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Finding Daisy

Community comes through in search for an old, blind dog

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Home after a weekend trip, Shane and Jennie Kelly of Clarkston made a gut wrenching discovery. Their beloved dog, Daisy, was missing.

"We didn't get home until about 1, 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday and she wasn't here," Jennie said. "We put on shoes and went looking for her."

The dogsitter had accidentally let the black-and-white Boston terrier out at some point, and the 14-year-old canine had wandered off. In a neighborhood filled with woods and lakes, they were worried.

"She doesn't hear and she can't really see," Jennie said. "We looked for about 45 minutes, and we were up the next morning at about 6 to look for her."

They had to. Daisy was Jennie's dog from the day she was a newborn puppy.

"I had her mom, Molly," Jennie said.
"She's definitely a ham. She was a handful when she was younger."

They went to local animal shelters at about 11 a.m. without success. A graphic designer, Shane made flyers, had them laminated, and posted them around town. They also posted information on Facebook and the For the Love of Louie website.

"People called me, saw the signs and were concerned. They were very supportive," she said.



But they soon got a call with good news. Neighbors found the dog and brought her to the shelter.

"She ran in front of a bus – the driver had to stop," Jennie said. "Two boys got off at their stop and scooped her up."

Their grandmother brought the pup to the Oakland County Animal Rescue.

"I was there within the last couple hours," Jennie said. "They let her call me. They were so wonderful."

Daisy had a hard night, with sore feet and red eyes, but she seemed none the worse for wear.

"I gave her a big, giant hug. I put her on my lap and she fell asleep within minutes," Jennie said. "She drank all her water, ate all her food, fell asleep on the floor. She slept for hours."

The Kellys are grateful to the boys and their grandmother, as well as all their neighbors and friends.

"We tried to give them a reward, but they said to pay it forward. They're such good, sweet boys," Jennie said. "We are so glad she's home, so grateful. This community is so caring and thoughtful. Everyone was looking for her. I'm so glad to live in Clarkston."

"There was such a good response from everybody – it's fantastic," said Shane. "I definitely love this community. Everybody watches out for each other. It's what makes Clarkston great."

Congrats to grads! We bid a fond So long, Class of '14

in this week's edition

Library inspires readers' loyalty

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

On Aug. 5, voters will decide the future of Clarkston Independence District Library. During a visit last week, patrons shared some their thoughts on what the library means to them.

"The library is a great place for everyone, but especially kids," said Yajaira Gonzales. "Kids going to the library means they get to enjoy books, interact with others kids. It would be awful to have no library. Awful."

Libraries are a refuge for everybody, Gonzales said.

"There is nothing like a community library," she said. "If the library closed where would people go?"

Please see Patrons on page 14

Request made in school union case

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A Right-to-Work case, which includes a Clarkston paraeducator, continues against Michigan teacher unions. The Mackinac Center for Public Policy filed a request with the state, June 5, asking the Michigan Employment Relations Commission to make a new rule.

The new rule, requiring public-sector unions to notify employees of their ability to opt out three weeks before the start of any resignation window, would prevent what happened to Breza and other union members from happening again.

"With all of the confusion going on Please see Union on page 9

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Students work to preserve local waters

A group of students from Darlene Roche's 8th grade class at Clarkston Junior High School spent a day in downtown identifying storm drains and painting them with a fish symbol as part of an Academic Service Learn-

The fish symbol came with a message, "No dumping drains to rivers." In addition to Depot Park, the students worked on several storm drains in town on streets like Church, Washington and other streets.

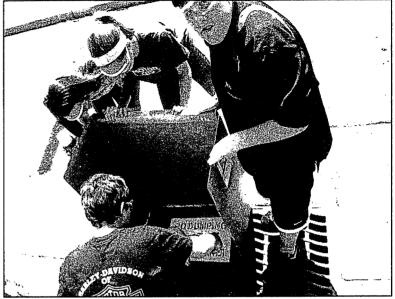
"The class also learned that anything that goes down the storm drain travels to the rivers." said Roche.

Students painted the symbols on the storm drains to remind people not to dump certain materials near the drains because they eventually make their way into waterways.

According to Roche, "Clarkston water that enters the storm drains makes it way into the Clinton River and eventually flows into Lake St. Claire. Water runoff from yards and paved surfaces also flow into the waterways and can sometimes carry dirt, fertilizer, pesticides, oil, animal waste and other types of pollutants.

Roche said the Clarkston DPW was nice enough to provide materials like paint and

The class shared some tips to help protect waterways, including:



Eighth graders paint storm drains to warn the public that anything dumped in a storm drain will eventually flow into waterways. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

- Avoid using fertilizers and pesticides;
- · Clean up pet droppings;
- · Keep grass clippings and other yard debris away from storm drains;
 - Practice good car care keep your car

tuned and fix leaks properly;

- · Carefully store, don't dump, household hazardous waste; and
 - ·Water lawns only when necessary.

-Andrea Beaudoin



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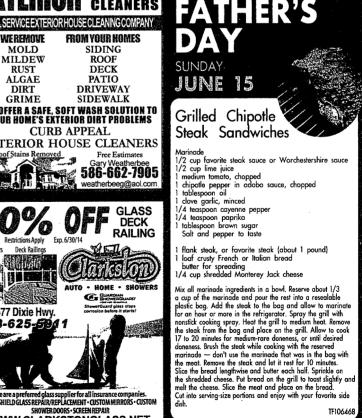
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From left, Craig Fuller of Fuller Appraisal Service, Katie Bowman Coleman of Bowman Chevrolet, , Ed Boutrous of Coutrous Company, Penny Shanks of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Fred Ritter of Clarkston Auto Wash, and Planning Commissioner Ron Ritchie write down ideas for Dixie Highway.

Ideas to improve Dixie Highway

With millions spent or scheduled to improve Sashabaw Road, attention is now being refocused on Dixie Highway.

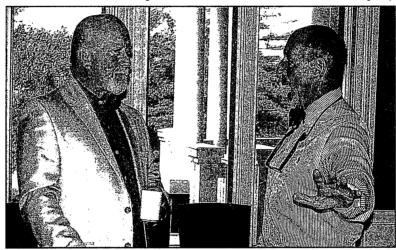
Pat Kittle, Independence Township supervisor, invited business and property owners along the Dixie corridor to join him in sharing ideas for improving the area.

"It's the township's oldest commercial corridor – what can we do to make it more retail friendly," he asked the group, assembled at Oakhurst Country Club, June 4. "Some properties are phenomenal while others are older. What can we do to make more appealing?"

Ideas include redevelopment of the closed gas station at M-15 and Dixie and the former Clarkston Cinema, improvements to businesses and residential areas, more pedestrian crossings, and new marquee signs at the north and south borders of the township. Students at Clarkston's Oakland Tech campus created dozens of designs for the signs, which they will narrow down this week. Kittle said.

"I'm very interested in seeing what we can do to improve Dixie Highway," said Fred Ritter, owner of Clarkston Car Wash.

"We havent seen enough projects on Dixie in a long time," said township planner Dick Carlisle. "It needs a shot in the arm." —Phil Custodio



Jack Leech of Valley Investment Group, at left, and Bill Kruse of Kruse and Muer Restaurants discuss Dixie Highway. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle presents information on the commercial corridor.

Briefly

Concerts in the Park

Clarkston's Concerts in the Park series opens Friday, June 13, with the 80s tunes of Outer Vibe.

Local talent starts about 6 p.m., with the headliner act hitting the stage at the gazebo at 7 p.m., performing until 9 p.m.

The series contines on June 20 with Magic Bus, performing the hits of the 1970s; StarDusters Band's big band sound on June 27; Rusty Wright Band, singing the blues on July 11; and the country music of Bar None on July 18.

All concerts are free, with concessions and other community activities on site.

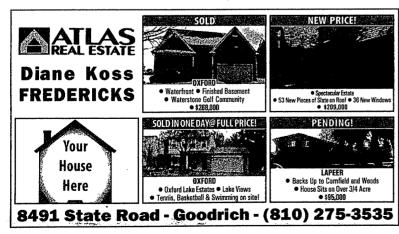
Repaving contract OK'd

A special council meeting to approve a contract between the city of Clarkston and Michigan Department of Transportation to repave two streets in the city was May 27.

Work to resurface Princess and Wompole was approved at a cost of \$17,200. Milling and resurfacing work will take place on Princess Lane from the M-15 intersection to 150 feet west. Womplhole will be milled a repaved for the entire length of the road located in city limits. The work will be included in resurfacing work on M-15 from Clarkston to Ortonville.

Work is underway from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The entire project will be completed by Aug.

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Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

Just the facts

Some say stories in *The Clarkston News* about all the issues happening in the City of the Village of Clarkston are nothing but negative. But we have just reported the facts, and the things going on are negative.

A local leader has made comments implying I am personally at fault for ruining

her life with the stories written. I am just doing my job, and reporting on issues the community needs to know about.

It is not easy to do this job. It is not easy to put feet to the fire when things go awry. I wish all news stories were good news, but they are not.



If you are in a position of leadership, it would make many a job easier if you do the right things. Leaders should know you cannot delete public records. If you don't even know that, perhaps you should not be doing the job at all. Public records belong to the citizens of the community.

As a newspaper, the watchdog of the area, it's our job to make sure our leaders are doing things in the best interest of the community. That is not being done for Clarkston.

Another thing I find ironic is Clarkston's attorney is just racking up big bills for all the issues that have gone on, yet it took months (and a really bad story) for any kind of response to a citizen and his attorney.

Attorneys are supposed to protect clients right? Rather than advising his client to issue a simple apology, the issue was ignored and the city could be sued.

One attorney told me the proper thing to do would be to issue a statement declaring comments made by the city manager do not reflect the views of the city. This would have been a simple task, and then *CNews* would not have had to go to such great lengths and force action.

It took a bad story about inaction and deleted records, for the client and his attorney to get any response at all. I even went into City Hall to warn this was going to happen, but could be prevented. I was told this was somehow a personal issue between the leader and me.

The citizen's attorney is also under the impression that the city attorney is unaware of issues. Yet again, thousands of dollars in bills are being racked up. So, please, attorney, don't try to plead ignorance. Protect the city and do the right thing—issue the right advice and quit ignoring the issues. Unless the right thing is done, and soon, the fire will get much hotter.

Reader finds lots of value in library

Dear Editor,

On Aug. 5 voters in Independence township and the Village of Clarkston will decide the fate of our library. The average homeowner in both the township and the village has been paying \$69.10 per year (at a rate of .6910 mills) to support the library. (The average home in the area is worth \$200,000, but \$100,000 is its taxable value.) If the Aug. 5 vote to raise the rate to 1.25 mills passes, the average tax bill will be raised by \$55.90 for a year. If the vote fails, Clarkston's library will disappear.

How much is the library really worth? I decided to imagine what it would cost to replace the entertainment the library provided our household in the past year:

Just since September, my husband and I read 21 books, at \$20 each, about \$420.00.

For myself, I listened to 12 recorded books. At about \$30 each, \$160. I could purchase a membership from a company at \$17.98/month – to rent one audiobook per month would be \$215.76/year.

We watched four seasons of both "Foyle's War" and "All Creatures Great and Small," plus all episodes of "Fawlty Towers." It was a long winter. Nine sets of DVD's, used, from Amazon costs \$195.

Total cost to replace what we used last year is between \$775 and \$830!

If our library closes, we will not be able to take out materials from neighboring libraries without a library card. Cost to purchase a library card, spending on the library and the services the card would afford, would be \$250 to \$750 a year.

Even at the new, proposed millage, our library is a bargain! One of the best things about a library is that it is a great equalizer, anyone walking into a library can feel rich!

Someone who can't afford a computer can use the library's - they even offer lessons. Parents with small children can check out a bagful of picture books, videos, and puppets every week. Raise a reader - bring your kids to the summer reading programs. Or, sit in a leather easy chair in a quiet room and read a good book. Movies, music CD's, and E-books are free, and Kindles can even be checked out on a library card.

Clarkston is full of optimistic people - they can be seen decorating the lampposts and planters in our downtown for every season; they enjoy our wonderful shops and flock to summer concerts; they built Depot Park and donated the gazebo. Two generations of these hard-working people worked to provide the beautiful library we have today.

