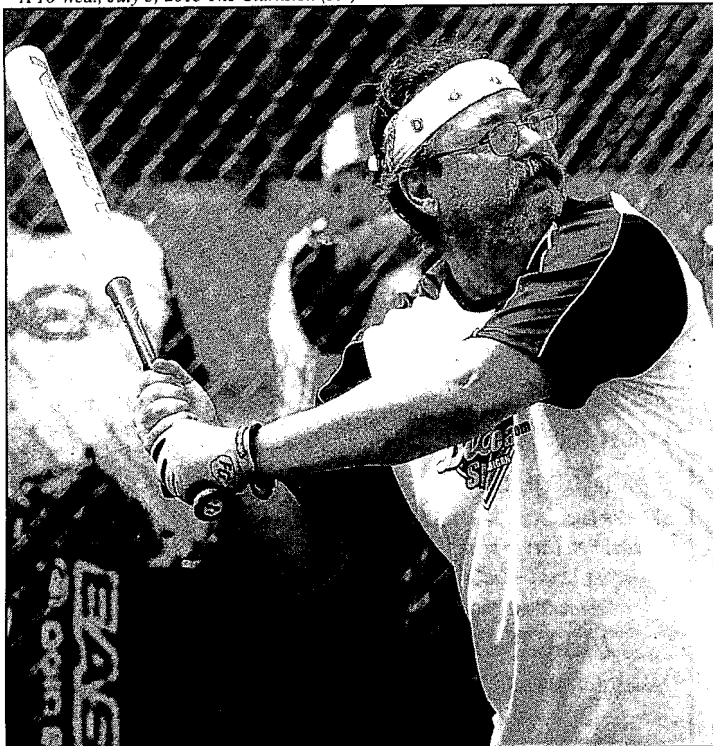
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Jerry Hoffman gets ready to swing at the pitch. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Swinging away in summer leagues

The Clarkston Cats and Diamond Sports team in the John Thomas League played each other June 26 at Clintonwood Park.

Teams in the senior league play every Mon-

day and Wednesday in the summer from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the park. For more information visit www.twp.independence.mi.us or call 248-625-8223.



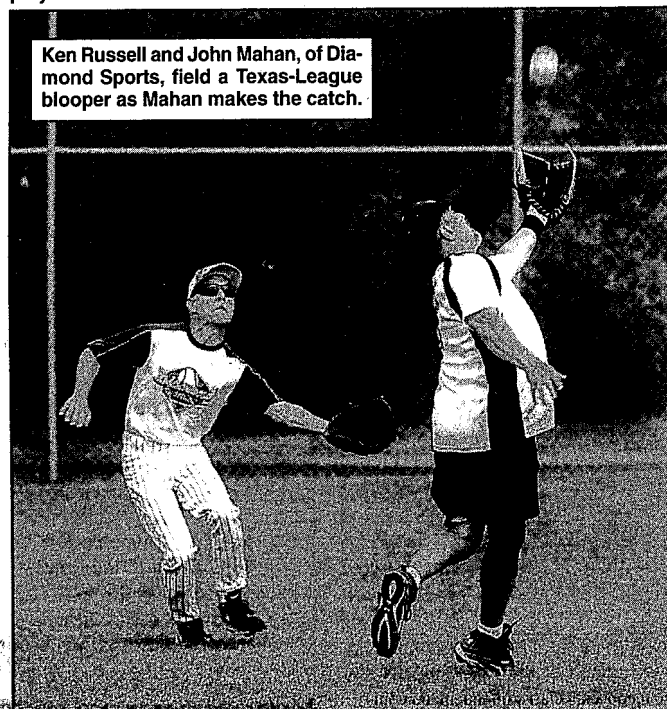
Guy Caswell, of Diamond Sports, slides into third as Mike Perry, from the Clarkston Cats makes a catch.



The Clarkston Cats and Diamond Sports teams high five each other after the game.



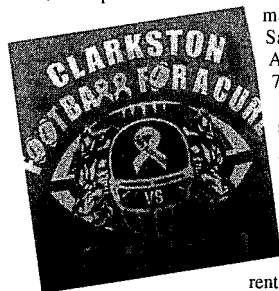
Dave Boboltz rounds third base and heads for home. He scored on the play.



Ken Russell and John Mahan, of Diamond Sports, field a Texas-League blooper as Mahan makes the catch.

Wolves prepare to battle for cure

The Clarkston Wolves gridiron gang trade their blue and gold jerseys for pink and light blue for their Fifth Annual Football for a Cure, their pre-sea-



son scrimmage, on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. T-shirts, jerseys, and polo shirts are currently avail-

able. The cost to purchase a jersey is \$100, for the name plate is \$50, and \$50 to become an honorary "Coach of the Day."

T-shirts are available for \$10.

Forms are available at McLaren Breast Cancer - Clarkston and Great Lakes Clarkston Institute, both at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive. They are also at Concerts in the Park, downtown Clarkston every Friday night until July 19.

Proceeds benefit the Clarkston community with services at McLaren Breast Cancer and McLaren Cancer Institute - Clarkston.

For more information or to volunteer for the event, please email ClarkstonFootballforaCure@gmail.com.

Please visit Clarkston Football for a Cure on Facebook or www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/football for more information.

Start the event early with Celebrate National Cancer Survivor Day Tailgate Party at McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive, 4-6 p.m. Enjoy tailgate food, snacks and beverages.

Please RSVP by August 5 by calling 248-922-6606. Please leave name of patient and number of friends and family attending.

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From left are Wild Ones Mike Cushist, Trish Hacker-Hennig, Jim Brueck and Marna Nemon. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Monarchs fave stops in Michigan

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Monarch butterflies fly in and out of Depot Park everyday as they stop at the popular place for food.

The Wild Ones North Oakland Chapter noticed it was a great place for the monarch butterflies and registered the entire park as a Monarch Waystation.

Depot Park became registered as a waystation last year which means they have just the right amount of plants in the milkweed family to feed the monarch butterflies.

When Trish Hacker-Hennig, vice president, began inventory of all the plants in Depot Park she realized it wasn't just a few spots here and there for monarchs to go. There were plants everywhere for the butterflies.

"Another component of a waystation and any butterfly garden is nectaring plants," Hacker-Hennig added. "The reason why I decided to register the whole park is because if you were a butterfly you wouldn't just stay here, you would have other sources."

The monarch butterflies have a 3,500-mile trip for their migration every year. It takes them three life cycles to travel to Canada and they need the milkweeds and nectaring plants to feed on during their trip.

Wild Ones members are concerned for the monarch population because the butterflies' food source of milkweed and nectar sources are declining due to use of herbicides in crops, pastures and roadsides.

"To get here they have to go through the corn belt," Hacker-Hennig explained. "There isn't a lot of milkweed. It is just gone and difficult for the monarchs. Their numbers are low."

"The Monarch Waystations support the butterfly during every stage of it's development from an egg to caterpillar to butterfly," added Wild Ones Secretary Marna Nemon. "When they head north and south it is important we have food to support them. This park will do that. The monarch can stop here at anytime and have its needs met."

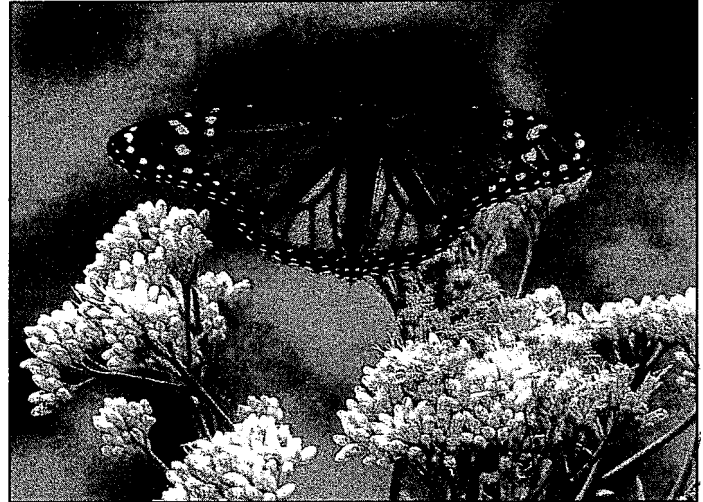
President Jim Brueck added it is critical for the pollinators as well because their population is also going down.

