

Tips for safe trick-or-treating, road, safety, and ZOMBIES! In this week's edition

## Trimesters on trial

#### **BY PHIL CUSTODIO**

Clarkston News Editor The time for trimesters may be

coming to an end in in Clarkston. A Scheduling Task Force of administrators and teachers is recommending Clarkston

Community Schools go back to two semesters per year.

"This is a much different time," said Assistant Superintendent Shawn Ryan, reporting to the school board, Monday. "We've faced struggles we couldn't have imagined.

Budget reductions, and the staff and program cuts along with them, reduced the benefits of the trimester change in 2008, Ryan said.

The school district adopted trimesters, with three grading periods per year, in the 2008-2009 school year to help students meet -new Michigan Merit Curriculum standards. With three periods per year, it was meant to provide

more opportunities to take core classes, retake them if necessary, and explore electives.

Evaluation of the trimester program showed series of classes were often separated by a trimester in the middle, breaking up the flow, said task force member Gary Kaul, Clarkston High School principal.

Traditional semesters allow more continuity and flexibility, with more opportunities for team teaching by science, math, language arts teachers, Kaul said.

Board member Susan Boatman asked how the change would affect electives.

"It's great for kids to be able to explore different elective classes in the high school setting, to get a better feel for what they want to do later in life," Boatman said. "How are they going to be impacted?"

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Timothy Selberg of Independence Township with one of his creations. One of its mechanized features is a tongue he can stick out. Photo by Phil Custodio

## uppets more than child's play

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Deep in the heart of Independence Township, a small team of highly skilled specialists works hard to bring mechanical beings to life.

And they have a waiting list, said Timothy Selberg of Selberg Studios Inc.

"I've always been interested

in puppets and robots - I thought they were cool," said Sëlberg. "I was always drawing them in school."

He, along with mechanical engineers Randy Erskine and Tony Fleszar, design, sculp, and produce puppets, "threedimensional carved mechanized figures," for ventriloquists and collectors all over the world.

Along with puppet figures of the type used by entertainers Edgar Bergen, Jimmy Nelson, and Jeff Dunham, they design and make more unusual items like a talking toupee, conversational clock, a barstool that speaks ancf even a piece to make a real dog appear to be speaking.

All kinds of weird stuff," he Please see ... on page A

Count down, as expected

This fall's count day showed a reduction in Clarkston Community School student population, as officials expected. We anticipate, before the

students, which is where we help out, budgeted," said Supérintedent Clarks Dr. Rod Rock.

With state funding of \$7,140 per pupil in the 2014 school year, that would mean \$499,800 less for · 如此的是一个,我们的问题。

difference. To deal with the cuts and increased class sizes, official audit from Oakland + administration recommended Schools, a loss of about 70 hiring extra classroom aides to

Clarkston Community Schools.

summer to make up the

Staff cuts were made over the

**Clarkston Board of Education** School board voted unanimonsly, Sept. 23, to approve the plan. Please see County on page 17



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community subscribe," Sherman said, "so they can stay on top of local politics, sporting events and community outings. I want to support those who support us. So, subscriptions will not go up at this time."

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Lisa Christensen, at left, and Lisa McCoy of Indedendence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors work on the Friendly Forest, which feature Big Bird, Minnie Mouse, Elmo, and lots of their friends. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

## New friends for Friendly Forest

Friendly Forest returns to Independence Township, this year with Lisa Christensen at the helm.

"It's been a crazy week," said Christensen of Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors. "It's exciting. I'm learning a lot."

New characters this year include characters from "Monsters Inc.," "Despicable Me," and the Smurfs. Fairytale Entertainment of Clarkston is helping out by sending characters from "Jake and the Neverland Pirates" and a Cinderella. In addition to tents, Valley Tent Rental of Goodrich is bringing an Elmo and Mickey Mouse.

"We appreciate all their help," Christensen said. "Come on out and have a good time with all your favorite fairy tale and cartoon characters, and get some treats, crafts, and a hay ride."

The Community Garden is staffing a

booth offering pumpkins and corn stalks for home decoration, and Clarkston Area Optimists Club is sending 40 volunteers.

The Optimists also donated \$1,000 to the annual event, which was used to reduce ticket prices from \$6 to \$4 for residents, and also to offer a three tickets, get the fourth free deal.

The event will be 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Children dress in their Halloween costumes for trick-or-treating on a decorated trail, with costumed volunteers. Activities also include cider, donuts and a hayride.

Admission is \$4 resident/\$6 non-resident. Family Fun 4 Pack is \$12 resident/\$18 nonresident. On site tickets are \$8. Tickets are sold for a specific time in 15 minute intervals. Admission is free for adults.

For more information, call 248-625-8223 or check www.itpr.org.

– Phil Custodio



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## Longtime fan does his part in Tigers win

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Mark Beauchamp of Clarkston has been to about 1,000 Major League Baseball games in his life. Game 4 in the Detroit Tigers' American League Division Series was the first time he took part in one.

"I never thought I'd be part of the game – it was pretty surreal," said Beauchamp, who fumbled a flyball by Tiger Victor Martinez, along with fellow fan John Bendzinski, Oct. 8. "I've caught homeruns before, but this

one, I couldn't hold onto," he said.

The incident led to some tense moments as officials checked the play for fan interference. They soon ruled it a homerun, however, and the home crowd cheered.

"I was happy when they came back and ruled it was a homerun," Beauchamp said. "I'm glad it ended on a positive note, so I'm not the goat."

The Tigers went on to beat the Oakland As, 8-6, then won the American League Division Series. They're now taking on the Boston Red Sox for the American League Championship.

The ball bounced from Beauchamp's hands to Bendzinski before it dropped to the field, so Beauchamp thought it was gone forever. The Tigers, however, had other ideas. They recovered, signed, and delivered it to their new favorite fan.

"That was neat, pretty classy of the Tigers to do that," Beauchamp said. "I didn't expect that."

He plans to display it in his office, and someday give it to one of the kids.

Beauchamp grew up loving the Tigers. "I was 13 years old in 1984, with the World Series, Kirk Gibson, how could you not love them," he said.

From Owosso, he moved to Clarkston with his family in 2009.

"Once I came up here, I fell in love with it," he said. "Clarkston has the same feel – both are small towns."

He has been a season ticket holder since 1996. When the Tigers moved to Comerica Park in 2000, he was among those with first



Mark and Andrea Beauchamp, along with their children Luke, 7 months, Avery, 7, and Addison, 4, celebrate his 15 minutes of fame.



Mark Beauchamp shares his story with Channel 7, Detroit. Photos by Phil Custodio

pick of seats.

"I was lucky enough to get front row seats," he said.

Fellow fans appreciated what he did.

After the game, there were no shortage of offers to buy them drinks. They didn't partake, though.

"We had to work the next day," he said.

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Briefly City election

Absentee ballots for Clarkston's Nov. 5 election are available at the city offices, 375 Depot Road. Deadline to turn in the ballots is Nov. 4 by 4 p.m.

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Residents wishing to turn in an absentee ballot must fill out an application and return it to City Hall. Once a voter's signature has been verified, the voter will receive a ballot and can take it home or complete it there.

One Nov. 5, Clarkston voters will elect three council members to serve a twoyear term, and one to serve a partial term ending in November 2014.

Candidate profile and questionaires sent to candidates will be printed in the Oct. 23 edition.

#### Football on CSPN.TV

Check out CSPN.TV for video of the Clarkston High School Junior Varsity football game against the Troy Colts, last Thursday night.

Clarkston won, 58-17. The whole game, including comments and stats from Dale Ryan and Charlie Robinson as well as the half time Dance Team and Cheer Team shows, is there.

Click on the football picture and then click on game 91, sponsored by Neiman's Family Market. You can also see previous Clarkston Varsity games against Stoney Creek, Troy Athens and Rochester Adams.

A highlight video of the eight touchdowns and one safety against Troy is also on Clarkstontv's Facebook page.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Through the fog

As the fog rolled in Saturday morning, I found myself on a deserted road with no clear idea which way to go.

A parked SUV came into view, with a "Clarkston Dance Team" decal in the back window.

This was a problem. I had run by a suspiciously similar looking vehicle about 10 minutes earlier.

A typical training run for me.

I had showed up at Clarkston's Depot Park not-so-bright and

early, 7:45 a.m., for training with some local runners.

We were there to prepare for the upcoming Backroads Half Marathon in November.

I'm signed up for the half marathon, but figured I'd run the 10K course for now. I started out fine, hitting the road with the others, without the scream of protest from my body I had become used to after a long stretch of no exercise.

When I start running again after a long break, I can't go much more than a quarter of a mile without having to slow to a walk, hopelessly out of breath. Now I have pretty much all the breath I need. It's the muscles in my legs that tend to slow me down - they start to get leaden after about seven miles now.

The group ran faster than me, but not by much. I kept them in sight the entire time. I managed to keep pace with one lady. She probably had a slower pace than normal for her, though, with her being pregnant and all.

So I was deep into the Deerhill subdivision part of the course, off Holcomb Road. With no map.

It's like a kilometer of road - how lost can one get?

It's built into a hill, so my strategy was running uphill when going into the neighborhood, and downhill to exit.

This proved an unreliable strategy as I came to a T-intersection with both ways heading uphill. And the fog rolling in didn't help.

Running past the dance team SUV meant only one thing. I was running in circles. No way out! I slowed to a walk. But then a fellow half-marathoner

materialized out of the fog. He wasn't lost. Just take a right where I had taken a left, up the gravel road, and down the street running down the hill along Deer Lake

Next time I'll bring the map.

Opinion Pages

#### A call to examine shifting millage money now going to be diverted to safety paths,

#### Dear Editor.

Remember the fire tax increase that was presented to the public in 2012 as necessary to hire more firefighters, buy equipment, etc. ("Twovotes for Independence fire millage," Aug. 1)?

If the township doesn't need a deputy chief now, it didn't need one a year ago and shouldn't have asked taxpayers for as much of an increase as was passed in August 2012 primary. There was no mention of this money being used for safety paths.

Though the present board had nothing to do with putting a fire increase on the ballot, the public would be better served if the 2012 fire millage increase was reduced and then asked in a proposal in the next scheduled election if they approve of a corresponding safety path increase.

Even though the present board went through the legal process necessary to transfer funding, the question still remains as to why township residents were duped by the previous township board about the need for a tax increase

If some of the fire protection money is

## Don't go blind with positives, readers say

ter?

Dear Editor.

efits seminar a success:

was truly appreciated.

Walking into town on a foggy but still warm morning, enjoying the fall color change, seeing a man riding a bicycle with his dog in a trailer behind him, talking to other dog owners, saying hello to neighbors as you pass, greeting friends on their front porch as they get their morning paper, saying hello to the store owners as they open their doors, and making plans for the weekend with friends on Main Street.

These are some of the positive things we can all enjoy and celebrate about Clarkston. We can also enjoy reading and voicing opinions in the local paper, hopefully without be-

We would like to thank the following for

American Legion Post #63, Clarkston for

their help in making the recent veterans' ben-

hosting the event, the Oakland County Vet-

erans Administration for providing a speaker,

and local businesses and media for assis-

tance with announcing the event. Your help

ing told those opinions should not be believed simply because a few people may consider them negative and without first considering whether they are true or not.

then the 2012 fire millage increase that was

approved asked for too much ("More fund-

Though switching funding may be legal,

doesn't every taxpayer now have to ques-

tion what our money will be used for on ev-

ery tax increase proposal from here on out?

