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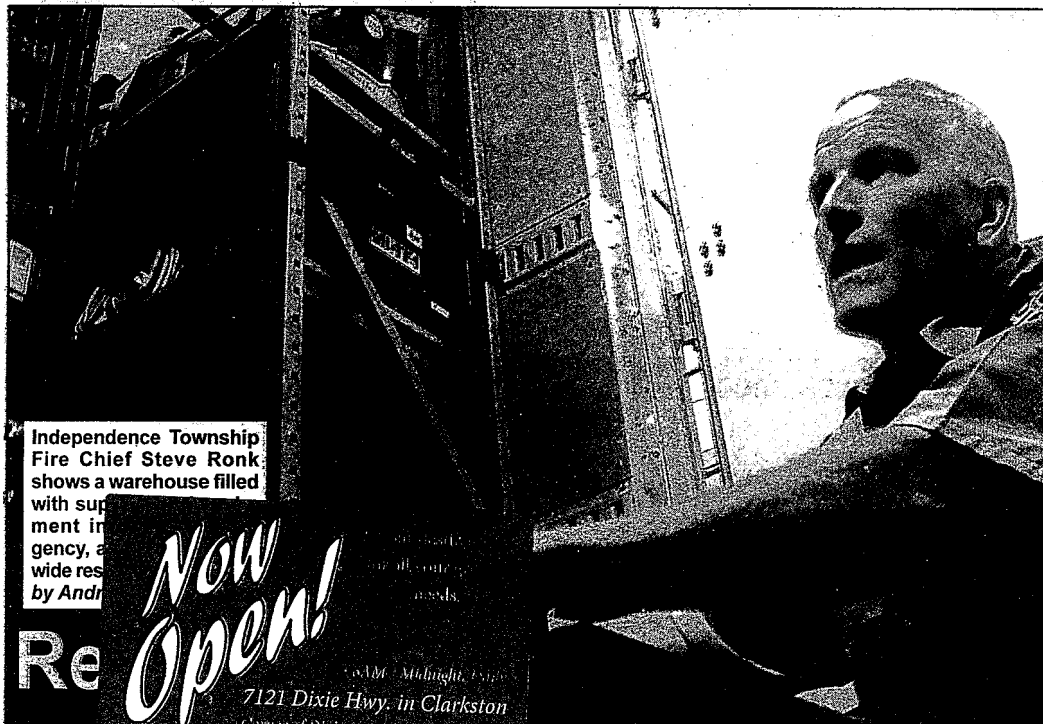
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## regional emergency plan

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Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk shows a warehouse filled with supplies and equipment in case of emergency, as part of a state-wide response unit. Photo by Andrea M. Beaudoin

## Ready to roll

### Independence key player in regional emergency plan

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If a tornado, natural gas explosion, ice storm, or even a terrorist attack tears into Independence Township, Fire Chief Steve Ronk knows who to call.

A leader in Michigan Fire Service Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), he can summon firefighters from several counties and tap into a warehouse filled with truckloads of special tools, emergency supplies and gear for responders packed always ready in "go-bags," and a command center

always online and up and running.

"It may not seem like Michigan has a lot of tornadoes, but we actually do," Ronk said. "We also recently seen some pretty heavy flooding on the west side of the state."

A single message sent to first responders would activate a 72-hour, self-sustainable emergency response unit within two hours.

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## Township acs financial audit

Independence Township is healthy financially, according to a financial audit.

Representatives from auditing firm UHY presented their findings to Independence Township Board of Trustees for 2012 at the Aug. 13 meeting.

During the auditing process, UHY employees reviewed government financial statements, looked at particular trends and compared different years. This year, UHY representative James Buckley said the township fared better financially than in previous years.

Buckley said the good audit is due to a committed Board of Trustees and committed and efficient employees.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle thanked the Board of Trustees and Treasurer Paul Brown for all their hard work.

"The trustees installed checks and balances to make sure the township is financially stable and we have money in the bank," said Kittle.

Buckley said the firm had no disagreements or difficulties working with township employees, and management was very well prepared and allocated enough

time for the process.

Buckley went over some of the township's finances during the meeting. In 2012, the township received about \$2.5 million in revenue sharing from the state of Michigan, and projects a slight increase for 2013.

"Management was very cooperative and did allow us enough time to complete the audit," said Buckley.

He also reviewed and summarized assets and liabilities held by the township, which totaled \$39.6 million in total assets and \$12.7 million in liabilities.

Buckley also reviewed some of the more intricate details of the township's finances.

He also assured the board that although property tax values were down slightly in 2012, they are projected to increase slightly in 2014.

As for the money in the bank, Buckley said it's challenging to earn much cash from banked funds.

"Investment earnings have been a challenge for all governments," said Buckley. "Just can't get a good return on excess cash."

Andrea Beaudoin

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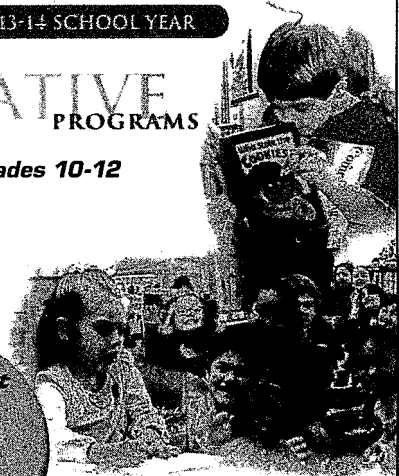
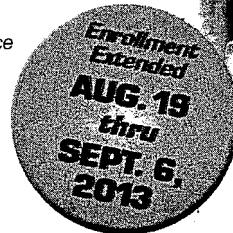
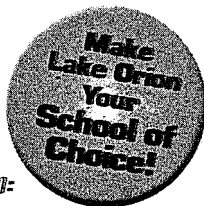
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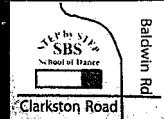
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Chief Steve Ronk talks about the tons of equipment available to help the community in case of emergency. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Township officials make plans for worst

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Marshal Ronald R. Farr. "Municipalities can also more effectively work together to leverage critical fire service assets and reduce duplication of effort and resources particularly in lean financial times."

Ronk said Independence Township adopted an Oakland County Emergency Management Plan. Personnel also participate in training regularly.

Communities with a population over 10,000, like Independence Township, must have an emergency plan in place or adopt the county plan. Ronk said few communities in Michigan have a staff member dedicated to emergency management.

In the event of a major event, the Independence Township fire chief would serve as a liaison for the township and help to oversee operations.

Independence Township has also adopted a community plan that supports the county plan. If the emergency is outside the scope of the township's ability, or an emergency is declared in the state, the county plan is automatically activated.

If the emergency overwhelms the county, then a Michigan Emergency Preparedness Plan (MEPP) is activated. If there is a major disaster the state cannot handle, then the federal government takes over.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle and Treasurer Paul Brown said preparing the township for emergency situations was a top priority when they were elected to office, and staffers have been working to revise the township's plan.

"We are proactive in putting emergency plans together," said Brown.

He added management has put plans in

place to have the township up and running within 48 hours if something catastrophic happened to township hall. Important community data is also backed up electronically at an off-site location

The township has also been working towards an agreement with Clarkston Schools to provide transportation and shelters to residents in the event of an emergency.

Ronk said the American Red Cross would also be present to help set up area shelters.

Although numerous emergency plans are in place on a federal state and local levels, Ronk said it's important for families to prepare themselves too because emergency personnel might not always be able to respond immediately.

Emergency official advise families that they should be self-sustainable for at least 72 hours.

## Free emergency info at News office

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston News has free emergency preparation material such as flyers, booklets and information at 5. South Main Street in downtown Clarkston. Anyone is welcome to come in the office and grab information while supplies last.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) information includes tips to prepare homes, businesses and classrooms for emergency situations. There is also information on pets, older Americans and individuals with disabilities, with several available in Braille.

Recommendations include assembling a individual "go bags," filled with food and supplies for at least three days.

Have one gallon of water per person per day for emergencies. According to FEMA, the average person drinks half a gallon of water per day, the rest being used for sani-

tation purposes. Hot temperatures or heavy work can increase water requirements.

Each person should have a complete change of clothing including a coat, long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks and heavy duty shoes. Clothing for both and warm and cold climate should also be included.

Prepackaged first aid kits should include bandages, gauze, latex gloves, peroxide, alcohol, antibiotic cream, band-aids, aspirin, antacids, anti-diarrhea medicine, scissors, tweezers, and a manual.

Also, prepare a family emergency plan with meeting spots should communications go down, designate a person in the area as well as out of town who can serve as a contact for the entire family, so family members can check in during emergencies, and plan an escape route from the home.

Each person should have a sleeping bag as well as a warm blanket. A single layer placed on the bottom of a shelter or sleep-

ing area, in between a person and the earth, will keep a person warmer than adding two layers on top.

Independence Fire Chief Steve Ronk said families may want to consider investing in a generator. Just remember any generator must be run in a well ventilated area.

Non-perishable food supplies should include canned goods such as fruit, vegetables, soups and meats. Other good emergency food items include energy bars, cereal, crackers, oats, peanut butter and beef jerky. FEMA offers a variety of free information for homes, schools, groups, organizations, clubs and businesses. Call 800-480-2520 or check [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

Oakland County offers information on preparing for emergencies at [www.oakgov.com](http://www.oakgov.com). The American Red Cross teaches CPR and First-Aid, check [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Call Independence Township Fire Department at 248-625-1924.

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## Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beauodin

### Animals are special

Animals are far more sensitive, intelligent and intuitive than we know.

I live deep in the woods in a pretty hidden area, but I keep getting random animals visitors.

This past winter I was feeling pretty down and out---when I heard a bark at the door. A dog was there outside the door wagging his tail like he had known me forever. He was a mix of a Rottweiler and Labrador.

The dog would bark at the door until I came outside. He seemed to come over at the right times and get me out walking and playing with him or looking for his family.

Last time I saw Jack the dog, was the very minute I was headed for the *Clarkston News* determined to work here. Jack stood in the driveway and chased me down the road for like a mile, but that was the last time I ever saw him.

I had something similar happen when I was younger.

I was feeling alone, I guess, and I was pulling into my street when the shiniest prettiest black dog (again a lab) stood in front of my car and would not move.

I honked tried to go around him--he was not moving out of my way. I opened the door and said, "Come on move boy," and as soon as I did he jumped in my car.

It was freezing that night, so I sat in my car with my new found friend, sang him songs and talked to him for quite a long time as he warmed up.

I was sure as soon as I opened the car door, the black beautiful dog would take off, but nope he followed me up to the door.

