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Robbery	1	0
Assault	2	4
Stalking	5	1
Burglary	6	0
Theft	10	11
Drugs	14	8
Drunk driving	5	6
Juvenile crime	7	9
Traffic offenses	12	8
Traffic citations	20	24

Independence Twp.

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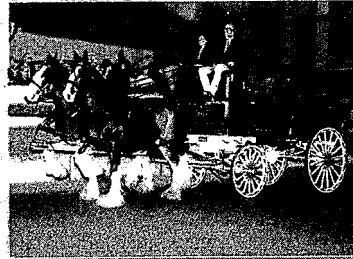
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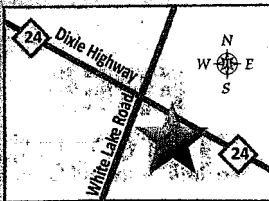
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Virginia Walter, who helped build downtown Clarkston with her husband, recently came to celebrate her 100th birthday. *Photo provided*

Century celebration in her hometown

Virginia Walter came home to Clarkston to celebrate her 100th birthday with friends and family at Deer Lake Racquet Club in late August.

Mrs. Walter, who currently lives in Milwaukee, arrived in Clarkston in the fall of 1933 to teach English and history at Clarkston High School.

She soon became the girls' basketball coach. Former high school students remember she did not accept failure and nurtured her students to succeed.

Before coming to Clarkston, she grew up on a farm in Ypsilanti, Mich., attended a one room school house and graduated from Ypsilanti High School and Michigan Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University.

She met her husband Ronald Addis

Walter, a lifelong resident of Clarkston and an attorney shortly after coming to Clarkston. They were married in 1936 and together raised three children.

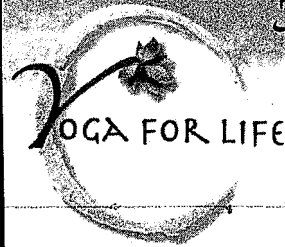
The Walter family operated a dry goods and men's furnishing business in the 5 S. Main Street building in downtown Clarkston, home of *The Clarkston News*.

While living in Clarkston, Virginia served as a village planning commissioner, sesquicentennial chairperson, historian, Clarkston Farm and Garden president, Rotary Ann, and devoted member of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

She was also known for her daily walks around Mill Pond and her annual Memorial Day party. She continues to be active in her retirement.

— Joette Kunse

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Building fee vote delayed

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For contractor Brad Pelowski, working on a house in the City of the Village of Clarkston is more trouble than it's worth.

"It's hard to get a building permit and the fees are high out here," Pelowski said.

In July, the city council approved paying \$500 to have their planning firm, Carlisle-Wortman, conduct a building department study due to numerous complaints and issues, similar to Pelowski's, with the building department, including the higher than usual fees.

The study concluded that Clarkston's permit and inspection fees were significantly above the average of comparable municipalities, sometimes two or three times as much.

After the study ended, City Council voted to reorganize the department and award building department work to the Carlisle-Wortman firm.

In addition to conducting the study, the firm also recommended a fee schedule, which includes fees the city should charge for building department activities. Carlisle-Wortman also recommended the city adopt lower fees and informed the city they could perform the work for less what the city pays presently.

City council approved awarding the work to Carlisle-Wortman on Aug. 26.

However, at their Sept. 9 meeting, City Council postponed signing the contract because of errors in it, and questions regarding how responsibilities will be handled by the firm and the city.

Clarkston resident Cory Johnston said the city broke every rule when it comes to bidding and procuring, but he isn't surprised because in his opinion breaking rules has become the norm at city hall.

Johnston said the city ought to have sought bids from a variety of contractors familiar with the same type of work, rather than award the work to the same firm that conducted the study and set the fees.

"The only study of fees they have is from the firm they are going to give the work to without any outside or independent review and presumably only a few minutes of discussion during one council meeting," said Johnston.

According to the contract proposal, Carlisle-Wortman would act as the city's building department and handle permit applications and inspections. According to the contract the city will pay \$600 a month for a retainer fee as well as a one-time fee of \$2,500 to reorganize the department.

Councilman Richard Bisio said although he favored revising the fees and obtaining a more professional service for residents, he would have like to see what other firms have to offer, and would have also liked the council to bid out the work.

Johnston said that's exactly what the city should have done.

"The city continues to act in an unprofessional manner that continues to show their inability to manage or govern fairly and in a professional manner," said Johnston.

In August, the City council passed a motion made by Bisio directing the city manager and attorney to negotiate a contract that would provide a year-long trial period with Carlisle-Wortman.

Errors in the contract include referring to the city as "the township." Although the contract states that it will be valid for three years, Bisio recommended a one-year trial period with the firm.

Bisio said the contract needs some significant work before he would approve it.

"I will have a number of questions at the meeting. It looks like a form that was previously used with a township that was not appropriately modified," he said. "When the council discussed this at the last meeting, it was to be for a trial period of one year. The proposed contract is for three years. That is inconsistent with what we discussed at the last meeting and should be changed."

According to the contract, "The consultant (Carlisle-Wortman) agreed to provide the city professional building code consultation and administration services."

Work by the firm will include a wide variety of building department tasks as well as collecting fees and submitting a monthly report to the city.

The City's now former building inspector Sy Stone had received 70 percent of the building fees the city collected for performing building department work and even though the city charged higher than average fees, it did not pay for retirement or health benefits.

Michael Sabol and Council member Peg Roth moved to adopt the fee schedule immediately, but councilmen Bisio and Eric Haven said no. Bisio recommended a trial period to see if building expenses are covered.

With no guarantee that the new fees will cover the expenses associated with building department work, Bisio said he thinks a contract should be developed in which the City and Carlisle-Wortman would share responsibility if the fee schedule does not cover expenses.

When Eberhardt took the job in April, she told the Clarkston News residents can expect to see changes in the building department.

Stone is the second employee in the last few months whose position has been axed by the city.

In June the council voted to eliminate the Department of Public Works (DPW) Supervisor, give another employee a \$6,240 a year raise and made city manager Carol Eberhardt head of the department.

Briefly

Volunteers for video board

Clarkston Community Schools is looking for two citizen volunteers for the new Video Center Administrative Board.

The board will review and provide recommendations regarding the Cooperative Public Access Television Center located in Clarkston High School. It will meet at least quarterly to discuss programming, budget, staffing and overall development. Each appointed citizen volunteer will hold a 3-year term.

For more information or to send a resume, please call 248-623-5408 or email hsmccclaim@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Free recycling

Recycling Sisters offers free recycling of at Clarkston Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 21, in the parking lot of the Renaissance High School, 6558 Waldon Road.

Items accepted include electronics, appliances, auto parts, and clean, gently used clothes and shoes for Jill's Healing Connection.

There is a small fee to recycle paint and stains as well as for TVs and monitors.

Free pickup service is available for appliances, bulky metal items or large quantity of items, call Patty at 248-240-4899 for an appointment.

Zombies at book store

Zombies are invading the MI Book Boutique for the Blood and Brains Boonanza Zombie Fest, Sept. 21.

They are showing two locally produced movies beginning at 7 p.m. with "Deadline: Medium Rare" an award-winning short from Anthony Gaskell, and John J. Wisniewski's comedy "Dayplanner of the Dead."

Also, professional makeup artists are doing demonstrations and prizes will be awarded for the best Zombie costumes. The prizes for best-dressed are tickets to the Flint Horror-Con and local haunted houses.

Please call to make reservations for priority seating. The cost is \$10 at the door. Call Sandra at 248-787-6623. MI Book Boutique is located at 4396 Dixie Highway Suite #2 in Waterford.

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Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

No war in Syria

War! What is it good for? Absolutely nothing!

Elected leaders seem to forget who they work for. It seems Americans have been doing their job writing their representatives and telling them no to a strike on Syria.

I wonder how many will listen. It's unbelievable if elected officials who represent us do not listen to the American people, and vote yes to this conflict.

I know how I will vote in the next election if the leaders who are supposed to represent me vote "yes."

I have looked online, read comments on all the stories and talked to a lot of people about the issue and the opposition is heavy. I conducted a People Poll last week, and every single person I asked said no to a strike on Syria-all of them.

In Iraq and Afghanistan the US spent billions of dollars and thousands of American soldiers were lost. Hundreds of thousands of civilians in those countries died too. All that money and lives spent in Iraq, and guess what- Iraq just issued a statement saying they oppose any strike on Syria. Now if Iraq gets involved in the conflict, the US could be fighting against the very army we trained and equipped. History repeats itself again!

I also have a problem with a term used when describing our soldiers.

When I hear the term boots on the ground-I see faces-and I think of a stories. I think about a story I wrote about William Kleinedler, a soldier from Swartz Creek who was almost killed when his Humvee hit an explosive device. He suffered severe burns on 12 percent of his body, and four of his fellow soldiers died. I remember a kid I knew when I was younger, now a paraplegic, whose life is forever changed.

I remember the story I read of Clarkston's Jenna Beno.

I see stories that may never be told if these "boots on the ground" never come home.

I imagine myself on the battlefield facing gunfire and explosions, sweaty, scared and unsure if I will live to see another day. I find these thoughts absolutely terrifying, and I cannot imagine the guts it would take to engage in war.

These "boots on the ground" have faces, lives and families. US strikes will destroy countless innocent lives in Syria



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Reader calls for removal of 'insulting' statue

Dear Editor,

I urge all readers to encourage the Clarkston Historic Commission to take all appropriate steps to ensure the immediate removal of the black lawn jockey, displayed on the front lawn at the Miller House on North Main Street—a house in the village's historic district prominently labeled with a huge historical marker sign placed for all to see.

Regardless of any purported significant historical significance of the jockey ornament, the reality is that the display is an

affront and embarrassment to the respectful and increasingly diverse Clarkston and Independence Township communities.

In this millennium, it is hard to believe any citizen would support or even tolerate such an ignorant and insulting display, much less allow a huge sign which draws attention to the subject property and object and touts Michigan historical significance for the property.

Michael C. Fetzer
Clarkston

See page 16 for story on the statue

Thanks for community support for Labor Day picnic

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all who made the Labor Day Picnic in Depot Park a great success.

Friends of the Library and the library staff gave away free popcorn, Rudy's Market free hot dogs, etc. Jeannie and Don Frayer supplied \$25 worth of pennies for the Penny Scramble.

Judith Hoddinott did free silhouettes, Independence Township Fire Department brought a great fire engine out.

Doc Dewey brought his incredible calliope and played and played. The historical society supplied the candy prizes

and the great array of clothing for the suitcase relay.

We had great volunteers for the penny scramble, three legged race, sack race, suitcase relay, and the tug of war.

Eric Haven, Richard Bisio, Mike Sabol, Tom Ryan, and Steve Hargis furnished the Cook's Ice Cream treats.

Many hands made a fantastic event.

Our deer appreciation to all that helped to make the picnic so much fun.

Mark your calendar for next year!

Thanks abound,

Jim and Gini Schultz
Clarkston

Football players' food donations much needed

Dear Editor,

On Aug. 16th, Clarkston High School Football sponsored the 16th annual Rush for Food to benefit the Lighthouse Clarkston food pantry.

The football players collected 6,397 pounds of food that was sorted, boxed and stacked ready to be distributed to low income families in the upcoming months.