Switching funding without taxpayer approval

clearly makes the 2012 fire millage increase

proposal a sham. Taxpayers were asked for

This shows taxpayers that there is noth-

ing to stop boards from requesting increases

for increases in funding for services that usu-

ally pass, such as police and fire protection,

and then in the future turning around and

We have a library millage increase pro-

posal coming in August 2014. I've gone over

the numbers and it's clear to me, the library is

asking taxpayers for too much. If passed, what

will that increase be used for the senior cen-

Mike Powell

Independence Township

funding something else with our money?

ing for safety paths," Oct. 2).

too much.

Positive things are good but ignoring and not believing what may be considered negative by some will not make real problems go away. If you don't want to believe what is in the newspaper, you may find fiction more enjoyable.

Hans Christian Anderson's The Emperor's New Clothes comes to mind as a place to staft.

> Cory and Robyn Johnston Clarkston

Fifty eight attendees learned about valuable benefits available for their service to our country. For those who were not able to attend and would like to receive material provided at the seminar, please contact Wint Funeral Home at (248) 625-5231 or email wintfuneralhome@gmail.com for a free informational packet.

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#### A Look Back From The CNews archives.

#### 15 years ago - 1998

"Boy alerts family to chimney fire" Konrad Ylvisaker, an 11-year-old student at Sashabaw Middle School, was hailed as a hero after alerting his older brother and family friend to a chimney fire that spread through his family's home.

"Church chimes in with daily bellringing ritual" Church of the Resurrection Episcopal priest Father Bill McDonald took on a different task than the sermons. weddings and christenings - he was reprogramming the church bells to ring agains after them being dormant for several years. He decided they should ring twice a day - 12:05 p.m. and 5:05 p.m.

"Wolves' 'new season' begins with thrilling win" The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team had an exciting win over Oak Park, 49-47. Senior co-captains Deana Kanipe and Corinne McIntyre discussed how it was a different game to the Lady Wolves' previous games and how the win was important to the team especially since Oak Park had beaten everyone in the league expect one team.

#### 25 years ago - 1988

"Wanted: Armchair sleuths" With an increase of break-ins in rural areas of Independence Township, detectives were hoping area residents would help investigators. The criminals would ring doorbells and knock on doors to see if anyone was home. If someone answered, they would ask for someone who didn't live there or ask for directions. If someone didn't answer the door, they would break in

"100 students want to share drug-free message" One hundred students were eager to spread the message about the dangers of drug abuse to third- through ninth graders. The "Just Say No" program kicked off wiht a rally at Clarkston High School.

"Wolves bounce back with win" After three straight losses, the Clarkston Varsity Football team needed a boost and Brett Kinzler provided it. He caught the opening kickoff and scored on a 79-yard touchdown 11 seconds into the game versus Brandon. The Wolves won the game, 20-0.

#### 50 years ago - 1963

"Clarkston Board of Education awards bigs for new elementary building" The Clarkston Board of Education meeting contracts were awarded to the three lowest bidders for general construction, mechanical and electrical for the 16room elementary school on Pine Knob Road.



## Grandma's Apron brings back fond memories

I want to thank Isabel Triest, and the hangs yet today on a magnetic clip on on the window sill to thaw." coming Thanksgiving calendar, for giving me material for another Jottings.

Isabel and her hus- Jim's band, Ed, owned the Jottings Sunoco station on S. Washington and Lincoln Streets in Oxford for quite a few years.

Recently, she sent me а clipping about "grandma's apron." I relate it to my mother who made everyday meals into a family feast and my wife, Hazel.

Hazel prepared our family Thanks-

our refrigerator.

On Thanksgiving Day, 2001, having prepared everything, she went into the living room and curled up on the sofa room to take a nap -- still wearing this apron over her nice dress.

Soon our 15-month-old twins, Haley and Trevor, arrived. Trevor went straight to Grandma, climbed up on her chest and hugged her.

It's a scene I vividly remember. Just like Hazel's apron is still in the kitchen, the picture of she and Trevor still hangs on the refrigerator in my head.

In the clipping from Isabel Triest is this sentence: "Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pie on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs \* \* \* 0 \* \* \*

Ellen and Marty Carlson owned The Lake Orion Review (30 N. Broadway) for several years before selling it to me in 1972.

I hired Ellen (one of my great hires) who stayed at The Review until she moved to be near family in California.

Ellen's 94, living in an assisted living facility.

She wrote recently, "I'm OK, but bored to death with old age. I'm tired of all them old people around here. Could use some new faces. I'm down to my wedding weight of 1938, not quite."

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The desk in my den is an old roll-top, that I've turned into a holding area for

stuff I think is worth saving.

Like my report card from Owosso High School from 1940, where my highest mark was a "B." One B.

And, the card from Morrice Consolidated School, in 1941, where I got lots of A's and several D's in citizenship and Latin. And, the card from Vernon Public Schools where I earned several D's in citizenship, and A's, B's all the other subjects.

Didn't I improve a lot from age 12 to 16? I think I did not save my college credits for a good reason.

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Aging, being the process that it is, has me thinking I could change my name to I.P. Alot.



a column by Jim Sherman

#### giving dinner from our earliest days to our last Thanksgiving in 2001. Her apron

## The Super Secret Codeword is (ssh) toothpaste

you, I had to look inward and find strength. Was I strong enough to do this? It took a couple of agonizing weeks of searching my conscious, but in the end I did finally type the words. Should I share them, though?

Do I dare break the news?

Just what are my responsibilities as a newspaper guy, father, man, member of the human race?

What will be the repercussions of such an expose? Will my children be ostracized? Should I watch my back? Will the SFC (Sodium Fluoride Cartel) put an "X" on my back?

The heck with it! I'm breaking the story, dangblabit!

I'm gonna' blow the lid off this turkey. I'll take the hits. Come hell or high water, you, the reader will know the truth (if you want it).

God bless America!

My story starts one dreary afternoon. I was alone in my office with nothing to do except think of a column to write. In my desk drawer I found an old tube of toothpaste. I started to read what was on the back. It was some fancy, yuppy, do-good, all-natural toothpaste from Maine.

The back story told of how great this all-natural ingredient stuff was, but then there was . . . a warning?

WARNING, it read, keep out of the reach of children under six years of age.

My curiosity piqued, I read on. "If you acciden-

After I found out what I am about to share with tally swallow more than used for brushing seek professional assistance or contact a Poison Control Center immediately.' Gulp.

Poison? Maybe it's a fluke, I thought, just this one off-brand feel-good paste was full of nastiness. My old favorites, the leaders in the industry, the guys who spend millions on television advertising couldn't be poisonous. Could they?

To ease my worried mind, I rummaged through the desk drawer some more and found another tube of old toothpaste. (It's red and makes your breath smell good.)

WARNING, it read, keep out of the reach of children under six years of age.

Damn! I rushed home and ripped through the bathroom cabinet and drawers looking for any old, flattenedout tube of toothpaste. (Okay, don't hate me because I am a hoarder and don't throw much out that I may have a use for at some particular point in a future time ...) I found not one, but two standard brands of paste. Both had similar warnings.

"If an amount considerably larger than used for brushing is swallowed . . .

This couldn't be happening -- not in a Christian, godfearing country where only virtues like Mom and Apple Pie are revered like, well, Paul Revere!

Helps prevent cavities, whitens your teeth, freshens your breath and . . .

"... seek professional assistance or contact a poison control center immediately."

Jesus, Joseph and Mary, what conspiracy I stumbled upon? Jumpin' Jehoshaphat, what sort of insidiousness had weaved its way into the very fabric of American family life?

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What symbolizes American wholesomeness more than toothpaste? I can still remember my dear (now old) mom saying (when she wasn't so old), "Honey, don't forget to brush your teeth before you go to bed." I love Mom.

Mom told me and my sisters hundreds -- no -- thousands of times to brush our teeth before we went to bed and she didn't hate us, did she?

Parents across this nation say it to their children, but do they know what they are really saying is, "Put poison in your mouth, kids. Grind it in around your gums and on your teeth. Say your prayers, sleep tight ... and don't let me catch you reading that comic book again."

Maybe I am over reacting to this. Maybe it really is okay for me and millions of other American dads and moms to brainwash our children into believing it's okay to put poison paste into their mouths. But, I don't think so.

For me, the world will never be the same. I am no longer little Donny Sunshine. I feel older, tired. Naive no more, I feel my innocence has been stolen. \* \* \*

So, there you have it. The ugly truth, use it -- share it -- as you will, but the burden is now off my shoulders. I don't know about you, but I've learned a lesson here. I've learned that maybe, just maybe, knowledge isn't always a good thing and that maybe reading is a blessing and a curse.

(Oh and before I go, SFC: No more reading food or medicine labels for me, so don't shoot.)

Comments to the Toothpaste Whistleblower can be e-mailed Rush, to: Don@ShermanPublications.org



A column by

Don Rush

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#### Break-in

Burglars broke into a home in the 6000 block of Englewood Drive by prying open a rear door, Sept. 30.

#### Suspended license

A 54-year-old Ortonville man was pulled over for swerving in front of another vehicle on Dixie Highway near Ortonville Road, 3:40 p.m., Sept. 28. The driver was cited with driving with a suspended license, improper plate, and no insurance, and his vehicle was impounded.

#### Window smashed

Residents in the 4000 block of Oakvista Avenue heard three bangs, 9:55 p.m., Sept. 29. The next morning, they found a back window of their car smashed out apparently by BBs and plastic pellet guns.

#### Car fires

A vehicle fire in the 6000 block of Village court, 2:32 a.m., Oct. 2, was put out by Independence Township firefighters, deputy with fire extinguisher, and the owner with a garden hose.

A resident in the 5000 block of Mary Suc Avenue noticed smoke from the driveway and found a car on fire, 10:23 a.m., Oct. 5. She told deputies when she took a garden hose to it, a chipmunk came running out from underneath the vehicle. Independence Township liretighters put out the fire, and are investigating the cause.

#### Domestic violencee

A 23-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic violence after an argument with his wife turned physical, 6:34 p.m., Oct. 3. They were arguing over a cell phone.

#### Talked down

A 31-year-old Springfield Township man was hospitalized at St. Joseph Hospital for psychiatric evaluation, 2:39 a.m., Oct. 6, after threatening suicide with a rifle. His wife told deputies he was at the neighbors drinking and came home when she was sleeping. She said he woke her up, holding the rifle, and she took the children to a neighbor's house and called 911. Deputies set up a perimeter around the house and were able to contact the man by telephone. After a short time, he put the gun away and exited the house. Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 800-273-TALK (8255).