Then he followed me into the house. I took him to work with me driving around for like two days.

Then one day he and I made it home---out the door he went never to be seen again.

Now, I have a cat I call Rag Tag---who just had babies. She was very scared of us at first, but now she rubs all over our legs when we come outside to pet her. We have a long driveway and she sits at the end near the dirt road in the middle of the driveway like a guardian. She lives somewhere in the woods because I see her walking a ways down the dirt road to come to our house.

I can't understand how people have a heart to hurt animals. Things like bull fighting, boiling lobsters alive, etc. are disgusting and unforgivable.



# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Opportunity found in talk about development

I have to agree with Jim Reed that the direction of current community planning deserves discussion ("Revisit planning, set priorities for township," Aug. 14 edition).

I think we have a much more open minded set of leaders now than before, and they are willing to listen to different perspectives and consider alternative approaches to what they seek; stable revenue to operate the community with.

Classically in Michigan, this has meant sprawl. There was a blog written recently that addressed this: [dc.streetsblog.org/2013/07/22/how-sprawl-got-detroit-into-this-mess](http://dc.streetsblog.org/2013/07/22/how-sprawl-got-detroit-into-this-mess).

While Clarkston/Independence isn't Detroit, much can be learned from the lack of planning plaguing the region. For one, although there may be a net tax increase created by the suggested growth identified in the *Clarkston News* article Reed refers to ("Sashabaw Road improvements lead to..." July 24), there has not been a sufficient analysis of the negative aspects of that "growth" and the expense/ problems that comes with it. Unless you measure something, you will not give it the attention it deserves.

I believe there are healthy ways to generate "growth" that will not additionally cause congestion, environmental impacts and change the unique nature of where we hang our hats. But it means slowing down and including the public in a more engaging and inclusive way.

There is a broad range of expertise woven throughout our residents not typically tapped because they operate in a more grass roots manner. They are a valuable resource that must be included in discussions.

I've written about the stormwater program over the years, but it is truly a missed opportunity because of the way its obligations are being fulfilled.

There is a significant opportunity waiting to be revealed if it were used as the planning document/structure it is intended to be, sustaining the quality and natural aspect that makes this community special, while still allowing for appropriate growth.

Currently it is nothing more than a boiler plate document that allows a checklist to be submitted suggesting "we are all in compliance," without accomplishing anything meaningful.

Not only that, but using the stormwater program in the manner in which I suggest,

can create local jobs, volunteer opportunities and citizen engagement for those who are in the grass roots movements as well as the retired engineering community, or anyone who has an interest in the community we live in.

It includes educational opportunities for our school children, the creation of outdoor classrooms and gardens, conversion of vacant property into productive food-producing community areas that double as areas for artistic expression. It creates opportunities

for partnerships between technical schools, local universities and both high school students and adults who want to learn a new skill. It has the ability to transform our community in a multitude of positive ways. But until it is recognized and utilized as the planning tool that it is, it will remain an unfunded mandate that is just one more requirement to suck away our tax dollars.

I guess I could say I've lived here for 30 years too, although not consistently.

I moved away at 27 to go to college and have lived various places around the U.S., returning to take care of both Mom and Dad at the end of their lives. After Dad passed I begrudgingly stayed only because of the economy. Now, however, I have made a conscious choice to be here, and happily so because of the community I've discovered and the variety of grass roots folks inspire me.

I would like to request that those leaders in the community and school district consider what I've said; that there is an opportunity here, working together, and using this tool to our collective benefit.

I would consider it a privilege if there would be an agreement to hold a combined community meeting where these opportunities could be discussed and the program explained in a way that would be beneficial to everyone, citizens included.

I'm certain that once understood, you would see an increase in citizen participation and an excitement for the process. This would also be in alignment with the CRWC's "Water Towns" and would be setting a new bar state wide in how to address the stormwater program.

### Guest viewpoint



Tammie Heazlit

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1998

**"City cuts down on truck traffic"** Over a span of two months the Clarkston Police Department stopped truck drivers who went through the city with overweight loads. Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston told the city council overall traffic safety improvements were in the future.

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**"Krygier named to new Clarkston hockey coach"** Clarkston High School welcomed Bryan Krygier as he was named the Wolves' new hockey coach as they began their their season. He took over for coaches Rick Rowden and Glenn MacDonald.

### 25 years ago - 1988

**"Council adopts law for manager"** The Clarkston Village Council adopted an ordinance allowing them to hire a full-time village manager. The addition of a full-time official was welcomed by the council members, all of whom worked on a part-time basis.

**"Family finds festival enchanting"** After eight years the Michigan Renaissance Festival was still full of wonder and excitement for Sandy Webster and her family. She began going to the annual festival when a friend requested a guest demonstration of her basket weaving skills.

**"Pom Pon pays off for perky CHS senior"** Kellee Duty's hours of hard work with the rest of her Clarkston High School Pom Pon squad brought an unexpected bonus from a statewide competition at Oakland University. Duty was among five of 500 girls chosen to perform at half-time at the Hula Bowl in Hawaii.

### 50 years ago - 1963

**"Clarkston Schools enrollment increases"** The 1963-1964 school enrollment was expected to exceed 4,500. The previous school year Clarkston had 4,323 students of which 441 were Kindergarten enrollees and 160 seniors.

**"Oakhill 4-Hers receive ribbons"** Members of the Oakhill 4-H Club carried off many ribbons at the 4-H Fair. One was for their float, winning best entry at the parade.

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# Jim's Jottings returns with tales of today and yesteryear

**Editor's Note:** *This week we celebrate the return of Jim's Jottings after much too long of an absence from our pages. However, we should note Mr. Sherman's column will not be a weekly page 7 feature as before. Instead, he will write them whenever inspiration strikes. Enjoy.*

Prior to February 26, 2013, I had some pain in my right hip – though I thought it was my knee. Then my Dr. Jennings ordered an X-ray.

D. Olenyn, a surgeon, looked at my X-ray for about a minute-and-a-half, and said unceremoniously, "You need a new hip!" Today is August 9. That's how long it has taken me to attempt to start writing Jottings again.

And it took five sessions with therapist Mark Beeman to convince me to start.

However, I recently celebrated my 87th birthday, which brings doubts that

I'll even finish this column.

--- O ---

For you who haven't had surgery, I must alert you to the effect on your mind. It slows considerably.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Names and faces don't come together as quickly, many foods don't taste or sound as good as you remember and body movements change.

Legs need help from walkers, crutches, or canes. But you learn to live with the changes. You have too.

--- O ---

\* If everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

\* You can't have everything; where would you put it?

\* Why is a Teddy bear never hungry? Because he's stuffed.

I gotta work more on my humor.

--- O ---

I'm honored to have been chosen as one of two grand marshals in Oxford's salute to Brace Beemer, the radio Lone Ranger. Lake Orion's legend, Peter Kalohn, was the second marshal. Pete knew Brace from his frequenting Pete's restaurant.

I met Brace while writing about him a few times. He had started developing 340 acres north of his house on W. Drahnner. I told him of my interest in a couple acres west of his home.

He called me one day, and in his deepest Lone Ranger voice, yelled, "Sherman! You gotta own this property! I'll make it easy on you."

And he did. He split the payments to \$3,000 down and \$6,000 over the next

two years.

His tack house was on my property. It was finished in knotty pine and covered with pictures of Brace with politicians and celebrities.

While Brace and I were signing our agreement, Mrs. Beemer went into the tack house and removed all the pictures. She gave some to Oxford's museum and some to others.

Back to the parade for a minute. Pete wouldn't get into the grand marshal's car until he remembered the Mason jar he brought for the occasional "occasion."

It was an outstanding parade with little kids sitting closely on the curbs, 60 entries, two high school bands, lots of kids from several organizations, and some candy-tossers.

--- O ---

One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

## From the butt of critters, I give you . . .

I remember back when I had my first cup of coffee. BLACH! I was in college and forgotten a research paper was due the following morning that I had not yet researched.

Oops.

Caffeine entered my life that day and that night and following the early morning.

(If you need to know, the class was on the history of religion, the paper was on Irish monasticism during the Dark Ages and I pulled an A- on that all-nighter. BAM!)

That coffee then was icky. It was instant stuff from a jar, but it worked. Icky or not, I was hooked. Black coffee has been a part of my morning regimen ever since.

For the better part of 30 years, that coffee was Maxwell House, Folgers -- whatever was on sale at the grocer and whatever was brewed at work (I believe we used to have a brand called Cadillac Coffee). I thought that stuff was pretty good -- until I became a coffee snob a few years ago.

I hate to admit to any snobbery as it goes against my blue-collar upbringing, but when it comes to coffee, these days my nose is pointed haughtily high as a Rockefeller's or Kennedy's.

You can thank Kirk Walker and his ABeantogo coffee joint for that transformation. Kirk's a master roaster. He imports the uncooked beans and roasts them less than a mile from my home. It's black gold and it is yummy.

Well, this column has nothing to do with any of Kirk's 43 flavors of coffee. It has all to do with an email I received from Orion's Bill Kalmar the other

day.

"Don - I know you are always looking for unusual topics for your column. Try this on for size - coffee beans eaten by an animal -- then passed in its excrement -- and then brewed for coffee at a cost of about \$90 a pound! You can thank me later! -- Bill"

### Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Well, well, well . . .

Bill sent me a link about Kopi Luwak, or in English, civet coffee. The civet is a possum-like, raccoon like nocturnal critter out of Asia.

Apparently, the civet eats the coffee berry and passes the bean during its regular digestive movement. Somebody then picks up the civet poo, washes, roasts it and then sells it. According to my research, Bill was wrong. Civet coffee is going for up to \$600 a pound.

This of course, has led to Asian coffee folks to catching lots of civets, caging them and forcing them to eat lots of coffee berries. Animal rights folks have shown this has led to civet abuse.

After reading about civet poop coffee, I wondered if anybody else is feeding any other animal coffee berries to "ferment" their coffee beans before roasting.

When I wrote about Irish monks in college, research was done in libraries with books, magazines, microfilm and microfiche. It was very time consuming.

Today, when I researched poop coffee, I just

typed into my search engine, "animal poop coffee." In less than one second I had about 2 million references to help my quest for information.

Yep.

There's a "Brew #2" out there and a Black Ivory Coffee that goes for about \$50 a cup. It comes from the backside of an elephant. That naturally slow cooked coffee comes out of Thailand.

Not to be outdone, in South America if you want that special cup of Joe, you want one that has been preprocessed by a Jacu bird.