JV and Varsity players drove through area neighborhoods collecting bags of food while the freshman players sorted and

boxed the food. All of this hard work was accomplished in just three hours!

Each year our office relies on this food drive to restock the pantry shelves that have been depleted during the lean summer months.

We send a sincere thank you to the players, parents, coaches and the community for another successful Rush for Food!

Connie Stapleton
Manager, Lighthouse Clarkston

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Please keep them short and to the point. We'll edit them for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and length. We take the liberty of publishing (or not) all letters we receive. Please sign your letter (no photo copies!) and include a daytime phone for verifications. Deadline is noon, Monday.

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1998

"Car accident claims life of Clarkston High School student" For the second time in just a few months a Clarkston student died from injuries received in an accident on the stretch of Clarkston Road, west of Eston Road and near the corner of Lakeview Road. The 16-year-old driver lost control of the car going around the curve and the car flipped over, sending the driver and passenger from the vehicle.

"Springfield approves Meadowlands"

The proposed Meadowlands cluster housing project was approved unanimously by the Springfield Township board. Meadowlands, located near the Hidden Trail residential area off of Rattalee Lake Road has been ongoing for four years.

"CBS films CHS" A CBS news crew spent some time at the new Clarkston High School, off Flemings Lake Road, to film a documentary on teenagers for the show "48 Hours." Clarkston was one of several high schools across the country being used for the documentary.

25 years ago - 1988

"Mom of four salutes start of '88-89 school year" While Karen Pfeifer's four daughters were at school she made a sign saying "RAISE THE FLAG! All my kids are finally in school all day! HOORAY!" She told them for six years she was going to do it and when they began teasing her about it she said, "just watch me." She did it.

"Junior highs now house grade 6"

When school began it provided a major change for some of the Clarkston school district's sixth-graders. Sixth-graders from Andersonville and Bailey Lake elementaries began attending the junior highs. Pine Knob, Clarkston and North Sashabaw elementaries began the previous school year. With all sixth-graders in the district's two junior highs, the first step into the middle school concept was complete.

"CHS soccer team wins opener" Once the first-game jitters were put aside the varsity boys soccer team proved there would be no loss in the home opener as they beat Avondale, 3-1.

50 years ago - 1963

"First Hole-in-one at Waterford Hill" Dr. Harold G. Ford, D.D.S. made the first hole-in-one at the Waterford Hill Country Club since the opening of the course in August. The hole-in-one was made on the first hole of the par three with a nine iron.

Now is time for discussion on police issues, reader says

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston News had a story about the burning of the portable toilets in their Dec. 19, 2012, issue and a quick search of their archives revealed several articles about vandalism in the park both before and after the city eliminated their police department.

It seems the city has done nothing about this other than talk and spend money to repair the damage.

After the December 2012 fire, city council talked to the sheriff's department and asked about security cameras. They are still considering the cost, estimated at \$6,000.

According to the city manager, "The purchase is not in this year's budget" and "This is all very preliminary."

This is 9 months after the recent fire, six years after the last fire with years of problems and complaints in between.

Spending \$6,000 on cameras without some other comprehensive plan will probably not solve anything but it is worth some discussion.

Even with no money in the budget to address the issue of vandalism, the City Manager recommended and the City Council ap-

proved \$2,500 for remodeling the Village Offices after only one meeting and a few minutes of discussion.

At the last council meeting, they approved \$3,480 for a new high-tech digital phone system for the village offices after only one meeting and a few more minutes of discussion. Both of these costs were not in the budget passed only two months ago but were still approved by the council.

City employees all received substantial unbudgeted raises last year and those raises were incorporated into this year's budget.

I bring this up because of the absurdity of the council's actions, or inactions, the city manager's comments, and because some current city council members have again raised the issue of police services in the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Since the city eliminated their police, these services have been provided under contract to Independence Township, not by contract to the Oakland County Sheriff Department. It is also an election year in the city so there may be some campaigning and discussion of issues, although historically that is highly unlikely.

I don't have answers for all the city's problems but I think there should at least be a discussion of priorities and needs before any of our money is spent.

That is the whole concept of a budget that our city government fails to understand. To them, spending taxpayer money is the easy solution, even when not the best.

Spending unbudgeted tax payer funds for office improvements and pay raises while ignoring crime, vandalism, public safety, city ordinances, and other detrimental activities is bad government. Unfortunately, that's the government we have.

It is an election year in the city and we should all demand that the candidates discuss the issues the present city government ignores. Now is the time to ask and if they don't have the right answers, or any answers, don't vote for them.

It may not matter since we have so few candidates to choose from but I think they should at least be good politicians until the election even if they are not capable of it once elected.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston

Peg Hill joins The Big Deal

Peg Hill of Davisburg joins *The Clarkston News* as ad representative for *The Big Deal*.

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Hill

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Drugs, plumbing, videos & more

The other week and maybe it was just this past weekend -- I don't remember much past today these days -- I was toofin' round the 90 degree curve to the west on Perry Road in Goodrich . . . I mean Atlas.

And, right there by the Atlas "Post Office" I was visually hit in the face.

"Boys," I asked of sons Shamus and Sean, "when did they paint that business? When did it change from that nice, quaint beige and red metal store front to that?" Neither knew.

"That" was (and still is) the Roberts Plumbing Service building at 8515 Perry Road. It's now a red, white and blue, stars and stripes, American Made Products proclaiming piece of Americana. I like it!

A few years ago I had Robert "Bob" Morgan out to Casa d'Rush to fix a leaky pip and he's a regular dude. He worked efficiently and effectively and would have gotten done quicker if I hadn't asked him a million questions about himself as he tried to work.

My hat is tipped to Bob for: 1. Fixing the leak; 2. investing back into his community by making his building awesome looking; and 3. promoting American-made products.

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The sons and I stopped in at Mammoth Video on M-15 in Ortonville a while back (I think we were looking to rent the campy sci-fi "classic" movie, *Sharktopus*), and I noticed a chalk board sign proclaiming the shop's "Digital Copies for sale, \$5."

"Pour quoi?" I inquired.

"Why?" the friendly clerk behind the counter countered.

"Why?" I answered confused.

"You asked why in French. Why what?"

"What. I asked what. What is this digital copy thing?"

I clarified our fast degrading conversation.

"Oh, that . . ." she went on, but in your best interest

I'll paraphrase what she said. Apparently, when you get a DVD or Blue Ray movie there, for only \$5 more you can purchase a digital copy of the movie that you put on your computer or tablets.

I don't know, seems like a good idea if you're traveling or something. How does it work? I haven't a clue, it's above my pay grade. Call them yourself and find out, 248-793-3636.

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By a show of hands out there, who knows what "America's Epidemic" is? Anyone?

Well, if you have heard Clarkston's two-time "best" pharmacist Frank Granett speak, or if you have read his book, you might know the answer. According to Frank, America's "epidemic" is the premature over-medication of our youth -- in particular with regards to ADA and ADHA diagnosis.

A couple of years ago I told you of his book, *Over Medicating Our Youth*. In the book he outlined the

problem as he saw it, as a local pharmacist filling prescriptions and steps for parents to take before medicating their children. Well, since then, he's been across the country speaking on that very subject in person and on different syndicated radio shows.

This Sunday (Sept. 15) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Frank will be at Neiman's Family Market at the corner of Dixie and White Lake Road, to sign his book and promote a new two-disc DVD set.

The DVD, titled *Over Medicating Youth: Solutions for America's Epidemic*, is meant as an educational tool, not only for parents, but also educators and health care professionals. The ever-dapper Frank and his co-host, Jodi Debbrecht Switalski (51st District Court, Waterford), lead discussions with a number of guests. Topics of the DVD set cover identifying problems, dangers of addiction and solutions.

Frank, who lives in the Clarkston-Orion area has also cofounded the nonprofit group, Coalition Against Overmedicating Our Youth (www.caooy.org). The group advocates "the prudent use of drug therapy, only after comprehensive clinical bio-assessments."

Both Frank and Jodi will be at the new Clarkston grocer to answer any questions you may have. They will be in the "Corner Cafe, near the store's south entrance.

Questions, concerns or comments for Rush can be emailed to: Don@ShermanPublications.org



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Reminder on school bus safety

A Clarkston bus driver recently called *The Clarkston News* with a simple request for local drivers - stop running her flashing red lights.

"I've had at least 20 people running the lights," said the driver, who asked that her name not be used. "People need a reminder."

A Facebook inquiry showed others shared her experience.

"I had a SUV go around and pass about five cars on the right side of the road at a bus stop were I just picked up 15 children," responded Tina Hopson Fay. "Thank God I had just safely picked them up! Please slow down and use caution around school buses."

"We had a crazy lady go around the bus into oncoming traffic to get around the bus while kids were loading," wrote Amy Thompson-Williams. "That was just one time.

One reason my kids don't ride the bus anymore, it's not safe."

"At least one car has blown past our school bus while the red lights are flashing every morning and every afternoon since school started," said Lisa Damone. "People need to slow down and pay attention before someone gets hit."

Deputies monitor bus stops on patrol, and will investigate reports from citizens, said Sgt. Larry Sage, Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation.

A ticket for failure to stop for a school bus means three points against a driver's record and \$250 fine. Twelve or more points in two years means reexamination by the Secretary of State.

- Phil Custodio

Officials meet with township, deputies

Continued from page 1

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the city pays about \$100,000 a year for police coverage, about \$139,000 less per year than it did when the city had its own force.

Independence substation covers the township's 36 square mile area while the former Clarkston police covered the city's one square mile.

"They don't have the personnel to dedicate a fulltime deputy to the city," remarked Bisio.

In September 2010, Clarkston disbanded its police force after voters rejected a millage to fund it. Bisio said the police millage, which failed by seven votes, was not properly presented to voters.

The city should consider another millage request to increase police coverage, he said.

Councilman Michael Sabol agreed with Bisio's recommendation, and said he too be-

lieves the city should explore options for more police service.

Last July, City Manager Carol Eberhardt said deputies were not writing enough tickets in the city, and told council she would meet with Kittle and Lt. Dirk Feneley, Independence substation commander, to discuss the matter. The meeting was in August.

She complained deputies only wrote two tickets in July, and was told that was a clerical error.

An August report from the Sheriff Department shows there were 150 total incidents in the city, which included 44 traffic offenses.

Independence Township substation has 28 deputies, including lieutenant, three sergeants, three detectives, two school liaisons, and 20 road patrol deputies, with one shared with Brandon.

Mayor Joe Luginiski did not respond to an email with questions regarding the issue.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Tires taken

Four aluminum wheels worth about \$1,000 were taken from a backyard in the 8000 block of Pine Knob Road, Aug. 19. Home improvement contractors are suspected.

No permit to sell

A 22-year-old Texas man and 21-year-old Ohio man were cited for selling magazines without a permit, 2:39 p.m., Aug. 24, in the 4000 block of Oakhurst Ridge Road.

Copper thieves

A security guard called police to report two men stealing copper at the utility yard on Flemings Lake Road, 12:34 a.m., Aug. 26. The suspects had stacked seven rolls of the metal near the fence, and left behind a bag with wire cutters in it.

Stop sign runner

A deputy patrolling Parview Drive at Balmoral Terrace stopped a SUV for disregarding a stop sign, 7:50 p.m., Aug. 29. The driver, a 21-year-old Waterford man, was cited for running the sign and expired license, and given a warning for no seatbelt.