"With no pollinators, no food," he said.

One of the popular spots in Depot Park is the Rain Garden, located in front of the City of the Village of Clarkston offices.

The Rain Garden is also a functional garden, members of the Wild Ones pointed out.

"It gets the water running off parking lot, cools it and filters it," Hacker-Hennig explained. "Then, it gets the flowers, birds and



insects. It is a busy spot."

Nemon added Michigan has the largest number of registered waystations with over 500. In Clarkston alone there are four different homes registered and Depot Park.

Mike Cushist, member of Wild Ones, also has a garden registered as a Monarch Waystation.

"I enjoy the wildlife in general not just the butterflies," he explained. "I have been adding more natives to my garden not only for butterflies but for the birds and hummingbirds. If you plant the right plants you are going to draw this kind of wildlife. It's not hard to do."

Two of the Monarch Waystations are on the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club Walk, July 10 from 12-8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 and are available until July 9 at KH Homes, Bordine's, The Birdfeeder and Clarkston Chamber of Commerce. They are available the day of the event at Clarkston Independence District Library for \$19.

The Monarch Waystation at Depot Park is open to the public.

"It is very easy to enjoy butterflies in their natural state," said Nemon.

"It's a joy to be part of the process and be in the garden that's beautiful and has no chemicals. It's natural."



Monarch butterflies feed on their favorite plants in Depot Park's Rain Garden. Photos by John Meyland

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Teen artists earn awards

About 50 young artists entered photos, drawings, and other artwork in the Teen Art Show at Clarkston Independence District Library last month.

First place winners in the four categories of the third annual art show included Alyssa Aman, 11th grade, Landscape; Lindsay Curtis, 11th grade, Still Life and Studies; Rachel Frank, 10th grade, People Portraits; and Olivia Brinker, 12th grade, Abstract Pattern. Over eighty entries were displayed at the show.

Gio Roselli spent more than 40 hours working on his still life of a Western Green Mambo snake and earned third place in the still life division.

Using an exacto knife to chip away the snake's image on a scratch board, he created the still life for a class project and entry to the art show. Roselli, who just completed ninth grade and took art class at Clarkston High School, was praised by his teacher, Meg Buchanan, for his work.

Keegan Sulecki, head of technical services, and Andrea Tietz, children's and teen librarian, facilitated the art show, sponsored by the Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library and several area businesses.



From left are Teen Art Show first place winners Alyssa Aman, Lindsay Curtis, Rachel Frank, and Olivia Brinker. Photos provided



Gio Roselli, with his teacher, Meg Buchanan, second from the left, and his parents Chrys and Greg Roselli, earned a third place award.

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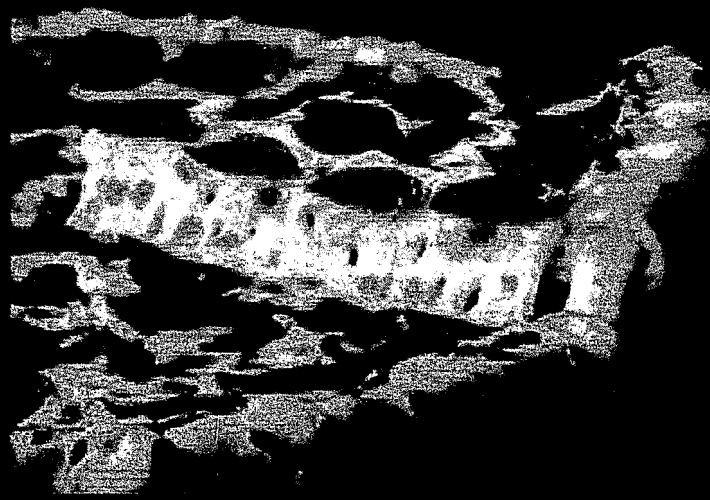
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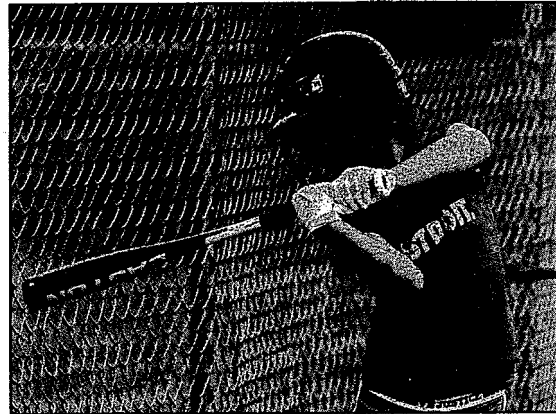
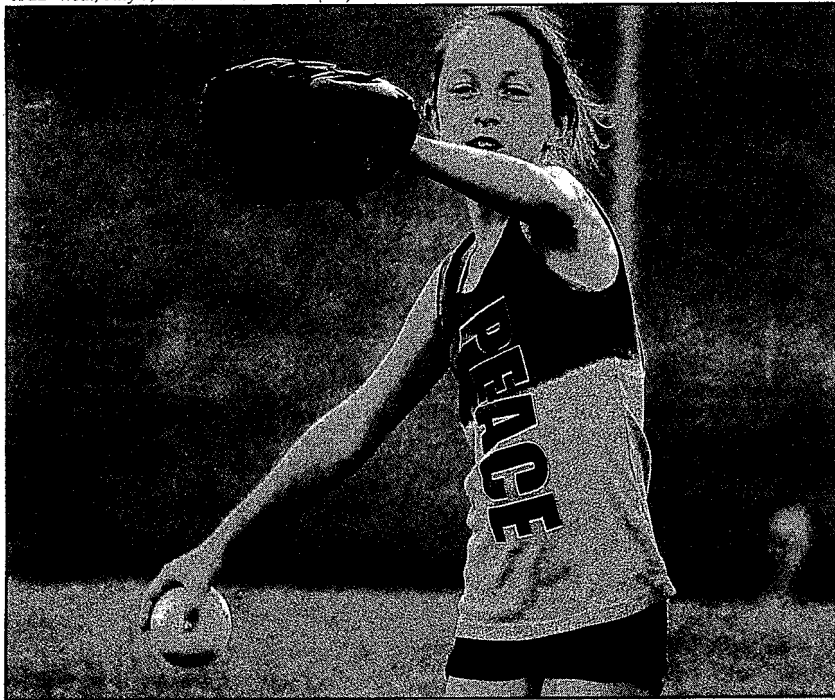
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Ava Corsiglia uses the fence as she swingsto make sure she is doing it properly.



Raygen McCurry pitches the ball.

Hit, swing into summer

Girls ages 7-12 started the summer hitting, swinging and throwing at Adventures in Softball last week.

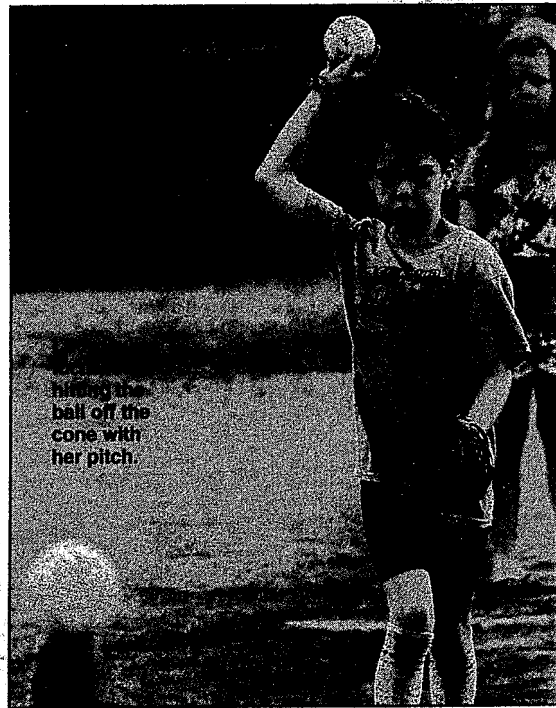
The campers learned techniques and the game of softball from Clarkston Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters, coaching staff and varsity players.