A jacu bird sorta looks like a less pretty peacock. Apparently, "they" say the jacu birds fly to the top of the coffee plant and eat only "the best" coffee berries, thereby leading to only "the best" coffee bean. Which, "they" say leads to the "tastiest" coffee.

I also found there's bat poop coffee.

I think I am in the wrong business.

Speaking of business, I asked Kirk his thoughts on animal poop coffee.

Curiosity got the best of him it seems. He actually admitted he tried some but wasn't overly impressed. "For \$500 per pound, I would not pay that nor ever plan to carry it."

(But, I bet if someone really, really, *really* wanted it, he could get it for you.

All I can say is Kirk is braver than me. I am fine with his regular 43 flavors. Snob or not, I ain't drinking anything that came out the southbound side of any northbound critter.

Comments for the Coffee Snob can be e-mailed to: [Don@ShermanPublications.org](mailto:Don@ShermanPublications.org)





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## DTE traffic raises safety concerns

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township will keep a closer watch on events at DTE Energy Theater to avoid what township officials called, "a perfect storm" of events leading to traffic chaos and a seriously injured motorcyclist.

Independence Township Trustee David Lohmeier, said he knows people are wondering what happened that night, Friday, July 26.

DTE management only projected about 7,000 to show up to a concert event that evening, and as a result the police presence for the event was scaled back. But then about 17,000 showed up.

"The concert ended up selling out," said Township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

DTE had to turn people away from the event and, as a result, traffic was both coming into and going out of the venue, which usually does not happen during a concert.

Traffic on I-75 was backed up to Great Lakes Crossing, and Sashabaw Road was a nightmare, Kittle said.

"You could not have had more stuff go wrong," he said.

Kittle said people were swerving and veering into other lanes.

"They were zigging down the left lanes, driving over to the right," he said.

At 10:25 p.m. that evening, a 19-year-old Brandon Township man riding a motorcycle was seriously injured in a crash with a pickup truck at Sashabaw and Waldon roads. The intersection was shut down, adding to the traffic nightmare. The driver of the pickup was arrested for drunk driving.

"No one wants this to occur again," said Kittle.

Independence Township Lieutenant Dirk Feneley expressed concern to DTE and said it clear this type of occurrence cannot happen again.

"DTE is not happy with the situation either," said Kittle. "This type of thing cannot happen again because it puts officers in harm's way and really does disrupt the community. You couldn't have more stuff go wrong on a Friday night in the community."

Kittle said the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff will be closely monitoring events so the department can better project what type of crowd shows up.



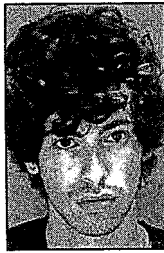
Independence Township firefighters stood by as Consumers Energy crews stopped a natural gas leak at Clarkston High School on Monday. A work crew accidentally cut a 4 1/2" gas line while digging during construction of the new field house. The school and surrounding athletic fields were evacuated for safety until an all-clear was announced at 4:34 p.m. Photo by Phil Custodio

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Robbery suspect charged

James Adams, 20, of Independence Township faces two counts of armed robbery in connection with an Aug. 11 incident at Little Caesar's Pizza on Ortonville Road in Independence Township. The suspect allegedly robbed employees at knifepoint, 9:04 p.m. He wore a mask and tried to disguise his voice, but employees recognized him and told deputies. Adams was found at a Dixie Highway restaurant and taken to Independence Substation for questioning. He told Det. Genifer Harvey he needed the money to pay for his vehicle and to catch up on bills. He said where the money and other items were located, and over \$2,400 was recovered and returned to the business. He was arraigned in 52-2 District Court, \$20,000 cash/surety 10 percent bond.



Adams

## Motorcycle stolen, found

Someone took a locked dirt bike from a home in the 5000 block of Maybee Road, Aug. 6. It was found behind a maintenance garage of Bridgewater Apartments, Aug. 9, minus registration plate and speedometer device.

## Lawn gear gone

A weed whacker, leaf blower, and edger were taken from a work trailer parked in the 6000 block of Snow Apple Drive, Aug. 8.

## Domestic assault

A 28-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic assault after an argument with his girlfriend left her with a bloody nose, 11 p.m., Aug. 12, at the Joy Street home.

## Metal theft suspect

Oakland County Sheriff's Office is looking for suspects in scrap metal thefts from a Detroit Edison storage yard in Independence Township. On Aug. 13 at 5:43 p.m., a suspect was caught on video removing from a dumpster an 80 foot section of four-ought copper wire, \$500 value. DTE reports an ongoing issue with thefts from this facility. More than one may be involved. Call Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAK-UP or the Sheriff's Office Command Desk at 248-858-4954. A cash reward is available.



Detectives are looking for this man in connection with a scrap metal theft. Photo provided

## Briefly

### School strategic plan

A new Clarkston Community Schools Strategic Plan will be up for discussion at the Aug. 26 school board meeting.

The plan focuses on student performance and program evaluation, finance and personnel, and infrastructure, which includes wireless technology upgrades.

The school board meets at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

### No oil drilling yet

Pat Gibson, vice president of West Bay Exploration said no drilling for natural resources, like oil and gas, is taking place yet in Independence Township.

"We are still in the process of purchasing leases in the area and some seismic work also has to be completed so the company can gain a better understanding of what natural resources are beneath the ground," said Gibson.

### Township cable committee disbanded

Independence Township Board recently voted to disband a citizen committee formed to oversee Independence Television (ITV) after an agreement was reached between the township and Clarkston Community Schools.

The agreement moves the local public access station from a Maybee Road studio to Clarkston High School.

Township Supervisor Pat Kittle thanked the six-member board.

"They successfully accomplished all the goals that were set forth by the township," said Kittle.

He expressed hope the members will consider serving on a new joint township/school committee currently being appointed.

"I would love to see some of the current members on the new board," said Township Trustee David Lohmeier.

### Correction

The story "Memories for life with Winship Studio," Aug. 14, listed the incorrect address. The address is 7183 N. Main Street, Clarkston.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

**This Friday...**

Gridiron heroes collect for  
Rush for Food, 6-7 p.m.

## Athletes' service continues

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

The gridiron heroes continue to give back to the community this week as they go through neighborhoods for their 16th Annual Rush for Food this Friday.

The Freshman, JV and Varsity football players from the Clarkston High School Football program will collect non-perishable food for Lighthouse Emergency Services, off Sashabaw Road.

"It helps fill our pantry at a time when our food pantry is very low," said Michele Robinson, volunteer coordinator and senior services specialist at Lighthouse. "Most of our food drives happen during the winter months. This gets us stocked for the rest of the summer and going into the winter months."

For seniors Ian Eriksen and Jason McCowan it is special because it is their fourth and final Rush for Food.

"It is a great program. I have experienced how it helps," McCowan shared, explaining his mom can no longer work and his dad works 60-70 hours with a bad back. "There are times we don't have food in our pantry. We sign up for holidays and we get so much food. My parents get a smile on their faces because we are able to give us food."

He added it was great to begin as a freshman to sort out food and fill the shelves at Lighthouse.

"A box of rice weighs about a pound," he

said. "It helps out so much. Rice isn't something someone looks forward to at a meal. If you don't have it a lot, when they get rice on their plate it is filling."

"We are helping out and doing something that will affect people in a positive way," Eriksen added. "It gets us all together as a program doing something good."

Lighthouse Emergency Services helps 400-500 families per month and the Wolves' goal this year is to collect 5,000 pounds.

**The players will collect from the following neighborhoods, 6-7 p.m.:** Almond Lane/Pinevalley, Autumn Shores, Birdland, Boyne Highlands, Bridge Lake Bluffs, Bridge Valley, Brookstone, Chestnut Hills, Deer Valley, Deerwood, Glenwoods, Harbor Towne, Hills of Kingston, Lake Waldon Village, Manors, Middlelake, Oakhurst, Old Pond, Peacefulvalley, Pebblecreek/King, Sashabaw Creek Meadows, Sashabaw Ridge, Sheringham, Softwater Woods/Ingomar farms, Spring Lake, Waldon Creek, Wyngate, Timber Ridge Trail and Old Cove Rd and Pheasant Run Road and WoodCreek Trail.

If your neighborhood is not listed, you are welcome to drop off donations at Lighthouse during business hours or 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, marking bags with Rush for Food/Clarkston Football.

Lighthouse is located at 6330 Sashabaw Road. For more information, please call 248-620-6116.

"Everything helps," said Eriksen.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## Training pays off

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Seventh-grader Alex Siegfried had a goal as he trained for the Lifetime Fitness Kid's Tri - he was going to win.

His determination paid off as he finished in 34:02, taking first place out of 40 kids in the 11-12 age group.

"He trains hard," said dad, Ken, adding Alex was already participating in biathlons and was biking and running. "We are very proud of his motivation and determination to compete."

Alex went to the pool to practice his swimming and went bike riding for five weeks to prepare for the triathlon.

He explained he began participating in triathlons because it was a challenge and wanted to win.

"I like challenges because I have to push myself," he added. "The triathlon did push me."

Alex noted it the training for triathlons also helps with preparing for football and basketball.

"I get more athletic," he said. "It helps with my endurance. I also have more energy at the end of the game while other people don't."

"Competing gives him confidence," Ken added.

Alex has played basketball and football since he was 7-years-old. He recently finished a basketball camp at Michigan State University and dreams to play for the Spartans.

"He has always been a good athlete," said Ken. "He does it to keep in shape. He is always out doing something. He doesn't sit around."

Alex began his fall season with the Sashabaw Middle School seventh grade football teams as quarterback and will be a point guard when basketball starts in the winter.

"I am excited for the season," he said. "I am looking forward to playing for my school team."

His next triathlon is in Grand Rapids as and he plans to take first place again.



Players sort food into boxes during last year's Rush for Food. File photo

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# New head coach for soccer

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

When soccer players tried out for the season last week it was for a new, yet familiar face.

Clarkston-resident Curtis Payment took over as head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team during the spring.

Payment was a club soccer coach exclusively with Michigan Impact in Clarkston and was also the club's goalie instructor. He was assistant coach at Clarkston High School in 2007 and 2008 with the coach at the time, Adam Bican.

Last year he took on his first role as head coach for Lake Orion. When the job opened in Clarkston he chose to apply.

"It was tough," he admitted. "I live in Clarkston. My wife works here and my son goes to school here. These jobs don't open up much. I just had to go for it."

Payment added it is a different but great experience coaching and living in the same community.

"I know a lot of people," he smiled. "It

feels like an extended family. It's a great feeling. I am happy. I am glad I was here for the whole summer to help the kids."

