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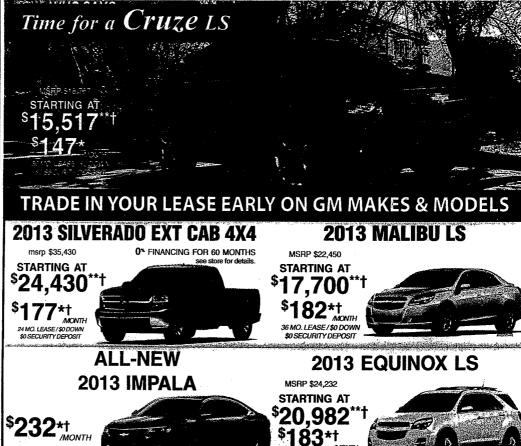
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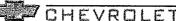
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DANCING IN THE PARK: From right, Tim Coolidge, Mary Jo Datema, Colleen Colby, and Patrice Donnelly groove to the 80s tunes of Outer Vibe at Clarkston Concerts in the Park, July 12, in Depot Park, See page 38 for more. Photo by Phil Custodio

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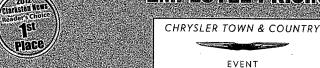


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Phragmites off White Lake Road went up in a spectacular blaze during a controlled burn last May, but much more is needed to control them. File photo

Invasive species coming back

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Phragmites burned off White Lake Road earlier this year, but that was just the begin-

Linda Lapinski of Oakland Phragmites and Invasive Species Task Force (OPIS) told Independence Township Board, July 9, much work remains to control the spread of the plants. She is willing to help any subdivisions, homeowners, and neighborhoods to get rid of invasive species.

"There are several areas that are infested," Lapinski said. "There are no insects or other critters" that can naturally tackle the prob-

Similar burns have been used in other areas, but the problem will need more, she said.

Lapinski presented the board with a yearlong action plan, starting with an inventory of infested areas and selection of a contractor to complete the eradication work.

Proper permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality must be obtained and homeowners notified before projects begin.

"Start a three-township-wide project otherwise we won't recognize Independence Township and soon we won't recognize Oakland County," she said.

Township Trustee David Lohmeier acknowledged the plan won't work as well if the township does not work with surrounding communities.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle agreed.

"We realize this is serious and we understand that unless it's done collectively and at once, it will continue to be a problem,"

Kittle said.

He will meet with Oakland and Orion townships to discuss a plan, and he would also like to recruit Ortonville, Waterford, and Springfield townships to help eradicate the

Discussions are being planned with Oakland Township, Lake Orion and Oxford leaders, he said.

OPIS is a group of concerned community members working to protect the quality of lakes, streams and wetlands by ridding the area of invasive species like Phragmites, Autumn Olives, Japanese Knot weeds and Buck-

The invasive species are taking over area wetlands, create a fire hazard, and choke out natural resources available to native plant and animal species, Lapinski said.

The invasive species come from other countries and have no natural predators. They can also change soil chemistry and hydrology, so there is less wildlife like turtles and birds in the area, she said.

"They are taking over wetlands and destroying beaches," she said.

She added fires for Phragmites spreads fast, burn hot, and area firefighters are worried about the plant spread.

Lapinski said because there are so now so many phragmites, the species cannot be eradicated, only controlled.

"Communities need to work together so they can tackle and possible eradicate new invasive species in the area," she said.

For more information on invasive species in the area or how to identify the plant, visit the OPIS Task Force website at www.opistaskforce.org

Briefly

Defer summer taxes

Some qualified residents may be able to defer summer taxes until February 2014.

"In many cases it allows them to pay the total annual tax without penalty," said Independence Township Treasurer Paul Brown.

To qualify for the income-based program, everyone in the house must make 40,000 or less. There are also other requirements to be met to receive the deferment.

For more information, call Brown at 248-525-5111.

City could hand off assessing

Clarkston officials are in discussions with Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle and Director of Assessing Kristen Sieloff to allow Independence Township to conduct assessing work in

City Manager Carol Eberhardt said they had a preliminary meeting to discuss the issue, and she would keep the council informed on the issue.

Dock removal nixed

City of the Village of Clarkston has received a complaint that a group of homeowners in the Village West Condominiums illegally installed a dock.

A group of Deer Lake homeowners contacted the city, and asked City Manager Carol Eberhardt to review an agreement between the developer and the city

The developer of the condos agreed the subdivision would have no dock access. Eberhardt is meeting with consultants to investigate the issue.

RUSH on CSPN.TV

New this week on CSPN.TV is a short video of Team RUSH #8 "Aquanauts," building their cardboard and duct tape boat for entry into the Rush Regatta, July 27 at 12 p.m., on Deer Lake Beach

Also on the Clarkston Sports Plus Network are several "Competitions" videos, including "Wendi Reardon's Athlete of the Week" and band, art shows, science fairs, charity tuns. pinewood derby, and other noncompetitive community events.

Video from parents and others in the

community are welcome. Please call Alan Partington to submit video or for more information on CSPN:TV at 248-821-1373.

Young rapper on cusp of studio career

BYHOLLYNELLIS

Special to the Clarkston News

Meet Evan McLaughlin. The 16-year-old will start his junior year at Clarkston High School this fall and has already started making a name for himself in the music world, specifically the rap/hip-hop genre.

"I have been writing music for about two and half years," McLaughlin said.

"But I have only been seriously perfecting my style and recording good songs for a little over one year. I'm very focused and concentrated on what I produce."

McLaughlin currently has two managers, Mikey-G and Murda M4tt, and is signed to The Family Records Entertainment Label. You can visit the website at www.darealmurdam4tt.com. Some artists influence his music include J Cole, Lil Wayne, Drake, Mikey-G and Murda M4tt.

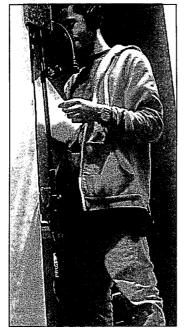
He said his family has been extremely supportive since the beginning of his career. His father was actually the one to give him studio equipment to start recording. His sisters have helped out as well.

His oldest sister helped in finding him a manager while his other sister spreads his music to triends and helps him keep a level head.

"My father still sits down with me to this day and talks about lyrics I should and shouldn't use," he said. "And my mother always listens to any song I ask her to. She will respect me and what I do no matter what."

McLaughlin has performed multiple times at venues like The Crofoot Ballroom and The Emerald Ballroom in Pontiac, and the Diesel Concert Lounge in Chesterfield, Michigan.

In July, he will perform at The Crofoot



Evan McLaughlin records some of his rhymes. *Photo provided*

Ballroom again. Every month or so, McLaughlin plays a show, depending on availability and cost.

"Along with playing shows, I plan to drop a solo mixtape by the end of the summer." McLaughlin shared. "I'm also working on two new songs that will be put out on iTunes, Spotify, and other music sharing websites." As for auditioning for a talent show such as American Idol or America's Got Talent, McLaughlin stated it's definitely something he's considered but he also recognizes the cons.

"America's Got Talent has always been on my mind but I've noticed rappers hardly win because powerful singers eventually overpower them," he said.

Like most rappers, McLaughlin has a stage name, SaVon, which he uses for all of his music. It's somewhat sentimental as his uncle used to rap with the name Savant, but McLaughlin misunderstood and heard SaVon instead. The name stuck and he still uses it to this day.

When asked if he plans on continuing his music career beyond school, he said, "of course. Music is my life. Beats are my blood and soul, and the mental game of fitting words into places is what keeps me going."

McLaughlin is very positive about his life and music. He says he loves his fans and no amount of criticism or bad vibes will ever stop him from doing what makes him happy.

"I have a lot of people who support me and I plan to surround my music and myself with that positive energy. Mikey-G signed me to the label for a reason. He and Murda M4tt both have a lot of respect for what I do and that's why I am where I am today. I've got my crew, my family, my fans, and my music. I'm good," he stated.

McLaughlin has a great future ahead of him. Many are looking looking forward to saying "I knew him when..."

You can listen to McLaughlin's music by visiting www.youtube.com/savonmusik. He has many different mixes, songs, collaborations featured on the site.





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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Float or sink?

As you get older, or maybe it's just me, time seems to fly by. The days and months

It seems it was only a few weeks ago school just let out for summer vacation and students from Clarkston High School's Team RUSH were separated into eight teams and began pondering designs for the annual Rush Regatta.

If you have never experienced the regatta, the teams design and build a boat

made out of cardboard and duct tape. If you have never seen it, head to Deer Lake Beach at noon on July 27. It is amazing to watch.

The students also work together to receive sponsorships from local businesses. The

sponsorships help financially support them during their robotics season.

Now back to the race. As you can imagine when cardboard gets wet it comes apart. It isn't as strong as it was before. Now put it in a lake, add some weight and add some speed to it. What will happen?

Well, I have been to enough Rush Regattas to witness some boats staying afloat for not just one round of races but two rounds. Some haven't been so lucky and the students in the team walked back to the shore with pieces of their boat in

No matter what the outcome they have fun. They learn a few things along the way. Maybe it was how to make it better the next year, use more cardboard or not to put sealant on the boat the night before the race.