#### Litterbug

A 37-year-old Holly man was stopped when a deputy saw him throw some paper from his car on Dixie Highway, 9:56 a.m., Oct. 3. He was cited for littering and no insurance. A 17-year-old Springfield Township boy was hit by a car while getting onto a school bus in the 7000 block of Ormond Road, 7 a.m., Oct. 14. The bus was stopped to load students with all lights activated. The student was crossing the road to board when he was hit and knocked into a ditch. The driver stopped. He told deputies he was distracted by his pregnant wife throwing up in his car and did not see the red lights on the bus. The student was taken to Genesis Hospital in Grand Blanc Township for treatment of minor injuries. He is being kept overnight for observation. The driver was cited for failure

Student hit at bus stop

#### Ticket for running bus lights

A deputy monitoring a bus stop on Dixie Highway stopped a car for running the school vehicle's red lights, 3:23 p.m., Oct. 9. The driver, a 24-year-old Pontiac man, was cited for failure to stop for a school bus, driving with a suspended license, and no insurance.

#### Marijuana found

to stop for a school bus.

A gardener working in the 5000 block of St. Andrew Drive called police when he found two marijuana plants growing in ceramic pots behind a stone wall, 5:04 p.m., Oct. 4. Deputies confiscated the plants.

#### Thefts with no forced entry

Golf bag and clubs were taken from a garage in the 6000 block of Sun Valley Drive, Oct. 4. There was no sign of forced entry. Someone took lawn equipment from a

shed in the 4000 block of Eckles Street, Oct. 9. There was no sign of forced entry.

#### Plate expired and muddy

A deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle with a license plate covered in mud, 8:17 p.m., Oct. 4, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. The driver, a 29-year-old Ortonville man, was cited for driving with an expired license and no license plate light.

#### Copper theft arrest

A 36-year-old Orion Township woman and 30-year-old Springfield Township woman were arrested for breaking-and-entering and theft, 7:45 p.m., Oct. 9. Deputies responded to the 11000 block of Rattalee Lake Road for a suspicious-circumstances report. They found one person inside the building, with a second person fleeing on foot. The second suspect was caught after a short foot chase. The suspects had broken into the building and were stealing copper. They were jailed pending arraignment.

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# personal Shutout kicks creative off playoffs

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers shut out Carman Ainsworth on Monday in the first round of MHSAA Distriets playoffs, 6-0.

"We did pretty good." said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Curtis Payment. "It was a frustrating beginning of the game because we ju.a couldn't seem to break down their defense. Then, as soon as we started to attack wide it all opened up."

The scoring began when senior Brad Schultz crossed the ball in front of the net and senior Alex Trim ran in to finish the play. He sank the ball into the back of the net with 21:44 left in the first half, putting the score 1-0.

The boys scored two more times within the last three minutes of the first half. The first goal came from Jared D'Autremont off another cross pass from Schultz with 2:37 on the clock.

Thirty-three seconds later the Wolves scored again. This time the ball came loose and David Posawatz took the opportunity to run in and kick it into the net, putting the score 3-0.

The boys opened the second half with a goal from Ryan Callahan, scored none minutes in off and assist from Joey DeFinis.

They took two more shots on goal before they scored again at 23:13 with a kick from DeFinis. With a final goal from Ryan Kissel scored the final goal, the game ended 6-0.

"We got to play a lot of people and everone played well," said Payment. "I have confidence in everyone of our guys but it is nice to give them some work just in case. It was a fun night."

He added this game will help as they move on.

"Hopefully it will give us a good feeling," he said. "As we approach the next few games we will be a little different stragedy wise. We wanted to take advantage of our turf, play wide and some of the things we are used to. We have to change gears and play on grass. We are in a big place mentally and everyone is healthy and happy.

The Wolves tied with Bloomfield on Oct. 8, 1-1. DeFinis scored the lone goal. Grant Gotaas had 11 saves during the game.

"He played amazing," said Payment. "Several of the saves were spectacular."

The boys beat Flushing last Thursday, 6-2. D'Autremont led the team with a hat trick. Trim, Brandon Reynolds and Mitch Menard contributed with the three remaining goals.

The Wolves move on to the second round on Wednesday against Swartz Creek, 6:45 p.m. The championship game is Saturday at noon. Both games are at Davison.

The winner will play Tuesday at Rochester at 7 p.m. Find out how the boys did on Twitter @CNewsWRSports.

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## This Friday . . .

Clarkston Gridiron heroes host Lake Orion, 7 p.m.

## Wolves clinch playoff spot

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#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves clinched their sixth win and a playoff spot last Friday with their 42-0 win over Troy.

Now the Clarkston Varsity Football team is gearing up for their crosstown rivals Lake Orion and to hold onto their lead in the OAA Red this week.

"They have good foot speed," Kurt Richardson, head coach for the Wolves, said about the Dragons. "They are very athletic. They aren't as big as they normally are but they are athletic. They are a good football team."

Defensive coordinator Tony Miller agreed their upcoming opponents are quick and Clarkston will have to contain the Dragons' speed.

"They have a tremendous amount of team speed and we will have to contain it," he added. "We will have to stop the run because that is what they do best."

The boys will use their experience against Stoney Creek to prepare.

"Orion is comparable to Stoney Creek for speed wise," Miller said. "Our kids have seen it."

A key for Clarkston is being balanced on both ends of the ball. Richardson added another was they don't have one key player on the team.

"The fact is I don't think you can key in on one kid at all," he said. "We have a lot

of kids who can carry. Our special teams are definitely a strength. Shane Hynes has been kicking the ball all season long. We also have a size advantage on them."

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The Wolves used their strengths against Troy - building their lead in the first quarter off a 1-yard run by Centrus Williams, Jr. and a 33-yard touchdown pass from DJ Zezula to Tim Cason.

Caine Watlington ended the first half with a 2-yard touchdown run to put the score, 21-0.

Watlington scored again in the second half off a 5-yard run while teammates Blake Rehahn and Ian Eriksen helped out. Eriksen on a 16-yard run in the third quarter and Rehahn on a 50-yard run to end the game.

"We played pretty well," said Richardson. "We dominated offensively and defensively. We shut them out but they did move the ball on us at times which we have to do a better job on."

Kickoff against Lake Orion (6-1, 5-1 OAA Red) is at 7 p.m. on Friday, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

"It's going to be exciting," said Miller. "It is what we coach for and it is what we play for. It will be a great environment and is suppose to be a beautiful night.

"It will be the real test for us," Richardson added. "We are going to have to match their intensity because they will come pumped up. They will have to play solid football."

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Clarkston Boys Tennis. From left: in back row, Coach Chas Claus, Sean McNeil, Eric Matnowski, Joey Whall, Johnny Whall, Matt Dahl; middle row, Tristan Greenlee, Brendan Greenlee, Dan Agnew, Mitch Rogowski, Alex Matisse, Matt Pasco; front row, Randy Toll, Alexis Haselwanter, Ray Coyle, Kaiden Kamp and Ian Stuart. *Photo by Wendi Reardon* 

## Paving road to finals

Many teams eye the state finals at the beginning of the season - one of them was the Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team.

The vision turned into reality last Thursday as the Wolves scored 19 points during the MHSAA Regional meet sending them to the state finals. It is the first time the boys have visited the finals since 1982.

"I expect a very successful season," Coach Chas Claus predicted at the beginning. "We have a lot of excellent leadership at the top. We have a lot of experienced players. It should be one of the better years for Clarkston Boys Tennis and one of the best years."

It was a season of rewriting history for the varsity tennis team as they claimed the OAA White league championship after going 5-0 in meets and took second at the league tournament. The last time they finished the league in first it was 12 years ago. The ended sharing the title with Rochester.

Sophomore Alexis Haselwanter added his own chapter in Wolves' history with his Golden Match against Farmington.

<sup>\*</sup> The team is led by senior captains Matt Dahl, Joey Whall and Johnny Whall. The team is seniors Dan Agnew, Eric Maynowski, Sean McNeil; juniors Ray Coyle, Brendan Greenlee, Kaiden Kamp, Mitchell Rogowski; sophomores Haselwanter, Ian Stuart; freshman Tristan Greenlee and Carl Matisse.

The finals is this Friday and Saturday at Midland Tennis Center.

Congratulations on your achievements and good luck in the finals, Wolves! ~WAR





Shane Holler catches a pass in the third quarter. Photo by John Azzopardi

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Melanie Aguayo saves the ball from hitting the ground during game play. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Wolfpack Update

The Lady Wolves took first place at the Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark on Saturday.

The Clarkston Girls Cross Country Varsity team scored 66 points to take the top spot.

Nicole Hanson led the team, finishing in fourth palce at 20:13.30. Teammate Sage Beauregard

was close behind, taking fifth place in 20:25.60.

Finishing in the top 25 were Alex Gladding in 18th place, 21:20.70; Kaitlyn Cavallo in 19th place; 21:41.70; Mackenzie Proper in 20th place, 21:48.40; Kelsey Catania in 24th place, 22:01.80; and Helen Jeffers in 25th place, 22:01.90.

The boys varsity cross country team took third place after scoring 67 points during the meet. Danjel Billette led the team, fin-

ishing in third place at 16:47.70. Finishing in the top 50 were

Grant Henley in fifth place, 16:55; Tyler Dunn, ninth place, 17:14.30; Nathan Heierman, 21st place; 17:41.30; Derrick Egli, 29th place, 18:04.00; William Eisert, 41st place, 18:41.50; and Jacob Dasuqi, 49th place; 19:17.90.

The teams prepare for the MHSAA Regionals next Saturday at Delta College in Bay City.

Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team finished their season at MHSAA Regionals at Port Huron Golf Club, Oct. 9.

The Lady Wolves scored a 392. Senior Miranda Marshall shot a 85 for the day. Senior Sabrina Zayec shot a 97; senior Katie McKnee, 104 and senior Dana Olsen a 106.

The team says goodbye to seven seniors as they graduate this June - Amanda Hampton, Stephanie Jewell, Tayler Losee, Miranda Marshall, Katie McKnee, Dana Olsen and Sabrina Zayec.

Junior Caitlin McCaghy is the lone returner for next season.

## Spikers take out two

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers took down two more OAA Red foes last week showing Troy and Stoney Creek what they are made of finishing both games, 3-0.

The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team ended the week defeating Stoney Creek last Thursday, 25-20, 25-22, 25-13.

"Stoney Creek is a very good team," said Coach Kelly Avenall. "They are very athletic. Their defense it outstanding. I think for a while they gave us a little bit of trouble because we weren'te being patient and we weren't expecting them to be that scrappy."

The Cougars closed the score on the Wolves a few times in the first game. After they were both tied at 20-20, the Lady Wolves would score the next five to take the game after points scored from Katie Chadwell, Kacy Robinson and Emily Malinowski to take the game.

The girls opened the next game scoring the first points and holding onto the lead and making key saves and hits to keep the Cougars off their backs.

Malinowski opened the third game giving Clarkston a 3-0 lead. Robinson added to it and the momentum for the girls continued to build points on their side while blocking Stoney Creek. They finished 25-13 Avenall expained the girls were making better swings in the last game.

"I told them in between the second and third game I wanted them to swing a little bit harder and be more aggressive," she added. "We did a little better job of that. We were a little more aggressive with our offense. We had some hitters that were swinging a little bit better than they have been. We still have a few things to work on but other than that it was a good win."

Junior Taylor Dellinger led with 14 kills. "She had a great night," Avenall added.