Window-breaking apples

A vehicle's windshield was shattered on Ortonville Road near Oak Hill Road, 12:45 a.m., Aug. 30, when someone in a car heading the opposite direction hit it with a paper bag of apples.

Driver with marijuana

A 47-year-old Independence Township man stopped for running a red light, 9:37 p.m., Aug. 31, smelled strongly of cologne and slightly of marijuana. Asked if he had smoked some, he told the deputy he had about 45 minutes ago, and gave permission to search his vehicle. The deputy found a baggie of marijuana. The driver was cited with drug possession and running the light, and given a warning for no proof of insurance.

Rock thrower caught

A 19-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for malicious destruction of property, disorderly conduct, and consumption of alcohol by a minor, 9:58 p.m., Aug. 31. A driver said the 19-year-old threw a handful of rocks at his SUV as he was driving down Pine Knob Road, hitting his hood and windshield. The driver stopped, and he and his nephew confronted the rock thrower, who picked up more rocks and threatened them. They grabbed and held him for police. The teenager had a preliminary breath test of .166.

Armed-robber arrests

An Independence Township deputy on the lookout for three armed robbers spotted the suspects' vehicle on I-75 at Sashabaw Road and stopped it, 10:49 a.m., Sept. 3.

The deputy, with backup from half a dozen other officers, arrested the suspects in a felony stop.

During the stop, a police car parked off the highway shoulder caught some grass on fire. Deputies put the fire out with extinguishers.

The suspects, Rafael Cordero and Darius Jarman, both 19, and Eddie Almodovar, 22, are accused of armed home invasion in the 900 block of E. Glass Road in Brandon Township.

The victim said three robbers, one of whom he knew, took video game systems, electronics, and a gun.

Deputies recovered five long guns including an AR-15 rifle with a 30-round loaded magazine. Several electronic devices were also recovered.

Prosecutors charged each suspect, Sept. 5, with two counts of armed robbery, three counts possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and one count receiving and concealing stolen firearm. All three were arraigned in 52-2 District Court, Sept. 5, with \$250,000 cash bond with no 10 percent for Cordero; \$25,000 cash bond, no 10 percent, Jarman; and \$100,000 cash bond, no 10 percent, Almodovar.



Jarman



Almodovar



Cordero

Doesn't like bicyclists

A 37-year-old Waterford Township man was cited for reckless driving after forcing three bicyclists off the road at White Lake Road and Elderwood Circle, 10:50 a.m., Sept. 2. The cyclists said they were riding single file at the far right of the road when a car drove up, blew its horn, swerved at them while passing, forcing them onto the shoulder, and braked sharply in front of them. Another motorist got the license plate and provided the information to the riders. After his arrest, the man told deputies bicyclists belong on the sidewalk and shouldn't obstruct traffic. The riders said they want to press charges in court.

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BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Almost 40 restaurants will present their best entrees and desserts at the 16th Annual Taste of Clarkston, 12-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 15, downtown.

One of Clarkston's most popular events, the festival will fill downtown Main, Church, and Washington streets as well as Depot Park.

The event also includes live music, children's games, and exhibitors, with free parking at local schools and free shuttle bus service to downtown.

Sponsored by many area businesses, the event is hosted by Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Independence Township Parks and Recreation, and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Taste of Clarkston supports causes like Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County My Habitat Clarkston, Women Build Habitat for Humanity and Blessings in a Backpack, Friends of Ryan Kennedy, Easter Seals and more.

Some other fun events include live music, Kidzone games and tons of exhibits and crafts. Kids activities include a bounce house, face painting, crafts, archery, carnival games and much more. Radio Disney entertainment will be held on Main Street by the Washington Parking lot from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Parents can also have their children participate in the Child ID program at the Mason's Lodge on Main Street. The ID program provides a free kit that includes a fingerprint card, a physical description, a video, a computer disk, a DVD of the child a dental imprint and a DNA sample.

Taste tickets for the event are available onsite at three ticket booths. Each ticket can be purchased for \$1 and food at the restaurants participating cost from \$1-\$10 each.

Shuttle parking is available from several locations including Clarkston Elementary, Clarkston High School and Clarkston Junior High School. Shuttle begin running at 11:30 a.m.

Also, look for Lions Club Beer Tent in the Washington Street parking lot; Classic Car Show in The Clarkston News parking lot on Washington Street; and Wine Tent and Wine Garden, sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary, in Morgan's parking lot, off Church Street

Entertainment is showcased at the gazebo in Depot Park provided by Jim Tedder of Tedder productions. For more information, check www.clarkston.org.

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Friday	09-03-13	West Bloomfield	Away	41-18 win
Friday	09-13-13	Rochester	Away	
Friday	09-20-13	Troy Athens	Home	
Friday	09-27-13	Stoney Creek	Home	
Friday	10-04-13	Pontiac	Away	
Friday	10-05-12	Troy	Away	
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Clarkston's Sporting News

This Friday...

Varsity football heads to Rochester, 7 p.m. and soccer hosts Goodrich. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows

Eriksen rushes Wolves to win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The gridiron heroes put their first win of the season in the books last Friday after beating West Bloomfield, 41-18.

"It was good to have Ian Eriksen back," said Clarkston Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson. "He made such a difference right off the get-go."

Eriksen scored with 1:24 left in the first quarter on a 2-yard run to tie the score 6-6. Kicker Shane Hynes scored on the PAT to put the Wolves into the lead, 7-6.

With two minutes left in the first half Clarkston struck not just once but twice against the Lakers.

The first strike was when DJ Zezula made a 36-yard touchdown on a quarterback keeper with 1:55 to go.

The Lakers had possession for a minute but the ball went back to Clarkston after the Lakers' pass on their fourth down went incomplete.

With 43 seconds to go, Zezula handed the ball off to Tim Cason who handed it to Eriksen on a hook and ladder play. Eriksen picked up speed along the edge of the field before landing in the endzone finishing the 72-yard play.

"It was the big play in the game," said Richardson. "It was huge. It broke their backs. Coach Ryan Kaul called it and it was a great call."

Though the Wolves came out with a win, Richardson added there is still a lot of work to do.

"We are not very good defensively right now," he said after the game. "We gave up way too much yardage. Our tackling was sloppy. We sputtered a little offensively, too."

Zezula was 8-for-11 in passing for 185 yards and rushed six times for 42 yards with two touchdowns.

"DJ was outstanding tonight," Richardson added.

Eriksen was the leading rusher on 17 carries for 111 yards and a total of three touchdowns and scored on a 2-point conversion. Watlington ran for 44 yards on five carries and Centrus Williams, Jr. ran for 50 yards on ten carries.

"Caine was outstanding again," Richardson said.

Hynes was 4-for-4 in PATs and kicked a 35-yard field goal with 9:30 left in the game.

Merrick Canada led defense with seven tackles with one tackle leading to a 3-yard loss. Reid Kaminski had five tackles and two assists. Don Monson and Jack McKillop both had three tackles and two assists. Cason had one interception.

The Wolves head to Rochester, 180 South Livernois, 7 p.m. The Falcons (1-1) lost their OAA Red game against Troy, 21-14.

"We have to play better defense - no doubt," said Richardson.



Ian Eriksen leaves a pair of West Bloomfield defense players lying in his wake during the second quarter.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The competition may be tough but Clarkston's senior leaders in defense are tougher. From left, Jack O'Riley, Mitch McCord and Jared D'Autremont.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

Anchors in defense

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves have faced tough teams the first few weeks of the season and seniors Jared D'Autremont, Mitch McCord and Jack O'Riley have helped out in each challenge.

"They are our senior anchors in defense," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Curtis Payment.

"Brother Rice pushed us to our limits," said McCord about one of the challenges in the 2-1 win. "We had a great team effort."

"It made us come out really strong," D'Autremont added. "It helped us grow a lot as a team especially since we managed to end up winning in the last 20 seconds of the game. It was a big confidence boost."

O'Riley and D'Autremont joined the varsity team two years ago and McCord joined last year.

For their final year on soccer they have been working on new techniques and plays in the back of defense.

D'Autremont explained it is important to build off the back of defense and to organize.

"Mistakes in the back are a lot more

crucial," O'Riley said. "If you mess up on top you might lose the ball but you still have people in the back."

"If we have a breakdown in the back it hurts you bad," D'Autremont continued. "Giving up one goal can mean winning or losing."

They are also lending their experience and knowledge to the younger athletes to prepare them.

"They are picking up really well," said O'Riley. "They have been working hard like we have all year."

"The sophomores have really stepped up and filled a big role on the team," D'Autremont added. "Alec Jones in the back has been playing really well on the outside back and so has Ben Seicinski. They have helped a lot on the outside."

McCord added as the season continues they expect to get better as they plan to make a longer run in the playoffs.

The boys ended their junior year in the district playoffs against Lake Orion and it boosted in their motivation to get stronger during the off season. They added their new coach, Payment, also helped.

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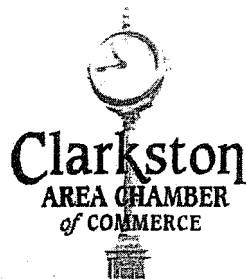
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Wolves' goals begin with hard work

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are back and running for a successful cross country season after finishing 12th in the state last year.

"I have five guys coming back who have worked hard and if they stay healthy will be a pretty tough team," said Mike Taylor, coach for Clarkston Boys Cross Country.

Returners include senior Nathan Heierman, juniors Dan Billette, Tyler Dunn and sophomore Grant Henley.

"Dan is certainly an All-League type of kid and possible qualifier for the state meet. He is a key person," Taylor said. "Tyler loves to run. He gets in his miles all the time. He can be a very good performer."

He added Henley and Heierman both were injured last season and didn't get a lot of running in but this year they look healthy and ready to go.

"From there I look for guys to improve," Taylor said.

"Everytime you lose someone it creates a problem but it also gives someone on the team the opportunity to step up and fill an opening. It is their turn to shine."

Candidates to fill the rest of the spots are junior Jacob Dasuqi and sophomores Derrick Egli and Simeon Britting.

Taylor added there are a lot of young guys

on this year's team and the goals begin with showing them hard work. Second, get them started on the right foot and run cross country the right way.

The boys have seven meets before they head into MHSAA Regionals in Bay City. Three of the meets are league meets in the OAA Red against Birmingham Seaholm, Lake Orion, Oxford, Rochester, Rochester Adams and Troy.

"Adams was coming on at the end of last

season," Taylor said. "They came close behind us in regionals. Lake Orion is always tough. Those two schools I know will give us a hard time."

It will get them ready for the competition they will see in their new region at the end of October as they see Bay City Western, Saginaw Heritage and Grand Blanc.

"We will be good by then," Taylor said. "There are about five good schools up there going for three spots. It's not an easier region."



Clarkston Boys Cross Country team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Lady Runners eager to lead the pack

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves lost over half of their top runners from last season to graduation but have eager runners ready to lead the pack.