The themes are fun to see as well. Who could forget the tropical themes or mighty Vikings from last year?

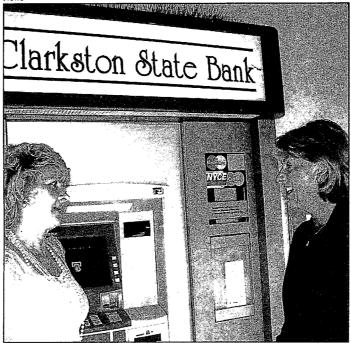
This year looks like there is another mix of ideas for themes. A few of the teams discuss them on page 11.

You can join the fun by making a cardboard boat for Typhoon Division and put your engineering skills to the test.

While talking about awesome things students are up to while taking their vacations I can't forget about August.

Football for a Cure is quickly coming up as well on August 17. Buy your T-shirts now and put on your calendar to be at the high school at 7 p.m. for the gridiron heroes' intrasquad scrimmage.

Watch some football and help them as they help raise money for McLaren Breast Center and McLaren Cancer Institute. Fun weeks are coming up. Keep us updated on your summer as well.



At right, Mary Schroeder, new manager of Clarkston State Bank in downtown Clarkston, greets customer Anita Turnbull on her first day on the job last Wednesday.

Welcome to Clarkston, Mary!

The next time you walk into the downtown branch of Clarkston State Bank, you might just see another (new) smiling face. Last week CSB welcomed a new branch manager onboard, Mary

Schroeder has been in the banking business since 1983, most recently with Oxford Bank.

"I feel like I'm working at a community bank again. I love community banking where you can really help customers. I love this community's atmosphere and I can't wait to get

involved," Schroeder said.

The downtown is considered CBS's "flagship" branch, said Executive Vice President of Retail Banking Dawn Horner.

"We're excited to have her with us," Horner said. "She's been involved with community banking her entire career and I think she'll be phenomenal for us. She's very customer focused."

Schroeder lives in Attica with her family, husband Ron, daughter Erika and son Aaron.

15 years ago - 1998 "Ground breaking

held for new school"

A Look Back From The CNews archives

A ground breaking ceremony was announced for a brand new elementary school at M-15 and Hubbard Road. Community members, teachers and students were invited to attend the event. School board members, teachers, students and parents attended the ceremony in which the first shovel of soil was turned over to symbolize the beginning of the new construction.

25 years ago - 1988 "Mosquito shortage bad for birds"

Naturalist Kathleen Dougherty from Independence Oaks County Park said that because of the hot season water beds, puddles and shallow streams have dried up-all natural breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Birds such as swallows, bluebirds and blue martins suffered from a lack of food from the bug shortage. Because of the drought birds were also having a hard time incubating eggs, and getting food because flowers were wilting and dying.

50 years ago - 1963 "Detroit Edison honors local resident"

Clarkston resident Alfred C. Lee was honored by Detroit Edison's Oakland Sales Division. Lee was honored for his 40 years of service to the company. He first joined the company as a meter reader in 1923.

"The Clarkston News issued residents a warning"

A Clarkston News reporter spoke with a doctor from the Oakland County Medical Society and warned residents not to look directly at the sun. The warning was issued in advance of a solar eclipse that was set to take place a few days after the paper was published. The doctor warned, "retinal burns, like those caused by watching an atomic bomb explosion, are due to the thermal effect of visible and near infra red rays focused on the pigment structure behind the retina.

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Cable access clarified, actions flawed

As one of the five volunteer members of the Public Access Television Committee that was appointed by the township board to advise and make recommendations, I'd like to clarify what the monies received from the cable companies to the township are intended for including the rules of their use by local government.

Each year approximately \$500,000 in public access franchise fees is paid to the township by Comcast and A T & T, for the right to lay cable in the area. These funds go directly to the township's general fund and can be used however the township board wishes.

Each township resident who subscribes for cable services with Comcast or A T & T UVerse, pay two percent for PEG fees. PEG stands for Public, Educational and Government public access channels. The township receives about \$200,000 in PEG fees each year.

PEG fees have restricted usage and currently the township has over a half million dollars of PEG fees in its treasury.

The township board and the school board each voted 7-0 to approve an agreement where the township would give \$200,000 of

PEG fees in a capital lease to the school district to combine the high school television studio and move the public access studio from its Maybee Rd. location to the high

viewpoint

by Joette Kunse

school. The public access citizen committee spoke at both meetings and requested that the boards take some time to plan before combining facilities. Why would the committee want to delay what looks like a good partnership?

One area disagreement between committee members and the board is the restricted use of PEG fees and how they can be used. The

committee's recommendations have been based on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) federal statute that PEG fees may only be used for the capital costs (equipment and building facilities) incurred for PEG access facilities. The FCC statute was challenged in 2008 in the Federal Sixth Circuit Court and upheld. In other words, you can't pay salaries or buy paperclips with this money.

The township board voted 7-0 to not obey this ruling. The township budget analyst said in a memo to the Independence Township board on October 23, 2012, that "any purchases related to equipment can be charged against PEG fee revenue whereas 2) any purchases related to operational expenditures cannot be paid out of PEG fee revenues. It is very important to keep these two activities separate to avoid any issues with the state of Michigan.'

Equipment can be purchased legally for the schools and given to school studio for use by students. The \$200,000 that is proposed to be given to the school is to be used for salaries and costs for the studio and does not abide by FCC laws and has the appearance of a money laundering scheme. Doing this in the name of "for the student" is not a lesson that I would want my children

After both boards voted 7 -0 to approve the contract, the following morning board members and the committee received an email from the supervisor entitled Due Diligence. It appears that after the supervisor assured both boards everything was in order, he

decides he needs to do due diligence or check the details.

The committee requested planning time with the schools versus, just getting a moving truck and dumping equipment in a small area of the high school. The committee believes in Ben Franklin's quote "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

The public access channel can be a gem for this community, highlighting businesses, organizations, and events in Clarkston and Independence. Our neighbors in Orion, Waterford, Pontiac, Oxford and Bloomfield have bustling public access and government channels which broadcast all kinds of activities. Our committee is very concerned about the continued lack of programming on the school channel.

The committee members are residents of Independence Township who were asked to learn about public access television and make recommendations. We are diverse people with different backgrounds but we all agreed the decision to give PEG fees in a \$200,000 capital lease to the school is against federal law and illegal. Legally, the township can give money for equipment to the school and we support that expenditure.

What good are cats anyway?

There was a time, oh, not too many years ago that I lived with a killing machine - and sometimes that murderous mammal even slept in the same bed as I. When the lights would go out and the family would be tucked safely under the covers, it usually began. Oh, the terrible sounds.

It got so bad in 2006 I penned a column that started like this ...

"When I first heard it, I was confused. Of course I had been sleeping so that explained it. It's kinda freaky to be wakened in the wee hours of the morning — somewhere between the beginning of Rapid Eve Movement and dawn by strange sounds emanating from the hallway.

"I guess if I have to explain descriptively, the sound was guttural and from a small mammal.

"To further the sound's description, imagine a house cat not saying meow, but rather with a rolling tongue something like "b-l-e-e-t, b-l-e-et" over and over. It was dark and it was late. Since I am a scaredy-cat, I did the only thing I could— I slunk deep under the covers and forced myself back to sleep, only to rise again with the safety of the rising sun ..."

The serial killer creeping the halls of my home was Thomas the Cat. He had massacred a slew of beanie babies and left the remains of his "kill" across the floor.

Oh the carnage! The smiling little furry faces with stuffing and slobber. Though seven years have passed since then, I still shudder thinking of it. I continued the column by 'xplaining how common house cats were stone-cold psycho killers. When outside they kill not to satisfy their hunger, but only for the thrill of the hunt. For fun.

Now, all these years later, all I can say of my furry friend

Thomas The Cat and his more feminine feline friend, Keetcha is this: Bah! That psycho-killer, great hunter stuff is a bunch of hooey. I thought I was living with killing machines, hungry for the stalk and longing for the slaughter. Har-dee-har-

This past weekend, some how, some way a blasted chip-

munk spirited his or her way into Casa D'Rush. I first heard a squeak late Friday afternoon (or was it early evening?).



A column by

Don Rush

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I was unphased. With the windows open, as I hear them rodents every day. They are noisy little buggars who chatter nonstop. I thought this squeaking was coming from outside, too.

On Saturday whilst walking through the kitchen, (with Thomas The Cat underfoot as always) I heard another squeak by the back door. I looked down at the "killer" at my feet. He looked up at me.

"Meow."

I looked here and there for sign of mouse, squirrel or chipmunk. Nothin'. Hmm? But I did hear the squeak. That night I heard another squeak, now I knew something was in the house because those squeaks only come in the day and it was nearly midnight. I opened my eyes and lifted my head offmy pillow.