A lot of the people includes the soccer players since most of them he has coached at Michigan Impact.

"They are a pretty talented group because of the great work by Michigan Impact," he added. "It looks like year after year we should have talent."

Payment said it does help to know the players.

"I know some of their attributes and some of the mentality of the players," he explained. "It helps to be able to read them a little bit better. It's great but it is also tough. I really try to go in with an open mind and try to put my past ideas behind me and really start new."

He also said coaching at Lake Orion helped, too, because it was his first time taking on the role of head coach.

"Last year I had no idea what I was get-

ting into and the team paid the price for it in the first few weeks of the season as I figured things out," he added. "Walking into this season I had everything structured out. Everything was preplanned and ran real smooth."

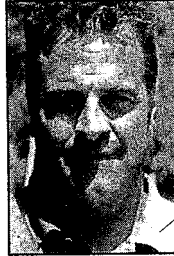
The team heads to the Traverse City Invite this weekend before heading to Brother Rice on Monday and Rochester on Tuesday.

His focus for the program is to compete every year in the OAA Red league, which is one of the toughest in the state.

"Our league is brutal," Payment said. "If we are going to be competitive in the league, we should have a successful season."

Another focus is having post season success and bring home more district titles for Clarkston.

Before coaching with Michigan Impact he played at Michigan State University and went to Brandon High School.



Payment

# Trainer keeps athletes up and running

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

It is watching athletes return to the field after healing from an injury that is one of the perks of the job Katie Fleck enjoys.

Fleck is the new face on the sidelines as the Clarkston High School athletic trainer. After the first week of the fall season, she is enjoying every minute.

"I am really excited to be here and get started," she said. "The coaches are nice. The kids are amazing."

Fleck grew up in Oakland County in Farmington but has spent the last four years in Alabama. With her family in Michigan, she wanted to return

home. When she came back she saw the opportunity at Clarkston.



Fleck

She admitted Clarkston has a lot of sports she didn't work with in Alabama such as lacrosse and especially skiing and hockey.

"It is a lot bigger than previous schools I have been at but also smaller because they are so welcoming and inviting," she added. "It has been nice."

She was led to becoming an athletic trainer because of a swim injury.

"I was a swimmer for most of my life," Fleck said. "I hurt my shoulder. Nobody could tell me

what was wrong with it. I had coaches think I was faking it. I don't want anyone to go

through that."

She added her and her family are really into sports and she wanted to stay in athletics.

"I love watching sporting events," Fleck smiled. "Now I am spoiled because I won't watch a lot of sports on television because I get to see them in person."

When Fleck isn't working she enjoys reading and going up to her family's cottage to waterski and jetski. She would also like to volunteer at the Michigan Humane Society because she loves animals and has one cat.

She wants parents and guardians to know she is here for their athletes and their team.

"I am going to keep what is best for the athlete in mind," Fleck said. "My door is always open if you have any questions or even if you don't and want to talk."

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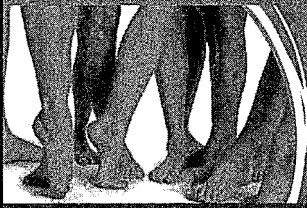
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From left, Clarkston High School 1982 graduates John Weidemann, Scott Thompson, Mike Stefanski and Tim Brennan enjoy the day and golfing. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Gridiron grads return for round of golf

It was the perfect day on Friday for golfing - warm weather and sun in the sky.

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ball Alumni Golf Outing at Pine Knob Golf Course.

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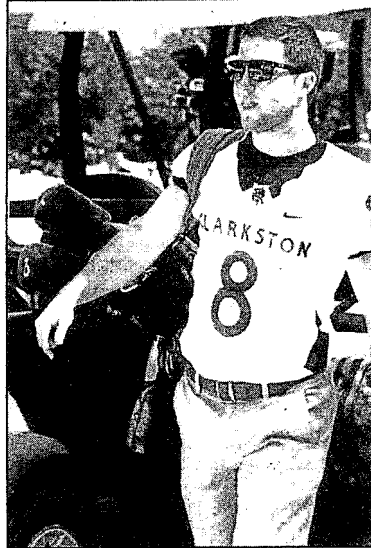
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Amy Devine swings at the golf ball.



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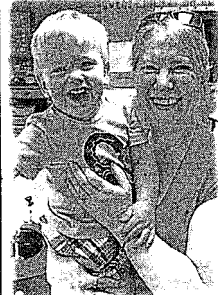
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**Auditions,** Clarkston Village Players' *Looking*, by Norm Foster, 6 p.m., Sept. 8; 7 p.m., Sept. 9. Roles for two men and two women, middleaged. On stage, Nov. 8-23. 248-620-7478 or 248-763-1128.

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# Around Town



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



**ROMANTIC COMEDY:** Linda Mishler and Brian Katton rehearse a scene for the upcoming Clarkston Village Players' romantic comedy, *Southern Comforts*. Gus, a taciturn Yankee widower who keeps mostly to himself, doesn't quite know what to make of Amanda, a vivacious Tennessee grandmother who turns up at his door one Sunday afternoon. Showtimes are 8 p.m., Sept. 4, 6-7, 13-14, 20-21; 2 p.m., Sept. 15; 7:30 p.m., Sept. 19, at Depot Theater 4861, White Lake Road, 248-625-8811 or [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org). Photo provided

reunion, Sept. 14, 5-11:30 p.m., Deer Lake Racquet Club Courtside Room. Contact Sharron Norgrove Chapman, 616-523-6087 or [sharron67@charter.net](mailto:sharron67@charter.net).

**Golf outing** for Clarkston High School Wrestling Team, 9 a.m. shotgun start, Sept. 15, Fountains Golf Course. \$100. 248-736-5078.

**Clean up** of two miles of I-75, adopted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, Sept. 21-29, April 13-20. Trash bags, safety vests, video instruction provided. Sign up at clubroom, 8047 Ortonville Road. 248-882-3255.

**Class of 1963,** Pontiac Northerns, 50th re-

union for Sept. 27 at Fountains Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road in Independence Township. Call Penny, 248-328-1217.

**Agent Orange Town Hall,** 10a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 28, Heart of the Lakes VFW 1008, 1690 Airport Road, Waterford.

**Community shred day,** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 28, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road. 248-625-2923.

**Golf Outing** for Blessings in a Backpack, 9 a.m., Sept. 29, Pine Knob Golf Course. \$100/individual; \$375/foursome, 18 holes, breakfast, pizza on course, lunch, shirt, awards. 248-625-6963.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Clarkston Community Women's Club,** 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Topic: DTE Energy Home Energy Analysis. Refreshments served, all welcome. [www.ClarkstonWomensClub.org](http://www.ClarkstonWomensClub.org).

**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.

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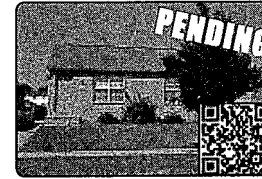
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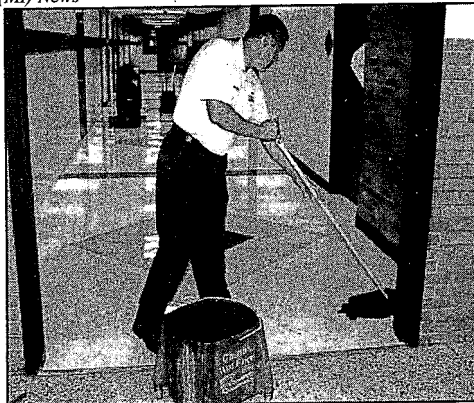
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Mike Walters finishes mopping one of the hallways at Clarkston Elementary.

## Sparkling clean

Custodians and bus drivers throughout Clarkston Community Schools have been working hard.

During the summer while the hallways and classrooms were empty, they were clean-

ing the buildings from top to bottom.

Bus drivers are back on the roads Aug. 26 and 27.

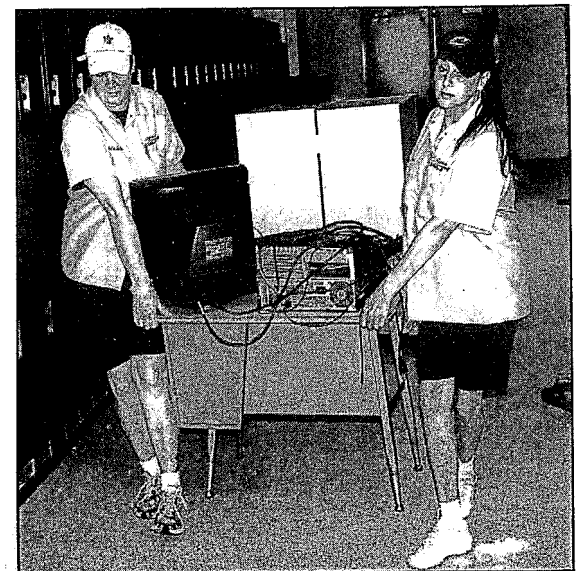
All the schools are ready to go when students come back to class on Sept. 3.

Photos by Wendi Reardon

Tina Fay scrubs down a wall in the Clarkston Junior High School.



Denise Woods gets all the high spots from the ladder in the Clarkston Junior High cafeteria.



Michelle Felice and Lisa Vallance carry furniture back into a classroom after the floor has dried.



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# Tips to avoid the 'freshman 15'

Trying to avoid the dreaded "Freshman 15" weight gain? While college is an adjustment, it doesn't have to mean an adjustment in your pants size.

In fact, the Freshman 15 is a myth. Freshman students gain only 2.5 to 3.5 pounds on average during their first year in college, according to a recent study published in *Social Science Quarterly*. But be advised, the same study finds that college students do gain moderate but steady weight during and after college. So stay vigilant about diet and exercise.

**Be Prepared:** "Stress, anxiety and homesickness can all lead to overeating," warns registered dietitian nutritionist, Kristi King, spokesperson with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Before you snack, ask yourself why you're doing so. If stress, anxiety or sadness is a factor, take a study break to chat with friends or go on a walk.

**Smart Snacks:** Late nights and stress can lead to bingeing, so don't keep junk food on hand. Instead, stock healthy snacks that combine protein and carbohydrates. A

**Don't Skip Breakfast:** "Breakfast wakes up the metabolism and provides energy to the brain and muscles for the day's activities," says King. "People who eat



breakfast tend to eat less throughout the day."

King recommends that breakfast be quick and combine carbohydrates and some protein to help keep students feeling full. Good options include whole-grain toast with peanut butter, a low-fat granola bar and fruit, or a whole-wheat tortilla with hummus and an apple.