Vote "yes" on Aug. 5 to save our library. Susanne McVinnie

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Local library offers reader more than books

Dear Editor

A library is so much more than books. I have always appreciated the programs that have been planned to appeal to community members. I have taken my grandchildren to enrichment programs. I have met friends to listen to Michigan authors and other programs of interest to adults. Did you happen to attend the recent celebration of chocolate? Fantastic!

A library is so much more than books. I have a laptop but no longer have a printer. I print at the library for a nominal fee. This is

much more cost effective than keeping a printer and cartridges at home.

A library is so much more than books. I connected with some local residents who knit at the library on Wednesday evenings. I am now a knitter. I have learned so much from the knitters. It is great to have a comfortable facility where we can meet.

A library is so much more than books. Let's keep the library open and available. It fills the needs of the residents.

Sandy Diederich Independence Towship

Online database services key benefit for user

Dear Editor

Clarkston/Independence Township residents may not realize that our library offers over 50 databases for use from home or at the library using your library card which can be obtained for free at the Clarkston Independence District Library.

Connecting with the library at www.indelib.org, and selecting "online resources" on the home page, allows the user to access databases in the areas of auto repair, business, careers, consumer information, education, genealogy, government documents, health, investments, languages and more. If you locate the cursor over each Database, information on contents and audience are

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Get online this summer and browse our library's databases for fun and information before Aug. 5. Then please vote yes to keep this important community resource for lifelong learning.

Marilyn Pomeroy Independence Township

Please see page 16 for more views on the library

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"Board puts car perk decision in neutral" Independence Township officials driven to solve a car perk option wound up spinning their wheels at their June 1 meeting. The matter was eventually tabled after lengthy discussions and several failed motions.

"Township ponders new hall, approves remodeling" The Independence Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the long-awaited remodeling of the second floor of Independence Township hall, which housed the office of the supervisor, clerk and treasurer for the cost of \$50,000. The board also discussed a possibility of a new hall.

"Local couple motorcycle to share faith in God" Mike and Debra Searing, a Clarkston couple was taking their belief in God to the "hogs." Only those hogs were Goldwings and Harleys. They were members of the "Spirit Warriors" - the Clarkston chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association - and minister to motorcyclists across the state and locally.

25 years ago - 1989

"Christian school sues state board"
Springfield Christian Academy filed a lawsuit against the Michigan Department of
Education (MDOE) in an effort to stay
open. The MDOE threatened to close the
academy as well as 30 other Michigan
private schools for not submitting certain
information such as reports on particular
areas such as teachers, curriculum and
day of operation as required by state law.

"Residents push for safety after M-15 accident" Residents joined with leaders with three area subdivisions off M-15 to petition for a stoplight and a reduced speed limit on M-15 north of I-75 in Independence Township. In May, a teenage driver turned onto M-15 because it looked like it was clear. She ended up broadsided by a vehicle traveling north on M-15.

"Runners save their best for last" The Clarkston Girls Track team put on its best showing of the season at the Class A state meet. Nichole Chinavare won the 1,600-meter run by a tenth of a second and helped her 3,200-meter relay team of Carrie Roeser, Jenny Mahler and Sonya Shaffer win as well. The girls finished in sixth place in the state.

50 years ago - 1964

"Clarkston graduates 149 seniors" Clarkston High School bid farewell to 149 seniors. They had seven receive Scholastic and Leadership awards.

Sounds of spring bring back memories

I was awakened at 12:35 a.m. on a Sunday morning recently by the sound of hot-rodders spinning wheels and racing engines with modified mufflers.

I said to myself, "It must be spring!" I live on mile-long stretch of blacktopped road with few houses. It's one of those roads, like Baldwin Road, that is a magnet for amateur speeders who believe it is their personal training track.

Anyway, the wild engine roars were only temporary interruptions to my dreams of getting back on the pro

Only once in my long life of driving did I spin tires on my takeoff, this after taking Hazel home from a date.

I just got home and Hazel called. She said, "Did that make you happy?" Then she hung up. Message heard, loud

We were married 51 years after that training exercise.

As a professional Jim's commercial watcher on Jottings the tube, I think I'm pretty good at getting their message.

However, in a pickup truck advertisement, the truck is stuck in the mud hauling a horse drawn wagon from the barn. The tires A column by Jim are spinning and mud is Sherman, Sr.



Then comes a commercial for Viagra. The farmer has his hand out the window like someone is handing him

Then a team of horses is seen haul-

ing the truck and everything behind it out of the mud.

I hadn't figured Viagra to be an energy source for horses.

- · Toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.
 - PhD Post Hole Digger,
- How to save money in 2014? Give up your citizenship and get free health care and food.

There are no reasons for me to even think about buying a new car. Have you seen the lit-up signals on those four foot long signal centers on the dashboard?

There's a light or signal of some kind for everything. There are even more icons on the mirror. Why?

Daughter Luan has a 1931 Ford Cabriole. It's a beautiful, 2-tone. She starts it by putting the gear shift in neutral, stepping on the starter, takes a look around and she's off.

If I ever drive again, I'll borrow her

- · Harry Reid is the senate leader's name, and hairy reed is his description.
- The pirate couldn't play cards because he was sitting oar the deck.
- · When her eyes say, "Go" and her lips cry "Stop," what's a fellow to do?
- · Good fences make good neighbors comfortable while they gossip.
- · Thought for life: There are many reasons for doing a thing, but one of the most effective is the lack of an alternative. If you gotta do it, you gotta do it.

Git 'er done!

Readers respond to Rush writing

I love alliteration almost as I love it when people, of their own volition, take time out of their lives and read what I've written. And, I love that almost as much as I do when those some individuals then take more time out of their lives (time they will never get back) and write me because of what they've read. It doesn't matter if they agree, like or want to skin me alive for what I've written. It's that they care enough to write. In other words, it moves me vou're so moved!

(Oh, what is alliteration? It's the back **Don't** bone and go-to tool for all good headline Rush Me writers. According to Merriam/Webster's on-line dictionary it is thus: the repetition of usually initial consonant sounds in two or more neighboring words or syllables. An example is the headline, Readers respond to Rush writing.)

So, before I move on, thank you!

From last week's gem of a Don't Rush A column by Me column headlined, Artificial outrage gets his goat, dangit!, Michael Powell of Clarkston not-proper, wrote:

by inferior hypocrites.

Don. You hit the nail on the head with this week's observations of the crooks in DC. (District of Criminals). I bet those in Congress were heavily supported by Merck and were also holding onto their stock when the deaths occurred. You can bet they dumped their holdings of Merck when they were finally forced to stop ignoring the deaths. I've noticed every congressman who goes in with modest means, comes out a multimillionaire. We are a nation run

Though I 100% disagree with what Obama did regarding releasing the five terrorists in exchange for an illegal spying on the American people.

You and I are witnessing the loss of our most important Constitutional rights - the right to be presumed innocent. We're all presumed guilty of a crime by our government. In essence we are being treated by our government as though

As an American I find that notion an unacceptable infringement on every right I hold dear.

Those who say "if you aren't doing anything wrong you have nothing to worry about." fail to recognize that what is "legal" today may be "illegal tomorrow."

Good to see you're willing to say it like it is!

Comments from Facebook on the same column . . .

Wrote Registered Nurse Jan Tait, "Don Rush's column was insightful." And, local counselor Jon Ritchie, "Great column by 'beat writer' Don Rush about how our media has demonized the new GM CEO, while ignoring other companies that have suffered more severe consequences yet they were ignored. Why is it that our female CEO's are treated different when a mistake is made?" And Leisa Bridges Christensen chimed in, "Great column - love it! And, I couldn't agree more! We have elected some of the dumbest people in America. And, there is so much corruption when it comes to Big Pharma and Big Agra."

A few weeks ago I asked the question, Who is this George? I ran a picture of a found school ID/library card from Clarkston Elementary School from the school year 1953-54. It had a picture of a young pupil who signed his

card, George. It was found in 18 Holcomb Street during a recent renovation.

Well, the debate raged for days on a couple of Facebook pages - The Clarkston News page and a page called, You Know You're From Clarkston. It finally came down to it not being George White, but a fresh-scrubbed George Denton, And, we learned of the Dentons . . .

Linda Hallman Faircloth said, "Yes, George Denton. Sister Beverly and brother Chuck. They lived just around the corner from us when we lived off W. Washington and we played together."

Beverly Galligan Sherman added, "This was a family of handsome, well scrubbed children, bursting with per-

And, finally I learned of George's whereabouts. I will send him a card and let you know if he responds.

And, reader Joette wrote me this note:

"Don, was out putting dirt in our planters for tomorrow's planting on Main Street in Clarkston. The second or third graders are doing the tour of the town. Next to your office are newspaper boxes. One little boy said, 'Can we get a newspaper.' And another little boy said, 'What is a newspaper?'

One of my teacher friends had a similar experience with the word 'photograph.' She teaches middle school and the young lady did not know what a photograph was. My friend is all of maybe 45 and she was dumbfounded."

I think Joette's note deserves more time, thought and space. So, I'll ponder it whilst on vacation. Enjoy your

Email Rush with comments, concers or suggestions, Don@ShermanPublications.org

AWOL deserter, I find it laughable to see our hypocritical representative Mike Rogers on TV complaining about the legality of doing so when we know Rogers is in charge of the "intelligence committee" responsible for the NSA and its



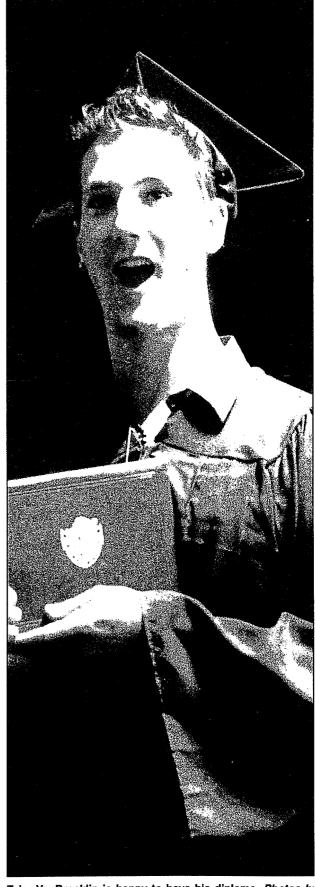


Gina Garavaglia fist pumps for the future at last week's commencement.

Congratulations Clarkston High School Class of 2014!



New grad Paige Olsen hugs Clarkston Community Schools Board President Rosalie Lieblang.



Tyler VanBrocklin is happy to have his diploma. *Photos by Wendi Reardon*

Union request

Continued from page 1

as to when public-sector union members can or cannot opt out of their union, we thought this streamlined process would be a big help to unions that are trying to keep their members informed and for employees who are trying to sort out their rights," said Patrick J. Wright, vice president for legal affairs.

Last year. Breza missed a deadline to resign from her collective bargaining unit. Michigan's Right-to-Work law allows members to opt out of their unions, but several districts including Clarkston require opt-out notices to be filed in the month of August.

Brooke Davis, president of Clarkston Education Association, said the August window allows unions to conduct normal business.

"Employees of this district always work with administration to come to agreements that are best for the district, students and employees. That is exactly what happened when we voted on a contract extension that Amy and every other employee had the opportunity to voice their opinion on and make it heard at the ballot box," Davis said. "I would hope that the Mackinac Center would respect that vote and not try to buy a different decision. The Mackinac Center has not ever shied away from letting people know how anti-public education they are."

The requested rule would also require unions to acknowledge members' right to resign, describe the process to be followed, and provide more info on time restrictions.

"We've seen how much trouble, for example the Michigan Education Association has had in trying to keep track of duespaying members," Wright said. "But other public-sector unions are probably also experiencing problems with communicating this information effectively to their members, especially those that have a sort of rolling window based on an employee's hire date. This is a positive step toward fixing those issues and making sure public-sector union members are fully informed of their rights."

Davis said he supports all employee's right to question union or district policies and contracts, as well as decisions made by the courts.

"Amy's or any other employee's First Amendment rights were never restricted that I am aware of and in fact, it is usually labor unions that fight for the rights of students and employees above all else," he said.