Senior Katie Chadwell had 11 kills for the night and junior Emily Malinowski had six kills. Senior Breanna Frakes had 37 assists and four aces. Senior Melanie Aguayo had 18 digs.

"She had an outstanding night," Avenall said.

The girls beat Troy began the week with a 3-0 win on Oct. 8, 25-13, 25-13, 25-19. Dellinger had 12 kills for the night and Chadwell had eight kills.

The girls played Lake Orion on Tuesday.

"It is unfortunate we play Lake Orion so early but we will be ready," Avenall said.

The Lady Wolves host Seaholm on Thursday and head to Andover next Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Clarkston Girls Cross Country runners Kelsey Catania, Mackenzie Proper, Helen Jeffers, Nicole Hanson, Alex Gladding and Kaitlyn Cavallo celebrate their first place finish. Photo submitted

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## Wolves break streak to head to state finals this week



#### BY WENDI REARDON

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The Wolves checked off one more item on their goal list for Fall 2013 as they scored 19 points at the MHSAA Tennis Regionals qualifying them for the state finals last Thursday.

"It was a great day for the team," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis Coach Chas Claus. "We definitely enjoyed the challenge and the opportunity. It was a great day. They were very fired up all week. We accomplished and checked off our last goal of the board. It was a very satisfying day."

Claus doesn't remember much from the last time the Wolves qualified for the state finals because he was 3-years-old and the year was 1982.

He added the boys are fired up to be the team to break the streak.

"I have been a little surprised by the enthusiasm out of a lot of my former players and guys I played with in high school," he said. "I have heard from a lot of them and a lot of them are excited we are finally going and finally had a break through. It is definitely one of those things not only do these players feel an accomplishment but a lotsof past players are excited, too."

Sophomore Alexis Haselwanter finished as champion in the Singles No. 4 court, going 3-0 for the day. He beat Waterford Mott's Alex Wilbanks, 6-0, 6-0; Bloomfield Hills' Connor Long, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; and West Bloomfield's Max Sandberg 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Senior Matt Dahl and sophomore Ian Stuart finished as runner up in their respective courts.

Dahl, in Singles No. 2, went 2-1 for the day. He defeated Waterford Kettering's

Garrett Zimmerman, 6-0, 6-0; and Bloomfield Hills' Gilbert Chen, 6-3, 6-1. He lost to Rochester Adams' Oliver Li, 6-1, 6-1.

Stuart also went 2-1 in Singles No. 3 court. He beat West Bloomfield's Jonathan Nivenberg, 6-1, 6-1; and Bloomfield Hills' Brad Silverman, 6-1, 6-2. He lost Charles Xu from Rochester Adams, 6-2, 6-2.

"We got an excellent draw," Claus explained. "That is the key. The draw is seeded so the best few players don't have to play each other in the first round. If you aren't one of the best players then it is random luck. If you aren't one of the best few you have a chance to play them at the beginning and it can make for a very difficult tournament."

He added the boys did a great job throughout the entire season to earn the good seeding and matchups for the regional tournament.

"The boys knew based on the draw they had a good shot of making it happen," Claus said. "They worked so long and so hard for it. Some of these kids have been around for 3-4 years. They have spent their summers out here voluntarily and getting ready for the season."

Freshman Alex Matisse finished on Singles No. 1 court going 1-1 for the day, beating Lake Orion's Palmer Hatch, 6-2, 6-2. He finished for the day after losing to Highlander Justin Hyman.

All of the doubles teams went 1-1 for the day winning their first matchups. Seniors Joey and Johnny Whall beat Stoney Creck in their first match up in Doubles No. 1, winning 6-2, 6-1. They lost to 6-1, 7-5.

Juniors Mitch Rogowski and Brendan Greenlee beat Waterford Mott, 6-0, 6-0 in Doubles No. 2. They lost to Bloomfield Hills

7-6 (8-6), 6-2.

Seniors Dan Agnew and Eric Matynowski beat Stoney Creek 6-1, 6-2 in Doubles No. 3 and lost to Bloomfield Hills, 6-1, 7-5.

Freshman Tristan Greenlee and senior Sean McNeil beat Waterford Mott by default and lost to Rochester Adams, 6-2, 6-2, on Doubles No. 4 court.

"Everybody did their job," said Claus. "I know the expression is overused that it was a team effort but in tennis is not always true. You don't have a team playing together at the same time. You have eight or nine flights of individuals. This was an absolute team effort. A few guys got high seeds and needed to come through and play those seeds."

Clarkston took third place at MHSAA Regional with 19 points. They join Rochester Adams, who took first with 26 points, and Bloomfield Hills, who took second with 22 points.

At press time, the Wolves did not know who they would be playing the first round of the state finals. The seeding was not done until Tuesday.

Claus added it was hard to say what would happen at the state meet.

"We won't be the favorite," he noted. "We are not looking to win the state title though we would like to. We know we earned it and we are not afraid of anybody. We will go out there and play whoever we get and hang with them."

The state finals are this Friday and Saturday at Midland Tennis Center.

"We have done all we could do to play high end teams all year," said Claus. "We will enjoy the trip both because we got there and because we belong there."



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## Creators bring mechanical men to life

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said.

Born in Pontiac in 1959, he remembers watching Jimmy Nelson on TV. His mom bought him his first puppet from Sears when he was 6 years old. He started making his own when he was 12, and was selling some by 16. He founded Selberg Studios in 1986, making puppets full time. He moved to the Clarkston area six years ago with his family and set up shop in the basement.

"There's never a shortage of ideas. The trick is to find time to implement them," he said

Selberg Studios has made professional ventriloquist figures for customers all over the world, including Jeff Dunham, Terry Fator, and David Copperfield. He knew Dunham since he was 15, selling him a Walter puppet, as well as a Sweet Daddy D.

Selberg estimates making over a thousand puppets over the years.

'In the beginning, they were all custom made from wood - I did the mechanics," he said.

But the time soon came when he needed help to bring the mechanics up the next level. "I hired two mechanical geniuses,"

Sëlberg said. Randy Erskine of Oxford joined about

four years ago, applying for a job he didn't know anything about.

"My wife found the listing on Craig's List for someone mechanically inclined - nothing about puppets," Erskine said. "For me, the big selling feature was working from home."

He builds mechanisms mostly within the figure's head, everything to animate them and make the various features move.



Tim Selberg works on a figure.



From left are Tony Fleszar, Tim Selberg, and Randy Erskine of Selberg Studios.

Mechanical engineering is in his blood his great grandfather, Albert Russel Erskine, was president of Studebaker in the 1920s and '30s.

"I have a history of building things," Randy Erskine said. "I love it. Seeing them up on stage, performing, making people laugh, that's cool."

Tony Fleszar of Union Lake, mechanical engineer, joined in 2010.

"I was looking for a job – I had quit my day job," Fleszar said. "I had had enough of corporate life."

He was in charge of an engineering group. when he saw the listing on Craig's list. The ad said something like "make ventriloquism puppets, yes, you read that right."

"I completely stumbled on it," Fleszar said. "It's unique, that's for sure."

The team spends dozens of hours on each puppet in a still labor-intensive process. They offer different lines of puppets, with appearance and features created to customer specifications.

He has orders from all over the country, Italy, Brazil, Australia, the Netherlands, etc.

'We're lucky, we have a long wait list," Selberg said. "But the bad part is it keeps us

too busy to get to new ideas.' Many of the figures are used on stage, but others are ordered as presents, made to look like the recipients.

"And a lot of collectors - doctors put them in their offices, and movies every now and then," Sëlberg said.

He plans to work on more gallery-type pieces as works of art for collectors.

"There's so much beautiful work in the head you can't see," he said.

One idea is to build a puppet with a window in the head, to show the mechanics inside, he said.

"There were periods over the last 40 years

always someone interested," he said. "There's always something going on. Lots of young people contact me, that's the key." There's always something new and never

seen, Erskine said. "A better way to do it, quieter, easier to

use," he said. "We're always improving," Selberg said

His children, Lukas, Elise, and Angela, 19, like the mechanical figures.

"They think it's cool," he said. "I'm not sure if they'll follow in my footsteps. They're more into music.'

His wife, Jane, though, is afraid of them. "Sometimes if one had been moved to a new spot, it'll startle me," he said.

And some puppets would scare anybody. he said.

"The creepy ones - some are freaky," he said. "I still see something pleasant in them. soft to them, making them accessible."

Each puppet figure is custom made, so the amount of time it takes to make them vary. New features add dozens or hundreds of hours.

"We spent a couple years talking about how to get the tongue to stick out," Fleszar said

more information, check For www.selbergstudios.com.



The intricate mechanisms in a where it seemed to be dying out, but there's \_puppet's head, Photos by Phil Custodio

## Trimester decision next month

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Students would have fewer elective choices with semesters, but the difference would not be that much, Ryan said.

School board goals this year focus on increasing academic achievement, which the change to semesters would support, he said. The message from the state and colleges

is increased rigor. Kaul said.

"Building relationships, I feel, can produce tangible results," he said.

Budget constraints have limited trimesters' promise, Ryan said.

Staff cuts meant limiting chances to remediate or advance, and choices for students. Trimester concerns also include timing of state mandated testing, difficulty in teacher recommendations for scheduling, too much teacher prep time, pacing of classes, and review of additional scheduling, he said.

The task force also considered six-period semesters with a spring term, seven-period semesters, and seven-period semesters with

rotating blocks.

The task force recommends two equal semesters per year, with six one-hour classes per day.

Implementation plan calls for discussion bythe school board at its next meeting, with decision in November. If approved, the district would update its curriculum, graduation requirements, and courses, and meet with parents and students.

The change would go into effect in September 2014.

"We want to give enough time to the board to reflect, then send us questions, and discuss it at the next meeting," Ryan said.

School board questions at the Oct. 15 meeting also included how the change would affect use of computer labs, impact of Common Core curriculum, and how it would affect elementary and middle school schedules.

The next regular school board meeting is Monday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m., at the administration building.

## Aides added to help in crowded classes

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The plan was based on analysis of the numbers, consulting with elementay principals, and personally visiting classrooms, said Shawn Ryan, deputy superintendent

Audited student headcount in fall 2012 was 8,031; and 8,023 in spring 2013.

The plan adds 29 hours of non-certified aide support, for \$29,400 total from the general fund. Aides are paid \$9.80 per hour. The additions are allowed for in teacher

contracts, Ryan said. Aides will be assigned to elementary

school "hotspots" throughout the district, providing additional support for classroom teachers, he said.

Areas of concern include second grade at Bailey Lake Elementary; fifth grade at Independence Elementary; grades 2 and 3 at Pike Knob Elementary; third grade at North Sashabaw Elementary; grades 1 and 3 at Springfield Plains Elementary; and grades 3 and 5 at Clarkston Elementary.

An alternative plan was to add three certified teacher assistants for \$51,156. It would not have been supported by the contract, Ryan said.



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## Movement seaches for the best

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Clarkston News Staff Writer Searching for perfect fits is what headhunters at Movement Search and Deliverv do every day.

"Headhunting is finding the best people in the world," said Christopher Cross, co-founder and director at Movement.

Movement places highly skilled employees in all types of positions in the United States and internationally.