**Cafeteria 101:** The dining hall can be a friend or foe. There may be high-calorie foods and oversized portions, but most universities provide nutritious op-

tions too. Opt for foods that are baked, broiled, steamed, grilled or roasted, while steering clear of foods that are buttered, fried or swimming in cream sauce.

When filling your plate at the cafeteria, consider following the US Department of Agriculture's MyPlate guidelines.

**Alcohol:** "Alcohol is readily available and can pack on the pounds quickly if you're not careful," warns King.

For students over 21, King recommends light beer and avoiding drinks mixed with regular soft drinks or sugary juices. A When drinking, alternate a glass of water between alcoholic beverages. You'll consume less alcohol and fewer calories.

**Exercise:** Regular exercise pays dividends, helping control weight, improve one's mood and control stress.

Many universities have excellent fitness centers available for students, but you don't have to become a gym rat to stay fit. Instead of taking the bus or driving to class, walk or ride your bike.

**Get Help:** If you'd like help creating a healthy meal plan, or want tips for controlling weight, check to see if your university offers nutrition counseling services. Registered dietitian nutritionists are food and nutrition experts, and they can help you ace your health goals.

More tips to maintain a healthy weight can be found at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org). Going to college means adjusting to a new lifestyle. Don't let the changes get the better of your health and wellness.

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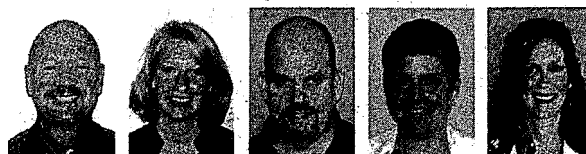


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# Get kids excited about the new school year

In a perfect world, all children would be enthusiastic about starting a new school year. But in the real world, some children will be reluctant, nervous, or annoyed about exchanging their summer fun for the classroom. How do you get kids motivated about going back to school?

While you can't dole out pep talks during the school day, you can take steps at home to get kids excited about school all year long:

## Set an Example

Off to work? If you act grumpy about the day ahead of you, your kids will take your cue. Over breakfast, be positive and upbeat. If your kids have apprehensions about school, their friends or after school activities, talk to them in a constructive way about what's bothering them.

At dinner, remember to check in with them again. Tell them about what you did that day and ask them about what they learned.

## Make School-work Fun

Cool school supplies can inspire your kids to stay organized and motivated. Think colorful and cheerful designs and personalized back to school supplies, which can give kids a sense of ownership and pride over their school work.

For example, MyChronicleBooks, creates folders, journals, spiral notebooks and even stickers that

can be customized with names and school subjects. To foster after school learning, thinking, doodling and dreaming, consider personalized Ivy and Bean journals.

## Go the Extra Mile

Encourage your kids to do more than just go to school and come home. It's in their art classes, on the basketball court and playing in the concert band where they will discover their talents and interests they didn't know they have.

Extracurricular and after school activities provide a great social outlet for kids and are where some of the best memories of school days are made. If the school doesn't have programs that interest your child, investigate other classes, teams and activities offered locally.

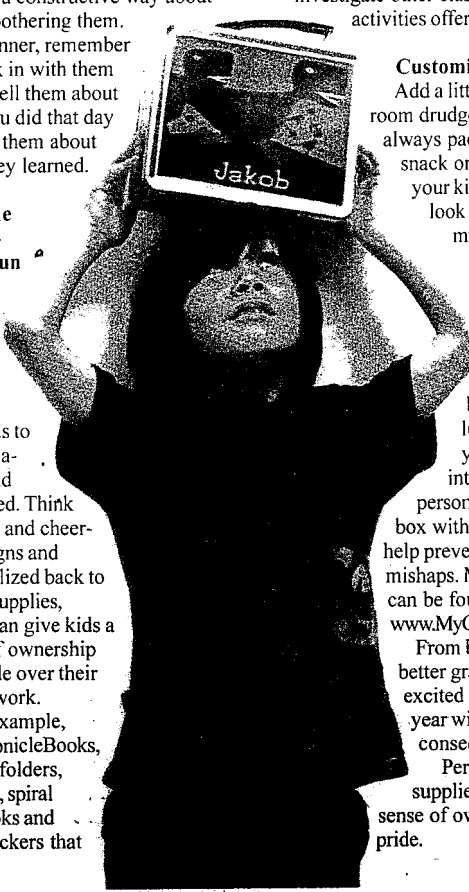
## Customize Lunch

Add a little flair to lunch room drudgery. Remember to always pack a favorite snack or dessert to give your kids something to look forward to midday.

From pirates and princesses to dinosaurs and trains, ditch the paper bag in favor of a lunch box featuring your children's interests. And personalizing the lunch box with their names can help prevent lost lunch mishaps. More information can be found at [www.MyChronicleBooks.com](http://www.MyChronicleBooks.com).

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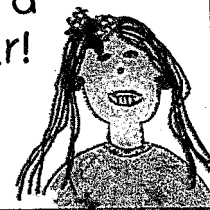
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# How to save on back to school shopping

Getting everything for back to school shopping can be stressful. Not only does the whole family need to get organized for the upcoming academic year, but doing so can be expensive. To make the back-to-school season easier and more affordable, the shopping experts at Dollar General are sharing convenient and cost-effective tips to prep the family for a great school year.

**Clothes:** Don't spend a fortune outfitting those quickly-growing arms and legs. For school uniforms, research local thrift shops, online prices, discounts and free shipping offers on all the basic collared shirts and pants.

Keep your kids looking good longer with a wide assortment of basic jeans, sweaters and sweatshirts for those upcoming fall and winter days. This way, you can feel comfortable replacing clothing when they are outgrown.

**Time to Eat:** The importance of serving kids breakfast can't be overstated. Keep kids fueled for success by stocking up on cereal, oatmeal and fruits for busy mornings. Quick and healthy, these require little effort and make an affordable way to get the day started.

Think about convenience and variety with school day lunches. Pack hazelnut cocoa spread and jelly sandwiches, turkey and Swiss cheese wraps or hearty soups. All are easy to prepare and easy on the wallet.

Go nuts and give your kids a protein kick at lunch or snack time. You can save by doling portions of cashews or peanuts. Fruits and vegetables are also great options as they provide vitamins and minerals.

Be sure to have plenty of lunch bags, napkins and sandwich bags for easy packing. By finding your food and supply staples at a discount stores, you can easily save on school breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

**School Supplies:** Make shopping for school supplies an organized effort. Before you head to the store, do a quick inventory of what you already have and its condition to determine what you need. Cross reference the school supplies list from your child's school to be sure you don't miss anything.

If you have multiple children, save by letting them share certain items at home such as scissors, glue, crayons and markers.

Also look for the latest supplies that will help your children thrive.

And, don't underestimate browsing local yard and garage sales. If you look in the classified section of *The Clarkston News* you can still find items you may need!

With the right techniques, let your children ace the reading, writing and arithmetic and you can earn an A+ in shopping.





Dr. Elizabeth Ruff, principal of Jefferson International Academy

## Oxford woman at the helm

An area resident who's taught in the wilds of Alaska is preparing to lead a brand new charter public school in Waterford Township this fall.

"I think all kids deserve to have a quality education," said Dr. Elizabeth Ruff, principal of Jefferson International Academy, located at 60 S. Lynn Ave.

Jefferson International Academy will open as a K-5 school. A new grade will be added each year after until it serves students in grades K-8.

"It is open to all students," said Ruff, who's lived in Oxford for more than 20 years. "We are actively recruiting and still have seats available. We really just started advertising in July."

The school is looking to have about 125 students in its first year and eventually grow to between 250 and 300 when it becomes a K-8 institution. Class sizes will be capped at 25 students. The building is being leased from the Catholic Church. It used to house St. Benedict Catholic School and most recently, Notre Dame Marist Academy's Lower Division (JK-5).

A charter school is an independent public school that operates as its own school district governed by its own board of directors. Central Michigan University (CMU) is Jefferson International Academy's charter authorizer. The university has entered into a charter contract with the school that outlines its guiding principles, governance structure and how it will be held accountable. Charter schools typically receive increased autonomy in exchange for increased accountability.

"Charter schools were started to offer parents a choice, but it's a choice with a promise," said Ruff. "That promise is they're going to be a better option regardless of where they're located."

Jefferson International Academy was initiated by the Harper Woods-based Hanley-Harper Group, which will serve as the school's

educational service provider.

"This will be their third school," Ruff said. The Hanley-Harper Group started two other K-8 charter schools in Southfield and Hamtramck. Ruff said the company has a vision of several schools feeding into a centrally-located high school. "Next year, they will open the high school," she said.

Ruff spent two years working at a charter school in Pontiac designed for at-risk high school students. She was a master teacher and interim administrator there. Before that, Ruff spent six years as the principal and a teacher at a K-12 public school in Crooked Creek, Alaska.

"It's about 350 miles past the end of the highway," she said. The student population consisted of Yupik Eskimos.

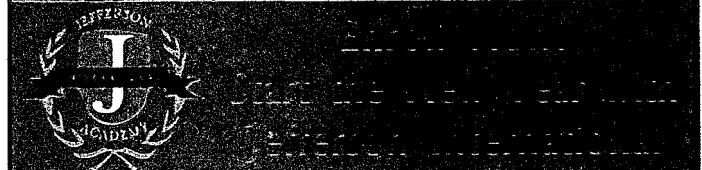
Jefferson International Academy's focus will be providing students with a global-based education and fostering a love for technology and the arts. Character education will be a central part of the Jefferson International experience. It will focus on six "core values" — trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, justice and good citizenship.

All students will be tested three times a year to get an "accurate read" of where they are academically, what their strengths and weaknesses are. Jefferson International Academy is one of four charter schools set to open this fall in the Waterford-Pontiac area.

Jefferson International Academy plans to offer students a "safe environment" filled with "solid academic programs."

But the school isn't for Waterford-Pontiac students exclusively. "It doesn't just have to be people that live right next door to our school," Ruff said. "Anybody that wants to bring their child is eligible."