See next week's edition for the story.



Keira Toimie giggles between catches.

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Hitting the ball off the cone with her pitch.

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Raygen McCurry, Rachel Vieira and Lucy Gulley slide into the cold water. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Learning to slide

Players from Adventures in Softball camp had one more lesson to learn after they put away their bats and gloves last Friday.

They still needed to work on their sliding techniques and the perfect way to do it was on the slip and slide.

Though the temperatures were cold for late June the girls had no problem sliding and seeing who slid the quickest and the whole length of the tarp.



Jordan-Ann Corsiglia smiles after a good slide.



Hannah Cary tests out the temperature of the water with her first slide.

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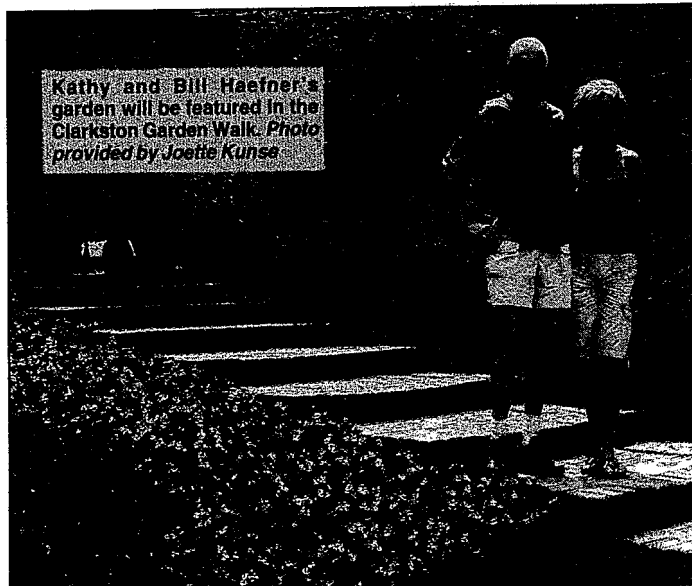
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Kathy and Bill Haefner's garden will be featured in the Clarkston Garden Walk. Photo provided by Joette Kunse



Colors of home in Garden Walk

BY JOETTE KUNSE
Special to the Clarkston News

Kathy Haefner wanted to bring the pastel colors from inside her home to her garden plantings. And she has been successful with her choices in creating a peaceful setting for her family and the wildlife that abound her property. Haefner's garden will be one of six featured on the Clarkston Garden Walk this month.

The Haefner home is elevated above the street level with a curving stone stairway leading to the home's front door. A carpet of begonias in light pink welcome the visitor to the garden with a window box of impatiens.

When Kathy and Bill Haefner built their home 13 years ago, Kathy says, she remembered her grandmother's garden and copied the flowers she saw in the garden. "The garden has just flowed," she says since its inception.

Another of Haefner's loves is angels are found in her home and in her garden. An angel greets you as you enter the garden flanked by hostas and Shirley Temple peonies. Behind the peonies are forget me knots and a kitty cemetery where some of the beloved friends of the Haefners rest.

"Twenty-three angels, a frog fishing and an elf reside in the garden," says Haefner. The visitor to the Haefner garden will find an angel peacefully sleeping by a garden bridge as well as an angel reading in the peaceful garden.

Through the painted ferns and hostas, the visitor may get a glimpse of the pond in the dense woods that surround the back of the Haefner property and offers privacy to the garden. As you climb the steps up to the patio, you'll find woolly thyme growing between the rocks for a natural look.

The Haefner's garden is inhabited by the wildlife living in the woods. A chipmunk was spotted sitting atop the head of an angel surveying the plant life. Haefner is praying that the deer and other creatures forage somewhere besides her garden for the next two weeks.

Old favorites of Haefner's childhood, lilies of the valley, are planted by beautiful astilbes on the edge of the garden. Mandevillas and hibiscus help to add color to the Haefner's patio and Haefner's grandmother's favorite flower, poppies are given the sunny spot in the garden.

The Clarkston Garden Walk is Wednesday, July 10, from 12-8 p.m. The extra hour will allow people who work to visit the lovely gardens open for the walk. Tickets for the walk are \$15 until the day of the walk and are available at Bordines in Clarkston, KH Home, the Birdfeeder, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, and Clarkston Country Store, all on M-15. On the day of the walk, tickets are \$18 and available only at the Clarkston Independence District Library beginning at 11:30 a.m.

In addition to the walk, area restaurants have Garden Walk specials for participants and an Artisan Market with garden art, and garden related items is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Clarkston Independence District Library grounds, 6595 Clarkston Road.

Proceeds from the walk are used to provide college scholarships for Clarkston area students, grants for Clarkston Community Schools' teachers, programs for elementary students, plantings for the Main Street planters and the library gardens.

For more information check www.clarkstongardenclub.org or call 248 625 9665.

CNews People Poll July 3, 2013

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?



"It means getting together with family and having a good time with them."

- Brandon Matoska



"Fireworks and family."

- Amanda Cox



"For me, it's about freedom, thinking about veterans and their families."

- Dinah Lee



"Veterans and the parade. It's about our freedoms, a chance to get the flag out and feel proud."

- Carolyn Walker

"Well, we will be walking in the parade for the Clarkston Optimist Alpha Club, Girl Scouts and Stars and Stripes. But most of all, my husband and I were married on the fifth, so celebrating our great life that we have together."

- Tonya K Cunningham

"Having a birthday party for my husband. He will be 28 on the fourth."

- Julie Dailey

By Phil Custodio

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Clarkston Masons gather June 20 to honor fallen brothers during their first Honor Walk. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Masons walk to honor fallen brothers

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's Mason Cedar Lodge 60 donned ceremonial dress and honored fallen brothers during a first-of-its-kind Honor Walk ceremony on June 20. The walk through town into Lakeview Cemetery was in honor of six original departed Mason members.

Current Clarkston Mason's Worshipful Master Coy Hall said the departed group was among the first members to serve as Worshipful Masters, former leaders of the Clarkston Lodge. He added the ceremony was also held to celebrate St. John, a relative of Jesus said to have headed

a Baptism movement, and represents moral qualities of Masons.

The group held the ceremony near the summer solstice, the longest day of the year and the official beginning of summer. Members from all over the state of Michigan traveled to Clarkston to participate in the event. Hall said the group gathered to remember fallen brothers of the Clarkston Lodge. Members participating in the event were dressed in full Masonic regalia.

During Thursday's ceremony members deposited a Masonic flag, a white glove, a handful of dirt and a sprig of evergreen upon the graves of fallen members. "The evergreen represents

immortality of the soul," said Mason Matt Shelton.

"Let this evergreen, symbol of our faith in immortal life, remind us that the dead are but sleeping," said Hall during the ceremony.

"Fare thee well brother, fare thee well," said each Mason upon leaving the graves of the departed members.

"Though the cold blasts of autumn may lay them in the dust, and, for a time, destroy the loveliness of their existence, yet that destruction is not final and in the spring time, they shall surely bloom again. It is appointed to all men

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Events

Concerts in the Park, Polka with Big Daddy LaDeeDas, July 5; 80's tunes with Outer Vibe, July 12, 7-9 p.m., Depot Park. Local talent at 6 p.m.

Testimony of Faith presentation by Fred Priebe as President Abraham Lincoln during services, July 7, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Clarkston Garden Walk, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 12-8 p.m., July 10. Advance tickets, \$15 at KH Home, Bordines, The BirdFeeder, Clarkston Country Store, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce; \$18 day of walk at Clarkston Independence District Library. 248-625-9665.