Thomas the Cat was sleeping on my right, Keetcha was

"Squeak," I heard again somewhere in the dark, scary

hall, down by the kitchen. I rousted the cats out of bed, shooed them into the hall, closed the bedroom door, turned up the radio and went back to bed. "Knowing" that I lived with "killing" machines, I kinda figured I'd find some small tail or a head in the morning.

Sunday morning came early as it always does. The sun was up, it was 75 degrees outside and close to that inside. It was gonna' be another scorcher. I searched the floor for the remains of the intruder. Nothing. I saw Thomas the Cat sleeping on a newspaper that was on the dining room table. Keetcha was snoozing by a screened window.

Then I heard something in kitchen, Thomas The Cat did, too, because he opened an eye.

"Squeak."

Thomas the Cat closed his eye and continued his slum-

"Cats!" I demanded as I headed out to the garage. "What good are you?"

With a stale tortilla chip and a slab of peanut butter strategically placed within a live trap, it took only 15 minutes to locate said rodent -- chipmunk. He went quietly to back property, out by the trees. Safe and sound and probably glad to be outside.

Oh, and another thing. When I walked that caged-chipmunk out, I made sure I walked slowly past the cat I had written about all those years ago.

Nothing. The cat did nothing, the chipmunk did nothing. Thomas the Cat didn't care and that damned chipmunk wasn't scared.

So, why do I have cats?

ELECTIC WITH

CARNIVAL GAMES: Carli and Sofia Fraccarolli, with their grandpa Bill Hart, try on a hat they got at a carnival game at the Oakland County Fair. The trio were hoping to win more great prizes. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Burn regs still hazy for residents

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Burning in Independence Township is still a hot issue despite a new permit policy approved last year.

Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said some residents are confused about what is and isn't regulated by it.

Kittle said Independence Fire Department was recently sent to an address in a medically restricted burn area where residents thought what they were burning was classified as "recreational." Under the policy, fires for cooking, toasting marshmallows, and other recreational uses in approved containers like screened burn pots, chimneys, and bricked and screened fire pots aren't regulated.

The residents were burning a log the size of a "brontosaurus bone," well in excess of six feet tall, the supervisor said.

Seasoned hardwood can be burned, but it is limited to 8-24 inches in length. Pressure treated lumber, ash, brush and leaves are prohibited and no accelerates are allowed on any fire.

The township's Medically Based Burn Permit Restrictions Policy bans certain kinds of burning within 400 feet of residents who have medical conditions aggravated by smoke.

The ban was designed to create medically restricted burning zones, eliminating open burning of leaves, brush, yard waste and uncontained bonfires that currently require a burn permit, said Kittle.

"This type of burning is banned in restricted zones due to the heavy smoke they produce," he said.

Residents must present the fire department with medical documentation of their condition. Five people in the township have records on file stating they have a respiratory condition irritated by smoke.

Independence Township Fire Department documents people with conditions, and sends letters to surrounding residents regarding the policy.

"Let's tweak the letter and do our homework on the ordinance," said Kittle. "Awareness of the health, safety and welfare of all Independence residents should be paramount for all township residents."

Exceptions can be made if the ill neighbors agree. If the neighbor with medical condition agrees to permit a bonfire in the otherwise restricted area, neighbors will be required to draft a signed agreement and submit it to the fire department

Township Trustee David Lohmeier, who helped draft the policy, said people will always try to get around the rules.

"I applaud the effort, but let's try to make it more clear," Lohmeier said.

He also suggested putting the information on the township web site for residents to review.

Clerk Barb Pallotta, who objected to the ban when it was before the board last October, said she thinks the intent of the policy is good. But Pallotta said she would rather pass an ordinance rather than have a policy that's not enforceable.

"If we are challenged, and we are in court we'd actually have an ordinance not a policy that will support us," she said. "An ordinance has a little more clout than a policy."

If someone violates the medical burn ban policy, the fire department can issue a court appearance to the homeowner. The department can also issue a citation and a fine.

Ronk said there may be a grey area when it comes to campfires or bonfires, and the original burn ordinance needs to be redone because it is 20-years-old.

"I would like to see the ordinance reviewed," he said.

Trustee Andrea Schroeder said it's important the township board and fire department staff be on the same page about what is allowed under recreational burning.

An Independence Township resident afflicted with a respiratory condition told Kittle it was not recreational burning that aggravates her condition.

"It's the leaves, it's the brush, it's the fires with six feet of timber that seem to smolder to all hours of the morning," that cause irritation of the condition.

Kittle and staff will work with township attorney Steve Joppich on new verbiage before the original letter sent to residents on Jan. 3 is revised to include the new rules.

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Drug arrest in theft case

Power tools were taken from a garage in the 5000 block of Marvin Road, June 24, with no sign of forced entry. The resident checked local pawn shops, and found tools of his he hadn't realized were stolen at a shop in Waterford Township. While investigating those who sold the items, a 30-year-old woman and 37-year-old man, deputies noticed marijuana plants growing in their fenced-in yard. Officers seized a 20 gauge shotgun, 12 gauge shotgun, and 11 marijuana plants.

Found with marijuana

A deputy on patrol stopped to check on a car parked at Bordeaux Drive and Chianti Court, and found a 17-year-old Lake Orion boy who smelled of marijuana, 9:33 p.m., June 30. Found with a bag of marijuana and several pipes, he was cited for possession of the drug and paraphernalia.

Road rage

A driver said he was the victim of road rage, 2:52 p.m., July 1, on S. Eston Road. He told deputies he angered an SUV driver by speeding up when about to be passed on Clintonville Road, and was almost run off the road. Then the other driver pointed a snub-nosed revolver at him, he said. He followed the SUV to Algonquin Road but lost it – deputies advised him not to make a confrontation. The investigating deputy found the story to be inconsistent. The suspect is described as wearing a shirt and tie and round horn rim glasses, and driving a dark silver late-2000s Jeep Cherokee.

Unanswered questions

A 19-year-old Independence Township man walked into the township sheriff's substation to report boots, CDs, \$40, and 85 tablets of prescription pain pills were stolen from his vehicle parked unlocked at the Park and Ride on Sashabaw Road at 1-75, July 1. He didn't bring his vehicle with him or have its identification number. A deputy's attempt to call him back for more information found his voice mailbox wasn't set up.

Boat busted

A pontoon boat owner in the 4000 block of Mary Sue Ave found someone had tampered with its ignition and engine, July 3.

Motorcycle stolen

One of two motorcycles locked to a trailer at the end of a driveway in the 9000 block of Ortonville Road was taken, July 4. The motorcycles were for sale, and had been posted online. A chain had been cut.

Driving on drugs

A 39-year-old Independence Township woman ran her car off the road near Maybee and Clintonville roads, hitting a tree, 3:44 p.m., July 3. She couldn't keep her balance and had trouble talking to a deputy. A preliminary breath test resulted in .064 – she said she was also on several medications. She was jailed for driving while intoxicated.

Theft from car

An Independence Day party goer left his car unlocked in a parking lot at Clarkston and Eston roads from about 6:30-10:44 p.m., July 4. When he returned, he found medication, broken watch, and a credit card missing.

Stolen car found

A 28-year-old Pontiac woman discovered her car missing after a Fourth of July party in the 4000 block of Clinton Drive. She had a friend drive her, because her license was suspended, and had left her purse and keys in the unlocked vehicle. The vehicle was found in Pontiac on July 5, locked, no sign of forced entry, keys still missing.

Car arsons

Arson investigators are looking into two vehicle fires, July 6. One fire burned the passenger seat of a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Crestwood Court. About a mile away in the 7000 block of Pine Knob Road, an SUV was found by its owners with burning embers in the back, 6:53 a.m., July 6. The owner pulled items out of the vehicle and soaked everything with a hose.

Swiping stones

A deputy was dispatched to check on a couple digging up landscape rocks at Whipple Lake and Dartmouth roads, 10:44 a.m., July 6. The 45-year-old Waterford man and 35-year-old Waterford woman had rocks in the back seat and front floor of their vehicle. Both had misdemeanor warrants out of White Lake. White Lake Police picked up the Waterford man. Both were cited for larceny.

Windows smashed

Some smashed the driver's side and rear window of a car parked on S. Eston Road, July 7. Nothing was noticed missing.

Inventory short

An inventory, July 10, at a store in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road discovered missing 17 bottles of men's cologne worth \$1,740 and 14 cans of baby formula worth \$461.



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Sporting News

Honor for athletes

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Honors for Lady Hitters'

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolves earned honors on the field during the spring season.

Rachel Vieira and Sydney Hasselbach earned All-State honors from the Michigan High School Softball Coaches' Association and Candace Kitchen earned honorable mention for All-State.

"It is well deserving," said Don Peters, head coach. "I am very proud. All three of them love the game which is cool. Rachel hit .508 and Sydney hit .510. Candace wasn't too far behind. It was unbelievable stats. They had great seasons doing three different things."

Vieira played second base and Hasselbach was catcher. Kitchen was a utility player and played short stop, second base, centerfield, left field, right field and pitcher.

"She is the kind of kid who can play anything," Peters smiled. "She could probably start anywhere, especially as pitcher."