Clarkston School Board approved a contract extension in March 2013, just before the state Right-to-Work law took effect.

Public Safe

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Expired registration

A deputy stopped a vehicle with an expired registration tab, 8:09 p.m., May 29, at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. The driver, a 30-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for expired plates and failure to answer summons for driving with an expired license in Pontiac.

Driving with drugs

A drivers called police to report a car all over Maybee Road, turning north onto Sheringham Place Boulevard, and stopping in the road, 9:08 p.m., May 23. A deputy found the stopped car with the driver slumped over the steering wheel, with the vehicle in park, engine running. The driver, a 27-year-old Independence Township resident, wouldn't respond so the officer broke the passenger side window. She had several prescription narcotics in her purse, without prescriptions, and smelled of alcohol. She consented to a blood draw and was arrested for driving under the influence.

Theft from vehicle

An Ipod and GPS were taken from a vehicle parked unlocked in the 10000 block of Whitby Court, May 27

Drunk driver

Responding to a traffic crash at the entrance to Sashabaw Plains Park, a park ranger saw the driver of one of the vehicles throw a bottle out the passenger side window, 6:29 p.m., May 31. A deputy found the empty bottle of whiskey. The driver, a 28-year-Independence Township man, smelled of alcohol. He refused breath and blood tests, but officers got a search warrant for blood draw and arrested him for drunk driving second offence.

Found wallet

An Independence Township woman was walking on Maybee Road at Sashabaw when she noticed a wallet in the street, 2 p.m., June 2. She took it to the Independence Township substation. Deputies checked identification in the wallet and called the owner, who picked it up. Nothing was taken from the wallet, which had no money in it.

Disorderly conduct

A 41-year-old Independence Township man and 50-year-old Waterford Township man were cited for disorderly conduct after getting into a fight in the 5000 block of Westview Road, 4:44 p.m., June 3. The 50year-old was there to talk to the 41-year-old's neighbor, a 19-year-old Independence Township resident, about two hours of work he said he owed him.

Stolen car

A deputy was dispatched to Sashabaw Meadows in Independence Township to look for stolen vehicle, located there by On Star, 9:04 p.m., June 1. The officer found it parked in a driveway, and a license plate check confirmed it was listed as stolen out of Clinton Township. He spoke to a resident, who said the car was driven there by a friend of his sister's. The friend, a 24-year-old Clinton Township woman, said the vehicle's owner let her borrow it. The 24-year-old's boyfriend, a 22-year-old Clinton Township man, had the keys. The report was forwarded to Clinton Township police for their investigation.

Party extinguished?

Employees found both floors of a club house in the 5000 block of Lancasterhill Drive covered in white powder, like residue from a fire extinguisher, June 1. An extinguisher was found to be missing from the lower level.

Suspicious visitor

A 13-year-old boy was responding to loud banging on the door, 4:46 p.m., June 2, in the 4000 block of Meyers, when the caller started to open the door. Asked what he wanted, the man, described as white, about 5 feet 5 inches in height, bald, wearing a blue tank top with tattoos on both shoulders and arms, asked if the man or woman of the house was home. Told they weren't, the man got into a white van, which was followed by a car. Neighbors said someone matching the description was attempting to sell meats from

Bloody broken window

A resident in the 11000 block of Bigelow Road in Springfield Township found a basement window broken and smeared with blood, 4:43 p.m., June 3. Deputies collected samples for analysis.

Looking for narcotics

Store employees in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway called 911 after a customer started acting intoxicated, unable to sit up or walk, 2:13 p.m., June 3. The woman, a 61-year-old Detroit resident, told paramedics she was there to pick up blood pressure medication, but she actually dropped off a prescription for narcotics. A records check showed she had dropped and picked up several narcotics prescriptions from different doctors and pharmacies in southeast Michigan. She also had a traffic warrant out of 36th District Court.

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Sci-Fi Journal

Friday, June 13, 10:00pm Saturday, June 14, 2:00pm Sunday, June 15, 5:00pm The latest information on science fiction movies, comic books and video games.

For a complete schedule, visit our web site: www.independencetelevision.com or find us on Facebook

Sporting News

Summer camps

See some of the many camps offered this summer on page 12.

Golfers make state finals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The last time the Wolves visited the MHSAA Division 1 Golf State Finals was in 2006 and this year's team was glad to be there again.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team finished in 11th place for the tournament at Forest Akers East on Saturday scoring 618 during the two days.

"Playing in the state tournament was unlike anthing I have ever been a part of," junior Alex Dice shared. "It was very cool being there with my teammates especially being there with my brother."

He added being able to be there with his brother, Brady, a freshman who was pulled up from the JV team for the regional meet, was unforgettable.

"Just having my brother be a part of that team is something I will never forget," Alex said.

What he will also remember is the intensity of the tournament, how many people were



Brady Dice shoots during the state tournament. Photo provided

there, college coaches watching the players and how serious the tournament was.

"It was fun being there with my team and getting the whole experience of playing there at that level and being with my brother," Brady added. "It was fun. It was a really great experience just to be there. It was a great time. Just to say I was on the team is an honor."

The Wolves finished the first day with a 300. Senior Luke Nesbitt and junior Brendon Graham led the first day with a 74. Alex had a 75; senior Garrett Polish, 77, and Brady, 84.

The boys shot a total of 318 for the second day with Nesbitt and Polish with a 77 and Brendon with an 83. Alex and Brady both shot a 82.

Alex admitted he struggled the second day.

"It wasn't my best," he added. "But it was still a memorable experience. It was very cool to be there. It was one of the goals I have had ever since I was a freshman was to play in the state championship and be part of the history for Clarkston. I was very proud to represent my city."

Alex added he thought at the beginning of the season the team had the potential to go to the state finals.

"I was thinking this is the strongest team we have had in a long time," he said.

Brady knew at the beginning of the season playing with the JV team would be the best start for him. If he played great there would be a chance to move up to varsity.

"Once everyone started to play well I knew we had a good chance (to go to finals) in the end," he added.

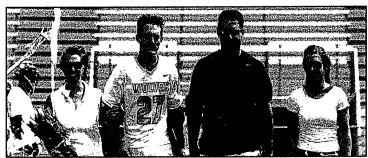
Swartz Creek won the state championship, scoring a 584. Detroit Catholic Central came close in second place with a 585 while Rockford, Grandville and Plymouth rounded off the top five. The Wolves only lost two players due to graduation - Nesbitt and Polish. Alex and Brady are looking forward to next spring and the finals helped with motivation.

"This definitely motivates us just to get our game ready and keep practicing to get better to get a run at the state championship again," Alex said.

Brady added it motivates him because they lose their top two golfers.

"It motivates me to get my game going and make sure I can get back there," he said. "Hopefully if not as a team then as an individual so I can give myself another chance to be in the state tournament."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



The Kaminski family, from left, Liz, Reid, Robert and Payton. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

Leaving an impact

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Reid Kaminski graduated from Clarkston High School on June 2 - and like many in the Class of 2014 left his impact on Clarkston.

Kaminski finished his final football season as a wide receiver and defensive back. He helped the boys clinch their first MHSAA Division 1 state title with a 32-14 win over Detroit Catholic Central.

During the game he had four tackles and three assists along with a few key stops to slow down the Shamrocks.

He received Defense Most Valuable Player and Ironman honors.

As a member of the Clarkston Varsity Boys Lacrosse Program, he helped his team go to the MHSAA Division 1 Regionals finals the last three years. Last year the team won the regional title.

Kaminski will continue his lacrosse career at Roanoke College after signing his letter of intent, May 15.

"It is a place I feel like I can make an impact and we can compete for a national championship," he said, adding Roanoke also had a nice setting and is in a nice community.

He plans to study pre-medicine or biochemisty and plans to go into speech pathology or occupational therapy.
"Or wherever it takes me," he said.

When it came to deciding to continue with football or lacrosse he leaned towards

lacrosse.

"I liked football but lacrosse is really my passion," he explained. "I fell in love with lacrosse when I first started and since then I wanted to play it. It is something I feel is a big part of my life."

He began playing in seventh grade and started with many of his teammates at the same time.

Kaminski added the Clarkston Lacrosse Program has helped as he moves on to the next level.

"We have really good role models in our coaches," he said. "They have shaped us into good, respectful young men. They have prepared me for the obstacles I will be facing in an out of state college and challenges that come with next level of lacrosse."

His advice to aspiring athletes is to keep working hard.

"Anything you want to achieve, you can," he added.

Kaminski graduated Summa Cum Laude on June 2. He was also on the National Honor Society. His parents are Liz and Robert.



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Heartbreaker finish

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Hitters shared a few hugs as they left the dugout at Lake Orion High School, May 31.

They finished their season after losing to the Dragons in the MHSAA District Semifinals, 7-5

Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters added it was a matter of a few defensive plays in the game.

"They are too good of hitters," he added. "Those are two good hard hitting teams. We just couldn't shut them down.

Both teams were scoreless through the first four innings. Lake Orion opened the fifth inning with three runs.

The Lady Wolves came back in the bottom of the inning. Senior Mackenzie King, senior Rachel Alli and junior Mikayla Blaska hit singles. By the time sophomore Mariah Hood stepped up to bat the basese were loaded hit a double which brought in three runs to tie the score.

"It was awesome," Peters said. "I thought we had them. I thought we shot them down and won the game. It was exciting. It was a key hit. She was behind the count and just ripped the ball."

Junior Madeline Maday struck out the first of Lake Orion's batters going into the sixth inning followed with the second batter

Then the Lady Dragon's third batter Carly McGee had a walk followed by a single from the next batter. Kennedi Thomas then hit a double to bring in two runners before the inning closed with two more runs to put the

score 7-3 in favor of Lake Orion.

King and Hood had an RBI in the last two innings but not enough to bring Clarkston up.

The Lady Wolves finish the season with an overall 22-12 record with a split in a double header against Bay City Western on May 27. They won 7-4 in the last game and lost the first game, 4-1.

"We hoped we would win a couple more games than we did," Peters remarked. "It's a great group of girls. They play hard every game. We didn't get a lot of bounces. Maybe a bounce here and a bounce there. It is always a privilege to coach such a fine group of young ladies like that."

They lost two seniors to graduation - Mackenzie King and Rachel Alli.

"They made some clutch plays," Peters said about the two. "They are classy girls. They were captains and did a great job at practice."

The team has 14 players coming back and will be ready for next spring to bring home the district crown.

"We played top ranked teams," said Peters. "They have been formed into being this really tough team. They know what to expect from themselves against tough teams."

Peters said this season will help them for next spring adding with the weather at the beginning made for a tough second half of the season because they had delayed games.

"Because of the weather we played 13 games in six days so we were kind of pooped," he said.

"It was the way tournaments fell. It also mentally toughened them."



Check out in next week's edition for...

The Clarkston Varsity Baseball team won the MHSAA Division 1 Regional title with a 9-1 win over Lakeland on Saturday.

The last time the Wolves won the championship was in 2006.

They opened the day at Hartland High School with a 4-1 win over Bloomfield Hills.

The boys played Brighton on Tuesday. Look for more details and reactions in the June 18 edition of *The Clarkston News*.

Landscaping tips from Tom

Patios,Pathways, Walls & More

Hardscaping is a term landscape contractors use referring to the part of a home or building's grounds consisting of structures, such as patios, retaining walls, and walkways made with hard materials. Anything made of hard material that's not living is hardscaping. Whether attempting a hardscaping project yourself or hiring a professional to do it for you, use the following tips to avoid expensive pitfalls:

Look at the big picture. Even if you're only tackling one element at a time, consider designing the entire area before you begin. Once a hardscape project is in, it can be costly and difficult to tear out and move.

Pay attention to drainage. Make sure you have adequate drainage and when possible capture the water and use it on site.

Balance boulders. A big rock, sitting on top of soil does not look natural. Bury boulders deep enough so they blend in and balance them with plants.

Love your lines. Think about the natural lines of your outdoor space, use curves to transition gracefully from one element to the next for a natural look. Hard rectangles and squares work well for a contemporary design.

Leave some fawn. Many homeowner in southwest states opt for all hardscape and plants but there's nothing like walking barefoot in your yard during summertime in Michigan. Leave enough grass to mow.

