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Spring wind storm knocks out power to thousands

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

High winds knocked out power and trees throughout the Clarkston and surrounding areas, Saturday night.

Joe Clark, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in White Lake, said many areas in Oakland County experienced widespread winds up to 70 miles an hour with recorded gusts in Clarkston reaching 65 miles per hour.

In the city of Clarkston, about 600 customers were out of power while 7,000 homes were out in Independence Township. In Springfield Township, about 200 customers lost juice.

"We are still assessing damage," said Alejandro Bodipo-Memba, spokesperson for DTE Energy.

"All available crews out assessing damage to get power restored," Bodipo-Memba said.

Power outages continued into Monday, cancelling school at Bailey Lake Elementary, Sashabaw Middle School and North Sashabaw Elementary lost power, Monday morning, and students were sent home early.

"Some siding damage occurred and there are reports of power and trees down throughout the county," said Clark. "One inch hail was also reported in most all areas of the storm."

Hail occurs when a strong updraft pushes water droplets in and out of clouds causing the droplets to eventually fall out of the cloud as ice balls.

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Plan to patch potholes

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After a brutal winter, residents are now facing potholes galore down Main Street, Parview Drive and other neighborhood roads.

To fix the potholes, Road Commission for Oakland County's plan includes hiring and retaining workers until May, and hiring an independent contractor specializing in pothole repair.

"The company uses a spray patching technique that is best suited to shallower holes and can only be used when the temperature is 40 degrees and above," said Craig Bryson, RCOC public information officer.

While the contractor deals with the smaller potholes, road commission work-

ers will also work extended shifts to tend to larger potholes and rough gravel roads in the county.

The commission will also rent additional equipment and contract with private trucking companies to haul material needed to fix roads. RCOC also hired three full-time mechanics and two full-time laborers.

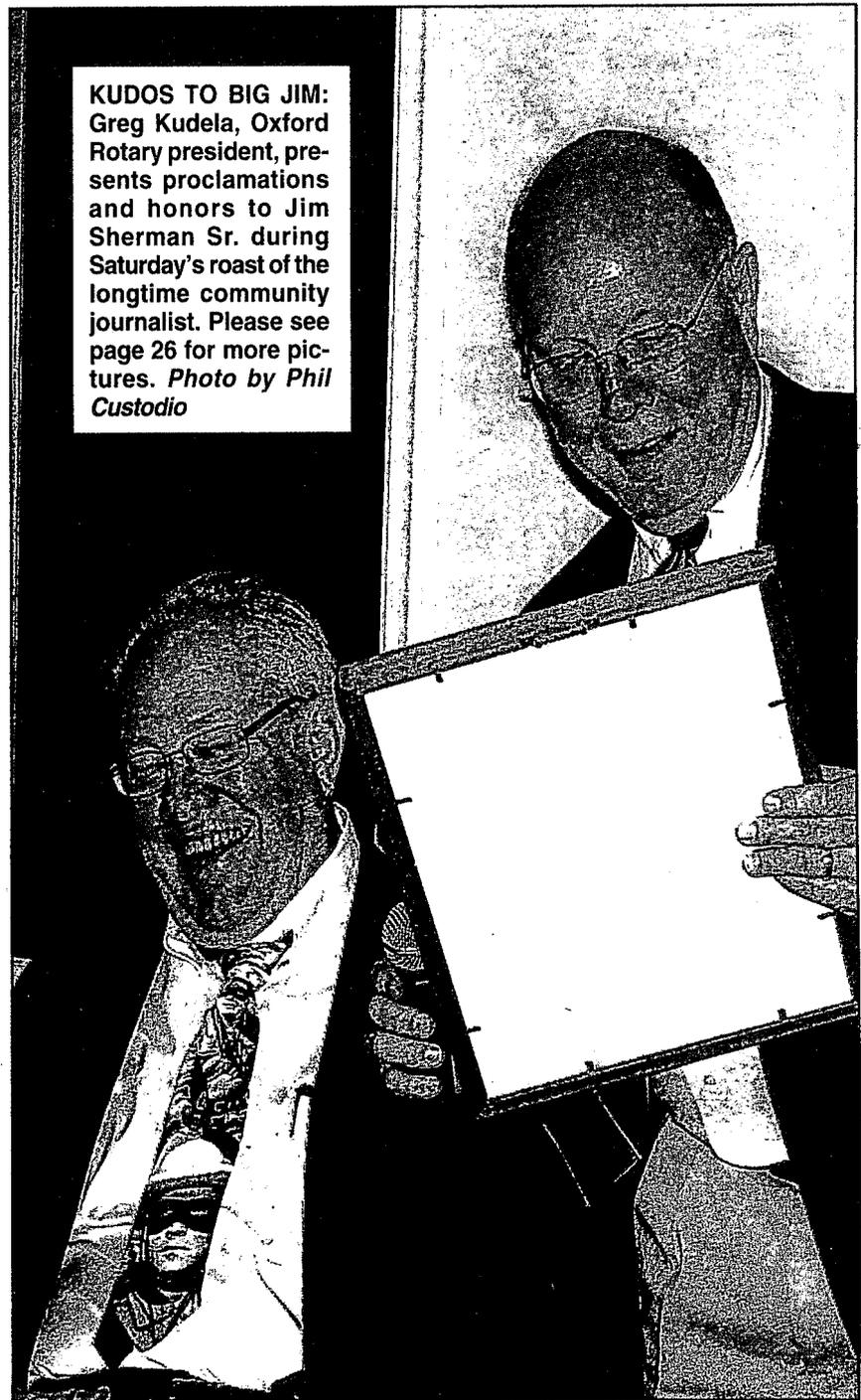
"The mechanics will help to ensure that agency equipment is available as often as possible for pothole patching and gravel road maintenance," said Bryson. "Laborers will be assigned to road repair."

Road funding has slipped since 1964, said Dennis Kolar, Road Commission for Oakland County managing director.

"That means for at least 50 years, we have been paying less to maintain our

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KUDOS TO BIG JIM:
Greg Kudela, Oxford Rotary president, presents proclamations and honors to Jim Sherman Sr. during Saturday's roast of the longtime community journalist. Please see page 26 for more pictures. Photo by Phil Custodio



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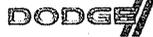
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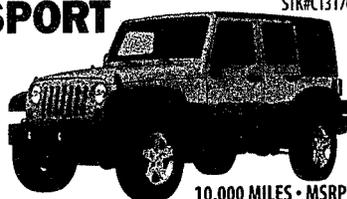
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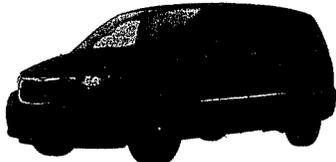
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A fallen tree blocks the road from Lake Waldon Village to Waldon Road, Sunday morning. Photo provided by John Meyland

Snow record could still break

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Clark said although hail can be a sign of a tornado, there was no chance of a tornado on Saturday.

Tornado season peaks in Michigan in late spring and early summer and peaks in June. Clark said snow was also in the forecast earlier this week.

"Flint will break its all time snowiest record on Monday and Detroit may break its all time snowiest record, too," he said.

Northern Oakland County, Genesee County and Central Macomb County saw the brunt of the damage from the storm on Saturday.

According to Clark, the storm formed on the west side of state before traveling east.



Storm clouds gather over the Clarkston area, Saturday night. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Report pothole problems on county hotline

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roads than the residents of most other states," he said.

Kolar said Michigan residents are paying a "hidden tax" on roads.

"We may be paying less in taxes to maintain our roads than most other states, but every time we have to replace a tire or tie rod or strut due to our rough roads, we're paying for it," he said.

According to the US Census Bureau, the state ranks in the bottom 10 of states in re-

gards to how much Michigan spends on roads.

Bryson said the six-point plan was created to attack the myriad of potholes and rough roads left in the wake of the worst winter seen in Oakland County in generations.

"I have heard from motorists countywide of their frustrations resulting from one of the worst pothole seasons in Michigan's history," said RCOC Chairman Greg Jamian. "Because of my concern, I asked our staff for an action plan that addresses a non-routine plan

of attack on potholes and gravel roads."

The commission used twice as much salt as two previous winters and they also used twice as many snow plow blades.

"We used nearly 35,000 hours of overtime — far more than we budgeted for," said RCOC Commissioner Eric Wilson. "This winter took a tremendous toll."

To report potholes, call 844-OAK-ROAD or 844-625-7623. Drivers can also call the RCOC main office at 248-858-4804. Also, submit complaints online at www.rcocweb.org.

Briefly

Public hearing on 148 N. Main

A public hearing on a petition to rezone 148 N. Main Street is rescheduled for April 21, 7 p.m., at City Hall.

The request is to rezone the property from R-1 to Village Commercial, along with Special Land Use.

For more information, email City Manager Carol Eberhardt at eberhardt@villageofclarkston.org.

Oak Hill Road work

A paving project will close Oak Hill Road between Dixie Highway and Kier Road on the border between Springfield and Groveland townships to through traffic for the next several months.

The Road Commission for Oakland County project is to pave the gravel road. Detour route is Dixie Highway to Rattalee Lake Road, Bridge Lake Road, Kier Road, Bird Road, and back to Oak Hill. The road is expected to be closed through approximately Aug. 29.

Local access to homes and businesses within the construction areas along both roads will be maintained at all times. Call 877-858-4804 or check www.rcocweb.org for more information.

White Cane Week

Clarkston Area Lions take to the streets from April 25-May 3 for their annual White Cane Week.

Donations support Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank and Transplant Center, Lions Bear Lake Camp for Physically Challenged Youth, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Beaumont Silent Children Fund, and District 11A2 Lions Hearing Program for Oakland and Macomb Counties.

Check www.clarkstonlions.org for more information.

Spring Wine Tasting

Clarkston Rotary's Spring Wine Tasting is 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 8, at Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road.

The fund raiser will feature Michigan wines, appetizers by Fountains Golf and Banquet, and an auction.

Tickets are \$35 per person in advance or \$45 at the door. Proceeds will benefit local and international projects. Call President Joel DeLong for more information at 248-625-9741.

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Daughter lives on in mother's memory

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For Shirley Hockey of Clarkston, her children Parry and Monica Hockey will always remain in her heart.

Every season, birthday, and other milestones, she decorates their graves with flowers and mementos.

"When I visit the cemetery, I feel their spirits," she said.

On Sept. 4, 1979, Monica was brutally murdered at 20 years old. Her body was discovered by a fellow Clarkston resident, a quiet man, known for keeping to himself, while he was out bicycling as he did everyday.

"The pain in your heart from your child being murdered never goes away," said Shirley, 35 years later.

Monica's life was cut short by Kyle Glenn Johnson and Jeffery Allen Coyle, both 19 at the time. Johnson lived in Clarkston and Coyle was from Lake Orion.

Monica attended school with Johnson and she ran into both boys at a party. A friend tried to talk Monica out of going to the party, but she went anyways.

"I think she was lonely at the time," remembered Shirley, adding the family was in the midst of dealing with two other tragedies at the same time Monica's life was taken.

In March of the same year, exactly six months earlier from the time Monica was murdered, Shirley's son Parry was attacked in the parking lot of a bar deep in the woods of Ortonville.

"The fight began after one of Parry's friends got into a fight with another guy over a dollar," said Shirley. "It was over a dollar."

At the time of the murder, the Hockey family had been spending a lot of time at the hospital where Parry lay in a coma for months. They frequented the hospital to visit Parry.

The Hockeys were on their way to the hospital when their neighbor, a police officer, told the family he was responding to a call of a body found in Clarkston.

Coyle and Johnson bragged to family and friends about killing Monica, even before her body was discovered. It was because of their bragging police arrested both men shortly after Monica was discovered in the field.

Following the murder, a heartbreaking trial ensued. Johnson's sister, Diane, testified during the trial that after her brother handed her the murder weapon, a meat fork, she and her mother promptly turned it over to police.

Diane told the court her brother said he enjoyed committing the act, a comment Shirley vividly remembered Johnson saying. "That's why police called it a thrill kill," she said.

Both Johnson and Coyle were tried and convicted at the 52nd District Court, and the



Shirley Hockey remembers the tragic year her family faced in 1979, when her daughter Monica Hockey was murdered in Clarkston. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

were independently convicted of first degree murder. Both were given life sentences.

Shirley said after Monica was murdered she and her family worked with L. Brooks Patterson, who at the time was Oakland County prosecutor, to get the death penalty in Michigan.

"My whole family believed in the death penalty," she said. The efforts were unsuccessful.

Losing a son

Parry never recovered from his injuries. He remained severely brain damaged and unable to care for himself.

Shirley continued to care for Parry for the next 15 years, tending to his every need before he passed away in 1999.

Aftermath

Shirley said it is her deep belief in God that kept her going through all the pain.

"It is because of God's grace and goodness I wake up every day and thank the Lord for another day," she said. "It makes me get up every day. God gives you strength to get through bad times."

Shirley has lived in Clarkston for 65 years and her husband Edward has lived here his whole life.

Shirley has attended New Hope Bible Church in Clarkston for 65 years. Her only child, daughter Renee, and her husband Joe helped build a new church on Sashabaw Road.

Shirley said Renee does not like to speak about what happened to her sister.

"I think she just does not speak about it because it's too painful for her," she added tearfully.

Despite all of the bad experiences she has faced in the area, Shirley still loves Clarkston.

She remains thankful for the many gifts God has given her, including her church and her family.

Shirley said at the time of Monica's murder not a lot of people in the community said much to her about what happened. When asked if the silence was perhaps because people did not know what they should say, Shirley agreed that may have been the reason for the silence.

Sometimes news stories hit close to home. Every time she watches the news with a story of a murdered girl, it pains her soul.

"It just breaks my heart seeing these stories on the news about young girls being killed," she sighed.

Shirley said Monica was a trusting soul, and cautions youngsters to not be so trusting of others. She also believes if Michigan had capital punishment violent crime would be reduced.

