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10-year plan for township

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clintonwood Park off Clarkston Road is first up in a 10-year plan for improvements to Independence Township.

Independence Township budgeted \$210,000 for the park in 2015, which includes \$40,000 in grants and donations, to replace playground equipment and multi-purpose pads, and build a new baseball shelter in 2015.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said tennis courts in the northern area of the park are in disrepair and need to be replaced with a smoother surface. He said the area may be used for sports like Pickleball, a popular sport with local seniors.

"Pickleball is really the up and coming sport so we want to add an area for that," he said.

Visitors can also do a variety of other activities once the slab is replaced.

Independence Township Budget Analyst Rick Yaeger presented the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan to township officials during a Board of Trustees meeting on June 24.

The plan calls for improvements to the township from 2015 through 2025. The township will spend just over \$2 million on projects also including sewer, cemetery and safety path projects.

Improvements will be paid for from the township's fund balance, a saving account. Each year the township plans to add \$120,000 to the fund.

Parks, Recreation and Seniors Projects spending for projects includes \$45,000 in *Please see Improvements on page 5*



Ian Bruning, 2013 Oakland County Fair king, congratulates 2014 King Noah Peterson and Queen Katlynn Kroll. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

New royals reign over county fair

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Kicking off this year's County Fair season was a crowning for its king and queen.

Noah Peterson and Katlynn Kroll received the honors at the June 27 Oakland County Fair Royalty Banquet at Springfield Oaks fairgrounds, along with other fair royalty.

"It's a very cool experience - it's great to be a part of making the fair happen," said Peterson.

"I'm so excited to be named fair queen," said Kroll.

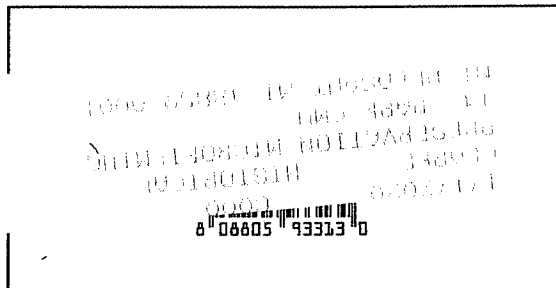
The fair and 4H club also honored king and queen candidates Tom Purves and Courtney Klee; Fair Board scholarship recipients Serenity Tyll and Tara Wilson; Alpaca Royalty candidates Micah Angus, Quinn Angus, and Norvia Brandt; Canine Royalty Leah Goralczyk, Grace Zentmeyer, and Jacquelyn Zettner; Horse Court Margaret Dellinger, Natalie DeLisle, Samantha Dutton, Brooke Eaton, Kelsey Layman, Katie Main, Mary Grade Schmid, Rosie Sheppard, and Hannah Suddeth; Livestock Royalty Brandon Dutton and

Abby Glad; Poultry Royalty Aneesa Berryer and Allie Purves; and Rabbit Royalty Alexandra Klassa.

All the candidates took a written test as well as interview and showmanship of the animal, said Maryann Floyed, Oakland County Fair director.

The king and queen candidates also presented a speech at the banquet to judges Eileen Callahan, Jamie Schutt, Judy Schornak.

"I've met some amazing people who have *Please see Fair on page 37*



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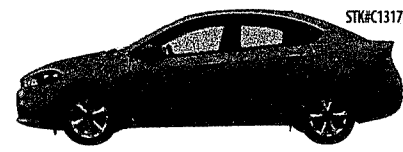
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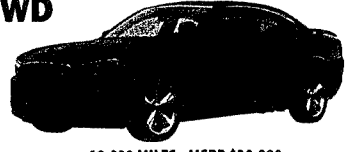
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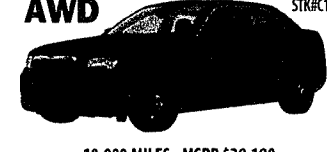
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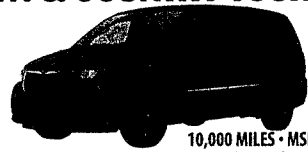
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New track at Andersonville

Clarkston Board of Education voted unanimously, June 23, to approve a new walking track at Andersonville Elementary School.

The \$20,510 quarter-mile asphalt track and \$2,000 annual maintenance will be funded by a \$5,000 grant award from Clarkston Optimist Club, \$1,200 donation from Great Lakes Restoration, and \$16,310 in donations from Andersonville's PTO, said Principal Bruce Martin.

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PARK ROCK: The crowd enjoys the 80's tunes of Outer Vibe at Concerts in the Park, June 13 in Depot Park. The free concert series continues after the Fourth of July holiday with the Rusty Wright Band on July 11 and Bar None on June 18. Local performers kick off the show at 6 p.m., with headliners taking the stage at 7 p.m. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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As each of us continue in the rat race of life, we seem to be busier and busier with each passing day. During the Fourth of July weekend, and always for that matter, remember the important things: **YOUR faith, YOUR family, YOUR community, and YOUR country.**

Sadly, those in Lansing have forgotten about **OUR** community. Obviously they don't drive on our roads. Apparently they feel it's more important to give corporate tax breaks while they raise taxes for the working family. Let's not forget about the lack of funding in Education. Sure, Education can be expensive, but what will the cost of an unprepared generation be?

There once was a time in small town America, when parades made children smile in jubilation as candy was strewn a cross the streets, when families and friends gathered to share stories and to talk about the glory days, when the crowds - children included - weren't inundated with political brochures.

I hope to see you along the parade route through downtown Clarkston. Undoubtedly I will walk a little slower than the parade coordinator would like, but I'd prefer to shake the hands of my constituents, rather than handing out political propaganda for the circular file.

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Big improvements planned for parks

Continued from page 1

2014, \$298,500 in 2015, and \$504,000 in 2016.

Improvements to be made in 2016 include renovating a camp building in Clintonwood. The popular Spray Park will also be replaced and a spray park pavilion will be added to the spray park area.

In 2003 a group worked together to raise funds for the 3,200-square-foot Spray Park to dedicate to Renee Przybylski, a local resident who passed away of leukemia at the age of 23. The initial cost of the Spray Park was \$270,000, the Spray Park Committee raised \$180,000 and another \$90,000 in donations and services from local businesses.

The Spray Park, now 13 years old, is in disrepair and needs to be replaced. Kittle said the Park will cost \$350,000 to replace.

Clintonwood Park is not the only park area in the township slated for improvements.

McCord Community Garden Projects include spending \$100,000 to improve parking areas and install better signage to better identify the garden. Managed by the Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors, the 36-acre property was donated to the township by the McCord family in 1998. Clarkston Community Garden is located on the property.

Kittle said thanks to cooperation with the Road Commission for Oakland County a road in the park was resurfaced with limestone. In 2016, the park trails at Clintonwood will be paved in limestone.

Bay Court Park on Andersonville Road is also slated for \$200,000 in improvements in 2017. Improvements to Brady Lodge, a building located in Bay Court Park, have already been underway and had previously been scheduled for several phases of repairs.

However, the newly discovered costs to



Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle talks about improvements set to be made to the Spray Park in Clintonwood Park. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

renovate Brady Lodge may hinder the project. First scheduled to be restored in three phases, the lodge has had some work done but Kittle said officials have just learned remediating the building of lead and asbestos will cost more than expected.

"We have \$187,000 into the building now and do we really want to add at least another \$100,000 just to use the building for a farmers' or flower market," he said. "We may just end up stabilizing the building and only using it for maintenance."

Built in 1921, the Brady Lodge was built by George Brady was later donated to the

Boy Scouts of America.

In 2012, Ron Campbell a preserve architect with Oakland County estimated restoring the building would cost \$250,000-\$260,000.

Other improvements at Bay Court include revamping several bathrooms and heating a shed at the park.

Sashabaw Plains Park, located off Maybee road will receive \$100,000 in improvements in 2017. Improvements include fixing up bathrooms and upgrading parking at the Plains Park. Both Baycourt and Clintonwood will receive new vehicles in 2015.

Township safety paths up for almost \$1M

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A 10-year plan to extend Independence Township's safety path system totals \$950,000.

The Capital Improvement Plan for the path system also includes \$80,000 in equipment expenses. In 2015, \$600,000 is scheduled to be spent in partnership with Oakland County to connect township paths to other paths in the Oakland County Parks system.

In 2014, \$100,000 will be spent to connect a trail along Maybee Road between Independence and Orion townships.

A \$350,000 path on Sashabaw Road north of I-75 is scheduled for 2020.

According to township supervisor Pat Kittle, the average home in Independence Township pays an annual tax bill of \$3,341 - \$32 of that tax bill funds safety paths through a voter approved Safety Path Millage.

Last year, Kittle said money collected under the safety path mileage, at the time \$125,000-\$140,000, was just enough for rou-

tine maintenance to existing paths in the community.

The fire millage was lowered to .35 or a tenth of a point, and the safety path millage was increased by a tenth, which added an additional \$130,000 a year to safety path funding.

Kittle said additional funding would allow the township to create paths rather than just keep up with maintenance costs.

Safety paths are expensive to both engineer and install especially on streets never designed to include a path.

Just a one mile stretch of proposed pathway on Clintonville Road near Waldon and Maybee roads carries a \$1 million price tag because a bridge is needed to bypass swamps, drains and rivers in the area.

In 2013, the township approved \$300,000 for a path down Clarkston Road from Sashabaw Road to the southern entrance of Independence Oaks Park. The new path included additional expenses because a boardwalk was

included to cross over waterways. A large portion of the path was paid for by a government grant.

A new proposal aims to save money by using an existing power line corridor. Kittle said it would cost \$150,000 to \$200,000 per mile to install the eight-foot-wide paths along the corridor, cheaper than installing paths in areas with natural features making paths harder to engineer and more expensive.

A safety path plan was first studied by the township in 1978 and later led to the formation of a safety path committee.

In 1992, the township adopted the Safety Path Plan into its Master Plan.

The Safety Path Program is a non-motorized trail system meant to encourage recreation and healthy activities. Hikers, bikers and walkers can travel the paths for fun or to connect to major recreational facilities or interesting areas or features of the community.

There are currently 48 miles of safety paths in the township.

Briefly

Independence Township commemorates Vietnam War anniversary

A proclamation commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war will be presented to veterans by Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle during the Independence Fest Veteran's Celebration July 4 at Clintonwood Park.

By issuing the proclamation, the township Board of Trustees recognize July 4, 2014 through November 11, 2025 as the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War In Independence Township.

The proclamation was submitted by Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors Director Ken Elwert, and unanimously adopted by the township Board of Trustees at their meeting on June 24.

Veterans Court to form

Independence Township is partnering with Waterford Township to form a new veterans' court.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the new court, with 52-2 District Court Judge Kelly Kostin, will work to keep veterans out of the civilian court system. He added many veterans returned home from Iraq and Afghanistan with emotional issues.

"This program has been extremely successful in eliminating costs associated with incarceration," Kittle said. "It is driven to help facilitate the individual veterans to get back into the VA system to get more involved in counseling and positive programs."

An Oakland County Regional Veterans Court was formed in 2013.

New Finance Director

Independence Township Board hired Wendy Thomas as new finance director, May 21, with a salary of \$77,500 with benefits.

"I am glad to bring aboard someone with these credentials and someone who will also bring transparency to the board," said Independence Township Clerk Barb Pallotta.

Treasurer Paul Brown said the township received seven applications for the position and narrowed the interview process down to three candidates before they hired Thomas.

Brown said he was impressed by Thomas's deep knowledge of a special computer software used in the township. Thomas replaces Susan Henricks.

Letters by Laura

A column by Laura DuCharme

Summer camp

Working at a summer camp teaches you more life lessons than you would think.

Most people would consider their favorite presents from someone to be a clothing item, a piece of jewelry or maybe even a car.

Ask any camp counselor, and it's probably a bracelet from a camper.