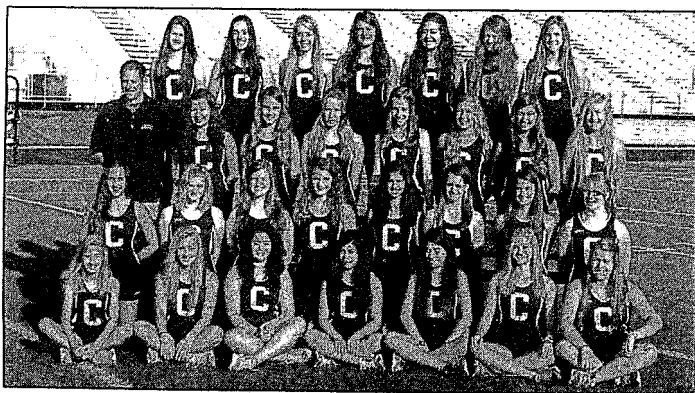
Returning to this year's team are sophomore Nicole Hanson, junior Lysie Gram and senior Sage Beuregard.

"They did a pretty good job leading the team," said Clarkston Girls Cross Country Coach Kevin Breen. "Beyond that we have a large group of runners who are moving up and coming along. The good thing is we have a young upcoming runner, Alex Gladding, a freshman. I expect her to do good things for us."

Running right around her are: seniors Mackenzie Proper, Morgan Martin; junior Helen Jeffers and sophomores Kaitlyn Cavallo and Amanda Casetti.

"A lot of runners are showing what kind of off season training they did and how good of shape they are in," said Breen. "If we want to do what we did last year it's going to mean having four new runners step up into those varsity spots and getting them down down to 19:30 for the goal and the key for us to have another return trip to states."

First, the girls will face tough competition



Clarkston Girls Cross Country team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

in the OAA Red against Birmingham Seaholm, Lake Orion, Oxford, Rochester, Rochester Adams and Troy.

Breen added Adams and Oxford lost their front runners but the Wildcats have a young class of athletes while Seaholm has the toughest team.

"Lake Orion has been improving over the last year," he said. "You never know about Rochester. They will come out of nowhere a lots of the time."

The goal right now is to get solid practices in before they hit the bulk of their meets to get the time in and start building a base to run the rest of the season off.

"We have groups of runners including Sage and Lysie," said Breen. "They are doing their thing. They are getting out there every day. They are really pushing themselves. We have that large group behind them that we need them to group up and get together and start working together in races."

Senior leadership to take team past districts

Kickers have set their goals for the season and on the top of them is a OAA Red league title and a good run in the post-season.

"The only other team to make it past district playoffs has made it to state finals in 2007," said senior Brad Schultz. "We have been knocked out of districts. We want to win districts."

Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Curtis Payment added the first challenge is to do well in the league.

"It is loaded with great teams and it will be a barometer for us," he said. "It is one of the top leagues in the state every year. If we can win our league I am sure we will do well in the state tournament as well."

He knows the team can do it with the team with 13 seniors and a mix of ten juniors and sophomores adding to the mix of experience and talent.

"We have a lot of upcoming seniors that have been playing for a while," said Schultz. "We know what we are getting into. We know what we need to do in order to win."

"We will create a lot of pressure," Payment added. "We will play good soccer, too."

One of the strengths with this year's team is in the net with junior goalies Grant Gotaas and Cary Wilson.

"Grant is a big time keeper," Payment

added. "He does everything you ask and he is really consistent."

In addition they are strong up top and have speed in their players to make an impact on the field.

"Our scoring and goaltending is going to be phenomenal," Payment said.

Gotaas added another strength is the bond the team has with each other.

"We are all good friends," he said. "Most of us have been playing together for a long time. The fact we know each other we will

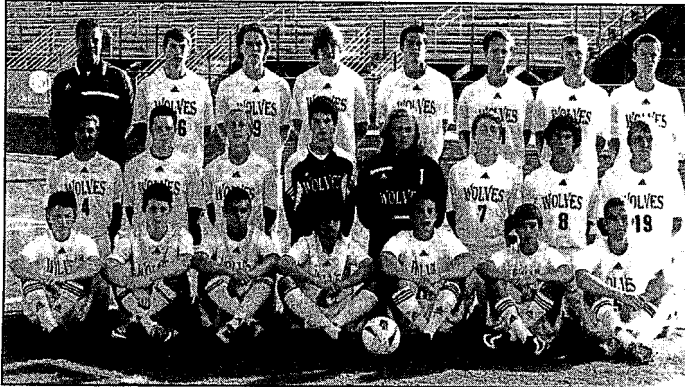
connect."

The boys are looking forward to Youth Night when they host Holly on Sept. 19 and their rival game against Stoney Creek on Oct. 1, which is also the Wolves' Senior Night.


"They have really had Clarkston's number for the last 4-5 years," said Payment. "It is a huge game for us. It is our last league game as well so it will matter."

"Every game you have to take seriously," added senior Jack O'Rilley.


~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Swimmers welcome largest team since 1999

The Lady Wolves are ready for an exciting season with the largest and most experienced team they have had since the swim and dive program started in 1999.

They have a total of 34 on the roster with nine divers and 23 swimmers. Four of the divers are regional divers from last year.

"We are going to have a very good season," said Coach Kenwyn Chock. "We have strong senior leadership this year from Sami Stelpflug, Kathryn Culver and Natalie Vela. They have been to the state meet since their freshman year. They have so much respect for the sport of swimming."

She added it helps because they are competitive with their swimming background and experience.

But those three aren't the only ones with experience, Chock pointed out. Out of the entire team about 80 percent of them swim year round.

"The freshman coming in are also year

round swimmers," she said. "We had solid depth last year but they are going to continue to the depth. They will have an impact right away."

The impact will help as they head into their OAA Red league meets - one of the strongest leagues with Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills, Lake Orion, Rochester Adams and Troy.

"We are going to see a lot of strong swimmers," Chock said. "It is almost like a county meet."

The biggest goals for the team this season is to train and swim like champions. They are also focusing on a first place finish in the league and to finish higher than last season's ninth place at the state finals.


The Lady Wolves compete on Thursday at Lake Orion and Tuesday at Seaholm. They are back home on Sept. 19 against Troy. They have two more home meets following - Sept. 26 against Groves and Oct. 17 against Adams for Senior Night. All home meets begin at 6 p.m.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon




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Players give their all

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"He has really pushed us to go further," said McCord. "He has pushed us to our limits with off season weight training and better conditioning sessions."

"He always talks about with us how it is our last chance for everything and give it our all," O'Riley added.

The boys have been playing soccer since Kiddy Kickers with most of their teammates.

"It makes our bond stronger," McCord added.

If an opportunity comes up they would consider continuing to play in college.

"It is definitely a possibility," McCord said. "It would be great to play a sport in college."

"It is a huge commitment," D'Autremont considered. "Obviously it would be fun. If the opportunity came up it would be something to think about."

O'Riley agreed it was a huge commitment, "I don't know if I want to put aside that time in college. Plus at that point you are trying to move on in your life and get a job."

Since they have played since they were young they shared advice for aspiring athletes.

O'Riley noted to do what you love. "If you are not going to enjoy what you are doing there is no point going out for it," he said.

"Like coach was saying, you have to commit to it no matter what you do," McCord added.

"If you have aspirations to play at a higher level or play in college than you will want to commit everything you have to it."

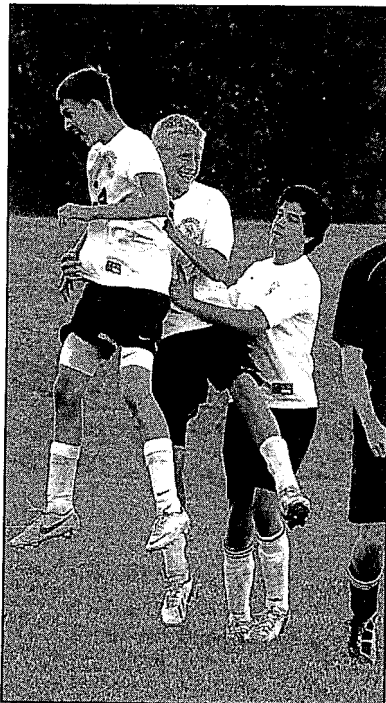
D'Autremont pointed out to put in the effort.

"It is all about effort," he said. "You get what you put in and you have to be ready to sacrifice yourself and your individual goals for the team."

See D'Autremont, McCord and O'Riley lead the defense players when the Wolves host Goodrich on Friday and on Tuesday when they host Troy Athens.

Clarkston hosts Youth Soccer Night on Sept. 19 when they play Holly High School.

For home games JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Danny McMahon, Luke Allen and Oswaldo Millet celebrate Allen scoring the first goal on September 5. Photo submitted

Everest rules field

Clarkston Everest Collegiate Varsity soccer team defeated two teams last week.

They opened with a 4-2 win over Allen Park Cabrini in a battle of Catholic League foes, September 5.

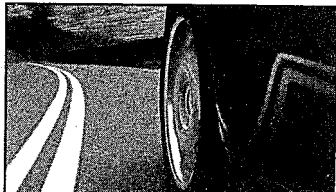
Cabrini led 1-0 at halftime after a goal from Junior Nico Gonzalez. Cabrini added to their lead seventy seconds into the second half with another goal.

Everest Collegiate came back to score four consecutive goals in the final half. Sophomore Luke Allen started the momentum with his first goal with the Mountaineers.

Freshman Oswaldo Millet led the team with the final three goals of the game.

They continued the week on Saturday with a 3-1 win over Detroit Cristo Rey, putting the Mountaineers' record 3-0-1.

They host Shrine Catholic High School on Thursday at 7 p.m., 5935 Clarkston Road.



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Spikers aim for successful season

Senior co-captain Katie Chadwell expects great things for the Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team this year.

"We have pretty powerful hitters and our back row is strong," she said getting ready for her third year starting with her co-captain senior Brianna Frakes.

"They are both positive leaders," added Coach Kelly Avenall. "They have been solid for us since they were sophomores. Katie has really taken to the leadership role. She is really confident and doing a good job with the younger kids. Bri because she is a setter has always been more of a leader."

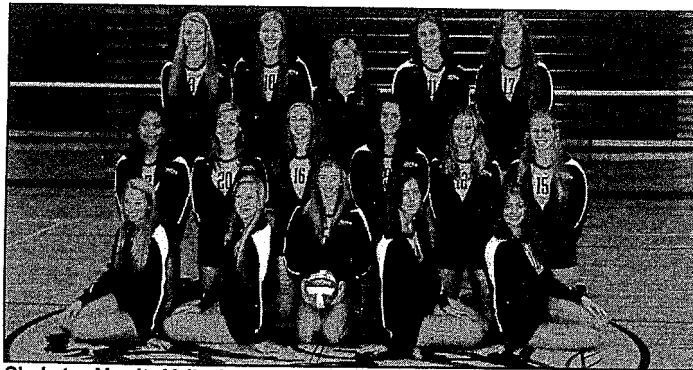
Also returning are juniors Emily Malinowski and Rachel Vieira and seniors Kacy Robinson, Tessa Manilla, Melanie Aguayo and Megan Sutherland.

"Kacy didn't play much last year," Avenall added. "She is going to see more playing time this year as an outside hitter. She is going to surprise a lot of people."

Another player to surprise fans and opponents is newbie senior Samantha Moraw, who played her first time on volleyball last year with the JV team.

"There is so much she will bring to the team," Avenall added. "I asked her to play JV because I saw potential in her."