"Society is getting worse," she said. "There is no prayer in schools and I believe it is the last days. The Bible says that sons will turn against their fathers and there will be a lack of morals."

As for Monica and Parry, the one place she always feels close to them is in the cemetery. She visits their graves often. Every season, or birthday, she decorates their graves with flowers and mementos. She added when she visits the cemetery she feels their spirits.

"Part of me is there with them," she said. "It's a pain in your heart that never goes away."

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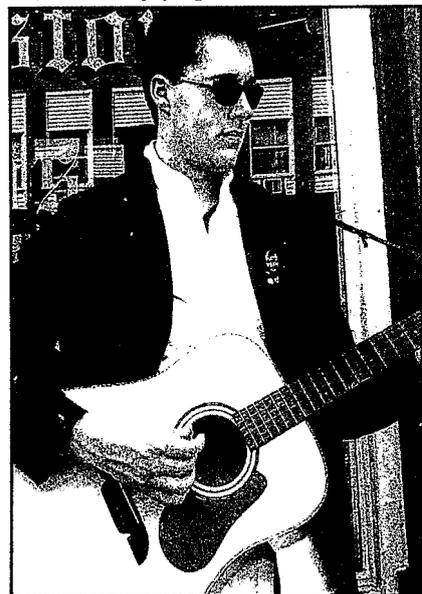


Allison Hall of KH Home on Main Street waters some newly planted flowers as music plays.

Time for outdoors

Folks are out and about on Main Street in downtown Clarkston, as spring rolls into town. Ian Arnold visited downtown Clarkston to share his musical talents with townsfolk and visitors.

"I just thought I would get out, bring my guitar and play," Arnold said. "I work at the Clarkston Dairy Queen and today I my day off, so I am enjoying the weather."



Ian Arnold plays the blues in downtown Clarkston. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

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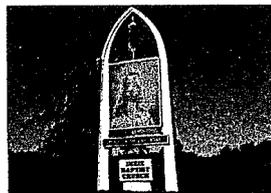
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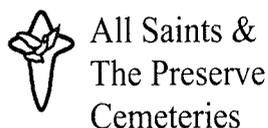
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Jottings on 'roos, reporters and peaches

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Jim's Jottings



A column by Jim Sherman, Sr.

• Print media news writers' questions often become space fillers. But, they can be referred to at some point in the future. Television news questions and answers become lost in space, unreferable. Which is just one more good reason for newspapers.

• I believe there are great reasons no politician has been dubbed "Abe" since Lincoln. Wait a minute. Or, was that they have never been dubbed, called or referred to as, "Honest?"

• One last mention or thought in regards to tv reporter questions: So many of them are hypothetical, answerable only with hypothetical guesses leading to no conclusions. While short on answers, they do fill the allotted air space, which is good for the marketing geniuses behind the kangaroo commercials.

• Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant. I won't tell you what I'm feeling like today after being roasted on Saturday.

• There was this blind man who picked up a hammer and saw.

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WWII war story.

I was assigned to a 26-foot landing craft aboard a ship hauling a couple dozen other 26-foot landing craft in the Pacific Theater during the war. The ship, which isn't really important, but helps fill the allotted space on this page, was the USS Woodford.

Rations were never enough for we, 19-year-old and still growing boys. My farm rearing didn't include many peaches, but while serving, peaches were good eating.

One day while on an island dock, there stood a gallon can of peach halves, soaking in their juices, unattended.

The captain pulled our craft up to the dock, and the gallon can just "fell" into our craft, stopping in the bilges.

Relaying this story to my World War I veteran father many years later, I learned this type of thievery ran in the family. While he was confined in the Shiawassee County Medical Center in Corunna, he was a not-too-contented patient.

He told me, "You have to learn how to improvise in a place like this."

He was on a sugar diet, but didn't know why.

He did know he didn't get enough to eat. That's when he told me how he im-

provised. At the 7:30 p.m. coffee time, Dad arranged to have some graham crackers delivered with his hot water and Sanka.

He'd stash them in a shirt pocket for a later snack. Too, the packet of Sanka never made Dad's cup of coffee strong enough for his taste.

He arranged through a nurse's aide (either 'Do Little' or 'Useless' as he called them) to have a jar of Sunrise coffee brought in to strengthen his brew.

On his person or wheelchair, besides the Sunrise, were salt, pepper and sealed tiny cups of cream. I also saw he had saved up saltine cracks and his U.S. Army teaspoon.

Some how, after World War I, that spoon had just "fallen" into his possession and, by golly, he'd had it ever since.

We improvised that day with the peaches, we had a beach party.

Tax Freedom Day this week! I know, whoopie.

Okay everybody, take a long, deep breath. Take your eyes away from the page, close 'em and let that breath leave your body. Relax. Come this Thursday, April 17, every upstanding, taxpaying Michiganiaan will have theoretically worked enough this year to pay off the government. Thursday is Tax Freedom Day.

Feel better?

Me neither.

Last year (2013) we taxpayers slaved for the government from January 1 through April 14 -- three days less. And, our three extra days of freedom from the yoke of ever-intrusive government was able to gain state coffers an extra BILLION dollars of surplus. Let me state for the record and publicly right here: Please do not give us our pittance of a percentage of that BILLION dollars back in the form of a onetime refund. Put it back into the roads.

Oh, what is Tax Freedom Day? It's this magical day all Americans have worked for. It is the day when we've worked long enough to pay off all our year's national, state and local taxes. Pixie dust and fairy tales aside, it's just a way to illustrate how much we work for the government and the programs provided (whether we support them or not).

In 2006, I wrote about Tax Freedom Day, too. In that year, we taxpayers worked for "The Man" 116

days -- from January 1, through April 26.

I know I should be kicking up my heels, dancing a jig and thanking Benevolent Big Brothers for reducing our working sentence by nine whole days! But, I'm not. I hate it, but Donny Downer here looks back to last year and says, "I'm working three more days for the bureaucrats and three less days to better me, my family and community."

I know, I know. I cannot have my cake and eat it, too. But, as a legal, born and bred American, it is my right, no, my solemn duty, to moan, groan and grumble about taxes and government. I'm exercising my rights, enumerated in the Bill of Rights via The United States Constitution to express my displeasure.

I know we need to pay taxes, but I would LOVE to see exactly how much "revenue" is brought in from our toils and see exactly how our tax money is spent. Transparency -- just like pixie dust and unicorns -- is purely a fable perpetuated by those on the government dole. I wish fairy tales were true. Of course, as I tell my sons, "If wishes were horses, we'd all be riding."

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This past weekend, I heard a report on the 2008 Farm Bill. Well, actually it was a report on how the government has found a way to collect money from dead people. It seems some government lackey found there is a line in the 2008 bill which allows the U.S. government to collect money it thinks it is owed by dead people, by billing the dead's living heirs. I believe that bill originated with U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D)

Michigan.

Thanks, Deb!

I had always joked with my sons, when I die I'm only going to leave them unpaid bills because I *knew* sons are not responsible for their parent's debt to Uncle Sam. Not so, anymore. Now I gotta' make sure I'm paid up before I take the long, deep dirt nap. Damn.

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And, as a red-blooded American, I can honestly say I hate all those namby-pamby socialist apologists who smugly suggest, "Well, you should be happy. They pay more taxes in Europe . . ."

Okay, okay: I don't "hate." I'm just saying there's a reason we're here and they're there.

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A thought just whizzed across my mind . . . my mom's kin are from the hollars of Kentucky and West Virginia. Maybe my angst about taxes is in-bred, genetically programmed in me. I hear my inner-hill-billy mumbling, "If taxpayin' Americans give up shoutin' at revenuers; if we turn yellin', we will become Them sheep who pop-u-late the rest of the world."

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Back to Tax Freedom Day. Who wants to roast some weinies in celebration on Thursday? Nobody? Didn't think so.

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SIDEWALK SAFETY: Sean Montero rides his scooter while friend Taylor Higgins walks his mini motor bike because he did not have a helmet. Both were enjoying a day off school during spring break, and made a pledge to put safety first. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Expired plate

A deputy ran the license plate of a car in front, 11:30 a.m., March 27, on Sashabaw Road at Maybee Road, and found it was expired. The driver, a 33-year-old Independence Township woman, was cited for unregistered vehicle, driving with a suspended license, and no proof of insurance.

Traffic warrants

A deputy stopped a 35-year-old Waterford woman when a license plate check showed she had several traffic warrants, 6:50 p.m., April 2, on Sashabaw at Maybee. She was cited for failure to answer summons.

Window shot

A resident in the 6000 block of Hubbard Circle called police to report someone shot a hole in a garage door window with what appeared to be a BB, April 4.

Shoplifter

A shopper picked up a smart phone screen protector and walked out of a store in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway without paying, 11:34 a.m., April 6. An employee yelled at him to stop but he didn't. The suspect is described as a white man, 5-foot-7-inches tall, 180-200 pounds, wearing a bright multi-colored jacket. He drove away in an older Honda four-door car.

Call for help

An Independence Township woman called police when her daughter, a 25-year-old Pontiac woman, threatened to harm herself with a kitchen knife, 3:50 a.m., April 6. She said her daughter suffered from mental illness and heroin use relapse. The daughter was taken to McLaren, where she checked herself in for treatment.

Threat in store

A 26-year-old Independence Township man was angered when a pharmacy employee asked for identification before filling out a prescription for a controlled narcotic, 9:23 a.m., April 6. The customer swore at her when she refused to fill out the prescription, and told a manager she should "watch herself" when she left work. The employee and manager called police but said they just wanted the incident documented in case of future trouble.

Domestic violence

A 46-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested for domestic violence after a fight with his girlfriend, a 51-year-old Waterford woman, 3:40 p.m., April 7. He had pushed her, spit on her, threw her cell phone on the ground, then left in his pickup. Deputies found him parked at a Maybee Road country club. He had a preliminary breath test result of .177. Investigation continues.

Confrontation

An Independence Township man called police when an argument with a former employee escalated, 1:43 p.m., April 8. The ex-employee, a 40-year-old Brighton man, approached the Independence Township man at his home. Knowing his former boss had a permit to carry a concealed pistol, he told him to put the gun on the ground so they could fight. The local man didn't draw his gun, instead pulling out his cell phone and saying he called the sheriff's department. The other man then fled. Investigation continues.

Hit and run

Deputies investigating a hit-and-run car crash on White Lake Road at Dixie Highway, 6:29 p.m., April 9, found the suspect in the 17000 block of Louise Drive in Springfield Township. The driver, a 21-year-old Davisburg man, said he left the scene because he was scared, as he had no license to drive. He was cited with failure to provide information and render aid after an accident, no license, and failure to stop assured clear distance.

Pole barn fire

Investigation continues into a fire in the 11000 block of Shaffer Road in Springfield Township, 1:52 p.m., April 12. Two pole barns were fully engulfed. Firefighters from Springfield, Independence, White Lake township departments responded to the scene. No injuries were reported.

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First half surge leads to win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves kicked off the season picking up the momentum in the first week of games with their first win.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team beat Birmingham Groves on April 3, 4-2.

"Everyone contributed," said Mike Nelson, head coach. "Everyone played really well. It was a good team win before break."

Junior Maddy Herbert started the goal scoring less than five minutes into the game when she made her corner kick from the southeast corner count as it went into the net.

Sophomore Kelly Moltmaker and senior Andrea Dean added two more goals before the end of the first half to put the score 3-0.

Moltmaker scored her goal with 16:50 remaining in the first half with an assist from sophomore Maddie Bright.

It didn't take long for the third goal - 45 seconds to be exact - as the Lady Wolves took control of the ball again bringing it back into Groves' territory before Dean scored her goal.

"We controlled the pace and the tempo the entire game," Nelson added. "Kelly played really well. She had to best goal of the season."

Groves made two shots on Clarkston's net in the half with one made with 2:38 left but was denied as freshman Kristen Page saved it in the middle of the net.

The Lady Falcons broke through with their first goal 18 minutes into the second half. They attempted for one more point on the

scoreboard a few seconds later but Page blocked the shot.

With ten minutes remaining in the game, junior Olivia Montgomery put the score 4-1 with an assist from junior Lindsay Runft.

The Lady Wolves made nine shots on the net and Page had four saves.

"She has some really good saves for us," Nelson added.

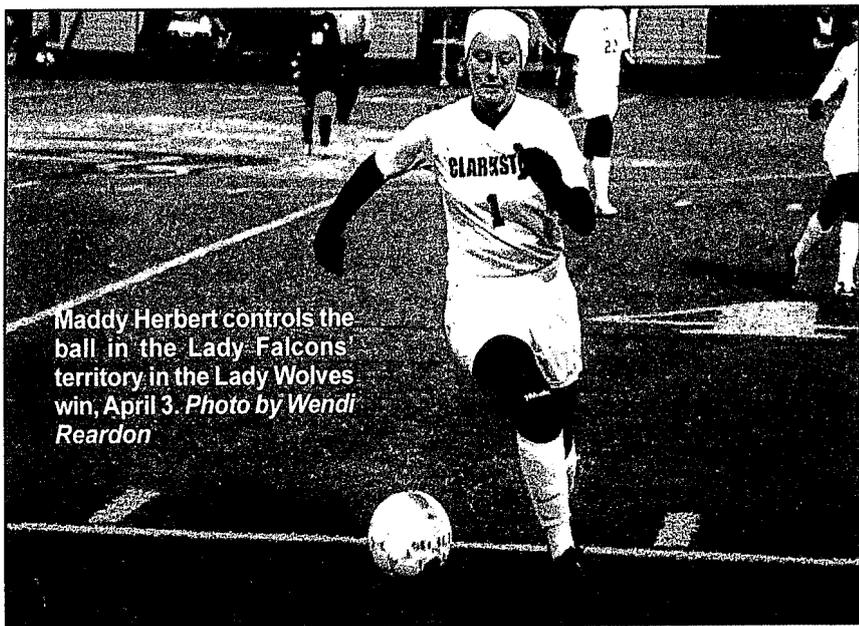
The girls opened the season with a 1-1 tie against Lake Orion, April 1 - their sixth consecutive year of tying with their rival.