Carefully mix colors. Complement your home's exterior by finding two or three materials that coordinate with each other and your home. Consider texture as well as color and remember wood decks and railings count as a texture and color.

Consult an engineer on big projects. No explanation needed, it will cost you plenty if a big project fails structurally.

Use good material. A great design will only last as long as the material used holds up and don't skimp on site preparation only to have your hardscape settle and heave in frost.

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



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Spring seasons come to a close

The Lady Wolves ended their post season with losses.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team lost to Waterford Kettering in the first round of Division I Regional playoffs on May 22, 11-10. The girls lose seven seniors - Sara Hall, Kirsten Isbell, Taylor Losee, Ryleigh McGregor, Jessica Moster, Sierra Pass and Caitlin Toth.

They have 12 players returning for next year's team.

The Clarkston Girls Soccer team lost to Waterford Mott in the first round of district playoffs on May 27, 2-1.

The team loses four seniors - Andrea Dean, Meghan Gruebnau, Shelby Hopper, and Sam Messer.

The Lady Wolves have 17 players coming back for next spring.

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Camp season begins this week

Due to snow make-ups and limited workers, Clarkston Varsity Head Coach Kelly Avenall (Pinner) is offering the **Clarkston Volleyball Clinic** on June 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17 (Wednesday through Tuesday.)

The clinic is open to girls going into grades 9-12 play from 8-10 a.m., girls going into 5-8 play 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost is \$100 and includes T-shirt. Individual awards are given to outstanding athletes, players with good attitude and tournament champions. Please note Bailey Lake Elementary students may attend Friday - Tuesday. Please make a note on the form. For more information, please email kjavenall@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Work on your ball skills during the Summer Baseball Clinics with Clarkston High School Head Coach Phil Price, his coaching staff and varsity players.

The three clinics include: **Pre-T-Ball Clinic** for ages 4-6, held June 16-19, from 1:30 - 2:45 p.m. for \$52; **Baseball Camp for Beginner to Intermediate** level is for ages 7-14, June 23-26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$152; **Baseball Camp for High Level Players** for ages 7-14, June 16-19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$152.

Clinics will focus on the fundamentals of the game including throwing, catching, fielding, base running and rules of the game.

Girls looking to learn fundamentals of basketball, improve shots, or want to have fun join **Dare to Dream Basketball Camp.** The camp is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 18-20. It is for girls entering grades 3-9 for the cost of \$110.

Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk, his coaching staff and varsity play-

ers teach the fundamentals of basketball and give players the tools they need to improve their game. Contact Wasilk at tlwasilk@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Clarkston Track & Field Camp is open to kids entering fourth through ninth grade and is July 14-17 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Clarkston Girls Track & Field Head Coach John Yorke, his staff and varsity athletes teach kids the fundamentals and enjoyment of track and field. Each day is filled with age appropriate skills, running and field games, demonstrations, competitions, and

The cost for the camp is \$95. For more information, please call Clarkston Community Education at 248–623-4326.

Spots are still open for fun summer camps. **Fife Camp** is July 14-18 and is open to boys entering grades 7-9 in the fall.

From 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.- 1 p.m., Friday, you will stretch, build skills and participate in contests and games. The cost is \$260 and participates need to bring a sack lunch, basketball equipment and a work hard attitude.

The camp is coached by Dan Fife and his Clarkston High School Basketball staff. It is open to the first 104 applicants.

For boys entering grades 4-6 is Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp.

From shooting to defense, campers will learn the fundamentals of the game from Coach Fife and his coaching staff.

The camp is July 7-10, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The cost is \$160.

Forms can be found on www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics.

Flexible work times for employees

Employees working for Independence Township will now have a more flexible schedule thanks to a new policy adopted on May 27, allowing employees to opt into choosing a flexible work schedule.

According to Township Treasurer Paul Brown, the Flex Schedules allow employees to choose work hour options that offer something besides a traditional work schedule

"The alternate scheduling is available to assist employees in meeting both their personal and professional goals," said Brown

Flexible work schedules do not impact

productivity or add to labor costs, he said.

Rather than a traditional 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. day a week, workweek employees can choose a flexible block of time at the beginning or end of traditional work hours, 10 hours a day four days a week rather than five, or a shortened lunch hour, the treasurer said.

According to the new policy department heads will work with the supervisor to adopt new schedules for employees who opt into the program. The supervisor will also work with union representatives to work out details according to union contracts.

Community events?

Let us know at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com or call us at 248-625-3370



Preschoolers ride to help others

Children at The Learning Experience in Clarkston raised \$2,503 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at its annual Trike-A-Thon, May 14.

Families were invited to come out and support a worthy cause during the four-hour event, while learning about child safety as demonstrated by fire and police departments, and children were able to ride their tricycles, scooters and bicycles in a secured lot.

Additionally, children were given pledge cards during the weeks leading up to the event. Families worked with their child to collect pledges, which were also collected and donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Through donations from the community at the annual event, the center has raised close to \$15,000 for St. Jude since starting the Trike-A-Thon in 2010. For more information, visit www.thelearningexperience.com.



The children enjoyed helping others. Photos provided







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Patrons like library's services

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Matt Underwood lives in Springfield Township, but comes to the Clarkston library quite often.

"It is very convenient for me to come to this library because I work out here," Underwood said. "If voters were to say 'no' to their library, it would be an absolute shame. The library is such an integral part of the community. It is used for so many wonderful things like kids coming in to get books to read. The library also has so many great programs for little kids. I used to go to summer library programs when I was a kid. Going to the library encourages reading. Reading a lot also serves you well when you get older."

"I love a library, but I am 45," said Chuck Kelterborn. " I have two in CHS and one in CJH. I have yet had to bring any of them to the library for school. Reading is nicer to do with a book in hand then starring at a screen. New books are available at stores. I do not know if there is enough of a demand in this day in age to keep a library running. I like all their special programs and have used them when the children were younger though."

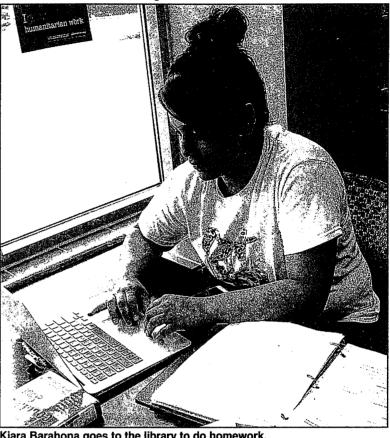
Other views include:

"I would really be upset of the library close. I just don't know what I would do. I come to the library all the time for Internet access. I have to come to the library to use the Internet do all my homework, study for exams, do research and write my research papers. If the library was not here I would not get my work

- Kiara Barahona "Our community would be empty without the library, and I would be devastated if it closed. I would miss it terribly. I will do anything to keep the library open.I am an avid reader, and it means a lot to me to come to the library to read. My husband is secretary of Clarkston Lions Club, and the library opens their doors all sorts of things for the community including sponsoring a blood drive and offering eyesight screening for kids, a program many people could not afford. The library is a vehicle to the community for use to reach out to people. The library provides a link between the community and events. At the library you can also get movies and use the Internet."

- Phyllis Truba "It would just be terrible if the library closed, and people had no access to the library. I will be voting yes. Everyone needs the library, but people of lower income really need the library to access the Internet. The programs offered by the library are very much needed. My son is autistic and the library staff is always very helpful. They also allow me to stay with him and help him when he is in the teens section. The library is also nice because I am able to find peace and quiet and no one bothers you."

- Kathleen Weger



Kiara Barahona goes to the library to do homework.

"The library is a place I can find books that I could not afford or would not want to buy. I could never underestimate the value of the library. I value knowledge which is everything a library represents. I would be upset if it closed. I am voting yes."

-Amber Fullmer

"The library is a great source of information. It does not matter if you are coming in just to read a book or to use the computer. I hate to even think about if our library were to close. I cannot imagine a community without a library. It would be catastrophic. The millage has to pass, Clarkston needs a library."

-Greg Hall "I have been bringing my kids here since they were five months old. I have always brought them here for library classes since they were just tiny babies. They have always learned a lot and it gives them a chance to interact socially with other kids. The library is a great place for kids at socially interact. It allows for family activities that could not otherwise be afforded." on the computer. We will be voting yes to out library.'

"I like looking at books. I like picking out books and movies. I like playing games on the computer. If there was no library I would be sad."

"How can you place a value on knowl-

edge-which is what the library is for. If the library closed I would be very upset/

-Amber Fuller

"I come to the library every day to read all the daily newspapers and use the Internet. If the library closed I would be without those two things in life. I am self-employed and that can quite lonely when I am just working by myself at home. There are many time I just come to the library for the atmosphere.'

- Gloria Henry

And on Facebook:

"I cannot imagine living in a community without a library."

- Kari Heiple Vlaeminck

"I also cannot imagine living here without a library. It's hard to believe a community this wealthy can't support it's library."

- Mary Lorraine Plesz

"As a newly graduated CHS senior I can tell you without a doubt that I wouldn't have been able to maintain my 3.4 GPA without the library. It's more than just a place to check out books. It's a really valuable resource for young adults who don't have a place at home to study or have trouble paying attention at home when doing homework. I'd be really devastated if it closed."

-Emily Danielle Ward

"I love the library, but can't get there as -Anthony Ventimiglia often as I would like. I do use the OverDrive Please see Services on page 15

Services, programs for children valued at library

Continued from page 14

App to read books, which without having a library that participates, would not be possible. I will be voting yes for the library.'

- Laura Maxson Ford

"I used the library a lot when my kids were younger. Three years ago my junior high school aged son needed something printed for a project. Discovered that our printer was broken(pesky power surges:(), rushed over to library and with wonderful help got my sons papers printed. Thank you.'

-Anne Kristine Kilen

"We have younger kids, 7 and 4 years old, use the library to get books out all the time and have done from a very young age! Although I prefer Orion library, Clarkston is more convenient hence, that's why we use it! Nice friendly, helpful staff at both! Oh yes, my older child has just done her piano recital there in the large meeting room!"

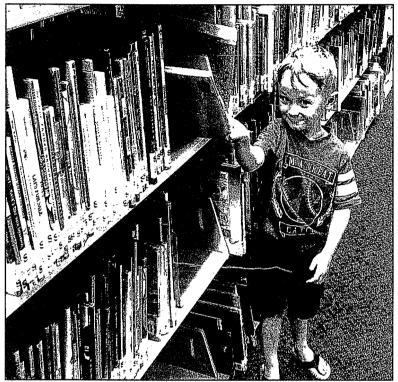
- Sophie Cox Sanders "I love the library. My children are 10, 13, and 16 and have all used the library. I bought a book for my oldest for his trip last year and he came home asking to go to the library to get the next one. I read a lot and would not be able to buy all the books I read. I like that most of the new releases are readily available. I check out paper books and download to my Kindle. I can't imagine not having a library in this community.

- Pam Leisz Kuczera "Our library provides so many services for our community. I bring my young fives kindergartners every Friday to check out a book and hear a story. Their children's programs are really great too. My own two daughters always look forward to the summer reading program."

- Sandi Gajor Larkins "Save the library vote yes people for the library here in Clarkston with out it I think we could never survive with out it."

- Spencer Stringer

"The library allows kids to read a variety of books on a variety of topics. The first comment mentions it's easy to buy books now days but you can't buy every book! It is not logical. The library has allowed my children



"I would be sad without the library," confessed young library patron, Anthony Ventimiglia. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

to have a physical book in their hands that is about a topic they are truly interested in AND it is explained at their reading level. For example my son has always been interested in Solar Panels. Yes he can look up things online but most information goes above his head but at the library they have a book that discusses solar panels at his level and allows him to read and learn about it! Also the programs offered are amazing and help keep our children engaged and inspired! Every city needs a library and Clarkston wouldn't be

a literacy resource with awesome programs for everyone-not just kids. My personal experience does involve my young kids, but I

know the library also offers programs for teens, adults and seniors. It's for everyone -- you just have to take advantage of it! My oldest son was able to walk to the library every week while enrolled in Young Fives at the early childhood center. That experience ignited his passion for reading, which is truly invaluable (he loves the library more than Game Stop!) What a great partnership! I use the library to check out everything from the latest in fiction to veggie gardening how-to, and I do love the biannual book sales. My husband used the library as a home office when we lost power countless times this past winter. My family would be heartbroken if the library closed. We'll absolutely vote YES for the millage increase. The extra \$60 per year is 100% worth it to my family."