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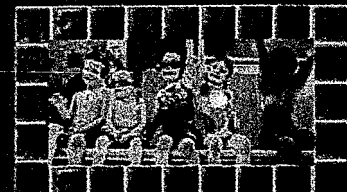
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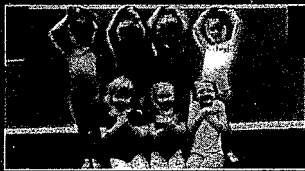
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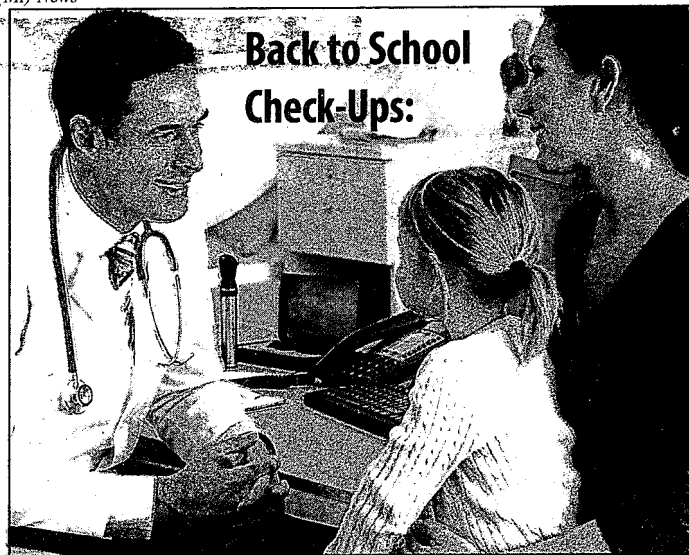
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## Back to School Check-Ups:

### What to Ask the Pediatrician

Between buying new school supplies and meeting your children's teachers, back to school season is a busy time. But parents should not forget to prep for the school year by considering health and wellness.

Experts say the first step is to schedule a visit to the doctor.

"The start of a new school year is an excellent reminder to take kids to the pediatrician for their annual checkup," says Dr. Thomas K. McNerny, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

To prepare for a healthy, safe and happy school year, the AAP is offering these tips for parents:

**Doctor's visit:** Make the most of your visit to the pediatrician by making a list of issues to discuss.

**Immunizations:** Whether you're the parent of a young child, a teen or a young adult heading to college, ask your pediatrician what immunizations your child is due to receive. Vaccines save lives and keep kids and adults healthy.

**Nutrition:** Talk with your child's pediatrician and school about healthful food choices. You can ask the school to stock the cafeteria and vending machines with nutritious food, such as fresh fruit, low-fat dairy products, water and 100 percent fruit juice. If you don't like the options the school

offers, pack lunch and snacks at home.

**Limit soda consumption.** Each 12-ounce soft drink contains approximately 10 teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60 percent.

**Exercise:** Make sure your kids are getting plenty of exercise. Turn off the television and make time for sports teams, gymnastics classes and bike rides. Aim for at least an hour a day.

**Backpacks:** Choose a backpack with front, padded shoulder straps and a padded back or a rolling backpack. Backpacks should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of your child's body weight.

**Getting there:** Make sure your child has the necessary gear for getting to school. Whether your child is biking or walking, teach him or her about traffic safety. For bikers, ensure helmets fit properly. Those who take the bus should be instructed to stay seated and listen to the bus driver. If the bus is equipped with seat belts, children should wear them.

**Sleep:** Children and adolescents need plenty of sleep to be alert. A regular bedtime can help your child get on a healthy sleep schedule.

More back to school health tips can be found at [www.HealthyChildren.org](http://www.HealthyChildren.org).

## Tips for talking with your kids about bullying

An estimated 160,000 children miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students, according to the National Education Association. Yale health researchers have found a connection between suicide — the fourth leading cause of death in children ages 10 to 14 — and bullying and being bullied.

Experts say kids themselves have the power to stop bullying. Unfortunately, both victims and bystanders don't always know the best way to handle bullying situations.

"Most kids feel terrible when they see friends or classmates get bullied. They want to help, but they don't know what to do," says Alice Cahn, Cartoon Network Vice President of Social Responsibility. "Having strategies for these situations can help prepare children to intervene when the time comes."

With this in mind, Cartoon Network launched the award-winning Stop Bullying: Speak Up in 2010 to educate kids on what to do when they see friends getting bullied.

The campaign offers these tips for parents and kids to help stop bullying:

**Tell an adult:** When someone gets bullied, tell a parent, teacher or trusted adult. Talking about it isn't tattling or snitching. It's helping someone out.

**Be friendly:** Bullying can make a victim feel alienated and lonely. Saying a few kind words to the person who has been bullied makes a huge difference.

**Volunteer:** Your school's bullying prevention program needs parents and students to help encourage every one to speak up against bullying.

**Say it loud:** Ask your school to fly or display the official Stop Bullying: Speak Up flag, which indicates that the school is a place where bullying actions will not be tolerated.

**Learn more:** Free online resources can help you learn how to deal with bullies. Visit [www.StopBullyingSpeakUp.com](http://www.StopBullyingSpeakUp.com) to access public service announcements, two 30-minute documentaries and tips sheets for parents and teachers that offer a step-by-step guide for safe and effective ways to be an active bullying bystander. The site also provides links to the Anti-Defamation League, Boys and Girls Club of America and other partners providing expert advice about bullying. All materials are available in English and Spanish.

"Don't stop there," says Cahn. "These resources are meant to spark a conversation."

No child should feel like his or her school is not a safe place to learn. Parents, teachers and students can work together to make a difference.





Kylie Centers, 14, gets a stylish haircut to start off the new school year from Kaitlin Bezel of Sienna's Salon. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Starting school year in style

Volunteers with Clarkston Free Methodist Church and the community partnered with Renaissance High School, Monday, to help kids kick off the new school year.

"It's something families need," said Terry Porritt, para-educator at Renaissance High School and member of the church. "We're serving our community and helping kids and their families. This is a way to give back to the community."

Students received free haircuts, backpacks filled with school supplies, and pizza at Renaissance High, all supplied by volunteers and donations.

Julie Gravelle of Glitz asked friends and colleagues at work as well as local salons

Great Clips and Sienna's Salon for help.

"All it took was a phone call," Gravelle said. "It's a chance to get to know more people in the community."

The program is in its fourth year, the first at the school - 165 students were signed up on Monday, with another 70 on Wednesday. More than 250 backpacks with supplies were donated.

The church also hosts cider and donuts, Thanksgiving, and spring ice cream events at the school, as well as a mentoring program. Renaissance students volunteer with the church to offer community service.

"It's a partnership," Porritt said.

- Phil Custodio

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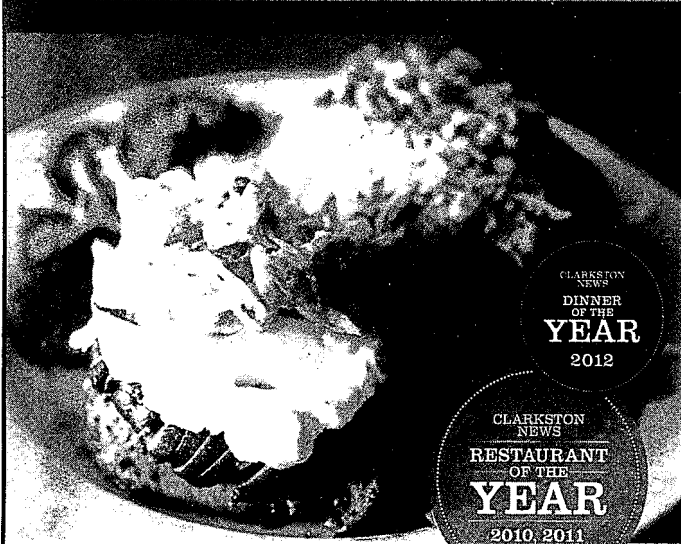
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'OH SAY CAN YOU SEE': TJ Craven sings the National Anthem at the Fifth Annual Football for a Cure last Saturday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Studio to open by school start

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down the ITV studio on Maybec Road, and move equipment and studio to the high school.

Money for the new equipment comes from cable fees accumulated by the township.

"We wanted to leverage some of the Public Education and Government (PEG) funds in the account, which is now at around \$500,000," Kittle said.

The money is regulated, and can only be used for capital purchases like equipment for the studio.

The new equipment is in addition to \$200,000 a year payments from the township to the school district under a Capital Lease Arrangement.

ITV Program Manager Joe Barnhart said the move to the school is expected to happen soon, and will be complete by the start of the school year, Sept. 3.

Barnhart said new cable lines need to be installed at high school before completing the move.

The township and schools are in the process of appointing members of the seven-person committee to oversee ITV.

## Railroad work to close local roads

CN railroad is expected to close Dilley Road from Davisburg Road to Clark Road in Springfield Township from Aug. 21-26 to repair its railroad crossing, according to Road Commission for Oakland County.

Detour route will be Davisburg Road to Andersonville Road to Clark Road and back

to Dilley.

The railroad is set to close White Lake Road between Andersonville and Clement roads in Independence Township from Aug. 26-30 for crossing repair.

Detour route is Andersonville Road to Clement Road and back to White Lake Road.

## CNews People Poll August 21, 2013

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— Paul Bernardi (West  
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— Ray Cunha (San  
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By Andrew Miller

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Crystal Cockerham of  
Clarkston is collecting  
care package items for  
soldiers serving in  
Afghanistan.

## Donations needed for overseas troops

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

American troops are still serving overseas, and Crystal Cockerham of Clarkston is working to make sure they're taken care of.

"Anything we can do to help is great," said Cockerham, who is collecting supplies for troops in Afghanistan. "I want to do this until they come home."

Jack Jones, who is best friends with Cockerham's son Greg, is a soldier in the U.S. Army deployed overseas.

"He's like my second son — he and my son were best friends since they were 4 years old," she said.

They both grew up in Clarkston and played on the same hockey team until he left for basic training last year, she said.

"When I first spoke to him about what supplies to send to him, I asked what he needed, and every time he responded, he said it's not just for him, it was always 'we,'" she said. "I wanted to do it for him, and he made me realize it's for all of them. He's very thankful and all of them are very appreciative of efforts to support them."

Donations can include travel-size hand sanitizer, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, cotton swabs, cotton balls,

baggies, disposable razors, lotion, sun screen, chap stick, baby wipes, gun oil, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, gum, protein supplements, peanut butter, trail mix, dried fruit, and phone cards, as well as letters of appreciation, poems, and collage cards to remind them of home.

Contributions of money are also needed to purchase supplies and pay for shipping.

"Thank you to all who have already donated, will donate and continue to donate to support the young men and women defending us," Cockerham said. "They love it. It's so hard for them to be so far away, without the things we take for granted."

A consultant with Young Living Essential Oils and a life coach, she started the campaign after talking to fellow members of Clarkston Coffee Club.

"Their support has been fantastic," she said. "It's a wonderful group of people. Everyone is really nice. If you need something, they always have advice."