"It was a pretty even game," said Nelson. "No one had the upper hand. We both had equal opportunities on the net. We did miss a couple off the post. The thing we struggled with a little bit was transition. Against Groves we could move the ball defense to midfield pretty easily. If we can do that we will be a tough team to beat."

The Lady Dragons opened the scoring and Herbert tied the game with her goal. Page made seven saves in the net while her teammates made six shots.

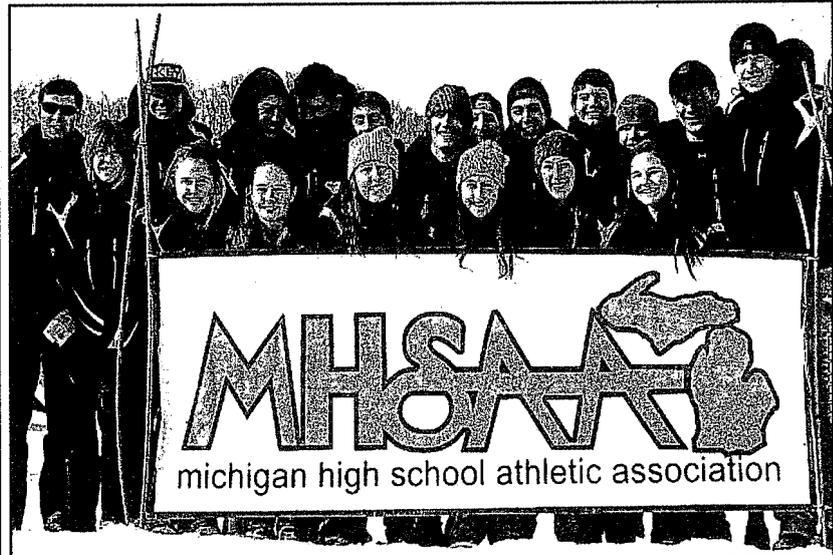
"The first week was very good considering Lake Orion was a huge rivalry game," Nelson added. "We didn't have the finish we wanted against Lake Orion but we will take the draw. We had a good, long week. Spirits are high. We are excited and already chomping at the bits to play Lake Orion again."

The Lady Wolves head to Oxford on Thursday and North Farmington on Monday. They are back home when they host Berkley on Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Maddy Herbert controls the ball in the Lady Falcons territory in the Lady Wolves win, April 3. Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clarkston Ski teams. Photo submitted

Leaders on the mountain

The Wolves had a successful winter season as both the Clarkston Varsity Boys and Girls Ski teams ended on a good note at the state finals.

Wolves were named to the 2014 All-State Ski Team for their state finals finish.

Derek Van Itallie and Ryan Callahan were named to the first team in the Giant Slalom. McIntosh was named to the third team and Ben Schuster received Honorable Mention.

The Wolves finished the Giant Slalom in third place with 52.5 points. Van Itallie took first place for state champion. Callahan took third place; McIntosh, 16th; Schuster, 20th.

Reis Weidemann was named to the third team in the Slalom. The boys finished the Slalom race at Shanty Creek in eighth place with 140 points. Weidemann finished in 17th place; McIntosh, 26th; and Van Itallie, 36th.

The girls finish the Slalom in seventh place with 123.5 points as Caroline Spytman led the team finishing in sixth.

They finished the Giant Slalom in ninth

place with 164 points. Maddie DeClercq finished in eighth place.

Both teams finished with a trip to the state finals after the boys team took first place at the MHSAA Division 1 Regional with 68 points and the girls finished in second place with 104.5 points.

Leading the boys team in the Slalom race was Van Itallie taking second in 41.68. Callahan finished in third, 41.93; and Weidemann, tenth, 43.75.

Van Itallie also took second in the Giant Slalom in 36.99. Callahan finished in sixth place, 37.35; Schuster, 12th, 38.12; Weidemann, 14th; 38.24; and McIntosh, 38.26.

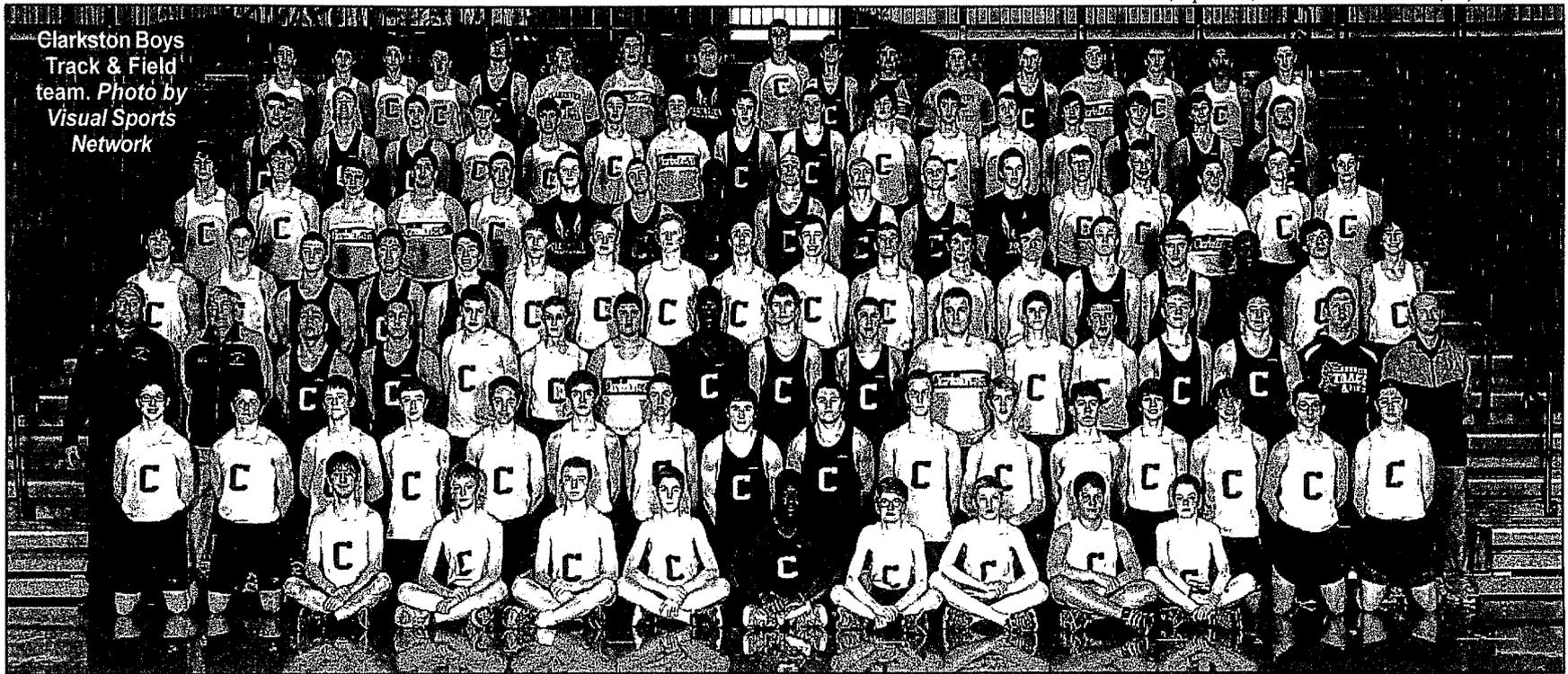
Spytman led the Lady Wolves in the Slalom as she finished in second place at 47.88. DeClercq took third, 48.39; and Amanda Casetti, 12th, 51.43.

DeClercq led the girls in the Giant Slalom with second place finish at 39.21. Casetti took third place at 39.40.

The boys finished the season 8-0 in dual and divisional champs. The girls went 7-1 for the season and first in divisional.

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Clarkston Boys Track & Field team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

Track & Field

Wolves ready for tough competition in league

A mix of veterans and newbies to the Clarkston Boys Track & Field program will make the team strong this season.

"We have the strongest team we have had since I have been here," said John Bennink, head coach. "It has gotten better and better every year. This year this is the most diverse we have been talent wise. We are excited. I think we will be able to compete against the best teams in the state this year."

He added the competition in the OAA Red will help since most of the best teams in the state are in their league.

"It will be nice to get outside and really find out what we are made out of," he smiled.

Key returners coming back are Mitch McCord, hurdles; Caine Watlington and Merrick Canada, long jump; Dan Billette, Nate Heierman, and Grant Henley, distance;

and Joe DeFinis and Ian Eriksen, sprints.

"Ian was the top sprinter in the league last year. He is a kid we will look to along with his brother, Nolan," Bennink said.

The new Wolves to the team have showed to be solid during practice. Bennink added they won't know more until they compete but look for Shaquille Blevins, Marco Rosario, Allen Gray and Marwin Chambers to be big contributors and score points for the team.

The goals for the 2014 season begin with winning every league meet, beginning with their dual meet against Rochester Adams and Rochester at home on Tuesday to win the league.

"I think it is a possibility," Bennick explained. "The league will be tremendous. We finished last year with some really good times. It could be one of the better leagues

in the state track wise this year. We will be competitive."

The next goal is to send as many athletes to the state final as they can on May 31.

"A goal is to have every kid run in the state meet," Bennink added. "Some of them aspire to win. I like to see kids compete at the highest level possible."

The Wolves invite the community to come out for their meets.

"There is not a lot of time in between meets," Bennink said, explaining their first two meets scheduled in March were postponed due to weather. "It would be neat for people to come out and see if they want to see good track and field at the high school level. The first meet will be blazing fast. Hopefully we will have nice weather because it will be fun to watch. ~Wendi Reardon

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Schedule

- April 15, Rochester Adams and Rochester, home, 4:30 p.m.
- April 22, Oxford High School, away, 4:30 p.m.
- April 22, Oxford Invitational, 9 a.m.
- April 29, Lake Orion High School, home, 4:30 p.m.
- May 1, Falcon Freshman/Sophomore Invite at Rochester, 3 p.m.
- May 2, Saline Invitational, 11:30 a.m.
- May 5, Stoney Creek High School, away, 4:30 p.m.
- May 8, OAA Red League at Rochester Adams, away, 3 p.m.
- May 14, Breen JV Relays at Troy High School, away, 4 p.m.
- May 16 or 17, MHSAA Regionals at Bloomfield Hills, TBA
- May 23, Oakland County Meet at Waterford Mott, 1:30 p.m.
- May 24, 9th Grade Oakland County Meet at Milford, 9 a.m.
- May 31, MHSAA State Finals, TBA

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Goalkeeper Kristen Page kicks the ball back into play.



Lindsay Runft maneuvers the ball around Birmingham Groves defense.

Sports in a Flash - Lacrosse and fundraiser

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team lost their first two games of the season.

They opened the season at home against Powers Catholic on March 31, 12-6.

Sabrina Parks and Sara Hall led with two goals each. Ryleigh McGregor and Maddie DeClercq scored one goal each. Goalie Sierra

Pass made 16 saves.

They lost to Notre Dame Prep on April 2, 12-7. Hall led with four goals. McGregor scored two goals and Jenna Sommerville had one goal. Pass made 11 saves during the night.

They host Troy on Wednesday and head to Rochester on Monday. JV is at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The Clarkston Baseball program is hosting a fundraiser at Hamlin Pub this Saturday from 2 - 9 p.m.

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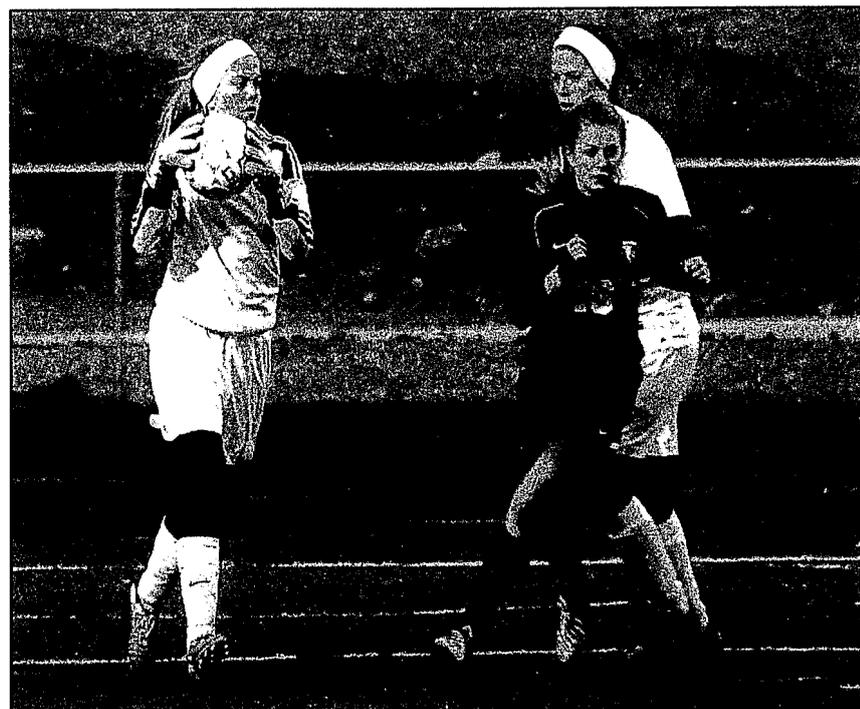
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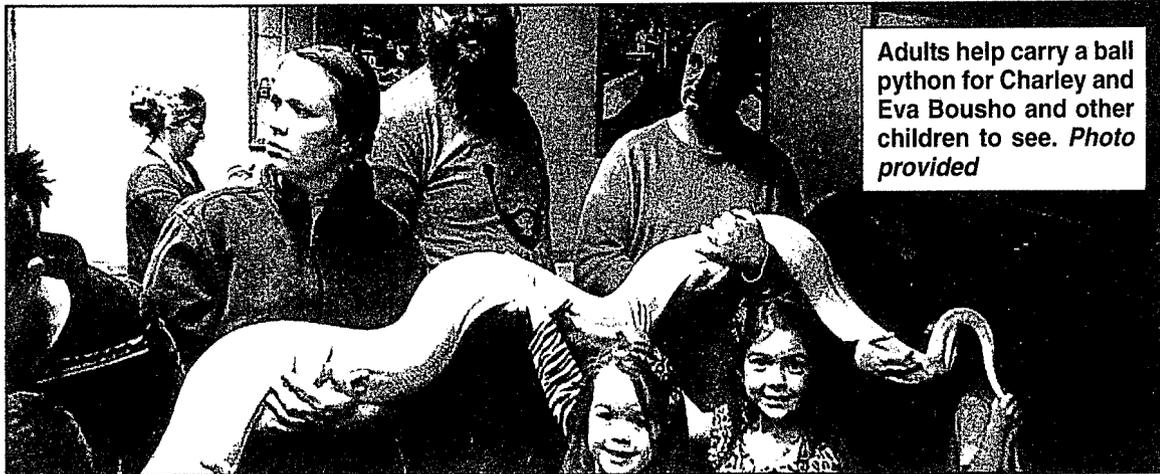
Kristen Page makes a save. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Spring break animals

Clarkston Independence District Library celebrated Geek the Library Week during the spring break holiday for Clarkston schools. The library provided fun programs for children and adults to participate in throughout the week.