Joining Moraw are six other new players



Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

including junior Taylor Dellinger, who lived in Clarkston during her freshman year.

"She went to Alabama, played there and did a good job," Avenall said. "She brings a lot of energy to the team. She is a very efficient hitter and produces well at the net."

The biggest threat this year is the core of hitters the team has which gives Frakes a lot of options to feed the ball.

"It opens up things and makes our opponents think a little bit more."

The Lady Wolves continue to make win-

ning the league one of their top goals for the season.

"From there go as deep as we can in the post season," said Avenall.

The OAA Red this year is Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills, Clarkston, Lake Orion, North Farmington, Oxford, Stoney Creek and Troy.

"Lake Orion, Troy, Seaholm and us will be in the top four mix," Avenall predicted, adding this season will be fun to watch because all of the girls are positive and energetic. ~WR

DeFinis tops Adams in shutout

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Six minutes is all the Wolves needed to build a lead in their home opener against Rochester Adams on Sept. 3.

Senior Brad Schultz led the ball towards the Highlanders' net then passed it to junior Joey DeFinis, who put it into the left corner of the net with less than six minutes into the game.

"They worked really hard," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Curtis Payment about the 2-0 win. "Again we did not give up a lot of chances."

Both teams battled following the first goal but the Wolves held control. Adams snuck in with six minutes left in the first half and made a shot on the net but junior goalie Grant Gotaas blocked it.

The Highlanders had one more chance a few minutes later on a corner kick but Clarkston's defense was waiting. They blocked it and knocked it away from the goal's range.

"They had a couple of close calls," Payment added.

DeFinis scored again with 16 minutes left

in the game with an assist from senior Max Monsour

"We had better offensive movements and we buried our chances," said Payment. "We had six good chances and we buried two of them. I was happy with the game."

The Wolves followed it with a tight rivalry game against Lake Orion last Thursday, which both teams ended tied at zero.

"We dominated but could not score," said Payment. "Their goalie was pretty good. We missed the goal. We need to work on finishing because we had chances. It was just one of those nights - it wasn't meant to be."

The boys took 11 shots on the net and junior goalie Cary Wilson blocked the Dragons from scoring on the few shots they made.

"He did a really good," Payment added. "They had a limited amount of shots but they had a bunch of crosses he did good one."

The boys host their next two games with Goodrich is Friday and Troy Athens next Tuesday.

"We just keep doing what we have been doing," said senior Jack O'Riley. "Playing hard and playing our game."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Wolfpack Update

Runners competed in the West Bloomfield/Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark on Saturday.

Grant Henley led the Clarkston Boys Cross Country team in Division 1, finishing in the top 15 in the 14th spot in 17:30.

The team finished in 12th place with 240 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer finished in first place with 71 points.

The girls cross country team finished in sixth place with 190 points. Northville finished in first with 30 points.

The Lady Wolves opened the season with the Golden Grizzly High School Invite, Aug. 30.

They finished in seventh place with 182 points. Lysnie Gram led the team, finishing in fifth place at 20:49. Sage Beauregard finished in 19th place, 21:30.

Both teams compete in the OAA #1 meet next Tuesday at Bloomer Park, 345 John R Road in Rochester Hills at 4:30 p.m.

Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team went 4-1-1 for the day at the Grand Blanc Tournament on Saturday.

They beat Novi in the semifinals and lost to Lake Orion in the finals. The Lady Wolves won the first game 27-26 but lost the next two games. Senior Brianna Frakes had 119 assists and six aces during the day. Junior Taylor Dellinger had 57 kills and senior Katie Chadwell had 45 kills and eight blocks.

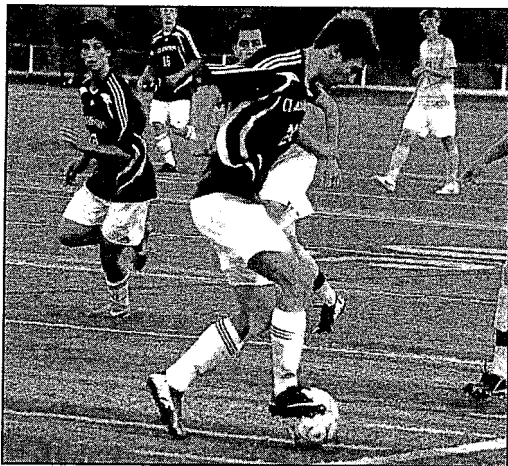
The girls head to the Flushing Invite on Saturday then they host a quad on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The Lady Wolves Varsity Golf team lost to Troy, 179-204.

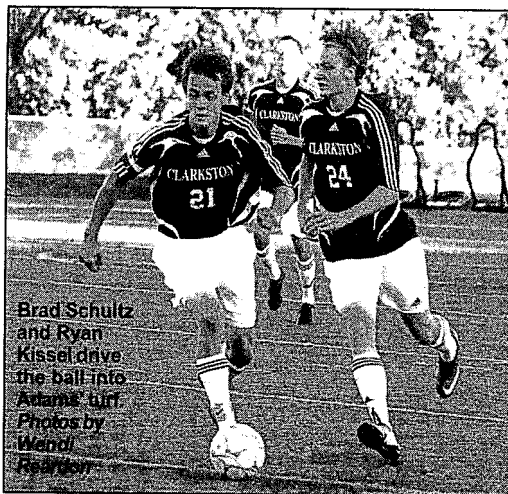
Senior Sabrina Zayec led the team with a 49 par. Senior Dana Olsen had a 51; junior Caitlin McCaghy and senior Amanda Hampton, 52; senior Stephanie Jewell, 55; and senior Katie McKnee, 57.



Joey DeFinis celebrates his first goal against Rochester Adams with fans in the stands.



Ryan Callahan uses his fancy footwork.



Brad Schultz and Ryan Kissel drive the ball into Adams' turf. Photos by Wendi Reardon.

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Students achieve success

Kellyn Carpenter of Clarkston graduated from the University of Michigan, Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in May. She accepted a position with IBM in Austin, Texas as a Lead Software Designer and has been residing in Austin since July. Kellyn is a 2009 graduate from Clarkston High School.

Paige Morrison of Clarkston will attend the University of Dayton this fall as part of an incoming class that is the most selective in school history, as well as one of the most

academically prepared and geographically diverse.

Benjamin Parker of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Villanova University for the spring 2013 semester. Parker is studying Finance in the Villanova School of Business.

Graduates from Saginaw Valley State University last May include Clarkston students **Gregory Alexander, Megan Chesney, Stephen Green, Lisa Hoover, and Lindsay Long.**



A statue in the garden of a private home should be removed, according to a Clarkston News' reader. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Statue irks but is historical

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An antique statue depicting an African-American reaching out to grab the reins of a horse is an outrage for one Clarkston News reader.

A three-foot-tall statue in the garden of a private home, the figure is also called a lawn jockey. Michael Fetzer wrote a letter to the editor, page 6, saying he believes the statue is inappropriate and needs to be removed immediately.

Known as "The Miller Home," the house has a sign in the front yard marking the historical significance of the property. Presently for sale, the home was built by Thomas A. Edison in 1924.

The original homeowner, Dr. Miller, once a Clarkston physician, cared for inventors Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

"Miller lived on a farm that burned down, so Edison offered to build him a concrete house that would never burn," said current homeowner James Cousens.

Cousens said the statue was given to him, along with other historical items and photographs, by Dr. Miller's son, Ray.

Although some believe the statue represents racism, one historian said it carries quite the opposite meaning and often marked safe locations in the Underground Railroad, a network of hidden tunnels and routes to safe locations for African-Americans escaping enslavement.

The Underground Railroad was active from about 1830 to 1861, and included routes in Michigan heading towards Canada, where slavery was illegal.

Historian Charles Blockston told www.loudounhistory.org. "People who don't know the history of the jockey have feelings of humiliation and anger when they

see the statue, but this figure, which was sometimes used without the knowledge of the person who owned the statue, was a positive and supportive image to African-Americans on the road to freedom."

Even though the Miller house was built after Underground Railroad times, Clarkston did have safe locations.

Oakland County had 25 stops in the Underground Railroad with 12 confirmed and 13 unconfirmed sites, according to an "Oakland County in the Civil War" map, which contains stories from the Underground Railroad era of history.

Cousens said he doesn't live in the home because he refuses to live in the city of the village of Clarkston because of past troubles, which included a court battle, while he and his wife were remodeling the historic home.

He won the case over what he could and could not replace while remodeling, but the fight got nasty and he and his wife often felt personally attacked by many people in the community, he said.

"That's why I will never live downtown," he said. "People were rude, nasty and vicious to us."

An Independence Township resident for many years, Cousens said he feels like he's being attacked again now over the statue.

Cousens responded to the letter saying this:

"Mr. Fetzer is a trouble maker in my opinion. So many people think they can dictate to others what they can and can't do. My wife and I are by no means racist, and for that to be implied is beyond insulting. People need to mind their own business.

"I can tell you right now that statue is not going anywhere - it's staying right where it is," he added.

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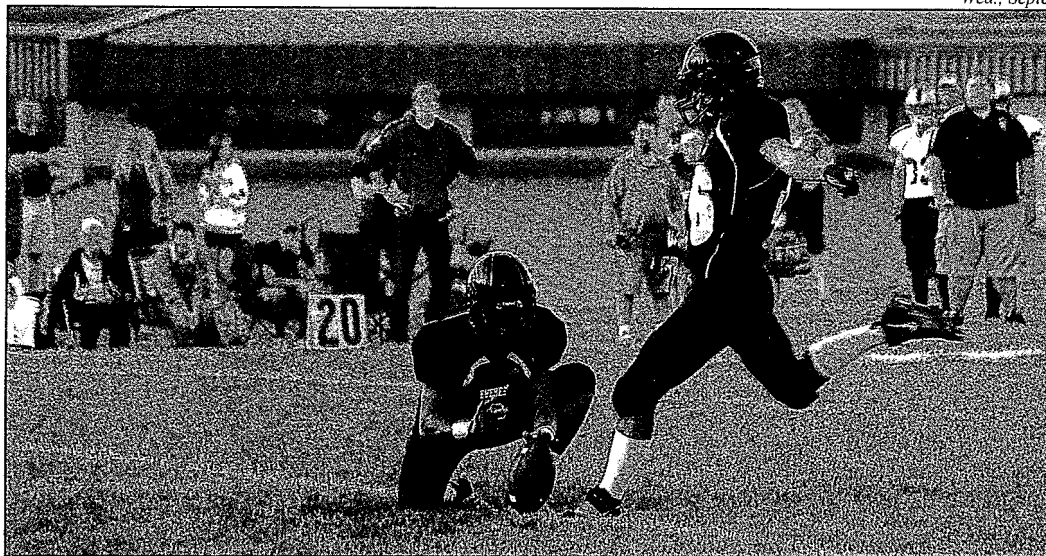
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Mountaineers climb to new heights

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When the Mountaineers of Everest Collegiate High School hit the gridiron for home games this year, it's on their own turf.

This is the first year the high school has its own football program, said head coach Michael Pruchnicki.

The team partnered with Waterford Our Lake of the Lakes for the high school's first four years. With enrollment growing, now is a good time to start its own, faith-based student athletic program, Pruchnicki said.