Located in downtown Clarkston in the Clarkston Mills building, the company also has a location in Denver, Colorado as well as many partnerships throughout the nation.

Douglas Scott along with fellow founders Cross and J. David Bradley, worked together at a larger company when they decided to leave and kick start their own operation.

Starting off with a handful of employees in a small stone building on Dixie Highway, the business opened in 2010 and now includes 58 employees, 33 of which are at the Clarkston office and 25 working elsewhere.

"Once we establish a chent we like to really understand everything about their business," said Cross. "That means visiting the company, meeting management and exploring facilities."

Scott said Movement works to fill a variety of staffing rolls including positions in sales, accounting, engineering, operations professionals and many other job types.

After proving they have a knack for finding a perfect fit for a company, a client will increasingly rely on Movement to fill other positions.

"We fill one or two key roles and then they will give us everything in the company," said Bradley.

A client often relies on Movement after exhausting search efforts to find the right fit. Sometimes a company has been searching for months or more.

Scott insists trust is an essential part of the relationship with the client. "They trust us because they know we have their best inferest at heart."

Movement's fees are paid by client companies after a successful recruitment ends in placement. Scott said they place about 350



From left, Movement founders Christopher Cross, J. David Bradley, and Douglas Scott relax at the downtown Clarkston headquarters. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin* 

workers a year.

How do they find that perfect candidate?

"We know how to determine what makes a good candidate," said Cross.

"We find the right person" added Scott. "We're old school headhunters." "We dig, we dig, we dig, we dig,

we dive," is a philosophy in the office on how they look for people with all the right skills and talent for a certain job.

To find those prized employees, the headhunters scour sites like LinkedIn, job boards, databases and Facebook. In 2013, the company signed a muti-year agreement with LinkedIn, a powerhouse database which allows deeper access to career focused profiles.

Bradley said Movement utilizes networking sites and also has' advanced memberships with several sites like LinkedIn, which he estimates encompasses ½ of the work force.

Movement also utilizes highly skilled calling techniques to make contact with candidates who may not be actively job seeking and are already employed. These so called "passive" candidates are not actively looking to change jobs, but possess all the right skills.

"We refuse to stop until we find the right person," concluded Cross.

Bradley said they look for the "hard skills" like education, skills and employment history. Soft skills like strong communication skills can greatly add to a candidates allure. "Strong communication skills can also set a candidate apart from the crowd," he added. "We look for the "it" factor and people in the

top of their field." "We look for someone who is motivated, and has a winning attitude," said Cross. "We're looking for rock stars."

"Self-starters" said Bradley. Other attributes that make an employee golden, "We look for passion, dedication and commitment," said Cross. "We look for great men and women that want to be successful and bring passion to their jobs everyday. People who do that will make great money and have a great career."

Their office, located in the Mills mall, had been renovated by the firm and expanded to encompass two floors. The renovation uncovered preserved wooden posts, beam vaulted ceilings and features adding character. Employers are finding that a modern, colorful and open work environment contributes to increased productivity and employee happiness.

"Fuzzy carpet and office dividers are a thing of the past," said Bradley.

Movement recruits employees too, and Clarkston residents have been at the top of the hiring list with about half of their employees Clarkston residents. Scott said rather than locating Movements office in someplace like Troy, he knew Clarkston was the right fit.

"Clarkston has a lot of character," he said.

### Allergies don't have to be a pain

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN Clarkston News Staff Writer

Treatment for allergies doesn't have to be such a pain anymore thanks to an alternative treatment offered by Clarkston physician Maria Livieratos.

The most common way a doctors test patients for allergies involves poking the patient with needles containing the allergen protein to see if the body reacts by welting up.

"If the body reacts by welting up, the doctor will measure the welt," said Livieratos. "The bigger the welt the higher the allergy."

In addition to a bunch of shots, a slew of sometimes costly medications is often prescribed.

"Now we don't have to do all the pokes to see how allergic a patient is," said Livieratos speaking of an alternative allergy treatment offered at her practice called sublingual immunotherapy.

The sublingual immunotherapy involves just one blood test that assigns a number telling the doctor how allergic the patient is to the allergen.

After finding out what a patient is allergic too, a serum in the form of drop, is specially made to fit the patients needs. The treatment is administered via drops under the tongue.

The first dose is administered in the office, but then the patient takes the bottle home with them and gives themselves a dose three times a day.

The scrum contains a concentration of the allergen, at first at a low dosage and gradually increasing over time.

"Drops are placed under the tongue to affect special cells that help teach the body how to better tolerate substances," said Livieratos.

The new treatment offers an alternative to the old way and especially beneficial to young patients or those who are sensitive to needles, said Livieratos. The treatment is also beneficial to children with eczema and reoccurring ear infections.

Allergy drop immunotherapy are idea for people who either can't tolerate or do not respond to allergy shots. It is especially beneficial to infants, children, patients with chronic conditions, those suffering from food and



Dr Maria Livieratos. mold allergies and patients with multiple allergies.

One patient she said benefited greatly from the allergy drops is a 6-year-old boy.

Livieratos said the boy once suffered severe asthma attacks from his allergies.

"His allergies exacerbate his asthma. He was also on several medications, which she said always has a negative impact on the body. Now he's down to one medication because of the drops."

Spring and fall are the worst seasons for allergies. "Spring and fall allergies in fall will often put people into an asthma attack," she said.

Sometimes patients will have an idea what they are allergic too. The most common allergies are ragweed, dogs, cats, trees, grasses leaves and pollen. Symptoms include itchy and watery eyes, sneezing and runny nose. "These are all typical signs," she said.

Livieratos said the best way to see if you have allergies is to get tested.

Although the drops treatment is not covered by insurance because it has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Livieratos said many patients save money because they don't need to pay for so many medications and trips to the doctors.

Livieratos has offered the treatment in her office for the past year and a half, but also still offers traditional treatment for allergies and asthma.

Similar treatments have been used for more than 60 years in many European countries, and has even been used in the US since the early 1900's.

Livieratos' office is located at 5641 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. For more information call 248-620-1275.

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#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

During the week Susan Mohr and John Drallos can be found at Clarkston High School helping students with their studies.

This Sunday they will be helping the Pokot tribe in Kenya, Africa, as they run in the Detroit Marathon for the Hope Water Project with Kensington Community Church.

"Kensington has helped the Pokot tribe in the past," said Mohr, a French teacher at the high school. "They are our overseas partner. We work with them and have different fellowships and project with them. One of them is through building wells."

Once they started building wells a greater need for more was realized. Now the goal is to raise one million dollars to provide clean water for more people.

"It is a heavily drought stricken area," added Drallos, a Economics and World History teacher. "Most of the women will walk up to four hours a day to go to a watering hole shared by animals. They are left with a choice - a slow death by drinking contaminated water or a quick death by not drinking it at all. There is water deep underneath the surface for drilling of the wells."

When Mohr heard about the Pokot tribe and marathon while in church she didn't hestitate to sign up - even though she had never participated in a marathon or running event before.

"I am not a runner so it would have been totally easy for me to say no," she said. "But it is something I felt compelled to do. We take water for granted every day - pouring a glass of water, watering the grass or taking a ten minute shower. Those things aren't even a second thought to us."

She added as a mother she understood the hard decision mothers in the Pokot tribe had to face.

"I have two sons at home. How would I feel if I couldn't provide them with clean water," Mohr said. "On a personal level it struck a chord with me. Basically it came down to the fact I can run. I am able to run. I have support from my family and I am physically able to run so why wouldn't I do something like this?"

Drallos on the other hand has participated in two marathons within the last year. For him, signing up to help wasn't a second thought for him.

I have marathon experience and I haven't slayed the 18-year-old inside of me," he added. "In my mind I think I can do certain things my body says a couple days later maybe not so much. It is something I have done before and something I can do. So to take something I enjoy and would be doing



Susan Mohr and John Drallos are running to help people overseas.

anyway but add a cause to it I am passionate about - it just makes for a very obvious combination."

Mohr and Drallos have received a lot of support from family, friends and peers throughout Clarkston Community Schools especially as they train and fundraising efforts for the event.

'It is a huge commitment," Mohr said. "Having support from people I know for me helps to believe in myself. I can do this. People are behind me. It helps me get through it. We have group runs on Saturdays and I would not have come as far as I have without the people. Support speaks volumes about what people can accomplish."

Drallos added he has lived in Clarkston his entire life and has seen and experienced the Clarkston community always reaching out with help.

"It is just what we do as a community - we come together," he said. "We recognize how fortunate we are to have the advantages we have here. In addition to living here I have taught here for ten years. Time and time again whenever the community recognizes and embraces a need they come through. That's one reason why I will never leave this place people care about each other."

Mohr argued adding it being a teacher in the district for 11 years she and her peers also try to be role models for their students. Plus, she also lives in the community.

"We are getting them to think about what is outside of us and Clarkston and the bigger picture of the global society we live in," she said. "There is a big world out there. We can be doing something for the greater good."

For more information, please visit www.hopewaterproject.org.

To help as they raise money, please visit www.socialply.com/fundraisers/187 to donate to Drallos or www.socialply.com/ fundraisers/1331 to donate to Mohr.

"It is about believing in people and wanting people to do good in the world for all the right reasons," Mohr added.

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## Safe ways to trick-or-treat

#### This year, Halloween (Oct. 31) falls on a Thursday

What would Halloween be without trick-or-treating?

For youngsters, so much of the fun of Halloween involves scouring the neighborhood with friends in search of candy. While children may have their eyes on the sweet prize, parents may be concerned about their little ones' safety.

The United States Census Bureau says that an average of 41 million trickor-treaters venture out every year across the country, and roughly 106 million homes are solicited for candy and other treats on this holiday. Such a high number of people out on the streets increases the risk of injury, and it can be easy for kids to get lost as well.

According to Kate Carr, president and CEO of Safe Kids Worldwide, a network of organizations geared toward preventing unintentional childhood injury, "Halloween is an important night for parents to be extra vigilant."

But Halloween seems to lessen one's inhibitions, and wearing a costume and being hidden from others can encourage some revelers to engage in atypical and unsafe behaviors. To ensure everyone has a safe and fun Halloween, here are some safety tips to follow.

Go in groups. Children can be accompanied by their parents while older children should be encouraged to trick-or-treat in groups. Should an emergency occur, having a group of friends around enables someone to call for help or alert an adult.

Use a flashlight. When trick-ortreating at night, take steps to improve visibility. This includes using reflective tape on costumes and carrying a flashlight or glow sticks so that other pedestrians as well as drivers will be able to see children.

Walk on sidewalks. Wherever possible, trick-or-treaters should use sidewalks and crosswalks. Avoid walking in the street, where the risk of being hit by a car is considerable. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says twice as many kids are hit by a car while walking on Halloween than any other day of the



Avoid distractions. Trick-ortreaters should not be wearing earbuds or talking on a phone while trick-ortreating. They should be paying attention to their surroundings and using caution.

Do not enter homes. If an adult or even a youngster whom a child does not know offers entry to the home, the trick-or-treater should not enter. Let kids know they should only enter the homes of known friends, and even then they should only do so after getting permission from a parent.