Knowing that they worked on that bracelet for you when they could have given it to anyone else is something every counselor takes to heart.

You learn that the little things in life can mean the most.

Counselors see campers face their fears everyday. Personally, I've never liked heights. A lot of campers share this same fear.

There is a zip-line at the camp I worked at and helped kids every week conquer their fear of heights.

Some went down the zip-line, while others simply went to the top and gave the worker up there a high-five and walked back down.

Both took a lot of courage and the kids always felt accomplished. You learn to conquer your fear, even if you do so in small steps.

Some campers come with friends, but many come not knowing anyone. The first day some are nervous and shy while others are loud and energetic. By the end of the day, all of the campers are running around and are friends with everyone in the group.

By the end of the week, many have had their parents exchange telephone numbers so they can keep in contact. You learn to get to know everyone and don't make assumptions.

I think I was spoiled at my job working at a summer camp. Not only was I encouraged to act like a child (while being responsible, of course), but I also got to help make an impact on many campers' lives.

I often had campers tell me they want to be me when they grow up because they liked my job. Funny thing is, I didn't grow up. I acted just as silly as they did, I just happened to be a few years older.

Working at summer camp taught me many more lessons that I use in my everyday life, including patience, flexibility and, most importantly, responsibility. The job allows you to be a kid but also to be a grownup.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Congratulations to all artists at fair

Dear Editor:

The Teen Art Fair that has been operating at the lovely Clarkston Independence District Library has continued on for its sixth year.

The fair, which might be small with little art work to show for it, not only brought the talented artists but also their families and friends that can support them.

This event brings in not just those who have submitted but the whole community; it gives the library the recognition for what it deserves, a place where individual pieces of art can be loved and admired from either afar or up close; quiet and peaceful.

I personally loved how the pieces of artwork were organized in these categories, where the voting was excitingly fun!

I was able to have my friends and family compete with one another or support one another and possibly enjoyed the fair even more by that.

Also by the idea behind a prize, I saw the bright sparkle shine upon my dear friends' eyes, even though we may have not won.

I'm glad that those who did win, congratulations to them, they do deserve it and for those who also didn't win, their artwork is just as great!

It was fun and the people around me seemed to be happy and having a great time! I'm so glad that I could see Clarkston mostly in one place at a place I truly hold dear, a place where the books lie.

*Vy Truong
Independence Township*

Lions appreciate library eye support

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Clarkston Area Lions Club, I thank the Clarkston Independence District Library for all of the support they have given our Project Kidsight free vision screening program for children.

Since our first screening at the library in January of 2009, we have checked the vision of over 400 children in our community at their location alone.

They have always been willing and eager partners in our endeavor. We are very pleased we are now offering regular screenings at the library on the second Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon.

For those of you who are not familiar with our program, we use a digital video camera to take images from each child's pupils and compare the measurements to norms.

We receive instant feedback indicating there does not appear to be any problems at this time or the child should be checked by an eye care professional. We print a detailed report for the parents to take with them.

This is just one of the many many services provided by our library.

A library is about so much more than pa-

per books, although they are still wonderful.

Our library had done an outstanding job of changing with the times and integrating newer learning technologies.

And they are an incredibly wonderful community resource with their many different outreach programs.

I recently attended a Friends of the Library meeting to present our Clarkston Area Lions Club donation which is used to purchase library materials for the visually impaired.

They had made a list of the many different services and programs that the library provides.

I was astounded at how long the list was. Who knew that if you need a notary public or have to make a few copies you can simply go to our public library?

I urge everyone to support this wonderful community resource by voting YES for the Library Millage on Aug. 5. I think it's one of the best investments we can make in our community.

*Chris Savage
Project Kidsight Coordinator
Clarkston Area Lions Club*

Thanks for musical tribute for son

Dear Editor:

We want to thank Shelly S. Roland, The Clarkston Community Band and every fellow band member of Tony Palazzola for the Heart Warming Tribute performed for our son, Tony

Palazzola.

Also, we want to thank Michael Peterson for his magnificent solo of Nessun Dorma.

*Barbara and Tony Palazzola Sr
Independence Township*

More opinions on page 14

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"Local businesses caught selling alcohol to minors" Detectives from the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation conducted a surprise sting operation in Independence and Springfield townships and Holly. Twenty-seven businesses were targeted. Eight of the establishments were caught selling alcohol to minors.

"City water opposed" Main Street residents flooded the Clarkston City Council meeting protesting a proposed special assessment district which would help pay for a new water main to go through downtown. The council stated it was only looking into possible options at the time.

"Judge denies zoning for Holiday Inn" A motion that would have paved the way for a new Holiday Inn Express was denied by an Oakland County judge. But the lawsuit against Independence Township sill wasn't resolved.

25 years ago - 1989

"Rain storms pack a punch" A severe thunderstorm raging through the area June 26 left its wake smoldering homes, downed power lines and streets littered with debris. Independence Township was one of the hardest hit areas and thousands of residents lost electricity.

"Planners OK Dixie, White Lake shopping center" Developers of the new grocery store and shopping center planned for the corner of White Lake Road and Dixie Highway got final approval from a reluctant Independence Township Planning Commission. The vote cleared the way for construction of a grocery and other retail stores on the 25.26-acre site where the historic Boothby house once stood.

"Village ordinances still on the books" Ignorance isn't a defense for breaking the law. But there are some Village of Clarkston ordinances most residents didn't realize they were breaking or even expect. For example, if your chickens need fresh air, be sure to walk them on leashes or face a \$10 fine or 10 days in jail according to a 1915 ordinance. Don't plan on hitching your horse to a shade or ornamental tree either. Since 1915 lawless horse hitchers have faces \$100 fines and 90 days in jail. Ordinance 23 prohibits firing a slingshot within the village or face a \$10 fine.

50 years ago - 1964

"Local resident reopens furniture store in Clarkston" Donald Austen reopened Clarkston's only furniture store, formerly Gentry's Colonial House.

Hold your own horses, I want answers now!

I've been exchanging *Jottings* weekly for many years with Dick Milliman, and he sends me his columns, "*The Almanack*."

He's owned several papers, from Grayling to the Indiana border, while being very active in Lansing.

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl was a recent topic of Dick's.

He wrote, "The public has not yet been told the ins and outs of the Bergdahl affair. We may never know.

"Personally, I will follow the advice I learned long ago, to hold my horses. I never, by nature, have been a conclusion jumper."

By nature I am the opposite. My mind is on the hurdle track, jumping from one conclusion to another.

I make immediate judgements based on looks, dress, drivers, walkers, words

and actions. I refuse to hold my horses. I want my answers NOW!

I don't have time to decimate all possible answers.

I'll be up and in Boot Hill by the time Obama, scientists, physists, politians and opinion writers reach wrong conclusions.

I wish Dick and I were in a closer mile zone so we could discuss this over a beverage.

Many times we've been told the White House is considering options ... showing patience (stalling).

Patience is said to be a virtue. Maybe it is in the case of waiting a healing, a birth or a promising occasion. But not

when it is putting off the inevitable. I say, if it's inevitable, do it now!

Where's the United Nations?

We built a big building for it in New York, a place where countries could send delegates to talk to each other, to air differences and push world peace.

Did the countries run out of patience? Or are they on leave considering all angles?

* * *

Some of us have been laying awake nights wondering why baby diapers have such brand names as "Luv", "Huggies," and "Pampers," while undergarments for old people are called "Depends."

Well here's the low down on the whole thing.

When babies mess in their pants people are still gonna *Luv*'em and *Pamper*'em. When older people mess

their pants it "*Depends*" on who is in the will.

I've been a lover of the game of baseball and the Detroit Tigers since my early teens. My first heroes were Eldon Auker, Schoolboy Rowe and Tommy Bridges.

Trouble is, because I'm tall, all my teacher/coaches in Morrice and Vernon put me on first base.

After school I tried pitching for a tavern team in Gladwin.

Then baseball players with college experience came on the scene and the owner of the Gladwin newspaper moved me to St. John to work for his Clinton County newspaper.

Then the war and the 36-ft landing craft I was assigned to had only a 4-man crew, not the needed nine

I could of had my bronzed body displayed.

Jim's Jottings



A column by Jim Sherman, Sr.

Make 50 bucks (the easy way)

With little fanfare or excitement or coverage by any electronic media platform known to man or woman, July waltzed into our lives as Community Newspaper Month. Across these fruited plains community papers, free and paid, with and without news are 'sposed to stop, and take a bow.

It ain't gonna' happen.

Community paper people are the proverbial "*Do as I say and not as I do*" business-types. We know, and preach the gospel of continued, well targeted marketing to our local business partners. We're too damned busy trying to make it happen for everybody else, that at the end of the day we just wanna' go home and cut the grass and jump in the lake.

Community paper folk don't communicate their product's virtues. *C'est la vie*.

That's why it was cool when the Community Papers of Michigan (CPM) group went to Lansing and to the Governor and asked him to recognize this state's community paper industry. Hats off to independent paperman Fred Jacobs of Hastings, for making this happen.

Last month Fred, longtime community paper advocate, approached the Governor, who signed a proclamation naming July as Community Paper Month in Michigan. In part, the proclamation reads:

"... Our liberty cannot be guarded but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without an-

ger of losing it... Whereas, the publishing industry of community papers and newspapers... is an important element in local communities throughout this nation. Collectively, these publications disseminate valuable information to more than 50 million homes each week. (over 2 million in Michigan alone)...

"... community papers proudly serve the information needs of their communities... promoting local commerce, free enterprise and public service... blah, blah, blah, Now, therefore, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby, blah, blah, blah."

In other words, as Pharaoh said in the 1956 classic movie, *The 10 Commandments*, "So let it be written. So let it be done."

I've long stood (alone, I might add) on top of my rickety old soap box, preaching the doctrine of community newspapers. I've said communities with their own papers are better communities, because their residents are more informed. Better information begets better decisions being made. Better decisions begets better run local governments, which begets more civic involvement.

The opposite is also true.

I like to compare, or make the analogy, that goes like this... a community newspaper is the glue which binds a community together. A good community paper is not only its community's No. 1 cheerleader, it is also its No. 1 critic. A good community paper person can rally a community for a worthy cause, or point the light of scrutiny on the less-than-savory public official, policy or practices.

In the Gov's proclamation, he says, community pa-

pers promote "local commerce, free enterprise." Community papers give local businessmen and women direct access to the community they chose to run their businesses. Community newspapers are the original neighbor-to-neighbor selling, trading, buying medium. We're like this little old, matchmaker lady, hooking up folks (sellers and buyers) to make everybody happy.

I think it's funny, when somebody says, "I have 400, or a thousand likes on my Facebook page" and because of this number it is a good way to disseminate information. Do you know we have something like 9,000 "likes" for this company's newspapers? And, when I say "like," I mean *real* likes, because people fork over \$32 a year to show their like and have the paper delivered to the address of their choice. What's a more betterer way to get your message out?

That said, I have just put \$50 in an envelope (sealed) in my desk. And, I will give that \$50 to the person who touches my heart the most when they write me on one of three subjects:

1. Why community newspapers are important; or
2. What purpose they serve; or
3. What would this community be like if it didn't have a community paper.

Choose your own length. You have until July 11 to get it to me. Hopefully by then, I will have put another \$50 in the envelope, upping the prize to \$100.

You can snail mail to this newspaper office or e-mail me, Don@ShermanPublications.org. Good luck and keep reading.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

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Achievement awards

Dr. Mark Simon of Clarkston was awarded the 2014 Distinguished Professor of the Year Award by the Presidents Council of the State Universities of Michigan.

A professor of management, Simon brought students from Oakland University and India together for a project that won a \$30,000 state grant, and also paired Oakland students with corporate partners to study retail strategies.

Additionally, he serves as faculty advisor to OU's Global Business Brigades chapter and Café de Kuna, a student-led initiative launched through Oakland's Ideas 2 Business Lab. Café de Kuna was established to help the Wacuco Kuna community in rural Panama create a sustainable coffee business.