On Wednesday, April 9, they provided a "We Geek the Wildlife Safari" program showcasing live animals from around the world. The program was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Clarkston Community Women's Club.

The animals included an alligator, kinkajou, barn owl, sugar gliders, African spring haas, and ball python needing six adults to carry it around. For more information, check www.indelib.org.



Adults help carry a ball python for Charley and Eva Bousho and other children to see. Photo provided

Drama club play explores relationships

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

During the Northern Lights, residents of the small town of Almost, Maine are enjoying the sight but also figuring out their personal relationships in a span of an evening.

The Clarkston High School Drama Club takes on the relationships in their newest production "Almost, Maine" on April 25 and 26.

"It is falling in and falling out of love," said Emily Moreno. "It has the highs and the pitfalls."

"Almost, Maine" is a series of nine vignettes happening at the same time in the small town.

"Each scene is different," added Larissa McLetchie. "They are connected so well."

"It is a very honest play," said Meredith Turner. "It is very real. Everyone can relate to and it can definitely open your eyes. It is different perspectives on relationships, love and life."

One of the relationships is between Gayle, played by Moreno, and Lendall, played by Mitchell Biggs. After 11 years of dating Gayle is ready for the next step but needs to know how Lendall feels.

"She just wants to know what she means to him at this point of the relationship," Moreno explained. "She wants him to let her know she is the one he has wanted in his life. She has always dreamt of having a family, getting married and spend the rest of the life with this guy who she really loves. The scene centers around that feeling."

"There is a lot of kept up emotions which comes to surface at one time," Biggs added.

McLetchie's character, Marvalyn, is doing laundry to clear her head when she is considering leaving the abusive relationship she is in at the moment.

"She meets this other guy, Steve," McLetchie explained. "He is naive and innocent. It is such a big change from her other relationship. She struggles between the two the whole time trying to decide for herself - does she want to go for this safe relationship and this awesome, sweet guy or do I want to

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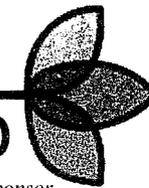


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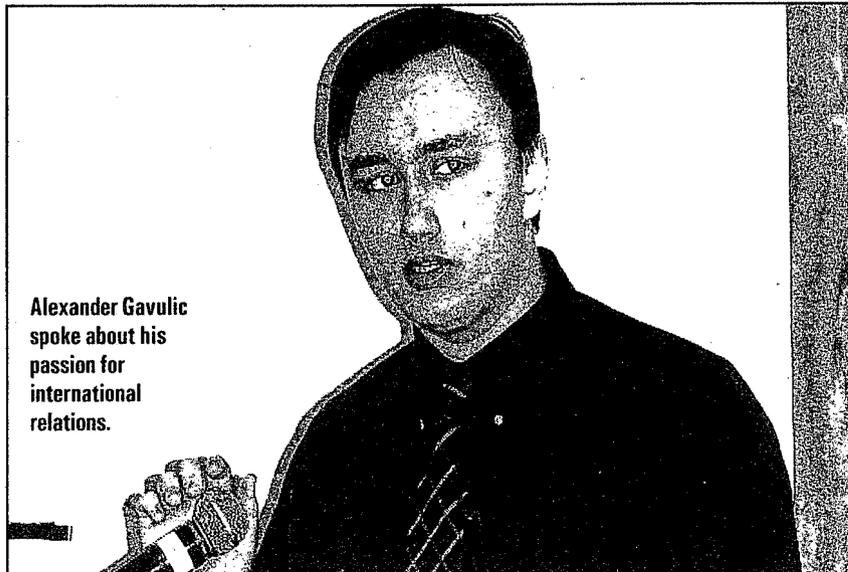
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Sabrina Zayec talks about volunteer work.



Matthew Jackson linked leadership with his experiences in lacrosse.



Alexander Gavulic spoke about his passion for international relations.

Top speakers

Kyle Martens and Alexander Gavulic will represent Clarkston in the Optimists Oratorical Regionals Contest, May 3.

The Clarkston High School students were honored along with other top boys and girls finishers in the speech contest at the April 2 Clarkston Optimists meeting. This year's topic was "My Passions Impact the World."

For the girls, first place speaker Martens focused on volunteering; Jillian Haas, in second, spoke about reading and writing; and in third, Sabrina Zayec focused on volunteer work such as feeding students in need overseas.

Gavulic, first place in the boys category for the second year in a row, spoke about the United Nations; Matthew Jackson, second place, focused on leadership and playing lacrosse; and Trey Roy, third place, focused on hockey and finding time with his dad.

This year's competition included 26 students from Clarkston senior and junior high schools. Rhonda Irish, Language Arts teacher at the Junior High School, worked with the students.

First place winners received \$200; second place, \$100; and third, \$50.

The contest, founded in 1928, gives teens experience in public speaking and opportunities to win college scholarships. Two winners from each district receive scholarships.



Jillian Haas learned about life through reading and writing.



Kyle Martens discussed how volunteering impacts her life and community.



Trey Roy spoke about sharing a passion for hockey with his dad. Photos by Phil Custodio

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Knight's of Columbus volunteer Gary Zirwes collects a donation from driver Teresa Vermeulen. Volunteers were at the Main Street and Washington Street intersection last week accepting donations. They gave a Tootsie Roll with each donation given. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Springtime goodwill in downtown Clarkston

Clarkston's Knights of Columbus volunteers took to the streets to raise money for several local charities.

Helpers visited several businesses and stood on street corners in Waterford and Clarkston over the weekend of April 11.

Volunteer Fred Devendorf said the

fundraiser is the biggest money maker of the year, and the group hopes to raise \$15,000 to support organizations like SCAMP, Angel's Place and several other charitable organizations in the community. Knights of Columbus is a non-profit men's club with organizations across the country.



ICE BEGONE: Frozen pond surfaces lingered last week, with ducks sharing Mill Pond with the ice last Thursday morning in downtown Clarkston. The ice had melted by 3 p.m. the same day. Only a few weeks ago, ice fishing was popular on Mill Pond as visitors came from other communities to catch perch for dinner. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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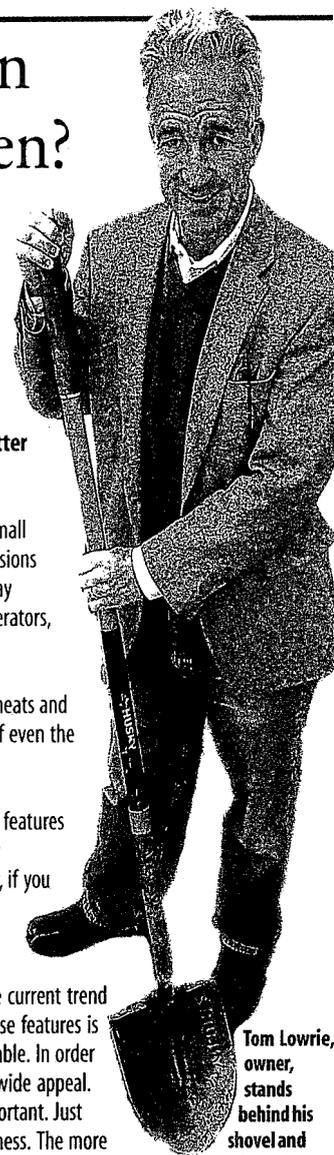
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- Foods cooked on the grill are often fresher and healthier than indoor choices.
- Foods you love, but generate lingering odors, are better cooked and enjoyed outdoors.

Outdoor kitchen set-ups can range in price from \$2,000 for a small counter with a simple grill to \$30,000 or more for high-end versions containing an assortment of appliances. High-end versions may incorporate features like an outdoor fireplace and a roof. Refrigerators, sinks and drawers are also options.

Consider adding an oven for breads, pizza, roasts, pies, pasta, meats and more. The versatility of outdoor kitchens can meet the needs of even the most discriminating chefs.

Your outdoor kitchen should be designed depending on what features are important to you and your family. If you cook outdoors only occasionally, you can keep things to a bare minimum. However, if you cook outdoors as often as the weather will allow you may be justified in going all out.

The rise in popularity of outdoors kitchens, combined with the current trend in real estate prices, means the return on investment with these features is strong. An outdoor kitchen will make your home more marketable. In order to maximize your return, it is important to add features with wide appeal. Covers or roofs, heating elements or outdoor fireplaces are important. Just like with a pool, the level of comfort directly affects the usefulness. The more comfortable everyone feels the more enjoyable the experience, the more often you'll wish to cook or entertain outside.



Tom Lowrie, owner, stands behind his shovel and his work!

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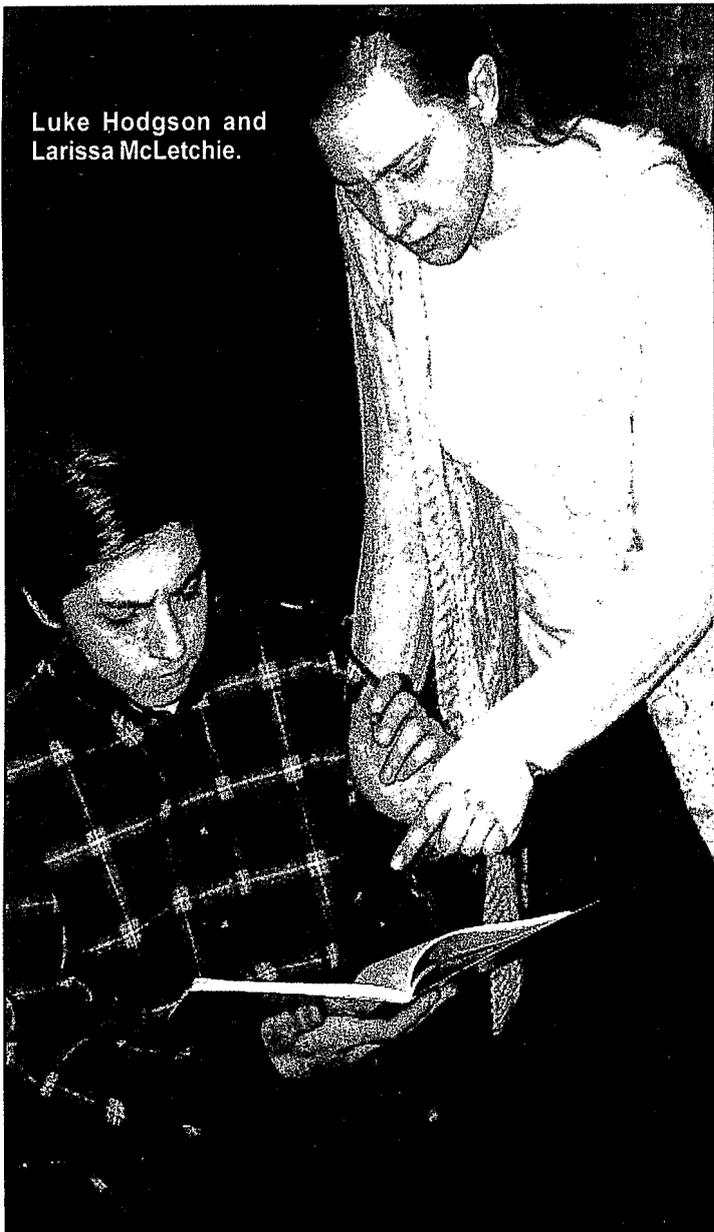
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The "Almost, Maine" cast.



Jay Wright explains his situation to a friend.



Luke Hodgson and Larissa McLetchie.



Meredith Turner tells the beverage options to restaurant patrons Jenny Lussenhop and Dan Whiting.

Almost...love?

Clarkston High School Drama Club performs nine different takes on relationships in "Almost, Maine."

The spring production is being performed April 25 and 26 at Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Presale tickets are \$7 a piece and tickets at the door are \$9 each. Call 248-623-4024 to reserve.



Carl Meyer, as Pete, and Lynox Weber, as Ginette, gaze at the stars during the production of "Almost, Maine." Photos by Wendi Reardon



Emily Moreno and Mitchell Biggs rehearse a scene. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Tickets on sale for April 25-26 show

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stay where I know how to be."

She added it was a huge transition for her after playing Wendy in the drama club's winter production of "Peter Pan."

"I had to figure out how someone in an abusive relationship would react to things and how to betray it in the lines which were written," she said.