Consume only factory-wrapped treats. Well-meaning people may hand out cupcakes or marshmallow cereal treats. The ingredients such people used and the safety of these treats cannot be confirmed, so it is best to stick with store-bought items instead.

Wear well-fitting shoes. Shoes that are uncomfortable or loose can cause children to fall and risk injury.

Adults should drive carefully. All drivers should slow down and anticipate children darting out into the roadways on Halloween. Drive slowly and pay attention to the roads.

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## Car thefts more likely during certain times of the year

Automotive break-ins and thefts are something no driver wants to experience. They can leave a person feeling violated, and the hassle of replacing the vehicle and the contents inside the car can bring additional stress.

Just take a look at our Public Safety feature each week in your *Clarkston News* (usually on pages 8 or 9). You'll see how many of your neighbors have had their cars busted into. It's more than we'd like to report.

Statistics indicate a vehicle is stolen in the United States roughly every 28 seconds. Roughly one million cars are reported stolen each year. Although there are many precautions to help safeguard against car theft, being particularly vigilant during certain holidays might be the best preventive measure a driver can take.

According to analysis of National Crime Information Center vehicle-theft data by the National Insurance Crime Bureau, car thefts are more likely to occur during holidays. The Bureau reports between 2010 to 2011, the most recent span of time for which data is available, there were 20,800 U.S. car thefts during the 11 holidays studied. So on which holiday is your car most likely to be stolen? Here are the holidays as ranked by the number of thefts reported in 2011 -- in order as David Letterman might read them.

11. Christmas Day: Thieves may be more

And guess what time of year is the worst . . . yep, right now

interested in opening presents under the tree than venturing out in the cold to steal a car or truck. This holiday ranks the lowest among the major holidays.

**10. Thanksgiving:** While the turkey and trimmings were being set on the dinner table, 1,526 vehicles were being stolen in 2011.

9. Christmas Eve: Those who are engaging in some last-minute shopping at the mall or visiting friends and family for a cup of eggnog may want to be cautious as to where they park their cars.

**8. President's Day:** Even Honest Abe cannot prevent would-be thieves from making off with a car on this holiday.

7. Independence Day: Perhaps the fireworks and the revelry of July 4th help to mask the steps needed to steal a car. In 2011, 1,862 vehicles were stolen amid the "rocket's red glare."

6. Valentine's Day: While couples are dining at favorite restaurants or cuddling up on the couch with a movie playing, a car thief may be making off with a stolen car.

5. New Year's Eve: So many people are caught

up in the moment of toasting the new year that they may not realize a thief is making his or her own resolution to steal a car or truck.

**4. Labor Day:** The unofficial end to summer is also a prime time for vehicle thefts. There were 1.947 car thefts reported in 2011.

**3. Memorial Day:** The unofficial start to the summer entertaining season is also a prime time for car thefts.

2. New Year's Day: While individuals were sleeping off the remnants of their midnight partying, 2.288 vehicles were being stolen on January 1, 2011.

And the #1 holiday for crimes against your vehicle is . . . Halloween!

Although not an "official" holiday, Halloween is the holiday when the most number of vehicles are stolen. The trick is on the person who comes home to find not only is the trick-or-treat candy missing, but also the family car.

Being aware of these prime car-stealing dates can help drivers protect their valuable assets. In addition, it's advised to always park in well-lit areas, keep belongings out of view, make sure the vehicle is always locked when it is parked — even if it's in the driveway, invest in an alarm or vehicle immobilization system, and to be extra careful if your car driven is one of the most-stolen makes and models.



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## **Don't be afraid of the road** *Keep your family safe, invest in good tires*

Drivers rarely think of the tires on their vehicles until they have a flat. But the type of tires on your vehicle can impact its performance. When choosing tires for their vehicles, drivers should consider a host of factors, including the terrain and driving conditions vehicles are likely to encounter.

Understanding tires and what makes some a better fit than others for certain vehicles can make for safe driving and improved handling.

#### All-season tires

The most common type of tire and arguably the best known is the standard all-season tire. Many vehicles come equipped with these tires, which are designed to be versatile enough to grip the road in various conditions. They are commonly made of a harder rubber that will not wear out quickly and will retain their tread. Most day-to-day driving can be done on all-season tires.

#### High-performance tires

People who live in dry climates or drive sports and racing cars can benefit from high-performance tires. These tires are specifically designed to grip the road better and offer superior handling under higher speeds. Because high-performance tires are made of a soften rubber compared to standard tires, they will not last as long as allseason tires.

#### Snow tires

People who live in snowy, icy conditions will benefit from the use of snow tires. These tires are designed with special treads to offer more traction in slippery conditions. The rubber used to manufacture the tire can remain flexible even at extremely low temperatures. Winter tires are best reserved for extreme weather and not used all season long because they will wear out more quickly than others. They may not have the same level of traction on clear roads. In some cases, winter tires may have metal studs included to enhance traction in icy situations. People who do not want to switch tires when cold weather arrives sometimes invest in snow chains that improve traction on standard tires.

#### **Mud Tires**

Muddy areas can be just as slippery as snowy conditions. Mud tires are designed similarly to snow tires but will have extra grooves and a tread pattern that facilitates movement of mud away from the tires and road. Mud tires may be wider than standard tires as well.

#### **Truck** Tires

Drivers of trucks or sport-utility vehicles often need special truck tires. These tires can better handle the weight and size of a larger vehicle. Many drivers stick with the type of tire that originally came with their truck. Drivers who like to go off-roading may need an all-terrain tire to offer more traction when climbing hills or traversing different conditions.

It can be easy to overlook the importance of tires, but tires help vehicles remain on the road and can affect mileage, maneuverability and safety.



## Zombie Apocalypse!

What's in your 21st-century survival kit?

Of the 1,272 federal disaster declarations issued in the last decade, more than half were classified as major disasters. These include calamities such as floods, hurricanes and tropical storms, winter storms, and others. In the last 10 years, every state has had a least two events designated as a major federal disaster.

No zombies were reported, but we're keeping our ears and eyes open and will report of any such disturbances.

"Most major disasters displaced hundreds or thousands of people from home and work, and nearly all involved a temporary or prolonged loss of major services and necessities, including power, communications, and running water," said Jonathan Bacon, director of marketing at Wilson Electronics, a maker of communications equipment in St. George, Utah.

"We began thinking about what has changed in technology and society, and



how that would affect what we would want to have in an emergency 'gopack'," Bacon said. "A lot of what we would take with us hasn't changed, but some of what we'd desire today had not

been invented 10 years ago. We came up with 6 items that were either invented or radically improved in the last 10 years. We call it the 21st Century Survival Kit."

1. Cell phone signal booster: "We're all extremely dependent on smartphones for voice and data communications. Already widely used by first responders and news crews when initially entering disaster zones, a portable cell phone signal booster helps to transmit and receive calls and data via cell towers unaffected by a disaster. In a severe situation like Hurricane Sandy where all communications were compromised for several days, having a cell booster could save precious hours of driving time to find a strong cell signal."

2. Batteries: Two portable lithium-ion batteries, each with a minimum capacity of 10,000mAh, is enough for one battery to fully charge at least three smartphones or to power a tablet, netbook, or cell booster for several hours.

3. Portable solar panel: "These solar panels weigh only about a pound and are very practical for charging portable batteries and devices," said Bacon. He recommended a panel capable of producing at least 10 Watts of power

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4. LED headlamp: Also powered by rechargeable batteries, the latest generation of these types of lamps have. and adjustable brightness to maximize battery life and can be made bright enough to cast light more than 100 feet.

5. Two-way FRS/GMRS radios: "When even a Wilson booster can't find a cell signal, these radios provide a communications range up to 30 miles," said Bacon.

6. Microbial filter straw: This is used for drinking water that may be contaminated with bacteria, organic and waterborne chemicals, and other harmful elements. One filter straw can filter 30 gallons of water.

"A lot has happened just in the last 10 years to make keeping in contact and avoiding health risks easier under adverse conditions," said Bacon.

All of these products are readily available, weigh less than five pounds total and take up little room in a backpack.

The Clarkston News' Don Rush also has a few recommendations. "Stock up on water, non-perishable food items, spending money, .22 shells and whiskey for trading. Oh, and before too long, watch the moive Zombieland."



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### More government shutdown thoughts?



Frank Liimatta "It's just a power struggle.



**Charles Galbraith** "It's about time."



Warren Galbraith-

"I just think adults should be smart enough to settle things in a sensible way. It's a power struggle with the number one dictator up there (Obama.)"





## American student in France

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN Clarkston News Staff Writer

Miranda Moore departed the United States on Aug. 26, 2012 for a nearly year long journey to Saint Maixent L'école, a French military town in western France thousands of miles away from her hometown of Clarkston.

A new language and culture filled her 11 month journey.

In France she attended high school as a junior, made new friends, embraced a new culture and immersed herself in a foreign language.

"I also traveled a lot while I was there" she recalled. Lots of school work filled her days

School is different than here in America.

School days are longer, but students get more breaks and a longer lunch. Classes are just as difficult, but rather than taking several tests throughout grade levels, the students take large tests at end of their school career

She also noted many differences in the way the French live.

"When you think of France you think of big cities like Paris, but there really are a lot of farms there," she said. "People there are also really into agriculture, gardening and outdoor activities.

She stayed with three families during her trip-each offering a unique experience, so she got to experience life in different ways.

"The first and third house I stayed in were really old and in the country, and the second house was more modern and in the city," she said.

One constant remained-the importance the French place on family.

"My family is really important to me, and they really value their families too. They eat together and spend a lot of family time together," she said.



Miranda Moore enjoys a visit to the Eiffel Tower. Photo provided

Every family she staved with treated her just like one of their own.

"All my families were really nice, and treated me like I was their child," she said. "They also took me out to see many places including Germany, Austria, Republic Check, Switzerland, Italy, castles, museums and theatres.'

And then there's the food. In Miranda's opinion, the food was top notch.

"In the school cafeteria the food was great everyday and they had they had things like steaks for lunch," she remembered.

A food she admits she enjoyed too much all the yummy pastries so famous in the French culture.

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All of Miranda's experiences were possible thanks to the Clarkston Rotary and Rotary International.

Miranda said she had been exploring opportunities to travel abroad, but many of the programs were expensive.

Darwin, recommended the Rotary exchange, a program which offers short-term or long term exchange programs.

Miranda met up with Rotarians, submitted her application for consideration and then wrote an essay on why she wanted to participate in the program.

Joel DeLong, president of the Clarkston Rotary said traveling abroad allows students to broaden their horizons. Students do not usually get to pick where they travel, and in return for sending a student another student comes to the US.

"If we send a student we must accept a student," he said. Over the past 15 years DeLong estimates seven or eight students have been exchanged through the club.

DeLong said while the student is away in a country, the Rotary club in that country provides the student a monthly stipend.

Students participating in the program are exposed to new cultures and customs in a powerful way to promote global understanding a peace.

After she was approved to go, she had to get a variety of health exams, fill out a lot of paperwork and obtain a visa and passport.

In order to prepare to go to France and study, she got a tutor and took a test to make sure she was proficient enough to complete school work while she was there.