Dr. Simon

Sam Mead of Clarkston recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle scout, son of Wayne and Denise Mead of Clarkston, earned the award with a trail maintenance project at Independence Oaks County Park last February.



Sam Mead

He and 28 volunteers spread, graded and compacted crushed stone, and also created many new drainage exits to help control water run-off and reduce soil wash out and erosion.

Sam, 16, joined Troop 189 at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2009.

He performs with the local band RAFT, acted on stage in "Peter Pan" and "Almost Maine" at Clarkston High School, and is an International Baccalaureate student at Clarkston High.

His Eagle Court of Honor was May 4.

Michigan PTA has recognized Bailey Lake Elementary Parent Teacher Association with several honors in recognition of its efforts above and beyond to provide recognition, training, appreciation and involvement opportunities to its members.

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Millions planned for improvements to fire department

Just over \$5.3 million in upgrades, improvements and new equipment is included in a Capital Improvement Plan laid out for Independence Township departments over the next 10 years, through 2025.

Independence Township Fire Department's 10-year plan, funded by a recently approved fire millage and fund balance, includes truck and equipment repairs and replacements. Over the next few years, several improvements are planned for the township's three fire stations, including \$381,000 in 2015.

In 2015, Independence Fire Hall 1 will get a \$30,000 revamped kitchen. Fire Hall 2 is next, with \$25,000 in scheduled improvements to its kitchen and station entry way in 2017.

Fire Station 3 improvements, budgeted for 2020, include a new roof on the building and repairs to the parking lot.

In 2016, \$696,800 is scheduled in improvements with the biggest expense, \$500,000, to replace a tanker truck. Various vehicles at the stations will be replaced through 2025.

Independence Township Fire Business Manager Renee Poole previously said equipment purchases are part of long-term capital improvement planning, planned in the previous three years.

The biggest expenditure years in the plan are for the years 2016, 2019, 2023 and 2025. Most purchases in the plan is for routine equipment replacement, which accounts for the largest expenses.

In 2014, \$1.1 million in improvements and equipment purchases were made.

Earlier this year, the township board of trustees approved purchasing three new ambulances for \$550,000. The ambulances all had the same equipment so no matter what station fire and medical staff they work from, the equipment is the same at all stations.

The new ambulances, which must contain certain equipment dictated by the state, contain the latest gear including new state-of-the-art cardiac monitors purchased for \$167,000.

The same ambulances scheduled to be replaced in 2014 will be replaced again in 2019 and 2025.

In addition to ambulances and cardiac monitors, over \$31,000 in a variety of equipment was also purchased in 2014 included bunker gear equipment, stretchers and mechanical CPR equipment—all of which are scheduled to be replaced or improved through 2025.

-Andrea Beaudoin

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Biker rage

On May 18 at 2:55 p.m., a 64-year old man was driving northbound on Dixie Highway when he noticed a few motorcycles were following him. They rode next to him and started yelling at him. They took off at a high-speed and one hit his passenger side mirror and broke it. The motorcyclists haven't been found.

Coin con

A crime took place on Clarkston Road on May 28, but wasn't realized until June 2. A resident had family over on May 28 to help clean out her late husband's things. While out shopping that day, the woman saw her daughter at the coin star exchange machine and realized she looked nervous, but the daughter just said she had anxiety. It wasn't until June 2 that the woman went into her bedroom and noticed her coin jar was nearly empty.

No valid license

A 22-year old woman was arrested for driving without a valid license on June 14 at 11:30 a.m. The arrest took place at S. Main Street and Middle Lake Road after she rear-ended another vehicle.

Rock thrower

A woman was driving her rental car on June 15 on Mann Road when it got hit by a rock. She did not see who threw the rock and small damage was done to the car.

No permit to ride

A 21-year old man received several citations while riding his motorcycle through the intersection of Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road on June 16. The man was driving carelessly, had no insurance, an improper plate and drove without cycle endorsement.

Road crash

A 34-year-old Highland Park driver cut off a tractor-trailer and went off the road, hitting a guard rail, and flipping the vehicle, 8:59 p.m., June 20, on northbound I-75, north of Rattle Lake Road. The driver tried to flee on foot but was caught. He received a minor laceration on the forehead and was treated at the scene by the Groveland Township Fire Department. The driver was cited for careless driving, improper plate, and failure to stop and identify after an accident.

Burglary

Someone broke into a business in the 9200 block of Dixie Highway sometime between June 20-23 and took four computer monitors, several hundred dollars in gift cards, and some change. An evidence tech processed the scene and detectives are investigating.

Broken window

A black Ford Fusion was found unoccupied on north Bow Point Drive last week. The back window was broken around the driver and passenger side windows. The glass was inside the car from the broken windows. The engine was cool, indicating it's been there for a while. The car was towed.

Fake IDs

DTE Music Theater employees turned in three driver's licenses from concert goers, two girls and a boy, who tried to buy beer but fled after being challenged, June 18. One of the girls left a \$20 bill on the counter, which was also turned in. One of the licenses was valid, belonging to a 23-year-old Toledo woman who said she lost her license in July 2013 at Cedar Point. She asked for it to be destroyed. The other two licenses appeared to be fake.

Suspicious shopper

Employees called police to report a suspicious man at medical offices in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 12:03 p.m., June 20. Deputies spoke to the man, a 43-year-old Pontiac resident who he had 120 pain-medication tablets prescribed on June 19 and about 30 left the next day. He was advised and released on a misdemeanor warrant out of 27-1 District Court on a disorderly person charge, and taken to McLaren Oakland for treatment.

Expired plate

A deputy stopped a 45-year-old Holly Township woman for expired license plate, 2:13 p.m., June 21, at Clarkston Road and Wyngate Drive. The driver's license and insurance were also expired in March. She was cited for driving while license expired, expired plates, and no proof of insurance.

Marijuana found

An employee cutting the grass in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway called police after finding a plastic cylinder on an electric meter reader containing what looked like marijuana, 1:31 p.m., June 22. Deputies took the marijuana for destruction.

Disorderly conduct

A 47-year-old Bloomfield Hills man was cited for disorderly conduct after striking an employee with his elbow, 11:08 p.m., June 24, at DTE Music Theater. Very intoxicated, he had been trying to move closer to the stage during a concert and was told several times to stay in his seat. He elbowed the employee while leaving, then turned and punched him in the left arm.

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American football in Europe

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Linebacker Nathan Yeloushan used his football skills across the globe when he traveled to Italy, May 5-13.

Yeloushan, a 2013 Clarkston High School graduate, traveled with the Siena Heights University football team to play the Italian National team.

"It was pretty cool," he said about the experience playing his favorite sport in another country. "It was a lot of fun. We played in a professional soccer stadium because soccer is their big sport over there. I would say a couple of thousand people came out to watch us."

Siena Heights played one game against the Italian National Team and won 35-3, May 11.

Yeloushan's teammates wide receiver Raphael Dunson and running back Payton White scored two touchdowns each and tight end Donovan Campbell scored one touchdown.

Yeloushan noted the differences he noticed were the athletic skills and Italy wasn't as strong as the American team.

"They play American football rules," he added. "But they are not as advanced as us and they have same training and coaching."

He noted they are learning because the Italian National Team's coach is John Mackovic, a former National Football League coach.

Yeloushan admitted he didn't expect one day he would be playing football in Italy.

Siena Heights was chosen to go because one of the coaches knows one of the travel agents at Global Football.

"There are a bunch of teams from the US who go over to Europe," Yeloushan explained. "They will go and play."

The team did a lot of touring when they were playing football and visited five cities. They stayed in Rome for a few nights and also visited Florence.

"Playing college football was a big goal and a big dream of mine," he said. "Once that became realistic it was an amazing opportunity (to play in Italy). To be able to go over there with my teammates and my coaches and spend a week in Italy touring the cities and getting to play the sport I love over there is something I will never forget."

Yeloushan finished his freshman season with the Saints last fall as the team went 5-5 overall, which he noted was good because it was only the Saints third season.

"I got playing time as a freshman which is a big deal," he added. "It was good and a lot of fun."

Yeloushan is ready for his sophomore year to begin.

"We expect a lot of good things," he added. "Only six guys graduated so we are excited because next year will be really good."

The Saints open their season at Virginia Union on Sept. 6 and host their home opener against Saint Joseph's on Sept. 13.

For more information, please visit www.globalfootball.com.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Varsity Baseball team accepts the district title. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Ending with a bang

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Hitters finished a stellar season as they ended their spring season at the MHSAA Division I Baseball Semifinals.

"They really brought a lot of excitement to Clarkston Baseball," said Phil Price, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Baseball. "I can't tell you how many people came up to me and said congratulations. A lot of former players came back."

He added with a laugh, "I told my players they owe me some money for my phone bill because I had to answer so many emails and use so much data and text."

The Wolves finished the season as MHSAA District and Regional champions with an overall 21-13 record. They moved on to the semifinals for the first time since 2002 when they defeated Brighton, 4-1.

"This year's team had a lot of character," Price said. "We struggled early. The weather wasn't good. Then, they just came on. They really overcame a lot of

things. They were really impressive with how they performed. You have to tip your hat off to them - for high school kids to persevere like they did."

He added another good characteristic about the team was the depth.

"It wasn't like we only had nine guys," Price explained. "We had 20 guys on the team who really could play and contribute - that made us better because we consistently had to compete."

The 2014 Clarkston Varsity Baseball team was: Jacob Armstrong, Max Bain, Andrew Dalrymple, Adam Klebba, Peyton Lannon, Jacob LaPorte, Kevin Miller, Nick Morey, Jordan Oliverio, Alex Peck, Joe Popp, Ryan Rea, Blake Rehahn, Mitch Smith, David Steward, Drew Stewart, Eric Uhlig, Jake Velisek, Nate Witt and DJ Zezula.

"The one thing I will always remember with this team is we had great leadership," Price smiled. "All of our seniors did a really good job."



Nathan Yeloushan (second from left in the top row) plays football in Italy with his teammates from Siena Heights University. Photo provided

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ICE Blue finishes in first place at the 13th Annual S.C.S. Sharks Classic Softball tournament. Team Members are: from left in back row, Coach Mark Pingston, Alexis Wall, Chelsea Barnes, Jessica Garmen, Coach Jesse Schmidt, Anna Skvarce, Gabrielle Maday, Jessie Culver, Coach Mike Barnes; front row, Mara Szczecienski, Sarah Kuenzel, Ashley Emig, Breana Schmidt, Kim Sosnowski. Photo submitted

ICE heats up softball fields

The ICE Blue 12U team qualified for the ASA/USA National Championship in Bloomington, Ind.

ICE Blue, a girls fast pitch softball travel team based out of Clarkston, went 6-3 in Novi during the qualifying tournament the weekend of June 20.

They lost to Orland Park Sparks of Illinois in the championship game but still qualified for nationals with their runner-up spot.

Before going to the tournament to qualify for the nationals, the girls took first place

and went undefeated at the 13th Annual S.C.S. Sharks Classic Softball tournament in St. Clair Shores.

They finished with a 5-0 record for the tournament and beat the Bat Busters in the championship game to win the trophy.

The ICE Blue 12U team is Chelsea Barnes, Jessie Culver, Ashley Emig, Jessica Garmen, Sarah Kuenzel, Gabrielle Maday, Breana Schmidt, Mara Szczecienski, Kim Sosnowski and Alexis Wall. They are coached by Mike Barnes, Mark Pingston and Jesse Schmidt.

Camps for learning and fun

Learn a new sport and techniques or work on your skills with these sport camps offered in July.

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 awards.

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 participants 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.

Clarkston Wolves Football Camp is July 28-31, for boys entering fourth through ninth grade in the fall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learn new skills and work on football techniques with Kurt Richardson, Clarkston Varsity Football Head Coach, his coaching staff and players.