"One of the hardest things for me was my character has been in an 11-year relationship," Moreno added. "Just try to put yourself in that person's shoes and try to make up 11 years in your mind and relate to the character that way. It is one of the biggest challenges to overcome but the more we practice with each other the more comfortable we are

with each other. The more we learn about each other and the more we come off as we have been with each other for a long time."

"Almost, Maine" is being performed April 25 and 26 at Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available and can be reserved calling the Clarkston High School Box Office at 248-623-4024 or in person weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Presale tickets are \$7 a piece and tickets at the door are \$9 each.

"The show is very different than anything we have done here before," McLetchie added.

"The play is so different and has a lot of different stories," said Maddie Barnes, co-publicity chair. "It has a funny twist to it. It is really unique and interesting to see."



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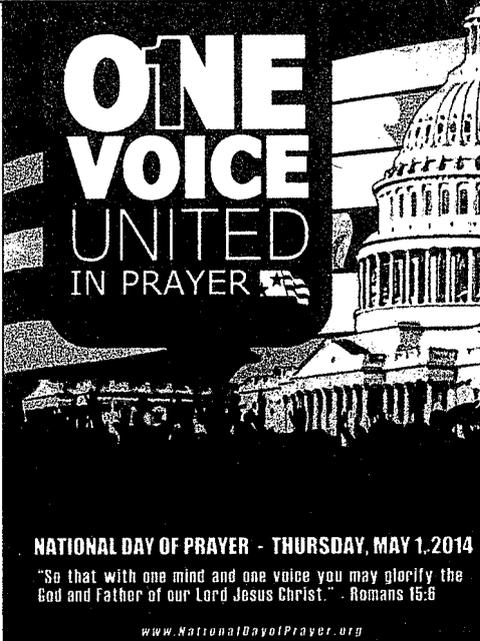
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FLOWERS WELCOME: Terry Quaine takes a moment to stop and smell the fresh flowers outside Rudy's Market in downtown Clarkston. Among the choices were tulips and Tiger Lillies. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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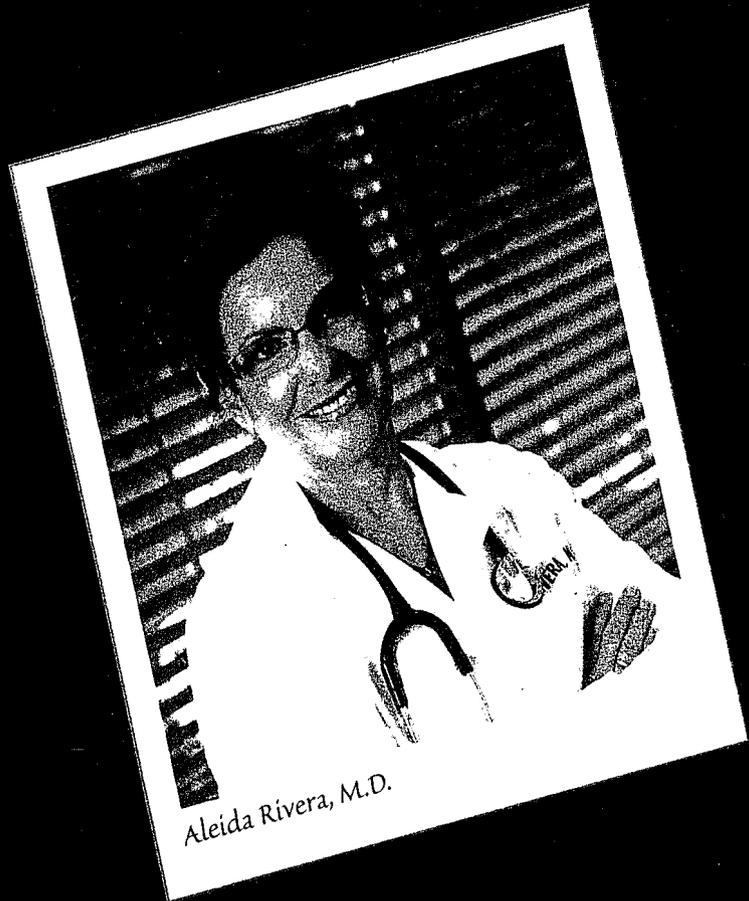


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ate, and soon-to-be 2014 University of Cincinnati College of Medicine graduate.

Anita, the daughter of Ravi and Mimi Goel, will also graduate from University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

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Independence Township Times

April 2014

Using ITC corridors for pathways?

By Patrick Kittle

It seems everyone would like an interconnected pathway system throughout the Township to run, walk, jog or bike. The question comes down to money. Do you spend



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

down to money. Do you spend \$1,000,000 for a one mile stretch of safety path (in this case a boardwalk) on a roadway lined with swamps, wetlands and rivers or do you spend the same money connecting over 4 or 5 miles of your community leveraging the ITC power line corridors? In the last edition of the *Township Times*, we proposed this concept and asked for your input. Over 80% of the respondents said

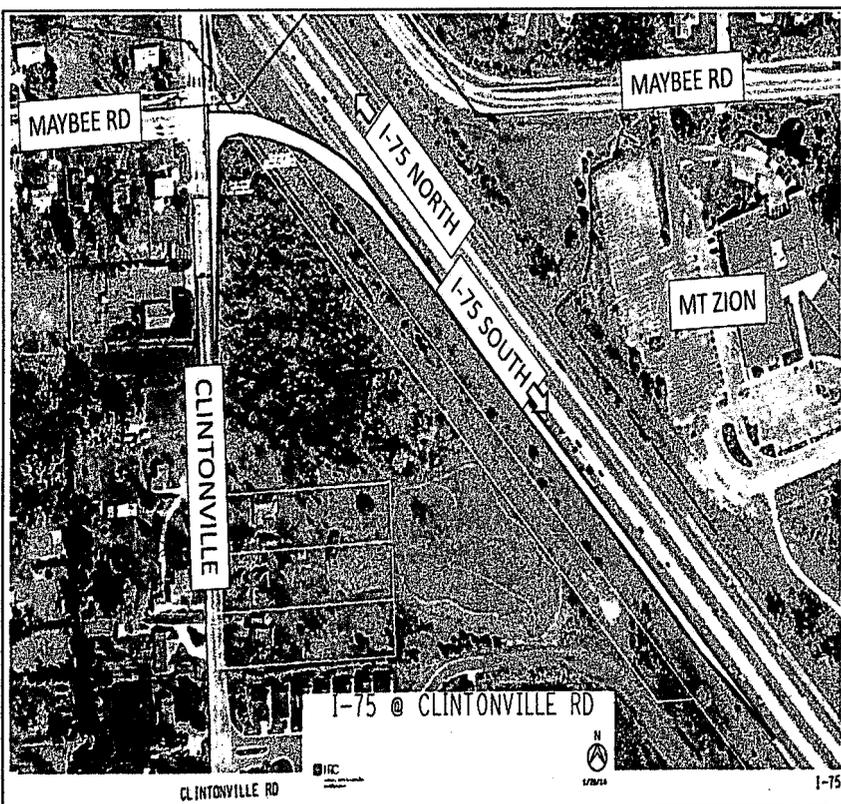
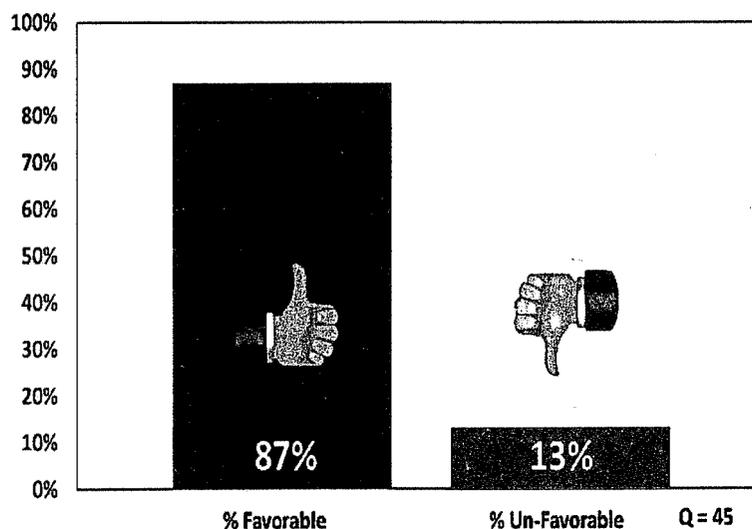
they favored the idea and would use the recreational paths along the ITC corridors but, there were also a fair number of concerns raised that will need to be investigated and confirmed before any action is taken

Concerns That Need To Be Addressed:

- What about the safety of the electromagnetic field under the towers / wires?
- Should walkways be lighted for safety and made from concrete for durability?
- Is crushed gravel conducive to bikes or wheelchairs?
- What about residential easements?
- Will residents living along the corridors like public recreation activity be-

Please see "Safety.." on Page 20

Is it a Good Idea to Construct a Recreational Pathway Utilizing ITC Power Line Corridors?



Pressure Valve Update

By Patrick Kittle

In the last issue of the *Township Times*, we asked for your thoughts and feedback regarding the idea of constructing a single I-75 southbound entrance ramp at Clintonville and Maybee Roads. The rationale was this single entrance ramp (not a full blown interchange with four ramps) would help spread the Township traffic flow over three points in the Township instead of the existing two. While this proposal is still years away from ever becoming a reality, conceptual planning and looking for funding sources has to start somewhere. As anticipated, the feedback was mixed. Some loved the idea...others hated it.

However residents voted, there were multiple constructive comments from both sides. The following is a summary of resident comments, both pro and con. (My

remarks are in parenthesis)

Against The New Ramp:

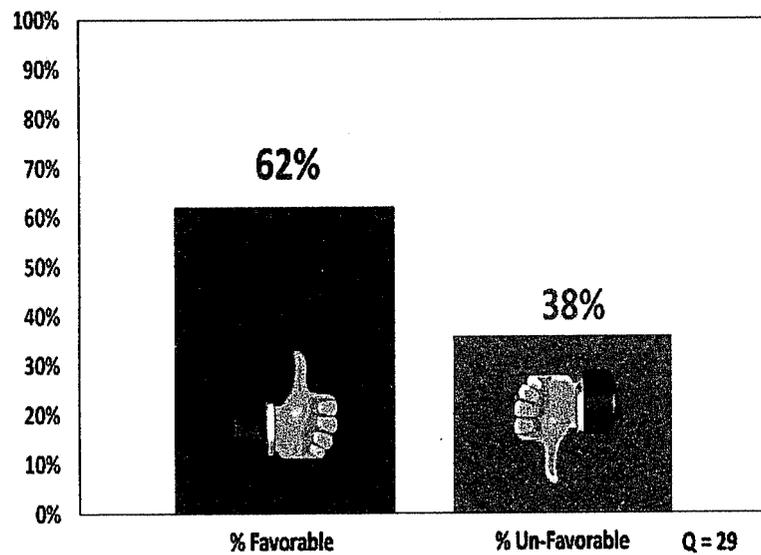
■ Widen Baldwin Road (Orion Township). That is the way traffic flows. (This is in the long term Orion Township Plan.)

■ I think this 'pressure valve' idea is just a façade to push through a full blown intersection. (Plan is for only one SB entrance ramp.)

■ Re-work the existing NB I-75 / Sashabaw exit into a northbound Sashabaw exit only. Add a new ramp at NB I-75 for southbound Sashabaw only to help on concert nights. (NOTE: This is the current plan. Will allow local residents to by-pass concert night NB I-75 traffic back-ups. Construction

Please see "Pressure.." on Page 20

Is it a Good Idea to Construct an Entrance Ramp for Southbound I-75 at Clintonville / Maybee Roads?



Pressure Valve Update, *continued*

to begin 2015.)

■ Will need a four-way stop at Mann Road. (New traffic control devices will have to be included to assist residents at multiple points in any plan of this nature.)

■ The proposed ramp is on a North Oakland Headwater Land Conservancy property. (Per Sue Julian, Executive Director of NOHLC, most of the property in question is owned by Consumers Energy, with only a small sliver of the land in question owned by NOHLC.)

■ Child safety is a concern. Residents who live within one mile of Clarkston Schools do not have the benefit of the school buses. Added congestion – traffic and commercial build up — will only make matters worse. (Child safety has to be everyone's concern.)

■ We believe Supervisor Kittle may have an underlying agenda, be it personal because of his association with Oakhurst or perhaps a longer Township Plan to turn Clintonville (into) another Baldwin Rd with commercial traffic and all. (Nothing sinister here. Traffic distribution is the only agenda)

■ What is this feasibility study costing residents? (SEMCOG study is included in the membership. ZERO incremental cost. HRC charged the

Township \$1,200 to create the ramp graphic with one of their road engineers. Total cost: \$1,200)

■ This plan will cause a big traffic problem on Maybee Road which is in terrible structural condition already. (The Township is aware Maybee Road is in bad shape. It desperately needs re-paving, left turn lanes, traffic control devices and pedestrian crosswalks whether a new ramp is in the future or not. We are currently working with the Oakland County Road Commission to begin the Federal Funding Road Repair application process.)

■ This will hurt property values.

Favored The Ramp Proposal:

■ Hope this passes. We'll cut the ribbon for you.

■ Just do it. Sashabaw is truly very congested.

■ Would distribute traffic over three exits, not two.

As stated in the initial *Township Times* article, this idea is only a concept and at best 10 years away. Am going to ask the Planning Commission and the Township Planner, Carlisle Wortman, to consider adding this idea to their list when updating the Master Plan this year ... keeping in mind resident concerns and focusing on child safety issues. Will keep you posted.

Lake Ordinance Revisions:

A Quick Update

By Patrick Kittle

The Township currently has water-course ordinances in place regarding docks and structures. There are rumors flying throughout the community that this Township Administration is trying to restrict your rights as a lake front property owner.

This was not our intention.