"I'm going to be the odd one out here so don't thrash my opinion. First as a college grad and with an online masters degree I rarely ventured into the library. In today society all the information I ever needed was available online. Even most of the current research was not available in print. And with the the availability of books online the need for a library has dwindled every year. I do support a social setting for young people to learn to read and check out books, but I believe the funding could be better spent on programs with a larger impact on young people such as an expanded band program or youth fitness."

- Derek Casper

"Clarkston would not be the same without a library. What would happen to the soul of a community that would even consider it a possibility."

- Beverly Galligan Sherman

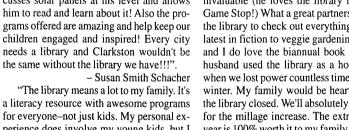
"For the record, I am not against the library although I do question the need for 1.25 mils. I am against the way this is being treated for city residents who will be voting for a full 1.25 mil tax increase which the Council will then have full control over. Township residents will be voting for a 1.25 mil Library millage with a guaranteed rollback of the current .691 mils. Even more interesting is that Township residents could vote a 1.25 mil tax increase on city residents even if every single city resident voted 'no' and the township residents would still only see a .56 mil increase on themselves. Very bizarre, although apparently legal. For these reasons, I will be voting 'no' on this ballot proposal.

- Cory Johnston

The Aug. 5 millage will ask voters to approve 1.25 mills. This millage provides 95 percent of library funding.

A "no" vote would mean the library closes, with all assets tuned over to Independence

A 1.25 mill means landowners will pay \$1.25 on each \$1,000 taxable value of property. Homeowners with an average property worth \$200,000 would pay about \$125 a year. This millage is an increase of 0.5 mills, or \$.50.



Baylis Animal Hospital

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





Reading club optimistic

Dear Editor,

The Evening Book Discussion Group of the Clarkston Independence District Library concluded its 2013-2014 season on Tuesday June 3. At this meeting, besides discussing the book designated for that month, the group optimistically chose ten books to discuss in the 2014-2015 season.

Among the books selected for the next season are recent fiction like Goldfinch by Donna Tarrt, classics like One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez and The Quiet American by Graham Greene, and the inspiring World War II account Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand.

Why was this an optimistic act? Because the group which has met continuously since 1998 along with the Morning Book Discussion Group that dates back to 1994 would cease to exist if the Library's millage does not pass on Aug. 5.

The book groups sponsored by Clarkston Independence Library are open to any participants who wish to join. You don't have to be asked or belong to any specific group. You can come together with other readers to learn and explore ideas, make friends, and have fun.

The library not only provides a convenient meeting place, it provides the books in several formats. Many of the copies are borrowed for us through the interlibrary loan system. The librarians are happy to help us find supplemental material about the books or authors to enrich our discussions.

Other book groups throughout the community also benefit from these two book groups because books that have been purchased in multiple copies for the book groups over the years have been assembled into Book Group Kits that they can borrow. Currently the Library offers 174 different book group kits.

The book discussion groups are just one of the many services provided by the Clarkston Independence District Library that add to the quality of life in our community. Please join me in voting "yes" on Aug. 5 to keep the doors open for this vital community asset.

By the way, the name of the book we discussed at our last meeting? Its title is Life After Life. May it be so.

Patience Beer Independence Township

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

Library millage requests too much, reader says

In response to those who support the second chance, stealth, library tax increase vote on Aug. 5, 2014, Independence Township district library supporters fail to mention that long before the library tax increase proposal was voted down on Nov. 6, 2012, the proposal was already set up for a second election if the first had failed.

It failed in an election that had the highest possible voter turnout, the Nov. 6, 2012 general election, where a majority of voters said "no."

So hear we are again in 2014 holding a "save the library" second vote on the exact same tax increase proposal that failed less then two years ago.

But this time around it will go before the fewest amount of voters on Aug. 5, 2014, rather then three months later in November 2014 general election where the majority can speak again.

So much for the will of the majority, their vote will be ignored in favor of a vote of the minority on Aug. 5, 2014.

I disagree. as I did in 2012, that the library needs a 1.25 millage because the numbers as presented by district library officials show us that the library millage proposal is asking taxpayers for way too much of our money. What isn't being told is the fact that this 1.25 tax increase proposal is an 81.69% increase over the .691 library millage now being collected!

Considering that a supporter claims that the library has lost 40% of it's funding over the years, taxpayers should ask why the district library is asking for an 81% increase. Especially when you consider the numbers that came straight from library officials. Here they are:

In this paper, library director Julie Meredith said that in 2013 the library's .691 millage will generate \$1,030,798, and its expenditures were projected to be \$1,038,316. Resulting in a \$7,518 deficit.

But not to fear, the \$7,518 deficit will be taken from the Library's \$219,569 fund balance (slush fund). And the previous year (2012) the .691 library millage brought in \$1,135,600, the library spent \$1,128,800. Resulting in a \$6800 surplus.

Using the numbers that were presented to the public in this paper by Ms. Meredith, had the library's 1.25 mill tax hike proposal been passed by voters on Nov. 6, 2012, the library's 2013 revenue would have increased by 81.69% or \$834,946.38.

The 2013 library revenue would have been \$1,865,744.38. A \$730,144 revenue increase over 2012, and a \$834,946.38 revenue increase over the 2013 fiscal year. This tax increase proposal is approximately a \$6 million dollar increase in revenue over it's 8 year life. So considering that in 2013 the library had a \$7,518 deficit and in 2012 it had a surplus, why is the library asking for such a huge \$834,946 increase annually for the next 8 years?

In a March 20 News in Brief, library director Julie Meredith said the 1.25 library tax increase proposal "would be a 0.551 mill increase over the present .691 millage and would cost an average homeowner \$125, a \$56 per year increase."

Meredith went on to say: "It's replacement funding – we still need to secure funding." Yet the numbers tell a different story - 1.25 - .691 = is a 0.559 increase, not 0.551. Irregardless of that mistake, claiming that a

whopping 81.69% tax increase is "replacement funding" completely ignores the fact that this proposal is a huge tax increase.

On April 3, 2014 - "One more chance for Library Millage" story in this paper, library officials said "we are asking taxpayers to pay about \$125 per residence a year, which is \$58 more than the average \$67 paid now," yet in the same story Marilyn Pomeroy,

president of the library board said this about the \$125 per residence tax: "We're asking for about \$52 a year increase from last year."

Considering that we've been given numerous different cost scenarios, taxpayers should be asking why there are so many inconsistencies in the numbers being presented by library officials? Will this be a \$56, \$58, or a \$52 per year tax increase? Taxpayers have a right to know.

Then on April 16, 2014 the district library announced that this tax increase will go from \$29.20 per resident to \$50.44 per resident. A \$21.24 tax increase per resident.

Considering that property taxes are based on the assessed value of property and not on how many residents live in a home, why were taxpayers given a "per resident" tax comparison?

More deception - After the failure of the Nov. 6, 2012 library tax increase proposal Library Board trustee Kay Robertson said in this paper that: "Many chose to not even respond yes or no to the library proposal." Proponents of this tax increase are beating the same drums this year claiming that "many people said they didn't realize it was on the ballot."

Yet the election results tell a much different story:

Results from the Nov. 6, 2012 election: Trustees -14,728 votes.

Brown, Palatta, Kittle - 13,052, 13,561, 13,848 votes respectively.

The library millage proposal -18,918

18,918 - 14,728 = 4,190. As you can see over 4,000 more voters chose to be heard on the library millage proposal then voted for any of the candidates in the Nov. 6, 2012 general election, not less!

Taxpayers should question why the new township board is following the same sneaky path that the old board set them on to get this massive tax hike passed when they easily could have done the right thing and nixed the failed 81.69% library tax increase proposal and demanded that the library board propose a realistic library millage

They could have renegotiated the district library agreement and moved the new proposal from the primary "stealth election" back to the general election in November 2014 where it belongs.

But, both boards chose to sit on their hands and let this massive tax hike proposal go forward unchanged knowing that it failed less then two years ago. Both groups did nothing to "save the library" from a funding proposal that had already failed.

As you can see the appointed library board and it's director are asking taxpayers for way too much of our money. Until they come up with a reasonable and realistic library funding proposal our family will be forced to vote "no" again on Aug. 5, 2014.

A 81.69% tax increase is an outrageous and unreasonably high request to be making of taxpayers twice in less then two years!. Anyone who claims that this millage must pass or the district library will close fails to acknowledge the fact that it failed once and the township and the library board did absolutely nothing to change a proposal that a majority of voters found unacceptable.

Now that you've heard the truth and are armed with the knowledge that this proposal is asking you for far too much of your money, I'm sure that you'll have no choice but to vote "no" again on Aug. 5, 2014!

An 81.69% tax increase is a totally irresponsible request to be making of taxpayers in any economy! "Securing funding" for the new district library is a reasonable request, however asking taxpayers for a 81.69% tax increase twice in less then two years is unreasonable and voters should once again deny it..

Tell the district library to go back to the drawing board and formulate a reasonable millage rate to "secure it's funding", If the library is forced to close until it secures that funding, contrary to the library directors claims Independence township residents can join a neighboring library such as Springfield township.

The cost for non-residents? \$75 a year, according to www.springfield.lib.mi.us/index.php/about-us/borrowing/borrowing-privileges. A \$50 dollar annual savings over the Independence township library tax hike proposal.

Vote "no" again on August 5, 2014. The Clarkston Independence district library is asking for too much!

Michael L. Powell is a resident of Independence Township.



by Michael Powell

HomeTown Experts Answer Your Questions Monthly

Nutrition

Cindy Crandell R.N. Nutritionist Lifestyle Educator

Q. What happens if I don't get enough vitamin D?

People can become deficient in vitamin D because they don't consume enough or absorb enough from food, their exposure to sunlight is limited, or their kidneys cannot convert vitamin D to it's active form in the body. In children, vitamin D deficiency causes rickets, in children where the bones become soft and bend. It's a rare disease but still occurs. In adults, vitamin D deficiency leads to osteomalacia, causing bone pain and muscle weakness. Vitamin D deficiency has also been linked to autoimmune disease, cancer, depression, diabetes, high blood pressure and multiple sclerosis. Your vitamin D level is just as important as your Cholesterol level make sure you know your number and aim for 80. Most people in Michigan are deficient in vitamin D and need to take a supplement to have an adequate level of vitamin D.



Real Estate



Q: How can I find out about community resources?

A: Contact the local Chamber of Commerce for promotional literature or talk to your real estate agent about welcome kits, maps, and other information. You may also want to visit the local library. It can be an excellent source for information on local events and resources, and the librarians will probably be able to answer many of the questions you have.

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Mortgage





A: The best way is to get a referral from a friend, family member or trusted professional. Referrals create accountability, and a mortgage lender is simply going to be more obligated to you if you've been referred to them. If you can't get a referral, try and stay local. Again, this goes back to accountability. A local lender, someone whose office you can stop by if you have a question or problem, is going to be much more responsive to your needs. National lenders, or out of state firms, simply cannot match that same sense of urgency. Of course, you need to compare rates and fees to make sure you are getting a competitive deal. Ask your prospective $lender for a break down of not only your mortgage \ related \ costs, but \ the \ \underline{total} \ transaction \ costs.$ If they aren't willing to provide an accurate, detailed breakdown, you need to keep shopping.

0: What is the best way to choose a mortgage lender?

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Dr. Charles F. Munk

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Rehabilitation



Q. What is heat exhaustion and what to do?

Heat exhaustion or hyperthermia, is a heat related illness. It is a warning that your body can no longer keep itself cool and you become dehydrated. Signs to watch for are: confusion, dizziness, nausea, headache, muscle cramps, and profuse sweating. Your skin will feel cool and clammy. Get out of the heat immediately and rest in a cool place. Drink plenty of water (caffeine and alcohol will dehydrate you even more). Take a cool shower. If your not feeling any better after 30 min contact a doctor. This condition can quickly turn into heat stroke which can be life threatening.