Hasselbach and Vieira made All-County first team and Kitchen made second team. All three also earned made All-League, All-



Candace Kitchen

District and All-Region.

Hasselbach heads to Ferris State University in the fall and will continue playing softball. She heads back to the field one more time to play in the MHSSCA All-Star game at Michigan State University's Seccia Stadium. The game begins at 1:30 p.m.

Vieira and Kitchen are back in the spring for their junior year and third year on the

With the recent spring season ending with an overall 24-11 record, they

an overall 24-11 record, they are looking forward to the next season.

"We had a bit of a rough year this year," said Vieira. "It will help us with the future. It made us realize our mistakes and fix what we did. We can work on our weaknesses and get better. Also, the things we were good at get better."

Vieira will use the off season to work on getting better and stronger and pointed out her teammates will also do the same.

"Most everyone on our team plays travel ball." she said. "Playing travel will help and practicing, too. Everyone plays it year round which helps plus open gym in the winter and the fall and conditioning. It helps us be more of a team, work on skills and be able to fine tune everything we need to work on. When the season starts it's hard to change stuff. The off season is the time to fix and fine tune small things."

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Sydney Hasselbach awaits the pitch. Photos by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Vieira gives back to game

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Softball isn't just a sport for Rachel Vieira - it is a part of daily life.

The Clarkston High School junior recently finished her second year with the varsity softball team earning All-State honors. For the Lady Wolves she started as second baseman and also filled in as short stop.

"I mostly play second," she added. "It is my home."

She is currently playing with her travel team, the Michigan Bulldogs.

Vieira began playing softball because her dad played baseball. She started with tee ball before heading into the parks and recreation program. The next step was playing travel ball with ICE and then heading to the Bulldogs.

She added her dad has helped immensely with her game.

"He has helped me to physically and mentally prepare," Vieira said. "Softball is so much of a mental game. It is a game of failure so you really need to be mentally strong. He has really helped me through that and also becoming a better ball player and a person."

She noted she has enjoyed the teams

she has played on especially her teammates - the Lady Wolves and the her travel teams.

"The girls I played with when I was ten I am still friends with now," she smiled. "It's enjoying the game, making friends and becoming better friends."

She has her sights on continuing to play softball after high school and is actively looking at colleges. She visualizes her involvement in the sport to continue after college.

"I like coaching," Vieira added. "I like helping the kids. Maybe I will coach travel teams. I like being around the game. This game has given me so much. I give everything to it and want to pass it on. I like helping anyway I can to help younger players get better and be able to push themselves."

Her advice for any aspiring athlete is to give 100 percent all of the time and enjoy the sport while they can.

"It hasn't ended for me yet but I have talked to seniors and they said how it flew by," Vieira said.

"I am already a junior and it seems like yesterday I was a freshman nervous about tryouts. Enjoy it while it is here. Leave everything on the field because you don't want to leave with regrets."



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Team RUSH counts down the days to the Rush Regatta. From left, in back, seniors Mitchell Petrimoulx, Preston Robin; in front, Zachary Evans, Kristen Zalobsky, Diana Marsala and Carter Zielinski. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

Ready to RUSH the lake

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Six members from Team RUSH sat in a circle excitedly comparing notes on the different themes their teams had for the sixth annual Rush Regatta coming up on July 27.

Seniors Kristen Zalobsky and Mitchell Petrimoulx, and sophomore Zachary Evans smiled, revealing their theme to be masquerade for the cardboard boat race.

"I am excited for the themes," Zalobsky smiled. "We went through 20 themes before we agreed."

Evans added one of the themes they had thought of was based on the famous painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware River.

"We thought of possibly putting a cardboard cutout of one of our mentors in the back." he said. "We decided on masquerade in the end."

Zalobsky revealed the outfits they were going to wear, and they have already purchases bead necklaces, canes, and masks.

"We went to Party City and had a lot of fun there." said Petrimoulx. "Our boat is black right now but we are going to paint on it the comedy and tragedy masks."

Senior Preston Robin, sophomore Diana Marsala and their teammates chose to focus on aquatic animals.

"We thought some sort of aquatic animal theme would be interesting," Marsala said, "because we are racing boats in the water."

"Our team went through two themes," Robin added. "Last year someone who won the theme award went with a theme dealing with water. We want to win the theme award this year. I shot down one because I am not dressing like a frog. I am not a frog person. I am sorry, Diana. We are going with sharks. We will have a fin underneath the boat."

Junior Carter Zielinski said his team is still working out details of their space theme. They have named the team Aquanauts.

"Our boat will be like a space shuttle," he added, throwing some ideas around as to what they will dress like for the race.

The theme is just one of the aspects of the boat race. The eight teams of students also design, build and race a boat made out of cardboard and duct tape. They also have to find businesses to sponsor them for the event. The money raised is used during their robotics season.

The teams have less than two weeks to go until the race and currently are working on building the last pieces of their design. Once all the cardboard is glued into place they will move on to painting it and any last aspects they need to do before the event.

"My favorite part is all the designs are different," said Petrimoulx. "You will get to the beach and all are different. Half of them work. More than a few don't."

The annual Rush Regatta is July 27 at Deer Lake Beach, 350 White Lake Road. It begins at 12 p.m. with the boat parade.

For more information or to enter the Typhoon Division, please visit www.teamrush27.net or email info@teamrush27.net.





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Talk on new way to lose weight

John Whittaker, above, will make a presentation on weight loss at King's Court Castle on Monday; July 22, starting at 6:30 p.m. Whittaker's presentation is free. He was invited here by Youthful Image, on Clarkston Road. Said Youthful Image owner Jessica Green, "We want anyone interested in a completely different approach to weight loss, to come and just see what it's all about. We have only been allotted 50 kits and they are for pre sale only, first come first serve. Once they are spoken for, the program will not be available again until April of 2014. "For more information call 248-693-0101.

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The Clarkston Free Methodist Team take a break to explore a waterfall near their worksite at Oakdale Christian Academy in Jackson, Kentucky.

Mission work

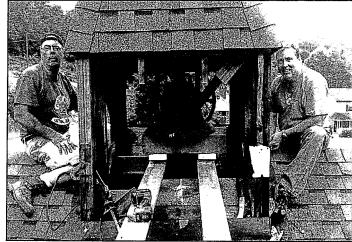
The team of 28 children, parents and grandparents from Clarkston Free Methodist Church recently travelled to Oakdale Christian Academy near Jackson, Kentucky, for some mission work.

They spent June 30-July 6 at the academy working around the campus, then put on a special evening program for kids of the community each evening.

Work projects included repairing a church steeple and removing its large, aging bell; various interior and exterior painting projects; and weeding the school's flowerbeds and garden.

In the evening, volunteers taught songs to children in the community and shared several stories from the Bible through creative lessons, games, and science experiments.

"The week was a win on multiple levels," said Kyle Gerrild, children's pastor at Clarkston Free Methodist. "We were able to engage our children, parents and grandparents in a cross-cultural multigenerational service project, the school



Todd Traver, at left, and Greg West repair a church steeple during the mission trip. *Photos provided*

received some much needed volunteer help on a number of work projects, several of their students were able to join us and participate as leaders of small groups of children, and the kids of the community and of the staff received several fun, meaningful evenings of activity with a healthy, Biblical perspective."





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Neiman's Family Market offers new place to shop

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston now has a family-owned grocerv store to call its own. Neiman's Family Market, located at 7121 Dixie Highway at White Lake Road, officially opened its doors to customers this morning at 9 a.m.

Neiman's offers a full service deli providing customers with select cuts meats and cheese.

"We thrive on special requests, and our staff will cut the meat anyway the customers like it," said Marketing Coordinator Bethany Schafer.

According to Schafer, fried chicken is a Neiman's specialty, and will be cooked up daily by workers.

"We like to say our fried chicken is better than the colonel's," she insists.

Specialty food trays including gourmet cheese spread, fiesta mix, grand garden, shrimp cocktail, and "meat-and-greet" party trays can also be ordered by customers for special events.

Wine samplings are each Friday at the store from 1-6 p.m. Schafer said employees will offer customers unique first-to-market beer and wines, favorite wines and Neiman's exclusive beverages. Customers can also choose from a large beer and wine selection at the store.

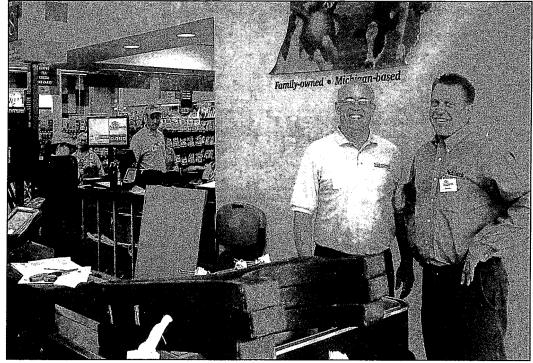
A bulk goods section will offer a variety of products like special candies, oats, nuts, spices and candies. Customers can purchase available items in large or small quantities.