Go Tell It On The Mountain Vacation Bible School, July 15-18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Open to ages 3-grade 6. Closing picnic, July 18, noon. 248-625-4644.

Summer Blast Family and Friends Party, 6:30 p.m., July 17, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Hot dogs, bounce house, corn toss, water balloons, potato launching, Preschool Zone, "Pastor's Special Event." All welcome. 248-922-3515.

Sounds of Summer, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., July 18, Clarkston High School. \$20/adults, \$10/under 18, students. 313-576-5111.

Celebrant Singers, St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, July 23 at 7 p.m. Community is welcome. Admission is free.

Clarkston High School **Class of 1988** plans its 25th class reunion for July 27 at The Fountain's. Contact Kelly Kanigowski (Saunders) at kanigok1@gmail.com or 248-343-8455.

Annual golf outing, Clarkston Foundation, 10 a.m. shotgun start, Aug. 5, Oakhurst Country Club. Foursome, \$900; individual, \$250. All donations go directly to scholarships and grants. 248-672-0777.

Back Roads Half Marathon, 10K, 9:30 a.m., Nov. 10. Depot Park start. Finish on Washington near Main, beer tent at 5 S. Main Street. \$45 before Sept. 1, www.clarkstonbackroadshalf.com.

Sunday

Springfield Farmers' Market, Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Shiawassee Basin Preserve, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6558.

Monday

Outdoor Pickleball, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Clintonwood Park Tennis Courts, 6000 Clarkston Road, \$2 drop in.

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Line Dancing, Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

Clarkston Area Mothers & More, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third Monday. Red Knapps restaurant. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

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

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

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

Fit Club Walks, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Divine Nutrition, 7743 Sashabaw Road. Free. 248-393-0898 or 248-625-6551.

Look Good Feel Better, American Cancer Society, free makeover for all women in cancer treatment, third Mondays, July 15, Sept. 16, Nov. 18, 1-3 p.m., McLaren Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe. 800-395-LOOK.

Summer Food Service for children, OLHSA, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Aug. 5-16, Academy of Waterford, 3000 Sashabaw Road. Free for children 18 and under. 248-209-2600.

Tuesday

50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3. Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. \$4.

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

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

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

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

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Diners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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

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

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

Belly Dance Lessons, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sashabaw Road. Low impact traditional-style workout with Naima Marina. No experience necessary. All welcome. \$10. 586-292-7750.

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

Wednesday

Footsteps to Fitness Walking Program, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 a.m., Senior Activity Center. Walk paved paths with group. Pedometers available. \$1 drop in, includes bottled water and snacks.

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, 7-8:30 p.m., third Wednesday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

50+ Individualized Computer Tutoring, Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$30/member, \$35.00/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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

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

Saturday

50+ Spanish Lessons, Saturdays, 9-10 a.m., Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$60/members, \$65/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

Clarkston grad Kickstarts entertainment career

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As the deadline on Friday inched closer, Justin Lamb was getting more excited.

Since May 16, the 2001 Clarkston High School graduate, has looked for supporters to help him fund his upcoming album for \$5,000.

He glanced down on his phone at his project on Kickstarter on June 25 with a few more days until the deadline and breathed.

"A little over \$500 to go," he looked up.

When the clock marked 4 p.m. on Friday and would not accept anymore - Lamb reached his goal with \$5,369 and 151 supporters for the album.

"I am very grateful and overwhelmed," he said about the support he has received. "It is overwhelming people came out of the wood work and donated. I don't know how to take it. I have 'thank you' cards but I don't feel like that's enough."

Lamb added the whole experience has made him a believer.

"It shows there is still a belief in originality coming out of an area a lot of the country has forgotten," he continued. "Detroit used to be huge for music - Bob Seger to more modern musicians like Kid Rock and Eminem. I hope my project is part of the wake up call."

With his music project now funded he will head into the studio in late August or early

September with his acoustic guitar, a drummer and a bass player. Once all the mixing and mastering of the tracks is done 1,000 copies of the album will be available.

"People are going to hear a new style of rock," Lamb said. "I took a history of rock class last semester. The album is more reaching back to the roots of rock and roll."

He recorded two albums previously - one was in his friend's living room and another in his own living room. This time he will have two musicians with him and has a five years worth of songs he has written to choose from.

He also knows what he wants the songs to be and what sounds best. He described himself being a lot like Adam Duritz, the lead singer from The Counting Crows, one of his top five bands.

"I have always wanted to reach out to a large number of people and have them connect to my music somehow," Lamb added.

"Like Counting Crows and my other top five bands, I go back to them and I can always relate to them at an emotional level when I

move past that and focus on the music I want to know how to play that. My aspiration is I want to have the same effect on people music has on me."

Music has always been a part of Lamb's life. He can remember whenever he spent time with his mom and older brother it was always related to music.

"Even if it was listening to a cassette tape in the living room," he smiled. "We would sing along with Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer.' Singing was always huge. Singing led into song writing."

He continued singing on a school level as being with the choir. He picked up the guitar in his mid-teens when he was introduced to punk music and it branched out from there.

"I was drawn to more emotional music like Counting Crows," Lamb added. "Each Crows' song is an emotion the lead singer had when he wrote it. You can hear it in the vocals, in the music."

He has written his entire life. Looking back he described the songs he wrote during high school had more of a comedic flavor and were geared towards parodies, which he still does during shows.

"I still do the same thing," Lamb smiled. "I will improve a song if something funny is going on in the crowd. People laugh. The comedy piece is a part of me."

When he graduated from high school the songs became more emotional especially when he moved out on his own.

"As you grow up you see what is important and what is not important," Lamb said. "As I grew up I found more things revolved around love, girls and other things I was connected to and started writing lyrics. The writing evolved, too. When I was writing punk music in high school it was just lyrics which fit together. There was no emotion behind them."

"In my early twenties, I had the relationships I would remember for the rest of my life," he continued. "You think about how it ended and you start evaluating yourself as a person and in a relationship. When you write it down you relive the experience and are able to have that emotional connect ability to your own past I don't think anyone can do when you are in high school."

Lamb is playing at the Crofoot in Pontiac on Aug. 4 with his bandmates for their first debut together before they go into the studio. He also has a performance scheduled at the Blackthorn Pub in Holly, July 27, 9 p.m., and he is keeping busy with studying Business Administration and interning at 93.9 during the summer. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/music.justinlamb or www.justinlambmusic.com.



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 Easter (4/14)

Students achieve success

Tyler Dunn, 15, an incoming junior this fall at Clarkston High School, is among fifty students nationwide who have been selected to participate in the Four Star Leadership program, offering leadership training, policy debate, speech competition and scholarships, and the opportunity to engage with national and global leaders. July 14-20 in Oklahoma City.



Dunn

Dunn was chosen for his demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding character. He is an honor roll student with a 4.0 GPA, and is involved in varsity cross country, varsity track and field, International Baccalaureate program, the Optimist Club, Business Professionals of America Club and National Honor Society. Dunn plans to attend Stanford University.

"I want to make a difference with my life and become a world leader. The Four Star Leadership Institute is an invaluable opportunity for me to develop the skills needed to make this a reality," said Dunn. "It is an opportunity that will push me out of my comfort zone and expose me to places, people and world leaders that I would otherwise not be able to experience."

Former Commander-in-Chief of American and coalition forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, General Franks will host the camp, and guest speakers at the conference will include news commentator and former presidential consultant Karl Rove, Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, and Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb.

Clarkston students named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University for the Spring 2013 term include Sarah Keller, majoring in Architecture; Jaclyn Vanderheyden, Architecture; Lindsay Petku, Biomedical Engineering; Gregory Vandervoord, Transportation Design; Kenneth Fitzgerald, Architectural Engineering; and Terry Fahey, Civil Engineering.

Caitlin Parker of Clarkston graduated with honors, earning a Master's Degree from Wayne State University's School of Social Work, May 9. She is the daughter of Lisa Stonehouse of Clarkston.

Allison Reis of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Niagara University for the spring 2013 semester

Benjamin Parker of Clarkston graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Business Administration during a spring commencement ceremony, Sunday, May 19.