The cost is \$165 and the camp is at the high school football field.

Campers need to bring football cleats, tennis shoes, football helmet and mouthguard, lunch and water.

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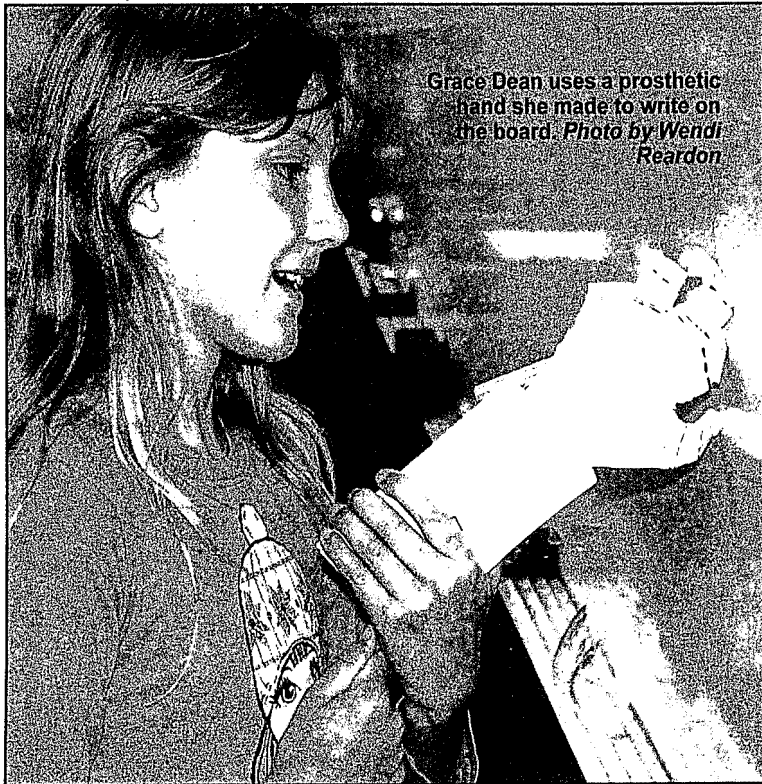
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Transportation and museum admission are free for Oakland County residents, but reservations must be made in advance online at dia.org or by calling 313-833-4005!

let yourself go





Grace Dean uses a prosthetic hand she made to write on the board. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Hands-on learning at camp

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Grace Dean picked up a dry erase marker with the prosthetic hand she just finished making during RUSHing Girls to Engineering Summer Camp, June 18.

She pulled the strings she had glued to the hand as she used the prosthetic to write on the white dry erase board.

The strings moved the fingers of the hand perfectly as Dean finished writing out the word as other campers completed their final touches.

The girls in the camp learned different areas of engineering throughout the week, explained Laura Kalinowski, a Clarkston High School teacher.

"We talk about what it is and the making, the doing and the problem solving," she added.

Besides creating prosthetic hands, they learned about 3-D printing and how they two go together. The campers also worked with coding and hydraulics during this year's camp.

"We try to cover as many branches as we can so the girls have an overall experience while doing hands-on activities they can take home with them and share with their parents and siblings," Kalinowski said.

She added campers are excited to take home their projects and show them to their family and friends.

"It is exciting when they see something they have done and how it works," she said.

"Or they problem solved so it works. They just light up. They are excited to share it with their friends in class."

During the week, the campers are assisted by the camp counselors who are members of the Women in Engineering Club at the high school.

"There is this connection from the high school girls to instill the love of engineering they have to the younger girls," Kalinowski added. "So as these girls grow older they don't have the misconception engineering is only for boys. As they get older there are less girls coming through the program. This is our way of reaching back to remind them engineering is fun and exciting. It is making and doing."

The camp is for girls going into grades fourth through seventh. Kalinowski added they had a few girls repeating the camp because every year they introduce new activities. Also, she has seen the camp grown over the last seven years from just five campers up to 18 this year.

"They are recognizing this is an exciting field to be a part of," Kalinowski said. "There are a lot of things they can do which doesn't relate to the automobile industry. Being a part of that from early on only helps them further on. They might not realize there is a barrier."

RUSHing Girls to Engineering Summer Camp is offered through Clarkston Community Education. For more information, please visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec or call 248-625-4326.



Libby Haar solves why her hand isn't working.



Elyse Kalinowski takes a break before finishing her project.



Andrew Luchenbach shows the campers 3-D printing.



Madeline Blomberg tries to hold a pencil.

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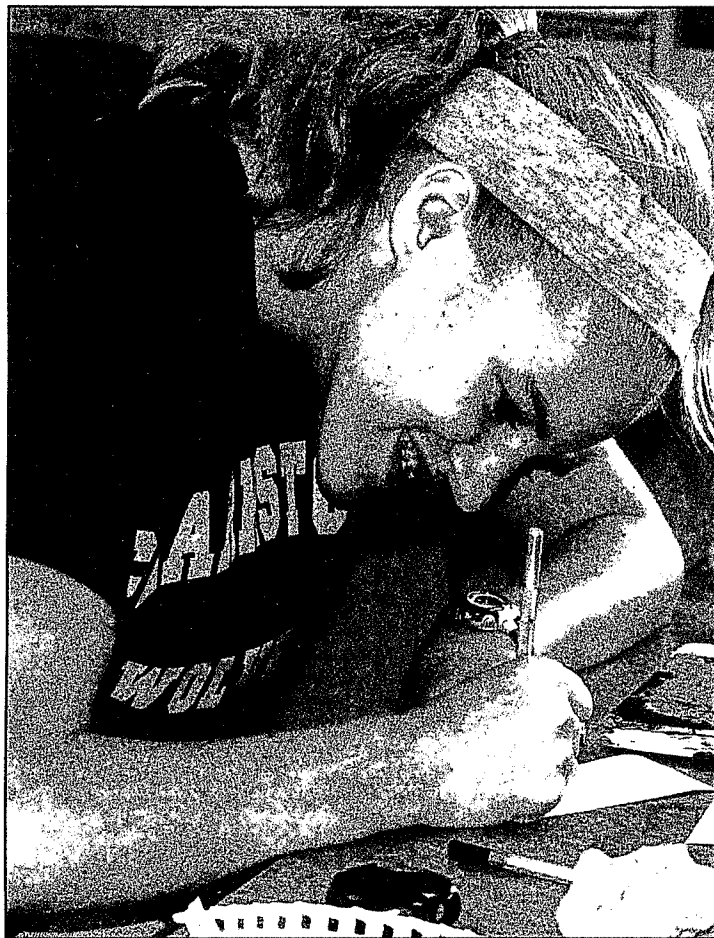
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Jean Parke works on cutting detailed pieces for her art.



Kayla Stark weaves during camp.

Art camp

The creativity was weaving through the air at Clarkston Junior High School during the annual Teen Art Camp, June 16-19.

The annual camp had a few new additions of weaving and clay tiles but returners were delighted the camp favorites of screenprinting, creating an alternative sketchbook and encaustic wax was back.

"It's fun," said Grace Durkin, a first year camper. "You learn a lot but you are still independent."

"I like this camp," added Claire Durkin, a camper coming back for her second year. "We don't have these materials at home. It is nice to have two people who know what they are doing and help you. It is like going to a studio and it is freestyle."

The campers also work with charcoal, paints and colored pencils while working their creations. The camp gives them the time, opportunity and resources to try out different ideas they may not be able to do in school or at home.

Photos by Wendi Reardon

Johnston turns to county, state

Everyone should have the right to bring issues they believe important to the attention of their government. This should be even more obvious when the issues are about public safety and responsibilities. That is what a government is for, to represent the people and protect their health, safety and welfare. When citizens exercise that right, they are entitled to a principled response from their government, and that response cannot be to question their motives, their state of mind or to make unfounded allegations.

Instead of this, the City of the Village of Clarkston Manager has made comments about me in writing which were highly inappropriate, unfounded, meant to do harm, discredit, and she has continued on with a vendetta against anyone who challenges her. Unfortunately, it seems our city government doesn't care.

Since the City Manager has falsely accused me of harassment, stalking, threatening violence to her family and mental illness, I think I'm entitled to request the city stop ignoring this issue. At the risk of upsetting even more people than I already have, I am going to state the city manager is less than truthful. She withholds information, misinforms, denies and then says she works at the direction of the City Council. I can find nothing in the public record where the Council directed the City Manager to do any of this but I also can't find where they have done anything about it.

After months of requests to the city, fees, and delays, the city clerk was unable to find any evidence to support the City Manager's allegations. She could find nothing about me at all in the city records which is odd since it was alleged I was stalking and harassing the City Manager by email. The City Manager has not denied she wrote these false allegations, she has not defended her actions, nor has she apologized which, along with a retraction, is all I originally asked for.

What has been revealed in addition to the inexcusable actions of the city manager is the city is not following the requirements of Michigan's Freedom of Information Act. Even more troubling, *The Clarkston News* reported that the City Manager deleted city records, a violation of city policy, state laws and perhaps the reason the clerk can't find information. Meetings have been improperly noticed, city records may or may not be available depending on who you are, and unbudgeted expenses are approved on a regular basis. The city council goes along with all of this as if none of it matters.

It is obvious to me the intent of the City Manager's comments was to do harm, to discredit anyone who challenges her and to discourage people from employing their constitutional rights. If there is another reason, the City Manager is not saying, nor is the City Council.

The first amendment of our Federal constitution, the Michigan Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act all guarantee access to government information and the ability to challenge our government's actions. These democratic principles continue to decline in our city and that will no doubt continue as their appears to be little interest to do better.

Guest viewpoint



Cory Johnston

I have been told I should provide a solution instead of simply complaining. The solution is that the people must demand something better. Isn't that why we are a city, so we can have greater local control? There are better governments, policies and procedures so it is not like we need to create something from

nothing. It will take more than a City Council that only shows up for meetings to blindly approve whatever is put in front of them.

My attorney recommends I sue the city since the City Manager is obviously in the wrong and every week brings new evidence the city cannot act in a proper or legal manner. Although I believe we would prevail, it seems like a waste of everyone's time and money since it is highly unlikely the city will change. They never have after losing many past court battles. They simply spend the taxpayers' money on legal fees and fines and then continue on as if nothing happened.

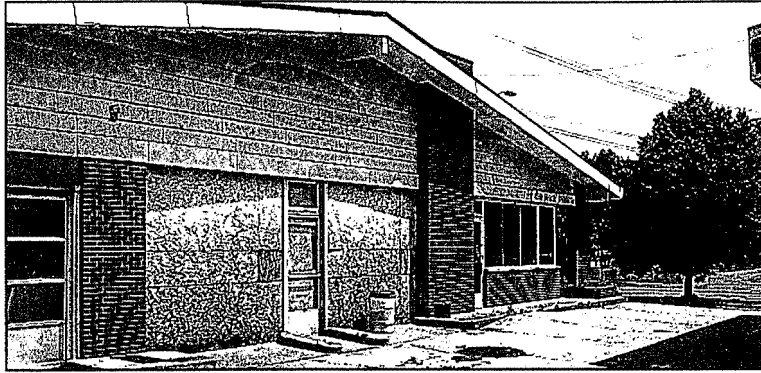
I am going to turn over what I have to the Oakland County Sheriff and Michigan State Police to see if they think it is worth investigating. I have no idea what they will do but one way or another we will find out if anyone cares if a government behaves in an honest, legal and proper manner. It is clear to me the government of the Village of Clarkston doesn't and also does not have the moral or ethical resources to care.

Amendment 1 to the Constitution of the United States:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

From The Michigan Freedom of Information Act:

It is the public policy of this state that all persons, except those persons incarcerated in state or local correctional facilities, are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees, consistent with this act. The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process.