"If you're not bringing Christ to football, why bring football," he said. "We're here to not only win championships, but make better husbands and fathers - that's how we define success. In 10 years, my hope is that they come back with their family and say, this helped them out."

The community pitched in to build a press box, and install lights and equipment, he said.

"Everyone stepped up to do that," he said. "Now it's go time."

They hosted almost 1,000 people at the Everest field on Clarkston Road during the first of an eight-game season, Aug. 31. They defeated Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 31-0. The team has 20 players, grades 9-12, including seven seniors, seven juniors, four sophomores, and two freshmen from Clarkston, Lake Orion, Ortonville, Waterford, White Lake, even Troy and West Bloomfield.

They next play on Thursday, Sept. 12. The coach brings experience playing and coaching football at Powers Catholic High School in Flint and Michigan State University as a walk on.

Goals this year include working on one percent improvement every day, continuing to build the program, setting the bar high, and making each other stronger.

"Our mission is to be competitive on the field and at the same time become men of Christ," he said.



Sal Mastromatteo receives a few pointers from Michael Pruchnicki, head coach.

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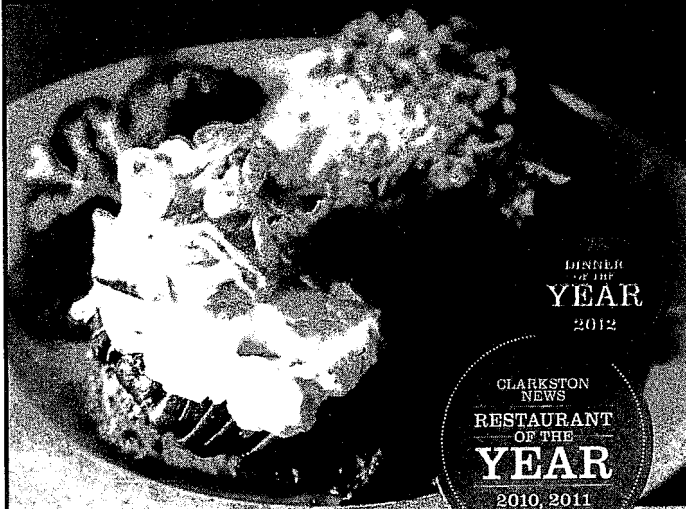
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Car won in fund raiser

BY ANDREA BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was a lucky day for Clarence Dorey of Clawson, Aug. 24, at a fund raiser at Fountains Golf Club in Independence Township—he won a new car lease with a hole-in-one.

Dorey won the prize during the 4th annual charity event for Helping Hearts Helping Hands, a foundation created by Clarkston graduate Erica Cale when she was 15 years old. He won a two-year lease on a 2013 Ford Escape, a prize valued at about \$10,000, courtesy of Szott Ford in Holly.

It was the first time in the history of Fountains Golf Club in Clarkston that a golfer won a car. Clarkston resident Sandy Turner, wife of Chris Turner, principal at Independence Elementary, witnessed Dorey's lucky hole-in-one while volunteering as a hole spotter during the event.

Dorey, an avid golfer, said he was ecstatic. "It was my first time getting a hole-in-one," he said. "And winning the car was just icing on the cake. I was so overwhelmed the rest of the afternoon."

He added he participated in the outing because his company was a sponsor of the event, and he has known Erica's parents for a long time.

"I also wanted to support a good cause," he said.

Dorey said he is going to keep the car, and let his 15-year-old daughter drive it when she gets her license.

Just over 70 golfers participated in the event to raise money for Helping Hearts Helping Hands, a non-profit mission to poverty stricken children in Honduras. The group provides water, clothing, shoes, vitamins and personal care products.



Clarence Dorey won celebrates winning a car. Photo provided

Cale said her organization also helps families establish businesses to provide income and help them be self-sufficient. She spends about nine months a year in Honduras, raising two girls at the Helping Hearts Helping Hands' foster care home.

Erica's father Jeff said the golf outing at Fountains is just one of the fundraisers his daughter holds throughout the year to benefit kids.

"She has always had a passion for helping people," he said.

Jeff said he is amazed how the community stepped up to help sponsor the event, which included donating items to a silent auction.

Several local businesses also sponsored breakfast, lunch and holes on the course during the outing.

Erica thanked everyone who attended and businesses sponsoring the outing.

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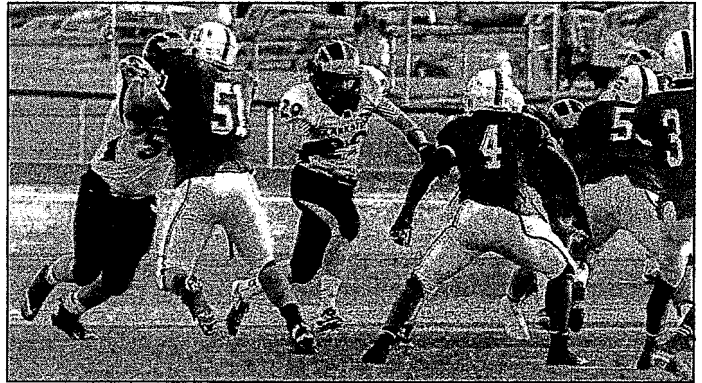
Clarkston dominated the field last Friday as they won their first OAA Red battle, 41-18.

The Wolves took control in the first half to put 22 points on the board and kept the

Lakers down to 12 points.

The Wolves head to Rochester this Friday. Clarkston will host their home opener and Homecoming against Troy Athens next Friday, Sept. 20.

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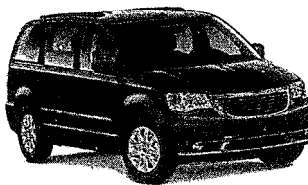
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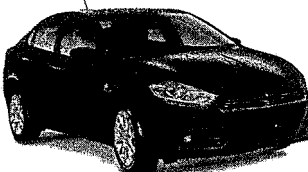
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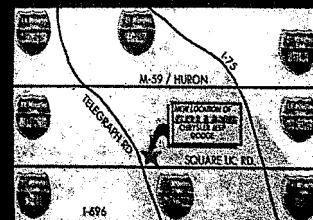
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The Wolves celebrate their first win of the season against West Bloomfield.

Knocking down the Lakers

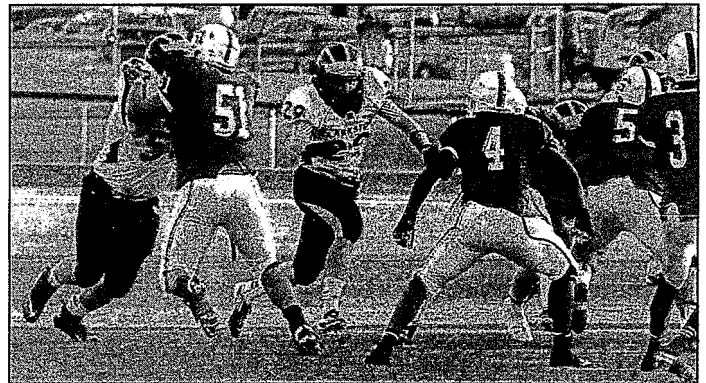
Clarkston dominated the field last Friday as they won their first OAA Red battle, 41-18.

The Wolves took control in the first half to put 22 points on the board and kept the

Lakers down to 12 points.

The Wolves head to Rochester this Friday. Clarkston will host their home opener and Homecoming against Troy Athens next Friday, Sept. 20.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



ABOVE: Adam Match and Jack McKillop hold off West Bloomfield offense during the first quarter. BELOW: The Lady Wolves cheer after a touchdown.



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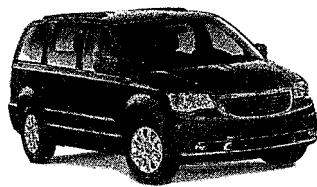
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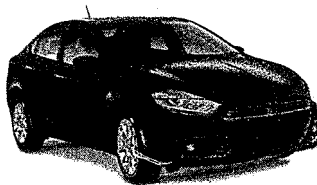
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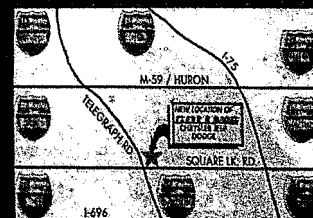
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Team RUSH kicks off year, giving school supplies

Before the school year began Team RUSH students gathered school supplies and filled them in brand new backpacks for one of the local Clarkston elementaries for the Back to School program, Aug. 28.

Within an hour and a half they had 85 children show up for the supplies. RUSH left another 30 backpacks at the elementary school for those who could not attend.

"One student gave me a high five after I gave him his school supplies," said Cameron Razdar. "Then, when I looked at him his eyes were lit up with excitement. This response was so unexpected for me to see. It happened with almost every student. Seeing the smiles on these kids' faces as we gave them their school supplies made the time well worth it."

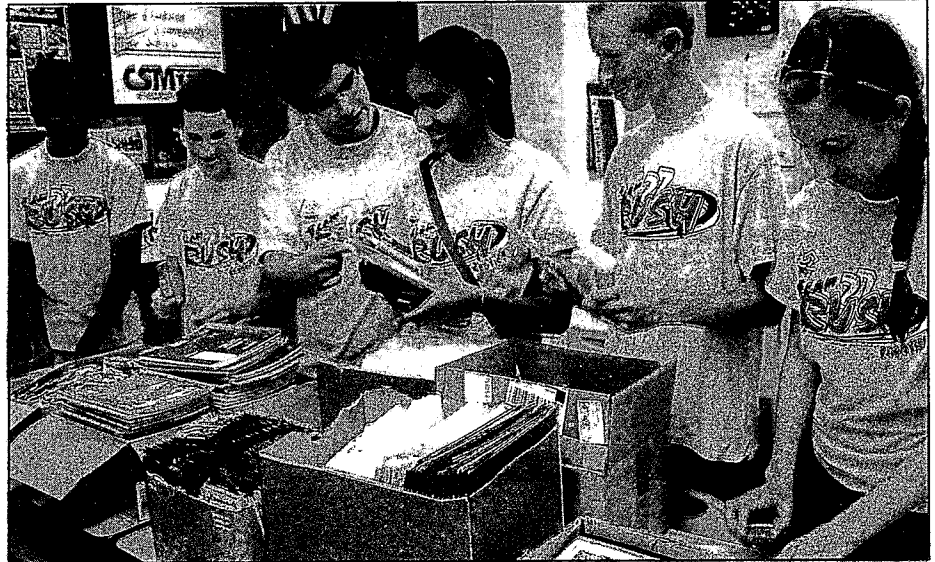
"It was heartwarming to see how thankful the children and parents were," added Sejal Mehta. "I loved seeing the kids' eyes light up as they picked up their new backpack and supplies."

Even Team RUSH parents were overwhelmed by the experience by having parents of the elementary students thank them.

"The back to school supply program was very rewarding," said parent Diana Hopper. "A parent thanked us for helping remove her stress of getting supplies. As a parent, I completely understand how challenging it can be to prepare your students for school."

Kyle Hughes, a teacher with Team RUSH, added it was an unbelievable response.

"The children were very kind and very appreciative. We left feeling a bit choked up, knowing that we made a difference in many young peoples lives, and those kids now are



Team RUSH students pack school supplies. Photo provided

excited for school to begin," she said. "We love school. The RUSH kids love learning. This is a great event for them especially to inspire other young kids to get excited about school

too. It was a very special time for the RUSH kids."