She studied French for a few years in school, but using the language in real life is much harder, so she did encounter a language Please see Lessons on page 34



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Penny Shanks, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce director, leads a discussion at the Placemaking meeting. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin* 

## Community groups top survey at local Placemaking meeting

#### BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Local leaders gathered at the Clarkston Administration building to discuss the concept of Placemaking during a presentation by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 9.

"Placemaking is staking a claim and beautification," said Janelle Edmunds, Clarkston Chamber. "It is the act of creating great places. What makes a place great," she asked attendees during the meeting.

"It can be a park where people come together, a place you want to be," she added. She also explained key attributes to Placemaking and said places that evoke a positive emotional response that is felt by many constitutes a strong sense of place.

"It's what a community does to enhance the quality of life," said Ron Richie who serves on the Independence Township Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission.

"Everyone wants to live in a town with an identity," said Richie. He added that the township is presently in the process of reviewing the master plan, and Placemaking idea seems to helps connect the community. Richie said Township officials are inter-

ested in engaging the community to make it a better place to work, play and live.

Parks, Recreation and Seniors Supervisor Ken Elwert said area parks and recreation is crucial to both the master plan and Placemaking and added that Placemaking is a grass roots citizen led committee.

Elwert said Placemaking can be a huge success if done correctly and said Campus Martius is a great example of success created by Placemaking.

Attendees at the meeting split into groups to identify assets in the community. Chamber Director Penny Shanks said the exercise was to identify assets and see opinions on what can be done better.

Assets identified in the various categories included Clarkston Village Players, DTE Energy Theatre, recreational spaces like golf courses and parks.

Some of the top historical assets in the community identified by attendees included historical significance of the area and the downtown historic district, the Clarkston Community Historical Society, Mill Pond and the Clarkston Mills building and Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Suggestions also included increasing the frequency of events, increasing seasonal events and including more historical signage.

Assets identified included Clarkston's downtown, parks, schools, restaurants, athletic events and the numerous festivities including parades and activities. Attendees were also asked to identify what they feel is missing in the area, and responses included good traffic flow, parking and good walk ability. Suggestions also included cultural events, enhancing culture and arts, and focusing on the ease of access in the area.

Shanks said offering art at different venues in the area is an idea that can be considered.

Shanks said Springfield Township needs to be celebrated too.

Placemaking is more successful if done on a regional level, so Springfield Township will also be included in the regional Placemaking Plan. "We need to create more awareness of Davisburg," said Shanks who noted that a meeting is being planned with several surrounding communities.

Fifty-two percent of voters in a poll taken during the event said the top assets in the area is community organizations, like the Clarkston Rotary.

Mike Spillum from the Clarkston Rotary Club said he found out about Placemaking from Independence Township Parks and Recreation and was asked to attend the meeting because the Rotary is involved in many projects in the area and would also like to be involved in Placemaking.

"Placemaking starts by involving people to create a common vision for the place," said Edmunds. "The goals are to invite greater interactions among people and to foster communities that are more socially, physically and economically viable."

The first public Placemaking meeting was a start.

"l love Clarkston and I just want it to be a great place to live," said Joette Kunse

historical significance of the area and the For more information on Placemaking visit downtown historic district, the Clarkston www.miplace.org/placemaking



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#### Events

Poinsettia/Greens sale, Clarkston Community Women's Club, through Nov. 21, delivery Dec. 5. Assortment of colors, sizes of poinsettias, wreaths, kissing balls, graves blankets, porch pots. Call Gail, 248-623-9462, or Carolyn, 248-625-2924.

Friendly Forest, 3-6 p.m., Oct. 19, Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Kids In costume walk a decorated trail to trick-ortreat with cartoon and fairy-tale characters, S4/resident. S6/non-resident, free/adults. On site/\$8.248-625-8223.

Auditions, Clarkston Village Players' *1 Hate Hamlet*, roles for three men and three women, special effects, set design, 7 p.m., Oct. 20-21. Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. Show opens Jan. 17. 248-625-8811.

Wild Night Out, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 24, Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. Strolling dinner, photo exhibition, music from Cedar Crest Academy Children's Choir and String Quartet.

A Taste for the Holidays, Clarkston Rotary's wine tasting fund raiser, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 24, Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Highway. \$40/ advance, \$50/door. 248-625-9100.

Genealogy Workshop, Queries, Questions, and Immigration Trails, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Clarkston Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free. Register at 248-625-2212.

Halloween Hullabaloo at High Jinks Hall, Once Upon a Puppet presented by Clarkston Village Players. 11 a.m., 1 p.m., Oct. 26. \$7. Puppet show for children with upbeat songs, laughs, audience participation. Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-575-4104.

**Trunk or Treat**, 5 p.m., Oct. 27, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Trick or treat from car to car in parking lot, with food, games, music, costume contest. 248-625-1611.

Local Author Forum, Oct. 29, 7-9 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, five local authors present their books: Jill Stodola, B. David Warner, Bob McGowen, R. Anton Hough and Simona Seiderman. A meet and greet with the authors will follow.

Mission Possible fundraiser, auction, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 9, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

Back Roads Half Marathon, 10K, 9:30 am, Nov. 10 Depot Park start. Finish on Washington near Main, beer tent at 5 S. Main Street,



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



PARTY IN PINK: Downtown Clarkston will be filled with fun, all for a good cause, during Paint the Town Pink on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 5-8 p.m. Local retailers will offer visitors special deals, food and beverages. Proceeds raised from the event will benefit McLaren Oakland Foundation Sister to Sister free mammogram program, which promotes breast cancer awareness, and offers screenings to low income women. Sister to Sister provides screenings to women in need. See page 27 for more information on Paint the Town Pink. *File photo* 

www.clarkstonbackroadshalf.com.

Children's Local Author Night, Nov. 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library. Meet and greet with local children's authors: Christina Barr, Bryan Chick, Charlie Classman, and Linda Sicks. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Write-Ins for NaNoWriMo, during November at Clarkston Independence District Library. Nov.9, 12-4 p.m.; Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m.; Nov. 30, 12-4 p.m.

#### Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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

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

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. Slow Flow Yoga with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45p.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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

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

**Fit Club Walks**, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Divine Nutrition, 7743 Sashabaw Road. Free. 248-393-08989 or 248-625-6551.

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

#### Tuesday

Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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

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

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

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

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553. **Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

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

Belly Dance Lessons, Tuesdays,7 p.m., Sashabaw Road. Low impact traditional-style workout with Naima Marina. No experience necessary. All welcome. \$10.586-292-7750.

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

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

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

**Office hours**, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

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

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. S5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch.248-846-6558.

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-Please see Around Town on page 43 **Obituaries** & •

#### Mary Alice Cook, 73 Virginia Barnett, 83

Cook, Mary Alice, age 73 of Clarkston, passed away on Oct. 10, 2013.

From the moment she moved to the Village of Clarkston in 1976,

Mary Alice became a force in the growth of the community. She chaired Arts in the Park, was an active member in Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, taught catechism at St. Daniel's Catholic Church, formed the



Picture Lady elementary teaching program and volunteered for SCAMP, including having her Main Street house displayed on the annual fundraising tour.

In the earlier years, Mary Alice grew up in Whitmore Lake, graduated from Michigan State University and received her Masters from University of Michigan. Over the years, she taught special education, tutored disadvantaged children, joined the Questers Organization and gave tours at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

She is survived by husband Robert, sons Robert Kelley (Molly) and Matthew Paul (Laura), and five siblings Patrick, Maureen, Kathryn, Peter, and Rose, and six grandchildren, Riley, Connor, Duncan, Ellie, Grant, and Robert.

Scripture service was Oct. 13 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral mass was Oct. 14 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with final resting at the Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may to be made to American Cancer Society and SCAMP. Online guestbookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Barnett of Clarkston passed away Oct. 11, 2013, at age 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert. She was the loving mother of Butch (Judy) Barnett, Shirley Jewell, Sherri Smith, Gary Barnett and the late Robert; grandmother of 15, great grandmother of 33 and great great grandmother of many; sister of J.D. (Jean) Wright.

Funeral Service was Oct. 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Carol Richardson, 69

Carol A. Richardson of Grand Blanc, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Oct. 11, 2013, at age 69.

She was the loving wife of James for 50 years; mother of Gail (Raymond) Evans and Jeffrey (Melissa); grandmother of Justin, Kyle, Alexandra, Kate, Emily and Anna; sister of Robert (Dolly) Smith;

preceded in death by brother Roger Smith.

Carol was a former member of Seymour Lake Methodist Church and the Pontiac Travel Trailer Safari.

Funeral service was Oct. 15 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

> Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

### History lecture on Orphan Trains

Clarkston Community Historical Society presents a lecture on Orphan Trains, 7 p.m., Oct. 22, at Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Research historians and TV producers Al and David Eicher spent 18 months researching ophan trains, which transported more than 12,500 homeless and neglected children from the New York City and Boston areas to Michigan between 1854 and 1927.

Charles Loring Brace, who founded the Children's Aid Society in 1854, believed removing children from harsh city streets and placing them in farming families out West would alleviate a lifetime of poverty and suffering.

Once they reached a destination, they stood on platforms to be examined by potential new "parents." While many children thrived in new, loving homes, others were treated as servants and ran away or were eventually rejected by their new families.

The social experiment is considered to be the beginning of the organized foster care system.

By 1927, 43 Michigan towns, including nearby Holly and Oxford, received orphans from the "Baby Train," as it was sometimes called. Admission is free.





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# Religion Events Preaching

## Look for beauty found in life

The parable of two sons (Luke 15:11-32), also known as The Prodigal Son, begins "There was a man who had two sons.".Rocco Errico, an Aramaic scholar and Unity Minister, pointed this out to me once at a workshop we were hosting and I really began to think about this parable in a whole new way. I started to see beyond the prodigal to the obedient son, the

lesson that he presents, and beyond that to receive the father's message. Rocco shared that when

Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons," his audience, remembering the Old Testament stories of Cain and Able, Jacob and would have Esau. responded, "Oh no, God forbid!" I have two sons. They are the joy of my life,

and they can be challenging. Each child has his own personality, their unique approach to life that is different from each other and from the parents.

To shorten a lengthy story, the younger son strays and returns, "was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." The elder son stayed at home and worked in the fields for his father. Not only are there two sons, there are two different stories being told for each son. There is the son's story, his experience, his expression of life, his belief system, his view of God. And, there is the father's.

The younger son is the bad boy. He wastes his energy, his money, on "loose living." Having lost everything he sinks to the lowest possible estate for a Jew, feeding the swine. Once he awakens to the wreckage he has made of his life he returns home fearfully wracked with a guilt trip, "I am not worthy to be called your son;" His view of God is of a punishing God; he believes he will be punished for his mistakes.

When the younger son is welcomed back, the older son gets angry and refuses to Peace Unity Community.

#### partake in the festivities. He's a whiner with a martyr complex, "Lo, these many years I have served you ... you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends." His view of God is of a demanding God; he must work hard and do the right things in order to receive his reward.

Both of the sons' stories are valid within their frame of reference. But, from the father's frame of reference, neither of the sons' stories are True. In the mind of the father, there is no room for guilt and fear, no reason for selfish whining or martyrdom, God is not a punishing God nor is God a demanding God.