"We can give them a pinch or a pound," said Schafer.

For those with a sweet tooth or a special party to plan, Neiman's bakers will also be hard at work making donuts, fresh bread, cupcakes, cakes and custom decorated cakes.

A flower tent at Nieman's will offer flowers, plants and specialty items like pumpkins. Every summer and spring, the flower department at Neiman's will offer a wide range of hanging flower baskets, potted plants, flats, herbs and much more.

"We can also help with unique gift ideas,"



Store Director John Schmidt, left, Bryan Neiman, and employes readied Neiman's family Market for the Grand Opening on July 17 at 9 a.m. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Store director John Schmidt said the staff at Neiman's will always work hard for the community.

"We are a very family orientated business, and work hard at community events," he said. That is part of belonging to the community."

Schmidt said Neiman's has already began supporting the community and has provided things like water and financial support to community events like SCAMP and the Angel's Race.

'This is a very active community," smiled Schmidt.

An active and successful community was one of the reasons Neiman's choose to call Clarkston home.

"We saw this as a perfect location because we knew it was an area that would appreciate a community minded grocery store,' said

Schmidt said the newly hand-picked staff will help also work hard for the Clarkston community.

Neiman Family Market now includes four locations including stores in Alpena, Tawas, St. Clair and the newest location in Clarkson. Neiman's will be open each day 6 a.m. to midnight

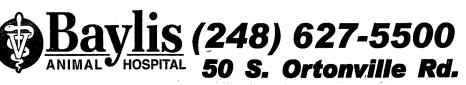
Customers can also create an online account at www.neimansfamilymarket.com to browse deals and create a personalized shopping list.

The site includes thousands of recipes in many different food categories from meals with 300 calories or less, seafood, chicken, beef, family favorites, specialty kid's dishes to everyday dinner ideas.

The web site also provides recipe ideas for diabetes management, heart health and gluten free recipes, party twirls, fresh fruits, fingerettes and party mix.

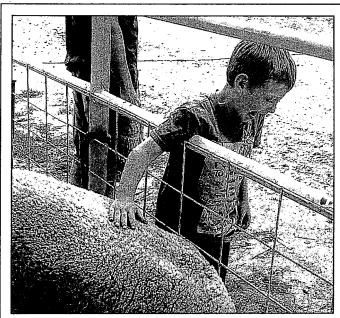


"My family has been caring for your family for almost 50 years. I want to continue the tradition by caring for your pets."









FURRY FRIEND: Aiden Jones has fun petting a new friend during the 4-H fair at Springfield Oaks. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Assessing augmentation wanted

Continued from page 1

"One of the major things I've expressed is that we need to adhere to State Tax Commission guidelines," she said.

The Assessor's Office is responsible for inventory of all property in the township, including valuation of the taxable parcels including land and buildings, personal property, and businesses. The department also completes appraisals, and approves work permits.

Before the recent downturn in the community, the department had three appraisers, a clerical worker, and a director. Sieloff said the township eliminated the clerical position, and appraisers had to do the work. New laws have also created additional tasks.

There has also been an increase in new building requirements, which require a lot from employees, she said.

"It involves a lot of work going back to check on property," she said.

There are a lot of other tasks the department needs to complete, like personal property audits and full appraisals of all property in the township.

"There are many things my department should be, would be, could be doing if we had another employee," she said.

Sieloff said she has been using a part time employee to complete the work, but due to a large increase in building permits, a full-time employee is needed.

She also found past staff were not adding important information to the tax roll, so she has been busy correcting mistakes. Sieloff

also said it's important to make sure assessors have the most accurate and up to date information for properties in the township-because that information is what adds money to the township tax roll.

In 2012, the township Board of Review found several discrepancies regarding house classes, and homes in the township were in need of updated appraisals. The assessing team visited every home in the community, took photos of the property and updated records.

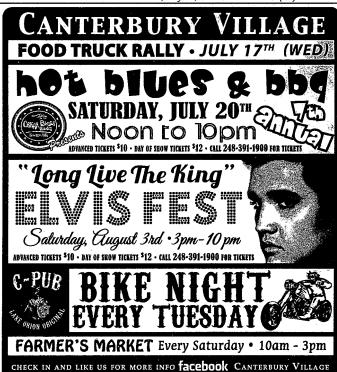
She said it's impossible to visit every township property, so the department used mass appraisals.

In March, Sieloff told *The Clarkston News*, "It is physically impossible for us to apply that same methodology for our assessments. So, we use mass appraisal, which involves grouping everybody together having similar or like characteristics."

A special software also allows assessors to see parcel and see new property additions, which could add value and increase taxable value.

According to the Michigan Municipal League, the amount of property taxes raised by a municipality has a direct impact on the municipality's funding and budget process.

Assessing properties in addition to collecting taxes and conducting elections is one of the three constitutional powers and responsibilities bestowed upon communities. General Property Tax Act is a set of legal requirements communities must administer.



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Obituaries Obituaries

Eris Bleau, 88

Eris Eileen Bleau of Clarkston passed away July 3, 2013, at age 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband John and son Thomas. She was the mother of James (Mari Ann Pace-Bleau) Bleau, Robert (Jonan) Bleau, and John (Lorene) Bleau; mother in law of Mary (Russell Herlache); grandmother of Geoffrey (Hallie),



Jessica (Kenneth Thompson), Matthew, Ryan, Steven, Ethan and Natalie; sister of the late Irvin (Gertie) Brooks, the late Neal Brooks and the late Richard Brooks; friend of the late Arcaide LaPointe.

Eris grew up in Capac and graduated from Almont High School. After graduation, she attended business school in Pontiac. Eris met John, a World War II veteran and former prisoner of war, while she was working at General Motors. They married at St. Benedict's Catholic Church on May 8, 1948, and resided in Pontiac. In 1971, the family built a home in Clarkston.

Eris and John enrolled their sons at Pontiac Catholic and Our Lady of the Lakes. All the boys pursued their interests in college and their degrees in law, education, medicine and the arts, which had been a result of their parents' commitment and support. Eris was a beloved mother, friend, and community volunteer. She was recognized for 25 years of service at Light House North and was a parishioner at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church for over 40 years. She resided in the Lourdes Community since 2012.

Services will be a Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, where friends may visit at 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass. Private Inurnment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, American Cancer Society, and Light House North. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mary DeLisle, 70

Mary DeLisle, "Sue," of Clarkston passed away July 8, 2013, at age 70.

She was preceded in death by her husband Daniel Sr. She was the mother of Mary (David) Rosales. Daniel (Melissa) DeLisle Jr., James (Shelley) DeLisle and Thomas DeLisle; daughter of Margaret DeLisle; grandma of Lisa, Sarah, Cody,



David, Tyler, Mitchell and Reagan; great grandma of Karl and Elaine.

Memorial Service was July 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Inurnment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Muscular Dystrophy Association. guestbook Online

www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Dale J. Harvey, 69

Dale J. Harvey of Clarkston went to be with the Lord, July 10, 2013, after a long and courageous battle with

cancer at age 69. He was the owner of Harvey Electric; loving husband of Susan for 49 years; father of Brent (Marci) and Scott (Patty); son of Aleta (Norman) Harvey of Pontiac; brother of

Phyllis



Lindstrom, Karen (Max) Harris and Kirk Harvey.

(Dean)

Memorial Visitation, Saturday, July 20, 2013, 12-5 p.m., and a Memorial Service at 5 p.m. at North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road, Clarkston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Oaks Community Church or American Cancer Society. To send a private public condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

In our churches...

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-

Celebrant Singers, St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, July 23, 7 p.m. All welcome. Free admission.

Missionary doctors visit, Dr. Pierre Manya, coordinator of health and medical services in Central Congo, gynecologist and surgeon; Dr. Simeon Kashala, director of Simuteb Memorial Hospital in Democratic Republic of Congo, traveling from village to village to care for patients in acute poverty. Lunch at 12:30 p.m., July 23, Clarkston United Methodist Church 6600 Waldon Road. Free-will offering.



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Robert W. DeCelle, 89

Robert W. DeCelle, "Bob," of Clarkston passed away July 11, 2013, at age 89.

He was preceded in death by his wife Pamela and sister Nancy Coghlin Hale. He was the loving father of Rev. Douglas (Jennifer) DeCelle and Connie (Dr. Christopher) Copeland; proud grandfather of Kimberly (Mike Gibson) DeCelle, Kristen (Dr. Ifelayo) Ojo, Darcy (Capt. Matthew) Jalandoni, and Samantha Copeland.

Bob was a Mechanical Engineer and Plant Manager for General Motors. He managed plants in Van Nuys, California; Euclid, Ohio; Norwood, Ohio and Fisher Body Coldwater Road of Flint.

Bob served in World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corp. Together with his wife they enjoyed their home on Sanibel Island, Fla., during the winter months.

Memorial Service, 12:30 p.m., Friday, July 19, 2013, at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Friday, 11:30 a.m., until time of the Memorial Service. Memorials may be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange, GA 30240 or Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Gruenberg, 88

Nancy America Gruenberg, Jan. 3, 1925-July 7, 2013, was born in Virginia and grew up there. She spent the rest of her life in Michigan.