Alan Killewald, Matt Inskeep and Mat-

thew Wehrly of Clarkston graduated from Lawrence Technological University on May 11. Killewald was awarded the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Inskeep was awarded the Associate of Arts in Radio and TV Broadcasting - Special Requirements. Wehrly was awarded Master of Architecture.

Clarkston students named to Wayne State University's winter 2013 Dean's List for academic excellence include Joshua Bauer, John Decker, Analena Iacobelli, Hannah Mathers, and Gregory Petku.

Caitlin Carlson of Clarkston has been named to the Dean's List at the Savannah College of Art and Design for spring quarter 2013.

Demi G. Outman, daughter of Todd and Gina Outman of Davisburg, is a Valedictorian of Notre Dame Prep. She is very active in volunteer work for her community. She has also been named Aerospace scholar, a VEX robotics finalist, was awarded the Women in Engineering Scholarship as well as the Notre Dame Prep Artistic Scholarship and many awards in the FIRST Robotics competitions. Demi is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a leader in the Chinese National Honor Society. As well as being part of the successful FIRST Robotics for the Irish, Demi is part of the soccer team, the Orchestra and Colorguard. With a 4.469 GPA, Demi plans on attending the University of Michigan this fall.

Valerie A. Weaver, daughter of Michael and Sharon Weaver of Clarkston and a Valedictorian of Notre Dame Prep, is very active in school and performs a variety of volunteer service within the community while maintaining a grade point average of 4.426. Valerie is a member of the Notre Dame Prep Valedictory Court. She is a member of the Debate Team, the Creative Writing Club, the Environmental Club, the National Honor Society, and has been very active behind the scenes in many of Notre Dame Prep's Theatre performances. She has won the Society of Women Engineers Madame Curie Award, participated on the Bowling, Soccer, and Tennis teams and has been a People to People Student Ambassador in Japan. In the fall, Weaver plans on attending Case Western Reserve University.

Lindsey Reppuhn made the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College for all three terms of her sophomore year, achieving a 4.0 her last term. She is in the pre-med program with a mathematics' major and a Bio-physics specialty.

She will be participating in a Study-Aboard program at Curtin University in Perth, Australia, from August thru December 2013. She is the daughter of Greg and Robyn Reppuhn.

Obituaries

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Richard J. Bell, 26

Richard J. Bell of Clarkston passed away suddenly June 28, 2013, at age 26.

He was the beloved son of Zachary and Corena; brother of Zachary Bell Jr., Michael (Jenica) Bell, Johana (Aditya) Bhargava and Sam Bell; grandson of Frances (Jim) Bennett and Duffy Liddicoat; boyfriend of Emily Merlo; preceded in death by grandparents Jun Kojima and John Bell.

Richard communicated his passion for life through his music. He was an accomplished percussionist who cared deeply for his art. We will always hold dear to our heart his easy smile and infectious laughter.

Visitation was June 30 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was July 1 at Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clarkston.

Any donations to the family will be used toward a music scholarship in Rich's memory. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

John C. DiPietro, 65

John C. DiPietro, "J.C.," of Clarkston passed away June 23, 2013, at age 65.

He is survived by his loving life partner Linda Gougeon. He was the devoted father of Jason (fiancée' Tara Reamer) Gougeon and Jillian (Matt) Phelan; cherished grandfather of Cameron and Michelle; brother of Brian (Toni) DiPietro, Greg DiPietro and Tim DiPietro; uncle of Kelly, Andrew and Shannon; preceded in death by his parents John and Lunette.

John co-owned J & J Refrigeration, Clarkston, with his brother. John was a graduate of Western Michigan University who taught industrial arts, drafting and heating/cooling and an avid Lionel Train collector.

He was a caring family man who was always willing to lend a hand.

Memorial service, Saturday, July 13, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit 2:30 p.m. until time of the service.

Memorials may be made to Melanoma Research Program. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Phyllis M. Bery, 73

Phyllis M. Bery of Clarkston passed away suddenly June 29, 2013, at age 73.

She was the beloved wife of Leslie Bery for 44 years; dear sister of Norman (Theresa) Gladych; aunt of Katherine and Yvonne Machniak, and Christine Gladych. Phyllis was a nursing instructor at Macomb Community College. She was a member of St. Daniels Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston, where her Funeral Mass will be held Friday, July 5, 10 a.m. Burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 3, 4-8 p.m. at **Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston**, 8909 Dixie Hwy.

To send a condolence, go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Phyllis Karpovck, 91

Phyllis Marie Karpovck, 91, went home to be with the Lord she loved on June 28, 2013. She was born in Flint on Jan. 9, 1922, to parents James and Viola Hall.

She was the beloved wife of the late Steve; loving mother of Elizabeth (John) Lewis and Cindi Sans; devoted grandmother of Garret, Hilary and Austin Sans; also survived by loving sisters Laura Logan of Clarkston and Geraldine Griffin of MO; brothers James Hall of Rochester Hills and David Hall of Naubinway; predeceased by brothers Donald Stevens, Kenneth and Robert Hall; also survived by loving nieces, nephews and cherished friends.

Phyllis retired from Clarkston Schools as a secretary at Pine Knob Elementary; she loved the many children and special friends she made there.

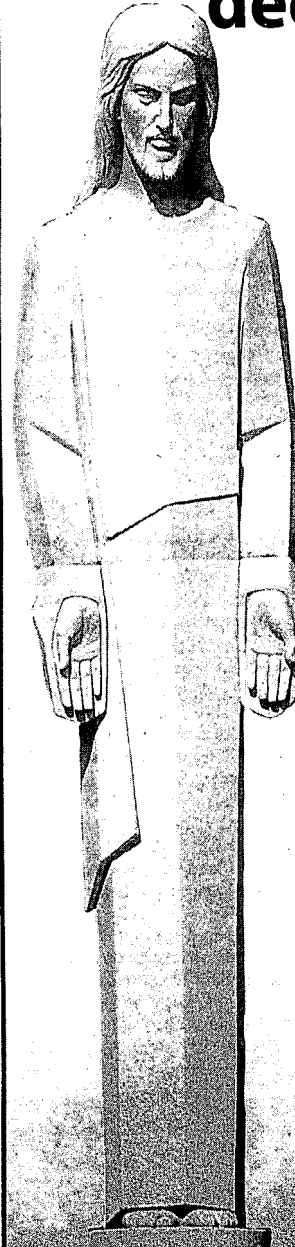
She taught Sunday school and Children's Church for fifty years at Ferndale Assembly of God and was currently a member of Lifepoint Christian Church with treasured pastor and loving friends. She loved God, family, children, Bible studies, reading and crafts.

Funeral Service was July 2 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Lifepoint Christian Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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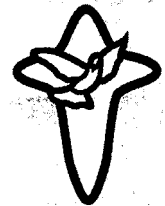
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Future farmers learn skills at fair

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decoration.

Nathan's entries include duck, turkey, and cake decorating, in which he may be going up against his sister.

"A little family competition," Shannon said.

Entries for Ryan, in his first fair, include turkey, chicken, public speaking, presenting a Knut Rockne speech, and his Hot Wheels collection.

They hope the chickens go for at least \$8 a pound.

"Last year was crazy - my sister's turkey went for \$1,000," Shannon said.

Auction goers aren't there for a good deal, she said.

"They're there to support 4H - it's like donations and sponsoring the new farmers of America," said Shannon.

She joined 4-H when she was 8 years old, participating in several clubs and fairs.

"Four-H has become a big part of my life," she said.

"It's a big commitment - it teaches responsibility," said Michelle Ervin, their mother.



From left, siblings Shannon, Nathan, and Ryan Ervin are ready to compete at the Oakland Fair with their Red Ranger chickens. Photo by Phil Custodio

Oakland County Fair opens this week

The Oakland County Fair at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg offers 11 days of fun beginning at 1 p.m. on July 4 through 9 p.m. on July 14.