Instead, the Township is evaluating whether to amend the existing water-course ordinances to lessen or eliminate its involvement in the administration and regulation of seasonal docks, structures, permanent docks, seawalls and beach sanding and defer to the State requirements. We are also considering the reduction or elimination of redundant permitting processes between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Township, which costs

homeowners time and money and also seems to have little or no added benefit.

Based on public input, we have created a citizen committee to assist us in this endeavor. It is our hope these efforts will encourage neighbors to sort out lake related issues between themselves in a common sense manner maintaining the health, safety and welfare of all parties involved.

We also hope the above information will help to clear up some of the misinformation and miscommunications that appear to be taking place in the community.

We will continue to engage the citizen's group that has been established for input on this topic, and promise to keep the community as a whole informed in this publication as things progress.



Safety/Recreational Paths, *continued*

hind their house?

Here are some things we do know from our early talks with ITC:

■ The ITC reports there is no conclusive data that says standing in a power line corridor is any more dangerous than spending time on your cell phone or cooking with your microwave oven.

■ ITC will not allow concrete pathways or objects (lighting) to extend into their corridors. They do not want to be responsible for cracks or damages when their service trucks access the corridor.

■ The crushed gravel mentioned in the proposal is actually a compressed gravel pathway that cyclists in other communities use successfully.

■ We understand there are easement issues in several locations along the North / South ITC corridor that would have to be addressed prior to any action being taken.

■ Security for the residences along the corridor is an issue that will require much discussion and attention.

There is a very active Safety Path Committee in Independence Township managed by Linda Richardson – DPW Director. This information will be turned over to them for further analysis and discussion. Like any new idea, communication is critical to everyone involved.

Drop Linda a line at LRichardson@IndeTwp.com if

Smoke Detectors:

Early detection key to survival

While smoke detectors have been around since the 1930's, the first affordable battery-operated units were not introduced into the residential consumer market until 1965. Today, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), nearly 96% of American homes have at least one smoke detector. But the more important - and troubling - number, is no smoke detectors were present, or none operated, in two out of five house fires from 2005-2009. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke detectors or no working smoke detectors.

The key qualifier in that last statement is "working." As data from the NFPA confirms; most people die in fires where a detector is present, but not in working order. Of those homes with a smoke detector installed, 25% have a detector that either has no power source (battery or electrical), a damaged sensing mechanism, or the detector is outside of its service life.

Types of Smoke Detectors

There are two primary types of smoke detectors on the market today, and they each have a unique way of sensing smoke and alerting occupants.

Ionization Smoke Detectors are smoke detectors that contain a small quantity of radioactive isotope material, that create ionization of air in the presence of smoke, triggering the alarm to sound. Ionization smoke detectors are designed to alert the occupants during the early phases of a flaming fire, where the smoke particles are relatively small.

Photoelectric Smoke Detectors are smoke detectors use a lens-beamed light source (either incandescent or LED) and a detection diode (sensor). In the absence of smoke, light passes in front of the sensor in a straight line. When smoke enters the optical chamber across the path of the light beam, some light is scattered by the smoke particles, directing it at the sensor, triggering the alarm. Photoelectric smoke detectors are designed to alert the occupants during the early phases of a smoldering fire.

In general, ionization detectors can be expected to give earlier warning than photoelectric detectors during a fire that



is burning in the flaming mode of combustion. Flaming fires can be expected to create conditions too smoky for easy escape, as well as incapacitating levels of carbon monoxide and heat within a few minutes in a residential structure.

Smoke detectors are made that have a combination of both types of sensing mechanisms in one unit. A reputable, laboratory certified combination detector costs about \$40.00, and is available at most hardware and home improvement stores.

Frequently Asked Questions

How Many Should I Have, and Where Should They be Placed?

It's recommended a smoke detector should be placed on every level, with at least one - especially if it's the only one - near the sleeping area, preferably the hallway near the master bedroom. This provides protection when you are the most vulnerable; when you're asleep. Early detection is key to survival.

Smoke has a tendency to rise and accumulate at the ceiling level before banking down. As a general rule, smoke detectors should be placed on ceilings at least twelve inches from the wall, or high on walls at least twelve inches from the ceiling. Each manufacturer has their own recommendations in the instructions as to where the detector should be placed, and you should follow their guidelines.

Avoid placing smoke detectors in areas where false "nuisance" alarms can be prevalent, such as near ovens or stoves. Smoke detectors should be placed at least ten feet away from a cooking appliance.

How Often Should I Replace the Battery, and When Should the Detector Be Replaced?

The battery should be changed annually. This is also true if the detector is hard-wired directly into the home's electrical circuit. Pick a date easy to remember, such as with the spring or fall time

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change. Detectors should be replaced ten years from the date of manufacture, or as otherwise specified in the manufacturer warranty information.

Perform a function check on the detector every so often by pressing and holding the test button. If the alarm does not activate; it's time for a replacement, or a new battery.

What is the Difference Between a Low-Battery Alarm and an Alarm Activation Due to Smoke

Smoke detectors have a built-in battery power sensor that will emit an intermittent "chirp" when the battery is low. This chirp will occur every few minutes. An activation of the detector due to the presence of smoke will result in a consistent, frequent, loud audible alarm.

How Should I Clean my Smoke Detector?

The instructions included with your detector will have routine maintenance guidelines. If you've lost the instruction booklet, you can often find it on the manufacturer's website. Vacuuming monthly, with a vacuum wand attachment, is generally the only required cleaning. Avoid spraying cleaning chemicals on the detector. Never paint or otherwise alter the detector.

If you have any questions regarding carbon monoxide or smoke detectors, or to schedule a courtesy fire safety inspection, please contact Independence Township Fire Department at (248)625-1924.

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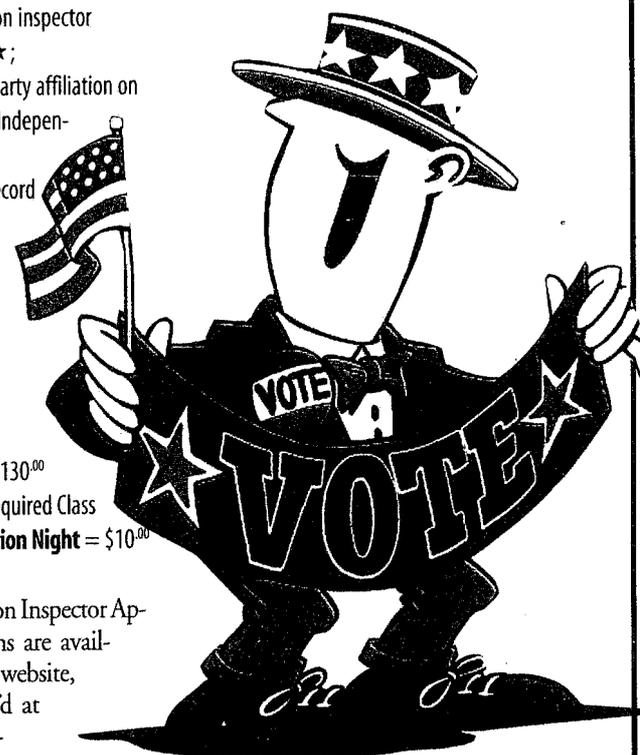
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2013 proved to be record breaking year for severe weather, teaching us it can happen any time and in any place. For example, the deadliest (24 confirmed deaths) tornado on U.S. record in Moore, Oklahoma on May 19, the widest tornado on U.S. record measuring 2.6 miles that touched down in central Oklahoma with recorded wind speeds in excess of 296 mph on May 31 and a record November with over 70 tornados spread across seven Midwestern states.

Each year, people suffer or are seriously injured by severe weather despite advance warning. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have partnered for the third year to highlight the importance of making severe weather preparedness a nationwide priority. This is why multiple groups in Clarkston are taking time to spread awareness about severe weather and are encouraging families to plan ahead.

"With hundreds of fun outdoor activities each year throughout Clarkston and the state of Michigan, it's important to know what do if you are outside and severe weather strikes," said Rich Pollman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in White Lake Township.

While we can't control where or when the next disaster will hit, we can take action by preparing ourselves and loved ones for emergencies and learning what actions to take.

Know your risk: The first step to becoming weather-ready is to understand the type of hazardous weather that can affect where you live and work. During active weather, stay alert of the forecast by listening to radio or television, check the weather forecast regularly on weather.gov; obtain a NOAA Weather Radio and listen for Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on your cell phone. Severe weather comes in many forms and your shelter plan should include all types of local hazards.

Take action: Learn how to strengthen your home and business against severe weather by developing an emergency plan based on your local weather hazards and practice how/where to take shelter before a severe weather event. Be sure to post your plan in your home/business where visitors can see it. Take action by participating in on April 30 through America's PrepareAthon.

Be a Force of Nature: Once you have taken action, tell your family, friends, school staff and co-workers about how they can prepare. Share the resources and alert systems you discovered through your social media network. Studies show that individuals need to receive messages a number of ways before acting – be one of those sources.

Specific Michigan Weather Preparedness information can be found here: www.crh.noaa.gov

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On the ballot August 5, 2014

Why is there a library millage on the ballot?

The law under which our library was established was repealed. We needed to re-establish under a current and valid law. The last step in the process of re-establishing the library is to have the community vote on replacement funding. This millage represents 95% of the library's operating budget.

How much is being requested?

1.25 mills. This millage will replace all current millage and contract funding for the library in both the Township and the City. The library's operating millage has been at the original .75 mills or less since the library was established in 1965.

How much will it cost?

The average home has a market value of \$200,000. A millage rate of 1.25 will cost the average homeowner \$125 per year.

How do we compare to neighboring libraries?

Springfield Township Library

Population: 13,940
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Spending per resident: \$44.58

Brandon Township Library

Population: 15,245
Millage Rate: 2.0
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Orion Township Library

Population: 35,394
Millage Rate: 1.4189
Spending per resident: \$68.74

Clarkston Independence District Library

Population: 35,563
Millage Rate: .691
Spending per resident: \$29.20

After the millage passes...

Clarkston Independence District Library
Millage Rate: 1.25
Spending per resident: \$50.44

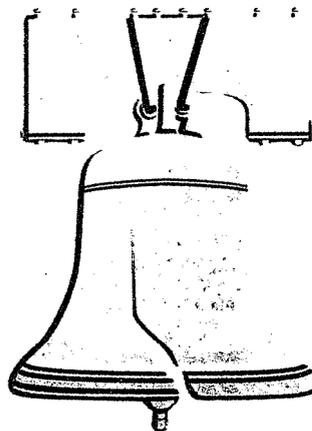
How will this money be spent?

- Restore library hours
- Expand e-book collection to accommodate Kindle, Nook and Tablet users
- Restore funding to technology plan so public computers can be replaced and updated
- Expand children's programming
- Expand collaborations with the schools
- Develop resources to help small local businesses succeed
- Provide more classes and programs to promote lifelong learning.
- Develop and fund a Capital Improvement Plan for the maintenance on a 22-year-old building.

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Parks, Recreation & Seniors to offer Saturday Hours

Starting April 26 thru June 14 (with the exception of Memorial Day weekend), the Department of Parks, Recreation & Seniors' main office, located in the Township Offices will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. Hours during the week will remain 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

"Registration will begin for most of our programs starting Saturday, April 26 at 9, including for our Day Camp program. We started offering Saturday hours in 2012 and customers who took advantage of registering on the weekend were appreciative. We realize many of our customers work weekdays and

sometimes it can be challenging to take care of household errands. This is our way of reaching out to our residents to make it easier to rent a pavilion, purchase a beach pass or to sign up for summer activities," said Kelly Hyer, Recreation Supervisor of Independence Township.

The summer Recreation Guide will be in mailboxes later this month and contains more information than just for Parks, Recreation & Seniors, such as all the summer happenings at the Clarkston District Library, information from the DPW, Building, Planning & Zoning and Independence Television. It also includes community information such dates of the Clarkston Farmer's Market and the Concert in the Park Concert Series organized by the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

This Guide is also downloadable online at our website: www.itpr.org.

For more information call 248-625-8223 or like us on Facebook.



Rocco the dog enjoys shopping with his family on Main Street.



BoBo loves making any new friends at Washington Management, greeting guests.



Connie Glynn works with her dog Story Von-Stonehill on Main Street. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

Spring weather lets the dogs out

Spring means our four-footed friends are able to enjoy the outdoors more, too, as their owners take them out for outdoor strolls free of snow and ice.

Connie Glynn was out with her furry pal Story Von-Stonehill.

"I'm just brushing her up on her

training. It is good to bring her to a busy place like downtown Clarkston because of the cars, people and noise," said Glynn.

Story is a "canine good citizen," which means she has been through 10 different training programs to earn the title.

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Easter plans?



"I will color Easter eggs. I will paint them rainbow colors, red, blue, green and pink. I will paint them yellow."

- Stephen Ryeson



"I have special plans - my grandma is going to come over and we will decorate eggs."

- Norah Besmar

"I will be making my traditional ravioli and my husband said he wants to go more mushroom hunting although it may be too early yet. I will also be spending time with my granddaughter Norah"

- Joan Kopietz



"I am taking my mom out to brunch at Deer Lake Athletic Club."

- Ted Ryeson



"I will find all the Easter eggs that Rocco the dog hides behind the couch."

- Jake Roth

"No special plans. I will get an Easter basket."

- Kelsey Roth

"My special plans will be to spend time with my family. We will be going to church. My wife is a nurse so she will probably be sleeping."

- Kurt Roth

By Andrea Beaudoin

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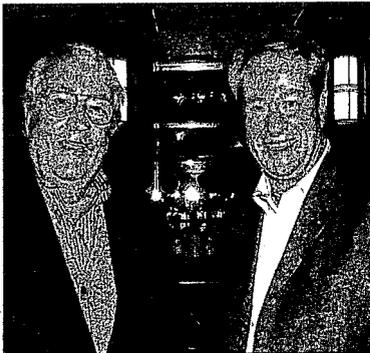
Clarkston Rotarians Mary Sloan, at left, and Jeff Lichty, at right, with Sarah Lee and Wayne Oehmke.