"God is Love" IJohn 4:7, and what is absolute (God/Love) can have no opposite. Guilt, fear, selfishness, martyrdom, privilege, worry, doubt, resentment, have no real existence; they are not of God and therefore have no place in living the spiritual life. "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24.

Love tells us that all is forgiven, whichever way we stray, we can never be separate from God and the blessings of God, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours." Luke 15:31. This is the message of the father. This is message of God to you: God's wholly, perfect child, "it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ." Romans 8:17.

"Everything is beautiful in its own way." Ray Stevens had a number one hit with this song in 1970. This is a true spiritual insight, for it is God vision; it is the spirit's vision of our being; beauty is all that truly exists, for God is beauty and what is absolute can have no opposite. You are beautiful!

Today we choose to be the beautiful child of God that we truly are. We see beauty all around us, even in the ugliness. For beyond the appearances lies the Reality of God. And so it is!

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The Rev. Matthew E. Long is pastor of

## In our local churches...

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

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org \* \*

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

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. 248-625-4644.



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Katelyn O'Jibway shows how low she can go.



Sydney Ellis jumps around during the "Cha Cha Slide."



Lily Scott happily runs the track.

## Dragon work

Clarkston Elementary students moved and grooved last Thursday afternoon during their A.C.E.S. Day - All Children Exercise Simultaneously.

It was part of the Dragons' Health and Safety Week. During the week they also had Bike to School Day, Walk to School Day, Nu-trition Day and Fire Safety Day.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Jacob McMahon



Elle Brody dashes across the field.

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Miranda Moore is happy to be home.

# Lessons from around world

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barrier for the first few months. Friends she made helped her with studies and learning the language.

"After three months I could understand what was being said, after four months I could speak the language fluently," she confessed. "After six months I was thinking in French and dreaming in French."

Miranda's dad Darwin said he and his wife Cindy had some reservations about sending their daughter off to a foreign land, but overall they knew the journey would be exciting for their daughter.

"Really I was envious," he said. "I was happy and I encouraged her."

He and Cindy traveled to pick up their daughter at the end of her trip and met all her host families and counselors in France.

Since her return, Darwin said he has noticed how much Miranda has matured. "She can also speak French pretty fluently. I know the trip has helped her with relationship skills, helped her with people and she is more traveled," he said.

Now a senior at Clarkston High School, the 17-year-old is working at Tim Horton's until her next excursion.

Unsure of exactly what she wants to do after graduation, she is going to college and is contemplating a military career for the travel opportunities offered. One thing for certain, more traveling is definitely on the horizon. Maybe another trip to France or even Antarctica with the military to study penguins.

"I would love to go to a French university, but I will be applying to colleges here," she said. "I want to see the world. Going to France made me want to go everywhere."

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She also learned something about every single person in the world.

"No matter where you go in the world people may look different, but everyone cares about the same things and we all have the same emotions and needs," she said. "You may think people are different because they are from a different country but deep down we're the same."

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: 2013-352, 814-DE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** Estate of Patricia C. Thorpe, Date of birth: 6/2/1959

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Patricia C. Thorpe, died 4/2/2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estat will be forever barred unless presented to Christina Farar, persona esentative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd... iac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice 10-10-13

Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723)	Christina Farar
6480 Citation Drive	2724 Dotsonville Road
Clarkston, MI 48346	Clarksville, TN 37042
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PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **OCTOBER 1, 2013** 

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the
- Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga C Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: None

#### There was a quorum present.

- Also Present: Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Ken Flwert Parks, Recreation & Seniors Directo
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented D
- CLOSED SESSION None BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carolyn
- F Morrison; Supervisor Kittle PUBLIC COMMENT: None Ģ.
- PUBLIC HEARING None
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS J
- None
- CONSENT AGENDA: Approval to Contract with IT Right for Profes-
- Approval of Payroll of September 27, 2013 and 2 the Check Run of September 25, 2013 for a Total Amount of \$797,730.48
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA L. None
- REGULAR BUSINESS м
  - Approval to Award Bid and Approve Brady Lodge 1. Re-Roof Project at Bay Court Park Approval of Pilot Program Authorizing DPW to
  - 2 Replace Transite Pipe Adopted Resolution to Close Roads for Novem
  - 3 ber 10, 2013 Marathon Hosted by Clarkston State Bank and High Five Races, LLC
  - Adopted Resolution for Purchasing Tax Sale and Foreclosure Properties
  - Approval to Rescind June 2, 2009 Resolution 5. Establishing Interest Rates on Capital Connec tion Fee Loan Agreements and Adopt Resolution to Reestablish Rates
- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Treasurer Brown; Trustee Lohmeier: Supervisor Kittle:
- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / 0 REPORTS
  - Report: Fire Department Monthly Report for Au-1. gust 2013
  - Report: Monthly Actual to Budget Financial Up-2. date: August 2013
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pailotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, October 16, 2013



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#### FILE NO: STATE OF MICHIGAN 2013-352, 818-DE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

## **Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Jayson J. Powell, Jr., deceased. Date of birth: 6/17/1954 TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jayson J. Powell, Jr., died

9/7/2013. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims aga will be forever barred unless presented to Heather Powell, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. Pontac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of unbitation of this poties.

of publication of this notice.	10-10-13
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**Decedent's Estate** 

an Doyon. Date of Birth: 4/23/1945. Ectate of Robert # TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Norman Doyon, NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Notinal Doyon who lived at 3030 Greenfield, Royal Oak, MI 48073 died 7/13/2013 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all clams against the estate

Consultations of the concernent are required using an example of establish will be forevery barred unless presented to John B. Munger, named per-sonal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd, Pontac, Mi 44341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice October 2 2013 Munger & Associates P.C.

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#### NOTICE PUBLIC OAKLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO DIXIE LAKE TAKE NOTICE that the Dixie Lake Improvement Board

has confirmed the Special Assessment Roll for improve ments to Dixie Lake. Said Special Assessment Roll in the amount of \$204,000 has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of aquatic plant control, plant control coordination, dam maintenance and lake access improvements, information dissemination/education, administration, and contingencies over a three-year period (2014 to 2016). Said Special Assessment Roll and all assessments thereon are final and conclusive unless attacked in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days of this notice.

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

Dixie Lake Improvement Board Oakland County, Michigan



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Wed., October 16, 2013 The Clarkston (MI) News 43A NOTICE

# Office hours with councilman

Clarkston City Councilman Michael Sabol wants residents to know he is available to talk

"That was one of my commitments to residents when I ran," said Sabol. "I've been doing this since January.'

Sabol won a seat on council in November 2012 and will serve a two-year term until 2014.

He posts meeting



Mike Sabol

information on his Facebook page. Meetings are usually held on every third Thursday of the month.

Sabol got the idea to hold office hours from Representatives Gail Haines and other elected officials.

"They hold office hours, so that people have open access to them," he said.

"As long as I am on council I will make myself available," said Sabol. "I am willing to talk about whatever anyone wants to talk about."

For more information on meeting locations Sabol email at and times sabolm@villageofclarkston.org

-Andrea Beaudoin

# **Around Town**

#### Continued from page 30

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

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

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

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

#### Saturday

Preschool Vision Screening for children 6 months-5 year, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, www.clarkstonlions.org

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

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. \$12 walk-in or 10 visits for \$100 class card. 248-390-9270."

Absent: None

There was a quorum present. Also Present: Mitch Petterson, Deputy Fire chief, Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager, Kristen Sieloff Assessor

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented E. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Aliaga

F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None G. AGENDA ITEMS AS INDEICATED IN THE MOTION

- OR CALL OF THE MEETING:
- 1) PUBLIC HEARING: Truth-in-Taxation Hearing (Kristen Sieloff, Director of Assessing) Rae Luallen, Opposed; Richard Schwarb, Opposed 2)
- Request to Establish 2013 Millage Rates for Fire Fund and Safety Path 2014 Budgets BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Lohmeier; н.
- Treasurer Brown ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at
- 4:38 PM. Respectfully Submitted,
  - Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, October 16; 2013

I Dan Tunnecliffe, secretary of said Dixie Lake Improvement Board, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the lake board at a meeting held on the 12th day of August, 2013. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, as amended IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my

within 30 days after publication.

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

ADOPTED: AYES: All

COUNTY OF OAKLAND )

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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ABSENT: Hoffman

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OAKLAND COUNTY

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH

IMPROVEMENTS TO DIXIE LAKE

At a special meeting of the Dixie Lake Improvement Board held in the Springfield Township Civic Center Meet-

ing Room, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan on the 12th day of August, 2013, at 7:30 pm, local time.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the im-provement program for Dixie Lake; and

provement Board to proceed with implementation of improvements to the lake including nuisance aquatic plant

control, aquatic plant control coordination, information

dissemination and education, dam maintenance/lake ac-

cess improvements, and administration and contingency,

with an estimated annual cost of \$68,000 per year for three years (2014 - 2016).

The Lake Board hereby determines that the pro

posed improvements are practical, that the peti-

tion submitted for the lake improvement and/or

the enabling resolutions are sufficient, and it con-

firms its intent to proceed with the improvements

The Lake Board hereby approves the lake im-provement plan and the estimate of costs for the

This resolution shall be published in a newspaper

of general circulation in Oakland County. The petition and/or the enabling resolutions shall not,

thereafter, be subject to attack except in an ac-

tion brought in a court of competent jurisdiction

None

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Fischbach and seconded by member Tunne

PRESENT: Bennett, Gregory, Fischbach, Tunnecliffe

The following resolution was offered by member

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Dixie Lake Im-

hand, this 12th day of August, 2013. Dan Tunnecliffe, Secretary

Dixie Lake Improvement Board

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#### **SYNOPSIS** TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Indeindence Board was called to order at 4:02 PM at the Independence Township Hall.

Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder

The Pledge of Allegiance was given C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga A 44, Wed., October 16, 2013 The Clarkston (MI) News



The gun sounds and boys in grades kindergarten through second are off for the 11th Annual Elementary Race. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Braedyn Callahan from Pine Knob Elementary runs closer to the finish.



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Clarkston' Elementary's Andrew Herman speeds past a few runners.

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# Fall race for students

The weather was perfect for the 11th Annual Elementary Race at Clarkston High School last Friday.

It was also the perfect day for Bailey Lake Elementary as they won the team trophy for the fourth consecutive year by having the highest percentage of participants from their school. They had 22.5 percent of their students in the race.

Finishing in first place for the boys Kindergarten through second grade half mile race was first grader John Kaul from Pine Knob Elementary, finishing in 3:14.7. Bailey Lake Elementary second grader Macie Moscovic led the girls, finishing in first place at 3:15.

Bulldog Jacob Murray, a fourth grader from Bailey Lake, led the boys third through fifth grade one mile run. He finished at 6:01.2.

Mackenzie Montagano, a fourth grader from Clarkston Elementary led the girls, finishing in first place at 6:54.2.

This year they had 377 total runners in the race, shattering the old record of 216 participants.



Kendall Kirkland from Bailey Lake Elementary finishes the trek through the woods.



Clarkston Elementary's Hana Chrenka, Annika Jankowski and Sophia Fabrizio are in the last leg of the race.



Clarkston Elementary's Mackenzie Montagano leads the girls.









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