Free events featured daily include a circus, petting zoo, motorcycle show, sensory wall, horse shows and antique tractor display. Other attractions include a midway with carnival rides, free country music concert and exhibits ranging from aerospace to wood-working. Visitors can stroll through many barns to see horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, rabbits and more. Newborn animals in the Miracle of Birth Barn are a visitor favorite. Food concessions and a picnic pavilion are also available.

"As a presenting sponsor, Oakland County Parks and Recreation is very excited that the fair has been extended to 11 days," said Executive Officer Dan Stencil.

The fair grand opening begins at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 4. Carnival rides are dis-

counted: \$10 armbands valid from 1-4 p.m. or \$15 armbands valid all day, plus fireworks at dusk.

Toddler Day is Friday, July 5, with \$7 armbands available for young children, valid from 1-4 p.m. Activities include a diaper derby, a "Food for Fun" canned food drive, tricycle and piggy bank races and, from 6-7 p.m., a visit from PAWS, the Detroit Tigers Mascot.

Armed Forces Day on Saturday, July 6 honors veteran and active military personnel (proper identification required) with free admission to the fair grounds and Figure 8 car races that night.

Monday, July 8, is Senior Day with free admission for seniors ages 62 and over from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Detroit's Country 99.5 WYCD radio will host Nashville in the Neighborhood, a free concert at 7 p.m. sponsored by Genisys Credit Union and the Oakland County Fair Association. The concert features up-and-coming country music artists Eric Paslay and

Kris Hitchcock & Small Town Son at the fairground's grandstand. Gates open at 6 p.m. for first-come, first-served seating.

Tuesday, July 9, is Playworld Carnival Day with \$12 armbands for carnival rides.

Kids Day is Wednesday, July 10, with special activities planned for youth.

Thursday, July 11, is Oakland County Parks and Recreation Day and Special Needs Day. Parking is free this day with a 2013 Oakland County Parks and Recreation annual vehicle permit. Oakland County Parks and Recreation mobile recreation units will also be available. Children with special needs and their caregiver can enjoy a free circus show and free carnival rides from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Families need to call the fair office in advance to register.

Sunday, July 14, is Family Fun Day. Present a paid parking mirror tag from a previous visit to the 2013 fair to receive free parking. Other special evening events include an off-road demo, rodeo, Michigan Monster Truck Shootout, Firefighters Muster and Antique Fire Truck show.

Fair parking is \$10/car or \$5/person/walk-in visitors. A Grandstand Event Pass is a great deal at \$20/person; includes admission to all of the nightly grandstand events. Individual grandstand event tickets are \$10/person ages 15 and older; \$5/child ages 6-14; or free for children under five years old. Tickets and armbands for the carnival rides are available at an additional cost.

For details, call 248-634-8830, visit oakfair.org or DestinationOakland.com



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From left are Clarkston Junior High problem solvers Karas Mantz, Megan Nicholson, Delaney Brown and Jillian Ritchey. Photo submitted

Award winning problem solvers

Delaney Brown, Karas Mantz, Megan Nicholson and Jillian Ritchey finished their freshman year taking second place at the Future Problem Solvers Conference in June.

As the Clarkston Junior High School Future Problem Solvers team they won first place at the State Competition at Michigan State University in Lansing, in April.

The win sent them to the International Conference which took place June, 6-9, at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

They competed against 68 other teams from 13 different countries in the Middle Division of the Global Issues Problem Solving Team Competition where they earned a second place trophy for their problem solving response to the topic of the Global Status of Women.

They were coached by Susan Banworth and Dan Mantz.

"They worked throughout the school year studying and completing qualifying problems," Nancy Ritchey added.

JoeNell Walters, 84

JoeNell Walters, "Jody," of Pontiac passed away June 24, 2013, at age 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles and son Danny. She was the mother of Dee (Rod) Nelson and Sue (Gregg) Carr; Grandma Jody of Crystal Benjamin, Charles R. Walters, Jeremiah and Joel Nelson, Rory Vick Jr., and Jason Vick; also survived by eight great grandchildren; sister of Guy (Ila) Coleman.

Jody was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was an avid shopper, enjoyed frequenting restaurants and walking at Great Lakes Crossing.

Funeral Service was June 28 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Andersonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jerry Steinhelper, 75

Jerry L. Steinhelper of Waterford wintered in Orange Beach, Alabama, June 29, 2013, at age 75.

He was the husband of Mary "Pat" for 54 years; father of Suzie (Larry) Sage, Debbie (Gary) Hus, Jerry (Melody) Steinhelper and Theresa (Gerry) McCallum; grandpa of Kevin and Mark McCallum, and Alex and Eric Hus; also survived by step grandchildren and step great grandchildren; brother of Judy (Jim) Montiegel, Chuck (Sharon), Richard, Lynn & Elaine (Dennis) Brophy.

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Jerry was a friend of too many to name. He will be missed by his furry friend Kizzy II. He retired from GM Truck & Coach, was a HO trains collector and loved to travel with his bride.

Rosary service, Friday, 7 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Friday, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Waterford, with Rev. Thomas Kuehnemund officiating. Friends may visit directly at the church Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass. Inurnment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Agnes Veatch, 87

Agnes Veatch, "Ladean," of Waterford passed away June 24, 2013, at age 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leroy, "Bud," daughter Gay Anne Kentros, and siblings Francis "Dick" Bouchard, Albert Bouchard, and Phyllis Gibbs. She was the loving mother of Mark Veatch, Laurie (Greg) Quick, Karen (Gary) Veatch Kapala, Paul (Karla) Veatch and Cathy (David Cummings) Veatch; mother in law of Dimitri Kentros; beloved grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Ladean's greatest joy in life was being a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Rosary Service was June 27 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was June 28 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Waterford, with Rev. H. Thomas Kuehnemund officiating. Rite of Committal, Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Benedict Catholic Church or Mercy Hospice of Oakland. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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Trip to Rio renews spirit

Rio de Janeiro has long been considered a highly desirable tourist destination. With its pristine beaches and tropical rain forests, people from all over the world converge on this magical, energetic city.

What many aren't aware of is that nestled within the city limits and outskirts are hundreds of favelas (slums). Often times, these colorful communities are tucked into hillsides overlooking the city and occupying prime real estate.

It's difficult when viewing photos to determine exactly where affluent neighborhoods end and favelas begin. Although long considered dangerous, the police have made great strides in pacifying them and making them safer.

Seeing the world on a budget



Annette Thomas

As a volunteer with an international organization (I.V.H.Q.), I sojourned to Brazil in April of this year. Uncertain of what I might encounter or into which program I would be placed, I left myself open to this new adventure.

Sharing a small room at a Pousada (Inn) with two other women from different countries made this an even more interesting experience and many volunteers forged what will become life-long friendships.

We were each assigned projects and the program directors accompanied us on the first day to show us the way. After hasty breakfasts and lengthy walks to bus stops and metros (sometimes in torrential rains), we would commence our long journeys to our respective projects.

It was not unusual for some volunteers to travel three hours each way to spend the day with children on the outskirts of town. Ours was generally a 1 1/2 - 2 hour trip by foot, bus, metro and my favorite, motorcycle taxi, which began with held breath, tightly closed eyes and white knuckles and quickly became an exhilarating form of transportation with drivers racing up steep and winding roads, dodging vehicles and animals along the way.

Although some residents of the favelas live in extreme poverty, they appear to have a very strong sense of community. Many are hardworking but live on very little while others choose to call favelas home because of their close proximity to employment.

What I found most captivating was their strong spirit and love of life. The project director also made it a point to inform us that it is almost impossible to tell who lives in the favelas because everyone takes such pride in their appearance and dresses well.

In the classroom children enthusiastically entertained us with dance (the best Samba schools in Rio are in favelas). Their talent was truly remarkable.

Exceptionally bright and eager to learn (not

distracted by cell phones and computers), they were curious, engaging, affectionate and lively.

At days end, it was a real treat to watch the beautiful children scurrying up the steps to the favela, laughing and teasing each other as they posed for my camera. Saying goodbye would not come easy.