For more information about Team RUSH, please visit www.teamrush27.net.

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Should the U.S. attack Syria?

"I think the U.S. is being baited into war. I think Assad ordered the chemical weapons attack and told his general to do it in a place that they could get the best photos. They want us to get involved and Obama is being played right into their hand. We have really poor leaders."



-Ed Adler

"America can't afford to be spending more money on conflicts. Look at the billions of dollars we have spent, and all for what, to teach them



a lesson over there.
Bob Roth

"There are no clear answers to the many questions that must be answered. We don't have a clear picture of how we will disengage from battle once we get involved."

-Jon Gaskell

"I do feel sorry for the people of Syria, but what about when we go in there and drop bombs that will kill hundreds of thousands of people. I'm tired of wars because they do not accomplish anything. It's the same old thing like it was for wars against Iraq and Afghanistan."

John Lefevre

"Our soldiers are suffering from war burn out with continuous conflicts. We don't need another war and I don't want to see anymore of our American soldiers killed. Let them fight their own battles we can't keep helping other countries."

Vicki Lane

See page 37 for more responses

By Andrea Beaudoin

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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300-mile birthday bike ride for milestone

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Jim Meloche of Clarkston's soon turning 70 years old, and he wanted to celebrate with something unique.

"I'll be 70 years old on Sept. 13, Friday the 13th, 2013," Meloche said. "That's why I wanted to do something special."

He selected the DALMAC, Dick Allen Lansing to MACKinaw bike ride, five days of pedaling about 300 miles up the state of Michigan.

"It's a long-time event, 44 years - I knew about it years ago," he said.

He was an avid cyclist about 30 years ago, stopping to raise his family. His longest ride then was 52 miles, from Pontiac to Detroit and back.

He started training for DALMAC six months ago, and worked with Kinetic Systems Bicycles in Clarkston to get a new bike and gear.

"Bicycles from 30 years ago were nowhere near what they have today," he said.

He joined the Flying Rhinos cycling club, and trained with his daughter and son-in-law.

During DALMAC, he rode 72-79 miles a day, averaging 14 miles per hour.

"My fastest was 32 mph downhill with bugs in my teeth," he said. "It's amazing what these bikes will do."

Organizers transported their camping equipment on trucks and provided breakfast and dinner.

"We camped in school yards," he said. "It's interesting how the communities would come out. They really got into it."

He rode with about 640 people along the original DALMAC route. About 2,400 total were signed up along four routes.

"It was amazing," he said. "The average age was 49 years old. That was a big surprise to me. There were a lot of guys my age."

He noticed riders were young or older people. "Those in the middle are at home taking care



Jim Meloche, with his wife, Elizabeth Reed, at the DALMAC finish in Mackinaw City. Photo provided

of the kids," he said. "I would do it again, the whole experience was wonderful."

Setting up camp after 75 miles on the road, and waiting in line for showers and meals in the rain could be tedious, but it worked out, he said.

"We were all in it together," he said.

Every day, Meloche walked to a local sports bar, which he knew would have Wi-Fi, to charge his phone and update his Elder Cyclist blog, jimmeloche.blogspot.com.

He plans to continue riding as part of his fitness regimen. In winter, he serves with the national ski patrol in Independence Oaks. His bike is rugged, so he also plans to cycle throughout the year.

He has lived in Clarkston since 1975, and works as a marketing consultant, The Marketing Collaborative in Bloomfield Hills.

"I'll keep working until I fall over, and I'm not planning to do that anytime soon," he said.

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Fall Festival. 1-4 p.m., Sept. 14, Oakland Woods Baptist Church, 5628 Maybee Road. Bounce houses, pony rides, games, food, drinks. Free. 248-625-7557.

Fall Fundraiser. American Legion Post 63, S.A.L. Auxiliary, 1-8 p.m., Sept. 14, 8047 Ortonville Road. Entertainment, food, raffle. Admission, \$5/each, five/\$20. 248-634-7140.

Class of 1958. Clarkston High School 55th 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.

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

Dinner/theater. Widowed Friends, 5:30-10:30 p.m., Sept. 21, Kruse and Muer Deer Lake Inn, 7504 Dixie Highway. Order off menu. Then CVP's *Southern Comforts*, 8 p.m., 4861 White Lake Road, tickets/\$14. 248-917-3733.

Clean up of two miles of I-75, adopted by American Legion Auxilliary 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 Northern, s 50th reunion 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.

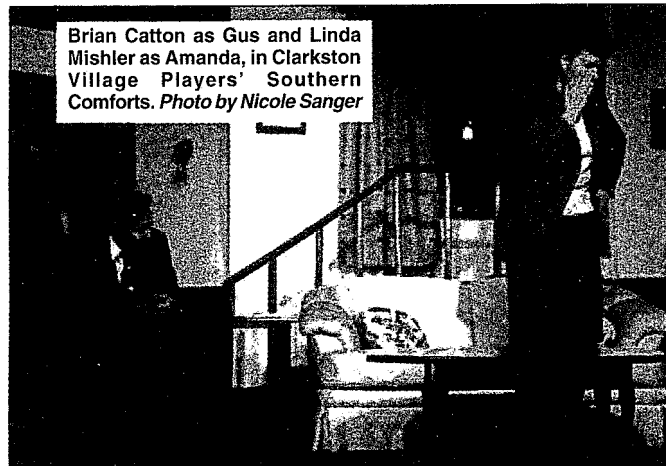
Community shred day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 28, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road. 248-625-2923.

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.

Around Town



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



Brian Catton as Gus and Linda Mishler as Amanda, in Clarkston Village Players' *Southern Comforts*. Photo by Nicole Sanger

Southern Comforts with Players

In the Clarkston Village Players' *Southern Comforts* by Kathleen Clark, Gus, a reclusive and cantankerous Yankee widower, doesn't quite know what to make of Amanda, a vivacious Tennessee grandmother.

"Amanda has a comfort level with her life that Gus doesn't, and she's always trying to pull him out of his shell, which makes him squirm," said Linda Mishler (Amanda).

Referring to a scene where Amanda is laying down the rules of their relationship, Brian Catton (Gus) confessed "it's not even acting for me, I can relate to every one of those questions."

Showtimes for the play, directed and produced by Karen McClellan, are 8 p.m., Sept. 13-14, 20-21; 2 p.m., Sept. 15; 7:30 p.m., Sept. 19, Depot Theater 4861, White Lake Road. Ticket hotline is 248-575-4104.

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.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday Independence Township Conservative Club, 6 p.m., Sept. 12, Big Boy Restaurant, 6440 Dixie Highway. Speakers: Robert Najmulski on immigration reform; Bill McMaster, Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation; and Mark Snow, Michigan DEQ, on fracking. ITCCinfo.com.

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

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Events Preaching

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Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The fifth commandment is to humor thy father and mother.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300

wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

If you know your Bible, these are hilarious.

If you didn't laugh...well... This month our church is starting a church-wide campaign where we are all reading through the Bible together.

Children, teens, adults – everyone – has the opportunity to read the Bible on their own, talk about it in their small groups, and hear me speak on it, week by week.

We can trust the Bible to guide our lives. The problem is, we need to know the Bible and apply the Bible for it to do any good. You are welcome to join us as we journey through the Bible together this fall.

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

In our local churches...

Vegetable donations for local food banks, Mondays, 4-6 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Surplus vegetable you have grown. 248-625-2325.

3D Vision Youth Group for grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., North Oaks Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Pizza Party Kick-off, Sept. 4. 248-922-3515.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery.

Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

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

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Armando Barry, 47

Armando L. Barry of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, passed away Sept. 1, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer, at age 47.

He was the beloved husband of Amy Filbeck Barry; father of Olivia, Naomi and Marcus; son of Luz Angelina Barry (Chuck) Sorber; preceded in death by father Daniel W.; brother of Martha Barry, Daniel (Kelly) Barry and Lucero Barry (Stephen Engle); son in law of Sandra (late Larry R.) Filbeck.



Armando co-owned and operated Verde Valley Rehabilitation in Flushing with his dear friend Dr. Daniel Duffy. Armando worked in the robotics industry for over 25 years. He enjoyed boating and spending time with family and friends.

Visitation was Sept. 5-6 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Sept. 7 at Mt. Zion Church. Armando was laid to rest at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family for the future education of his children. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Keith Brewer, 69

Keith Brewer of Waterford, formerly of Auburn Heights, passed away Sept. 7, 2013, at age 69.

He was the husband of Kaye for 51 years; father of Keith (Paige), Kevin (Margie), Kris (Doug) Sayles and Kendra (Charlie) Giacona; also survived by 13 grandchildren and two great granddaughters; brother of Claude, Kern and Bill Brewer; son in law of Dorothy Lewis; brother in law of Lee (Bonnie) Lewis and Janie (Tom) Vallett; also many nieces and nephews.



Mr. Brewer served in the U.S. Army and the military always held a special place in his heart. He retired from General Motors in 2008 after helping establish a plant in Mexico. He was an elder at White Lake Baptist Church and enjoyed golfing, baseball, football, speed skating and coaching little league.

Funeral service was Sept. 10 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice or Holly Special Services. Guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Hilding Berquist, 80

Hilding A. Berquist, "Jr.," of Davisburg passed away Aug. 30, 2013, at age 80.

He was the husband of Emma Jean; father of Jeanne (Jerry) Lumm, Suzanne Gaddis, Samantha (Matt) Brown, Timothy (Margee); grandfather of two granddaughters, five grandsons and a future great grandchild; brother of the late Carroll Jackson and John (Jan).



Mr. Berquist is an Army veteran and retired from GM after 29+ years.

Celebration of Life Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m., at Andersonville Community Church, Davisburg. Visitation for family and friends, from 10-11 a.m. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Andersonville Community Church, American Cancer Society or Hospice Compassus. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Robert J. Pilarcik, 71

Robert J. Pilarcik, "Bob," of Clarkston passed away Sept. 4, 2013, at age 71.

He was the loving husband of Florence; beloved father of Br. Eric Pilarcik, OFM, Elizabeth (Ko) Kurokawa, Amy (Michael) Marcum and Jill (Mathew) McDevitt; loving grandpap of Sophie, Grace, Jack, Gabe, Nick, Theo and Nate; brother of William (Celeste) Pilarcik and Thomas (Barbara) Pilarcik; also survived by many nieces, nephews, beloved extended family and friends.



Bob was a real estate broker at Coldwell Banker Shooltz and was a spiritual director. He was in the Air Force Reserve.

Visitation was Sept. 10 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit at church after 9 a.m. Rite of Committal, Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Columbiere Retreat Center. Guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Trudy T. Bahr, 62

Trudy T. Bahr of Ann Arbor, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Sept. 3, 2013, at age 62.

She was the wife of Dale; mother of Chris (Stacy) Locher, Jeff (Ali) Locher, Steve Locher and Heather (Brett) Imsland; also survived by 13 grandchildren; daughter of Frieda (the late Richard) Beall; sister of Rick Beall; step mother of Dave (Trisha) Bahr and Mike (Ingrid) Bahr.



Trudy retired from University of Michigan, Transportation Research Institute. She formerly worked as a secretary at Clarkston Elementary.