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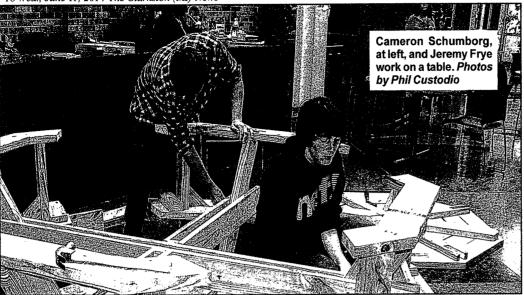
Q: What makes a good print ad?

A: Remember you have a nano second to catch somebody's attention...so with that in mind you need: a strong, headline, catchy graphic, compelling, benefits ladden copy, a great offer and a call to action. Also, don't cram a phone book's worth of info onto a postage stamp size. Remember this, White space Rocks! Each month I will offer tips on your marketing questions. If you can't wait, and need help email me, Don@ShermanPublications.org



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Students work out the angles in table project

About 25 students at Renaissance High School are putting their carpentry skills to the test, making tables for an outdoor classroom.

Their math skills are also getting a workout, said teacher Sara Mastie.

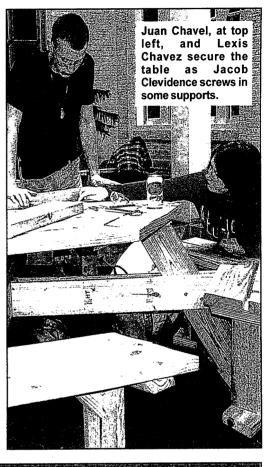
"This has been a really good geometry project," Mastie said. "If an angle is off by just a few degrees, the piece won't fit. It helps them realize how important angles can

be."

The four octangular picnic tables and a teaching board are funded entirely though a grant through Project Learning Tree. Employees from Lowe's also stopped by to help students plan and design the project, the teacher said.

"They're turning out really nice looking, sturdy tables,"

The project will be complete this week, she said.







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Who Ya Gonna Call?

By Patrick Kittle, Township Supervisor

You're out walking the dog on a nice summer evening and see someone suspicious in a neighbor's back yard.

What's the first thing you do? Probably hit 911 on your cell phone. Within seconds, the County 911 dispatch service will have a professional from the Oakland County Sherriff's department responding to the scene.

Independence Township has the

Oakland County Sheriff under contract



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

to provide all police services. This includes, but is not limited to, routine patrol, traffic safety, neighborhood watch, criminal investigations, school liaison, emergency medical and fire runs and more.

The Oakland Sheriff's Department has provided this service for years. And the really good news . . :

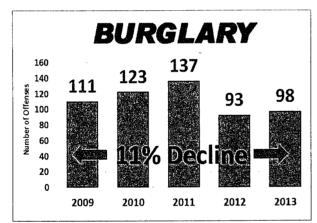
... The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is one of the best trained and best equipped public safety organizations in the country.

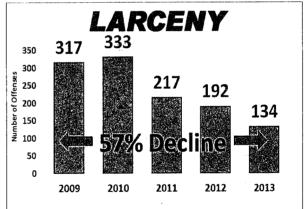
According to Undersheriff Mike McCabe, "The Oakland County Sheriff Department has been partnering with Independence Township going back into the 1960's providing public safety. Independence is a great community. The Sheriff's department is looking forward to continue our relationship."

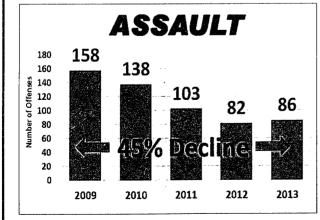
In Indepedence it's the OCSD

The charts below showcase the effect of having professional officers on the street in Independence. Crimes against property (Burglary) are down 11% and (Larceny) down 57%. Crimes against people (Assault) are down 45%. Auto Theft had a spike in 2013.

The Sheriff's Department busted a ring from Pontiac doing business in Independence. Year to date 2014 Auto Theft numbers are down considerably vs. 2013.

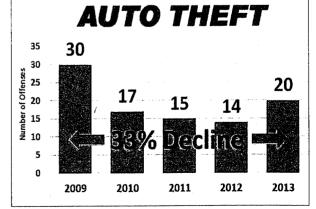








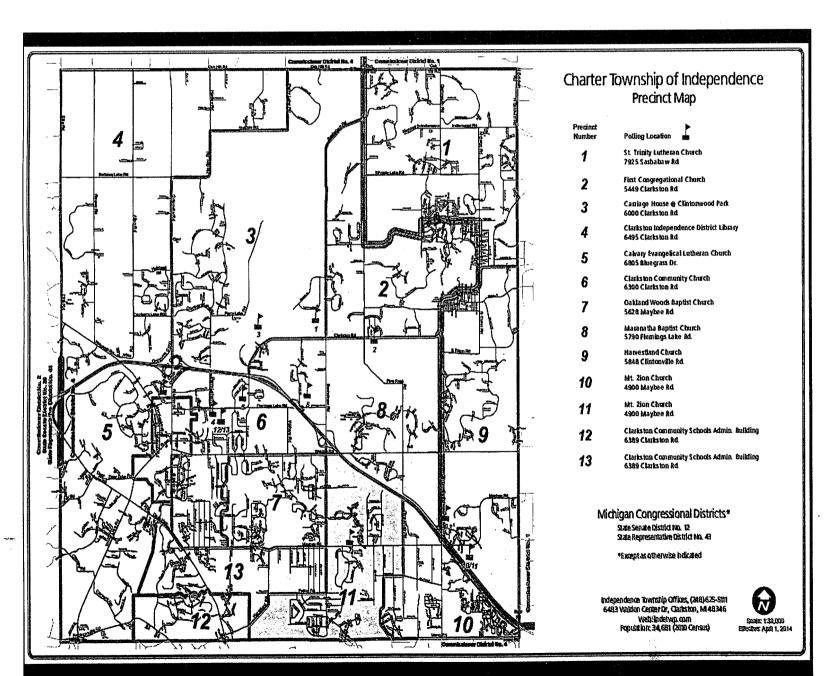
Source: Figures supplied by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office



Why has my precinct changed?

- As the last precinct located in an elementary school, Precinct 14, Pine Knob Elementary School is now abolished. Precinct 14 voters have been dispersed to one of the following four precincts: Precinct 7, 11, 12 or 13. This action will reduce the number of precincts from 14 to 13 and will result in reduced costs associated with staffing, planning and equipment needed for the administration of elections
- Also due to the abolishment of Precinct 14,
- Waterford School District boundaries were realigned and those voters will now vote at Precinct 12 in the CCS's Administration Building. This action reduced precinct splits from 4 to 1 and will reduce voter confusion and costs associated with having multiple ballot styles.
- ★ The newly aligned Precinct 13 is relocated to the CCS's Administration Building. Because Precinct's 12 and 13 have the lowest voter count, it was determined that the CCS's Administration
- Building would better service voters in terms of parking availability and voter foot traffic in the building.

 **Because Clarkston Free Methodist Church, Precinct 7 relocated their congregation to a location outside Independence Township's legislative
- ★ Due to the unsafe traffic issues experienced on M-15 in 2012, Precincts 3 and 4 at North Oaks Community Church have been relocated as follows: Precinct 3; Carriage House @ Clintonwood Park and Precinct 4; Clarkston Independence District Library.
- Because Clarkston Free Methodist Church, Precinct 7 relocated their congregation to a location outside Independence Township's legislative boundaries, it can no longer serve as a precinct location. The newly aligned Precinct 7 voters have been relocated to Oakland Woods Baptist Church; Precinct 11 voters have been relocated from Oakland Woods Baptist Church to Mt. Zion Church and Precinct 9 voters have been relocated from Mt. Zion to a "new" precinct location; Harvestland Church, 5848 Clintonville Road.



What every voter should know about absentee voting

Who Is Eligible For Absentee Voting?

If you are properly registered to vote and meet ONE of the following requirements you are eligible for absentee voting:

- Age 60 years old or older;
- ★ Unable to vote without assistance at the polls:
- * Expecting to be out of town on election day;
- ★ In jail awaiting arraignment or trial;
- ★ Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons;
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.



If you meet one of the six statutory requirements you must submit your request verbally or in writing to the Clerk's office to be added to the permanent absent voter list.

Voters on the permanent listing will automatically receive an application for absent voter's ballot by mail for each election held in Independence Township; a DUAL application is mailed for August/November elections prior to an August election. A ballot will be issued by the Clerk's office to the voter only after receiving a qualified application from the voter.

Applications are mailed approximately 60-days prior to each election and ballots are mailed approximately 45-days prior to each election.

How Do I Apply For An Absentee Voter Bailot If I'm Not On The Permanent List?

* All requests for an absentee voter ballot must be made in writing, include one of the six statutory



reasons and the voter's signature.

Requests may be made in person at the Clerk's office, by e-mail attachment, by mailing a letter, a postcard or a pre-printed application form. Requests may also be inserted in the 24-hour drop box located on

the west side of Township Hall.

Absent voter ballot applications are available at the Clerk's office and on the Elections page of the Township's website at www.indetwp.com.

Requests to have an absentee voter ballot mailed must be received by the Clerk's office no later than 2:00 p.m. the Saturday before all elections.

Contact the Clerk's office immediately if you need to receive a replacement ballot to make certain that every vote marked on your ballot is counted.

Who Can Submit My Application For Absent Voter's Ballot On My Behalf?

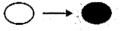
If the voter cannot return the application a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father/ mother/brother/ sister/son/daughter-in-law; grandparent, grandchild, a person residing in the voter's housetificate on the reverse side of the application.

Remember

* Voter registration deadline: Monday, July 7 hold OR any registered voter may mail or

What Do I Need To Know About My Absent Voter Ballot?

Read all of the voting instructions on the election materials provided to you by the clerk's office before marking your ballot. The biggest mistake made by a precinct voter and by an absentee voter is attempting to correct or erase a marking mistake on a ballot. Completely darken the "oval" opposite of each choice as indicated below:



Contact the clerk's office immediately if you need to receive a replacement ballot to make certain that every vote marked on your ballot is counted.

Make certain your vote counts by:

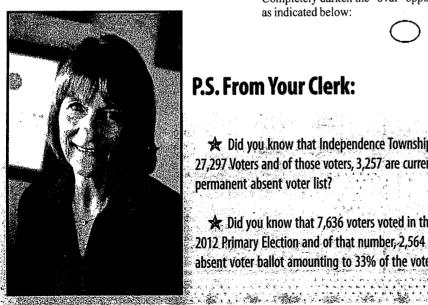
- ★ Use only a black or blue ink pen; do not use any other ink color!
- ★ Do not vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.
- ★ Important for August primary: You can vote in one party section only (Republican party or Democratic party); you cannot "split your ticket." If you vote in more than one party section, the partisan section of your ballot will be rejected!
 - ★ Check both sides of the ballot!
 - ★ Make sure you sign the return envelope!
- Make sure you have attached proper postage to the return envelope!
- * Return your voted ballot no later than 8 pm on **Election Day**

Important Dates For August 5 Primary Election

Voter Ballot to receive a ballot by US Mail: 2 p.m. on

Saturday, August 2

- Township Clerk's office open for issuance of absent voter ballots over the counter: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 2
- Voters qualified to receive an absent voter ballot may vote in person: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Monday, August 4
- ★ Emergency absentee voting for qualified voters:8 a.m. 4 p.m. on Monday, August 4
- All voted absent voter ballots must be received by the Clerk's office to be counted: 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5



P.S. From Your Clerk:

Did you know that Independence Township has 27,297 Voters and of those voters, 3,257 are currently on the permanent absent voter list?

Did you know that 7,636 voters voted in the August 2012 Primary Election and of that number, 2,564 voted by absent voter ballot amounting to 33% of the voter turnout.

Did you know that the Clerk's office is mandated by state law to be open on the Saturday prior to EVERY election? The Clerk's office will be open from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 2 to issue absent voter ballots for the August 5 Primary Election.

-Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC.

Clarkston Independence District Library Millage Update:

New millage will allow library to continue operations

Patrick Kittle, Township Supervisor

"If the millage fails, the community would be without library service", Julie Meredith - Library Director

What is all this new district library millage rate stuff about?