A drop-off box is located in the Clarkston News office, 5 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston. Donations can also be mailed to "Support the Troops," c/o Crystal Cockerham, P.O. Box 443, Clarkston, MI 48347.

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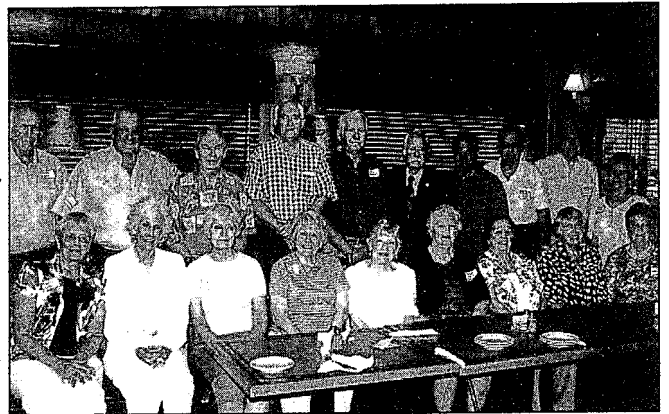
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**CLASS OF '53:** Clarkston High School Class of 1953 gathered for their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, June 22, at Red Knapps Restaurant in Independence Township. Standing from left are Walter Jones, Ric Huttenlocher, Dan Curry, Tom Bullen, Bruce Jarvis, Bob Booth, Melvin Farrar, Claude Trim, Chuck Robertson, and Ann Cunningham-Barrows. Seated from left, Glenna Bittle-Webster, Pat Johns-Tisch, Kathy Orr-Stauter, Sally Curry-Porritt, Ginny Abney-Demski, Arzela Kelly-Brewer, Betty Lamphere-Eslinger, Margaret Bloom-Holser, and Jeannette Cowdrey-Norton. Photo provided

## Around Town

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

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

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

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

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

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

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p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

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

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

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

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

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



# Death notices & Obituaries

## Lee M. Olson, 94

Lee M. Olson (Winborn) of Waterford, formerly of Bayonet Point, Fla., Rochester, and Romeo, passed away Aug. 16, 2013, at age 94.

She was preceded in death by her first husband James Winborn and second husband Edwin Olson. She was the mother of Elizabeth "Betsy" (Daniel) Travis, David Winborn and James (Barbara) Winborn; stepmother of Mark (Betsy) Olson, the late Linda (Mike) Holland; treasured gram of Daniel Travis, Amy (Mark) Crabtree, Jay (Jennifer) Winborn; step grandma of Jenna Olson, Erik (Kelly) Olson, Stacia (Mike) Pratt and Erik (Faye) Holland; great grandmother of Phoebe, Miles, J.D., Elizabeth, Luke, Ryan, Annie, Hank and Lily.

Lee was the Area News Editor for the *Oakland Press* and Publicist for Meadowbrook Theatre. She also attended the Academy of Dramatic Art, Oakland University where she was a Public Relations Director as well as Public Relations Consultant in the Conference Department.

Lee was the Conference Coordinator, Photographer at Oakland University. She took first place for Picture Series in the Inland Press Association Newspaper Photography Contest. Lee wrote First and Second Place National University Grant Applications. She was a Charter Member of the Michigan Press and National Press Photographers Association.

Lee was President of the Detroit Professional Chapter, Theta Sigma Phi. She was listed in *Who's Who of American Women*. Lee attended Baldwin High School, in Birmingham, Mic., as well as International Summer School at Cambridge University in Cambridge England. Lee was a proud graduate of Smith College.

Memorial service was Aug. 20 at St. Luke's Chapel/Canterbury on the Lake. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to The Actors Fund, 729 7th Ave. 10th Floor, NY, NY 10019. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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## Katherine Woloson, 27

Katherine "Katie/Kate" Marie Woloson, of Baltimore, Maryland, formerly of Clarkston, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 10, 2013, at age 27, from an epileptic seizure.

She was the deeply loved daughter of Henry and Diane Woloson; adored sister of Laura Woloson; dear granddaughter of Ines Woloson; and beloved friend of Jeremy Rash.

Katie was preceded in death by grandparents James and Florence Wonfor and Steven Woloson. She is also survived by a large, loving family including numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Katie will be forever remembered by many, many close friends whom she cherished deeply. Katie graduated from Clarkston High School in 2003, obtained a degree from Michigan State University in 2007 in Packaging Engineering, and worked for both Energizer Battery and The Clorox Company. Katie lived her life with a passion for adventure, undeniable generosity and absolute fearlessness.

She was highly motivated and determined in life and in her career pursuits. She filled her short 27 years with traveling the world and making treasured friends at each stage of life's journey. You could always find Katie reading a good book, cheering on her Spartans, playing piano, dancing around a campfire, or planning her next great adventure.

A private memorial celebration will be held in remembrance of her spirited approach to life. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her honor to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan; 25200 Telegraph Rd, Ste. 110; Southfield, MI 48033.

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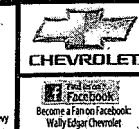
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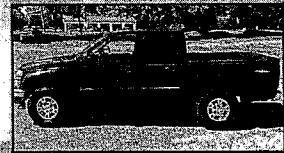
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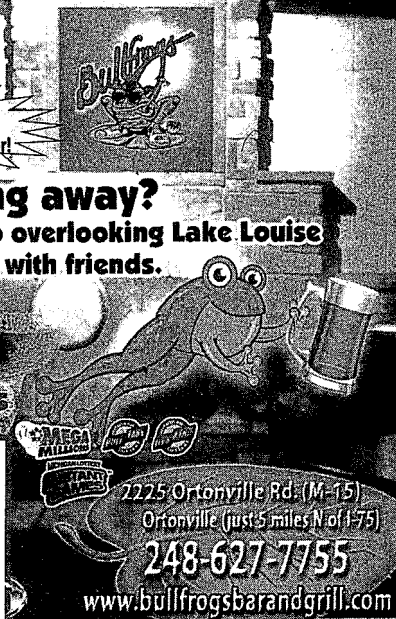
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- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Atiaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder

Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Susan Hendricks, Finance Director; Linda Richardson, DPW Director, Julie Meredith, Clarkston Independence District Library Director

- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended**
- E. **CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled**
- F. **BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**
- G. **PUBLIC COMMENT: Norbert Froeschke**
- H. **PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled**
- I. **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**
  - 1. **Presentation:** Thank You from the Clinton River Watershed Council
  - 2. **Presentation:** Financial Report Year Ending December 31, 2012; UHY,
  - 3. **Presentations:** 2014 Budgets - REMOVED
    - a. 2014 Township Hall Budget
    - b. 2014 Data Processing Budget
    - c. 2014 Facilities Maintenance Budget (Linda L. Richardson, DPW Director)
  - 4. **Presentation:** Monthly Actual to Budget Financial Update through June 2013-REMOVED
  - 5. **Report:** H. Wallace Parker vs. Charter Township of Independence; Final Report
- J. **CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None**
- K. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - 1. Approval of 2013 Budget Amendment to Authorize Payment of Invoices Greater than \$5,000.00 for the M-15 Sewer Lift Station Project
  - 2. Approval to Accept Proposal for Safety Path Maintenance and Repairs
  - 3. Approval to Accept Quote and Approve Purchase of Video Cameras - REMOVED
  - 4. **Minutes:** Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes: July 23, 2013
  - 5. Approval of Payroll of August 2, 2013 and the Check Runs of August 2 & 7, 2013 for a Total Amount of \$1,193,496.95

L. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval to Accept Quote and Approve Purchase of Video Cameras

M. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 1. Adoption of Resolution to Disband the Independence TV Public Access sit for Closed Session: provide further comment on their request although it does not comply with the ordinance handed admin.

N. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None**

O. **COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:**

- 1. **Correspondence:** Water Resources Commissioner, Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drainage District Pending Litigation
- 2. **Correspondence:** Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA); Letter of Appreciation
- 3. **Correspondence:** Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs: Closure of Performance Evaluation PE 11-004
- 4. **Correspondence:** Oakland County Economic Development & Community Affairs; Report on Findings Related to the Monitoring of the Township's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program
- 5. **Correspondence:** Michigan Liquor Control Commission: Transfer of Ownership of 2013 Class C & SDM Licensed Business: Triple Tap, LLC - 7046-7048 Gateway Park, Clarkston, MI 48346
- 6. **Report:** Fire Department Monthly Report for July 2013
- 7. **Report:** Building Department Monthly Report for:
  - a. April 2013
  - b. May 2013
  - c. June 2013

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, August 21, 2013

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 7:00 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #13-018 Palmer, Steve, Petitioner

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING ONE VARIANCE FROM THE ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.06 A.4, (TABLE 5.06-2):

- 1) 50 FOOT REAR SETBACK VARIANCE
- 7605 Bitterbush, R-1R Rural Residential
- 08-07-300-003

Case #13-019 Clarkston Hotel Group, LLC, Petitioner

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING TWO VARIANCES FROM THE ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.16 D, (TABLE 4.16) AND ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.05 A.2:

- 2) TO CONSTRUCT 3 STORIES
- 3) 2 FOOT, 6 INCH HEIGHT VARIANCE FOR THE PARAPET WALLS

NE Corner of Sashabaw Road & I-75

Unit 3 of "Sashabaw Crossings Condominium", OS-2 Office Service Two

08-22-401-003

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk  
The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**OF PRACTICABILITY AND REVIEW OF**  
**CLARKSTON MILL PONDS**  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

TAKE NOTICE that the Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a three-year improvement project for Clarkston Mill Ponds consisting of nuisance aquatic plant management (surveys and treatments), goose control, permits, sediment (muck) control, administration and contingencies. The project would begin in 2014 and continue through 2016, with an annual cost of \$15,180. The hearing will be held at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 7 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan and at the City of the Village of Clarkston Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 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 properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board will hold a hearing 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 assessed 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. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board c/o Ms. Jaci Garrison, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, No. 1 Public Works Drive, Building 95 West, Waterford, MI 48328-1907. Notice is also given that the owner of any real property within the Clarkston Mill Ponds Special Assessment District who, having made an objection to said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction. Clarkston Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board  
Oakland County, Michigan

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**JOB POSTING**  
**FULL-TIME APPRAISER**

Independence Township is looking for a full-time Appraiser I. This is an AFSCME Union position with a full benefit package. Pay range is \$17.71 - \$19.68 an hour. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to measuring and collecting data on real property structures, data entry, preparing MI tax tribunal small claims appeals, and receiving and processing warranty deeds. High school diploma or equivalent, proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel, State Tax Commission MCAT certification or greater, knowledge of equalizer software, apex medina, and geographic information system required. Qualified candidates should submit cover letter, resume, and a completed application for employment no later than August 28 to HumanResources@indetwp.com or to Charter Township of Independence, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346. Applications and full job description available at www.twp.independence.mi.us.