Memorial service was Sept. 7 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Marvel J. Kitson, 85

Marvel J. Kitson of Clarkston passed away Sept. 5, 2013, at age 85.

She was the wife of Clarence "Kit" for 62 years; mother of Jeff (Debbie) and Jim (Dianne); grandma of Kristin (fiancé Joe Plucker), Jeff D., Melissa (Josh) Zian and Mindy (Ryan) Hart; great grandma of Mackenzie, Joey and Emily.



Visitation was Sept. 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Sept. 9 at Seymour Lake United Methodist Church. Interment, Seymour Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Seymour Lake United Methodist Church. Guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com

Natalia Perez-Benitez, 78

Natalia Perez-Benitez of Waterford passed away Sept. 4, 2013, at age 78.

She was the mother of Franco (Santos) Reyes Perez, Amador (Paz) Reyes Perez, Benita Reyes Perez, Carmen (Fernando) Galindo, Maricela (Jaine) Gutierrez, Juvenal Reyes Perez, Orlando Reyes Perez and Erika (Israel) Galindo; sister of Isabel Perez-Benitez.



Natalia was a member of Mt. Zion Church. Funeral Service was Sept. 8 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

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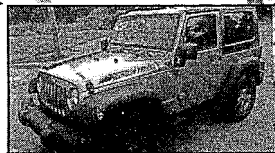
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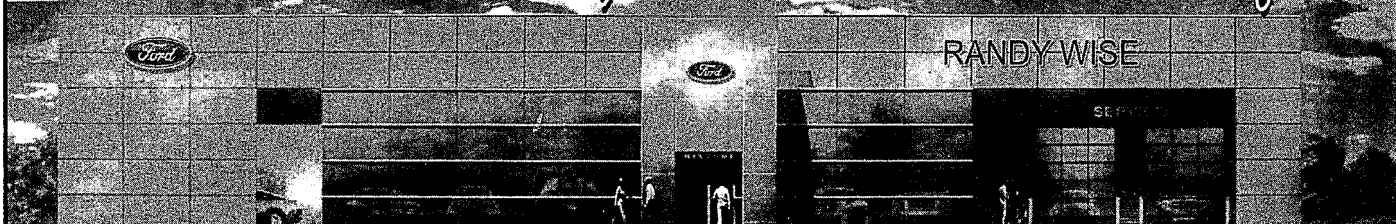
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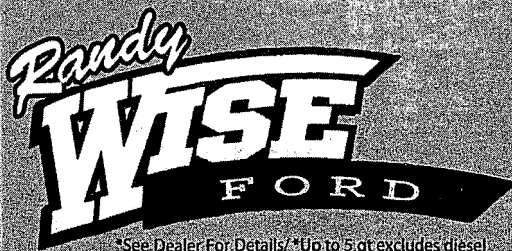
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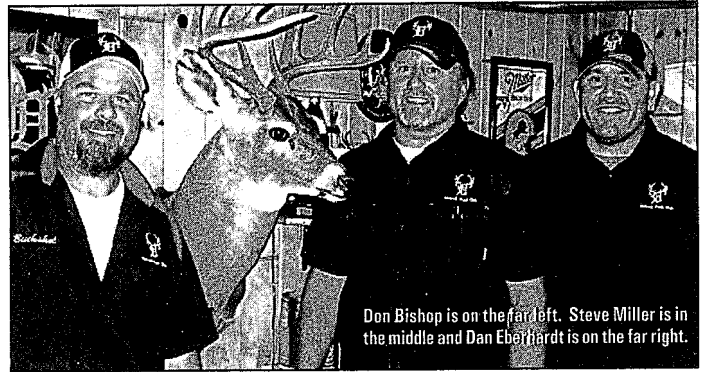
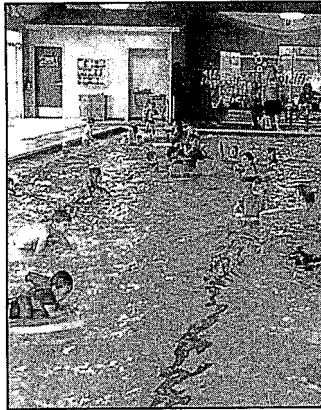
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Don Bishop is on the far left. Steve Miller is in the middle and Dan Eberhardt is on the far right.

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BY ANDREAM.BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston graduate Dan Eberhardt and two friends started the Detroit Buck Club (DBC) in 2009 out of a passion for the outdoors coupled with a knack of creating interesting products.

Eberhardt paired up with pals Steve Miller and Don Bishop—all Royal Oak residents and avid outdoorsman and hunters--to create DBC. The trio got together and designed concepts and logo.

A Facebook page, with almost 10,000 likes, features products and fans sending in pictures wearing DBC "swag," as Eberhardt calls it. The clothing, sporting goods and outdoor gear feature the DBC logo, a "D" with buck horns on top. Eberhardt said the club logo represents how proud the group comes from the "D," slang for Detroit. That's also why the products have grown in popularity.

"People like to be associated with an area and represent," he said.

The company formed after the guys made shirts to wear to deer camp. "People were asking where we got the shirts because they wanted one too," he said.

It was because of such intense interest, "We thought we'd give it a shot and create products," he said.

Although the endeavor started as merely a

personal adventure for the guys, the business has grown tremendously in the last six months.

"We have sold a lot more than we thought we would," he said.

Since all the guys have full-time jobs, they work on DBC in their spare time.

"It's a hobby for us, but it's a lot of work so it's also like a job," he said.

Their product line is expanding to include cozies, cups and gun slings. Eberhardt said they are also creating bar mirrors to hang in deer camps or basements. DBC is also big on promoting wildlife conservation.

"We believe in being ethical and doing the right thing," he said. "We promote conservation like following state rules, laws and guidelines."

Eberhardt said he's always liked hunting, and believes it's a good way for families to spend time together while building memories and getting kinds involved in being outdoors. Hunting with his grandfather is what got him into the sport.

DBC is working on supporting Benefit for Kids by selling wristbands for \$3 to raise money and bring awareness to the a charity that grants outdoor wishes of kids effected with life threatening illnesses.

As the business keeps growing, Eberhardt hopes to be able to support even more good causes. Products are being sold in a few Michigan retailers, and the trio will work to expand to include more retailers.

DBC has also expanded to start doing shows around the state like a recent Woods and Water Magazine Show in Imlay City.

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PROBATE COURT 2013-352, 010-DE
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Hunter followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Haven, Hunter, Sabol, Bisio, Hargis and Roth

Absent - Mayor Luginski

Moved by Hargis, supported by Roth to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent: Mayor Luginski
Moved by Hargis, supported by Haven to approve the amendment to add Sheriff Department discussion to the agenda after Manager's Report.

Motion Carried. Absent: Mayor Luginski
Moved by Haven, supported by Bisio to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent: Mayor Luginski
Moved by Sabol, supported by Hargis to adopt the new Fireworks Ordinance as presented in the agenda packet.

Motion Carried. Absent: Mayor Luginski
Moved by Bisio, supported by Hargis to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate a proposed contract with Carlisle/Wortman along the lines of the August 6, 2013 recommendation from Carlisle/Wortman and bring contract back to the council to review for potential approval.

Motion Carried. Absent: Mayor Luginski
Moved by Sabol, supported by Roth to immediately adopt the fee schedule as presented in the August 6, 2013 recommendation from Carlisle/Wortman. Ayes: Hargis, Hunter, Roth and Sabol Nays: Bisio and Haven Absent: Mayor Luginski

Motion Carried.
Resolved by Hargis, supported by Haven that council move forward with the Fund Balance change and amend the 2014 budget as detailed in the agenda packet.

Resolution Approved. Absent: Mayor Luginski
Resolved by Hargis, supported by Haven that the City of Clarkston purchase the Ricoh digital phone system at a cost of \$3,480. Be it further resolved that the 2013-2014 budget be amended to reflect an increase in expenditures of \$3,480 resulting in a fund balance of \$276,793.

Resolution Approved. Absent: Mayor Luginski
Resolved by Haven, supported by Hargis to authorize the City Treasurer, Sandra Barlass to execute the Interlocal Agreement (Amendment 1) on behalf of the city.

Resolution Approved. Absent: Mayor Luginski
Moved by Hargis, supported by Roth to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
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More opinions on Syrian situation

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A People Poll of over 20 people by *The Clarkston News* didn't find anyone supporting military action in Syria.

"I have a son in the military and he is stationed in the middle east," said Lori Vaught. "What our government has in mind is not going to solve the problems in Syria. I hate that innocent people were killed with chemical weapons, but I say no to any involvement."

"The U.S has no idea what the outcome of striking Syria will be. I'm also tired of the U.S fighting wars that have no real outcome and I am not willing to spend any more American lives," said Mike Burklow.

The U.S. needs to mind our own business, said Ann Berishaj.

"We have enough of our own problems to clean up," Berishaj said. "Let's get out of debt and leave other countries alone."

"We gave it away, and if we were going to strike we should have done it without telling them. Last but not least the cost, we cannot afford it," said Bob Foster.

This country has seen enough war, said Thomas Humphrey.

"I have seen the front line of war and what war does to a soldier," Humphrey said. "My brothers and father were all involved in wars, and they all came home with terrible wounds. They also will not even talk about it-that is how bad it was for them. We have not won any wars in a long time, and getting involved will not give us anything. It will only take from us. We are already too far in debt."

Richard McKibben pointed out fighting has been there for thousands of years.

"They have been fighting over there forever, and no matter what we do they are still going to fight," McKibben said "The U.S. cannot peacefully settle that one."

American efforts to help other countries rebuild go unappreciated, added Ed Adler.

"An example of this is 500 schools built in Afghanistan for girls, of which only 40 remain because Afghan citizens keep bombing the schools," Adler said.

Bob Roth said he is tired of seeing American troops get killed.

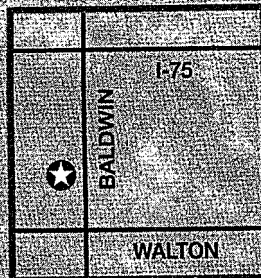
"China is OK with the U.S going to war because our country will just have to borrow more money from them to pay for the war," Roth said. "Russia will cash in too because they make all their money off fuel, so with a war in Syria gas prices will rise, and they will make more money. I also think we should wait before striking and try to find a diplomatic solution. Bombing is going down the wrong path."

President Barack Obama said action must be taken against the Syrian regime in response to a chemical attack against its own people, Aug. 21.



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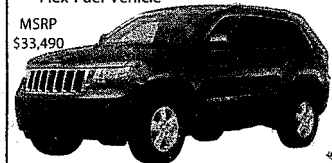
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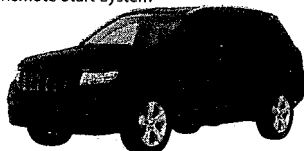
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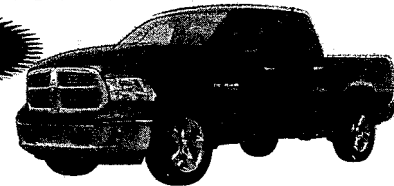


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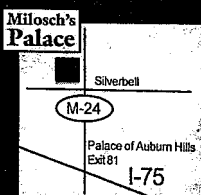
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