The Clarkston Independence District Library (CIDL) is seeking a millage rate of 1.25 mills (equal to \$1.25 per \$1000 of taxable value of all taxable property in Independence Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston), up from the current millage rate of .691. This will replace all current library funding in the Township and City.

Why is the District Library even asking for more money?

The library's assessed millage has been at .75 mills or less since the library was established in 1965.

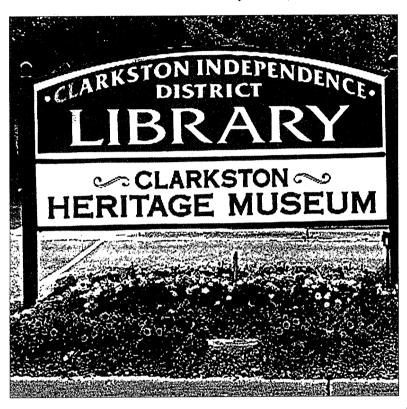
How do we compare to neighboring libraries?

Springfield Township Library

Millage Rate: .91730 Population: 13,940 Per resident: \$44.58

Brandon Township Library

Millage Rate: 2.0000 Population: 15,245 Per resident: \$60.91



Orion Township Library

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

Independence District Library

Current Millage Rate: .691 Population: 35,563 Per resident: \$29.20

After the millage passes... Independence District Library

New Millage Rate: 1.25 Population: 35,563 Per resident: \$50.44 So what will this cost?

With a market value of \$200,000 and an assessed value of \$100,000, the old millage rate was \$69 per year. Under the new ballot proposal, this amount would increase to \$125 per year. This represents a \$56 annual increase (\$125 less \$69) or \$4.66 per month incremental

What happens if the 1.25 district library millage does not pass?

According to Julie Meredith — Clarkston Independence District Library Director, "The millage constitutes 95% of the library's operating budget and the current funding sources expire in 2014. If the millage fails, the library essentially does not have funding!

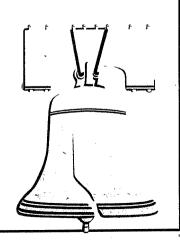
In addition, according to the District Library Agreement, if the millage fails, the library legally dissolves and would be forced to close on August 10, 2014 until the State could determine what options may be available to legally begin again.

This means the agreements by which residents may freely use neighboring libraries would also dissolve. If the millage fails, the community would be without library service."

Contact Independence Township

6483 Waldon Center Drive You can also find us online at: www.IndeTwp.com

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| Clerk/Finance | |
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| Fire | |
| Independence Television | 623-3661 |
| Parks, Recreation & Seniors | |
| Police Non-Emergency | 620-4968 |
| Public Works | |
| Public Works Emergency | 866-4844 |
| Treasurer | |



Parks & Rec & Seniors

Fall Soccer Registration

Registration for Fall Soccer 2014 goes through June 22 for all Independence Township residents and for those in the Clarkston School District. Open registration for all others is from June 23 through July 3. Spots fill fast!

Tons o' Trucks

Save the Date!

Join us for our 12th Annual Tons of Trucks event coming up on Saturday, August 9 at Clintonwood Park. Tickets go on sale July 7 at the Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors office.

You won't want to miss our new entry this year: The Arts & Scraps Truck will be there from 10 am -1pm! Visit ARTSandSCRAPS.org for more information on this vehicle. www.itpr.org



Bruce Sable sells flowers for a good cause. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Spreading the colors of love

Volunteer Bruce Sable spent his day recently in downtown Clarkston selling roses for a good cause, the Alexander Graham Bell Michigan Chapter Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for their summer

Sable visited downtown, June 4, carrying a variety of beautiful roses to collect donations for the cause.

Money raised from Sable's and other volunteers' hard work will allow deaf and hearing impaired youth ages 8-18 to attend a special camp on 1,200 acres of wooded meadowland at the YMCA Storer Camp in Jackson, Mich. For more information, visit www.miabell.org.

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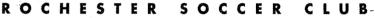
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Events

Clarkston Antique Roadshow, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., June 18, Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Appraisals, \$3 per item, two for \$5. 248-625-8231.

Derby Party for O.A.T.S., 6-10 p.m., June 21, Birdfeeder and Clarkston Flower Shoppe, 7150 Main Street. Food, silent auction, hat contest, mint juleps. \$80. Carriage rides, \$15. 248-807-2264.

AARP Driver Safety Program, 1:30-5:30 p.m., July 16-17, \$15/AARP members, \$20/non-members, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

Clarkston 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, 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.

Zumba Gold Fitness, Mondays, Wednesdays, June 16-Aug. 20, 6:30-7:45 pam., Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Community Room. 248-625-8231.

FOP Post 132, 7 p.m., June 16, American Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road. Guest speakers: Neil Billington, state rep. candidate; and Mark Schaurer, candidate for governor.

Tuesday

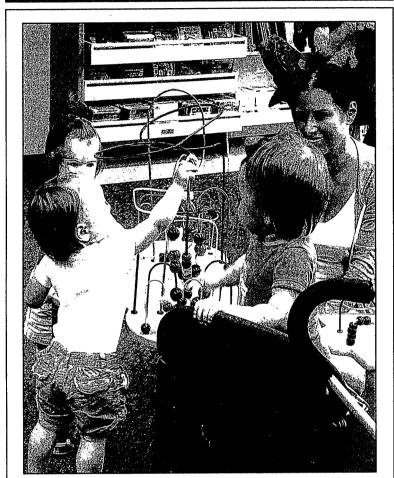
Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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.

Footsteps to Fitness Walking Program, Tuesdays through Labor Day, 8 a.m. 4 p.m., Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Pedometers, walking maps available.

Around Town

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



FUN AT THE LIBRARY: Toddlers enjoy themselves at Clarkston Independence District Library. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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

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., madefrom-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.

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

Saturday

Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m. -12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Also at Clintonwood Park as part of Kids Day, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; McLaren Hospice, not-forprofit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3911. Service With Love, RSVP of Oakland Country. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.

question



"I'll have a barbecue with the kids. I appreciate my father for all the knowledge he taught me."

- Ronnie Smith



"I am a father myself, and I have five kids. On Father's Day I will be hanging out at the pool with the kids and my wife. We will eat ribs. I appreciate my dad for so many reasons. My dad worked seven days a week to support us kids. He helped me so much and helped me get top where I am in life."

- Chris Cross



"I will be having a barbeque with my dad. He always busted his butt my whole life. I was adopted. He didn't have to love me, but he chose too.

- Steven Mason



"I will have a barbeque with my whole family including my dad. My father busted his hump his whole life, and he still does a lot."

– Kurt Hicks

By Andrea Beaudoin

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Kids learn the code to success in life

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Kids like playing computer games. Students at Pine Knob Elementary spent the year learning how to make them.

"They taught me a lot of things with coding – they became the experts on technology," said fourth grade teacher Lisa Drew during the Coding Club's presentations to parents, June 4.

Lori Banaszak, technology integration specialist for Clarkston Community Schools, started the club after presenting a workshop on coding instruction for elementary students earlier this school year.

"Kids want to do more with computers," Banaszak said. "They learned how to create a project for someone else, not just to do it, but why to do it. They play games all the time. This teaches them to be a creator, not just a consumer."

It will also be good experience for when they enter secondary school technology programs, she said.

Fourth grader Ashlyn Pew was interested in learning about technology, and how to make games and activities.

"My dad works in that business, with firewalls and technology," Pew said.

Classmate Alyson Wilson also has a father in the technology business.

"He has to code with numbers – I was interested in learning what he does," Wilson said. "I learned a lot. In the beginning, I didn't know how to do most of it, but she (Wilson) helped me. And when I learned how to do something like change costumes, I showed her how to do it."

"They teach each other – it's really interesting," Drew said.

"I've always wanted to create computer games," said fourth grader Trent Schneling. "I learned a lot. I learn that when you make a lot of mistakes, you have to start over, but



Fourth grrader Jonathan Pfieffer, at left, shows first grader Nathan Cairns a game created by the coding club. *Photos by Phil Custodio*

keep on going and you'll usually do better."

Using the website Scratch.mit.edu, a Flashbased programming language and online community, fourth and fifth graders spent lunch and recess time every Wednesday learning how to program games and activities. Last Wednesday, they demonstrated math games they made for first graders, with graphics, music, levels, and rewards.

"They made games to engage the kids," Drew said. "They had to code the game to tell it what to say when the player gets the question right, and what to say if the answer is wrong."

It takes a lot of consistency and patience, doing the same thing over and over, she said.

Independence and Springfield Plains elementary schools also have coding clubs. Banaszak hopes to spread the club to all the schools in the district.



Abigail Kurniawan, fourth grader, presents the game she made.

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CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Blessings for community kids

BY LAURA DUCHARME

Special to the Clarkston News

Blessings in a Backpack does exactly what its slogan says, it feeds the future of

Many families are not able to feed their families during the weekend, including families in Clarkston, BIAB provides food for children who usually don't eat enough during the weekend.

"There is a horrible need in the community that no one seems to know," said Thelma Petterson.

A team of 200 volunteers fill the backpacks each week, take them to schools and place them in students' lockers for the children. Girl scouts volunteer to fill the backpacks once a month and 45 students from Renaissance High School set up the food on Wednesday mornings for packing each Wednesday night.

Meijer provides the food at a reduced cost and Changing Places Moving Company picks up the food for BIAB. The Optimist Club is also a big supporter of BIAB through donations. They have got nothing but positive feedback from people.

"It really is a team effort," said Jess Roeder, co-chair of BIAB.

With so many people volunteering their free time to this organization, it seems like they must have a reason to do so.

"It makes such a great impact on the families," said Marian Perez. "It's one less thing for them to worry about."

Joyce Bleim agreed adding, "We're helping an entire family."

Residents are beginning to see the difference it is making in the community. Laura Larsen, the volunteer coordinator for schools, got 56 volunteers at Sashabaw Middle School when parents saw the impact it had in the classroom.

With more volunteers and donations coming in, it shows that the community sees the improvements the organization has made. To feed one student each weekend for one year only costs \$100. When people hear this they are very willing to give them money.

Their fundraisers have been improving each year, as well. On Sept. 28 they will host their 3rd annual "Golfing Fore! Backpack" golf outing at Pine Knob. This year they will have a hole in one contest, which is new. They would love to fill all three golf courses this year, which they were close to the previous years.

Other fundraisers take place throughout the year, including Fashions for a Blessing, Clarkston State Bank Back Roads Half Marathon, Taste of Clarkston and an Alexander Zonjic Christmas concert.

Students are also getting involved. 6th graders from Sashabaw Middle School put on the stepping stone project, where they decorate a stepping-stone and sell it for \$10. All proceeds go to BIAB.



Blessings backpacks are filled with food. Photo provided

Some teachers even donate some of their payroll to the organization. They get about \$700 a month from the teachers.

"The teaching community is such a great support system," said Cheryl Whitton, chairperson for BIAB Michigan.

"They know what a difference it makes in the classroom," added Brenda Dupree. These differences include increased test scores, improved attendance, decreased behavioral issues and greater attention

About 330 backpacks are distributed each week, but 1,500 children qualify. Parents have to choose to participate in order to receive a backpack. Right now they help children in the elementary schools, middle school, early childhood center and Renaissance High School. In the fall they will be expanding to the Jr. high and high school. By adding on these two schools, they will be helping the entire district.

Clarkston is one of two communities in Michigan where the churches and community are behind on the program.

The organization was first held in the Clarkston United Methodist Church. It is currently at Clarkston Free Methodist Church but will soon be moved to the old Saturn dealership, where they will have a larger facility.

According to Whitton, more BIAB programs are opening across Michigan in the fall. After seeing how it affects the children, they are hoping to get even more programs started.

The students who receive the backpacks are thrilled that they have food for the weekend.

"There was a little boy who said 'I get to eat!' when he was told he would be getting a backpack of food," said Liz Porter, chairperson for Blessings in a Backpack in Clarkston. "It brought tears to my eyes, but that's what the program is for."

Seeing how it impacts the children in Clarkston make all of the hours of volunteering worth it. To help, can contact volunteer coordinator Thelma Petterson at 248-528-1060.