Lorra Smith  
Human Resources

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON**  
**375 DEPOT ROAD**  
**CLARKSTON, MI 48346**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

- 1. Case No. 13-0007 - 44 E. Church St.

Applicant is requesting a variance of Section 14.03 D, to construct a family room attached to rear of house. Applicant is requesting a 4.5 ft. variance of the required 10 ft. Separation between a detached structure (barn) and main building (family room).

Scott Meyland  
Chairman

Published; August 21, 2013

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO:  
**PROBATE COURT** 2013-349, 787-DE  
**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Elaine Marie Dones. Date of Birth: August 15, 1943  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Elaine Marie Dones, who lived at 224 East Liberty, South Lyon, MI 48178 died 4/14/2011

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, named personal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 28, 2013  
Jon B. Munger  
4545 Clawson Tank Drive, Suite 100  
Clarkston, MI 48346  
248.618.1200

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO:  
**PROBATE COURT** 2013-351, 043-DE  
**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Mary Lee Williams, Deceased. Date of Birth: November 30, 1929  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Lee Williams, died November 2, 2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 8, 2013  
Jon B. Munger  
4545 Clawson Tank Drive, Suite 100  
Clarkston, MI 48346  
248.618.1200

**Floats needed for Labor Day parade**

Clarkston Rotary Club, sponsors of the Clarkston Labor Day Parade on Sept. 2, is seeking parade participants.

The traditional end-of-summer parade is seeking floats, classic cars, community service organizations, musical groups, businesses, and equestrian riders.

The parade kicks off from Renaissance High School on Waldon Road at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 2. Parade route will be Church Street to Main Street, north to Miller Road, ending at Miller and Holcomb roads.

Find entry application at [clarkstonrotary.org](http://clarkstonrotary.org) or by contacting Clarkston Rotarian Joel DeLong at [joeldelong@aol.com](mailto:joeldelong@aol.com) or 248-625-9741.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**VIDEO CENTER**  
**JOB POSTING**  
**VIDEO PRODUCER**

Salary and Benefits:

- 1. Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$45,000
  - 2. This is a full-time, non-union, salaried position offers a comprehensive benefits package
- The Charter Township of Independence, an equal opportunity employer, is seeking qualified applicants, without regard to race or other protected status, for the position of Video Producer.

Position Description Summary:

This position's primary function is to create video content for playback on the local community television channels. The Video Producer is responsible for researching topics, conducting interviews, writing scripts, and operating video production equipment.

Essential Functions of the Position:

- 1. Create video content for playback on the local community television channels.
- 2. Responsible for researching topics.
- 3. Conduct interviews.
- 4. Operate video production equipment; cameras, audio mixers, video switchers, editing systems, and lighting.
- 5. Recruitment, supervision, and training of staff and volunteers.
- 6. Proper maintenance of video production equipment.
- 7. Write and proofread scripts.
- 8. Copy editing.
- 9. Direct video productions.
- 10. Teach classes on use of video equipment.
- 11. Assist as crew member for video productions.
- 12. Other duties as assigned.
- 13. The duties listed above are intended as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statement of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

Education/Experience:

Bachelor's Degree in Video Production or related field and 1-2 years' experience in video production required. 3 years in television production and/or operations preferred.

Selection Guidelines:

- 1. Formal application, rating of education and experience, oral interview and reference check, job related tests may be required.
  - 2. Must comply with Clarkston Community School District policies.
- To Apply: Qualified candidates should submit cover letter, resume, and a completed Charter Township of Independence application for employment no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 to: [pkittle@indetwp.com](mailto:pkittle@indetwp.com)

Patrick Kittle, Township Supervisor  
Charter Township of Independence  
6483 Waldon Center Dr.  
Clarkston, Michigan 48346

NOTE: Charter Township of Independence applications for employment are available on the Township's website at [www.indetwp.com](http://www.indetwp.com).



# Patrick -Kolich

Corey Patrick and Lindsay Kolich are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Keith and Eileen Kolich of Clarkston. She graduated Clarkston High School in 2008, graduated Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology in 2012, and is currently attending her second year at Purdue University for Master of Science in Entomology.

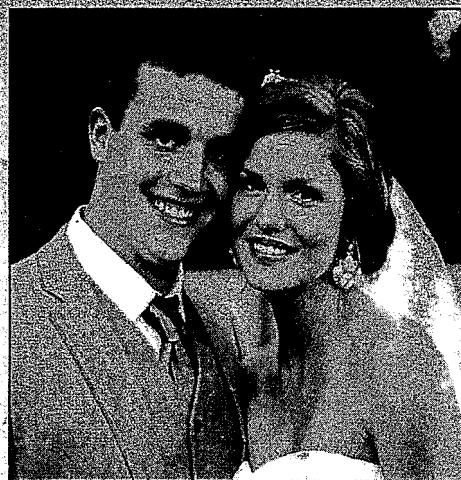
The future groom is the son of Rick Patrick and Clare Tosto of Augusta, Maine. He graduated from University of Maine at Machias in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and Tourism Management.

The wedding will be in September in Mason, Mich., at the home of Corey's grandmother.

Honeymoon will be in northern Michigan, at Burt Lake and Mackinac Island.



Corey and Lindsay



Robert and Sarah

## Clarkston man marries

Sarah McDuffie and Robert Lowrie of Clarkston were wed at Sarah's home outside of Memphis, Tenn., Saturday June 15, before more than 100 guests.

The bride was given away by her father, the Rev. Eugene McDuffie, and mother, Miss Donna McDuffie. The groom is the son of Tom and Tami Lowrie of Clarkston.

The couple now resides in Memphis.

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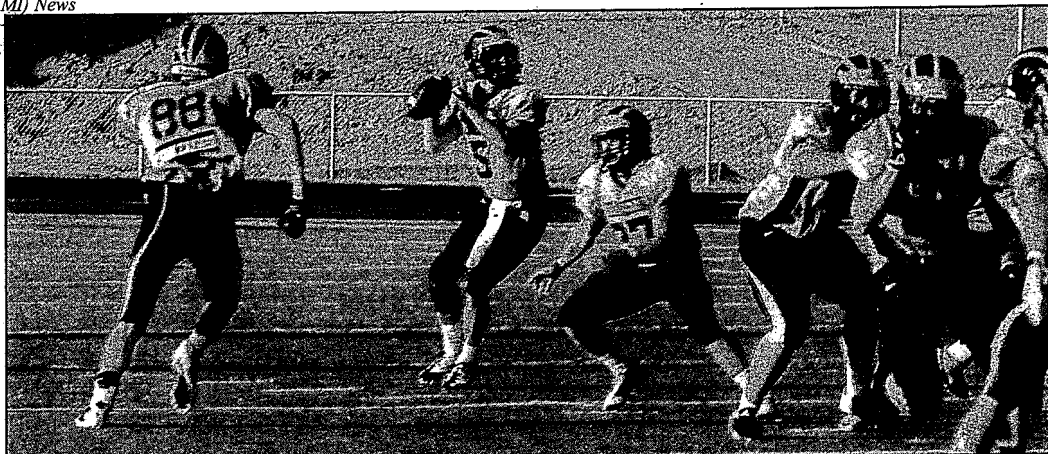
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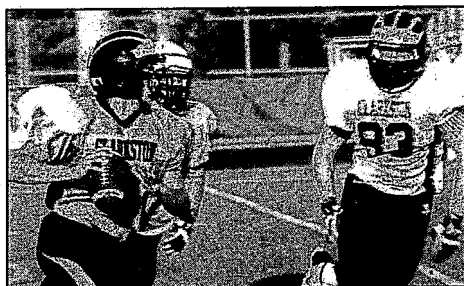
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Quarterback DJ Zezula makes a throw as Cole Chewins from the Blue team closes in.



Ball carrier Matt Boczar spots defender Tristan Lewis.



Tony Miller, defensive coordinator, hugs cancer survivor Tricia Johnston for the "thank you" card to the team.

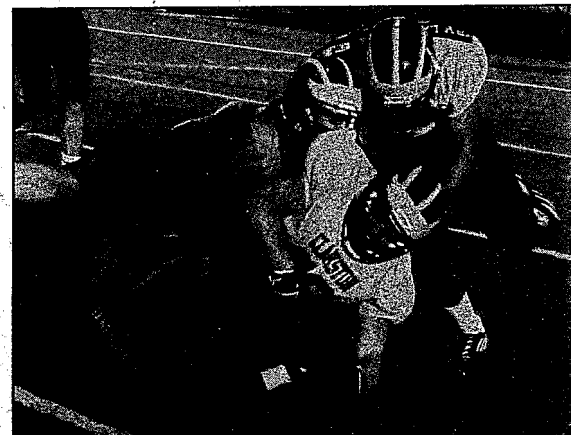
## Fighting against cancer

The Wolves traded their traditional blue and gold for pink and blue for their Fifth Annual Football for a Cure last Saturday.

For the event, they raised money for the McLaren Breast Center and

McLaren Cancer Institute - both in Clarkston.

They held a moment of silence at the end of the third quarter in memory and to honor those they were playing for during the game.



Kas Waitkus, Caine Watlington and Alex Peck take down Pink team's Will Scarlett. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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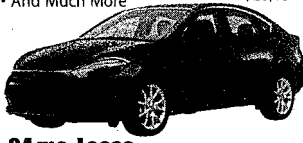
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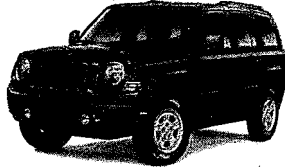
- Customer Preferred Pkg. 23E
- Flex Fuel Vehicle



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**2014 Jeep Patriot Latitude**

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- Heated Seats
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 Sale Price **\$17,381\***

**2013 Dodge Journey SXT**

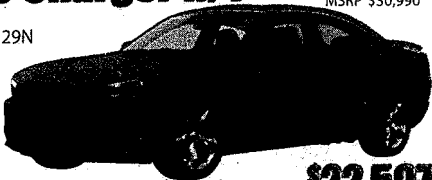
- Customer Preferred Pkg. 22E
- 2.4L



24 mo. Lease  
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 Sale Price **\$22,995\***

**2013 Dodge Charger R/T**

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- 5.7L V-8 HEMI



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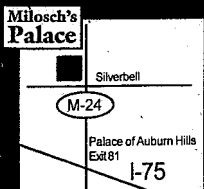
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