Salute to Jim Sherman Sr.

Friends and family from throughout north Oakland County gathered, April 12, at Boulder Pointe in Oxford to honor an icon in local news, Jim Sherman Sr., founder of Sherman Publications and retired publisher of *The Clarkston News*.

They shared tales of office hijinks while covering the news, always in suit and tie, lessons learned from decades in the media, daring rescues from the ice, and other stories during the good-natured roast.

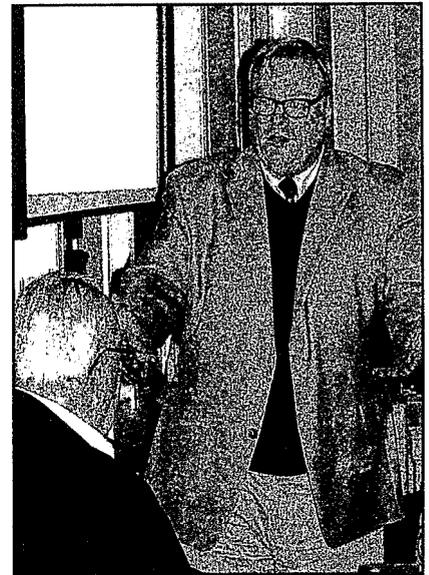
- Phil Custodio



Ed Adler of Clarkston, left, and publisher Jim Sherman Jr.



Trevor Keiser, former *Clarkston News* reporter, visits with Peg and Bob Roth of Clarkston.



Clarkston News' Don Rush helps "roast" Big Jim Sherman. Photos by Phil Custodio


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Events

Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt, 8-9:30 p.m., April 17, Mill Pond Park in Davisburg. For ages 10-18. Door prizes, pizza, drinks. Bring flashlight.

Easter Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., April 19, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Easter Bunny, crafts, snacks. 248-625-1611.

The Onyx Ball, for Helping Hearts Helping Hands, 5 p.m.-1 a.m., April 26, Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road. Appetizers, dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, music, dancing. 248-980-5090.

Spring tree and shrub sale, Oakland Conservation District, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 26, Waterford Oaks Greenhouse, 1702 Scott Lake Road. 248-922-7822.

50s Sock Hop dinner dance fund raiser for senior center building addition, 6-10 p.m., May 2, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane. 50's attire welcome. Malt shop diner buffet, cash bar, raffle, dancing/entertainment by Rick and Dayna. \$40/single, \$75/couple. 248-625-8231.

Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids, 9 a.m., May 3, Clarkston Junior High track, 6595 Middle Lake Road. 3K walk, 5K run, activities for kids, www.clarkstonfoundation.org.

Spring Wine Tasting, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 8, Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Michigan wines, appetizers, auction. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. 248-625-9741.

Michigan Antique Festival, May 3-4, Springfield Oaks County Park. Furniture, accessories, architectural salvage, vintage jewelers, crafters, artisans, Shabby Experience and Industrial Way, KH Home consultants.

Peacefest outdoor art and music festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., June 7-8, 5815 Dixie Highway. 248-623-1648.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, a 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.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home,

Around Town



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



SMILING BUNNY: Mr. Easter Bunny is camping out alongside White Lake Road to let people know about the Easter Sunday brunch at Deer Lake Athletic Club, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., April 20. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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.

Tuesday

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

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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.

50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. All welcome.

LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays 12:15-1:30 p.m., Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive, 248-420-3126.

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, third Wednesday

through October, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Thursday

Independence Township Conservatives, 6 p.m., April 10, King's Court Castle, Canterbury Village, 2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion. Speaker: Robert Muise, senior counsel, American Freedom Law Center, on "Fight for Faith & Freedom in America." ITCCinfo.com.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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Religion

Events Preaching

Find endless hope this Easter

"The Barna Group, found that 69 percent of U.S. adults celebrate Easter as a religious holiday." This is indeed great news because what that means is there is a great opportunity for the churches in and around Clarkston to live out the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Which means the gospel has got to be preached by both the pastor and the congregation. It needs to be preached in word and through our actions as well. People need the Gospel because the message of the Gospel overwhelms us with the love God gives. It compels us to love others.

The Gospel is this great message of hope, that in Christ, we have been forgiven, we are the beloved children of God. Our relationship with God has been restored, there is no more condemnation over our lives.

When we understand that adoption into God's family is a fixed position in Christ it means we can get rid of the vicious cycle of trying to do more and more in order for God to accept us.

We already are accepted as a result of receiving the grace of God through Christ by faith.

The two verses that I have been focused on this year for Easter is 1 Peter

1:3-4: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you"

Gabriel Marcel adds insightful commentary to these verses when he says, "hope is for the soul what breathing is for the living organism."

Biblical hope is not some sort of superstitious uncertainty, instead it is alive and certain because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Life without Christ is a hopeless end, whereas life in Christ is an endless hope.

What we have to offer as the Christian Church is endless hope in Christ Jesus. Isn't that something you would want to be a part of? Isn't that something worth sharing and devoting your life to?

Thomas Brooks, a Puritan writer says "hope can allow us to see heaven through the thickest clouds."

So my prayer for our community is God will use the people of our churches to help people encounter the Resurrected King this Easter.

What I know is that people need to come alive with a living hope that can only be found in the Easter message and through the power of the Resurrection.

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Webster is pastor of First Congregational Church of Clarkston.



Pastor Matthew Webster

In our local churches...

Requiem performance by John Rutter, Chancel Choir, flute, oboe, cello, harp, glockenspiel, timpani, organ, 7 p.m., April 18, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. ***

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

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org ***

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

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.

Like to join in Spiritual Matters? Call 248-625-3370

Raymond Ditmyer, 74

Raymond Michael Ditmyer of Davisburg passed away April 6, 2014, at age 74.

He was the husband of Maryann for 45 years; father of Christopher (Tina), Raymond Joseph (Kathy), Joanne, Jayne (Jerry) Pierce, Debbie and Judyth (Jon) Woughter; grandfather of 10; great grandfather of eight; brother of Tom (Marcia), Lois Lyons, Virginia Solar and Jeanne Richards; survived by several nieces and nephews.

Ray retired from Ford as a Journeyman Millwright. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and years ago coached little league baseball. He was a talented left handed bowler, scoring a 299 and loved dancing in his younger days.

Memorial gathering was April 10 at Fraternal Order of Eagles 3607 Aerie, Howell. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association of Leader Dogs of the Blind. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn M. Geoit, 55

Evelyn May Geoit of Clarkston peacefully passed on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, with family at her side at the age of 55.

She was the loving mother of Carla (Chris) Reed; cherished grandmother of Jacob Reed and Caitlyn Reed; daughter of Edith Smith; dear sister of Susan (Mark) Frank, Maxine (Jose) Munoz, Howard (Becky) Smith, Brian (Tena) Smith, Greg (Debbie) Smith, Jeffrey (Michelle) Smith, Mark (Carrie) Smith, and Candace Kuzmich; also survived by nieces and nephews; proceeded in death by her father Howard Smith and Daughter Amy Geoit.



Evelyn was very proud to work at Kelly Services for 35 years. She loved reading and spending time with her family. Evelyn will be dearly missed by her family and friends. A special thanks to the staff at Briarwood Manor for their wonderful care.

Funeral service was April 11 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Violette Johnson, 87

Violette K. Johnson (Fields) of Waterford passed away April 8, 2014, at age 87.

She was the wife and childhood sweetheart of C. Wayne for 68 years; mother of Susan (Michael) Absher and Jeffrey (Sandra) Johnson; preceded in death by her parents Everett and Delia (Gibbs) Fields, daughter Sherry Peltola, four brothers and one sister; granny of Michelle (John) McMillen, Nicole Peltola, Justin (Beth) Absher, Shaun (Nichol) Absher, Lindsay Absher, Shannon (Robert) Cipriano and Adam (Ashley) Johnson; survived by eight great grandchildren; sister of Delmar (Darlene) Fields and Colleen (Roger) Nøsek.



Violette retired from General Motors after 20 years of service. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Visitation was April 11 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston Friday. Private Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



SWEET ENDEAVORS: Lauren and Rachell Fleury and Kayla Bostian, from Lapeer Apostolic Church, visited downtown Clarkston to sell homemade chocolate suckers to raise money for Today's Christian Girl's Conference, scheduled for April 25-26. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

Volunteer day with Habitat Clarkston

My Habitat Clarkston hosts a community Spring Impact Day, Sunday, April 27.

Projects include cleaning flower beds and yards, with Clarkston Community Schools maintenance personnel and PTA volunteers. All school age children, accompanied by an adult, are also welcome;

Fill disaster relief buckets with supplies at the D.R.A.W. warehouse in Waterford, for youth 10 years and up as well as adults;

Sort, pack, and deliver donated meals to neighbors-in-need with Impact Hunger;

Stain picnic tables with Independence Parks and Recreation, for all ages;

Yard work for seniors and homebound, for all ages;

Package meals with Kids Against Hunger at Clarkston High School cafeteria;

Take people and pet-friendly dogs to visit local nursing homes with Canines for Christ;

Letter writing to soldiers, for all ages;

Make blankets for children at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Donations of fleece is appreciated, bring sharp scissors if possible;

Register at www.clarkstonchurch.com/church-has-left-the-building, and for ongoing My Habitat Clarkston projects, go to www.clarkston.org.

Last year, more than 1,100 volunteers from throughout the community took part.

My Habitat Clarkston is a grassroots movement of Clarkston-area residents, community organizations, churches and businesses committed to building a better "habitat" for all by collaboratively and voluntarily participating in community-based service projects.



Registration starts for 2014 My Habitat Clarkston Impact Day. Krystal Armador of Clarkston registered online, left, with her daughter April Amador on April 6 at Clarkston Community Church with Rita Heady, also of Clarkston, guiding her through the process. *Photo provided*



Mike Callahan

Serving our community

Mike Callahan, part of the Independence Township umpire staff for three years, received the Umpire Award at the Metro Detroit ASA Umpire Breakfast on Sunday, April 6.

Callahan is the Parks, Recreation & Seniors Metro Detroit ASA assigner for all Adult Softball leagues.

He has over 30 years of softball umpire experience through ASA Softball and MHSAA. Through MHSAA, he is also a dedicated referee for football, basketball and softball umpire.

"Mike is not only a co-worker and a friend, but most of all a positive role model for our softball leagues at Independence," said Lisa J. McCoy, recreation specialist, Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors. "Congratulations to Mike Callahan for all of his dedication and hard work that he gives to our leagues. It is much appreciated."

In service to our country

Navy Seaman Recruit Devon A. Williams, son of John and Shonda Williams of Clarkston, Mich., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Williams is a 2012 graduate of Clarkston High School. During the eight-week program, he completed training in naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, shipboard and aircraft safety, and physical fitness.