She was a daughter, sister, jazz singer, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, nurse, and friend. She was also an advocate for service men and women, the homeless, and higher education. She always tried to enrich our lives and encouraged us to



be kind to all people and animals, study and work hard, and enjoy the arts.

She is survived by her four children-Eric Gruenberg of Los Altos, Calif., Kurt Gruenberg of Royal Oak, Mich., Leif Gruenberg of Oxford, Mich., and Sigrid McGinty of Elizabeth, Colo. She is also survived by her 10 grandchildren-Alexander Gruenberg of Waterford, Mich., Alexie, Ansel, and Axel Gruenberg of Clarkston, Mich., Sgt. Ariel Gruenberg of Fort Lewis, Washington, Kaitlin Lindenburger of Klamath Falls, Ore., Kiana and Kiley Gruenberg of Los Altos, Calif., Owen Gruenberg of Ballock, Alexandria, Scottland, and Warren Gruenberg of Dumbarton, West Dumbartonshire, Scottland. She has left behind other loving relatives including Annette Gruenberg of Oxford, Mich, Leah Robinson of New York, NY, Lori Sutherland of Clarkston, Mich., Patrick McGinty of Elizabeth, Colo., and Shirley Robinson of New York, NY, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 Please leave condolences at www.pixleeyfuneral.com

Nancy requested this poem to be printed: "On Dying"

I am standing on the seashore.

A ship spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean.

I stand watching her until she fades on the horizon.

Someone at my side says "she is gone!" "Gone, gone where?"

The loss of sight is in me – not in her.
Just at the moment when someone says
"she is gone!" there are others who are
watching her coming.

Other voices take up the glad shout - "Here she comes!"

and that, to me, is dying.

- Bishop Charles Henry Brent

Ryan L. Johnson, 26

Ryan Lee Johnson of Clarkston passed away suddenly July 8, 2013, at age 26. He was the son of Lisa (Jason) Durham

and Lee (JoDee) Johnson; grandson of Patricia (the late Bill) Traynor, Virginia (the late Ralph Johnson) Jones, Dave and Susan Durham; big brother of Alex (Candace) and Cody; uncle of Mason; also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends



Ryan attended O.C.C., Auburn Hills and was pursuing a career in auto body repair. He loved music and movies.

Funeral service was July 11at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Association. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Margaret LaForge, 90

Margaret A. LaForge of Howell, formerly of Waterford and Pontiac, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2013, at age 90.

She was married to Roy Olsen, and was the mother of Catherine (Christopher) Hurley, Donna (Tom) Coffey, Denise (Charles) Patrick, Bill (Liz) LaForge, Patty (Dave) Sherrill, Dr. Rosemarie (Ray) Kennedy, Roseanne LaForge and Daniel LaForge (Nancy Ford); also survived by 26 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; sister of Patricia Blust; mother in law of Pat LaForge; preceded in death by her husband Donald and her son John.

Rosary service was July 15 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was July 16 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Father Solanus Guild. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

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Shelby Schudlich is ready for a trip on the carousel.

Summer fun at fail

Joyful cheers filled the carmival portion of Oakland County 4-H pair last Friday. Many enjoyed going on the various rides and winning prizes at the games.

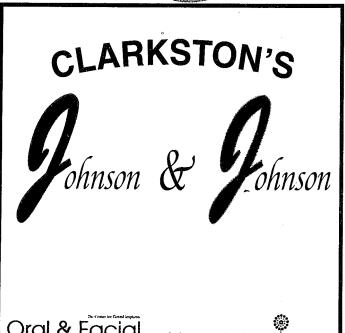


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By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' STEAM

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs in concert at Clarkston High School, July 18. Photo provided

Orchestra to fill Clarkston High with music

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School will have the Sounds of Summer flowing through its Performing Arts Center as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents their Neighborhood Festival series on Thursday.

"On behalf of the DSO we are pleased to return to Clarkston," said Kareem George, managing director of community programs. "We are so grateful to the community for welcoming us back. I want to thank Clarkston High School and Clarkston for hosting us. It means a lot. We appreciate their support and enthusiasm. We wouldn't be nearly as successful in broadening our impact if we didn't have great partners."

The Sounds of Summer series features something for everyone, from classic masters Tchaikovsky and Dvorak to recent compositions from John Williams and Irving Berlin.

"We are really excited to launch this festival

this year," George added. "This is the first time we are doing a neighborhood summer festival."

The series is part of the Neighborhood Residency Initiative the DSO began in 2011 to reach music enthusiasts in communities surrounding Detroit.

"We had tremendous success and it continues to grow," George added. "This summer we wanted to bring more music to the community and have four additional concerts in July."

"It's great," he said about visiting communities and reaching more people. "It's what our music director, Leonard Slatkin, has wanted to do from day one. He really wanted to show our orchestra is for the entire community. We realize there are some locations in the metro Detroit area like Clarkston where it is not easy to get downtown as frequently as many would like to."

The orchestra visited Clarkston in September 2012 when the community was selected out

of 100 venues for a concert.

It is the first visit for Hunter Eberly, their new principal trumpet who is soloing in Arutunian's Trumpet Concerto.

"The Trumpet Concerto is one of the staples of the trumpet repertoire," he said. "It's really cool. It's Russian. It's romantic. It should be a lot of fun for everyone to listen to."

Eberly added the response to the summer series has been great and audience members can expect an exciting evening.

"It is cool to see more communities and how people react to the music in their own setting," he said. "We can go to your home and share the music. It's fun."

General admission tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for children under 18 and students. Tickets are available at Rudy's Market, 9 S. Main Street, or online at www.dso.org/neighborhood The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at 6093 Flemings Lake Road.



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Lawrence and Elizabeth

Vassallo - Johnson

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The bride-to-be is the daughter of Anthony and Debora Vassallo of Shelby Township and Leslie and Daniel Schmidlin of Attica. She is a graduate of Oakland University and is employed as a Senior Project Engineer at Meritor

The groom is the son of Theresa Johnson-Budzier and Lincoln Wayne Johnson (deceased) and Timothy Budzier of Clarkston. He is a graduate of Oakland University and is a Senior Project Engineer at CalsonicKansei.

An October Wedding is planned.

Wolves prepare to battle for cure Clarkston Wolves gridiron gang ir blue and gold jerseys for pink Cancer and McLaren Cancer Cancer and McLaren Cancer

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-season scrimmage, on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

T-shirts, jerseys, and polo shirts are currently available.

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 com-

munity 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 informa-

Start the event early with Celebrate National Cancer Survivor Day

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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.

AARP Driver Safety Course, July 17-18, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Defensive driving, rules of the road, practical techniques. \$12/AARP members, \$14/non-AARP, 248-625-8231.

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

Auditions for Clarkston Village Players' Southern Comforts romantic comedy roles, Gus Klingman, 70s, hard working, stubborn New Jersey man, and Amana Cross, 70s, stubborn Tennessee church woman. 7 p.m., July 21-22, Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. Showdates in September, www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

Concours in the Park, car show and cruise, Depot Park, downtown Clarkston, July 26, 6-9 p.m.

Fragile X 5K Fun Run Walk, 11 a.m., July 28, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Family pienic, 12 p.m. Registration, \$20.586-978-0979.

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. www.clarkstonbackroadshalf.com.

Sunday

Five by Five, Yoga in Depot Park, 5 p.m., Sundays, with Clarkston Hot Yoga. \$5, benefits local community, all ages, no experience Around Jown



Police musical for youth theater

Clarkston Village Players' Youth Theater rehearse a scene from the musical Squad Room Blues at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, with showtimes set for July 19-20 and 25-27, 7:30 p.m. In their 17th year under the direction of Donna Ellis and choreographer Carmen Padilla. the youth theater plays a crew of detectives solving everything from counterfeiting to kleptomania with songs and dance. Call 248-575-4104.

needed. Bring mat. 248-620-7101.

Monday

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

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, 248-462Therapeutic 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, 5:45p.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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. 248-393-08989 or 248-625-6551.

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-

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.

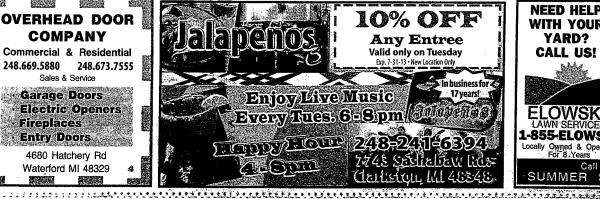
Belly Dance Lessons, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sashabaw Road. Low impact traditional-style workout with Naima Marina. No experience necessary. All welcome. \$10. 586-292-7750,

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 Please see Around Town on page 37









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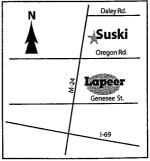
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Sandra L. Hamill, 71

Sandra Lee Hamill, "Sandy," of Davisburg passed away July 14,

2013, at age 71. She was the wife of Chuck; mother of James (Wendy) Townson and Anthony (Anne) Townson; stepmother Robert 'B.J." (Pamela) Hamill and Richard "Grayson" Hamill; grandma of



Blake, Camille, and Trevor; sister of Renne (John) Naumann, the late Joseph (Cathy) Lavoie, Marie (David) Miller and Charles (Judy) Lavoie.