I left Rio with a heavy heart but a promise to return. As always seems to be the case, I taught them nothing and walked away enriched, inspired, and with my soul rejuvenated.

Annette Thomas of Clarkston has traveled to 29 countries, staying in youth hostels, refugee camps, guesthouses, luxury hotels, quaint B&Bs, and also train station floors and church steps.



Annette Thomas, with children at Morro do Salgueiro. Photo provided



Back row from left are Cameron Goike, Alex Lowney, Ben Danko, Tommy Purves, Jessica Bowser, Madelyn Lowney, Micah Angus, and Noah Peterson. Front row, Allie Purves, Samantha Danco, Abigail Bowman, Quinn Angus, and Rachel Goike. Photo provided

State honors for Busy Bees

The Davisburg Busy Bees were one of seven groups from around the state to go on for state recognition.

On June 20 at the Wharton Center on Michigan State University's campus, the team was selected for the top honor for their community service project.

Their project was collecting hats and

mitten for those in need for Neighbor for Neighbor. The project has been completed for three years and has grown each year.

Each June, 4Hers around the state converge on MSU. They take classes and compete for state honors in their project area. The Busy Bees competed in the community service/citizenship area.

Local business achievements

Easter Seals Michigan has appointed Paul J. Haviland of Clarkston, District Business Manager of Cadence Pharmaceuticals, to its board of directors.

His responsibilities as a board member will include governing and upholding the nonprofit agency's mission to serve people with disabilities and other special needs so that they can successfully live, learn, work and play in their communities.

Prior to his position at Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Haviland was a District Manager for Johnson & Johnson where he won numerous leadership and sales awards. He was also one of four people within Johnson & Johnson responsible for the Branding and Marketing of a \$1.2 billion product.

In addition to his work experience, Haviland was a member of the Michigan State

University Diversity Advisory Panel.

Valerie Spicer of Oxford has joined Farm Bureau Insurance at 826 S. Lapeer Road Suite B, Oxford.

Spicer recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared her for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance.

Spicer also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau Insurance agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, Lake Estate® and business.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Spicer had an extensive career in Real Estate Sales.



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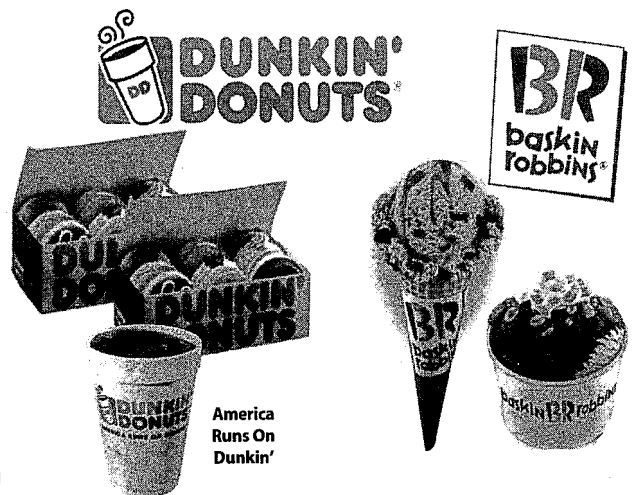
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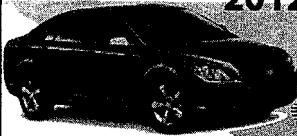



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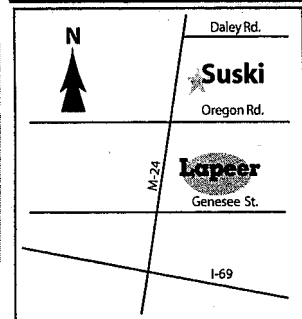
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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.
Moved by Haven, supported by Hargis to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.
Moved by Roth, supported by Hunter to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.
Moved by Roth, supported by Hunter to amend the motion and remove the HRC invoices 7. c. ii. for discussion.
Motion Carried.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Haven to approve the HRC invoices.
Motion Carried.
Resolved by Bisio, supported by Sabol to approve the engagement letter from Post, Smythe, Lutz and Liel for the amount of \$10,500 for fiscal year 2013 and accept proposal for year 2014 and 2015 for \$10,500 for each year.
Resolution Approved.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Roth that the council amend its recommendation for the last meeting from Chapter 31 of the code of ordinances to provide that the Planning Commission take action only by majority vote of the five commission members, requiring a vote of three members regardless of the number of members attending a meeting.
Motion Carried.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Sabol to approve the Ordinance Committee's comments to Chapter 50 of the proposed code of ordinances and directs the committee to transmit the comments to American Legal Publishing Corp.
Motion Carried.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Haven to approve the Ordinance Committee's comments to Chapter 51 of the proposed code of ordinances and directs the committee to transmit the comments to American Legal Publishing Corp. changing the violations fines from \$100 to \$500.
Motion Carried.
Resolved by Sabol, supported by Bisio that as of June 3, 2013 first we rescind the resolution from the minutes of December 4, 2004 regarding calls and city business and that as of now calls regarding City business to any of our professional consultants, Planner, and Engineer, should be made only by the City Manager, department heads, or as appropriate and at the City Manager's discretion, the delegate or designate of the City Manager.
Additionally, in an emergency situation in which the City Manager is unavailable, the Mayor may make contacts as needed under the circumstances. The Mayor may also, under these conditions, designate or delegate as necessary. In this case the Mayor will inform the City Council of the emergency situation and contacts being made. The City Manager is deemed unavailable because of disability or other reasons and there is immediate need for someone to perform duties that the City Manager would otherwise perform.
In all cases, whether an appointment by the City Manager or an emergency situation, the City Manager will be included on all written communications and informed, in writing, of any other contacts.
Resolution Approved.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Hunter to postpone consideration of the FOIA fees until the next council meeting.
Motion Carried.
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Hargis to approve the proposed Assessing Contract.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Hargis, supported by Roth that effective June 10, 2013 the department head of the DPW be replaced with the new structure where the City Manager is now the department head of the DPW and that one of the two employees be designated as a work foreman and the salary structure be changed accordingly also the structure of the department and number of employees to be at the discretion of the City Manager
Resolution Approved.
Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Richter
City Clerk

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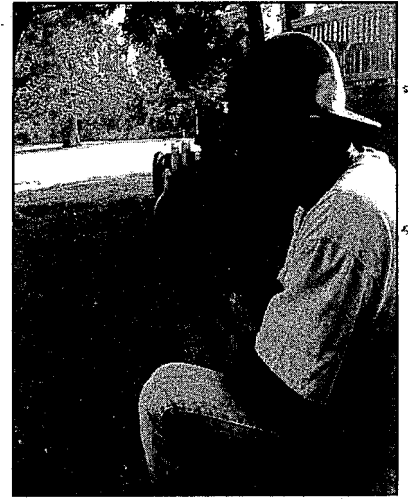
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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.
Moved by Hunter, supported by Roth to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.
Moved by Sabol, supported by Bisio to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.
Moved by Roth, supported by Bisio to approve the request from the Lions for a beer tent at the Taste of Clarkston pending necessary paperwork and approvals.
Motion Carried.
Resolved by Sabol, supported by Roth to complete the Phragmites treatment with PlantWise at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.
Resolution Approved.
Moved by Hunter, supported by Haven to postpone until we are able to research the statute and make sure what we are doing is consistent.
Motion Carried.
Resolved by Roth, supported by Sabol to amend the salary of the Lead Men (foreman) of the DPW from \$13.00 an hour to \$16.00 an hour, retroactive June 10, 2013.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Bisio, supported by Haven to adopt the amended general fund budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. This resolution adopts the amended general fund budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 by activity/department and serves as the general appropriations act required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Roth that the FY2013 Final Major Roads Budget be amended by activity/department as follows on June 24, 2013 and serves as the general appropriations act required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Haven, supported by Bisio that the FY2013 Final Local Roads Budget be amended by activity/department as follows on June 24, 2013 and serves as the general appropriations act required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Roth, supported by Sabol that the FY2013 Final Mill Pond Budget be amended by activity/department as follows on June 24, 2013 per the attached 2013 Final Mill Pond Budget and serves as the general appropriations act required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Sabol, supported by Bisio to approve the 2013 Tax Year Operating Millage Rate of 13.1979.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Bisio, supported by Haven to approve and create the Capital Improvement Fund Policy as distributed at the meeting with changes.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Haven, supported by Hunter to adopt the General Fund Budget FY2014 by activity/department with revenues including 13.1979 mills operating levy in accordance with Michigan State Law and serves as the general appropriations act required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Roth, supported by Hunter to adopt the Major Roads Fund Budget FY2014 by activity/department in accordance with Michigan State Law and serves as the general appropriations act required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Sabol, supported by Bisio to adopt the Local Roads Fund Budget FY2014 by activity/department in accordance with Michigan State Law and serves as the general appropriations act required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act.
Resolution Approved.
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Roth to adopt the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Fund Budget FY2014 by activity/department in accordance with Michigan State Law and serves as the general appropriations act required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act.
Resolution Approved.
Moved by Roth, supported by Sabol to adjourn meeting at 8:31 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Richter
City Clerk