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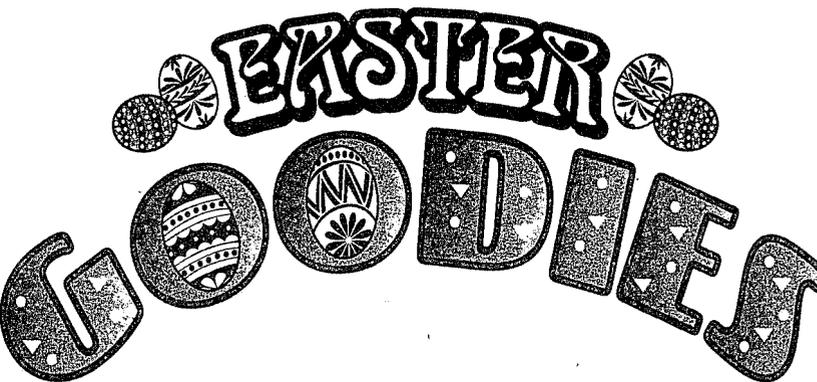
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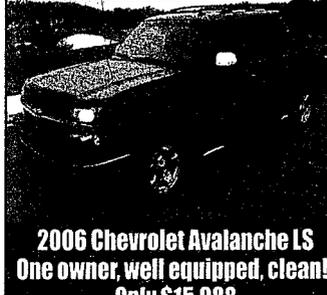
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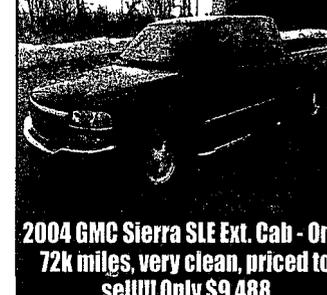
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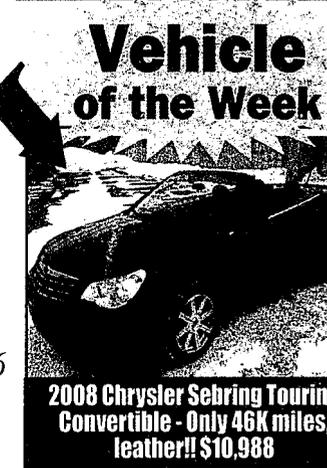
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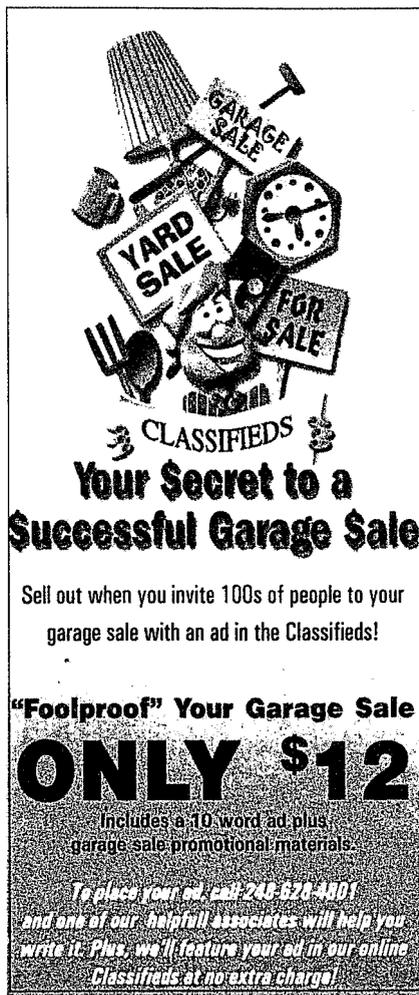
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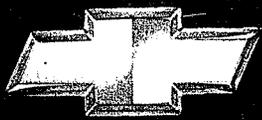
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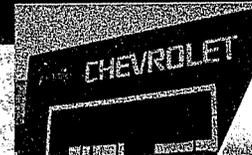
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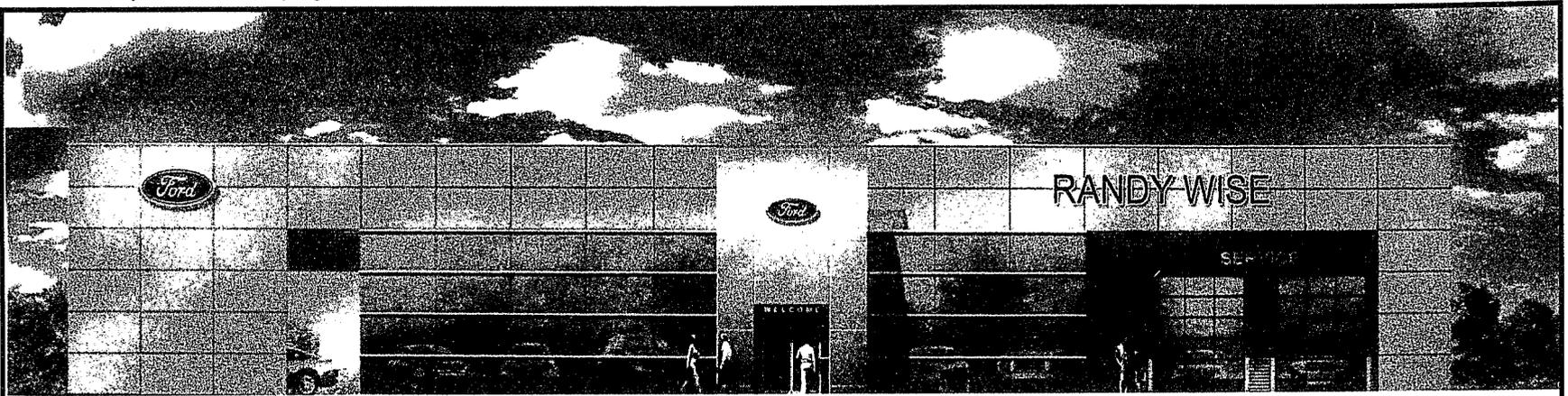
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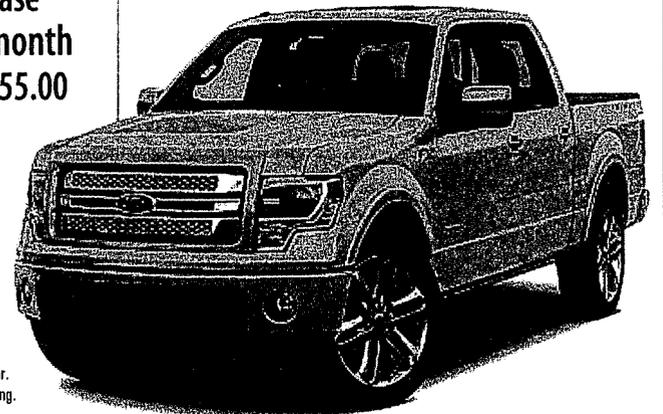
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Around Town

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

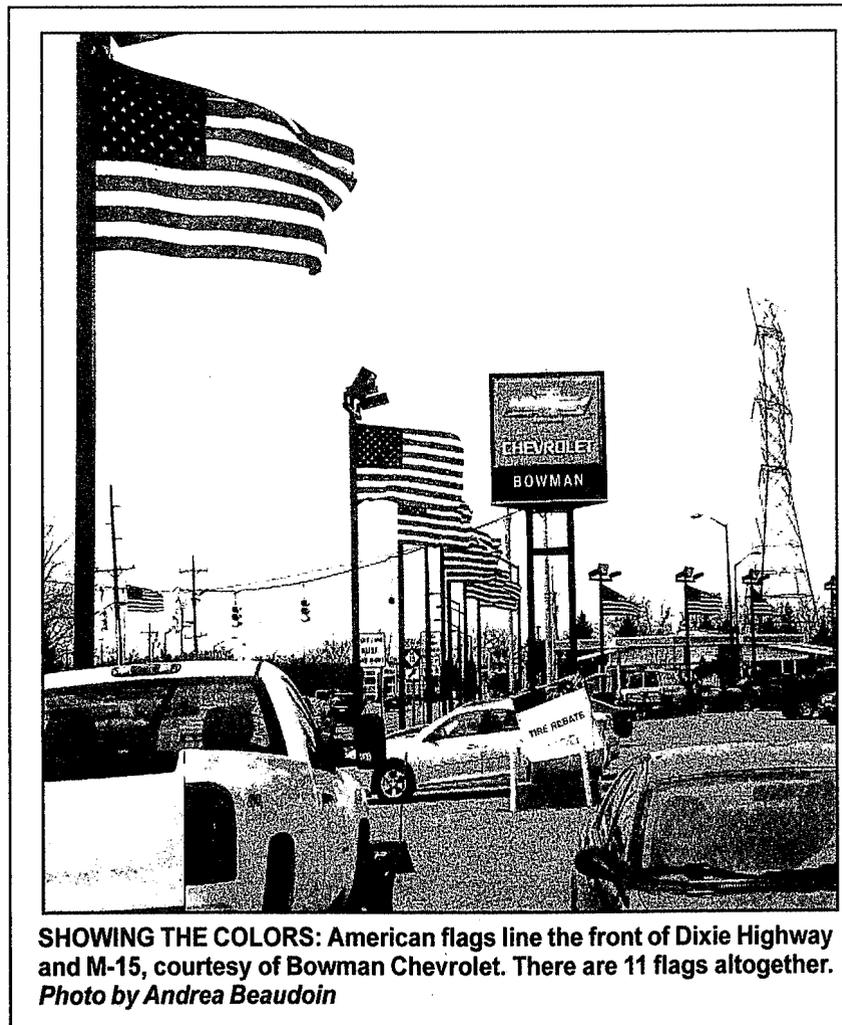
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Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m. -12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Jeanne P. Zalewski. Date of Birth: March 24, 1945
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jeanne P. Zalewski, died May 15, 2013.

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

April 11, 2014
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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2014-355, 154-DE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Rosie Lee Ballinger. Date of Birth: December 29, 1924.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Rosie Lee Ballinger, died March 18, 2012.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive,
Clarkston, MI 48346

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- C. ROLL CALL:
- D. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Case #14-004, David M. Hardy, Petitioner, Requesting: A variance from Section 12.02(F)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit an LED gas price sign, 6550 Dixie Highway, Parcel #08-32-226-017, MS Motor Vehicle Service Station.
2. Case #14-005, Rafal Perkowski, Petitioner, Requesting: A 30 foot side yard variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2 and a 3.5 foot height variance from Table 5.06-2, 6058 Pine Knob Road, Parcel #08-26-300-017, R-1R Rural Residential.
3. Case #14-006, Gerald Chamberlain, Petitioner, Requesting: A 10 foot front yard variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06, 6240 Sunnydale Road, Parcel #08-29-207-001, R-1A Single Family Residential.
4. Case #14-007, Dependable Construction, Petitioner, Requesting: A 5 foot front yard variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06, 4995 Pine Knob Lane, Parcel #08-35-327-009, R-1A Single Family Residential.

- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2014

I. DISCUSSION:

J. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE: The above requests may be examined at the Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the attention of the Planning Commission; c/o Charter Township of Independence - Building Department; 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, Michigan 48346 prior to the Meeting / Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111. Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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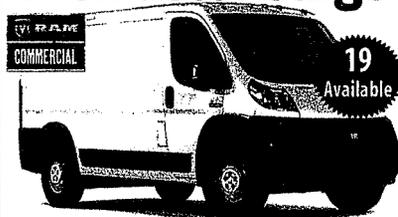
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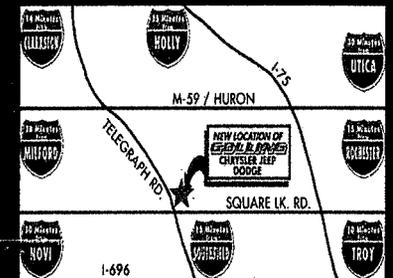


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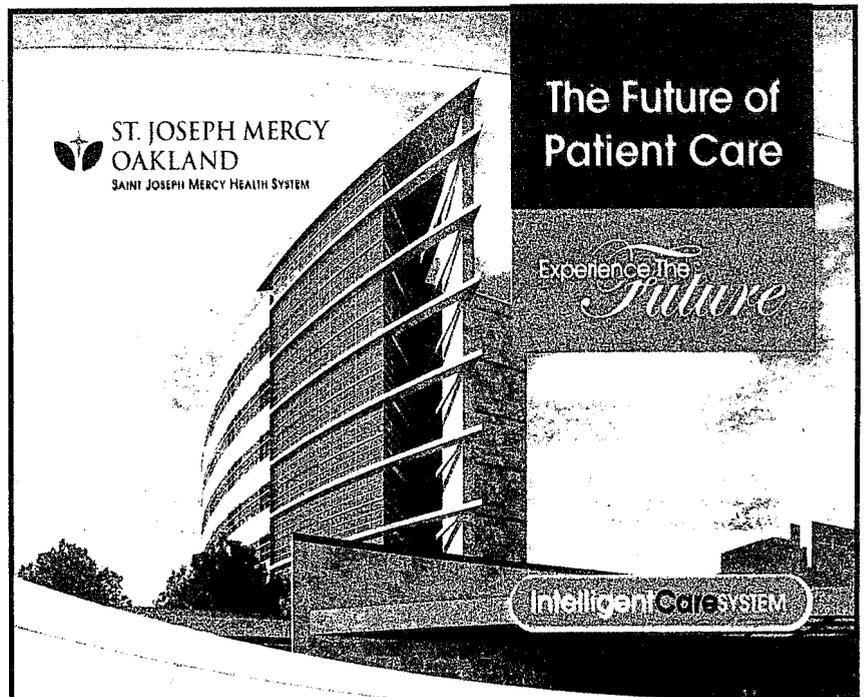
Sam, Grace and Will Modrzynski enjoy the beautiful day, last Wednesday, at Depot Park in downtown Clarkston. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

Spring back to local parks

Despite the hail and high winds of the past week and snowy forecasts this week, spring has taken hold in Clarkston. Temperatures are soaring compared to the ice-bound weather of just a few weeks ago, with families returning to local parks recently released from mountains of snow and ice.



Josh and Todd Thoma enjoy a walk in the park.



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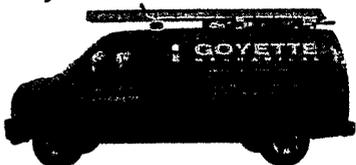
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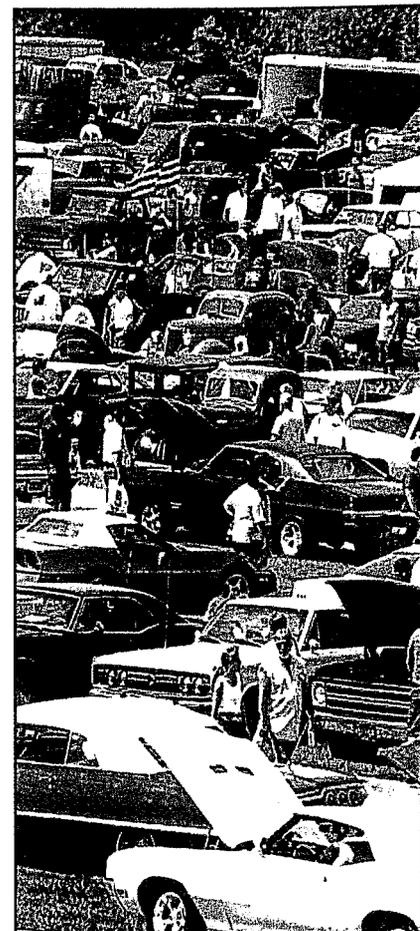
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The festival includes a car show. Photo provided

Antique festival in Davisburg

Michigan Antique Festival returns to Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road in Davisburg, May 3-4.

"We love the amazing country setting. It is perfect for our vintage market in Oakland County," said Lori Oberlin, festival promoter. "We wanted to bring the events closer to southeast Michigan while keeping that country feel alive, so the Springfield Oaks County Park is the perfect location for us."

Interior decorators from KH Homes of Clarkston will be on hand for shoppers to ask questions, get ideas, and find inspiration for decorating their homes with antiques.

The festival will also feature the Shabby Experience and Industrial Way areas.

"Shabby Chic is one of the most popular home furnishing styles and the dedicated area will host talented artists from around the country," Oberlin said.

The festival will include Treasure Hunt areas, including the restored Ellis Barn, offering antiques and collectibles, vintage and estate jewelry, primitives, glass, fine art, and other items; entertainment; Taste of Michigan and Shop Michigan building; free appraisals; free estimates on silver and metal restorations; car show with DJ and prizes; and Vietnam Memorial Wall of Honor, recognizing veterans at noon each day.

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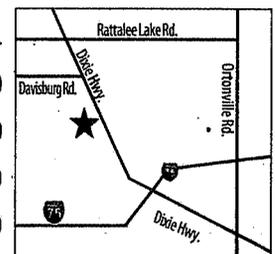
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