Haleigh Campbell takes a break to design with chalk.

Fun in the sun

The Tigers of Pine Knob Elementary enjoyed the sunshine and various activities during their annual field day, May 30.

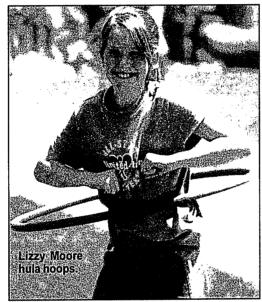
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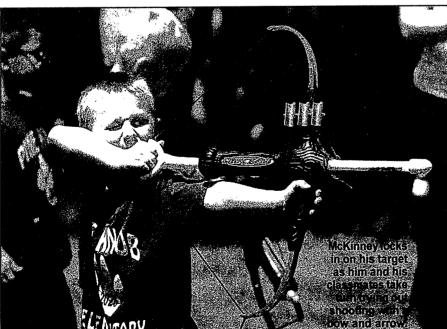
races and bouncing ball races, jump roping, hula hooping, and shooting with a Nerf bow and ar-

The students also had a choice of two inflatable obstacle courses for a chance to race their friends (repeatedly).

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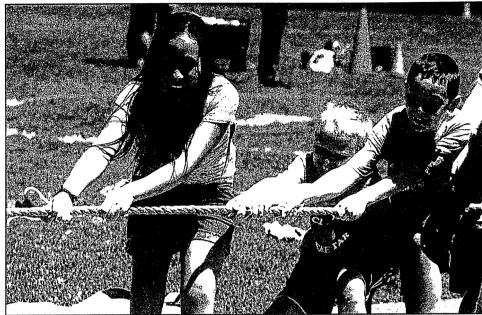




David Major takes aim.



Lauren Issac keeps cool between games.



Frida Balderas-Reyes leads her classmates in tug-o-war at the Clarkston Elementary Olympics.

Olympic field day

Clarkston Elementary students participated in their own version of the Olympics for their field day, May 30.

They leaped in the high jump and long

They leaped in the high jump and long jump, ran and climbed in the inflatable obstacle course, competed in sack races and threw frisbees.

They used teamwork in the tug-o-war against classmates and in the three-legged race while keeping cool as they raced by the sprinkler.

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Josie Castle feels a big gust of water from the sprinkler.



Nicholas Stechow, Brady Vogt and Colin Schroeder turn the three-legged race into a five-legged race.

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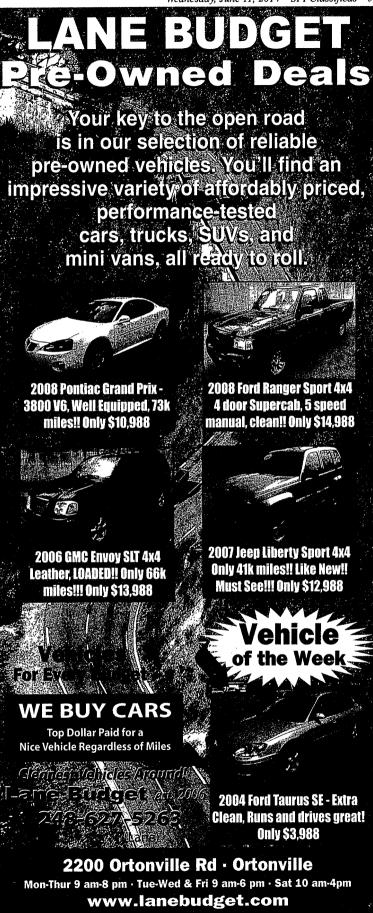
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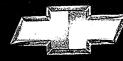
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Obituaries

Dallas C. Hibbard, 60 Sybella P. Orr, 88

Dallas C. Hibbard of Waterford journeyed to heaven on the eve of June 3, 2014, after a long, courageous battle

with cancer at age 60.

He was the beloved husband to Pauline for 31 years; loving father of Lisa: brother of Barb (John) Ladd and Linda (Bill) Kehn; preceded in death by his parents Leolan and Eva.



Dallas retired from

General Motors, Pontiac, after 35 years of dedicated service. He was an avid talented woodworker who enjoyed spending time with beloved family and pets.

Funeral service was June 6 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be graciously accepted to fund the completion of Lisa's college education. guestbook Online

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age 88. She was preceded in

White Lake, passed away June 6, 2014, at

Sybella P. Orr of Waterford, formerly of

death by her husband Leland and son Randall (Judy) Orr. She was the loving mother of Daryl (Alice) Orr: grandmother of Danielle (Bill Court) Orr, Sydney (Rob) Orr-Han, David (Donna) Orr and



Alexandra (Paul) Vick; great grandmother of McKenna Vick and Caleb Vick

Visitation was June 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Funeral Service was June 10 at Christ Lutheran Church, Waterford, Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church or The American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

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July 4 parade

This year's theme for the Clarkston Fourth of July parade is "Community United."

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Karen Newman will be the guest of Bowman Chevrolet, sponsor of the parade and will sing the national anthem at the downtown stage.

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Students achieve success

grader at Marist Academy, was nominated to participate in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington DC this summer. June 15-20.

Hensler has been a part of student council since third grade at Springfield Plains Elementary, and wasselected for the titles of representative, secretary, and president during my service time.



Hensler

Student Council has helped with my public

speaking and leadership skills," she said.

She also swims for the Liquid Lightning swim team and represented the state of Michigan in the Central Zone and All-Star Championship swim meets, in which swimmers from all over the Midwest region compete.

At the six-day conference, students in grades 6-8 take part in workshops and simulations of leadership challenges though history, including the Civil War reconstruction, World War II, Great Depression, and Civil Rights Movement.

They will also tour Harpers Ferry National Park and museums, monuments, and memorials at the National Mall

Clarkston students celebrating their commencement at University of Detroit Mercy, May 9, include Andrew Nalepa, Master of Business Administration: Alexis Doetsch, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Kevin Pinkos, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Drew Schupbach, Bachelor of Science; Mary Eicher, Cert in Language Studies I; and Brandon Warzybok, Juris Doctor.

Thomas Ronk of Clarkston graduated from Mercyhurst University in May.

Ouinn Dabrowski of Clarkston has been named to the Dean's List for the 2014 spring semester.

The Spring 2014 Deans List at Adrian College includes Clarkston students Sydney Nagi and Emily Pobuda.

Pobuda, Clarkston High School grad, was named to the Dean's list for the fourth straight semester.

Wendy Combs, class of Clarkston High School 2011, daughter of Brian and Jill Combs, graduated from The University of South Carolina Magna Cum Laude on May 10 with a Bachelor of Arts in French, with a Minor in Linguistics.

Wendy has chosen to continue her academia by accepting an offer from The

Rhianna Hensler of Clarkston, a sixth University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Romance Languages and Literature, as a graduate student with a staff position of teaching fellow. Wendy will relocate to her new teaching position in Chapel Hill, NC.

> Clarkston resident Jocelyn Reemtsma was among the nearly 800 students when graduated from Bob Jones University earlier this month.

Reemtsma graduated with a BSN in Nursing.

Robert Douglas Petersen of Clarkston was named to the Mars Hill University Honor Roll of the Academic Dean at the end of the Spring 2014 semester.

Steven Santarossa of Clarkston was named to the Deans Honor List at Michigan State University, Lyman Briggs College, For the Fall and Spring semesters, 2013-2014. He was also awarded by the MSU Chapter for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Jocelyn Reemtsma, a Senior Nursing major of Clarkston, was named to the Spring 2014 Dean's List at Bob Jones University.

Parker Higgins of Clarkston qualified for the Spring 2014 Dean's List at Belmont University.

Clarkston students Haley Howell and Dominica Rhein were named to the 2014 Spring Dean's List at Walsh University.

Grand Valley State University students named to the dean's list for the Winter 2014 semester include Clarkston student Melissa M. Bemis; Christopher D. Benedict; Paige C. Bentler; Shannon L. Brisse; Jacob A. Brokenshaw; Christopher J. Calvano; Alexus J. Champion; Claire N. Chiodo; Angela J. Connop; Connor M. Corbin; Rachel R. Dickerson; Jack E. Durkan; Denise J. Garbe; Alec G. Gildner; Katheryn M. Gipe: Julia V. Giebic: Shannon M. Goebel; Morgan L. Grainer; Dylan J. Hancook; Stacy M. Keydel; Rachel N. Kowal; Kristina L. Lucas; Georgia E. Madison; Travis L. Makidon; Alec M. Mark; Max A. Morell; Colleen T. Napier; Kelsey E. Peterson; Hannah E. Phillips; Adriane M. Reinelt: Zachary W. Skinner: Erika E. Snoevink, Bradley G. Stencil, Kaitlyn M. Stone; Quinn N. Sylow; Samantha J. Tonks; Brandon A. Toth; Jaclyn M. Vanderheyden; John D. Wilks; Anna F. Wozniak; Evan J. Young; and Alayna K. Zielinski.

Alexis Egler of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Youngstown State University for the Spring 2014 Semester. Eggs is majoring in General Studies at YSU.



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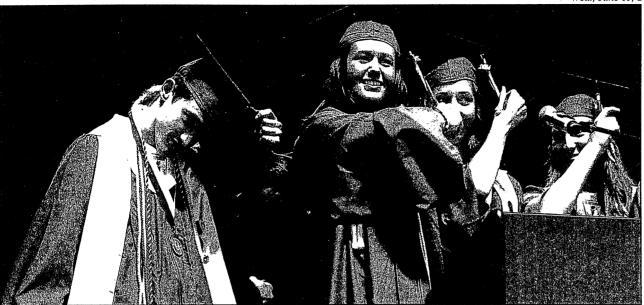












Matthew Winkler, Megan Hanselman, Rebecca Gorz and Dana Olsen start their next chapter as they move their tassles. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Daniel Whiting

Graduates set new standard

To sum up Class of 2014 is best to listen to the words from Kurt Richardson, Clarkston High School Physical Education teacher and Head Coach for Clarkston Wolves Varsity Football.

"This truly is a class of champions," said Richardson to the graduating class during commencement on June 2. "They set a new standard."

He asked the grads to do three things - remember their roots; dare to dream and follow those dreams; and follow their passion and find their niche.

Congrats Class of 2014. We miss you already!



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Emily Marie Hyde wrote a poem to commemorate her senior year at Clarkston High. Photo provided by Mark Kelly

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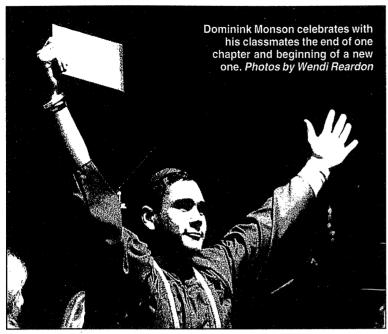
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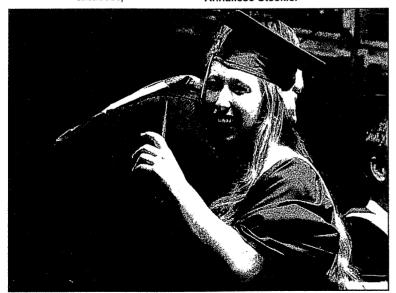
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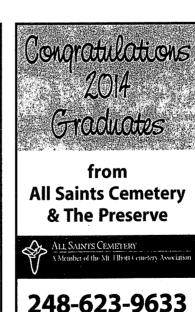




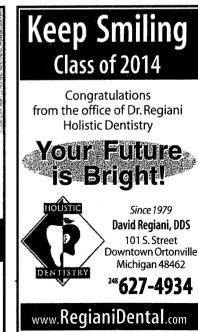
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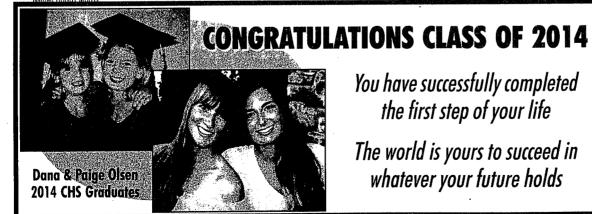












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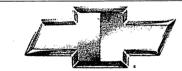


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