Independence Township officials say the building, once a gas station, at the corner of M-15 and Dixie is the number one eyesore in the township. Photo by AB

Special funding to eliminate 'eyesore'

BY ANDREAM M. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Officials call it the #1 eyesore in Independence Township, but it could all change with a new plan for property at the corner of M-15 and Dixie Highway.

It's been several years since the corner was occupied by a BP gas station, and redeveloping the property has been challenging.

"Multiple developers have made attempts to bring this old service station back to life in one form or another over the years, but have been scared away because of the economy, environmental concerns due to soil contamination," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

Kittle said the newest proposition includes leveling the existing building, getting rid of contaminated soil and building a new building to house a Tim Horton's and a T-Mobile cellular phone store.

Kittle said revamping the property would have a ricochet effect on the area by sparking neighboring commercial property owners to upgrade their properties and storefronts.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, a special financing program created to assist communities in redeveloping and restoring difficult properties to make them environmentally and economically viable.

Cost to deal with soil on the property is currently estimated to be a little over \$151,000.

Kittle said Oakland County will pay costs, and then be reimbursed over 19 years by the net increase in property values.

Presently the property is valued at \$209,400, but once redevelopment is done the value is expected to increase to about \$525,000.

Through the county program, the township would continue to receive tax revenue from the current value of \$209,400 and the county would receive tax on the difference of \$315,000.

Oakland County is expected to hold a public hearing regarding the issue on July 16, and a County Board of Commissioners vote for approval following on July 31.

If approved by county commissioners, development on the property would begin shortly after.

In 2013 a developer proposed a drive thru Tim Horton's restaurant, convenience store, and gas station. The station was lost operational in 2009.

Independence Township Trustee and Planning Commission member Ron Ritchie said the prospective business owner couldn't meet traffic and parking requirements, so a petition for the property was withdrawn.

"There were a number of concerns" said Trustee David Lohmeier, who added the location will be difficult for any business to occupy. Due to the issues, the developer withdrew his petition.



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Students' success

Three Clarkston High School 2014 graduates recently received \$1,000 scholarships in memory of Carlos D. Galaviz, a 2002 CHS graduate who passed away in 2012.

Stephanie Jewell received an athletic scholarship for her participation in CHS golf. She will attend Michigan Tech University.



Jewell

Samantha Steger received the ASD scholarship for her involvement helping students with autism. She will attend Oakland University in the fall.



Steger

Sabrina Zayec received the Hispanic Scholar award for her outstanding academic achievements. She will attend the University of Michigan.



Zayec

Valedictorians for Notre Dame Prep include Clarkston students:

Jacob L. Conroy, son of Joseph and Kathleen, graduated with honors as an AP Scholar. He plans on attending Hope College in the fall to study pre-medicine. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the Environmental Club, the SADD Club and the Varsity Club.



Conroy

Gwendolen Keller, daughter of Dr. Philip and Jeanine, graduated in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and will be attending Kalamazoo College in the fall to major in International Studies. She was co-chair of the Service Commission for NDP and vice president of the German club and a member of the National Honor Society.



Keller

Hannah Strat, daughter of Stephanie Parenti and Michael Strat, graduated as an AP Scholar with Distinction and will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish NHS and the SADD Club.



Strat



Campers practice their cheer routine before their performance for family and friends. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Spirit and skills shine through at camp

Hundred girls in Clarkston worked on their tumblers, cheers and stunts with three cheer camps last week with Tot Cheer, Elementary Cheer and 6th-8th Grade Skills Camp.

Campers in the Elementary Cheer were perfecting their skills last Wednesday at Clarkston High School as they prepared for a performance for their families.

"It is everything we want to do at the high school level but it is geared for the elementary level," Clarkston High School Cheer Coach Beth Ann Markey explained. "This is the biggest group we have had so far. It is a lot of fun."

For more information, please visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec or call 248-623-4326.



Clarkston High School Cheerleading Coach Beth Ann Markey and the campers sing a song to the birthday girl, Anna Contreras.

Schedule of Events

July 4, 2014 • 11am-11pm • Clintonwood Park

Dog Disc Show Frisbee toss and fetch contest by Michigan Disc Dog Club. Anyone can enter, for pre-registration call or visit discdogsofmi.com Visit with a Mermaid Visit with Mermaid Luna and get a token from her treasure chest. Be sure to bring your camera to capture your child's delight! X-treme Zip Line A 120 ft zip line is the newest attraction to Independence Fest! 250lb capacity. http://circusincorporated.com/ or www.content/uploads/2012/06/xtr.zip.jpg Main Stage Tunes by Jim Tealder starting at 11am Circus Atmosphere Come see a one of a kind show filled with comedy and circus skills! www.circusomgus.com Magic Blue The evening leading up to the Fireworks will be a memorable experience with Magic Blue. http://magicblueband.com Kids Games & Inflatable Games Inflatables & Carnival Games—Don't forget to bring socks for the inflatables. They will be available to purchase onsite for \$1/pair if you forget! Tickets sold until 9pm. Kids 4 and under ride FREE! Games close at 9:30pm.	11am Neon-9pm 2-8pm 4:30-5:15pm 7-10pm 11am-9:30pm	Q&A & Crafts Show Browse through nearly 85 crafters that are Michigan based artists. Craft Show application inquiries: call Bonnie Murin, with Keweenaw Collections at (888) 761-8165 or online at www.keweenawcollectionshow.com Veteran's Celebration Ceremony, "Meet and Greet" and Military Museum—We are honoring our military with a special "thank you" ceremony. The Celebration will include the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, Recognition of Veteran's, 21 Gun Salute and finish with a "Meet and Greet with Veteran's" from 2-5pm. If you know of a Veteran or someone who is currently serving, please call (248) 625-8231 to be added to our VIP list. We are also looking for military vehicles & artifacts to be displayed in our Military Museum. The Military Museum will be in the Carriage House from 11am-3pm. Dog Adoption Hosted by Canine Companions Rescue Center. Fireworks A great day has come to an end, now sit back, relax and enjoy fireworks right here in your community!	11am-5pm 12:30pm 12:30pm 10pm
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Friday, July 4, 2014 • 10am • Downtown Clarkston

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PARADE ENTRIES: To enter a float, download information at www.clarkston.org. Parade entry forms can be submitted to: P. O. Box 207, Clarkston, MI 48347. Deadline to submit a parade entry is June 15. Parade organizers are the Clarkston Area Optimists, Clarkston Lions Club, Mt. Zion Church, Clarkston Knights of Columbus, Independence Township, and the City of the Village of Clarkston. Questions, call (248) 705-7850 or email clarkstonparade@gmail.com. LIKE us on facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Clarkston-4th-of-July-Parade>

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Presented in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her friend, Lyndsey Hof, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kristen Maynard, Sarah Kassabian, Jessica English, Jennifer May, Lacie Melasi, Kate May, Kelsey Rauhut, Danielle Butz and Briana Gohlke.

Anthony LaJoie of Clarkston was the best man. Groomsmen were Nate May, Josh Hensel, Andrew May, Trevor Taylor, Brett Miller and Matthew Herron.

The two spent their honeymoon in Kauai, Hawaii, and will settle in Grosse Pointe in the fall.



Elliott and Rachel May



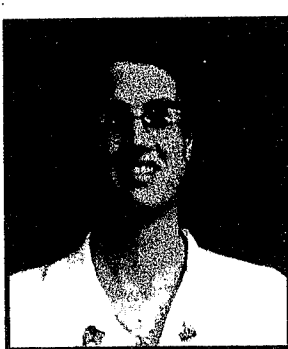
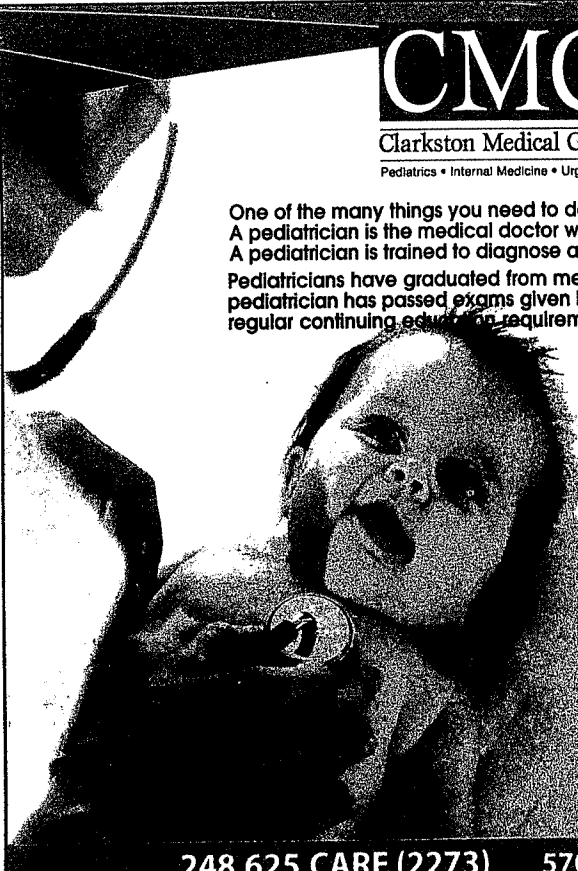
Bellows celebrate 50 years

Congratulations to Jerry and Barbara Bellows of Clarkston on their 50th wedding anniversary. The Bellows married on June 27, 1964, at Our Lady of the Lakes church in Waterford

Joining them in their celebration are their children and grandchildren Pam (Bellows) LaFoy, Kyrk LaFoy, (deceased), Allysa

LaFoy, Reilly LaFoy, Kevin Bellows, Mariela (Enriquez Tarazon) Bellows, Connie Enriquez, Nohely Enriquez, Heidi Enriquez, Debbie (Bellows) Romain, Rob Romain, Claire Romain, Nolan Romain, and Griffin Romain.

Barb and Jerry will be celebrating their anniversary on Mackinaw Island in July.



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Your pediatrician will see your child many times from birth to age 2 and annually from age 2 to age 5 for "well-child visits." After age 5, your pediatrician will likely continue to see your child every year for annual checkups. Your pediatrician is also the first person to call whenever your child is sick. In caring for your child, a pediatrician will:

- Do physical exams
- Give your child recommended immunizations
- Make sure your child is meeting developmental milestones on growth, behavior, and skills
- Diagnose and treat your child's illnesses, infections, injuries, and other health problems
- Give you information about your child's health, safety, nutrition, and fitness needs
- Answer your questions about your child's growth and development
- Refer and collaborate with specialists should your child need care beyond the pediatrician's expertise

Family physicians can also provide routine care for children. Choosing between a family doctor and a pediatrician can be a personal preference. Here are some reasons to consider choosing a pediatrician:

- Pediatricians have specialized training in physical, emotional, and behavioral needs of children.
- Pediatricians only see children, so they often have a broader experience recognizing and treating childhood illnesses.
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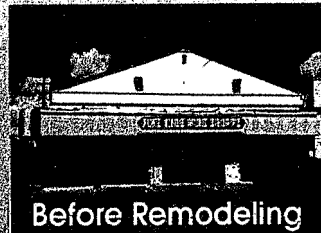
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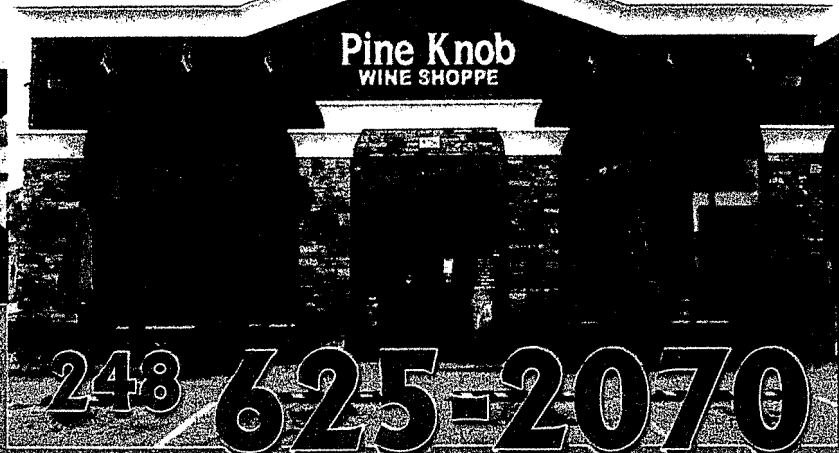
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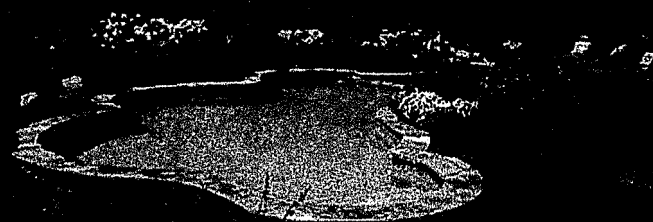
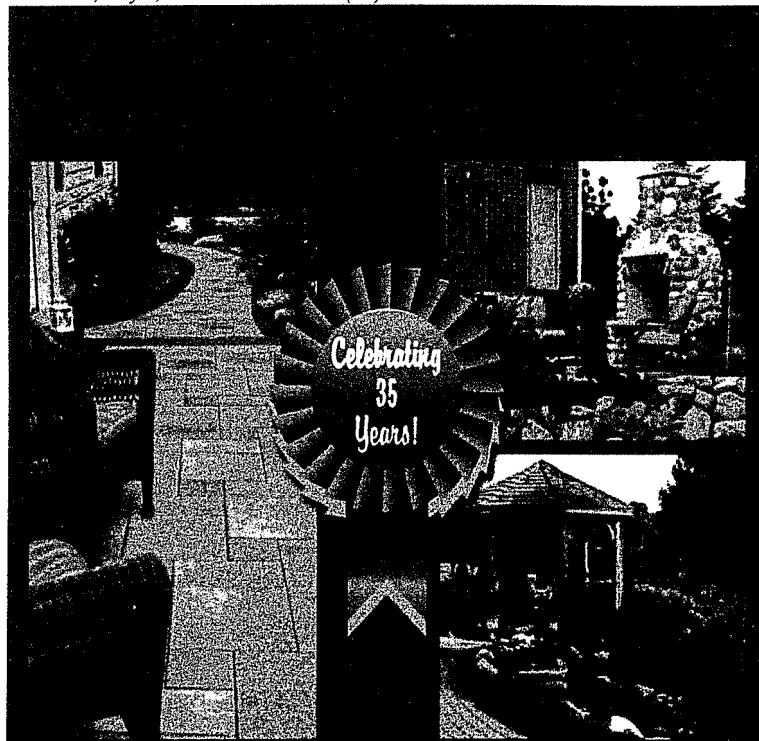
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Clarkston students earned several honors at the finals. Photo provided

DI teams place at globals

The Clarkston Creativity Crew teams from Clarkston High School and Pine Knob Elementary School brought home top 10 finishes at the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals tournament at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, May 21-24.

The Clarkston High School team participated in the ASL (Project Outreach) challenge. The team, Team Manager Ruth Dargay and members Erica Yeloushan, Matt Dargay, Jake Topham, Bonnie Petkus, Kayla Hemingsen, and James Roschefski, raised money and awareness of the global water

crisis.

The Pine Knob Elementary School team, Team Manager Dawn McLennan and members Brady Bergman, Maya Bergman, Sydnee McLennan, Kevin Petkus and Grace Schroeder, studied marine biology, in particular the stomach of a sperm whale. The team won a Renaissance Award for the second year in a row for their presentation.

The CHS Team placed eighth, and the Pine Knob team came home with a sixth place finish. For more information on Destination ImagiNation, visit www.idodi.org.

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Fresh food, family-friendly atmosphere at Lakes Grille

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

With updates from top to bottom, The Lakes Grille on Dixie Highway is a go-to place for the entire family.

That's the way the family-run restaurant was created.

"At our Commerce restaurant, we're very hands-on," said Irene Lock, who owns the restaurant with her husband Hank Lock. "Customers become our friends. We know about their kids and grandkids."

"We have good food and good service, every burger made fresh and made well," Hank said.

Their son, executive chef Michael Mason, designed the menu especially for families.

"I've always loved cooking," said Mason, who started learning to cook when he was 7 years old. "Growing up, I wanted to be a doctor or a chef. I went the chef route."

Hank and Irene renovated the entire restaurant, formerly Red Knapps, cleaning it from the roof down, all woodwork refreshed, several new TVs and new speaker

system, new lights, tables, chairs, and booths, floors refinished, and parking lot resurfaced.

With new windows, seating up front can be made into an open air sports box when the weather is nice.

"That's the most popular place now. People like sitting here," Hank said.

A point of pride is their new 500-bottle wine cellar.

"It's set to 58 degrees, perfect," Mason said.

"Whatever people want and like, we've got it," Irene said. "If you'd like a 25-year-old scotch, we have it."

Mason created several dishes for the restaurant, including burgers stuffed with cheese, mushrooms, sauces, and other ingredients.

"You take two thin patties, and stuff it like pastry – it's delicious," the chef said.

Entrees also include crab cakes, with 97 percent crab meat, fall-off-the-bone ribs, pizza, chili, amazing appetizers, sandwiches, melt-in-your-mouth bread, homemade mac-and-cheese, and salads, Irene said.

"The crab cakes are to die for,"



Servers Kylie Balkwell and Sean Brumbaugh present some especially appetizing appetizers, Crab Cakes, Cod Puppies, and Calamari. Photos by Phil Custodio

she said.

Ingredients are made fresh every day, with entrees made to order.

"Only ketchup and mustard from a bottle – everything else is made from scratch," Mason said.

"The pizzas are extra good, with homemade sauces," Irene said.



Owners Hank and Irene Lock.

in the Clarkston area for 19 years. "We love the location, the community, this area. It's a great, growing place with a great school district."

The restaurant's presents its lakes theme with photos and wall decor and a waterfall display up front. The stuffed animals formerly on display are gone, with one exception – a bear.

"The bear will be our mascot," Hank said.

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Colin Bastuba and Lucas Swiber have fun going through photos from during the school year.

Dragons sign off year with memories

Before Clarkston Elementary students started their summer vacation they took the last few minutes of school sharing memories, June 10.

They looked through their yearbooks with friends and classmates laughing and remembering the 2013-

2014 school year.

They also signed each other's yearbooks before they said goodbye for the summer and began their adventures in the sun.

Students return to school on September.



Claire Thomas writes down a few words in a classmate's yearbook. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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All 51 graduates received diplomas, tee shirts and yearbooks while enjoying refreshments with their family and friends!



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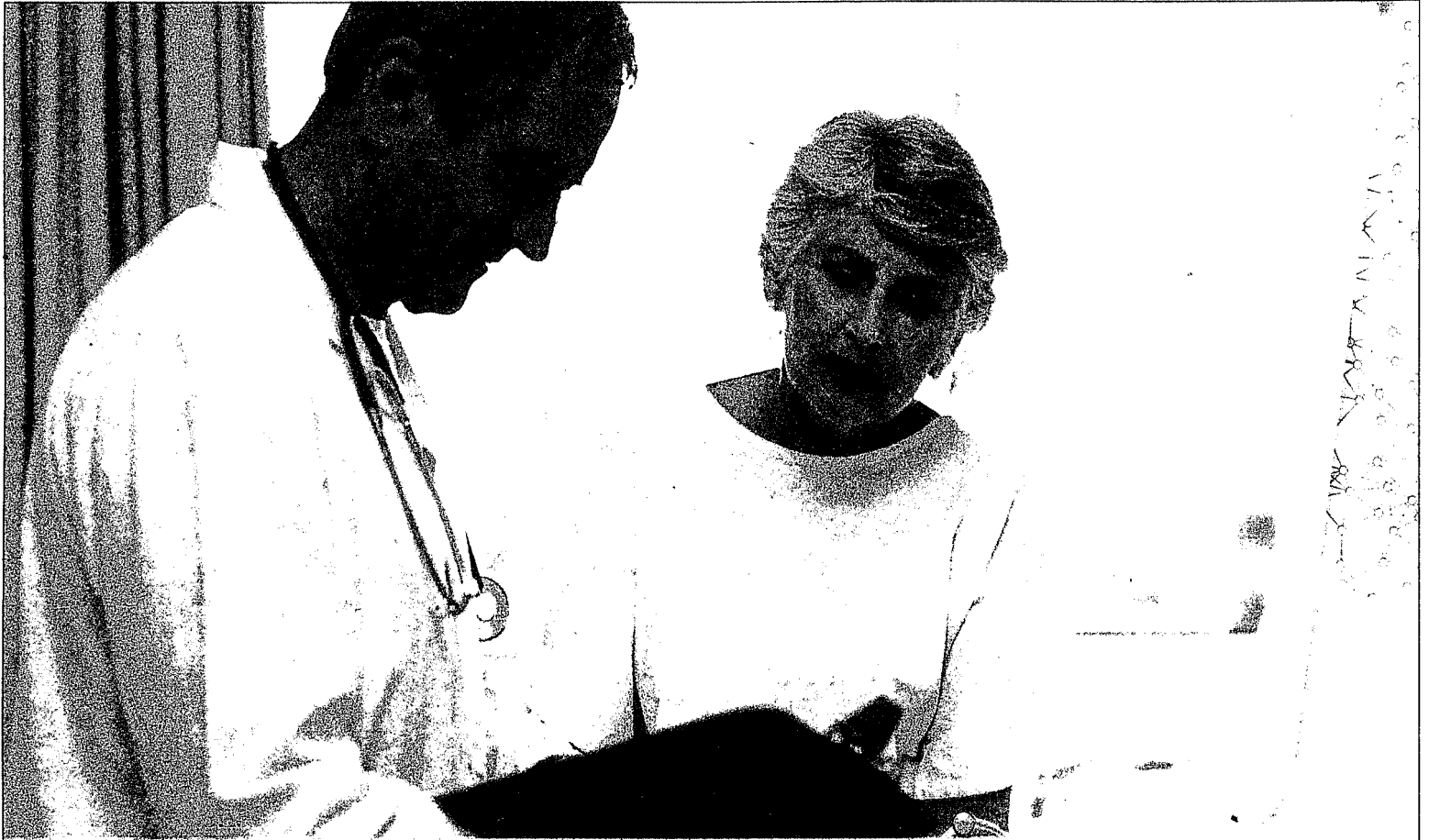
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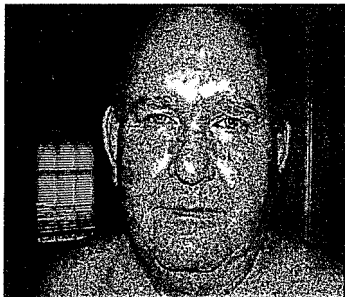
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Plans for the Fourth of July?



"Enjoying the day off work, and having a barbeque. Will also go to the fireworks."
-Billy Goldsmith



"I don't know yet, but I think I will be walking down to the fireworks show."
-Justin Goldsmith



"Hanging out with my family, going to the fireworks and having a barbecue."
-Mitchell Goldsmith

"Going to the fireworks, and barbecuing ribs."
-Brett Gazetti

By Andrea Beaudoin

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Garden secrets on walking tour

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Patsy and Jim Carlson of Independence Township, their garden has been a refuge and little bit of Up North for the past 30 years. People will have a chance to check it out themselves during this year's Garden Walk.

"We like to sit out here with all the birds," Patsy said. "We enjoy it. It's very peaceful."

Patsy filled the entire back and front yards with the garden, watering everything by hand every day to make sure each individual plant gets the right amount of water. Flora includes ferns, fir, lilac, pine, twisting vines, hydrangea, buckthorn, bottle brush, trillium, hosta, dogwood, and a host of other trees and plants, with paths winding to and fro.