Funeral service, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Clarkston where friends may visit 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society or American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Janice A. McGinn, 74

Janice A. McGinn of Highland, formerly of Pontiac and born Oct. 5, 1938, passed July 8,

She was preceded in death by her husband Ward. She was the mother of Kevin Jones, Jeff

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(Betsy) Jones, Larry (Karen) Jones and Jennifer (Don) Cummings; also survived by 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; sister of Lois (Dave) Anthony, Ruth (Ron St. Amant, Ralph (Dianna) Bartles, Rodger (Maryanne) Bartles and the late Donna (the late Frank) Barlow.

Janice loved playing bingo, visiting casinos and spending time with her family. She worked many years at local dealerships.

Visitation was July 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was July 12 at Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene. Interment Crescent Hills Cemetery. Donations may be made to a charity

Charles Fleming, 70

passed away July 15, 2013, at age 70.

He was preceded in death by his Wife Sharon. He was the loving Father of Randy (Sheryl) Fleming, Richard (Christine)



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OAKLAND COUNTY, MI HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND HEARING OF ASSESSMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Dixie Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing at 7:30 pm on Monday, August 12, 2013 at the Springfield Township Civic Center Meeting Room, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan to determine the practicability of a three-year improvement project for Dixie Lake. The lake improvement project would include nuisance aquatic plant control, plant control coordination, water quality monitoring, information dissemination and education, dam maintenance and lake access improvements, administration, and contingencies. The project would begin in 2014 and continue through

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the office of Springfield Township located at 12000 Davisburg Road. Davisburg, Michigan for public examination during normal business hours. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting proper

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Dixie Lake Improvement Board will hold a Hearing of Assessment immediately following the aforementioned Hearing of Practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be essed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case personal appearance is not required. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Dixie Lake Improvement Board c/o Mr Brian Bennett, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, One Public Works Drive, Building 95 West, Waterford, MI 48328-1907.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the owner of or any party with interest in real property within the Dixie Lake Special Assessment District who, having protested said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, appeal such special assess-ment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

The above-referenced hearings are called pursuant to Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994 as amended. Dixie Lake Improvement Board Oakland County, Michigan

Wed., July 17, 2013 The Clarkston (MI) News 35 A Fleming and Wendy (Mike) Hammer; proud grandpa of Jennifer Riffey, Jessica (Josh) Ball, Justin, Jamie, Zachary, Shelby and Tyler Fleming, Brooke and Brandon Hammer; great grandpa of Sophia, Hazel and Ronin; dear brother of Karen Churay, Jack (Dee) Fleming and Joann (George) McGarry.

> Chuck was a 1961 graduate of Berkley High School. He was the owner of Country Countertops, Ortonville.

> Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-9 p.m. Funeral Service, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel of the Psalms at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to Swan for Life Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Spillar, 85

Dorothy (Violet) Marie Spillar; nee Walke, passed into the loving embrace of our Lord on June 27, 2013, in Clarkston, after a brief illness, at the age of 85.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Andrew F. Spillar in 2008, to whom she had been married for 61 years. Violet leaves to cherish her memory, children Barbara (Stephen) Strawsburg of Clarkston, Michigan,



Bruce (Kristine) Spillar of Algonquin, Illinois, Brian (Joanne) Spillar of Marengo, Illinois, grandchildren Julie Mayes, Scott Strawsburg, Rebecca Spillar, and Keenan, Alyssa & Auguste Spillar, 3 great grandchildren, in audition to her brother-in-law Stanley (late Grace) Spillar.

At the age of 40, Violet suffered a massive stroke which robbed her of the use of her right side, her speech, and ultimately her hearing. However, she never considered herself a victim and retained her sense of humor, curiosity, dignity, and work ethic. Though her speech was affected, she was very familiar with the words "Wow" at everything that delighted her and "Okay" at every challenge she faced and overcame!

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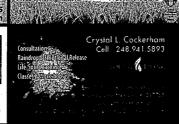
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LEGAL NOTICE
WALTERS LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE. OAKLAND COUNTY, MI NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED

WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO WALTERS LAKE AND NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR

MPROVEMENTS TO WALTERS LAKE TAKE NOTICE that the Walters Lake Improvement Board has resolved to proceed with an improvement program on Walters Lake for the years 2014 - 2018 for the purposes of aquatic plant control, plant control coordination/surveys, fish stocking, information and educa-

tion, and administration and contingency costs.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Walters Lake Improvement Board has confirmed the Special Assessment Roll for improvements to Walters Lake in the amount of \$30,139.20 per year for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Said Special Assessment Roll and all assessments thereon are final and conclusive unless attacked in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days of this notice.

This notice is being published pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

Walters Lake Improvement Board Charter Township of Independence Oakland County, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That at its Regular Meeting. on July 7, 2013. The Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Certain Provisions of the Independence Charter Township Code, as follows

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2013-TBD

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INDEPENDENCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF OR-DINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 30, "OF-FENSES "ARTICLE VI. "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY," SECTION 30-159, "FIRE-WORKS "IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE REGIL LATIONS OF THE TIMES DURING WHICH CON-SUMER FIREWORKS MAY BE DISCHARGED ON THE DAYS OF, BEFORE, AND AFTER SPECI-

FIED NATIONAL HOLIDAYS.
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS

Section 1 of Ordinance, Ordinance Amendment.
Chapter 30, "Offenses," Article VI, "Offenses Against Public Safety," Section 30-159, "Fireworks," of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 30-159, Fireworks

Definitions

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As used in this Section, the following words and phrases have the meanings set forth herein:

Act means the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public

Act No. 256 of 2011, MCL 28.451 et seq., as amended. APA standard 87-1 means 2001 APA standard 87-1. standard for construction and approval for transportation of fireworks, novelties, and theatrical pyrotechnics, published by the American pyrotechnics association of Rethesda, Maryland,

Articles pyrotechnic means pyrotechnic devices for professional use that are similar to consumer fireworks in chemical composition and construction but not intended for consumer use, that meet the weight limits for con-sumer fireworks but are not labeled as such, and that are classified as UN0431 or UN0432 under 49 CFR 172.101

Consumer fireworks means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, hat are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks does not include low-impact fireworks.

Display fireworks means large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visible or audible efects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as pro-

vided in 27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA standard 87-1, 4.1,

Firework or fireworks means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.

Low-impact fireworks means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

National holiday means New Year's Day (January 1): Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr (third Monday in January); Washington's Birthday (third Monday in February); Memorial Day (last Monday in May); Independence Day (July 4): Labor Day (first Monday in September): Columbus Day (second Monday in October); Veterans Day (November 11); Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November); and Christmas Day (December 25).

Novelties means that term as defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 and all of the following:

- (i) Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistols in sheets. strips, rolls, or individual caps containing not more than 25 of a grain of explosive content per cap in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap
- Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph (i) are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to form a missile by the explosion.
- (iii) Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter.
- (iv) Toy snakes not containing mercury, if packed in cardboard boxes with not more than 12 pieces per box for retail sale and if the manufacturer's name and the quantity contained in each box are printed on the box; and toy smoke devices.

Special Effects means a combination of chemical elements or chemical compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and designed and intended to produce an audible, visual, mechanical, or thermal effect as an integral part of a motion picture radio television theatrical or opera production

b) General prohibitions: exception

No person shall ignite, discharge, or use fireworks within the Township at any time, except that:

- Fireworks may be discharged in strict compliance with any permit issued by the Township in accordance with the Act:
- Consumer fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 midnight only on the day before, the day of, and the day after a National holiday, except on new year's day when consumer fireworks may also be discharged between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 1:00 A M and
- This subsection b) shall not apply to low impact fireworks

Additional prohibitions.

- Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used on public property (including without limitation public parks, streets, and rights-of-way), school property, church property, or the private property of another, without the express written permission from the person or entity legally in possession and control of that property to undertake such action.
- Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged. or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or a combination of
- Low impact fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or a combination of
- d) Novelties not regulated.
- This Section does not apply to novelties.
 e) Civil infraction; penalties; seizure of fireworks and payment of costs.

A violation of this article shall constitute a municipal civil infraction, subject to the relief provided under Section 1and in addition to the fines set forth under said Section 1-9, if an enforcing official determines that a violation of this Section has occurred, the official may seize the fireworks as evidence of such violation and payment of all costs incurred by the Township or law enforcemen personnel under the Act or this Section in securing, seizing, storing, and disposing of fireworks that are in viola-tion of the Act or this Section shall be the responsibility of all persons found guilty, responsible, or liable for the violation. In recognition that the actual costs incurred by the Township and/or law enforcement personnel will in clude having the personnel, equipment, and facilities ary to store fireworks in compliance with the Act

and other laws and regulations, costs to be paid shall be determined in accordance with rates and methods established by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees

Section 2 of Ordinance, Repealer.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and

Section 3 of Ordinance. Severability.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated

Section 4 of Ordinance, Savings, All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes. effect, are saved and may be consummated according

to the law in force when they were commenced. Section 5 of Ordinance. Effective Date, This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the

manner prescribed by law.