**Snapping
away in
Depot Park**

Kiah Ford leads a photography group while taking photos in Depot Park. The group, from Mt. Zion in Independence Township, meets once a month in the summer to practice skills and learn how to use various camera equipment. For more information on the club, please call Mt. Zion at 248-393-5625. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin



Raise based on research, says manager

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the council eliminated the DPW supervisor position, a move made to save the city just over \$22,000. After the position was cut, Eberhardt became DPW manager and took over all managerial duties.

The city manager said Miller has been spending time at City Hall working with staff to educate him on the budget, "he sits with me and we talk about budget expenditures how to manage the budget," she said.

He has also been scheduling the work-day, handling contractor bids, and communicating with contractors. "I will be doing the paperwork and most of the administrative work, but he will do the communication with Michigan Department of Transportation and the Oakland County Road commission," said Eberhardt.

Eberhardt said Miller will walk city streets to determine what sidewalks need repair, and handle other work like tree trimming. "He takes care of the rental of the equipment, said Eberhardt. "If we need to rent equipment he takes care of that."

Miller will also oversee the sale and purchase of equipment and will handle bidding and purchasing.

Eberhardt said she determined Miller's raise based on previous research done by former city manager Dennis Ritter after he researched salary increases for the staff last year. "Honestly this still does not put him up to par from what I see the standard DPW worker in a non-supervisory position makes," said Eberhardt. She added most DPW workers in Miller's position make is between \$18-\$22 an hour.

Lots of entertainment at Fourth festival

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Entertainment on two stages includes TJ Craven, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Cirque Amongus, 12 p.m.; Veteran's Celebration, 12:30 p.m.; Michigan Fifth Regiment performance, 1:30-

2:30 p.m.; Raft, formally known as Third Rock: 1-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-3 p.m.; 7 Million Jigawatts, 4-7 p.m.; and Motor City Soul, 8-10 p.m.

Military Museum, with memorabilia donated by local veterans, will be in the Carriage House from 11 a.m. -3 p.m.
Food, available for purchase all day long, includes pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, Greek pitas, hand dipped ice cream, fudge, and roasted almonds. Attendees can also bring their own picnic coolers allowed, but no glass or alcohol.

The fourth is set to end with a 30-minute fireworks show, launched from the hill on Everest Academy property. Rain date is July 5. No personal fireworks permitted.

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Masons march the Depot Park

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once to die, and after death comes the resurrection," said Hall.

According to their website, www.cedar60.masoniclodges.mi.org, the Mason's mission is to provide a quality, congenial, and friendly environment to foster and improve Freemasonry. They also aspire, "To be the organization of first choice for men of good character, whose values include friendship, morality and brotherly love and provide incentives and intrinsic rewards that inspire them to contribute to the strength of our Lodge and fulfilling our vision."

Reed VanWormer, a Pontiac Mason member, said being involved makes him a better husband, brother and father.

He added although many think the Masons are a secretive group, once you are a member you understand why the meetings are held the way they are.

Each year the Clarkston Masons award a \$1,500 scholarship to Clarkston students who demonstrate a commitment to their community and charity work.

They have been in Clarkston since 1854, and have occupied the lodge on the corner of Main and Washington in downtown since 1916. They will celebrate 160 years in the community in 2014.

Masons walk through Depot Park as they make their way to Lakeview Cemetery. Masons from as far away as Traverse City visited Clarkston to participate in an Honor Walk. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin.

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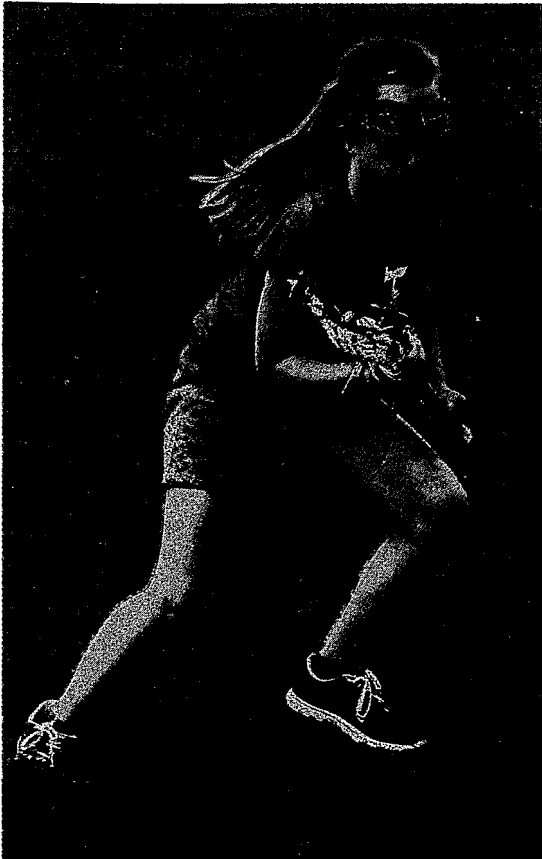
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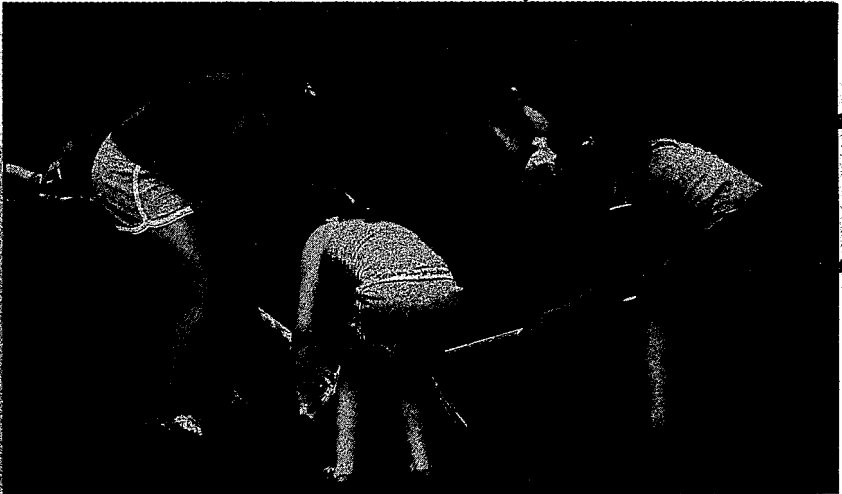
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Faith Sickmiller scoops the ball and makes a run.



Juliana Cokkers, left, battles for the ball during a drill.



Olivia Fortsch blocks Grace Nolan.

Cradle and shoot

Players at Girls Lacrosse Camp learned the fundamentals and built onto the skills during camp last week.

"They are having fun out here," said Doreen Kincaid, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team. "These kids pick things up so quickly. It is really fun to see."

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Alexandra Csizmadia passes the ball.



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