"There are paths everywhere," the gardener said. "The paths make it look bigger."

Giving the garden a sense of whimsy are metal and stone sculptures of the Cheshire Cat, fairies, Cat and the Cardinal, Pan, frogs, owls, deer, and other creative creatures acquired from all over the state and country.

"Some of it is weird. I like weird," she said.

She also checks out more unique art opportunities such as a chimney stack from England, cupola from the old Pontiac State Hospital, bricks used to paved streets of downtown Toledo in the early 1900s, corner stone from a building in New York City, lighted globes, drift wood art, and other pieces.

People may need to tour the garden a couple times to catch everything.

"The secret to a good garden is some of the art is hidden," she said.

Wildlife is always welcome to her garden, especially birds.

"There are bird baths everywhere," Patsy



Patsy Carlson's garden is one of six featured in this year's Garden Tour. Photo by Phil Custodio

said. "They're well used. I like to watch robins splash water everywhere."

The Carlsons moved to the Clarkston area 40 years ago. Before, the property was part of a horse pasture with pine trees.

"Linda Meadors and I used to show horses together - she got me into gardening in 1986," Patsy said. "I love it, there's something about putting my hands in the dirt and just watching things grow."

This is her second time participating in the garden tour. She was also in one, eight years ago.

"It's changed since then," she said.

Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's Garden Walk, which features six Clarkston area gardens, is Wednesday, July 9, from 12-8 p.m. It includes music and art, and an Artisan Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., on library grounds

Tickets are \$15 in advance at KH Home, 27 S. Main; Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main; Bordine's, 8600 Dixie Highway; Birdfeeder, 7150 N. Main; and Clarkston Country Store, 21 N. Main. Tickets on the day of the walk are \$18 at the library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Call 248-620-2984.



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Events

Clarkston Garden Walk, 12-8 p.m., July 9. Tour six Clarkston area gardens, benefits Clarkston Garden Club. \$15/advance, \$18/day of. 248-620-2984.

Pond and Water Garden Tour, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., July 12. \$15/advance, \$20 day of, benefits SCAMP. 248-623-8089.

Grand opening, Picasso's Grapevine, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., July 12, 2 South Main Street. Drawings, wine tasting, art sessions. 586-943-3340.

Scoop for Heart, 4-8 p.m., July 15, Culver's of Clarkston, 2910 Sashabaw Road. Giant inflatables with slides, bounce house; face painting, balloon twisting; fire engine tour; crafts; 10% food sales to Children's Heart Foundation Michigan Chapter. 248-922-9224.

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.

Team Guardian Angel golf outing for Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk, July 20, Pine Knob Golf Course, \$100 per golfer. Registration at 12 p.m. Shotgun start, 1 p.m. Contact blw429@yahoo.com.

15-year reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1999, 4-7 p.m., Aug. 9, family-friendly picnic at Baycourt Park, clarkston1999@gmail.com.

Monday

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

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

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 through Aug. 20, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Community Room. 248-625-8231.

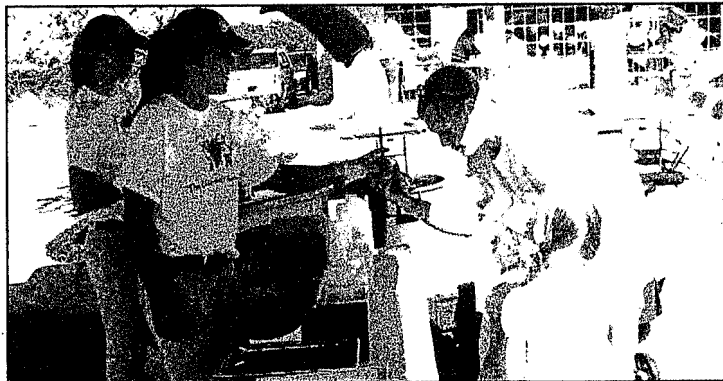
FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road.

Tuesday

Around Town



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



Culver's of Clarkston dishes out ice cream during their annual Scoops for Hearts. File photo

Scoops for Hearts, July 15

Culver's of Clarkston and Oakland County Parks and Recreation host Scoop for Hearts, a free community event at Culver's, 2910 Sashabaw Road, July 15, from 4-8 p.m.

Family-friendly entertainment will be provided, including giant inflatables with slides and bounce house; face painting and balloon twisting; fire engine tour; and crafts with Planet Kids Premier Academy.

The annual event supports The

Children's Heart Foundation Michigan Chapter, with 10 percent of food sales donated to fund research for children born with congenital heart defects.

"This will be our fifth year supporting The Children's Heart Foundation," said owner/operator Kevin Powers, father of a 5-year-old boy with a congenital heart defect who has undergone two open-heart surgeries to repair his heart.

Call 248-922-9224.

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.

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. Diners, 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, 6:30 p.m., Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road. 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.

Meet and Greet, Bethany North Oakland, 6:30 p.m., July 9, Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. Dancing, music with Lisa and Eric. 248-625-8686.

Thursday

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thurs-

days, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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

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

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

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

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-655-58.

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.

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-for-profit, 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.

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Let's do this -- together

Maybe you've heard the news. *My Habitat Clarkston*, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County (HFHOC), has secured vacant land on Hogback Lake Road, near Andersonville Road.

If you are familiar with the old school building that used to house the former Springfield Township library, the property is directly behind the old library.

Habitat for Humanity requires families to provide their own "sweat equity hours" in their home build.

In addition, this family will be making affordable zero profit mortgage payments back to HFHOC as part of their partner family requirements for home ownership.

The family also is educated on how to handle their finances and maintain a home.

It bugs me when I hear people complain about how bad things are and how something needs to be done.

Typically, I ask, "Ok, what are you doing about it?"

Most of the time, the answer is nothing. People just like to complain.

So OK Clarkston. We've started *My Habitat Clarkston* to be a vehicle for anyone to do something about it.

Our dream is we can collaborate in all sorts of ways to make Clarkston a better place to live. This HFHOC build is simply one, important way.

It's almost build time! So let's do this -- together! How? For starters, check out our Facebook Page (*My Habitat Clarkston*).

There you will find lots of info on who we are and what we've been doing. Second, rally your friends or co-workers to sign up for a time to help build.

Third, make a donation. Encourage your club or group to give as well. If many people give what they can, surely Clarkston is able to raise \$130,000 to make this happen.

For every dollar given, Consumers Energy will give 50 cents (if given through the proper channel online).

Go to www.habitatokland.org to sign up and to donate. The groundbreaking is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m.

Let's do this, Clarkston! Together!
The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman



Arina Bokas, Clarkston PTA council president, honors Sophie Harp, Bailey Lake Elementary second-grader, on her 2014 National PTA's Reflections award. Harp is one of three Michigan students who received the 2014 national award. Her dance choreography to the song "Man in the Mirror" was recognized with the Award of Excellence in the Primary Division. Photo by Phil Custodio

Baldo Bonadeo, 100

Baldo C. Bonadeo of Clarkston, formerly of Redford Township, passed away June 25, 2014, at age 100.

He was preceded in death by his wife Angeline. He was the father of Diane (the late Jerry) Konkle, Dr. David (Debra) Bonadeo, Cathy (Fred) Ahles and Linda (Dennis) Wells; grandfather of six; great grandfather of nine; brother of Lena (the late John) Allegrina, the late James (Earlene) Bonadeo and the late Mary Bonadeo.



Rosary Service was June 27 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was June 28 at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project. Online [guestbook](#) www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Sophia Dureiko, 90

Sophia M. Dureiko of Clarkston passed away, June 24, 2014, at age 90.

She was the loving wife of Nicholas; beloved mother of Nancy (Gary) McIlroy; proud grandmother of Christy McIlroy.



Private Interment, Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to St. Mark Orthodox Church 400 W. Hamlin Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online [guestbook](#) www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Paul J. Kessler, 81

Paul J. Kessler of Clarkston, formerly of Ortonville, passed away on June 5, 2014, at age 81.

He was the husband of the late Vilma; beloved father of Paul A. Kessler and Lisa Marion; proud grandfather of Michael Marion and Anne Marie Marion; dear brother of Hannelore Bugby, Rosemarie (Richard) Harper and Carol (Edward "E.J.") Sands.



There are no services planned at this time. Arrangements by **Simple Funerals**, www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com.

Death notices & Obituaries

David Lee Powell, 63 Arthur Ward Trowbridge, 69

David Lee Powell of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, passed away June 23, 2014, at age 63.

He was the husband of Kandace; father of Michael (Cindy) and Sam (Kristen); grandpa of Molly, Josey and Ellie; brother of the late Bill (Jane), Ada Mae Fehrenbach, Frank (the late Bev), Jill Costello, Jack (Alice) and Sam; also survived by many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by his parents B.D. and Daisy and infant sisters, Joy Margaret and Mary Lee.



Dave graduated from Waterford Kettering High School in 1969 and was remembered as a basketball star. He served as a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, was employed as a diesel mechanic for Huron Valley Schools and enjoyed golfing.

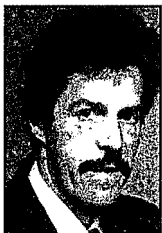
Celebration of life visitation was June 27 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, any donations may be made to the family.

Online [guestbook](#) www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Adhamar E. Reygaert, 71

Adhamar E. Reygaert, Adam, of Clarkston passed away suddenly June 26, 2014, at age 71.

He was the husband of Connie; preceded in death by his son Anthony; father of Darrin; stepfather of Bridget (John) Butler and Renee (Dwayne) Bennett; also survived by four grandchildren, one great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews; brother of Argerlene VonRusten and Augusta (Carl) Raab; brother in law of Deborah Gorsline and Greg Simmons.



Adam retired from General Motors, enjoyed gardening and the outdoors. Private family services. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Online [guestbook](#) www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Arthur Ward Trowbridge, 69, of The Villages, Fla., was born July 23, 1944 in Pontiac, Mich., and passed away June 27, 2014.

He was a corporate pilot and the Director of Aviation for Volkswagen of America until his retirement in 2005 and during his career was a mentor and role model for many young pilots. He co-founded the Rainbow Connection in Michigan, a charitable organization for children. He was an avid Harley rider and enjoyed golf, as well as being a people person who never met a stranger. In 2006, he and his wife Sheila moved to The Villages to enjoy retirement.

A loving and devoted husband and father, he is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sheila of The Villages; daughter Brooke Noel Trowbridge of Michigan and son Scot Arthur Trowbridge of California; as well as a loving extended family and many friends.

A Memorial Service was June 29 in the chapel of **Beyers Funeral Home** in Lady Lake, Fla. For those who wish and in lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to The Rainbow Connection, www.rainbowconnection.org. 621 W. University, Rochester, MI 48307 or The Lifetime Foundation, foundation@lifetimefitness.com.



Anthony Taormina



Denise Casper

PTA honors

Bailey Lake Elementary PTA President Arina Bokas presented the PTA Difference Maker awards to five Clarkston Community Schools employees who have made significant contributions to each school's PTA, during the June 9 Clarkston Board of Education meeting.

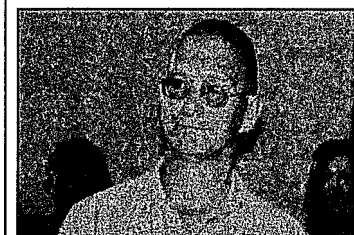
Ryan Eisele was recognized from Clarkston High School; Kimberly Prentice was honored from Sashabaw Middle School; Pine Knob Elementary recognized Anthony Taormina; Springfield Plains Elementary honored Mark Delcamp; and Bailey Lake Elementary honored Denise Casper.

The PTA Difference Maker Award was created in 2011 by the Clarkston PTA Council in honor of Founder's Day.

The award recognizes a district employee who has made a difference to the students and families at a specific unit, or to a specific unit, and embodies the PTA mission and values.