Section 6 of Ordinance. Enactment.
This Ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting called and held on the day of 2013, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law

Aves Navs Abstentions Absent

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting held on the day of, 2013, the origina of which is on fite in my office.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE Barbara A. Pallotta, CIVIC Township Clerk

Introduced July 9, 2013 Adopted

Published: July 17, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **JULY 9, 2013**

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: None

There was a quorum presen

Also Present: Linda Richardson, DPW Director: Kristen Sieloff, Director of Assessing, Rick Yaeger, Budget

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- CLOSED SESSION: Approval to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of pending litigation pursuant to MCL 158.

The meeting recessed at 6:37 PM

BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Kittle announced that Township Clerk, Barbara Pallotta was awarded the 2013 Township Clerk of the Year award from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks at their annual conference in Frankenmuth, Michigan,

Supervisor Kittle recognized the hard work of all the Town ship employees who were involved in the success of the Township's annual 4th of July Independence Fes-

- PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
 - Presentation: Phragmites and Invasive Species Eradication Oakland Phragmites and Invasive Species Task Force (OPIS)
- Presentation: Sashabaw Corridor Improvement
- Authority (CIA) Update Presentation: 2014 Proposed Budgets
- Assessing Department
- Board of Review

- Township Board
- Treasurer's Department
- Presentation: 2013 Budget Amendments #7
 Approval of Cooperative Video Production Intergovernmental Agreement and Lease Agreement between Clarkston Community Schools and the Charter Township of Independence; Township Board Special Rules of Procedure suspended and Regular Business item moved forward

The meeting recessed at 9:50 PM

The meeting reconvened at 10:04 PM

- 4. Presentation: Proposed Amendments to Medically Based Burn Permit Restrictions Policy
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS Adoption of Tax Abatement Policy and Approval
- of Associated Documentation
 Request to Approve of DTE Second and Third Stage License Agreement; Township Board Special Rules of Procedure suspended and Regular Business item moved forward: No action taken
- CONSENT AGENDA:
 - Adoption of Resolution and Approval of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Agreement for Sashabaw Road Safety Path Collaboration with Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Approval of 2013 Budget Amendment #7
- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes: June 18, 2013 - Removed for correction
- Approval of Payroll of June 21 and July 5, 2013 and Accounts Payable Check Run of July 3. 2013 for a Total Amount of \$1,223,125.44
- Approval of Permit for Fireworks Display for Lake Oakland Lake Board/American Legion Post and Independence Township/Everest Academy
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
- REGULAR BUSINESS
- Request to Approve Cooperative Video Production Intergovernmental Agreement and Lease Agreement between Clarkston Community Schools and the Charter Township of Independence: Township Board Special Rules of Procedure suspended and item moved forward
- Approval of 2013 Master Plan Process
- Request to Approve of DTE Second and Third Stage License Agreement; Township Board Special Rules of Procedure suspended and item
- Approval of the Purchase of Proficy Workflow Software - Electronic Standard Operating Processes (ESOP)
- Approval of First Reading to Amend Chapter 30 "Offenses"; Article VI, "Offenses Against Public Safety", Section 30-159, "Fireworks"
- Approval to Reconsider Motion #2013-04-084-001 Approval to Rescind Contract with Road Mainte-
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
- Supervisor Kittle thanked the Independence TV Public Access Committee for their hard work and contribution into the development of Independence Township's cable access channel
- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
- Report: Minutes: Investment Advisory Committee for March 20, 2013
- 2 Report: Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for April and May 2013
- 3 Report: Independence Television Report for July
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Published: Wednesday, July 17, 2013

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2013-351, 043-DE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate In the matter of Mary Lee Williams, Deceased TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including Connie Williams whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be

address(es) issuer unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following TAKE NOTICE: Ahearing will be held on July 31, 2013 at 10:00 a.m at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Daniel A O'Brien for the purpose: Petition for Appointment of Personal Represen

Jon B. Munger P54736 4545 Clawson Tank Drive, Suite 100

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June 14, 2013 Jon B. Munger 4545 Clawson Tank Drive, Suite 100 Clarkston, MI 48346

Proposed departmental budgets including Assessing, Township Board, Board of Review and the Treasurer's office were presented to Independence Township Board of Trustees, July 9.

Assessing

According to Township Assessor Kristen Sieloff, the 2013/14 proposed budget includes increased labor costs of \$53,023 or 14 percent when compared with the previous year's budget. Sieloff said \$37,014 of the \$53,023 is because the department needs to hire another staff member to keep up with state requirements.

In addition the departments operating and capital costs is projected to decrease by \$40 or .1

Overall the budget is projected to increase by 12.3 percent or \$52,983. Other large increases to the budget include \$24,332 or a 47.3 percent increase in health care costs due to new employee coverage and addition of a family member of an employee.

The budget for part-time help will decrease a total of \$11,000 or 100 percent decrease due to hiring a full-time employee. Other decreases in the budget total just over \$4,500.

"I'm a pretty frugal department head," said Sieloff, "I never spend money I get."

Township Board

Board labor costs remained the same as 2013 at while operating and capital costs decreased by \$164,000 or 34.7 percent compared with 2013 the overall budget was projected to decrease \$164,000 or 33 percent.

Significant increases include and \$18,000 audit reduction charge which is offset by a \$20,000 increase for Master Plan Work performed by Carlisle/Wortman. An increase of \$18,450 or 221 percent increase in storm water maintenance due to adding \$20,000 for phragmites and invasive species control. Additional increases total \$16,250 in miscellaneous items including contractual services, road chloride, membership fees, irrigation costs and road side cleanup.

Treasurer

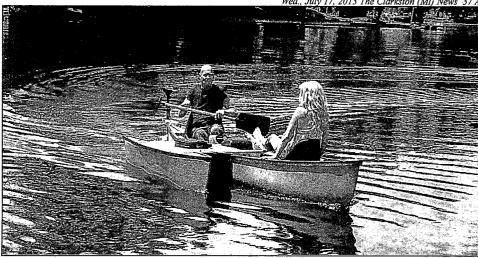
Independence Township Treasurer Paul Brown presented the proposed 2014 budget to the board, July 9. In total, the budget reflects a \$58,915 reduction, which includes a \$9,075 decrease in health insurance costs, \$39,000 reduction in contractual services, and a \$6,300 reduction in equipment costs.

Miscellaneous reductions total \$800 in mileage. Increases include about \$3,000 in various costs

Brown said he used BS & A Software to prepare the budget, which will make future budget preparers jobs easier by allowing them to "roll over" notes and information in the future. By utilizing the software, by 2015 eight hours will be saved in budget preparation time, he said.

Final budgets will be approved later this year.

- Andrea Beaudoin



Carl Knaus and Paula Gustafson demostrate their new outrigger-equipped canoe. Photo by Phil Custodig...

Local inventor keeps canoe upright

One summer day on the lake last year, Clarkston-area resident Carl Knaus' girlfriend was trying to get into a canoe when she tipped over into the water.

"I told her to be careful, but then when I got in it, I tipped it over," Knaus said. "It's embarrassing. I thought, that's the last time. I'm going to figure out something about that."

An inventor and author, he started working on prototypes, taking inspiration from the Hawaiian outrigger boats he would see in movies.

"I wanted to design something inexpensive that would work on a canoe," he said.

He worked with a local builder to design and build three prototypes made out of wood.

"The first was too small, and the second looked like crap," he said. "The third one looks good and handles beautifully."

The eight-foot unit, called the Carl Canoe Outrigger Stabilizer, includes cutouts for a cooler and extra seat and makes the boat stable enough to stand in, he said. The backseat sits on rails so it can be slid forward and back.

"Put your feet up and fish from it - it's fun," said business partner Paula Gustafson. "I love it."

Their plan is to take it on the road to show to liveries and retailers.

"Paula and I would like to buy a plastic of mold and make it out of fiberglass," Knaus said.

Call him at 248-330-4124.

- Phil Custodio

Around Town

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Road. 248-622-6096.

Thursday

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

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

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.. 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.

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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.

Safety path OK'd

Continued from page 1

Clarkston Road from Sashabaw Road to the southern entrance of Independence Oaks Park, will be extended to the park's northern entrance on Sashabaw.

Independence Township started building safety paths in 1978, and later created a Safety Path Committee. The paved pathways are intended to create a safe way for walkers and bikers to travel between major areas of activity in the township. In 1992, the township adopted the Safety Path Plan into its Master Plan.

Oakland County has also promoted a regional system of safety paths in the county.

The new safety path will go over waterways and a boardwalk must be added, which adds to the cost, said Department of Public Works Director Linda Richardson at the July 9 meet

The project will begin in 2014.





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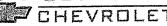
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