Ryan Eisele



Mark Delcamp

Golf outing set for July 20

Team Guardian Angel is holding their third annual breast cancer golf outing on July 20 at Pine Knob Golf Course.

The cost is \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a drink ticket, a hot dog, and chips at the turn and dinner at the Carriage House. There are 50/50 tickets, great raffle prizes, skins, and more.

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Golfers raise money for chamber

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their 27th annual Golf Classic on June 23 at Fountains Golf & Banquet in Independence Township.

With 144 golfers and volunteers, this year's event raised money to help fund the Chamber's Economic Development initiatives.

Other prizes include Mens Longest Drive, Issac Issac; Women's Longest Drive: Dody McGee; Men's Closest to the Pin, Joe Shaffer; Women's Closest to the Pin: Laurie Prochazka; and Most Accurate Drive, Cris Veres.



The winning Women's Team included Alisa Williams, Linda Schepperly, Marilyn Allyn, and Nancy Gignac. Photos provided

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive,
Clarkston, MI 48346

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

1. Case #14-010, Petitioner, Violetta Zawada, Requesting: A two (2) foot variance from Section 10.05(B) in order to construct a six (6) foot high fence in the front yard of the home, 7339 Oakstone Drive, Parcel #08-22-103-035, PUD Planned Unit Development.
2. Case #14-011, Petitioner, Donna B. Bullard c/o Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, Requesting: A variance from Section 12.03(A)(1) in order to permit signage on a newly constructed ATM machine and a 4 foot, 2 inch height variance from Section 12.03(B), Table 12.03 B-1, in order to place the signs on the newly constructed ATM machine canopy, 6215 Sashabaw Road, Parcel #08-27-100-021, C-1 Local Business.

- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2014

- I. DISCUSSION:
- J. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2014-357, 166-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Jack Warren, Jr. Date of Birth: April 14, 1945
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jack Warren, Jr. died May 3, 2014.

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

Munger & Associates, P.C. June 16, 2014
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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2014-357, 206-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Richard Dean Fuller, Date of birth: 01/10/1949
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard Dean Fuller, who lived at 245 Bishop, Highland Township, MI 48357 died 06/02/2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rodney Allen Fuller, personal representative or to both the probate court at Building 12 East, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, 48341, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 27, 2014

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

Roll: Present - Haven, Marsh, Hunter, Sabol, Catallo, Roth. Absent Luginski

Fy 2015 Budget Presentation

Resolution: Resolved by Catallo Supported by Sabol to approve the cooperative agreement for consulting services with Carlisle Wortman Associates. Prices remain till the end of 2014. Resolution is Adopted.

Resolution: Resolved by Roth Supported by Haven. To resolve a Cooperative Agreement with Oakland County CDBG 2015 -2017 Program. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Sabol Supported Roth to Metro Act Right to grant Michigan Bell Telephone a/k/a AT&T an extension of the original contract, which expires August 30, 2014, to August 30, 2019. All Aye Motion Carried.

Motion by Roth Supported by Sabol to have a Memorial Tree Board recognizing memorial tree locations on Main Street then in the park to eliminate mowing problems remove the 4x4 s by each tree and have the memorial placards close to each tree on the mulch. Motion is Adopted.

Motion by Sabol Supported by Haven to approve the site plan agreement contract for the conditional rezoning from R1 to VC between the City and the petitioners at 148 N Main, subject to final engineering review. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sabol Supported by Marsh for the Special Land use request for Outdoor Seating of 148 N Main. Absent Motion Carried.

Motion by Sabol Supported by Haven for the Approval of the Site plan Review of 148 N Main. Motion Carried Moved by Sabol, supported by Roth to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. All Aye Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Miller
City Clerk

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
JUNE 24, 2014

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

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Lt. Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Supervisor Kittle
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Darwin Moore
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Presentation: 2015-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)

- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Adoption of Resolutions for the Purchase of Easements-Waldon/Sashabaw Intersection; originally scheduled for June 10, 2014

- K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2014 as amended
2. Approval of Payroll of June 20, 2014; and Check Run of June 18, 2014 for a Total Amount of \$892,424.65
3. Adoption of Proclamation in Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War
4. Adoption of Resolution to Opt into a Cooperative Agreement Oakland County "Urban County" Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs

5. Approval of Payment Exceeding \$10,000 to Sole Source Provider - DPW

6. Approval of Amendments to Previously Adopted Motions - Budget Amendments
7. Approval of Budget Amendment - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

8. Adoption of Resolutions - Goose Nest Destruction

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Postponement of the Performance Incentive Plan - Department Directors until the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of July 8, 2014

2. Approval of Budget Amendment - Independence Television
3. Approval of Budget Amendment - Bank Fees and Bank Credits

4. Appointment of Members to Boards & Committees: Safety Path Advisory Committee

- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Communication: Resolution to Repeal Fireworks Safety Act (PA 256)-City of Ferndale
2. Report: Monthly Actual to Budget Financial Update - May, 2014 (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)

3. Minutes: Safety Path Advisory Committee, May 14, 2014
4. Minutes: Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory, March 19, 2014

5. Minutes: Walters Lake Improvement Board, April 28, 2014
6. Minutes: Water & Sewer Ad-Hoc Committee, May 19, 2014

- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Supervisor Kittle, Treasurer Brown
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, July 3, 2014

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who has pursued her interest in art with 4H.

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Peterson explored entrepreneurship with the club.

"It's given me the opportunity to work with some of the kindest, encouraging and most helpful people," he said. "It's given me the knowledge and confidence to pursue my dreams."

For Purves, the club helped him explore a future career as a veterinarian.

"It's given me opportunity to learn many things about the animals I love, a strong foundation to build on in high school and college," he said.

The banquet, hosted by 2013 county fair Queen Jessica Bowser and King Ian Bruning, was the first event of the fair, which kicks off for the public on July 4.

Daily activities include project displays in the Ellis Barn by the 4-H Club, open 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; animal exhibits; a Safari Petting Zoo; horse shows; an antique tractor display and commercial exhibits. Some activities will

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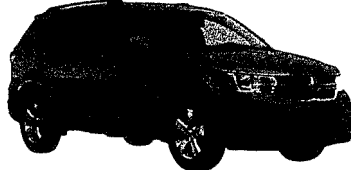


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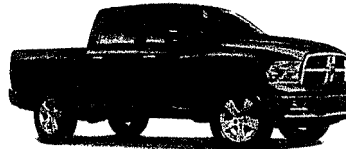
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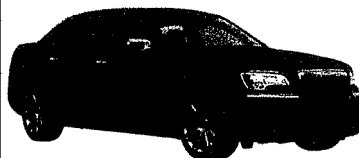


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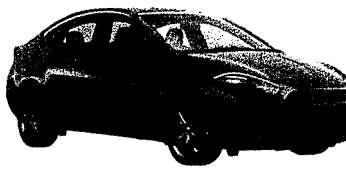
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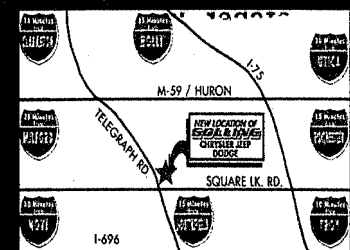
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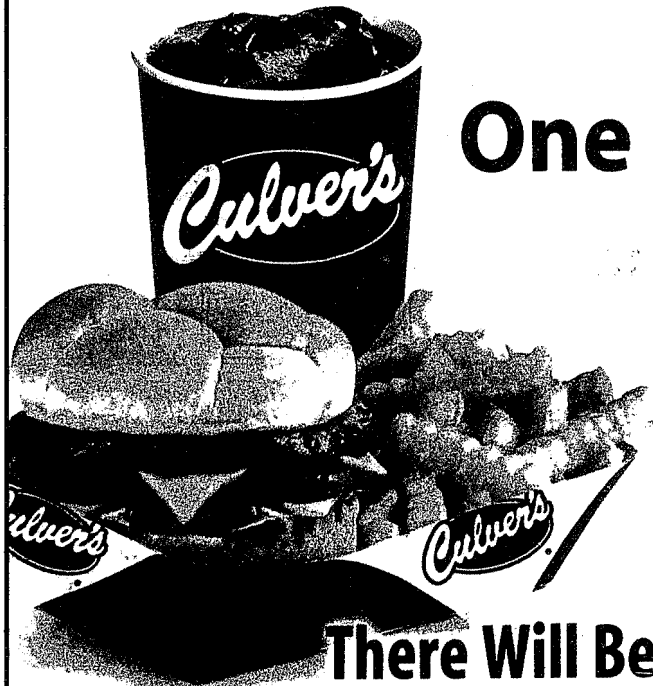
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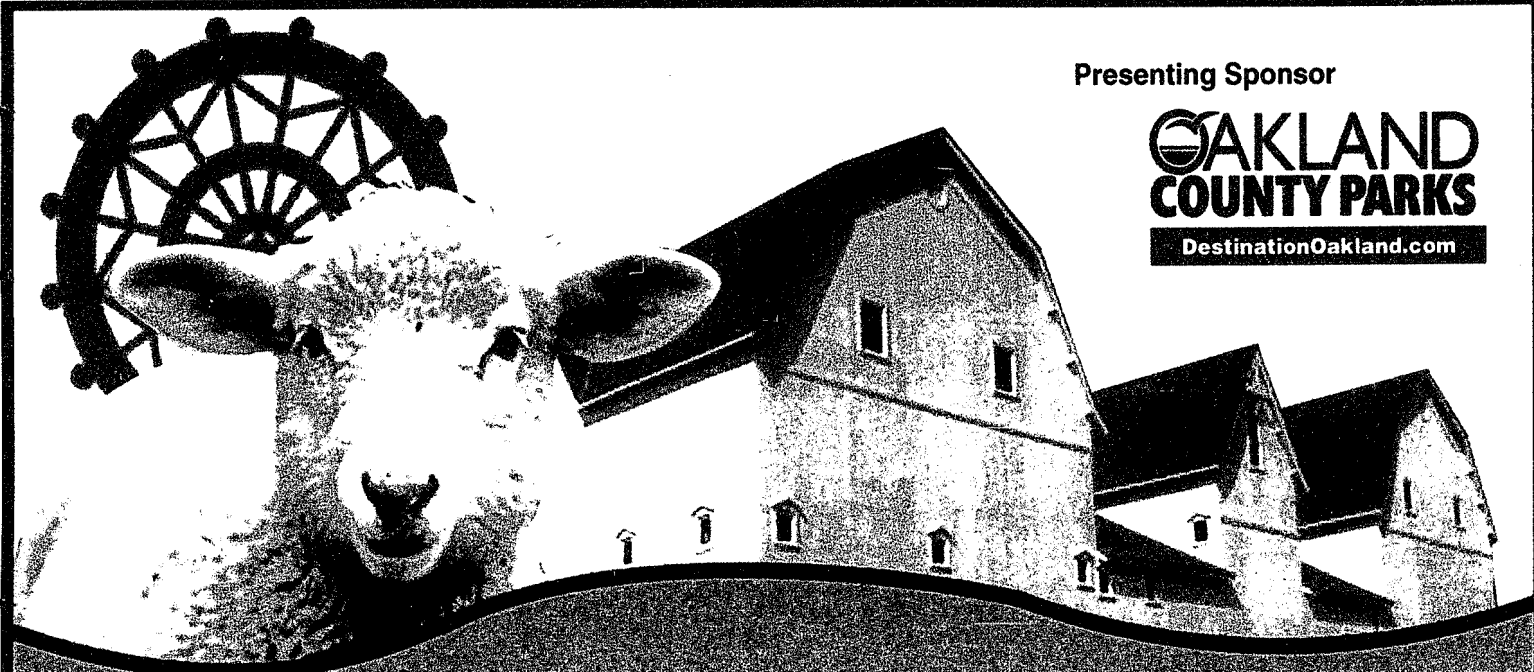
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